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General view showing forest trees with growth of shrubs and juvenile forms in the foreground.

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AN APPEAL

*The forest springs eternal; gnarled, o'ergrown
With thousand fragile plants that soften age,
The trees of centuries stand mute and hoar,
Their young supplanters tender at their feet.
Shall we erase what ruthless time has spared?
The trees stand mute, but in our hearts we hear:
"Beneath this shade our earliest pioneer
Awaited a young people; in this shade
The ancient Maori rested, ere yet spade
Or sickle touched these teeming plains, or voice
Of man bade this wide fruitful waste rejoice.
Silent the link 'twixt past and present stands;
Shall it be spared, or perish, at your hands?"*

JOHANNES C. ANDERSEN.

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PREFACE

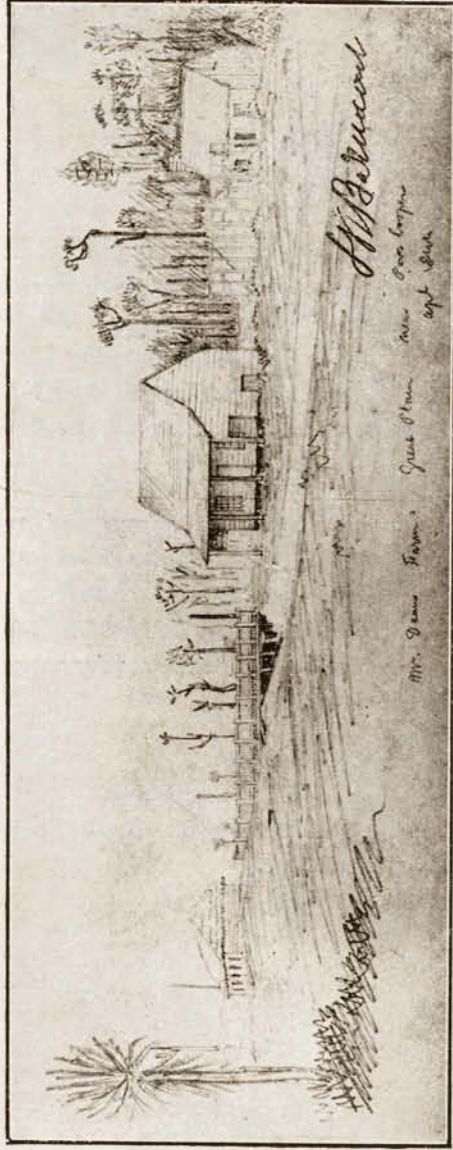
The Trustees desire to express their grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this booklet, and particularly to Mr. W. F. Robinson, Lecturer in Surveying at the School of Engineering, Canterbury College, for the preparation of the map of the Bush.

They hope the booklet will make the value of the Bush better known and appreciated, and that it will encourage its readers to assist the trustees in their effort to preserve the Bush as nearly as possible in its original condition for the advantage of future generations.

*Chas. Chilton,
Hon. Secretary,
Riccarteron Bush Trustees.*

*Canterbury College,
November 30, 1924.*

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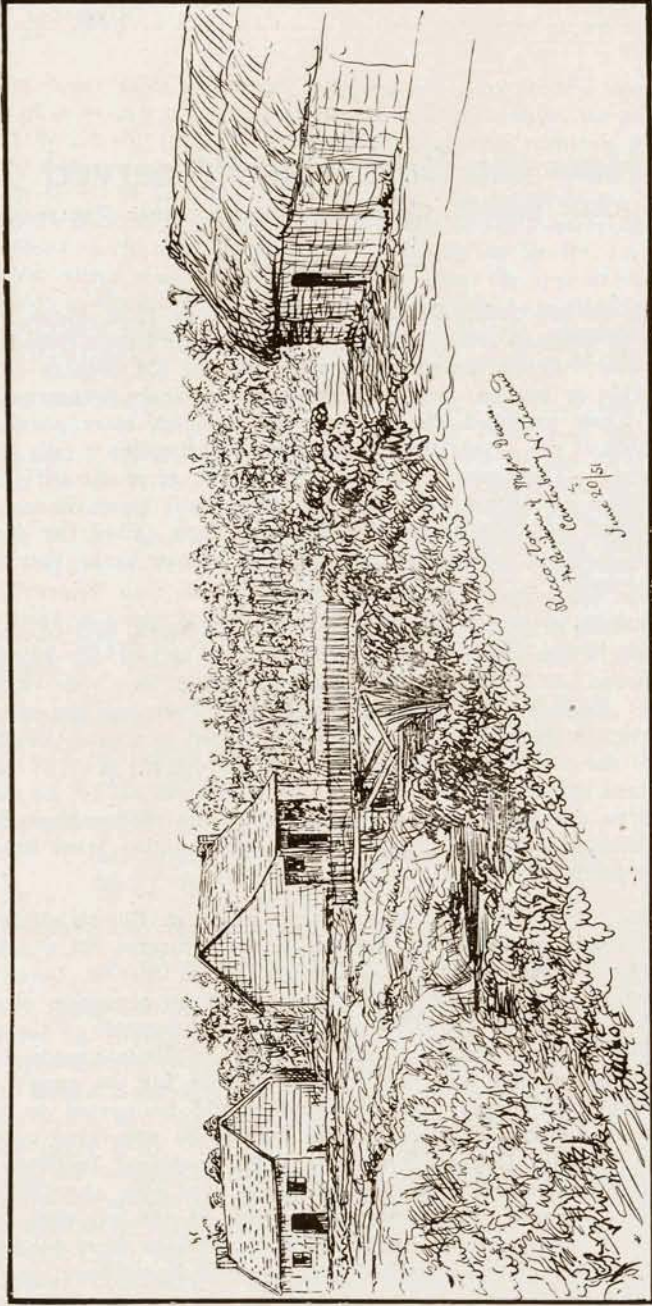
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The Deans Homestead in 1844. (a) First house built. (b) Second house built (still standing, 1924).
 (c) Third house in course of erection. (d) Shed. River Avon in foreground.

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The Deans Homestead in 1851. (b) Second house built (still standing, 1924).
 River Avon in foreground.

(c) Third house built. (d) Shed.

