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will find this work of great value to them, and it will also serve as a reference book to all involved in the diagnosis of all the types of dust inhalation disease.

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The fact that a report with this title is needed is a sad reminder of the division of the medical profession into those whose interest is in curing disease and those whose interest lies in prevention. The medical practitioner, by tradition, can usually deal only with persons who seek his help after symptoms of illness have developed. How is the important contribution of preventive medicine to the teaching of medicine to be made? This report attempts to answer this question.

The report is divided into five chapters, and the best of these is that which deals with Preventive Medicine in Undergraduate Teaching. Here we are taken right away from the old set course of lectures in Public Health to the idea of this subject being taught at all stages of the curriculum; it is not to be regarded as a special subject but as an aspect of all subjects. This chapter is worth reading by all medical teachers.

The chapter on aiding the practitioner in the preventive aspects of his work is less stimulating. Doubtless this is because an international report has to cater for all intention of a summary of the research which is being conducted Particular care is necessary when the reader can find out, from among the many fields in the factory quarters of it can be regarded as a reference as it consists of the nature and consequences of what is defined as consent freely given with proper understanding of the nature and consequences of what is proposed. Particular care is necessary when the volunteer stands in special relation to the investigator, for example patient and doctor, student and teacher [and, although it is not specifically mentioned in the report, workman and factory doctor]. So specialized has medicine become that in many types of investigation only a small number of experienced men are likely to be competent to pass an opinion on the justification for undertaking it. If any doubt exists, research workers should obtain the opinion of experienced colleagues on the desirability of the procedure or should refer to one of the specialized scientific societies. [Members of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers will not need to be reminded that its Research Advisory
Promotion of Medical Practitioners' Interest in Preventive Medicine

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