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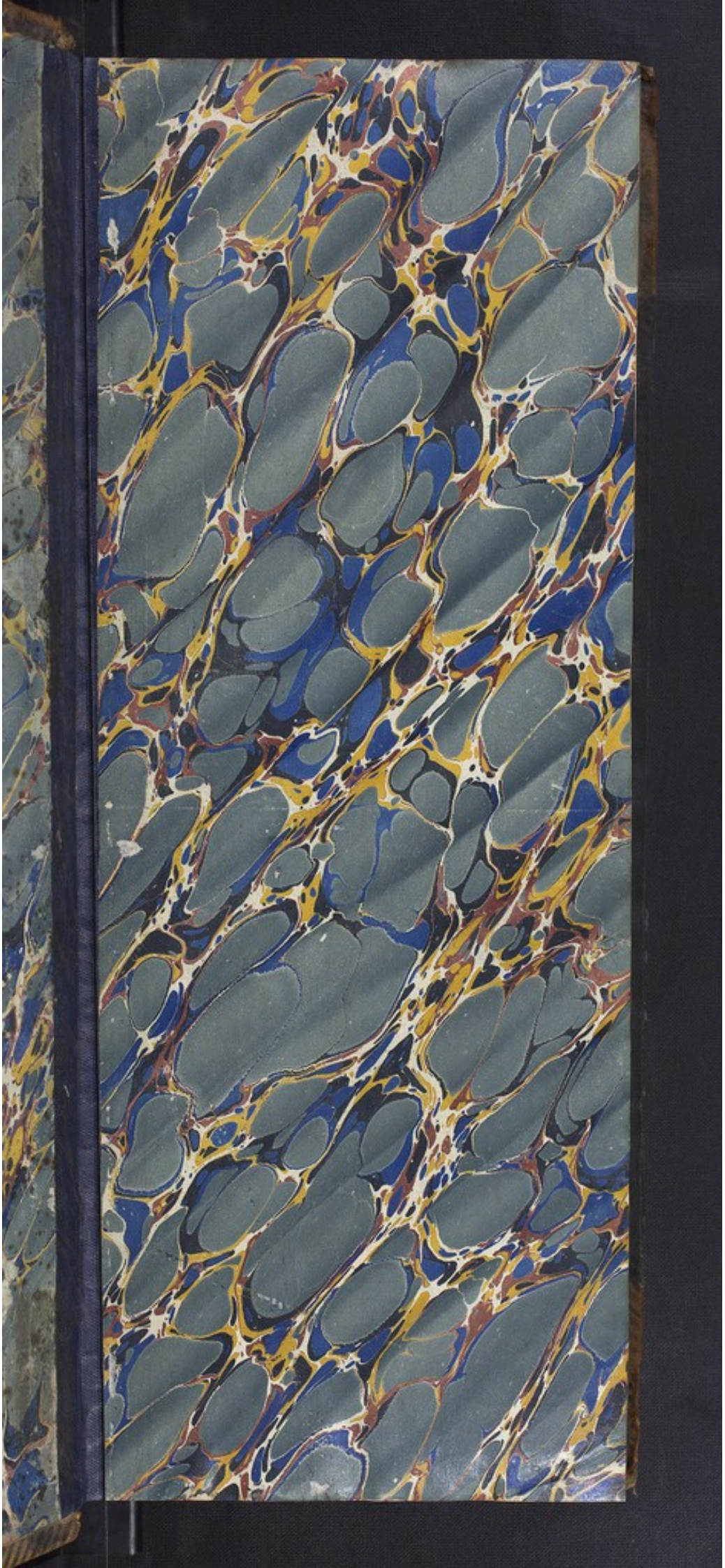
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1865 Agnes Miller Aet 19

April 1 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her father from 16 Monteith Row Glasgow.

She is nineteen years of age, single has received a good education and is a United Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity has lasted one month and the cause is unknown. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. She had a sister a patient in this Asylum six or seven years ago.

About eight months ago she vomited a large quantity of blood not known whether hematemesis or haemoptysis. She had also vicarious menstruation and congestion of brain.

The symptoms of insanity prior to admission were great excitability with alternate fits of laughing and crying. She fancied she was inspired by the Holy Ghost and had the power to save sinners, and that she was in the spirit although the flesh was present. She threatened to smite her nurse to death if she did not go down on her knees and pray to her for salvation, she also threatened her father with Hell if he did not pray to her to be saved.

On admission she requires to be restrained being very willful. She says she has a mind of her own and will do as she pleases, she wont stay in one place but wishes to see all parts of the house; her language is somewhat incoherent, she says her mind is too strong for her body, that she does not know whether or not her father is a christian, or whether it would be better for her to marry or not.

Bodily health very feeble; Condition reduced Pulse 120 & irregular.

" 2 She wet and dirtied her bed last night her appetite is ravinous and she is much troubled with flatulence.

" 4 Her dirty habits have not improved and she often complains of hunger and weakness, her pulse is still high and her skin hot.

" 8 It has been found necessary to dress her in canvas to prevent her undressing herself. She is now cleanly in her habits.

" 18 She is now dressed in her own clothes, but her delusions are unchanged although she seldom speaks of them. She says that during her late illness she had a revelation from heaven.

May 1 Since last report she seemed to have improved till yesterday - when she said she could sit and hear these bells ringing and wont go to church because the church persecuted her. Her church she says is in her heart. She says that she has got the heathen for her heritage, and they will serve her, that she has pride but no vanity, and that she will never die.

Admitted 1st April 1865

1865

May 18 — She is silly and wandering in her conversation and indolent in her habits. She is much troubled with flatulence but takes her food pretty well.

June 15 — She has improved a little and now does not talk of any delusions which she formerly had, talks very little and is still inclined to be indolent in her habits She is in good bodily condition, but much annoyed with belching of wind from the stomach.

July 5 — Having continued to improve she was today taken home by her brother on trial

" 13 — She was today discharged Cured.

1865 Eleanor Frazer or Mylne aet

April 26 This patient was brought to the Asylum today from 14 Eastcast Street by two Attendants who were sent for her

Her age is set down as unknown but she seems to be between forty and fifty years of age, she is married is the wife of a Civil Engineer and belongs to the Episcopal Church.

About twelve years ago she was under treatment in this Asylum, first in the East and then in the West House and afterwards in Morningside Asylum. The present attack has lasted for at least upwards of three months and the cause is said to be unknown and drink. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others

When in this Asylum before she was a very dangerous and dirty patient and had often to be fed by means of the Stomach Pump

For three months prior to admission she lodged with a person named Mrs Hamilton at 14 Eastcast St, where she would sit for days listlessly and at other times was very violent. She had a constant desire for strong drink and could not be got to speak except under its influence. Her expression of countenance was vacant and imbecile, and she had an utter disregard of cleanliness and want of propriety in her habits. At times she refused food altogether, and at other times swallowed inordinate quantities, and once she is said to have leaped over a window.

On admission she was in a wretched state with rags, dirt and vermine. She was stupid and seemed quite demented and would speak none

Her bodily health is feeble and condition reduced

" 27 She was quiet and slept well during the night, but she wet her bed. She has taken her food well and seems quite satisfied and unconcerned about everything.

May 2 For the last two days she has been out of bed. She is quite demented sits in one position without taking notice of anything and never replies to any question

Admitted 26th April 1865

Eleanor Kelly or Smith Aet 46

1865

May 13 This patient was brought to the Asylum today Ellergg, Ambleside by a friend and an Attendant.

She is forty six years of age, widowed, has received a good education and is an Episcopalian.

This is the sixth attack of insanity, but she was never before under treatment in an Asylum. The present attack is said to have lasted from fours to nine weeks. The first attack came on when she was about thirty six years of age. The supposed cause is said to be over anxiety of mind, but there is hereditary predisposition, a sister being at present under treatment in this Asylum She is dangerous to others but not suicidal.

Admitted 13th May 1865

1875 Margaret Lindsay Aet 50

June 6 Was brought to the Asylum today by two servants from Helensburgh.

She is fifty years of age single and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland

About fifteen years ago she had an attack of insanity but was not under treatment in an Asylum. The present attack has lasted about ten days and the cause is said to be disappointment of marriage. She is said not to be dangerous and not very suicidal but that she once attempted to get over a window. She is hereditarily predisposed her mother having been insane.

The change of life is said to have taken place about a year ago

Prior to admission she is said to have had religious delusions, – fancied that she had a spiritual body and not a natural one and imagined that God had given her command over Queen Victoria and others. She talked incessantly and had a desire to get out of her room.

On admission she is maniacally excited and requires two attendants to restrain her; she talks constantly and is quite incoherent. She tore her dress into shreds and it was found necessary to cloth her next a strong dress.

Her mouth is dry and her tongue coated with a brown fur. She has been ordered to have beef tea

" 7 She slept none during the night, was restless and noisy; and had the floor and walls of her room rubbed over with her urine

" 9 She has given over talking but is very restless and wont sit up, but rolls on the floor & keeps constantly rubbing the floor and walls with her hands. She has been ordered to have an attendant with her night and day on account of her very dirty habits

" 15 There is no mental improvement, she has slept almost none since admission. and is very much exausted, but cannot be induced to sit down is in constant fear and very restless. does not know what she is doing. She appears to be labouring under an attack Pneumonia.

" 22 The disease appears to be advancing and she refuses all treatment. She is still very restless and confused mentally.

" 25 Today she died. —

Admitted 6th June 1865

Lydia Falconer Fraser or Millar Aet 55

1885

June 20 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her son in Law. She formerly resided at Drummond House Inverness

She fifty five years of age, is the widow of Hugh Millar, has received a good education and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the third attack of insanity has lasted a few days and the cause is Mesmerism, and friction to the spine.

She was formerly treated in private and in Dumfries Asylum. She is suicidal, having at one time swallowed a phial of Laudinum and attempted to get out of a window, but is not dangerous to others. There is no known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was violent incoherent and very noisy; and fancied the whole atmosphere was filled with devils. She had been under the treatment of a Mrs. Jones who rubbed her spine with strong liniments and would allow her to drink nothing but strong Bot porter.

On admission she is maniacally excited; screaming, struggling and biting. She would not walk but had to be carried in and put to bed. After being put to bed she lay quietly, and would give no reply to questions, but imitated the movements and repeated the words of those near her.

Her head is hot, face very flushed, pulse full and bounding. Bodily condition full.

" 21 She slept none during the night, and was restless and noisy. Today she is confined to bed. her pulse is quick, skin hot & flushed, and she is dangerous and excited.

" 23 She is still confined to bed and is subject to sudden paroxysms of excitement and is dangerous and destructive.

" 26 She is now out of bed talks coherently complains of great weakness in the back and feels much exhausted.

July 10 She continues to improve talks quite coherently and appears to be very well mentally She reads much upon the sofa and still complains of great weakness in her back

" 21 She was today discharged Cured.

Admitted 28th June 1875

1865 Eliza Scott or Mc. Lean Aet 34

June 22 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 1 Orange Field Greenock.

She is thirty four years of age, married is the wife of a ship master, has received a good education and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity has lasted about eight days and the cause is suckling her infant Child. (7 months old). She is not suicidal but is dangerous to others, having struck her mother and husband. There is hereditary predisposition.

Prior to admission she imagined that she had been excommunicated from the church, and that every person was plotting against her. She was violent excited and very noisy; screaming about her child and vitriol. Her mind was absent and her language incoherent.

On admission she is quiet and talks coherently but is full of delusions. She says that her body has been twisted and drawn and that her head has been ransacked. She also fancies that she is full of spirits and that she is spitting up fish. After being put to bed she became restless unmanagable and somewhat violent, and attempted to get out.

She is in feeble bodily health and reduced in condition. Her breasts are engorged with milk and she is very anaemic.

" 23 She was restless and slept very little during the night and fancied there were people under her bed. To any person else her room she demands to know who they are

" 26 She lies in bed and wont speak to or look at any one. She also refuses all food and it has been found necessary to feed her by means of the stomach pump.

July 18 She is incoherent and excited, and last night about ten o'clock, while in bed she got into a state of complete frenzy and was quite unmanagable. She afterwards calmed down and slept, but is still very much excited.

August 13 She is very foolish in her conduct and actions is still frequently excited but not so much so as formerly. Her bodily health is very indifferent, and while in bed she had an attack, which the nurses considered to resemble a faint.

Admitted 22d June 1865

1865 Charlotte Elizabeth Neilson Aet 21

July 28 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her father from Mount Pleasant Road Rotherway

She is twenty one years of age, single resided with her parents and is a Reformed Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted for five months, and the cause is said to be unknown. No hereditary tendency

In February 1864 patient was upon the ice on one of the locks in a boat with her brother when the ice gave way and both were submersed in the water; they were however got out and no bad results seemed to follow. In February 1865 when the patient was out walking with another young lady she came in sight of the lock, upon which she was seized with a violent shivering since which her mind has not been well.

Prior to admission she talked constantly and incoherently and ~~was often~~ much excited. She refused food and drink, having eaten very little for the last fortnight. She was also sleepless having slept none for the last three nights

On admission she was very restless and excited laughing and talking in a wandering and incoherent manner. When spoken to she often ran away laughing and could not be got to reply to any question

She is in feeble bodily health, condition much reduced, and the catamenia has been suppressed for some time.

29 Last night she was somewhat restless and slept more. She would take no food and was fed by means of the stomach pump. It was found necessary to relieve her bladder by means of the catheter.

August 3 She has been very restless and excited ever since admission and has slept little or none, but last night was a little quieter. Since getting out of bed she has talked almost without intermission and is very incoherent.

Admitted 28th July 1765

1875 Jane Napier Rigby Aet 40

August 27 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her father from 17 William Street Edinburgh.

She is forty years of age, widowed, has a family and belongs to the Church of England

She is at least the third attack of insanity, and has lasted for eight days. Cause Religious excitement. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had strong religious delusions, imagined that she was the daughter of Jesus and the last day of the dispensation had arrived. The prominent symptoms of the attack were at first reading and praying but two days ago she threatened to kill those in attendance on her, and on the night before admission attempted to get over the window. She was also destructive and while being brought to the Asylum she was maniacally excited kicking and sticking, and broke a large part of the wood work of the carriage

When admitted she had to be carried from the carriage into the Asylum. She made no resistance being carried in like a person who had lost all power of voluntary motion. After being taken to her room and while getting her feet washed she dashed the water all about the servant. When in bed she kept a large bible under her pillow which she would not part and kept often repeating passages of scripture.

Bodily health feable; condition reduced.

" 28 She slept none during the night was very noisy and restless. She was at times very violent screaming and kicking and required two attendants with her all night

September 1 She sleeps almost none, is restless, excited violent and destructive. She takes little food and says that she has sworn never to eat while she is here.

" 10 She sleeps little is violent and very destructive She says she will go to the Queen and to Parliament and that she causes her father.

" 22 She continues restless and excited. She will take almost no food and is much exhausted Today she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Admitted 27th August 1885

1865 Jean Bain or Marshall Act 42

September 3 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 72 Hamilton Street off Pitsligo Road

She is forty two years of age, married & the daughter of a Glasgow Agent and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the second attack of insanity has lasted twelve days and the cause is suckling her child for thirteen months and neglect of her physical state. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was delusive imagined that she was about to be slaughtered or poisoned; at times she became suddenly excited, crying, claping her hands and shouting murder. She refused to take food was quite unmanageable, would not remain at rest always striving to get out and was violent to her nurse and all around her.

On admission she was excited, restless, and confused; she seemed to be in dread of being injured, was constantly striving to get away and could not be got to sit down nor take any food.

Bodily health feeble: Condition ordinary

" 4 She slept during the early part of the night but afterwards became noisy restless and would not remain in bed. She had to be dressed in canvas to keep her warm.

" 6 She is still stupid restless and noisy. She refuses food and yesterday and today was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Admitted 3d September 1875

Elizabeth Paton Aet 24

1875

September 6 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her brother from 3 Allanton Terrace Glasgow

She is twenty four years of age, single has received a good education and is a Presbyterian

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted six weeks, and the cause is unknown. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency

Prior to admission she had delusions as to her being the cause of sundry crimes, such as fire raising and of epileptic fits in her niece. She fancied that she was followed and watched by detectives and that there was a conspiracy against her life. She was restless slept little and was suicidal in her tendency

On admission she was very depressed and melancholy. She understood quite well what was said to her but was very unwilling to give any reply, was very fretful and seemed to be in great distress of mind.

Bodily health feeble. Condition reduced.

" 6 She was very restless during the night, slept little, and attempted several times to get out of bed. Today she seems not so much depressed

Admitted 5th September 1865

Elizabeth Leck

Aet 40

1875

September 7 — The patient was brought to the Asylum today by her brother & sister from 73 Nth. West Glasgow. She formerly resided at Larnwyle.

She is forty years of age, single, was employed as a housekeeper and is a Baptist.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted one week and the cause is said to be religion. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was rambling and incoherent in her conversation, and had hallucinations on religious subjects. She was very restless and at times much excited, and had delusions as to hearing voices. For the last week she has slept none and had often a great desire to wander out at night without any purpose in view.

On admission she was quiet but rather talkative. Her language was rambling and and incoherent and her memory very defective. When asked a reason for any thing she seemed quite bewildered and wandered away to some other subject. She had a bible with her the leaves of which she kept turning over and every now & then would say that she was looking for a passage which she wished to be sent to Mr. James Paterson Baptist preacher

She is in ordinary bodily health and condition

" 8 — She slept for two hours but afterwards became very restless and noisy, getting out of bed, dragging the mattress and springs about the room. She was walked in the airing court this morning and is now more composed.

Admitted 7th September 1865

1815 Margaret Barlow or Gray Aet 76

September 29 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her son from Gamgad Asylum

She is seventy six years of age, widowed and belongs to the Church of Scotland

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted thirty five years and the cause is unknown. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated

Prior to admission she was very restless, had numerous delusions and was subject to periodic excitement every few weeks when she was talkative and noisy

On admission she is found to be in a state of dementia. She laughs in a silly manner and talks incoherently, fancies she knows the people she sees, and whom she has never seen before are relations of hers and that she is related to the Duke of Hamilton

Bodily health feeble. Condition reduced.

30 She slept well last night. She is very uncleanly in her habits.

October 13 She requires a great deal of care and attention on account of her dirty habits and feeble state of health. When any one approaches she always laughs

November 15 Since last report she was at times excited and irritable. She is now quieter and more cleanly in her habits.

December 18 She is in a helpless demented state, laughs in a silly manner and talks very incoherently. She often wets her bed. Bodily health very feeble.

Admitted 29th September 1775

Helen Carswell or Hay Act 45

1865

October 13 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her Nephew from West Regent Street Glasgow.

She is forty five years of age, widowed, a clergywomans widowed and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the second attack of insanity and has lasted since December 1863. She was under treatment in this Asylum from Jan 12th till Aug 7th 1866 when she was taken home by her relations and dismissed relieved on Aug 30th. Her former attack occured in 1854. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was nervous and restless, fancied that the Lords of the air spoke to her and that the mice from the churchyard came to her room at night after eating dead bodies. She made an effort to go to Balmoral today to tell the Queen her grievances. While being brought to the Asylum she became violent, attacked and struck her nephew on the face drawing blood from his mouth.

On admission she was restless, much excited and had a wild expression of countenance. She had two bags which she kept close by her and would allow no one to touch, these bags she said contained her letters. Her language was wandering and incoherent and she fancied there were bad smells about the place.

" 16 Bodily health and condition ordinary. She was a good deal excited after going to bed but soon calmed. She slept little and today is nervous and agitated.

" 23 She is very restless and suspicious; last night she was very much excited, sprang up on the top of the drawers to take down the window and struck the attendant a severe blow.

November 5 She is restless, discontented and very anxious to get away. She often complains of a feeling of suffocation and says she will have to smash the window to get air. Bodily health ordinary.

" 21 She employs a good deal of her time sewing but there is little mental improvement. She says that there is something not right in this place and that the Air is filled with devils.

December 18 She is still most anxious to get away, says there is nothing wrong with her mind and wishes Ministers to examine her. She says that when she was formerly in the Asylum the Attendants gave her clorjorm during her sleep which made her stupid and unwell.

Admitted 13th October 1875

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Jean Kain or Marshall Act 42

1865

November 6 This patient was brought to the Asylum today from 166 West Graham Street Glasgow

She is forty two years of age, married is an Engineers wife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church

This is the third attack of insanity; has lasted five days, and the cause is predisposition from previous attack. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

During her previous attack she was under treatment in this Asylum from 5th September till 31st October 1865

Prior to admission she laboured under a monomania of fear and had slept none for several nights. She said she heard voices coming from the ceiling, which annoyed her and that the fear of some person coming in at the door, caused her to run to the window and try to throw herself over - a distance of three stories

On admission she had a timid, agitated appearance and was in dread of bodily injury She seemed suspicious of every one about her and said she was afraid something was going to be done to her.

Bodily health ordinary; condition good. She says that she is six months pregnant.

" 7 Last night she was restless and could not sleep. Today she is very depressed and miserable she wishes to get a rope round her neck to hang herself with.

" 8 This morning the night nurse observed that there was a discharge from the vagina, having the same appearance as the catamenia. On examination no signs of pregnancy is found; and patient says that she has not altered since the birth of he child but that she may be mistaken as to being pregnant.

" 13 She is improved sleeps and takes her food pretty well but is still depressed.

" 20 Last night she was restless and slept little fancying that there was men in the dormitory; today she is very depressed.

December 8 She has improved very much since last report. Sleeps and takes her food well and is very industrious.

Admitted 6th November 1815

Margaret Brown Adt 16

1885

November 10 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her Grandfather from Dochenneil parish of Colmonell Ayshire.

She is sixteen and a half years of age single, is the daughter of a Ship Builder in Australia and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted upwards of one month, and the cause is hereditary disposition and first critical period. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. An Aunt was insane and Mother eccentric.

Prior to admission she was extremely incoherent in her conversation, was very restless and seemed unconscious of what she was doing. She would get out of bed often at night and try to kindle the fire and would make her bed as often as twenty times a day, and this morning tore her bed-gown to pieces.

On admission she was quite incoherent in conversation, almost the only thing that she could be got to say was that it was the losses that did it. Her appearance was idiotic, and her conduct restless odd and peculiar, when given a pocket handkerchief instead of using it she folded it up and tied it tightly round her neck.

Bodily health and condition ordinary, the catamenia was suppressed but she altered the week before admission.

" 11 Last night she was very restless, would not keep in bed and slept none. She had to be put in a room and dressed in canvas to keep her warm.

" 18 She is much improved. She now sleeps well at night and is daily employed in the Work-room where she is quiet and orderly.

" 28 For the last three nights she has slept little and been very restless. She fancies she hears foot steps behind her, and that she sees peoples through the walls of the room.

December 8 She has been restless and excited, slept little and has not taken her food well since last report. She is very excitable and her bodily condition much reduced from the excitement

Admitted 10th November 1875

Elizabeth Logan or Lindsay Aet 32

1865

November 18 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 3 Lawrence Place Partick.

She is thirty two years of age, married was formerly employed as a Shop Keeper and is a United Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted five or six weeks and the cause is perhaps sudden change from public life as a Shop keeper to private life after marriage. She has not altered since she had a child eight months ago. She is very suicidal but not dangerous to others. An uncle was at patient in the Asylum.

Prior to admission she slept none for three weeks, believed that matters were being poisoned in order to destroy her, and had constant delusions with reference to surrounding facts. She said her soul was lost and that the wrath of God was upon her. She also attempted to commit self destruction in various ways — by ligatures and knives to throat; drinking boiling water; and trying to get bottles of poison.

On admission she was depressed and appeared to be in great distress of mind, wringing her hands and constantly turning her head from side to side. She said that she was the greatest sinner and that all the first born were being murdered for her wickedness. She also fancied that something was being put upon her head to make her corpse that she had perjured and injured her brother.

Bodily health feeble. Condition ordinary.

" 19 She slept none during the night and was very restless and restless, often trying to get out of bed. She will not take her food having only drank a cup of coffee at breakfast.

" 27 She is very depressed, shakes her head, and has her hand often upon her throat. She is very suspicious of all around her; often asks what she was brought here for; and what is to be done to her. She has slept pretty well for the last two nights.

December 8 She has improved since last report but is still somewhat depressed. She sleeps and takes her food well and has commenced to be industrious.

Admitted 18th November 1865

1875 Catherine Mc. Intosh Aet 24

December 9 The patient was brought to the Asylum today by two friends from 8 Windsor Place Sauchiehall Street Glasgow

She is thirty four years of age, single, formerly kept a Register Office and is a United Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted about ten months and the cause is disappointment in love. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

She was formerly cheerful, but about ten months ago she became suddenly depressed in spirits. About nine weeks ago she refused food for days and slept none at nights. She sleeps some now but not sufficient is often restless and very discontented, wishes out and says that she is confined like a felon, believes that her mother and sister are her greatest enemies, says she sees a certain Clergyman in her way and that there he is whether she is asleep or awake. On the 2d November last at 3 A.M. she jumped over the window more than a storey high and was caught at the foot of Jamaica Street - probably going into the Clyde.

On admission she was in a stupid, demented state and could give no account of herself. She seemed unable to comprehend any thing said to her was quite passive and allowed herself to be led along.

She is in feeble bodily health, very anaemic and her bodily nutrition is reduced.

" 11 She slept pretty well on the first night after admission, but last night she was restless and about three o'clock she got out of bed and insisted upon being dressed and getting away She has taken her food well.

" 18 She is still restless and wandering in her habits, seldom speaks unless asking to get away and often gets out of bed at nights and dresses herself

Admitted 9th December 1875

1865 **Mary Campbell** Aet 47

December 23

This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her brother from 2 Athole Terrace Victoria Road Glasgow.

She is forty seven years of age, single, keeps her brothers house and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted more than a year, and the cause is solitude and fear for the future. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. There is no hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she laboured under delusions; she believed she was persecuted, held up to ridicule, and made the topic of public scandal by placards having been displayed in the public streets; fancied that her brother is about to be married and that she is to be turned out of doors. She passed nights without sleep, had a desire to wander from the house and laboured under the delusion that her friends were her greatest enemies.

On admission she talked in a undecided, hesitating manner, and was very delusive. She fancied she was in some Roman Catholic place of Confinment, and asked what was to be her fate; said she knew she would die suddenly and that she had not done her duty. She also fancies that her mother is dead although she was told by her brother that she was alive and well.

Bodily health and condition good.

Admitted 23rd December 1805

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1765 Bethia Arthur or Liddell Aet 50

This patient was brought to the Asylum today by a Police Constable and Female warder from the Southern Police Office Glasgow.

She is fifty years of age, married, is a Protestant, and the wife of a Surgeon

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted seventeen years, and the cause is taking Opiates and stimulants. She had two epileptic seizures twelve years ago and is dangerous both to herself and others. No Hereditary tendency. An aunt by the mothers side was insane

Prior to admission she had been for some days in the Southern Police Office and was brought to the Asylum in a very dirty state. She is a dypsomaniac and Kleptomaniac, was dangerous to herself and others and threatened to destroy her friends' reputation. She used an immoderate quantity of Opium (as much as four ounces of Laudanum daily) and intoxicating agents; stole over the bills out of the church to get drink, denied she took drink, and used a great deal of cunning and deceit to cover her habits. She has threatened to commit suicide by drowning herself, taking poison, and throwing herself over the window

On admission she was quiet and talked coherently, said that she was much exausted that she was labouring under an attack of diarrhœa and had been vomiting; wished to get prescribing for herself; complained of spasms of pain and difficulty of breathing and asked to have half an ounce of laudinum and a pint of porter, but said she was not in the habit of using them

Bodily health indifferent: condition reduced.

Admitted 28. December 1765

1866 Alexis Love Oct 39

January 7

The patient was brought to the Asylum today from Gourock by two friends.

She is thirty nine years of age, single, belongs to the Free Church and was employed House Keeping.

This is the third attack of insanity has lasted about one month and the cause is unknown. She was under treatment in 1866. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No hereditary tendency.

Before admission she was subject to menorrhagia. The flux occured every fortnight and was more abundant than usual. In consequence of this she became anaemic and much reduced in body. A few days before admission she became incoherent, restless, excited and quite unmanagable so much so that she had to be brought all the way from Gourock today (Sunday) in a Private Carriage.

When brought to the Asylum she was partially held by the Arms and ankles to restrain her; was restless, delirious, incoherent & corpus She laid hold of and tore at everything within her reach but did not commit any actual violence.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition much reduced.

Admitted 7th January 1886

Jane Napier or Rigby Aet 41

1866

Febuary 8 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by Dr Skene from West Kilbride Dumbartonshire.

She is fourty one years of age, widowed has a family, and belongs to the Church of England.

She has had frequent attacks of insanity and was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 27th August till 31st December 1866. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is predisposition from previous attacks. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary taint.

Prior to admission she had an anxious careworn expression, was afraid, but with her hands clasped, her mind being much preoccupied. She said that she was the greatest sinner in the world and that she was destitute of hope. She said she had slept none for three nights and that her miseries were so great that she thought she must dash her brains out against the wall to get relief.

On admission she was in a state of extreme misery, could not rest in an place for a minute, but went incessantly here and there along the Gallery, with her body stooped and her head thrown forward, frequently laying her head upon the wall and groaning. She said she had sold her inheritance for a mess of pottage. She broken at me and could not rest.

The catamenia is flowing and appears to menorrhagia. Ordered to have Gentle Current grs xxx Gent. Bibor grs x. Infusi and table me every three hours. Ale Bottle big pint Opii grs xxx. 3 tabl. and to have one every three hours if required

" 9 She slept from eleven oclock with an interval of two hours upto till breakfast time and the menstrual flow is now much less. She is still very miserable.

Admitted 8 February 1886

1866 Agnes Brand Aet 26

March 7 This patient was brought to the Asylum today by her brother in law from 17 Willow-bank Street Glasgow.

She is twenty six years of age, single kept house with her mother, and is a United Presbyterian.

She is the first attack of insanity, has lasted ten days at least, and the cause is disappointed love. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was talkative sleepless, and very unmanageable. She had two nurses to attend upon her whom she kicked and tried to bite, and two days before admission she attempted to throw herself into the fire. At one time she fancied herself God or Christ or Satan, and then the Queen of Glasgow. This morning she said she thought she was taken from her father's house to hell, that she was dying and that the house was turning round.

On admission she was extremely restless and wandering in her manner. Her conversation was rambling, full of delusions and at times incoherent. She mistook persons she saw here for her relations, and named them accordingly. Said she was now in her father house of many mansions and that she was going out to India to be a Missionary.

There are a number of dark discolourations on her body & limbs. Bodily health feeble, catamenia ordinary. She has menstruated four times within the last six weeks.

Admitted 7th March 1866

1866 Ann Reid Aet. 60

April 14 Was brought to the Asylum this morning from 32 St Vincent Crescent Glasgow.

She is sixty years of age, single by occupation and a Protestant.

She has been several years insane with intervals and has been twice before in this Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is several weeks and the cause is intemperance. She is not suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was violent in speech, violent in conduct and quite unable to manage herself.

On admission she had a frightened maniacal look, tried to seize hold of every one near her and was quite incoherent. She was very restless and confused could not understand what was said to her and appeared as if about to do something which she was quite unable to accomplish.

Admitted 4th April 1866

1866 Elizabeth Hunter. aet 37

May 14 Was brought to the Asylum today from Musgrove, Sterlingshire.

She is thirty-seven years of age, married, a Lady and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is one week, and the cause is stated to be various circumstances but she has a brother at present in this Asylum. She is dangerous to others but not very suicidal.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in speech, childish in her habits, destroyed her clothing and was dangerous to members of her family. Has been refusing her food for several days.

On admission her appearance was threatening, she talked incessantly and her ideas were incoherent and confused. She was much excited, frantic gesticulating aborts and attempting to destroy things near her.

Admitted 4th May 1866

1866 Catherine Lyall or McLellan aet. 38

May 18 Was brought to the Asylum today from Mochdon, Maybole, Ayrshire.

She is thirty eight years of age, married a Farmers wife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the second attack of insanity and she was formerly in the Crichton Asylum Dumfries. The duration of the existing attack is ten months and the cause is Domestic reverses. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency remote.

On admission her appearance was rather vacant and depressed and her demeanour childish. She was incoherent & said that she was blown up by Electricity and that she was full of it. Said that the paddle wheels of the steamer was putting it upon her all the way when she was sailing on the Clyde.

Her husband states that she was very ill mentally in September last and that she was confined in Dumfries Asylum from October last till February of this year and has been since home as yet.

Admitted 16th May 1866

1866 Helen Mitchell Ross or Cross aet 57

May 21 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Greenlaw Place, 141 Paisley Road Glasgow

She is fifty-seven years of age, a clergyman's Widow and belongs to the United Presbyterian church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under six months and the cause is excessive mental exertion in teaching, and anxiety. She is very quiet but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission, she had a dull abstracted expression, would not look at any one as she said she would pollute them with her sin. She fancied that her soul was lost and that she was cast out by God, that she was guilty of very sinful crimes, and at times was quite inconsolable and raving. She refused to take food saying she would be better dead.

Admitted 21st May 1866

1866

Mary Crichton

August 31

Was brought to the Asylum today from 4 Woodland Road Glasgow.

She is eighteen years of age, single, a Lady and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about two months and the cause is bad bodily health. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was dull and greatly depressed in mind, she talked about the wrongs she had done but was not inclined to converse, believed that she was unfit for action or life. On the 24th of the month, half of a sewing needle was extracted from the back of the neck over the last cervical vertebra, which she had inserted for the purpose of destroying herself. She had also purchased Laudanum and a pistol, evidently with suicidal intentions.

Admitted 31st August 1866

1866 Margaret Bryce or Wylie aet 33.

September 7 Was brought to the Asylum today from Saltcoats.

She is thirty-three years of age, married a Ship Captains Wife and a Protestant.

She is stated to be the third attack of insanity, the duration three months and the cause unknown, but she is subject to epilepsy. Eighteen months ago she was confined in Liverpool Lunatic Asylum for three months. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was at times very desponding and moroose and had fits of crying and laughing. At other times she became violent & excited at her nearest friends and threatened violence towards them. She has threatened to drown herself, jump out a window and also to strike with a knife.

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Mrs Ferguson

1886
October 2

Amelia McDonald v Ferguson aet

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 184 Berkeley St Terrace Glasgow.

She is forty seven years of age, married a lady and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is one month and the cause is not known. She is not suicidal but was not a little dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very restless and absorbed in herself and the state of her soul. She said that she was the greatest sinner on earth and fancied that she was unable to swallow.

Admitted October 1866

77 Jessie Anderson

Jessie Anderson Aet. 36

Was brought to the Asylum today from 172 West Graham Street Glasgow.

She is thirty-six years of age single a Seamstress and belongs to the Free Church

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is six months and the cause is thought to be a fright at a sad case of suicide that occurred near her dwelling. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was subject to violent paroxysms of maniacal excitement threatened to murder her sister and labored under the delusion that her sister and other relations were in a Plot against her. She fancied that a certain individual possessing great influence had abused her and that people were constantly talking to her stories through the walls. She would lie in her night dress for whole days on the floor and would not rise and dress herself

Admitted 22nd October 1866

79 Mrs. Brown

1846 November 6

Henrietta Porteous Henderson a Roman aet 37

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Drogheda Town Monkland.

She is thirty-seven years of age, married and is a Church of Scotland Clergyman's wife.

She has been insane for two years and the cause is intemperance. She is dangerous to others. Her father was insane.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, and incoherent and incorrect in her conversation; she delivered under gross delusions, imagined that she was ill treated, was violent and outrageous without cause and made use of a poker to break open a door.

Admitted 6th November 1866

Isabella Bell

Isabella Bell aet 21

Dec 7
December 13

13 Dec 1866

Was brought to the Asylum today from 81 Argyle Street Edinburgh.

She is about one years of age, single a Physician's Daughter and a Protestant.

She is the second attack of insanity the duration is fourteen days and the cause is not known. She is mild and not particularly dangerous to others No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly and was incoherent. She fancied that her father wished to cut her head off and that her mother wished to kill her. Said that her mother was the Queen Dowager. She struck her mother & the Servant & threatened the family.

Admitted 13th December 1866

1867 Jane Reid or Callum Adt. 43

January 8 Was brought to the Asylum, today by her son from 170 Nth St. Glasgow

She is forty three years of age, widowed and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the third attack of insanity the duration is about ten days and the cause is predisposition from former attacks. She is dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she displayed undue excitement in gesture and language. She was suspicious of those about her, and considered others insane. Had various delusions, such as thinking herself married to a gentleman who is single fancied that she was related to Royalty and that her soul is eternally lost.

On admission she was much excited and talked very loudly. She knew quite well where she was and threatened to punish those who had brought her here. Between her excitement and deafness she could not hear what was said to her but continued to talk as if she had been

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 14 She slept well during the night and today is quiet, appears to be exhausted from her former excitement.

" 11 She has slept almost none since the night after her admission, is very much excited and noisy. She says her name is not Callum but Paterson.

" 28 She is more composed than yesterday and sleeps better at night, but has at times paroxysms of excitement. Still believes that she has been married to Mr. Paterson

February 16 She is frequently excited and talks a great deal to herself and appears as if carrying on a conversation with some imaginary person. When she notices any one to observe her she sometimes smiles at other times becomes excited.

March 10 Today she took no dinner nor tea and appears to be in a very feeble state. Yesterday she was found to have a livid blushed look and when spoken to said she felt as if all galvanized. The day before she was much excited wished to go away and persisted that a cab she saw passing was to take her away.

" 15 She is very depressed, refuses her food and is fed by means of the stomach pump. She asked the attendant to give her three knocks on the head with a hammer and kill her. She has a demented look.

April 16 She is very ill mentally, suicidal tried to strangle herself with her handkerchief and refuses her food. Fed by means of stomach

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pump. She fancies that there is a string down her throat pulling her up, and asks to be put into the centre of a furnace as she says she cannot drown.

May 16 She is extremely miserable does not sleep at night and is noisy. She refuses her food still and is fed by means of the stomach pump. She makes a peculiar wailing noise, but does not speak, goes upon her toes and appears to fancy that there is electricity drawing her up.

June 13 She is much in the same state as at last report, but is becoming very much reduced in body. She makes a peculiar howling noise, but does not speak. She still requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

July 17 She is frequently much excited and sleeps little or none at night. She has a haggard miserable appearance and makes a pitiful howling noise, is continually under the impression that she is being drawn up by electricity and refuses to take any food. She is fed by means of the stomach pump.

August 22 She has slept better at at nights and not been so noisy for some time past, has not been fed by means of the stomach pump since the 9th but is still unwilling to take her food. She appears to be more demented and not quite so miserable.

September 13 She has slept better for some time up till last night when she was noisy and excited. Today she is very distressed and miserable. Her tongue is dry and hard. Ordered Pot. Effervescent.

October 17 She is occasionally much excited and the excitement comes on in paroxysms. She is not so depressed now but is very delusive. This morning she was much excited for a short time but is now quiet.

November 18 She is excited and very noisy threatens violence and is dangerous in her actions. She said to the Medical Assistant that he was the devil and attempted to scratch his face. She is very noisy.

December 21 She is excited noisy and very delusive talks loudly to imaginary persons or at least persons who are not present, and is always threatening in her language. She is very deaf.

1868
January 15 She is now much quieter, but is at times very depressed and at times very restless. Some nights she sleeps none and remains in bed but gets up and walks about.

February 13 She continues pretty quiet but labours under the delusion that she is a married lady says Mr. William Peterson is her husband and that he is a fine young man.

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Jane Reid or Callum

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March 17 — She still continues quiet, but is delusive and occasionally talks much to herself.

April 13 — She has again become noisy and excited, sleeps little at night and talks loudly. During the day she walks about in a violent manner stamps with her feet and clenching her hands threatens punishment upon imaginary persons. Being very deaf she frequently accuses persons of speaking about her and laughing at her, becomes much excited.

June 16 — She is frequently noisy at night as well as during the day. She is very delusive and scolds at imaginary persons or at persons who she fancies has done her some wrong. At other times she laughs very much while talking to herself; and speaking of the person who she fancies is her husband said "poor man I will read him a curtain lecture when I get him."

August 22 — She sleeps very little at night and is noisy and excited both night and day. She is very delusive and talks much in a loud voice, talks to herself in a loud voice and at times laughs much; at other times stamps with her feet and threatens punishment on persons not present as well as those who are. She has a bird under her arm.

October 15 — She fancies that others can know her thoughts by looking at her, scolds and threatens about it and calumnies under the delusion that she will never die. At times she has paintish attacks and believes that something is done to injure her.

December 20 — Often excited and again very miserable and complains of being very ill, talks delusively fancying that there is something being done to her to cause her illness and when better scolds about it. Bodily health very indifferent.

1869
February 16 — She has again been more depressed refusing to take any food but letting the attendants feed her.

April 16 — Often sleepless at night and when so is very noisy. During the day she often talks much to herself in a very excited manner and when the paroxysm passes off is rather depressed and miserable.

June 18 — Noisy at night, talks to and scolds at imaginary persons and often during the day contends herself in the same way.

August 13 — She talks much to herself and on standing at a window will gesticulate as if anxious to attract the attention of some person when there is no one to be seen.

October 15 — She has been much excited in consequence of seen in the Newspapers announcement of the marriage of Mr. Peterson, the person she fancied herself married to.

December 17 — Often noisy at night, and goes about during the day scolding and breathy.

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1870
February 5 — Often very noisy nights and days, but sometimes when the excitement passes off she will laugh and talk quite pleasantly.

April 17 — Some nights she sleeps none and for some hours every night is very noisy. During the day also she goes about scolding at persons she fancies has harmed her and she only becomes worse when spoken to.

June 19 — She carries a book in her hand; generally a Bible, which she strikes on her other hand while scolding, walks hurriedly up and down and gesticulates violently. Sleeps badly at night.

August 14 — She labours under many delusions to which she sometimes gives expression; one of these is that she was taken to the Police Office by a Blackguard called Richland and that there she saw her father's hand which had been exhumed, cut off and put on a shelf.

October 16 — She has a sedative at night but the effect is very uncertain as she is noisy for a longer or shorter period almost every night. During the day she seeks much upon imaginary grievances.

December 15 — She marches hurriedly up and down the gallery with a book in her hand and turning suddenly to the windows will shake her fist and scold at some imaginary person. Threatens violence to any one who interfers with her.

1871
February 17 — Sometimes she sits and turning over the leaves of the Bible reads aloud talks incoherently; sometimes when her attention is drawn away she will smile and rejoin readily once more.

April 28 — Although she has sedatives she is more or less noisy every night. During the day she sometimes after her paroxysms becomes faint and ill and requires to be lower for a time.

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1877 Ellen Matheson Aet. 28

January 7 Was brought to the Asylum today from 13 Woodside Place Glasgow

She is twenty years of age, single and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

She had a slight attack two years ago; the duration of the existing attack is one week and the cause is not known. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was maniacally excited, incoherent in her language and behaviour. She was incessantly restless and suddenly jumped out of bed.

On admission she was very much excited, very violent in her manner and actions and quite incoherent. She required to be restrained and was dangerous to herself and others.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare.

" 8 She did not fall asleep till half past one o'clock and then slept for four hours. After awaking she became very much excited and required two attendants to restrain her. She took a little beef tea but would not take any breakfast.

" 15 She continues to be very much excited and is sleepless and very noisy at night. She is very incoherent refuses to take her food and today was fed by means of the stomach pump.

February 11 She is sleepless and noisy at night, violent in her conduct and very destructive in her habits. While walking in the airing court yesterday she had a violent paroxysm of excitement, seized her attendant by the hair of the head and pulled her to the ground.

March 18 She is incoherent and melancholy in her habits and sleeps little at night. She has had a prolonged bath frequently, when she was much excited. She is not now quite so troublesome to her attendants, but still gesticulates a great deal, not so destructive and does not spit so much as she formerly did. She takes her food greedily well.

April 4 She is still incoherent, but some nights she sleeps well and other nights almost none and is noisy. She is still melancholy in her habits and she refused before last she will not undress her self.

" 26 She menstruated four days ago and now appears to be a little better. She was visited by her mother yesterday and today when asked who she had seen said it was Mr. Church (a name which she often

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repeats) she does says that I am Mr. Hamilton. She is still incoherent but much quieter.

May 19 She generally sleeps well but is occasionally restless and noisy at nights, is sometimes violent strikes her attendants. She is improving a little, has menstruated again and has not wet her bed for more than a week. She formerly wet it very frequently.

June 8 She always sleeps well at nights now is very much improved, cleanly in her habits and answers questions coherently.

She was today taken home on trial with an attendant.

" 15 She was today dismissed. — Cured.

1867 Louisa Taylor Aet. 52

January 11 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 57 Abbotsford Place Glasgow.
She is fifty two years of age, single, and belongs to the Church of England.
She had a slight attack of insanity fifteen or twenty years ago, and the present attack is eight or nine months. The cause disappointment in life.
She was formerly an inmate of Dr Howe's Asylum Hackney England. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.
Prior to admission she laboured under numerous mental delusions. Believed that she was the Devil, that she had killed her mother, sister and many others, fancied that she was stupified by gas being blown into her and does not sleep any.
On admission she sat or moved about in a crouching manner, seemed afraid to let herself be seen and had a wild, frightened look. She said she was the Devil and that she had killed us all and that before she came here they had given to pairings of nails to eat for her food.
Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

" 15 She was quiet and slept very well during the nights. She has taken her food well, but says she should not eat that she is very bad and has killed us all.

" 22 She is quiet but very delusive, has slept well except one night when she was much excited for some time. She does nothing and will not take a book into her hands. She has a frightful look says she is the Devil.

February 15 She has still the same delusions and considers every thing too good for her. This morning while the attendant was assisting to dress her she became excited and violent struck her and again while walking in the airing court attacked one of the Ladies.

March 18 About the beginning of the month she was noisy and excited did not sleep at night. She has slept better for some time past is quiet, but very delusive and answers always saying that she is killing everybody.

April 17 She sits with her head stooped down and her face in her hands, and if spoken to looks hurriedly up and gives expression to some delusion, such as she is the Devil or a murderess.

