

console me, for I love Thee from my whole heart. " With these words on her lips, she expired.

After a sixth similar flagellation, the news of our treatment having spread in the town, the wife of the russian general in command threw herself at her husband's knees and recommended us to his charity. The good old man came to see what was going on ; he arrived just as the flogging was about to recommence. At the sight of all this torturing apparatus, the general's wife (a polish lady) fainted ; her husband, visibly moved, went directly to Wierowkin, and took Siemasko's order out of his hands, saying :

" What are you doing, you wretched pope ? Are you a hangman, to thus torture those innocent women ? " — " I am only executing the order of the arch-arch-bishop. " — " If you execute the order of your apostate, I will hang you. The Emperor is not aware of the horrible way you torture your victims, and when he hears that I hanged you, he will probably say : The good old man was crazy ; but you, wretch, will be nevertheless hanged. "

He tore the decree to shreds, ordered us to be taken back to our prison, and left us a hundred rubbles, with which Wierowkin bought us only a little bread and salt, keeping the rest for himself as a reward for his kind services to us. Our floggings ceased ; but the general's compassion turned to our benefit, no doubt, for it became the occasion of still more cruel sufferings. He was not aware that Siemasko acted on authority from the Emperor. When the apostate bishop heard what the general had done, he became furious, and we soon felt the weight of his anger.

He soon came to Polock, to see his new palace and consecrate the church ; he accosted us with a threatening air : " What were you thinking of when you accepted the general's intervention ? I will learn him, and you too, to respect the Emperor's orders. Ah ! Ah ! he says the Emperor knew nothing about what I was doing. Do you see that ? said he, showing us again the ukase declaring *holy* and *thrice holy* whatsoever Siemas ko did or might do etc., etc. " What do you say to that ? I could hang every one of you. "