

were confined, and so burning them alive. The discussion was at length terminated in favor of a general massacre, by an argument upon the value and honor of the scalps. The prisoners were now interrupted, and asked if they were ready. They replied that they were; they had commended themselves to God, and they trusted He would receive their souls. The whites then came in among them. One of them took up a cooper's mallet which lay upon the floor—the owner of the house being a cooper—saying, 'this will exactly answer the purpose.' He accordingly commenced the labor of death, nor did he stop until he had knocked down and killed fourteen of the Indians with his own hand. He then gave the instrument to another, having, as he said, done pretty well, and worked till his arm failed him. Thus was this horrid massacre completed; and the only one of the mangled victims who escaped with his life from their first violence, and was afterwards seen attempting to rise, (a man named Abel,) was again assaulted, and killed upon the spot. The murderers finished the scene by setting fire to the houses, as night came on, and then went off, shouting and yelling for victory.

More than ninety Indians perished in this man-