PREFACE.

Since the occupation of the Netherlands in May 1940 postal exchange with foreign countries, especially those overseas, has gradually decreased and broke down completely in 1941, thereby depriving us of the opportunity to keep in touch with our colleagues abroad by exchanging periodicals and reprints of papers in our scientific field, as in every other branch of science.

Happily many of our colleagues after the war have been quick to provide us with their publications issued in the past few years and the Board of the Netherlands Society of Microbiology is glad in its turn to seize the opportunity of reciprocity by collecting in one volume abstracts of all papers on research work in the field of microbiology, serology and related sciences from periodicals issued in the Netherlands during the years 1940—1945, both in Dutch and foreign languages. In the medical field papers dealing mainly with pathology and epidemiology are omitted.

It is hoped that the exchange of papers from 1946 onwards will follow its normal course as in the years before the war, thereby reestablishing the many friendly relations which existed between Dutch microbiologists and their foreign colleagues.

The abstracts are arranged according to subjects. The main classification is:

- General microbiology
- Biochemical investigations
- Serological investigations
- Medical bacteriology and serology
- Animal pathology
- Technical microbiology
- Mycology and plant pathology
- Soil bacteriology

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