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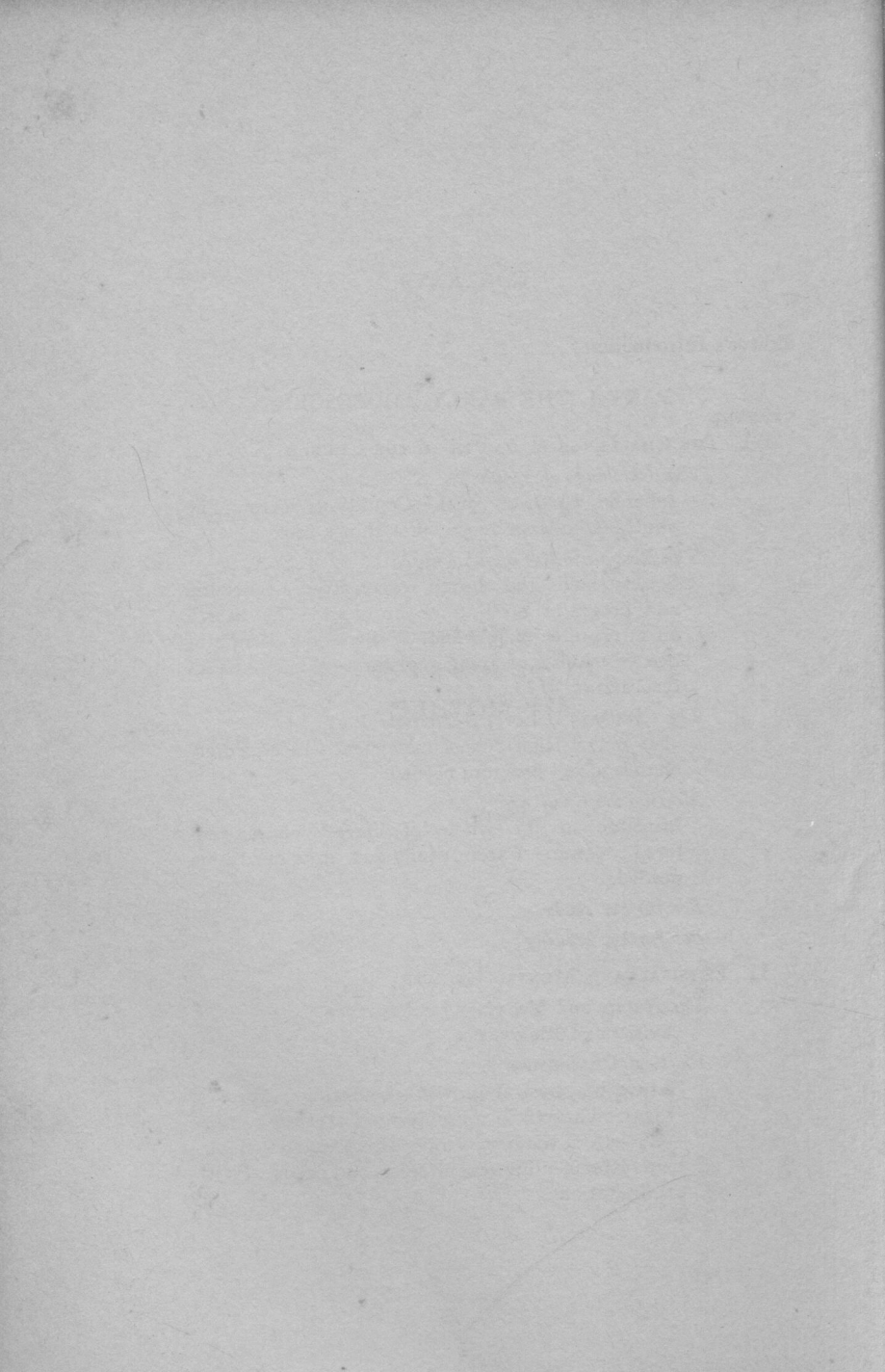
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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

THE present volume is primarily a textbook. Much attention has been given to the organization of the materials. Students will find it easy to study this text and, after they have completed the study, to locate all the data it contains. It is essentially an introductory though comprehensive study of early adolescent life together with the materials, methods, and organized programs suited to their spiritual needs, interests, and capabilities. The essential principles to be followed in organizing and conducting an Intermediate Department of the church school are clearly stated. The application of these principles to local situations will not be difficult.

The author is well qualified to perform this task. For several years he has worked intensively with early adolescent young people. He has attended their committee meetings, helped them plan their devotional meetings, directed them in their play, and taught their classes. While thus at work he has been in intimate touch with several of the outstanding authorities in this field. Few men have combined the qualities of pastor, teacher, supervisor, counselor, and friend which have characterized Mr. McKibben's ministry. Those who are actually at work in the Intermediate church school will find that a clear insight into educational values and a wealth of practical experience are reflected

in the selection and interpretation as well as in the organization of the materials.

There are few churches that do not recognize the fact that many of their young people begin to drift away after graduating from the Junior church school. This is one of the outstanding embarrassments which the church now faces. Mr. McKibben has deliberately set himself to the task of outlining the solution of this most difficult problem—how to organize and maintain a successful Intermediate church school. He sets forth in detail how it may be done. Whoever follows his suggestions will discover that they have been formulated by a master workman in this field.

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