

mourning, and wild scenes of maiming and bloodshed are depicted as following upon the death of a beloved chief or great man; yet, among these tribes maimed persons are rarely found. It is probable that there is some basis of fact for the statement that mutilations are in rare instances practiced among some tribes. But even this qualified statement needs absolute proof.

I am pleased to assure those who will take part in this work by earnest and faithful research that Dr. Yarrow will treat them generously by giving them full credit for their work in his final publication.

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