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SIE: The publications in the following pages comprise those works relating to forestry which have been collected since the institution of the Division of Forestry in the Department of Agriculture, together with the forestry library of the late Prof. Franz von Baur, of Munich, which was purchased by the Department in 1897. The latter collection was the working library of one of the best known forestry experts in Germany, and therefore comprises the best German literature on the subject.

Franz Adolph Gregor von Baur, born in 1830, was one of the younger sons of the head forester of the Duke of Hesse. His elder brothers were fortunate enough to receive the regular gymnasium training, but the young Franz was forced to rely on his own efforts to obtain his elementary education. He was such an ardent student that even with these disadvantages he succeeded in preparing himself for the University of Giessen, where he took high honors in the forestry course. As a result of a competitive examination, in which he distanced sixteen other applicants, he was appointed a forest assistant in the Darmstadt Forestry Department. In 1855 he was appointed professor of mathematics in the forestry school at Weisswasser, Bohemia, and occupied similar positions in other institutions until called to the University of Munich as professor of forestry in the year 1878. This position he occupied until his death. Professor Baur was the editor of the Forstwissenschaftliches Centralblatt from 1879, and thus became acquainted with the literature of forestry, and made large collections of books and periodicals relating to the subject. He was in correspondence or intimately acquainted with all the forest experts of the world, and thus was able to obtain for his collection many valuable publications not obtainable through ordinary sources.

The catalogue which follows is one by authors, with a separate list of the serial publications, and a subject index. No works have been included which do not have a direct bearing on the subject, even those relating to landscape gardening and botany being omitted. It is believed that the collection is larger and more representative than any



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55% F6  other in America, and compares favorably with those to be found abroad, where greater activity in the practice of forestry has led to more systematic attempts to gather the literature of the subject.

The manuscript is respectfully submitted with the recommendation that it be published as a bulletin of this Division.

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