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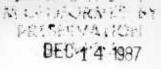
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PREFACE

The following notes on Coniferous Trees, which have been compiled as opportunity offered during the past twenty-two years, are taken in the main from specimens cultivated at Penrhyn Castle, Woburn Abbey, and other places of which the writer has been in charge. To the owners of several well-known Pineta and nurseries throughout the country and on the Continent, I am indebted for specimens and information regarding some of the rarer species and varieties.

Numerous articles, monographs, and essays on Hardy Conifers have, at various times, been contributed by the author to *The Garden*, *The Gardeners' Chronicle*, and "Transactions of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society," and from which Professor Hansen in "The Pinetum Danicum," Nisbet in the last edition of "Brown's Forester," Ravenscroft in "The Pinetum Britannicum," and other writers, have done me the honour of quoting. Condensed notes from some of these papers are included in the present work.

As regards general nomenclature, I have followed the now almost universally adopted plan of Bentham and Hooker, while the synopsis of tribes and genera and lists of synonyms are mainly from Masters' "List of Conifers and Taxads."

The generally accepted names of both species and varieties have received special prominence, and are printed in conspicuous type, while the lists of synonyms have been made as inclusive as possible, owing to many of these being still in common use.

In order to facilitate reference, the arrangement of both genera and species is alphabetical throughout the work.

This book being mainly intended as a cheap, handy, and exhaustive popular guide to Hardy Conifers as cultivated in this country, the descriptions are necessarily brief but nevertheless comprehensive; while, as far as is consistent with a full and clear explanation of each species, technical terms have been avoided.

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