

ticular relevance to medicine. One is chapter 4, “The Urban Physical Environment and Its Effects on Health,” written by two social scientists and a physician who have both medical and social science degrees. These contributors offer refreshingly concrete data about the improvement in mortality achieved in New York City since 1800. They attribute this public health success to specific interventions in sanitation, housing, land use, and regulation of water and air quality, but they caution that much remains to be done. Likewise, chapter 8, “Cities, Suburbs, and Urban Sprawl: Their Impact on Health,” written by another contributor who has both medical and public health credentials, documents the problems introduced by the automobile, which has led to the suburbanization of most American cities, urban sprawl, loss of farmland, and many other health-related physical and social changes.

In brief, this is a book that will be of interest to social scientists but also worth consulting for physicians with practices that involve urban health. The distance between the social sciences and medicine can also be recognized in medicine and medical education. The creation of separate schools of public health at the beginning of the 20th century gave a valuable boost to the discovery of the specific causes of several important diseases, as well as to their prevention and treatment. However, it also contributed to the reduced emphasis on public health in the curricula of most medical schools and in the awareness of most practicing physicians.

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CORRECTION

Obesity and Diabetes in the Developing World — A Growing Challenge (January 18, 2007;356:213-5). The second sentence of the article (page 213) should have read “About 18 million people die every year from cardiovascular disease,” rather than “58 million.” Also, the last sentence of the same paragraph should have read “This task force and the World Health Organization (WHO) have revised the definition of obesity to adjust for ethnic differences, and this broader definition may reflect an even higher prevalence — with 1.7 billion people classified as overweight worldwide,” rather than “with 1.7 billion children classified.” The text has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site at www.nejm.org.

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