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FOOTPATHS PRESERVATION
SOCIETY

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OF THE COUNCIL

*For the Year
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REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1936.

THE work of the Society continues to increase, and the past year has been a very active one indeed for the Council and the Officials. The work of preservation of footpaths and protection of public rights comprises a great variety of cases, some of which involve points of great importance requiring a good deal of investigation. The appointment of an additional Inspector in January last was very opportune, and has resulted in prompt investigations being made in all cases brought to the attention of the Society. Of course this does not necessarily mean that all matters can be readily disposed of as the success of the Society's work is dependent upon Highway Authorities carrying out their duties as custodians of public rights, and there would seem to be some reluctance on the part of a few authorities to do this. Your Council is however pleased to record that during the past few years, possibly as a result of the Rights of Way Act coming into operation, most Highway Authorities in the Society's area would appear to be taking a more active interest in the safeguarding of public rights.

Following are notes of some of the many matters that have occupied the attention of the Society and its Officers and Council during the past year :—

PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT AT RINGWAY.

Complaints having been received that the paths were being interfered with during the levelling operations, the attention of the Manchester Corporation was called thereto, and an assurance asked for that as little interference as possible would be occasioned to the existing paths until the new paths (the subject of the agreement between the Society and the Corporation mentioned in the Report for last year) had been opened out for public use. At the same time it was suggested that the better course might be to provide the new paths forthwith as this would give the Corporation greater scope for carrying out the work of levelling the ground. A reply has now been received from the Town Clerk that the Corporation was anxious that no inconvenience should be caused which could be avoided, and he felt sure that the City Engineer, to whom he was sending a copy of the Society's letter, would take all steps that he could to see that the least inconvenience possible was caused.

FOOTPATH ACROSS FAIRYWELL BROOK, RINGWAY.

Following an interview that your Inspector had with the owners, two new stiles have been erected on the path by one owner, and an assurance obtained from the other that he had no intention of hindering users and that the gates along the path would be kept loose.

FOOTPATH THROUGH SUNBANK WOOD, ASHLEY.

Owing to tree felling this path had become partially obstructed and difficult to use. Thanks to the efforts of the Cottrill Clough Wardens all the obstructions have been removed, fences and stiles repaired, and the path is now in order.

“ PERMISSIVE ” NOTICES ON THE TATTON ESTATE.

In February of last year it was ascertained from the Bucklow Rural District Council that the undermentioned paths had been agreed by Lord Egerton's Agent to be public :—

MILLINGTON.—From Watling Street to Millington Hall Farm, and branch to Hope Cottage. From Millington Hall Farm (near Bratts Farm to Hulse Heath Lane.

ROSTHERNE.—From Watling Street, past Denfield Hall Farm to Rostherne Lane. Road through Church Field to Rostherne Church. From road near Rostherne Vicarage to Marsh Lane and from Marsh Lane to Ashley Road.

ASHLEY.—From Ryecroft Farm Road (across Birkin Farm) to Ashley Road by Birkin Farm. From road opposite Ashley Hall South Lodge to Arden House South Lodge. From Ashley School to Hough Green Farm, Ashley. From road near Tanyard Farm, Ashley, to near Hale Golf Course (past Jackson's Bank, Ashley).

MOBBERLEY.—From Smith Lane to near Railway (across Key House Farm land, Mobberley). (N.B.—The portion of path West of the Railway is not on the Tatton Estate). From Broad Oak Lane to the Birkin Brook, near Knutsford U.D.C. Sewage Farm (Bucklow R.D.C. boundary). From Breach House Lane to Bunnells Croft ; and from Pepper Street to Breach House Lane.

It was arranged that a further conference should take place between the District Council and the Agent after a visit of inspection had been made to the other footpaths in dispute. It is understood that such conference has since taken place, but the result has not yet been made known to the Society, although

the information has been asked for. From a recent communication it is anticipated that the information will soon be forthcoming. With regard to the paths already agreed to be public your Council urged that the notices should be removed forthwith. The District Council requested this, but was informed by the Agent that if and when the whole matter was settled he would arrange for the removal of any notices that might be involved.

FOOTPATH AROUND PICKMERE.

