PREFACE

THERE WAS a time when the writer of this preface laboured in compiling, revising, and editing the journal of the Society, and he is rejoiced to find that though the form has undergone evolution, and the personality of successive Editors has varied its contents, the essential spirit of the work is endowed with a permanence but slightly affected by these changes.

The journal remains an authoritative exposition of the practice and theory of English hygiene, a record of the present, a history of the past, an epitome of the technical application of the medical, the chemical, the bacteriological, and the physical sciences to the maintenance of healthy life and to the prevention of disease.

The Society is to be congratulated on having secured—even, it may be, for a short time—the services as Editor of one who by his official position, ability, and industry is so capable of interpreting the general views of its members, and of presenting the varied facts, discoveries, and opinions pertaining to public health matters in an attractive and readable form. The present volume is in every way excellent, and will be found of the greatest value to all those who are interested in sanitation generally.

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