

## DEDICATION

In dedicating any publication devoted to forestry, one cannot be other than mindful of the great contributions made by a vast number of men working along many different lines. To each of these forestry has meant not only the inimitable beauty of productive woodlands and ranges, but also a solution to a vital need in our nation's economy. Today, with unprecedented emphasis being placed upon scientific research as a factor in shaping the pattern of our future lives, we wish to call your attention to these men of research in forestry.

We have always had research men in forestry, men who saw in the forests and our dependence upon them a vast number of unsolved and irresistible problems. These were men of faith, who knew that no nation could long afford to neglect one of its greatest resources and who believed in forestry as a means to more abundant living for all. They were men of vision who foresaw that great economic and technological changes would come and knew that forest practices and processes must change correspondingly. Furthermore, they had that questing nature which is characteristic of true research men everywhere.

In the years that lie ahead, with their promise of great changes in all fields of human endeavor, we shall need more research foresters than ever before. Without research, forestry must stagnate and dwindle in importance. Through research it can continue to play an important role in our lives.

It is therefore to these men of research in forestry that we humbly dedicate the 1947 AMES FORESTER.