

## THE HERMITAGE.

Bookings to this district from the various bureaux point to the fact that a busy season has been experienced there. The hostel has been visited by various departmental officers during the season, and has invariably been found to be well and carefully conducted. The new road to the Ball Hut is being steadily proceeded with, and will be a great help when completed.

Alpinists have made many ascents, of which, as usual, I attach a list for record purposes:—

*High Ascents from 1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.*

Date.	Party and Guide.	Climb.	Height.	Route.
1927.			Feet.	
April 17	Mr. J. Mill; Guide V. Williams	Mt. Sealey ..	8,651	Ascent from Mueller up western face; descent by same route.
Aug. 9	Captain Campbell, Captain Villers; Guide J. Pope	The Twins ..	8,030	Ascent from Ball Hut across Tasman Glacier up main ridge to summit; descent same route.
Dec. 5	Hon. L. S. Amery, Mr. A. P. and Miss Harper; Guides P. Graham, D. Graham	Glacier Dome ..	8,000 (about)	Ascent from Ball Hut; descent by Haast Ridge.
Dec. 9	Hon. L. S. Amery, Mr. and Miss Harper; Guides P. Graham, D. Graham	Minarets ..	10,058	Ascent from Malte Brun Hut up snow slopes to summit; descent to Defiance Hut.
Dec. 10	Messrs. Watt and Grinling; guideless	Mt. Annette ..	7,351	Ascent by Sebastapol Ridge; descent by Harper's Glacier.
Dec. 19	Guides V. Williams, A. Brustad, J. Pope	Mt. Cook ..	12,349	Ascent from Haast Hut by Linda Glacier; descent by same route.
1928.				
Jan. 2	Messrs. Flett (2); guideless ..	Mt. Annette ..	7,351	Ascent from Mueller Hut; descent back same route to hut.
Jan. 3	Mr. Sim; Guide K. Grinling ..	Lean Peak ..	8,000	Ascent from Hooker Hut; descent by same route.
Jan. 4	Mr. Eric Lewis; Guides V. Williams, J. Pope	Mt. Cook ..	12,349	Ascent from Haast Hut up Linda Glacier; descent by same route.
Jan. 10	Mr. B. Murray; Guide V. Williams	Low Peak, Mt. Cook	11,787	Ascent from Lower Hooker bivouac by main western ridge to summit; descent by same route.
Jan. 11	Mr. Twyneham; Guides D. Graham, C. Harcourt	Minaret Peaks ..	10,058	Ascent from Franz Josef Glacier; descent to Ball Hut.
Jan. 11	Mr. D. Maughan; N. McDiarmid (porter)	Mt. Annette ..	7,351	Ascent from Mueller Hut; descent by Sebastapol Ridge.
Jan. 12	Mr. D. Aubin; Guide J. Pope	Mt. Cook ..	12,349	Ascent from Hut by Linda Glacier; descent by same route.
Jan. 14	Messrs. Chapman and Dewar	Mt. Annette ..	7,351	Ascent from Mueller Hut; descent by Harper's Glacier.
Jan. 16	Mr. Roy Twyneham; Guide J. Pope	The Footstool ..	9,073	Ascent from Sefton bivouac, crossing eastern ridge to main divide; final ascent by north face; descent by same route.
Jan. 17	Mrs. Algie and Professor Algie; Guide A. Brustad; K. Grinling (porter)	Bell Peak ..	9,250	Ascent from Camp Adair up northern face; descent by same route.
Jan. 18	Dr. Bradshaw; Guide J. Pope	Mt. Hamilton ..	9,915	Ascent from Malte Brun Hut to Darwin Glacier to head of Bonny Glacier, thence by main <i>arête</i> to summit; descent by same route.
Jan. 22	Mrs. Algie and Professor Algie; Guide Alf. Brustad; K. Grinling (porter)	Two unnamed peaks north of Bell Peak	8,950 8,900	Ascent from Camp Adair up south-west face; descent traversed High Peak, descending by western face.
Jan. 25	Mrs. Algie and Professor Algie; Guide A. Brustad; K. Grinling (porter)	First and second peaks of Mt. Hutton	9,297 9,276	Ascent from Adair Camp up western face; descent by same route.
Jan. 30	Miss L. Farnilton, Mr. R. L. Wigley, Master Harry Wigley (14), Master Sandy Wigley (12); Guide J. Pope; J. L. Crombie (porter)	The Footstool ..	9,073	Ascent from Sefton bivouac to main divide, final ascent by north face; descent by same route.
Jan. 30	Dr. Bradshaw; Guide L. Mahan	Mt. Darby ..	8,287	Ascent from Mueller Hut across Sladden Glacier, thence by main rock ridge to summit; descent by same route.
Feb. 3	Miss L. Farnilton; Guides V. Williams, J. Pope	Mt. Malte Brun	10,421	Ascent from Malte Brun Hut up western face; descent by south face (traverse).
Feb. 19	Messrs. McDiarmid and Chapman; guideless	Lean Peak ..	8,000	Ascent from Hooker Hut; descent by same route.
Mar. 11	Mr. H. Coxhead; Guide A. Brustad	Mt. Mabel ..	6,858	Ascent from Hooker Hut to Ball Pass, then to Mabel; descent to Ball Hut.
Mar. 13	Mr. H. Coxhead, Mr. Swanson; Guide A. Brustad	Unnamed peak main divide	8,000	Ascent from Sefton bivouac to main divide, thence to summit; descent by same route.
Mar. 13	Mr. J. Roberts, Miss D. Roberts; Guide V. Williams	Mt. Annette ..	7,351	Ascent Mueller Hut; descent via Sealey Range to Hermitage.
Mar. 15	Miss D. Roberts; Guide V. Williams	Lean Peak ..	8,000	Ascent from Hooker Hut via Copland Pass; descent by same route.
Mar. 27	Mr. Parker; Guide A. Brustad	Edith Peak .. Mt. Mabel .. Mt. Rosa ..	7,600 6,858 6,997	Ascent from Ball Hut to Ball Pass, traversing Mt. Rosa to Mt. Mabel; descent to Hermitage.