Some years ago the Society had a prolonged correspondence with the Bucklow Council as to this path. Recently complaints have again been received, and on investigation it was found that the way around the lake was unobstructed, but that owing to the water being above normal level about five feet of the path was under water. As the owner of the land in question had taken steps to prevent the public from deviating on to his land the user of the path was greatly interfered with. It would appear that the cause of the lake being above normal level is entirely on account of the choking up of the channel by which the lake is drained. It seems unfair that the public should be deprived of the use of the path for that reason, and it has been suggested to the District Council that the choked channel constituted a nuisance at common law which should be abated by the owner. It is now understood that the Cheshire County Council has for some time past endeavoured to obtain an improvement in the condition of the brook and has recently formulated a scheme that has met with the approval of most of the people concerned, and in consequence it is hoped that before long the cleansing of the brook will be transferred to the County Council.

KNUTSFORD—ARLEY—LYMM PATH.

With a view to putting an end to the repeated obstruction of this path the Surveyor to the Bucklow Council, after an interview with the farmer, suggested to the Society that a slightly different line of path should be used by the public. After investigations had been made your Council expressed agreement with the suggested line of path provided the owners of the land over which the path would cross were agreeable to dedicate (in so far as was necessary) and that they would erect, or allow the Surveyor to erect, stiles in the hedges and fences where none now existed in order that the path could be used. The Society is at present waiting to hear from the Surveyor whether or not the suggested new line of path is intended to be made.

FOOTPATH FROM MOBBERLEY TO OLLERTON HALL.

The attention of the Bucklow Council has been called to the disappearance of the bridge that formerly existed where the path crosses Pedley Brook, following a previous attempt on the part of some person to dislodge the bridge. This bridge was last re-erected in 1925 at the request of the Society.

In the Report for 1935 it was reported that the District Council had been asked to repair the stiles on this path between the Knutsford-Chelford Road and Ollerton Hall. This has now been done in a very satisfactory manner.

FOOTPATH ACROSS BRADSHAW BROOK, ALLOSTOCK.

Complaints having been received as to the condition of this path an inspection was made when it was ascertained that barbed wire obstructed the path at three places. Your Inspector interviewed the tenant of Hulme Hall as to the wire on his land, and a promise was given by him that it would be removed. On making a later inspection it was found that the promise had not been fulfilled and, furthermore, a stone slab footbridge, allowing for the crossing over the ditch, had apparently been prised out of its socket and was lying lengthwise in the ditch. The attention of the Northwich Rural District Council being called to the matter, that Council requested the owner of the land to put the footpath in order.

FOOTPATH FROM NEAR BRINK FARM TO FURTHER HARROP FARM, NEAR KETTLESHULME.

The farmer has now complied with your Council's request and rebuilt the stiles that had been obliterated. The information acquired by the Society as to the path has been passed on to the Kettleshulme Parish Council for their records, particularly in view of the fact that in the first instance the right of the public to use the path was questioned.

FOOTPATH FROM CHARITY LANE (FOREST CHAPEL) TO WALKER BARN.

In 1932 the Society had occasion to write to the Macclesfield Corporation as to the condition of the path from Charity Lane (near the Forest Chapel) over the land of the Corporation to Walker Barn by way of Brickiln Wood, "Dimples" and across Hacked Way Lane. As a result, a misleading notice board

inscribed "Trespassers will be prosecuted" was removed some 25 yards away, a wooden stile at the Forest Chapel end of the path altered and improved, and all the holes made in the path filled in. In reply to the Council's request that a portion of the fence at each end of the path be removed, the Corporation intimated that the fence had only been erected temporarily to prevent any damage to the young trees which had then just been planted. Naturally it was assumed that as soon as the trees had grown a little the obstructing fence would be removed, but it was still there in April last. Representations were made to the Corporation, following which the Borough Surveyor and Chairman of the Waterworks Committee were met on the spot, when it was arranged that the stiles should be altered to make an easy crossing for all persons. A recent inspection showed that the path is now quite satisfactory, wooden step stiles having been erected where the wire netting fence crosses the path.

FOOTPATHS ON THE CLOUD.

