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General Hospital Birmingham, Weekly Board
8th December 1837 - Rev. A. Ashurst, Chairman
Resolved,

That the Secretary do write to Mr Galton
informing him that his son will be admitted a
Pupil at the Hospital at Midsummer next at the
rate of 200 Guineas per annum —

Signed "William Miller Secretary"



Leamington Sat. 9 Dec 1837

My dear Francis,

This morning's post has brought
me letters from yourself and Dr Booth, the latter
containing a Resolution of the Hospital Committee of
which the above is a copy — I am not however quite sure
at present whether you will actually begin your medical
debuts at Midsummer or Michaelmas, but I will settle that
point at my next visit to Birmingham —

I really believe, ~~that~~ if you turn the opportunities
you will have at the Hospital to the best account, and

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avail yourself of the advantages of explanation that my
Medical friends there will be disposed to give you, if they
find you willing to profit by them, that you will begin
your medical career very propitiously — You must be careful
to avoid low company & not to be led astray by any people
there that may not be equally well disposed — but I have
great confidence in your wish to do what is right — and
when we meet at your approaching holidays, We will talk
over all your plans & arrangements in good ~~order~~ earnest
& particularly in reference to your Matters & Studies which
at the Hospital — We shall be delighted to see you on Wednesday
the 20th, which will be just in time for making your debut
at the Winter Ball — All joins in kind love & remembrance,

My dear Francis, Your affectionate Father

JH

Message

I have delivered your letter to your Mother — Benjamin
stays with David —



Francis Galton Esq
The Rev. Dr. Scunior
Birmingham

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BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM
DEC 18
1831



f. 3r

Claverdon, 23 Oct
1840

My dear Mr Fushman,

I am delighted that you
are delighted with your college
life & take much pleasure in
signing to myself the Student
seated at his Palmer's Candle
stand opposite the Fire place -

I presume you have rec^d the
Hamper of Wine - Next time
the carriage goes to Leamington
it will take a packet containing
the Silver Spoons & your Account
Book - Please on receipt
thereof to send me your

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accounts I return Mr Horner's
letter to me — Your Mother sent
a letter for me to the Post Office
which please ask for any time
you go by —

Betty is with Dawin &
Mary at Hadzor — Emma goes
to Ecdeton for a few days or
Saturday, tomorrow, — Your
Mother, as usual, is busily
engaged in planting —

I have been most of the
week at Wauwite Springs —

Write often, if compatible
with reading for honours —

My Compl^t to Mr. Hughes -
Your Loving friend Richard
asked after you

Your affec^{te} friend

G. H.

M^r. Emma much pleased
with y^r sketch of Eugene
Cranis Apartment



Essay on Book-keeping

- 1 - All things received or the receiver are Debit
- 2 - All things paid or the Payer are Credit
- 3 - All Debtor transactions are entered on the left hand
- 4 All Creditors — do — do — right hand
- 5 - The difference of the D. & C. Amounts is called the Balance - and is added at the close of an Account ^{to the least amount} to make both sides equal & is afterwards carried forward to the opposite side to originate the new Account.



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Dr. Francis Galton Esq in account with his Treasurer C.

1841				
May 31	To Balance, as agreed	A	13	13 9
June 12	To Cash sent him	B	10	—
28	do do	C	10	—
3	do paid by Barclay & Co to Montague D	D	30	—
July 30	do remitted to Brown & P	E	15	—
Sept 15	do remitted by Barclay & Co to Brown & P	F	45	—
Oct 15	do paid him at Southampton	G	30	—
		H	153	13 9
	To Bal ^{ce} carried forward	I	71	13 6
		K	225	7 3

(A) As you had not kept regular accounts of expenses, I started a New Account with you on the 31st May making you Dr. to me for £13.13.9 being the Money you had in your possession & which constituted the above Balance —

(B. C. D. E. F. G) are sums either given or sent, to yourself or to your Banker —

(H) is the collective amount of A, B, C, D, E, F, & G viz £153.13.9 advanced at sundry times as noted above.

