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FOREWORD

This little book is not an ambitious volume. Its very size precludes any adequate treatment of the growing but distinctly incomplete science of vocational guidance. It merely aims to be a brief statement of the purposes and practicability of vocational guidance with suggestions for making such work effective among older boys. It includes instructions for the use of self-analysis blanks, the selection and coaching of interviewers, and a particular emphasis upon the character-building values of such service with boys. It sets forth from the experience of many workers, particularly in the Young Men's Christian Association, a vocational effort so planned as to bring to bear on the humblest boy in town the best counsel and advice which the community affords. The quiet hand-to-hand efforts and the larger Find Yourself Campaigns have been based on the concept that there lies buried in society much high-grade talent that is never discovered, that much of the drifting in business and industry is caused by unwise selection, and that, given a certain amount of information and courage from skilled men in the community, a boy himself can make in this enlightened day, if he will, a reasonably scientific selection of his life work.

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