

tion, or for sale at a reduced price. Many were exceedingly joyful on that occasion; and some are now safely landed in a better country. Others are still in the land of the living, daily perusing that "law which is perfect, converting the soul," meditating on the "testimony of the Lord, which maketh wise the simple." *The children of the desert desire this word more than gold, and find it sweeter to them than the honey from the clefts of the rocks.* Almost twenty years ago, when the sacred Scriptures were exceedingly scarce, two little girls went from my station in Namaqualand, to visit a tribe on the borders of the Bushmanland. They carried their Testaments with them, and read among the people. The natives were so interested with what they had heard, that they allowed the two children but little time for rest. Day and night they were under the necessity of reading out of the "great word," by which several persons of that tribe were brought under the sound of the gospel. Thus, "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, He has perfected praise."—*Mirror*.

Cruelties to which Children of the Heathen are exposed.

The Rev. Mr. Keith, a Missionary at Calcutta, after describing other effects of idolatry, that shock the feelings of humanity, says: My attention was more particularly attracted by a little child, laid, I supposed by its parents, on the cold ground, by the side of the river, to die. It was placed within the watermark, exposed to the burning sun. The relations of the child sat, without any emotion, at a little distance, near the wood, which was prepared to consume its body as soon as it should expire. It is customary to pour water into the nostrils of the children, and then leave them to perish.

In the eastern parts of Bengal, children are offered up in sacrifice to dumb idols. When a woman is married, she and her husband make a vow to the goddess *Gunga*, that if she will bestow children on them, they will devote to her their first-born. If after this they have a child, it is preserved until the season for assembling at the *holy place*. They then take the child with them, and encourage it to walk into the river, till the tide rising, carries it away into the deep; and if it be unwilling to walk in, it is pushed off by its parents.

If a child refuses its mother's milk, it is considered under the influence of an evil spirit. In this case, the babe is put into a basket, and hung up in a tree for three days. It generally happens, before the expiration of that time, the infant is dead, being destroyed by ants or birds of prey.

Among the Rajpoots, infants are literally starved to death, and not one half of the females permitted to live.

The Mahrattas select and cherish a number of human victims