

camping equipment each time a climb was attempted. During the winter a mile of new track was constructed, besides a considerable amount of improvement work done round the hostel building.

All the tracks in the vicinity of the Hermitage were put in repair and kept in good order throughout the season.

Chief Guide Graham reports that the chamois and thar liberated on the reserve were seen several times during the summer. In the spring a herd of twenty chamois were seen at the Blue Lake, on the way to the Ball hut, by one of the guides, and small herds of three and four were seen later in other localities.

The weather on the whole has been good during the season. A number of high ascents were made, including three ascents of Mount Cook and several interesting new climbs and first ascents. During the holiday rush of visitors it was very often difficult to allot guides for all who required them, which resulted in parties making occasional guideless expeditions. Two venturesome ladies crossed over into the Copland Valley and back, making a double crossing of the Copland Pass, which constitutes the first crossing by ladies without a guide.

I have recorded on the appended tabulated list all the high ascents made during the season, but besides the climbs mentioned, one ascent was made of the Hochstetter Dome, sixteen ascents of Glacier Dome, one ascent and four traverses of Mount Annette, two ascents of Mount Kitchener, six ascents of Mount Wakefield, three ascents of Barron Saddle, one ascent and one crossing of Graham's Saddle, ten ascents and thirteen crossings of the Copland Pass.

List of High Ascents at Hermitage during the Season of 1917-18.

Date.	Name of Peak.	Height, in Feet.	Climbed by	Name of Guide.	Route and Remarks.
1917.					
Nov. 10	Mount Elie de Beaumont	10,200	Mr. R. B. Seagar, Mrs. P. Graham	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by S. face through broken icefall.
„ 24	Footstool ..	9,073	Miss A. Humphreys, Mr. R. B. Seagar	„	Ascent and descent from Sefton bivouac.
Dec. 4	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Evans	R. Young	Ascent and descent by W. fall from Mueller Hut.
„ 4	Mount Malte Brun ..	10,421	Miss A. Humphreys, Mr. R. B. Seagar	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by W. <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
„ 6	Minaret Peaks and Mount De La Beche	10,058	Mr. R. B. Seagar, Miss A. Humphreys	P. Graham, J. Stout	Ascent and descent by S. face from Malte Brun Hut.
„ 18	Mount Plummer ..	7,814	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	J. Lippe ..	Ascent by W. <i>arête</i> from shepherd's hut at foot of Chop Creek.
„ 19	Lean Peak ..	8,000	Miss A. Humphreys, Mrs. P. Graham, Mr. R. B. Seagar	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by S. <i>arête</i> from Hooker Hut and Copland Pass.
„ 20	Mount Sturdee ..	9,000	Ditto ..	„	Ascent and descent from Hooker Hut by S. face from Hooker Glacier.
„ 27	Mount Lenderfeldt ..	10,551	Mrs. J. Thomson, Mr. R. B. Seagar	P. Graham, J. Lippe	Ascent and descent from King Memorial Hut through broken ice by S. face.
„ 30	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	Kevin Scannel, Cyril Scannel, Mr. D. Scannel, Mr. Campbell, Pompy Campbell	P. Graham	Ascent and descent by W. face from Mueller Hut.
1918.					
Jan. 4	Footstool ..	9,073	Mrs. J. Thomson ..	J. Lippe ..	Ascent and descent from Sefton bivouac.
„ 5	Mount Malte Brun ..	10,421	Mr. H. A. Holl, Miss M. Lorimer, Mr. D. Scannel	Guideless party led by Mr. Holl	Ascent and descent by W. <i>arête</i> from Malte Brun Hut.
„ 5	Mount Sealy ..	8,631	Mr. W. Graves, Mr. A. Graves	Guideless	Ascent by W. face from Mueller; ascent by N.E. face from Sladden Glacier.
„ 5	Mount Darby ..	8,284	Ditto ..	„	
„ 6	Mount Maunga Ma ..	8,335	Mr. E. P. Lee, Mr. W. Graves, Mr. A. Graves	R. Young	Ascent and descent by E. face from Mueller Hut.
„ 9	Mount Cook ..	12,349	Miss B. Holdsworth, Mr. H. A. Holl	P. Graham, J. Lippe	Ascent and descent by Green's route from King Memorial Hut.
„ 19	Mount Darby ..	8,284	Mr. H. A. Holl, Miss M. Lorimer, Miss C. Alinfeldt	Guideless party led by Mr. Holl	Ascent by N.W. <i>arête</i> from Mueller Glacier; descent by E. face to Sladden Glacier.
„ 20	Mount Montgomery	7,661	Miss M. Lorimer, Miss C. Alinfeldt, Mr. H. A. Holl	Ditto ..	Ascent by <i>arête</i> from Barron Saddle; descent to Fyio's Pass and Mueller Glacier and back to Mueller Hut.
„ 20	Murchison Valley	Miss I. Chambers, Miss B. Holdsworth, Miss D. Theomin, Mrs. P. Graham	P. Graham	First party of ladies to visit and camp in Murchison Valley.
„ 21	Unnamed peak on Liebig Range, about 2 miles N.E. of Nun's Veil	7,850	Miss I. Chambers, Miss B. Holdsworth, Miss D. Theomin	„	From bivouac on Murchison River bed, ascent made by N. face; descent same way. First ascent. Miss Chambers desires this peak be named "Havelock Peak."
„ 22	Mount Darby ..	8,284	Miss L. Bing, Miss B. Newman, Mr. Garriick	R. Young	Ascent by N.W. <i>arête</i> from Mueller Glacier; descent by E. face to Sladden Glacier, back to Mueller Hut.
„ 27	Mount Cook ..	12,349	Miss M. Lorimer, Mr. H. A. Holl	P. Graham, R. Young	Ascent and descent by Earl's route on W. face, from Hooker bivouac.