

Description of Lake Ohau
and surrounding country. 1888

Last Thursday Miss Rutherford, Mr. Rutherford and I drove up to Lake Ohau, a distance of forty miles from Kugler Bridges, and camped there for two nights. We had a very pretty camping place on the shore of the lake ~~Kukuk~~ among some birch bushes known as "Parson's Bush". The first night we were very uncomfortable, as it was late when we arrived and when we pitched camp, almost dark. Miss Rutherford had one tent, Mr. R. and I another. In the morning we were up at five and boiled the billy, had breakfast and then Miss R. went off to sketch for the day, while I amused myself by collecting geological and botanical specimens. The presence of huge moraines and terraces on the hill sides testifies to the action of ice,

and there is hardly a stone or rock to be seen that is not scored and furrowed. The lake is simply beautiful, about ten miles long by an average breadth of three miles. On the northern side of the lake the Yen Ohou range rises straight out of the water with its sides covered with terraces rising one above the other to a height of 1500 feet. Going round to the west we come to the Hanuman range, a mass of black precipitous rugged rocks, upon whose top in a large basin, is a magnificent field of ice, this basin total is some hundreds of feet deep and never melts. Looking between the Hanuman range (or Glen Mary, as it is called) and the Yen Ohou range, we have a splendid view of Mount Leffton in the distance, and the tent-like top of Mount Cook all covered with snow. I saw these splendid peaks lit up by the glors