Schlich Memorial Fund.

In view of the great services of the late Sir William Schlich to the cause of forestry, it was felt after his death that his numerous friends, as well as others who were not personally acquainted with him, would welcome an opportunity of perpetuating his name. With the object of raising funds for this purpose, a committee was formed early in 1926, consisting of the following members:

Lord Lovat, Chairman of the British Forestry Commission, Chairman.

Sir John Stirling Maxwell, representing the Empire Forestry Association and the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society.

Mr. Leslie Wood, representing the Royal English Arboricultural Society.

Mr. R.L. Robinson, Forestry Commissioner.

Sir Peter Clutterbuck, formerly Inspector General of Forests, India.

Mr. A. Rodger, Inspector General of Forests, India.

Professor R.S. Troup, Professor of Forestry, University of Oxford, and Director, Imperial Forestry Institute.

The following names were subsequently added:

Colonel W.B. Greeley, Forester, Forest Service, U.S.A.

Mr. E.H. Finlayson, Director of Forestry, Ottawa, Canada.

In June, 1927, Lord Lovat, on relinquishing the Chairmanship of the Forestry Commission, resigned the Chairmanship of the Schlich Memorial Fund Committee, and was succeeded by Lord Clinton.

Professor Troup has acted throughout as Secretary to the Committee, and has been assisted by

three local Secretaries, Mr. A. Rodger (India), Colonel W.B. Greeley (U.S.A.), and Mr. E.H. Finlayson (Canada).

An appeal for subscriptions met with an immediate response, and the total sum raised up to date (June, 1928), is £1725, of which £278 has been subscribed in the United States of America. Subscribers were invited to express opinions as to the form of the memorial, and many useful suggestions were received. After giving the fullest consideration to these suggestions, the Committee finally decided:

(1) To ask the Forestry Commissioners to set apart an area of forest, to be named the Schlich Forest, situated if possible within easy reach of Oxford and to be available for experimental work; in this area a group of oak trees to be planted and maintained in memory of Sir William Schlich. The Forestry Commissioners have agreed to this proposal, and have the matter in hand.

(2) To have a bronze portrait plaque of Sir William made and erected in the School of Forestry, Oxford. An order for this plaque, at a cost of approximately £24, has been placed.

(3) To place in trust and invest the balance of the sum subscribed, after paying incidental expenses, and to devote the annual proceeds to the payment of an annual personal grant for the furtherance of study or research in forestry; the grant to be awarded by the trustees to different parts of the British Empire and to the United States of America in rotation, the trustees being given discretionary power in the selection of the country in which the award is to be made in any year, and being guided by recommendations received from the country concerned.

In regard to the formation of a trust under (3) above, the Empire Forestry Association, at the request of the Committee, has undertaken the future supervision of the Fund, and the Association's legal adviser, Mr. Ernest Salaman, has drawn a trust deed under which three trustees are appointed, namely the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Association and the Professor of Forestry, University of Oxford.

Henceforth business relating to the Schlich

Memorial Fund will be transacted through the Secretary, Empire Forestry Association, 22, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1. In relinquishing their temporary duties the Schlich Memorial Fund Committee desire to record their warm appreciation of the generous response made to their appeal for subscriptions.

R.S. Troup,
Secretary,
Schlich Memorial,
Fund Committee.