

INTRODUCTION.

Age 24, cook, Protestant, was admitted to this hospital as voluntary patient on May 4, 1953. He carried a letter from Dr. Christian Howe suggesting he be admitted here as an out-patient.

REASONS FOR ADMISSION.

"Homosexuality."

This patient was interviewed by the present writer and in the presence of Dr. Stiller. He told us that he was very worried about homosexuality and was desirous of coming to the hospital. He said he wished to be treated as an out-patient. He was then told this was impossible as no out-patient service was available at the moment and also it did not seem to be indicated in his case. He then asked details about voluntary admission. These were given to him and it was made quite clear that if he was admitted that he would be required to stay for one month being told that after 20 days he could give his notice if he wished. He was told also that his case would probably take longer than a month to deal with and that probably he would be asked to sign further voluntary forms. After some cogitation he decided to accept admittance. During the afternoon he was markedly disturbed all the time crying and asking to be allowed to go home and also importuning everyone to allow him to go. He was interviewed by this writer in the afternoon and he made a tremendous scene stating he couldn't bear to be locked up and would have to go and the like. He was given three grains of sodium amytal to settle him and that was the most conversation that was had with him at that time. He was told, however, that he really should stay and that he had known and been warned before he came that he would be required to stay 30 days. However, in view of his agitation Dr. Bates was consulted about him and the Superintendent gave instructions that he should be allowed to go away tomorrow it being made clear to him that he could never be admitted here again on a voluntary commitment. Dr. Bates also ordered that a letter stating this should be sent to his doctor and this gentleman informed that if he wished him to come here again we would suggest that he committed him.

Brief points on the history are that he lives in Ashland, Oregon, his occupation is a cook, he last worked on May 1, 1953. He stated he has been having homosexual relations since he was 17 years old. He also has had epilepsy since he was 16 years old. This has been controlled with medication and he had his last seizure about 2½ years ago. He stated that he lost the friendship of his boy friend about one week ago and has not been able to eat anything during the past six days. He was hospitalized at Ashland on May 2 and 3 of 1953. He stated to the attendant he was very nervous at that time and he had thought of suicide. He denied having any homicidal ideas. Patient stated to the attendant he was quite nervous since a small child. His mother does not know he is a homosexual and thinks he is hospitalized for a nervous disorder. His parents are separated and his mother is married again. Patient was quite nervous and upset when this interview was taken and became nauseated. No military service, was never married and has had one year of college education.

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS: 52.2 Sociopathic personality disturbance, sexual deviation

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ULTIMATE DIAGNOSIS: 52.2 Sociopathic personality disturbance, sexual deviation

John Bower, M. D.

No physical examination was done in view of his extreme agitation.

May 5, 1953: Full discharge granted this date in care of self, 175 Weightman Street, Ashland, Oregon. Condition, Unimproved.

5-2-1906

Kansas

INTRODUCTION.

Age 47, barber, married, was admitted to this hospital as voluntary patient on May 2, 1953.

REASON FOR ADMISSION.

