

G R O U P III.

Q u e s t i o n s

1. What common characteristics do you find in these cases which distinguish them from the groups previously considered?
2. What two reaction patterns do you see most strikingly exemplified in the case of Harrison Wells? How do you explain them?
3. Where do you draw the line between the genuine reformer and the type exemplified by this man?
4. Why should he cling so tenaciously to his role as a reformer?
5. How would you characterize his religion?
6. What points of similarity and of contrast do you see in Edwin Warren as compared with Harrison Wells?
7. How do you account for the fact that Warren so often gets disturbed just when things seem to be going well with him?
8. Compare Oswald Ewing with the other two.
9. White, in his Outline of Psychiatry (p. 145), explains reactions of the type exemplified in these patients as "flight into reality." To what extent would you agree with this?
10. How much religious concern do you find in these three cases? In the cases included in the two preceding groups?

R e f e r e n c e s

White	Outline of Psychiatry	pp. 145-52
McDougall	Abnormal Psychology	chapter 22
MacCurdy	Psychology of Emotion	chapter 46
Alexander	Psychoanalysis of the Total Personality	page 90
Moore	Dynamic Psychology	page 217
Overstreet	About Ourselves	chapter 7
Lecky	Theory of Self-Consistency in Personnel Problems	Collected Papers

A SALESMAN

Edwin Warren - age 55; race, English; education, H. S.; occupation, salesman; civil condition, married; church, Methodist.

Introduction

Edwin Warren has spent most of the past three years in this hospital. He was brought here first as a result of going to the police station in a highly excited condition to report a case of graft in the police department in the matter of prohibition enforcement. He also stated that he was to speak that night in Hibernian Hall for Mayor O'Hara. He was so obviously abnormal that he was sent to the hospital for observation.

Personal History

Very little is known about this man's early history. He has steadily refused to give any information himself. His employer knows only that he has a wife living in Pennsylvania and that he accuses her of infidelity and of seeking to have him locked up in an institution.

He is a man of good intelligence and has apparently had a good social background. In his disturbed conditions he talks of his father as a Methodist minister. He also claims to have held some good positions. His record as a salesman is certainly excellent. He is an aggressive, self-confident, outgoing person with remarkable physical endowment. He is five feet six inches in height and weighs 190 lbs., with enormous chest, broad shoulders and heavy muscles. During his disturbed periods he talks of having been a professional wrestler and he looks the part. Temperamentally he is cheerful, sociable and co-operative.

It is probably that he has been an inmate of some other hospital before coming here.

Behavior in the Hospital

During most of his stay in this hospital this man has been friendly, co-operative, industrious and efficient. In his normal periods he holds a responsible position in the hospital laundry, he takes an active part in the institutional activities and is especially interested and proficient in such games as checkers and chess. Since he was first admitted he has been released three times, but in each case he remained out only a short time before he had to be brought back. The report was always the same. He had made a remarkable record as a salesman, but he soon became so over-active that there was no living with him.

In the disturbed periods he is extremely over-active, extremely self-important, extremely talkative. He is concerned with the external world and is alive to all that goes on around him. There is no impairment of memory or of orientation. His speech is coherent, though perhaps with some tendency toward flight of ideas, and his answers are relevant whenever he gives one a chance to ask a question. His mood is expansive, good-natured, euphoric, often playful, but subject to violent outbursts of irritability and anger. The disturbed periods last usually from three to five weeks. He then quiets down. Sometimes he goes thru a slight spell of depression before he becomes normal again. The content of thought during the disturbed period has been each time much the same. On admission he was very abusive toward the policeman who brought him in. He said they were grafters who protected a group of dope-fiends and rum-runners. He wanted to demonstrate his physical strength. He claimed that his name was not Warren but Henry E. Smith, that he was an unfrocked Catholic priest who had assumed a disguise in order to get the goods on the Catholics. In fact he was the chief of the U. S. Secret Service. He was at one time in the service of the German government, having assumed his duties there in order to serve his own country as a detective. He came to this hospital in the

capacity of a detective. He has much to say about secret orders, especially the Masons and the K. K. K. When brought before staff, at the time of his first admission, he did not wait to be questioned but proceeded at once to question the staff. He was particularly delighted to salute the examining physician as a fellow Klansman. He wrote a poem which he dedicated to the superintendent and to the ward physician and read it with zeal and enthusiasm to any and all who would listen. In each succeeding disturbance the same ideas have reappeared. He has much to say about the Klan and the Masons and the Secret Service. He continues to speak of himself as an unfrocked Catholic priest. He asserts that he is really a very different person from what he has seemed to be. To these ideas he has added a tremendous interest in the Mayan civilization, whose representative he considers himself to be. At all times he is intent upon impressing others with his own importance. At no time in any of his disturbed periods has he given evidence of sex perversions or even of any great interest in sex.

