

ny to Mr. Gordon the same evening, told him what they had heard and advised immediate removal. Mr. Gordon treated the matter lightly, as if he did not believe the report, which probably he did not; told them not to fear; that if it were the will of God that they should be killed, it would be well; and that it was good for them to remain where they were. On the afternoon of the following day, which was Sabbath, Joe and Mana went to Mrs. Gordon and talked to her of their danger; they told her that they had heard from a party who was friendly to them, that the murder of herself and Mr. Gordon had been talked of publicly at a feast, which had been held some time before, at a distant village, as a thing fully resolved upon. Mrs. Gordon went as Joe and Mana supposed, to consult with Mr. Gordon on the subject, and there the matter ended for that day. On the following morning (Monday the 10th) the day of the massacre, at the close of the morning school (Mr. Gordon was accustomed to keep school regularly with his domestics,) Mr. Gordon told eight of the lads of his family, among whom were Joe and Mana, to go down to the Bay, and cut thatch for a dwelling house, which he was engaged in building, about half way between the Bay and the house, in which they were then living. Two lads remained, one of whom Mr. Gordon directed to stay with Mrs. Gordon to cook, and the other to go with him to assist in his work at the new house. The lads objected to Mr. Gordon's proposal, and suggested that half their number should go with him to work at the house, and that the other half should stay with Mrs. Gordon in case an attack should be made upon them. To this Mr. Gordon would not consent, so the two lads did as directed; eight went to cut thatch, one accompanied Mr. Gordon and one remained at home.— There was a girl also with Mrs. Gordon.— Mr. Gordon told the lads that went for thatch not to return early, but to continue at their work and get a large quantity of thatch, and come home when the sun was low. But for this they would in all probability have returned before the attack, as they had great apprehensions that something would take place that day, though they had no certain information that such would be the case. While engaged in their work they expressed their fears to each other, and some proposed that they should go home early, notwithstanding Mr. Gordon's injunction to the contrary. This was overruled by others, so they continued at their work as directed.

"About noon a party of natives consisting of nine adults and a boy, came to the house from a place named Bunkhill.— Among the party was a chief of the name of Loua, but the principal actor in what followed was a man named Nahobili. The party having gone into the house, Nahobili

asked Mrs. Gordon where Mr. Gordon and the young men of the family were. She told him that the lads had gone to cut thatch, and that Mr. Gordon was at work at the new house. Mrs. Gordon asked them if they were hungry, and offered them a piece of cold meat which she had in the safe. This they refused. She then asked if she should give them coco-nuts and fish hooks. Mrs. Gordon asked them what their errand was. They answered that they wished cloth to cover themselves, as they intended to come to worship on the following Sabbath. She told them that they had better go to Mr. Gordon for that, upon which they rose to leave. When they had gone a little distance, Mrs. Gordon called after them, inquiring whether they had come to kill herself and Mr. Gordon; the adults made no reply, but the boy called out, as if in jest, that such was the case. The lad who had remained at home with Mrs. Gordon heard the whole conversation between her and the Bunkhill party. He thinks she did not hear the boy's reply to her question about killing herself and Mr. Gordon, as the party were on the move down the hill. He thought the boy was jesting.

The party went as if they intended to go direct to the place where Mr. Gordon was at work, but they all concealed themselves in the bush by the way, except Nahobili, who went alone to Mr. Gordon. He was closely followed by the lad from Mr. Gordon's family, who had been left at home; Mrs. Gordon had sent him with Mr. Gordon's dinner. Thus he and the lad who had been assisting Mr. Gordon were present, and were witnesses of all that took place between Mr. Gordon and Nahobili, till they left together to go to the house. Nahobili was armed with a hatchet. One of Mr. Gordon's lads remarked to him, that Nahobili was a bad man, and that he had killed a great many people. Upon this Mr. Gordon took the hatchet out of his hand, asking him why he killed people, also remarking that it was very bad to kill people, and that he should not do so. He hung down his head and made no reply. Mr. Gordon returned the hatchet. Nahobili then said that he wished cloth for himself and his companions, as they intended to come to worship on the following Sabbath. Mr. Gordon took a chip of wood, wrote on it a request to Mrs. Gordon to give them a yard of cloth each, and offered it to Nahobili, telling him to take it to Mrs. Gordon and she would give him what he wanted. Nahobili refused the chip, and begged Mr. Gordon to go with him to the house, stating that they had brought there a sick man, whom they wished him to see and give medicine to. Mr. Gordon had sat down at a little distance, and undone the parcel containing his dinner and was about to commence eating; but