

I need not here repeat at length the details of the symptoms. Dr. Clarke sums up thus:

“4. That it is evident that this young man is suffering from the Paranoid form of Dementia Praecox and should be kept under treatment in an institution, as with such prominent delusions of persecution it is best for himself and society that he should not be at liberty. Briefly stated, I base my opinion on the following observations:

“History of disease as detailed by patient; Grandiose Delusions; Delusions of Persecution; Absence of Judgment; Somatic Delusions; Childish Vanity.

“These are the striking characteristics of Paranoid Dementia Praecox, of which the patient is suffering. The case presents no difficulties in the way of diagnosis.”

This confirms the views expressed by Dr. Mitchell and by Dr. Bruce Smith. Dr. Mitchell has had the young man under his care for a considerable time, and has made a special study of his case. Dr. Bruce Smith, than whom none can be better qualified, states that the disease is incurable, and that the nature of the disease renders it necessary that the patient should have custodial care and treatment in a hospital for the insane. Dr. Bruce Smith also states that, upon his examination of the patient subsequent to the issue of the writ, the patient stated that he was satisfied with the care and treatment he was receiving at Brockville, and that he was not a consenting party to the action being taken to secure his release. He further stated to Dr. Bruce Smith that he had been induced to enter an action for \$50,000 damages against his father by one Appleby, to whom he had been induced to promise \$5,000 if the suit was successful.

The affidavits of the father and of others shew that the father has, throughout, done his utmost for his unfortunate son; that he had had him under the care of Dr. Grasett and Dr. King; and the son's mental condition was either brought about or aggravated by evil habits; that everything possible has been done for his treatment with a view to his recovery, but without avail.

Against all this evidence, there is not a single opinion of any medical man or of any one in any way qualified to express an opinion upon the subject; and one only needs to realize that in the case of this terrible malady a casual acquaintance is easily deceived, and that for long periods the patient is apparently harmless, until his mind is turned in