The following poem is a fair sample of his literary activities during his disturbed periods:

WORCESTER, CITY BY AN INLAND SEA

Worcester, City by an inland sea,
Great thy history of yesterday,
But greater still it is to be.
This a prophesy I say.
Yea, a prophesy to thee.

A city whose height and depth
And its angled square,
Its breadth and its width
Are all written here
In burnished script of gold.

I hear the whippoorwill afar,
I hear the cricket in the grass,
I see the lone Pole Star
Gleaning o'er the world's morass
Of earth and troubled sea.

And its altars shall be a shrine
For the children of the earth,
And love that is thine
Shall see a faith
That shall never fail.

Winged messengers by day and night
Shall cleave thy azure skies;
And the eagle in its flight
O'er earth that never dies
Shall wing its course to thee.

I see hosts of heaven at thy door,
I see the redeemed of earth and sea,
And earth's night no more
For it is soon to be
Cast into Hell.

I see a city rise from earth,
I see a day whose light is near,
I see a land whose mighty breath
Kingdoms afar shall fear,
Whome'er it breaketh thru.

It was, is not, but is to be,
Its square the double of four.
Opon thy eyes and see,
E'er thou be no more
And cast into eternity.

Edwin Wesley Warren

July 4th, 1929

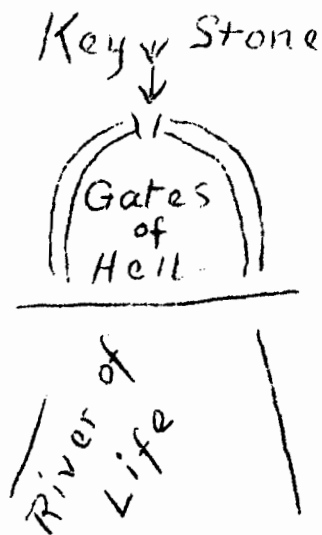
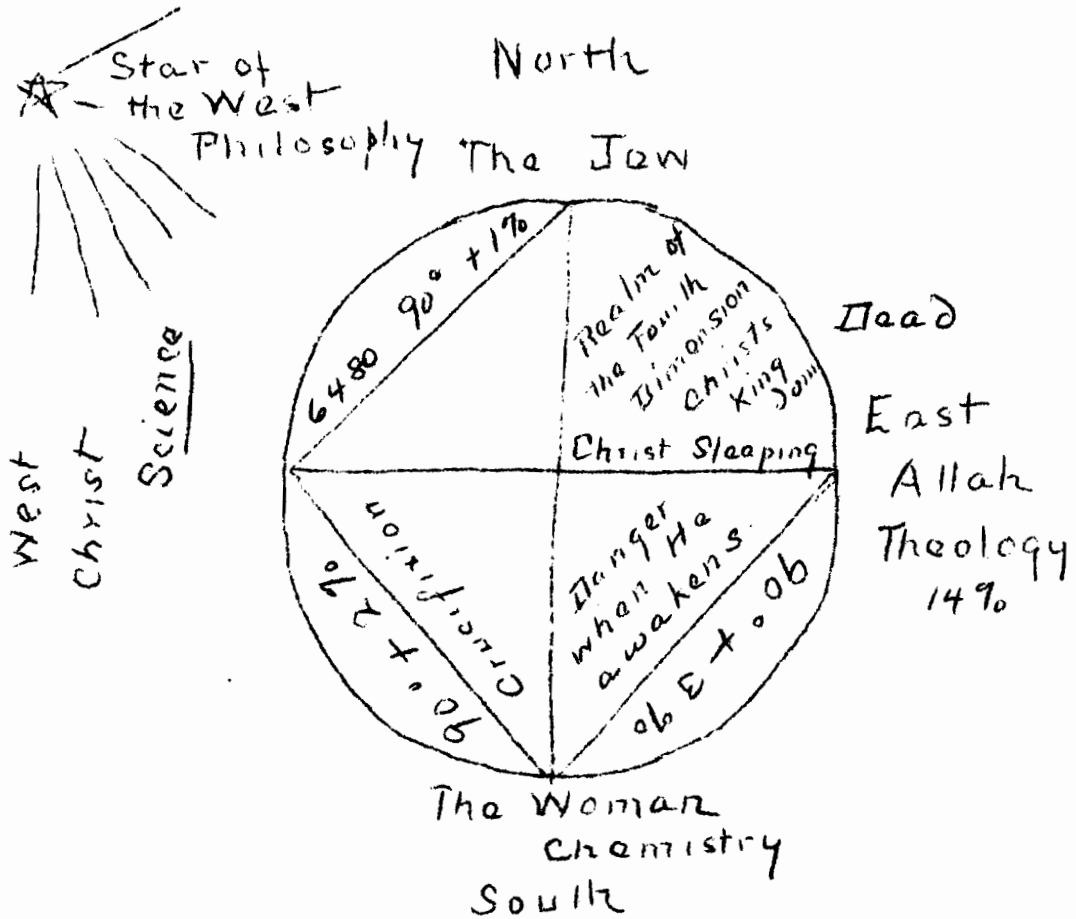
Room 21, Salisbury 2

