

and was familiar enough with the "fire-waggon," "fire-ship," and telegraph poles. Now however that he was embarked on an Ocean steamer, all would, for the next few months, be new to him. One of his first experiences was the qualms of sea-sickness, and I verily believe he thought he was going to die. However, as with the white-man so with the Indian, a few days of the salt water set him all right, and strength, spirits and appetite returned. One evening on deck he told me a dream he had had shortly before I proposed for him to accompany me. "I thought I was working outside my house," he said, "when I heard the note of a loon. (The loon is a

favorite bird among the Indians and they regard it with superstitious reverence). The sound came from the Western sky, and I gazed in that direction to try if I could see the bird. In another moment I heard the sweep of its wings over my head, and there it flew sailing majestically along and drawing after it an airy phantom ship with three masts; it sailed away off east, still uttering its monotonous note till it was lost to my view. Thus my dream has come true he said for this is the three-masted vessel that I saw in my dream and the loon is dragging us along!

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**T**HE weather being exceedingly pleasant during the remainder of the day, we proceeded a considerable distance, and were enabled in the evening to pitch our tents in a beautiful grove on the summit of a rock, commanding a view of the numerous green hills with which those regions of the lake are ornamented. The residence of Mr. M'Bean, of the Honourable Hudson Bay Company, which is situated on the northern shore, near the place where we encamped, presents a very neat appearance, and is sheltered from the winds by a range of high rocky hills. We paid him a visit on the following morning, and were received with much civility and kindness. As we continued our course among the rocks, we saw several which appeared more interesting to us than any we had seen before. Some of them rise nearly perpendicular more than an hundred feet above the surface of the lake, while others of equal height project their frowning cliffs over the waters which surround them, and reflect their dark massy forms. We brought our canoe close under one of these vast overhanging rocks, which being composed of different substances, present a great variety of colours. At night our tents were pitched on a fine sandy beach at the extremity of a lovely bay. On the morning of the 25th we reached Messasauging before breakfast, and I had the pleasure of preaching to about fifty Indians. The place where they assembled is a sandy plain, and the small oaks and other trees, with which it is thinly covered, afforded a grateful shade. On that occasion also, the women and children were permitted

to attend and occupy a place at a little distance from the men. The whole assemblage formed a circle as they reclined in order on the lawn, and conducted themselves with propriety, but notwithstanding their mild and docile behaviour, it must be admitted that, on account of their uncleanness and scanty clothing, they have a disgusting and a very miserable appearance; and the contrast between the Indians in their wild and savage state and those who have in any degree become civilized is very striking. The Indians at Messasauging seemed pleased with what was said to them; Misence their chief made no objections, but said they were desirous of being civilized and becoming members of the Church.

The weather was extremely hot during the day, and in the evening we encamped, as usual, on a rock. A very high wind rose in the night, and the lake being greatly agitated the noise of the waves as they broke against the rocks around our lonely dwelling was tremendous. Notwithstanding the raging of the storm early on the following morning we ventured to spread a part of our sail to the wind, which wafted us a great distance in a very short period.

On Saturday the 27th, we arrived at the Sault Ste. Marie, and were received by the Rev. Wm. M'Murray, (the Society's Missionary there, appointed in October, 1832,) who had been anxiously expecting us for some time with great kindness. An assemblage of Indians belonging to his congregation, saluted and welcomed us on our arrival with expressions of the greatest joy, and with the most apparent gratification.