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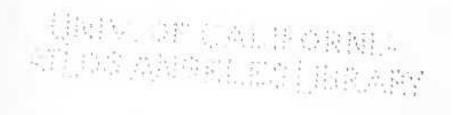
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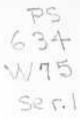
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The authors unite in dedicating this book of Wisconsin Plays to

LAURA CASE SHERRY

who as director, player, and writer has been a large factor in the life of The Wisconsin Dramatic Society

FOREWORD

The Wisconsin Plays were written under the influence of a local movement in behalf of a better dramatic art in which the Wisconsin Dramatic Society has been an active agency. The majority of the plays in the series belong to the repertory of the Society and have been presented in regular performances in Madison and Milwankee, and on tour in other places in the Middle West. The authors of these plays disclaim any desire whatever to inaugurate a new order of playwriting. Their chief purpose, aside from the personal motive that impels every work of art, has been to provide for the section in which they live the impulse of the practice of an art as a corrective of standards, as distinguished from the principle of a referendum of standards to the people. In a strict sense it has been the ideal of the Wisconsin Dramatic Society to be a freestage society, free, that is, in the sense of freedom from commercial necessities, from professional trammels, even from a too insistent social

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purpose; in other words, free to experiment with a rapidly changing art and to trace out in practice its growing social implications. The plays which make up this series constitute one factor of an experimental programme, which has been directed to the cultivation of a better dramatic art, by means of the training of actors, and the encouragement of the study, criticism, and writing of plays.

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