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Part I.

Notes on Various Customs, Rites and Superstitions pertaining to War,—as practised and believed by the ancient Maori.

“Ka tuwhera te lawaha o te riri, kaore e titiro ki te ao marama.”

(When the gates of war are open, man recketh not of the world of life.)

THE following notes descriptive of many ancient war customs, rites and superstitions of the old-time Maori, have been collected by myself, principally from the Tuhoë or Urewera tribe, a vigorous hardy and warlike mountain people who, though numerically a small tribe, have ever been noted for their prowess in war, even from the time of Maro of the Red Girdle, to the memorable struggle at Orakau and the red fields of Te Kopau and Te Kareta.

Sketch by Trevor Lloyd.

These mountaineers of Tuhoeland have, from the days of old, gradually pushed their