

## CHAPTER VIII.

### A TIBETAN LAKE-LAND.

August 25th. Leaving the peninsula on the extremity of which our Camp XXXIII stood, we passed between some small pools, heavily impregnated with salt, and proceeded towards the south-south-east, ascending the gently rising hills which border the twin lakes on the south. From these hills flat, softly rounded offshoots

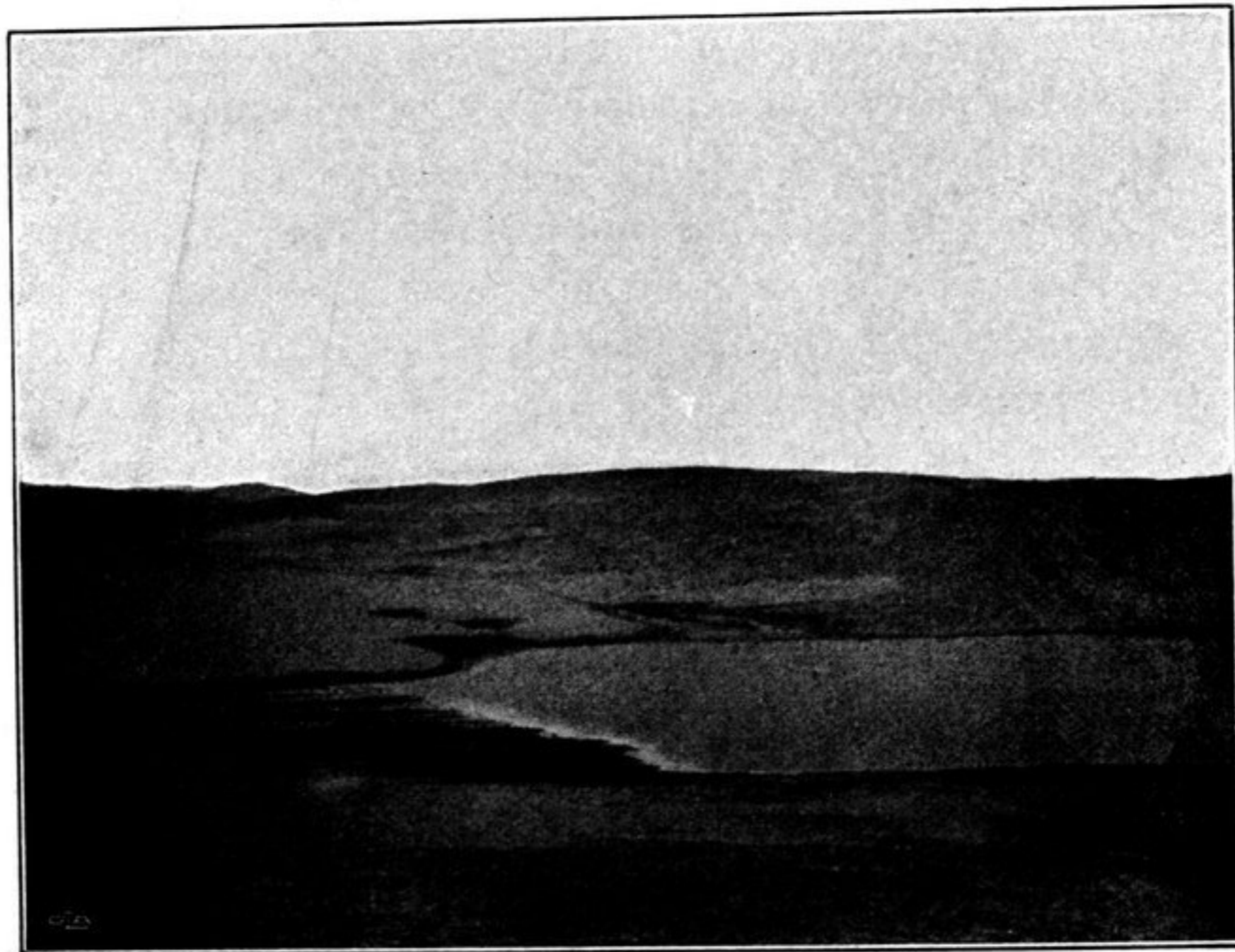


Fig. 87. WESTERN PART OF THE LAKE, LOOKING NORTH.

run out towards the north-west. Between some of them small rivulets would appear to flow at times, making for the upper lake, yet so insignificant are they that it is doubtful whether they ever get down as far as that. Only a very short distance after fording the river we came upon a few small pools, into which trickled some rivulets of perfectly fresh water issuing from springs. From the tops of the hills we were able to command a view of the connecting river and its expansions, which appeared to grow larger towards the west; we could also see the upper lake, but all alike were soon screened by the first heights we crossed over.