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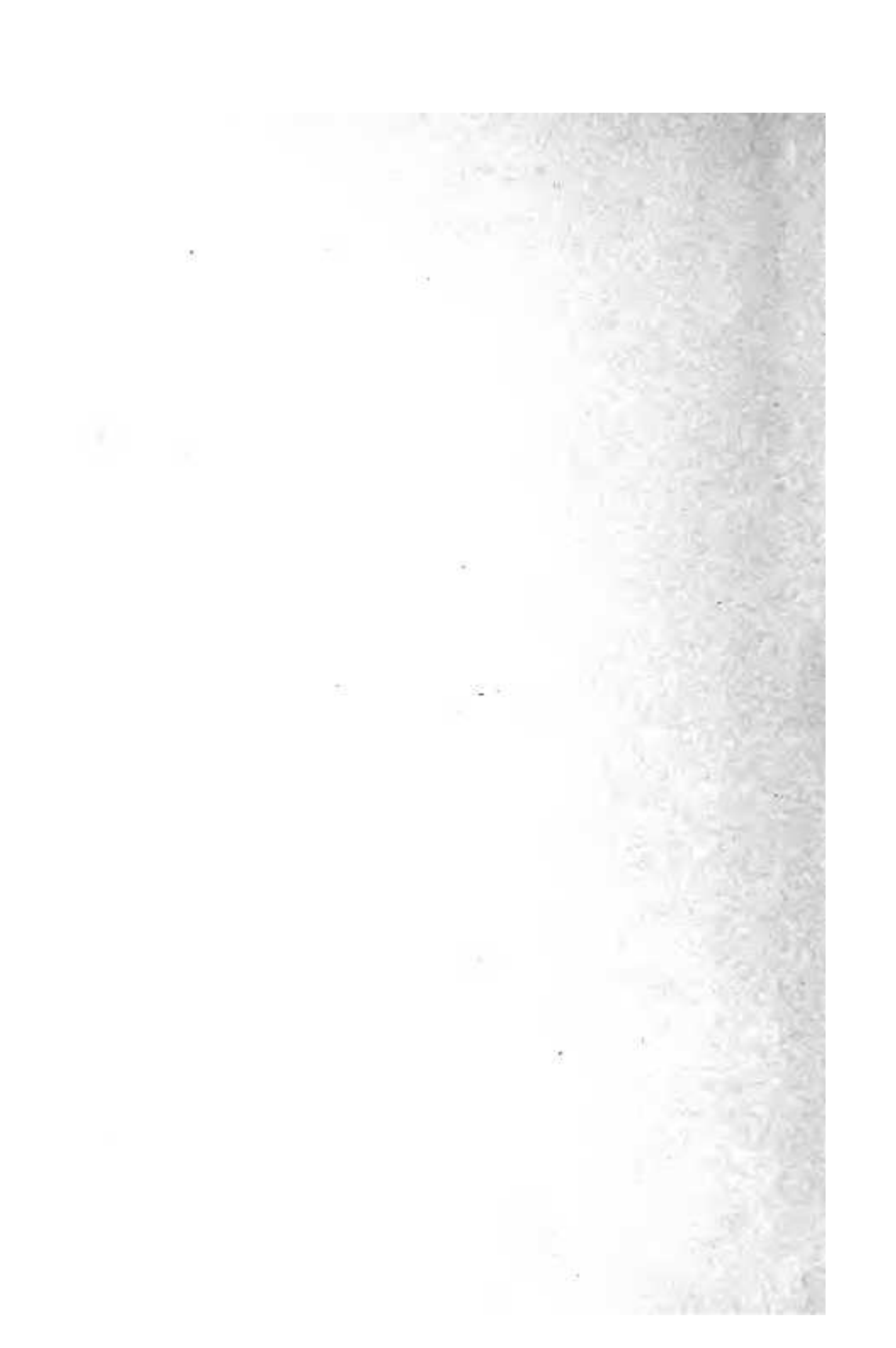
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TO
MY WIFE
A LOVER AND FRIEND OF CHILDREN
AND MY CONSTANT HELPER IN MY
WORK FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



PREFACE

This book has grown out of actual experience in promoting, conducting, and supervising Church Vacation Schools. It is written for pastors, Sunday-school workers, and young people who are interested in the religious education of boys and girls and who are anxious to know how to conduct a week-day school during the vacation period. I have had constantly in mind that group of more than a thousand workers (most of whom are volunteers), who are the teachers and helpers in the schools under my supervision each summer. I have sought to answer the questions and meet the problems which they are constantly bringing to me. I have had before me the thousands of boys and girls in our summer schools. I have tried to meet their problems and give concrete suggestions so that they can have a happy and worth-while time in every school. I have been mindful of the numerous letters that come to my desk from all parts of the country asking how to organize and conduct a Vacation School. I have sought to answer their questions and make a book that will be of practical value to those who are interested in this movement.

In preparing this book I have had the valuable suggestions which have come out of conference and correspondence with men and women of the leading denominations who are active in these schools.

One of the features of this book is the contribution which has been made by experienced Christian workers

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who out of their own knowledge and experience have written portions of this book.

Florence M. Towne, who prepared the chapter on the Kindergarten, is the efficient Kindergarten in Erie Chapel, Chicago. She is the author of the Presbyterian Manuals on Kindergarten Work for Daily Vacation Bible Schools. She has for several years been the instructor in the Kindergarten Section of the Chicago Federation of Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Mary A. Hargreaves, who prepared the chapter on "Story-Telling," is superintendent of the Children's Division Work of the Chicago Sunday School Association. She is president of the Story-Tellers' League.

Charles A. Boyd, who has written on Dramatization for Older Boys and Girls, is Director of Religious Education for the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. He is a close student of Biblical dramatization and the author of several Biblical dramas.

Otto F. Laegeler, who prepared the Section on Games, is Director of Religious Education for the New Jersey Baptist Convention. He has had special training and experience in "Supervised Play."

Hazel Boyd, who prepared the craft suggestions for older girls, is a graduate of art school and has given special study to "Hand-Work" in connection with the Children's Division Work of the Iowa Baptist State Convention.

Inez Tallmadge furnished the Cooking and Sewing schedule which she uses in the Lansing, Mich., public schools.

Hazel Sneff Brown, of the Art Department of the Indianapolis Public Schools, has given directions for poster making and for blue prints of nature objects.

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Rev. Charles A. Carman, of Shenandoah, Iowa, has written about his "Craft Club."

Rev. Ernest R. Fitch, of Duluth, Minn., has told how to make a "Bow" kite.

Miss Martha Kralicek, Principal of a Vacation School in the First Bohemian Baptist Church of Chicago, tells how the Daily Vacation Bible School Americanized their Sunday school.

To Thomas S. Young, National Director of Church Vacation and Week-Day Religious Schools, of the American Baptist Publication Society, I am especially indebted for many practical suggestions, for reading and correcting the manuscript, and for supervising the publishing of this book.

It is earnestly hoped that this book will be of real and practical help to those who are seeking to promote and conduct vacation schools, and will inspire many pastors and Christian workers to undertake a Church Vacation School for the boys and girls of their own community.

"He who helps a child, helps all humanity with an immediateness not possible in any other stage of development."—*Phillips Brooks*.