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ong the most important of the functions of al authorities are those which are concerned ith the prevention of disease and the improvement of health. The foundations of a sanitary environment were laid in the latter part of the last century. During the present century attention has been increasingly directed to the individual, and an ever-widening range of services has been made available to him. Many of these services are provided and administered by local authorities, and hence to a considerable degree are under local control. A great deal of public health legislation is permissive. This is reflected in remarkable variations in the extent and efficiency of services as between some local authorities and others, which our informed public interest could do much to reduce.

Municipal Health Services gives an account of the powers in regard to the personal health services which are possessed by local authorities; describes the manner in which these powers are exercised; and deals with principles and methods of administration and organisation. Since the range of the health services depends upon the type of local authority entrusted with them, it is with those provided by the county borough, which has the widest power, that the book is more particularly concerned.

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FOREWORD

Though the word municipal may perhaps more properly relate to boroughs only, it has been used for convenience to denote Local Authorities generally.

The Government's proposals for a national health service had not been made public at the time the book was going through the press.

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