

main rivers of Sarawak. We regard them, for reasons which it would take too long to give here, as people of Malay stock who, like the Malays, have come to Borneo from the west. They have had much more intercourse with Malays, Chinamen, and all the other peoples of the country than have the tribes with which we have hitherto dealt, and they are a very imitative people, readily adopting the fashions, customs, and beliefs of those with whom their roving natures bring them into relations of any kind. The result is that their beliefs and customs are much mixed, and present unusually great inconsistencies and extravagances. Since, then, we regard the customs of the Ibans as of less anthropological value than those of the tribes with which we have dealt above,