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As a public health worker I can only hail with enthusiasm the establishment of The Human Welfare Group. There is no department of knowledge in which the effect of such an enterprise should be more fruitful than in the field of public health. This is particularly true at Yale, where our concept of public health is somewhat wider than that entertained in many universities. From the first, we have conceived public health as something much more than the application of bacteriology to sanitation. Public health is not merely bacteriology or medicine or sanitation or statistics; it is the application of all these sciences as parts of a definite program of social service. In the training of the physician, we have conceived public health as a fundamental preventive viewpoint which should permeate the daily activities of the individual practitioner and make him an active factor in the community health program. In the training of the health officer we have aimed at producing not a technician