

WITH the cooperation of Miss Mary E. Switzer, director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, *Public Health Reports* has obtained a number of contributions relating rehabilitation work to public health. We hope these papers will assist health agencies in creating or restoring in many crippled, bedridden, or otherwise handicapped patients a greater degree of self-reliance and usefulness.

Rehabilitation services are at every point a logical expression of a positive philosophy of public health, seeking not merely to prevent or attend disaster but to create a state of well-being.

With respect to certain categories of disability, our contributors were asked to set down information which might improve comprehension of rehabilitation opportunities. They have endeavored in most of these papers to describe the nature of the disability, remedial potentials, methods, typical complications, and reasonable goals. Since more papers were offered than could be scheduled in one issue of this journal, publication of several has been deferred.

If readers are interested in learning more about case finding, home care, or community facilities for rehabilitation, we shall try to provide such information in future papers.

In addition to completing this roundup of disability categories in rehabilitation, we hope that future contributors will report successful efforts to utilize ordinary health department resources to find and assist candidates for rehabilitation, in cordial cooperation with established welfare services, rehabilitation agencies, and allied community facilities.