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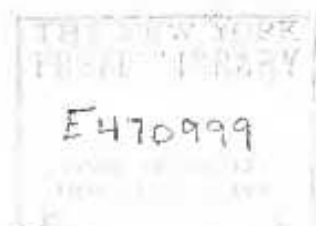
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FOREWORD

The Plays contained in this volume have been written with the object of giving to children a practical, and at the same time an imaginative interpretation of the vital movements of our Country to-day. Each short drama is intended to awaken interest and pleasure in those inevitable experiences of the present time.

By wise cultivation of that dramatic instinct which is latent in all children, valuable ethical lessons of life may be taught. A child loses itself in the character which it personates. The little girl who acts the part of the Red Cross Nurse or Fairy Sunshine, in the Play of the Red Cross, becomes finer through the expression of helpfulness and human sympathy. The boy who represents the Poor Little Boy in the Play of Garden Production is aroused to service for others, and Maid Elizabeth in the Play of Industry learns her lesson of gentleness, courtesy and diligence in an unconscious way which unflinching appeals to the young player.

Thus in each drama, simple truths and beauties of character live again in the child's "House of Dreams."

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