

the great forests, and along all the great rivers of Maine. The gospel had not come among them to teach them to labor, and to lay aside the tomahawk and scalping knife, the arrow and the gun, and love their neighbor as themselves, and worship God and hear his holy word on the sacred Sabbath. They were therefore immoral and wretched, as the heathen generally are. And this is to be deplored, that they were the worse for the influence of professed Christians over them. The French and English, though neighbors to each other, and bearing the Christian name, were often engaged in the unnatural, unchristian work, of doing each other all the harm they could, even to the destruction of life. From the French, therefore, in Canada, the Indians came with powder and guns, and with French priests and military officers to lead them on to the dreadful work of murdering and plundering and enslaving the English families along the shores of Maine. They came down the rivers, as the Androscoggin and the Kennebec ; both to subsist on the