

sitting some time, their chief said, "We are come to hear something good." I told him I was glad of it. After singing a verse, I prayed that the Lord would open their hearts to understand what he would give me to say. I then proceeded to speak a few words on St. Paul's preaching at Athens. Yet, said I, "I will not dwell on this topic, for you know already that there is a Creator." To this they all agreed, with the exception of one man. "You also know that you are wicked people." They unanimously assented. "Now then, I come to the main point, that you and we have a Saviour—the same great Being who created all things in the beginning. He lived upwards of 30 years on earth, to instruct and bless mankind; after which he was nailed to a cross, and slain by His countrymen who would not believe His words. But on the third day he rose again from the grave, and afterwards ascended up into heaven. The time is now approaching, when he will come again in the clouds of heaven, and all the dead will rise and appear before Him, as the Righteous Judge, to receive sentence every one according to his works. But thou, poor man!" said I, turning to their Chief, "how will thou stand aghast, when all the souls whom thou hast hurried out of this world, should step forth and say to him that sits upon the throne, 'this wicked wretch murdered us, just as thou hadst sent thy messengers to publish to us the plan of salvation. What answer wilt thou then return?' He was silent, and cast his eyes down to the ground. Observing that tremor had seized the whole company, I proceeded—"hearken to me! I will put thee in a way to escape this tremendous judgment; but delay not, or death will seize thee; for thou art old. Fall then at the feet of Jesus. Thou canst not see him, yet He is every where. Tell Him that thou hast heard that He loves the souls of men, and rejects not the cries

for grace." Beseech Him to have mercy on thee, poor miserable man, and wash out thy sins with his own blood." He promised with an affected heart, that he would.—They all listened with attention to the exhortations of Anna, whose brother they had murdered; and afterwards walked up and down the place in a thoughtful mood, and with folded hands; but toward evening they departed.

After assisting in laying the foundation-stone of a church at New Herrinbitt, Matthew Stach returned to Europe in 1747, taking with him five Natives, at their own particular desire. So greatly had the labours of the Missionaries been prospered, that at the close of that year, the congregation consisted of 126 baptized, and 9 had departed in the Faith since 1741. Crantz gives the following view of the Mission at this period:

"The sound of the Gospel had been propagated by the Missionaries of the Brethren through a vast extent of country, and its glad tidings, spread still farther by the savages themselves. Mockery, reproach and persecution, were not wanting. The Heathen indeed, had framed no false system to oppose to the truth of Revelation, nor had they hired any heathenish Priests to support them in error; however, there were Angekoks, who, dreading the loss of their reputation, and the profits accruing from imposture, invented a variety of means to dissuade their silly adherents from adopting the truth; but their efforts were feeble, and unable to withstand the divine power of the Word.

The operation of the Spirit of God was very perceptible in the little company of the baptized; and, though distressing circumstances occurred, yet, on the whole, there was great cause for joy and amazement, at the transformation of a wild brutish set of people, into a quiet well-ordered family of Christians. In the public meetings the divine efficacy of the