

real progress of mission work. Raj Kumar, in parting with me yesterday, made a statement that serves to illustrate this. Said he, "My friend (a Mohammedan) took me aside and advised me to be very careful in my conduct ; not to be discouraged if the people did not profess to be Christ's people quickly, as it was very hard to come out and to be reproached by all their old friends ; and to keep heart, as the Christian religion was sure to triumph. He then gave me five shillings and sent me away with his blessing."

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NORTH-WEST INDIANS.

A Day with the Indians.

FROM REV. HUGH MACKAY.

*Round Lake, July 29, 1894.*

Saturday at noon we left the mission, crossed the river and climbed the steep hill. The day was very warm, the thermometer standing at 98 in the shade. The sky was cloudless and not a breath of wind to fan us. From the top of the hill looking down into the valley we saw the farmers busy harvesting wheat and oats and barley. The prairie was parched and dry. Far in the west we could see the smoke of the prairie fire. After driving a few miles we came to a lone tent. No sign of cultivation about it, only the prairie, which is no longer green. We found an Indian and his wife in the tent ; they were suffering much from the heat. We spent a little while with them, found them kind, glad to see us, but still pagans, and worshippers of gods that are no gods.

We left the tent following instructions received from the Indian, and were like Joseph looking for his brethren. These Indians move about much during the summer, and at times it is not an easy matter to find them, but after a drive of 8 or 10 miles over the pathless prairie we saw the tents of the encampment,