

defended themselves, some with too much zeal: "If prayers kill you, go away elsewhere, and do not remain with us; every one here finds his advantage in believing in God, and in having forsaken his old wickedness. It is not faith that exterminates us, but our sins, and especially your unbelief; it is you who cause your own death, retaining the Demons in your midst by your wicked acts; know that we do not fear you at all, and that we shall never forsake the faith that we have embraced." The matter came to such a point, without our having knowledge of it, that the Infidels spoke of beating to death some of the believers. When this was heard by one of the leading Christians, he went towards night to the baptized young men, and said to them: "They are talking of murder; keep firm in the faith. If they wish to massacre any one for his belief, he must not touch his arms,—let us suffer death for Jesus Christ our Captain. [31] But if they try to kill us from individual enmity, or from envy, we must defend ourselves courageously." We knew this proceeding only a long time afterwards, and even then by accident; I leave you to imagine how much the firmness of the Christians consoled us. *Benedictus Deus in æternum*; the Savages appear as cold as ice, but God is sure to warm and fire their hearts when it pleases him.

In the meantime, a Christian having spoken very boldly, the others came to inform us of it, saying that he provoked the Unbelievers too much; we sent for him that we might recommend to him mildness and discretion. He said these words to us: "Are you now teaching us another doctrine than that which you taught us formerly?" "No, indeed," said we