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PREFACE

This work, like the first volume of this series, was compiled to serve as a basis for future research on indigenous medicinal plants.

The plants have been grouped according to their reputed action to facilitate work by chemists, pharmacologists and clinicians who wish to screen them for their reputed action.

As was done in the first book, the botanical description and distribution of the plant are first given. Secondly, the medicinal uses of the plant as given in the literature of both local and foreign countries are enumerated. Thirdly, the results of the chemical investigations carried out on the plant by various research workers are listed. Finally, the results of the pharmacological investigations into the medicinal properties of the plant are furnished.

Specimens of the plants listed in this paper have been collected and pressed into herbarium specimens. The arrangement of the specimens and families is done according to a new system based on the phylogeny by John Hutchison (1959), primarily because of the parallel evolution of woody herbaceous dicotyledons and the monocotyledons. The species of the plant within the family are in the alphabetical order.

Drawings of all available plants are given.

Information was gathered from 3 sources: personal communications with the local traditional medical practitioners, literature on indigenous medicine and from foreign journals.

