

land, and that was in the year 597, A. D. The Druids had no temples in which to worship, but instead they had sacred groves, where they performed these horrid sacrifices. Within these groves they sometimes had one or two circles of immense stones, and on these stones they often sacrificed their victims. It was sometimes their custom also to enclose the sacrifice in a large wicker case, made like the figure of a man, and when shut in there to suspend him between some of their immense stones, and burn him to death. This, they thought doing their gods service, and had it not been for God's mercy, Britain might be now, as then, a heathen land. There are many places in Britain, where to this day may be seen those circles of large stones, where those cruel rites were performed. Near the officiating priest, in the picture you see some other Druids on their knees—and behind are a body of Roman Soldiers, armed with spear and shield, after the manner of those times. The tree to which the young man is tied, seems to be an oak, which was a tree held sacred by the Druids. We could give many more interesting facts about the Druids, but the present statement will be sufficient to prove that the "tender mercies of heathens are cruel."

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## THE WAY THE HEATHENS PRAY.

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There is no exercise, dear children, so blessed to us as that of *prayer*. It is by prayer we get the forgiveness of our sins, and strength to resist evil, and grace to do God's will; and yet many *young* people especially, have very little right idea as to what *real* prayer is. Some seem to think it is *saying* pretty verses, or nicely worded sentences to God, or kneeling down when others speak or express their wishes to the Lord. Now, I may say the sweetest verses that were ever written, or I may kneel till my knees grow horny, as some of the monks are said