

FOREWORD

THE thorough analysis of the Boy Scout movement in the book written by Doctor Norman E. Richards and Scout Commissioner Ormond E. Loomis, of Boston, under the title "The Boy Scout Movement Applied by the Church," is a valuable contribution not only to the literature on scouting but to all of the churches of our country. Showing in such a convincing manner as it does the availability of the Scout movement as a programme for boys' work in churches and all institutions having a point of contact with boy life, it will prove to be of practical value and help to all leaders in church work as well as to all of those interested in working with the boy problem of the twentieth century.

The complexity of present day conditions and the difficulty of the Sunday-school and church in holding the interest of the adolescent boy are universally recognized. It has been fully proved that with proper leadership the Boy Scout movement can be made a great asset to the church or any institution working for the welfare of boys.

The Boy Scout movement as it has developed in this country, while non-sectarian, has proved to be distinctly a religious movement, because nearly all of its leaders are religious men and nearly all of its troops are connected with religious institutions. The scheme of organization permits of the greatest freedom of thought