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Comments on the Prospectus for Social Sciences Research.

1. In the preliminary discussion, psychologists, educators, psychiatrists, and perhaps some others, would naturally be included among the professions interested.
2. In the planning of the survey, these professions should likewise be included if the survey is to be of real practical value. If only the topics mentioned are to be investigated, the results will have no more significance than Leonard Ayres study of school laggards, or other similar studies, which have done no good. Suggest inclusion of intelligence, educational status, trade skill, race, religious and nationality affiliation, and, as far as possible, personality type and psychiatric status among topics for investigation.
3. At an earlier meeting, it was said that it is unnecessary to seek the causes of unemployment, as these are well known. Granting this, and that our problem is the more specific one of discovering the relative importance of the familiar causes in the local situation, and the seeking of better adjustments, it may be remarked that the proportions of various groups among the unemployed can have significance only in comparison with the corresponding groups among the employed. So the survey of the unemployed should be paralleled by at least a sampling survey of individuals employed and a more general statistical study of employment. Would recommend that the parallel study be provided for from the start, since if this phase of the problem is deferred, the seasonal shifts in employment conditions will probably vitiate the entire program.
4. The result to be hoped for from the survey is insight into the relative importance of various causes of unemployment in this region, indicating the