It will be remembered in connection with this matter that it was suggested that the Solicitors to the Society and to Lord Egerton should get together in order to agree if possible the points of law at issue, particularly having regard to the provisions of the Rights of Way Act. After some delay, occasioned by Lord Egerton being abroad, the conference took place in London in April last. After the points of law had been more or less agreed, the question of compromise was discussed. As a result Lord Egerton's Solicitors submitted proposals which were recently extended. Such proposals are at present under consideration by your Council and the Highway Authorities concerned. As the matter is *sub judice* it is, of course, not possible to indicate the nature of the proposals but members can rest assured that the Council is doing all it can to ensure that the public will for all time have access to the Cloud.

FOOTPATH AT HULME WALFIELD.

As the presence of wire (which had taken the place of stiles that hitherto existed) tended to restrict the public user of the path from Hall Farm to Somerford Booths Road, the Congleton Rural District Council was asked to request the removal of the wire and the replacing of the stiles, but decided that the Society's letter "lie on the table." It has now been pointed out to that Council that the Society's letter was written only after careful investigations had been made, and there was no doubt that the

path was obstructed, and it was accordingly the duty of the Council to see that the obstructions were removed from the path. That the public have a right to go over the path is not denied by either of the farmers concerned.

FOOTPATH FROM CARSINGTON TO HOGNASTON, NEAR WIRKSWORTH.

This path, which is a useful connection nearly two miles long, was reported to be obstructed. From investigations made it did not appear to be denied that there was a right of way, although some of the stiles had disappeared, some were disguised, whilst others were obstructed by barbed wire. A portion of the land was utilised as a pheasant hatchery and barbed wire surrounded this. The attention of the Ashbourne Rural District Council was called to the obstructions, and the Society has since heard from the Clerk to the Council that he understood from the owner that some of the stiles had been reopened as requested by the Council, and that their Inspector was to meet the owner in the near future to go further into the matter.

MOSCAR GUIDE STONE.

On using the footpath from Ladybower Inn towards Moscar House Farm at a point about 500 yards S.W. of Moscar House Farm, your Inspector saw an old stone lying on the ground which on comparison with the photographs in the Sheffield Clarion Handbook he was quite satisfied was the Guide Stone which formerly stood near Moscar Cottage, and which disappeared some little time ago—thus temporarily sharing the fate of the bigger Moscar Stone. Consideration is being given to the practicability of the erection of the stone in a suitable position, regard being had to the road indications on the stone.

SLIPPERY STONES FOOTBRIDGE.

Following the representations made by the Council this footbridge has now been put in order, the stone pier having been effectively built up again. The work was carried out by the Derbyshire County Council in conjunction with the West Riding County Council.

NEW LADYBOWER RESERVOIR, ASHOPTON.

In order to avoid liability to landslides the Derwent Valley Waterboard made a suggestion (which was approved by both the Derbyshire County Council and the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council) that the Board should make their new road from Ashopton to Derwent on the west side of the valley instead of on the east side as set out in the Act of 1920, the intention being that an occupation road would be constructed on the east side over which the public would have a right of footway. The Society is hoping to secure in addition an assurance from the Board that a bridle way right will be allowed for to the north from the point where the bridle way from Moscar enters the proposed new occupation road.

As the site of the Derwent Pack Bridge will be submerged when the Reservoir is constructed your Council suggested to the Board that the bridge should be rebuilt at Slippery Stones or near Elmin Pits Farm, as referred to in the Report for last year. The Board whilst sympathetic to the proposal that the bridge should be re-erected is reluctant to defray the cost and negotiations are proceeding on this point.

FOOTPATH FROM WHITEHALL TO COMBS.

The attention of the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council being called to the disappearance of the footbridge over the tributary stream of the Meveril Brook on the path between Allstone Lee and Combshead Farm, the County Council was asked to deal with the matter, and a very satisfactory stone slab footbridge has been erected.

It would appear that between Combshead Farm and Whitehall there has been some use by walkers of a line of passage partly supported by stiles which did not correspond with the way set out on the 6 in. and 25 in. maps which has led to complaints being made to the Society that the way was obstructed. The way indicated on the maps is quite open, and in order that the correct line of path can be more easily followed your Council has decided to erect a direction post.

FOOTPATH NEAR ASTON, HOPE.