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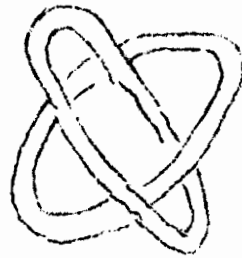
NOTE. Those who are familiar with Worcester State Hospital will recognize Salisbury 2 as the ward for disturbed and unmanageable patients. This poem was then written during a disturbed period. He makes no such attempts in his normal periods.

EDWIN WARREN

During his excited periods it has been necessary to keep him locked up in a room by himself. At such times he occupies himself by writing and drawing on the walls. Here are some samples of his inscriptions:



Neptune



Defiance of God and His Laws



The Seven Churches and the Snake

Oswald Ewing age 51; race English; education, first year high school; occupation, carpenter; civil condition, married and has three children; church Protestant.

Introductory Statement

Oswald Ewing was sent to the hospital because of a condition of great self-importance and over-activity in which he embarked on all sorts of wild schemes. This was his second commitment within seven years.

In appearance he is somewhat below average in height but of athletic build and is very active. The physical findings are negative.

Personal History

This man comes of old New England stock and claims some Huguenot blood. His father was a building contractor who was known as honest and reliable and at one time did a large business. He had however an ungovernable temper and his death at the age of 68 was the result of suicide. The mother who died at the age of 73 from arterio-sclerosis was known as a bit queer. There is one brother living who is a carpenter. The family are Protestants. The pt. has been thru first year high school and is said to have been a fair student. Constitutionally he is of the aggressive domineering type.

He began by working for his father. He has been a hard worker and has earned good money but he has been a poor business man. He has gone into bankruptcy several times and he has never supported his family even when prospering most financially.

He married at the age of 18. The married life has not been happy. Not only has he failed to support his family but he has been very difficult to get along with. There are three children. The oldest a daughter of 23 is working in New York. A son of 15 is still in school. The youngest child has been subject to convulsions at an early age.

The pt. has been a Protestant but he has never been active in church affairs. He has been especially fond of dancing. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and has been active in the Spanish War Veterans' Association.

Onset

As long ago as 1908 this man was examined as to his sanity. Again in 1910 he showed ideas of grandeur and lived beyond his means. In 1912 he had a "spell" when he would not work and mortgaged his house. In 1919 he was admitted to the W. State Hospital and was discharged at the end of a year with the diagnosis of "constitutional psychopathic inferiority with psychosis". After his discharge he worked well for a time, but again began to undertake large plans and to spend recklessly. He became involved in a bogus land development scheme of his own invention. He asked for and secured permission to take some sand from a certain sand-bank. Following this he began to tell people that he owned the land and he negotiated with a firm of contractors to have it developed and to have streets laid out. Some months later he secured the key to the Hood Farm building. He told people that he had bought the farm and he claimed to be head of a "Hood Farm Association". He brought in electricians and contractors to look over the building and made a contract for 1600 electric light bulbs. He had the Highway commission look it over with the idea of changing the street. He planned to build on it a Girl Scout Home, a Spanish Veterans' Home and a dance hall and he talked with several women about accepting the position as matron of the place. He went to see one of these women riding on horse-back. She notified the chief of police and his commitment resulted.

Behavior in the Hospital

Even when most disturbed this man is absorbed in the external world and is alive to all that is going on around him. He is seeking to carry out grandiose and impossible plans and to impress others with his own importance. He is expansive, aggressive, persistent, critical. Orientation and memory are normal. His answers are relevant and his speech coherent. There is however in his disturbed periods a great push of speech and considerable flight of ideas. He is aggressive and self-important meddlesome. He is constantly getting in trouble with other patients because of his persistence in ordering them around. He is full of plans for the re-modelling of the hospital, drawing sketches, writing voluminous letters and following the physicians around from the time they enter the ward until the door is shut in his face. On the ward he is very industrious and very officious. He attempts to be a leader but he gets little following. On Labor Day he took charge of the clown troupe, made elaborate plans for the program and did indeed a good piece of work. But he had much trouble with his troupe. A number of whom finally refused to take part.