

it is quite unsuited to the life of a missionary, to be entering into trade of any kind. To embark in traffic must, I think, tend to destroy the usefulness of a missionary, or divert his attention from the great cause in which he is engaged. I am very far from attaching any blame on this account to the missionaries, whose avowed object is to teach the arts of civilization, as well as the Word of God, and I have no doubt that they are doing all in their power to promote the latter object; but I am disposed to think, that any complaints against the Hudson Bay Company for endeavouring to keep the trade in their own hands, comes with an ill grace from the members of a mission who are daily receiving the kindest attentions and hospitality from its officers.

Mr. Waller and his wife gave us a kind welcome, and insisted upon our taking dinner with them. As they have no servants, Mrs. Waller prepared the dinner, while Mr. Waller took care of the out-door business. Though the house was built of rough materials, it was very evident that neatness and order prevailed. Her management of the home-made cooking-stove which stood in the room, claimed my admiration. At the same time she made herself quite agreeable; and although she had many, very many things to contend with, appeared quite satisfied with her lot and condition.

After we had partaken of our dinner, consisting of salmon and tea, with bread and butter, Mr. Waller took us to see the falls. On our way thither, he pointed out a log house that had been built by the agent of Mr. Slacum, in order to secure the right of site or mill-privileges. The Hudson Bay Company have gone to considerable expense in blasting the rock for a mill-race for the same purpose; but from appearances, this work has remained untouched for several years.

The falls of Willamette are about twenty feet in height, and probably offer the best mill-sites of any place in the neighbouring country. Being at the head of navigation for sea-vessels, and near the great wheat-growing valley of the Willamette, it must be a place of great resort. A Mr. Moore, from the Western States, whom I saw on the Willamette, informed me that he had taken possession of the west side of the falls, under a purchase from an old Indian chief. Whether such titles will be recognised by the government, is already a matter of speculation in the country; and there is much talk of pre-emption rights, &c.

At the time of our visit to the falls, the salmon-fishery was at its height, and was to us a novel as well as an amusing scene. The salmon leap the fall; and it would be inconceivable, if not actually witnessed, how they can force themselves up, and after a leap of from ten to twelve feet retain strength enough to stem the force of the water above. About one in ten of those who jumped, would succeed in