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Preface.

THE subject of this book, the activities of the germs of the "sex diseases," is a theme of most urgent national importance. It should concern the whole world. It was thought that my pen might be of use in awakening the community to the truths already known to experts, but still out of reach of most people. This little book has been written at the request or with the approval of:—

Professor W. M. Bayliss, M.A., D.Sc. (Oxon.), F.R.S.; Sir James Crichton-Browne, M.R.C.S. (Edin.), M.D. (Edin.), F.R.S.E., LL.D., D.Sc., J.P.; Dr. Jane Hawthorne; Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.B., M.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), and Sir John MacAlister, F.S.A., F.R.G.S., and the helpful interest they have shown has been invaluable.

I have also benefited by hearing the evidence which Sir H. Bryan Donkin, M.D., F.R.C.P., and the late Sir William Osler, F.R.S., F.R.C.P., brought before the Second Birth Rate Commission, when, in answer to many questions, they gave direct practical information.

I am particularly indebted to J. H. Sequeira, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., for first-hand information on various themes, on which he is a leading authority. I am also indebted both to Mrs. A. C. Gotto, O.B.E., and H. Wansey Bayly, M.A., M.R.C.S., for much information. Both the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases and the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Diseases, of which they are the respective Secretaries, have done much valuable work in educating the public by meetings and through their numerous pamphlets and other publications.

The basis of the present work is knowledge which is the common property of the scientific world, embalmed in various, largely continental, scientific transactions, obtainable in London by all who take the trouble to verify original sources. In addition to these ascertainable *facts*, the book contains certain logical conclusions and deductions which a biologist is justified in drawing from them. The theme of this book is the inter-relation of the biological life-history of the germs and the biological and psychological characteristics of human beings.

These diseases generate the worst menace to happy and healthy marriage. This fact convinced me that all my work on behalf of the true understanding of pure love is jeopardized by the horror wrought by these invisible enemies, the germs of the sex diseases.

This realization made me willing to attempt to write about the subject. At first, like every normal and healthy person, I shrank even from acquainting myself with the utterly detestable facts, but, once I was acquainted with them, no course seemed possible but that resulting in this book.

I dare not do less than all I am able to do in defence of the holy citadel of marriage when myriads of deadly and invisible invaders are penetrating her bulwarks and threatening the race with calamity.

It is the hope of those who asked me to write this book, and it is my hope, that it may reach in time people who would otherwise risk infection, and arm them with sufficient realization of what they are doing to deter them, or if that is impossible at least to prevent them from adding to the number of those who

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are so ignorantly spreading the most terrible of contagions.

Since my little book was in type, Sir Archdall Reid's notable volume, "Prevention of Venereal Disease," has appeared, and should be read by everyone in the country, for it is a history of his very valiant pioneer fight with reactionary opinion.

M. C. S.