

He received the O.B.E. for services to General Allenby's men in 1918, and in November, 1933, on the completion of twenty-five years' service, he was awarded by the President of the Lebanon Republic the highest decoration that is given to foreigners, namely, the 2nd class of the Médaille d'honneur du Mérite Libanais.

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PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND PSYCHOTHERAPY SUB-COMMITTEE.

LONDON LOCAL GROUP.

Amongst the aims of the Sub-Committee has been the one to promote exchange of ideas, and the formation of informal groups of workers interested in psychopathology. One such group is the London Discussion Circle, which meets, under the leadership of Dr. M. E. Franklin, at 8.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, at 3, Bulstrode Street, Welbeck Street, W. 1.

Formed in January, 1928, it has held an uninterrupted course of most successful meetings, the average attendance being eighteen or nineteen. The subjects discussed have been very varied, and a sample selection is given below :

Types of suicidal attempts.
Mental testing in psychosis.
Repetition.
Behaviourism, *Gestalt* and psycho-analysis.
Is psycho-analytic investigation scientific?
Hadfield's psychotherapy.
Asocial children.
The psychopathology of civilized communities.
Constructive psychotherapy.
Feelings of isolation in mental disorder.
Neurotic symptoms in healthy people.
The selection of the method of treatment.
The psycho-biological views of Adolf Meyer.
A type of frigidity in women.
Drawing, modelling and writing of children.
Sex jealousy as an artefact of culture.
Genetic relationships of paranoia and hysteria.
Psychological factors in contraception.

The value of such informal meetings can hardly be over-estimated, and it is not surprising to find how popular these meetings have proved. Anyone interested, within reach of London, and who wishes to join, should communicate directly with Dr. Franklin at Bulstrode Street, or with the Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

As a reminder, it might be added that the Sub-Committee is anxious not only to see other such groups formed in provincial centres, but to assist in any way it can study and research in the psychological aspects of mental disorder, and especially would it welcome any suggestion of joint or concerted action on any likely investigation to which the group method might be applicable.

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