



The Chances of Death and the Ministry of Health (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Chances of Death and the Ministry of Health The problems of death and the duration of life have at all times been the subject of much profound speculation and theoretical as well as practical analysis. The average as well as the maximum attainable duration of human life must needs be a matter of serious concern to the individual and the state. The mortality experience of mankind in the mass reflects, with admirable accuracy, the attained degree of civilization as exemplified in the human control of the death rate; or, in other words, the prevention and successful elimination of diseases due to unfavorable external and controllable conditions affecting the duration of life. The day has passed forever when the average duration of life was complacently accepted as preordained or a matter of pure chance. In place of a fatalistic conception of death, a new doctrine of social and individual control of the death rate prevails, which accounts for the material improvement in health and longevity, which, by trustworthy records, is shown to have taken place...

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