

and the council was dismissed in a truly primitive style and language :
 " Let every man go and cook his yams."

After the assemblage was dismissed, the king and chiefs remained some time in consultation. In this council, an attack upon the heathen towns was arranged. The next morning, smoke was seen ascending from some of the heathen villages, and word was brought to me afterwards, that King George, having sallied forth with eight hundred warriors at midnight, had burned two of the heathen towns. Although he had ordered seven hundred more warriors to follow him at daylight, he did not pursue the heathen, who fled before him. On his return in the evening he held an ava feast in honour of his success ; at this meeting, Lavaka and Ata, or the chiefs who held these titles, were formally degraded from their offices by the king,—a stroke of policy that is thought will have much influence in alienating this people, as it has usually had that effect ; I, however, very much question its success in the present instance, when the parties have such a deadly animosity towards each other ; for the very authority by which the act of degradation is performed, has abandoned the religion by which the act was sanctioned.

The population of the Tonga Islands, as now given by the missionaries, is 18,500, viz. :

Eooa,	200
Hapai,	4,000
Vavao,	4,000
Keppel's,	1,000
Boscawen,	1,300
Tonga,	8,000
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Total,	18,500

At present the number on Tonga is increased by about one thousand. About four thousand five hundred of the natives are Christians, of whom two thousand five hundred are church members.

The jurisdiction of Tui Kanakabolo, or Lord of Kanakabolo, used to extend to Uea or Wallis Island, and several of the smaller islands in the neighbourhood.

This group of islands is divided into three missionary stations, viz. :

Tongataboo, commenced in	1829
Hapai,	"	1829
Vavao,	"	1830

The missionaries reside at each of these stations. The smaller islands are under the care of native teachers, and are visited occa-