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REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

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Rehabilitation is currently regarded as a creative process in which the remaining physical and mental capacities of the physically handicapped are realized and developed to their highest efficiency.

In this important work Dr. Kessler shows how, by organized and systematic methods, the physical, mental, and vocational powers of the individual can be improved to the point where he can compete with equal opportunity with the so-called non-handicapped. He emphasizes physical handicap as being social and economic rather than medical or anthropologic, and points out that public prejudice toward the disabled constitutes the greatest obstacle to rehabilitation.

Dr. Kessler discusses the various types of disabilities, expounds the principles which govern physical and social rehabilitation of handicapped persons, and pictures what is being done at the present time for the civilian disabled and the war wounded. He has provided an invaluable guide for charting medical programs in this field as well as an informative source-book for the social worker and the interested lay reader.

The author, an international consultant on rehabilitation, also wrote *The Crippled and the Disabled*. He has recently returned to civilian practice after having conducted rehabilitation programs at Navy hospitals in the South Pacific and at Mare Island, California. He is president of the National Rehabilitation Council.

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