on a certain projecting shelf on the rock rib on our left (i.e. Hamilton side of the saw) & gained a straight (the rocks, which were good) to the divide. Jack led & I followed some steps in the head snow then on rock & patch of rocky then snow & more rocky. We halted a little below the final snow as we expected a clearing wind on the divide. This was at 9. Hour. Ch. S. 15 & we were on the saddle 7148 ft.

Bather saddle. 7148 (Copland is 6863)

I knew & said that in 1901 we got down quite easily. I noticed Jack was very gloom directly he got to the top & when I arrived I felt the same. We could see two huge schrunds below us & then the bottom dropped out till we saw the glacier far below thro' swirling mist. To our right we could see the lower slopes of La Perouse. They looked possible but I knew they were taked from the precipices of La Perouse. We had seen Cook & Hicks & Dampier but nothing of La Perouse. I had hoped to get some photos there & down the Strachan, but all photography was impossible. I remembered that we had gone to reached the divide more to our left, so in thick mist we began to cut off slightly downward to our left. I suddenly saw a dark object which appeared to be rocks ahead & we got to them easily & went down good rock & then bore more left & got down without any technical difficulty, all the time we were very near the left bank & then walked out to the centre & had the rope off 10.45-11. In 1902 we followed the left bank of the glacier. This year we bore to our right & followed down. The glacier itself this time covered is good going & it would have been better to go straight down instead of outside the big cairn ~~to the~~ on our right. It cleared for moment & we saw the Rugg saddle but it was too bad weather to take such a new route. This year Mitchell had reached it from the Welcome Flat & reported good going. We felt we ought not to kill a night out. We noticed a fine plateau above the lower moraine on the right & decided to have a look from the Copland to see if a station would help us down. It is very obvious a easier way past before the lower glacier bears to the left & just the Strachan side of the ridge that goes up to the little peak that bounds the Rugg saddle. We followed down hoping to the right bank

Bather was a chief surveyor – he Hooker worker after his daughter.

of the glacier & then of the stream which soon got bad. We halted for food 1.10–1.40 of the right bank of the stream. Jack then went down thro the bush & bad rock on the shoulder. We followed him thro awful bush for about 5 chains & we could then see that the creek from the grass flats referred to also went down well, but we had a big scramble thro the scrub. Left 2.15. It was drizzling steadily & the creek was decided up hill. We got down it well with occasional bits of bush whacking on our right. We saw we were ankle fetters & wet feet on foot & we were thro' a lot of bush below the final gorge. We left the Copland comes in we went down on the right. We reached the Copland nine bed at 4. At first Jack tried a big rock a little above where we had it. It was too wet & greasy & we if dry would have been difficult. Above the stream we went off to look for a pole, & then after crossing the creek we had come down which is marked "Jungle creek" in Fitzgerald's map we found a splendid place a little below the bend in the river & about 3 chains above the junction of Jungle Creek. I & our Irish & Miss Richardson went up on to big rock & followed on the rope which we had put on again. Jack took a run down to the slippery rock & jumping off for landed him on a good sloping rock with a fine handhold at the top. We lowered Miss Richardson on the rope. Then I run & jumped & our slip accidentally landed us on left bank of the Copland at 5 pm. We followed the river down about 1 chain & then went up quite fair bush & got to the track about 200 ft. above the River. In 1902 Jack Clark was returning to the Hermitage so we had to get to Douglas rock. This year we wanted to strike the river down & saw a distance & went to the track where it was not so high above the river bed & saw bush whacking. We were about ½ hour below Douglas Hut. We set off down & had a snack on drink of water at creek & then jogged along the road well tired & got to the Welcome Flat Hut at 7.15. In the practice I swamped of mosquitoes. We got a scrunch on & went in the window with legs hid paper. There was no dry wood in the hut & the axe was broken. However we got a fire on & had a steak with a big duff cooked on top. Jack had a bather in the Hot Springs. We slept in mattresses on the floor room as the two sleeping rooms were full of mosquitoes, I got well bitten while changing. I went out & got down Richardson some water & upset the