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to accommodate the congregations. We would have to built a larger church and turned the small house into a school house. Thus we ware looking out for our children as well as our morral education. This new church we dedicated and cawled Bethell chapple. This appointment was kept up as one of the most Prominent church on the circuits. Untill I left the farm and moved to Champaign City where I now live, during the entire time I lived in on the farm the churchs interest was looked after as well as any other buisiness. The First Sunday School organised in Champaign county, I with two or three organised in 1850 and we had a large attendance, Parents and children. I sent to Chicago and bought Books and papers to have a first class Sabath school. I am sure I never lost anything by looking after church and educational interests. I remember when I had my first wheet and hay harvest, the men I hired to help do the work, they wanted the whisky as that had bene the custom. I told them I would not have whisky but would give each many twelve and a half cents a day extry in place of whiskey. They growled a while and finalley agreed to the propposition and worked right a long without todody. I never had whiskey in my field nor house on any occasion except only as a medicine and have stuck to it during my whole life.

Well, I have had many ups and downs in helping settle a new county as this was when I first came to Illinois. I rember the first year after I Settled on the Sangamon River, there was no fruit, neither Aples, Peaches nor any other fruits on the wild or natural fruits of the county. There came a pedler of Apple trees, it was about the first of April 1843, this man had a wagon load of nice three year old Apple trees and offered to sell me a hundred trees. I told the man I did not have the