

v, surveys medical services for the indigent and unemployed in various sections of Canada, emphasizes the uneven distribution of these and suggests needed reforms.

The chapters on medical findings in the unemployed and employed groups support, with reservations, the thesis that ill health and unemployment are related. The reader is left with the impression that the routine medical examination approach offers at present a qualitative test of the existence of this relationship rather than a quantitative measure of it. For more extensive results and to amplify the conclusions which can be drawn from the data it would seem advisable to modify the examination or to supplement it somewhat. A useful form of supplement is inferred in Chapter 10 where observations on the mental status and the home environment of the unemployed are made, and the impression given that an intensive study of these factors would have an important bearing on the problem of unemployment and health.

Comments on the somewhat limited returns from the method of approach used in this study should not, however, detract from the value of such findings as are obtained. One of the advantages of this approach—and undoubtedly the reason it was used here—is that quite factual data are obtained. It is noteworthy that the results in general tally with those obtained by other methods and that the recommendations of this group of investigators are also in line with those growing out of similar independent studies in the United States.

In addition to the presentation of useful data, the authors make a contribution in the form of temperate and judicial evaluation: in fact, they introduce their subject as “an essay in interpretation” and as a plea for further research.

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#### ERRATUM

*A Study of Mortality Among Individuals with Active  
Pulmonary Tuberculosis*, by Jean Downes

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page 308, footnote 10, Column 3 of the table, *Differences*:

for  $5.1 \pm 0.55$  please read  $5.1 \pm 0.88$

for  $37.6 \pm 0.90$  please read  $37.6 \pm 1.77$