(I) is the difference between the collective amount H & R & consequently constitutes the Balance £71.13.6 carried forward at S to your credit & which is the present sum total of your worldly, or rather pecuniary possessions —

1841				
June 11	By Statement of his expenses	L	36	11 9
28	do do	M	8	15 6
July 1	By a Quaker's Allowance in advance	N	70	—
	By do do (additional)	O	5	—
Oct 1	By do do	P	75	—
	By Allow ^{ce} for Mathison's Fee	Q	30	—
		R	225	7 3

Oct 19 By Balance brought forward S £ 71 13 6

(L & M) are placed to your credit being expenses you accounted for before being put upon an Allowance

(N. O.) are your Quaker's Allowance for 1st July

(P) do do for 1st Oct.

(Q) Allowance agreed for private tuition

Algebraically

$A + B + C + D + E + F + G = H$ = {Sums you have received from me}

$L + M + N + O + P + Q = R$ = {Sums payable to you or your available property}

$R - H = I = S$ = the Balance of your available property



23 Dover St. 4 Feb 74 ^{f. 7r}

My dear Francis,



Emma arrived in London on Friday quite recovered from the effects of the Russell's Ball - Proctor is making great progress and there is a probability of our being released by the latter end of the week, which I hope may be the case for we find the Metropolis most unamiable during this snowy, stoppy, foggy weather which is most unpropitious to the state of my lungs - McGurney gets gradually better - We have seen much of the Leonard Horners who tell us that the Hallams are constantly speaking of your intimacy in Germany - We

* shall probably call there tomorrow with Emma, Weather and Luns permitting - Theodore called yesterday and expressed his congratulations at your B. A. degree. He is studying law in good earnest with the intention of practicing upon the Midland Circuit which I was glad to hear, as occupation is always desirable for youth - He has good accounts from Howard who now suffers only from the debility consequent upon his late complaint - He tells me that Mr J. Smith had about 800 pictures - of these Howard is to have the choice of the first

100 - and then to choose turnabout
with other Members of the Family
whereby he will get about 70 more
He will also have some specimens
of Statuary of which there were
several in Mr. Hunt's Gallery -

As yet we have seen very few of
the Wonders of the Metropolis but
shall be more inducious this
week if the Weather should
improve - I passed the Outside
of your Club as I passed thro'
George W. Hanover Square -

Your Mother desires her love -

As Betsy has no doubt gives
you much salutary advice as
to exclusive attention to Medicine

I feel as repeating to you all
 that Horner said to me on the
 importance of it to success in
 London practice as founded upon
 his own observations & the remarks
 of many leading Medical Men
 of his acquaintance Believe
 me to remain ever, Your affec-
 tionate Father

Thomas Galton

If I can do any thing for you
 whilst in London, let me know

To Francis Galton Esq. B. A.

Is the above your right address?



f9r
Leamington, 10 Feb 1844

My dear Grandfather,



You will particularly oblige me by writing word, by return of post, how you are. For I find from your letters that you travelled outside with a bad cold & that you have not been heard of since your arrival at Cambridge - to pray relieve us at once from our anxiety - Your Mother herself returned yesterday from London, Prouett having done his work to perfection - We left Emma in St. James's Square - Mr Gurney

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is not very materially better &
W. G. much worn down by
attendance upon him - Theodore
dined with us one day and
took us to the Temple Church
He is studying Law in good
earnest with the intention
of attending the Midland Circuit
and making a business of
it which I was glad to
hear - The David Barclays
are still in Leamington &
W. B. has expressed his hope
of seeing you after winter

you reside in Town— Your
Mother Betsy & Abbie are very
well and send their love—

I remain

Your affectionate
Father

Charles Galt

A. Galt Esq.

My dear Francis,



Altho' your last letter was very brief, it was most welcome as we had conjured up all manner of apprehensions of cold, fever &c from your dismal journey -

