

underneath this globe, and the birds were silent on the dark branches of the forest, I lay down, as my custom is, to take my repose. But before mine eyes were fast closed in sleep, methought I saw a vision, at which my spirit was much troubled, for I knew it was the form of my aged mother. She stood before me, and in a doleful voice demanded, 'Have I not fed thee, did I not cherish thee and keep thee warm whilst thou wert yet too young to take thought for thyself; and canst thou now forget to take revenge on those wild people who have dishonoured my grave? Thy mother doth complain, and implores thy aid against this thievish people who are newly come hither, for if this be suffered, I shall not rest in happiness within the everlasting habitations.' "

In consequence of this the English were watched and followed about from place to place, till on some favourable occasion, the Indians fell upon them and wounded several of their party. This of course was retaliated, and the flames of war once lighted were never again totally extinguished.

It does not come within our limits to relate all the various causes of the enmity which in time grew up between the original possessors and the white usurpers of the American soil. If on one hand it is allowed that some of the most virtuous and exemplary men voluntarily abandoned all the comforts of home, and spent their lives among the Indians whom they earnestly endeavoured to instruct in the Christian faith; on the other, it must be confessed that the poor Indians in their intercourse with Europeans had daily proofs of their falseness, their dishonesty, and even of their cruelty.

Forty years after the "Mayflower" had landed the Pilgrim Fathers on the rocky shores of Massachusetts, towns had sprung up in various parts of the neighbouring states of Connecticut and Rhode Island. No township was without its stockade, or fortified house, into which the inhabitants retreated in case of any serious attack of the Indians; for after the first hostilities commenced, the colonists were kept in almost perpetual terror and