

LEAVE EDMONTON.

On Tuesday, 2nd ult., at 10 a.m., we left Edmonton, having enjoyed a very pleasant visit, but much shorter than we could have wished, and having experienced the greatest kindness from Mr. and Mrs. Christie, and all the others connected with the Fort. I did not count particularly, but there might have been forty-five present at each of the services.

In returning to Victoria, we crossed the river twenty-five miles below Edmonton, and recrossed again at Victoria; by this means we had a good cart road all the way, although a little longer than the other. We arrived at Victoria on Thursday, at 8 a.m. We found that a few of the Indians had come in from the plains, but the greater number were still absent. It had been intimated that I would preach in the church that evening, so Mr. McD. and I had plenty of time to talk over matters. In the evening I preached to about sixty Indians, from the text,—“Giving thanks to the Father * * * who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” (Col. 1 : 12, 13.) Mr. McD. also briefly addressed the people, telling them who I was, and asking them to help me in my work by their prayers.

On Friday, at 10 a.m., we left Victoria, having received from our kind friends there such supplies as we required for the next stage of our journey. The same day we had dinner at the premises newly put up by an agent of one of the Red River free traders, and we had worship with the men employed there and a few others, in English and Cree. When we camped in the evening, a band of young Crees came up to us, and according to custom, seated themselves around our fire. They were eight in number, all on foot—very likely they were on a horse-stealing expedition, which, with war, is almost the only occupation of such young fellows. We had, of course, to treat them to a smoke and as comfortable a supper as our circumstances would afford. Some of them had seen Mr. Flett before, and the leader of the band told his companions that they had better behave themselves, for we had treated him kindly, and had given him a good dinner once when he was very hungry. There were also two young Christian Indians with us, who were on their way from Victoria to another station of the Wesleyans. Our heathen companions listened very attentively while we engaged in our evening worship, and while I explained to them the nature of the Christian religion, and what a benefit it would be to them and all the Indian tribes if they would adopt it. Mr. F. talked long with them after I had finished, about their belief, their habits, &c.; indeed, he purposely kept them talking till they dropped off one after another to sleep, for in such company we cannot be too watchful of our horses. We were up long before day, and were off before our night companions were astir. The youngest of the Christian brothers who had come with us from Victoria, expressed a strong desire that I would hire him for the winter. He had worked for Mr. F. at Victoria, and he knows his character and what he can do; so I thought, that as we shall have abundance of work I might as well engage him, and possibly we may be able to make something of him. He is to have £2 a month. He is a young, unfarried man. Having a horse of his own with him, he came right on with us.

As we came near Fort Pitt, we learned that the Blackfeet had, a few days before stolen upwards of forty horses from the Crees in the neighborhood of that fort, and we met several parties of Crees moving westward—one was a war-party bent on retaliation for the theft of their horses. Thus horses are the constant source of strife among these tribes.

On Saturday evening we came to a party with carts and horses belong-