You were duly remembered on the 16th as was also Bessy on the 19th - Dawrie has been purchasing some more Cleveland Horses which were plowing in Yorkshire on Friday & in Warwickshire early on Saturday morning - He almost lives upon his New Queen at Cop Hill - I was at Edstons yesterday - He had

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drove some of his friends
home at 5. a. m from the
Warwick Yeomanry Ball which
was attended by about 700
Persons & went off admirably
well - the Company consisting
of Aristocracy & Farmers Wives
& Daughters & all merry and
in the best humor -

The Barclays are firm
allies of ours & are with us
most days & weeks as you
being a frequent Guest
at their House in London -

Baptist Saunders called
this morning & tells me

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that he has seen Lord Ropes
Telescope - 6 feet diameter & 50 feet
long - the survey of the Moon
thru' it is most distinct -
the speculum 3 1/2 Tons weight
- I go to Lays on Friday &
to Hadsor on Saturday to
remain there till Monday - I
shall call upon y^r Aunt
Lepher on the way -

Emma gives a much worse
report of Mr Gurney whose
strength is rapidly sinking -
I am afraid he cannot last
many days longer -

F12V

Boys & Minnie Barclay
have been poring over Hebrew
but the Doctor has prohibited
the latter from going on
with it - Your Mother's
Pencett's let admirably -
All send their love

Remain Yr affectionate Father

Herbert Galton

Leamington
21 Feb



f13r
Leamington, 3 Mar 1844

My dear Francis,



Your letter has given me much pleasure, both because it assures me that you are going on satisfactorily with your studies, and also because the sight of your hand-writing is always welcome to me.

I was last week at Hadger and also at Tilly Hall — Your Uncle Howard is recovering from a severe attack of gout and comes here on Wednesday to deposit luggage at Mr. Hill's hotel at Warwick & then

goes on to Derby, where he
will be engaged in making se-
lections from Mr. Sturt's nu-
merous paintings, prints &
books of which he is to have
the full choice. - You have pro-
bably heard of the tragical
occurrence in Lucy's Family
by the self-destruction of their
Butler, who was found suspended
in the Lardner - For Lucy has
borne it with as much composure
as could have been expected.

The David Baileys left us
yesterday, much pleased with
their visit at Larnington and
very anxious to show you

my attention (except doctoring
them which they desire until
after the decease of Dr Chambers)
whiles you are in London

You will find them very agreeable
and friendly - We have been much
sorry to lose them - Mr Baulay
and Darwin are excellent friends
being both very fond of Agric-
culture - Darwin is to visit him
at Eastwick Park at the next
^{British} Agricultural Meeting - Darwin
has received a letter from East-
ons detaching another visitation
of his for fastening field gates
which is cheap, simple, and
effective - Arkh is hurriedly

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engaged furnishing the ^{my}
Cottage at Chauden for her
new School, which is to be
managed by Mrs. Mountage,
a daughter of Mrs Webb -
Emma has been over the
British Museum with the
Hallams where she met
Miss Edgeworth - Your Mother
Haters and their kind love
I remain Your affectionate Father

Charles Galtier

F. Galtier by





F15Y

3 Hertie Terrace 9 Jan 91
Feb 1/100

My dear Francis

Your letter from Cairo
just arrived. What troublesome
journey you had - so many accidents,
but adventures are pleasant to look
back upon. You are lucky not to be
in England. The weather the last week
is bitterly cold - the ground covered with
snow, & 22° of frost every night. One
can't keep warm. Coals risen 7/ a ton,
& likely to rise!! We are all much as
usual. Darwin in the drawing room,
& waiting for a mild day to take a
drive. Emma is not well to day, but
Helena means to write to you. I saw
her yesterday, & she was then pretty
well, but like every one else she
feels the cold. Guy Lettbridge has got
a commission in "Bapt's Horse" (I don't
know who Bapt is) but all the men
in it nearly are Gentlemen. We are
glad he has got a commission, it would
be such a fall from being an Officer
to become a Trooper. He is in London
with the troop, & hopes to go to Africa
soon. Frank has joined Lord Compton

