

ROUND TRIPS AT ROTORUA.

Perhaps the most interesting round trip from Rotorna is that known as the Waimangu trip. Leaving Rotorna at eight o'clock in the morning, a well-horsed conveyance takes the tourists past the beautiful Blue and rifreen Lakes, with their magnificent reflections, to the buried village of Wairoa, and here they are shown evidences of the vastness of the cruption o' Tarawera. Portions of the buried village are still to be seen, with the skeleton remains of the two fine hotels which were overwhichned by the tremendous fall of ashes and lava. The points of interest are discribed by the Maior guide, and the visitor is shown the spot where Mr. Bainbridge, an English tourist, was killed by the verandah of the hotel talling on him. Just on the border of Lake Tarawera is a comfortable accommodation house, where morning tea is provided before the lakes trip is commanced. The party embarks on one of the Government launches and crosses Tarawera. On landing on the other side a walk over a neck formed solely of ashes thrown out by the cruption brings them to Lake Rotomahama. Here another launch is waiting, and in a very few minutes the boat is running along the steaming shores of this truly wonderful sheet of water. A visit is first paid to the site of the Pink and White Erraces which were destroyed by the cruption, and which now lie buried under ashes varying in depth from fifteen to seventy-live feet. A landing is effected here, and several goyers, spout-holes and boiling-pools are inspected, after which the launch is taken along the head of Rotomahama the pa-senger-disembark, and are taken in hand by the Waimangu guide, who discourses upon the various wonders as the party toils up the hill to the shelter-shed above the great Waimangu Geyser, which unfortunately, is now quiescent. Even now, however, there is plenty to interest the visitor at this truly awinter geysers, while close alongside the Erying Pan Flat, which is appropriately named, with its clouds of steam rising from boiling cauditous and minature geysers. Perhaps the most interesting round grown into the interno, which is appro-priately mane d, with its clouds of steam rising from boiling cauldrons and minia-ture geysers, while close along-ide is the Frying Pan Flat, which is one of the wonders of the thermal region, Ro-freshments can be had at the Govern-ment accommodation house at Wan-mangu, and from here conveyance-take the trippers back to Rotorna by the Waiotaph Road. The round fare for this trip is 20s, and the distance cov-ered is about forty miles. The driv-firm Rotorna to Wairoa is ten miles, the launch trip across Tarawera six miles the walk to Rotomahana three nules the run across Rotomahana three nules, the walk to Wairoa is

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Another round trip of quite a different character is that of the Hamurana Spring, thence to there Falls, and thence back to Rotorna by way of Tikitere. A conveyance leaves the township for the fake at ten o'clock, and here launches are in watting to proceed across Rotorna to the Homman Spring, and som times a call is made at Mokola Island en tonte. Arrived at the jetty, a short walk alongside a lovely creek with marvellons blue coloured water, brings the tourist to within a hundred yards of the spring, and from here boats are utilised. The boats are taken right over the spring.

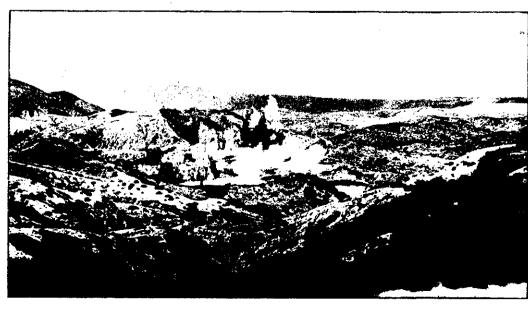
which wells up in a cavity some ten feet in diameter and of great depth. Look-ing down into the pellucid water, its immense depth can be seen, while the air bubbles keep portions of the surface in a constant state of effervescence. So

powerful is the up rush of water that coppers thrown in are suspended for hours, and eventually are thrown out on the edge of the spring. From Ha-

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HINEMOA'S BATH, MOKOLA ISLAND.



IN THE VALLEY OF WAIMANGU BEFORE THE GEYSER BECAME QUIESCENT.