

A STRONG protest was made in March by the general secretary of the Ramblers' Federation against the proposal to erect power poles in the famous beauty spot of Whinlatter Pass.

PRESERVING "While the question of cost," it was stated, "is of A great importance, we do maintain that the beauties BEAUTY SPOT. of such places should be most vigilantly guarded even though greater cost may be incurred. It is to be deplored that in these days finance is scarcely ever used as a means of bringing back beauty to a despoiled area, and hence we trust that some means may be devised to avoid the spoliation of natural beauty which commercialism can never create." It has since been announced that, as the result of a conference between members of the society for safe-guarding the natural beauty of the Lake District, representatives of the Central Electricity Board, and members of the Cumberland County Council, a new route for the overhead wire has been arranged. It will start at Threlkeld, and, instead of going over Whinlatter Pass, will be laid *via* Braithwaite, Beck, Wythop, Wythop Valley, and Embleton School, to a point about two miles outside Cockermouth. Thence it will be carried to Egremont and West Cumberland. This new route has been approved by Cockermouth Rural District Council, in whose district Whinlatter Pass is situated.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

WE have received the following :—

*The Alpine Journal*, Vol. XLI., No. 238.

*The Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal*, Vol. XVIII., No. 107.

*The Yorkshire Ramblers' Club Journal*, Vol. V., No. 18.