

of these early missionaries of Protestantism has been sadly overlooked by our writers. A type of such a class was this man who now advanced into the apartment and, with his presence, seemed to bring so much pleasure and comfort to the poor female inmate of that lonely cabin.

After enquiring in kindly and thoughtful terms as to herself, her husband and children, for each of the latter of whom he had a few words of kindly admonition or pleasantry, and who met his advances with no shyness or fear, he addressed the young officer with a certain homely dignity, which, while it showed the self-possession of one who is accustomed to confer more than he receives, yet revealed a recognition of the other's profession and rank.

The other, to whom the newcomer appealed in an unexpected way, rose and returned his salutation in a manner, which, if more formal than that of the preacher, showed that he appreciated his presence, and in cordial tones requested that he would share his meal.

"That I will, and right gladly, sir," said the preacher; "for, as this good woman knows, I am of those who believe the laborer is worthy of his meat;" and so saying, he followed his companion's example in seating himself at the table, while the woman bestirred herself and, with many apologies hastened to supply new dishes and certain dainties which, though but rude, she knew her guest would appreciate.

"This is indeed a lonely part of the country to travel in, sir," said the preacher, addressing the young man, "and I fancy you are but new to it."