

stripping off the bark, and, at its foot, I spent the whole day with my God, whom, almost alone in those vast regions, I worshipped and loved; sometimes in meditation or in prayer, at other times reading an "Imitation of Christ," which I had just before recovered. This for some time was unperceived; but, on one occasion, finding me, as was my wont, in prayer before my cross, they attacked me most violently, saying that they hated the cross; that it was a sign that they and their friends the neighbors, (Europeans,) knew not, alluding to the Dutch Protestants.

Upon this, I changed my conduct, and whereas I had before carefully avoided praying or kneeling in their hut, that I might not give them the slightest reason to complain, (for we should, especially among savages, but little accustomed to such things, act in all prudence,) I now conceived that I should no longer refrain from those pious exercises which make up a spiritual life, a life I far preferred to my temporal one. This I believed would be serviceable to them when the moment of their conversion should come, "which the Father hath put in his own power."—Acts i. 7.

While thus an object of their enmity, I certainly suffered much from hunger and cold, the contempt of the lowest of the men, the bitter hatred of their women.

The latter, who are the greatest gainers by the hunting season, regarded me as the cause of their want and poverty. I suffered most from hunger; for, as almost all the venison on which they chiefly lived had been offered to the devil in these oblations, I spent many days fasting; and, almost every night, when I came in fasting, I would see our Egyptians sitting over their flesh-