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Publishers' Preface

AS the subject matter of these annual volumes has drifted into the line of the history of early Chicago and the contiguous territory, so has the publishers' preface unconsciously taken on the form of an annual report of its apprenticeship school to the friends and patrons of The Lakeside Press.

Last year we wrote of the war record of the boys and young men, and of our anticipation of their return to the case, the press, or the desk. It then seemed to all of us that, the war being over, we would drop back quickly into our accustomed ways of daily living. But we had forgotten our history, which tells us that the recovery from the destruction and license of war to the ways of orderly and ample production leads through a period of mounting prices and difficult readjustment.

The War of Nations has been followed by industrial strife — a state no less nerve racking to those responsible for carrying on the nation's business than actual warfare was to those in high places of national responsibility.

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Fortunately, during this troublous year The Lakeside Press has had no strikes or even threats of strikes. Perhaps the most obvious reasons for this condition are: the belief of the management in the efficacy of the square deal; their determination that no outside interference shall come between the personal relationship of management and workman; and the loyalty of the graduate apprentices.

The value of giving thought and pains to the careful selection and proper training of apprentices has again unexpectedly been proved. Not only are the graduates men of unusual skill, but they have shown a loyalty to The Press and its ideals that cannot be measured in sums of money.

Of the fifty-two apprentices and graduates that served in the war, two were killed in action and forty-seven have returned to The Press as "home." Whatever the future may have in store in the way of industrial disturbance—and who in these days would dare to prophesy—we feel confident that "our boys" will always be loyal and a tower of strength.

"The Memoirs of Christiana Holmes Tillson" gives us another book of the life of the pioneers of Illinois. Written by Mrs. Tillson in her late years, to be circulated only among her family and close friends, it has an intimate family touch that wins our hearts for her charming womanliness, and admiration for her cheerful pluck.

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We are again indebted to Mr. Milo M. Quaife for bringing this rare book to our attention and for his scholarly care in editing it.

That this little book may bring a quiet hour of forgetfulness in these troublous times is the earnest hope of

THE PUBLISHERS.

Historical Introduction