

the missionaries who visited the ship, about this matter, and to test it he pronounced the word for yes, and involuntarily threw up his head. The gestures accompanying the language are necessary to its perfect use, and to speak without them would be like speaking a European language with a false accent.

In negation, the head is sometimes moved slowly from side to side, but never shaken. In pointing out the way to a place, the lips are pouted in order to indicate direction at the same time that the hand is used to point with in the ordinary manner. The use of the arms and head in gesture language, is very remarkable, and conversations are carried on thus in an extremely animated manner, with the help of very few actual words.

The coxswain of the pilot's boat, the ex-member of the nobility, wore, as I have said, a pea-jacket; a photograph was taken of the boat's crew. I could not persuade the coxswain to take off the pea-jacket, in order to make the group uniform; he would only promise that if he were photographed with the jacket on in the group, he would allow himself to be taken with it off, separately, afterwards. The jacket was a thick garment of the usual pilot cloth, fit only for an English winter, but the man evidently regarded it as a mark of distinction and decoration, and a proof that he was coxswain.

I had much difficulty in getting a lock of hair from one of the boat's crew, and only succeeded by the help of a missionary, who explained that I did not want it for purposes of witchcraft. The man also evidently was loth to part with a single lock of what was his chief pride. Subsequently, in collecting hair of various races for scientific purposes, I often had amusing difficulties to contend with, and I suspect some of the girls, from whom I got specimens, thought I was desperately in love with them.

The most prominent feature in the town of Nukualofa, as the principal place in the island is called, is the small white church which stands on the summit of a rounded hill about 40 feet in height. Conspicuous also is the King's house, a respectable-looking small one-storied wooden building with a verandah. There is, further, the Government building, a neat wooden structure with a tower in the centre and a wing on either side, each containing a single office-room. Here the revenue of the Friendly Island Group, which amounts to about £7,000 or £8,000, is dispensed, and the King's seal is attached to documents. At a small printing office close by, an almanac, a magazine, Bibles, and a few books, are printed in the native language.

The remainder of the town consists almost entirely of native