

STEVENSON'S SHRINE

of "Mehola lelai," and before I was out of sight called after me "Nofa, Nofa" — the native "Goodbye," which means literally "Stay, Stay." And everywhere could be heard the tap tap of the kava stones, and the rhythmic beating out of the "tapa."

This "Tapa" (or "Ngata") cloth is very pretty. It is made from the bleached and beaten out bark of a tree, and is decorated with rude designs which the natives trace with a piece of charred stick, and which represent squares, circles, angles, stars, even at times the outline of the flying fox. The colouring matter used to complete the patterns is of a black or brown tint, and is made