

INTRODUCTION (*)

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Large and attentive audiences greeted Sir Frederic Bartlett at his lectures in Turkey in November 1956. This was ample witness to the general and scientific importance of the series of addresses which he presented. The University and particularly the Psychology Group was highly complimented that Professor Bartlett was willing and able to come here for a period of some weeks considering the heavy schedule of committee and consultant work that continues to press upon him. After 30 years he retired from the directorship of the Psychology Laboratory at Cambridge University and from professorship in 1952. Since that date he has become Psychologist-at-large, not only in Great Britain but also in an international sense.

As a general topic for his lectures in Turkey Sir Frederic chose to speak on recent developments of psychology in Great Britain. No one has a richer background of professional experience on which to draw, in presenting the subject. For example, as editor of the *British Journal of Psychology*, from 1924 to 1948, a large portion of the published studies in this science done in England has received his close personal attention. A large percentage of them were done under his supervision. Surely no one has been in a better position to observe these scientific trends and developments, to participate in them as a leader, and to exercise critical judgment on their value and progress. Sir Frederic has made a special point in his lectures in relating the expansions and other developments of psychology to the social stresses occasioned by war. He presents in a clear and challenging argument the significance, in Great Britain, of the Two World Wars as influences effective in opening up segments of human life to a scientific psychological approach. This broadening and refining of psychology under the stress of great social need, and its acceptance by physicists, engineers, industrialists and military leaders because they could observe its practical usefulness, is nowhere better documented than in this series of lectures.

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As originally contemplated Professor Bartlett was to give a series of six lectures. The manuscripts for Chapters I to VI were sent to Istanbul for translation into Turkish. Later in correspondence he informed us of two other lectures he had prepared and given recently. We asked if he would be willing to repeat these here for our benefit, and he kindly consented. The present Volume, therefore, includes a series of eight lectures printed in the order of their delivery. Those numbered I to VI were given at the Faculty of Letters, Istanbul University, Nos. VII and VIII were delivered at the Technical University in Istanbul, and were repeated in Ankara to audiences that were largely military personnel. Sir Frederic gave the lectures in English and the alternate translation into Turkish was given by Dr. Beğlân Birand.

Many who listened to these lectures will doubtless be pleased to have them in published form complete and in both languages. It is believed that many others who could not enjoy the privilege of listening to this eminent scholar and scientist will also find this publication both interesting and worthy of study.