

der the vanity and the sinfulness of idolatry. He then went unknown to others, and cast several idols into a receptacle of filth. He looked upon them sinking down there, silently wondering to see them so utterly powerless. After that he waited week after week to see if any evil would come upon himself for that daring act, till, waxing confident after a while, he resolved henceforth to worship the living and true God, through Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. And now he rejoices in His salvation.—*Missionary Chronicle.*

HEATHEN HERO-WORSHIP.

The people (Ibadan, West Africa) say Ogryan was a rich man, and a zealous worshipper of the goddess Obatela, therefore they made him king of Ejigbo. He led a profligate and rude life. After his death they worshipped him. His worshippers have every year a feast. First they go about in the streets, each having a stick or whip, with which they beat one another. When two meet, they stand, and each of them stretches forth one of his legs, which is beaten till they are tired, or they find it too painful. If one has an enemy, he goes about to search for him, and, when he has found him, he takes his whip, to which he has bound some poisoned nails, and begins his work till he sees blood. In a few hours that man will die. When this is over they begin to feast.—*Church Missionary Record.*

THE VASE OF WATER.

A traveller in Asia Minor, in a time of distressing drought, found a vase of water under a little shed by the roadside, for the refreshment of the weary traveller. A man in the neighbourhood was in the habit of bringing the water from a considerable distance, and filling the vase every morning, and then going to his work. He could have had no motive for doing this, but a kind regard to the comfort of weary travellers; for he was never there to receive their thanks, much less their money. This was benevolence.—*Australian Band of Hope Review.*

THE TOMBS OF CHILDREN AT SHUSHAN.

Mr. Loft's, a traveller, lately visited the spot where once stood "Shushan the palace," mentioned in Daniel and Esther. In digging up the mounds of rubbish, one day they found se-