

# The Protection of Visitors to Koko Head, Again

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On Sunday last I advocated the provision of certain features at Koko Head for the protection of visitors to that point. I suggested a sign at the base of the Makapuu, warning of the dangers of the spot; an iron fence around the Blow-hole East of Koko Head and a couple of floats and attached lines to be placed along the coast line between the Blow-hole and Hanauma Bay.

I also offered, on behalf of The Advertiser Publishing Company, to start the ball rolling toward a subscription, the sum of ten dollars for the purpose.

Since then, a member of the Outrigger Club met me and said: "You have not emphasized the danger of the undertow at Koko Head half enough.

"Not very long ago a bunch of Outrigger boys was out there with 'Dad' Center as a member. They went in bathing opposite the sand beach just beyond the Blow-hole. They swam out not over a hundred feet from shore, and had the very devil of a time getting back to shore again, the undertow setting out so strongly from the beach, carrying them back into the incoming breakers, that if they had not been unusual swimmers, there would certainly have been several fatalities among them.

"The beach in question is utterly unsafe for swimmers, and no swimming should be permitted there."

I have also seen Superintendent of Public Works Bigelow and discussed the matter with him. He heartily concurred with my suggestions and said that they ought to be carried into effect as speedily as possible.

He said that any money furnished to him as suggested would be immediately put into effect by him on the lines indicated.

The publicity which has been given to the Koko Head section and the opening up of the automobile road thereto which has already been effected, and which will be completed at an early date, will so increase the number of visitors to this section that, unless some action of the kind heretofore suggested, is taken there will certainly be a number of additional fatalities at and about Koko Head of the same character as those which have taken place there in the recent past.

These fatalities may strike home to any and every reader of The Advertiser and their friends or to visitors who do not know of the dangers in question.

We cannot afford to have these accidents going on without doing everything that we can to prevent them.

On behalf of this community I appeal for support for the protection suggested!

Send in your subscriptions to the fund suggested, and The Advertiser will immediately hand the money over to Superintendent of Public Works Bigelow, and before the month of June ends we will have the needed protection available!