

ledged fact; but this day has furnished proof positive of it, by one of them affirming, in the presence of our friends, that the British Government had nothing at all to do with this Territory. Proofs the most incontrovertible were adduced; but the words had gone from the lips of infallibility, and his reverence would not retract. Similar assertions have been made, I am informed, by other ecclesiastics, evidently for the ostensible purpose of impressing the minds of the French half-castes, especially, that *English Missionaries are intruders* into this section of what they apparently regard as the Pope's dominions. But

The Briton may traverse the pole or the zone,

And boldly claim his right,

For he calls such a vast domain his own,

That the sun never sets on his might;

Let the haughty stranger seek to know

The place of his home and birth,

And a flush will pour from cheek to brow

While he tells his native earth:

For a glorious charter, deny it who can,

Is breathed in the words, "I'M AN ENGLISHMAN!"

24th. At our usual evening service, several Crees being present, I discoursed from the words, "And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle, (1 Sam. xviii. 4). They were evidently interested in the subject, as similar manifestations of deep toned affection, are frequently shown by them, so far as they have the ability.

27th. Sabbath—Duties of an arduous character have been attended to, and three children baptized. "In due season I shall reap, if I faint not."

Oct. 6th. We are at length relieved from all anxiety and surmisings by the arrival of the brigade, which has been unavoidably detained eighteen days later than last year. As my correspondence reached me, by special messengers, a week ago, I was fully prepared to welcome J. Swanston, Esq., as the gentleman under whose administration the Saskatchewan District has been placed. From all I heard of this gentleman, and from my knowledge of him, in passing through Red River, in 1854, I was fully prepared to receive from him a most encouraging recognition, which has already presented itself in regard to my official standing in this establishment. He gives it, as his opinion, that Edmonton House is indeed the place for a Wesleyan Mission-

ary, and urges the propriety of my wintering here, to which I have most gratefully acceded, although I had made arrangements for doing so elsewhere. This augurs well for a beginning.

Baptized the first-born of a Protestant, who, in the absence of a Missionary, was married by a Romish ecclesiastic sometime ago. Before the ordinance was administered, the father was called into the *sanctum sancorum* of the priest before day-light, his reverence having arrived late last evening. A dialogue then took place, almost verbatim as follows:—

*Priest.* William, I understand there is a son born to you?

*William.* Yes, sir.

*Priest.* You require him to be baptized, of course?

*William.* Most certainly. I have made arrangements for that, already.

*Priest.* Already! Why you have not spoken to me about it.

*William.* No, sir; but I have to the Minister.

*Priest.* Then he has put you up to it.

*William.* Not at all, sir, I am a Protestant.

*Priest.* But I married you; and you promised to bring up your children to the Romish faith. *That child is ours!*

*William.* (somewhat warmly). No, Sir! THE CHILD IS MINE; and I made no such promise. I mean, if he live, to have him taught to read and judge for himself. I merely view your act as that of a magistrate.

*Priest.* Then your marriage is null and void; and I shall tell the woman that she is at liberty to leave you.

*William.* You can do as you please, sir.

*Priest.* But if I come into the house, and hold up the crucifix, you will not stand against that will you?

*William.* Yes, sir; I will: *it is only a piece of brass.*

*Priest.* Then you are a heretic!

Upon this the father made his obeisance and his exit too, and in a short time the child was baptized by a "*friend* of all, but the *enemy* of none."

8th. Although the weather has been remarkably fine for some time past, we have had rain and sleet all day.

11th. Sabbath—Three public services. Five children and three adults baptized, and an infant buried. The room was