

A boat from the Vincennes visited the large town of Samboangan in the vicinity, the Spanish convict establishment before mentioned: and one of our officers was here struck with the "large proportion of persons who seemed to be of Chinese lineage, and he saw some real Chinese. The resident Catholic Father, who was highly intelligent, communicated some late news from Europe and America." It appeared, that the efforts for conversion were reserved for the 'pagan Indians;' experience having shown the futility of all attempts with the Muslims.

I have not met with any examples of the HARAFORA tribes; described as inhabiting the interior of Mindanao, Booro, Ceram, and Celebes, and as possessing the entire island of Jilolo. What is alleged of the superior stature and bodily perfection of these people, is worthy of notice; together with the existence among them of the practice of tattooing, or at least of staining the skin. These particulars, taken in connexion with what has already been stated of the inhabitants of Pulo Mariere, seem to have a bearing on the question of the origin of the Polynesians.

Dalton,\* after enjoying unusual opportunities for forming a correct opinion, has identified the Harafora of Celebes with the Dayaks of Borneo. Dr. Dickenson, of the American Mission at Singapore, had visited the interior of Borneo; "in most parts of which island it is not difficult to travel, though some of the coast people are to be avoided. The Dayaks are not, like the Chinese, lighter-complexioned than the Malays: he had conversed with Dayaks; who stated among other matters, that it was usual with them, to 'eat their grandfathers when they became very old.' There are neither elephants nor tigers in Borneo."

Hunt,† in speaking of the *Idan* and *Moruts*, who appear to replace the Dayaks at the northern extremity of Borneo, states, "that they are fairer and better featured than Malays, stronger and more robust; the Dayer much darker and more resembling the Malays. The inhabitants of Mount Kiney-Baulu, are nearly as fair as Europeans." Dalton likewise mentions Dayak "women from the mountains, having colour on the cheeks." As I have never seen the pure Malay light-complexioned enough for this, I am inclined to suspect some mixture of another race; and geographical considerations point, as

\* In Moore's Papers on the Indian Archipelago.

† Ibid.