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Worcester Trooper & was to have
sailed last week, but he took a flu,
& the ship was out of order, & wanted
repairs, so he hopes to be well by the
time she is ready. Nothing is thought
of but the war, & things look more hopeless.
In Parliament the Obstructionists are
very troublesome, but Government
has a grand majority, tho many of
its supporters were at the war or in bed
with influenza. Lucy is staying with
me. Tell Evelynne she is in low spirits
having heard her brother was only
"commended" at Cheltenham, instead
of getting a first prize. Lucy & Colonel
Studdy go to Cheltenham on Monday to
see the Exhibition. There were so many
exhibits it took three weeks to arrange
them. I have heard from Mrs
Galton, that Selby is ill with bronchitis,
& they are anxious about her. The Carrs
Galtons are going to live in Cornwall -
they find the French so disagreeable to
the English. With my love to Evelynne
& to yourself in which Lucy would join
if she knew I were writing believe me
Very affectionately Yours J. H. Studdy



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Leamington 9 Mar
1844

My dear Francis,

Your letter cheered
me much at a time I was
again laid up with debility
after a profuse bleeding of the
nose from the effects of which
I am gradually recovering, so
as to be able to take a short
ride out this morning for
the first time - and as old
age creeps upon me & these
occasional relapses remind
me that "non sum quales"

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exam" I shall take the hint
and withdraw myself from
all anxious business —

I am extremely glad that
you take so fondly to your pro-
-fession upon every account —
as an occupation useful to your-
-self and to others, and as a
source of pecuniary independence
which, after all, is among the
number of our duties to promote.

My own case favours the notion
that there may be a relationship
between ~~Althina~~ Althina & Youth — but
I have found the former the
fruit born by many years, —

I have been asthmatic ever since
12 - gouty since 45 - Your Uncle
Howard also began with Asthma
I have found temporary relief
only from coffee & other stim-
ulants, but always followed
by an aggravation of Asthma
The immediate effect upon me
has been to dry up the expectoration
by fever - whereas the effectual
relief is by freely expectorating
Your Mother is gone to Cleveland
this morning, or she would
have written - her going to
Newbury is rather uncertain
but in any event, We would
have you go with an intro-
duction from your Mother -

We long to see you at Easter -
I admire your courage in taking
the pledge & your motives for
it - and am glad that the
plan agrees with you - Alice
tells me that, in your case,
unlike that of the Girdle Lady,
Resolution was rewarded
before hand - With our united
loves remain ever
Yr affectionate
Father

Charles Galton





Leamington, 10 Mar
1844

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My dearest Francis,

I much feel your kindness
in writing to me & assure you
that your letters, tho' unfec'd, are
fully as efficacious as the prescrip-
tions of Jephson & Richard and
am able to say that between
you all I am rapidly progressing
in spirits altho' a degree of burning
on my toe whispers the proba-
bility of a degree of forthcoming
gout. I shall certainly act upon
your suggestion of giving up all
anxious business and am gradually

sending in resignations - Richard
who called this morning mentioned
his opinion that the ~~actions~~ actions of
Liebig would constitute a very
important era in medicine
when I told him that you had
made the same observation to me
in a late letter - I was not aware
till you mentioned it that Oretous
was one of the great Fathers of
Medicine - I am sorry to observe that
the Birm. Doctors are again at their
quarrel - John Sedgwick has printed
a furious address to the Medical
Profession on the subject of undue
influence at Hospital Elections, and

dragged into in the old affair with
Hodgson, and Gutteridge has been
at work again — Altho' I do not
admire the spirit and temper of
the interminable appeals of the
latter, it is not improbable that
much good may arise out of it.

