

and galling yoke for carnal men. The Christians are gradually becoming accustomed to it; the young men find it very difficult to do so. Those who have the most Faith urge the others to delay until the spring, when the Father will come here on a Mission; and when he is with them, they seek out [247] those who are disposed to be joined together, so that it may be done before his departure. The parents have the devout practice of making their children "stand up in the Chapel,"—that is, of making them marry with the ceremonies of the Church. And, because the bridegroom and the bride stand side by side before the Priest, if they wish to know when such a one is to be married, they ask when he will be made to stand up in Church.

A young man and a widow were brought to the Church, to be married. The banns had been published, and all that remained was to express their consent in the presence of the Pastor and of the witnesses. When the young man was questioned, he would not answer. The Father closed his book, and declared aloud that nothing was done, and that they were not married. No one was surprised, and all returned to their homes.

A Captain did not maintain such profound silence, for when he was asked, and had given his consent and when his bride, who was more bashful, did not respond with sufficient promptitude, he said to her: "Be [248] careful of what you are about to say. I do not conceal my bad temper from you. I am a hasty and irritable man; I make all serve me; I wish my wife to obey me. Do not bind yourself ill-advisedly. Consider whether you will take me with those defects." The woman gave her consent and