

harangue descriptive of what he was going to do. The separation of the dancers in the fan dance into two parties, performing alternately and responsively, is also interesting, and brought the Greek chorus and drama into one's thoughts. It was of course unnecessary to have recourse to Fiji in order to trace the origin of dancing, music, and the drama; this has been done fully long ago. But nowhere, I believe, is the primitive combination of these arts so forcibly brought before the view as a matter of present-day occurrence as in this group of islands.

“The most extraordinary feature in the Nakello performance was the extreme order and decorum of this concourse of three or four thousand people. It seemed astounding, whilst looking on at these blue, red, and black-painted Fijians flourishing their clubs and shouting their war-cries, to reflect that this was a Wesleyan Missionary meeting. The representative of the power which has tamed these savages was a little missionary with battered white tall hat and coat out at elbows, who stood beside us and who took no prominent part in the ceremonies, but yet had full sway over the whole, no dance having been prepared without his previous sanction. There could be no doubt as to the amount of good which had been done to these people, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Wesleyan Missionaries will be left unmolested to continue the work in which they have been so successful, and which they have begun and carried out often at the risk, in some instances with the loss, of their lives.

“The men and children attending the meeting vied with one another in getting money to contribute, and were ready to sell almost anything they had for what we would give them. One boy pestered us to buy an old hen, and followed us about with the bird. Others sold us clubs and ornaments. The great wish was to have several pieces of silver to make a rattle on the table, and two sixpences were worth much more than a shilling, two shillings than half-a-crown. Immediately the ceremony was over, everything went up in value, and a good many articles pressed on us before were not now to be had at any price.

“Amongst the crowd was an Albino boy, who was perfectly white, his skin having a peculiar look, almost as if covered with a white powder, in places. His eyes, which he hid either from the light or because of shyness, appeared as if the iris were of a pale grey colour. His parents said he could see perfectly, but I could not examine him closely as he roared at the prospect. Albinos seemed unusually common amongst Melanesians, and are constantly mentioned by travellers; hence these savages, when first seeing whites, no doubt often took them for a race of Albinos. I saw several hunch-backed dwarfs amongst the crowd.

“We sailed from the Wai Levu, or Rewa River, to Kandavu, stopping at a small island on the way, to buy a pig and some fowls. A voyage in an open boat has many discomforts, especially when the boat is crowded. It was a difficult matter to sleep six together in the confined space of the stern-sheets of a ship's barge, especially