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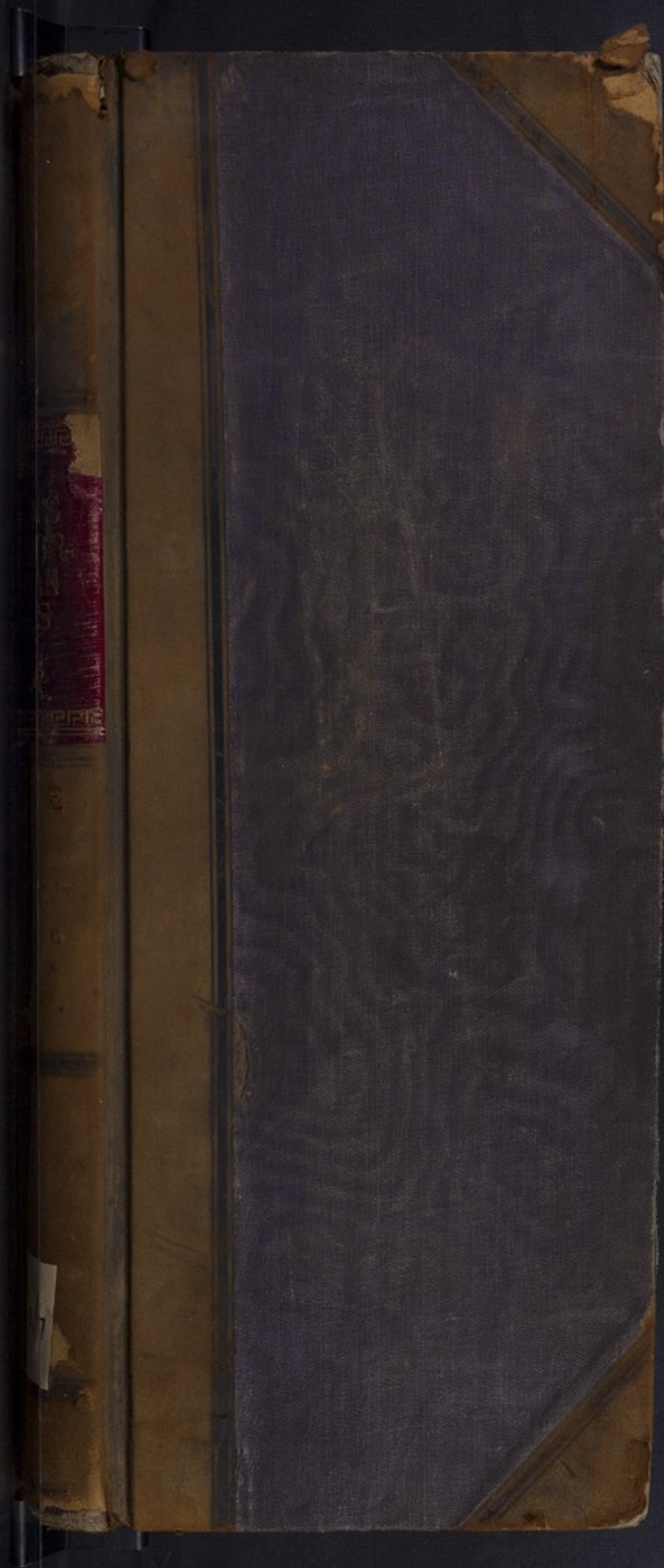
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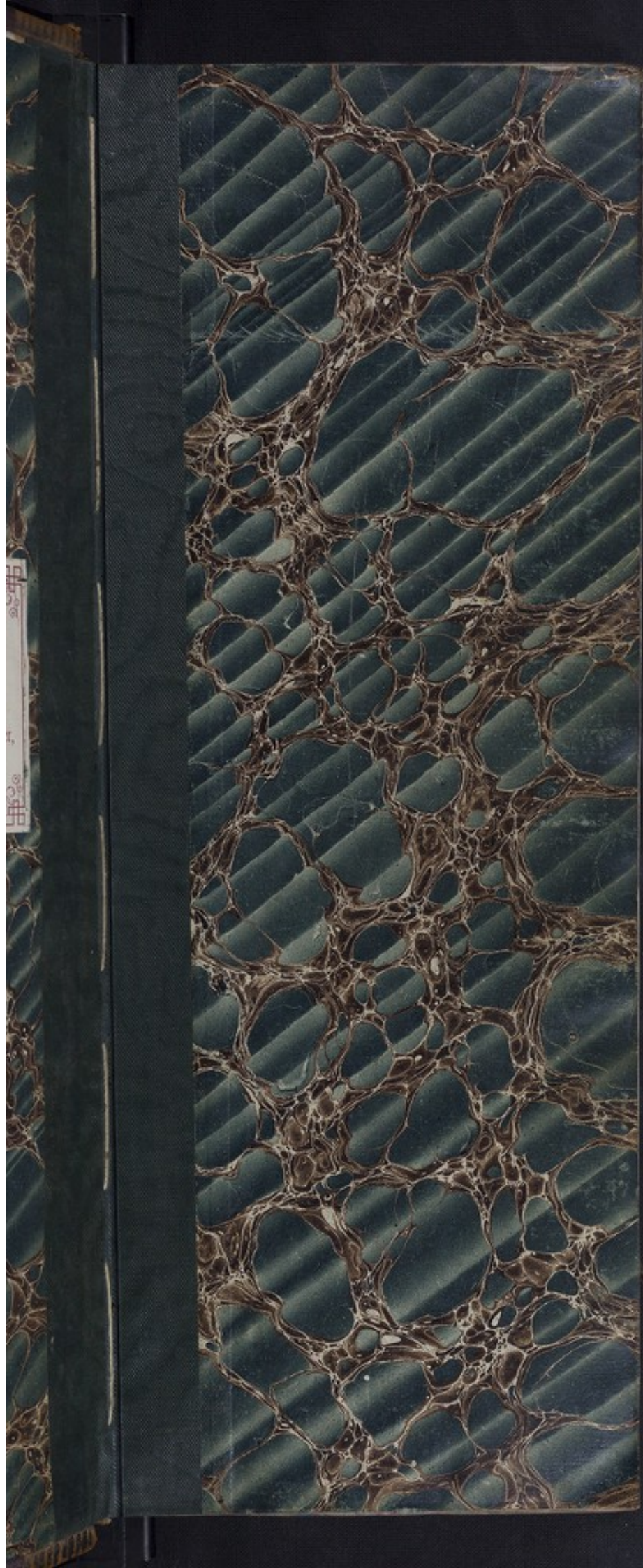
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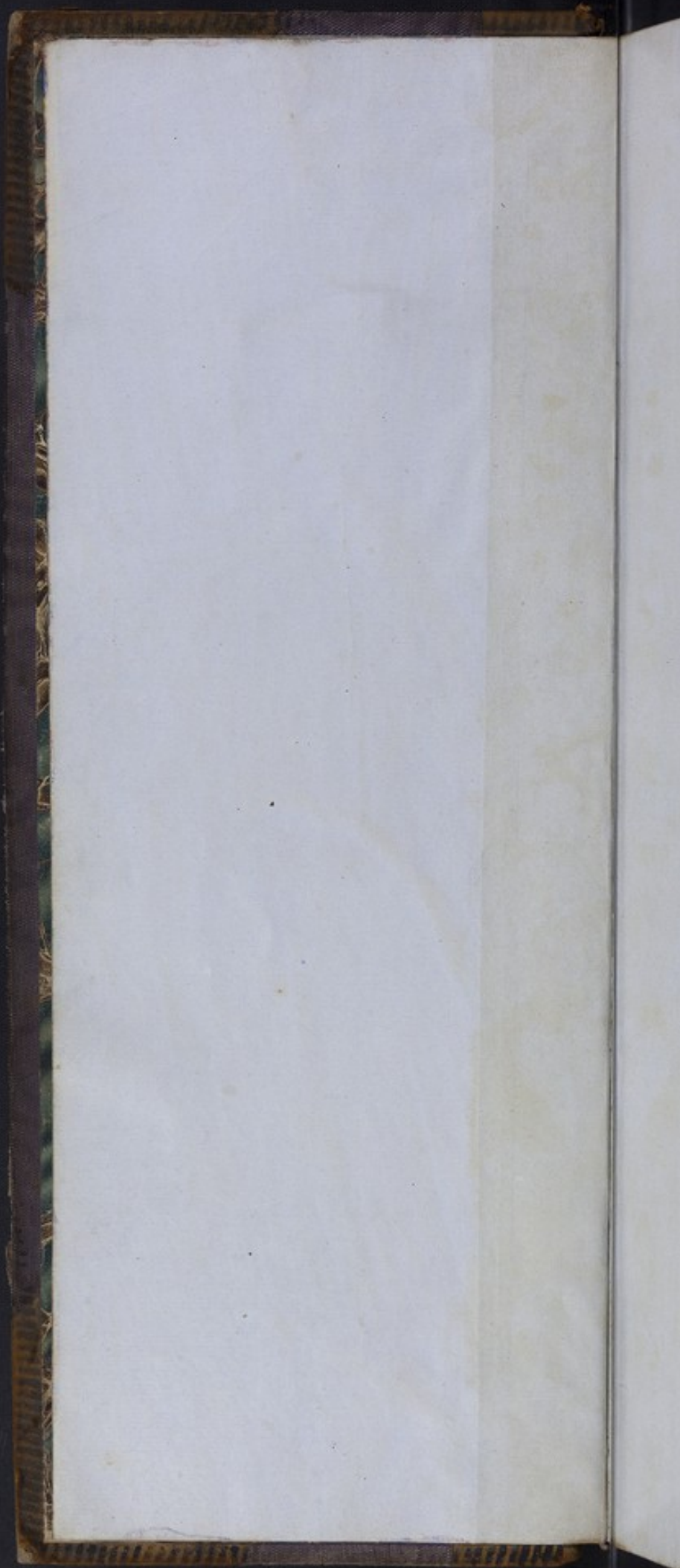
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Ann Jane Graham Oct. 17

1874

May 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is seven or ten years of age, single, occupation not known and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause not known, but she has just been discharged from the General Prison, Perth. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she heard whispering and strange sounds in her ears, was much excited, laughed and cried alternately, and tore articles of her dress.

On admission she was free from excitement and replied rationally when spoken to, but nothing she said could be relied upon. She stated that she had been eleven months in Perth prison and when asked what for, laughed much and said for stealing, admitted she had been in prison before and to every question concerning her with crime she laughed in a foolish manner. Her statements about her relations were contradictory and contradictory.

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Bodily health indifferent. Condition poor.

She slept well during the night and is today very very quiet, brings down her head and looks up quietly when spoken to. She replies in a very low voice and rather unwillingly.

June 2

She is quiet, has a rather melancholy look and is rather unwilling to enter into conversation. She says she hears voices speaking to her, but will not tell what they say, rather than that they tell her everything.

" 35

About ten days after that report and shortly after going to bed, she rose and attacked another patient, named Poline Lee, kicked and tore her hair without any cause. A number of the other patients also state that they are afraid of her she screams so dreadfully. This she tries to hide from the officials. She still threatens violence.

July 16

She is quiet, sits idly, smiles when spoken to but will hardly reply. She cannot be induced to do anything and has commenced to push her face with her hands.

August 13

She hears imaginary sounds, sometimes cries without any apparent cause and again is excited and very threatening in language.

September 8

She was today taken to Kovan Bankhill Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Morrison.

Relieved.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> May 1874

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Agnes Waters Caldwell      Feb. 74

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May 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Mr. Kirk's farm, Whifflet and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

She is about four years of age, widowed, a Widow and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is ten days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked like a parson in a rage, said she was continually being robbed and that every parson was trying to be her baron. She was very restless and sleepless at night and threw a knife at the head of her grandfather.

On admission she seemed rather demoralized, but was also delirious and very rambling in conversation. She said that people come into her house and steal everything that was in it, but that of them coming in invisibly and of the household articles disappearing in the same manner. She was violent in her conduct, scratched the assistants, profane her friends.

bodily health extremely feeble. Nutrition much reduced. There is an ulcer on her right knee, many scratches on the legs and dislocations on her arms.

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She slept well during the night, but was unsteady in her holds, groined her fingers in bed and talking of it long she would not get her bed to give her, her being to get into the dream to change her clothes. She is very fatuous, four ages.

June 8

Delirium and restlessness, talks in a very rambling, delirious manner and her feet and legs have become oedematous, but she will not remain in bed, being furious she has scratched her.

July 10

Continued restless and noisy at night, but has had a small draught of Calomel by which sleep for some time and more generally sleeps pretty well. During the day she wanders about in a stupor, nervous and is apt to become violent if opposed in any way. She mistakes people's identity in quite fatuous.

August 13

At times furious she is in her own house accuses the attendants of stealing her goods and tries to strike them. Wanders about the house with some delirious purposes.

September 17

Fatuous, wanders about and is full of delirious purposes to scold her daughter. Guesses her house goods are being stolen and talks of just being putting children to bed. Is sometimes noisy at night.

October 15

Has been confined to bed for two or three days, complaining of pain all down the left side of the body. Her pulse is calm and nothing can be seen.

November 7

Wakes up, shoes, petticoats and other articles of clothing and carries them about in her rooming very glibly and excited when they are taken from her.

Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> May 1874

December 17

Labourer under mental derangement, does not know the day of the week and has no idea of where she is, talks most ramblingly and is at times restless and excited.

1875  
January 16

Picks up anything she finds lying about and is often found to have a shoe, a small shawl, piece of bread and other trifling articles in her apron. Strikes at anyone if they try to take them and talks in a rambling incoherent manner. Has a little cold.

February 11

Has been confined to bed for a week past in consequence of sickness and great debility. She is at times very restless and gets out of bed at night.

March 13

Wants the greater part of her food and rejects all treatment talks in the most rambling incoherent manner and is very irritable, often throws the bed clothes off and gets up and wanders aimlessly about the ward. She has no memory.

April 15

She is confined to bed, but sometimes gets up and walks about the ward. She must touch whatever she sees she when get and often scolds when out, strikes anyone who would try to take it from her. Fatuous.

May 13

At times she gets restless and will not remain in bed and when it is spoken of she denies it and calls the nurse bad names. She has no memory. She some days wants nearly everything she talks and again for a day or two seems better. She is very much restressed and the tissues near the throat are much relaxed.

June 17

Very feeble wants the the greater part of her food or while trying to swallow gets it back. Formerly she retain her wine when walking she would remain, but now even the wine is sometimes rejected. She is fatuous from age.

July 11

Gradually becomes more associated and wanting both as to her mental and body functions, but could speak almost to the last was yesterday excited by one of her family and is no longer interested but in recollection of it.

This morning about 10 minutes past twelve o'clock she

Died.



1876 Isabella Campbell or Wetherpoon Oct. 12

June 5 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 6, Leamy Street, Widdowson, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Leamy Parish. She is forty-two years of age, married, a housewife and a Protestant.

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

Prior to admission she was restless and incoherent, subject to violent fits of excitement, cried in a strange manner, twisted and tossed her body about and required to be constantly watched. Her sister states that she had been subjected by her husband to systematic ill treatment and neglect, which has culminated in her present mental state.

