

Sir George Grey, Messrs. Sheehan, J. C. Brown, Seymour George, Grace (interpreter), and Te Wheoro remain on the ground to-night. The others returned. A private interview will probably take place to-night between Sir George Grey, the Hon. J. Sheehan, Tawhiao, Te Ngakau, and others. To-morrow may be observed as a Hauhau Sabbath, as they make one every ten days, but not regularly; only whenever they want to make a holiday. If there is a Hauhau Sabbath to-morrow there will be no talking; next day being the pakeha Sabbath, perhaps there will be no further discussion till Monday.

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TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Alexandra, 11 a.m.

Messrs. Dignan, Wood, and Grace left by the coach for Auckland this morning. Probably nothing will be done at the meeting to-day, as it is the Hauhau Sabbath.

The *Star* special has just gone up to Kopua.

Kopua, this afternoon.

Sir George Grey sent a request to Manuhiri to see him privately this morning. Manuhiri replied that whatever conversation he had must take place in the presence of the people outside.

About noon to-day all the Natives assembled on the ground outside, similarly to yesterday. Manuhiri had obtained an open-air meeting. He addressed the assembly as follows: "Governor Grey is here. Seventeen years since he was here." Sir George Grey: "We cannot help the old mistakes, but there is one here who can settle all difficulties" (looking at Mr. Sheehan).

*Hauarau* said: Welcome Hoani Nahe and his people. He is my child.

*Hoani Nahe* replied: Stop this talk. Talk to Grey and Sheehan. The talk of to-day is to them. Let them talk to Grey. I come to escort them.

*Manga (Rewi)*, addressing Sir George Grey, said: Come here and see the faces of the people who are dead. Come and see the children of Potatau. Come and see all the tribes. These days are only for seeing. (Turning to the people: This is Governor Grey.) (Song.)

*Sir George Grey* then replied: I have come to see. My stay will not cease until I have seen the faces of those who are dead.

*Tapihana* then stood up and said: Do not confuse things. Let all things rest under the law. Let trouble cease. This day is for Governor Grey and Tawhiao. If you return to Alexandra I will accompany Te Wheoro. Talk to Grey is good. Say all you have to say to Grey. He is the administrator of the law.

The chief then called out to light the ovens, and the women went out to light them. Te Wheoro went down in canoes to Alexandra to get more flour.

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Alexandra, Sunday.

THERE was no speaking of consequence on Saturday beyond what I send you by messenger on horseback. The speeches were of a very friendly character, and, although not absolutely determining anything definitely, was indicative by the breaking down of the old barriers. The Hon. J. Sheehan has had a conference with Rewi with reference to the Horahora and other blocks inside the confiscated lines.

NIGHT IN THE CAMP.

I spent Saturday night in the camp at Kopua. In the evening Tawhiao and other influential chiefs supped with Sir George Grey. Your special attended the evening *tarioa* prayers. (Subsequently, impressed with your correspondent's devotional behaviour, several Hauhaus paid subscriptions to the *Star* in advance, and Tawhiao immediately issued a proclamation prohibiting any other newspaper circulating in his dominions.)

Ngakau, the King's Secretary, had a long conversation with Sir George Grey, with reference to Morgan's property, from which he warned off Smith.

The scene at night was unique in the annals of New Zealand story. Three Ministers held a Cabinet meeting on urgent matters. Beside them, Tawhiao and the Councillors discussed Maori matters. Great importance was attached by the Natives to Rewi's production of Potatau's seal, which has remained in Rewi's possession since Potatau's death.

During the morning Sir George Grey gave Tawhiao an overcoat, in which the King proudly strutted. Sir George Grey gave away another coat, and left himself without any.

During last night the Natives played games of hunt the slipper, kiss-in-the-ring, and with jumping crackers brought from Alexandra.

THE FAREWELL.

On Sunday morning Tawhiao and Ngakau (his Secretary) visited Sir George Grey, who afterwards paid a farewell visit to the leading chiefs. Tawhiao appeared in European attire, black coat, white hat with peacock feather, brown trousers, and riding breeches, and cavalry ammunition belt. Sir George Grey had a long conversation with the widow of Tekeru te Rau. The Premier left the camp at 11, and rode to Alexandra, accompanied by Te Ngakau and the *Star* special. Messrs. Sheehan, Brown, Seymour George, and Te Wheoro went in the canoe. Sir George Grey called in on the way at the settlement of Tapihana, and at Morgan's.

RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

The Kingites exhibited a strong desire to be reconciled to the Government. The strong opposition shown last session by Sir George Grey and Mr. Sheehan to the indiscriminate purchase of lands has popularized them with the Natives. The Ngatihau fully recognize their landless position through setting up a King. Many of the principal chiefs say the only reason they supported him was the threats of Europeans to put him down. Tawhiao's attitude, with bowed head in the presence of Sir