

at his club, when on May 8, 1933, suddenly after luncheon, he died from angina pectoris and coronary embolism. He was in his fifty-seventh year.

To all who knew him there is a deep feeling of personal loss. Professionally he stood a persistent champion of humane care and enlightened treatment of the insane. Considerate with his patients, generous with his co-workers, stimulating with his students, he is revered as much for his example of devotion and sincerity as for his record of social service and professional idealism.

Less than a month before his death the New Jersey Legislature had adopted a resolution lauding his work.

Dr. Cotton served with the United States Army during the Spanish-American War, and as a Major in the Army Medical Corps during the World War. He was a Lecturer in Psychopathology at Princeton University, Acting Director of the Psychiatric Clinic for Correctional Institutions of New Jersey, and Acting Director of the Medicine and Psychiatry State Board of Institutions and Agencies of New Jersey. He was a member of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, 1921-1922; Member of the American Neurological Association, American Psychiatric Association, New England Society of Psychiatry, Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, American Psychopathological Association and the Society of American Bacteriologists, and a Corresponding Member of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain.

By reason of his Colonial ancestry he was a member of the Sons of the Revolution and Sons of Colonial Wars and Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and also of the North Caroline Society of Cincinnati. It was while he was connected with the Danvers institution that Dr. Cotton married, in 1903, Miss Alice Della Keyes, of Baltimore. Mrs. Cotton survives him, with two sons; the elder is a medical student at the Johns Hopkins Medical School.

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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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Hon. Secretary.

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Alpinus, Prosper. *De medicina methodica libri tredecim.* Lugd. Bat., 1719.
Wecker, Jacob. *Medicinae utriusque syntaxes.* Basil, 1576.
"Constant Observer." *Sketches in Bedlam.* London, 1823.