

Savages that they mean no evil. The following facts will over-rule this plea:

1st fact—He who brought the Dance here about fifteen years ago, gave it to be understood that its reception would be a protection against all the baleful consequences of war, while its rejection would result in sure destruction by the enemy. In all the attempts that have since been made to establish the Dance in this Mission, the following words have been heard a hundred times to fall from the lips of the supporters of the Dance: "We are dead; we are being killed; the only means we have for our preservation are taken from us." These words have been heard by the missionary, uttered by an Elder in the middle of the Village while the people were coming out after mass.

2nd fact—An Abenakis who is distinguished in his Nation through his exploits and who is the chief upholder of the Dance, despairing of being able to establish it at St. Francois through his own credit, withdraws in disgust in the direction of la Baye in the upper country. He falls ill and finding himself at death's door, he sends for Father Chardon; he makes his confession; he has not been a Saint but in his present condition, nothing troubles him more than all he has done to have the Dance admitted in St. Francois; he acknowledges all the evil connected with it and begs his Confessor to inform the missionary of St. Francois of his regret for the harm he has done in his Mission and that he makes reparation for it as best he can at death.

3rd fact—Young men in this Mission who were preparing for the Dance have been heard to say to those who warned them not to do so: "Why do you wish to prevent us from doing what we do? It is as if we took part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament."

4th fact—The Calumet feathers were brought here again two years ago. They were distributed secretly amongst all the cabins of this Mission to receive them. In every cabin the choice fell upon the persons who could be relied on. One was addressed to a newly converted woman from Orange. In vain was it represented to her that these feathers had been received