May 14 There is no change in her mental state.

June 16 She says she is too wicked to be near any person, persists she is the Devil and when told we say she is the Devil.

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July 17

She sits in a crouching manner looks furtively when spoken to and at first will not speak. When spoken to again she says I have killed you all and that she is the devil.

August 22

She is sometimes much excited and always very miserable and now refuses to take her food if not watched and assisted would eat none.

September 16

She frequently refuses to take her food and will watch or draw herself, frequently requires three or four attendants to do it for her. She sits with her elbows upon her knees and her face in her hands, says she is a murderer and asks to be put into a dark room.

October 17

It has been found necessary to feed her occasionally by means of the stomach pump. After the use of the pump she would take a number of meals, but today although she was fed at dinner time she requires also to be fed at teatime. She frequently requires to be washed and dressed.

November 24

She now takes her food well takes it in large quantities and appears as if she could not be satisfied. She says still she is the devil, frequently screams out loudly and without any apparent cause.

December 21

She continues to take her food well but eats it in a hurried frightened manner and says she is doing wrong but is compelled to do it. She says she is more the devil than ever.

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January 15

She is much excited, will not wash or dress herself and it requires four attendants to put on her clothes. She does not now take her food so well, sometimes refuses to swallow and requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

February 18

She still says she is the Devil and that she injures every one who comes near her or she whom she looks. Today she would not take any food and was fed at breakfast and dinner time by means of the stomach pump.

April 13

She has been taking her food better but says she ought not to take it, that she takes too much and that she does not deserve it &c. She sits by herself in a crouching manner speaks to none of the other ladies and says she is the devil.

June 16

She has to be constantly watched at meal time and often assisted with her food With all that can be done she often will not eat and every now and again requires to be fed with the stomach pump She will ask not to be fed with pretending to eat meat time, but forgets.

August 21

She says she is the devil, resists the taking off of her clothes and today took no breakfast. Sometimes requires to be fed by means of the pump.

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Louisa Taylor

1868

October 15 — Says she is the devil and will not let any person touch her hand as the say they will be injured thereby, looks very miserable and often cries out almost in wickedness she is in very reduced condition.

December 20 — Often when spoken to she will give a loud scream and look as if in great fear and when asked if she is ill says no, but she is very wicked. She takes her food very sparingly.

February 14 1869 — She would take almost no food if not watched and pressed to do so and no matter how little she takes she insists that she has had plenty. She always seems as if afraid we should touch her; often moans.

April 16 — Sits in corners and tries to avoid observation, moans heavily when touched and looks as if terrified, says she is the devil and that she is killing us all with her great wickedness.

June 18 — She will not raise her head when spoken to, but is noticed when indistinctly to look furtively about and to moan loudly, always says when asked that she is well and better than she deserves to be, for she is killing us all. She eats very sparingly.

August 13 — Would starve herself if not watched, but with all that can be done she scarcely takes a sufficiency, insists that she is stuffing up and when hungry left gives a loud moan and mutters some words about her wickedness.

October 15 — She has a habit of moaning like a cat and when any one asks her to do it she will do so. She fancies that she is thereby showing the wickedness of her nature.

December 17 — She has had a slight attack of diarrhoea and was kept in bed for a day or two and is up better. She had evidently caught cold.

February 15 1870 — Has constantly to be spoken to about taking her food and sometimes although she takes almost nothing says she is stuffed up, cries out as if in fear and says she is the devil.

April 17 — She sits in corners and tries to avoid observation, looks when addressed as if in great terror, sometimes moans and says in a hurried manner she has killed us all.

June 19 — Will speak of nothing but her great wickedness and is terrified when approached fancies she is injuring and killing every person that comes near her.

August 14 — It appears to give her great mental pain to have reply to anything said to her, before she speaks she makes a loud moan and will say Oh it is horrible she is so bad.

October 16 — Takes her food most sparingly, and her body is very badly nourished, but she insists that she eats as much as she can and that she is stuffed up by what she takes.

December 18 — She seldom will leave her seat and requires to be taken up and assisted to walk about

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February 20

It is with the greatest difficulty she can be induced to take her food and with all that can be done she takes it very sparingly. She likes much in a position, her bowels are costive and she is affected with hemorrhoids which bleed a good deal. She has frequent small doses of Castor Oil and a Brisk.

April 28

She can with the greatest possible difficulty be induced to take her food and when spoken to about it says she is stuffed up and that she has eaten largely. At present she is confined to bed with a cold.

95 Mary C. Smith

1867 Mary Catherine Smith Aet. 29

March 7 Was brought to the Asylum today from 1 Hillhead Gardens Glasgow.

She is twenty-nine years of age, single, Farmers daughter and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about three months and the cause is not known. She is not suicidal but is slightly dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very incoherent in conversation, laughs and keeps her hair over her eyes. She gives people ridiculous messages to take to Edinburgh and elsewhere. She has a great dislike to her father is afraid he will kill her, quarrels with and often strikes him, wont rest in bed at night, wanders about and refuses food.

On admission she was very incoherent and foolish in her conduct. She would not keep herself properly dressed and was always taking down her hair, eat even her food and picked and scratched at it with her hands but did not eat it, required to be assisted and an attendant constantly waiting upon her.

Bodily health and condition ordinary

" 8 She was quiet during the night, required two attendants to wash and dress her, was unwilling to take her food and required to be assisted with it. She is incoherent and very foolish in her conduct.

" 13 She continued incoherent, restless and very erratic in her conduct for some days, but is now a little better mentally and complains of sickness she now takes her food herself.

April 4 She has gradually improved and is now apparently very well mentally. Is very pleasant converses freely but sometimes thinks of her former condition saying If we could see ourselves as others see us

" 19 She was today discharged. —

Cured

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1867 Agnes Wilson or Smith Æt. 35
Died 27/5/1928

March 25 Was brought to the Asylum today from Garmyard Private Asylum

She is thirty-five years of age, married a Merchants daughter and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church

This is the first attack & insanity the duration is three years She was admitted into Garmyard Asylum on 18th January 1864 and the cause is mention of her husband. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was suffering from melancholia, was reserved and taciturn often refusing to speak, indolent and inclined to sit for hours together looking at the ground. She was also flighty and rambling in discourse.

On admission she was found to be very demented, quite incoherent and and sudden and childish in her words and actions. Her answers to questions when she spoke at all were quite irrelevant, she said she had come from her mother and that her mother was sitting on the knee of the person addressing her. She has a bewildered preoccupied look.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare.

" 26 She slept very little during the night would not take her breakfast and the attendants had great difficulty in feeding her. She also refused to take dinner or tea and in the evening was fed by means of the stomach pump. She said the Lord commanded her not to eat, but she does not appear to understand the meaning of what she says.

April 8 She now takes her food but not willingly has to be watched and sometimes resisted with it. She is very demented quite incoherent.

" 25 She is very incoherent and very demented cannot answer the simplest question and takes no interest in anything being said or done near her. She is sometimes excited.

May 19 She has a very bewildered drunk look and when spoken to says round foolish incoherent words and often forcibly pushes away anything.

June 17 There is no material change. She often gives no reply when spoken to, will suddenly gaze at the person who is addressing her, at times swears.

July 15 She is very demented, and her hands are always cold and livid. She does not reply when spoken to.

August 15 She is in the same condition. Sometimes when spoken to, says go to the devil.

Admitted 25th March 1867

September 16	She sits very much by herself & wanders about in a listless manner. Never speaks to anyone nor gives any proper reply to a question, sometimes gives expression to some very ridiculous, incoherent talk.
October 17	She appears to be quite mindless and often when spoken to instead of giving any reply will pull or push at the person speaking to her. She takes her food readily well but her hands are still clumsy and livid.
November 18	She sits in a careless, self satisfied manner or walks slowly about the ward never speaks to any of the other ladies is easily managed but requires constant looking after.
December 21	She is in her usual demented state. At times she speaks a little is very incoherent, laughs and appears as if much pleased at what she had said.
1868 January 15	She has to be taken to the table to her food and very often get with it. She takes it quite readily when put to her mouth but appears not to have as much mind as to be able to feed herself.
February 18	She is completely demented does not appear to understand anything said to her and seldom replies. She sometimes makes a sudden snatch at some part of the person's dress, who is addressing her and say some very incoherent words.
March 30	She is still in the same state mentally Her bowels are occasionally costive and she will not take any medicine. Requires to get it in her food.
April 13	She requires to be dressed taken to her food and led about when not walking, is quite absent and says words she says are very incoherent.
June 16	She is quite fatuous and generally when spoken to appears as if she did not hear what was said to her, but if the person addressing her come near, she will pull his or her clothes suddenly and go away saying something altogether incoherent.
August 21	Her mind is quite gone. She never does anything and although books are always laying about never opens one. She does not appear to understand anything said to her.
October 15	Requires to be dressed and undressed led to her food and carried up like a child. Her hands are often cold and she requires to wear gloves in the house.
December 20	She sits where she is placed and does not move unless led about. When spoken to she will sometimes say a few words lucidly but they are totally irrelevant and generally quite incoherent.

Agnes Wilson or Smith

1869

February 14 — She is very demented, seldom takes any notice when spoken to or if she does, they seem very incoherent altogether irrelevant etc.

April 16 — She requires to be dressed and moved and when taken out requires to be led as words seem not to impress her mind and if left she would stand still till taken away.

June 15 — Sits much by herself or if beside any others never pays any attention to what is going on talks quite absurd and never speaks unless to say an incoherent word or two when taken from where she is placed.

August 13 — Requires to be moved by an attendant seldom takes any notice when spoken to and does not appear to comprehend the most simple words.

October 15 — Her skin is very soft and she is often cold although the temperature of the room is pretty good. She is extremely demented.

December 17 — Takes no notice of anything and would sit day long unless taken up from her seat and led about. She is in very indifferent health.

1870
February 18 — Sometimes she seem to be aware that she is being spoken about, as when she is stopped when being led about by the attendant she will suddenly wheel about and say go to the devil and tries to walk away.

April 17 — Generally quite passive, but occasionally very obstinate and will oppose what is wanted of her in the most unreasonable manner.

June 19 — Quite. Sometimes, seldom noisy when taken forward to the table is apt rudely smash anything in her way.

August 16 — Allows herself to be led about be indoors and out for a minute she will suddenly wheel into a seat and sit still till again led from it. She seldom speaks

October 16 — Indifferent to everything passing around her and does not seem to know when spoken about, everything requires to be done for her and she can tell nothing about herself

December 18 — Unless she is closely attended to her hands and feet become cold, but patient seems to know nothing about it and sometimes is a little excited when interfered with

1871
February 28 — For some time past she has been frequently violent in her conduct, tearing and scratching at the attendants when they are assisting her. She seem as possible sense stupid than usual, does not know what she does.

April 28 — She is again quiet and in her former stupid very demented state, dos herself be led about and sometimes requires to be fed.

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1867 Sarah Greig or Finlay Adt. 2

May 14 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Carnegal Private Asylum.

She is twenty-four years of age, married and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is three years and the cause is puerperal. (She has been an inmate of Carnegal Asylum since 9th June 1865) She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. An aunt on her father's side was insane.

Prior to admission she was excitable, incoherent and occasionally inclined to destroy her clothing.

On admission she appeared to be labouring under an attack of chronic mania, was very active in her movements and silly in her conduct, quite incoherent and would not give a proper answer to the simplest question or even any thing relating to herself.

Bodily health and condition good.

" 15 She slept only one hour during the night and that towards morning, but was quiet. She takes her food well and is quite mindless.

" 22 She is very incoherent and when spoken to, instead of giving any answer repeats what is said to her. She is at times irritable, very indecently in her habits, dirties her bed.

June 18 She is very dangerous, impulsive and destructive in her habits, while sitting at breakfast she suddenly and without any cause dashed her tea in her attendants face. In a few minutes she had no recollection of having done it.

July 17 She is subject to paroxysms of great excitement, when she is very violent and dangerous. She has passed at stool a number of small white worms.

August 22 She sleeps well at nights and is pretty quiet at present. She is very demented, her mind being quite gone, she can hardly tell her own name. In good bodily health and very active in her movements.

September 14 She is at times very irritable, impulsive and dangerous, dashes the furniture about and attacks the attendants and other patients. She is quite mindless commits her acts of violence without any external cause and in a very short time has no recollection of what she had done.

October 17 She is very dangerous and violent and her violent paroxysms are often preceded by fits of depression, and weeping with great irritability. She is very incoherent takes her food well.

Admitted 11th May 1867

November 8	She has been frequently and severely [illegible] excited for some time. She suddenly attacked one of the attendants, tore the hair out of her head in handfuls and was so violent to her that she had to confine herself to bed for a day. She is at times very unclean in her habits.
December 21	She is excited restless and very irritable suddenly and without any external cause becomes very violent often cries & screams during the paroxysms and at these periods her attendants are quite unable to control her.
1868 January 18	She is very dangerous and violent. She attacked the attendants in charge of her pulling handfuls of hair out of her head and scratching another in the hands who went to assist the one already overpowered. After the excitement passes off somewhat she cries very much and continues irritable.
March 7	The paroxysms of excitement have been very frequent, seldom a day passing with her having a number more or less violent in their character, but at no time during these paroxysms can less than three attendants restrain her. Today during one of them, she was very homicidal, made violent efforts to free herself while held down on the floor and repeatedly cried to one of them I'll kill you. Her memory is entirely gone.
April 13	For some time past she has been frequently noisy for a considerable part of the night and during the day subject to sudden paroxysms of excitement which generally end in a fit of weeping. She is very violent and dangerous.
June 16	She is very dangerous destructive and also unclean in her habits, can never be taken out in charge of less than two attendants. Strikes suddenly and sometimes smashes the dishes containing her food.
August 21	She is very unclean in her habits more especially at night, when nearly every night she destroys her bed. She cannot be kept under observation at night she is so dangerous and sudden in her paroxysms when three attendants can with great difficulty restrain her.
October 17	Enemata have been tried at Christmas but seldom with good results as she is still frequently filthy in bed. Her language is quite incoherent and her mind quite vacant.
December 20	She has been tried under observation at night for some time and was kept clean, but became so dangerous that her attendants could not control her. She is again in a single room filthy.
February 1869 14	Very dangerous and at times quite homicidal, threatens to kill any one who takes her. Continues very filthy in her habits.

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Sarah Greig a Finlay

1869

April 16 — Very maniacal, dangerous and destructive suddenly smashed to pieces the glass in the parlour windows and the attendants had the greatest difficulty in restraining her. These paroxysms often last for an hour or two.

June 18 — She talks most incoherently and is frequently very irritable and dangerous threatens to kill anyone who touches her. At night she is occasionally filthy and rubs her excrement on the walls of her room.

August 13 — Her teeth are bad and sometimes her face is a little swollen. This sometimes is thought to be partly the cause of her excitement but she excitedly throws out so much spittle many if any one wants to look at her mouth.

September 25 — Sometimes when sitting at table at her food she becomes suddenly excited and will smash everything within her reach. These attendants have then the greatest difficulty in restraining her. She is in good bodily health.

December 17 — She is so incoherent in her conduct that she cannot sleep out of a single room when she is frequently very filthy in her habits. When not excited or irritable she is very incoherent often repeats whatever is said to her.

1870
February 13 — Talks very incoherently and at times when quite pleased and talking in a childish manner, if any one happens to touch her she will spring up crying I don't like you and is ready to strike if any other person be in the way. At times rather destructive.

April 17 — Frequently filthy in her habits during the night and yesterday made a violent attack upon her attendants. She has lately been frequently excited while walking upon the grounds.

June 19 — She becomes suddenly excited and still frequently injures the attendants; three of them with difficulty restraining her: her habits are still very filthy.

August 14 — Very dangerous and impulsive, constantly walks hurriedly about and if anyone comes in her way she attacks them. She does not know the names of her relations, but sometimes will talk of her husband as Hunter Surgeon.

October 16 — She is changeable in her moods at times quite childish, will come up, shake hands and finger the buttons of people's dresses saying she will wheel past me and if they try to stop her she shows her teeth and often says I will kill you. Habit filthy; especially at night.

December 15 — Very mischievous frequently furiously excited and very dangerous and often very filthy in her habits. Bodily health good.

1871
February 17 — She is completely incoherent and hardly will see one's name, and sometimes it is dangerous to speak to her. At night she is still very filthy in her habits.

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1871
April 28

Baldwin Wharmie River excited and even when at times she is childishly pleased she is very uncertain. And during her paroxysms is quite homicidal. Rebecca Filthy

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1867 Helen Wingate Aet. 5

May 25 Was brought to the Asylum today from Balgreen Murrayfield. (St Cuthbert's)
She is thirty-five years of age, single and a Protestant.
She has been an inmate of Longrow-hall Asylum for four years and a half (since 1862). The cause of insanity is not stated. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.
Prior to admission she was sullen moping and taciturn, generally idle and was irritable when urged to occupy herself. When she spoke she was generally incoherent often refused her food, laughed much to herself and was occasionally cataleptic.
On admission she was found to be in a state of extreme dementia. She sat with her eyes closed and the eyelids given as if she wished to open them but was afraid of the light. She gave no answer to any question, but seemed to be aware when she was spoken to, would give a cough or mutter some very incoherent words.
Bodily health very feeble: condition reduced.

" 26 She slept more during the night but was very still and quiet. She takes her food pretty well, but sits over it a long time. Sits at with her eyes closed.

June 1st She is in the same state as on admission. Requires to be attended to like a child, to be put to bed, dressed and undressed and led here and there. From her manner she would seem to have been accustomed to it.

July 17 She is very demented does not speak nor give any reply when spoken to, sits with her eyes closed, but walks pretty well with an attendant. Her skin is very soft & downy.

August 22 She took her attendant looking after and putting the warm night in her hands removed her pocket handkerchief. Her bowels were costive; had a small Rhubarb powder which acted and she was cleanly.

September 21 She slept little and was restless during the night but today appears to be much in her usual state. When spoken to she only gives a little cough as if clearing her throat does not speak.

October 17 She is very demented does not speak and seldom looks about her. She sits wherever she is put nor would move if not taken away. Bodily health very feeble.

November 18 She sits with her eyes shut and talks incoherently at times at other times speaks more

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December 21

She is very fretful and in very feeble health, but generally, although slow at at it, takes her food well. She sometimes takes a meal without ever opening her eyes.

1868 January 16

She slept little and talked a great deal during the night, but today appears to be in her usual health, has taken her breakfast well. She is taking Cod liver Oil.

February 18

When taken out of bed in the mornings after breakfast she is placed upon the easy chair in the parlour where she sits and never attempts to rise except when taken away, does not speak and sometimes only gives a little cough when spoken to

March 25

She seldom if at all walks about herself sits with her eyes shut and sometimes mutters incoherently as if to some imaginary person; saying "yes dear," and "no dear," She takes her food tolerably well.

April 13

She has no mind, sits where she is placed and never attempts to leave her seat requires to be attended to like an infant She takes her food, but is in very feeble bodily health.

June 16

She seldom speaks a word except when another of the Ladies (Miss Brown) sits down beside her and begins to talk, when they will both for a time keep up as it were a conversation, but the words that both make use of are altogether incoherent.

August 21

She walks to herself in every respect as before mentioned, sometimes shuffles a good deal to herself and sits much with her eyes shut. She is very helpless, can do nothing for herself.

October 15

Very fretful and speaks none unless when excited, when she will talk in the most incoherent manner and at the same time keep her eyes closed.

December 30

Requires to be dressed and undressed does not give any reply when spoken to and the only indication she gives that she hears any is sometimes to clear her throat as if about to speak

1869 January 14

Never replies when spoken to sits back in an easy chair and sometimes when she hears her name mentioned gives as cough as if to let it be known she heard

April 16

She is walked in the Gallery by her attendant, is quite passive and goes wherever led and when put into a seat sits still till again led from it.

June 18

Very fragile and although she eats well, there is very little vitality, her hands are at this season being cloudy and cold unless covered by gloves or some other covering.

August 13

She will not take her food herself, but allows her attendant to feed her, and while being fed, sits with her eyes shut.

Helen Wingate

1869

October 15 — This patient is in a state of extreme dementia, can do nothing for herself, is generally passive and seldom or never takes any notice when spoken to.

December 17 — When roused if she at all takes notice it is only by walking around as if clearing the throat but she does not speak; she sits much with her hand up to her face.

February 18/70 — She has been confined to bed for some days having got a cold, but now seems to be better. She is very fragile.

April 17 — She always has her breakfast in bed and is brought up stairs about half past ten o'clock. When walking she often has eyes shut and when placed in a chair sits till some

June 19 — time and again she has periods of an hour or more in duration when she talks most incoherently, appears to be conversing with some imaginary person often makes use of the words "the door."

August 14 — She is sometimes confined to bed for a day or two at the menstrual periods, the discharge being rather frequent. She is quite still and takes no notice when spoken to, will not even open her eyes.

October 16 — Little fits of excitement occur now and again, which are displayed by a constant incoherent talk as if she were conversing with some of her relations. This sometimes continues for an hour or two.

December 18 — About the only exercise she has is when she is walked for a little along the gallery by her attendant. She walks with her eyes closed and is stopped and spoken to only occasionally.

February 17/71 — Never replies coherently to anything said to her and only occasionally speaks at all. Three or four days ago she was confined to bed and generally is so at the menstrual periods.

April 28 — Frequently in bed for two or three days in consequence of the catamenia flowing. The periods are rather frequent recurring within three weeks. She feeds generally puts her right

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1867 Mary Home a Stuart Aet. 59

June 8 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 20 Grange hill.

She is fifty-nine years of age, married, is the wife of a Commission Merchant and belongs to the Colonial of Scotland.

She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is from six to nine months, and the cause is intoxication. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and laughed and cried without cause, was very restless and had illusions, fancied that men were lurking about her apartments when there were none in the room. She threatened to drown herself in the canal, roamed about the country at nights, destroyed furniture and struck and abused her nearest friends.

On admission she talked somewhat ramblingly, but did not become excited talking about the ill treatment of her relations and from the way in which she talked evidently wishes it to be understood, that she was a very good long suffering and much ill used person.

Bodily health very indifferent: Condition ordinary. Her feet are oedematous.

" 9 She slept very little during the night but was quiet, Her feet are less swollen. She is restless and unhappy.

" 16 She continues restless, fretful and unhappy, wanders about in an unsettled manner. Considers herself very ill used by her relations. Her feet are still a little swollen in the evenings.

July 17 She is very fretful and unhappy at times very restless during the day, but generally sleeps well at night.

August 15 She is less restless and has commenced to employ her time sewing, walks out and is improving in her bodily health.

September 16 She is quiet and pretty contented here now except when she begins to talk about her relations sending her here. Says she has no need to be here, and wishes to impress others with the fact that she never had been ill or needed to be here.

October 17 She is very quiet and more reserved does not talk about her relations as she formerly did and receives her daughter kindly when she comes to visit her.

November 24 She continues well, is very contented and does not speak about going away.

December 31 She was today discharged - Cured.

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Isabella Cuthbertson or Howat aet 40

1867

June 15 Was brought to the Asylum today from 127 Brunhead Street Calton Glasgow.

She is forty years of age, married and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two months and the cause is ascribed to premature child birth. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was very restless continually walked up and down the house was in great fear and started suddenly at the slightest noise. She talked of some great evil that was about to take place and all on her account. She said that the last day had come and that there was no use attempting to anything, acted accordingly, and took no interest in anything.

On admission she was very delusive and in consequence depressed and very miserable. talked continually about it being the last day and appeared distressed that other people should be acting as if it were not.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary. There is a dislocation on the left arm and she is affected with goitre.

" 16 She slept none during the night and was very restless. She goes about bewailing her condition, still says it is the last day and would not take any breakfast.

" 24 She is very delusive and has been for short periods very maniacally excited and dangerous to herself, requiring as many as six attendants to restrain her. She sleeps very little, some nights none at all and is very unwilling to take her food. She says she is Nebuchadnezzar and that she is to be put out to eat grass.

July 21 She is very delusive and unhappy, sometimes does not sleep at night and becomes restless She has tried to scratch her face from picking it with her nails and tearing in a paroxysm of excitement tries to pull the hair out of her head.

August 22 She has been very much excited in consequence of her delusions, fancied that the ground was all undermined and said they were boiling millions of people below She also says that the doors will all be open independent of keys and that the people here are all acting are not what they pretend to be, She says that she is the woman mentioned in the Revelation and that she is to be put out to eat grass with the beasts of the field.

September 18 She is not now so much excited but still so delusive. She says she has eaten the forbidden fruit, and that it was like a

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strawberry but far larger and had a bitter taste, that she gave it to Mauhar (her husband.) but he would not eat it. She still every day persists that it is the last day.

September 27 She was today taken home by her husband and discharged. —

Relieved.

Madam Janny Brach Jenny Act. 34

1867

July 17 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 1 Sanchuhall Street Glasgow.

She is thirty-four years of age, married and belongs to the Jewish Persuasion.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted ten days and the cause is not known but it is supposed her father was insane. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was dull and melancholy. At times she would scarcely answer a question. She said that her mind and heart were both bad, that she had no place to stop in and that she is lost. She wished she were dead and desired to be killed. On the fourteenth of the month she swallowed poison to destroy herself and on the fifteenth she attempted to strangle herself.

On admission she was very taciturn. She would give no reply to any question put to her, appeared confused and stupid, and seemed to be in dread of some bodily injury being done her. In the evening she was very depressed, took very little food and asked to be prayed for.

The only mark of injury detected upon her body was a discoloration upon her left arm. Bodily health ordinary and she is of very full habit of body.

" 18 — She slept one hour during the night. This morning she had to be washed and dressed by the attendants like a child. She has taken breakfast.

" 19 — During the night she slept only two hours; at times she was much excited getting out of bed and screaming. She refused to take any breakfast and was fed by the attendants. She appeared stupid and confused. All midday when she became much excited, suddenly got up on the chairs, tried to break glass and wished to get over the window. Three attendants could with difficulty control her. In the evening she said she was going to be burned and said she would rather be cut to pieces.

" 23 — She sleeps little and is often much excited during the night. She is very suicidal, refuses her food and has to be fed by the attendants. Today she was very restless, fancied there was a little girl in her bed and said she was an Israelite and had done no harm.

August 7 — Since last report she has been often sleepless at night. During the day she is quiet, speaks little and is at times somewhat stupid and confused. She takes her food.

" 23 — She continues quiet and sleeps well at night, but during the day is often dull and depressed.

September 5 — Today she was taken home by her husband.

Admitted 17 July 1867

September 8 This morning she was brought back to the Asylum much excited and very suicidal. While at home she slept none, and tried to destroy herself in various ways. She licked the green parts of the paper on the walls, tried to get a quantity of Acetate of Lead which she knew was in the house, and a knife with which she intended to injure herself had to be forcibly taken from her.

" 9 She slept none till nine o'clock A.M. but has taken breakfast. She is very depressed and miserable.

" 11 She slept well last night, but today is very depressed and suicidal. She attempted to strangle herself by drawing the strings of her cap across her neck, and she often repeats the words, 'you will not put me on the fire.'

" 13 For the last two nights she has slept none, very much excited, suicidal, and violent, attempting to thrust her hands into her throat and striking and biting at those in attendance upon her. Today while walking in the airing court with her attendants she became quite unmanageable, constantly tried to bite the attendants, lay down upon the ground and tried to get the stones of the walks into her mouth. She was taken into where she continued to snap at everything within her reach. Towards evening she began to bite her tongue and it was found necessary to place a gag in her mouth; Whenever it was taken out she again tried to cut her tongue with her teeth.

" 16 She was today fed by means of the stomach pump. Her mouth is very sore.

October 3 She sleeps pretty well at night but is very depressed and suicidal. She is in great dread of being burned.

" 9 She is very restless, spitting in the faces of the attendants and attempting to strike and bite them. During the previous night she wet her bed, would not use the night stool and passed her feces on the floor of the dormitory.

" 26 She is very depressed and for the last two days has taken very little food. This evening she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

November 9 She is delusive, depressed and suicidal but has taken her food and slept pretty well till last night when she became very restless frequently getting out of bed without any apparent cause.

" 19 For the last two nights she has been very much excited, violent, dangerous and suicidal she slept none and during the day has taken almost no food. she constantly spits at those near her and tries to bite them. This evening she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

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Madam Sunny Brook Henry from page 16

1867

November 27 — Since last report she has refused to take any food, and been fed daily by means of the stomach pump. She is extremely dirty in her habits, her bedding having to be changed very frequently – sometimes five times in a day. She strikes at attempts to bite and spits upon everyone within her reach.

December 7 — She only slept four hours during the night and was very restless. There is no improvement in her habits and she is fed regularly by means of the stomach pump.

" 22 — Last night she slept little and was restless. This morning she was much cast, dangerous, destructive, suicidal and dirty in her habits. She still continues to be fed regularly by means of the stomach pump.

" 30 — She still refuses to take any food and is fed as before. She is much in the same state as at last report and two nights ago she bit the finger of one of the night attendants.

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January 9 — She takes her food and sleeps well at night. She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump since the 6th of this month. She is quite tractious and spits on every person near her.

" 28 — She is confined to bed in consequence of her extremely dirty habits. Her bed linen had to be changed three times yesterday. She is very destructive and troublesome and tries to do all in her power to annoy everyone, does not speak.

February 18 — She is cleanly in her habits at present. Last night she slept little and this morning complains of sore throat, she has taken very little breakfast.

March 12 — She is more quiet and easily managed but is delusive and does not wish to go away. Last night she did not sleep well.

April 3 — She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed. —

Relieved.

1867 **Margaret Hay** Aet. 26

August 10 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from Glenhead, Denny.

She is twenty-six years of age single, and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity is stated to have lasted only three days and the cause is hereditary – her mother having died insane. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal.

Prior to admission she was restless excited and very wandering in her habits and conversation. She wished to see persons who were at a distance, passed ridiculous remarks on persons not present and wished to get out of the house at night. She talked of an engagement to be married, which had no existance; considered herself very pure and possessed of Christ and wished her friends to teach her saints to become so likewise. She was occasionally violent.

On admission she was depressed and her appearance was dull and melancholy. She was very taciturn, could not be induced to speak but sat with her face buried in her hands.

Bodily health in different condition ordinary

" 11 — She slept none during the night was restless and would not remain in bed, was violent to her attendants. She take her food.

" 17 — She has been much excited and very violent since admission, sometimes requiring three attendants to restrain her. She slept very little up till the night before last. Last night she tortured her Bed.

" 26 — She has been occasionally excited and threatened to break articles of furniture, but is now quieter. She perspires very much and is now confined to bed. She is delusive talks in a rambling manner and said that she had seen Dr Medical assistant formerly at Glenhead, a place where he had never been.

September 7 — She is excitable and very irritable. She took off all her flannels and when the attendant rushed her again to put them on she attacked and struck her.

October 13 — She is not so much excited and generally sleeps pretty well at night. Her mental powers appear to be impaired and she is unfit to do anything.

November 6 — She is now very depressed and weeps much. Asks if she can ever get pardon for what she has done.

December 12 — She has been gradually going from her food and now will eat none. Took no breakfast and was fed by means of the stomach pump at dinner & tea time. She screamed & resisted.

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1868 January 15	She now takes her food better, but otherwise there is no improvement. Frequently when spoken to she gives no reply but, bursts out into a silly laughter. Two or three nights ago she kept none and sang psalms nearly all night.
February 18	She is generally quiet, but is subject to short paroxysms of excitement when she talks incoherently and names persons that no one here knows; at which times cries without any apparent cause.
March 20	She is quite silly and when spoken to bursts out into fits of laughter, will give no reply and if spoken to again only renews her paroxysm of laughter. Anything almost that she says is incoherent.
April 18	She is quiet and pretty orderly, takes her food and is in tolerable bodily health but her complexion is strumous and her aspect anæmic. She is rather incoherent when silly in conversation or behaviour.
May 12	She has been very destructive in her habits, and without any apparent ~~excitement~~ tore her night dress and a silk dress into shreds, will give no reason for doing so and laughs silly when spoken to about it.
June 16	She can do nothing occasionally becomes excited and scolds incoherently saying something or other about "Old Jock Thom" and when not excited generally replies with a loud silly laugh.
July 15	She is demented, sometimes sheds tears and at other times again becomes excited and scolds very incoherently. She is not inclined to move much about, bowels native.
August 21	Since last report she has become much more excited, very dangerous and violent, frequently attacking the attendants. One day she tore one of them by the hair and the following day struck another a violent blow on the belly causing her to vomit. She swears incoherently and is very noisy.
October 16	She continues to be very violent and dangerous in her conduct and in her attacks now kicks as well as making use of her hands. She swears incoherently in a loud voice and is often obscene in her language. In the midst of her swearing she said that she cursed Jock Thom and the man that laid hands upon her and that her father did not know the manner of her birth.
December 20	She is irritable, excited and talks very incoherently, lies much upon the seats and threatens violence if interfered with. At times she will take no food and is falling off in bodily condition: frequently requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

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Margaret Ray

1869

February 14 — Sometimes when spoken to she laughs wildly and again although quite quiet will suddenly become much excited and talks loudly in the most incoherent manner She takes her food very irregularly and her body is badly nourished.

April 18 — Lies much upon the seats and is very apt to become excited if touched, her language is always incoherent and often very obscene and threatening. She is very anaemic and soft and takes her food very sparingly. This morning took no breakfast and only laughs when it is spoken about to her.

June 28 — She is more excitable and dangerous the paroxysms coming on very suddenly and frequently and from her incoherent threatening words she appears to labour under the delusion that the attendants here have wronged her in various way before they were sent her. When not excited she will not speak. Sometimes laughs wildly

August 18 — Very sullen and obstinate, will seldom speak and acts as if every person were enemies to her. Is subject to frequent paroxysms of excitement and is violent in her conduct. Bodily health feeble.

October 7 — She was today taken to Tewksbury Asylum by authority of her relatives and discharged

Relieved.

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Virginia Charlotte Armitage nee Fairbairn

1867

August 16 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Dr Munro's Asylum London.

She is thirty six years of age, married a Jady and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity has lasted about two years and the cause is Hereditary. The first attack occurred about eleven years ago. Her brother was insane. She is not suicidal but occasionally threatened violence.

The following are two portions of letters written by her husband about her case, the one several months before the other.

(1st) It is very unfortunate that there is a difficulty in persuading her to walk. She has a constitutional aversion to anything like engaging regularly in the ordinary occupations of every-day life. Since her marriage she has never succeeded in interesting herself in household duties with anything like steadiness. Even when she was at her best she was much given to nursing her absurd delusions. She took exercise and did house duty rather by fits and starts than in an everyday employment. But when she shook off that lethargic dreamy state and turned her attention to things of present moment she became quite a different person. Correct in taste, quick at noticing and very good at planning and even working, and had it only been possible to keep up her interest in every-day duties as her family increased, she might have got the better of the disease which for the present has mastered her. But for the last two years, she has I may say taken very little exercise and that only in an impulsive manner. Now in any attempt at cure this will be the great difficulty. For if the presence of her children and her home failed to occupy her attention what other motive is likely to succeed.

August

It will be a difficult matter for me to decide positively whether she should stay much longer where she is, because before my letter is received great changes may have taken place. She may be either better or worse or be continuing much in the same state she was in when you wrote. In the first case it might be advisable to let her continue where she is until she was able to be free from restraint, when she might either board with some suitable person and have little Jessie with her, or get a proper attendant to travel about with her for a time.

(2) Perhaps she should be removed either to Eastwood or Morningside. Patrick or you could then see her occasionally and judge better as to the effect of any treatments that might be tried. My own conviction is that there has always been something defective in her mental system which was lately much aggravated by her having so many children in so short a time

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She was always to some extent peculiar, and her unfortunate peculiarities have increased to such an extent that she has reached her present state of utter ruptures for any material cure. How if I am right in this that her disease has been of long growth, and partly at any rate attributable to the original constitution of her mind it seems pretty sure that any curative process must be a work of time of years probably. I have already in a good many of my first letters to Patrick stated that I thought she would only be permanently benefitted by constant active employment for both body and mind - something which would compel her attention to things and circumstances which were passing around her, to the almost entire exclusion of those morbid dreamy imaginings in which she is constantly indulging. Of course this is almost is not quite a superhuman task. In any case it will be exceedingly difficult to bring about, but if you think there would be any better chance of some treatment of this kind being more successfully initiated at Bartwood or Morningside than where she is do not hesitate an moment to take the necessary steps for her immediate removal.

When admitted into the asylum she had a peculiar stolid expression of countenance and was evidently suspicious and distrustful. She also laboured under various delusions as that she was under a spell, and that parties visible and invisible inflicted injuries on her. She also complained of an inability to cease whispering and also fancied that she heard whispering by others.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare.

August 16 She was quiet and slept well during the night. Today she is very quiet wanders about and appears to be much preoccupied in mind.

" 22 She is now beginning to exhibit her delusions. She complains of hearing whispering and sits with a handkerchief firmly bound round her head, she says she does not feel pain in her head, but that yesterday she had pains in her face and fancied she saw the attendant raising her foot for the purpose of annoying her.

September 12 She is much annoyed by what she calls strife in her feet and fancies that it is caused by some influence exerted over by others, although they be at a distance from her. At the evening visit she suddenly turned away with a scowl upon her face, saying that was something very disagreeable going on said it was always so when Mrs. Stevenson and I entered her room.

October 15 She is very frequently troubled with the "strife" in her feet and other complaints of tingling and want of sensation in her arms.

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Virginia Charlotte Armitage or Fairbairn

1867

November 14 — She is very uncertain in her manner and at times very taciturn appears much distressed and restless at other times she will speak, but if she does so it is generally to say she is not so much troubled.

December 13 — Yesterday she was very much excited screaming and as if in great pain, requires to be held by the attendant and wishes it herself. She will not control herself and appeared as if about to commit an act of violence upon some one. She ascribes it all to the stiff. Today she is quiet and seems exhausted from the excitement.

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January 16 — She is very delusive and her delusions affect her in a most painful manner. Today she is walking about the Gallery slowly is very much distressed and moaning as if in great pain. She calls it stiff and it appears to affect her principally in the kidneys.

February 13 — She attacks are very frequent and she is occasionally much excited always referring the cause of her pain to some one near her. She had tied a number of garters tightly round her leg as she said to prevent the stiff and was in great danger of bloody injuring herself.

March 18 — She is extremely delusive and frequently "much troubled," walks about in an absent manner and seldom speaks to anyone in consequence of her speaking to her enemy who she calls stiff in her body. She told the Medical Assistant he was whispering to her which if it was so, and when told so she said she thought she could believe him appeared much distressed.

April 20 — She takes her food pretty well but it does not appear to nourish her body as she is very spare. She is subject to attacks of Hemorrhoids and the pains are frequent. There is no change mentally.

May 12 — She sings and plays much as the primary hymns and in a melancholy wailing manner. She is frequently troubled and sometimes in consequence wets down her bed and at other times rocks her body backwards and forwards; has a distressed expression of face.

June 16 — She is occasionally excited and delusive mentally or as she calls it troubled, from which she is appealed by some person or thing near her. Today she was much troubled, and afterwards complained of pain in the back of the head & spine had mustard applied to the nape of the neck she has a suppurating finger.

July 15 — She sometimes to be appealed with "stiff" in various parts of her body and at these times is dangerous to others as she ascribes the cause to some one or other of the persons she she is in the habit of seeing.

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August 31 — A week or two ago she complained of numbness and want of power in the left side of her body, but for some time has not spoken about it and it appears now to have been a sensation arising out of her delusions. At present she is restless and irritable and is a good deal in bed being "much troubled". She is sometimes noisy, singing during the night.

" 28 — Today between dinner and tea time while sitting at the piano, she rose and suddenly threw the chair she was sitting upon at the window, breaking the chair. She then threw the music board in the same way and was seizing a flower pot to throw it, when she was caught by the attendants. She ascribes no cause for her actions, but some time after when spoken to said she was not much troubled.

October 15 — Yesterday she was in great mental distress and in the evening screamed out loudly and threw herself down on the floor of the hallway and called upon the attendants to come and hold her. She was quiet during the night, but today is singing a great deal as she always does when in mental distress.

December 20 — She hears imaginary sounds and also frequently fancies she sees frightful objects, becomes frequently very dangerous without any warning and after the paroxysms is quite talkative about the delusions that appear to her. Will say she was very bad with the "trouble";

1869
February 14 — some days she will not leave her bed and gives the reason that the trouble is so bad at these times she wishes to have her attendant beside her to hold by her hands saying that it relieves the trouble.

April 16 — She is very dangerous making sudden attacks upon any one near her, often screams out suddenly and tries to clinch at someone for protection. After striking she will say it was not her that did it; but the devil.

June 18 — What she calls the trouble has been annoying her very much and she is exceedingly dangerous both to herself and others; has been striking herself upon the breast and is ready to strike any one near her.

August 13 — She has a handkerchief tied round her head and often stuffed into her ears to prevent what she calls the whispering. She takes her food very sparingly and is very spare.

October 15 — Often excited and in great mental distress screams out loudly and asks the attendant to hold her hands; she sometimes fancies that others, not present, are in distress & herself and fancies she hears them screaming.

December 17 — She sits much upon the floor and is very angry when asked to rise, says she is easier so.

Virginia Charlotte Armitage m Fairbairn

1870

February 13 — What she calls the trouble, has been very much present with her and she has been very violent in her conduct, striking and scratching at times the attendants. She dashes about the doors and sometimes smashes glass.

April 17 — She is very unhappy constantly asking to come where quiet may enjoy she thinks it and talks among the trouble and again will be down in the top of her head, is very dangerous and destructive in her habits.

June 19 — She has a habit of rocking her body backwards and forwards and whilst doing so makes a hissing sound and whilst doing so will sometimes scream out loudly and become very dangerous. Scratches very ill at the trouble.

August 14 — She is very uncertain in her conduct often when perfectly quiet and pleasant she will suddenly scream out and is ready to attack the first person she can reach. She slams the doors and has destroyed several in the Abbey, working them at the hinges.

October 16 — Has been threatening and violent in her conduct for some days past and when spoken to about her violence has excused herself by saying it relieves the trouble.

December 15 — She frequently while sitting in a chair rocks her body backwards and forwards and makes a hissing sound nearly like whistling. This she generally does when about to become excited or violent. Takes her food very irregularly.

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February 17 — Subject to attacks of excitement when she screams loudly and sometimes is going to her bedroom to lay herself on the top of her bed she dashes the door violently about and spits on the faces of the attendants if she approach.

April 28 — She is often sleepless at night and sometimes when the "trembling" comes upon her she sings loudly. Lately she has been often troublesome when at her food and has dashed her dishes from her, breaking them.

July 12 — She is even more destructive than formerly and more often tears up some articles of her clothing. Speaking to her only makes her worse and she is apt to become violent. She frequently refuses to take her food.

September 15 — She ruptures the furniture of her room at nights and often destroys articles during her excitement. Gave evening up she slightly cut her hand whilst doing so.

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Annie Campbell Morrison or Lacy Act. 34

1867

August 31 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 120 West Regent Street Glasgow

She is thirty-four years of age, married a Lady and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is stated to be the second attack of insanity and the duration to be one week. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. The cause is stated to be Epilepsy, but it is said she has been addicted to intemperance for a considerable time.

She had an epileptic seizure about a week before admission, was maniacal, excited and delusive - seeing imaginary objects.

When received into the Asylum she was observed by Mr Stevenson to be depressed in spirits and shedding tears. In a short time however she became quite happy and in high spirits, laughed and talked in a free, ready, easy, off hand way and appeared to be quite indifferent about her position here as a patient.

There was slight tremor of the muscles her appearance was flushed and somewhat excited and her movements rather nervous and hasty, and altogether she looked like a person who had been living irregularly, neither sleeping, resting nor sleeping well

Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary. There are a number of slight discolourations on her arms.

September 1 — She slept well during the night, and has taken her food with relish. Her spirits are still elevated and she seems very cheerful and happy.

" 3 — She slept little during the night, but ascribes the cause to toothache. Sewing & knitting & exercising herself in some way or other.

" 6 — She slept none last night, from the same cause toothache, but she slept well the two previous nights.

She is at times and for short periods observed by Mr Stevenson and the Nurse to be depressed, but always seems cheerful when spoken to by any of the Medical Officers. Continues to employ herself, to read &c. Does not express any wish to leave the Institution.

No delusion, incoherence or impairment of mind can be observed.

October 8 — She sleeps well under night, and is employed as before during the day - amuses herself and joins in the dance, walks in the Grounds with the other Ladies and is very happy She has had no epileptic seizure since admission. Her bodily health is now very good.

The Superintendent of Ladies reports that she is occasionally somewhat depressed in spirits, which she Mrs L. attributes to her

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husband not calling for her at the Asylum, the patient probably thinking that he has cast her off.

She does not appear to labour under mental derangement.

October 11 Her sister Mrs Young visited her to day when she said she did not wish to leave the Institution, she felt so happy in it; every one had treated her so kindly, and also that she would never go home to her husband.

" 31 Today a person dressed like a gentleman called to see her, which seemed to affect her much, although she declared that she did not know him, and that she had never seen him before.

November 1 Last night about eight o'clock a Messenger at Arms with a witness handed her a paper from the Court of Session, which very much discomposed her, in fact upset her completely. She said to Mrs S that she wished she were dead, and that she would be driven to take away her own life. She slept none and is not inclined to speak, or eat, or to enjoy the society of others, or amuse herself in any way.

" 4 Still depressed, sleeps very little, is diminishing for food, but bears up wonderfully before the Medical Officers.

" 11 She plys her needle, but seems to have little enjoyment of life. Continues restless and sleepless; appetite bad.

Since her admission she has required aperient medicine occasionally, and at present she is taking Opium with Chloric Ether.

" 13 Sleeps and eats better now, is less restless, more composed, and appears to be more easy in her feelings.

Her sister Mrs Young came out to remove her to the former house in Glasgow but she declined to leave the Asylum to night.

" 14 Mrs Young again came out to fetch her away to Edinburgh and she left with her.

Elizabeth Emma Jones or Thomson Aet 40

1867

September 20 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 48 Rosebank Terrace Glasgow

She is forty years of age, married, is the wife of an Architect and belongs to the Church of England.

