

the stance. On one side appeared the Artillery Fort, with trees left for ornament and shade; and grass greener than any wretch who never trod this land of glory can conceive. On the other is the town. Both were a head, perhaps 1,200 yards, when making these remarks, which was where the river is strongest. Houses with beautiful gardens were on the river side; some of a buff colour, others yellow, &c.—but of whatever colour, all had green wooden blinds fixed outside, which are in two halves, fastened by hinges; shut to exclude the sun's rays, and hooked back during the beautiful evenings. All was lovely and indescribably grand. The roofs glittered, houses shone; each Captain stood to the helm of his own ship—Pilot out on the bowsprit, and Mate stationed before the main-mast, to repeat, loud as he could bawl, the words of command; and the breeze sounding through the blocks, mingled with the noise of the rushing river, the labouring vessels—which,

“Wimpled the water to weather and lee,

And heaved as if borne on the waves of the sea.”

I clasped my hands with rapture and thanked God for allowing me to experience such a scene, where the danger added a zest to enjoyment. At length the difficulty and danger were overcome; the vessels getting into smooth water, were moored with the others at the Port of Montreal.

Farmers were waiting to hire servants of both sexes, and all who chose, or had not money sufficient for carrying them to York, were engaged at rates by which they would be enabled in four years at farthest, if not extravagant, to take possession of land, that will be their own forever. I was considerably affected by the manner in which each bade me farewell. They had been considerably flattered—as men of all stations are, when asked for information,—because, it in the strongest sense implies, that the questioner considers himself inferior in knowledge to the other—pleasure is thereby produced, which is the greater, as it costs nothing. I had frequently, not only entered into conversation, but asked a multiplicity of questions, concerning the parts of Scotland and Ireland; their habits, meals, and propensities; their tales of reality and superstition, which had lately occurred, or handed down by tradition. Of each I had enquired respecting every thing that they could possibly be acquainted with. Nothing was wanted from them but their store of country anecdote; and as they had few books, not accustomed to think, or even to read in private, the opportunity of telling aloud all their little thoughts, was considered an immense compliment.

They left the ship with regret; but before going all came, and in perhaps awkward but sincere regard, wished me ‘great success and long life, (the blessing of the thoughtless,) with every comfort which this world can bestow.’ I replied—“You have come to this country, like myself, for a particular object. If we behave properly, the object will be obtained;—for mankind, though in general they may not do, as they would be done by, yet full credit is given to the being who does so, and he is treated with a degree of respect, which money cannot buy. You have all received a religious education; and though it is common for men when far removed from their relatives and country, to neglect religion—because they see others do it; yet I sincerely hope that the