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FOREWORD

The first edition of this monograph was published in 1944 under the editorship of the late Roger C. Griffin of Arthur D. Little, Inc., with sixteen authors. The second, published in 1951, had as its editor the late Lewis S. Reid of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. with nine collaborators and represented a revision of the first edition. This third edition contains much new material as well as a complete revision of virtually every section.

It is believed that it should meet with the wide acceptance of the earlier editions and maintain the aim set forth originally: "to provide an authoritative discussion of the characteristics of different types of paper, the significance of tests applied to them and to nomenclature." It is intended to serve as a source of valuable information to those who may have rather infrequent contact with the paper field or be acquainted with only a small segment of it.

Many months of work have gone into the present revision. Sections were assigned to specific individuals who then submitted their work to others for criticism and suggestions. This has naturally resulted in much correspondence and discussion and explains the delay in publication.

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The ASTM methods are published in the 1961 Book of ASTM Standards, Part 6, and the 1962 and 1963 Supplements thereto; and are also issued in a special compilation of *ASTM Standards on Paper and Paper Products and Packaging*, 1961.

The TAPPI methods are published originally in *Tappi*. They are also issued in loose leaf form by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, 360 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, New York.

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