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TO ALL CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA:—

Louisiana has today about one-fifth of the virgin forest it once had. It is growing in the neighborhood of one-seventh as much timber as it is cutting yearly. It has today 12,000,000 acres of cut-over land, and is adding to this 250,000 to 300,000 acres each year. Probably half of the area already cut-over, and nearly all of the current cuttings, are lying idle except for the grazing of a few stock. Repeated fires and lack of seed trees keep them idle. Except locally they are not being developed for farming. Their average taxable value is \$5, as opposed to values, before lumbering, of \$17 to \$166. What are we to do about it?

We must put these lands to work. The best will be farmed, and nearly all will be grazed. But the cheapest, and the simplest, use to which millions of acres can be put, is the growing of second-growth timber for fuel, pulpwood, naval stores, posts, ties, piling and lumber. Our children should not be obliged to pay freight on forest products brought from the Pacific Coast, because we selfishly enjoyed our virgin resources and took no thought to replace them.

The Louisiana Forestry Association seeks to put the cut-over lands to work. The Association supports the following policies:

1. The reforestation of all cut-over lands not in immediate demand for farming or intensive grazing.
2. The control of forest and grass fires as the simplest means of reforesting cut-over land, improving the stock range, and keeping the soil in the best condition to regulate stream flow.
3. The fair taxation of forest land.
4. The establishment of state forests.
5. The upbuilding of the state agencies charged with forest conservation.

The Association wants *you* as a member. We need your help and your advice, as of every other thoughtful Louisianian. The Association attains its ends by publicity and education, and every cent of its funds goes to this sort of work. Attach a dollar bill to the enclosed membership application, and mail it *today* to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Very truly yours,

HENRY E. HARDTNER,

President.