On admission she was quiet, but had a striking gutta serena expression of face and could give no correct answer to any question. She appeared much exhausted, but after being put to bed she became very morose, did not speak much but tossed and rolled about and required two attendants to prevent her injuring herself.

bodily health very feeble. Condition reduced. She has a loud cough with expectoration.

" 6 She sleeps none during the night and was very much restless and noisy. Today she is rather quieter and has taken her food, but the treatment is paravaccinum. She coughs much.

" 13 Some days she takes very little food; she is always incoherent and the paravaccinum of excellent quality for hours together. She rolls on her bed and often requires her attendants to prevent her injuring herself. Her face is livid and she resists much medicinal matter.

July 16 She is much quieter and for one night past has slept pretty well. Physically she is also improved, but still expectorates much; now uses a cloth and keeps her bedding clean, which she formerly would not do. She is childish and often alone in cry without any apparent cause.

August 13 Restless and excited, very foolish and headstrong and last night slept none, banging her head was about to be cut off.

September 17 She has had several seizures approaching to apoplexy and affecting the one side of the body. She has been confined to bed for more than a week and expectorates much medicinal matter in her rictus at night and always incoherent.

October 15 She has been confined to bed both nights & day complaining of pain all down the left side of her body. Her pulse is rarely normal and nothing can be done to keep her clean or she passes her faeces in bed and does not stir. Red cores have formed over the sacrum and both trochanters.

Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> June 1874

October 26

There are large black streaks appearing over the sacrum and either Trochanter and the skin is becoming discoloured about the shoulders and other parts of the back. When she coughs, she is sometimes like to be choked from inability to expectorate. She eats pretty well and always says she is fine although she is unable to move in bed and is sinking.

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This afternoon at forty minutes past six o'clock, she

Died.

Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

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## Priscilla Young or Cowie Dec 23

1876

June 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 148 Turk Street, Northwell and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Baptist Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is twenty-one days and the cause stated to be anxiety of mind. She is eccentric and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was found with her clothes all torn and running through the house in a state of half nudity. She was incoherent and subject to several delusions, imagined that her relations were all against her and that she saw blood to around her. She also said she had turned her days before although she is at this time five months pregnant.

Her mother stated that she endeavored to strangle her, smashed glass, tore clothing and attempted to escape from the house in a state of nudity.

On admission she was restless, very talkative and her language incoherent and rambling. She said she was insane and the cause was that she had not got to England; did not recollect what she said as she gave quite different answers to the same question. She spoke in a slow childish manner and her conduct was very foolish.

Bodily health very indifferent; constant vomiting.

17 She slept well during the night, but today restless and disorderly requires to be constantly watched talks in a rambling silly manner and is inclined to be obscene.

24 She is very destructively and violently in her habits, tears her clothing into shreds and pieces her arms and faces in her bed & clothing if up. She talks in a most incoherent rambling manner and appears to be paralytic.

July 21 Very restless and troublesome, is quite furious and cannot be kept properly clad. She rubs her head much with her hands, talks much in a most incoherent manner, and speaks in the most irrelevant way when spoken to.

August 13 Incoherent, destructive and rambunctious in her habits, wanders stupidly about and can with difficulty be prevented destroying anything in her way. Her speech is thick from Paralysis.

September 7 She is confined to bed and the paralysis has nearly destroyed her speech. Requires always to have a dress fixed upon to prevent her descending bodily; is quite furious.

October 15 She is very restless, cannot be kept in bed and when she gets up walks very unsteadily pulls and destroys her clothes and when opposed gets much excited. Time of delivery appears near.



Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> June 1874

- October 25 The forenoon about forty minutes past ten o'clock, she was delivered of a mature male child. Some spile retained.
- 31 This morning about four o'clock she was seized with an attack of epilepsy and continued to be convulsed till after six o'clock. She has since lay on her back in bed is almost unconscious and can only mental efforts in transportation.
- November The day following her report she became very restless, tossed her heading about and required an attendant constantly with her to prevent her injuring herself. Continued so for two or three days, spoke none. She could not answer a word or so and is again much in the same state as before the attack. The child was removed today by the father.
- December 13 Fatuous, cannot answer simple questions and is very incoherently in walking. She is out of bed every day now, sits in an arm chair.
- 1875  
January 14 Very demented, talks in a most silly incoherent manner, laughs without cause and staggers much when she walks. Is quite mistle.
- February 18 Very stupid and occasionally excited and noisy, talks incoherently and does not seem to comprehend the simplest words said to her.
- March 18 Quite fatuous, but frequently excited and rather violent in her conduct, talks very incoherently and when she walks does so very unsteadily. Her habit of body is very stout.
- April 15 Has no mind and cannot reply correctly to the very simplest questions, she is at times rather restless and tries to demand herself.
- May 13 Very demented and often incoherent and noisy, can do nothing whatever and can hardly answer the simplest questions correctly. She is getting more full in her condition of body.
- June 17 She is subject to paroxysms of excitement and during one two weeks ago tore off the greater part of her clothing. She is generally in a very fatuous irritable state.
- August 18 She is in a demented state, incoherent and restless, destroys her clothes and does not seem to understand the simplest words spoken to her. Habit of body very stout.
- October 14 Stupidly fatuous, but often violently excited, roaring out meaningless and trying to destroy her clothes, will not be opposed in her destruction.
- December 16 She is frequently very uncleanly in her habits does not know what she does and stupidly opposes being kept in order.
- 1876  
February 17 Has not been so frequently excited for some time is very fatuous: walks unsteadily.
- April 18 Quite silly, laughs absurdly when spoken to and very at times stutters out a word in reply. She is in good condition.



## Elizabeth Wardrop or Norton Oct. 31

1874

June 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Barmy Parochial Asylum and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Wendale Parish.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is since the beginning of May and she has been an inmate of the Barmy Asylum since 15<sup>th</sup> May 1874. She is both suicidal and temper to others. No known hereditary tendency.

She is twenty-three years of age, married, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

Prior to admission she was stated to be complaining from an attack of mental disorder connected with pregnancy and the puerperal state.

On admission she laboured under a monomania of fear, was in great terror fancying she was about to be killed, that she had been brought here for that purpose and nothing said to her would make her believe otherwise.

bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.

" 18

She only slept two hours during the night but was quiet and today has taken her food.

She is depressed, but much more composed than on admission yesterday.

" 25

She occupies a considerable part of her time knitting, but she reads her bible very much, says she has read her bible in the past and is afraid there is no hope for her, says she has committed the unpardonable sin.

July 23

At times she is very miserable, and asks to have a talk with a minister. She says that she has discovered that there are three unpardonable sins; of all of which she is guilty. She enumerates these three: bearing against the King's Honor; the sin of Cain and the sin of Kate Wife.

August 20

She often sleeps badly at night and during the day is either occupied knitting stockings or reading her bible. The conviction on her mind that she is past redemption is always present, and she has a settled melancholy expression. She seems in good bodily health.

September 17

Occupies her time as before, but does not improve mentally. When told she looks pretty well, shakes her head and says "ah but it is my mind."

October 15

She is industrious, the greater part of her time being employed knitting. She replies quite patiently when spoken to, but does not raise her head, tries to work harder, seems pretty well but will not admit she is able to leave the Asylum. She dresses tidily and is very particular about her appearance. In good bodily health.

November 1

For some time past she has talked much of getting her daughter to live with her here and residing here altogether, not wishing to go away. Now she sometimes says she would like to go home, but is not at all anxious about it. Enjoys her time knitting.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> June 1874

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- December 17 She is active and industrious, sleeps well at night and is in good bodily health, but still talks of getting her family brought here to live with her and says she is unable to go home.
- 1875  
January 18 Employs much of her time knitting; looks cheerful and always says she is quite well, but is unable to go home, still wishes to have her children brought here beside her.
- February 18 She smiles when spoken to and says she is quite well. When asked how long she would prefer to be at home, she does not seem at all anxious about it. Bodily health good.
- March 18 Shows irritability and stomach deranged; has been feeling rather unwell and ascribes it to something she imagines is down upon her although cannot tell in what way. Talks of cure and is quarrelsome and very indignant in her language.
- April 18 She is industrious and very orderly in her conduct, sometimes talks of getting home but is very undecided. She is rather stout and indolent, but says herself she is not so.
- May 18 She is quiet and industrious, but very undecided in her replies to any question asked her, will never say more than that she thinks so, complains much of the state of her ears and looks rather malcontented.
- June 8 She was today taken home by her husband on the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed -  
Relieved.



1874

Eliza Arnott or Fork Oct. 36

June 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Poorhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one week and the cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she stated that she was being subject to persecution by many people who had formed a conspiracy against her and who intended doing her harm. Stated that she had the figure of her brother coming to her and whispering in her ear: is there that it was her brother although is with his Regiments in Ireland at the present time.

On admission she stated that there was nothing wrong with her and nothing troubled her mind, learned all knowledge of the gods stated above and to almost every question gave negative replies. Many things asked of her she said she could explain but when asked to do so would give no explanation at all and wandered away from the subject.

She had been nursing and the legs numerous are very large and hard, the hips small and soft. Bodily health very indifferent: Condition of face

23

She only slept two hours during the night and was very restless, gesticulated much and would talk about in a particular way but would give no explanation of what she did. Answered incoherently or very occasionally.

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She is very restless and excited, talks much in a most rambling incoherent manner: is constantly in mischief, doubts as to what she does and has no control over her actions. She is restless and noisy at night.

July 23

She has been sleeping better at night but still has chronic typhoid at bedtime. During the day she is restless and gesticulates a great deal and her language is incoherent.

August 20

She is restless and excited, talks very incoherently and sleeps badly at night. She pines up cheeks about and sits down and seems to have no control over actions. When being spoken to she can stand still for a minute, but when left again, becomes very restless.

September 11

Incoherent and restless, can do nothing and when spoken to replies in a very rambling manner. Is occasionally very noisy at night, singing loudly.

October 15

Very restless and cannot keep herself properly dressed, talks much to herself and whispers everything she can hear. She is very incoherent and often noisy at night.



Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1874

- November 8 Restless, excited and talks much in a very incoherent manner. She is very excited and foolish in her conduct, but more so generally quieter at night.
- December 17 Excited and very disorderly in her conduct talks much in an incoherent rambling manner and often threatens violence. Two days ago she attacked one of the attendants, scratching her face.
- 1875  
January 14 Talks much in a most incoherent, excited manner, is very restless and foolish in her conduct often threatens violence without cause and at times is very noisy at night. She can do nothing.
- February 18 Foolish, restless and disorderly in her conduct, scolds much in an incoherent manner and makes indignant charges against those of ill usage to her; threatens violence and even does make an attack without any cause.
- March 18 Noisy, excited and very disorderly, sits upon the table and talks most incoherently; when roused, says her name is not Bob.
- April 13 Restless, excited and very rambling in conversation, talks much to herself in a most excited manner, sometimes laughs when spoken to, and again goes off talking incoherently.
- May 13 Incoherent in her language and very restless and excited in her conduct, scolds much without any apparent cause or warning and gets upon the tops of the forms and tables.
- June 17 She talks in the most rambling incoherent manner and continues extremely disorderly in her conduct; will do anything opposed to what is asked of her and tries to annoy every one near her.
- August 11 Excited and very restless, gets up on the coats and talks in the most incoherent manner, quarrels and fights with the other patients and scolds the attendants.
- October 11 Very incoherent and troublesome takes a delight in annoying others and is often in danger of getting herself injured.
- December 11 Always very restless and foolishly quarrelsome, talks most incoherently and becomes excited without any apparent cause.
- 1876  
January 11 Very disorderly and foolish, talks much in a very incoherent manner and becomes very abusive when asked to do anything.
- April 13 Does not improve, is very restless and talks very incoherently, scolds about imaginary wrongs that no one has and can do nothing.
- June 15 Often quarrels and fights with the other patients, scolds in the most incoherent manner and is never at rest.
- August 17 Foolish, disorderly and often noisy and excited; never does any work.
- October 19 Very disorderly, stands up, disarranges her clothes, pulls at sheets and talks in the most incoherent rambling manner.



1874

## Catherine Baird

Oct. 63

June 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Sandy River, Collier and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

She is forty-five years of age, single, a farm servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is ten days and the cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Three brothers committed suicide & were drowned in the canal.

Prior to admission she had a stupid appearance, would not answer questions and fancied she could get no work. She was sleepless and restless at night, said the bottom of the canal was the place for her and had concocted a razor about her person.

On admission she seemed quite easy and indifferent about everything and when told she was to remain here said she would rather go home but under no idea about it. She appeared rather demoralized, said she had been twenty-eight years in the same place and was put away because she could not work. The physician said as for the herself said she could work as well as ever.

Physical health indifferent: Condition ordinary. There is a suppurating sore on the ring finger of the right hand and a large can upon the breast and also as if from a louse.

" 23

She slept well during the night and today is very quiet, smiles when spoken to but seems confused and gives very unsatisfactory answers to questions.

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She has slept well at night ever since admission and now works in the Wash-house. She speaks very little, replies shortly when spoken to, and seems quite contented.

July 23

She is employed in the Wash-house at Sandy, but when she comes in seems quite absent and makes some error. The sore upon her finger has assumed a white look and is not healing.

August 20

She is very quiet, smiles and shows back her body when spoken to and will hardly give any reply. She never expresses any desire, but goes out regularly to the laundry.

September 17

Works away as before and does not seem happy unless employed, smiles when spoken to but seldom replies; seems not to wish to enter into conversation.

October 13

She has become very depressed and unhappy, has been found crying, but tries to hide her face and will not tell anything of the cause. She has not been to the work for more than a week.

November 10

Subject to fits of weeping. Today she cried the greater part of the forenoon and was very irritable when spoken to, shook her body and would not reply.



Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> June 1874

- December 17 At times irritable and depressed, will hardly give any reply when spoken to. A few days ago another patient attacked her and they were with difficulty separated. Said she wanted to kill the other patient if she could get at her.
- 1875  
January 14 Somewhat fitious and also disposed to be suicidal, being at times depressed and excited. She is very unwilling to enter into conversation and is generally idle.
- February 13 She can do little or nothing and at times seems very cramped, again she smiles when spoken to and answers readily, but the depression of mind can still be observed.
- March 18 She works well, but is very irritable and ill at pleasure, takes offence without cause and if any other patient touches her she is very apt to become violent, keep up the fighting.
- April 15 She works as formerly, but at times seems to be suspicious and becomes very irritable when spoken to in the most ordinary way, often in a very round about way and appears to misunderstand what is meant.
- May 13 She is suspicious and irritable and seldom gives a direct answer to any question further than to say she is well if her husband be inquired about. She is in ordinary bodily health.
- June 17 When spoken to she says I am well enough, but any further conversation seems to annoy her as she will either give no reply or replies irrationally. She works well.
- August 8 She is employed in the kitchen and replies coherently to simple questions, but in conversation or when questioned about herself she becomes incoherent. She is irritable and easily excited.
- October 14 She is at times very depressed and irritable, cries, but when spoken to says she is well enough. At these times she is kept in doors as she is not considered safe.
- December 16 Still subject to fits of depression and takes erroneous notions of affairs, fancies that there may be and will not work besides them: will give no explanation of her conduct.
- 1876  
February 17 She is in very much the same condition as at last report is always inclined to be industrious, will sometimes hardly speak and appears to be annoyed, being talked to.
- April 13 Continues to be industrious, but is subject to fits of depression and at these times appears to be suicidally inclined.
- June 15 Subject to fits of depression and is occasionally unable to work for a day or two but again resumes work as before.
- August 17 Quiet and industrious, inclined to say very little and generally smiles when spoken to.
- October 19 She works well and never seems happy unless when employed, is very little inclined to enter into conversation.



