

FOREWORD

THE great commandment in the law is "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God," and the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "On these two hang all the law and the prophets."

So this manual concerns itself first with an interpretation of God, as revealed in Jesus, and as actively working in His world to-day. Then the attention of the young church member is directed to his relation to God's great family in all the world, and finally to the Church, as one of the chief agencies in making God known to His people.

The fundamental viewpoint is social. That is, God is conceived not as existing in a realm apart, but as living in actual personal relationship with us. And men's religion is conceived as relating them with God in living fellowship, and with each other in mutual interdependence and helpfulness.

This little book is the first serious attempt in the history of Canadian Methodism to provide for middle and later adolescents definite instruction suited to their peculiar needs, so that they may get a clear