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PREFACE

THIS VOLUME is a collection of the addresses and papers presented on the occasion of the dedication of the William L. Hutcheson Memorial Forest. They are being published in this form both to make them available to a larger audience than was able to attend the dedication exercises and to have a record of what was said reproduced in a form more adequate for preservation.

The dedication program for the William L. Hutcheson Memorial Forest took place on October 15, 1955. The dedication ceremonies were held in the morning at East Millstone, New Jersey, and a scientific session was held at New Brunswick, New Jersey, in the afternoon.

The site chosen for the dedication ceremonies in the morning was in the large field near the central part of the tract against the northern edge of the forest. In spite of heavy rain the night before and showers during the course of the ceremonies, a large group of people was in attendance. Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, President of Rutgers • The State University, presided.

The scientific session was held in the Rutgers Gymnasium in the afternoon. Dr. Marion A. Johnson, Dean of the University's Graduate School, presided at this meeting. Dr. Paul Sears, who was unable to be present, sent a paper on the importance of preserving natural areas. That paper is included in this publication.

Throughout the program the woods was referred to both as "Mettler's Woods", by which name it had been known in the past, and as "The William L. Hutcheson Memorial Forest". During the ceremonies it was dedicated as "The William L. Hutcheson Memorial Forest" and it is by this name that it will be known in the future.

—MURRAY F. BUELL