To try and get cured from alcoholism.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Patient was born on May 2, 1906 in Kansas. He states "I was born in a sod house on a farm". His father is age 72 years, is living in Eugene at his son's home, the old man is also a barber. He has good health. Patient states they always got along very well together. At the moment the old man helps to operate the son's barber shop. His mother is age 73 years and is a patient in this hospital. She was a school teacher before her marriage but never worked after that time as the father was always a good provider. Patient believes her condition is due to "hardening of the arteries". There are no siblings in the family. He states he had a normal childhood, starting school at the age of seven years. He only went through the second year of high school and gave it up because "I got a car and was too busy to go to school". While in school he was active in social events but not in sports because his mother didn't want him to get hurt. In 1911 the family moved to Oregon and lived in a small town until 1920 when they moved to Eugene. Patient worked as a cat driver in Eugene until 1924 when he went to Los Angeles to study barbering. Since that time he has worked as a barber except for a short while when he helped with construction work at the Bonneville dam. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church and went regularly to services as a child. However, he has not attended church for years and feels it isn't necessary to go. He was married in 1928 when he was 22 years of age. He and his wife were married about five years when she got a divorce from him. He states that this was his fault "I drank too much and did a lot of running around". He had one child by his first wife, a daughter, who is now 22 years old and is married. He lived alone for about 18 years while the child lived with the first wife. In 1952 he remarried and states that this has been happy up to the present. He and his wife have many friends although they don't belong to any clubs or organizations. He states he used to play golf a great deal but hasn't been able to recently because his eyesight is getting poor. He now plays poker and smokes and drinks in his spare time. Mr. Walkinshaw had surgery done on his left eye about six years ago, but apart from this he has had no other surgery. Last April he was treated by a family doctor in Eugene for a series of Vitamin B shots for alcoholism. This has been the only treatment he has received for it. He says he got beat up recently when he was down and out, never had any military service. He was only arrested once during prohibition for carrying "moonshine".

MENTAL EXAMINATION.

This patient is correctly oriented in all three spheres. He is rather untidy and florid in appearance and his appearance is not enhanced by a bandage over a burn on his right cheek. He shows some nystagmus of the eyes. He tells this writer he had been drinking on and off since 30 years ago, but his drinking has become a problem in the last ten. He drinks all day, complains of after drinking and irregular sleep. In a drinking bout in Eugene in March of this year he was full of auditory and visual hallucinations. These hallucinations he describes as consisting of seeing a horse walking a tight rope across the room, the room

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itself being full of Indians. He states he has been drinking steadily for over a month and has averaged about one fifth of whisky a day. He is quite tremorous on examination but he does not display hallucinatory phenomena at the present time. He has been started off on alcoholic routine.

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS: 13.00 Alcohol intoxication without qualifying phrase

John Bower, M. D.

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ULTIMATE DIAGNOSIS:

PROGNOSIS.

It would appear with the chronicity of this case that the prognosis is bad. It is felt in talking to him that the patient himself realizes this only too well and it is felt that quite a long period of hospitalization will be necessary.

3-27-1924

North Carolina

Protestant

INTRODUCTION.

Age 29, divorced, saw mill worker, Protestant, was admitted to this hospital as voluntary patient on May 2, 1953.

REASON FOR ADMISSION.

"My wife thinks I'm an alcoholic, but I don't. She said that if I'd come down here maybe we could get together again."

PREVIOUS HISTORY.

Measles, mumps, scarlet fever, rheumatic fever, whooping cough, pneumonia. He has had an appendectomy and tonsils and adenoids.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Born on March 27, 1924 in North Carolina. He moved to Oregon when he was three years old. His father died at age of 38 from lobar pneumonia and this time patient was 11. The father drank excessively and was not too good a provider. "Of course, that was during the hard times". He got along well with his father and missed him very much when he died. His mother is age 44 and living at the same address as the patient and they got along well. He has two brothers both in the service and one sister who lives about 30 miles from him. However, he says he does not see her very often. The patient is the oldest child in the family. He started school when he was seven and completed his freshman year in high school, then went to work in a box factory. He worked there for one year and then started in work in a saw mill. During the war he served two years in the Navy from 1944 to 1946. After that he went back to the saw mill and worked as a racket setter. He switched over to the lathe mill but didn't like that so about a week ago he finished this and started work on a job in Tillamook. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church but he does not attend very much. His wife has a 14 year old son with whom he is able to get along very well. He and his wife were married for three years, then were divorced for one year. His wife is five years older than he is. He was operated on for appendicitis but had no other major surgical illnesses. He was arrested recently for reckless driving, "I got out if though. He called it speeding".

MENTAL EXAMINATION.

