

Foreword

THIS is the first of a series of occupational reports which are being prepared by the Bureau of Vocational Guidance of the Division of Education of Harvard University in cooperation with the Red Cross Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men. The work is being done to assist the Federal Board for Vocational Education which has been empowered by the Smith-Sears Act, approved June 27, 1918, to provide for the rehabilitation and placement of disabled soldiers and sailors.

The aim of the Smith-Sears Act is to provide for the training and equipment of men for occupations in which they can become, as nearly as possible, one hundred per cent. efficient in spite of their handicaps. How to determine the kind of training that will equip men to do this is a difficult problem. Judging from the experience of the Allies who have been working at the problem for more than three years, no adequate solution seems possible without thorough information concerning occupations suitable to disabled men. To make this needed information available, the Bureau of Vocational Guidance of Harvard University has undertaken a comprehensive study of typical forms of industry and business. In carrying on its investigations and in preparing its bulletins the Bureau has two main purposes in mind: First, to place before the returned men descriptions of the varied opportunities for employment open to them, and second, to make available for vocational counselors a fund of information which will assist them in advising the men as to the training courses they should enter and in helping them to choose their new occupations.