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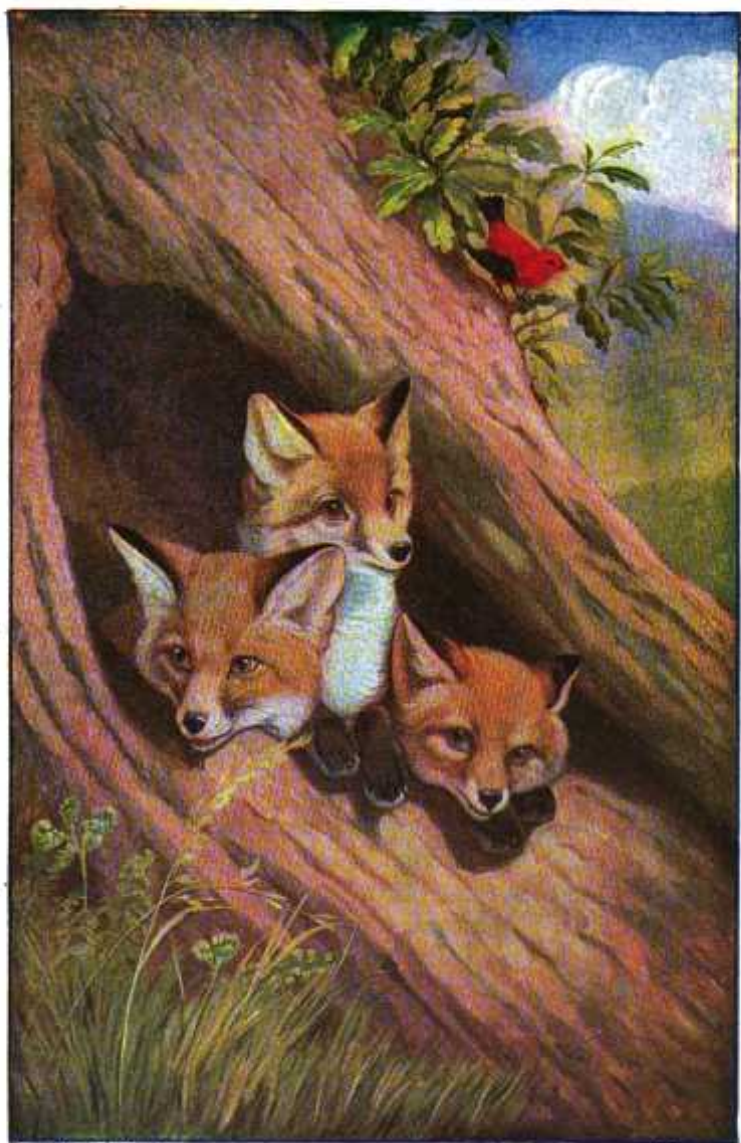
PREFACE

THE selections for a school reading book should not be chosen exclusively for any special class of children. The aim should be general instead of particular. In the preparation of this little volume, therefore, an effort has been made, by varying the material, to reach the diversified interests of children.

In the belief that children should early recognize the Bible as a great source of literature, several Bible stories have been introduced, and this feature has been continued in other volumes of the series. Lessons intended to develop and strengthen the noblest and best ideas of life and conduct, as well as to impart useful knowledge, compose no small portion of the book. The interest with which the pupils will read any selection must depend chiefly upon the manner in which the teacher presents the subject; nevertheless, it is believed that the quality of the selections will go far toward relieving the teacher of undue effort.

In the preparation of this series of readers, valuable counsel and assistance have been given me by many friendly educators and those in authority. I am especially indebted to the Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spalding of Peoria, for advice and encouragement in the inception and planning of the work; also to the Rt. Rev. James McGolrick of Duluth, Minnesota, to the Rt. Rev. A. F. Schinner of Superior, Wisconsin, and to other prelates and clergy who have graciously assisted me in various ways. Many thanks, too, for kindly suggestions and criticisms, are due to numerous friends among those patient and inspiring educators — the Sisters.

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THE FOXES

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SECOND YEAR

THE FOXES

wild	bushy	scent	yelps
thick	brushes	keen	family

One, two, three.
What do you see?
I see some dogs.
Oh, no, these are not dogs.
They are foxes.
They look very much like
dogs. We might call them wild
dogs.



They have soft thick fur and long bushy tails.
Their tails are sometimes called brushes.
They are very pretty.
The mother fox puts her tail around the
cub, or baby fox, to keep it warm.
The fox lives in a hole in the ground. This
hole is its house.
If it cannot find a hole, it will dig one.

The fox does much of its work at night.
 It can see and hear well.
 Its scent is very keen.
 The fox yelps and barks like a dog.
 It belongs to the dog family.

 MR. FOX

fruit	often	heard	color
vegetables	starves	easy	any

Mr. Fox likes good things to eat.
 He eats hens and little birds.
 He likes eggs, too.
 Some foxes eat fruit.
 Sometimes they eat ripe
 vegetables.



Mr. Fox is very sly.
 He can run very fast.
 He does not like men.
 Men often set traps to catch him.
 The traps are often set near his hole in the
 ground.
 The fox seems to know when a trap is set.

He will not come out of his hole for days.

He will stay in it till he almost starves.

Have you ever seen a fox?

If not, you have seen his pretty, soft fur in winter. Many people like to wear it.

I once saw a red fox.



There are gray foxes and black foxes, too.

The color of the fox sometimes helps him when he is hunted.

If he is of the color of red leaves or gray logs, it is not so easy for men to see him in the woods.