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PSALM lxxiv. 20.

“The dark Places of the Earth, are full of the Habitations of Cruelty.”

DEAR CHILDREN,—All that the Bible says, is true, and we have abundance of proof, we think, to show you that the verse quoted above is no less true *now*, than it was when first written. You know that when wicked men commit crime, they choose the darkness of night as the fit time to do it in, then it is that the thief and robber for instance prowl abroad. When men are left to their own understandings, without the influence of God's grace to renew their wicked hearts, and the light of his word and Spirit to guide their steps, they will be guilty of the most atrocious crimes. Cruel indeed are their tender mercies; but perhaps you will like this explained best by an example.

You know probably that some savage nations have been and now are so dreadfully barbarous, that they actually eat one another for food, and those who do so are called Cannibals. A tribe of natives on the continent of Africa, called Bassotoas, were remarkable as being great Cannibals, yet Missionaries of the Gospel have gone amongst them, and God has blessed their labours. We shall give an extract from the journal of M. Dyke, a French Protes-