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PREFACE

The assignment given in writing this book is to set clearly and concisely before the busy practitioner a survey of dermatologic disorders as they are commonly met with in daily practice. It seems to us therefore, that the common dermatologic problems should be discussed without reference to the unusual conditions.

This will be a personal book. Our own personal belief concerning etiology and pathologic-physiology will be presented. The presentation of a clear and thorough enough discussion of each disease will not be sacrificed to brevity. The personal viewpoint in writing this book will be especially reflected in the therapy suggested. Only those measures with which the authors have had thorough and long enough experience will be recommended. In discussing the treatment it is felt that the complications of the treatment, that is the side effects, when the drug is given internally, or the sensitization or irritation potentials when used externally, should be cited. If these are clearly stated it may well save over-treatment dermatitis. Over-treatment dermatitis is a common finding in our practice when a patient is referred to us.

It is quite timely to write a book such as this because of the recent introduction of many potent and new therapeutic agents in the field of dermatology. It can well be said that