## Margaret Rennie

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1874

July 6

Was brought to the Asylum today from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty-six years of age, single a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

About twelve or fourteen years ago she was an inmate of this Asylum and has been twice since an inmate of the City Pauper Hospital.

The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known.

She is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was eminently excited and incoherent. She said she was afraid of something going to happen her, attempted to throw herself over the windows and persecuted violently without cause.

On admission she was quiet, said there was nothing wrong with her, that she had been doing her work as usual, but that she was always being cross at that she was not to make a noise nor play any of her tricks, denied that she had ever attempted to go over the windows.

Physically healthy and condition ordinary, except that her tongue is covered with a white fur.

" 7

She slept well during the night and today is very quiet, admits that before admission she was not well and felt rather nervous, said her Orthopedic, threatened and struck her, which made her worse, but that she now feels greatly better.

" 14

She is quiet, orderly, and industrious occupies her time sewing and working about the day room, seldom speaks, but replies quite coherently and composedly when spoken to.

August 1

Having continued well she was today dismissed —

L.M.D.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> July 1874

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Margaret MacTadyan Dec 15

July 8

Was brought to the Asylum today from 27 Colton Street, Coleraine, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony, which she is thirty-eight years of age, single a sewer and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two years and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. A sister was insane.

Prior to admission she stated that she could not tell what was the matter with her, she could not answer any other questions but the appearance of a person of unshaken mind. Her sister states that she got very violent and struck any one who went near her.

On admission she had a rather demented appearance and was with difficulty got to reply to anything said to her. She was very unwilling to give any information about herself and most questions put to her she answered in the negative, would not make any statement.

" 9

Physically health very indifferent: looks pale. She only slept three hours during the night but was quiet. She has an absent melancholy look, can hardly be got to speak and gives no satisfactory answer to questions.

" 16

She now sleeps well at night and during the day does a little sewing, is very quiet, rather demented and her memory is evidently much impaired, as she says she came to the Asylum only yesterday.

August 13

She has an absent, demented look and hardly at all replies when spoken to. She now but can do nothing except walk under the constant direction of some other person.

September 7

Dull melancholy and absent, can dress and undress herself but requires constant direction and guidance to do the most simple affairs.

October 15

Demented and has a melancholy look, replies when spoken to in a very low voice and does not raise her head. Her memory is much impaired, her replies to questions relating to time being generally. I don't know.

November 11

Dull and dull, has a melancholy look and when spoken to hardly speaks above a breath sound. She has no idea of time and cannot tell the days of the week.

December 17

Seldom speaks above her breath, is demented and rather melancholy. She goes out in the morning but is absent and can do very little.

1875  
January 14

She has had an attack of bronchitis and been confined to bed for a day or two, but is now again able to be up; she looks dull, speaks in a very low voice and cannot tell anything about time, memory very much impaired.

Admitted 8<sup>th</sup> July 1874

1875

February 15

Very quiet and dull; seldom speaks and when she does so, it is in a wailing whisper. She frequently complains of the state of her chest.

March 15

She has always a melancholy, gloomy look and for some time past has been subject to attacks of dyspnoea, can do nothing and is altogether very silent and depressed.

April 15

Quiet and mostly idle, is demented and displays great defect in her memory, has no idea of the length of time since events which occurred a day or two before.

May 15

Her expression of face is absent and melancholy and she sits much with her head upon her hand, replies in a very low tone when spoken to and only speaks when spoken to.

June 17

She vomit and again complains of being ill, but nothing definite can be ascertained and she after a time says she is better. Her memory is very defective. Always very quiet.

July 15

Quiet, depressed and seldom speaks but replies to simple questions. Her memory is very defective. Bodily health indifferent.

September 16

She can do very little, but at times eat and is very quiet, rather melancholy and sometimes has difficulty of breathing, speaks in a very low voice, says little.

November 8

Her memory is much impaired and although she generally replies quite correctly she can seldom tell what is asked of her. She has a dull melancholy look.

1876  
January 15

She has been confined to bed for some days past with an epileptic attack and is very ill. She had some tetanus and chorea which has given considerable relief. She has no memory.

February 15

She was today taken to the Barrony Parochial Asylum, Woodlisa by authority of Sir James Esq and dismissed -  
Relieved.



## 1874 Sarah Thomson or Lamont Vol. 2

July 9

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Eastern Work Office, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Paisley Parish.

She is fifty years of age, married, a Washer and her religious persuasion is not known.

The duration, cause &c of insanity, &c all stated to be not known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent, talked about spirits been around her and said she had for a length of time kept company with the inhabitants of hell.

Said that she had been chasing the devil down the hallougate this morning and talked incoherently.

On admission she was excited and very talkative and resembling a conversation, she said that the devil had been chasing her, but that after a number of people had collected she drove them his feet and that then she chased him as she wanted to get him settled before the twelfth. She said also that she had been in hell, but that the queen of hell, the devil's wife had set her wits and bid for her she would have been still there yet. She talked much in the same strain and was very noisy and demonstrative.

Scarcely healthy and convulsive striking.

" 11

She slept none during the night, was excited, very noisy and violent in her conduct. Today she is very unreasonable, will not keep on her clothes and refuses her food.

" 17

She is excited restless and very noisy requires an attendant constantly with her and altogether refuses to take any food. She asks for stamps millie, but says she will have nothing else. She is fed by means of the stomach pump.

August 13

She is confined to bed, sleeps badly at night, but is quiet. She often asks for and gets food and stimulants during the night. She says she is unable to rise faster very weak and sore and often groans as if in pain.

September 10

She is more greatly better and is daily employed sewing, sleeps well at night and talks quite coherently. She seems quiet, contented, but still says she is rather weak.

" 17

She was today dismissed -

Correct.





## Janet Campbell or Kennedy Oct. 35

1870

July 10

Was brought to the asylum today, from 38 Cochrane Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty-five years of age, married, a Blackfield woman and a Protestant.

The duration, cause or of insanity are not stated to be not known.

Prior to admission she was very excited, said her husband wished her hurt and had poison placed in her food. Said she would die for her. Also said that the police beat her and that she would have revenge on them all.

On admission she was quiet and although she was barefoot and had very little clothing upon her, she remained quite happy and indifferent. She said she was a Blackfield woman at Logganfield, but that for some time past her husband had been putting something into her food which caused her to be sleepy and unfit for work and that on the last happening, worth of poison she bought was smuggled although it had not been out of her sight. She rambled much in talking and often laughed, without any apparent reason.

Partly hostile indifferent, indistinct ordinary.

" 11

She slept well during the night and very complains of headache. She is very rambling and silly in conversation talks of having, when an infant, been found on a cairn of stones.

" 13

She is very quiet, does a little sewing and generally seems quite happy and indifferent about everything, except occasionally when she wishes to get angry. She still complains that she got poison in her food before admission.

August 13

She suddenly became excited and dangerous without any apparent cause, at the same time crying as if injured and yesterday during one of these paroxysms attacked an attendant, striking her face and pulling her by the hair of the head.

September 17

She displays great weakness of mind and although generally quiet, is apt to be hostile as she is apt to become violent without any apparent cause. She can be brooding and her conversation is incoherent and rambling.

October 15

She has been very violent and dangerous, made several attacks upon the attendant and three days ago while in a scuffle with her she bit an attendant on the finger. She talks deliriously about men being put into her house at night.

November 19

She talks incoherently, but at times sits pretty composedly. Through the idea of getting away either she has to talk herself into a fit of excitement and is very dangerous.

December 17

She is very uncertain; sometimes smiles and replies quite pleasantly when spoken to and again will spring from her seat and threaten violence, becomes quite incoherent and very dangerous.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> July 1874

1876

January 14  
Irritable and irritable, now and again talks very incoherently about getting away and the people who trouble her here, threatens violence and swears most profanely.

February 11  
Subject to paroxysms of excitement, when she is very dangerous, swears profanely and threats talks incoherently about not leaving Kennedy now and therefore she says she should get away.

March 15  
Incoherent and stumbling in conversation often talks about her time being up for getting away and threatens violence if not soon allowed to leave. She talks deliriously about being the daughter of a nobleman.

" 26  
She was taken taken to Glasgow, City Provincial Asylum by authority of the James Cowan Commission and dismissed -

Relieved.



## Mary Ezzie

Oct. 30

1876

July 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Police Office Mary Hill and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsonage Parish.

She is thirty years of age, single, a Millworker and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was in an excited state, talked incoherently and fancied that on standing on the railway she heard the telegraph wires giving her bad news about her friends. Her father stated that she threatened violence to her sister and that those at home were afraid to live with her; she would not work any.

On admission she had an absent somewhat preoccupied look and when questioned stated that she was a field-worker, that when she went on to the railway the telegraph spoke to her and told her that her sister Helen was a bad girl. Afterwards became pensive and incoherent and appeared to be irritated by being questioned.

Physical health and condition ordinary.

" 14

She was quiet and appeared to sleep well during the night but today is much excited and dangerous talks as if to imaginary persons and threatens to be revenged.

" 21

She is excited and very incoherent in conversation and often sleepless and noisy at night, in her conduct she is very violent and has fights with the other patients.

August 13

She continues excited, very restless and most incoherent, moves about from place to place and often sits with her head down on her legs. When spoken to, she does not reply, but cries to some imaginary person to hear what is said to her and sometimes repeats it in a most excited manner.

September 17

She is very delirious and often rising at night, forces people out of her room at night and burns her with hot irons and otherwise injures her. Talks incoherently.

October 15

Incoherent excited and delirious, constantly talks of being roasted and demands to get away when her friends come. She can do nothing and does not understand for what is said to her.

November 19

Disgustingly filthy in her habits, passing her urine and feces on her clothes and about the day room. Talks wildly about being taken from her body by the attendants and also getting poison.

December 17

Still uncleanly in her habits, sits with her feet upon the seat, and if spoken to talks badly in a most incoherent disgusting manner. Forces something in her to be to make her filthy.



Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> July 1876

1876

- January 14 Still occasionally filthy although not now so constantly uncleanly in her habits. She sits much with her elbow on her legs and her head in her hands, talks excitedly and very incoherently if touched. She eats well and is in good condition.
- February 15 Incoherent and very disorderly in her conduct, very filthy in her habits and talks obscenely, goes away screaming when spoken to and is always idle and irritable.
- March 15 She keeps under observation and at night, when roused to her stool frequently becomes violent. She is always dangerous when interfered with and her language is obscene and filthy.
- April 15 Still uncleanly in her habits, passes her urine in bed nearly every night and although during the day she goes out to the laundry does little. She is incoherent and dangerous if interfered with.
- May 13 Not now reported as frequently uncleanly at night, but otherwise there is no improvement. She is very incoherent in her language, threatens violence and is often dangerous in her conduct.
- June 17 She is very incoherent in conversation often threatens violence and talks desperately about her relations being injured by people here. She has no proper sense of decency.
- July 17 Incoherent and very irritable, but works in the laundry today, while out on the bleaching green, she snatched about 4.30 P.M. went to her father's house in Derrykille and was brought back by asylum attendants at 7.50 P.M.
- September 16 Seldom replies when spoken to and if interfered with she at once becomes violent. She is very untidy in her habits and at times uncleanly. Her language is generally incoherent.
- November 18 Does not reply when spoken to, but often talks in a very incoherent manner. She is very dangerous and cannot be interfered with in any way. Habits at times uncleanly.
- 1876  
January 13 For some time past she has been working in the washing house but from her irritable and violent state requires to be let as much alone as possible. She sometimes asks for her pay.
- February 15 She was today taken to the Barrow Parochial Asylum, Woodilee, by authority of Sir James Esdaile and dismissed -  
Relieved.



1874 Jane Sinclair &amp; Mc. Kimpie Oct. 37

July 17

Was brought to the Asylum today from the Eastern Police Office Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Murray Parish.

She is thirty-seven years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 11<sup>th</sup> June till 10<sup>th</sup> July 1869.

The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently; said her neighbours were poisoning her through a hole in the wall, that her husband also attempted to poison her and that they put nails and pins into her body.

On admission she was excited and very delirious, said she was murdered and wanted a room to herself; that she must not be ill-used and when speaking of her father said the old man had been butchered like herself. She said she lived in Boston Street and had to ramble to various houses in the land in consequence of the way she was managed. On several occasions a hand with a cup of poison had been put through the wall to her mouth when she was in bed: could never lay hold of the hand, but had got the cup, had eaten the poison in the house. She knew where she was and insisted her mind was quite right.

Really terrible delirium: Creditor ordinary.

" 18

She was quiet during the night, but slept none, complains of being very ill physically and as her bowels are entirely constipated to take a dose of castor oil.

" 23

She is quiet, does a little sewing and appears to sleep well at night; she still complains of feeling ill, and twitches about the body and the delirium she had on admission are still firmly fixed in her mind. She does not say any attempt has been made to injure her here.

August 6

Since last report she has become very troublesome finding fault with everything and saying she is paying a high board, while she is a pauper. Continues very delirious.

September 17

Very delirious and suspicious, accuses that her food is drugged and refuses to take it, but demands other food. She has been much excited delirious under the delusion that other patients sit upon her breast at night and try to suffocate her, says it is her dome and points to particular ones she suspects.

October 18

She complains almost every day of being cold, shivering at night, sits idly, says she is very unwell, wants more music and also to get away to some place where she will have more air. She is delirious.





1876 Agnes Lyle or Steel Oct. 29

July 28

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The derivation is via weak and the cause is intemperate habits. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was of a melancholy and morose disposition, replied to questions in a taciturn and incoherent way, entertained several delusions, one being that her husband who she says left her nine months ago appears nightly and accuses that while in an agitated state, she endeavoured to cut her throat; the marks of which are seen.

On admission she replied quite readily when spoken to, but with regard to events which occurred within the last week or two was uncertain and although she had only been in the Workhouse for two days, refused to refer to the attendant who was with her to ascertain the correctness of her statements. She stated that although married for a number of years that she had had no children and that some time ago (showing her legs) black patches had come out there (putting her hands over the tuberos.) and that the neighbours had told her it was something bad. She then accused her husband and this caused a separation, for which she is now sorry. She had met him shortly ago and he would not speak to her and this caused her to take drink which brought her into the present state.

bodily health indifferent: condition just then was some scratches upon her neck, self-inflicted with a knife.

" 29

She slept well during the night, but today says that she feels very nervous and frightened. She has an absent look, and replies when spoken to, in a very low voice.

August 5

She is very quiet steadily and inattentive, says very little, but talks quite readily when spoken to and has nothing to complain of.

" 27

Since last report she has been at times rather depressed, crying and when spoken to said it was in consequence of news of her relations coming to see her. She is now more cheerful; is assisting the servant in the private house.

September 7

She was today dismissed -

C. W. R. S.





1874

Mary Gilchrist

Oct 32

August 3

Was brought to the Asylum today from  
Broomhouse and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to the Broomhouse Parish.

She is thirty-two years of age, single,  
a dressmaker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is six weeks and the cause is  
not known. She is both suicidal and  
dangerous to others. She had a brother  
and sister insane.

