Foreword

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THE LECTURES published in this volume are the first-fruits of the Peter Sandiford Visiting Professorship, recently established by the Board of Governors of The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. The Visiting Professorship, tenable for a period not exceeding one academic year, is a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Peter Sandiford, who inspired the creation in 1931 of the Department of Educational Research in the Ontario College of Education, and was its first director. It is also a recognition of the Institute's appreciation of the importance of research in education, to which Dr. Sandiford gave unstinting devotion. Indeed, the Department of Educational Research has merged in the Institute, and the work it formerly carried on is now one of the Institute's major functions.

The Visiting Professor may, by arrangement, carry on research and teaching during his incumbency, but the one

formal requirement of an appointment is the delivery of a series of public lectures which may thereafter be published by the Institute. Professor Ole B. Thomsen, at present Fellow of Higher Education in the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, has admirably discharged this obligation as the first Peter Sandiford Visiting Professor. I am pleased on behalf of the Board to welcome his contribution to the work of the Institute and am confident that it will reach a wide audience.