The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique

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CHAPTER 8

THE FACTORS GOVERNING PROGRESS

This tendency in the large groups to go on increasing in size and diverging in character...

Conclusion

In the course of this book, many problems have been raised and many fields reviewed. It is proper to close with the comment that research in this whole subject has barely started as a systematic discipline. The key branches of fundamental science for the whole enterprise are those of animal behavior and psychosomatics, though many others, such as statistical method and black box theory, must be pressed into service. In this book we have sought only to limn the barest of outlines; it will remain for others to fill in the interior. We hope the book may stimulate some experimentalists to devote special attention to the subject, and many others to work in full awareness of its existence and possibilities. Above all, we hope it will serve to present to those beginning work a unified image of some of the most important aspects of their studies. If it does any of these things, this book will have amply served its purpose.