

ceding the animal with its reins in his mouth. The aged, the children, and myself were allowed the privilege of deck-passengers, whilst the able-bodied of both sexes swam like fishes. By crossing this stream five times, in this peculiar way, the whole of our camp was safely lodged on the opposite shore. Had "our artist" of the *Illustrated London News* been here, he might have furnished the lovers of pictorial embellishments with a view of no ordinary interest.

There are extensive beds of coal, and red earth, along the banks of this river.

After resuming our march, we effected an ascent of about two hundred feet, obtaining a most picturesque view from the summit of it.

28th.—If the smallest insect, in the throes of dissolving nature, "feels a pang as great as when a giant dies", then the mosquitoes must have suffered greatly, such being destroyed in vast numbers. They literally cover our horses, and are a regular torment to man and beast. Some large beavers have been killed. The tail of this animal is very delicious. I am informed that, in consequence of the scaly character of the tail of the beaver, the Pope has classed it amongst the finny tribe; so that a very good apology for animal food can be taken during Lent, &c. In fact, it is said that his holiness has granted a special dispensation for this Territory, so that where fish cannot readily be obtained, flesh or fowl can be eaten without committing a deadly sin!

29th, Sabbath.—By reading over portions of St. Matthew's Gospel, in Cree, I am enabled to take a greater share in public worship. The people evidently understand what is read, and some few request me during the interim to read more to them. For some time past, scholastic instruction has been furnished to the children, as well as to several adults. The Cree syllabic characters, and the English alphabet, are all that can be taught at present; but it is really affecting to see adults, of both sexes, learning the simple lessons given. Perceiving, in some cases, Romish medals affixed to the necklaces of the children, I caused them to be removed.

30th.—Brought to the close of another month. How rapid is the flight of time! We are still journeying on. The scenery is alternately that of hill

and dale; as though, in ages gone by, there had been vast upheavings of the earth in this direction.

July 2nd.—We are surrounded by fine, rolling land, beautifully studded with trees, a large lake flowing majestically in the vale.

4th.—Our Indians have signalized this day as well as our American brethren, but with this difference, that the Indian's ammunition was spent to some purpose, two red deer, nine jumping deer, and one young eagle being killed.

5th.—The more we travel on, the more I am impressed with the vast extension of this portion of this great continent. But yet, amidst all my wanderings, I am like the traveller, who

"turns him round,  
And measures with his eye the various vale,  
The fields, woods, meads, and rivers he has pass'd,  
And, satiate of his journey, thinks of home,  
Endear'd by distance.

6th, Sabbath.—When I look around upon my congregation, strange emotions are experienced; for the apparel of the majority is as ragged and dirty as that of the most forlorn mendicant. These, nevertheless, have souls that need purifying by the blood of Christ.

8th.—I have passed an almost sleepless night, in consequence of my bed being placed on an ant-hill, not quite so large as some described by the Co-Delegate, or, probably, it would have been seen.

10th.—Re-perused our inimitable Covenant Service, and felt most powerfully the force of its requirements, especially the following: "Let my dwelling be on the dunghill, my portion in the wilderness, my name and lot amongst the hewers of wood and drawers of water, among the doorkeepers of thy house; anywhere where I may be serviceable." Oh, for grace to do, as well as to suffer, the will of God!

13th, Sabbath.—In connection with the religious exercises of this day, I have been led to "look through nature up to nature's God," as the Rocky Mountains are distinctly seen from this encampment. Such a view brings us, with the Psalmist, to call upon "mountains and all hills" to praise the Lord.

15th.—Effected a very difficult descent, requiring even the most experienced equestrians to dismount. Beaver and porcupine taken.

16th.—Crossed Red-Deer River, but more easily than before, as we rode over, although the horses were nearly