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PREFACE

THIS report describes observations and experiences in European vocational schools during the winter 1913-14. A previous trip, reported in an earlier volume, was devoted mainly to the vocational schools of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Most of the investigation, too, was limited to industrial and commercial schools. Comparatively little attention was given to agricultural instructions.

The second trip was for the express purpose of supplementing his earlier observations and experiences by visiting the vocational schools in other European countries, with special attention to agricultural schools of lower grade. With this object in view, Ireland, England, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Germany were visited, and agricultural instruction was especially studied.

In the earlier report the author emphasized the importance of supplemental welfare work for young people in attendance at vocational schools. The experiences of the past year in European countries have shown still more clearly the importance of this work. The vocational school should be the center of a systematic movement having for its object the promotion of the welfare of the industrial youth. No narrow scheme, striving merely for technical efficiency, satisfies the demands of the present. The vocational school as well as the ordinary cultural school must minister to the "whole boy," and must center in his interests and his development rather than in the demands of industry.

Finally, the importance of establishing these vocational schools under the best conditions for success has led the author to study especially the problem of control and supervision as it has been worked out not merely in Germany but in the other countries visited.

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