

In estimating for pension purposes the *extent of disability* resulting from a war injury, the damage done to the body and mind of the pension claimant is alone considered; consideration is not given to the loss of earning power resulting from the injury. In estimating, for the administration of a Workmen's Compensation Act, the extent of disability existing in a man injured in an industrial accident, consideration is given, in determining the *amount of compensation* to be paid, to the past and possible future earnings of the injured man. In the administration of pensions the number of dollars as pension for total disability is set by the accepted standard of decent comfort. The physician, in estimating the extent of the disability existing in an applicant for pension, considers only the amount of incapacity produced in the human machine, which he is examining, by the injuries which it has received. Sound men are able to do many things. If a man is disabled, one or more of his abilities is lost, or lessened. It is for the loss, or lessening, of ability to walk, to handle, to see, to hear, and so on, that pensions are paid. There is an obligation upon a disabled man, as upon all citizens, to use the ability which remains to him. That ability, coupled with a pension compensating for his disability, permits the pensioner to obtain the decent comfort for himself and his dependents which it is the intention of pension law to secure to him. An injury disables either through making the performance of a normal action impossible, or through making it inadvisable for a man to engage in certain occupations; watch-making is impossible for a man without hands; it is inadvisable for a man with a damaged heart to engage in heavy labour or for one whose disfigurement is repulsive to act as a salesman.

If a disability is wilfully self-inflicted, pension is not payable. Society owes nothing to a man who has made himself an inefficient soldier or citizen by his own deliberate, unsocial action. Similarly, if a man refuses to accept reasonably undangerous and unpainful treatment by which his disability may be removed or reduced, he should receive no