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## LAURENCE F. BRANIGAN

Members will have learned with regret of the death on 21st March of Laurence F. Branigan, who was for many years a member of the Society.

Because he recognized the importance of re-afforestation in our Irish economy the late Mr. Branigan was enthusiastic for the progress

of the Society. He was a familiar figure on various excursions and at meetings, and made many friends among foresters.

Although claiming no technical knowledge of forestry, deceased took a keen interest in all the talks on various aspects of forestry organized by the Society. While he rarely contributed publicly to these discussions, his friends frequently enjoyed privately his constructive criticism of the views put forward and were greatly influenced by his sound opinion as to the best policy to adopt.

Those who knew Mr. Branigan in his profession as a lawyer were aware of his sound legal opinions and his other excellent qualities, valued them accordingly, and had a very high opinion of his straightforward character and undoubted abilities.