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PREFACE

The movement for the preservation of Rural England depends largely for its success upon wider dissemination of the knowledge and appreciation of scenery.

Having endeavoured in former books and essays to establish general principles for the aesthetics of scenery, I decided to illustrate their application by the analytical description of a small area, every part of which could easily be viewed by resident or visitor.

The place which I have selected for this purpose is Sidmouth. Since I first knew the district in the days of childhood I have been a pilgrim of scenery in many lands, but no aspect of the world from Arctic to Equator has diminished my admiration for the beauty of this peaceful spot on the south coast of Devon.

Moreover the inheritance of a property of natural beauty and historic interest in this locality has enabled me, though in quite a small way, to put into practice the doctrines of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

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