

A vote of thanks, in the usual Native form, was passed, and His Excellency rose and invited those present to adjourn to the Hospital and partake of light refreshments, where in a few words the health of Dr. Withington, in whose charge the Hospital had been placed, was proposed by the Governor and drunk by those present. The Hospital buildings, which comprise three wards, dispensary, operating-room, and quarters for the resident doctor and native attendants, were then inspected, and the general opinion was that the site was well and centrally situated, and the buildings admirably suited for the treatment of the native sick, being large, well lighted, and ventilated, and bear more the appearance of a cheerful home than that of a hospital, the three wards opening out on to a broad verandah, which runs half round the main building. Before leaving again for Suva three ringing cheers were given for His Excellency.

Three ringing cheers for His Excellency terminated the proceedings, and the launch with the Governor and party on board pushed off from the wharf at Wainibokasi about 3 o'clock, arriving in Suva two hours later.

The band from the Roman Catholic Mission-station at Nailili was in attendance, and played several selections during the afternoon.

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