

Crees, who had just killed a red-deer. This was remarkably opportune, as we were not very well provided with food.

16th.—We had a sumptuous repast last evening : sang the praises of God and worshipped towards His holy temple ; and now, after a night's repose and another proof of the goodness of the Lord to us, we again renew thanks to Him, receive a good supply of meat, and part with our two interesting-looking Indians, giving them tobacco and ammunition in return for their liberality.

"Let me but know, where'er I roam,  
That I am doing Jesus' will,  
And though I've neither friends nor home,  
My heart shall glow with gladness still."

17th.—Human voices having been heard a short distance from us, we rode in that direction for a few minutes, and soon came upon a band of Crees about to depart. They pleaded want of provisions as an excuse for travelling on the Sabbath. They were told to trust in the Lord, and camp near us : with this they complied ; and I trust that this day's duties will tell upon the day of eternity ; for my guide had become so familiarized with the English during, my predecessor's residence at this station, as to be able to understand me pretty well, and was very willing to interpret to the best of his ability.

21st.—Arrived at Lac la Biche. Bro. Steinhaur and family were quite delighted, although evidently surprised, to see me. Bro. Benjamin and others could scarcely refrain from bestowing the Apostolic embrace. A good breakfast was speedily served up, after which I felt somewhat refreshed, having had a toilsome journey. Seven rivers had been crossed, sundry swamps passed over, and the tangled forest and fallen timbers encountered. Paid a visit to Mr. T. Taylor, who is in charge of the Company's post there, and received a most welcome reception.

22d.—Reviewed the Mission-school. Some of the children read in the New Testament, others in the Easy Lessons, and the rest were learning the Cree syllabic characters. All were well conducted. There was a general rehearsal of the Decalogue and the Apostle's creed, and then the singing of a hymn. Thus closed what, I understand, is the general course of scholastic instruction at Lac la Biche. My mind was favour-

ably impressed ; and I am satisfied that this is but the dawning of a brighter and more glorious day. Some of the children had been previously instructed at Rossville. Devotional exercises are conducted twice every day, on which occasions the Scriptures are read and expounded.

The Mission premises consist of a dwelling-house with two compartments, respectively occupied by the missionary and Bro. Sinclair ; a kitchen and cow-house, and a school-house, which is used as a place of worship. All are, however, unfinished. The parsonage would take its stand amongst the roughly-built log-houses of Western Canada, and, therefore, does not present a very prepossessing appearance. The school-house is well supplied with seats ; but two bed-steads and a table constitute the Mission-house furniture, boxes supplying, as yet, the place of chairs. My colleague has evidently had plenty to do in furnishing such things as are necessary, without attending to minor matters. The crops have produced a very good return for the limited supply of seeds cast into the earth. The lake furnishes excellent fish, and the surrounding locality gives plenty of the feathered tribe ; and two cows, recently obtained, will doubtless be of great service. Although the hay-making has been somewhat unsuccessful, yet there has been a tolerable supply stacked for winter use. My colleague finds great difficulty in obtaining animal food, having travelled for five days in search of buffalo, and then returned on foot, on account of loaded horses.

24th.—Four services, prayer-meeting, Sabbath-school, and two preaching exercises being attended to on this *day of rest*.

26th.—Accompanied Bro. Steinhaur and others to Fort Pitt, so as to meet the brigade. Provisions are very low. Ducks, &c., will have to meet the claims of hungry men.

28th.—Met with a band of Indians, some of whom join our party.

31st, Sabbath.—Two religious services performed. Visited a spot where the Blackfeet attacked the Crees a few years ago.

September 1st.—Arrived at Fort Pitt. Cordially received by Mr. James Simpson and others.

3rd.—Public worship is conducted every evening. The room is small, with