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"This kingdom (bacterial) is a veritable fairyland. Its inhabitants are more numerous than the sands of the sea, and as varying in their functions as are the inhabitants of the animal and vegetable kingdom." "Only a few of them work serious harm to man, and even the harm which these do is not out of harmony with nature as a whole. The world as we see it can be maintained only by a harmonious succession of life and death." (Flick, Consumption, a Curable and Preventible Disease.)

"When we realize that the majority of all deaths is still from preventible causes, most of which are already quite familiar to us, it is manifest that this must be in a large measure due to an indifference on our part to put into practice even the knowledge which we already possess for their prevention." (Abbott, Hygiene of Transmissible Diseases.)

"The belief is growing stronger that the communicable diseases are more often spread through the intermediation of mild, latent and unrecognized cases than through the agency of fomites, that is, inanimate objects." (Rosenau, Disinfection and Disinfectants.)

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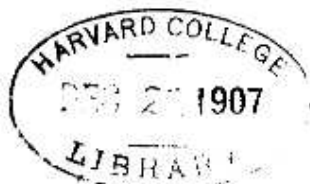
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To the
memory of my beloved father
Daniel Langfeld
this book in grateful remembrance
is dedicated

PREFACE.

Primarily this book was written for the use of nurses, in the belief that by broadening their comprehension of infectious and parasitic diseases it would materially assist them in performing their duties more intelligently, and with greater satisfaction to themselves. Through the solicitations of several medical friends who kindly looked over my manuscript, and who were of the opinion that both physicians and students of medicine would find as much to interest them in its pages as would nurses, the original design of the book was altered somewhat. It seemed to me that if in place of the conventional (seriatum) text-book consideration of the above diseases the fundamental principles which govern all were substituted, knowledge of wider utility would be acquired, and with less effort, because much unimportant detail could be avoided. It was my aim, also, by reflecting current medical thought to explain to nurses the reasons for performing many duties which they are merely taught to do. Then, since the trained nurse's position as medical assistant to the doctor and