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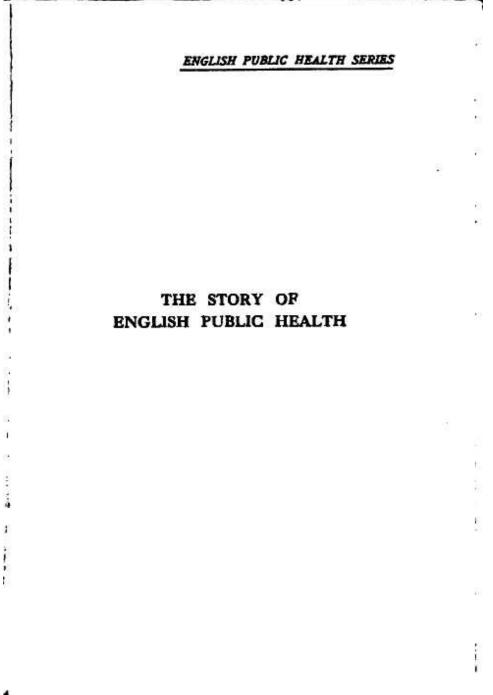
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### PREFACE

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WITH the creation of a Ministry of Health the Public Health Service of England and Wales enters upon a new era—an era, I doubt not, of enhanced efficiency and fruitfulness. It seemed to me that the occasion warranted an attempt to sketch in outline the evolution of our Public Health system from its small beginnings down to the present day, when the seedling has grown into a mighty, manybranched tree. Hence this little book.

I have not dealt separately with sanitary legislation, but its great landmarks are noted in connection with the growth and work of the Authorities, central and local, which have been charged with its administration. Incidentally, brief accounts are given of some of the great sanitarians and administrators by whom the system has been built up.

In the early chapters I have made free use of Sir John Simon's "English Sanitary Institutions," which with fullness of detail and philosophic insight records the history of English Public Health down to the year 1890. For permission to

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## Preface

draw upon its treasures I tender warmest thanks to Mr. John Murray, the publisher of the second edition, which appeared in 1897, and is still on sale. No one can claim to be well versed in this subject who has not read and re-read that classic of Public Health literature.

The present book is the introductory volume of a series which is occupied with the discussion of Public Health questions of special interest at the present time. The books will, it is believed, appeal to members of local authorities, district and other nurses, school teachers, members of Voluntary Aid Detachments, health visitors, and the great army of voluntary workers in the various fields of hygiene, and also, it is hoped, to the general reader.

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