This is the first attack of insanity, has lasted two weeks, and the cause is unknown; she is rather dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her mother was partially insane.

Prior to admission she was quite incoherent and very restless; she slept very little and refused all food.

When brought to the Asylum she was in an extremely feeble state, could not stand upon her feet and had to be carried in and put to bed. Notwithstanding her feeble state she was very restless, kicked and struggled with the attendants rubbed her head with her hands and was constantly in motion. She spoke none.

" 21 — She has only slept about twenty minutes during the night and was very restless. Today she was fed three times by means of the stomach pump; is very restless, clutches at everything within her reach and is still incoherent.

" 26 — She sleeps very little is very restless and somewhat destructive. She has a habit of rubbing her head with her hands and suddenly snatching at any thing within her reach. She gets all her nourishment by means of the stomach pump.

October 1 — She slept none during the night and was very restless but fell asleep at six o'clock this morning and slept two hours. She is still fed by means of the stomach. Her bowels are very torpid. she never has any relief except from medicine or enemata. Her bodily health is improving.

" 14 — She now sleeps pretty well at night and takes her food. She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump since the 7th October. Her bowels continue torpid never acting without medicine. She is incoherent and restless.

November 4 — Her bowels continue very costive and she has seldom any relief without medicine. for a week after last report she was very restless at night slept almost none and could with difficulty be kept in bed, became depressed and then improved her mind clearing up. she has relapsed, got better and again relapsed. She at present restless and sleepless at night but less so than formerly.

" 5 — She awoke several times screaming during the night. To-day very depressed and was so yesterday during the visit of her husband.

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November 16 She has improved and her bowels now sometimes act naturally. Last night she slept well and today is very cheerful but the night before was restless could not lie in bed and got up and walked her room. She was depressed but not excited

" 23 Last night and two nights ago she did not sleep well started after in her sleep and gave little screams During the day she tables tolerably and is cheerful

Her husband being anxious to have her home she was today removed on trial.

" 24 She was today discharged — CURED.

Annie Walker Fairbairn or Buchanan Aet 19 Yr

1867

November 18 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 97 North Frederick Street Glasgow.

Her age is nineteen years and seven months. She is married and a Protestant.

It is not known whether this is the first attack, but the duration of the existing attack is seven weeks and the cause is Child birth. She is not suicidal, but is sometimes dangerous to others. Her state tendency not known.

Prior to admission there was great mental weakness, with constant rambling incoherent talk. Her conduct was occasionally violent and she had a tendency to be destructive. She was very restless, slept little and at times refused to take food.

On admission she was very incoherent and talkative in a rambling silly manner. She fancied that she had had a number of children and asked where they were wished to have them beside her.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition reduced. Pulse very quick and hard but.

" 19 — She slept almost none, was very restless and talked incessantly. She took a little beef tea during the night but today would take no breakfast. She wet her bed. Her head is wetted today.

" 21 — She has been extremely restless and slept little or none at night and at times could hardly be kept in bed. Always refuses to take her meals and has lived principally on beef tea with &c given in small quantities and when she could be got to take them. Last night for the first time since admission she slept pretty well and today has taken some breakfast. She is still incoherent and delusive.

December 5 — She is now stronger and takes her food better, but does not sleep at night and is more noisy than formerly, is at times much excited and talks incoherently. She is cleanly in her habits, wets her bed and during the day is very restless and mischievous, has broken several articles at the dinner table.

" 23 — She continues to be sleepless, restless and noisy at night up till about a week ago. Now sleeps well at night but during the day is restless and silly in her manner, talks little incoherently, and always at the visit follows the medical Assistant. At times she becomes excited and scolds incoherently.

1868 January 9 — She has improved very much since last report, talks coherently, but is at times depressed and unhappy. For nearly a week she has been sleeping alone, did not apparently require to be under observation, but last night she got out of bed and sacked a small packet in the dark, she let

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January 28 She continues to improve and now rests better at night. She is at times very cheerful and at other times depressed is very anxious to get away and at times displays considerable weakness of mind. Today she is dull and depress, fancies she will never get away.

February 5 She now appears to be very well mentally is pleasant and not subject to her former fretful depressed attacks and appears now to be fit to leave the Asylum. She was today removed by her husband on trial.

" 15 She was today discharged. —

Cured.

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Margaret Jane Young Aet 24

1867

November 21 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 4 Weir Terrace Pollockshields.

She is twenty-four years of age, single is the daughter of a Commercial Traveller, and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity. and the duration is under one year. Cause unknown. She had a nervous weak attack five years ago, but the intellect was not then affected. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she laboured under delusions of hearing. Said that she had two voices, that one of her voices was in direct communication with all her neighbours, both near and far off, informing them of all her thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as of the state of her feelings, and of her bodily health. Says everybody has entered into a conspiracy to take her life by poison or other means, and her neighbours at their pleasure by some unseen Machine, wind her up like a clock and this renders her life unbearable.

She often locked herself into a room for hours together, was restless and always excitable and at times left the house suddenly in the dark and wandered about even along the banks of the canal.

On admission she was depressed and appeared to be very melancholy. She fancied she was dying, but at the same time asked every one who spoke to her if they thought she would get better. The reason she says that she thinks she is dying is because she has got a second voice and that every body repeats what she says with it (her second voice.)

22 Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced. She slept little during the night was restless. She has taken her breakfast pretty well, but still fancies she is dying and talks of her second voice.

28 She sleeps little at night, is restless and fretfull, suspicious of every one and accuses them of attempting to poison her. She took very little food yesterday and today has hardly tasted her breakfast. She will not take her medicine, says it is poison.

December 23 She continues for some time much in the same state as at last report, then improved and was more cheerful, but has again relapsed. She is very depressed and sometimes weeps, says there is a fine carry on here, voices speaking to her and that I heard them when I was in the Gallery above. She says that they say bad words to her and that she will soon be in her coffin.

1868 January 15 She is very changeable, sometimes cheerful, but still in her conduct, at other times much depressed. She is frequently annoyed by hearing imaginary voices.

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February 13 — She is often sleepless at night and fancies she hears voices in the Gallery. They are not the voices of any she knows. During the day she also hears voices coming from the walls roof &c, and says they whisper to her she will never get out of this place living. At times she will speak none.

March 18 — She is very fretful and delusive at times will not speak any and if spoken to walks away from the person addressing her. She frequently complains of voices saying nasty things to her, and occasionally during the night awakes in great terror. She is depressed and in feeble bodily health.

April 20 — She is frequently very depressed and annoyed with what she calls false voices and again appears to be cheerful and pretty well mentally, but generally displays great weakness of mind.

May 12 — Some days ago she was in bed, having got a slight cold. She is now better and in her usual health, but is subjects to fits of depression, which appear to be caused by delusion. She sometimes fancies she sees Officers.

June 16 — She walks out much of present with the other ladies and at times seems pretty cheerful, but is always delusive and often very childish and foolish in her conduct. She often talks about Dr Robertson, will say that she is dying and she must see him.

July 15 — At times she appears to be pretty sharp but does not continue so for long and becomes very desponding. She is still delusive and sometimes talks about her false voices. Bodily health indifferent.

August 21 — She is still very delusive and takes offence at peoples without any cause. When spoken to she will turn away her head and after she has walked away for some distance will give expression to some delusions which was pressing upon her mind. Two nights ago she did not sleep and talked loudly.

September 23 — Today she was excited, marching up and down the Gallery with her arms folded in each other and rolling her eyes about. She said that she had got poison; and that there were tubes from Crawfords Gate through which she got it; then asked the Medical Assistant to poison her at once as Dr. McGill was to dissect her body.

October 16 — She sits much alone and is very delusive about her physical state also talks of what is to happen to her and fancies it is all caused by what is done to her here.

November 13 — Has been excited, dancing away and talking most incoherently. At times she refuses her food and when spoken to talks in terms unmeaning.

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Margaret Jane Young

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December 10 — This patient is very delusive and often irritable and very rude in her manner. Labours under the delusion that she is being murdered in a secret manner and that every one has bad designs upon her. She is in very indifferent bodily health.

1869 February 16 — Subject to fits of excitement and becomes most abusive and insulting in her language, talks in a delusive incoherent manner. At times complains of great pain in the right side near the region of the liver.

March 9 — This morning she complains of being very unwell and looks ill; she slept little and moaned very much during the night, complains of pain all over the region of the stomach.

" 25 — Since last report she has been confined to bed and has lived mostly upon weak milk and beef tea. At times she looks very ill and appears to be dying, she sleeps little at night and is frequently excited and very restless, sings loudly and does not appear to know what she is doing. Her bowels are at times relaxed and the stools dark in colour.

April 9 — For more than a week past she has had occasional attacks of vomiting and her bowels frequently moved, the stools being small and mixed with blood. She has had frequent paroxysms of screaming apparently from pain often waking out of her sleep to scream and getting very little rest at night.

Today she Died –

Cause of death – Disease of Liver.

Isabella Bell — Aet 22

1867

December 7 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her mother from 66 Great King Street Edinburgh.

She is twenty two years of age, single is a Physicians daughter and belongs to the Established Kirk of Scotland.

This is the third attack of insanity has lasted about a week and the cause is predisposition from previous attacks. The first attack occurred in Chili about two years ago and she was under treatment in this Asylum last year. 1865 Aet 20 p81.

Prior to admission her expression was fatuous and vacant and her manner very abrupt. She laughed and muttered incoherently to herself was restless, sleepless and morose and her mother was afraid she would inflict injury on others of the family as she had before threatened.

On admission her expression was fatuous and vacant. When spoken to she would turn away her face and either give no reply or hurriedly mutter some incoherent words. She would also not put out her hand to shake with those whom she had known here before, never raising her eyes to look at them and averting her head, would sometimes withdraw her hand and scream.

Bodily health very indifferent: Constitution spare.

" 8 — She slept little during the night and was very restless laughing and crying hysterically. She is still very abrupt in her manner and talks to others with her eyes closed.

" 13 — For the three nights prior to last night she slept well, but last night slept very little and was in great dread of fire. She frequently laughed and cried in a hysterical manner. She has also paroxysms of the same kind during the day.

" 28 — She is frequently very restless during the night and would rise in bed, gets up and walks about. During the day she is very listless lies in places here and there or sits with her head resting in both hands, cannot carry on any conversation, goes away without any apparent object in view

1868 January 15 — Some nights she sleeps very well and other nights sleeps more, is extremely restless and laughs and screams in a hysterical manner. During the day she is very listless, lies much on the sofa, often gives no reply when spoken to at other times gives a hurried incoherent reply, screams and hides her face in her hands.

February 18 — She has been frequently much excited and violent and dangerous in her conduct. Some days ago and without any cause she attacked another lady and nearly threw her off her chair and yesterday threw a glass of milk at another, scattering the people of the room. Her expression at these times is very

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maniacal, and her body is in a nervous somewhat convulsed state. She appears as if she could not speak, but sometimes screams afterwards, can't account for what she does.

March 18 She is still subjects to paroxysms of very maniacal excitement, when she is very dangerous, but sometimes now the paroxysms passes off with a short fit of screaming and a little rigidity of the muscles and paleness of the face. She frequently complains of being ill, refuses her food and during the day remains in bed.

April 20 She is very uncertain and odd peculiar in her manner, will lie down upon the sofa with her hands upon her face, and sometimes screams and becomes excited. She often complains of being unwell and occasionally refuses her food.

May 12 She has improved much since last report and is now free from former paroxysms. Occasionally she complains of feeling sick and lies down, but soon gets better again, and these turns appears as if to substitute for her former attacks. She was taken out by her friends on the first and returned on the second of this month.

June 16 She continues quiet, but is still somewhat peculiar in her manner, talks hurriedly and often without looking at the person she is addressing, but is very much improved.

" 23 She today left the Asylum on parole.

July 9 She was today discharged — Cured.

Margaret Colquhoun or McLean Aet 50

1868

February 4 Was brought to the Asylum today from 68 Canning Street Dalton Glasgow

She is fifty years of age, married, is a Housewife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the third attack of insanity the duration is fourteen days and the cause is grief. She was not previously in any Asylum. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was incoherent talked incessantly and slept none. She had various delusions chiefly of a religious character and refused to take food.

She had a nurse from the Asylum for two nights but she was unable to manage her. The nurse stated that the patient walked through the house in a restless manner, threw up the window, talked incoherently, held imaginary conversation with the Devil and talked obscenely.

On admission she was much excited very restless and incoherent, talked constantly and required an attendant to be constantly with her. She would not take any food.

Bodily health very feeble Condition reduced There are a number of small scratches upon the fingers and a discolouration upon her left leg.

" 5 She slept from 11 till 12 oclock p.m. and then for an hour from 3 A.M. was very noisy and restless when awoke.

Today she would take no food and was fed by means of the stomach pump at breakfast and dinner time. The minor part of the food at dinnertime, along with bilious matter was ordered to have mustard in her side; not fed at night.

" 10 She is still regularly fed by means of the stomach pump. is very restless and noisy. Says she is at the mouth of heaven, and is spitting in every one near her.

" 17 She now takes her food but is restless very noisy and excited. Last night she only slept one hour and was so much excited that the attendant in charge of her was unable to manage her. She had to call up another attendant to assist her.

" 25 She is now free from excitement and talks coherently. She often complains of pain in her right side is taking Liquor Taraxaci

March 7 Her husband being very anxious to have her away she was today taken by him to Bothwell and dismissed. —

Cured.

Admitted 4th February 1865

1868 Margaret Ramsay Aet 27

February 17 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 8 Melville Lane Gorbals West Glasgow.

She is twenty-seven years of age. Single is House-keeper to two gentlemen and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under one month and the cause is unfounded calumny. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she fancied some persons were going to poison her, but said she wished to have an easier death, wanted to have chloroform so that she would sleep away.

Yesterday afternoon (Sunday) about 3 o'clock, she fled, crying to a neighbours house, and as they would not let her out she seized a pair of tongues and smashed the window. She thought her father had a knife, and was going to kill her and requested her brother not to allow him till once she saw her mother.

On admission she was free from excitement and talked coherently. She said that she wished to come here lastly as she felt her head was not right. Her expression was rather melancholy and confused, look absent when not engaged in conversation and it appeared to cost her a considerable effort to move her body or even to turn her head which she did in a cautious manner.

Bodily health feeble. Condition pulmonic, she is affected with neuria of both legs.

" 18 She slept only an hour and a half out after awaking was rather excited and began to pray. She has taken her breakfast well is quiet and now talking coherently.

" 21 She continues sleepless does not sleep more than two hours any night altogether in addition is great fear. During the day she talks coherently but complains of pain in the head and side. Her tongue is coated. Has been ordered small doses of Pilæ et Hyd. C. Cret. during the day and Pulv. Doveri at night.

" 29 She has been confined to bed for some days and now sleeps in the dormitory. Her bowels continue costive and she complains of headache and great weakness but takes her food well. She is at times very confused fancies she hears her fathers voice in the next room, asks if he is there.

March 14 She has improved very much, now sleeps well at night and walks a good deal in the grounds. She still at times complains of headache.

Admitted 17th February 1868

April 8 She sleeps well at nights, but during the day is restless and fretful finds fault with the attendants if they are not ready to walk out with her whenever she asks. Still complains of a giddy feeling in her head.

May 3 She continues to walk out a great deal and does not now complain so much of her head says she feels better & is in pretty good bodily health.

" 16 She was today discharged.—

Conrad.

Amy Jane Houldsworth a Malcolm aged
1865

March 19	Was brought to the Asylum today, from Glenmorag, Dunoon, Argyllshire. She is thirty-four y of age, married, and belongs to the Church of England. She has had several attacks of insanity, the first occurring when she was twenty-five years of age. The duration of the existing attack is two months and the cause is debility. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated. Prior to admission she was incoherent and delusive; she stated that she was dead and her children killed by her servants, and that all around her were conspiring to kill her. She also stated that she was an Angel of Christ. On admission she talked very much in a rambling incoherent manner. She said that all the bones of her head were loose and that she had nervous pains all over her body: also that she had been injured by her servants and other people. She said she was affected by dark eyed persons and fair haired persons in many ways and wished all such to be kept away from her. She soon forgot what she was talking about, asked to be excused and began her story over again. Bodily health feeble: Condition ordinary. She had an attack of insanity in June last when she introduced a bottle into her rectum thereby causing a fistula; but on examination by the Superintendent of ladies no mark of injury was detected.
" 20	She slept only two hours during the night and was restless but quiet. She has taken her food well.
" 23	She sleeps well at night. Today she is fretful and obstinate; she says she is the only begotten mentioned in the Scriptures.
" 24	Today she is in bed. She says that on one occasion when Mr. Malcolm was in London a man servant took advantage of her, — she asked Dr. Rennal if it would affect the child and he told her never to mind. — but she said it was not man but God that was master and that the Child's name is Little Messy.
April 3	She is very reluctive, troublesome and rude. For the last two or three days she fancied she was so weak she could not speak. Last night when her attendant wished her to go to bed she struck her with the supper tray, tore her hair and bit her hands. This was after ten o'clock. She has to be dressed and undressed.
" 22	She is very fretful, complains of want of air, fancies that some of her relations are in the Asylum, and often asks to be carried they cannot.

Admitted 19th March 1868

May 12 — She is delusive and at times quite incoherent. She fancies that she is very weak and says that the voices of the attendants take all the strength out of her body.

" 24 — Her mind is very weak and she is silly and childish in her manner. When visited she often wishes those visiting her to stand in a particular position, and then sits quite rigidly, does not speak nor move her body except when she is for leaving asks them to wait.

June 18 — She is very discontented says she wishes to Glenmorag or an English Asylum and does not wish to have any other husband than Mr. Malcolm.

July 9 — She is very stupid and confused, will not lie in bed, gets upon her knees bends down her head, compresses her throat and tries to vomit. She is in great danger of falling out of bed and her bed has been ordered to be put on the floor of her bedroom and an attendant to sit up with her. She is afraid of being poisoned and burned.

" 19 — She sleeps better at night but during the day is restless and incoherent.

August 28 — She is confined after tables two or three hours to her meals very rambling in conversation. Says she and Mr Malcolm are husband and wife, thinks her husband is in the asylum and says before marriage she never committed adultery.

September 7 — For sometime past she has been dirty in her habits soiling her linen, says she cant help it on account of a fistula. She was duly visited by Dr Fleming who examined the parts but could find any lesion. He ordered tannic acid suppositories — one every night.

October 13 — No improvement still defiling herself. Was to-day again visited by Dr Fleming & Dr Reid. Nothing could be found in the state of the sphincter to account for her defiling herself, but the rectum was filled with faeces. Ordered Aqueous Extr of Aloes gr viii Extr of Nux Vomic gr ss make into a pill. one every night.

" 14 — She is very confused and incoherent, language obscene. She refuses to take the pills and the night before last would not take at the Dr. heard what it said to be. After listening a while she said it said she was her husband Malcolm. Last night she was extremely restless would not keep her bed, said she had been lying on sulphurous person all day and was much exhausted. Her bladder has to be relieved by means of the catheter.

November 18 — She is confined to bed and is very dirty in her habits. Suffers still about her fistula and is very fretful, says she wants to an English asylum.

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Amy Jane Houldsworth a Malcolm

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December 13 She is at present very well mended dressed herself today without assistance takes her food and sleeps well at nights.

" 31 She was today taken away by her husband and discharged. —

Cured.

1868 Janet Mc Millan Act 18½

March 27 Was brought to the Asylum today by her father & mother from Killin Argyleshire.

She is eighteen years and nine months of age, single, was occupied as country servant and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is ten days and the cause is stated to be reading religious works. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her language was incoherent and she was restless and excited wandering about in an objectless manner. She had delusions about religion, marriage and other matters, sometimes weeping and in great anxiety about the state of her soul. — very loquacious.

On admission she was restless and wandering in her manner and had a vacant look talked incoherently and gave no correct answer to any question seemed occupied with her own thoughts and paid no attention to anything said to her. When taken into the Gardens she untied the fastenings of her hair and could not be kept tidy.

Bodily health and general condition ordinary.

" 28 She slept little and in the early part of the night was very noisy. She has taken her food very well, but is very restless and rather disorderly, walking about with her hair loose and talking in a rambling incoherent manner.

April 1 She is very restless, talks incoherently and wanders about from place to place. During the night she was noisy and excited, slept more till after two o'clock although she had fifteen grains of Sp. ammon. before going to bed, was not sick.

" 17 She is very restless still, talks a great deal and is quite incoherent, she does not sleep at night and is noisy and excited. Last night she had to be removed from the dormitory in consequence of exciting the other patients.

May 3 She now sleeps well at night is quiet and talks coherently but during the day is still at times a little restless

" 18 She continues to improve and now appears to be very well mentally

" 29 She was today taken away by her father and dismissed. —

Cured.

Admitted 27th March 1818

Elizabeth Margaret Laurie or Metrie Aet

1868

April 9 Was brought to the Asylum, tonight by three attendants from 248 West George Street Glasgow

She is fifty years of age, widowed and belongs to the English Church

About twelve years ago she was an inmate of a Private Asylum at Leamington The duration of the present attack is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. She has a cousin at present an inmate of the Asylum

Prior to admission she raved incoherently on every subject, called her dead husband the Slain Lamb, fancied he was the Son of God, and this morning jabbered in what she called an unknown tongue.

On admission she was somewhat excited and when shown into the reception room complained of want of air and said she wished to walk in the Hall. She talked much and her speech was very rambling and at times incoherent. She said that her husbands body was in the casket of the Romish Church and that he was to be buried tomorrow. As she entered the parlour she started back at the sight of a canary bird, exclaimed transmigration and said she hated all animals.

" 10 Bodily health and condition ordinary She did not take off her clothes and slept only a few minutes towards morning She would not wash and took little breakfast. She denounced her relations said she would blast them and talked of her widowed sister being Bodily widowed in the death of her husband.

" 11 Says she could not get writing paper and she had just wrote on a piece of newspaper an extract from the "Morning Journal" which she read - that the Pope blessed 500 people in St Peters. She then said it was the holy inquisition had sent her here, but said she had instructed her two lawyers to send for the Queens body guard to accompany her husbands body to the Grave. She says that he is the Slain Lamb, is now in heaven and that God has taken the head. After that God had transformed him and made him a mute to satisfy Jewish ends She says that when her husband was taken ill she felt all his pains the same as he did himself.

" 12 She says that after midnight there were two Lanterns let down through the roof of her room and a brilliant light produced by heavenly beings. Saw James and John the Apostles and expected to see her husband

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as an Angel of light; but he did not come
She then rambled from one subject to
another. Said the description of Solomons
Temple was so grand she could not understand
it; and that she had burned all the
records of the Scotch Episcopal Church
as a sacrifice to God.

April 15 She continues delusive and very irritable
says that she is still a married woman
and that her husband is not dead. She
says about years before she was married while
living in Bute she had a revelation, and
knew all that was to happen and who was
to be her husband. Fancies that she has
supernatural power and curses all who
come in contact with her. She places herself
in a defiant posture pushes her arms forward and says there take the curse.

" 27 She is much excited cursing and swearing
at everyone and very abusive in her language
She has turned all the pictures in her room
exposing their backs. She is delusive about
them. One of them "The weighing of the Dead"
she says is her husbands soul being weighed
in the balance.

May 7 The pictures at her own request have
been removed from her parlour. Today she
made Dr Mackintosh and the Medical
Assistants members of the Holy Apostolic
order of St Luke.

" 21 She is irritable and often excited without
any apparent cause. She says that when her
husband died she heard a cock crow;
found that she had the power of ventriloquism and imitated it. Says she heard
a cock crow last night, and crowed
herself to show how she could do it.

" 31 Says that as far back as 1861 her
spirit was in Heaven, and she was quite
unconscious of being in the body. Last night
she felt that she was more than herself, that
Mrs Mutries spirit had taken possession of
her, was controlling all her actions, and at
present she was unable to move her hand
on account of it being held by him.
She is in great mental distress on account
of seeing what she says is her husbands
body walking about in her brother-in-law
Mrs Barry's legs — wants the person kept
out of her sight.

June 18 She is at times depressed, at other times
excited swearing at, and cursing every one who
comes in her way. She is never satisfied
allways in want of something and not pleased
when she gets it.

July 14 She is suspicious, does not wish to
be visited and tries to avoid observation
She constantly tries to control herself but still
often has violent fits of excitement, swearing &c.

Elizabeth Margaret Lawrie or Mutrie

1868

August 10 She is very cross and irritable, slept little or none during the night. She walks out very much at all hours of the day, and is often not in till dark. She causes her attendant to carry a stool for her feet, but seldom sits down, very restless.

" 21 Very irritable, abusing her attendants, calling her a liar and using the very opprobrious epithets towards her. She walks out as before, is restless and suspicious.

September 16 She suspects that she is being drugged by the Medical Assistant. She was taken wine, but now refuses to take it having sent it to the stewards to ascertain when and where it was bottled. She will not allow a new grate to be put in which was got for her at her own request for fear it should compromise her in any way

" 23 Today she is excited and very abusive in her language. Says that if Dr. Guirdner comes out to see her, she will hold up her hand to her face (describing how) to show that she is a married woman. She says that when Dr. Guirdner visited her in her own house he mesmerized her.

October 16 At present she is free from excitement and does not scold her attendants as formerly. Last night she fancied the beef at tea had a peculiar taste and that something must have been put upon it, crumbled it all down so that no harm might come of taking it.

" 22 Today she said she had seen nothing in this house but the power of the devil since she has come to it. She says she is like one of those who sat at the pool waiting till the Angel troubled the water and could not get her turn.

November 16 Last night she did not sleep and was restless. At present she is free from excitement but she is evidently making a great effort to control herself. She has her attendants instructed to inform her of the medical visits beforehand and always comes out of her room closing the door behind her. Looks suspicious and distrustful and apparently wishes to avoid observation.

December 8 She continues much in the same state as at last reports. Will only pass the Medical Assistants in an aside and before doing so, goes here and there as if trying to avoid being intercepted.

" 22 For the last three days she has been very much excited and very discursive. Her language is at times quite incoherent. She has two wires with a little piece of knitted work and holding them up before her says she is making the orders of the garter which is

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connected with magna-charta. She abuses her attendants and some of the ladies in the gallery one of whom she calls "the Bull-dog" and bawls out when ever she sees her.

28 The excitement continues and is more marked. Yesterday she was violent. Often struck her attendants without cause, and twice in the presence of the Medical-Assistants did so because her attendants moved on being ordered by her to stand still. She says that her Mother her dead husband is assisting her in everything she does.

She was today removed by her Mother to her house in West George St and dismissed — Relieved. —

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1868 Charlotte Fanny Ellworth McMechan aet 40

May 12 Was brought to the Asylum today from 72 Canning Street Hillen Glasgow.

She is forty years of age, married, is the wife of a Commission Merchant in Manchester and a Wesleyan Methodist.

She has been insane periodically for eleven years. The duration of the existing attack is about three months and the cause childbirth. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known, but supposed to be in the family.

Prior she was restless and suspicious in her manner she left her home in Manchester without the knowledge of her friends, with little luggage if any, very little money and could not be found till she was apprehended by detectives ranging about the streets of Glasgow. She fancied that the Animal heat had gone out of her body and that there were persons who exercised power over herself and her husband whom she tried to fly from. Her attacks are periodic.

On admission she was depressed and cried much and was very ill at being brought to the Asylum. She answered questions coherently, but never spoke of why she had left home or when she had been found and for the greater part of the day kept crying.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 13 She slept little during the night; today she is quiet and has taken her food is rather depressed.

" 26 She is more cheerful, walks out with the other ladies and is quiet, orderly and pleasant in her manner.

June 10 She is much in the same state as at last report, but is very anxious to get away and accuses the Medical Man who attends her as the cause of her being here. She has a pint of porter daily at her own request.

" 28 She wishes to have another pint of porter, but otherwise there is little change Dr Hunter who visits her occasionally says that she may be expected soon to have one of her periodic attacks

July 22 Having continued well she was today taken home on trial.

August 11 She was today discharged. —

Cured.

Admitted 12th May 1808

Anne Campbell Lacy

1868

July 3 She came from Edinburgh today with an order from the Board of Lunacy and was admitted as a voluntary patient.

She was formerly an ordinary patient in the Asylum from 31st August 1861 to 11th November 1867.

On admission she was quite happy and conversed in a free and easy manner and expressed herself as being much pleased to be back again to the Asylum.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 6 She slept very well during the night is cheerful and contented and appears to be quite at home.

" 26 She continues to be very well, employs her time very much sewing and working with a sewing machine. She is at times somewhat depressed but always tries to be pleasant when spoken to.

August 15 She has not been sleeping very well and asked to have the Bromide of Potassium as she had formerly used it with good effect when in Edinburgh.

September 16 Employed as formerly, does not consort with any of the other ladies is anxious to walk out alone.

October 9 She has had a bleeding at the nose, and when asked if anything could be done to help it she said, oh there is no use better just to let me bleed to death, is depressed and unhappy.

November 12 She is very nervous and easily upset is at times afraid to be alone and the night before last could not lie in bed but got up and walked about the hallway the most of the night.

December 16 Often sleeps badly at night, complains much of headaches and frequently takes very little breakfast. At times she is depressed and again seems quite cheerful sometimes employs her time altering her clothing, and seems fond of variety.

1869
January 14 She has been sleeping better at night and is also less nervous, talks more sociably; employs herself much as formerly.

February 5 She was today discharged — Cured.

Admitted 3d July 1878

1868 Helen Dunn Morton Ætat. 18

August 12 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her father from 11 Florence Place Glasgow.
She is eighteen and a half years of age single, a manufacturers Daughter and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.
This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is four months and the cause is suppression of the menses. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others Hereditary tendency a second cousin.
Prior to admission there was great mental depression and absurd fancies. She was very taciturn, declined to answer questions and had a vacant look. Sometimes she was violent and almost unmanageable and occasionally very Cathargic.
On admission she paid no attention to anything said to her and could not be got to answer any question. She had a listless melancholy look and would not walk but had to be had along, diet not quite positive.
Bodily health very feeble Condition reduced.

" 13 She was very quiet during the night and lay still with her eyes closed as if asleep. She has taken her food sparingly keeps it long in her mouth as if she has difficulty in swallowing. Does not speak.

" 20 She is fed by the attendant but takes her food pretty well. Today she played a little on the piano and walked in the drying court with an attendant.

" 23 The attendants could not get her to swallow and she was today fed by means of the stomach pump, soon and spirits.

September 9 She is very demented and has occasionally to be fed by means of the stomach pump. Has always to be dressed, quite listless, eyes generally closed occasionally sits the bed.

" 21 There is no mental improvement, but she takes her food better.

October 4 She was visited by her father and mother on the 29th of last month and has since taken no food. Fed three times daily by means of the stomach pump.

" 20 She is confined to bed, never speaks, and is fed regularly three times a day by means of the stomach. This morning after breakfast time she had a slight epileptic seizure, foamed at the mouth and was a little convulsed.

" 22 Yesterday about 4 o'clock P.M. she had an other epileptic seizure (slight). Today she was not fed but eat nothing. In the evening she was fed in presence of Dr. Wilson. Pulse 108, small; breath very offensive. She now resists the introduction of the tube.

Admitted 12th August 1868

November 5 — She is confined to bed, never speaks and is wet and dirty in her habits. She will not take any food and is fed regularly three times a day by means of the stomach pump

December 4 — She is still much in the same state as at last report, does not speak and is fed as before by means of the stomach pump She has generally a large quantity of fluid in her mouth which she will not spit out nor swallow. She will not open her mouths and when it is being opened she tries to squint on those that are engaged with her Sometimes stares and shakes her head when spoken to.

1869
January 12 — She continues to be fed three times a day by means of the stomach and is constantly confined to bed, She will neither stand nor sit and when raised to the night stool she will not use it, is extremely dirty in her habits, her best clothes and night-dress having had to be changed four times since yesterday.

February 13 — She is fed three times a day by means of the stomach pump and speaks none. Still keeps the saliva in her mouth as before. For some time past she has had in each meal, a teaspoonful of the following mixture prescribed by Dr Wilson.

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Strychniae	gr I
Acid. Acet.	℥ii
Tinct. Nuc. Verri.	℥i
Aquae	℥viii

" 27 — She was removed by her father today to Dumfries Asylum. She was fed by means of the Stomach pump shortly before being removed, will eat none.

Relieved.

1868 Mary Gilmour or Stewart Aet. 43

October 12 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from South Overdale House Langside.

She is forty-three years of age, married, is a Merchants wife and a Protestant.

The duration of the existing attack is four or five weeks; but she has been insane for nine or ten months with lucid intervals. The cause is connected with the menstruation She is not suicidal but dangerous to some members of her family. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was sleepless and excited periodically. She talked incoherently sobed and wept, said she was being killed, that there was a conspiracy against her, and was suspicious of being poisoned by some members of her family. She had a great antipathy to her family, especially her eldest daughter and was violent towards her: her language was at times filthy and obscene, and her habits untidy.

Her husband says that she was formerly subject to severe menorrhagia; for the last six months there has been no discharge, but at the menstrual periods great pain. She then takes Laudanum, brandy &c, is reckless in her conduct, violent in her actions and cannot be controlled.

On admission she was excited and restless clung to her husband and wanted to be taken away, promising to do anything he asked of her and saying it would kill her to leave her here. After he left she was very sullen gave no reply when spoken to and would not take any food.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

" 13 She slept some during the night and today is depressed and weeping. Her mind is weak and she is very irritable, finding fault with everything. She says her servants have better food and accommodation than she has here.

" 20 She is delusive, absent, very fretful and weak minded. She complained of toothache wanted something for it but would not have it extracted. She is very discontented, gets much alone.

November 8 She has improved very much, is more collected less restless and employs her time while in doors sewing & knitting. She is very anxious to get away but does not say a great deal about it.

" 21 She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed not cured.

Admitted 12th October 1868

1868	Mrs. Margaret Peter or Byers	3rd R. from 156
December 9	She is kept in bed, because she will not keep her clothes upon her. She says she is dead and that she will never be able to put a morsel more food into her mouth as it will never open again. She puts her hand to her mouth, speaks though her head and says this it is, puts her hand at the top of her breast and says there is all the stomach she has got, when there she is speaking to touch it and if told that is not her stomach is at once ready to strike.	

1868 Christina Phillips or Cathie Ad. 60

October 15 Was brought to the Asylum today by her daughter from 127 New Vicky Road Glasgow.

She is sixty years of age, widowed, was a Fleshers Wife and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is between one and two years and the cause is the loss of her son — Lead a solitary life. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was annoyed by parties, day and night making noises she says that their language was so indecent that she could not repeat it but that they told her they would take her life, and her means of subsistance from her. She on one occasion put the owner of the house in which she lodged out and bolted the door upon her, on an other occasion she threw a jug full of water upon her and several times seized her in a violent manner.

On admission she said there was nothing wrong with her mind, but for the last two years she had been effected with Liver complaint and that her daughter had been set up to do this by bad designing people. She lived she says at Port Bannatyne and she heard their voices and saw them and that they told her if she would not give into their ways of living they would murder and put her out of her judgement. She came to reside with a brother in Glasgow and the voices followed her. She then went to reside at Leigh Park with another brother, the voices followed her there also. She then came to lodge in Glasgow but was annoyed as before. She says the people hid them and gave them food, that they had pipes through which they put gases upon her, and shewing her hands and arms, said they had reduced them to a pulp.

Bodily health feble: Condition ordinary.

16 She slept well during the night, and heard nothing to disturb her. She is very contented and comfortable, much pleased says it is a nice house.

23 She sleeps pretty well at night eat takes her food well. She at times complains of the pain in her side and headache. She admits she hears voices says they do not disturb her and does not talk of them.

31 She did not sleep during the night and this morning complains of headache. She said she heard voices and a noise like scrubbing of a floor during the night. Irritable & self willed.

Admitted 15th October 1868

November 12 — She complains of feeling weak and is perspiring profusely, says she is subject to these attacks and will not have anything for it, says it will wear off, is very desponding and irritable.

December 10 — She has not taken breakfast is sick and feels faint. Her tongue is foul and her breath offensive but she will not take medicine. She sometimes promises to take medicine and when it is sent will not do so becomes abusive in her language and says she knows best what she requires.

1869 January 20 — She does not speak of the delusions she mentioned on admission but it is evident from her conduct and manner (which are very disagreeable) that they still exist.

She seldom talks to and does not associate with any of the other ladies often sits in her bedroom, and at all times when spoken to looks suspiciously and is very slow to give any reply. She is somewhat deaf.

February 15 — There is no change mentally and she is in very indifferent health. She is occasionally subject to attacks of diarrhoea and is put to bed, but will not take any medicine not a dessert etc. She is very suspicious and seems afraid of being poisoned, refuses to prescribe for herself.

March 18 — She sits very much in her bedroom, is suspicious and irritable. Bodily health feeble.

April 1 — She was today taken away by her daughter and discharged Relieved.

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Isabella Micarla Bell

1868

October 17 — She came to the Asylum today, with her mother from Sciennes Edinburgh and was admitted as a voluntary patient. She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum as an ordinary patient admitted on an order from the Sheriff.

On admission she was rather dull and depressed, and seemed to wish to avoide any conversation. She was rather flighty in her movements did everything in a hurried and impulsive manner, averted her head and walked away when spoken to.

Bodily health feeble. Condition reduced.

" 19 — She slept pretty well since admission but is still dull and depressed. Yesterday she went to church in Glasgow with the Matron.

" 30 — She is more cheerful, but occasionally complains of sore throat and a bad taste in her mouth. Bowels rather costive.

November 17 — Occasionally for some time past she has been subject to paroxysms of excitement, with mania and derangement for food. Last night she did not sleep, got up about three o'clock, knocked at her bedroom door and called loudly for the Attendant. She fancied that the house was on fire.

December 12 — She will not lie down upon the seats is very obstinate and when interferred with becomes violent. She has made several attacks upon one of the other patients and today without any warning sprang suddenly upon her and struck her on the face.

She does not speak is very maniacal and trembling, has to be restrained by the attendants whom she also attempts to injure.

1869
January 18 — At present she is much better and for some time has not committed any act of violence. She is peculiar and very flighty in her movements and often laughs to herself without any apparent cause.

February 16 — She continues much in the same state as at last report, is very abrupt in what she says and not inclined to enter into conversation.

March 23 — She was taken away by her mother to Edinburgh to reside at home for a little.

April 16 — She was today brought back to the Asylum. She is in much the same state as when she left, is dull and abrupt in her actions, speaks little.

May 18 — She has been excited and at times very dangerous, makes sudden blows at people without speaking or giving any warning. At times she screams and is very nervous.

June 15 — She has been less excited and dangerous for some time but does not sleep well at night often complains of pains in her chest.

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1869
July 1st — She is in feeble bodily health and is frequently confined to bed during the day, does not sleep well at night and complains of pain in the region of her left shoulder. At the visits, she speaks hurriedly and tosses suddenly upon her other side & hides her face and does not speak at all.

" 28 — She was today taken away by her friends to reside at home for a little.

August 17 — She was brought back to the Asylum yesterday and slept well during last night. Today she appears as if ill, but this arises more from a mental than a physical cause. She is irritable and inclined to be spiteful.

September 9 — She has been confined to bed for a week past, tongue dry and pulse quick and she refuses to take little food. Before the present state appeared she was excited and restless at night after going to bed, then became sullen and very irritable. She talks in a very hurried manner and cannot talk properly about herself.

October 13 — She has been very much excited and dangerous, talking very incoherently, appears to be very delusive as she at times screams loudly and if not restrained would injure whoever she could get at. Today she was unwilling to rise and was allowed to remain in bed, is sullen, wont speak.

November 23 — Since last report it was found necessary to remove her from 4 to 3 Gallery in consequence of her violent conduct. The ladies were all afraid of her. She attacked the medical visitor and various other persons, fell suddenly and quietly upon them and her attacks were quite unexpected and done in a very stealthy manner. She would not speak nor give any reason for her conduct.

1870
January 14 — She is again quiet generally and is again back into No 4 Gallery, but is subject to paroxysms of excitement and is very startling in her manner and very wilful, wanders hurriedly and quietly here and there and is very uncertain in her actions.

March 8 — She has been frequently in bed for two or three days at a time and complains to the Matron of pain in her side, but at the Medical visits, whenever her room is entered she tosses herself about in bed and frequently screams, wont talk anything about herself.

April 22 — She has been much subject to fits of screaming, both during the day and at night. She places her hands over her face and appears as if in great terror. Some nights ago the female there was an object like a large cat in her room. She is getting Chloral Hydrat Syrup.

June 19 — Today she is confined to bed, hides her face and is very irritable. She would not leave her bed.

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Isabella Micarla Bell

1870

August 12 — She is very peculiar in her manner walks after people in a stealthy manner and when spoken to will give no reply. At times she will hurriedly ask for something and while so doing will turn her back upon the person addressed and walk away frequently screams and puts her hands upon her face, without any apparent cause appears to be delirious.

October 6 — For some time past at the visits she would leave her seat and come stealthily towards the Medical Assistant, did not speak nor appear to notice what was going on, but if it was attempted to get past some other way she would turn in that direction and try to intercept him, shape none, was very nervous and appeared to be dangerous, had to be taken in charge by an attendant. Today she left the Asylum with her Aunts to spend a few days with her sister in Edinburgh.

" 21 — She was brought back to the Asylum today by her father.

November 26 — Since her return to the Asylum she has been much in the same state as before she left. She sometimes knits a little or prints little thy she has in a book, will rise suddenly from what she is doing, throw herself upon the floor and scream.

1871
January 20 — She is extremely self willed and some days will not leave her bed, complaining in an incoherent manner of pain, but at the same time, takes her food well, becomes dangerous if interfered with.

March 17 — For some time past she has been exceedingly rude and insolent to the other Ladies as well as the attendants, pushes herself into places where others are sitting and interferes incoherently.

May 19 — She is wild and excited in her manner and very dangerous in her conduct, makes violent attack in a quiet stealthy way and while doing so she seems as if about to become convulsed is quite unable to control herself, sometimes screams and when able to do so appears relieved.

Susan Mc Kenzie or Calder Aet 50

1868

October 21 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 43 Holmscroft Street Greenock.

She is fifty years of age, widowed, was a grocer and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about two months and the cause is the change of life. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a vacant look, wandered about without purpose, was very taciturn and could not be got to speak on any subject. She fancied she heard voices, once attempted to go over the window, did not sleep at night but wandered about, and wished to be sent to gaol or the Poorhouse. She also refused to take food, and was unwilling to put on or take off her clothes.

On admission she had a demented absent, melancholy look, She gave no reply when spoken to, was passive and went where ever asked. After a little she said it was a mistake to bring her here that the place was too good for her and that she should have been sent to gail. She refused her food and was with great difficulty induced to take anything.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition adem

" 22 She slept very well during the night, but would not take her food. She has to be fed like a child, is demented and restless, wanders about, says she should not have been here.

" 26 She has to watched and fed. Today the attendants could not feed her as she would not swallow when the food was put to her mouth. She was fed at this time by means of the stomach pump.

November 5 She often refuses her food is fed by means of the stomach pump and but for the fear of it would eat none. She is very demented and restless, wanders about and can do nothing.

December 13 She is more restless and confused, wanders about, has made repeated attempts to take off her shoes and stockings and unless watched would undress herself. She still occasionally refuses her food and was today at timeswas fed by means of the stomach pump.

1869

January 16 She is sleepless and restless and often will not lie in bed at night. She is very stupid and does not seem to know what she

February 17 She is very stupid and restless, does not sleep at night. She tells on the attendants or other ladies clothes. Cries when they are taken fr

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1869

March 24 She is very demented, appropriates whatever she can get her hands upon and appears much delighted with the possession of it however trifling the article may be, cries when it is taken from her and tries to get it again. She is in feeble bodily health.

April 7 She was today taken to Greenock by her brother in law and dismissed. — Relieved.

1868 Agnes Bannatyne Oct 30

October 29 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

She is thirty years of age, single, and belongs to the Established Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be a few days and the cause not to be known, but her mother is at present a patient in Dumfries Asylum.

She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

About a month ago she went to the Infirmary of her own accord and has stayed as an inmate of No 8 ward under Dr Gairdner's charge since.

She betrayed great peculiarity of temper which was not at first considered to amount to insanity. She gradually became worse and displayed many delusions. She broke two panes of glass and tried to get out of the windows; the reason she said was because Dr Gairdner's assistant had tried to poison her and she did not wish to die in such a way. She said that everyone told untruths and fancied she heard a band of music always playing; wrote a letter wishing to have the charm of witchcraft broken, which seemed to be upon all the people. She also wished to get out of the Infirmary to fill up the key hole of the Barony Church door with mud to stop the music. Last night she attempted to put her boots and various articles of clothing into the fire. Fancied one of the patients was Queen Victoria and the nurse the Princess of Wales. At times would not speak.

On admission she was very peculiar in her manner, and when she got water to wash her hands did not do it but kept washing at a vessel she had taken from the carriage she had come in. Her expression was staring and absent, she seemed much preoccupied. Said she eat nothing unless she knew what it was, would believe no one, but that God spoke to her and told her everything.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced.

30 She slept little during the night, was afraid; has taken her breakfast very well and is today talking more coherently.

31 This morning she suddenly got upon the table in her room and smashed six panes of glass out by hands slightly. She would not speak and at first would not take breakfast, had to be led in bed and tried to bite the attendants. She afterwards took her breakfast, because she said she thought the attendant was God telling her to take it.

November 3 Yesterday and the day before she took almost no food, smashed the dishes in which

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her food was given her and thrown out of them through a window. Yesterday evening she was fed by means of the stomach pump she says she is quite dead.

November 16 She does not sleep at night and is often noisy and very dangerous. Last night she struck the night nurse on the face and required two attendants to control her. She is subject to paroxysms of excitement with violence, requires two attendants to walk her.

December 1 For some time past she has been less excitable. But she is very delusional often laughs without cause in a silly manner. Today she threatened to put her foot in the fire in No 6 parlour and had to be closely watched.

