

Wyton, it being the first M. E. Church in this western country. This man, being wealthy, his praise for building a church was sounded in all the churches. Strange to say in the course of a few years this church was sold and became a tavern, to the great annoyance of all well-wishers of religion. It has often been remarked by friends that it would have been better if the church had been burned down.

After an absence of a few years, Matthew Whiting was returned to this circuit, to the great enjoyment of his friends. He continued to be the same successful man on this circuit that he had been in former years. He extended his labors by forming a new class on the townline between Nissouri and Zorra, ten miles south-east from my place, preaching at the widow Talman's, near the late Nathan P. Allen's, and afterwards preaching at the house of John Youngs, two miles further south, where the class met. Some of the first members were Nathan P. Allen and wife, John Youngs and wife, widow Talman, John Fletcher and wife and the late Benjamin Thornton and wife. This afterwards became a large class. I was appointed leader of this class, which position I held for over two years. I seldom or never was absent from my class, though I performed the journey on foot and in a few instances I attended their Thursday evening prayer-meeting. It is hardly creditable to some that I would go to a prayer-meeting on foot ten miles.

I received my first license for an exhorter from this minister and before he had left the circuit he said to me one day, "Brown, the people say you