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PREFACE.

THIS volume is one of a series of books, each dealing with Co-operation in a particular country, published by the Publications Department of the Co-operative Union. The present volume contains a description of the origin, growth, organisation, and results of Co-operation in Denmark. Volumes shortly to be published will deal with Co-operation in Ireland and Scotland, and a number of others are now in course of preparation.

It is believed that the publication of this series of books will enable both the student of co-operation and the general reader to obtain knowledge of the co-operative movement in every land. Although the co-operative principle is everywhere the same, the method of its application is necessarily determined by local circumstances. No one country has a monopoly of co-operation, and knowledge of what is being done by co-operators elsewhere should stimulate thought and thus aid the progress of the international co-operative movement.

In Denmark, as the following pages show, co-operation is the foundation of national prosperity. Agriculture, the chief industry, is co-operatively organised from beginning to end, and in the towns, as in the villages, the co-operative spirit finds expression in a variety of ways. Danish

co-operative creameries and credit banks have served as models to be copied by agriculturists in other countries, and it will be seen that the value of the contribution made to co-operative thought by Danish co-operators is very great. In Denmark, both government and people recognise the value of co-operation, hence all who desire to encourage agriculture and to raise the status of the rural population may profit by a study of this book.

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