

## FOREWORD

It is high time that we had a dependable text on Texas oil and gas. C. A. Warner has now supplied that need in a most thorough and dependable work. He has performed the task in a painstaking manner, and this book will be a valuable addition to the literature of Texas.

No resource of our state is more generally found in Texas than petroleum. It furnishes livelihood directly or indirectly to nearly one million of our citizens.

The income from oil and gas in 1937 brought to Texas more dollars than all the combined agricultural pursuits and products. We have always looked upon our State of Texas as being a great agricultural state, and truly it is, but few people realize that oil has supplanted cotton as King of our Industries.

Every citizen of our state should inform himself about Texas oil and gas, their present value to our state, and their future possibilities.

We consume only 14 per cent of the products of the petroleum we produce in Texas. Thus we are discussing an industry that brings to Texas from the outside hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

The appearance of this work is most timely. The oil industry has today arrived at a point where it requires a careful reexamination from the economic viewpoint. This book will furnish a dependable source for a start in this much needed inquiry.

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