

THE SELECTION OF TREE SPECIES

AN ECOLOGICAL BASIS OF SITE
CLASSIFICATION FOR CONDITIONS
FOUND IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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FOREWORD

by SIR JOHN STIRLING MAXWELL

MY friend, the author, has asked me to write a few words of introduction to this book. It will need no introduction to foresters who know the author's qualifications for the task he has undertaken. As one of the research officers of the Forestry Commission he has studied silviculture from the scientific point of view and has himself made valuable contributions to the science of forestry, especially in regard to the thinning of woods which is one of the forester's most important and difficult tasks.

Dr. Anderson modestly disclaims any intention of writing a handbook on silviculture but I have never seen the essentials of practical forestry explained so clearly or in so small a space. If any friend of mine, embarking on a large scheme of planting, were to ask my advice, I should have no hesitation in advising him to read this book carefully from cover to cover and faithfully follow its advice.

Having myself had some experience of forestry as a member and, for some years, chairman of the Forestry Commission, as well as a private planter, I can think of nothing I have learnt which is not embodied in this admirable book.

The author's method of passing from the general to the particular carries the reader along and answers all the questions which occur to his mind, while the language is so clear and free from technical terms