

glides under the grass in this desolate region ; we saw not a single fish in these waters. We saw only three birds somewhat like our thrush which seemed surprised but not frightened by our presence. We crossed this second valley like the first, feeling more and more fatigued. After this was a third, a fourth, a series of others, each of which seemed one more link added to the long chain of our deceptions. Everybody was becoming exhausted ; to support us we had only, from time to time, a handful of berries with a mouthful of water from a pond. My companion and I were able to add to this about twenty or thirty wafers which, as the altar could not be used by us for holy Mass, formed our chief viaticum during that never-to-be-forgotten day.

Frequently when we came to a fresh valley there was a diversity of opinion as to the road to be taken ; some went to the left, others to the right ; sometimes in various directions as if making a reconnoissance. The caravan broke up or walked in groups of two or three ; the men who were at all robust helped the women to drag themselves along from one place to another. Oftener than every quarter of an hour we fell on the ground through weariness, rested a short time, then arose again and went on with difficulty for a little while. In our group were mothers carrying little children in their arms ; boys and girls from twelve to fifteen years of age carrying burdens ; men loaded with heavy trunks which they had had the strength and courage to bring from the rocks. We had to travel thus the whole day long. About five o'clock in the evening a robust American who had gone ahead to reconnoitre, came back joyfully announcing that he had seen the light-house which was near. I said to my companion : « Father Delaere, I am really quite exhausted and feel unable to continue on to the light-house. I shall shelter myself here behind a rock and you will go on as you are young. When you reach the light-house, ask your friends or some other passengers who arrived there yesterday and who are rested to come and meet us with provisions and some invigorating beverage. With that assistance I shall, I think, reach the light-house. »

The Father went on, walking fast ; he reached his destination