

first place, every lawyer who begins must make a living, and, therefore, a case is not a matter of choice, but a matter of necessity, and he looks at his first case with a sort of fondness, and a fatherly eye, as it were. It is a case in which he sees hidden treasures, and which he feels a peculiar sympathy for, which a lawyer looking at it in a clear, concise and impersonal way does not see. Well, first of all, he has to make his living, then his ambition is that some day he will be a judge; another ambition is, perhaps, he will be a great counsel, and another ambition is that he will, perhaps be a great orator before a jury. These are all personal matters acting upon the mind of the young solicitor, when the first opportunity to start and shape his life presents itself to him by the presentation of a case at the hands of some client. Strangely enough, I do not know why it should be, but I never knew a young lawyer to begin with the idea of being rich; he has always the idea that his ambition will lead him on to a judgeship or a great counsel; that he will become a man well known all over his province or his country, a man who will stand very high, and perhaps highest in his profession, but never, I venture to say, does he begin life in his profession with the object of and the hope and intention to become a rich man. Of course, in that he shews his wisdom, because if he thought otherwise he would be sorely disappointed.

Now, all these feelings must be eliminated from the lawyer's mind who desires to give the full benefit of his ability and knowledge to his clients. If we eliminate these feelings, then we come down to the impersonal, and to conditions that are necessary to the proper conduct of a case, and the proper appreciation and management of it. And I may say that amongst the conditions necessary to carry out the theory I am advancing here is, that the solicitor should have no bias or prejudice either for or against any kind of a case or in favour of or against his own case or that of his opponents. He should exercise, apart from his own personal feelings, the best judgment. All people cannot acquire good judgment, and you cannot teach people good judgment; it is a sort of thing that is born in a man, but it