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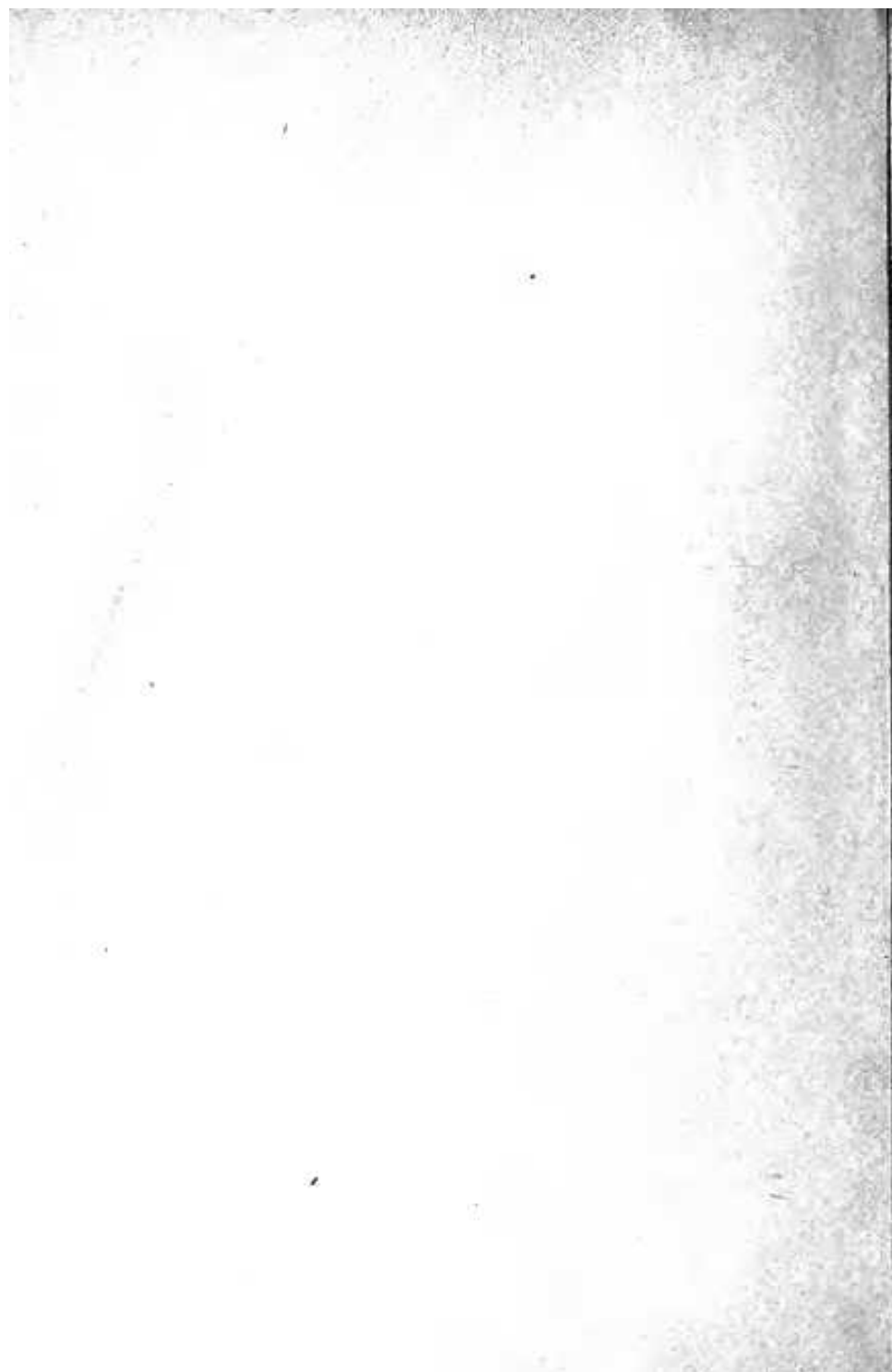
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AND TO MY SON
Gordon
MANHOOD'S LOVING LITTLE
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FOREWORD

MODERN machinery for helping boys is magnificent. It would seem that for every need of the boy there has come into being some organization, club, or class, each calling for specific equipment. In the midst of the dizzy whirl of wheels within wheels there is danger that the machinery may be admired and the individual life of the boy forgotten. We have not spent too much money for organization, buildings, and apparatus, but we have given too little consideration to what is infinitely more important, the spiritual force, the dynamic of personality within the wheels—brothering the boy. Without it the best equipment is worthless. More money and time should be given to enlisting and developing leaders and brothers.

The message of this book is an appeal for the supremacy of personality over all organizational mechanism. Brothering emphasizes the person before the policy or program, the master rather than the method, the organizer instead of the organization. There is need of the spirit of the brother, the chum, within the father, the leader, the club director. The book's message is an appeal to the father, mother, brother, sister, friend, to the pastor,