Prior to admission she was very nervous  
and easily excited, said she would like to  
get out of the world. Her sister-in-law stated  
that on Thursday last when going on errand  
she intended to go to the River Clyde a mile  
distant and throw herself in, but was  
prevented. She also visited Tondomon.

On admission she was quiet and  
seemed quite composed, smiled when spoken  
to, but said she felt very low in the  
spirits and that she could not sleep at  
night. With reference to her going into the  
Clyde she said that it was the Devil that  
had tempted her and she would not do it.

Physically health very indolgent. Condition  
spine. There is a scute upon her right knee.

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She slept well during the night and  
today although she is employed sewing, complains  
of headache and a confused feeling. She says  
her bowels are quite regular and that she had  
medicine ten days ago.

" 11

She sleeps pretty well at night is  
quiet and occupies her time dressmaking.  
She sometimes complains of headache and says  
that she feels nervous and agitated.

September 7

Occupied generally as before, but  
at times feels hardly able to work, complains  
of her head and always says she does not  
feel any better, but nevertheless at times  
is anxious to get home.

October 15

She is depressed, complains of the  
state of her head, says she is sometimes rather  
confused, but generally employs her time sewing,  
making dresses for the other patients.

November 19

She is very quiet and works away  
as formerly. She talks of feeling better and is  
very anxious to get away admits nevertheless  
that she sometimes rather complains, but thinks  
she will get better if at home.

December 17

She now appears to be very well, is daily  
employed making articles of clothing and is quite  
cheerful, conducts herself with propriety and is in  
fine bodily health.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> August 1876

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1874 *Mary Kaimith & Kinslow Oct 60*

August 25

Was brought to the Asylum today from Main Street Northwell and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty years of age, married, a Merchant's wife and a Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is six years and the cause is - after confinement. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and in an unsettled state of mind. Had the conviction that total abstinence from food would result in her recovery and wandered among her friends asking when she would recover. She made large purchases, quite uncalculated and unnecessary and has great dislike to one of her children.

On admission she talked much of her state of health, was very desponding and said she would never recover. She referred all her ills to the birth of a child six years ago and said when it was born she took more than her life from her, but still she had a child two years ago. She talked of never seeing Ben again but said that would be a month to them.

Physically health very feeble. Condition sad.

" 26

She had a draught of Chloral Hydrate and slept well during the night, but today is very miserable and desponding and is ready to cry when spoken to.

September 2

Although she has a draught nightly she occasionally does not sleep well, and in the morning is very depressed. She requires to be closely watched to see that she takes her food as she believes under the delusion that if she took nothing, she would recover.

" 18

Depressed and suicidal and today was found with a handkerchief tied tightly round her neck. She often refuses her food more especially the dinner and requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

October 16

Delusional and very suicidal. She refuses to take her food, saying that if she did she would recover, and almost every day requires to be fed by means of the stomach pump. She has an attempt to watch her night and day.

November 7

Yesterday afternoon, between two and six o'clock she had three severe epileptic seizures. She has been fed more or less every day with the stomach pump up till five days ago. When which time she has taken more or less at all. It is much with the assistance of the attendants. Very suicidal.

December 4

Very restless and unhappy, frequently wakes about the greater part of the night and takes her food very irregularly. Physically condition much reduced.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> August 1874

1875

August 1

Since last report she has been gradually becoming more emaciated, takes little or no food and has often to be fed by means of the stomach pump. She will not lie in bed or keep on her clothes, walks about with her breast in her face in a semi-nude state and pays no attention to anything said to her, only says she wants home to her children.

Today she was taken home by her husband and dismissed.

Relieved.



1874 Margaret Ross or Watson Oct. 30

August 26

Was brought to the asylum today from Parrogate Lane and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Fenwick Parish.

She is fifty years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

All given in the further statement is that she has been years insane and that she is sometimes dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was talkative, incoherent and laboured under delusion. She said that her child spoke when it was a day old; fancied she had a mission to attend the wounded at the sham fight, and that she was possessed of large property and married to a gentleman in the neighbourhood.

She misconducted herself in church and cut up her husband's web to go and dress the wounded in the sham fight.

On admission she was talkative and very rambling in conversation. She said she had seen the sham fight - think Moor, but denied she had gone there to attend the wounded. She said she had wrought the cloth herself and had spoiled it, therefore she had a right to cut it out as it had barely become a job lot and she wished to sell it and pay the wages for their maintenance. She seemed surprised when questioned and always recurred to the subject of the cloth.

Physically health and condition ordinary.

" 27

She was quiet, but slept none during the night. She says she is troubled with bile and that is the usual habit; wishes to have a dose of Epsom salts.

September 3

She complains much of pain in the left arm, near the elbow joint and says it is the effect of an injury received four years ago. Nothing can be seen, but she has got a liniment as a placebo and fancies it is getting better. She takes her food well.

" 11

Restless and would talk endlessly, in a rambling manner about getting money and asking if there is wood for her; no reply satisfies her and she always recurs to the subject.

October 15

She is delirious and rambling in conversation, very talkative, always asking if there is any wood for her and saying she must get money immediately as she has some very particular affairs to do. She is idle, will do nothing.

November 19

Very restless and unsettled, can do nothing and is restless in her rambling incoherent talking and no one can talk near her without interruption.

December 17

Says she is her heir and owns an estate talks ramblingly of the rental being a hundred pounds but does not show where the estate is.



Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> August 1874

1875

January 4<sup>th</sup> She sits idly all day long and often talks of imaginary illnesses. Talks under delusion and today when she got a letter from her husband said she did not think it was from him at all.

January 18<sup>th</sup> Mind weak and conversation very rambling asks to have letters written for her and often enquires if no word has come for her, can do nothing and complains of toothache &c.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Does nothing and when spoken to seldom gives a direct answer, but talks in a silly rambling manner and is always sure to enquire if there are no letters for her. Truly deluded.

April 13<sup>th</sup> Talks as before and he almost anything said to her she answers involuntarily, either talks of writing a letter or asks if none have come for her. She is in good bodily health.

May 13<sup>th</sup> Unrested, can do nothing and once and again is very anxious to know if there are not letters for her, rambles in conversation. She is in good bodily health.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Asks almost daily if there is no word or letter for her and says with a view for I have something particular to say; then becomes very rambling and soon quite unconscious of what she always says.

July 15<sup>th</sup> Preoccupied idle and absent, replies to questions in the most irrelevant manner and generally by asking if no word has been yet for her fancies she has something particular to do but cannot tell what it is.

September 16<sup>th</sup> Talks under many delusions, fancies her son is in the Welsh Division and wants him brought to her also asks for a hundred pounds which she believes has been sent here for her. She does nothing, but talks her good will.

November 18<sup>th</sup> Very silly in her conduct and conversation. She curls her hair and dresses her head with trifling articles talks very deliriously and fancies she is possessed of great wealth.

1876  
January 13<sup>th</sup> She asks frequently for fifty pounds which she fancies has been sent for her and otherwise talks very ramblingly.

March 16<sup>th</sup> Fancies that one of the Welsh students is her son and that he is a patient here, she also says she is and her language generally is rambling and full of delusions.

May 18<sup>th</sup> Talks very ramblingly and believes under many delusions about her wealth. She says the Argyle belongs to her.

July 20<sup>th</sup> Talks most ramblingly and gives expression to many extravagant & rambling ideas because irritable if she thinks she is not believed.

September 14<sup>th</sup> Takes great care of herself and often complains of not being properly looked after or not getting what she wants although she is wealthy.  
November 16<sup>th</sup> Most rambling and talkative. Believes under many extravagant delusions; she asks for valuable articles she fancies has been sent her.



## Christina Park or Young ad. 57

1874

August 31

Was brought to the Asylum today from 22 Main Street, Northampton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Northampton Parish.

She is fifty-seven years of age, married is a Protestant and was formerly a House-keeper.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three months and cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was dull and melancholy for some time. She stated there was no forgiveness for her; since the Board gives charge to take her life and had attempted suicide. She has taken no food for five days and paid no attention to nature's wants.

On admission she was restless and very stupid, wandered about and picked up the most trifling articles, not apparently knowing what she did. She gave no reply to anything said to her and acted as if she did not hear anything said to her.

Foodily health extremely feeble. Crises produced.

September 1

She slept none during the night and was very restless. She had a discharge of cholera hydræ, but may have been got rid of it as she obstinately refuses to swallow anything - every water although her mouth is covered with a dry brown coat. The catheter was introduced and a very large quantity of urine excreted.

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She has not spoken since admission and now lies on her back in bed and still obstinately refuses to eat anything ever to be offered. Although very weak it has been found necessary for the last two days to feed her by means of the stomach pump. There is much blood in her urine, which has already to be taken off, by the catheter.

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She gradually sunk and at 1.40 P.M. today, she

Died.

Cause of death - Exhaustion from Mania.

Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> August 1874

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## Margaret Moffat

Oct. 40

1876

September 9

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 5, Stubb's Row, Eastbourne, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to the Workhouse.

She is forty years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

Twenty years ago, she was an inmate of Longdular Asylum for three weeks and is stated to have been insane for twenty years. Cause not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked in a rambling incoherent manner and was at times very excited. Her sister stated that she slept none at night, but walked up and down the house; threatened to stab her with a carving knife.

On admission she had somewhat fatuous expression of face: said she was quite well and that when her mother died she wanted to take another house and that they had brought her here, thought she had not have come so far. She said she never was in any other Asylum and claimed she was in one at present.

Physically health indifferent. Condition ordinary. There is chronic swelling of the right knee.

" 13

She slept well during the night and today is quiet, sits idly and looks dull in an absent manner.

" 17

She generally sleeps well at night is quiet and sometimes does a little sewing. She is somewhat wild, hardly gives any reply when spoken to.

October 13

She is generally quiet and rather demented, often gives no reply when spoken to but can do a little sewing. Upon two or three occasions since last report has been excited for a short time.

November 19

Often when spoken to she will give no reply, acts as if she did not hear and again she may say a single word, but cannot be got to enter into conversation.

December 17

At times she is seen to shed tears, but will not tell anything when asked is annoyed at being taken notice of and becomes silent and very irritable when pressed for a reply.

1875  
January 14

She is quiet, goes out to the laundry and is there employed. When spoken to she turns away and will seldom speak, never says more than that she is well and is very irritable.

February 17

Sometimes cries but will not answer any inquiry; again she scolds very incoherently and is always very repellent in her manner.

March 17

Frequently obstinate and very irritable but sometimes does a little sewing. When spoken to, acts as if she did not hear.



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- April 15 She has been more irritable and somewhat violent in her conduct, and unless excited, quite taciturn. Her language when excited was very abusive and threatening.
- May 15 She has been employed in the kitchen and works pretty well, but still continues in the same sullen state, becomes incoherent when conversed with, is annoyed at being spoken to.
- June 17 She is employed as formerly, but when in doors sits with her arms folded and seldom takes any notice when spoken to. Becomes occasionally excited without cause and then talks very incoherently.
- July 15 Her expression of face is always sullen and gloomy and when spoken to she seldom replies, acts as if she did not hear.
- August 15 Irritable and frequently becomes excited without any apparent cause. She sits among the other patients, but never talks to any of them. She is in fair looking health.
- October 15 She is always sullen in her manner and often quite taciturn and if forced to speak at these times she threatens violence in an incoherent manner.
- December 15 Continues taciturn and sullen, sits much alone and seldom speaks when talked to; she says she does at any time is to answer abruptly that she is well.
- 1876  
February 17 Sullen and irritable will seldom speak and cannot be got to enter into conversation, is apt to become violent if interrupted with. She is in ordinary bodily health.
- April 15 Continues much as noted above, goes out daily to the laundry and when spoken to hardly takes any notice.
- June 15 Always quiet when left alone but cannot bear to be interrupted with in any way, the least act causing her to display great irritability.
- August 17 Works in the laundry and does well but is rather taciturn and will not enter into conversation. She is never seen to associate with any other person.
- October 19 Very quiet, and seldom replies when spoken to, acts as if she did not hear; at other times she will say she is well, but does not raise her eyes.
- December 15 Is generally employed in the laundry and seldom speaks to anyone, and is generally quiet and orderly in her conduct.
- 1877  
February 15 She is very self contained, has a very compressed look and seldom makes more than a mere recognition when spoken to. Anything she does is done in the laundry.
- April 19 Has been out so well physically and seemed indifferent and unable to work, but made no complaint. It was again most better.



1874 Margaret Girdwood or Hutchison 1874

- September 14 Was brought to the Asylum today from Cornhill, Guller and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Guller parish.  
 She is twenty-eight years of age, married an Agricultural Labourer's wife and Protestant.  
 She was insane in 1869. The duration of the existing attack is three months and the course is stated to be badly weakness. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Her Grandmother and younger sister were insane.  
 Prior to admission she was thoroughly changed in her manner, talked incoherently and had a strong inclination to commit suicide. She threatened violence to others and hung herself by the neck with a cord.  
 On admission she had a silly, fatuous look, laugh and tried to answer when spoken to, but became confused, rambling and incoherent, could hardly reply to the simplest question; could not tell the age of her child born in May last, but said she was only nervous and otherwise quite well; denied that she ever attempted to injure herself. Her husband stated that when taken down from where she had hung herself up it was three or four minutes before she was apparently living. Formerly took opium and drunk the decoction.  
 Poorly handled patient: Condition reduced.
- " 15 She slept well during the night but had a dream of several heights at bedtime. Today she is very restless and rambling and contradictory in her statements.
- " 17 The emergency certificate was dated 14th and as Sheriff was having been received she was generally sane although she remains in the Asylum.
- " 18 She was today committed on an order of the Sheriff.  
 She sleeps badly at night complains of headache and is very absent.
- October 15 She generally seems pretty cheerful, but when spoken to about her former acts denies all knowledge at first, then she proceeds says she was in such a state that could not live, looks very miserable and seems confused.
- November 19 She occupies her time industrially and is very quiet and orderly, seems cheerful and pretty well, but a week or two ago when visited by her husband, he said he found her so better.
- December 17 Two days ago she was visited by her husband who thought her pretty well. Shortly after he left she tried to escape and has been since nervous and excited. She is reported to have said if he did not take her home with him she would be home before long. She says now she knows she acted foolishly but is still nervous.

Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> September 1876

1875

January

She is again more settled, but still very anxious to get away, always says she is quite well, but would like much to get home and when she is speaking about it has a staring look.

February

Is quiet and orderly, employs her time sewing and cleaning about the gallery and is in good bodily health. Sometimes she asks to get away saying she is quite well.

March

She was today dismissed - Recovered.



## Catherine McDougall a Campbell case

1874

September 14 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 37 Dale Street, Bridgeton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Parish. She is forty-six years of age, Widow, a millworker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is five days and the cause is not known. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and incoherent in speech, laboured under the delusion that she was a great singer, that her soul was lost and that she had been seduced by Satan who visited her daily. Her neighbours stated that she nearly suffocated herself by tying handkerchief round her face and that she had a knife trying to take her own life.

On admission she was depressed, moaned, rocked her body and was very miserable would hardly raise her face or if she did it was only for a moment. She talked much to herself bewailing her lost condition and saying that she did not attend to the word, could not be got to enter into any conversational topics.

bodily health indifferent: Condition spare. The right elbow joint is unobscured in a flexed position but capable of pronation and supination.

" 15 She slept more during the night and talked much to herself. Today she is very unhappy, crying and making a great noise about her lost state.

