

May these heathen never put us to shame!—*Children's Missionary Newspaper.*

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*Cruelty to which Children of the Heathens are exposed.*

On our return from Latakoo, (says Mr. Campbell), we saw a child, about eight years old, standing in the middle of the street, weeping and almost a skeleton. We inquired respecting its disease, when the woman told us the child was well enough, but that want of food had brought it into that condition; the father, being poor, was gone to the westward to seek food. No one present seemed to possess the least feeling for this forsaken, starving child; they said, laughing, that we might take the child with us, if we pleased. I was certain the sight of this little girl in the streets of London would have excited pity in the hearts of thousands. We took her to our waggons, desiring the people to inform her mother, when she returned, where she might find her. When some meat was given to the child, she devoured it with the voracity of a tiger.

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The Rev. Mr. Williams, a missionary at one of the South Sea Islands, in giving an account of the cruelties which once abounded there, says:—Their human sacrifices were really horrid. A young chief, with whom I am conversing on the subject, informs me, that men, women, and children were offered up. He states, that the custom was to bore holes through the ears of the children, suspend several of them on a string, and then tie them up in the trees at the *morai* (or place of sacrifice.) All the bodies remained on the trees until they dropped off, and were eaten by the pigs, dogs, and birds of prey. In other instances the children were knocked down violently, and if not killed, a string was run through their ears, or tied round their necks, after which they were cast into the sea, and pulled backward and for-