

SCIENTIFIC MEETING
February 18, 1938

(closed meeting)

Total attendance: 19

Guests: Dr.Montgomery
Dr.Gassman
Dr.Urban

Dr.Brill, *Budapest*

Dr.Simmel presiding

Speaker: Dr.Louis Montgomery

Subject: "Psychoanalysis of a case of Acne Vulgaris"

The speaker presents the history of a case of acne vulgaris which was in analysis for over three years. The patient was a woman of 24 years of age. Her reasons for seeking help were numerous. She had a dog phobia, periodic depressions, nausea, vomiting spells, and spasmes like pains in her breasts. The acne turned out to stand in the centre of her symptoms and served to express a great number of her unconscious impulses. The patient had led a very promiscuous life and used her acne as a sort of rationalization: pretending to herself that sexual intercourse could cure her from her acne which had previously resisted all kinds of medical treatment over a period of many years. The acne together with her other symptoms cleared up completely ~~after~~ with the termination of analysis.

(case history in library)

Discussion: Urban, Simmel, Brill, Gassman, Glass, Brunswick,
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Symptom clearly is a substitute for unconscious masturbation. Patient handled face, to spite persons who forbade masturbation. She repeats observation of father's masturbation

Adjournment.