

Mountains and Men
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y important development of moun-

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t and one bivouac at the Franz
can find good huts or bivouacs in
in valley, on the eastern side of
ur Pass to Mt. Aspiring. These
y the two clubs. In most cases
ties of members. Some are com-
well-built alpine huts, others are
shelter for bivouacking. All are
of climbers whether members of
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mbers who have packed the stuff
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the Tramping and Winter-sports
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es of work.

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omplete without recording the
n climbers. In the period before
e were only a few, Miss Lorimer,
iss Perkins, Mrs Malcolm Ross
lid good work in those days,
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at she had the help of two great
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e successes to her credit. Her
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The wave of newcomers to the Alps since 1925 included Miss Kate Gardiner, whose several visits reduced a great number of our best peaks, mostly with Frank Alack as guide. Amongst New Zealanders there are so many girls in tramping and climbing that it would be hard to pick out any for special mention—they all seem so good. What astonishes me are the heavy packs they carry, and apparently think nothing of it! But I don't like it and am sure that it is unwise.

There are, however, two expeditions which should certainly be noted, because they not only called for skill and endurance, but were taken by the girls alone, without guides or male assistance. The first was in 1933 when the Misses Greta Stevenson (now Dr. Cone), Lella Davidson, who lost her life in the late war, and Ivy Smith, all of Dunedin, went up the Rees River and climbed Earnslaw (East Peak). They also went over Snowy Creek Saddle into the head of the Dart. This may seem quite an ordinary trip when so shortly stated, but apart from the ascent of Earnslaw it required considerable organisation and hard work to pack the necessary food and camping gear over that country. They were the first women, I believe, to go into the Dart glaciers.

The following year Miss Betsy Blunden (now Mrs R. Ensor), Miss Lella Davidson, and my daughter Rosamond planned to go into the head of the Twain River to see the wonderful Douglas Glacier. As A. J. Scott, R. Scott Russell, and G. C. N. Johnson were going in from the Hermitage via the Landsborough, I suggested that the girls should try another route, up the Copland and Scott's Creek and over the range to Pioneer Peak and so down to the Twain—this would be a new route. It was not an easy expedition but I thought they could do it provided they had a porter to help with their gear up to the Scott's Creek bivvy. The porter was arranged for but did not materialise, so they packed the stuff themselves, amounting to 160 lbs., and established a camp at the head of Scott's Creek. They apparently decided that it would be too