

dangerous or the saw was risky, and who has always a method by which the defect could be remedied. You find in ordinary cases of breach of promise, and one might say in moral actions, generally, the same material details running through all of those of the same class. You might almost shut your eyes and pick out the ordinary list of facts that would apply to the case in hand. Of course, there are other cases, such as real estate matters and actions of that kind that are very difficult, but I am speaking of the majority of cases that are tried in our present Courts of Assize and inferior courts. You find also in nearly all the cases, that the motives of these actions are the same. Humanity does not vary, and varies less, perhaps, in litigation than in any other class of business or occupation in life. Now, should not a solicitor, therefore, enquire into all these things, and have them operating upon his mind? Not that he can make an application of these individual matters to every case that comes up, but should not his mind be so governed and so actuated by the result of observation, that involuntarily, almost intuitively, the mind properly trained will turn to the case in hand with true appreciation, and thereby give the full benefit of that condition of mind and knowledge to the case entrusted to him.

I have no doubt that most lawyers will agree with me that it is not a very difficult matter to advise upon a client's story, that is, if you accept his story; but it is more difficult to advise upon the story told by the other side. If you are acting for the plaintiff, and you are advising him upon his statement of facts, and the statement of his wrongs and rights, etc., you have, perhaps, very little difficulty in telling him he is going to succeed, but do not forget that perhaps a block away, perhaps in the adjoining part of the same building, there is another solicitor sitting behind a brass plate, closeted with the defendant, and advising him to a contrary conclusion upon his statement of facts, thus shewing that both cannot be right, and shewing also the danger of relying entirely upon statements made by the most honest clients. I would like to mention in