

elled on horseback, with a single attendant, and two horses laden with their blankets, provisions, etc. In two days they reached the Upper end of the Willamette valley, the whole of which they had never before travelled, and as all others have been, were delighted with its lovely scenery, and general fertility of the soil. As no hunters had visited the valley for some time, they found fresh signs of the beaver, and otter, numerous flocks of wild fowl, and herds of deer were scampering, all hours of the day, over the beautiful plains. They pushed on for the Umpqua fort, about sixty miles from the coast. As they left the valley, the travelling for some distance was very pleasant, the country being gently undulating; but it became more and more hilly, with a greater proportion of timber, until they arrived at the Umpqua mountains. They saw many, what they considered, would be very desirable locations for settlers, fine water privileges, large plains well grassed, and good, tillable soil. Near the foot, and in the spurs of the mountains, they saw the cedars, of Lebanon, as they jocosely pronounced them, being the largest they had seen or read of any where, except in Solomon's allusions. A faithful delineation of the size and beauty of the tree might actually jeopardize the reputation of the writer for truthfulness, and it would not therefore be advisable to attempt one.

They were appalled at the general features and ruggedness of the mountain they were to climb, and somewhat dubious of their ability to conquer the ascent. But they pressed on with the conviction that "faint heart never won," etc., might be applied to more than one kind of undertaking, and clambered perseveringly over fallen timber and rugged steeps, hardly daring to look ahead, fearing to see greater difficulties and entanglements. At length they came

to a narrow ledge, which they traversed with cautious steps, and had passed the most dangerous part, when their guide pointed out to them the place where a horse of the Hudson's Bay Company had fallen some seventy feet and been dashed to atoms. This somewhat hastened the pace of the travellers. An hour more and they were at the top of the mountain, when, to the amusement of his companions, Mr. Hines rose in his stirrups, and raising his hand, said, in a very earnest manner, "my wife never climbs this mountain;" and she never did, for it was too difficult a task for a lady to encounter.

The descent was less arduous, and when they were about half way down, from an open ground, they saw in the valley beneath a little plantation, with a picket enclosure, and a neat dwelling and outhouses. They were astonished at finding such a gem in so isolated a spot, surrounded by the most savage scenery of nature, and naught but Indian inhabitants a hundred miles around. They found it tenanted by a Frenchman, stationed there by the Hudson's Bay Company, living in comparative comfort, raising considerable corn and vegetables. With true French suavity he welcomed his visitors with great demonstrations of joy, and making a thousand apologies that he had no better fare to offer such important personages, as he chose to call them. They spent two days with him, when circumstances no longer permitting the doctor's stay from home, he started on his return, leaving Mr. Lee and Hines to prosecute their investigations, which they did to the coast. An account of this was afterwards published, including a merry relation of their council with the Indians; and the fall of their pack horse, provisions and all, from a height of forty feet, into the river.

Dr. White was accompanied by an Indian boy, who had

been a slave, captured in warfare when about ten years old, by the Umpquas, from the Chestes, remaining with them for years, until purchased by one of the Hudson's Bay Company, who afterwards settled in the Willamette. Here the doctor found him, and bought his freedom, and the youth accompanied him on this as well as other excursions, and was a valuable assistant, being an expert rider and remarkably trusty for one of his race. They retraced their lonely way over the mountain without any occurrence worthy of mentioning, till they found an encampment for the night. They built a fire beside a log and stretched themselves on the ground; but the doctor could not drive from his mind the idea that he was a hundred miles from any of his own race, and in the midst of, for aught he knew, hostile tribes, and it dissipated the repose his weary form so much coveted. About sunrise, they were aroused by a light, quick tread, and, to their alarm, discovered advancing towards them, on the last night's trail, a half dozen well armed Indians. Springing to thier feet, they grasped the guns which lay beside them, and stood on their guard; but soon saw there was no occasion for apprehensions, for the leader came forward, trailing his weapon, and proffered his hand with the grace of a well-bred Frenchman. His companions followed his example, and then quietly seated themselves on the ground. They said they had heard the missionaries were in the country, seeking for a place to settle; that they were glad, and had come to seek and welcome them, but being unable to find them, had discovered the trail the day before and followed it.

After some conversation the chief gave a slight history of the last six years of his life. A large party of the Hudson's Bay Company, passing through the country on their

way to California, persuaded him to go with them on a hunting and trapping excursion to that country. He gave a very just description of the character of the company, light, gay, frivolous, and sometimes profane. One only of the party differed widely from the rest. This one the chief observed, at the close of each day's journey, to retire to a distance from the camp, and kneel in an attitude of deep devotion, for some length of time. This, with his calm, consistent demeanor, impressed the son of the forest so forcibly, that he begged and received permission to accompany him, and there listened to the devoted prayers and pious instructions of the good man; and it was followed by good results, for he learned of God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. He longed for the time to come when he should return to his home, for he wished to communicate to his people his lately acquired knowledge of a religion which had imparted to his spirit a new and delicious enjoyment.

At his strange revelations they were amazed, and, like a "little leaven leavening a whole lump," the work began, and spread among them, and, for a time, a forcible change was perceivable in the whole tribe. But gradually, as it often is in other countries, one by one they lost their first impressions, till, as he expressed it, pointing to his little number, "all but these have left me, and the good and the right way." Tears rolled down his cheeks, and grief was visibly portrayed on his dark face. "I've told them all I know, and many times, till they have become tired, and now my heart jumps within me that the missionaries are coming to give them more knowledge, and make again God's love to shine in their hearts."

Their listener told them all he knew of Mr. Lee's purposes, and invited them to visit the mission. When the time