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PREFACE

The original communications in the journal of any learned society reflect in a fine way the progress which is being made in the field it serves. This is especially true of the American Journal of Public Health which was first published in 1911 under this name by the American Public Health Association. The Journal is a vast depository of valuable information in the field of public health. Unless the knowledge is accessible and easily found it is practically closed to students and research workers. It is with the idea of making this material more available that this index has been prepared.

While each volume of the Journal has an annual index these indexes were used only to check entries made by examination of every page in the thirty-five volumes included in the collective index.

This index covers original communications, editorials, committee reports and matters relating to the American Public Health Association. It is both an author and title index. Titles have been examined for all keywords so that each title should be sufficiently cross indexed. Editorials are cross indexed under the salient words in the titles. Other matters pertaining to the Association as annual meetings, Sedgwick Memorial Medalist and presidential addresses are listed alphabetically under American Public Health Association. The 1931-1932 Year Book and all subsequent ones have been indexed and are included. Committee reports both in the Journal and in the Year Books are listed as Committee reports under American Public Health Association and also under titles of the reports.

We regret that it seemed to be impossible to include in this index all of the public health notes, book reviews, shorter items, and abstracts of scientific articles mentioned in the Journal. To have done this would have made the task too long and the published index too expensive at a time when printing costs are very high.

That this index is free from errors is perhaps too much to expect. Every opportunity has been used, however, and every effort made to check entries. Some confusion was caused by the fact that some authors used every possible combination of names and initials. It is hoped that this index will serve public health workers the world over because no better source of information in this field exists than is found in volumes of the American Journal of Public Health.

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