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PREFACE

THIS is a companion volume to "How to Diagnose Smallpox," and has the same object, namely, to contribute to the prevention of that disease. It was drafted primarily for post-graduate students reading for the Diploma of Public Health; but it will be found useful by all who have to deal with outbreaks of smallpox. My cordial thanks are given to those who have helped me in its preparation.

Its subject-matter is practical, is presented in a conversational manner, and comprises the principal administrative details which require to be borne in mind and put into practice in order to cut short an outbreak. There are various methods of controlling smallpox which have come more into use during the last thirty years or so. They include, for instance, exact diagnosis of the disease,

removal of cases to hospital, regular disinfection, and close observation of contacts ; and the importance of these methods increases in proportion as vaccination falls into disuse.

If, as I think, the equipment of every medical graduate should include a practical knowledge of the diagnosis of individual cases, it is equally important for every one who intends to engage in Public Health work to have a thorough knowledge of how to handle and stop an outbreak. Those who aspire to be Medical Officers of Health should realise the responsibility which an outbreak may bring upon them. Such a crisis means hurry, rush, and even panic ; and it is to them that every one will appeal to secure their health and business. They will do well to be prepared.

When smallpox is not prevalent, nothing seems so remote ; to all outward appearance a serious outbreak is most unlikely. In reality, the very reverse may be the case. Communities which are collected into close town populations, unprotected by vaccination, and exposed to a dropping fire of infection from all parts of the world, are certain, sooner or later, to suffer from a serious