

them ; for besides *Herthus*, or mother Earth, they worshipped Mercury (or more probably Mars), under the name of *Woden*, as their principal god of battle, and sacrificed to him their prisoners taken in war ; and of him named one of the week-days *Wodensday* (**WEDNESDAY**). His wife, named *Frea*, was, by the like foolery, held to be Venus, a goddess, unto whom another of their week-days was assigned for name and service, which of us is called **FRIDAY**."

There is, however, a beauty in the name given by the Saxon and German nations to the Deity, whom they ignorantly worshipped, which is not equalled by any other, except the hallowed Hebrew name, *Jehovah*. The Saxons call him God, which is literally the good ; the same word signifying both the Deity and his most endearing quality.

One of the most prominent of the objects of their adoration was the Idol of the Sun, from which the name of Sunday (the Sun's day) is derived. Of this image, we quote the following description from Richard Verelstegan, a laborious English antiquary, who wrote in 1605 :—

"He was made as here appeareth, set upon a pillar, his face as it were brightened with gleams of fire, and holding, with both his arms stretched out, a burning wheel upon his breast : the wheel being to signify the course which he runneth round about the world ; and the fiery gleams and brightness, the light and heat wherewith he warmeth and comforteth the things that live and grow."—*Sharon Turner's History of the Anglo-Saxons*.

#### FAREWELL LETTER FROM MR. GOLDIE.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.—Your little ship has safely returned from Old Calabar, bringing us glad tidings from that dark and distant land, that the horrid custom of slaughtering human victims for the dead is now abolished. I am sure it will rejoice your hearts

to know that this bulwark of Satan's power is laid low. Many lives will thus be preserved, and, by being less accustomed to scenes of blood, the people will learn to value human life more highly.

Your ship has been of much service to the mission. Since going out it has been twice to Bonny, and twice to Fernando Po besides, and by it we have been enabled to show kindness to our friends, the captains trading to the river, who have shown us a good deal of kindness. We have thus, in some degree, been able to return the obligations which we were under to them. Since coming home, it has been my privilege to address a good many of your number in various places, and I was well pleased to see the deep interest shown by our young friends whom I met, in the ship and in the mission. I trust that, when you are grown up, you will far exceed us who are now occupying the field, in devotion to the cause of missions ; and I am sure you must have found that which you have already done in the good cause most beneficial to yourselves. It is in trying to promote the happiness of others that we best promote our own happiness ; in endeavoring to bless others, we most surely increase our own blessings.—And you know, that the mind which was in Christ Jesus, and which every child of God will have, is just the mind of self-denial for the good of others.—Though equal with God, yet he made himself of no reputation ; was found in fashion as a man, and humbled himself, even to the death of the cross.—Though he was rich, yet, for our sakes, he became poor, that we, through his poverty, might be rich. And to think what worthless creatures we are for whom Christ did all this, and what little success he had in his mission of mercy !—for even he had to complain of want of success, as many of his servants have had to do. If we have been taught of Christ, then his mind will be our mind, and we shall not