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PREFACE

The various requests the writer has received for references to health literature dealing with what has come to be known as the community health movement, have indicated the desirability of a brief treatise upon the community health problem in its relation to the modern conception of social medicine.

The welfare worker who is called upon to meet, from a practical standpoint, health conditions as she finds them either in the crowded tenement districts of the larger cities or scattered over a large territory in a rural community, often fails to accomplish maximum results because of a hazy and fragmentary understanding of the health problem and very indefinite ideas as to its solution. Public health nurses and practising physicians, who because of routine duties have been unable to follow the recent health literature, are sometimes handicapped in their work because of a lack of understanding of the modern movement toward the socialization of medicine. For such, and for all others interested in the improvement of health conditions as part of a community welfare movement, this work is intended.

The attempt has been made briefly to outline the health problem as it exists, and to indicate the most important of the measures which are being suggested for its solution, in order to permit the reader to secure in one small volume a fairly comprehensive understanding of social medicine in its relation to community health.

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