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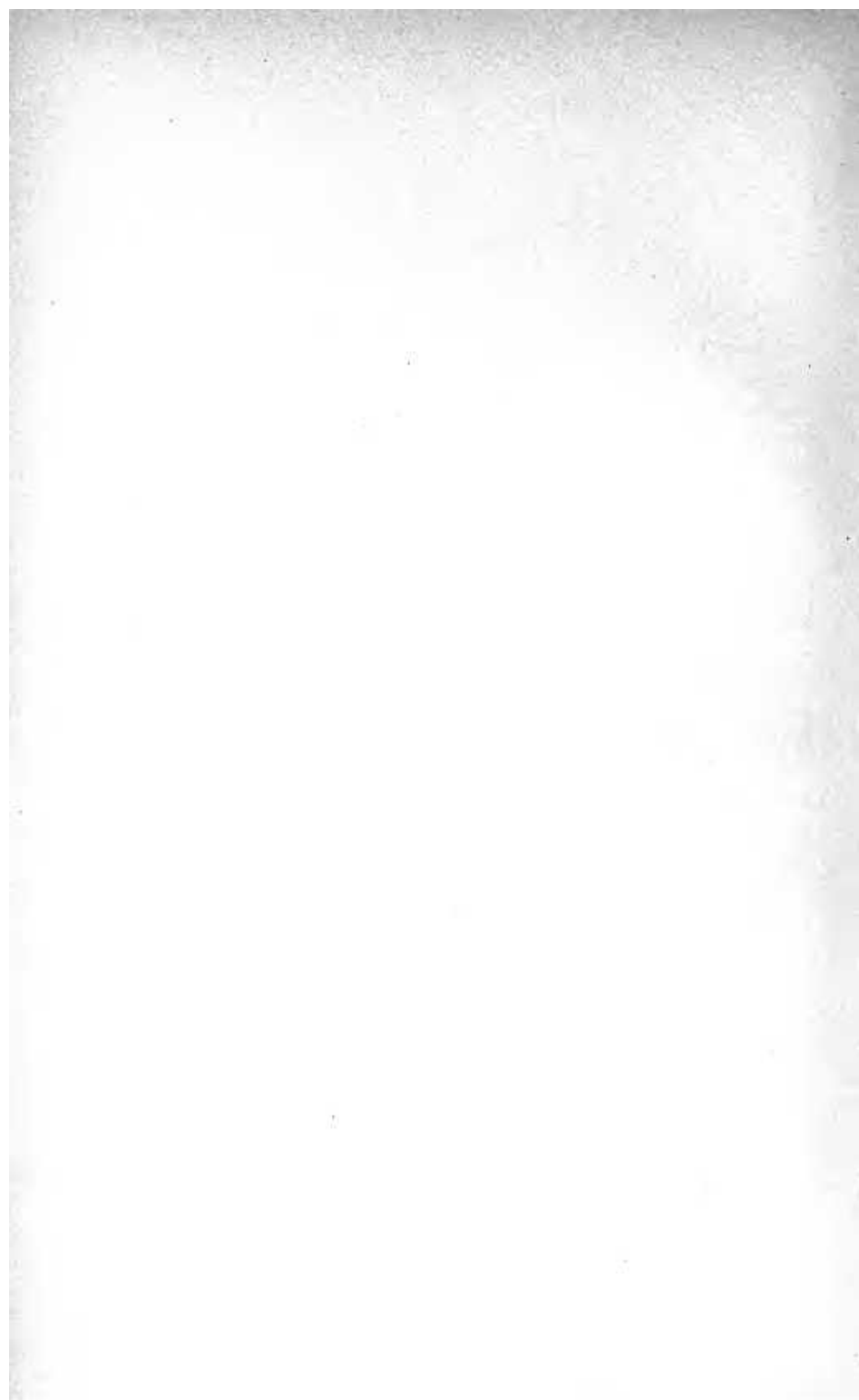
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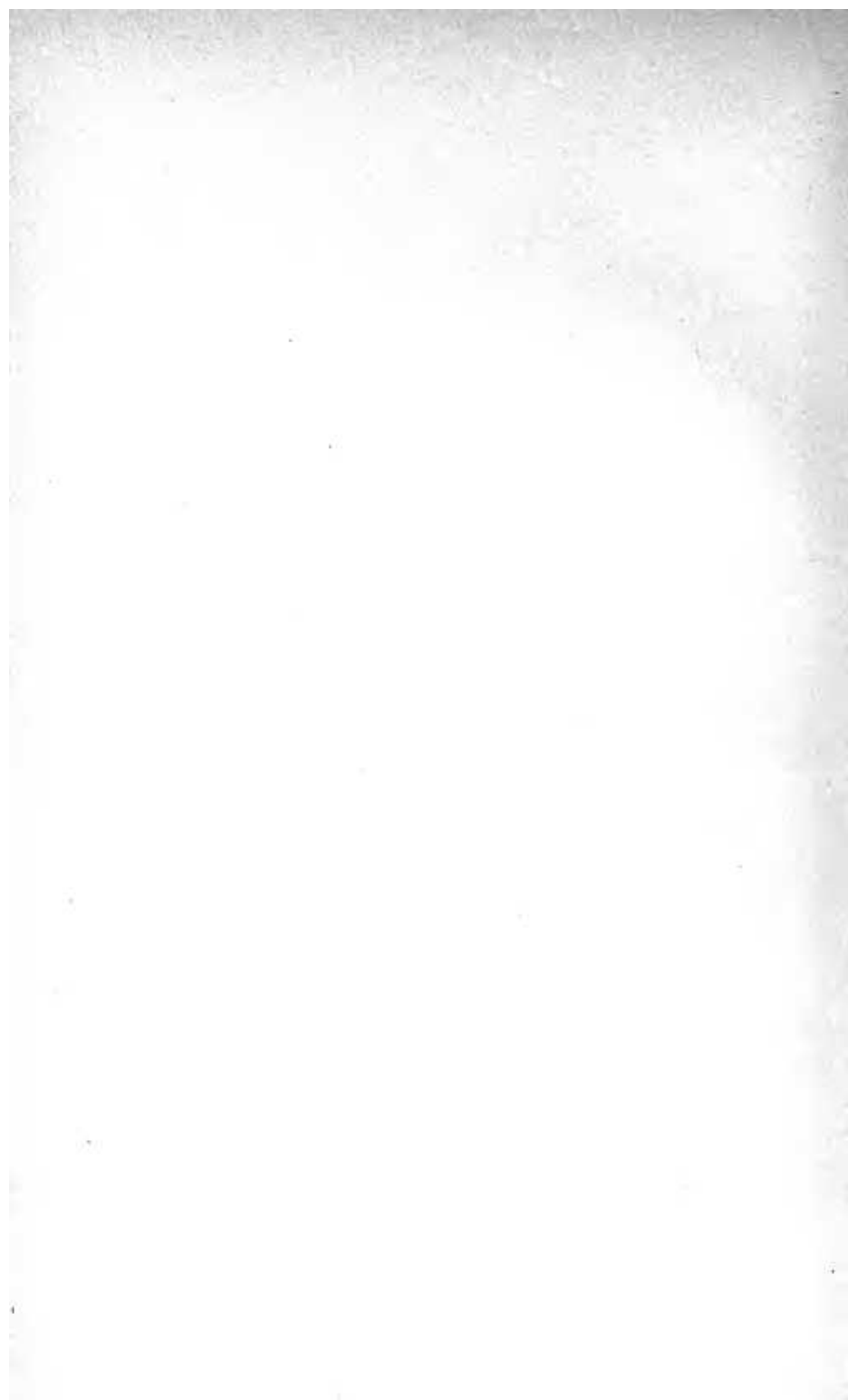