This patient is pleasant and cooperative, correctly oriented in all spheres and appears to have a normal affective response. However, he seems overdependent on his wife whom he is contemplating marrying again as he says she is going to allow him to do this if he can straighten his drinking up. He usually drinks beer and was drinking more on the four days prior to admission than he has for a long time. He displays no signs of hallucinations or delusions and is in good physical condition and does not seem to have too much of a problem. He says his brothers and father drank a lot and he has drunk more since coming out of the Navy.

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS: 13.00 Alcohol intoxication without qualifying phrase

Palmer, Perry

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ULTIMATE DIAGNOSIS: 13.00 Alcohol intoxication without qualifying phrase

John Bower, M. D.

May 7, 1953: Full discharge granted this date in care of self destination unknown.
Condition, unimproved.

INTRODUCTION.

Age 44, electrician, married, Protestant, was admitted to this hospital as voluntary patient on May 3, 1953.

REASON FOR ADMISSION.

"To get rid of alcoholism."

PREVIOUS ILLNESSES.

Measles, whooping cough, mumps, chickenpox in childhood and influenza in adult life.

FAMILY HISTORY.

This patient is of Welsh origin and was born in 1909. His father died when age 62 years from scalding. Mother died when she was 20 of pneumonia or rheumatic fever, the patient does not know which. He has one half-sister but he is not in communication with her. Mr. Ellis lived with friends and relatives until he was 13 years old and then came to the West to live with his father. They got along pretty well but he states "I wasn't used to a father and he wasn't used to a son". Looking at his situation as a child with the eye of maturity he feels he was kicked around quite a bit during his childhood but he didn't realize it at the time. He went through high school, he liked it fairly well, took part in games and was well appreciated by teachers and fellow students. He did 1½ years of college but gave that up as he said "I left on a football proposition". He is an electrician by trade and has been working as a longshoreman recently. He was married as a young man but was divorced after 19 years of marriage "mostly because of my drinking". He married 2½ years ago and has a 1½ year old step-son. He states he has had delirium tremens eight or nine years ago and at bedtime heard music, voices and had visual hallucinations "if the light was right". Now he has trouble sleeping after he has been drinking. He believes he drinks to cover up nervousness and because he likes to spend four or five days at Columbia Hospital at Astoria and another four or five days at St. Mary's "because of my drinking". He drinks mostly whisky and wine, has been drinking up to five quarts a day of the latter during his last epidemic of drinking. He says he has been involved in several fracasces in taverns in North Bend where he lives.

On examination he is pleasant and cooperative and correctly oriented in all three spheres. He does not display any signs of hallucinations at the present moment. He is extremely shaky and his affect is towards the depressed side.

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS: 13.00 Alcohol intoxication without qualifying phrase

John Bower, M. D.

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ULTIMATE DIAGNOSIS:

3-29-1908

Alabama

Prot.

John Flower, M. D.

INTRODUCTION.

Age 45, no regular occupation, divorced, Protestant, was admitted to this hospital on May 4, 1953 as voluntary patient.

REASON FOR ADMISSION.

"To get my thinking straight over my alcoholic problem."

PREVIOUS HISTORY.

