

their horses, with loaded fire-arms, to meet the enemy, whilst the women were nearly frantic in regard to their younger children, inquiring for their offspring in the most impassioned strains. My interpreter having galloped off to act as pacificator, and to inform the Blackfeet of the missionary being at the camp. I rushed to my horses, and by the help of one of our best Crees, managed to secure them. In a few minutes, however, all was tranquil, and we conjectured that a false alarm had been raised. We at once proceeded with our evening service, and, though the tent is the largest on the camp ground, it was filled, whilst many remained outside. Some were greatly affected in listening to an exposition of Job I. 14-22.

Aug. 29. Our enemies proved too near yesterday evening, as, shortly after midnight, the cry of "horses are stolen" ran through the camp like an electric shock; but we had no remedy, the darkness of the night rendering pursuit impossible, except at the sacrifice of life. As my horses, and one in charge of my Interpreter, had been seen close to the tent a few minutes before, and two of mine and his could not be found, we concluded we were amongst the victims; and so it ultimately proved. At day-break we discovered certain places where the thieves and their companions had lain in ambush, and who would, no doubt, have killed every man that dared to have left the camp-ground. I must admit that I feel much pained, as the thieves had only left me my riding horse, and here I am nearly six days travel from Edmonton House. Improved this occurrence at our morning exercises from Acts xx 22-24.

30. Arrival of another band. The chief is greatly attached to our work, and is resolved to co-operate with us to the utmost extent. In 1821 he visited Datts E. M. Mission Station, Oregon, and was very kindly treated by the Rev. Daniel Lee, from whom he received a copy of the English New Testament, which he has carefully preserved to the present time. Most of his people were delighted to see their missionary amongst them.

Sept. 1. Visited, at the request of her parents, a poor afflicted Romanized pagan, whom I found profoundly ig-

norant of saving truth. Her mother informs me that, many years ago, a gentleman saw them at Carlton House, and insisted upon baptizing their daughter, but they did not know why he did so, neither as to who he was, except that he placed a brass crucifix around the child's neck. This I unhesitatingly affirm is but a specimen of the majority of Indians who have been made to swell the ranks of popery; and I am persuaded that if our agency was as numerous as that of the papists, we could easily bring the people "out of darkness into light;" but humanly speaking, what can one solitary missionary do amidst the incessant vigilance of three priests, three lay brothers, an equal number of nuns, and all the French Canadian half-casts, who are continually bringing before the Indians the thread-bare dogmas of antiquity, apostolic succession, purity of the priesthood, &c.?

Sept. 2. More horses stolen last night.

5. One man, by a relay of horses, and by creeping to the buffalo, has killed eighteen animals to-day. The slaughter has been tremendous.

6. As extensive preparations have been made for a large conjuring feast, I warned our people against attending it. As soon as the bell rang for evening service, one of the chiefs ordered the drummers in the medicine tent to give over until we had done. This was at once complied with. The people seemed resolved to show who were "on the Lord's side," as we had the largest number present that I have yet seen. Subject, St. John ii. to v. 9.

8. Soon after camping, a grizzly bear seized upon a woman in a thicket close by. Her cries brought several hunters to her rescue, or she would have been destroyed. I had passed the same bush but a few minutes before. Thank God for all His mercies.

9. Sabbath. Crowded services. Invited to the tent of a Cree, who had been baptized by a priest a year ago, but wished to hear both sides of the question, as he said, he was as favorable to the English as the other. Ascertaining from him all that the papists