

ANNUAL REPORT 1914.

Your Council herewith present the Annual Report of the Society for the year 1914.

They have to record with regret the loss by death of two valued supporters both of whom were Vice-Presidents of the Society viz:-

Henry J. Wilson M. P. of Sheffield.

George Milner J. P. of Manchester.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

The outbreak of War in August last made it necessary to devote the whole of the Nation's energies and resources to the prosecution of naval and military enterprise with the result that most organisations engaged in social and educational work had to modify their activities for the time being.

During this great National crisis it is unlikely that domestic questions such as the Society deals with will arise in anything like their number in time of peace. Therefore after full consideration of the matter, your Council decided to limit its active operations as far as possible consistently with maintaining a watchful attitude over the public interests which the Society was formed to guard. Certain branches of our work are being carried on in a quiet way such as the keeping of paths in repair and the consideration of the signposting of other paths.

GLEN MARY, ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT.

After a close scrutiny of the Awards^d in this matter and a personal investigation of all the incidents in this case your Council came to the conclusion that the only course open to them was to adjourn the further^d consideration of the right of way over the path from Tarn Howes and through Glen Mary as long as the owner of the property did not endeavour to actually close the path.

PICKMERE PATH.

For some time your Council have been endeavouring to get permission to erect a signpost on the Altrincham - Northwich main road near the 7th. milestone from Altrincham at which point a path leaves the road and goes across the fields to Flittogates Farm. It is a pleasant short cut from Knutsford to Pickmere and well worth indicating to passers by. Permission has now been received from the Chester authorities and the signpost has been erected. It may be interesting to members of the Society to note that this is the first signpost erected by the Society in Cheshire.