EDITORIAL

The delay in the publication of this number (for which we apolo-
gise to any anxious and importunate subscribers!) has a solitary merit
which goes far towards outweighing any inconvenience it may have
causd. It enables us to offer a cordial welcome to the initial number
of a new forestry periodical of the south, The Journal of the South
African Forestry Association, published by the Association in Pretoria
and plighted to appear twice annually. The October number arrived
barely in time for this welcome as we go to press, and we offer our
sincere felicitations to the Association on this production which
completes the tale of forestry magazines for the Southern Dominions.

Its roll of office-bearers for the Association and particularly of
its Editorial Committee justifies sanguine prophecies of its continuous
and increasing success. The contents are both attractive and satis-
fying to New Zealand foresters; though they cannot stifle a pang of
envy when they read that in South Africa “Conservation in its wildest
(sic) sense has always been the keynote of the forest service” (p. 14).

On reading this we could not forbear turning to the pages of
another and much older forestry periodical that is still on the list of
our valued exchanges. In its initial number of twenty years ago,
our distinguished and erudite confrere who now graces the editorial chair of the South African Forestry Association, twanged the ancient lyre of Evelyn with sub-chords of Elia, in the idyllic, exuberant atmosphere of immediate post-war forestry. To-day, his lyre of Evelyn and spinet of Elia are replaced by modern mechanical and mechanistic instruments from which re-echo “Implications of Apical Incidence.” The keynote is still the same “Conservation in its wildest sense,” and none will sound it more insistently, whether sweetly on lyre or multilingually broadcast as from electric organ, than our new editorial confrere.

Floreat Edina et Pretoria!

News of the retirement of Mr. C. E. Legat, Editor-Secretary of the Empire Forestry Association, has just come to our notice and, in expressing real regret, we extend to him the best wishes of all New Zealand foresters, and hasten to assure him of a hearty welcome should he contemplate visiting once again these shores.

An Honorary Member of the N.Z. Institute of Foresters, Mr. Legat has for many years shown a keen interest in New Zealand forestry, and Editorial Committees of this Journal have reason to be grateful to him for sources of inspiration in their modest efforts.

The decision of the Institute of Foresters of Australia to amend the Constitution to ensure inter-State co-operation in the profession is indeed welcomed by friends of Australian forestry in this Dominion.

We extend congratulations to our sister Institute on the victory of the spirit of compromise.