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Professor Allen presents the three essentials of a sound conservation program as "use with minimum waste, increasing productivity where possible and desirable, and seeing to it that natural resources are equitably distributed now and hereafter." He cites need for unity in presenting various aspects of the uses of natural resources, combining consideration of the replaceable with the nonrenewable resources, and pointing out some of the social and economic aspects of conservation practices for college students.

The textbook is divided into seven chapters, each covering one kind of resource. These subjects, land, water, forests, wild animals, minerals, and human powers, are all treated well, with those concerning minerals and the human powers exceptionally well done. Most wildlife technicians now believe that changes in abundance of particular species are associated with changes in environment, and with successions leading to increased abundance of replacement forms (of more or less value for man). This viewpoint has been overlooked by Professor Allen in his presentation of instances of depletion by over-exploitation.

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