

CURED BY A LITTLE BOY'S FINGER.

If you look on the map of the Pacific Ocean, you will find a group of islands called the Friendly or Tonga Islands.

The people who lived on them years ago was very ignorant and cruel. They used to kill human beings, and eat them; and they had many ceremonies in which

chief is angry with their family.

To appease the anger of their chief, a little boy belonging to Mele's family is taken, and the first joint of his little finger cut off. The poor child is then daubed with his own blood, and, with the rest of his family and friends, is taken to the grave of the angry chief whose name is Finanteloa.

The whole company sit in silence, the



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even little children suffered from their cruelties.

In the picture you see some of them going through one of these ceremonies. *The Missionary News* tells the following story about it :

A woman whom we will call Mele, is sick; and she has a brother named Mea, who wishes her to get better. He thinks the reason she is sick is because some dead

bleeding boy nearest the grave, until the high priest addresses the spirit in a prayer like this :

“Finanteloa, here we are, if you are angry about anything, have mercy upon us through ' ubon (the highest chief of the land) and his elders here present.”

Meanwhile the bleeding hand of the child is held up until the priest returns an answer in the name of the angry spirit,