

us were very deeply affected. The old mountaineer was particularly overcome.

"There were every where indications, that this had long been the central and undisturbed rendezvous of the tribe, when they had enjoyed peace and security. But these primitive people had abandoned it, after having been tormented by parties of Europeans during the last eighteen years. Fatal rencounters had on these occasions unfortunately taken place.

"We spent several melancholy days wandering on the borders of the east end of the lake, surveying the various remains of what we now conjectured to have been an unoffending and cruelly exterminated people. At several places by the margin of the lake are small clusters of winter and summer wigwams in ruins. One difference, among others, between the Boeothick wigwams and those of the other Indians, is, that in most of the former there are small hollows, like nests, dug in the earth around the fireplace, one for each person to sit in. These hollows are generally so close together, and also so close to the fireplace, and to the sides of the wigwams, that I think it probable these people have been accustomed to sleep in a sitting position. There was one wooden building constructed for drying and smoking venison in, still perfect; also a small log-house, in a dilapidated condition, which we took to have been once a storehouse. The wreck of a large handsome birch-bark canoe, about twenty-two feet in length, comparatively new, and certainly very little used, lay thrown up