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FOREWORD

THE problem of the welfare of boys in industry is not new. It has for many years past engaged the serious attention of those who devote their energies to social effort. Various movements have enjoyed a very considerable measure of success in spite of the difficult and elusive nature of the problem, but there is still need for continued action. The number of boys between the ages of fourteen and eighteen engaged in various occupations in this country is approximately 1,250,000, and their young shoulders are gallantly helping to support the burden of war.

The following pages are written as the result of a long and varied experience in dealing with the special needs and difficulties of the working boy. The scheme proposed is therefore based upon a thorough knowledge of those whom it is designed to benefit.

I commend this study to all who are concerned with the position of boys in industry—parents, employers, social workers, and teachers—in the hope that the problem to which it is directed may be brought nearer solution.

Christopher Addison

THESE articles appeared originally in the columns of the "Daily Telegraph," and are reproduced in this form by courtesy of that paper. They deal with a problem of such importance to the future of industry and of such immediate interest to every employer, that it has been decided to reprint them in this more permanent and easily accessible form.

It is hoped that all employers of boy labour will co-operate with the Ministry of Munitions in carrying out the recommendations and suggestions. Further information can be had on application to the Ministry of Munitions, Welfare Section, 6 Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

