

had taught him in regard to Protestantism, I considered myself bound, in my own behalf, as well as in defence of Evangelical Christendom, to open up scenes somewhat akin to those described in Ezek. viii. Two of our chiefs as well as several papists were present, and returned, evidently exclaiming, "We have heard strange things to-day." Baptized there children, making a total of ten who have been baptized during my stay.

11. The death of the poor woman, who was visited, on the 1st inst, has brought me to defer my return until to-morrow.

12. It would seem that I must remain over to-day, the darkened clouds giving indications of a coming shower. About sunset a messenger arrived at the camp, setting forth that the Sarcees had come down upon the hunters, and had killed a freeman. This proved too true, as shortly after all came home bringing the bloody corpse of the poor fellow. I shall not soon forget the shrieks of the immediate relatives of the deceased. Many a hearty "Wenah He-sa Man-e-to" (Thank God) was uttered as first one and then another came to their respective tents. I went to the bereaved family, and administered words of consolation.

Sept. 13. After a lengthened conversation with the leading Crees. I took my farewell. Their principal chief said, "Tell the great chief at Edmonton that we would have been at war with the Blackfeet ere this, and I at the head of them, had you not urged us to submit rather than avenge the deeds perpetrated." As we have been "pitching" nearer to the fort every encampment since our horses were stolen. I trust we shall reach there in three days.

16. Sabbath. Mercifully enabled, by hard travel, to reach here yesterday, and am thus prepared to attend to my regular duties. Good attendance, accompanied with marked seriousness. Drew attention to the revivals in other lands. Conversated with several upon this subject, all admitting the hand of God in it.

23. Sabbath. One baptism.

25. Baptized the infant daughter of

the officer in charge of the Company's post at St. Ann's Lake (fifty miles from Edmonton), the parents having urgently requested me to visit them for that purpose. Though this locality may be regarded as the seven-hilled city of Romanism in these parts, all the influence of priests, nuns, &c., could not induce the parents to give up their offspring. I would willingly have gone to the base of the Rocky Mountains rather than the child should have passed into other hands.

29. Again at the fort, and sorry to learn that a deadly feud took place between the Crees and Blackfeet close to the gates of the establishment a few days, when a Blackfoot chief was shot, and barbarously scalped before the vital spark had fled. Two days after, some Sarcees had just crossed the river, when a war-party of Fort Pitt Crees fired upon them, and killed one instant: the others fled throwing off their robes, which had been perforated by bullets, so that, doubtless, others are wounded. The Crees then scalped the victim, and brought it to the Crees near the fort; both scalps were triumphantly tossed about for some days. Three of the Company's men narrowly escaped being murdered by the Blackfeet, as they seemed resolved to take revenge on any one. The fort gates have been subsequently closed, and a guard on duty every night, lest the Blackfeet should cross the river, and attempt to do damage to the whites.

The horses stolen from me a month ago, have been taken from the Sarcees by a Blackfoot; he, on hearing to whom they belonged, being resolved to take them, and they, on ascertaining the lawful owner, being prepared to give them up. They have, however, been most roughly used, besides subjecting the Mission to a loss of at least six pounds, as the fellow did not seem satisfied with a less sum. Crime has to be rewarded in these parts. I hope a better day is dawning.

Sept. 30. Sabbath. Had unusual liberty at our evening services; but Jericho is yet straightly shut up. The fort is a regular city of refuge for some freemen who have recently arrived, as they dare not camp out any longer, being in dread of the Blackfeet. I am