The district of Aston and Thornhill affords numerous cases of a narrow sunken carriage road bearing on one bank or the other a parallel footpath on the field side of the boundary fence.

Not only do these footpaths give better views, but also a better tread and allow for escape from vehicular traffic, but in some cases they are tending to fall into disuse. In one such instance Aston Lane, Aston, near Hope, there is a parallel footpath on the east side of the lane for a short distance between Aston Hall and Hallam Barn. Recently it was found that a barbed wire and brushwood obstruction existed on two stiles in the course of this path. The obstructions being reported to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council, that Council requested the occupiers to remove them, and this has now been done.

FOOTPATHS NEAR BRADSHAW HALL, CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

Resulting from the representations made to the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council the stile near to Bradshaw Hall has been improved and the difficulty removed. The District Council has been informed that the obstruction near Sparkbottom still remains, in order that that Council can take steps to ensure that the notice previously served upon the occupier of the farm was complied with.

RIVERSIDE PATH FROM LEADMILL BRIDGE, NEAR HATHERSAGE.

As referred to in the Report for last year, the Bakewell Rural District Council was asked to see to the repair of the two footbridges south and east of Broad Hays Farm. The Hathersage Parish Council was willing to carry out the repairs, but was concerned at the expense involved. In the circumstances, and in order to ensure a more substantial repair of the bridges, which had become well-nigh impassable, the Society agreed to help the Parish Council by making a contribution equal to one-half the estimated cost of £6 10s. 0d. It is understood that the work is in progress, and will soon be completed.

MANIFOLD VALLEY LIGHT RAILWAY.

When it became known that the L. M. & S. Railway Company had very generously decided to make a gift of the site of this railway to the Staffordshire County Council on behalf of the public your Council urged the acceptance of the offer. Although

no conditions were laid down by the Railway Company, the County Council in accepting the offer to the Company indicated its intention of prohibiting the use of the site by vehicular traffic. It would appear, however, that the County Council is now being urged from several sources to open out the way for all manner of traffic. Your Council has asked the County Council for an assurance that its original intention remains unaltered, and has suggested that all that is required is a line of path as natural as possible.

FOOTPATH SOCIETY LIBRARY.

All members of the Society will on payment of their membership subscription receive a special Library Ticket which will enable them to borrow from the Society's library, permanently placed in the Manchester Central Library. The volumes are available for reference to any member of the public. Only members of the Society are entitled to take any volume for home study on presentation of the library ticket.

The Society is indebted to the Commons Open Spaces & Footpaths Preservation Society for the gift of volumes which open the collection. These include :—

Bound Volumes Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Journal of that Society.

“ Scapa.” R. Evans.

“ Berkhamstead.”

“ Open Spaces, Footpaths and Rights of Way.” Hunter.

“ Court Rolls.”

“ Commons, Forests and Footpaths.” Eversley.

Following the appeal in last year's Annual Report the following books and maps have been presented :—

“ Hayfield and Kinderscout Guide.”

Freeman on “ Rights of Way ” (revised edition).

Wirral Footpath Map.

Oxford Footpath Map.

The volumes so far available are but a mere handful, but it is hoped that in a very few years we shall be able to assemble a library on the subject of footpath preservation which will be of real service to all interested. Any reader of the Report who desires to help by the gift of a suitable volume or by a special financial contribution is invited to communicate at once with the Secretary.

DIRECTION POSTS.

During the year, direction posts have been dealt with as follows :—

Presented by the C.H.A. "A" Club a new post has been erected near Great Rocks Pastures Farm, Wormhill.

A new post has been erected above Jacob's Ladder, Edale, in the hope of encouraging use of the correct line of path.

A new post has been erected near Hallot Hey, Hayfield.

A new four-armed post has replaced the former three-armed post at Kinderlow End which had rotted and fallen.

A new post has been fixed to the direction plate at Middle Moor, Hayfield.

The post at Ashop Head which had fallen has been re-erected.

A new stump has been fixed to the first Mile Post from the Snake Inn in Ashop Clough. The second mile post from Hayfield has been securely refixed in the ground.

The midway post on the Ashop Head swamp having disappeared from view, it has been dug out of the peat and re-erected in position.

The direction post near Combs has been strengthened.

The "Brough" direction post at Hope has been repainted.

