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PREFACE

The danger from infectious diseases increases considerably as the result of war and migrations caused by the war. Every recent addition to scientific knowledge concerning methods of combating these diseases is therefore of special interest now to health administrations and to physicians in the civil and military health services. War conditions have in recent years greatly hampered the dissemination from one country to another of information concerning new scientific discoveries and in certain countries have made it difficult, if not impossible, to publish up-to-date medical books containing accounts of these discoveries.

The need for placing in the hands of physicians in a condensed and handy form modern scientific facts relating to infectious diseases, their diagnosis, treatment and prevention, already recognised at the beginning of the war by the League of Nations Health Section, has now become much more acute. It was therefore with gratitude that the Secretariat agreed to publish, in both English and French, this *Handbook* prepared by Professors IONESCU-MIHĂEȘTI and M. CRUCĂ, Directors of the Cantacuzène Institute in Bucharest, and their colleagues of that Institute.

The authors give the reader the benefit of first-hand experience gained during the first and second World Wars, not only of the common communicable diseases of Western Europe, but of several of the pestilential diseases which have prevailed in Roumania and the neighbouring countries during the last thirty years.

Their first manual of infectious diseases was issued at the request of the Roumanian authorities in 1915. In 1939, a similar request resulted in the publication of a more comprehensive volume. On the exhaustion of the first, a revised and augmented second edition was issued in January 1944. The present volume is not a mere translation of

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