

A solitary instance, the cases of distress have been innumerable; for those who had some little dependence and could remain at home, have nevertheless been subject to the nightly visits of the wolves, whose attacks have been so destructive amongst the children and youth, as to form an anomaly in the history of that animal; for, within a few months, not fewer than forty instances came to my own knowledge, wherein this beast had made most dreadful havock.

To show clearly the preference of the wolf for human flesh, it will be necessary to notice, that, when the Mambookies build their houses, which are in form like bee-hives, and tolerably large, (often 15 or 20 feet in diameter,) the floor is raised at the higher or back part of the house, until within 3 or 4 feet of the front, when it suddenly terminates, leaving an area from thence to the wall, in which every night the calves are tied to protect them from the storm or wild beasts.

Now it would be natural to suppose, that should the wolf enter he would seize the first object for his prey, especially as the natives always lie with the fire at their feet. But notwithstanding this, the constant practice of this animal has been in every instance to pass by the calves in the area, and even by the fire, and to take the children from under the mothers' saross, and that in such a gentle and cautious manner, that the poor parent has been unconscious of her loss, until the cries of her little innocent have reached her from without, when a close prisoner in the jaws of the monster. To give all the instances I could adduce, would tire your patience, I will therefore only give two, with which we have been more immediately concerned, and which, while they show how much they want who want the Gospel, will also show that the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

The first I shall mention is that of Dapa's great grandson, about ten years of age. The wolf had previously seized a younger brother, and torn away a part of his face. Another night he came into the house and took a second, and carried him completely off, of whom nothing more than a small fragment was found. On his third visit he seized the lad first mentioned by the left shoulder. The little fellow awakened by this grasp, struck him with his hand; the wolf let go his hold, and, grasping him on the

opposite side, broke his collar bone. The poor boy still fought with his left hand; and his antagonist letting go his hold a second time, seized him by the fleshy part of the thigh, and ran off with his prey; nor was it till he had carried him a quarter of a mile that he could be made to drop him, when, biting away the precious mouthful, he left the little sufferer with his thigh half severed; but fortunately the bone was not broken. In this state he was brought to us for help, and by daily attention he is perfectly restored.

The second instance is of a little girl, about eight years of age, who was reclining on the ground in the cool of the day, when four of these monsters rushed upon the place. One of them seized the little creature by the head, a second by the shoulder, and the other two by the thighs. The people of the kraal, with all possible speed, flew to her help, and succeeded in releasing her, but apparently too late. They tried for a few days to help her with their medicines; but finding all hope fail, and as from the heat and flies she had now become loathsome, they gave her her choice, either to be put to death by the youths of the place, or go to the woods to die or be farther devoured as might happen! The little girl chose the woods. In this forlorn condition, she determined to cast herself on the mercy of this Institution; and although she had never been on the station, she believed from what she had heard, that could she reach the place, she should receive that protection and help, which he who claimed the endearing appellation of father had longer refused to give, and which she had no right anywhere else to expect amongst her own nation. With this resolution she set out, and, although she had to travel several miles, through deep glens, succeeded in reaching the station, an awful picture of deformity and suffering, all but in a state of nudity, covered with large wounds to the number of fourteen, amongst the most ghastly of which was that of the head and face, where the wolf, having endeavoured to grasp the whole head, had torn the mouth open to the ear, and stripped the head of the upper part of its covering, and made a ghastly wound of eight inches. Through the mercy of God she is quite recovered, and scarcely at all deformed; but refuses ever to return to those who forced her to the woods to die. I am happy to add, that a few days since, as I was walking