Childhood complaints: measles, whooping cough, tonsillitis, mumps, chickenpox. Adult life: rectal TB apparently in 1948 and had treatment at a clinic in Tennessee for this. He has also had gonorrhoea. Operations consist of a tonsillectomy and appendectomy plus section in the rectal mucosa for tuberculosis at the Armstrong Clinic in Tennessee. He said he was treated there with streptomycin and PAS.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Patient was born in Alabama on March 29, 1908. At the end of the year the family moved to Illinois where the patient was present for some years. Patient is a member of a four sibling group the others of which are all girls. The father died at age of 69 from hyperpiesis and heart trouble. He was a mine worker and gave the family a good home life though the patient himself says he would describe his father as an alcoholic. His mother died in 1926 of tuberculosis. She was very close to the patient and the family all got along well together. He had one year of high school and then had to leave to work in the mines. He says he was an average student, he made friends well, got along with the teachers and with the other students. He first job was working in the mines where he stayed for three years. He got along fine but gave it up to get a different job. He worked as a coal loader for three years but again gave it up though he got along fine. He had three years spent in the army in 1929, had all his service in Honolulu. He enlisted in New York and was discharged there. He worked for John L. Lewis as an organizer for the Coal Miner's Union and has been in numerous hotels as elevator operator, garage man, door man and also in restaurants. He is of Protestant religion but he does not attend church very often. He says all his spare time is spent in drinking. He occasionally attends shows, dances and he likes reading. He believes he makes friends easily. He was married for five years but "I drank myself out of her life". He missed her at first but he does not think of her very much now. There were no children to this union. He was arrested in 1948 for passing bad checks and spent nine months in the Wyoming State Penitentiary. He states that he drank more while in prison than he ever drank. He was a trustee so would go into town and drink to his heart's content.

MENTAL EXAMINATION.

This patient is quite cooperative, pleasant and rather ingratiating in manner, giving the impression he is doing all he can to soft soap the writer. Being the old convict type of person he has settled down quite well and apparently is going to make the best of his stay here. He does not appear to be suffering from any hallucinations or delusions and there is no gross physical abnormality detected in the physical examination. He says he has been drinking one to two pints per day plus other things.

1-6-1931
Minot,
North Dakota

Prot.

INTRODUCTION.

Age 22, single, Protestant, admitted to this hospital as voluntary patient on May 5, 1953. He was brought to the hospital by the Salem police.

REASON FOR ADMISSION.

"I was arrested for molesting a woman." Patient meant "molesting".

PAST ILLNESSES.

In childhood he had measles, mumps and chickenpox. In adult life he has suffered from scabies and from influenza, also nocturnal enuresis.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Patient was born in Minot, North Dakota on January 6, 1931. His father is age 47, is alive and well and is maintenance man in the Multnomah County Hospital. His mother, age 48, who the patient says is overweight is alive and well and works as a nurse's aide at the same institution.

Siblings: One, female, married with five children; two, female, 26, married, one child; three, male, this man would be 25 now but was killed in a car crash with his wife over a year ago. This couple had one child. Four, female, 24, single; five, patient; six, female, age 20, married, one child; seven, female, 18, single; eight, female, 17, single. He says the family all get on very well together and that he had a happy childhood with them. Recently he has been staying with his married sister and brother-in-law in Salem.

He seems to have always suffered from a nocturnal enuresis for which his father used to beat him quite a lot when he was a child. Since then he says he has always been extremely nervous. This nervousness according to the patient was supplemented by the fact that his grade one teacher forced him to write and behave in a right handed manner when he is congenitally left handed. Family circumstances have always been from poor to marginal. However, in spite of this his father was always a good provider. When the patient was 11 years old the father started to suffer from rheumatism and he was advised by his doctor to move from the cold of North Dakota to a more salubrious climate. Therefore, they came out to Oregon. He started school in grade one and achieved grade nine in 12 years leaving school at the age of 18. He failed three years running. According to himself he played a little desultory sport while at school, always got on well with the students but never with the teachers. He seems to have quite a lot of bitterness and dislike for them. "I was always behind the eight ball with them." After leaving school he had various jobs most of them of a domestic character. He has never been able to handle very much responsibility and on the whole his work has been something that could be done even by children. At present he is working as a hotel worker in Salem washing dishes and being a general factotum around the place. He enlisted in the Army in May of 1950 and was discharged May 10, 1951. Apparently he was a bit of a nuisance while in the Army and they seemed glad to get rid of him. He was discharged because of "nerves and bad troubles". Sexual experiences have been more or less what one would expect of a person of his type. Masturbation which he says is now finished, occasional promiscuity with casual pick-ups on the street and visits to brothels in Coos Bay. He says he has a fiancée whom he is very anxious to marry, but he says the thoughts of her make him