" 22 She has a close struggle at night but sleeps badly and during the day is extremely miserable, sits with her head bent down and screams her lost state often seem to fly but never sheds tears.

October 15 She is very depressed and unhappy, i.e. wringing her hands and piercing them upon her knees, would sleep now at night without a struggle. Hence her struggle is all and went away to see if she is alone.

November 7 Very depressed, sits idly with her head bent forward and is constantly bewailing her lost state. She sleeps badly at night.

She was today taken to Argyll and Bute District Asylum by authority of Sir James Dick Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed -  
Relieved.

Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> September 1874

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1874 Agnes Lambert or Stewart Oct. 32

September 15 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 12 Millroad Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Her Majesty's High Sheriff. She is thirty-two years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was peculiarly talkative incoherently about a bad smell and that the smell was a wind passing up under the bed clothes. Saw white light coming in at the window to smother away her child, and intakes running about the bed. Her brother in law stated that she ran out of bed, kissed her child and immediately screamed out and struck it with her fist on the head, severely injuring it.

On admission she was depressed and very delirious. Said there was a wind between the feet and the head and directed attention to her back where there were blisters, one having broken said the white fluid came out there. She also stated that her whole body was swollen up and had a very bad smell and that some freckles on her skin were a result of it. Said it was all caused by a bad house. Admitted she saw white beads coming into the house and said they could not murder her child for the smell it had.

Physical health indifferent: Condition poor.

" 16 She weeps more during the night but was quiet. Today she is confident but and very unhappy in consequence of her delusions about her physical state.

" 23 She is confined to bed, complains of pain in the back and lower part of the left side of the chest, pulse 120. Has been twice blistered and says she feels relieved by it. Still delirious, says the wind now is getting crushed through her body.

October 15 Very delirious and becomes much excited in consequence. She is sure to believe that her names got out of their proper place and gets them jumping back again and yesterday when she has taken a dose of castor oil, said it had gone the wrong way and wanted the doctor to go to put it right.

November 19 She does a little dancing and is generally quiet, but sometimes sleeps badly at night. She does not readily speak of her delusions now but if asked still says that the foul wind among her, between the skin and her flesh.

December 17 Very ill mentally, requires all food and is fed by means of the stomach pump. Quite stupid

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> September 1874

1875

January 4

Very stupid and stubborn, stands rigidly and makes a low moaning sound and thence when she is being and never speaks. She obstinately refuses all food and in fact this time a day by means of the stomach pump is losing flesh.

February 18

She will stand in front of her seat and bend forwards and if put into a seat immediately gets up, makes a low wailing sound and never takes any notice when spoken to. She has a very miserable look and often refuses the food, requires to be pressed in corners to keep her quiet.

March 18

Works much with her hands about the neck of her dress and standing bent forward shifts her feet from place to place, makes a low moaning sound and at first refuses anything wanted of her. She takes the food but is becoming more emaciated and restless in look.

March 26

She was today taken to Glasgow, City Prochural Asylum by authority of Sir James Craik Commissioner and dismissed —  
Relieved.



Martha McEsmell & Cameron Oct 49

1874

September 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 2 Duncan Street Gaithersburg and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Henry Kistler. She is sixty-nine years of age, widowed a Quaker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be one day and the cause not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. A daughter died in this Asylum.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly about her children and her two houses with all the good furniture, things that had no existence; thought she had only been two weeks in the house she occupied whereas she had been years. Her daughter-in-law stated that she fancied goods which she never had were stolen out of the house and was always looking for her husband coming in although he was years dead.

On admission she talked readily, but was found to be delirious and her mental faculties much impaired. Failed miserably to write her name. She thought her daughter or some other of her family might be here and when asked if she did not know that her daughter was dead, said she believed she had heard so, but again would talk as if she were alive.

Bothly health extremely feeble: Condition reduced. She is lame from an old fracture of the neck of the left femur.

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She slept well during the night and today is quiet and has taken her food. She would talk incessantly if permitted with me but

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She is cleanly and takes her food but from her feeble state is pretty much in bed. She talks much but only when talked to, finishes she is as strong as ever she was and says she could earn her bread sewing. She can do nothing.

October 16

She frequently pulls at her dress during the day while sitting on her seat. She asks troubling questions about her family and is astonished that every person sees and knows her son George.

November 13

She is quiet and orderly, does a little sewing and seems happy and comfortable. She sometimes says jokingly that she is getting younger and wishes to get home to her son.

December 11

She talks as if the people here know all her family asks if they have seen George and when asked what George says her son George to be sure. Talks under some delirium.

January 1875

Since last report she was for a few days in bed, was not so well mentally, but is again now much as formerly. She says she is quite well but just getting old.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> September 1874

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February 15

She sews and generally seems very happy and contented, talks of being well and only getting old. Reports often the same and

March 15

For a few days shortly after last report, she was stupid and irritable, could do nothing, but is now in her usual state, sews a little and is contented, says she is well, but only getting old.

April 15

Somewhat demented from age, apparently, but can sometimes do a little sewing. She is cross and again rather restless and wants home.

May 15

She takes great care of herself, keeps a particular seat, but is uncatchless generally, agreeable in her manner and the other patients do not interfere with her.

June 17

She is quiet and for her age enjoys good health, but sometimes complains of her legs and sits mostly with <sup>her</sup> legs open a seat. She says she is well, but just getting old.

July 15

She is generally happy, but sometimes gets nervous to get away and although keeps from her business because she cannot work for and takes care of herself.

August 15

She is not immune of the delirious ward in consequence of her lunaticness, but otherwise considering her age is in fair bodily health.

October 15

She often reports that she is well, just getting old. Her memory is much improved and appears to be getting worse: Reminds that she formerly asked about she now appears to have no recollection of whatever.

December 15

She sews a little and is generally quite happy. Says she is well but getting older and never now wishes to get away. She always occupies the same seat - No. 1 ward.

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January 15

She has no recollection of anything that has taken place in that she does have herself the day previously, but is still able to sew a little and take care of herself, as far.

February 15

She was today taken to the Burying Parochial Asylum, Woodilee by authority of Sir James Cox and discharged -  
Relieved.



1874 *Jessie M. Good or Mrs. Donald 3852*

September 22

Was brought to the asylum today, from 204 1/2 West Broad Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parson's Parish.

She is fifty-two years of age, widowed, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is stated to be a few days and the cause is not known. She is believed to have had a hysterical attack but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was delirious respecting sentences without meaning; and as this is the back arm in the ocean and promised the Corporation was owing her a large sum of money. Her daughter stated that she sometimes got outrageous, broke and destroyed everything in her way and got no sleep at night.

On admission she was excited and restless, talked incoherently and was very delirious. She immediately addressed the Medical Assistant as Mr. Fletcher and asked for the rent of the house; said the asylum was her own. When told that she was detained she became abusive in her language and violent in her conduct, said Sir Rodger was coming over the sea to put us all in prison. Her daughter stated that more than a year ago her mother was burned, after which she became melancholy, but for some months has been excited.

bodily health indifferent. Condition good. Upon the left forearm and hand there is a large scar with the finger placed upon the palm, the result of a burn.

" 23

She had a struggle of delirium tonight but night, but on morning she fell asleep. Today she is again much excited, scratching and kicking the attendants and is very noisy.

" 30

Since the first two or three nights she has slept pretty well. She can no longer talk incoherently and has extravagant delusions about her wealth. Appears to be approaching paralysis.

October 15

Constantly happy, laughs and asks very irrelevant questions such as, "Have you seen Tom?" "Have you been at the shop?" "Tells of having lost a shop. She takes her food well.

November 4

Delirious. Can do nothing and has asked and insupportable question is "Did you see Tom?" says "Tom" is her son and pointing to one of the wall pictures, says that is him.

December 17

Did you see Tom? Is he lighting the lamps? and such like questions are her constant words. She can do nothing, is quite demented and generally stolidly happy.



Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1874

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January 16

Spillidly happy, is always smiling and asking most irrelevant political questions. Repeats the same words; namely, did you see Tom and is Harriet in the boat; any answer please her.

February 15

Whenever she is being approached, she is smiling and, before she can be spoken to cries out - Did you see Tom? - unless if he is lighting the lamp say he is a cooper and her son.

March 15

She can do nothing and is always childishly happy. Whenever she sees any of the Medical officers she has some silly question to ask and while a better answer is given her, talks most rumbly.

April 15

She has been talking much of having large sums of money daily: will sometimes say I have a million in the bag and strike her hand upon the table; then asks if Tom has been seen.

May 13

Mindless and happy, talks rumbly about her wealth and asks the most ridiculous questions. Always pleased with any answer.

June 17

Asks the most ridiculous extravagant questions and is always smiling when she speaks. She is very happy, considers herself very wealthy and talks most rumbly.

July 15

She is sometimes violent, fancies the clothes stars we wearing are hers and attacks the persons to get them from them. She often points and will say it is "mine's".

August 15

Everything she sees, and that she considers of any value, she says is hers. She orders the Medical officers to take off her watch and sometimes attacks the doctor, saying she has on her dress. Talks very incoherently.

October 16

Very foolish in her conduct when she tries to throw of articles that she claims as hers. Sometimes to attack them on a particular part and is frequently rather violent.

December 16

She calls people by their names than their own and often talks rather obscenely, is always tastelessly happy and her language generally quite incoherent. She can do nothing.

1876

January 16

For some time past she has not so formerly fancied that other had articles belonging to her or at least said her about and if asked show her things now were, would laugh and say "is the same" Talks incoherently.

February 15

She was today taken to the Barrony Provincial Asylum, Woodilee by authority of Sir James Fitz and dismissed -  
Released.



## Margaret Frame or Goldie Oct. 24

1874

September 26

Was brought to the Asylum for the Insane, from Woodhull, Holytown and admitted as an insane patient chargeable to Northwick Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is seven days and the cause is the puerperal state. (She was delivered of her first child ten weeks ago). She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited, dancing, singing, swearing and talking incoherently. Her husband stated that she threatened to suffocate her child, smash the windows, throw the furniture about and could not be restrained or kept in the house.

On admission she was excited and talked in a rambling incoherent manner, said she had been very ill-used by her friends, but she had a struggle all her life because since she had her child was quite better. She called the attendants bad names and said they were "all damned" and bid them work as she had done since she was nine years of age.

Pulsis, haeculæ frælla - pulsus 185: Cordis ordinarij. Arteriae in corpore sunt tætae, sine dissolutione of the forehead, redness and swelling of the legs, elbow and palms of the feet and legs.

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She had a draught of Chlorid Hydrat but slept none during the night; would not remain in bed and was very violent, requiring to be placed in the padded room.

October 3

Since last report she has risen freely well in the dormitory, but not without a sedative. During the day she talks very much, generally incoherently and her language is filthy. Her limbs have been rather relaxed and she is now kept in bed.

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She is greatly better now, does not make use of her former filthy language and rests well at night. She often complains of pain in the abdomen and her limbs continue relaxed. She has had many remedies and among others, Colic Oil and Turpentine, but with little apparent benefit. She is ill to please, but generally talks quite rationally, talks her food well.

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She is now quite well mentally and her limbs not at all relaxed.

She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> September 1874

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## Catherine Stathers Oct. 28

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September 28

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Barnstable and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.  
She is twenty-eight years of age, single,  
a servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is nine months and the  
cause is not known. She is both suicidal  
and dangerous to others. Hereditary  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very  
violent and outrageous, was found running  
about in a grass field and had to be  
taken home forcibly by two men, talked  
incoherently. Her mother states that for  
some days past, she quoted passages of  
scripture, threatened to take her own  
life and strike her brother and other  
members of the family.

On admission she was excited and  
she displayed great weakness of mind,  
talked in a rambling manner and was  
delusional. She insisted that there was  
something wrong with her but that many  
people had been plotting against her.  
She could not name nor did not know  
any one in particular she could blame.

Probably heard indifferent condition  
opinion. There are a number of discoloured  
upon her arms.

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She slept none during the night, but  
was quiet, continued pretty quiet up till the  
afternoon, when she became much excited  
screamed and roared into and wanted to  
get away, would listen to nothing said to her.

October 6

She has slept very little since admission  
and for the first three nights none at all.  
She is obstinate and excited, refuses the most  
reasonable requests, requires to be undressed at  
night and becomes very violent and excited.

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She lies upon the seats or on the floor,  
screams and struggles when raised, cannot  
be induced to do anything whatever, is very  
disorderly and at times quite morose.  
Today she would take no food.

November 14

She demands herself, struggles with  
the attendants and tries to get out, talks much  
of being illused and cries. Her face often is  
contorted being drawn to the left side when  
she cries or is about to do so. She persistently  
refuses to take any food and is at times bed  
by means of the Stomach Pump.

December 17

Frequently knocks at the door of her room  
at night and during the day demands herself.  
She gets into the way of the Medical Officers to go  
half of them and wants to go away with them  
will not listen to any reason.



Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> September 1874

1875

January 11

Frequently at night she leaves her room, but stands at her bedroom door and knocks. During the day she will stand for long periods and not move would sound herself, if the doors were not fast upon her and is destructive. Two or three days ago smashed a looking glass on the wall, with a basin.

January 15

Determinedly destructive, smashes glass, sweeps the dishes of the tables and tears her clothing, and absent constantly when out of her room, requires to attendants to take care of her.

March 14

Very destructive, smashes glass at every opportunity and often tears up her bed and body clothing, would sound herself if not prevented and is always in trouble, struggling with some person or another. She has had a large old disease near the left shoulder upon the arm, which is now nearly dried up. On the left ear there is the appearance of the beginning of a fungous tumour.

April 15

Always intent upon smashing glass and requires the constant supervision of one or more attendants. She also struggles to get away to among the other patients and is often in danger of being lost.

May 13

She struggles and fights with the attendants does not seem to know what she would do at, but is always bent on destruction of some kind or other. She is frequently quite unmanageable and requires to be secluded.

June 17

She is somewhat quieter at present, but still requires constant attention to prevent her destructive habits. She would be very foolish in her conduct, unless prevented.

July 15

Destructive; subject to fits of excitement, struggles with the attendants and stupidly opposes everything asked of her. She sometimes becomes so unmanageable, that it is found absolutely necessary to seclude her.

August 15

Continues exceedingly destructive and very dangerous both to herself and others. When out of her room she cannot be left alone for a minute as she seizes every opportunity to do mischief and seem to take great delight in it.

October 14

Requires constant watching and is ever on the alert to destroy anything she can reach, pays no attention to anything said to her and when she succeeds in her purpose blames others for causing her to do it.

December 16

She talks in the most foolish incoherent manner, destroys anything she can reach if left for a minute and is very violently in her delirium.

1876

February 17

She now conducts herself in a more orderly manner and for a considerable time has not destroyed her clothing, can now be satisfied with the ordinary clothing. In conversation she is still incoherent.

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She was taken taken to the Dandy Provincial Asylum, Widdell's authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Susan Marshall - No. 30 Oct. 50

1874

September 24. Was brought to the Asylum today, from 48, Langy Street, Bridgton and admitted as a pauper patient obnoxious to Murray Parish. She is fifty years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

Nine months ago she was an inmate of Belfast Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is a week and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a dull vacant look, walked about the floor with a finger in her mouth and when spoken to only muttered a word here and there; said she was not well, but a woman. She walked about the house night and day, seldom sat down, refused food and was constantly apprehensive of evil befalling her.

