

they were rather large for him. These he lent to the old gentleman to wear at the funeral service and attended himself barefooted. Under those circumstances he held meetings and preached, not only in Missouri, but also through London, Zorra, Blanshard and other townships. Not only did he spend the Sabbath working for the Master, but also a considerable portion of his week days were spent in the same way. As camp-meetings were an established institution in those early days, and as he possessed in his younger days a powerful voice, this peculiarity fitted him for work in these meetings in which he always took a prominent part.

His Love for and Attachment to the Methodist Episcopal Church

One thing greatly strengthened his attachment to the church of his choice—the Methodist Episcopal church—and encouraged him in his labors as a local preacher. It was a fundamental part of the polity of that branch of the Methodist church to ordain local preachers, so that they had the same right to baptize, marry and administer the sacrament as the regular minister had. He himself often said that one reason why he was so strongly attached to the M. E. Church was because it was the only branch of the Methodist church which gave to the local preachers these privileges. But when the M. E. Church merged itself into the union of the Methodist churches, every vestage of these were swept away, except that those local preachers who were ordained previous to the union should not be interfered with,