1869
January 11 She is subject to paroxysms of excitement when she is violent and destructive in her tendencies. Yesterday while taking her food she crushed a plate and before she could be prevented dashed her hand through a pane of glass.

February 18 She is at times very incoherent and rambling laughs in a silly manner and is at times sleepless. At present her bowels are relaxed & she is in consequence confined to bed.

March 22 The menstrual discharge is flowing and she is confined to bed, is inclined to be violent. Yesterday while walking in the grounds she struck her attendants kicking and striking her.

April 15 Yesterday while sitting on the sofa beside another lady who is very nervous she suddenly struck her. It was with great difficulty that three attendants could restrain her for some time. She seized one by the hair pulled another and the third bit upon the arm. Today her appearance is maniacal she is in bed and the catamenia is flowing.

May 18 For some time past she has been quiet and slept well at nights. but she is quite incoherent and never gives a proper answer to any question. When spoken to she will sometimes smile for a little, stare wildly and pay no attention to anything said to her. The bowels are occasionally costive but small doses of Pulv. Ipecac (gr 8) are usually sufficient to act upon them.

June 13 She is again much excited, very irritable and violent in her conduct, does not sleep at night and is noisy. Two days ago she would not take any food and was yesterday and today fed by means of the stomach pump. She is inclined to expose herself and meddle with her private parts. Ordered Bromide of potassium. Last night she wet the bed.

July 16 She seldom speaks but what she does say is quite incoherent, does not sleep well at night and sometimes screams. She is destructive in her habits, tears the bed clothes and tries to smash glass,

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Agnes Bannatyne

1869

August 14 — She is more excited, very dangerous destructive and dirty in her habits last night she did not sleep and was noisy & screaming she wet and defiled her bed and after getting up although she was in charge of an attendant she suddenly pulled the attendant with her to the window and smashed two panes of glass. She fancies that there is electricity playing round her head and that she has power over the living and the dead.

" 24 — The great excitement continues and if possible would appear to be increasing she is very violent in her conduct & and no one can approach her in front without being kicked. She often attacks her attendants and smashes anything she can get her hands upon. While being walked in the airing Courts today with two attendants she became quite unmanageable, tried to get her head to the ground and get the gravel of the walks into her mouth it was found necessary to take her in & put her to bed.

September 15 — She seldom speaks and at times becomes suddenly violent, striking her attendants & trying to hold of them by the hair and trying to bite. When in bed she bites the blankets in her mouth and tries to tear them, when prevented screams and struggles and tries to injure every one near her.

October 5 — For some time past she has had a great desire to smash glass and would often try to break away from her attendants while walking in the Gallery. For two or three days past she has been quite unmanageable and the catamenia began to flow upon the 2nd of this month, in consequence of which and her extremely excited state she had to be put to bed. She passes her faeces & urine in bed. This morning when her bedroom door was opened by the Matron, she suddenly sprang out and although caught by an attendant, succeeded in smashing two panes of glass, making a small wound on her forehead by dashing it against the window She was fed by means of the stomach pump on the second and third of this month.

" 17 — The great excitement continues and the food rejected good has been fed by the stomach pump several times since last reports. She tries to kick and bite her attendants and is wet and dirty in her habits, noisy at night. She is loosing flesh. Mineral stimulants.

November 3 — She has been very much excited, extremely violent and destructive and very anxious failed to induce sleep. Yesterday Dr Fleming injected twenty minims of the solution of muriate of morphia by the hypodermic method over the shoulder. She fell asleep in ten minutes and slept for

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three and a half hours. She slept again four hours during the night and was quiet when awake.

November 26 She was much quieter for some days after the injection of the Morphia but is again much excited and dangerous. The cutaneous is flowing. The left ear is much swollen and dark, evidently the commencement of a sanguineous tumour.

December 19 Since last report it has been found necessary to make an incision into the tumour of the left ear to prevent its bursting. The right has now also become thickened and will apparently require to be treated in the same way. She is very dangerous tries to get articles into her mouth and even to bite the attendants when walking with her. She got little threads into her mouth and chewes them and when it is attempted to take them from her she screams, becomes very violent and can with the greatest difficulty be restrained.

January 21 1870 The great excitement continues and if she is attempted to be taken out she screams kicks and tries to bite, roars out to beat and tries to trip up her attendants. She has still the habit of getting things into her mouth and today got the earring out of an attendants ear and before she could be prevented swallowed it. It is gold and round like a finger ring nearly.

February 18 She was quieter for the last two weeks and was induced to walk occasionally in the airing court with her two attendants although she frequently went down upon her knees and had often to be taken in. She eats a great many biscuits and if not constantly supplied with them would be for putting all kinds of small articles, such as threads & the like into her mouth and becomes violent when opposed.

Today while being taken out by her attendants to walk and while one of them was stooping to open the door she put her leg over her back and dashed her foot through the staircase window, smashing a pane of glass. She is much excited in her habits. The ring which she swallowed has not yet been found.

March 15 Dr. Christison was brought from Edinburgh on Saturday last the 12th March. To see her and he recommended that she still remain here.

While walking with her attendants she often goes down on her knees and if prevented swears and becomes violent. She says it is a sacrifice for her sins. She seldom speaks.

April 15 She is very demented and for some time past has been much greater than formerly. She will not walk much and does not be opposed in anything without becoming much excited. She eats her best at meals.

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Jessie Macpherson or Galbraith Aet 40

1868

October 30 Was brought to the Asylum today from 22 Sardinia Terrace Glasgow

She is forty years of age, married, and a Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is fourteen days and the cause is Childbirth. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was inordinate restless and sleepless. She was subject to paroxysms of excitement and made violent endeavours to get out of bed and tore her clothes. She was apprehensive that her food was poisoned.

It is about eight weeks since the birth of the child.

On admission she was free from excitement and allowed herself to be led to bed. Her face was flushed and she was restless and ill at ease. She had taken no food all day but a little cream. She said she had also taken grapes but that there was poison dusted on them, said that they had illused her at home and that she had wished to come and tell Dr. Mackintosh at Rhu where she was.

When asked if she would like any food she said yes; water.

Bodily health very feeble. – She is much exhausted: Condition redness.

" 31 She slept none during the night and was occasionally restless and excited; she has let nothing into her mouth since admission and at times when approached springs back in bed and appears to be in great terror. She was at dinner and teatime fed by means of the Stomach pump.

November 4 She will eat none, is very delusive and incoherent and sleeps little at night. She is fed regularly three times a day by means of the Stomach pump. When asked to take her food she says Do you wish me to eat my head.

" 9 She has improved very much, sleeps well and notes takes her food. But is nervous and easily agitated. She is at times over talkative.

" 11 Having been visited by her husband; and as she was so much better and wishing to be taken home; she was tonight removed on trial.

" 16 At home she could not sleep and felt very nervous and uneasy and asked to be brought back to the Asylum. She was accordingly brought back tonight. She is very talkative, trying to describe everything that occurred during her illness and is much pleased at being back.

" 24

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November 7	She slept well during the night and the nervousness has now left her she is still rather taciturn.
" 23	She has continued to improve and today spent several hours with her relations in town
" 25	She was again today taken away by her husband perhaps not to return.
" 26	She feels quite well at home did not return and was today discharged. Cured

1867 Isabella Gray or Matthew Aet 69

November 22 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Larkfield Partickbridge Road Glasgow.

She is sixty nine years of age, widowed, and belongs to the Established Kirk.

This is the third attack of insanity the duration is under three months, and the cause is predisposition from previous attacks. About twenty years ago she was under treatment in Langton Hall Asylum and in this Asylum from 11th December 1857 till 13th April 1858. She is suicidal (mania) but is not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she believed that her soul was lost and that she was eternally damned, that either she was against every one or every one was against her. She was constantly wringing her hands and her whole body trembled as if from fear. She supposed she was possessed with an evil spirite.

On admission she was very depressed and miserable and when spoken to gave no reply, but shook her head and rocked her body to and fro with her hands placed in her lap, keeping crying Oh Oh, and would not raise her eyes.

Bodily health very indifferent: Condition ordinary

" 23 She slept none, remained quiet for about an hour, and during the remainder of the night moaned and tossed about. She has taken breakfast very well, but is very depressed and miserable, constantly moaning.

" 30 She continues sleepless and restless at night although she has a great amount of exercise in the open air. At times when sitting in the parlour her whole body shakes as if convulsed and the vibratory movements is so strong as to make the furniture of the room shake. She says she will never get better.

December 6 Yesterday morning she was very listless, imagined she had two voices and that when she talked with the one the hands the other quite distinctly. She was quiet and slept during the night, but says she is no better and never will be better.

" 15 The sleeplessness has returned and for two nights past she has slept very little although she has repeated draughts of Tinct. of Cannabis Indica + also Mr. Hyde not 3 tea Chloral. Last night she was noisy for a time and used threatening language to her attendant who sleeps in the room with her. Saying to her if she did not get up, she (meaning herself) would come to her.

1868 January 11 She is very depressed and miserable sleeps little at night and is restless. Today she wishes to remain in bed.

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1869 February 8	She is still very depressed and despondy, does not sleep well at night. Last night she was worse than usual only slept about an hour and was noisy, screaming and moaning.
March 23	She sleeps well at nights now and is not so depressed, reads and knits a good deal and walks out. She says herself that she is no better and when spoken to is very despondy. When told that she appears to be better, she says Oh no.
April 19	Since last reports she has continued much in the same state up till today. She is now very depressed rocking herself in her seat and appears to get much worse when spoken to
May 18	She appears now to be a little better than at last report, is more composed in manner, but when spoken to always says she is no better and is very despondy. She sleeps very little at night and spends miserable hrs. Last night she had three half drachm doses of the Bromide of Potassium in solution in water but did not sleep.
June 14	She continues very miserable and unhappy, seldom sleeps any at night. Almost every means has been tried but with very little success. She has been walked out much, has had baths at 96° for a quarter of a hour before going to bed, Bromide of Potassium &c &c. Last night she had a drachm of Nepenthe before going to bed, which caused her to rest better, but today she is sick and unable to take her food.
July 8	She has improved a little mentally is much more composed during the day but does not sleep at nights. Being so much improved it was considered that a change might do her good. She was accordingly today removed on trial.
" 27	She was today discharged. — Recovered.

Ellen Freebairn Neilson Ætat 2.

1865

December 1 — Was brought to the Asylum today from 16 Whitevale Street Glasgow.

She is twenty two years of age, single, and belongs to the Established Kirk.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about two years and the cause is Disappointment in love and Hereditary Predisposition — her Aunt and Grandmother having been insane. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was at first depressed, but latterly became elevated and excited. Her language was incoherent and she had many delusions. She said that her father had poisoned her, and that she was constantly hearing voices, which so tormented her that they rendered her desperate. On opening her hand she saw fire flashing from it. At times she was very excitable and threatened to destroy herself and could not be kept to herself.

On admission she was very restless and undecided, she said she was willing to stay and next moment that she was not. Says every thing she says has a double meaning, that last night she slept well but she might before she slept more and had an attack of sick faint and fainted quite away but was asleep the whole time. Will not swallow her saliva puts it on her handkerchief and says if she attempted to swallow it, she would be choked. Said she wished something to make her vomit and prevent her fainting.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary. She eat large quantities of food: generally vomited part of it and was troubled with flatulence. Catamenia regular.

" 2 — She slept three hours during the night and was restless and talkative. She vomited before she had breakfast, and is continually spitting out saliva, which she fancies is the poison she had been getting. Complains of a bitter taste in her mouth. Bowels constipated. To have Rhophyl. & ℥ i in pale Sherry.

" 7 — She was very restless and did not sleep till five o'clock morning; is in great dread of dying and complains of a choking sensation in her throat; vomits occasionally and seems to have control over the stomach. Says the vomiting relieves her. Says there is a vomit in her breast.

" 15 — She now sleeps better at nights but for the last two days has been very listless and depressed. Is very anxious to get home as she is afraid she is going to die. Often asked if she will get better. Has not vomited any for two days.

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January 8 — She is if anything worse mentally, very irritable and abusive in her language, at times has fits of immoderate laughter without any apparent cause, is somewhat flatulent and very restless, very untidy in her habits.

February 11 — She is restless and noisy at night sleeps little. She is very dirty in her habits always spitting upon her clothes soils and stamps with her feet and is very rude she fancies that her brother is somewhere about the house says she hears his voice.

March 19 — She is very noisy and restless always at the visiting pouring for sales, continues to spit upon her clothes and cannot be kept clean, says she is choking.

April 13 — Yesterday the catamenia began to flow for the first time since admission and she appeared quieter, but today she is as noisy and excitable as before. Scolds very much says we want to kill her and at times threatens violence.

May 19 — She has a demented stupid look but at times has paroxysms of excitement last night she was much excited and noisy, continued to scream and swear & very bad language up till 12 o'clock when she became quiet. So quiet this way.

June 16 — She stands in corners and cannot be got to sit down is very untidy in her habits and spits large mouthfuls of saliva over her clothes, by which means they are often quite wet, wont use a handkerchief, nor swallow the saliva; fancies it is poisonous and also at times still thinks she cannot open her mouth.

July 18 — She is becoming quite demented and it is quite impossible to keep her clean or tidy. She spits large mouthfuls of saliva all over her clothes and rubs with her hands.

August 21 — Continues much in the same state. when asked to swallow the saliva says it would choke her. fancies that there is poison in her system. because the medical Assistants of being the cause. of and sometimes threatens that she will stick a knife into him.

September 16 — She seldom sits down, stands in corners and does not give any coherent reply when spoken to. Twists her lower jaw about and spits upon her clothes

October 13 — There is no change in her mental state She sometimes refuses to take her food and has to be watched and taken to the table At present the catamenia is flowing

November 17 — She has a very stupid demented look but at present is determined to run away and has made several attempts. is closely watched.

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Ellen Ebrelbirin Nelson

1869

December 16 — She is quite fatuous, stares when spoken to but gives no reply, will sometimes suddenly say I must get home She spits large mouthfuls of saliva upon her clothes and it sometimes runs over her chin, occasionally wets herself.

1870 January 18 — She stands a great deal and often has the floor where she is standing covered with her saliva as also the front of her dress. She looks stupid when spoken to will not move out of the wet part and if she be attempted to be assisted away threatens to strike.

February 19 — There is no change, she gets into corners in the airing court, stands in a stupid bewildered manner twisting her lower jaw about and spitting large mouthfuls of saliva, dirtying her face and clothes.

March 15 — She stands a great deal in corners or the recesses of the windows and will not move from whatever position she takes up tonight she wanted the Medical Assistant to give her a new windpipe and asked how it would be put into her body.

April 18 — She is very demented and seldom sits down. When in the airing court she will get into a corner and stands and spit large mouthfuls of saliva, letting it run down her face & clothes, makes no attempt to keep herself clean or wipe herself when dirty. When asked to walk she obeys no attention and if assisted becomes violent and makes use of very threatening language. Stands in some new position she takes up.

May 16 — She frequently wets her clothes and the attendants require to feed her with all her meals At dinner she sits will take nothing into her hands but opens her mouth and takes it fast enough when fed. She will eat bread when put into her hands. She has a fatuous look, asks for a key to get away.

June 21st — She has a demented stupid look and is inclined to stand in corners, even when taken out to walk, will go into a corner and take up a position, is inclined to be violent when wanted away and would not walk unless taken in charge by an attendant.

August 19 — She spits large mouthfuls of saliva upon her dress and has it frequently wet in front. She stares stupidly when spoken to gives no correct answer or any answer at all to anything said to her. Often asks when she will get out of the Asylum.

September 16 — She is very demented and has a stupid absent expression, sits or stands and spits on her clothes, would not walk unless led by an attendant. It is often found necessary to change her dress and wipe the saliva from the mouth she sometimes says "let me out of the Asylum

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December 26

Since last reports her father has died and when told she did not seem to comprehend what was said to her, but often a little said it was not true. When her mourning clothes were brought her she asked who she was to wear them for. She spits large mouthfuls of saliva upon her clothes and is quite demented.

1911 January 20

Frequently noisy and excited talks in the most incoherent manner and if passed up when she has upon the seats jumps and stamps upon the floor.

March 17

Often when spoken to she pays no attention and if touch, will roar out what do you want but cannot give an intelligent answer to the simplest question. She hardly knows her nearest relations, at least acts as if she did not.

May 19

Sits in corner with her feet upon the seat on her hands stuffed into the opposite sleeves of her dress, spits out large mouthfuls of saliva and is frequently noisy & excited.

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Isabella Weir Ast. 32

1868

December 7 Was brought to the Asylum today from 7 Clifton Place Glasgow

She is thirty-two years of age, single, a Scotchwoman and a Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about one months and the cause is stated to be domestic affairs, but her mother was an inmate of this Asylum from 7th December 1858 till 12th February 18[illegible] and was affected in the same way as patient now is. She is very suicidal but not dangerous to others as far as has been observed.

She has for a considerable time past been dull, morose and inclined to seclusion and for more than two weeks, very depressed in spirits. She believed that she had committed great sin, that God had forsaken her and that her soul was lost; believed everybody to be good and holy but herself. She threatened to poison herself by laudanum and this morning nearly escaped from the house to go and drown herself.

On admission she was very depressed, she had a staring look and her expression was that of great mental distress. She said you think me mad, and wish to lock me up and put manacles upon me she also she knew all that we were thinking, but that there is nothing wrong with her mind. Fancies that she is the cause of all the misfortune of herself & relations.

Bodily health in different condition ordinary. There are a number of slight discolorations upon her body.

" 8 She slept none during the night, and was very restless. She says she is the Devil is very miserable and is constantly up the watch for an opportunity to destroy herself. She saw two blunt knives on the parlour tables and thinks they were sharp made an attempt to get hold of them.

" 14 She has improved since last report, but speaks little, and her mind seems to be much preoccupied. Her bowels are sluggish and although she has much exercise in the open air she has no relief without purgative medicine.

1869 January 2 She is again more depressed and very miserable she seldom speaks and will not take other nourishment to which herself dress and requires to be closely watched. Last night she slept none.

" 23 The depression continues and she does little. She is extremely suicidal, refuses in misery and fancies herself much worse than every other body. Her bowels continue very costive.

Admitted 7th December 1865

February 20 She continues very depressed and suicidal will seldom give any reply when spoken to and tries to avoid being observed as much as possible. She was observed by her attendants to be working with her mouth very much, and upon attention being called to it she was found to have false teeth. The patient was very much annoyed said they would not come out and was not for letting them be seen. They were taken out for fear she would swallow them.

March 6 For some time past she has been very depressed, but this is since she was told she was going away. She sometimes asks where she is going to.

She was today taken to Perth Asylum and discharged.—

Relieved.

1868 Ann Templeton Oct. 62

December 30 — Was brought to the Asylum today from 121 Hospital Street Rangoon. She is sixty two years of age, single, a Temptress and a Congregationalist.

About three years ago she had an attack of insanity, was sent to the Coast and recovered. The duration of the existing attack is three weeks and the cause is stated to be great debility but her father was insane. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she laboured under great mental excitement and was very restless, wandered up and down the house not knowing what she did and constantly muttering. Her relations where afraid that she would jump out the window and therefore constantly watched her.

On admission she was very restless and had a very melancholy look, muttered incoherently threw her teeth and would not sit down.

She appeared to be in very feeble bodily health, very anaemic and much reduced. She was put to bed.

" 31 — She slept well during the night and has taken a good breakfast. Since getting up she has become very restless, is inclined to take off her clothes, requires to have an attendant beside her will not sit upon a chair and mutters incoherently. She has been again ordered to be kept in bed.

1869
January 5 — She is confined to bed. takes her food well and sleeps at nights. When spoken to, she answers in a foolish incoherent manner speaking through her teeth so that the words cannot be known.

" 12 — She has improved very much is now out of bed speaks in a natural way and conducts herself in a quiet orderly manner. Her bodily health is very much better. She was up yesterday for the first time for two hours after dinner-time.

February 1 — She continues pretty well mentally but is rather talkative and flighty in her movements often complains of headache, is fond of moralizing, says it is all for good.

" 19 — Since last report she has relapsed is very restless and troublesome interfering with everything and very rambling in conversation.

March 13 — The excitement has gradually gone off and she is more quiet and orderly. Still inclined to be rather talkative.

April 5 — She was today taken home on trials by her brother in Law.

" 21 — She was today discharged.—
Recd.

Admitted 30th December 1881

Elizabeth Margaret Lawrie or Mutrie. Aet 52

1869

January 2 — Was brought to the Asylum today from 248 West George Street Glasgow

She is fifty-two years of age, widowed and an Episcopalian.

She was formerly an inmate of Hamilton Private Asylum and left this Asylum on the authority of an order by the Sheriff on 28th December last - five days ago. She has been insane many years and the cause of her readmission is said to be a relapse. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

Since she left the Asylum she had been conducting herself in a most extraordinary manner, was violent and abusive in her language, burned many useful and valuable articles, such as handkerchiefs, papers, portraits, and articles of clothing and talked incessantly. Her conversation was most rambling and incoherent, and her mind full of delusions. She said that her brother Robert possessed the patent screw of heaven, furnished with a valve, whereby he could regulate the insanity of the family. She said she had been in hell since she came home, but that God Almighty had turned on a gas jet and now she had the sun light, the light of the sun of Righteousness. Raved about a Regalia & Crown which she had but had been carried off by her foster.

On admission she was much excited calling every one devils and scolded Dr. Buchanan for a blackguard. She then began to scream and sing loudly, which she did for upwards of half an hour, and until quite exhausted. Afterwards she lay down upon a sofa, closed her eyes and kept up a continuous gobbering noise. Before bed time she said there was fire in her left hand and the devil in the right and when retiring for the night looked up to her parlour door and said good night Jesus.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

3 She was very noisy for half an hour after going to bed but afterwards became quiet and appeared to fall asleep. In the forenoon she lay upon her sofa with her eyes closed, paying no attention when spoken to and kept up an incoherent noise with her mouth. In the afternoon she became very talkative and spoke to what had taken place while she was at 248 West George Street. She said that the whole world was damned, and that two hand organs on new years night played in regular in front of her house. Said also that she had a locksmith to pick a lock which he could not do, but on a razor being found in a drawer the lock immediately sprang open.

Admitted 2nd January 1869

January 8 She is excited, noisy, screaming and often very abusive to the other ladies as well as the attendants. Her language is at times quite unfeminine and she is very delusive. She talks of having seen persons thrown the bars of heaven which made them look exceedingly ugly & coarse. Talks very much of razors and suicide and says that her brother never shaved himself without feeling an impulse to cut his throat. Says it is not painful to die it is a going up and leaving the body, says she was ready out of the body last night, but as far back as 1860 she was actually out of the body and in heaven. She at times makes an effort to control herself fancying she will get away at the end of eight days. because she says the sheriff's order was on a Victoria act and she is three years older than the Queen. Mrs Guthrie being born in 1816 & Victoria in 1819.

" 24 She continues to have paroxysms of excitement when she is very abusive and threatening in her language especially towards her attendant whom she calls the vilest names, and to every one she gives "the curse". This she does in a manner as if she considered she posses supernatural power. Referring to the visits of Dr Buchanan & Mr. McGeorge he both agents before she came here at this time, she says that there was a flotilla of mind in the room which she knew was felt by all three.

February 13 She is much excited says we are all damned and that this is an accursed house. Says the Prince of Wales is going to Jerusalem but that he will never find the corner stone for she has got the key of it.

March 23 Yesterday she called down the power of the glory of God and gave it to the Medical Assistant to go and assist her, saying she wished her friends out in inches and that they were all liers. Today asked if I had got the power which she delegated to me last night, is highly excited, says she was blaspheming God, and that his reputation is at stake for keeping her here. Tramps to and stamps upon the floor.

April 19 She has been much quieter for the last week or two and walks much in the grounds. Even at present she has occasional outbursts of passion when she makes use of fearful language. Last night after going to bed she laughed immoderately.

May 17 There is no change in her mental state; she is very delusive but quiet at present. Has been complaining of pain in her back, which is now better.

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Elizabeth Margaret Laurie or Mutrie

1869

June 15 — Today she is very delusive and rambling in her conversation. She has two daily papers every morning (The Herald & Mail) but says she is afraid to read them there are such horrid things in them, that it is a fearful thing to contemplate we are beings without beginning and without end., but said a Bear from America (pointing up) showed it her at once just before she was to be married to Mr. Mutrie.

July 19 — She is very much excited, often screams in a frightful manner and very delusive she insists upon burning a parcel of glass she had been wearing as a sort of obligation she swears at the other ladies and make use of threatening language towards them

August 19 — There is no change mentally, but she walks out very much at present. It is in the grounds many days for not less than six or eight hours.

September 25 — She was informed yesterday of her mothers death by her brothers in law (Mr Scott & Mr Berry). and has since been much excited. She says that she prayed God to release her from here or take away her mother and that God has answered her prayer, is very talkative and rambling says that in 1860 she danced before God, and that for a single moment, she says the incarnation of God just like a flash of lightening and that she understood all. Says that her marriage with Mr Mutrie was the holiest union since the creation of Adam & Eve. She calls her brothers in law damned inmates of hell, swears stamps her feet and damns the whole world.

November 1 — Since last report she has been seldom excited, at other times very depressed. In the evenings sitting much in her own room with the gas all but turned out, would not allow it to be raised and at times would not speak. At present she is very much excited, howling at the pitch of her voice. and quite incoherent.

December 8 — She is much concerned about the meeting of the Oecumenical Council at Rome and says that last night she could not sleep for she had read all through the Epistles of St Paul

1870
January 21 — She is decided delusive and very insane in her conduct. Her conversation for some time past has been quite unintelligible and when told so, she will ask the Lord from the Medical Assistant and others to forgive them saying, I make you the Judge, so you may understand. Frequently she is sitting in her parlour with an umbrella over head and will not allow her face to be seen.

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1878

February 19 She has been pretty quiet for some time up till yesterday; when she became excited and irritable, scolded at and was abusive in her language to her attendant. She often refuses to see the Medical Officers at the visits.

" 26 Ever since last report she has been much excited & boasting in her manner and very abusive in her language, sometimes roaring at the highest key of her voice and shaking her clenched fist in the faces of the medical officers, flourishing newspapers about and jumping down on their heads. She is very delusive, says Dr Robert Scott Orr put her husband to a most cruel death. She says that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Glasgow is living in her house and therefore she wrote a very beautiful letter to the Pope but afterwards tore it and hid immediately after she had done so, she felt some kind of peculiar influence persuade her room and shortly afterwards Mr. Tocy was announced.

March 17 Frequently and without any apparent cause she becomes violently excited, noisy and extremely abusive in her language towards the attendants. She asked the Medical Assistant to defend her from them as a Roman as defender of the faith, screaming out her words and gesticulating in a most insane manner. Wishing a note to be taken to Dr Mackintosh she would not put it into the hand of the Med. Assist. but put it on his head and requested him to deliver it.

April 13 She is very excitable and threatening in her words and actions for some time. She sometimes makes inquiries about the other ladies and referring to one of them being fed by means of the stomach pump, said she had a relation lived for 2 weeks without any food and got better under homœopathic treatment when the other Doctors had given her up, that she herself at Burlton place twice was a week without any food and often one of these occasions when she looked out of the window saw everything that was to happen flowing in a stream down the centre of the Clyde.

May 4 She has been much excited and very delusive for the last two weeks She took off her cap threw it in the face of the matron jumped and danced upon it and kicked it, clenched her fists and shook it close into the faces of everyone near her, saying: I am God Almighty, damn you all both man and woman. repeatedly screamed out these words.

June 9 She is occasionally excited, but has been very much out on the grounds for some time past Some time ago she had a paper cap upon her table and cut it all with a paper knife, saying it was our emblem of John the Baptist.

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Elizabeth Margaret Laurie or Mackie

1870

August 12 — She drives out in the carriage and walks out in the Asylum grounds, is out many hours every day. She lays claim to three of the seats and wont allow any other person to use them and becomes excited if she should see any one sitting upon them. For the last four days she has been frequently much excited, swearing loudly and today attempted to strike her attendant in the face with her parasol.

October 13 — She is out nearly as much as before and as long as the light and weather will permit, sometimes even till upon dark and in consequence her paroxysms of excitement have not been so frequent and she has not so many opportunities of talking. She is however when inside occasionally excited, swears and makes use of the most demonic epithets to every within hearing of her. She has again commenced to take the hat off of the Medical Assistants head.

December 13 — She continued pretty quiet generally up till the middle of last month when she was visited by a sister, which excited her very much and she continued for some days afterwards. She said it was with no friendly feeling she was visited, that her sister was her greatest enemy and it was all done to get up proofs against her. Today she is much excited, cursing the Pope.

1871
February 9 — Seldom a day passes but she attacks one or more of the persons who she meets with the most violent and demonic language and all without any apparent cause, but which after the paroxysm is over is found to be in consequence of some delusion, frequently obscene. She does not like alone, even the Chaplain must be for her Hall.

April 6 — She is very much out of doors, sits and walks much along the edge of the walk upon the east side of the Asylum Grounds. Today she is much excited, swearing and attracting the attention of people walking on the Great Western Road. She says this the anniversary of the double murder, referring to the death of her husband.

June 16 — Walks out very much and is little off the grounds from the time she returns from her dinner. She has a particular aversion to a number of persons and whenever she sees them becomes excited, swears at them and dismisses them tells she has done so and they must go. She never takes any breakfast's meat, but invited gets large quantities of cream.

August 21 — Frequently excited and very abusive, swears every one who comes near these seats she claims and today struck another lady and her attendant with her umbrella while sitting upon one of them and on mean the one that she barely was at the time occupying.

October 19 — At the time of the Commissioners visit, about the middle of September she was greatly excited and very noisy roaring out at the top of her voice and crowing like a cock. and at the same time stood at her parlour door and said No one would be allowed to pass. While another of the ladies occupying a parlour in the Gallery was passing along talking the D. Matchett she called her an abandoned woman stamped on the floor & raised her hand as if to strike her. Became quite incoherent.

December 12 — Still occasionally excited. putting her arm round and making a thrust at the face of the Medical Assistant who said "I am Dr. Smith & damn your soul to hell." then walked off in a hurried manner.

1872 January 25 — Delusive and very foolish in her conduct. One day lately she had a long cone of paper placed upon her head, stood at her parlour door and when approached at the visit, passed like a soldier and walked into the room without speaking. Does the same peculiarity with regard to the visit as before noted.

March 21 — She asks the Medical Officers for their hats, takes them and swinging them around then returns them and will ask if she is now understood. sometimes she wishes to put the hat upon the head and once when excited dashed it upon the floor.

She is very delusive and at times quite incoherent. Is at present kept upon the grounds them primarily and now walks near the gates.

May 16 — Wildly excited at the commissioners visit crowing like a cock and imitating the cries of other animals. Appellating Sir Samuel Cozé Name Cock and crying aloud till her throats seemed sore. Continuous so for the better part of an hour and at times her language was very obscene.

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Eliza Bennet or Burnet Act. 50

1869

January 29 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband and two attendants from 46 Victoria Crescent Dowanhill.

She is fifty years of age, married, a lady, the wife of an Architect and is a Congregationalist.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is ten days and the cause fatigue and anxiety from nursing a son under Gastric fever. She is supposed to be suicidal but is not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was perfectly incoherent in speech and thought, was full of fancies altogether groundless and delusive, and expressed these in language which at times was barely intelligible. She talked for long periods together, with great excitement, slept very little and at long intervals.

On admission she was very incoherent, restless and talked incessantly in the manner of a soliloquy. She had many discolourations on her hands arms and legs which when being looked at she said were caused by all the blood being pressed out of her veins. Her husband who came with her she would not allow to leave became excited when he left but in a short time the excitement wore off and she seemed to forget all about him.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced.

" 30 — She slept none during the night and was very restless. She had a paroxysm of excitement and was noisy for about half an hour, took some milk and beef tea, but would not today take any breakfast. She talks continuously and her language is very incoherent. She kept describing a circle with her hand saying I am drawing you to me, then that the shining dust of the noble Raleigh was in the room with her.

February 7 — She sleeps little and is very incoherent continues to talk in a low tone but occasionally for a short time is much excited and noisy. She mistakes the identity of people, gives the names of persons whom she has formerly known to those she sees and last night fancied that some person was lying under her bed and that there were rats in her room.

" 13 — Since last report she has improved and at times talkes quite coherently. Tonight she was very anxious about her husband and family, fancied that something was wrong with them and said their house was on fire.

Admitted 29th January 1864

February 24 She has continued to improve since last report and now appears to be pretty well, walks out with the attendant is anxious to get away.

March 11 She was today taken home by her husband and discharged. —

Cured.

1869 Margaret Harriet Wilson or Lyon Aet 40

March 15 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from East Hayston near Kirkintilloch.

She is forty years of age, married, a Dawyers daughter and a Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is seven months and the cause is not known but is supposed hereditary, her aunt having been insane. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she had a vacant expression of countenance and a wandering suspicious eye, was sleepless and restless at night and at times talked very incoherently. She was also melancholy and it was feared that unless she were watched she might injure herself. She could not attend to house hold matters was constantly bungling them and was restless annoying others about trifles.

On admission she had a very absent look, stared when spoken to and appeared as if unable to comprehend what was said to her. She was very wandering and restless in her manner often appeared as if about to speak and seemed unable to collect her thoughts.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

" 16 She slept pretty well and was quiet during the night, but is now very restless, wandering about in a purposeless manner.

" 30 She is in mind the same state as on admission, does a little knitting but wanders about with it in her hand, goes from the parlours to her bedroom and is often found following me before they are aware of her being near.

April 19 There is no change mentally. She does not take her food well, her tongue is often coated and she complains of flatulence.

May 7 Since last report she expressed to one of the other patients a desire to commit suicide. It was very anxious to know how it could be done. This caused a feeling of uneasiness about her and upon her bedroom being entered about eleven o'clock p.m. she was found sitting fully dressed although the attendants say she done her in bed when the door was closed at 9 o'clock. She has since slept under observation.

June 4 She sleeps well at night, but is restless and restless, wanders about generally with some knitting in her hands. When spoken to seems vacantly but gives no reply.

" 15 She was today taken home by her husband and friends.—

Relieved.

Admitted 15th March 1869

Elizabeth Cameron

Aet. 55

1869

March 23 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 159 Saint Vincent Street, Glasgow.

She is fifty five years of age, single and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is six weeks and the cause is family bereavement. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and incoherent in speech. She had many delusions fancied she was in beggary and wished herself done with life. She had also become intemperate and attempted to take away her life by means of laudanum and by cutting her throat.

On admission she had a melancholy expression of countenance and her mind seems much preoccupied. When spoken to she would often give no reply and generally when she did it was in a monosyllable, looking in a suspicious manner at those addressing her. She asked to have mine.

Bodily health is different: Condition ordinary

" 21 — She was very quiet during the night and slept the greater part of it. She is ill at ease says she should not have been here; says she has nothing and that everything is too good for her.

" 27 — She refuses her food says she does not require it and today at breakfast and sometime was fed by means of the stomach pump; in the evening she took her tea but only after being told that she would be again fed by the stomach pump. Her memory is very defective, she says she has been only one night in the Asylum.

April 15 — She is occasionally fed by means of the stomach pump and when it is done asks to be promised it will not be done that day again, asks not to be put away but to be allowed to remain another night.

She is demented, was today fed by means of the stomach pump. In the evening she was visited by her relations; she said it was not them, but like them, and that we had a way of making people here.

" 26 — She slept sick last night and was restless. Today she was much excited in consequence of the attendants wishing her to put on another dress from that she usually wore, it being dirty. She attacked the attendant struck her in the face and pulled her by the hair of the head. She would not take her breakfast and was fed by means of the stomach pump.

May 22 — She slept little and screamed several times during the night. She is very depressed, will not speak the cause.

Admitted 20th March 1869

June 18 — She has a demented melancholy look and can with the greatest difficulty be got to move about. She has a great craving for stimulants, and if not prevented would injure herself with the table beer at dinner time.

July 21 — She is depressed and rather demented cannot be induced to look at a book or interest herself in anything. She requires to be assisted to dress and when asked to go out appears to be in great mental distress.

August 16 — There is no mental change. For some time she had been falling off in her bodily health and in addition to four glasses of Port wine was ordered to have two bottles of Ale. It has been found necessary to omit the Ale in consequence of diarrhoea. She is most extremely anxious to have it again.

September 24 — She sits very much with her hand upon her mouth and when spoken to sometimes gives a furtive look but although tried in various ways will give no reply. Is extremely indolent.

October 18 — She is demented, never does anything, and has to be taken about like a child. Appears quite incapable to think or act in the most trifling affairs for herself. She drives into town with her attendant daily.

November 14 — She is in a very listless dreamy state, annoyed by the merest trifles and cannot enjoy the company of anyone, is directed by and follows her attendant like a child sometimes slips away to bed before 8 o'clock unfastening her clothes letting them fall on the floor and hurrying into bed, which she does very quickly.

December 13 — She still drives out to town and upon coming back is in a great state of excitement to get beer or any stimulant to drink. Says the beer is bad but would injure herself drinking it if allowed wishes a more powerful stimulants.

January 18 1870 — She wanders about with her hands upon her mouth gives no reply when spoken to, follows her sister here & there but seldom speaks to her. They drive out together.

February 16 — She is very depressed and miserable and appears to be much annoyed by her sisters great restlessness. She seldom gives any reply when spoken to, but when her sister is talking much of cruel usage, she will say, "Oh Margaret."

March 17 — She seldom speakes and will not reply when spoken to. She stares at her sister when she talks of being burnt and cut in pieces dances &c. She is very ill used.

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Elizabeth Cameron

1870

April 18 — She is demented and very unhappy wanders about with her hand upon her mouth and will not give any reply when spoken to. She is very obstinate will hardly do anything asked of her and three days ago would not go out to drive because the carriage that had two horses in it. She is frequently excited about getting beer to drink.

May 16 — She is very indolent, has much upon the sofa and when spoken to stares but will give no reply. When pressed for an answer she will give a growl and often walks away. She believes what her sister says about ill usage &c. and when asked to put on another dress became very violent.

June 15 — She sits with her hand upon her mouth and when spoken to gives no reply but stares and seems annoyed at being spoken to. She seldom speaks to her sister although she is much beside her and often in great mental distress, about being burned &c. and when asked to tell her it is not the case says she cannot do so.

August 18 — She is very sullen seldom speaks and takes no interest in anything, never opens a book nor does anything, appears to be quite demented. She is very fretful and irritable. She takes her food well.

September 16 — She moves about or sits in a listless manner and has a habit of holding her hand over her mouth, seldom gives any reply when spoken to, and if pressed to speak, says 'Oh,' and sometimes adds I cannot be fastened. Will not speak to her sister although she sees her in great mental distress about being burned. When asked to tell her they are not to be burned, that it is not the case she will say it is quite true.

November 26 — She was some time ago confined to bed with a little superficial inflamation of the leg and after it was well could hardly be got out of bed and would not reply when spoken to; but if her attendants so spoken to, to try and get her up she would commenced to make a noise.

1871
January 19 — She is extremely indolent, wont even take a book into her hand and at times it appears to give her great trouble to reply to the simplest questions, stares and pays no attention when spoken to, would lie in bed night and day if allowed and has still a great craving for stimulants. Two or three days ago she refused to take her dinner saying it was bad.

February 16 — Her sister is confined to bed and in great distress that she (Mrs E. Cameron) is going to be burned but Elizabeth never speaks about it to her and will not say a word to try and convince her that the delusion is not to be. Seems to believe what

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1871

April 20 — She has a staring vacant look and sits much with her hand over her mouth and when spoken to, at first makes no movement and if insisted on for a reply, becomes irritable and excited, the smallest movement of the body appearing to give her great trouble and annoyance. She requires to be assisted to every thing she does.

June 15 — Her sister died four days ago and since she has been talking somewhat more freely to the matron and showing herself to be very delusive. She stated that the Queen and moon had been changed and that Mrs Brenan the former matron was to come as a queen and judge the world at the last day.

August 17 — Ever since last report she has slept very badly and is restless and troubled at night, sometimes cries out loudly as if troubled by distressing dreams and during the day as far as can be ascertained she labours under the delusions noted in last report. She is depressed and cannot be got to converse.

October 12 — She is very listless and apathetic in her manner, has a staring look and when spoken to will not reply although she looks at the person addressing her and appears to understand quite well what is said to her, lies back in the easy chair and seems as if relieved when left alone.

December 7 — She can with great difficulty be got out of bed in time for the dinner at eleven o'clock in the forenoon and when met in the hall later stands listlessly and will not reply to spoken to, takes no interest in anything and can or will tell nothing she has seen when out.

1872
January 24 — She is very apathetic and will sit for hours with her hands folded in each other or over her mouth and never does anything unless she take up a book and when advised to do so says she cannot see for her head.

March 21 — She has still the same desire for stimulants, but prefers the beer to her wine of which she has four glasses daily. She sometimes forgets to be ill and gets into bad wishes not to be visited and asks just to be let alone. She is a strong bodily health.

May 12 — She is delusive and her conversation indicates that she has a tendency still to be suicidal. When asked to take care of getting cold; she said that there was no fear of her that she would never die, that she was had hope of getting rest in her grave but now has none.

1879 Eliza Ferguson or Knox Aet. 43

April 8 Was brought to the Asylum tonight by two attendants from 15 Pitgray Place. Glasgow.

She is forty three years of age married a Merchants Wife and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, but she was previously subject to hysteria the duration is six weeks and the cause is not known. She is very periodical. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was highly excitable and unmanageable, talked in a rambling incoherent manner and was in constant dread of being detained in confinement without cause. Said she had an almost irresistible impulse to kill her daughter and twice attempted to take her own life, first by strangulation and again with a razor which was taken from her.

On admission she was much excited very incoherent and confused appeared to be in great dread and kept constantly crying "Oh I say". She would not walk and had to be carried in, would not sit on a chair and required four attendants to control her. She would not lie down in bed when put to it and when spoken to or approached paid no attention but struggled as if to escape from some impending danger.

Bodily health very indifferent: bad skin good.

" 9 She slept none during the night and was very restless and excitable, was always in fear and two attendants could with great difficulty restrain her. She is very stupid does not seem to understand anything said to her. It was found necessary to relieve her bladder by means of the catheter.

" 16 She continues very restless and excitable, is still very stupid and in fear; quite incoherent. Last night she slept four hours. Her bowels are obstinately costive. Strong doses of purgative medicine and enemata having little effect in relieving her.

" 24 She sleeps little is very restless and excited constantly in fear and struggles to get out of bed often cries for little Maggie fancies one day she saw her at the window and said she was in the sea. A large carbuncle has formed between her shoulders and Dr. Fleming who saw it today says it may kill her.

May 6 The excitement continues. The carbuncle on the back is now nearly well but in place a large boil has formed over the right trochanter. She does not now require purgative medicine.

Admitted 8th April 1869

May 24 — She refuses her food and today was fed by means of the stomach pump. She is very incoherent and confused always in fear crying Jessie and moaning, very restless and difficult to manage.

June 16 — She is much the same mentally as at last reports but now takes her food well. Her bowels are very costive and she seldom asks for relief without medicine.

July 11 — There is now less confusion of mind, but she is delusive and very fretful says that George and Maggie are here and wants to see them. Accuses everyone of injuring her and says that the Lord will punish us all for what we have done to her; says she never was ill and that we have all much to answer for.

August 17 — She is very unhappy and irritable denouncing everyone; is very delusive about her treatment here; talks of having got all her beautiful hair cut off. always threatening judgements for the wrongs that have been done her and displays great weakness of mind.

September 30 — She has been somewhat less irritable although she still displays great weakness of mind and has been extremely anxious to get home. Her husband therefore determined to give her a trial and she was today removed.

October 7 — At home she became very restless and nervous, could not sleep, being afraid of everything going wrong and some calamity about to come in the household. She wishes to return to the Asylum and was brought last night. She slept well last night and is now in a quieter state of mind.

November 11 — She is at times very miserable and unhappy finds fault with her treatment at home she will say that there is nothing being done for her. at other times refuses to take her medicine saying it is injuring her; displays great weakness of mind.

December 4 — She is depressed and very delusive says her husband is to be hung, her daughter is to be burned and that she is to be turned out into the world as a raving maniac.

1870
January 24 — Since last report she improved very much and appeared to be almost well but has had a relapse. She is now in great mental distress, says she has sinned against the Holy Ghost (refusing to having attempted to take away her own life) which is stated she says in the First Epistle of St John is the unpardonable sin.

February 16 — She was again very well mentally up till three days ago, when she would not have

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1876 Eliza Fergusson or Knox

her bed, cried and sobbed asked if her insanity was hereditary and said she was afraid of Maggie (her daughter) becoming insane. She continues very depressed, unhappy and restless, constantly fretting like a child and asking to get home. The catamenia is flowing and at these periods she is never so well.

March 17 She has again been very well since last report, but a week ago, in the evening she was somewhat depressed, took long inspirations and said she did not feel well, but could not tell the cause of it. She has kept up pretty well and the period appears to be passing without any bad symptom, but she has not yet menstruated. She says she thinks the moon affects her, it is now about the full.

April 8 It now appears that the catamenia is regular, but she has since then and not depending upon the period been very ill mentally saying her husband was to be cut in pieces and made mince meat for the devil (this was about two weeks ago. On sunday last the St. Clement, she said she had committed the unpardonable sin, in having tried to take away her own life before she came here. She was told on Tuesday morning of the death of her husband who took place suddenly at Hamilton a sunday night. She has been crying a good deal since. She has half an ounce of the syrup of Chloral Hydrate every night.

May 16 Her mind is very weak and she is often in great mental distress fancying all sorts of calamities are about to befall herself and her daughter. At present she is in great distress about the colour of her hands says they are black and at one time they were most beautiful white hands.

June 15 She generally sleeps pretty well at night but has always half an ounce of the Chloral Hydrate syrup, and cannot do without it; sometimes fancies that it is not so strong or has a quantity than it formerly was. She is extremely miserable, often in tears, and much distressed about her daughter. She is suicidal.

August 18 She is still in the same miserable suicidal state as she was at last report and has continued so ever since last report cannot be left alone night or day. She cries and sobs, saying that she is to be hung by orders of the Queen. — Queen Victoria.

