

is built of stone, & situated at the south end of the village, commanding the river on one side & the Prairie on the other.

I was the first Methodist preacher who ever trod this soil, but even here I found friends, yes *warm* friends. I soon extended my acquaintance to a small circle of the American population, a few of whom are really pious. Bro. Lowry, who has charge of the Winnebago school nine miles above the Prairie, & preaches in town once in two weeks, & Bro. [Ezekiel] Tainter another of his members, seemed to be *my own* brethren. And I must say, I never enjoyed myself better among methodists in my life. Indeed, on the frontier, we seem to be out of the reach of the sectarian bickerings of the city & older settled countries. The spirit of missions is a *catholic* spirit. And as this spirit is the harbinger of the Millennial glory of the church, we see in its effects, both in savage & civilized lands, the character of that glorious age or dispensation, when "the watchmen shall see eye to eye."

I preached on thursday night to about 8 persons more than the family — on friday night to 15 to 20 more than the family. On Sabbath Nov. 1 I preached in the new court house, which was opened for the first time for any use, to about 100 hearers, & at night to 150.

At first sight of the Rivers at this place it looks like a sickly country. The water is darkened with the small particles of rich soil which float in it, yet it is not riley or muddy. The Islands are subject to inundations, covered with heavy grass & some of them half under water at all times, forming extensive marshes or swamps. But all these unhealthy appearances are counteracted by other laws. This country exceeds all others I ever saw *for springs*. All the little streams are made entirely of springs. Their waters are clear as christial & are very uniform in their depth, seldom being swelled over their banks which are uncommonly low. And these Islands, being made of sand, & not quag mires, & being full of springs of exelent water, very little sickness is experienced on their account.