

Another, addressing them, said: "If she were my own daughter, she would have had sense long ago, or she would have been out of the world. She was forbidden to speak to that young man; she did not obey; [65] she must be driven away from our cabins and all who are here must be forbidden to see her again, or to give her anything to eat." Such zeal is good, but it is not *secundum scientiam*. It does not sufficiently recognize the weakness of a poor human heart; it bears more resemblance to the severity of Elias than to the mildness of JESUS CHRIST. A third one, more lenient in opinion, said that the offense was not so serious,—that it would be sufficient to flog the girl, and that they should not decide upon her death for a matter which was, to be sure, important, but was not of so criminal a nature. The opinion of this last person was followed. The girl was called, and informed of her sentence; she was told to prepare to be flogged because she had not been obedient. The poor creature cast her eyes on the ground, and said not a word. Some time afterward, she told a person, in confidence, that when she saw herself condemned to that punishment, she said in the depths of her heart: "Well, I will suffer it patiently for my offense; I will obey without saying a word. Perhaps, when they observe my patience and obedience in a matter so grievous, and so unusual among us, they will grant me Baptism, which I have asked for so [66] long a time. If this punishment enable me to obtain that blessing, it will cause me great joy."

The sentence having been pronounced, neither Sergeants nor Archers were needed to take her to the place of punishment. She was told to be in