September 16 She still continues to take the Chloral and generally sleeps well at night, but during the day is extremely miserable; often goes about sobbing and crying, asks if we will not allow her head to be taken off at once and is in great distress about her daughter, fancies her life is in danger. She is subject to attacks of haemorrhagia.

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November 24

At present she is confined to bed with an attack of menorrhagia and it is only two weeks since the menses were flowing. Her mind is weak and she is always in fear of impending evil, but for some little time has not talked so much about it. She continues to have the Chloral at night; cannot do without it.

1871
January 20

Four days ago the menses began to flow but not so profusely as often is the case. She has since been more depressed than she generally is and is in great dread that she be forced away from the asylum and have no one to take care of her, talks constantly of it.

March 17

Has constantly two trifling fears to complain of, such as toothach, earache, of which she makes a great deal, but always says it will get better itself. In the mornings she is always depressed, does insists on having the Chloral.

May 19

The menstrual periods are frequent and often profuse and at these times she seems more depressed, but this may be partly from being in bed. She is always in dread of want.

1869 Agnes Webster Servant to Hodge Aet. 37

April 16 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 11 Dalhousie Street Glasgow.

She is thirty-seven years of age, married wife of a Railway accountant and belongs to the Scotch Episcopalian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is five days and the cause is stated to be mismanagement in giving birth to a child. She is not suicidal but supposed to be dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was maniacally excited, incoherent and violent in her language, struck and attempted to bite her attendants. She fancied that her husband was insane and that she was acting as his nurse.

On admission she was very restless, and incoherent, and rambling in conversation talked incessantly describing everything in the superlative degree. She said the atmosphere was foetid, called the attendants fools and ordered them to stand in a row that she might get fresh air. Asked to get her child that she might feed it at the milk of love and kindness and said her husband was dying.

Bodily health feeble: Conviction opposed. The mammae are large and full but soft. There are a number of slight discolorations on her arms and legs.

" 17 She slept for three hours during the night and was quiet, has taken her food pretty well. She is very talkative, says her sister is a raving maniac and that she herself is covered with bed sores all over her body, wished to show them and had to be prevented from exposing herself. Her mammae are soft.

" 20 She is very delusive and talkative wished to get herself all painted over with a solution of Gutta percha to heal the bedsores says that she would make an excellent nurse. To-day she told the Medical Assistant that he was an old acquaintance of hers, asked if he did not remember meeting her in the Crimea, and said she was Florence Nightingale.

" 26 She appeared to have improved up till today when she became very irritable and displayed many delusions, accused her friends of great unkindness, said her husband was a maniac and tried to strangle her before she came here. She is very hysterical and very anxious to get home.

May 3 Yesterday she made a scene in church got up kneeling upon the mattress Cushion and said she was dying, asked her husband to send for the Catechumen has commenced to flow.

Admitted 16th April 1869

May 10	Alice Last reports she has been very well mentally and was today discharged. Cured

1869 Agnes Brown Aet 42

April 30 Was brought to the Asylum today from 6 Padnor Terrace Sandyford Glasgow.

She is forty-two years of age, single a dressers daughter and belong to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is under six months. The cause of her first illness was a fright at Maryhill, attached a the public road late at night in 1868 twenty cinds. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very restless and sleepless, constantly moving to and fro. She had delusions, said she had killed all the world at one time, then stated that she had all people in her brain and that they came out at her ears and mouth. She would not allow her clothes to remain on but tore them off, declared that the house was on fire and attempted to jump out the window. Would take no food from her friends.

On admission she had a stupid demented look, was very restless, kept constantly pulling at the sleeve of her dress, stares when spoken to and would give no proper answer to any question she says that her hand was on fire She took some bread and coffee before going to bed.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced. There are a number of small discolorations upon the arms.

May 1 She was very restless during the night and up till twelve o'clock Required two attendants to keep her in bed. Today she is still very restless and stupid. took her breakfast, but would take no dinner nor tea.

" 6 She has been restless, excited and very incoherent. Does not know what she is doing appears to be in terror often crying Oh I dog, and will take no food. since last report she has been fed daily by means of the stomach pump. Her stomach is very weak and she sometimes vomits the food.

" 9 She is quite incoherent but seldom speaks, very much exhausted and appears to be labouring under an attack of acute Pneumonia. She has had Mustard and hot coal Meal Poultices all round the chest and back but will not take any medicine

" 12 Today she died. —

Cause of death. Disease of Brain & Lung

Admitted 30th April 1869

1869 Charlotte Ariadne Elizabeth Vine Aet

May 5 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 1 York Place Argyle Street Glasgow. She is fifty years of age, married and belongs to the Church of England.

This is supposed to be the first attack of insanity, but she had brain fever many years ago; the duration of the existing attack is four months and the cause is hereditary predisposition her father having been insane. She has threatened to cut her throat but is not particularly dangerous to others.

Patient belongs to London and her husband James Vine resides at 6 Heathcote Street Mecklenburg Square W.C. Prior to her illness she had been travelling in the Highlands where her mind became affected.

Prior to admission she was in a continued state of excitement, talked incoherently and fancied herself the Queen of Spain. She had a strong fancy to giving names or titles to every one she saw, and whilst within the last six weeks was sixty in her habits.

On admission she was found to be incoherent very talkative and demonstrative, said she had been sent here by the Duke of Cambridge and that he would soon be here. She bowed to and shook hands with every one she saw ordered if they were not such and such a one she had met at various places and endeavoured in the affirmative before any ~~reply~~ order could be given. She had the pockets of her dress filled with pieces of wood, bricks glass and rags.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced. Both her food and ablutions

" 6 She slept none during the night was very restless and talked much, has taken her food well, she is very incoherent and talkative.

" 12 She does not sleep at night and is very noisy, at times singing loudly and knocking on the wall. She is very incoherent and when spoken to will bend her body slowly forwards, raise herself again and continue to sing, paying no further attention to anything said to her till she ceases singing stops and hurriedly asks some incoherent question and without waiting for any reply thanks the person she has spoken to.

" 26 The excitement and incoherence continue and she is often noisy at night. She is mischievous occasionally and calls the attendants by the wildest names.

Admitted 5th May 1869

June 12 — She is very incoherent and often extremely noisy at night, singing and talking loudly. She addresses the Medical assistant as "Don Carlos" and considers herself the Queen of Spain, abuses the attendants and orders them out of her room. She has occasionally to be kept in bed in consequence of oedema of the feet from weakness.

" 24 — She is more quiet at night and generally sleeps pretty well but otherwise there is no improvement. She is delusive and incoherent, and often excited and very abusive in her language.

July 15 — She is incoherent, excited and noisy, threatening violence to all the attendants and hissing the words thrown her tooth at them, calling them black bitches &c. She is in bed on account of swelling of the feet.

" 29 — She is now much quieter, more composed and talks coherently but is very delusive and considers herself very ill need, does not think she should have been here at all nor that she required to be in such a place.

August 21 — She was today taken away by her husband and dismissed. —

Relieved.

1869 Isabella King or Mc Farlane Adm.3

May 27 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her Mother and Brother from 5 Radnor Terrace Sandyford, Glasgow

She is thirty-one years of age, widowed the daughter of a Cattle Dealer and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under one month and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her aspect was peculiar and she was subject to excessive fits of excitement and wanderings in her mind. At times was very reticent and occasionally talked incoherently of the great battles she had to fight. She was in great distress about her spiritual state and at times required the aid of several parties to keep her in bed: screamed loudly.

On admission she was excited and talked very much appeared to be in great mental distress and had a very depressed anxious look. She said that she had killed herself and that it was spiritual madness. Often repeated the words "the blackguard".

Bodily health very feeble — the labour under an affection of the lungs: Condition reduced.

" 28 She slept none during the night and was occasionally noisy and much excited, she required two attendants with her during the night, was violent, struck and tried to bite them and she kicked. She had three glasses of wine during the night also three thirty grain doses of Bromide of Potassium; and has taken her breakfast well.

June 4 She has been very much excited and dangerous, more especially at night ever since admission. She moans a great deal and is much troubled with a cough Talks very incoherently and gives no proper answer to any question. Took nights for the first time since admission she slept pretty well. Today has taken little breakfast.

" 16 She has been confined to bed ever since admission and continues much in the same mental state, is often sleepless and excitable during the night and moans a great deal both night and day. She has a hectic cough but is not worse than on admission

" 29 She does not sleep well at night but is not more subject to the former violent paroxysms of excitement. She is much disturbed & quite incoherent.

July 2 She was today taken home and discharged Relieved.

Admitted 27th May 1869

Isabella Pattison Aet. 15

1864

June 9 Was brought to the Asylum today from 20 St Vincent Crescent Glasgow

She is fifteen years and seven months of age, single, was formerly a Pupil Teacher and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

She had an attack of insanity, about a year ago and was treated at home. The duration of the existing attack is about five weeks and the cause is attendance at revival meetings. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in conversation and much excited. Said she was visited by Christ and good spirits at one time and by Satan and evil spirits at others times spoke to Christ as a person present and believes evil spirits were in her throat.

On admission she had a confused stupid look was quite incoherent, would not give any reply when spoke to, hung down her head and if it was raised she would laugh and try to turn away.

Bodily health indifferent: Cachetic woman.

" 10 She slept none during the night and was very noisy and restless. She had two small powders of Hyoscyamus. The second nauseated her a little but had no effect in soothing her. Today she is confused and restless

" 15 She more sleeps pretty well at night but during the day is restless, does not speak but at time, will stand swinging her body to and fro and her arms over her head is very stupid and will not sit down. Last night she wet the bed, and the attendants required to feed her today at breakfast time.

July 6 She appeared to be improving, but she is again not so well and last night did not sleep. She laughs a great deal without any cause and works with her hands in an objectless manner.

" 23 She is very restless and confused, laughs immoderately, without any apparent cause and sometimes claps her hands. She is incoherent gives no reply when spoken to but bursts out into a greater fit of laughter, does not sleep at night and is noisy.

August 13 There is no mental improvement, she seldom sits down and wanders purposely here and there, laughs without cause and is generally restless at night. Last night she slept well. The catamenia is flowing.

September 15 She does not more laugh so much and sleeps better at night: otherwise there is no improvement. She is incoherent, seldom ap[illegible]

Admitted 9th June 1869

1869

October 14 — She is demented, wanders here & there and seldom sits down. She often takes hold of another demented patients and walks with her, does not speak nor give any reply when spoken to. She sometimes rolls her head.

November 18 — Very demented, will not sit down but stands with her head bent forward and makes no movement except to change the weight of her body from the one leg more to the other. Last night although raised three times she sat the bed.

December 16 — She is now very depressed moaning as if in great pain often crying "oh dear," but will she cannot tell what is the matter with her. Her pulse is quite calm, but the catamenia has commenced to flow

" 19 — The catamenia has ceased to flow but she appears to be extremely miserable constantly moaning. Fancies she is to be burned. Appears to be suicidal. has to be closely watched.

1870
January 18 — She has been very ill mentally for a week or ten, suicidal and very dangerous to herself. She tries to thrust her hand down her throat, bites her hands and pulls the hairs out of her head. Her hair has had all to be cut off, has refused gloves put upon her hands, and without she has often to be held to prevent her injuring herself. She is also at present wet and dirty in her habits.

February 17 — She will not sit down but stands with her head bent forward and frequently puts her hands before her face. If put upon a seat she immediately gets up again, speaks none and will give no reply when spoken to. She takes her food pretty well. Her bowels are very costive and large doses of purgative medicine frequently fail to act upon them.

March 17 — She is demented speaks more and wont sit down, holds her hands before her face and when she is walked out, holds her hat over her brow with her hand, wont put it down. She has a powerful emmenagogue for about two months, but it has had no effect. She frequently has an ounce of Ol. Ricini & Ol. Cat qui but has always to get an enema before it acts.

April 8 — She is demented but at present is in a very happy mood laughs and sings very much, and wanders about with her eyes nearly closed, falls upon others and cannot be kept away.

May 16 — She is more irritable than at last report, wont speak and is very obstinate and willful. pays no attention to anything said to her and must always be doing something. She is demented but takes her food well and is in good bodily condition.

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1869 Jessie Elizabeth Duthie Dec. 4

July 30 Was brought to the Asylum today from Morningside Asylum Edinburgh. She is twenty-four years of age single, a merchants daughter and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is two years, and the cause is exhaustion and fright. It is upwards of five years since the commencement of the first attack and she was then placed in Perth Asylum. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

At the commencement of the present and former attacks she was very suicidal.

On admission she had a peculiar expression of countenance and was very obstinate, would at times pay no attention to anything said to her and at other times would suddenly become extremely ~~extremely~~ noisy and violent in her language, but quite incoherent, she would then laugh and seemed pleased with what she had done, becoming quite quiet for a little or until again asked to do anything. She talkes of being in heaven & hell &c &c.

Bodily health ordinary: Condition Spare

" 31 She slept some during the night, but was very restless would not keep her bed and took off her clothes. She has not taken any breakfast.

August 6 She is often noisy at night and the furniture has to be removed when she is put to bed as she draws it about. She is subject to paroxysms of excitement when she swears loudly and dashes down whatever comes in her way; very incoherent

" 15 All yesterday and the day before she would not taste food and today still refusing to take anything she was fed by means of the Stomach pump. She is confused and very obstinate.

September 1 She continues excited and restless, very incoherent and often noisy at night. Since last report she has often refused to take any food and has been fed by means of the stomach pump for day together.

" 22 For the last ten days she has taken no food and has been fed regularly by means of the stomach pump three times daily. She is extremely obstinate, quite incoherent.

October 19 She is very incoherent and subject to fits of great excitement, often refuses to take any food but is not more fed by the stomach pump as her fits subside to it. She tumbles over her bread in the gallery. Is very dirty in her habits

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November 17 — She is subject to sudden changes, may be pretty well in the morning and before night very sullen and excited. Since last report she has had several prolonged attacks in which she would remain for days would not speak, move open her eyes nor take any food. She has been three whole days without any food and upon the fourth it was found necessary to feed her independent of her father's wish.

December 15 — She has taken her food better for some time but is very uncertain. She frequently refuses to take breakfast or dinner and will take supper. At these times will not get out of bed, will not open her eyes when spoken to and nothing can induce her to speak.

Her bowels are costive. She refuses to take any medicine, and it is given in her food sometimes Ol. Ricini ℥iii or Podophyl. gr.ii.

1870
January 16 — She is confined to bed very sullen and has not taken any breakfast. She has very often refused her food of late and occasionally wets her bed. When in these states she will not move, not speak; at other times she is excited noisy and incoherent and again for short intervals quiet and talks deliriously and in a very rambling manner.

February 18 — She is very changeable. Two days ago when at her best she was in town and spent the afternoon in her father's house. Today she is confined to bed very sullen and obstinate, wont move, open her eyes nor speak and has not taken any food. When in her best state she is very incoherent laughs loudly and is foolish in her conduct.

March 17 — She has been confined to bed for more than a week without at all being up and also the most of the time since last report only being up on occasional days. She very frequently refuses to take any food often taking none for two and three days together wont speak nor raise her eyes. But at times if touched strikes and becomes very violent. She is dirty in her habits.

April 13 — Her father having frequently expressed a wish to give her a trial at home, and she being in one of her best moods was removed on the 8th of this month, but becoming quite unmanageable was brought back last night. She has taken no food since she returned lies in bed and will not open her eyes nor speak. She eats heartily, wont sit upon the night stool when raised.

May 16 — Her sullen stupid attacks are very frequent and she is more frequently in bed than otherwise. She refuses then to take her food but her fastings are not so protracted as formerly. Generally when becoming ill she swings about one on foot and is in danger of injuring herself.

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Jessie Elizabeth Duthie

1870

June 12 — She is very incoherent, extremely irritable and often violent in her conduct. For two or frequently three days or more she will take no food and seldom takes more than two or three meals after we awaken. She is still as much in bed, wont dress it.

July 13 — She is extremely dirty in her habits and often noisy at night. gets out of bed and throughs her bedding here and there thro' the room, is very much excited, requires to be dressed in canvas. often refuses to take her food as formerly and is seldom out of bed during the day, very sullen and obstinate much excited and noisy.

August 18 — She still continues in the same mental state. last night she only slept three hours was restless and noisy, but in the morning became quiet and got up and took breakfast but again before evening had relapsed into her sullen irritable state and required to be put to bed. Is very unclean in her habits.

September 16 — Since last report she has not been out of bed for many hours, not on more than on three occasions, when after a very short time she became excited and dangerous. She is very unclean in her habits, will throw her blankets about the room and disarrange the furniture requiring it to be removed for her own safety. Again for days together she will not raise her eyes nor speak. often refuses to take any food.

November 26 — She is seldom out of bed, being either much excited & extremely sullen and taciturn. She will often not leave her bed for a day or two, when approached give a sudden and violent scream, throw the bed clothes off and get out of bed swearing and attempts to destroy everything about. She sometimes refuses food for a day or two. Is occasionally noisy at night.

1871
January 3 — She continues much in the same state as noted at last report, refusing the food for two or three days and again eating for a week or more, is very obstinate and irritable at times will speak more and then is always ready to be violent if touched. As the time she does speak she is quite incoherent.

She was taken before to Hamilton Asylum Bothwell by authority of her friends to see and dismissed ——

Relieved.

1869 Isabella Graham Smith Aged

September 9 Was brought to the Asylum today by her cousin from Rosebank Villa King Street Helensburgh.

She is twenty-seven years of age, single and a Baptist.

This is the fourth attack of insanity, the first having occurred when she was about twenty years of age. She was an inmate of Barnpark Asylum in the Spring of 1867. The duration of the existing attack is four days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and almost incessantly was very restless and called herself by many names. She considered herself to be one of the opposite sex and fancied she was one of the Royal Family.

On admission she talked incessantly and was very incoherent. She said she was only twelve years of age today, said to the Medical Assistant you are my brother, I have met you in America and have lots of brothers in America. While talking she was also very restless, would stand upon her toes compress her mouth & shake her head. She said she was the Father, Son & Holy Spirit; also that she was Alexander the Great, Alexandra, a woman &c, and that she had to stand for the Prince Imperial as he was too delicate.

Bodily health indifferent. Condition spare. She has an aunt an inmate of this Asylum at present.

" 10 She slept none during the night and was very restless. Today she is more excited, talks much and orders people away saying they are devils. She is very boisterous, does not take her food and the attendants have great difficulty in feeding her.

" 12 She is very restless and sleeps none. She nights before last she required two attendants to keep her in bed, was violent and often attempted to bite. Her language is very incoherent and she talks much.

" 17 She now sleeps some at nights but is still very restless and incoherent. Took a dinner and for the first time since admission she took her food with her own hands. She requires an attendant constantly with her.

October 13 Since last report she improved very much but has again relapsed. She talks in a very rambling manner and is very volatile.

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She plays a good deal on the piano and walks much in the airing court where she gathers up trifling articles and puts them in her pockets. Today amongst them she had a piece of window glass.

September 14 — She had improved very much since last report, but is again not so well mentally, talking very much and very peculiar in her conduct, much preoccupied. She says she is a married lady. That she is married to her cousin Westmore but that he is dead, that they married themselves &c.

" 17 — She is again pretty well mentally. Was today taken away by her mother on trial.

December — She was today discharged. Cured.

Jane Pearce Oct 70

1869

September 10 Was brought to the Asylum today by her sister from 104 Hill Street Garnethill Glasgow

She is seventy years of age, single, a gentlewoman and a Protestant.

The first attack of insanity occurred when she was about thirty years of age. The duration of the present attack is about one month and the cause is not known.

She is not dangerous to others, but doubtful whether suicidal.

Prior to admission she laboured under great mental depression, was weary of life, quite incoherent and refused all sustenance. She would not settle for a single moment.

Her sister states that she has taken no food for months.

On admission she was very restless and could give no reply to almost anything said to her but kept constantly repeating I. I. when spoken to. Once when asked by the Matron why she would not eat she said because she was too curious whispering it to her. She obstinately refused to take anything and was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Bodily health extremely feeble: Condition much reduced.

" 11 She slept more during the night and was restless. She is confined to bed and still refuses to take any food, was fed by means of the stomach pump She had an enema which has not relieved the bowels. Repeat enema.

" 17 She has been fed every day up till today by means of the stomach pump. Today she took her dinner with her own hands and was inclined to eat rather fast. Diarrhoea supervened but is now checked. She is still confined to bed, is very depressed and only says I when spoken to; moans.

October 13 She now takes her food very well, always occupies the same seat and when spoken to at any time about being cold and asked to go nearer the fire; she looks hurriedly about her, says I, but makes no attempt to move, if pressed further she says she is not cold.

November 9 She is at times very depressed and miserable, wanders about in a hurried manner moaning or wheels rubbing her hands in each other, says the Gospels have been lost and that we are all lost, pays no attention to anything said to her and keep travelling hurriedly up and down.

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December 18 She is not so restless but still is very depressed and miserable says that she takes too much food and seldom gives any reply when spoken to but sighs. I repeatedly and moans as if in great distress.

1870 January 23 She complains of great pain in the belly, has been put to bed; is dirty in her habits and her urine is very thick and offensive to the sense of smell. Her belly is swollen but soft. Ordered to have ten drops of Nitro muriatic acid three times a day.

February 18 She is still confined to bed and is dirty almost every night although her bowels are not relieved. Her urine is more clear and more healthy. She speaks little says she cannot help dirtying herself. Takes her food pretty well.

March 17 She has not dirtied herself since the seventh of March, ten days ago, when she had her bed very dirty. Her bowels have since been rather costive and required to be relieved by enemata. She is confined to bed, does not generally reply when spoken to but hends her head and makes a sound principally emitted through the nose. She is demented, very quiet.

April 16 Since last report she has been occasionally unclean[illegible] in her habits, but is very quiet and lies constantly in bed. Sometimes when spoken to she says she is deaf and dumb and cannot speak.

She was this evening taken home to her sisters house.

" 27 She was today discharged. —
Relieved.

Isabella Pattison

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June 12 She is demented, does not speak or give any reply when spoken to, but when spoken to rises from her seat and goes away, at present she is very irritable, does not sleep as might and is very restless Two or three days ago she was very obscene in her actions. She is in good bodily health - regular.

August 18 There is no improvement mentally, but at present she is not in the same irritable state, laughs and giggles when spoken to or touched, but seldom speaks. In her very best state she says she is quite well when spoken to, but becomes irritable if spoken to further wont speak further.

September 16 She sometimes knits a little, but when spoken to seldom replies. When out she walks much with another of the patients, taking hold of her and leading her along. They never speak to each other.

October 19 She was today transferred to the East House.

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1869 Agnes Thomson or Small Aet.

October 1 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from Westbank House Hillhead, Glasgow

She is fifty-three years of age married a house keeper and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is five days and the cause is not known She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known

Prior to admission she had an excited restless appearance, talked incoherently and loudly at times screaming and conducted herself in a violent manner, smashing glass &c She fancied that she was being poisoned and that she was to be murdered and refused to take food.

On admission she was much excited and very restless, talking loudly of what had taken place before admission saying that she had been held by two strong policemen and a Gardener, was crying about hunger and thirst and it being the dinner hour she was offered some soup but would not take it, also water which when offered she also would not take. She took her tea at six o'clock and in a short time afterwards became much excited saying poison had been put into it which was cramping her hands, became quite maniacal and cried loudly Lord Jesus send Angels to me, &c.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition Upon She has a small, deep, incised wound upon the little finger of the right hand, caused by smashing glass; and her right leg is badly affected with varix.

" 2 She was quiet during the night and slept the greater part of it. Today she is much excited and very incoherent; Says Jesus Jesus to come to her She frances small and repeating the words prayer in a loud voice. She would not take breakfast and was fed by means of the stomach pump, took a little dinner, but refused her tea. She is in dread of being poisoned.

" 8 She has been subject to paroxysms of great excitement, screaming at the top of her voice and would not take any food; was fed by means of the stomach pump but not during the fits of excitement. She is confined to bed and is very suspicious; afraid of some imaginary injury being done her.

" 17 She is still confined to bed and will not speak, stares when spoken to and is apparently labouring under delusion. She has

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taken a great ill will to one of the attendants because she called her Mr Davidson in a mistake (the name of another patient). She frequently vomits her food but says she has been subject to it all her life

November 12 She is now very much better mentally and not so subject to attacks of vomiting but has been much annoyed with profuse sweats. She has been taking dilute sulphuric acid and is now much better.

" 26 Being now very well mentally and her bodily health much improved. — She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed. —

Cured.

Barbara Hervey Wilson Oct 1869

October 1 Was brought to the Asylum today from 26 Ashton Terrace Glasgow.

She is thirty-one years of age, single Lady and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is four days and the cause is stated to be over excitement. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was raving excited, with delusions, talked incoherently and was restless and sleepless she stamped on the floor with her feet and beat her breast with her hands, talked incessantly took little food.

On admission she was much excited very incoherent and talked incessantly. She paid no attention whatever to anything said to her and while being fed with some beef tea, swallowed it very quickly, crying quick, quick talking all the time and gulping it down like to choke herself. She tried to look past those standing before her and appeared to be addressing some one she fancied was present, naming Dr. Sullen, her Minister &c.

Bodily health indifferent: condition robust

" 2 She continued noisy and restless till near ten o'clock last night, when she fell asleep and slept till a quarter to six this morning, when she began to talk and gesticulate vehemently. She has taken her breakfast and her bowels are open.

" 8 She is very incoherent and much excited, has slept little since the night after admission. She tears her clothes and tries sometimes to bite her attendants, is melancholy in her habits. Her bladder has to be relieved night and morning by means of the catheter appears to be unable to pass her urine. On the fourth of the month she took no food and next day still continuing to refuse her food it was found necessary to feed her by means of the stomach pump. She was fed twice, but has since been although with difficulty been induced to eat some.

" 24 She is very incoherent, restless and sleepless refuses her food, and has been fed as before constantly three times daily since last report. When spoken to she winks, gesticulates and pulls to get away, does not seem to understand anything said to her. Frequently dirties her bed at night. She has menstruated since date.

" 31 A sanguineous tumour has commenced to form on the right ear.

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November 8 — She now takes her food well but is very incoherent and restless, sleeps very little at night and refuses all kinds of medicine. She has an enema frequently, which sometimes fails to relieve her bowels, has to get medicine by means of the stomach pump and is dirty in her habits. She has menstructed a second time since admission

December 16 — She is very incoherent, and extremely restless does not sleep at night and talks laughs and sings loudly frequently wets her bed. She does every thing in a very hurried manner and to be closely watched while taking her food. At times she is much excited stamps her feet and is violent in her conduct. Another sanguineous tumour has formed upon the left ear and the one on the right is beginning to contract.

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January 11 — There is no mental improvement, she is very restless and incoherent, does not sleep at night but takes her food well. A number of boils have formed upon her arms. She dirties her bed during the night.

February 15 — For some time past her bowels have been acting naturally and she appears to be taking on flesh, is cleanly in her habits, but otherwise there is no improvement She is very incoherent and restless during the day but sleeps well at night.

March 17 — She continued much in the same state as noted at last report up till two days ago, was very irritable and frequently violent. The change was first observed when two days ago she washed her face herself and arranged her dress correctly. She is now quite free from excitement and answers questions coherently.

April 2 — She has continued gradually to improve since last report. She began to do a little work - knitting, and walked out a great deal, was very quiet and pleasant, had little to say and appeared as if relieved when the visit was past

" 19 — She was today taken home by her sister and brother in law on trial.

The brother in law writes to Dr Mackintosh that she has been staying at Bridge of Allan and has now returned home very happy and well.

She was today discharged. —

Cured.

Letitia Claudine Bennett a Bilingual mrd

1869

October 8 Was brought to the Asylum today by Dr Taylor & Mr Anderson from St. Mary's Parsonage Port Glasgow.

She is thirty-five years of age, widow of a Indian army Surgeon and belongs to the Church of England.

It is not known whether this is the first attack of insanity, the duration is uncertain and the cause is named debility. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she fancied she heard men talking and conspiring to take her life in order to possess themselves of her property and jewels and also that she was constantly being poisoned by opium. Heard people at night calling to the servant to poison her — kill her, and refused food because she thought the servant put poison in it. She got out of bed during the night in terror of murder and wanted to run off; fancied that fearful calumnies were being circulated about her by her enemies.

On admission she appeared to labour under a monomania of suspicion She had been told she was being brought to Glasgow to arrange about a passage out to India, but when left by Dr Taylor she suspected she was in an asylum and began to assert that there was nothing wrong with her mind. She said that Mr Walpole had induced her here to get possession of her property, as his sister was dead and he was now married again; that when her sister was alive it was well, but now it was different when spoken to about it she admitted that attempts had been made to poison her and gave as her reason, the very suspicious way in which people went about the house.

Bodily health very feeble (Dr Taylor states that she is affected with disease of the heart and kidneys — Albuminuria): Condition reserved.

" 9 She was nervous and apprehensive for a short time after going to bed fancied there was a rattling in her throat and that she was dying, wished the attendant to go for the Doctor but after a time became composed and slept well. She is very anxious to get away saying a mistake has been made and that we all see there is nothing wrong with her mind.

" 17 She generally sleeps well at night and the only thing that appears to prevent her from

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sleeping are occasional attacks of dyspnoea to which she is subject and for which she has been ordered medicine, but refuses to take. She is seldom dressed and out of her bedroom before twelve o'clock and any conversation she may enter into is on the subject of leaving the Asylum

November 1 Her bodily health has apparently somewhat improved since admission, and on examination no delusion being evident or if apparent, she can explain away. She was today discharged—

Cured.

1869 Jane Ballance or Davidson aet 2

October 8 Was brought to the Asylum today from Kilpatrick House East Princes Street Edinburgh by her attendant.

She is fifty-two years of age, widowed and belongs to the U.P. Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is about six months and the cause is intemperance. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. A sister is stated to be insane.

Prior to admission she said that she was tired of life and that it was a sin to live longer & take food she often refused to take any food, made several attempts to strangle herself and was violent.

On admission she had a very stupid, distressed look and appeared to be in great terror. She kept crying "Oh Oh" and would give no reply when spoken to. At times she became much excited would struggle and fight to get away, would do nothing asked of her and hardly seemed to know anything she did.

Bodily health indifferent; body spare. She has a number of discolorations upon her arms apparently the results of holding her before admission.

" 9 She only slept about two hours during the night and was extremely restless. She took some porridge and milk when fed at breakfast, but would not take any dinner. She is very stupid stands still and wants nurse resists and becomes excited when she is wished to move, wants to be taken up and furnished for she will do what has done.

" 13 She has begun to take her food a little better and is not so stupid. She is still very depressed and has a melancholy look does not speak to any one beside her, but when spoken to says she wants away as she is injuring every one here, she is so wicked.

" 29 She is extremely suicidal and obstinate cannot be left for a single moment, asks for a knife or a rope to take away her life and will not sit in the parlour with the other ladies. She sleeps little, often none at night, wont lie in bed and has to be dressed and walked about. Today her head was shaved and blistered; while it was being done she asked for a knife to stick into her heart.

November 15 There is no mental improvement, she is extremely stubborn, would seem almost to be demented, but is always on the watch to injure herself. She does not sleep at night or wont lie in bed, has to be walked about, some

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all night. She has become uncleanly in her habits and refuses her food.

December 9 — At present she is taking her food better, but is very obstinate and demented opposes everything without any apparent object and occasionally requires three or four attendants to dress her. For the last two or three days she has been somewhat more manageable.

1870 January 11 — She is in the same obstinate, stubborn state, has a very stupid demented look appears rather depressed and unreasonably opposes everything, resists both the taking off and putting on of her clothes, cannot do anything the most trifling of necessary for her own comfort, would stand up all for hours in an position if allowed, and seldom replies when spoken to.

February 14 — She says she is no better, sits with her head bent forward, her eyelids down and her hands in each other, wrings away as she frowns she annoys every one. She is not so obstinate now and dresses herself with the help of her attendant. She is still uncleanly in her habits wets herself and would never go to the closets unless taken. When spoken to about wetting herself she says she can't help it. She takes her food pretty well.

March 17 — She has improved considerably since last report; is now cleanly in her habits and manners more readily when spoken to. She sometimes says she wants to get home but cannot tell where that is, says it is in Glasgow, but can tell nothing more particular. She has a very abstract demented look, and her mind is much impaired. She takes her food well.

April 16 — She is demented and does nothing, sits idly and does not even read. She sometimes asks to get home. Is generally passive and easily managed, but occasionally obstinate and opposes anything asked of her, such as putting on her clothes.

May 16 — She has a bewildered look sits with her hands in each other and seldom looks about her. When spoken to she will at times suddenly start up and ask to go to the Warehouse in Glasgow. And when asked for what purpose says it is to get money to get away.

June 12 — She was taken into Glasgow but the visit did her no good. Her friends propose to give her a trial out of the Asylum, but she refused to go anywhere but to Helensburgh and when asked what she would do there, said she would go into the water; is suicidal.

July 13 — She sits with her hands folded in her lap and never looks about herself. She is frequently asked if she wishes to get home to do something but will or cannot. Appears demented.

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August 18 — She has a very absent demented look, sits with her eyes cast down and when spoken to first takes no notice, does not seem to hear what is said to her, but after a little starts up and asks if she was spoken to and again relapses into her apparently apathetic state. She is very unwilling to take her food, eats little for some time past, has had a tonic which has done little or no good. considers herself very wicked and not deserving of anything.

September 16 — She has a dull, absent, melancholy look, sits with her body bent forward and never speaks to any one. When spoken to she seldom replys to what is said to her but sometimes asks if she will get out to walk or some such like question. seldom looks about her.

October 21 — For some time past she has been taking very little food and would take none at all if not attended to. She is taking a tonic but it has done little good She sits with her eyes cast down and her hands in her lap and when spoken to looks up in a melancholy manner and generally asks if she will get out a little.

November 17 — She still sits much in a listless, absent manner, but when spoken to now looks up more readily. She sometimes sews a little at other times does nothing and appears as if about to fall asleep. She is demented, but is taking her food a little better.

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January 20 — Since last report she has complained much of pain and weakness in her back and has been a good deal in bed; at her request, would ask to get up and then in a short time ask to get to bed again. She eats very sparingly, at some meals taking almost nothing. She is very suicidal says she is a great sinner and cannot live, wants to die, wishes some one would kill her and talks of hanging. She takes her tonics, but is loosing flesh.

March 17 — Demented and will hardly speak, when she does so it is merely a word or two and she never looks at the person she is being addressed by. Still suicidal.

May 19 — She can hardly be induced to take a sufficiency of food and if not insisted upon would eat none. She says she does not need it or that she does not want it, is melancholy and fatigued.

Margaret Gordon Mitchell aet 23

1869

October 29 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her mother and sister from Kilmaurs House, Doune, Perthshire.

She is twenty-five years of age, single a Ministers daughter and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about eight weeks and the cause is thought to be moral — supposed to be chiefly some disappointments, but the menses — previously regular are at present obstructed and an uncle and grand uncle are stated to have been insane. She has not been observed to be suicidal and is not dangerous to others

For some months prior to admission, she was more or less depressed, but within the last eight weeks she exhibited delusions, fancied that all sorts of evils had come upon herself and her friends and that they were all lost or burned and wandered about the house apparently in search of something she had lost, was very restless and muttered.

On admission she had a somewhat demented melancholy look and had great difficulty in answering simple questions. She said she had two brothers but could not tell how many sisters she had. Said she had killed every body, and often gave no answer (apparently being unable) to the simplest question. Would now and again ask if James or some other on whom she seemed was here.

" 30 — Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare. She slept none during the night and was very restless and unhappy. She has taken her food well; she wanders about in a dreamy state sometimes muttering to herself cannot be induced to remain in any place for more than a few minutes at a time. Says her friends are all lost.

November 8 — She sleeps very little at night, sometimes none and rejects only excite her. She wanders about saying now and again when spoken to that her friends are lost that her father and mother are to be burned and that she herself is to be put down a pit.

December 9 — She is quite demented and at times very unhappy wandering about touching the handles of the doors and when spoken to will often ask where some of her relations are. She sometimes says her father not knowing what she does. She has not altered since admission.

1870 January 14 — She wanders about in a listless demented manner, stands stupidly when spoken to and says in a low voice they are all burned. The catamenia has been re-established but there is no mental change.

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February 16 — There is no mental change. She has been picking her face and has it bleeding appears to be quite unconscious of doing it and continues to say they are all burned. She has again menstruated, is regular.

March 17 — She was removed to another Gallery about two weeks ago and orders given to have her continually under observation as she had expressed a very strong desire to destroy herself by fire. She is again much in her usual demented state, wanders about and talks in a low voice of them all being burned — referring to her relations. She is still closely watched.

April 8 — She is very demented wanders about and looks in a frightened inquiring manner into out of the way places, follows after people in a purposeless way, talks as if talking to herself when none are in close still at times says they are all burned.

May 16 — She wanders here and there, and when-ever a door opens goes to it and looks inquiringly; asks where is none are and again wanders away. She frequently talks of all her friends being lost & is very demented. Bodily health ordinary.

June 12 — She is quite jealous, very restless and constantly in distress about something or some person. peeps into places, follows after people in a stealthy manner and when observed will ask where some one is, does not seem to expect any answer but goes and looks about as is searching for something lost.

July 13 — She has her face bleeding in several places from picking it with her nails has also to fingers frequently in her mouth does not know what she is doing and occasionally requires to have an Elastic Stocking gloves to break the habits.

August 18 — At present she is extremely restless cannot sit in one place for a minute, hurrying here and there looking for some one, she says is lost. She dashes past and among the other ladies in the parlour and among them very much and if puts upon a seat rises again immediately, quite mechanically does not know what she does; has a very stupid bewildered look.

September 16 — She is very demented, extremely restless, wanders hurriedly here and there without any purpose and at times stands stupidly and works with her hands in her hair.

October 21 — She has a very bewildered fatuous look stares vacantly and seldom replies when spoken to; places her hands in her hair looks furtive about and goes hurriedly away. The commencement of a sanguineous tumour has appeared on the ear.

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Margaret Gordon Mitchell

1870

November 17 — She picks her face with her nails and bleeds it, apparently not knowing what she does, wanders stupidly about and knocks the handles of the doors, walks in an absent manner where persons are and without waiting for any reply says they are lost or harmed.

1871 January 20 — She is extremely restless, seldom sits down and wanders here and there without any apparent object, stares vacantly and often mutters to herself. She often annoys the other ladies peering into their faces and getting into their way, but does not speak. She seldom gives any reply when spoken to, works much with her fingers placing her hair over her ears to keep it off her face as she walks with a stooping gait.

March 17 — Often very restless, runs about here as if in search of something she had lost and if anyone intercepts her she walks away in another direction without speaking.

May 19 — Very stupid and restless, wanders here and there throws the sitting room and often mutters about fire which she evidently fancies she sees; looks hurriedly up at the window

1869 Marion Horne Aet 34

November 6 Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother from 133 North West Glasgow.

She is thirty-four years of age, single, and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is three months and the cause she set her heart upon a young man - he went and married another - her brother was also affected mentally. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she laboured under the delusion that she was about to be killed for some great crime that she had committed and that her death was to be accompanied with great suffering. She was very reserved and would not speak on any subject but the above; was anxious to die. She refused to take food several times grasped me at a window and wished to destroy herself.

On admission she was very depressed and miserable, sat with her head bent forward drinking her hands upon her knees and kept constantly moaning and talking in a low wailing voice. She would not raise her head, but said that a wee hole would do her and that she wished herself dead.

Bodily health ordinary: Condition spare.

" 7 She slept well all night and has taken her breakfast, but is now very miserable and unhappy, constantly moaning will not raise her head nor give any reply when spoken to, is very obstinate.

" 13 She is extremely miserable and very stubborn can with great difficulty be got to walk and when sitting turns her face to the wall, never speaks to any one. Three nights ago the pillows had to be removed from her bed as she put her head under them and was in danger of suffocating herself. Her bowels are obstinately costive and she often requires powerful cathartics to move them; generally takes her food well, but requires occasionally to be fed by the attendants.

December 8 There is no mental improvement. She only sleeps more than four hours during the night. She is very stubborn and depressed, sits with her hands upon her face and moans, sometimes strikes her head and has to be closely watched to prevent her injuring herself.

1870 January 10 She is very depressed and unhappy, sleeps little at night. She covers her face with her hands and moans, sometimes beats upon her breast and if not prevented would injure her bowels costive. Has not altered since admission

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February 16 She generally sleeps well at night, but during the day appears to be extremely depressed and miserable, constantly sits with her hands upon her face, and when spoken to only cries Oh I sorry and will not allow her hands to be taken off her face, would not move unless taken along, and never looks about her when walking. Her bowels are very costive and she has not altered since admission.

March 17 She sits with her hands before her face and will not allow them to be taken away. When taken out to walk she goes with the attendant like a thing without life never looking about her. Sometimes after being repeatedly spoken to, she will say there is one thing, and when asked what it is she asks will you give it me. It is poison, she wishes to destroy herself. There is no change in her physical state although she has had various powerful emmenagogues.

April 18 She has a very melancholy look holds down her head and when taken out to walk she has her arms hang by her side as if they were powerless, stoop forwards a little allows herself to be taken along by the attendants as if she had no will or desire. does not give any reply when spoken to. Yesterday she took no dinner nor tea and when you asked why, said she wanted away.

" 30 She has of possible been more miserable for the last two or three days, wringing her hands swinging her arms about and biting her nails, but would speak none. Yesterday while one of the attendants was down on her knees washing the floor she went up behind them and gave her a violent blow at the back of the head and also kicked her upon the side, will not speak nor give any reason for so doing.

May 16 She chews her nails and mutters almost inaudible to herself. hangs down her head and turns away when any one speaks to her. When walking she has to be led along and stops whenever the head of the attendant is taken away from her; never looks about herself even when walking out is very miserable.

June 12 She sits much with her head bent forward and hides her face, will sometimes stand with her head against the wall and is extremely obstinate, will not speak but mutters to herself and darkens her hands against the sides of her dress. Walks with a very stooping gait.

July 13 There is no mental improvement. She commends herself in every way much as at last report, and when taken to walk or asked to move occasionally becomes violent. Occasionally Respirates once very rarely 2 night. Stoops under observation.

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Marion Horne

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August 18 — Since her admission on the 6th November there is little or no improvement in her mental state. She sometimes knits a little but makes very little progress, requires to have everything put into her hands and is always ready to put it away from her and when her work she will not reply when spoken to, sits with her body bent and hides her face or stands with her forehead against the wall, walks in a stooping posture as if trying to prevent her head coming in contact with something above her, is very obstinate. She generally sleeps well at night but at times for a night or two is sleepless and when so, very restless. She takes her food.

September 16 — She speaks none, nor will she give any reply when spoken to, sits with her head bent forward and is very obstinate and depressed. When out she walks with her arms hanging a little in front of her body and with a stooping gait, requires to be led along. She appears to understand what is said to her.

October 21 — She is very obstinate, while sitting or walking, will not raise her head and frequently mutters to herself, has a very melancholy look. Today she placed her hand on the wall of the Gallery, rocked upon the wall with her head and repeatedly cried "Jeanie Jeanie come out", would not sit down nor leave the wall, fancied her sister was in it.

November 17 — She sits with her head bent down and will not raise it, sometimes knits a little and if spoken to gives no reply but stops her work. When taken out she walks with her body inclined forward and as if the hip joints were partially anchylosed; almost fails if not led along.

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January 26 — Towards the end of last month she appears to have improved a little, but has again relapsed. She will not sit in the parlour never speaks to any of the other ladies and sits alone. She often gesticulates and speaks as if addressing the wall, swinging her hands round in front of her body and standing as if on a pivot, will not move and if any one tries to get before her to prevent her turns away gesticulating and talking as if addressing the ground. She considers herself a very sinful person.

March 17 — Walks much about as formerly does not does not reply when spoken to, but will sometimes stop and say "Oh dear, if I heard Jeanie", stops suddenly darkens down her head and walks away.

May 19 — She sits in one of the gallery seats or walks about swinging her arms, will associate with no one and is frequently agitated.

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1869 — Janet Hamilton Turnbull a Duchess

Aet 54

November 16 — Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from Addington.

She is fifty-four years of age, married, the wife of a Bank Agent and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is six days and the cause is not known. She was a patient in Barnyard Asylum about a year ago when she had her first attack. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. She has an Aunt who is insane.

Prior to admission she was quite incoherent and incapable of conversation. She concealed herself under the bed clothes, pushed out her tongue and kept constantly moving her hands about. She awakened out of her sleep in a state of great excitement and for the last two days has been refusing her food.

On admission she was free from excitement and talked coherently. She complained of weakness and had a care-worn exhausted look as if worn by her former excitement. She had supper and shortly after went to bed.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced. There is a small sore over the lower part of the sacrum and her legs are somewhat affected with varix.

" 16 — She was quiet and appeared to have slept well during the night, but in the morning when spoken to appeared to be rather confused, talked of having slept at some other bodies expence and again would give no reply. During the day she took her food, was very quiet and answered coherently when spoken to.

" 21 — For the last two days she has been quite confused and incoherent, does not know what she is doing, pays no attention to anything said to her, but goes on talking and gesticulating and sometimes rolling down upon the floor. She sleeps none at night, is very restless, can hardly be kept in bed.

December 8 — The state in which she was at last report continued for fully a week and was followed by depression and exhaustion. She is at present pretty well mentally.

Bodily health feeble.

" 20 — She continues very well mentally, but often complains of a sounding in her head and a tingling and numbness in her arms and legs and is very anxious about her state. Is afraid of a relapse. Has been taking Cod Liver Oil and an Iron Tonic.

" 31 — Having continued well she was to-day taken home by her husband and discharged

Cured.

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Jane Helen Macvicar Aet. 25

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December 17 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her brother and sister from 1 Lawrence Place Partick.

She is twenty-five years of age, single and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the third attack of insanity, the duration of the existing attack is six weeks and the cause is not known. She was an inmate of this Asylum in the autumns of 1860 & 1863 each time for about six weeks and dismissed cured. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she considered herself to be enormously rich, said that her relations were poisoning her, was very excited in her conversation and behaviour, was constantly in motion, taking down and putting up her hair and taking off & putting on parts of her clothes and could not be controlled. She behaved unseemly in public, singing and addressing the passers by, shouted and laughed during the night and for some time has slept none.

