

We cannot urge colleges and universities to establish graduate professional training schools for recreation workers, but there is very great need that our colleges and universities should serve the country by helping to train the thousands of volunteers who are to serve in this movement in the next quarter century. If all of the young college men and young college women could have opportunity to take courses which would give them an understanding of the recreation movement and some preparation for volunteer service, the colleges and universities would render a tremendous national service which would greatly advance the cultural development of our people and would greatly aid in making possible a more abundant life for all.

It has seemed to us that the preparation of this book, INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY RECREATION, might help our colleges and universities to have the necessary material for giving such a course. It goes without saying that such a course ought not to be made easy, that it can well be made as substantial as any other course in the curriculum.

Our late president, Dr. John H. Finley, was fond of quoting from Aristotle, "The whole end and aim of education is training for the right use of leisure." We hope that because of your interest in "the enduring satisfactions of life," you will find it possible to work out a way for having your institution help by establishing a course which will train your students for volunteer service in this great field of recreation, if you have not already set up such a course.

An army of volunteers is working in this field. Much of what our country will be 25 years from now will depend upon the quality of service given by these volunteers.

If you decide that it is possible to help in this way, or if you are now offering recreation courses, we think that INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY RECREATION will be of great help to you. If you believe it will be of help to you to look over a copy of this book, let me know and I will gladly arrange with the publishers, McGraw-Hill Book Company, for it to be sent you on approval.

Sincerely yours

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Secretary