The six-armed direction post near Blackshaw Farm, Hayfield, has been repainted.

There have been two instances of wanton interference with the Society's direction posts during the year. The newly-erected direction post at Thornhill has twice been tampered with and uprooted, necessitating repainting on each occasion. One of the two plates of the Society near Long Lee Farm, Rowarth, was found badly broken recently. There can be no doubt that in each case the damage has been wilful. It is hoped that members will assist the Society by immediate intervention when the direction posts of the Society are being damaged.

The Society propose to erect direction posts in the near future in the following positions :—

Three finger posts at Glossop.

Two posts on the Wildmoor footpath above Goyr's Bridge.

Three posts on the Knutsford—Arley path.

Post near Sheldon.

Finger post near Marsh Farm, Hope.

Post near Castle Hill Farm, Ashley.

Post near White Hall, Buxton.

Post near Dissop Head, Lyme Handley.

The following clubs, societies and members have previously given or have promised to give a direction post to the Society :—

The Stockport Rambling Clubs (2 posts).
Manchester Rambling Club (2 posts).
Peveril Social and Rambling Club.
Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club (2 posts).
Out o' Doors Fellowship.
Chorlton Road Congregational Y.P.F.
Ramblers' Federation.
Manchester Pedestrian Club.
Art Museum Field Club.
B. S. Harlow, Esq.
C.H.A. "A" Section Rambling Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne and District C.H.A. Rambling Club (2 posts).
Hallamshire Footpaths Society.
Oldham Rucksack Club.
Manchester Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.
C.E. Holiday Homes Comradeship (Manchester and Stockport Groups).
Manchester Holiday Fellowship Group.
Friends of the late C. N. Jones, as a memorial.
A. R. Moon, Esq.

FINANCE.

It is encouraging to your Council to find that its appeal for a larger membership income met with response. The debit balance that has existed since 1933 has at last been wiped out, and there is a balance in hand of £4 4s. 5d. after payment of the honorarium of £7 10s. 0d. due to your Assistant Inspector, Mr. Gill, which was not paid until after the end of the year, too late to be included in the year's accounts.

The Council is anxious that its income should be maintained at not less than the present figure, and would emphasise the fact that the burden of support is still undertaken by a very small proportion of the public who enjoy the benefits of the Society's work. As mentioned in previous Reports the income of the Society must determine the extent of the work undertaken, and it is in the interests of all pedestrians and lovers of the countryside to see that the necessary support is forthcoming to enable the Society to increase its activities in the preservation of public rights and erection of direction posts. Derbyshire and Cheshire are not as fortunate as some of the southern counties where public footpaths are signposted by the Highway Authorities. Were it not for the hundred or more direction posts that have been erected by the Society there would be very few to guide the Rambler. Your Council has also in mind that besides acting as a guide direction posts tend to remove the possibility of claims being made which might at some time in the future be urged against the public rights. On that account there are many cases at present under consideration where

direction posts could with advantage be erected, and the Council is hopeful that the income received during the coming year will enable that work to be carried out in full. The Council is grateful for the gifts of direction posts (now numbering 23) made by clubs and members which have materially helped the Society. The cost of a direction post is approximately £2 5s. 0d., and those rambling clubs that have not yet presented one to the Society are invited to do so. The Council is willing to leave to the Club making the presentation the choice of position where the post should be erected.

As will be seen, the Defence Fund has during the year been augmented by £14 19s. 11d. to £255 3s. 10d.

MEMBERSHIP.

The terms of membership are simple ; there are no formalities other than the payment of a subscription of not less than 2s. 6d. per annum, which entitles the member to a copy of the Annual Report, and to any information which it might be within the Council's power to give.

In fixing this small minimum subscription the Society has in view the desirability of obtaining the largest possible amount of public interest ; the revenue, however, from subscriptions of the minimum rate is inadequate to the needs of the Society's operations. The secretaries of rambling clubs and kindred societies can perform a useful service if they will be good enough to bring to the notice of their members the objects and claims of the Society, and urge individual membership. It is gratifying to report that several of the larger clubs are doing so.

The Council, therefore, renews its appeal for subscriptions in excess of the minimum, and for donations to the Defence Fund mentioned above.

