

NOTES.

THE indicator on Ben Lomond, provided by the *Daily Record*, was formally handed over, on Monday, April 1, by Mr. BEN LOMOND H. S. Stewart, for the use and benefit of the general INDICATOR. public for all time. About two thousand persons climbed the mountain to witness the ceremony.

THE alpine hut on Ben Nevis, gifted to the Scottish Mountaineering Club by Dr. W. Inglis Clark and Mrs. Inglis Clark, Edinburgh, in memory of their son, Captain Charles Inglis BEN NEVIS HUT. Clark, who fell whilst fighting for his country in Mesopotamia, was formally handed over to the Club on Monday, April 1. The hut, erected on Coire Leis, on the 2,050 contour line, is constructed of local stone, lined with wood, from the design of Mr. C. D. Carus-Wilson, F.R.I.B.A., Edinburgh.

THE Deeside District Committee have, with one dissentient, decided to take the opinion of counsel in regard to the Glen Tanar right-of-way. It was stated that, if the claims put forward GLEN TANAR RIGHT-OF-WAY. were to be maintained, it would be essential for the proprietors to take all steps necessary to protect their interests, and that they had no wish to depart from the arrangements made, without prejudice, by Lord Glentinar as recently as 1926 with the Scottish Rights-of-Way Recreation Society.

A MASS meeting was held by the affiliated clubs of the Federation of Rambling Clubs at Box Hill, Surrey, on Saturday, March 1, and the following resolution was carried unanimously:— RIGHTS-OF-WAY BILL. "This meeting of delegates and members of London rambling clubs calls upon the Government to afford early facilities in the new Parliament for the passage of the Public Rights-of-Way Bill." The measure provides that a footpath, which has been used for twenty years on property not

entailed, shall be deemed to be a public right-of-way. In the case of entailed property the "user" is extended to forty years. It has not, so far, got beyond second reading in the House of Commons.

PETER BAUMANN, the oldest of the Grindelwald guides, died at Lauterbrunnen in January, at the age of 87. He had climbed all the highest peaks of the Alps and made several first ascents and was a great favourite among British climbers.

A YOUNG German, last year, lost his life on the Matterhorn and the sequel was a sentence of six months' imprisonment upon a "guide" for negligence. Commenting on this, Mr. G. S. Hutchison, of the Swiss Alpine Club, says—

A "GUIDE'S" NEGLIGENCE. "The fact is that this person was in no sense of the term an Alpine guide. Every climber knows that, even for the most skilled, an attempt to scale the Matterhorn without ropes and proper equipment would be a monstrous risk to life. When it is realised that this person was in charge of a party of boys, the criminal negligence of his act can be understood. No Swiss guide could even have contemplated so foolhardy an enterprise. They are obliged to pass strict tests before they are permitted to act as guides, and these have entailed apprenticeship without remuneration, or for small pay as porters. It is not on record that any Swiss guide has ever been found guilty of negligence, and the corps of guides which has developed during the last half century, largely under the tutelage of and in the companionship of the pioneer British climbers, guards its badge and prestige with the utmost jealousy."

AT a lecture on "Rock Climbing in the English Lake District," which was given by Mr. J. E. B. Wright, chief of the Lakeland Mountain Guides, at a meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Lord Ullswater, who presided, said that the Lakeland Mountain Guides assisted the society in the capacity of bird-watchers.

BIRD-WATCHING. The work of the society was difficult. To attract public assistance it was necessary to show the results of the work done by the society in protecting bird-life. This could only be done by bringing the public into closer touch with bird-life, and would, to a large extent, defeat the objects of the society. Mr. Wright said that bird-life in the Lake District was in need of protection. The professional guides, if they chose to do so, would be able to make a considerable income by satisfying the wants of collectors who visited the district. They did not help those collectors because they were in sympathy with the bird-protection movement.

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.