

that filled them. Then they strolled slowly back to the encampment.

Angus and Grace were seated before a fire, for the nights were chilly. They had been discussing the probability of Elsie and Jack soon declaring their love for each other, and were quite prepared to hear the confession made by the happy couple as they joined them.

Two weeks later, Mr. and Miss Macdonald and Mr. and Miss Lester were the guests of the hospitable missionary at Morleyville. One morning at breakfast the clergyman announced that he would perform the marriage ceremony between two natives on the following day, and invited his guests to accompany him. They immediately accepted the invitation.

"Come for a walk, Angus; I have a proposal to make," Jack said, after breakfast.

The young men strolled down to the river and along the beautiful banks.

"Angus," said Jack, "suppose we increase the number of marriages to-morrow."

"You would propose that Elsie and you and Grace and I get married at once?" asked Angus, receiving the idea favourably.

"That is my desire," Jack replied.

"But your father and mother? How will they take it?" demanded Angus, becoming alarmed.

"I will vouch for their willingness," urged Jack.

"If the girls offer no objection, it shall be as you wish, Jack," said Angus.