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PREFATORY NOTE

UNDER the wise and inspiring guidance of Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, a group of young college women—Annie E. Allen, Alice Stone Blackwell, Sarah Louise Day, Alla W. Foster, Edith Talbot Jackson, Alice Peloubet Norton, and the undersigned—formed, in 1883, a Sanitary Science Club, one of the first organized activities of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. After careful study of sanitary problems, they published a little book, entitled "Home Sanitation," which, in the twenty-five years that have passed, has been widely used and has proved even more helpful than the authors anticipated.

During these years, however, very important and far-reaching changes have taken place in sanitary theory and a considerable number of the practical suggestions in "Home Sanitation" have become out-of-date. Mrs. Richards had been urging a revision of the book for some time prior to her death in 1911. The surviving editor believed, however, that it would be more truly in accord with Mrs. Richards's scientific and progressive spirit to rewrite the book. This she has done, drawing freely from the older text, using the results of studies made by advanced students in the Department of Household Administration of the University of Chicago, and endeavoring to replace out-worn theories and useless practices with such modern views and practical suggestions as will best help the progressive housekeeper in her

efforts to maintain her household in health and physical efficiency with the least expenditure of money, time, and strength.

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