On admission she had a vacant look and seemed exhausted. Said she was ill but could not tell more, like the Medical Officer, he had visited her already, in her own house this morning, but could not tell where she lived. After a little she said she had got lots of poison in her tea and other food and was ill thereby.

bodily health extremely feeble - pulse 120, very small; condition reduced. There is oedema of her feet and legs.

30. She slept well during the night, but today looks absent and stupid. She refuses to take any food and her tongue is dry and brown. Pupils certain.

October 7. After her bowels were freely moved she continued to refuse her food, was very stupid and afraid of poison. She required to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

23. She is much clearer mentally and now takes her food, but at times vomits. The oedema of the feet has nearly disappeared, but more from being kept in bed, than any improvement physically. Her urine is alkaline. Colored with Muriatic Acid as a trace.

November 4. She is very quiet, does a little sewing and replies rationally when spoken to. She is very anxious to get away and when talking of it sometimes sheds tears. She is in very indifferent bodily health.

December 11. Continues very quiet, replies correctly when spoken to, but can do little, being in feeble bodily health. She has a green taint on the left lower jaw and is afraid to let it be touched.

1875  
January 4. Is quiet and well, eats a little and takes her food, but is not strong bodily.

February 6. She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> September 1874

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1874 *Nadge Harvey a Nonconformist Oct. 16*

September 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 144 Main Street, Northampton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Northampton Parish.

She is forty-six years of age, unmarried, a housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one month and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she said she was a child of God and that the stars of God on her forehead, when she if they did not see it. She fancied she heard people walking through the key hole and the two family were in danger would not let them go to their work for fear of disturbing them.

On admission she would not leave her husband, cling to him and cried. When asked what she cried for, said, it was people and especially one Peter Crawford who told stories about her. She said she had a dream, thought she was in paradise and saw two angels sitting at a big fire at the foot of a mountain and that she threw trinkets upon her and nearly suffocated her. She mentioned her and saw three beams of light, very bright, so bright she could have picked up seeds and by that means saw her dream in all time.

Basely health and condition ordinary.

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She slept none during the night, but was quiet. Today she became much excited tried to scold herself and struggled with the attendants when they offered to dress her. She wants her own clothes to get away.

October 7

For two or three days she refused to have her clothing fixed upon her and was much excited, now better very melancholy, sits idly and labours under the delusion that she is told in dreams, what is occurring elsewhere.

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She sits idly, can do nothing and her only idea is to get away from the Asylum. When approached, she rises and holds out her hand asks to get home and has a very melancholy look. She is still delirious.

November 4

She has been highly excited, getting up and running upon the tables and stairs conducting herself in a most disorderly way. She said she would never do anything till she got out of her. Is now quiet and dull.

December 17

Her expression of face is very melancholy and she is generally idle and absent, can speak about nothing but getting away and will take no denial; pleads in an unreasonable manner.

1875  
January 11

She says Monday is Sunday and is angry as the other patients being allowed to work, does nothing herself. She hears voices telling her that her children Patrick and Susan are here, seeks to see them and calls the Medical Assistant - Mr. King.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> September 1874.

1875

February 18

She labours under delusion, hears the voices of her children at night, and also the voices of others which she calls devil's voices, talking about her husband and children. She persists in calling the Medical Assistant - Mr. King.

March 18

She sometimes sits a little fretting and on Friday insisted a day as Friday is was not Sunday and other day would be nothing, saying it was Sunday. At present she is always well.

April 15

She sits idly will do nothing and at times is violent in her conduct. She labours under many delusions, calls people by other names and still is wrong concerning the day of the week.

May 13

She is incoherent in her language and labours under delusion with regard to the identity of persons and frequently of late under the influence of her delusions has made violent attacks.

June 17

Calls people by other names than their own and insists that the day of the week is different to what it is. She will do nothing and talks incoherently when spoken to.

July 15

She often covers her mouth with the corner of her hand and from her manner and what can be understood from her words, tells it evident that she does so to prevent poisonous substance getting into her mouth. Is at times very violent in her conduct.

August 15

She will do nothing, and talks in the most rambling delusive manner, calls people by other names than those we and says she must get away today. She frequently vomits.

September 16

She insists that the day of the week is different from what it is, sometimes she sits a little but will do nothing on Saturday insisting it is Sunday. She labours under many other delusions but at present does not cover her mouth so much as formerly.

October 1

She was today taken to Barrington Hospital by authority of the James Clerk and dismissed.

Relieved.



## Elizabeth Horn

Oct. 28

1874

September 30

Was brought to the Asylum today from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, single, a Pinner and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is four days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was absent and confused, laughed sometimes without answering questions and imagined she heard voices when alone although she would not tell what they say. She could take no care of herself and was taken to the Police Office.

On admission she appeared to be confused and absent and when spoken to either gave no reply or if she did speak her words were quite irrelevant. She sometimes raised her hand when spoken to and again appeared to take no notice.

Proximately health indifferent; limited asylum.

October 1

She slept none during the night, but was quiet and today seems in the same absent confused state as on admission. She takes her food and is trying to sew a little.

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She has been very quiet, did a little sewing, and had all the members of a family, seldom gave any reply when spoken to, merely smiled and would not be induced to speak. It appears she has been in the same state 100 years.

Today she was handed over to her mother on the authority of a Minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed.

Relieved.

Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> September 1874

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1874 Agnes Robertson & Mrs. Green Oct. 31

October 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-two years of age, married, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is one week and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she imagined she heard voices commanding her to do various things and did them in obedience to these commands.

On admission she had a dull, melancholy expression of face and would hardly give a direct reply to any question put to her. She said she was quite well and had never heard any voice speaking to her. When the expression of her face was remarked upon, she said her face had been changed, but formerly it had been very beautiful but believed it was not a cure. Was confused and rather silent.

Powerfully handed very indifferent condition appears. Pupils largely dilated.

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She sleeps well during the night and today is quiet, replies when spoken to, but very slowly and says little.

" 23

She is very delirious, cannot sleep from under observation and one night when tired became much excited. Found she was quite unable to injure her and that her eyes were being taken out of her head. She has a sleepy fatuous expression of face, sits well but head bent forward and seldom speaks.

November 19

She has a familiar sleepy expression of face. Looks up festively when spoken to does a little singing. She often wishes to get away. Today she said she heard the Canary in the battery singing "Lion" and that means she is to get away soon.

December 17

Now and again she will sit well but head bent forward and her eyes cast down as if she heard not and will not speak, continues so for two or three days and again for a few days is more alive but shortly relapses into her very demented state. She is in ordinary bodily health.

" 24

She was today taken to Dept. District Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and on January and dismissed —

Relieved.





1876

## Mary Stobo or Brown Oct. 53

October 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 92 King Street, Rathfriland and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Rathfriland Parish.

She is fifty-three years of age, widow, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one week and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly. Said she had been tried in gold in fire and found pure; that the Lord had opened the doors of heaven and that she had seen the angels there. She suspected her former friends were plotting against her and was afraid she would be hanged. Was quite unable to attend to household duties and did not sleep at night.

On admission she was quiet, spoke slowly, and she was all roused up and her mind was in the same state. She recalled having seen doctors before she came here and said she was pretending to them, said she was then in one of her turns. She stated that her illness came on five years ago and that her body had all been worked up and that her head sometimes went round.

Body's health feeble; condition ordinary for them is dry and shining, face flabby and pulse very weak.

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She became much excited during the night got out of bed and would not lie, was very noisy and required to be put into a single room. Today she is quiet and stupid.

" 24

She sleeps little or none at night and at times noisy and restless. During the day she sits idly has a very stupid look and requires to be spoken loudly before she gives any reply. Face puffy and lips thick. Pupils, entire.

November 6

She is stupid and absent, sits quietly and when spoken to is very slow to take any notice. Her replies are generally irrelevant and often all she says is that she thinks it is time she was at home.

December 17

Takes very little food, says there is human flesh in it and often refuses altogether. Has been several times fed by means of the stomach pump. Her skin is yellow and waxy and her belly much enlarged and flatulent.

1875  
January 4

She has been confined to bed since last report and now takes her food better; seldom speaks and will at times give no reply, again will say she thinks she is a little better. She has still the same yellow puffy look about the face.

February 13

Complains of giddiness and stupidity, answers very slowly when spoken to and seems very confused. Body's health very feeble.



Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> October 1874

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- March 15 When spoken to she looks stupid and after a little either says she is well enough or complains of her head. She is very stupid in all her movements but tries to sew a little. Badly troubled very feeble.
- April 15 Her lips are often very hard and her face sometimes a little swollen and when spoken to she says there is not much wrong with her if she were out of here. She is lamented.
- May 15 When spoken to, she looks as if not touched, "says there is nothing wrong with me", does not know why she was sent here and says she has she is in great trouble, can do nothing.
- June 17 She has been confined to bed for a day or two and complains much of the state of her head, but says she is well enough to be at home. She is very stupid in all she does.
- July 15 She looks when spoken to, but says generally there is nothing wrong with her; again she complains of her head being an enormous weight and getting as if there were knives cutting it. Francis's two children are to be killed.
- August 15 She is stupid and almost, often in great fear, asks if she has done any harm and what she is to do here for.
- September 15 She frequently cries and says she does not know what she or her family have done that they should be punished. Francis & the others speak ill of her and says she cannot understand it. She is - badly looking, mouth, her lips are often hard.
- October 14 She has been confined to bed for three or four days and looks very ill. Her belly is very large, but quite tympanitic & painless. Ordered cast iron tea. Two drigrams in 90° in water three times a day.
- November 15 The great oedema of the abdomen has gone down, and her medicine has been discontinued but she is still confined to bed and very feeble. She says there is nothing wrong with her if people would let her alone; she guesses they are cutting her ill names and threatening to kill her family.
- 1876  
January 17 For more than a month past she has been very low and actually has lived mostly on fluid food as she complains of being unable to swallow; some days she appears as if she would die and again seems a little better. She is very fretful and asks what she has done that anybody should talk as they do of her that home.
- 24 Today at 25 minutes past 8 o'clock A.M. she - Died.
- 26 Today a post mortem examination was made of the chest and abdomen.
- The lungs were healthy, but the pleurae slightly adherent at the apex of both lungs. The heart was small and the mitral valve degenerated.
- In the abdomen the kidneys were found to be atrophied and the bladder much enlarged. The sigmoid healthy. Cause of death - Disease of Heart and Kidneys.



1874

October 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 57 New Dalmarwick Road Bridgton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barreng Parish.

She is eighteen years of age, single, a farmer and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, and she was certified insane on 22<sup>d</sup> September last time which time she is stated to be ill mentally since that time. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and excited; sometimes talked much and at other times refused to speak any. Her father and mother stated that she threatened to jump over the window and to drown herself; slept little and required constant watching.

On admission she became excited and very restless, cried much to get to her mother and would do nothing without of her. She could do nothing unless called or nothing without of her but kept constantly crying "I want to my mother."

Protruded her very far back. Condition much reduced. Her spine is curved and the right scapula much displaced. Two ribs on the left side project sharply near the nipple and the skin at the point is red.

" 22

She slept none during the night and was restless. Today she is still inclined to cry and the attendants require to feed her.

" 24

She moves about her room. She will not speak and has a habit of scratching her head. She passes her urine in her clothes and in her bed at night; will not use a chamberpot.

November 17

She lies back upon the table, and scratches much at the back of her head, will give no reply when spoken to, but if touched cries don't see. She wets herself night and day; taking her to the closet does no good.

December 17

Continues to pass her urine in her clothes as also in bed, but not quite so frequently as formerly. She still scratches the back of her head much, does not reply when spoken to, but cry "don't see" or "stop it" if touched.

1875  
January 14

Passes her urine in her clothes and makes no effort to keep herself dry, does not reply when spoken to, but if touched cries stop it. She takes her food pretty well, and is in fair bodily health.

February 11

Not quite so troublesome and a week or two ago she began to ask to go to the closet, but has again become more forgetful and occasionally wets her clothes; does not reply when spoken to.

March 17

Quite mindless, sits much with her fingers in her hair and seldom replies when spoken to, can do nothing and still at times wets herself.

April 16

Will do nothing with almost on the seat and wets her bed nearly every night. Speaks more rarely.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> October 1876

May 13

She sits with the skirt of her dress over her hand, rolls upon the seats and tables and is quite mindless, gives no reply when spoken to and is heard only "don't see."

June 17

She now dresses and undresses herself talks more readily and begins to display much more intelligence, but still with no meaning and says she will not, but wants home.

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She was today taken home by two gendres on the authority of a minute of the Municipal Board and delivered -

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1876 Isabella Glass &amp; Mc.Dowell Dec. 26

October 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 48 Maitland Street, Rensselaer and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Barry Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is five weeks and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

From her admission she stated that she heard voices and that people were going to murder her, that she could not remain in the house alone as although the door was locked they could open it by magic. Said she saw them that they are real and not fairies.

Her husband stated that she went to the police office and stated that a woman had stolen a neighbor's, that she heard her sharpen the knife and heard the victim cry. He is afraid to leave her with the children as he has found her brandishing a knife.

On admission she was delirious and had a melancholy look. She spoke quite freely of the delusions above stated and said that the man who they came in dressed took her and her husband's eyes and put them into their mouths. Said she stuffed the key hole of the door to prevent them getting in, but that they got in in spite of everything she could do. The only safety she said was in having a hatchet lying ready to defend herself.

Physically healthy and efficient. Condition reduced.

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She slept none during the night, but sat up in bed and was noisy. Today she is excited, asserts that Mrs. Smith is a man and that is the old boy she met on the train and one of those who wished to injure her.

23

Has been sleeping and restless since admission every night, till last night when she slept well. She is very delirious, hears imaginary voices and says there is "stuff" thrown into her eyes to make her blind, has a melancholy look.

November 19

Idle and listless, sits with her head down and talks to herself in an incoherent rambling manner. Some nights she sleeps better and talks much. She said she was angry at them putting her up for a lunatic.

December 17

Somewhat discontent, can do nothing and often scolds violently as if at imaginary persons. Two or three days ago she smashed the glass of the window and would have done more if not prevented; only laughs when spoken to about it.

January 14

Restless and foolish in her conduct. Holds down her head and laughs when spoken to talks often in an excited incoherent manner and if asked what she was saying, will laugh loudly and say she does not know.





## Sarah Horseyth

Oct 14/74

1874

October 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 4 Elderslie Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Poor Law Parish. Her age is fourteen years and four months. She is single, a Scotch folder and a Protestant. This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is stated to be a year long and the cause unknown unless coming to consciousness. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she appeared very stupid; imagined that people followed her on the streets and laughed at her; gave very stupid answers to questions. Her mother states that she could not do the simplest piece of work, acted very stupidly and sometimes took great fits of laughter.

On admission she had a vacant, stupid expression of face, could tell little or nothing about herself, but when questions were put to her she answered yes or no, much according to the way in which the question was put. She is subject to sudden tremor or movement of the head and body, and her mother states that she menstruated once six months ago but not since. For the last eight or nine months she has been unable to remain at work.

bodily health indifferent; condition gentle. Ordered - ʒi℥. Calomel ʒi℥. Ferri - ʒss. eight and morning. Plus Bromide of Potash in sugar three times a day.

