

DR. ANDERSON'S NEW APPOINTMENT

The good wishes of all members will go to Dr. M. L. Anderson on his appointment to the position of Deputy Director of the Imperial Forestry Institute at Oxford.

His tenure of office here as Chief Forestry Inspector (1927-'39) and as Director of Forestry (1939-'46) has been remarkable for the growth of silvicultural technique, particularly in the thinning of plantations, in the establishment of new crops on old woodland sites, and in handling difficult peat types. This period has also seen the rapid expansion of the utilisation aspect of the work and the beginnings of a forest road system which will make closer utilisation possible. Dr. Anderson's close personal interest in all operations, his intimate knowledge of every forest and his extraordinary grasp of detail were the marks of a service given without stint. Irish forestry is deeply in his debt.

Our Society, too, owes much to him. Its inception and guidance through its formative years were due mainly to his enthusiasm and prodigious energy. As first President, as Editor, as Councillor and as Excursion Convener, he has left an indelible mark on all phases of the Society's activities.