

out of the boat many times, it was full, the oar handle was broken . . .

'In Pakenu [Pakanae] 16 year old school girls in hats and flowers writing on the blackboard – on the beach school children, Maoris galloping on horses with cloaks and slouch-hats. "Kapai te pakeha, kapai Akarana" A schooner aground for three months.

'A bit apprehensive [?] about sending my plants this way. Energetic readiness to persuade me to do this, even though it is obvious that . . . they need to be watched. . . . needs to be encouraged but such eager advisers often have self-interest in mind and it is only an appearance of helpfulness. Excursion with Sturmer to Webster and wandered along the edge of the forest, looking . . . Talked about religion.

'Together with Nelson and Brissendon to Outukura [Utakura]³⁶ A lake here, difficult to row – some said impossible. We met horses – gallop – a long row – 10–20 riders – Maori boys two and two on the horses – 4–5 miles. Kai. The younger Anderson was in charge of the cooking assisted by some women. Invited us to sit down on mats. Tenakoe and handshakes. A very well-behaved group, silent and decent, and a calm and leisurely way of spending the time stretched out on the mats – some smoking, some sleeping – finally stood up, hoarse after the revelling of the previous day – had 6 gallons equals 36 bottles of cognac . . . 30 persons – . . . so were sent to buy more. At first "kai" – Beautiful roast beef in pieces with a delicious gravy, no tea but hot water with milk and sugar. Wonderful wheat bread – the ground was our table, logs of wood were our chairs and the fingers served as forks. Pigs, hens and dogs were standing around in a circle and a little poodle puppy took the opportunity of stealing a piece unnoticed, putting his paws on the edge of the tin plate. Maoris squatting down in a circle. Tahuea . . . two with papers (buying contracts) in their hands walking to and fro. "Ehoa" "Na" Tari and Brissendon placed themselves comfortably opposite them. Tari was holding . . . Korero . . . assumed a jocular attitude . . . laughed heartily. Some with almost European features, for instance two of the women (one of them with a child) and another who was very retiring and sat apart had a very intelligent face. . . . [3 illegible lines follow] . . . They had been wailing their wailing songs for several days and after that they had been drinking. A white man belonged to them; a tall young man. Sad to see his fat body in the blanket. Walked back to the boat; it was dark before we arrived.'

'Lake Omapere, to the north between Ohaeawai and Kaikoe, is situated at the foot of a mountain, a volcano,³⁷ with a hundred foot deep crater which was still used as a burial place. The lake is said to get its water from this crater and the eels in the lake are said to live out of the bodies. The lake is approx. three miles long and wide, in the middle there are kauri stumps with roots [?].

'Yesterday I visited two native houses. 1) girl brought me over in a