" 25 She slept well during the night and takes her medicine, but today wants to get away, saying she was to get away yesterday.

November 2

She is pretty quiet, but looks stupid. When she has been about in the manner of a person speaking with others and her incoherent words when anything is asked of her is "I want to get home. The spasmodic movements of the head are quite involuntary.

" 23

She does not improve, is very restless in her seat and when spoken to has invariably, no matter what is said to her the same word, "being - I want to get home; has no other idea in her head. She takes her food & medicine.

December 17

Her language is incoherent and rambling and she does not understand what is said to her, looks cross when spoken to and will say what she goes into, etc. restlessly in her seat. Shows no appearance of the catamenia.

1875  
January 14

Cannot reply to simple questions but when spoken to will look sulky, hitch her self up in her seat and say "I want home; after holds the back of her hand before her face or sucks her finger. She is very stout.

February 18

She menstruated about two weeks ago but mentally there is no improvement. She goes out to the garden as formerly, and when asked is quiet, can briefly answer simple questions.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> October 1874

1875

March 15

Is employed in the Washingtons and does well, but requires constant supervision. When spoken to she will often give no reply, but laughs and looks away, displaying great weakness of mind.

April 15

Quite silly in her manner and conduct cannot give correct answers to simple questions and when spoken to often looks stupidly away: Can talk her name but do little more.

May 15

She moves herself suddenly about on her seat and laughs without any apparent cause. When asked what she was laughing at, will say she was not laughing and laughs again. Her mind is very weak. Badly handled yet.

June 17

Works in the Washingtons but requires constant looking after and direction.

July 15

She goes out almost every day to the Washington house, but requires constant supervision. When spoken to she often laughs silly or says what?, hides her face with her hands and will not say "I want home".

August 18

Mindless and silly, laughs without any apparent cause, and when spoken to, replies generally, by saying I am well enough.

September 16

Retains much in the same mindless condition, works as formerly, takes her food well but cannot say in any simple conversation.

October 16

When spoken to she shifts about in her seat and whatever is said replies by saying "I want to get home", then bursts into silent laughter and can give no further reply.

December 16

For a week past she has been very uncleanly in her habits, passing her urine in her clothes and quite mindless. She is in good bodily health.

1876

January 20

Stupid and silly, occasionally wets her clothes with her urine; can say she is fine but is unable to answer almost anything else.

February 15

She was today taken to the Barrony Parochial Dispensary, Wexford by authority of Sir James Cox and dismissed -  
Relieved.



## Elizabeth Russell Oct. 191

1874

October 24

Was brought to the Dispensary today, from 15 Gray Street, Skelton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Parish.

She is a minster and a half years ago a pauper, a Bleachfield Worker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is fourteen days and the cause is stated to be attending exciting religious meetings. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her maternal grandmother was insane and she has a brother of weak intellect.

Prior to admission she was much excited, constantly talking and singing, and from one subject to another and was sleepless at night. She said some persons came during the night and carried her up to heaven in their arms, that heaven was all light and that Jesus would not take her because she could not speak right.

On admission she was highly excited, gesticulated, clapped her hands and tried to get up on the seat she was placed in. She talked most incoherently and while being held in her seat would suddenly bend forward and repeat the words "For Jesus Christ sake Amen." She tried to jump herself and when her father was asked if she slept any at night, she said that she could not get sleeping for standing at prayer.

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Probably health very indifferent, condition poor.

She slept none during the night, would not lie in bed and required to be dressed in canvas and put in a high room. She was very noisy, noisy and used obscene language. Today she is still very unquiet.

November 2

She is maniacally excited, very restless, sleepless and noisy, tears her clothes and is uncleanly in her habits. She laughs and now appears to delight in mischief, talks very incoherently.

" 23

Continued as above notes till 10 or a fortnight ago, since which she has slept well at night and been cleanly in her habits. She does not destroy her clothes now, looks more stupid and heavy and is still incoherent.

December 17

She sleeps well at night, but during the day is very restless, excited and foolish in her conduct, quite disorderly and appears to delight in mischief. Talks very incoherently.

1873  
January 14

She again became very restless and noisy at night and during the day was very disorderly in her conduct, talked very incoherently. In a week past she has been quieter and although still excited is becoming more orderly in her conduct.

February 13

She is greatly better, is employed daily and replies coherently when spoken to. She is improved in bodily condition.

March 13

She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> October 1874

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1874 Catherine O'Neil or Corrigan Age 60

October 26

Was brought to the Asylum today from 18 Park Street, Anderson, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Treasury Parish.

She is forty years of age, married, a Cotton Weaver and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is excessive drinking. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was delirious, said that all the people in the streets ran after her calling out being the murderers of Minnie Court and that she heard people in the lobby knocking up walls to hang her in. She slept none at night and repeated the above delirium.

On admission she was quite and had a rather depressed look, said her head troubled her and that it was caused by the nerves. Voices and noise followed her in the streets, crying, "Follow up, follow up" and accused her of murder but she could not see the persons from whom the voices came and she said she saw one woman. After a little she said she heard her cousin Catherine Mullen speaking here and would not believe there was any such person in the house.

Her husband stated that he had had drinking bouts for six years and these times had emptied the house, and that two weeks ago he had to break up his house & leave her. Her youngest child is seven years old.

Nothing to be said very good: limits: locked.

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She slept none during the night and talked to imaginary voices, and today she is much annoyed by the voices calling to her.

November 3

Very restless and delirious, says she hears her sister's voice in the streets, talks very excitedly and incoherently about every one she ever mentioned. She murders in Roman's case.

" 23

She sleeps none at night but during the day is mostly idle, calls the Asylum officials murderers, says she is just kept here to be killed and that her husband has married three two wives since she was put here.

December 17

Irritable and idle, says that people go about the house at night with pistols, knives and daggers and that she can get no sleep for them.

1875  
January 14

Still idle and talks incoherently when asked to do anything. She sometimes complains of feeling ill, says the officials know all about the house and prices she gets for them in her foot.

February 13

Does nothing, sits with her hands in each other and is always very suspicious. When spoken to she generally asks the same question that has been put to her; and says she is better than with her...

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> October 1874.

- March 18 Sits idly all day long and is generally quiet and seems stupid, but whenever she is spoken to, she talks incoherently about gangs of murderers and asks if the people here are not connected with them. Usually health ordinary.
- April 15 Incoherent, idle and labours under delusion, fancies every person berames and that she is always in danger of her life being taken.
- May 13 She cannot be induced to do anything has a dreamy absent look, with hardly speaks but if her husband is mentioned, she becomes excited and incoherent.
- June 17 Talks deliriously about people's sinfulness being got married and refers to events she fancies took place before she was brought here. She is always idle and looks preoccupied.
- July 15 Cannot be induced to do anything whatever and will not speak except to refer to events she fancies happened before she was brought to the Asylum, accuses the people of knowing all about what was done to her and bringing her here.
- August 15 Idle and absent, but whenever talked to she becomes rather excited and talks in the most rambling manner, labours under many delusions.
- September 16 She talks incoherently asks the Asylum officials, how people they know nothing of are getting a boy they are people who assist them to do crime and is quite very insolent.
- October 1 She was today taken to Henry Parochial Asylum by authority of Sir James Colman and dismissed —

Relieved.



Mary Mc. Phail

Oct 44

1876

October 28

Was brought to the Asylum today from 17 India Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is forty four years of age, single, a Bible Woman and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this and of another Asylum. In fact was last time, from 20th January till 27th February 1872. The duration of the existing attack is stated to be a few days and the cause religious. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No relations known.

Prior to admission she howled and made a great noise, was very excitable and threatened those around her with bodily damage. She could not be induced to put on any clothes and would not answer questions. She imagined there were men in the house going to murder her.

On admission she was excited and very violent and incoherent in her language, called people she saw bad names and was filthy in her habits, her clothes being wet with urine and manure about her person.

Foodily laced indifferent, position good.

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The sleep was during the night, was excited, stood up in bed and was filthy in her habits. Today she is still excited, insists that she is not a patient and that she is a little ill, caused by men being in the house and going to visit the good lady she lived with.

November 5

She has commenced to do a little sewing and is quiet, but still talks strangely about what occurred before she came here.

She says she came from Strathclyde to Glasgow to the communion and that she was excited in consequence of a person in the house she had just visited - a relation of an improper kind with her.

" 23

The employees for time serving is very quiet and orderly, but is getting very anxious to get away, talks much about the medical visits.

December

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered





## Ann Ross or Gray Ad 12

1874

November

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 282 Buchanan Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Parish.

She is forty-two years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is five weeks and the cause is the "period of life". She is dangerous to those, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she believed her door and would not allow her husband to enter, was alone with her daughter who he was afraid she would injure and when he entered by the window she threw a dish at him and accused him of seeking her life. She heard voices, saw fire and pink persons were cutting her up piece by piece. Accused her husband of employing persons to cast by magic upon her.

On admission she had a dull, melancholy look; spoke in a low monotone very much fancied she was very ill, walked as if she were heavily laden to do so.

She stated that her heart had been turned over and also her lungs, in three places, had been treated the same way. Her womb also she said had been cut out, she thinks by her husband and another man; that it was not painful that the least turning was nevertheless very painful. Her daughter, ten years old, she says has been treated the same way.

bodily hands indifferent. Condition ordinary. Pulse 58. There are a number of small spots on her arms and body, from venereal.

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She was very noisy during the night, but today is quiet, talks rationally, says she has passed no urine for two days and that her womb is enlarged and ulcerated.

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She sleeps well at night, but during the day can do little or nothing, has a very melancholy look and fancies that she is very ill physically, still believes her heart and lungs to be turned over in her body.

December 17

She spits out much saliva, has her apron wet with it and fancies she gets poison that causes her to do so. She also accuses the servants of getting married to her husband and says she herself will not get married again.

1875  
January 15

Sits idly all day long, looks very miserable and discontented and unhappy, frowns when spoken to and will hardly reply, always fancies she is very unwell and labours under delusion.

February 7

She sits with her head resting upon her hand, will hardly let her face be seen and gives no reply when spoken to. From her conduct she is evidently delirious & looks very melancholy.

Admitted 9<sup>th</sup> November 1874

- March 18 She sits with her head inclined to a side her hair in disorder and her clothes in a very untidy state, will not speak and is very irritable, is inclined to strike or punt at any one who interferes with her. She spits upon her clothes.
- April 15 Is still idle and very taciturn will speak more unless when excited and her language then is incoherent and displays delusion.
- May 15 Sullen and irritable, has a melancholy dejected look and will speak more unless excited, when she is rather incoherent and shows herself to be delirious. She spits much saliva.
- June 17 Sits idly all day long and is almost always sure to be found in the same spot. She will not speak unless touched and then becomes very irritable, talks stumblingly.
- July 15 Has a miserable melancholy look, is always idle and if interfered with very irritable and talks then in a very stumbling manner.
- August 15 Always exceedingly irritable and disagreeable in her manner, expresses the most trifling things asked of her and has in ill feeling to every person who comes near her.
- September 15 Very irritable, never speaks pleasantly and is always idle, spits upon the floor and calls all the English officials, her trash and other worthless names, sometimes threatens violence.
- October 15 Sits with her head bent forward, will not raise it nor give any reply when spoken to, but if touched makes use of abusive threatening language.
- December 15 Sullen idle and very irritable, sits with her head bent forward and will do nothing. When she speaks at all it is to call every person her trash and other vile names.
- 1876  
January 20 Very irritable, spits much and has very many delusions, accuses others of putting paralytic thought upon her and talks incoherently.
- February 15 She was today taken to the Barrony Parochial Asylum, Woodstock by authority of Sir James Cox and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Agnes Calloway or Agnew

Oct 65

November

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 63 Clyde Street Anderson, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient. Chargeable to Navy Point.

She is fifty-five years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is fully four weeks and the cause is excessive drinking. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, gave very stupid answers to questions and was subject to delusions, fancied that a house she was only in a few days had been occupied by her for years, talked of giving her friends enormous quantities of clothing and other goods, thought that everything she would lay her hands upon belonged to her and wandered stupidly about the streets at night.

On admission she talked very incoherently and her gaze was turned a little to the left side. She talked in a very rambling manner and her memory seemed much impaired. She was very poorly clad, but at the same time considered herself very wealthy and in the best of health. Her name stated that she had got fourteen days imprisonment for lifting away a door lock and had only come out of prison ten days ago, when she talked of giving everybody large quantities of every imaginable thing.

Her health very feeble - she is paralytic: Condition Opium. The left parasympathetic is thickened and great phalanx is partially covered of penitence. Skull wounds and discolourations were found on her head feet nose and other parts of the body.

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She talked herself yesterday, after admission, but was clearly during the night. Today she looks stupid, replies when spoken to but she is better and her memory is found to be greatly impaired.

" 20

Fatuous and very stupid, words herself night and day. She can tell the name when asked, but to every other question answers in the affirmative or negative just as the question is put to her, has no memory.

December 17

She is pretty much in bed, only up for a few hours daily. Talks for a penny for the "bus" and says she is making pies to give us all a dinner, talks of having lots of money.

1876  
January 14

Always when spoken to, she will say "I am real well and real happy". She fancies she is possessed of great wealth, but at the same time wants to get a penny for the "bus" to take her home.

February 13

Quite fatuous and can take little care of herself, sometimes falls asleep during the day and always when spoken to, says she real well and real happy.

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> November 1874

Jan 21/8

The patient gets asleep during the day and when spoken to often roused talks in the most rambling manner. She is very filthy in her habits and does not seem to be aware of it. Sometimes her fingers distend with the juices, she passes some her clothes.

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She was today taken to Glasgow, City Provincial Asylum by authority of the Lunacy Commissioners and dismissed.

Relieved.



## Margaret Fisher Oct. 38

1874

November 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 4 North Street, Andover, England and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Sarum Parish. She is thirty-eight years of age, single, a Poor-Law Weaver and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of St. Dunstons Asylum from 28<sup>th</sup> June 1864 till 11<sup>th</sup> April 1865, and stated to be six months ill at present, but her sister states that she has not been well since first sent to an Asylum. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was peevish and suspicious, imagined that the neighbours were talking about, and annoying her and could get no rest for them.

Her sister with whom she lived, states that latterly she had <sup>thought</sup> her life, used profane language to her and had taken a hatred to all the neighbours.

On admission she was quiet and answered questions coherently. Said she had been threatened her sister what the neighbours annoyed her, but said her sister was always scolding her and she did not know what for. Stated that she was formerly a poor law weaver in Lancashire and could not now work there and could give no reason why. Her expression of face is at times very peculiar.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She sleeps well during the night and today is quiet, replies when spoken to, and her answers to simple questions are coherent but she tosses her head to the side and stirs very peculiarly.

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She has been quiet and sleeps well since admission and now is daily employed in the laundry. Her expression of face is very peculiar and she sometimes throws up her head and utters as if afraid of something striking as if a loud noise were made near her.

December 17

She works with the servant in the private house and does very well. When sitting or doing nothing, she looks suddenly up as if she heard some sound and again will look under the table, but will not tell what she does it for.

1875  
January 14

She works well, but often when sitting after her work, will look inquiringly about her feet and then suddenly look up, and yesterday said what noise is that up there when no one was near any sound. She has a great hatred to her sister.

February 18

Often talks to the servant about her sister, says it was she who was insane and not herself and that her sister will have to yield before she does it. She is very quiet and industrious.