On admission she was very restless and excited, talked incessantly, and said many ridiculous things, was very inquisitive as to see if we wished to know what her mania was and said she could never sleep for any length of time and in defiance of all drugs. She talked of one of the Medical practitioners who certified her as being a suspicious looking person and said she hid the spoons for fear he should steal them. She had in three drawers and before her relations left began to tear one of them. She had had Bromide of Potassium and opiates in combination with Tartar Emetic both without any benefit.

Bodily health and condition ordinary. There is a sore upon her right knee, the result of a burn.

" 18 She slept none during the night and was noisy. She is very restless and disorderly in her conduct annoying every one she can get at and without cause smashed a pane of glass. Complains of headache. ordered Bitart. Pot. 5ss to have three such powders.

" 27 She continues to be very restless and disorderly in her conduct, is noisy at night and powerful opiates fail to induce sleep. She is never satisfied, always demands something or other and is destructive in her habits.

1870 January 14 She is noisy at night and destroys her bedding. During the day her conduct is much the same going upon tables and in the evening trying

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to ignite articles at the gas. She will not keep herself properly dressed and when interfered with becomes violent.
For the last three days it has been found necessary in consequence to keep her in bed.

February 16 There is no improvement, she is very uncleanly and destructive in her habits. She is much annoying to the other patients and sometimes destroyes their clothes, has smashed part of the fretwork of the piano holds and tears badly is very disorderly and when spoken to about annoying the other ladies, she puts her thumb to her nose, extending her fingers.

March 17 She is frequently very noisy at night and extremely dirty in her habits, has her room frequently in a most filthy state and will not use her chamber pot, appears to take a delight in making it as bad as possible as she dirties the walls & boughs and cords when spoken to about it. She has torn and destroyed the most of her clothes.

April 18 She is very uncleanly and destructive in her habits, appears to take the greatest delight in annoying others and is very troublesome. She is frequently excited and very noisy threatens violence. Is noisy at nights frequently although she has half an ounce of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup.

May 16 She is restless and very disorderly in her conduct and takes the greatest delight in annoying and exciting the other patients She is not so destructive nor uncleanly as she formerly was. At nights she is occasionally dirty and sometimes noisy towards morning. She has half an ounce of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup every night.

June 12 She is still very troublesome and mischevious, very untidy in her habits and disorderly in her conduct. She talks in a rambling incoherent manner and is constantly trying to annoy the other patients Destroyes her clothes.

July 13 She is not so troublesome as she formerly was and is now more cleanly in her habits, generally sleeps well at night but still talks incoherently and is very rambling in conversation.

August 18 Since last report she has made no improvement. She is pretty quiet, never employs herself at anything useful, is still inclined to be mischievous, and talks in a foolish incoherent manner. Bodily health ordinary.

September 16 She is restless, walks hurriedly here and there, and places herself in the way of others, attends meals does not speak. At times she asks for articles in a foolish excited manner, apparently without wishing them.

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1870 Margaret Cameron aet. 23

January 5 Was brought to the Asylum today from Lenzie Junction Dumbartonshire. She is seventy-three years of age, single and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

She has lately become insane and is suicidal. Her sister has been an inmate of this asylum since the 20th March 1869.

Prior to admission she laboured under an inordinate fear of want, was always in fear of being robbed, was restless, nervous and agitated and attempted to take away her life.

On admission she was very restless and nervous would not sit down but wandered here and there, appeared to be very anxious about a great many things, wandered from subject to another and all her anxiety and bustle ended in a purposeless restlessness. Her mind appeared to be full of imaginary calamities about to happen, and she often ordered things not to be done, which had never been spoken of and which no body but herself had any notion.

Bodily health very indifferent: Condition spare.

" 6 She slept the greater part of the night but was occasionally restless and several times got out of bed, moaned a good deal but not loudly. She says that all her clothes have been stolen and she will have nothing to put on

" 14 Some nights she sleeps pretty well other nights she is very restless and miserable gets frequently out of bed and is very distressed during the day she seldom sits down, but wanders about saying that all her clothes are being taken away and that she will soon have nothing to put on. Friday before going out to drive she put on as many petticoats as she could get hold of and also a number of handkerchiefs and made a bundle of shoes & stockings and wished to take all with her for fear she should have nothing to put on. She said to the Medical visitor it would be for kindness if once to give her two or three drops of Prussic Acid.

" 31 She is delusive and very miserable, wanders about with her hand shaking before her face. She said her nose was to be cut off and her body cut in pieces, will often ask not to be put down stairs but to be allowed to remain.

February 16 She does not sleep at night and is noisy and restless, gets frequently out of bed. She is constantly in dread of some calamity about to befall herself and her sister, says it is a shame to injure two young creatures and that they are to be cut in

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pieces. She gets into paroxysms of excitement screams and shakes her hands before her face will not allow her sister to go out without her and when will not go with her. fancies she is being taken away to be killed and cries at my poor Eliza. She is very obstinate sometimes strikes her attendants.

March 8 She is in the same miserable restless excited state as before and for the three days before this took almost no food. She was fed today three times by means of the stomach pump. She cries she does not need food and will not eat.

April 12 She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump for about two weeks but is very unwilling to take her food, requiring the attendants to assist her, to put it to her mouth and sometimes with all they can do she takes very little. At the visit she tries to hide and when come upon begins to cry you want [illegible] down my throats. She walks about much with her hand at her face. Today she tore her attendants cap in pieces and would not go out to drive with her sister. Is violent.

May 16 She requires frequently to be fed by means of the stomach pump, never takes her food willingly nor without assistance. She is very restless goes about talking of the many ills she fancies are to happen to herself and her sister. Says you shall not put me out, you shall not give a line to get us burned and many other such sayings. Considers very many enemies and is frequently violent to the attendants.

June 12 She is very unwilling to take her food at all times, but more especially for dinner and she always requires to be watched. She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump for nearly a week. She seldom sits down walks here and there through her room shaking her hands before her face saying it is a shame to burn [illegible] innocent creatures and that it is great cruelty.

July 13 She is very delusive, extremely miserable and restless, generally sleeps well at night but when out of bed seldom sits down wanders here & there shaking her hand in front of her face, and talking of the great cruelties that are about to be done to herself and her sister. She refuses her food, seldom takes her dinner and is fed by means of the stomach pump.

August 16 She has been confined to bed for the last week in consequence of an attack of diarrhoea and pain in the bowels. She is very obstinate and difficult to treat and can with difficulty be kept in bed, frequently refuses her medicine. She is now treated by means of suppositories and is a little better.

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Margaret Cameron

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September 16 She is again in her usual health and has had no disturbance for more than two weeks, has been out several times in the carriage with her sister, sometimes will not go. She is very unhappy and restless, still labours under the delusion that she and her sister are to be burned refuses her food and requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

October 21 She has been very restless at night generally after the effect of the draughts of Chloral passes a sleepless between three and four o'clock in the morning and getting out of bed in a state of great misery. It has been found necessary to have a second draught ready to give her then, which has generally the effect of keeping her in bed. She constantly talks of the furnace which she and her sister are to be roasted on. At present she is taking her food better.

November 17 Her constant cry is about a furnace which she and her sister are to be burned upon and nothing can persuade her to the contrary. She has always a draught of Chloral at night sometimes two but nevertheless frequently cannot be kept in bed, but walks about in a state of great misery in consequence of the delusion she is burning.

December 16 She sleeps well at night, but has half an ounce of Chloral Hydrate syrup at bedtime which she would sleep none. During the day she is very irritable, seldom sits down and is constantly talking of cruelty to be practiced upon her sister and herself.

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January 20 She has had a small boil upon her upper cheek which has caused considerable inflammation of the surrounding parts. She will hardly let it be looked at, talks of the people here being the cause of it and says it is some more of their cruelty. She was visited by Dr Newton who ordered it to be dressed with a poltice having a little of the Aqueous extract of opium sprinkled on it. It is healing.

February 16 Two mornings ago she awakened complaining of pain in her ankle and when examined it was found to be slightly swollen and she shrieked to strike when it was touched. Yesterday she was much excited complaining greatly of the pain and said the people here were about to burn her sister and her both a warm poultice applied to it and today feels easier. She is confined to bed.

March 17 She walks much about shaking her head in front of her face and crying in a distressed manner, fancies people are being burned. She screams and is constantly crying about the cruelty of this place. At times during the night she must remain in bed, gets up & walks about

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April 30 Occasionally for some nights past she has been sleeping without a draught; did not sleep well but was quiet and as she was so much averse to taking them as well as every other thing it was considered advisable to allow her to do without them when she was not actually noisy. During the day she wanders about as noted in last report is always very irritable and delusive.

May 18 She is frequently much excited and in great mental distress in consequence of her delusions which are always of a very distressing nature. She talks of being tortured and great cruelty being used both to herself and her sister, and she occasionally refuses to take her food. She is very spare, almost emaciated, during the day seldom sits down and is ready to strike if asked to do so.

June 1 She has been confined to bed for a week past in consequence of diarrhoea and refuses to allow anything into her mouth will not even taste water. For the last few days she has been fed regularly by means of the stomach pump. Yesterday had four meals, but never takes in becoming more feeble. She is extremely irritable.

" 7 Since last report dry gangrene set in beginning at the toes of the left foot and gradually extended upwards till now the whole leg is quite rigid and the toes have a brown appearance. At first she complained much of pain, soreness of touch and was always in fear when any one came near her. She appears to have little pain now and is constantly dozing.

" 11 For the last two days she has been in a comatose state and today she died.

Dead.

Cause of death - Senile Gangrene.

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Elizabeth Landie or Thornhill aet

January 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 21 Sandyford Place Sauchiehall Street Glasgow and admitted on a warrant granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

On the eighth current she was apprehended in her own house 21 Sandyford Place on a charge of wilful fire raising having set fire to the house in three different places. On the tenth she was examined by Drs. Mackintosh, Dickson and Dunlop and certified to be insane by Dr Dunlop.

On admission she was very quiet spoke very little, her mind seemed preoccupied but she answered questions coherently. Sometime afterwards when spoken to she would give no reply and when repeatedly asked if she would not speak, she said her father told her not to speak. She knew that her father was dead but said she saw him in the room where she was and that he told her to come with him. Said her father was the same now as when he was alive.

Bodily health and condition ordinary. She is stated to be subject to epilepsy.

" 12 — She slept little during the night, he was quiet. She took no breakfast in consequence of sickness an vomiting of bilious matter. She is very delusive and denies that she set fire to the house, says that it was set fire to in three places, but does not know by whom.

" 14 — She slept little during the night, for she saw a vision of her father and that he told her that it was he who set fire to the house, in order that he might get her to leave it. She nausea and vomiting has recurred today accompanied with diarrhoea.

" 29 — She is very quiet but displays great weakness of mind and childishness. When spoken to will often turn away her face and look and cannot be induced to look up, cannot give any reason for doing it. Last night she slept little, saw her father in the room, says he did not speak to her but that she felt his breath upon her face.

February 15 — Last night at supper she commenced to cry and went away and lay down on the top of her bed where she sobbed in shrieks; after a little she began to tear her clothes and grasp her throat, saying her brother John was coming to cut it. She then screamed, kicked, tried to tear her clothes with her mouth and get the pillows or anything within her reach into

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her mouth. Her body became convulsed and stiff. Hands clenched and toes turned inwards. No foaming at mouth. This state lasted for three quarters of an hour, there was then an interval of five minutes then another attack lasting about twenty minutes, an interval of fifteen minutes and a third attack of about half an hours duration, the two latter not so severe as the first. She lay staring at the roof of her room till three o'clock this morning, and fancied she saw her father.

During the paroxysm she destroyed her clothing and would have bitten her own hands if not prevented. Today she appears to be little affected by the attack.

February 28 She has been pretty well mentally since last report, till yesterday when sitting at dinner she said she saw her father standing behind her Nurse, the lady opposite her at the table. She then left the table, went into her room, much agitated and had a fit which lasted about half an hour. She tried to bite and chewed at the pillow which was placed under her head. No foaming at mouth. Today she is depressed and looks as if ashamed.

March 24 She has continued pretty well since last report and has not as yet had any other seizure, does not talk of seeing her father nor mention any other delusions.

April 26 Her habit of body is becoming very full and for the last few days her face has had a very flushed appearance. Today she is confined to bed. her face has a swollen somewhat livid look and she says she is so sick she cannot hold up her head. She appears as if about to have a seizure.

May 13 About ten days ago she asked to be allowed to go an speak to the Matron, when she told her she was pregnant and wished to have arrangements made. She nights before last she slept very little and in the morning complained of great pain in her bowels, took no breakfast and remained in bed, appeared to be hysterical, hide her face and tossed about. It was found that the catamenia was flowing. May she is out of bed.

June 9 She has not spoken anything about her condition since last report, but is abrupt in her manner at times does not reply and appears to be offended at not getting away. She walks out much with her attendant and sometimes with her husband beyond the Asylum grounds.

July 13 She is again more pleasant, walks out much and is in good bodily health. She has not had any attacks of Epilepsy since February. Is improving mentally.

Elizabeth Lundie v Thornhill

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August 18 — She still continues free from any attacks of epilepsy or excitement. Is very cheerful and happy, talks in a quiet coherent manner and as formerly walks out much. She is visited very frequently by her husband.

September 1 — She was today by Authority of Sheriff Clark, discharged — Cured.

Elizabeth Stark or Lundie. Aet 53

1870

January 12 Was brought to the Asylum today from 21 Sandyford Place Glasgow

She is fifty-three years of age, widowed and a Protestant.

The first attack of insanity occurred when she was twenty-five years of age and she has never been quite sound since — now twenty eight years. She was previously in Hartwood and other private establishments. The cause is uncertain and she is stated neither to be suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had want of memory, was weak in mind and preferred to be alone, will not allow a fire or lights to be in her room, at times will not speak nor answer any question, looks vacant and stupid.

Her son in law stated that she sharpened a knife and threatened him with it, was unwilling to change her dress. Her son stated that she would take any kind of dress, cut it down, make pin cushions and dress dolls with it.

On admission she had a stupid look and appeared to be demented, from simple questions she would answer, to others she would give no reply, would not take any dinner and whenever dark ness set in wished to get to bed to save the gas.

Bodily health ordinary: Condition good.

" 13 She was quiet during the night and has taken her breakfast well but will not get out of bed.

" 18 She has been in bed ever since admission in consequence of on clothes having been sent to change what she has on. She is very demented seldom replies when spoken to but sometimes smiles like a child. She takes her food well.

She was this evening taken away by her son and discharged. —

Relieved.

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Jane Wilson Aet. 22

1870

January 26 Was brought to the Asylum today from Lennoxville Cottage, Lennoxtown. Campsie.

She is twenty two years of age, single and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is two months and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very violent and maniacal in her behaviour laboured under delusions, such as that she was poisoned and that the other members of the family were poisoned also.

When brought to the Asylum she was very much excited, screaming loudly. She was tied round the arms and in two places upon the legs. After being brought in she became somewhat less excited and talked very much. She said that they had ~~has~~ been trying to take her life to save two others, that she had got antimony for a whole week in her stomach and that it is a thing that makes people leap in the air. Also talked incoherently about Ether and Chloroform.

Bodily health feeble: Condition Spare There is a deep cut upon ~~upon~~ her left thumb, a number of injuries upon her brow and right side of the face and many discolourations upon her arms and legs. There are a number of scars upon her neck; the results of former glandular sores.

Her bowels are costive. To have Ol. Ricini and a prolonged bath.

" 27 She slept six hours during the night and was quiet. The medicine did not act upon the bowels. Today she is very talkative, and speaks of the same delusions as yesterday fancies the antimony is still in her stomach. Has taken very little breakfast Ordered Ol. Ricini ~~gtts~~ ℥ss in Syrup which she took when told it was to take away the Antimony. It acted upon the bowels.

" 31 Since admission she has taken little food and for the first three days talked very much of being poisoned, but now particularly of having got antimony. She fancied that her bed and bedclothes were constantly in motion like a wave and that it was caused by some supernatural power of the attendants

During the night before last a paroxysm of furious excitement came on and five Attendants had great difficulty in restraining her. She kicked, tore her

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hair and clothes, nearly covered with some of them. The excitement abated towards morning, but for the last two days she has refused to take any food whatever and it was found necessary to feed her by means of the stomach pump.

February 7 — Last night she slept eight hours, being the only good sleep she has had since the night after her admission. In the interval she had not slept more than two hours any nights. She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump since the 3rd of this month and has had no paroxysm of excitement for the last two days. She is now very talkative and delusive about what occurred both before and since admission. Says she got tincture of lead and chloroform in the Asylum. is very argumentative. Her thumb is healing.

" 14 — She has become depressed, irritable, and childish, cannot be pleased. She says she is in prison and today has taken very little food saying she wishes to live on prison diet (bread and water). She walks a good deal in the grounds, but when she comes in will do nothing but sit over a book. Often the Bible.

" 26 — She is very obstinate and delusive. Last night she slept little and she takes little food. This morning she only took a few spoonfuls of porridge and a little butter-milk to breakfast says that during the night there was chloroform put upon her bed that she felt the smell of it and that the marks left upon her head from the injuries she received before admission were caused by Arsenic and Tincture of Lead.

March 7 — For a week past she has been very incoherent and noisy, singing loudly. She never takes her food properly, seldom any at the proper meal time. Like to take milk and pieces of bread. Two days ago she was fed by means of the stomach pump and has since taken her food a little better. She gives orange skin and seeds folded up in paper away and fancies she is giving something of very great value.

" 21 — The excitement continues and she now refuses to take anything. She was twice fed three times by means of the stomach pump.

April 18 — She is very incoherent and delusive. She hides her face and wont allow herself to be looked at often wishes to whisper, says that God spoke to her in Complete Glen. She refuses to take her food and is fed by means of the stomach pump. Is uncleanly in her habits. Today she wont walk nor sit upon a seat.

May 16 — She has been fed three times nearly every day since last report by means of the stomach pump when offered food. Open her eyes, cries for the stomach pump when offered food.

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June 9 She will not take any food and says she wants to have prison diet. She generally get fed three times a day by means of the stomach pump, which she does not resist in any way, but tries to speak while the tube is in her mouth, and whenever the tube is withdrawn will speak none. She is tolerably in her habits, wets her bed during the night and shortly after being dressed the morning wets her clothes. She sometimes asks to get her breast or her finger cut off.

July 13 She has been fed daily from me to three times with the stomach pump since last report up till today when she was not fed by it having taken a sufficiency. She sometimes takes porridge in the morning but will take no milk, will take no butcher meat to dinner and is otherways peculiar in what she takes. She is now more cleanly in her habits, still asks to have her finger cut off and at the medical visit when approached cannot be prevented from opening upon her knees

August 4 Since last report she has been fed once by means of the stomach pump (July 15th) and has since taken her food very well. Her habit of body is getting full and she is gradually improving mentally. Her habit of going on her knees at the visits still continues and she is still a little inclined yet to some of her seat and go down, requires to be reminded, and then smiles and goes to her seat again.

" 15 She now appears to be pretty well mentally and today was removed by her father on trial and accompanied by her attendants.

September 2 Having continued well, her attendant has returned to the Asylum and she was today dismissed —

Cured

Elizabeth Guthrie Watson or Muir Aet 21

1870

January 27 — Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 117 West Campbell Street Glasgow.

She is twenty-one years of age, married and a Morrisonian.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks and the cause is not known. She is not suicidal with the exception of occasionally refusing to take food and is not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent, raved on religious subjects and refused to take food. She was several times fed by Dr. Moore by means of the stomach pump.

On admission she was very incoherent and restless, violent and strong-fisted and did not know what she was doing. She nearly pushed her foot through the window of the cab in which she was brought, remained leaving the cab and was carried in & put to bed. Her husband states that she was violent and tore her clothing and tried to stuff pieces of cloth down her throat not knowing what she did.

She refused to take any food and today was fed twice by means of the stomach Pump.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced. There are discolourations on each elbow.

" 28 — She slept none and talked incoherently all night. She had medicine in her food which has acted and she vomited her breakfast. She refuses to take her food and was again fed by means of the stomach pump. She continues to talk much and incoherently fancies that ships are sailing about her.

February 3 — She is very incoherent and stupid, often noisy, crying like a child and talking all the time. She refuses to take her food and is fed regularly by means of the stomach pump. She can take no care whatever of herself, eats and dirties her bed. Her bodily health is feeble - pulse frequent and small; has been confined to bed since admission.

" 18 — She has improved a little and has been several times out of bed for some hours. She seldom gives any reply when spoken to, sometimes cries at other times looks up but takes no further notice.

March 7 — She is out of bed now all day, seldom gives any reply when spoken to, and lets the saliva run out of her mouth upon her clothes. This evening she was very much excited & noisy. Afterwards when asked why she said she would [illegible] if you had been to be put in a box and cut to pieces.

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March 28 — She is very demented, sits in a very helpless looking manner and puts her saliva and mucous over her clothes, requires to have it wiped off her face. She seldom gives any reply when spoken to. She frequently wets her bed and occasionally passes her faeces in it.

April 18 — She is very incoherent, but seldom except when excited speaks or replies to anything said to her. She is occasionally violent, strikes the attendants and attacks some of the other feeble patients. Is very uncleanly in her habits. She takes her food pretty well.

May 16 — She is inclined to destroy her clothes and is very disorderly in her conduct and uncleanly in her habits. She will while sitting on a seat bend a large stream of urine running on the floor from her laughs foolishly at it and is very incoherent. She has been taking a mixture with Tr. Lyttae & Tr. Nux Vom but it appears to have done her no good.

June 9 — She is quite demented, requires to be dressed and undressed, and her clothes frequently arranged upon her. She frequently wets herself although taken frequently to the water closet. She sometimes sets forth her hand buried in her lap and if touched will spring upon the first person she can get at, trying to tear their face with her nails. Requires to be held till the paroxysm passes off.

July 13 — There is no mental improvement and she is inclined to lie much upon the seats. Can do nothing whatever for herself. Does not even wipe the saliva or mucous from her mouth or nose, seldom or ever speaks and when taken out has to be led about like a child. She is still dangerous.

August 8 — She was today taken home on trial.

" 11 — She was today discharged—

Relieved.

Mary (Macnish) or Gale

1870

January 29 — Having applied for and received the sanction of the Board of Lunacy she was this evening admitted as a voluntary patient.

On admission she talked quite rationally, said for the last two months she had been very depressed and could not get sleep, that she had been in the habit of taking large spirits which induced sleep but when she awakened she felt herself in a very disagreeable state. She complained of great tenderness upon pressure over the region of the stomach, she herself placing her hand upon the part and describing where.

She has great difficulty in voiding urine, it is scanty and her bowels are costive. Pulse very weak.

She had porridge and a pint of Porter before going to bed and was ordered. M. Opii 3ft M Valerian 3ft M Camph. Co. 3ft Spt Chloroformi 3ft Jus quah. To have one at 12 and one at 4 o'clock if not asleep.

" 30 — She slept some during the night and was very restless and noisy, getting frequently out of bed and screaming. Today she is extremely irritable and very anxious to have stimulants, showing her tongue and asking if she would not require some kind of stimulants, says she is very depressed. Her tongue is pretty clean and moist, but she took nothing but a cup of coffee for breakfast.

February 6 — She has been extremely unhappy since admission, some nights sleeping none and getting frequently out of bed. She fancies that she can never get better as if any one in her state ever got better &c. She often states that she is very bad with diarrhoea, which the attendants are quite positive is not the case. Has had large opiate and half drachm dose of Bromide of Potassium frequently repeated it night not asleep.

" 17 — She only slept two hours during the night and while awake talked incessantly, occasionally swearing. She is very indolent in her habits and can with great difficulty be got to wash. Yesterday while walking in the grounds she threw herself upon the ground and the attendant had much difficulty in persuading her to get up although she saw a number of the male patients approaching.

March 7 — She is in an extremely miserable, unhappy state, always talking about imaginary calamities which she says have happened to her relatives

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She says it is dreadful, her sister has cut her throat and she goes about asking everyone if they have not seen it in the papers. She has not taken her food properly for some time; at some meals taking almost nothing and today at dinner time, it was found necessary to feed her by means of the stomach pump. She is somewhat destructive and unpleasantly in her habits and very annoying to everyone she can get near. She has had half an ounce of the Hydrate of Chloral Syrup nightly for a considerable time but seldom sleeps more than three or four hours.

March 28 She is in an extremely miserable restless state, constantly annoying everyone pushing herself upon them and asking if they will allow her to be put in a coffin and buried alive. When told no she says yes you will and continues to go on in the same way. She also says there are a band of men in the cellar below the reception room who are going to kill her and that the servants have been all bribed with her own money which we have got here to keep her death secret. She now takes her food, has 60 grains of Chloral Hydrate in Syrup every night and sleeps till 5 or 6 a.m.

April 18 She wanders up and down and annoys every one talking at them says there are a band of men coming to tear and burn her [illegible] says it is horrible and asks everyone if they know it. When told no, she will persist that they do, asks if it will be allowed and won't allow them to get away from her. She continues to take the chloral and generally sleeps till 5 o'clock in the morning. She destroys her clothes.

May 2 She has been extremely restless and miserable, constantly shewing at the bars and asking why her daughter was in prison also how long she could live in her affliction if time were put upon her. Her bowels being somewhat relaxed she was put to bed, was very restless in it and tossed about, struck her arm on the edge of the bedstead and thereby caused a fracture of the left radius at about three inches from the wrist.

" 3 She was today discharged. Not improved.

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Mary Macnish a Pauper (1457)
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May 3 She was today dismissed as a voluntary patient and readmitted as an ordinary patient.

She is fifty-eleven years of age, widowed, a Physicians daughter and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is many months and the cause is predisposition from previous attack and disappointment in life. She was forty years of age at her first attack. She is suicidal and a little dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum as a voluntary patient and had been an ordinary patient about twenty years ago.

She is very restless and miserable constantly going about bewailing the death by violence of some of her relations and asks if her sister is dead although she has seen her a few minutes before

" 16 She has a daily dinner of the Hypnotic of chloral & syrup and sleeps for some hours but generally awakes early in the morning and wont lie in bed. She chews at her fingers puts them into her nose and goes about crying Oh what a wretch I am. She also refuses to take her food and destroys her clothes. Today she attempted to strike the attendants and when she did not succeed, struck herself on the mouth.

June 9 During the day she is extremely restless, never sits down, but walks here and there with her hands at her mouth & her fingers in her nostrils. She is troubled with most distressing delusions, which she is constantly pressing upon the notice of others - such as the cruel murder of her daughter who she says is buried in a cellar below the Asylum - and when told it is not the case asserts that she is adoring, blackguards, villainous &c, is at times violent. She sleeps none except under the influence of chloral and during the night has generally more than one hour's sleep at a time

" 17 She was today taken to Aberdeen Asylum by authority of one of the Commissioners in Lunacy and dismissed ——

Relieved.

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Agnes Bannatyne

1870

April 22 — Today she is very much excited, screaming and trying to dash her head on the wall, floor &c, cries to let her touch the floor with her head, three attendants being quite unable to restrain her. She says she is a white worm and addressing the Medical assistant as Christ cries for him to come and touch her.

May 16 — She has been screaming much as if in great pain and is inclined at times to be very violent she eats a good many biscuits puts little pieces into the hands of others and screams to get them back. She is quite incoherent, sometimes wets her bed.

June 12 — At present she is very destructive in her habits and her two attendants can with the greatest difficulty prevent her from tearing her clothes, screams loudly and becomes violent when opposed she is very incoherent

August 18 — She has been a good deal quieter for some time past, appears more demented and is quite incoherent. She continues uncleanly in her habits and is occasionally also destructive. When walking outside which she always does between two attendants she sometimes tries to get upon her knees and when sitting inside tries to get hold of small articles as bits of thread and put them into her mouth.

October 13 — Since last report she has become much more easy to manage and now has only one attendant. She has now been removed from the padded room and for the last three or four nights has been sleeping in a room with an attendant in another bed near her. She has a very boisterous laugh, at times bursts out into loud laughter without any apparent cause and never gives any reply when spoken to. Takes her food decently

December 16 — When in doors she plays a good deal upon the piano, but will do nothing else. She has an extremely fatuous look, sits with arms crossed over back when, holding her elbows in her hands, gives no reply when spoken to and often without any cause bursts into peals of laughter. She is occasionally violent and when out walking will not let her attendant walk by her side but follows her.

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January 20 — Mentally she is much in the same state as at last report, but she has begun to wet herself during the day although frequently taken to the water closet. Passes her urine sometimes while walking in the hallway or sitting at the piano and pays no attention or laughs loudly when spoken to. Ordered Tr. Belladon. ℳ ℵ to be given three times a day. Appetite good. A tablespoonful three times a day.

March 17 — She has a habit of making a noise like a cough both night and day and often at people who displease her when speaking to her.

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87. May 19	Very incoherent in her language and impulsive and dangerous in her conduct. no person being safe within reach of her arm. At present she is melancholy in her habits, gets no sleep.

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Ann Templeton Aet 6-

1870

April 30 Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother in Law and sister from 121 Hospital Street Glasgow

This is at best the third attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks, and the cause is Hereditary predisposition, her mother being subject to similar attacks when 70 years of age. She was previously a patient in this Asylum from 30th December 1865 till 21st April 1869. — see Page 217

She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

She is sixty-four years of age, single a seamstress and belongs to the Congregational Body.

Prior to admission she talked continually on various and disconnected subjects, was incoherent and constantly wandering about from place to place.

On admission she was extremely restless and could remain still for a single instant touched everything she could get at and talked without intermission, incoherently bringing into what she was saying any word she heard others saying. She knew all the people she had seen here before but looking into the room where there was a lady (Mrs J Wilson) whom she had not seen before, she asserted she was her sister Mrs Bland. She worked much with her clothes drew up her dress and petticoats and was rather inclined to expose herself.

Bodily health indifferent. Condition Spare.

May 1 She had 30 grains of the Chloral Hypnotic syrup at bed time and slept till 6 A.M. but after that became extremely noisy and restless she continues very restless and is destroying her clothes, would tie a bed rug round herself properly clad is always in motion and quite incoherent. She takes her food well

" 8 She is a little quieter but still very restless and unsettled. She gathers up every trifling article she can lay her hands upon talks constantly in a rambling manner and is never at rest. She takes her food well.

" 28 She is now quiet and when spoken to replies coherently. She is rather depressed complains of great weakness and is inclined to be much in bed. She sometimes gets up late, but often gets into bed with her clothes on

June 13 She is very quiet and at present appears to be very well mentally; is getting stronger and is seldom in bed during the day.

" 23 She was today discharged — Cured.

Admitted 30th April 1870

Anne Jane Hutchinson Aet 5

1870

May 23 Was brought to the Asylum today from Tollcross Road Edinburgh She is fifty years of age, single a Roman Catholic and a Presbyterian

About five years ago she was an inmate of Gilmour House near Edinburgh The duration of the existing attack is two months and the cause is not known. She has threatened to destroy herself, but is not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was cheerless and depressed, unable to perform the ordinary duties of life, unsettled, sleepless and seemed to be constantly thinking about herself and the condition she was in, believing she was living without a soul "merely living and breathing" in the world.

She was subject to fits of excitement threatened to drown herself and was often caught in the act of strangling herself with a towel or towel.

On admission she was very anxious to tell all about herself and how she was affected. She fancied that she was very ill and said she had slept none for six weeks although Dr Gibson had given her everything he could think of to procure sleep. She put her hand on the region of the heart and said she felt something there always going down and that she could never get it up.

Upon going to bed she had fifty minims of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup and in a short time although she said she felt drowsy wished to have another.

Bodily health very indifferent. Condition ordinary. Pulse small.

" 24 She had two forty grain doses of the Hydrate of Chloral, but slept none till near 2 o'clock morning. Today she is fretful and inclined to weep on the sofa, says she feels as if she had no soul and as if she was dead.

" 31 She has the Chloral every night but sleeps little and during the day is very unhappy and constantly talking about her miserable state, asks people to look at her face and says she is just like an ashe; asks if there ever was such a case as hers and if she will ever get better. She was today transferred to the East House.

June 12 She is very fretful and miserable constantly complaining of feeling sleepless and although she has half an ounce of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup says she does not sleep but she is often found to be asleep in the mornings and is not aware she had been asleep.

Admitted 23d May 1870

July 13 She continues to take the Chloral and generally sleeps well at night, but constantly complains of feeling stupid and muddled, she fancies that her whole appearance is changed and is extremely disponding, asks people to look at her face. She is hypothondriac.

August 18 She has not had any Chloral since the 7th of this month. At first she slept very little and said the dreams when asleep made her not feel refreshed. Last night she slept well without any sedative, but is still fretful, complaining and disponding.

September 16 She frequently asks to have her draught at night, says she sleeps more and feels very stupid. She can think of nothing else than herself, asks in a disponding manner if she will ever get better, and when answered seems quite dissatisfied and would like to have a great to do made about her. She takes her food well.

October 11 She was today taken away by her sister in law and discharged —

Cured.

Mary Gilmour or Stewart Aet 44

1870

May 31 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from South Overdale Langside.

She is forty four years of age, married and a Presbyterian.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is three months more or less and the cause is stated to be excessive and irregular menstruation. She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 12th October 1868 to 24th November 1868 / on page 1 / She is dangerous to members of her own family but not suicidal. No known homicidal tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent, excited and dangerous; was suspicious, used about the house using filthy and obscene language, and had delusions about a conspiracy to deprive her of her rights.

Her husband stated that she slept none at night and that he threatened to strike her daughter and younger children.

On admission she had a bewildered stupid look, but knew the persons who she had seen here before quite well and inquired for their health. She did not say anything about herself but when asked said she had not slept any at night for some time and that she could take no food. It was noon of which in the evening when she was admitted and she was ordered some beef tea and to have half an ounce of the Hypophosphite of Chloral syrup when going to bed.

Bodily health indifferent: Constitution spare. There are a number of discolorations upon her arms and legs.

June 1 — She slept the greater part of the night but today complains of the bed being hard and indulges in a sort of general grumble She has taken no solid food, but has had a large quantity of beef tea. Remains in bed.

" 9 — She continued very irritable and faultfinding for some time after last report took little food and did not sleep at night She is beginning to take her food better and sleeps better at night, but is more downcast depressed, sometimes cries.

July 13 — She is restless and unsettled, walks much up and down the Gallery and appears to take no interest in anything. In the mornings she is frequently much depressed and weeps a great deal.

August 18 — She has improved and at times now employs her time knitting, walks out much and appears to be improving in her bodily health. She is taking Parrish's Syrup of the Hypophosphates.

Admitted 31st May 1870

September 12 She has been much worse mentally since Wednesday last, when she saw the announcement of her daughters marriage in the Newspapers. Her desire for stimulants was very strong, and she was like to injure herself swilling the table beer for dinner. She also feigned to be troubled with flatulence and wished to have a carminative, such as another of the ladies had; for the sake of the spirit in it. Today she is extremely nervous and miserable, wishes herself dead.

October 13 She generally sleeps well at night but has always at bedtime help on account of the Chloral Hydrate syrup and says she cannot sleep any without it. In the morning after awaking she is often found crying and when she is dressed wonders herself about the sometimes complains of pelpitation

" 23 For a week past she has been much better and her former depression state having appeared to have passed off; she was to today taken away by her husband and discharged

Cured.

Jean Bain or Marshall aet 47

1870

June 28 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 62 Pollock St Glasgow

She is forty seven years of age, married, a House wife, and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of the Asylum from 5th September till 31st October last again from 6th November 1865 till

The duration of the existing attack is two or three days and the cause is the death of her father and bereavement from prior attack. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited and restless, very passionate, jealous of her husband and violent to him without cause. She slept none at night and refused to take food. She expressed fear as being afraid that she would injure herself or some of the children.

On admission she was free from excitement, but had an uncertain suspicious look, she did not speak, but answered when spoken to and when asked gave her husband her watch and rings.

When she was undressed, her clothes were found to be very wet, soaked with urine, but she said nothing about it.

When told she was rather better than when here before; she said she was not so stout as she had been, but that was in consequence of her condition. She says she is pregnant.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary. The spine is curved to the right side

" 29 She had half an ounce of the Hydrate of Chloral by mouth and slept well during the night, but was excited for a little before getting out of bed; she fancied it was her sister's voice she heard, when another patient was talking next room. She has taken her breakfast.

July 6 For a day or two after admission she was occasionally very much excited, but has since been more composed. Last night and the night before she slept very little: and last night she met her bed. She is beginning to take little food.

" 30 She began to take her food better shortly after last report, but is occasionally very unwilling to take it. She is very quiet when spoken to alone and gives no reply till spoken to repeatedly; seems confused and in doubt: looks from one to another then answers hurried.

August 18 She is very quiet and appears to be a little better mentally, employs herself knitting and answers more readily than formerly. She still appears as if suspicious and is very obstinate. Does not speak to the other ladies.

Admitted 28th June 1870

September 12 She told Dr MacIntosh that she was pregnant, but on making inquiry it was found that she had menstruated twice since admission. For the last two or three days she has appeared to be not so well, more obstinate, suspicious and unwilling to speak.

" 19 She was today taken home by her husband on trial —

" 29 She was today discharged — Relieved.

Mary Bridie Robertson or Abercrombie
aet. 46

1870

October 12 Was brought to the Asylum today from Castlehead Paisley.

She is forty-six years of age, married an Engineers Wife and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is under one month and the cause is stated to be General Hysteria of long duration. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary taint.

Prior to admission she laboured under a groundless belief that she was being poisoned by her husband; heard imaginary voices and the voice as of Love speaking to her, saying — "arise arise" answered "No Rest I will Get Home" meaning her husband and servants. Under the influence of her delusions she has twice gone over her Bed room window and during the night fled to neighbours houses for safety.

On admission she was quiet and talked quite coherently, but was very delusive and fancied that she was labouring under bodily illness from the effects of poison given to her in her food by her husband and others.

She stated that while she was preparing the food and had gone away for something that her husband had put poison in the tea; that she has a little dog and that she had broken down some bread and put it among some of the tea to give it but her husband took it away and would not let it take it, but allowed her to do so and that she was very ill afterwards. On Sunday last the 9th she was in her brothers house and she says she also got poison there in her food put in it by the sister in Law.

Bodily health very indifferent; Constitution ordinary. There is a peculiar eruption about over her Eyes and a stain upon her cheek, caused, it is stated, by her having rubbed cotton all over them, with the view of counteracting the poison the fancied she had got.

" 13 She was quiet during the night and slept till near three o'clock. Her neck appears as if slightly discoloured and she fancies that it has been caused by mercury being sprinkled upon her tea.

" 21 She has been extremely restless and talked frequently sleeping none at night and fancying that she was extremely ill. She was visited on Saturday last by her husband, and put on a veil before she went to the Reception room to meet him. During the night after she slept none and resisted the attendants tries to sponge her body as an antidote to the poison she had received by shaking hands with him. She will not wear the clothes she brought and says the night of Tuesday makes her

Admitted 12th October 1870

November 17 — At the medical visits she is constantly complaining and trying to describe the situation and feeling of some imaginary illness. She frequently catches hold of the lower part of her belly and will say there is something wrong with her Abdomen, again complains of her chest and wishes to know whether it is the heart or lungs that are at fault, lies much upon the stays and wishes to get to bed. Seldom any night will she go to bed without getting mustard or linseed meal or both upon her breast. She eats well and is very fat.

December 16 — She is full of complaints and imaginary illnesses. is constantly describing how she is affected and no part of her body, from her statements appears free from disease. At the same time she is very anxious to prove she is not delusive and for that purpose wishes to make a statement. the substance of which is that she got poison in her food both from her son in her own house and from her brothers wife in her brothers house, which is the cause of her illness and reality

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January 20 — She has always some imaginary illness to complain of and is most minute in describing the appearance of what she passes from her bowels. Within twenty four hours she often has every part of her body affected in some way or other and when telling of it, asks what is the cause. She complained of great weakness generally, but more especially in the lumbar region as to please her she was dry cupped and wishes it done now every day. She is the same with medicine, which she must have as regularly as her meals although in small quantities. She takes her food well and her body is very full.

February 16 — She continues to give long and minute details of her imaginary diseases and is very particular to describe the appearance of her faeces. She reflects much of the the treatment she receives from her husband and frequently cries while speaking of it, still believes that he tried to poison her and that she is ill now in consequence of poisonous substance that he put into her food.

March 23 — She complains as much as ever and finds horsely very ill, but at the same time takes her food very well, eats too much and often lies down upon the sofa, complaining of exhaustion. Mr Lee been persuaded to take her away. But she says she can never go to live with her husband.

" 31 — Today she was dismissed — Relieved.

Jane Helen Macvicar

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October 21 — She does not now destroy her clothes and has improved much in her habits is more cleanly and is quiet at night. She still talks incoherently, asks very foolish questions, assumes ridiculous attitudes, and scolds in an excited manner without any cause. At table she sometimes takes the food from before some of the other ladies and becomes very insolent if spoken to about it.

November 17 — She is quiet, but very foolish in her conduct. rolls her eyes about and places herself in the way of people, puts her hands by her sides makes her obeisance and walks away laughing, again she will ask in a very affected manner when she will get home. & occasionally somewhat excited and incoherent.

December 20 — She wished to get to another hallway and threatened if she did not she would commit suicide. She was therefore allowed a change, but annoyed the other patients very much for a considerable time and till told repeatedly that she would require to go back to No 3 – the Valley where she had been. She seldom does anything or reads.

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January 16 — She is less troublesome, but wherein there is no mental improvement. She is very idle and when approached stares and pouts contorts her face, but seldom replies when spoken to, except to scold in a foolish incoherent manner, after which she often laughs and appears to be much pleased with what she has done.

February 23 — She has improved considerably since last report, but is still occasionally inclined to be rude in her conduct. At other times she appears rather dull and becomes offended without any cause, replies when spoken to in an irritable abrupt manner.

March 1 — She was today taken home by her relations on trial.

" 17 — Having continued well she was today discharged — Cured.

Isabella Clark or Nicholson Aet. 5[illegible]

1870

October 27 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from Waterside, Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, by her husband and sister.

She is fifty years of age, married, a Store keepers Wife and belongs to the Free church.

This is the first attack of insanity and the duration is four weeks, but she has had dull turns repeatedly. The cause is ascribed to her father having been affected. She is savage to others and some time ago threatened suicide.

Prior to admission she was excitable, incoherent and had numerous delusions.

On admission she was quite incoherent very talkative and restless, and when her friends were going away asked her sister to sit down like she would see what like she was. She had an unsound look and her husband stated that she had been confined to bed for four weeks; she was put to bed in the dormitory and an attendant placed beside her, but she became violent called the attendant her highland friend Cook and kicked her. She also called the Medical Assistant the Prince of Wales and said she saw his portrait on the walls and spurred at everyone who came near her.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition Phthisis

" 28 — She was in the padded room during the night and was quiet for about two hours and a half. She has taken her breakfast well, but her bladder had to be relieved by the catheter last night and this morning. She is still incoherent and excited.

November 4 — She is incoherent, noisy and excited very restless and constantly gesticulating; talks incessantly and laughs much. She has seldom passed water, without requiring the catheter since admission. Her bowels are costive and she sometimes spits out her medicine.

" 25 — She has improved very much and now sleeps in a room in No 5 Gallery for two or three nights past, is very quiet and sleeps well. Her bowels are regular and she passes urine without any difficulty. She is much pleased with what has been done for her, is very cheerful.

December 16 — She is very pleasant, cheerful and well mentally; employes the greater part of her time sewing, walks out with the other ladies, and is very agreeable in conversation. She never speaks of getting away, but is quite ready she says to go when the time is arranged.

" 30 — She was today dismissed — Cured.

Admitted 27th October 1870

Margaret Gilmour or Henderson Aged

October 27 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 5 Nicholson Street Glasgow by her sons and brother.

She is fifty-seven years of age, widowed and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

She is the first of insanity, the duration is about seven months and the cause is not known, but she has a brother who was insane. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was very depressed and sometimes became very much excited. She wished herself dead and was afraid of self destruction but believed her sister-in-law to have sworn her life, was very irritable, could see that there was nothing wrong with her mind or body, but that her heart was all wrong. Often when spoken to she would give no answer or answer irrelevantly.

On admission she had a dull melancholy look and her mind was much preoccupied. When spoken to she would hardly give any reply and was rather irritable, appeared to be annoyed when spoken to and persisted that there was nothing wrong with her.

Her son said that she sometimes did not sleep at night and occasionally refused her food.

Bodily health very indifferent: Condition ordinary. She is affected with varix of the legs & feet.

" 28 She slept about three hours during the night and this morning has taken her breakfast well. She is employed knitting will hardly speak and is very unwilling to go out to walk.

November 14 She has a very melancholy appearance & when spoken to never raises her eyes and how if at all speaks, is very depressed and sleeps little at night, but takes her food well. She employs a good deal of her time knitting.

" 25 She is very depressed and miserable and if at times her expression should be a little more cheerful and she is told that she is looking better, she says "No Sir," and appears to be about to cry. Yesterday she saw her son and today appears more depressed. She does not sleep at night except under the influence of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup.

December 16 She is very quiet, wanders about a good deal in a listless manner, but sometimes takes a little she will hardly give any reply when spoken to has a very melancholy look and sleeps little at night although has the Chloral Hydrate every night at bed-time. Her bowels are always costive and she frequently requires purgative medicine.

Admitted 27th October 1870

1871

January 20 Last night she slept only three hours and that from the effect of the draughts of Chloral Hydrate. She seldom sleeps more than four hours even upon two or three nights had two draughts of Chloral; slept better, but next day was in a state of extreme misery. She is very taciturn will hardly give any reply when spoken to and at times weeps bitterly.

February 16 She continues to have about thirty-five grains of Chloral Hydrat in syrup every night and is still in very much the same state as noted at last report, sleeps under observation. She is extremely dull and miserable and cannot be got to enter into conversation. When asked if she feels better, she will shake her head, say No, No, in a despairing manner; turn away and appear as if about to cry.