Richard tells me that medical
practice has much declined in
Leamington from the greatly
diminished number of visitors
and that a considerable number
of Houses are likely to be unper-
fished this Spring —

Your Mother was at Clarendon
all yesterday, and her Farm-Yard

Journal records that one of the
Geese has been sitting on eleven
eggs - I hope you will approve
the changes we have been making
there - With our united loves I
remain ever Your affectionate
Father

Sturtus Galton



My dear Francis,

Your Mother has written by this
days post to Thewsbury to propose to your
Uncle to appoint some day for receiving you
between the 31st of this month & the 9th of
the next - so please to keep those days clear
till after receiving his answer

In haste Your affectionate

24 Mar -
1824 -

Arthur Galt

Francis Galton Esq



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Clarendon 9 June 1844

My dear Francis,



A feversh attack connected, I suppose, with Asthma season, has rather weakened me & must be accepted as my apology for not having earlier acknowledged your last letter to me. I am at present under the care of Tophson & Richard by whose advice I am going to Leamington for a few days that they may the better observe me.

Bessy's letter to us contains very
satisfactory accounts of your
course of proceedings, & I shall
hope to hear from you again
when your plans have been
matured - Let me know how
your letters are to be addressed
to you - I am glad you
have been staying with Darwin
and Mary and that you
have been introduced to the
Byrons, who are very kind-
hearted and to be relied

upon as steady friends -

Dawson has sent me a
wonderful account of his
observations of the electrical
telegraph atough

We are sadly duced up
here having had only an
occasional shower of short
duration - We all return to
Leamington tomorrow for a
few days - With our united
loves to yourself. W^m Freeman
ever Your affectionate Father
W^m

Leamington 13 June 1844

My dear Francis,



Your report of your proceedings is very satisfactory & I trust your plans will be decided upon on receiving Hodgson's reply - I have this day given you a credit £60 with Barclay & Co as you desire -

Altho' you may not get an appointment at St George's Hospital I cannot but think there must be some advantage in being in contact with those

who hold the appointments—
but this is a matter upon
which Hodgson is a much
better Judge than I can be—

I am very glad you have
consulted him as he has
taken a kind interest in
you from the beginning—

I am glad you are comfortably
lodged —

My Son is better but
my tongue very white, as
usual in Asthma haeon; but
as yet I am quite free

from Arkana - The surface
of the fields all around is
very much in the same
state as my tongue but
with a browner tinge -

The Leamington Railway
Station Houses are growing

rapidly - Leamington is
very empty at present, there
being placards in 5 or 6

Houses in Sandown Place.

Give our united loves to

Bessy & Darwin & Mary when
you see them —

I remain

Your affectionate
Father

Herbert Galton

Give my best compliments
to Pritchard & Brownman
when you see them —





f.24r
Leamington, 20 June
1844

My dear Francis,

I have not for a long time received any letter that has afforded me greater satisfaction than the one you sent me yesterday — You have done well in consulting your earliest, steadiest, & best medical friend and acting promptly upon his advice — You have begun your London medical career most judiciously and if you pursue

in properly, I do not doubt of
your ultimate success - In the
great Metropolis, talent and
good sense can command
success - but you must always
consider yourself medical, &
play no tricks - In London there
are thousands of competitors, &
as the same People do not often
come into contact, any peculiarity
or eccentricity once indulged in
stands recorded against a Person -
(often unjustly) as being a fixed
habit - If any of your Relations
should once smell a cigar
breath, you will be stamped

by the whole Ulgue as being an
inveterate Smoker - and I would
recommend you to be so perfectly
imbued with the qualifications
of the profession, that your
appearance (without humming or
cant) should rather pronounce
you medical - Cultivate the
acquaintance & society of leading
or talented Medical Men as
opportunities naturally & legiti-
mately occur, and keep up
your old friends & London Rela-
tions - I have often regretted
that the noxious effect of London
Air upon my lungs, has cut me
off from that advantage on account
not only of myself but of

my children -

Hodgson has been very kind to you, as he always has been to our Family, and I think it not improbable that the wish to benefit you may have been a strong motive with him for having gone to London -



I have not yet seen Dawkins & Mary - Richard is gone to Chester - & Ephson attends one in his place, & refuses fees till his return - Your Mother has a kind of Influenza - I am better & free from Asthma, but still feeble - I remain ever Your affectionate Father

Horatio Galton