

## SUMMIT ROAD ASSOCIATION.

The Association was organised in 1909.

Any person may become a member of the Association on payment of a subscription of not less than five shillings per annum.

The Association was formed for the purpose of making a road along the Summit of the Port Hills from Godley Head Lighthouse to Gebbie's Pass, from which point it is intended to carry the road by way of the Port track saddle, round the head of Kaituna Valley, until the road junctions with the Kaituna Valley Road, and so link up the Peninsula Summit Road with the Port Hills Summit Road. When this work is done Christchurch and Akaroa will be connected by a hill road which will not be surpassed by any road in New Zealand, for the varied beauty of the views to be seen at almost every turn.

It is a work worth being associated with.

Through the co-operation and generous help of the land-owners, the remaining areas of bush on the roadside, and where it is intended the road shall be, are being reserved and protected. These reserves of the ancient forest of the Port Hills and Banks Peninsula Hills will, in the years to come, prove a great source of pleasure and delight to the people who may journey by this highway over the hills to Akaroa.

Such a work is worth helping.

The Association gratefully acknowledges, on behalf of the public, the generous gifts of Messrs. Arthur and Richard Morten, of the five reserves situated at different points on the Summit Road between Evans' Pass and Dyer's Pass. The gift of one and a half acres of bush at Cass' Peak, by Mr. Robert Allan, and six and three-quarters acres of bush adjoining, presented by the Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes; also the gift of Aburiri Bush, with land adjoining, making a fine reserve of twenty-six acres, the gift of Mr. Richard M. D. Morten. Through the generosity of Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes, a very fine piece of the ancient forest on Banks Peninsula has been secured, and, through the sympathetic co-operation of Mr. Walter F. Parkinson, other areas of bush in the Kaituna Valley are in course of being acquired.

A record like this deserves the support of the public.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Association may do so by communicating with Mr. C. H. Gilby, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association, Royal Exchange Buildings, Cathedral Square, Telephone 3489, or to Mr. H. G. Ell, M.P., Taramea Street, Spreydon.

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## INTRODUCTORY.

**T**HERE is no need to explain why this little book has been produced; its contents speak plainly for themselves. That it should be so, an ever-who seek the without regret is that its are complete and elude chapters entomology, in und. If, how-oped, a second edition is demanded, these omissions can be rectified, and also the geological and botanical chapters amplified. Perhaps a brief account of how the idea of the Summit Road first originated may not be out of place.

In the year 1900, Mr. W. Reece, then Mayor of Christchurch, Mr. Albert Loe, at that time the owner of Kennedy's Bush, and myself set out from Christchurch for that piece of forest, the last of any extent on the Port Hills, in the hope that it might be secured as a sanctuary for the fast-vanishing indigenous birds. Previous to that occasion I had never approached the Bush by way of Dyer's Pass and the hardly noticeable rough track along the summit of the hills, having made use of the old Kennedy's Bush road, which leaves the Plains at Halswell; but from 1903 onwards I had occasion