

to his own subjects. They have the reputation of being an honest and trustworthy race.

These islanders are certainly not all from the same stock, and those of the Disappointment Group, whom we were much struck with at the time of our visit, in particular differ from the others. Since we have seen all the different Polynesian groups, these appear, however extraordinary it may be, to resemble the Feejee Islanders more than any other.

By all accounts, they speak a different dialect from that of the Tahitian nation. The difference is, however, not great, for I was told that it required but a few weeks for any of the natives to acquire it. Mr. Hale met several Paumotuans at Matavai Bay, and among them he found one by the name of Tuoni, who confirmed the accounts I have detailed above.

The population of this group I have nowhere seen given; I have therefore endeavoured to obtain the most satisfactory information in relation to it: the whole amounts, in round numbers, to about ten thousand, as follows:

Anaa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,000
Manhii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100
Aratica	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
Nairsa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70
Metia	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	350
Rurick	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	200
King George's	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	700
Vincennes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Raraka	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Wytoohee	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70
Otooho	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Bow Island	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	60
Manga Reva, or Gambier Island	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,000
Serle Island	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Clermont de Tonnerre	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120
								<hr/> 8,870
Rest of the group	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,130
								<hr/> 10,000

On the map of this group it will be seen to where the line of cannibalism extends, according to native accounts. It may be said to divide them into two divisions, the Christians and Heathens, or perhaps, more properly, the eastern and western; the whole comprise sixty-five islands. Although there is little doubt that the natives of this group have been addicted to this horrible barbarity, yet it is believed that it is not now practised.