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FOREWORD

NO people are prouder of their country than we Americans, but very few of us have any real knowledge about the three million square miles which we call the United States. Yet there are very few stories so interesting and so well worth hearing as the story of what there is in the land we live in.

When Mr. Price was kind enough to let me read the manuscript of his book, I did so with the keenest interest, at first because he is an old friend, but afterward because the book itself held my attention with uncommon power. Indeed, I have never seen so good a statement of the great Conservation problem as this.

It tells but half the story to say that this is an admirable book for boys and girls. If I may judge from my own experience, it is about as good for grown-ups also. Most of our boys and girls already understand that this is their country just as much as it is the country of their fathers and mothers. But that is not the whole truth. For this country of ours belongs far more truly to the boys and girls than it does to us older people. They will live in it and enjoy it longer than we shall; and everything that happens in it, every bit of waste, and every saving of waste, will affect their lives more than it does ours. We are only the trustees, taking care of the country for them until they are ready to take care of it themselves. And when that time comes, they will then become in their turn what we are now — trustees for those who are coming afterward.

Donnerstag, 1.3.1925

It is peculiarly appropriate that Mr. Price should have written this book. His experience has been exactly what he needed to fit him for the task.

Mr. Price is a forester, and was for many years my right hand in the Forest Service. Indeed, if credit could be allotted justly for work done, I believe it would be found that he had more to do with the success of the Service than I had. In addition to his intimate knowledge of the whole country acquired in the Forest Service, Mr. Price has been associated with the Conservation movement from its very beginning. It was with him that I discussed it first after the idea had occurred to me, and from that time to this little has happened in Conservation which has not profited by his wide knowledge, remarkable powers of organization, and unusual executive ability. As a member of the National Conservation Commission, Secretary of its Section of Forests, and once more the right hand of its Chairman, and as Vice-President of the National Conservation Association, he has had and has used to the full an unrivaled opportunity to apply the foresight and training he acquired in Forestry to all phases of Conservation. His scientific accuracy is the guarantee for the accuracy of this book.

Personally, Mr. Price is so warm a friend of mine that what he says about me in his book must be taken with many grains of salt. He is strongly prejudiced in my favor.

I hope this admirable book may have what it deserves: the widest circulation among the young people of America. All the boys and girls who read it while they are young will be more useful to the Nation because of it when they grow up; and unless I am mistaken, they will thoroughly enjoy reading it besides.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

GREY TOWERS, Milford, Penn.
June 8, 1911.

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