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**HUMAN SACRIFICE.—DRUIDS.**

DEAR CHILDREN,—The Picture on the opposite page is intended to explain to you more distinctly, than we can do by any words, one of the most dreadful customs of the heathen, “who sit in darkness.” The people represented in the picture are about to offer to their idol, not a lamb, or a kid, but a human being, a young man, as a sacrifice; you see he is bound to a tree, and cannot move, and the officiating priest whom you see standing up, is ready to plunge a knife into his heart, or perhaps he may be burnt to death. But we must explain a little more particularly.

It is our intention if possible, to furnish you with a wood-cut in each succeeding number of the *Record*, and we have chosen this one, for the first, as being one in which some of our readers will feel much interested. There are no such heathens now, as are represented in the picture; there are many it is true, who at the present day, present human sacrifices to their idols, but this race is extinct—they were called Druids, and were about eighteen hundred years ago, the heathen inhabitants of England. That was of course before England became a Christian country, for Augustine with forty other Missionaries were the first, who brought Christianity into Eng-