## FOREWORD

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The development of modern medicine, its influence on civilization, and its rôle in the advancement of the welfare of the nation are matters which concern us all. While our lives are short and we are soon to pass away, our children and their descendants will possess and occupy the land,—at least we hope that this may be true. No nation can be great so long as disease prevails widely among any classes. Modern medicine has become largely a social service. Preventive medicine is the keystone of the triumphal arch of modern civilization. Displace it and the whole structure will fall. Widespread epidemics lead to national decay. Infection has overthrown nations and has blotted out civilizations in the past. We are aware of the fact that the future of this country does not depend wholly on the medical man, but he should be ready at all times to do his part in assisting in the progress of the nation. Medicine consists of those facts, gathered from the various sciences, which can be utilized in the prevention or cure of disease. That nation which does not encourage scientific investigation, must fall into the rear. It is, therefore, the duty of the state to favor research medicine. Every physician who treats an infectious disease renders a service to the individual under his treatment, and at the same time he renders a greater service to the community in preventing the spread of the disease.

The present volume is an incomplete and imperfect statement of what medicine has done, is doing, and an indication of what it may do for the common good. The attempt has been made to present these facts in non-technical verbiage so that any intelligent citizen may read, comprehend, and appreciate them. The medical profession feels that it has a patriotic duty to perform in the advancement of the best interests of the people. It offers its services, and begs an intelligent appreciation of what it has done, is doing, and may do.



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