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FOREWORD

THIS land of ours is marvelously rich in mine, in water power, in forest, in soil; but her greatest asset is her people. Agriculture is America's largest single industry; but greater than agriculture is the farmer. One-third of our toilers are farmers; one-half of our people live under rural conditions. The farm home is the root, therefore, of great things for America; it has been the nursery of great men and noble women. Its sanctity, its joy, its whole welfare, in fact, constitute one of our fundamental problems.

Mrs. Mayo not only realized this fact, but she had the power of reaching the hearts of those who dwell in the farm home. She knew their trials, their discouragements, their hopes and ambitions, their struggles to educate their children, their attempts to beautify and adorn. She renewed within them their ideals, and she told them how to realize their dreams.

The story of her life is worth writing

and worth reading, both because of what she did and for what she was. This little book, written by one who knew her intimately and who sympathized with her every ideal and effort, should be read in every farm home in America. Indeed, it should be read by all who love the simplicity of rural life, or who delight in high service unselfishly rendered. Mrs. Mayo's work needs doing in every state. Few have her native gifts for this particular service, but her pattern is good and beautiful.

I was one of "her boys" and one of the first to call her "Mother Mayo." I owe much to her, more than she knew, and perhaps more than I realize. I rejoice that her character and her toil are to be set forth in so winsome a way.

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