AFFILIATION.

The minimum fee for rambling clubs and other societies desiring to become affiliated is 10s. 6d. per annum. The payment of the fee carries with it the right to nominate a delegate to attend the Council's meetings.

There are still many rambling clubs and similar associations in the district which are not yet affiliated, and special invitation is extended to these to attach themselves to the Society, for by so doing, they will help financially, and, through their delegates, take a part in the conduct of the Society's good work.

Affiliated Rambling Clubs & Societies.

- Accrington Naturalist & Antiquarian Society.
Alderley Edge, Wilmslow & District Footpaths Preservation Society.
Ancoats Brotherhood.
Art Museum Field Club.
Ashton-under-Lyne & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Barnsley C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Birch Heys Literary & Debating Society.
Blackpool & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Bolton C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Camping Club of Gt. Britain & Ireland (L.C. & N.W. District Association).
City News Fellowship (Ramblers Section).
Co-operative Holiday Association.
C.E. Holiday Homes, Ltd.
Comradeship of the Christian Endeavour Holiday Homes (Manchester Section).
Derby C.H.A. and H. F. Rambling Club.
Derbyshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
Edgeley Botanical Society.
Field Naturalists & Archaeologists Society, Manchester.
Friendship Holidays Association Manchester Rambling Club.
Hallamshire Footpaths Preservation Society.
Holiday Fellowship Limited.
Holiday Fellowship (Oldham & District Group).
Holiday Fellowship (Manchester Group).
Holiday Fellowship (Stockport Group).
Hyde & District Footpaths Preservation Society.
Manchester Amateur Photographic Society.

AFFILIATED RAMBLING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES—*continued.*

- Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "A").
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "C").
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "D").
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club (Section "E").
Manchester C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Manchester H.S.C. Languages Rambling Club.
Manchester Pedestrian Club.
Manchester Rambling Club.
Manchester Social Club (Rambling Section).
Norton Ward (Sheffield) Ratepayers' Association.
Oldham & District C.H.A. Rambling Club.
Peak Rambling Club.
Peveril Rambling & Social Club.
Plymouth Grove Wesley Guild.
"R" Club.
Ramblers' Federation (Manchester & District).
Rochdale Field Naturalists Society.
Rucksack Club.
Salford P.S.A. Rambling Club.
Sheffield C.H.A. Rambling & Social Club.
Sheffield Clarion Rambling Club.
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Stockport Field Club.
Stockport Seconians Association Rambling Club.
Sutton-in-Ashfield Rambling Club.
Trinity Wesleyan Rambling Club.
United Field Naturalists.
Vegetarian Society Social & Athletic Club.
Willersley, Sidholme & Sidstrand, Ltd.
(Young Methodism Holidays).
Workers' Educational Association.
Workers' Educational Association (Rambling Section)
Stockport.
Y.M.C.A. Rambling Club.

DEFENCE FUND

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance from 1935	240	3	11	Balance carried forward to 1937	255	3	10
Donations received during year to Dec. 31, 1936...	14	19	11				
	<u>£255</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£255</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>

ARNOLD WILSON LEGACY ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 1935	713	16	8	Balance carried forward to 1937	713	16	8
	<u>£713</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£713</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

MANCHESTER & SALFORD SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Deposits as at December 31, 1936 at—				Interest as per contra transferred to General Account	19	8	1
2½ per cent.	250	0	0	Balance on deposit carried forward to 1937 ...	750	0	0
2½ per cent.	500	0	0				
	<u>750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£769</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
Interest for one year to Nov. 20, 1936	19	8	1				
	<u>£769</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£769</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>

CASH POSITION AT DECEMBER 31, 1936.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in hand... ..	1	14	3	Balance at Credit of Defence Fund	255	3	10
Cash at Bank (General Account)	230	8	2	Arnold Wilson Legacy account	713	16	8
Cash on deposit with M. & S. Savings Bank ...	750	0	0	Subscriptions paid in advance for 1937-8 ...	1	7	6
				Balance at Credit of General Account	11	14	5
	<u>£982</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£982</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>

ALFRED E. BOWEN, *Hon. Treasurer.*THOMAS GREAVES, *Hon. Auditor*

14th January, 1937.