

Minutes

Scientific Meeting on Friday, December 18, 1942. At the Nursery School, 512 N. Rossmore, Los Angeles, California. Symposium on "The Psychology of the Emigrant".

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Fenichel shows how different the psychological situation of different classes of emigrants may be. What they have in common is the task of performing some adaptation. A psychoanalytic investigation of the conception of "adaptation" therefore is the basis of the psychology of the emigrant. He then discusses the different aspects of "adaptation", and the factors on which success or failure of adaptation depend; he discusses the possible failures and neurotic reactions. He then reviews some papers by Braatoy concerning these questions.

Dr. Brunswick reviews the respective work by Stengel, Editha Sterba and Zilboorg.

Mrs. Deri summarizes her experiences with analysis with emigrants, and stresses especially the similarity between the emigrant's adaptation work, and the psychological task of adolescence.

Mrs. Olden and Dr. Simmel continue further clinical examples and touch upon further related problems.

A general discussion is concerned with several more specialized questions, as, for example, specific situations of specific emigrant groups, the problems of adolescence, the differences of traditional education under ~~the~~ different social circumstances.