March 23 Some nights she sleeps very well but will not admit that she does so. She has always the same draughts at night and says it does her no good, but will not do without it. She has a melancholy miserable look.

April 20 She sometimes sews a stitch a little way slowly and seldom raises her head, even when spoken to and will hardly give any reply; requiring first to be spoken to several times, and then occasionally she may utter a word or two She is very melancholy and desponding.

May 18 She continues to have the draughts regularly and will not do without it although she says that it does her no good and that she does not sleep. She is extremely miserable and sometimes cries will hardly speak, but says she will never get better and it is no use giving her anything. She walks out with the other ladies.

June 15 She is very melancholy, frequently cries and appears to be annoyed by being spoken to. At all times she appears composed and it is remarked that she appears a little better; she will say she is no better nor ever will. She is much with Mrs. Farrie another melancholy patient although they seldom speak to each other.

July 21 Still sleepless and occasionally she has had other sedatives, such as Nepenthe at nights but they all make her sick and she again wishes to have the Chloral, but still says she does not sleep.

August 17 She is very dull and quiet; occupies her time sewing or knitting and will hardly speak. Is much in the same state as mentioned.

September 14 Is still very dull and very unwilling to speak gives irritable and will hardly reply when spoken to. She takes her food pretty well and although she has the Chloral at night sleeps little.

November 16 She sometimes knits a little but is very slow in her movements, hardly ever raises her head and does not reply when spoken to. Is always very miserable and appears as if about to cry.

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Catherine Robin Aet. 24

1870

November 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 45 St Vincent Crescent Glasgow

She is twenty-four years of age, single, lived with her father and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about two or three weeks as the exciting cause is stated to be her having refused an offer of marriage, but her mother was insane. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she had a hopeless and melancholy expression of countenance, wept when asked any question, said she was of no use in the world and therefore two days ago attempted to kill herself by taking laudanum. Said she had something which rendered her unfit to remain in the world.

On admission she was quiet and at first spoke quite readily, said there was a rushing sound which passed through her head from the left side to the right and pointed to a part above her ear; could not sleep for it at night. When asked what troubled her mind her face immediately changed its aspect and she was about to cry and would not speak a single word.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 12 — Although she went to bed about 9 o'clock she did not fall asleep till after twelve. Sits much with a book before her but does not appear to read any; when she fancies she is not observed she wrings her hands and clenches her teeth and when spoken to barely gives an answer, stares with an inquiring look at the person addressing her.

" 19 — For two or three nights after admission she slept very little and it was found necessary to give her a sedative. She has nightly since had about three and a half drachms of chloral Hydrate by mouth and slept well. Her expression of face is very melancholy and she never speaks except in reply to what is said to her, and little more than yes or no, will enter into conversation; employs her time knitting.

December 16 — She has a dull melancholy look and when spoken to gives no reply or if she does it is in almost a whisper and returns more than a words or two, looks suspicious and seems as if afraid to answer. Towards the end of the month the Chloral began to lose its effect and she had twenty grains of Bromide of Potassium by the mouth; generally about 2 o'clock. After a time this also failed, and Chloral was given instead, but next day she was more miserable than usual, walking hastily in a drunk fashion, says she would never be seen

Admitted 11th November 1870

1871 January 13	She seldom sleeps more than two or three hours any night and for three nights in succession last week got out of bed and paced up and down her room. She was ordered to have ten grains of Ipecacuanha and a blister applied to the nape of her neck. On the following night she kept her bed but only slept about two hours. She is still sleepless and miserable although for two or three days past she spoke more readily. She is again today very much depressed, appears as if afraid to speak.
" February 4	Since last report she has improved very much; shortly afterwards she began to sleep better, not less than four or five hours and although for some time she was still depressed, her bodily condition improved. She is now cheerful, converses readily, plays on the piano, sings and reads and now appears to be very well mentally.
" 11	She was today dismissed — Cured.

Mary Adelaide Scott Aet. 3

1830

December 23 Was brought to the Asylum today from Castlehead Paisley.

She is thirty-eight years of age, single and belongs to the Church of England.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one week and the cause is stated to be disappointment. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others No known Hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was violently excited, rambling and incoherent on all subjects, suspicious of her relations and in fear of being poisoned.

She was neat dressed, had clothing and fancied she was nursing a baby.

On admission she was much excited very noisy and incoherent, was constantly in motion and did not appear to know what she was doing, was carried into the Asylum. She had on no shoes and very little clothing, but had a shawl round her and carried a muff in her hand which she turned about with her right hand saying it was enchanted.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition Epileptic.

" 24 She slept only about two hours during the night and was noisy when awake. Today she has only taken about a quarter of a roll and half a tumbler full of milk for breakfast, is very restless and excitable, will not lie in bed and has her room in great confusion. She is destructive in her habits and requires to be watched in company.

" 31 The great excitement continues and she was noisy, whistling, singing &c all night although she had half an ounce of chloral Hydrat syrup at night, up till last night when she slept well. Today she is rather depressed and has not taken her breakfast but the incoherence and excitement appears to have passed off.

1831 January 19 She has been out much in the airing court and walked in a very hurried manner often running. She would point first in one direction then in another and then commence to run as it were between the marks. When addressed she would toss her head swing her body round and bend nearly to the ground hurriedly say something and walk or run off. For the last two days she will not speak nor move but lies in a chair with her eyes shut and the stockings had to feed her.

February 16 She is very restless and flighty and for some days has employed the greater part of her time writing. She appears to be very delusive, and very immoral charges against her brother in law with regards to his conduct towards herself and warns him to beware as Sir William

Admitted 23rd December 1870

Wardlaw Smith is six feet in stature and will punish him for so offending She labours under the delusion that the above named gentleman intends to marry her and her relations cannot by anything facts they tell her undeceive her She is very indignant at being here and says she never was ill.

March 17 She walks for hours together in the airing court and is little in doors during the day. She is very talkative, preternaturally happy and the subject of her marriage with Mr. Smith appears to engross her whole mind.

April 21 She is very active in her habits and will walk hurriedly in the airing court for hours sometimes running and jumping, talks very hurriedly and cannot wait for any time to talk. She has been told it was all a delusion about her being married, has been frequently much depressed and weeping and now appears to be somewhat convinced of her error, but will not plainly admit it.

May 16 Having gradually continued to improve she was today discharged —

Cured.

Grace Donald

Aet. 53

1871

January 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today from 4 Robertson Street Greenock.

She is fifty-three years of age, single and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

She was an inmate of this Asylum about twenty-three years ago. This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is eight days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had a maniacal expression and was completely changed in her manner and conduct, as manifested in total inattention to her household duties, sleeplessness, restlessness and fears of impending evil as well as a belief that she was being poisoned.

When brought to the Asylum she was very noisy, moaned loudly but was inarticulate, would not give any reply when spoken to, but continued to groan never closing her mouth and partly protruding her tongue. She also fancied that she was unable to walk and required to be carried to bed.

After a while she said she had been poisoned and appeared to be suspicious of the sister with whom she had lived.

Bodily health indifferent: Constitution good.

" 12 — She had half an ounce of Chloral Hyd. syrup and slept for about two hours and a half, had another about one o'clock and slept till 5 A.M. When awake she was very noisy. She took a pretty good breakfast, but will not leave her bed, imagines herself perfectly helpless from the effect of the poison, lies in bed and moans.

" 19 — She is very confused and restless, will not sit down and has an extremely bewildered look. She is very delusive fancies that she has been poisoned and that the hair of her head is full of sulphur which she tries to shake off. At times when she wishes to speak she fancies she is unable and can close her mouth also staggers back as if she would fall and looks very distressed. She is sleepless at night and this morning the attendant required to feed her.

February 16 — Since last report she has seldom taken a meal without the attendants feeding her and occasionally she has resisted, so much so, that on three occasions it was found necessary to feed her by means of the stomach pump.

Her bowels are always costive and she would sleep none at night, except for the Chloral Hyd. which it found necessary to give. During the day she stands stupidly at the partition door awaiting the officials, fancies she cannot speak and that her eye sight is all wrong, from the medicine she gets.

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March 17 — For a week past she has been fed daily by means of the stomach pump. She is very stupid, miserable and delusive; When about to be fed cries out that she does not want it and often when in the airing courts fancies that the house is about to tumble upon her, will stagger while standing and cry out that the whole town is tumbling. She often complains of pain in a particular spot on the crown of her head. Still requires to have the chloral syphon at night.

April 20 — She continued to be fed by means of the stomach more or less frequently up till the eighth of this month when she was fed three times, but not since. At present she is confined to bed with oedema of the feet and legs. She is very restless, stupid and uncleanly in her habits. Bowels continue very costive enemata having no effect in relieving them and after repeated powerful purgative doses, it was found necessary to give her two ounces of Castor Oil. She can take no care of herself whatever, does not appear to know what she is doing.

May 18 — She has not been fed by means of the stomach pump since last report although she at times takes little food and requires to be fed by the attendants. Her bowels are extremely costive, drastic doses frequently failing to have any effect. In consequence of her very restless state she is put to bed in a padded room which she frequently wets with her urine.

June 17 — She still occupies the padded room gets out of bed and stands at the door, requires to be clad in canvas to prevent her exposing herself. During the day she will not sit down, stands stupidly and appears as if afraid she would tumble, clutches hold of any one near and says she is going to the front door place.

July 14 — She is very stupid, cannot be got to sit although her feet are swollen and when put to bed gets up and stands at the door of her room. Her bowels are extremely costive still and she frequently is very difficult to be got to take her food, wets her room.

August 14 — She is extremely jealous, but very restless once if put upon a seat immediately stands up, walks stupidly about and mutters some incoherent words articulating like a child, requires constantly to be attended to, to keep her from being injured, does not know what she is doing.

September 15 — Her expression of face is that of extreme stupidity and bewilderment, she wont sit down and puts out her hands to catch a hold of whatever passes her. She requires to be treated, fed and everything done for her like a child.

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Janet Finlay Murdoch Aet. 2

1871

January 26 She was brought to the Asylum today from Carntyne Farm.

She is twenty-six years of age, single a Farmers daughter and belongs to the Establish Kirk.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about seven years and the supposed cause was a fright by a dog.

She is subject to Epilepsy, suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had an abstr vacant look and was incapable of answering questions on ordinary subjects in a correct way and talked incoherently.

Her sister states that when an epileptic occurred she would steal out and conceal herself in out places in the neighbourhood, that she had repeatedly struck her and attempted to bite, also that about five weeks ago she had thrown over one of the servants with a knife and that it was with great difficulty taken from her.

On admission she had a stupid absent look, sat down quite unconcernedly and appeared from her manner to pay no attention to anything that was being said about her. When spoken to she would raise up very cautiously and after a little put out her hand to shake hands with the person addressing her, continued standing, but gave no answer till again spoken to and did not from her reply appear properly to comprehend what was said to her.

She was only about half an hour in the Asylum when she had an epileptic seizure.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare

" 27 She slept from eleven o'clock P.M. till half past one A.M., had four fits between that hour and half past seven this morning, the last two very severe. when she had to be held in bed. The catamenia is flowing. She took her breakfast well and is now quiet.

February 3 She has slept ill since admission and every night up till last night, has had one or more epileptic seizures, some of them very severe and long continued. Three nights ago she was in convulsions for upwards of an hour. Last night she had a chloral draught and slept well, had no fits, but after getting up and about eight o'clock she had one. She is now very cross and irritable.

" 24 For six days after last report she had one or more epileptic seizures daily, then for the six days following have none and upon the evening of the 23rd ult suddenly became very dangerous, struck her attendant a violent blow on the face, bleeding her nose. Four attendants could with great difficulty restrain her as she struck,

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Richard and attempted to bite. Her head had to be shaved with a towel till she was undressed and put to bed in a padded room. Some time afterwards she had a very severe epileptic seizure. Has had fits every day since; one day seven and another day eleven up till two days ago.

March 28 She had no epileptic seizures since last report up till the ninth of this month but at that time she was as much confused as at any other time. Often stares wildly when spoken to would shake her head and burst out into laughter. She appears to have great difficulty often in articulating. She has been frequently more or less violent and very dangerous.

April 18 On the thirty ninth of last month she was again furiously maniacal and extremely homicidal. Kicked and struck and while being restrained bite one of the attendants on the mamma and the clothes could with difficulty be got out of her mouth.

In a short time afterward she appeared to have no remembrance of what had occurred. She has had no paroxysm since.

May 16 Last night she had two epileptic seizures and May 7th since last report has had thirty above prolonged and very severe. On the third of the month the catamenia began to flow and it was observed that for three days before she had no epileptic seizure and only one for three days after. During all the rest of the time she was known to have one or more almost every day, sometimes three.

June 13 Her mind is always very weak, but at present she is more stupid than usual, looks very ill. Since yesterday she had three epileptic seizures and the day before seven, altogether since last report has had forty-five. She had an interval of six days without any attack, this occurred between the nineteenth and twenty sixth of May, but the catamenia did not commence to flow till the fifth of June and at that period there did not appear to be any remission.

Agnes Breckenridge v Mc. Elroy aet 3

1871

March 6 — Was brought to the Asylum today from 246 London Road Glasgow.

She is thirty-two years of age, married on Wm Saunders wife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under one week and the cause is excess in, or abuse of alcohol for a week previous. She is not suicidal but dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a wild excited expression, refused to answer questions and talked incoherently.

She attempted to throw herself out of the windows, and ran out into the street half dressed crying and shouting.

She was admitted to the Asylum about eleven o'clock P.M. by Dr Mackinder was a very confused excited state and the attendants had great difficulty in undressing her as she stupidly opposed everything, did not know what she was doing

" 7 — Bodily health very indifferent: Condition ordinary. There are a number of discolourations with considerable swelling upon her face, arms and legs; on her breast about mid sternum, there is also a discolouration with some scratches; on and around the shoulders there is a large red mark, evidently the result of a blister, but on the left clavicle there is considerable inflammation and swelling with fluctuation on pressure. There is also milk in the mammae, her child having been born in July last.

She was quiet and appeared to sleep well during the night and today is confined to bed, is very confused and inclined to sleep. She will not take any food, talks incoherently and clutches at the clothes of anyone approaching her, will not give any reason for not taking her food, but when asked if she is afraid of being poisoned, says yes. She is stated to have taken nothing for four days before admission. She was fed at dinner time and again in the evening by means of the stomach pump. At dinner she had two drops of Croton oil in the food which have acted upon the bowels.

" 14 — She was freely purged by the medicine and since last report has taken her food. She continued to be confused for two or three days and as her mind began to clear up became depressed. She now appears to be convalescing, but her memory is still impaired and she insists that she was only fed once by means of the stomach pump, and says that we will never make her believe otherwise. She fancies that she can recollect everything that occurred since admission.

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March 21 — She has been very quiet and employed her time knitting since last last Report but has been extremely anxious to get away could hardly talk about any other thing.
Her husband called today and stated that he considered her quite well and she was accordingly dismissed —
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Margaret Gilmour v Henderson

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January 19 — This patient is always very depressed and miserable, moves slowly about with a frown upon her face and seems as if about to cry, turns away from anyone who speaks to her and wont reply except to say she is no better.
She says she does not sleep at night although she has a draught of Chloral Hydrate will not want it, but at the same time says it does her no good.

March 20 — Some days ago a son called to say that another of her sons was very ill and wished her to come home, she could not make up her mind and it was arranged to wait till today. This morning she was much more miserable, crying and in great distress, but when her son & daughter called in the afternoon she left with them.

April 5 — She returned to the Asylum yesterday evening, had her usual sedative at bed time but says she did not sleep well and today walked heavily much as before she left.

May 23 — When in doors she occupies the greater part of her time knitting and seldom talkes to anyone but walks out regularly with the other ladies takes her food well and is in good bodily condition although her health is feeble and heart's action weak. Her hands have the form peculiar to persons who have been afflicted with Rheumatism.

July 18 — Continues taciturn and ill disposed replys when spoken to, except to complain of the smallness of her draught; at times she will say it is smaller than usual and when told it was the same as formerly will say no, for she did not sleep so well.

September 19 — She occupies her time as before and is very regular and methodical in all her movements, walks out regularly with the other ladies in the same Gallery and although she does not originate any conversation, talkes readily enough when spoken to. She will not do without the Chloral Hydrate, but says it does little or no good.

November 21 — She always occupies the same seat, is very precise and regular, speaks little and occupies her time as before knitting. She says she sleeps badly at night.

1871 Isabella Steadman Aet. 24

March 23 Was brought to the Asylum today by her mother from North Street Cottage, Alexandria Dumbartonshire.

She is twenty-four years of age, single a Medical Man's Daughter and belongs to the Established Kirk.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about three months and the cause is bodily illness. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others Homicidal tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had an abscess in her breast, her reasoning faculty was disturbed and confused & her ideas were erroneous and absurd. She paced up and down the house at nights, slept little when in bed and tried to destroy her clothes.

On admission, she had a silly expression of face and was very childish in her words and actions; toddled in a rambling manner about, knew people and when her mother left became very restless cried to her and going to the window smashed two panes of glass to get out to go away. She cut her right hand and when it was being dressed often asked in a most childish manner if nothing would have been put on it if she had not broken the glass.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition reduced. She is very anaemic and the pulse small; chest flat and shoulders round.

" 24 Continuing very restless she had about thirty-five grains of Chloral Hydrate at bed time, slept till about 3 a.m. and again became restless, had another dose of the Chloral Hydrate and slept till near 8 o'clock. She has to be fed like a child, but is restless and troublesome, complains of want of air and does not seem to know what she would be about.

" 31 She is very restless and bewildered, walks about with a stooping gait and will speak none. She requires the attendants to assist her with her food and at night would not remain in bed but for a sedative she has at bedtime.

April 17 Since last report she has been exceedingly restless and troublesome, trying to get under the seats and tables, picking the buttons of her clothes and trying to swallow them and often refuses to allow the attendants to feed her, is quite blind. On the sight, touch and fourteenth of this month she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Four days ago her left ear was observed to be considerably thickened and discoloured - the commencement of a sanguineous tumour.

May 11 Since last report the right ear also has become thickened and discoloured and they ear look now much alike and are increasing. She is very fractious. To take Cod Liver Oil

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June 8 She is quite demented, wanders hitherly about and cannot give any answer to the simplest question, remains as if she did not hear what was said to her and can do nothing whatever. She is taking Ol. Terebinthinae and Carrichol. syrup.

" 16 She was taken home today by her mother and dismissed

Relieved.

1871 Ann Walker Aet. 57

April 4 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her sister and an attendant, from Kilcaddan, Parish of Donaghmore, County Donegal, Ireland.

She is fifty-seven years of age, single, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

About thirty-five years ago she was an inmate of the Glasgow Royal Asylum, Parkhouse Road. This is the second attack and its duration is about twenty years. The cause is bodily illness. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. She had a sister who was six years in the Glasgow Royal Asylum.

Prior to admission she was very troublesome at home, constantly interfering with the servants and could with the greatest difficulty be kept there. She was delusive fancies that her sister Elizabeth had killed her father and one other sister who is dead and that things to which she was entitled were withheld from her.

On admission she had a peculiar, demented expression of face, sat in a very rigid posture and did not move her body or raise her eyes when addressed or replying to anything said to her. She spoke slowly, but when began was very talkative and often made use of the words "any extreme personal delicacy". She said that she was afflicted with the "evil", and that it was a thing that no Doctor could cure, said that she had had Doctors; but that they did not wish to interfere with, but were thought they should attend to the system generally. says the evil is in her left side.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced.

" 5 She was quiet and appeared to sleep pretty well during the night. She has taken little breakfast and today, feeling hardly fatigued wishes to remain in bed. She is very peculiar and extremely slow and cautious in her movements.

" 13 She has been out of bed more or less every day since last report, moves very cautiously sits much in an erect rigid posture, seldom raises her eyes even when speaking to any one, but is always ready with her reply. She fancies that her body is made of glass and that there is a crack in her left side through which fresh air passes out and in. Considers it an advantage to have the evil in the particular part where it is, as she says it attracts the bad humours from the other parts of her body.

May 17 She is out of bed nearly every day, but is late in getting up. She generally says she sleeps pretty well but at times says she does not in consequence of being much afflicted by the enemy. She will hardly speak to the Medical Assistants and walks round when she does; told she attend that no agreement had been come to to do away with her life.

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June 15

For some days past one of her feet has been considerably swollen and painful connected with the ankle. A day or so ago looking at her hands she began to cry, because they were she said so much wasted and although she would not distinctly say it is evident she ascribes it to something done to her by the medical assistant and attendant. Answers very abruptly, does not raise her eyes nor move her head, but her head sometimes shakes as if the muscles were exhausted from the rigid position she assumes.

Isabella Ryland McTaggart Aet. 31

1871

April 8 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by an attendant from the Glasgow City Parochial Asylum.

She is thirty one years of age, single, and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration in about four years and the cause is unknown, but supposed to be disappointed affection. She is dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

The following is the history of her case as furnished to Dr. Mackintosh by Dr Roberts at the request of her brother.

She has been resident here since April 1866, and she had been insane previously, but was at home, and was stated to have been well for about a year before her second attack. She was acutely maniacal on her admission. This condition gradually passed into the chronic stage, and latterly - say for about a year - there has been much of dementia. There are occasional yet attacks of maniacal fury, during which she is troublesome and dangerous. Sometimes she makes attacks on the attendants when they are off their guard, displaying a good deal of cunning, more than might be expected from the degree of dementia which exists. For a long time she was very dirty in her habits and destructive, but for some month she has been correct in these respects. She does not suffer from any special constitutional disease and menstruation is regular.

On admission she had an extremely petulent expression of face and when put upon a seat would allow herself to roll off if not taken care of; her upper lip was covered with mucous from her nose and she paid no attention when ever when spoken to; spoke none. When assisted up by two attendants she would not stand nor put one foot before the other, and required to be carried into the Gallery. She would not take any food and her hands and feets were cold, blue and clammy. Her habit of body is full.

" 9 — Before being put to bed last night she had an enema which relieved the bowels. She slept in a single room and was quiet and orderly in her habits. Today she still refused to take any food, clenching her teeth when the attendants tried to feed her. She was fed by means of the stomach pump.

" 17 — During the night after last report she slept under observation and was quiet, but next day she became restless and excited getting upon the tables and chairs, attempting to get up to the pictures to smash them and in the evening it was found necessary that she should be put to bed in a single room. She has taken her food since last report, but refuses all medicine, visits & contorts her face when spoken to, gives no reply.

Admitted 8th April 1871

May 11 — Shortly after last report she again began to refuse her food, was very obstinate and sullen and stubbornly refused to let herself be fed by the attendants. On day after being brought in from the Airing court she was found to have a quantity of the ashes from the walks firmly clasped in her hands and she also kept her mouth firmly closed, when opened there was also found in it pieces the same as in her hands. All that could be reached were extracted. She has since been very much refusing her food and often expectorating and last night sent up a large quantity of purulent broken dirty matter. She is very feeble and confined to bed.

June 15 — Shortly after last report she began to take her food better and was less obstinate would sometimes reply when spoken to, but always said the same words. ("pretty well") and closed her eyes directly doing so. She perspires much, her expression is dull and heavy, look hectic and pulse frequent. She is now taking Acid Sulph. dil. and BC. Mixture. Confined to bed

July 13 — She refuses the Cod liver Oil but has now again commenced to take it, but it sometimes disagrees with her and causes her to vomit her food. She has been ordered to have a smaller quantity, and to be gradually increased as the stomach will bear it. She is still very feeble, has a hollow cough.

August 17 — Her cough is still troublesome; at times preventing her from sleeping during the night and she expectorates a considerable quantity of matter has no care of what she puts it and is rather melancholy thereabouts. The stomach now bears the Cod Liver Oil better and physically she is somewhat improved.

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Catherine Robin Act 24

1871

May 10 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 45 St Vincent Crescent Glasgow.

She is twenty-four years of age, single a Merchants daughter and belongs to the R.P. Kirk.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is under one month and the disease is hereditary, and predisposition from previous attack. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Her mother was insane. She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum from 11th November 1869 till 11th February 1871 — see page 339.

Prior to admission she was dull and melancholy, and did not speak willingly, she said she was of no use in the world and wished out of it. Last night she took a razor out of her brothers box, secreted it and when discovered, stated that she was tempted to do so for the purpose of self destruction.

On admission she had a melancholy preoccupied look, but spoke much more readily than on her former admission. She stated that she felt extremely dull and miserable, but at times again would feel quite well and happy, could not understand them, nor give any reason for being so, thinks of nothing to cause it and since she did not sleep well at night.

Bodily health ordinary: Condition good.

" 11 She sleeps about six hours during the night and today has taken her food, is very quiet and talks pretty readily when spoken to, but has a rather melancholy expression of face & eye.

" 18 She sleeps well at night, but has had about thirty-five grains of Chloral Hydrate in syrup every night at bed time since admission and sleeps under observation. She has rather a melancholy expression of face but smiles and talks readily when spoken to.

June 15 She now sleeps at night without any aid and at times seems pretty cheerful and well but always after a visit from her relatives cries much and seems very miserable. She takes her food well and is in good bodily health.

July 13 She is always industrious and generally cheerful and and apparently quite contented, but after a visit from her relations who is very unhappy cries much, and she cannot nor appears to be reconciled they wont take her with them. Although kept always under observation she has not attempted or expressed any wish to injure herself since admission.

August 9 She still expressing a great desire to get away when she sees her friends they today took her away on trial.

" 23 Continuing well she was today discharged

Cured.

Admitted 18th May 1871

Helen Campbell Prince or Barrie aet. 26

1871

May 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 80 Pembroke Street Glasgow.

She is twenty-six years of age, married a Jeweller's wife and belongs to the Established Church of Scotland.

She was previously an inmate in the East House of this Asylum from 23d February till 19th April 1864. This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is about three months and the cause is Hereditary - Predisposed from previous attacks and ill health of body. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. An uncle, aunts and cousin were insane.

Prior to admission she had swallowed a quantity of salts of sorrel for the purpose of self destruction, and threatened to take poison again, was afraid she would injure her children and wished to be sent to the Asylum.

On admission she had a dull preoccupied look, moved listlessly about and stared inquiringly when spoken to. She answered questions pretty readily and when asked if she slept at night, said - Sleep, Oh yes sleep, that is the best git.

Bodily health indifferent: Constitution spare.

" 12 — She slept pretty well during the night and today has taken her food sparingly. She is very apathetic, sits idly or wanders listlessly about is unhappy and restless.

" 19 — She continues much in the same dull melancholy state is idle and fancies she is of no use in the world, that she will never be better and that it is no use for any one trying and do her any good.

June 15 — She has had cod liver oil and Porridge by cup and takes her food tolerably well, but continues Anaemic and of spare habit of body does not improve mentally. Walks out but seldom employs herself in any other way.

July 13 — She sits much with another melancholy patient, but she seldom speak to each other and sit away from the other patients. When spoken to she seems as desponding as formerly but would generally appear to be more apathetic.

Physically she is much as on admission.

August 7 — She was today taken home by her husband and discharged -

Relieved.

Admitted 11th May 1871

Elizabeth Stockhart x Lyall

1871

June 13 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from Park Cottage, Dame Street Dunoon.

She is forty-seven years of age, married, a Nail and Rivet manufacturers wife, and belongs to the Established Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is upwards of six months and is cause is the critical period, she not having menstruated since September last. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission there was a marked change in her character and habits; great irritability and restlessness, extravagance of behaviour and various delusions viz: That she was intimate with the Queen. That her son was lost. Telegraphed to friends and imaginary individuals by playing on the lips. At times she fancied her food was poisoned and that the house was being robbed. She tried to get over a third storey window without fearing any idea of the danger, was abusive to her servant and destroyed articles of dress and other things about the house.

On admission she sat down and for some time would speak none; taking her pocket handkerchief she pushed the two corners up her nostrils and let it hang on her mouth. After a time when asked her reason for so doing would say she had none but it was just a habit. When spoken to about the Queen she said she was in her house at Dunoon. She would take no food nor allow any of her dress to be taken off.

Bodily health feeble: Condition ordinary.

" 14 — She had thirty five grains of Chloral Hydr in Syrup but only slept about two hours. To-day she still refuses to take any food and wanders about in a listless dreamy manner.

" 22 — She continued to refuse her food and on the morning after last report told the attendant she would starve herself to death. She was fed at breakfast time by means of the stomach pump and since took her food. Yesterday she vomited much and today she appears to have had a shock of paralysis; lies on her back quite powerless and when her hands are raised they fall by her sides. At times she is convulsed, the eyes roll upwards and she foams a little at the mouth.

" 27 — For two days she lay quite still and under sensitive washing, appeared to hear nothing said to her and lay like a log of wood. For the last three days she has been restless and excited and during the night requires two attendants to keep her in bed. She is allowed to have nothing but fluid food.

Admitted 13th June 1871

July 19 — She is now able to be up a little at times, but is very absent, seldom gives any reply when spoken to and works continually with some part of her dress picking little particles from it. She is sometimes very restless at night, and again sleeps pretty well; her bowels are costive and require to be relieved by enemata.

August 17 — She is very demented wanders about picking at her dress and becomes very irritable if interfered with. She sometimes talks to herself and when overheard appears to be delusive, but she will not talk to anyone, nor stand to listen to them. Bowels stiff very costive and medicine frequently fails to relieve them. She frequently has a dose of Castor Oil during the day. followed by an enema at night, which does not always act. Her speech is a little thick from paralysis.

September 15 — Continuing much in the same state as at last report and being able to walk about and take her food she was today taken home by her husband on trial.

" 19 — She was today discharged — Relieved.

1871 Ann Templeton Vol. 60

June 13 Was brought to the Asylum today by her sister and brother in law from 121 Prospect Place

She is sixty years of age, single, and a Congregationalist.

This is the fourth attack of insanity and she was twice previously an inmate of this Asylum (from 30th Dec. 1868 till 21st April 1869, and from 8th April till 25th June 1870.). The duration of the existing attack is two weeks and the cause predisposition from previous attacks. She is dangerous to others. Her father was insane.

Prior to admission she was incoherent of speech very restless and sleepless, constantly moving backwards and forwards, destitute in her habits and in danger of doing herself bodily injury. Her demeanour was totally changed from her usual natural condition.

On admission she talked incessantly and in a very incoherent manner, was extremely restless and laid hold of everything within her reach, was very hurried in her movements and erratic in her conduct. She knew quite well where she was, repeated the names of a number of the ladies, but mistook the identity of some, and insisted that she was correct.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition appears

" 14 She had a Chloral draught, but did not sleep and was very restless during the night. Today she is very incoherent and talkative in constant motion, will let nothing alone and conducts herself in a very disorderly manner. She takes her food.

" 21 She continues restless and sleepless and when awake talks incessantly in a very incoherent manner. During the day she is never still, constantly in motion and can let nothing she sees alone.

July 19 Towards the end of last month she became quiet, rather depressed, complaining of weakness and pains in her back and limbs and kept her bed for some days and is even as if a great labour to her to give any reply when spoken to. For upwards of two weeks she has been out of bed now takes her food pretty well and is stronger and more cheerful, seems well mentally.

" 28 She was today discharged — Cured

Admitted 13th June 1871

1871 Martha Mc. Intyre or McFarlane Ord.

June 22 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from 17 Binnie Place Glasgow

She is forty-nine years of age, married a Baker's wife and belongs to the Established Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the three months duration. The cause is unknown, perhaps the death of a child, which if it did not cause it aggravated. She was a little intemperate a year or two ago. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was in a state of great mental depression, and laboured under a variety of delusions about her affairs; she fancied that the house was filled with moths, that everything was being destroyed and articles stolen, went about picking her fingers and was afraid of dying in poverty.

On admission she was restless and unsettled, did not appear to know what she would be about and when her friends were about to leave, wished to say something to them, but when they waited; had nothing to say and again when they wished to go seemed to be very anxious, but could again relapse.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

" 23 She was put to bed in a room in No 4 Gallery with an attendant to sleep near her. She slept little during the night, but today appears to be pretty well, although fretful.

Ordered to have Parrish's Syrup of Iod. Iron &c.

" 30 She walks out much, takes her medicine regularly and is morbidly anxious about her condition. On conversation she dwells much upon her past and present state and is very anxious to have an opinion as to the future, is at times rather despondent.

July 20 She continues to walk out a good deal and generally sleeps pretty well at night. She takes her food and medicine, but does not seem to improve physically. She is very talkative and somewhat silly and rambling in conversation.

August 17 About the beginning of this month she became restless and confused and notwithstanding quiet elapsed did not understand anything said to her and gave no reply. She refused to take food or anything else. Her bowels required to be relieved by enemata and her Bladder by the catheter. By the 7th she was fed once, thereafter twice, and twelve times; the attendants at which time getting her to take something from them.

September 14 She now takes her food and is again out of bed, but is very restless at night sleeps little, is in a somewhat dreamy confused state. Bodily health feeble.

Admitted 22nd June 1871

October 19 — The catamenia began to flow on the tenth of this month and not before since July. Since she has been excited and very talkative, incessantly rambling from one subject to another, sleeps none at night except under the influence of chloral hydrat. Her bodily health continues feeble.

November 16 — She is sleepless and restless at night has a wild miserable look and takes her food very sparingly. Her pulse is always very slow never exceeding sixty beats in the minute. She fancies that she is spitting up blood, is constantly talking about herself and her illness, sometimes becomes excited and rambles much in conversation.

December 21 — Towards the end of last month she became very confused and ill mentally staren stupidly when spoken to and could give no reply, gave a slight cough as if clearing her throat, which was the only indication that she was at all aware of being spoken to. She also refused her food and the attendants had great difficulty in getting her to take anything. Within the last fortnight she has again commenced to improve having been ordered extra stimulants along with Cod liver Oil & Phosphated Syrup. Her pulse is still under sixty, but she is not so cold as formerly.

1872 January 19 — For upwards of two weeks she has been restless and excited very talkative and silly in her conversation. Her pulse is fuller and more frequent, but seldom ever reaches to eighty.

The catamenia began to flow on the thirteenth instant.

February 23 — The menses were again present on the ninth of this month and shortly afterwards she became sleepless and very nervous. She is now very confused and ill. refuses to take her food and is confined to bed, her attendants having the greatest difficulty in inducing her to swallow anything. Her bowels were costive and she took a small Rhubarb powder, which she fancied had swollen her to such an extent that her dress would not contain her, fancied she was always about to tumble off, very confused.

March 16 — She now takes her food and walks about but is still rather confused and absent, looks stupid when spoken to as if she did not know what was said to her. She fancies all her clothing is being eaten up by moths and asks to prevent her attendant getting any of them past.

April 18 — She sleeps generally pretty well at night but always requires to have a sedative. During the day she employs her time, but in an absent listless manner, has an absent, dull expression of face speaks very little and is rather confused, fancies everything is done purposely with reference to her and not in a natural way.

May 16 — For two weeks past she has been excited and very talkative, has been inciting all the officials to a disorder in her house and talking in the most extravagant manner. She passed a fresh case on the 29th after the menstrual period.

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1871 Catherine Shaw or Turnbull aet 48

June 23 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from Oakbank Bellock.

She is forty eight years of age, married and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, its duration is two months and the cause is not stated. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was delusive; stated that her food was poisoned and that she was to be given to lions to be devoured. was very restless, went about the house wringing her hands. She tried to strangle herself and even wrestled with her relations for that purpose, tried often to tie something round her neck.

On admission she was extremely miserable and had a very despairing look would not sit down, but stood moaning and wringing her hands. When asked what troubled her she said she had lost all her money and in a very wicked way. She complained very much of her head and said it was bound with iron.

Bodily health fair: Condition reduced.

" 24 She has thirty five grains of chloral hydrate in bygrup at bed time but did not fall asleep till 2.30 A.M. Today she is still very miserable does not moan so much, but looks more stupid. She fancies there is poison in her food refuses to take it and requires to be assisted.

July 1 She is depressed and delusive, in spite of getting poison in her food and sometimes refuses to take it, requires to be assisted with it. At times she is in great fear, screams much and starts back when approached. She has had a chloral draught every night, but for the 2 nights before last slept almost none. The catamenia began to flow two days ago.

" 28 Has the Chloral draught as before, but did not sleep till twelve and awakened at four o'clock, much excited and distressed. She stands much and cries for people to come to her, is very delusive and talks in a rambling incoherent manner. Requires to be assisted with her food.

August 26 Continues sleepless and restless at night frequently gets out of bed and is much excited. She is very unwilling to take her food and her since last report we have required two meals in succession she says that nothing is in but it represents to be calls all the people by their names and is much distressed about some great calamity that is about to take place.

September 28 She generally takes her food now but is very unwilling to do so, is suspicious and delusive, fancies that urine is put into her food and that the air she breathes is poisoned. She also fancies that her relations are about the house and again that they are dead & she is not taken to

Admitted 23d June 1871

October 19 — She generally sleeps well at night some but would not do so without the Chloral Hydrat. She is extremely delusive and rambles much in conversation holds friendly by people and asking most delusive questions, says she will be thrown away till they take her, she is right. She is afraid she be put out and always at night asks if she will get to the Dormitory bed.

November 16 — She continues most assists to wash the dishes after food, but otherwise there is no improvement She asks Dr Blair the Medical Assistant in the Male Division - Mr Kelly and says she owes him fifty pounds is very delusive and rambling in conversation.

December 21 — She continues to be industrious and sleeps well at night under the influence of Chloral but she is very delusive often laughs and shakes her head saying that she has breathed in poison that was floating there the air, accuses the Medical Officer of causing it in some unknown way & says that they don't know it is done. She is often very miserable and afraid of being put out at night.

1872 January 18 — She is considerably better is industrious and much less miserable, but still very anxious and frequently talks about her pecuniary circumstances, she won't believe but it is in connection with that that she is detained here, shakes her head and frowns that she is told to mind her bodily condition is very much improved.

" 30 — Today she was taken home by her husband and discharged —

Relieved.

1871 Marianne Black or Walker Aet 2

July 3 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her son from Douglas Street Portsea.

She is fifty-nine years of age, married and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity and the duration is about six weeks. About 1855 she was a patient in the Private Asylum of Abington Abbey, Northampton. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission on the third of last she attempted to destroy herself by cutting her throat; believed herself and family to be ruined and did not wish to live. She told her daughter and nurse that the devil ordered her to destroy herself and that there was something to be done to herself yet.

On admission she had a very melancholy suicidal expression of face and eye, never looked at any one when spoken to, but replied coherently, had a very determined sullen look and her mind appeared to be much preoccupied with gloomy thoughts. There was a preternatural glassy brightness of eye.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced. There were a number of scars and scabs upon her neck.

" 4 After going to bed she lay quiet and feigned to be asleep till half past twelve o'clock, when she took twenty five grains of Chloral Hydrate in syrup and slept till five o'clock. To-day she has taken very little food, never speaks unless in reply to something said to her and has an extremely sullen, melancholy look.

" 11 She sleeps little at night and her bowels are very costive, has no relief except from the action of medicine. There are still a few little granulating surfaces upon her neck which are healing. She never speaks, stares in a preoccupied manner when spoken to and seldom gives any reply. She is taking her food rather better.

August 18 After last report she slept pretty well for a week or two, but had about twenty five grains Chloral Hypno at bed-time. She has again become sleepless at night, more depressed and at times rather excited, fancying that men are coming to carry her off to prison, will believe any one who tells her it is not the case. Her bowels still continue very costive and she is taking her food very badly, eats little.

September 11 She is very depressed and miserable, does not wish to go out any and complains of weakness from walking. She complains much of her mouth and throat, is very delusive fancies she cannot swallow, thinks it is something she gets here is the cause of it and is very unwilling to take her draught at night.

Admitted 3rd July 1871

October 19 — After last report she fancies that her throat was closed up altogether, but was still able to swallow her food, she was also somewhat delusive saying that the News papers and other periodicals were not what they were represented to be, but printed especially for this place. She is very depressed and suicidal; sometimes sleeps very little at night. Bowels costive.

November 16 — Continuing to complain of her throat, Dr Fleming, some time ago prescribed a Gargle which she said did her no good, but at present she has forgot to talk about it; is extremely depressed and miserable and her bowels are obstinately costive; has sometimes to have three doses of Rx before they act. She says it is no use doing anything for her.

December 21 — She is extremely depressed and miserable often in great dread, afraid to go out, saying that men are waiting to get hold of and carry her off to prison, looks suspicious and doubts any assurance that it will not be so. She has a small draught of Chloral Hygrat and generally sleeps well at night. Her bowels still continue very costive.

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January 19 — She is constantly in great fear, very suspicious and delusive, looks on inquiring, doubting look from one to another when anything is being said and often a little will say of a Servant what you mean, fancies that people are waiting to take her to prison.

February 15 — She employs a good deal of her time knitting when in doors, but wont read as she says the books are not what they are represented to be and still fancies that they are printed for this place and have special reference to her. Bowels very costive, only relieved by the Action of medicine.

March 14 — She is very depressed and miserable, at times quite despairing and in great fear of impending evil, is afraid to go out and says she knows something dreadful is going to happen her.

April 22 — She is very melancholy and delusive, always in fear of being sent to prison and has a very anxious, enquiring expression of face, fancies there is some hidden meaning in everything said to her and dreading evil. The Circuit Court is at present sitting in Glasgow and she says she is to be taken there to be tried.

1871 Mary Langlands Aet. 36

July 16 This patient who resides at Old Berwick Northumberland, but who had been traveling through England, became ill on her journey and was brought to the Asylum this morning about half past two o'clock.

She is thirty-six years of age, single and belongs to the Church of England.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration of the existing attack is six days and the cause is over-exertion. The former attack occurred eleven years ago, when she was under treatment in Dinsdale Park Durham. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary taint.

On admission she was quite incoherent constantly in motion, pulling at her clothes and trying to get her hands into her mouth did not appear to know what she was doing and required to be restrained to prevent her from denuding herself. She was somewhat recalcitrant when asked to show her tongue she would after a little and when her tongue touched put it out and continued to put it out and in for some time. She had taken no food for two days previously, slept only about an hour after admission, today took nothing but about a tumblerful of milk and continues extremely restless, two attendants having to be constantly with her.

Bodily health feeble: Condition debilitated. There are many small discolorations upon her arms and legs. The catamenia is flowing.

" 17 She had a draught of chloral before bed time but only slept about half an hour during the night. Today about eleven o'clock she became quiet and more composed, sat upon a seat. This continued for about two hours when she again became restless and excited as before. She would take no food, always tried to get her fingers into her mouth and said her tongue was not her own tongue, in the evening she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

" 24 For two days after last report she refused her food and was fed by means of the stomach pump – in all six times. She now takes her food, but is still incoherent and restless sleeps very little at night, but better than formerly.

August 17 During the day she now appears cheerful and well, has been quite coherent for more than two weeks past, but during the night she is troubled with distressing dreams from which she sometimes wakes in alarm, is depressed in the mornings and sometimes complains of pain in her head.

September 14 She sleeps pretty well at night but is much troubled with dreams, depressed in the mornings, weeps.

Admitted 16th October 1871

October 19 — She sleeps very badly at nights and often refuses to take the Chloral draughts, saying at one time it is too much indulgence and again that she feels it deadening her faculties. She is at times very depressed, says she is a thief and too wicked to associate with any of the other ladies, says she is a burden to others and is of no use in the world. She is always industrious sews knits paints &c and daily goes beyond the Asylum grounds to St Mary's Episcopal Church, with an attendant.

November 16 — For the last six nights past she has had about twenty-five grains of Chloral Hydrate at bed time, before then she was very sleepless and much depressed; for the first three nights she slept quietly, but since has been as sleepless as before and in the mornings is extremely miserable, fancies that she is completely under the power of the Devil.

December 21 — Since the beginning of this month she has been more depressed than usual often weeping bitterly in the mornings. About a week ago she became stupid and refused her food, on the eighteenth she took nothing but a glass of wine, an egg and a pint of beef tea and even with that required to be assisted by her attendant. She is most remarkably excitable, cannot bear alone and knows what she does and requires two attendants with her night and day and to be constantly held. She is quite incoherent and for the last three days has been fed by means of the stomach pump.

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January 19 — She was fed for two or three days after last report by means of the stomach pump, but continued very stupid and incoherent for more than a week, bowels very costive and although the attendants were able to give her some food required to get medicine by means of the pump. She is now much better out of bed and very active and industrious but does not sleep well at night, sometimes refuses to take her draught, under the idea that she is quite unworthy of it or any other comforts.

February 15 — During the day and while beside the other ladies she seems pretty cheerful and walks out for the first three Sundays has attended Divine Service at St Mary's Episcopal Church. When visited alone by the Medical or the Lady Superintendent she is always seen to be depressed and sometimes cries. Or nights she sleeps little or none except under the influence of Chloral Hydrate, some nights will take the draught and sleeps none.

March 14 — About the twenty fifth of last month she again became very confused and stupid did not seem to understand anything said to her and was put to bed with an attendant to watch her night and day she was fed with great difficulty and could not be prevented constantly pulling her handkerchief in her mouth and drawing it out with her hands. About eight days ago her hands suddenly drawn up.

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1871 Ann Templeton Æt. 65

September 3 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her sister & brother in law from 121 Hospital St. Glasgow.

She is sixty two years of age, single, a Dressmaker, and a Congregationalist.

This is the fifth attack of insanity and she has been three times previously an inmate of this Asylum; upon the last occasion from 13th June till 28th July 1871. The cause is hereditary and predisposition from previous attacks. Ca[use] unknown.

Prior to admission she was very restless and excited, constantly moving about and talking incoherently. believes she had a duty to perform might and day to the people; night and day to convince them of the errors and to preach and sing to them. She was sleepless, indisposed getting up during the night and going out to the streets.

On admission she was very restless moved here and there and talked constantly in a very incoherent manner. talkes of the Dead Mr. McCallum who is dead being in heaven and when asked any question would say He does not speak but that and continuing to talk incoherently on a number of subjects; very dissatisfied

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced

" 6 She has slept twenty five grains of Chlor. Hydrat in Syrup and slept well most part of morning. Today she seem exhausted and inclined to lie down. Has taken little beef tea.

