A Visit to the Great Glac' or of New Zealand. An English paper has an account of a visit paid recently by the chief office ce of the Geological Department to the great 'claster on the west side of Mount Cook. The foot of the glacier, which is but thereen miles from sea, is 1900 feet wide. Neither the glacier nor the immense field of snow watch feets it is visible from the field of snow whatch feels it is visible from the river until which a quarter of a mile of it, when the shapendous mass of snow and ice at once here a upon the view. Below the glacier a recent moraine extends for several hundred yards, consisting of debris of the rock, twenty feel deep, underlaid by ice and snow, through which considerable streams of water run, which are rendered visible in round holes, cansed by the giving way of the ice and by oracks in the surface. On the southern side there has recently been a great fracture of the fice and breach of the rock, which had fallen in there has recently been a great fracture of the ice and breach of the rock, which had fallen in immense masses. The party a-cended on the northern side, where the snow or ice formed rounded hills, undisturbed by any cracks or flasures. The glacial matter is porous, and presents tolerable footing; it is of a grey color, full of small dirt, with occasional stones, which had evidently (a) on from the surrounding hills

had evidently fal en from the surrounding hills, The great peculinity of the glacier is not only its immense size, but the consequent fact of its descending to so low a level—640 feet above the sea level—instead of ending, as is usually the case, at an altitude of some 3000 or 4000 feet close to the limit of perpetual snow, a nong Alpine vegetation. Here the green bush extends some thousands of feet above the glacier, on the sleep sides of the range in which the placier has cut the deep parrow gorge, Not a single Alpine plant rewarded the research of the party, and the temperature on the glacter was scarcely below that on the flat below. With some ceremony the party named it to the Vic-tor's Glacier. The height of the peak of Mount Cook is found to be 12,362 feet.

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