

# WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

AUGUST 1st, 1856.

## NOTES OF MISSIONARY TRAVEL.

*Extracts of Letters from the Rev. Thomas Woolsey, dated Edmonton.*

(CONCLUDED.)

Aug. 31st. Reached Carlton House.— This fort stands in lat. 53° N., is substantially built, and surrounded by wooden stockades of considerable height with bastions at each corner. In the immediate vicinity are large gardens and fields, which, if properly managed, would produce abundance of potatoes and other vegetables.

The Saskatchewan is here upwards of a quarter of a mile wide, and is navigable for boats from Rocky Mountain House, in long. 115° to Lake Winnipeg in long. 98°, upwards of 700 miles in a direct line, but, by the actual course of the stream, nearly double that distance. The port of Carlton is visited by Saulteau, Crees, Assiniboines, and Blackfeet. The present fort is nearly new. Curiosity prompted me to bring away a portion of the old one, which I design having made up, in some shape or other, in remembrance of such illustrious worthies as Sir John Franklin, &c., having sojourned there. Do not account me a Romanist, however, for if a certain person, when about to die, was terrified on being told that the deists had claimed him, I think I should be equally so for it to be said that Rome has laid her hands upon a second Thomas Woolsey. Shortly after landing, an Indian gave me a Gaelic Bible, which he had found, belonging to one John Graham, a Highlander. This, John had lost in removing the cargo from the boats. He had made many enquiries about it, and was indeed glad to have it restored. Many in the brigade pronounced John to be a good man. I record this as a pleasing trait in the character of this Highlander, and as furnishing another proof of the value of the Bible truth. I have subsequently learned that prior to this Bible being first obtained, the said individual met with a person possessing a copy, to whom he offered the sum of seven shillings for the loan of it during the follow-

ing winter. He, however, recommended him to our Mission at Rossville, where he obtained one free of cost. This speaks well, not only for this Highlander, but also for the Bible Society, and Missionary efforts. While here, I baptized the infant child of Mr. Wm. Spencer.

Sept. 1st. Left the fort, having received additional proofs of kindness on the part of the gentleman with whom I had so far journeyed. When an occasional respite such as this is experienced, the difficulties and dangers of a journey are almost lost sight of.

Sept. 2nd, (Sabbath.) Had worship in the evening, when "we knelt down on the shore, and prayed."

Sept. 4th. Captured a buffalo, but being a bull, was rather tough. However, anything in the character of beef is favourably received by an Englishman. The buffalo, as we are informed, and as you are aware, is peculiar to America, and before the arrival of Europeans, roamed over most of the continent, as the early voyagers frequently mention "wild bulls;" and there is no other member of the ox tribe known to the natives. It is larger than the domestic cattle, excepting that its legs are shorter. Its large head, about a third part of its entire length, gives it a very uncouth appearance, while its shaggy beard and mane resemble the lion's, though on a large scale, and, when running fast, it tosses its rugged frontispiece at every step. Their number is said to be incredibly great. Sir G. Simpson states, that on one occasion he saw as many as ten thousand of their putrid carcasses lying mired in a single ford of the Saskatchewan, and contaminating the air for many miles around. Fair wind today, and very fine weather.

Sept. 5. Good sailing, and lovely scenery. Finished the re-perusal of our Book of Discipline. Experienced great