

it can take flight to heaven, is compelled to linger on earth for *three days*, during which it is pursued by evil spirits, to drive away which bone-fires are lighted by the sorrowing relatives.\*

Even the corroboree of the Australians has its counterpart in the languages as well as in the festivals of the north, and with the *cabaree* of the people of Madagascar reminds us of the rites of the *Corybantes*, and the Mysteries of the *Cabiri*, the names of which must have come from the same root, as they were simply festivals of the dead, the one having been instituted in honor of *Baba* (Cybele), and in memory of the appearance and disappearance of *Attis*, and the other being a lamentation for what St. Croix calls "*la mort Cabirique*."† It does not seem improbable that the *Corroboree* and *Cabaree* of the South, and the *Corybantes* and *Cabiri* of the North, are indebted for the origin of their names to the Samang word *kabis* or death.‡

In Polynesia the festival appears in combination with an agricultural celebration, and in some of the Islands is presided over by the god of agriculture and of death. The *Inachi* and the November feast of *Alo Alo* of the Friendly Islands, appear in Greece as the *Inachia* and *Aloa*. Both of these were connected in Greece with the Goddess of Agriculture. Io or Isis (who is the same as Ceres,) was the daughter of *Inachus*; and Bacchus and Ceres presided over the *Aloa*, which, like our All *Hallow* eve, was a harvest home,§ and celebrated in the autumn.

It is to be feared that as All *Halloween* was the festival of "*Alholdes* and *Gobelyns*," the name has more to do with *Alo Alo*, and the *Aloa*, than with Christianity, especially as rites similar to those of Ceres and Proserpine existed among our ancestors.¶ The Fiji god is not without his representative also in ancient Greece, as this *Pluto* of the South was the Lord of *Bulu*, which is called in some of the Islands *Pulotu*, a coincidence in names which has already attracted the notice of our Missionaries.‖ In Japan he appears to have preferred a permanent residence on earth, to his monthly visits in November, and accordingly assumes the form of the divine *Mikado*, who receives the *Kamis*, the deified spirits of

\* Hyde de Rel. Vet. Pers. p. 545.

† Mystrères du Paganisme, I. 55.

‡ This conjecture is strengthened by our finding that in Madagascar, the word *morté* means death, a fact which shows how extensive is the range of some words. See Crawford's Indian Archipelago, ii. 142.

§ See Volmer, v. *Aloa*. Also see ante p. 10, 18; note to p. 74.

‖ Turner's Polynesia, p. 88, 237.

¶ As the Eve of All Saints is more generally observed north of the Tweed than in England, I have throughout made use of the Scotch name *Halloween*, instead of *Hallow* eve. It is worthy of note, however, that there are some parts of Scotland, in which *Halloween* is held on November 2nd.