

carried away by the current. Stone Indians visited us, accompanied by the so-called "Jesus", a young man about twenty years of age, somewhat gaudily attired, and having two wives. He professes to speak any language, and therefore I put him to the test; but not one word did he utter. He threw some strange jargon together, with an air of defiance, as though he would puzzle me, which certainly he did. His acts were pronounced to be decidedly wrong. Another interview is agreed upon. We are now out of the Blackfeet country.

17th.—Our visitant of yesterday has sent a piece of bark on which is roughly sketched a chart of the road to the eternal world. A proposition, to visit the Stone Indians, has met with an unanimous concurrence.

July 18th.—Visited the above-named tribe, accompanied by our principal Indians, amongst whom were three sons of the chief. Met with a very cordial reception. After partaking freely of beaver, their attention was called to the evil of regarding their fellow-man as more than mortal. The Holy Bible was shown to them, and a comparison instituted between that and the piece of bark before referred to. Some expressed great pleasure in seeing a missionary once more amongst them, and an impression was evidently produced upon the minds of most that will not be easily erased. We remained nearly two hours. This people may yet obtain "the grace of sinners given." Towards the close of this day their false prophet paid us another visit, having evidently fallen in the estimation of his people. He asked for the devotional books, and promised to adopt our mode of worship.

19th.—Passed over a considerable tract of land where a recent hail-storm had levelled almost every thing before it.

20th, Sabbath.—An aged woman, very feeble, was desirous of being baptized, and as our Christian Indians recommended her, I complied with her request. I have been remarkably struck to-day with the number of adults whose persons are disfigured by tattooing. This has been done, in a general way, on the arms, &c, of the men. The women have the lower part of the chin tattooed. The children born since the introduction of the gospel amongst them are freed from this disfigurement.

21st.—Somewhat depressed, but, while ruminating, encouraged.

22d.—I have recently observed that the mother-in-law of my host never looks at or speaks to him. This is regarded by the Indians on this side of the Rocky Mountains as exceedingly proper, the reverse being, in their opinion, very immodest.

24th.—The Romanists employ the Cree characters in certain written documents given to their devotees. For so much they are indebted to Wesleyan Methodism.

29th.—Crossed Blind River, involving considerable difficulty. Yesterday quantities of pemmican berries were gathered, which are very good with pemmican.

August 5th.—Camped near Battle River. Bro. Rundle, I am informed, had designed establishing a mission on its banks. The weather is very hot.

10th.—Requested to pray with an aged woman, supposed to be dying. Our morning service was "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Several wept greatly. One woman burst into a flood of tears whilst the second hymn was being sung. Being unable to administer "comfortable words and kind" in her own language, I commenced singing that soul-reviving stanza,—*"Come to Jesus,"* and then read, in Cree, Matt. xiv. 22—36, which was greatly appreciated. One of the Indians expressed a desire to have it in the syllabic characters; so much do they value even portions of God's word. The Indians have returned, bringing letters from my colleague and others. Bro. Steinhaur writes encouragingly. He is going about doing good.

11th.—Six tents have removed in search of buffalo, provisions being scarce. A favourable opportunity occurring, the Indians suggest that I return to the Fort, as they are fearful of want of food, and do not wish me to suffer.

13th.—Accompanied the band to a spot where my host killed two red-deer yesterday, where we obtained a good supply of provisions, and then departed, for a time, from this people. Many were in tears.

14th.—Reached Edmonton.

15th.—Having a desire to visit my colleague's Mission, I availed myself of the opportunity of accompanying a young man who proceeds thither at once. About sunset we came upon two