

to show the people the character of God, and the nature of the service he requires from his creatures." He designs administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shortly.

10th.—Made a start for *home*.

12th, Sabbath.—Being a considerable distance from the Mission, we have spent the day as profitably as possible. Thank God for a religion, the duties of which can be performed upon mountains and in caves, in fields and churches, in peace and war, in solitude and society, in persecution and in sunshine, by night and by day. Boiled rice is our principal provender.

Oct. 13th.—Once more we cease our journeyings. Peter has greatly improved the *parsonage*. The walls have been ruddled, and a substantial door made, and a double layer of boards placed so as to keep out the day-light over-head. Our domicile is furnished with trunks and valises, whilst a few blankets, placed upon a roughly formed floor, give us a resting place for our wearied bodies.

14th.—Spent a greater portion of the past night in attending upon a dying child, and speaking comfortably to weeping relatives. The little one died this morning. I furnished a shroud for it, and Peter made its coffin. The funeral took place in the afternoon :—

"And there he sleeps without a stone
To mark the sacred spot :
But, though to all the world unknown,
By us he's not forgot."

An address was delivered, from 2 Kings, iv: 26, which, with the usual Burial Service contrasted greatly with anything experienced by them in their pagan state.

17th.—Before my interpreter came, the Indians had been accustomed to repeat certain prayers morning and evening. Extemporaneous prayers are now offered up after we have sung the praises of God, and then the Scriptures are read and expounded. We are now going through a regular course of reading of the Gospel of St. Mark. Last evening the aged Stephens gave us a very pathetic account of his religious feelings and resolves.

18th.—The greater portion of our Crees must leave for the Plains. I have, therefore, resolved to accompany them, and—

"Stem the storm ; it won't be long ;
I'll anchor by and by."

Oct. 19.—Great seriousness characterized our Sabbath exercises. Snow,

to the depth of four inches, has fallen.

21.—Flour and rice are being served out to some around us. We proved, at the close of the day, that "man's extremity is God's opportunity ;" for two men arrived bringing a black bear. Our wants were thus once more supplied. The animal had been tracked to its den. One of the Indians then knelt down and returned thanks to Almighty God for such a boon, and then despatched his sable foe. This simple circumstance shows that Christianity teaches even the Aborigines of this vast territory to comply with the Apostolic injunction—"in everything give thanks."

22.—A compulsory fast-day. The shades of night had closed upon us when our last hunter arrived, having killed a moose, bringing some home with him. "Plenty of meat," was at once sounded forth. My young Indian was quite enthusiastic as he endorsed what others had said, adding, "Moose-wah nip-pah-hax !" i. e. "A moose is killed."

23.—My interpreter and one of our hunters returned to-day with the carcass of a red deer, the only one killed out of a band of forty.

26.—Sabbath. Ordinary duties discharged.

A grand-child of the chief died this morning, and was buried shortly after. The scene at the funeral was truly affecting: even inanimate nature gave an impressiveness to the occasion. The grave was at the foot of a hill surrounded by trees, the staring skeletons of which reminded us of the approaching dissolution of another year. Before the child was placed in its narrow cell, (for coffin it had not) the father once more embraced its mortal remains and then offered up a most energetic prayer that he might meet his little one in heaven. Weeping relatives now gave the parting kiss, and the burial service was proceeded with. As the words "earth to earth," &c., were pronounced, each and all present acknowledged this humiliating fiat of the Almighty by dropping the cold earth into the silent tomb. The father was very grateful for the honour put upon him, having buried four children previously without any such service being performed. The death was improved in the evening from Rev. vii. 16, 17. Dr.