Professor Champion published many original contributions to forestry and was awarded a D.Sc. in 1950. He was very widely travelled and had built up an intimate knowledge of forestry around the world. From 1941 until the time of his death he was on the governing council of the Commonwealth Forestry Association, serving as its Chairman from 1959-61. In 1947 he was made an Honorary Member of the New Zealand Institute of Foresters.

I am one of many New Zealand students who had the privilege of studying under Sir Harry at the Oxford Forestry School. All will remember him as a man of tremendous energy and enthusiasm for forestry, a person widely respected for his knowledge and experience who had the ability to inspire others. We also remember the warmth of his hospitality when he and Lady Champion entertained all the students at "Windrush".

Professor Champion enjoyed a long and fruitful life and his contributions will have a lasting effect on the practice of forestry.

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W. H. Jolliffe

William Hylton (Bill) Jolliffe was one of the small band of professional foresters who worked in New Zealand before the Second World War.

Bill Jolliffe was born in Lower Hutt in 1903, educated at Hutt District High School and Wellington College, and completed a B.Sc. at Victoria University, working the while as many people at that time did in a part-time job. His employers were the departments of Agriculture and Lands and it is a matter of conjecture which stimulated him to take up forestry as a career. He studied at Edinburgh University from 1927-29 and graduated B.Sc.For.

On his return from Edinburgh in late 1929, he joined the then State Forest Service, serving as a Forest Guard in Wellington and Masterton and for two years as District Ranger,
Masterton. It was there that I first met him and worked with him and learnt to appreciate his qualities. Bill was not happy with his Forest Service career and resigned in October 1936 to become a consulting forester. He was ahead of his time and the demand was not there. He returned to the Forest Service in 1939 and was successively Forest Assistant at Hanmer, Assistant Forester, Christchurch, Forester and Acting Conservator, Christchurch, Senior Forester, Wellington (in charge of all sand dune forestry), and finally Senior Forestry Extension Officer, Wellington. He retired in 1963.

Bill had an old-fashioned forestry education and he was a product of it. That is to say he was a competent botanist who knew both his exotic and indigenous flora; he was a good silviculturalist, with a strong ecological bias (and this years before ecology became a popular word); he was thoroughly competent in the fields of mensuration and management; he could write well; and he was a painstaking and conscientious administrator. He was a generalist rather than a specialist and preferred the field to the office; minor forest engineering problems did not worry him but he would not have been happy with computer print-outs.

His greatest contribution undoubtedly was in the field of farm forestry and here his personality played a large part. Bill was a kindly and tolerant person who liked people and thus they liked him. He could talk to farmers in their own language and command their respect as well as their affection. Through his direct contacts with the farming community and his strong support of farm forestry associations, he was successful in preaching the gospel of farm forestry and seeing much of it put into practice. The New Zealand landscape today is the better for his efforts and that is a high tribute to pay to anyone. Bill richly deserved it. He leaves a wife and four sons, to whom the Institute accords its deepest sympathy.

A.P.T.