

Letter dated June 19th 1899 from
 Mr C. F. Kridge to Miss Kridge -
 Motoua -

"We made an expedition on Saturday to a place called Tititere. We paid Cook's Agent 10/- each for the day and everything was provided for us, boat, steamer, buggy and hunchou basket. It was a beautiful day, we walked to the shore of the lake at 10 a.m., and a row boat took us to a steam launch which lay a few hundred yards to the wharf. It was so delightful that I think we should all have liked to row all the way, but it would have taken too long. We towed the boat behind us across the lake as it was wanted again at the other side, and landed at a place called Hamarua where a small river runs into the lake. We had a very pretty walk by the side of the stream which is planted with willows like the Avon, the guide told us they were planted forty years ago

by the missionaries who had called at St Helena on the way out and brought willow cuttings from Napoleon's tomb. Then we came to a post with "Wait here" painted on it, so we waited till our boat appeared, having gone up the stream. We were rowed up the river no more willows, but beautiful bush covering steep banks, there were large cabbage palms, Fuchsia trees, ferns, creepers, and amongst them all every now and then a sweet briar, its crimson berries showing well in the midst of the dark green. We were taken to the head of the stream, a deep black pool where you can see the spring bubbling up, it was very lovely, and I was glad to get away from the incessant boiling and clouds of steam here at Motoua. We rowed back again to the mouth of the stream, there we got into our launch again and steamed back by the island of Motoua to which