

## KINDERSCOUT.



(VIEW IN WILLIAMS CLOUGH).

THE Committee of the Society is glad to report that the agreements in regard to the right of way from Hayfield to the Woodlands over the Mill Hill Shoulder of Kinderscout are now complete, and that the footpath is being marked out as arranged.

They wish also to remind you that the small Annual Subscription, 2/6, to the Society was not expected to be sufficient to pay the considerable expenses in connection with acquiring the right of way, much less to meet the expenses which the Society has had to render itself liable for in order to make the path fit for use, and to pay sundry legal and survey charges of the landowners. For this purpose a sum of £500 is required. Towards that amount, the portion of the public which has been appealed to has liberally contributed, and several members of the Society have given considerably beyond the amount of their subscription. Two appeals on a small scale to certain Manchester gentlemen have been made; Sheffield and Derby friends have been asked, and have promised £100 and £50 respectively. By the means stated above, with the contributions of £184 2s. 10d., handed over by Mr. Benjamin Armitage (of Chomlea), and Mr. Thomas Ashton, of Didsbury, on behalf of the Manchester Footpaths Preservation Society, the money has been raised within about £100. An appeal for this amount is now made to the members of the Society, and through them to the general public.

The Committee hope that you will not only contribute what you are able, but will also interest yourself in obtaining subscriptions from friends in sympathy with the work of the Society: By the Society's efforts, the public has now free access for ever to a path (from six to seven miles long), traversing a district having all the varied contrasts of the dale and moorland scenery of the Peak. The path commences in Hayfield itself, close to the Railway Station, and after passing by a gentle ascent the pastures of the hill-side, reaches the open moor, stretching away unbroken by wall or fence for miles to the north and east. Tourists from Edale may (without touching Hayfield) join this path on Leygate Head Moor by following the public path from Stoneyford, under Kinder Low and over the upland pastures of Kinder to Lower House.

Soon after leaving the Hayfield end, fine views of the wild moorland are obtained on the one hand, and of the picturesque Kinder Vale on the other; the grand western escarpment of Kinderscout with the well-known "Downfall" being in front. From Nab Brow, the path strikes into Williams Clough (hitherto closed to the public), reaching the stream at the Sheepfold, shown in the following illustration.



The way then passes along the stream to the breezy moorland known as Mill Hill, forming the north-western shoulder of Kinderscout, thence down the Ashop Clough on the left bank of the stream, to the Glossop and Sheffield road, at a point a little above the Snake Inn, whence the tourist may go north to Glossop, or south *via* the old Roman road to Hope, or Edale Station, on the Dore and Chinley Railway.

The accompanying illustrations depict but feebly the character of the scenery of the district along the path now thrown open to the public for all time.

This year the British people will celebrate the completion of the 50th year of the glorious reign of Queen Victoria, and it has been suggested that the dedication to the public of this Footpath should be made a ceremony of a character befitting the occasion. It is therefore proposed that the Kinderscout way should be formally opened to the public at an early date (probably in about a month), that is, as soon as the work now in progress is completed, and that each subscriber to the special fund should be presented with a memento, consisting of a map and a short description of the route.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Bell, 10, Marsden Street, Manchester; or by Sheffield members to the Hon. Treasurer of the Sheffield section, Dr. Stokes, 82, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, or to the Hon. Secs.

The Committee take this opportunity of stating also, that if the work of the Society is to be continued (and experience shows that there is ample scope for it), the membership must be kept up and considerably extended; every member should do his part in keeping up interest in the Society, and in adding to the number of members. Unless this is done the Society, having accomplished one important work, will dwindle away and become useless, as so many Footpath Preservation Societies have done.

The current year's subscription (minimum 2/6) is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Treasurer.

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