" 14 Although she has her chloral Hypnot nightly she is at times very restless and sleepless during the day she frequently lies down and again is very restless muttering here and there without purpose and chatter incoherently to herself talks hurriedly and waves her hands.

October 19 She is very much quieter, now seems depressed and exhausted, very frequently remains in bed all day and does not sleep well at night, still wishes to have the chloral Hypnot, and when spoken to is rather irritable, talks in a hurried, incoherent manner, says she is not ill but just wishes to remain in bed.

November 14 For some days past she has been again excited and very restless, can't remain in any place and goes into every nook & corner, answers incoherently when spoken to and pays no attention to anything said to her. Does not sleep well at night.

She was today transferred to the East House — see Book XXVIII. page 167.

Admitted 5th September 1871

1871 Barbara Brown or McCallum Aet 33

September 14 Was brought to the Asylum today by her sons from 133 Waterloo Street Glasgow.

This is the third attack of insanity the duration is one week and the cause is stated to be grief at the death of a child. The previous attacks occurred twenty-seven and twenty-one years ago, when she was an inmate of this Asylum and ill for about six months on each occasion. She is dangerous to others, but it is not known whether she is suicidal. She has a brother and sister who were formerly inmates of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she was in a state of high excitement, incoherent, singing snatches of impersonal songs &c, sleepless and violent in her conduct, threatened to smash the windows.

On admission she was very restless incoherent and delusive, danced up and down, talked incessantly, frequently acted as if spitting and held her handkerchief to her mouth, fancying that saliva was running out of it and saying she had been poisoned by mercury. She talked of being in the Asylum before and told the name of the dentron and her nurse.

Bodily health very indifferent: condition normal. There is a large, highly inflamed raw surface on the upper part of her neck and shoulders and a number of discolourations on her arms.

" 15 She slept pretty well till five o'clock morning, but since has been very restless and excited, quite incoherent and does not appear to understand what she is doing.

" 22 She has been extremely restless and sleepless ever since last report, quite maniacal and required to be dressed in canvas to prevent her wounding herself and also when out of her room to have an attendant constantly with her to prevent her overturning things. Very little sleep she has got being under the influence of Moral Hydrate.

October 19 Since last report she sometimes wet herself in bed, continued excitable and often noisy and is still occasionally so although she sometimes now sleeps without a draught. She has a confused, bewildered look, moves stupidly when spoken to and seems rather demented; requires to be assisted to dress and washed often with her food. She is a little deaf and her eyes are crusted with matter in the mornings.

November 18 She is still somewhat demented, but greatly better and has for some time slept well at night without any sedative. Was today taken by her husband on trial.

" 23 At home she became restless and excited and today was brought back.

Admitted 14th September 1871

December 21 — She is sleepless and restless at night and during the day appears confused, wanders here and there and does not seem to know what she is doing; is at times inclined to destroy her clothes, and requires constant attention; is somewhat demented.

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January 14 — She has been sleeping pretty well at night for some time past, but always requires to have the chloral Hydrate at bed time. During the day she is quiet, but quite mindless, requires to be told to do everything and often leaves off when walking; has a stupid look, rarely when spoken to, seldom speaks.

February 15 — At times her mind is pretty clear but she is very changeable as in an hour after when spoken to she is quite stupid and can give no reply. She is occasionally very restless at night.

March 8th/16 — Some nights she sleeps pretty quietly without any medication, but again is very restless and a draught requires always to be at hand to quiet her. Three nights ago she was very stupid and wet her room.

April 22 — She picks up trifling articles and carries them in her hand for some time; comes up behind the attendants when she sees them and although they are unaware gets into fits very much and is apt to be rather over. She tripped heavily in the dress room this morning and falling against the wall of the gallery received a discoloration above the left eyebrow.

May 18 — She has since last report been again much excited very restless and stupid would not lie in bed at night and at times refused to take any food at the same time being unclean in her habits. Last night she kept her bed and slept some and the paroxysm appear to be again passing off.

" 25 — Being at present quiet and comfortable well although somewhat demented and absent. She was today taken home by her husband on trial.

June 14 — She was today dismissed — Relieved.

1871 Jane Grill or Thomson Aet 46

October 2 — Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from the Island of Arran Argyllshire.

She is forty six years of age, married, a Farmer's wife and belongs to the Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of of insanity, the duration is under one year and the cause is stated to be the death of a brother and her critical period, but she had a sister (Mrs Harvey) who was insane and an inmate of this Asylum. She is considered to be suicidal. But is not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she stated that she was constantly annoyed by a person of the name of Armstrong following her and entering whispering in her ear, can get no peace for him night or day. She was confused and excited talked much and lay to imaginary persons and at times went about with her clothes above her head. Threatened to drown herself in the Loch.

On admission she was quiet and had a somewhat indifferent away both, talked very readily of her delusion. Said that the young man Armstrong had been in Arran all the time she was there and that when she came to Glasgow four days ago, he was in Glasgow also, that he was with the Cab all the road out to the Asylum, speaking and talking, and that she now heard him outside of the window. says he hears and knows everything about her.

Bodily health indifferent: Constitution spare.

" 3 — She slept very well during the nights and today appears to be quite contented and easy in her feelings; talks of her delusion about Armstrong quite unconcernedly and as if a matter of course. Converses quite rationally on all other subjects.

" 10 — She has a preoccupied fatuous look, sits idly and when spoken to, looks here and there before giving any reply, says yes or no in a slow drawling manner and takes no interest in anything. She takes her food.

" 26 — She has become more restless and incessant is occasionally restless at night and refuses to take her food. She frequently hears imaginary voices occupies a particular seat and wont leave it, fancies Armstrong is outside the window and says the men she sees in the grounds are all devils. Has sometimes a choral draught at night.

November 17 — She dresses in a silly manner and appears to take great delight in it, begins every sentence with Lord, damn or mighty, follows the Medical Officers and will ask them if they are the Lord or the King and asks if some of the other patients are men. She constantly hears imaginary voices.

December 22 — She gave up smoking for a short time but has again and immediately after doing so minister began to use very offensive language is untidy at it and laughs in a silly manner at what she says. She is incoherent.

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January 19	She is incoherent and delusive mutually asking the most foolish questions and making use of very improper language. Her bodily condition is improving, but without any apparent mental benefit. She takes her food well.
February 15	Her language is incoherent and very bad — such as. Where is my bloody damn mans (words illegible) when will, will I get out of this hell damn place? seems to take great delight in talking so and more especially if others appear annoyed at it.
March 16	She is very delusive and talks in a most rambling incoherent manner, but speaks without swearing and places herself in the way of people passing. Her tongue and gums were affected with a pinkish rash and some aphthous patches for which she has had a gargle of chlorate of Potash in water and is is now improving
April 15	Since last report she has been occasionally depressed, crying much and at times would not speak, but whenever she did speak her language was the same as above reported. She sometimes breaks glass smashing at people outside, laughs at whatever foolish act she does and is always talking of devils.
May 17	She is more frequently very sullen and irritable now than she formerly was, seems highly indignant at some imaginary injury done to her and if she speaks at all it is to talk of what damned devils have done to her.
June 20	She sometimes cries much and again laughs in a silly foolish manner at the same time giving utterance to incoherent threats saying she will get that damned room of hers to have us all punished. She eats well and is in very good bodily condition
July 19	Will seldom speak, turns away in an irritable manner when addressed and is very childish. She sits much by herself and will speak to no one.
" 25	She was today taken home by her husband and discussed — Relieved.

Christina Shillingsworth No. Farlows Waitlands & No. Morris
1871 Act 42

October 3 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her Husband from 173 West Arsham Street Glasgow.

She is forty-two years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks and the cause is stated to be fear of death. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a melancholy appearance, was incoherent in speech and had very erroneous notions, attempted to do violence to herself with a knife. She stated that she had murdered the Lord of Glory, that the whole world had been destroyed and that there was no hope for her of salvation.

On admission she was quiet and spoke a low tone of voice, appeared exhausted and when taken into the parlour lay down on the sofa she would not take any food, but told the attendant to take it herself or give it to the other ladies. Having a slight smile, she said she had indeed been dreaming to some here and to many of the people being killed stated that her servant girl was away to the Court to see about it, and when asked any question said she did not know. With the assistance of the attendant she took some porridge and milk before going to bed.

Bodily health very feeble, she is quite exhausted, pulse 130, very weak; labours under disease of the ovaries and bronchi; Constitution feeble

" 4 She slept well during the night and has taken her food pretty well, but is confined to bed, very depressed, says the whole of Glasgow is being exterminated, made unless a knife from the attendant to rid herself of the world.

" 12 She sleeps little at night and is restless her mind is much preoccupied and when spoken to at any time does not give a direct reply, but speaks of some great calamity which she fancies is about to happen and says it is all on her account, says all the people are to be killed.

November 16 Her mind is constantly occupied with delusions of a distressing nature, which she tells in an absent disconnected manner and then will often sit and look earnestly into the face of another patient, listening to her delusions; smiles, shakes her head, and whatever it is says it is true or that we and all her relations are ruined. She seldom sleeps well at night, is frequently restless.

December 22 She is very delusive, and at times seems quite demented, will sit or walk in a slow listless manner and often mutters to herself. She will say it is frost while it is raining and again say suddenly that the people are all dead. She takes her food tolerably well.

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1872 January 19	She is very talkative and always when spoken to interest of answering what is asked at her will talk of some dreadful calamity which she fancies has just occurred. She is sometimes restless at night, keeps under observation.
February 15	She has for some nights past been more restless than usual and yesterday the catamenia began to flow for the first time since admission. Her mind is filled with her former delusions and she can talk of nothing else
March 11	She wanders quietly about and often tries to arrange the dresses of the other demented patients. Seems very absent and will tenderly say is not it dreadful all the ground is being turned up.
April 18	She talks of many people being dead who are not and tells others they are to die in some violent manner, and all in consequence of her wickedness. She wanders slowly about here and there talks to herself and is very delusive.
May 17	Last night she slept little and was restless. She is depressed delusive and suicidal, requires to be under observation night and day as about two weeks ago she tried to strangle herself by drawing her pocket handkerchief tightly round her neck.
June 28	She is very delusive and her mind is always much preoccupied. She is constantly in fear that she is doing harm to others, that she is the cause of all the misery in the world and therefore is anxious to get quit of life.
July 19	She is sometimes sleepless at night but is always very quiet, during the day walks about in a listless manner and will sometimes ask if it is not true that all the streets are turned up.
August 16	She has been driving out frequently for some time past, but does not appear to have improved any mentally; asks why she does not get home when out, and seems quite indifferent about being out. Four days ago she was confined to bed with menorrhagia.

1871 Grace Fergusson or Miller Aet. 26

October 14 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband and brother in law from No 11 Forsyth Street Greenock.

She is twenty six years of age, married, a Farmers Daughter and belongs to the Independent body.

About two years ago, she was for six months in Dr Hills Asylum at Garnjost. The duration of the existing attack is about one week and the cause is the puerperal state. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was very restless and restless, talked incessantly and incoherently. She laboured under the delusion that her husband was insane and thought that her husbands business was going all wrong.

On admission she was extremely restless talkative and incoherent in her conversation turned abruptly from one subject to another but was always under the impression that she had come here to consult Dr Buchanan about her husband, said there was insanity in George's (her husbands) family, and that she was quite contented to stay here though she was not insane. If she knew that he was in the Gentlemens Division. Talked about the fashions in dress, then asked if we knew how the body was and said he would be down weeps on Monday at a quarter past eleven o'clock. Wished it to be known that she was not insane before, but that for two months he insanity had been suppressed, & she was then clearly

" 15 She slept about four hours during the night and when awake was extremely restless and talkative. Today she talks incessantly, rambles much upon the same subjects, such as the birth of her child, her marriage, style of dress &c. and often repeats the words do you know. Also asks how her husband rested last night, foreseeing him to be an inmate of the Asylum.

" 22 She is quite incoherent and maniacally excited, violent in her conduct and very uncleanly in her habits; she requires to be dressed in canvas as she tries to destroy her clothes and denude herself. She sleeps little or none at night and is noisy, singing &c. The manners required to be attended to but, there is now little deterioration of mind.

November 17 Continues very incoherent and much excited at times seems very stupid, does not know that she is about. She is operated with clysters and the catheter has frequently to be used to relieve her Bladder. She began to menstruate on the eighth of this month, discharge normal. She is still uncleanly in her habits, but her bowels are most always costive. She is taking paraldehyde 3xyrups & Cod liver Oil.

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December 21

She is incoherent excited and noisy scolds at every person she sees and calls them by other names than their own, is very obscene in her language and conducts herself in a most foolish assuming manner. She gets a draught chloral Hydrat at bedtime and another about two o'clock A.M. but nevertheless is often noisy. She sometimes asks how her husband is; forgetting he is a patient in the Asylum.

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January 19

She is still very restless incoherent and talkative. requires to have the chloral Hydrat as before noted and even with both draughts is at times noisy for a little during the night. She is always scolding after her attendant calling her the vilest names without any apparent cause and sometimes strikes her. Has names of her own for all the Asylum Officials. The catamenia was present on the sixteenth of this month.

February 15

The catamenia was again present on the sixth of this month. She has seldom more than one draught now during the night but is sometimes noisy. She is always noisy excited and insolent during the day dresses herself in a fantastic way; and asks most irrelevant questions. At times laughs immoderately without any cause. She never asks about her child.

March 16

She has been much quieter for a week past now sleeps without any sedatives and has nothing abusive to say except to asks at every one of the Officials if they do not think her better and if she will not soon get away.

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She was today discharged —
Cured.

1871 Mary Buchanan Aet. 32

November 2 Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother from Launceston, Tamprea.

She is thirty-two years of age, single and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is four months and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal, nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she laboured under various delusions, heard imaginary sounds and fancies people were maligning her, was depressed in spirits.

On admission she had a very timid expression of face, looked hurriedly from one place to another, but rarely and only for a moment at the person to whom she spoke. She complained of great nervousness and want of sleep, said she had a draught containing thirty grains of Chloral Hydrate every night and sometimes two, also that she had been galvanized by Dr Barnes and other means tried, but still she was no better.

Ordered thirty minums of Tincture of Cannabis Indicae in three drms. of Camilage, at 8 p.m.

Bodily health feeble: Constitution spare

" 3 She slept none during the night and was very restless getting frequently out of bed. Today she has been very restless and at times excited in her manner, she fancies she has got poison, that has caused her illness, but cannot tell, when, where nor how.

" 10 Although she has a draught of Chloral every night she does not sleep well, and during the day is very restless, complains of pain in her head and also in her eyes, hides her face and says she cannot see, she is very unhappy and cannot put to do anything, not even to read.

" 28 About a fortnight ago she followed the attendant into her room and seizing hold of a knife would not give it up. She has since had an attendant specially for herself; is always extremely miserable but now sleeps better at night, with the Bromide of Potassium, than she did with Chloral Hydrate.

December 21 She is very suicidal and furtive in her movements, will barely give any reply when spoken to; to almost every question says abruptly "I want home". A few days ago she asked her attendant to go outside her bedroom till she would say her prayers and on the attendant going in, shortly after; she found her with her handkerchief tightly drawn round her neck, trying to choke herself.

1872 January 14 She will give no reply when spoken to and when looked at closes her eyes, requires to be told when to sit or she would stand still.

February 15 She walks about holding by the arm of one attendant and with her eyes closed, sometimes covers against her face, but will open them.

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March 16 She is delusive sometimes, persists that she is a horse but will kindly give any other reply shown, no or yes, to anything said to her and still closes her eyes when walking. She is taking Perrishes hypnp and cod liver oil, besides taking the food well, still her bodily condition does not improve. Wont wipe the mucous from her nose.

April 18 She sits often with her hair dishevelled state, lies over the table and will not raise her head pays no attention when spoken to and nothing said to her will induce her to speak. If her eyes are open when spoken to, she closes them.

May 16 She is very obstinate and sullen, will do nothing unless of her own and sits with her eyes closed, also closes them when walking out and when spoken to hides her face.

June 13 Shortly after last report the catamenia showed for the first times since admission, but she has since been more restless and excited, often sleepless at night and during the day irritable and very obstinate.

Agnes Mc. Donald Æt. 52

1871

November 29 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 69 London Street Glasgow.

She is fifty-two years of age, single, a Tradesman's daughter and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is not less than four weeks and cause is stated to have been Enteric Fever and Domestic circumstances. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and very rarely spoke, wandered about the house in a listless manner and refused to take her food. She laboured under the delusion that she had done some serious wrong to her family.

On admission she had a very melancholy expression of face and was quite taciturn, spoke none and would not be induced to reply to any question whatever, seemed as if she did not understand what was said to her and refused to take any food. She was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition much reduced.

" 30 — She took about thirty grains of chloral Hydrate and slept quietly during the night. Today she is confined to bed but is restless, wont speak but moans occasionally and tries to get out of bed. The attendants successful in getting her to take a little food but not a sufficiency and she was fed in the evening by means of the stomach pump. Her bowels are very costive and enemata had no effect in relieving her.

December 7 — She has been confined to bed since admission and has had a draught of Chloral every night; some nights slept well and again would be restless and excited for an hour or two, requiring to be held in bed. She is extremely miserable, depressed or delusive, moans and sings she would like to be an end for ages. Her bowels continue extremely costive, requiring the exhibition of drastic doses which do not act till she have an enema. She now takes her food well.

" 26 — She is still confined to bed, her bowels continue very costive and she is extremely restless and excited, requires an attendant constantly beside her, pushes the bed clothes off herself and talks very incoherently, is occasionally noisy at night although she has always a chloral draught. She is very anæmic and feeble.

1872
January 19 — She is still very restless when awake and some nights sleeps little and becomes much excited is getting more stupid and does not at all seem to know what she is doing. Has not been in bed twice since last report. Bowels costive.

February 15 — She is very restless, stupid and subject to paroxysms of excitement, sometimes very violently.

Admitted 29th November 1871

1872 March 16	She sleeps better now at night, but not from any apparent mental improvement. She is very demented never speaks and does not seem to understand the simplest words said to; she stands much, taking a step every little while and will not remain in a seat for even a few minutes. Her bowels are extremely costive, she has an enema of Ol. Ricini every second day and requires always to have an enema before she gets any relief. The catheter is used three times a day, but she sometimes wets herself more than once in the twenty-four hours.
April 18	There is neither mental nor physical change since last report. She stands much puts her hands slowly up to her ears and blows at her cheeks, wont open her eyes.
May 16	She is in a state of extreme dementia does not seem to understand the simplest words, not knowing her own name. She stands much during the day and as formerly frequently wets herself.
June 7	She was today taken home by her sister and discharged. — Relieved.

1871 Agnes Conn or Brown Aet. 3.

December 21 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from 197 Watt Street Glasgow.

She is thirty six years of age, married an Engineer's Wife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under one year and the cause is stated to be nervousness. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency. She was an inmate of the Liverpool Royal Lunatic Asylum from March till July last and since in the Moffat Asylum, Musselburgh till about a fortnight ago.

Prior to admission she had a melancholy look, and declined to answer ordinary questions, required to be urged to take her food and to attend to the other calls of nature. She laboured under the delusion that some obstruction was caused to the swallowing of her food by those around her and also imagined that things were thrown at her. When out of bed did not know where she was and would not return home.

On admission she had a peevish demented look, was able to tell where she had been and how many Children she had and some other simple questions, but was very fretful and in constant fear that she was doing wrong. Her fingers were all little sods and hardened over the points as if pulling or picking them and two of them too were dressed with lint.

Bodily health feeble: Constitution spare. She has had no relief from her bowels for four days. Ordered pil. Col. C. iii

" 22 She slept badly during the night, but her medicine acted and she has taken her food. She has been trying to knit a garter, but cannot get on, is constantly saying that she is doing it wrong and her expression of face is as she were about to cry.

" 29 She is very demented and fretful, shakes her hands and always appears as if about to cry picks the points of her fingers and sometimes has them bleeding. Function she is always doing well. She has no relief from her bowels except from the action of medicine.

January 25 1872 She can do nothing, sits working with two wires, trying to knit a garter, often shakes her head appears as if about to cry, picks her fingers and can't get on. She is taking Cod Liver Oil, but her bowels still continue very costive.

February 22 Her expression of face is always as if she were about to cry and when asked what is wrong she will shake her head and say I cannot. Since she has commenced to try to knit a stocking, but never picks her fingers when does anything else, has her lip covered with little scales from her fingers.

Admitted 21st December 1871

1872
March 16 — She has got a cold in the head and is confined to bed is very fretful and miserable seems always very unhappy and mutters about some trifling affair which she cannot explain.

April 18 — She sometimes tries to knit a little, but is more frequently engaged picking her fingers and looking as if about to cry, is constantly asking if she is doing right and mutters incoherently to herself.

May 16 — Her expression of face is extremely peevish and whenever she sees any of the officials of the Asylum she looks up in an imploring manner and mutters some inquiry, such as should she have taken her food &c. Her bowels are still very costive, never acting without aperients.

June 13 — Mentally there is no change, but she now can do a little knitting, but requires constant direction, fancying she is always doing wrong. She has an ounce of Castor Oil every second or third day and it occasionally fails to act.

1872 Christina Donaldson Aet 25

February 3 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her brother from 20 Hopeton Place Glasgow.

She is twenty-four years of age, single and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two months and the cause is unknown, but supposed to be the death of her mother. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent and at times very excited. She talked to people who were dead and whom she said she saw; said some of her friends who were alive and well were dead and that she was shunned. She threatened to bury herself and cut her throats.

On admission she talked continuously and her language was very incoherent and disconnected. When any question was put to her she would invariably answer: don't ask me and continue as follows. "If was to be made queen of the Army, I might have thousands of husbands, why was my husband unkind to me. I am in mourning for my mother", and often made a wailing sound.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced

" 14 She had a draught of Chloral Hydrat, but slept little during the night and was noisy she awoke. Today she has taken her food, but is very incoherent and restless.

" 12 She continued to be noisy at night up till two nights ago, but last night she slept without any sedative. For some day she refused her food and the attendants had great difficulty in feeding her, at times finding it necessary to tube anything into her mouth. She is now taking Perrichs Syrup and Cod liver Oil. She is quiet but reluctant. She says her brain is daily growing much larger and becoming disproportionate to her body.

March 7 She has been quiet and slept pretty well till four or five nights ago when she became restless and noisy and since has had a draught at night. She is now incoherent and excited; says the devil is going to shoot her, talks much and not reply to anything said to her, tosses her head and scribbles, muttering to herself. Today she snatched three pens of from while walking in the airing Court.

April 12 For two weeks after last report she was much excited and very restless; had a draught of Chloral Hydrat at bed time, but awoke early in the morning and required to get a second to keep her in bed. She turned out her bed. She is now quieter, but very mindless and do nothing and talks incoherently.

May 16 She is demented, at times depressed and again excited, talks incoherently about her mother, a nurse and wonders what is confined manner.

Admitted 3rd February 1872

June 13 She is more absent and unguarded at present than she has been for some time. During the day frequently wets her clothing and seems quite unable to take any care of herself. She takes her food tolerably well.

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Janet Paterson or Fortune Aet 44

1872

February 17 — Was brought to the Asylum, today, by her son and sister from 26 West Burn Street Greenock.

She is forty-four years of age, a Carpenter Widow and belongs to the Baptiste Church.

This is the second attack of insanity the duration is about six months and the cause is the Critical period. She is rather suicidal (now dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had a dull vacant look, was incapable of reasoning on any subjects and could not tell her own age, said she was twenty-one. She heard imaginary voices talking to her and would not be convinced that they were not voices of absent friends. She talked incoherently, hardly eat or slept any and went about with a lighted candle looking into the bedroom and fancied she saw and heard persons who were not there.

On admission she was very restless and confused, had an absent preoccupied look and could not answer simple questions, but when anything was suggested to her as the reply she said yes, no matter how far it was from being correct. She wished to go out saying she had not been prepared for coming, but had no idea of where she was. On examining her body a small discolouration was found on the upper part of the left arm, which she said was caused by giving her child medicine and talked in an unintelligible manner.

" 18 — She was quiet and says she slept during the night, but today is very restless and anxious says she hears her son's voice and that he is out in the cold. She stares vacantly when spoken to gives no reply, wanders purposely about and wont sit down. Takes her food sparingly.

" 26 — She is constantly hearing imaginary voices and fancies her relations are outside the house. seldom sits down puts on her bonnet &c and if she cannot get her own dresses herself will borrow of the other ladies attire garments and is always ready to enable her way out, will reply to anything said to her is very obstinate and confused; bowels costive, eats the refuses medicine.

This morning while walking in the airing court, she stood smack at the door and tried to force her way out.

March 16 — She sleeps badly at night in consequence of hearing imaginary voices calling upon her. Sits during the day with her bonnet and shawl on and is always ready to push her way out, is very obstinate and sullen will hardly speak one sometimes refuses her food.

April 18 — Has been violent and obstinate refuses her food at times, and says that is the use of her eating when there is starving people in the world. Idle & dirty

Admitted 17th February 1872

May 16 — She is very obstinate and her mind seems always much preoccupied. frequently she will give no reply when spoken to, but when she does speak her language is always incoherent and delirious. She frequently becomes excited fancying she hears the voices of her relations and that they are suffering from cold & hunger.

June 13 — She has been more excited and sometimes noisy at night. She can do nothing whatever talks very incoherently and frequently, no matter what is said to her will say "it was my hair dresser and walks away. She is demented.

July 1 — Friday she was taken home by her brother and discharged —

Relieved.

Martha Mc. Intyre & Mc. Farlane

1872

July 18 — At present she is quiet and dull, but sleeps well at night with a sedative. Shortly after last report she was very restless and sleepless fancied there was something seriously wrong with her was often very miserable and at times could hardly be induced to take any food.

September 19 — She still has a sedative nightly, but for three weeks past has been restless and sleepless seldom more than an hour or two any night. She has had two short paroxysms of excitement such as she had four or five months ago, talk of how very well she is and the great entertainment she is going to make for every person here. Just now she will hardly speak, and refuses her food, looks very miserable.

November 21 — Has been confined to bed with a cough but is getting over it. Today she is very much excited talking incessantly, says we all thought her very ill but there is nothing wrong with her.

1873 January 10 — For the last two nights she has slept well but for some time prior to that was very restless. During the day she sits much alone, occupies her time knitting and often will give an answer when spoken to, merely shakes her head. She takes her food very sparingly.

March 13 — Two days ago she again became talkative and very restless annoying all the other ladies with her foolish talking, but at the same time making them laugh at the extravagance of her notions. When she went to bed she was still excited, but in the morning would hardly speak and shook her head when asked any questions.

May 15 — She sleeps better at night now at times is very restless, sometimes gets out of bed in fancies but she appears to be becoming more demented and when an attempt is made to get her into conversation, she usually answers by shaking her head and saying "I am sure I do not know."

July 17 — About the middle of June for two days she was again excited and talkative but soon then slept pretty well at night and still does so except on very occasional nights. She sits much in a cast apart her bed-room door and will remain nowhere else, will not say why.

August 28 — About three weeks ago she had another talkative attack, which lasted little more than a day, when she again became dull and stupid and for a week or more was very restless at night. She again sleeps pretty well.

October 16 — Her husband visits her very frequently and has occasionally taken her out for an afternoon but she generally becomes restless and ill at ease and is glad to be back again. She seems as if in fear but would express her ideas.

December 15 — Three nights ago her husband took her home, but she would not remain and he had to bring her back. She has slept badly since looks stupid miserable and unhappy, seems pitiful to merciful question but shakes her head.

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1874
February 15 She mistakes the identity of people. Often when her husband calls for her she takes no notice and if asked afterwards who it was says she does not know, or is asked if it is not John (whom she hardly always speaks of by name) says no.

April 17 She is very obstinate in her room on the chair opposite her bedroom door and no words will induce her to go into the parlour. If any person touches her she rubs the part and fancies something has been put on to her.

June 18 Her husband expressed an idea that the relatives might be injurious to her and they were omitted for a time, but about the beginning of May she became very restless and excited, could not sleep at night and during the day talked incessantly and in the most rambling manner, went much to the windows and seeing the trains pass would say that is the train that is to take me to Penrith &c. The excitement passed off towards the beginning of June and since she has been very depressed and stupid. She required sedatives during the whole period of confinement.

August 06 Some nights she sleeps and others cannot sleep unless she has a relative. She will hardly speak, sits much alone and when asked for sometimes will after a little say she does not know.

October 14 Occupies her time knitting and while doing so, at times walks along the Gallery. At the visits when spoken to she will walk away and look back as if in fear but give no reply. only matters when intercepted in her walks.

December 16 She has not had a relative for some time but sleeps badly at night although she is quiet and keeps her bed. She has a demented melancholy look, is very destitute and sometimes complains of pain in her head when enquired for.

1875
February 18 She will only sit in particular places and never takes to any of the other ladies. If anyone touches her dress she rubs the part and looks anxiously at it as if something serious was wrong; seems always in fear but at the same time cannot tell what troubles her.

March 17 She today left the Asylum with her sister to go to Bridge of Allan for some days on trial.

" 31 She was today discharged — Relieved.

Isabella Bell

Aet 26

1872

March 30 — She was today dismissed as a voluntary patient (note misprint) and readmitted on a Sheriff's Order.

She is twenty-six years of age, single, belongs to the Church of Scotland and is a Physician's daughter.

This is the fifth attack of insanity, the duration is a year or more and the cause is predisposition from previous attacks. She is occasionally dangerous to others.

For some time past she has been confined to bed. Partly in consequence of ofte[n] her going out partly from her very irritable dangerous state. She exposes her breast and when spoke to makes a sudden spring round in bed sometimes screams and clutches at the person nearest her and attempts violence. Matters now more tolerant much.

April 18 — She is still confined to bed, but now takes her food much better. She turns about stares wildly when approached, coughs slightly as if to clear her throat, shakes suddenly about and mutters incoherently when spoken to and says to the Medical Assistant he is not God.

May 16 — She is occasionally out of bed, but when so lies much upon the sofa and when approached hides her face, gives no reply or speaks in a hurried incoherent manner when spoken to.

June 13 — Sometimes writes a letter to her friends and when handing it to get it posted, comes forward sideways hides her face and runs hurriedly from it, at times screams loudly without any apparent cause and is very agitated.

? Is this same Case as
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Mary Langlands

1872

April 12 For more than a week past she has been restless and sleepless at night although she has had forty grain of Chloral Hydrat in Syrup at bedtimes. For days up she was observed to be confused and talked she is quite stupid incoherent and neither required to be fed by her attendant, stares vacantly when spoken to and can give no reply. She is very restless.

" 23 Since last report and up till three days ago she was confined to bed most of the time very restless, constantly fumbling at the wool plucking her handkerchief between her teeth and drawing it out, at times requiring to have on boxing gloves. She was fed with difficulty, bowels very costive, as they always are when her paroxysms return and it was with the greatest difficulty medicine could be given her. On the [illegible] she wrote a letter to her sister, rather incoherent, and stating she felt that a great fire was about to occur, next day she was again very stupid, but has since improved and her mind is now pretty clear.

Jane Bain or Marshall Aet 48

1872

May 3 — Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband and son from 62 Pollock Street Paisley Road Glasgow

She is forty eight years of age, married an Engineers wife and belongs to the Church of Scotland

This is the third attack of insanity, the duration is under three months and the cause is predisposition from previous attacks. (See page 327.) She is not suicidal but at times strikes; but her own hand. She had a cousin in Riddel died in Gartnavel Asylum.

Prior to admission she could give no rational account of herself, was unable to control herself, abused her family and they were unable to control her. Her husband states that about a week ago she left the house and was away for two days and they could get no word of her and were afraid she was drowned.

On admission she was free from excitement but was obstinate and unwilling to answer questions, looked suspiciously at every one and and resisted everything said to her as if she was being trifled with, was rather repelling in her manner and at times seemed quite perverse and indifferent about anything. She would take no tea saying she was not hungry.

Bodily health indifferent. Condition ordinary. Her spine is curved and projecting to the right side.

" 4 — She was quiet during the night and says she slept well, has taken very little breakfast appears very apathetic, sits idly and speaks very

" 11 — She takes her food very sparingly and requires to be spoken to about it. She is very absent and mindless, often laughs much to herself without any apparent cause and if asked what she is laughing at, looks vacantly and after a little will say she was not laughing

June 12 — Continues absent and confused when spoken to and to almost every question if she replies at all it is either in the negative or that she does not know. Cannot tell the day of the week. She now eats rather better.

July 17 — She walks out with the other ladies, but when in doors is always idle and does not read, will sits with her hands in each other and never speaks, unless in reply to something said to her. She is quiet and demented.

August 3 — She was today taken home by her husband on trial.

" 12 — She was today dismissed — Relieved.

Admitted 3rd May 1872

Isabella Graham Smith Aet 30

1872

May 22 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from Castle Green Dumbarton.

She is thirty years of age, single, and a Baptiste.

This is the fourth attack of insanity, the duration is two weeks and the cause is Hereditary and predisposition from previous attacks. She has a paternal Aunt (Mrs A. Small) at present an inmate of this Asylum. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly and incoherently, fancied that she was related to and on terms of intimacy with the Royal Family and asserted that she was not her mothers daughter. She was very restless and sleepless.

On admission she was very restless and talked continually in a most incoherent manner gesticulating, rolling her eyes about and contorting her face. Her speech was very hurried and she seemed as if at times out of breath. She talked of the Princess of Wales being her sister, and spoke in the most familiar manner of Alexandra has done or said this, that or some other thing. Knew spirit well where she was.

Bodily Health very indifferent, Condition Spare. Her tongue is dry and furred.

During the preceding attacks she was an inmate of the Asylum from 9th Sept. till 1st Nov. 1869.

" 23 — She had a sedative at bedtime, but slept none and talked nearly all night. Continues today very restless and talks much and very incoherently; thus taken little food.

" 30 — Continues very incoherent, restless and talkative, still takes her food very sparingly and seldom any night sleeps more than two or three hours, and even that appears only the result of the sedative.

June 19 — Shortly after last report she began to sleep better at night, when a week ago she cut her back and next evening the antimonium was found to be flowing. She has since been more excited and restless, sleeping little at night, but is again becoming quieter. Still requires the sedative.

July 17 — There was again a slight remission in her excited state, but about ten days ago she again became noisy and excited did not sleep at night and occasionally on awaking during the night required to have a second sedative. For the last three or four days she is again quieter.

August 14 — For a week or two past she has been quiet and rational, but often complained of her physical state; felt sick, complained of sore throat and tiredness. She has had medicine and is now better appears well mentally.

" 21 — She was today discharged — Cured.

Admitted 22nd May 1872

1872

Isabella Pinton

Aet. 50

June 5 — Was brought to the Asylum today from Annieland School House, Shettleston near Glasgow.

She is fifty years of age, single, a School Mistress and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is under one month and the cause is unknown. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, talked constantly in an incoherent manner, made grimaces at the bystanders and struck at them. She fancied spies were watching her and that people were attempting to poison her. She did not sleep at night, jumped, danced and crept under the bed, tore the bed down and pitched the pillows about the room.

The above symptoms have lasted for a period of nine days and succeeded a period of taciturnity lasting four days and the reason she gives for her behaviour, was that there were plots being formed against her.

On admission she was very maniacal, roaring at the top of her voice and talking in a most incoherent manner. Had her clothes and the hair of her head in great disorder and could with the greatest difficulty be restrained.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition reduced. She has a number of excoriations upon the back

" 6 — She had a draught of Chloral Hydrat at bedtime and slept till about four o'clock A.M. when she became highly excited. She took some breakfast and refused dinner and tea. Was fed by means of the stomach pump.

" 13 — Excited and very noisy, destructive when patients during the night and has still been obstinately refused to take any food into her mouth; has been fed regularly by means of the stomach pump till today when she took an egg and drank a little milk.

Admitted 5th June 1572

Flora Mc. Bride Aet. 40

1872

June 27 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from Barnhill, Brodick, Arran, by her sister and brother in law.

She is forty years of age, single, a Protestant daughter and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about three months and the cause is supposed to be a solitary life after the death of her mother - three years ago. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she seemed in a state of constant fear, wandered in her conversation, stated that God had forsaken her and that she had been driven to flee over the hills of Arran in order to quench the burning thirst within. She did not take sufficient food. On the voyage to Glasgow she insisted that the engines of the boat was destined to crush her to pieces.

On admission she had a stupid melancholy look, was very obstinate and seemed to labour under fear of some great calamity about to befall herself and her relations. She said she herself was the cause of it all and in a wishing manner asked what was this she had brought in her friends shortly after admission she smashed two panes of glass, swore she wanted fresh air and at the same time tried to demolish herself, was very restless and murmuring in her actions.

Bodily health feeble. Constitution much reduced. On her face arms and legs are many discolorations

" 28 — She had a draught of Chloral Hydrat and slept pretty well during the night, but today is very restless excited and suicidal. While in the Airing court she swiped the stones of the walk with her hands and put them into her mouth also tried to get hold of some pieces of glass that had fallen from a window, nearly overpowering two attendants

July 5 — She is quiet at nights. But last night she wet her bed. During the day she is very miserable and restless constantly working with her clothes and picking down the seams of her dress. She is very obstinate and talks in an incoherent, delusive manner.

" 25 — She is in a state of extreme misery can do nothing, but constantly picks at her clothes and bemoans her great wickedness, say she has only discovered how bad she has been. The Chloral was omitted for a little as it was thought to leave her more depressed when she awoke, but it required to be given again as she would not remain in bed without it.

August 30 — She is very depressed and constantly talking in a wailing manner of how wicked she is; gets the points of her dress without being aware of what she is doing, cries but no tears flow and says that she has enriched the world with all sorrowness.

Admitted 27th June 1872

September 18 — Very unhappy, constantly bemoaning her very sinful state and can do nothing whatever, works with her hands in her clothes and is seldom properly clad. At nights she is restless and sleepless although she still has a sedative at bedtime.

October 16 — For some time past she has been sleeping better at night, but otherwise there is no improvement. There is great difficulty in getting her to take her food and her body is becoming emaciated. Has been ordered

November 17 — Extremely miserable and unhappy will hardly take any food and is becoming very weak. When spoken to about not eating she will plead in a frightened manner begging yes "dearey I will take it nearly" She remains hardly ever dressed, sleeps very little at night and about a week ago passed her urine in bed.

December 17 — She has had a large cold abscess of the right leg which was evacuated by a free incision and is now nearly healed. It was with the greatest difficulty she could be kept in bed and attendants being constantly beside her she could hardly keep the bed clothes upon her. She would talk in the most rambling manner and sang during what she was in the very act of

1873 January 15 — Perhaps more easily under the influence of sedatives Not improved, Bride was taken home by her brother-in-law today and discharged — Relieved.

1872 Margaret Muldrock or Dalrymple aet 6

July 25 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her son from 132 Nth City Road Glasgow.
She is sixty years of age, widowed, kept her own house and is a Presbyterian.
This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about one year and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.
Prior to admission she had a vacant expression of face, was rambling and incoherent in conversation, restless and fretful. Her friends stated that she was distrustful of others, sleepless, and had delusions of roaming about persons.
On admission she was found to be demented and very irritable, could not walk nor stand, but tried to strike and scratch at every one who came within her reach, called every one bad names and fancied all were wishing to injure her.
Bodily health very feeble: Condition much reduced. Several large corrugated cicatrices were observed on the left side of her body, from the shoulder to the thigh.

" 26 Last night her bladder required to be relieved by means of the catheter and she had a small draught of ℈ Chloral Hydrat, but slept none till near 3 o'clock this morning and then only for a very short time, raving, calling out when awoke. Today she is very irritable.

August 2 She has a draught of Chloral Hydrat every night, but seldom sleeps more than two hours and is always noisy when awake. Continues very irritable and her eyes are sore as if from rubbing them, the eyelashes being always crusted in the morning.

" 24 About two weeks ago diarrhoea set in and the Chloral was omitted at night. She was very weak and sometimes refused her food. She is again better, eats pretty well and now sleeps as well as she formerly did with the sedatives. She can sit up in bed, but is very irritable, strikes when approached.

September 19 She is very irritable and childish is always ready to strike and while doing so calls out, 'you scoundrel', mutters hurriedly and makes an irritable whining sound as if about to cry. For the last two nights she wet her bed and at times cried out as if in pain.

October 17 Continues very irritable and strikes or scratches at anyone approaching her. Her urine dribbles away and she is often wet. Requires great attention and frequent changing of clothing to keep her clean from soiling.

November 4 Her urine continually dribbles away and at times over the sacrum is sometimes raw, but by great care is kept from breaking. She is occasionally noisy at night calls for the coal man and is very incoherent

Admitted 25th July 1872

1872
December 6 She is quite unable to move in bed, but is ready to scratch whenever approached, always irritable and makes a whining noise like a child. She requires to be fed, but swallows pretty well. Yesterday her bowels were somewhat relieved and she sucked her food. She does not remove her hands when he calls, mistakes the identity of persons and is evidently becoming more feeble from gradual decay.

1873
January 16 She lies constantly upon her back, is quite powerless from paralysis and cannot be kept any from the constant dribbling away of her urine. The sore upon the sacrum is slightly broken by the sore is quite superficial and small. She is less irritable than formerly but this only seems to arise from her more exhausted state.

" 24 She continued gradually to sink although from day to day very little change was observable except that on night she was sometimes noisy crying out as if in pain, but could talk rationally and to-day she —

Died.

Cause of death — General Paralysis.

1872 Janet Faulds Aet. 52

September 1 Was brought to the Asylum today, by her brother, two other male relations and a female attendant from 10 Kelvin Terrace Kilkhead.

She is fifty-two years of age, single and a Protestant.

She had a previous attack of insanity when thirty-five years of age. This is the second attack, the duration is two days and the cause is stated to be the death of her mother. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was in bed was very excited, talking loudly and screaming violent in her actions, regardless of injuring herself or others and destructive to clothing and furniture. She refused to take her food and laboured under delusions such as seeing her mother's face and spoke to imaginary individuals.

On admission she was very maniacal talked very incoherently and screamed at the top of her voice. She would not sit upon a chair, but went upon her knees on the floor and bending forward her head would not let herself be raised. She seemed to know she was in the Asylum but had no control over actions, called the Medical Assistant Dr. Dobbie.

Her brother stated that she had had little food for four days and she would eat none on admission.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition good. There are some small discolouration upon her arms.

" 2 She had a shrewd draught at night but slept only about half an hour and was very restless and noisy. Today she has taken her food well, the attendants feeding her. She is very maniacal, tosses about, pulls at her hair cries out in a most incoherent manner and is dangerous to herself & others: destructive.

" 9 She is still quite incoherent, but much less excited than on admission: she has no relief from her bowels except from the action of medicine after getting which she is unclean in her habits. She continues to take her food well, but would sleep none without getting a sedative, says she feels as if one side of her head was elevating

" 21 Often noisy at night and during the day subject to sudden paroxysms of great excitement runs out at the pitch of her voice in quite maniacal

October 17 For the last two nights she has been quiet but during the day is much excited; calls Mrs John Burnet clenches the fist and striking at anyone within reach calls out "Damned devils in hell". She is very incoherent.

Admitted 1st September 1872

1872 Mary Fraser Aet. 48

September 6 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 46 Princes Street Kelvinsburgh

She is forty-eight years of age, single, a House keeper and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three months and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in conversation, had a desire to get quit of life and an idea that the sooner she was hanged or drowned the better. She wandered through the house and was noisy, slept none at night and at at times was only prevented from inflicting serious injury by being forcably held in the sofa.

On admission she was very restless and incoherent wandered here and there tried to get out and paid no attention to anything said to her. When asked to do anything if she replied at all, her words were that she never did it, would take no food and said she never eat any, could not give a rational reply to the simplest question and was very obstinate.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare. Her arms from the shoulders to near the wrists and the legs from the knees, extending up over the gluteal region were wholly marked with dark discolorations. On the breast and back there are also some large marks.

" 7 A sedative for bedtime was sent, but she refused to take it. After a time she slept for an hour and awoke much excited, after a while slept for about an hour, again awakened as before and was very restless. She would take no breakfast, but the attendants succeeded in feeding her with a little at the usual meal time. She is confined to bed, and her bladder required to be relieved by means of the catheter.

" 11 She is subject to paroxysms of great excitement and restlessness, requires to be held in bed and sleeps very little a night is unclean in her habits. She obstinately refuses to take any food or allow herself to be fed, crying out she cannot take it and for the last four days has been fed by means of the stomach pump.

October 13 For fully a week after last report she was fed three times daily by means of the stomach pump, but since has allowed the attendants to feed her although she is somewhat unwilling. She has not yet had a bath for some time, but is in very feeble health and her bowels require to be relieved by enemata. Incoherent.

Admitted 6th September 1872

Mary Thomson Murdoch or Liddell Aet 23

1872

September 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today, from 1 Royal Circus Glasgow.

She is twenty-three years of age, married, a Lady and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. the duration is three days and the cause is the puerperal state — She was delivered of a dead born child on the second of the present month. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. An Asylum was necessary.

Prior to admission she was violent, very restless and talked constantly in an incoherent manner; refused all food.

On admission she talked in a very rambling incoherent manner, but at times could answer questions pretty correctly; again would become very maniacal and call out loudly, during one of which paroxysms she struck an attendant a violent blow on the breast, causing her to faint.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition ordinary. Pulse 120, tongue dry and there is still a discharge from the vagina, the parts never being somewhat excoriated.

" 12 — She had about twenty five grains of Chloral Hydrat and slept like a A.A. Then became much excited, and was filthy in her habits. Took little breakfast, but at the visit drank a tumblerful of milk. Her conversation is very rambling and incoherent she mistakes the identity of persons, calls the Medical Assistant her uncle Tom.

" 19 — She is now much better mentally and talks quite coherently but is still confined to bed and occasionally sleeps badly at night She complains of being ill use and her bowels have been very irregular in their action, castor have been given and again entire, but her pulse is going down slowly and she appears to be fairly convalescing.

" 26 — She is very talkative and becoming extremely anxious to get away; and has been out of bed for a few hours for some days past, but cannot be up all day. She sleeps well at night and except for her bodily condition now appears to be well.

" 28 — She was today taken away by her husband and discharged —

Cured.

Admitted 11th September 1872

