

THE APPARENT DEGENERATE AS A STUDY FOR
PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERATION

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(Abstract)

The writer suggests the following outline for description of abnormal individuals.

1. Habits.
2. Tastes.
3. Likings—dislikes.
4. Abilities.
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Disposition. 6. Physical peculiarities. 7. Mental peculiarities. 8. Recurrence of peculiar action. 9. Early training. 10. School career.

He describes in detail a young man who appears morally degenerated, his only good points seeming to be a good ear for music and a rather unusual knack for repairing automobiles. The aims of psycholocial investigation are:—

1. The betterment of the individual.
2. The question arises, also, how much injury does the presence of the abnormal immoral do to his school-mate?
3. Another result is to exert sufficient influence and restraint to prevent him from becoming a criminal and a danger to society at large.