March 15

She is quiet and industrious, but is getting off in bodily health. Her expression of face is still peculiar and rather melancholy.

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> November 1876

- April 15 Since last report she has been taking Cod-liver oil and is now a little better. She has continued at her former work with the exception of a day or two and now shows less ill feeling towards her relations.
- May 13 When working, she seems pretty well, but when once she sits down, she appears as if annoyed by something unseen, she jerks her head restlessly from side to side and looks quivering up and down. Seems annoyed when taken notice of.
- June 17 She has been more restless, looking about and above her suddenly, and is apparently annoyed by some imaginary sensation, but will not say and when asked only says she is quite well.
- July 15 She works away as formerly but is not found to be more irritable and delirious and when she does not observe anyone is found pursuing it imaginary persons.
- August 11 She hears imaginary sounds, sometimes looks suddenly under the seat and again will toss her head as if shaking off something and when alone gets nervous as if at some person.
- September 11 Often scolds, and shivers when there is no one near her, closes her eyes and turns her head suddenly about. Evidently she hears imaginary voices but will not tell.
- October 11 She talks and swears more, even when no one is beside her and shows her insanity more readily. She is often excited and says the devil is put upon her when asked to do anything that she cannot or will not do.
- December 16 She is getting worse, sleeps badly at night and is often even while at work is troubled with her delusions. She will turn round, cry out and swear much, grasping the seat or holding her. She still works with the servant.
- January 1877 Hears imaginary voices and talks much to imaginary persons. When working alone she will be heard crying about scorpions and shouting language in her delusions.
- February 18 She was today taken to the Barrony Parochial Asylum, Woodilee by authority of Sir James Gore and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Barbara Whetton Jones or Edwards Oct 69  
1874

November 13 Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish. She is forty-nine years of age, widowed a long sewer and a Protestant.

It is not known whether this is the first attack of insanity, but the duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause stated to be religion. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her father and brother are insane & in Dundee Asylum.

Prior to admission she was much excited, talked loudly and incoherently about her child being poisoned and receiving revelations from God to preach.

On admission she was very noisy and excited, talked loudly in a very incoherent manner and was very restless. She cried that her daughter whom she had just buried, had been poisoned, that the old world had passed away and that a new world had begun, could not be quiet for a moment and appeared to be in despair. Spoke very hurriedly and would not listen to anything said to her.

Rapidly became feeble: condition reduced.

" 14 She was very noisy during the night and today is very restless and excited going here and there and crying out she is going to be shot. She takes her food.

" 21 She has slept, <sup>and</sup> and was noisy during night since admission up till last night when she slept well. She is still restless talkative and very rambling in conversation.

December 17 For a week or two she has been very much better mentally and appears now to be nearly well. She is quiet orderly and industrious talks quite coherently, but on one or two occasions was observed crying for a short time.

" 26 She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.





## Janet King &amp; Baird Oct 24

1874

November 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from the Western Infirmary and admitted as a private patient.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is four weeks and the cause is stated to be child birth, but she was delirious four months ago. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she lay in bed in a dull stupid state and could not give connected answers to simple questions, talked in a rambling incoherent manner and sometimes started up and screamed as if she saw frightful objects in the room.

The nurse stated that she tried to get a knife and wished her throat cut, did not sleep at night and was often excited.

On admission she was in a very listless state, could not walk or stand and required to and put to bed. Her eyes were suffused and she talked in a wandering, incoherent manner. When asked her name, she knew what was said to her, but said she could not talk and pointing to a window said the people outside that door could tell.

" 13

Physically health extremely feeble: indigestion spare.

She was very restless during the night and slept none till after five o'clock this morning she took a little coffee last night, but this morning refused to take any breakfast, is very restless in bed and does not appear to understand anything said to her. Pulse small, 70, tongue pale.

" 21

She is confined to bed, at times is very restless, always very stupid and hardly understands anything said to her. She shows her tongue when asked, but does so more from habit than words and does not draw it back till told not to touch it. The tongue is cleaner but very red and she eats little. She is quite incoherent.

Her bladder has always to be relieved by the catheter.

December 17

Her mind cleared up a little and she seemed to be improving till ten days ago, she fancied that women were speaking about her and wanted a knife to cut her throat. Last day she fancied she was to be killed and two days after that has a number of epileptic seizures. Has since had two or three slight attacks of epilepsy and been excited.

January 14

About ten days after last report and when she appeared to be pretty well, she suddenly fell down as if in a faint, continued rigid for some time then became highly excited and continued long periods for some hours. At present she is pretty well.

February 13

Greatly better and very active and industrious, and at present seems well.

Was today taken home by her husband and dismissed — Relieved.





1874  
Christina Anderson or Millet Feb 51

November 21 Was brought to the Asylum, today, from 23 Dunchattan Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Burrows Parish.

She is thirty-one years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration and cause, are stated not to be known, but the death of her youngest child from Scarlet Fever is said to have affected her. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. A sister and a paternal Aunt, was stated to have been insane.

Prior to admission she was much excited and afraid to be left alone, constantly held on by a person at her bedside and was afraid that she had not been good to her children.

On admission she had a pale, sad, sorrowful expression of face, laboured under a morass of fear and when spoken to did not reply, but cried and begged hard not to be confined in the fire, could not be got to enter into any connected conversation.

17 Bodily health feeble: Condition relaxed. She sleeps none during the night and was very fretful. Today she sits idly, is very unhappy and dubious under the fear of some impending calamity. The attendant required to feed her as she will take no food.

26 Some nights she sleeps well, and again is very restless. The attendants always require to feed her as she will not use her own hands to do anything. She is very miserable, labours under a morass of fear, will seldom speak.

December 7 Often restless at night, sleeps little and labours under a morass of fear. She seldom speaks, will not reply to anything said to her and requires constantly to be guarded, tries to wander away and can do nothing.

1875  
January 4 She is very restless and miserable, gets up of her seat now and wanders purposeless, she will hardly speak, but today when asked what troubled her, whispered she was afraid of God.

February 13 She has a somewhat absent expression of face, but is now less restless and miserable, takes her food better, and is improving in bodily condition. Will hardly speak.

March 6 She was today taken to Ayr District Asylum by authority of Sir James Carr, Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed —  
Relieved.





1874  
 Mrs. Catherine McCallum Young Oct. 22

November 20

She came here today with a letter of the General Board of Lunacy and was admitted as a Voluntary Patient.

She states that she is seventy-two years of age and has been widowed for thirty-four years.

She said she wished to come here, but expected the very best place in the West House. Said she was very nervous and had been made so by what people had done to her. She then went on to talk of a great many imaginary illnesses, said she had liver and heart disease and that her body all swelled up, that she had got directions to use water and press down the parts over the stomach and showed how she did it. She is affected with Epilepticus tarsi and when it was noticed said she was afraid of becoming blind also that she heard sounds coming at the door, but could see no person and was afraid of becoming deaf. Perhaps she said had pines for her shoulders and she had always been healthy and happy till just now.

Probably health indifferent; condition ordinary.

" 21

She was very restless and slept and during the night, thinks she has come to the wrong place and is endless in her talk about her imaginary illnesses, talks much about her liver and heart, and what she has been ordered to do by other doctors and pressing her hands over the stomach when a swelling can be done for her.

" 28

She sleeps badly at night and during the day is idle and very unhappy, talks about her liver and heart being diseased and her eyesight all running away; refers to her former very kindly state and says there is nothing being done for her; professes she is just about to die.

December 17

She is full of imaginary diseases, says she is straggled and at the same time is getting no treatment, talks constantly about herself and says her brain is all wrong, that she is becoming more daily and about to die.

1875  
 January 4

She has been becoming daily more troublesome and if possible worse mentally, talking continually about the state of her brain and bitterly insisting on getting away. Today she was allowed to leave if her own accord and was dismissed.

Relieved.





1874

Ann Boyle or Mrs. Kenzie Oct 30

November 20

Was brought to the Asylum today from the Western Police Office Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty years of age, married, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

She is stated to both homicidal and dangerous to others, but all the other facts in the statement are set down as unknown.

Prior to admission she had been in a highly imbecile condition, was very restless and delirious and had delusions regarding persons looking at and speaking to her. Thought some persons wished to poison her and that two men were pushing red hot poker through the wall and burning her. She was taken up on the streets in the above state of mind and showed a strong desire to commit suicide.

On admission she was very talkative, stated that she was accused of poisoning my gran from Thorningside Asylum, but that she had not done so and was dismissed with a month ago, was since now quite well. She said she had just gone into a cooking shop to get some tea and that the Captain of a boat her husband had been in saw her and though she had run away from the Asylum and sent the police to apprehend her and she was now here in consequence.

Physical health and condition ordinary.

" 21

She sleeps well during the night and today is still talkative, but gives a different version of the cause of her apprehension. When leaving the shop she said she told the woman she was going to the water side and when she said so the woman asked if she was going to drown herself and she said yes just to get rid of her baggage and she threw the article foolishly.

" 22

She sleeps well at night and is quiet and industrious during the day, but very anxious to get away saying that she is quite well and had not been ill when brought here.

December 15

She keeps well mentally and employs her time sewing. She often wishes to get away and also frequently complains of great pain in the region of the heart, which lasts for an hour or two and passes off. On examination, the heart sounds are found to be smothered, but no distinct murmur of any kind was found. Advised to have a blister but says it was done before and did her no good.

" 21

Three days ago she had a very bad attack of her former illness which lasted for about two hours on the following day she had a milder attack, but yesterday was pretty well. About one o'clock this morning again the pain came on and got over all these attacks when she - died.





## Mary Reid

Oct. 48

1874

- November 15 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from Ironhead Lake, Philadelphia and admitted as a private patient.
- She is forty-eight years of age, married and a Protestant.
- She has been insane for fifteen years and during that time several times in Edinburgh Asylum. The cause is intemperance. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal.
- The mother was much addicted to drinking. Prior to admission she talked incoherently and very violent, cursed and swore and ordered the study table to be carried in hell.
- She sat at the fire side in a nightgown and ate and would not put on clothes; for the last fourteen years has lived a wayward life in preference to living with her family.
- Her husband stated that she threatened to knock his bones out and to injure other members of the family.
- On admission she was excited and restless talked incoherently and swore and often making use of the word hell and her articulation was indistinct. She smelt of urinal spirits. Was threaten in her manner and language.
- Bodily health and condition ordinary.
- December 26 She slept none during the night, but was quiet. Today she is rather unsteady, but takes her food, but is very anxious for and asks to get some whiskey. Her tongue is dry and a little coated.
- December 31 She is quiet, but last night she says she slept none, complains of pain in her legs and she states that she was twice in Quaker Meeting House, but never in an Asylum and that her friends gave her drink to make her ill and get her brought here.
- 1875  
January 1 Since last report she has been very quiet and orderly, appeared pleasant and had no complaints to make, but today (New Year's day) when spoken to, she talks cross and is irritable talks about it being a strange place and has evinced a strong craving for stimulants.
- February 15 She is very quiet, occupies her time sewing, smiles or nods when spoken to, but seldom speaks and often has a rather irritable look.
- March 15 She is very quiet, occupies her time much as formerly, and does not associate with any of the other patients. She talks very little and can hardly be got to do more than remark on the weather. Bodily health ordinary.
- April 15 She seems pretty well although at times she talks cross, but never asks to get away.
- May 15 Continues well and has a cross, says very little and at times does not reply when spoken to.
- June 15 She was today dismissed - Recovered.





## Jessie Ross Malcolm &amp; White Oct. 30

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December 1

Was brought to the Asylum today from 481, St Vincent Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty years of age, married, the wife of a Flower Loan Tenter and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three or four weeks and the cause is stated to be excitement after child birth, two months ago. She is stated to be subject to fainting fits, is suicidal but not dangerous to others.

She had a sister in Barony Asylum two years ago, for four or five weeks. Her father and a brother are also stated to have been insane.

Prior to admission she heard imaginary voices outside the windows and thought people wanted to get in to kill her; saw men standing with a drum escort, telling her not to stir.

She refused all food saying that it contained poison and slept none at night. Attempted last night to cut her throat with a blunt table knife.

On admission she had a countenanced melancholy expression of face and replied irrelevantly to questions - such as when asked about herself, she said her mother was a good woman and again would only noose out in the midst of her grief said she was afraid to die.

Physically health indifferent: Condition ordinary. Tongue very good. Four soft inflamed acridities were found under the skin.

" 2 She slept none during the night and was restless. Today she is stupid and very obtuse, requires to be fed by the attendants and her clothes have to be fast upon her to prevent her soiling herself.

" 9 For four nights after admission she slept none and was very excitable, said she was to be hung up in public. On the fifth night she had a small number of restful sleep and has since slept naturally without any sedatives. She is now much better, eats and takes her food pretty well. Her tongue is cleaning.

" 24 Since last report she has slept well at night and during the day has employed her time sewing and appeared very well mentally except perhaps that she seemed to much anxiety to get away, but always pleaded the excuse that she has six children to look after. Her mind is quite clear and there is now no delirium.

" 30 She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

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1874

## Bridget Mc. Grotty or Gressy case 33

December 1

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Shaws Ford, Whifflet and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

She is thirty-three years of age, married, a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1866 till 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1867. This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is ten days and the cause is not known.

She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she stated that her husband and brother wanted to murder her and were constantly tearing her towels out of her. She sleeps little at night and found she was going to be blown up with gun powder.

On admission she was quite and talked readily; believed under many delusions with regard to her husband and family; said her husband and a lodge had cut up all her inside and had taken her child (crops and all) and buried its head in the hawthorn and taken its back.

When examined she was found to have her body all tumbled up to keep her the mind from falling in pieces. She is in good condition pulse rather frequent.

" 2

She sleeps well during the night, but day is very irritable and obstinate, talks ramblingly and says she hopes she will not be subject here to any more ill usage.

" 7

She sleeps well at night, but during the day is still irritable and very stubborn opposing everything asked of her and every day says she must get away at twelve o'clock.

1875  
January 4

Will do nothing and sits with her hands pulled up in her shawl, will not reply when spoken to, but sometimes mutters incoherently about getting home and repells any one who touches her.

February 11

She is very disorderly in her conduct cannot be prevented from running away the water and talks in an excited rambling manner; says she must get leaving here immediately.

March 1

Talks and incoherent in her language talks about getting poison and saying the medical officers by the clothes will say "I must get away today", repeats the same words every day.

April 15

She will do nothing draws the clothes about her and is constantly saying she want to let home looks highly displeas'd and if not prevented will still be constantly running away the water.

May 13

She wills her head bare forward and often putting in her hands so that her face cannot be seen. When touch'd springs up and says she must get home. She talks every incoherently.

June 17

Talks incoherently does nothing, sits with her clothes drawn about her and is always irritable.



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- July 15 She will do nothing, sits with the skirt of her dress in her hands and talks incoherently; will seize hold of the Medical Officer and say you must let me leave today.
- August 13 Talks as before and stupidly opposes every thing asked of her, will say you have no right to keep me here, and I must get home today; Will oppose of me other thing.
- September 16 But still she was confined to bed for a day or two in consequence of an attack of menorrhagia. Her bowels were found to be very constipated, but she can talk nothing about herself.
- October 16 Sits idly and frets, sits idly with her body bent forward, cannot converse on any subject, mutters to herself and getting hold of the Medical Officer will say "I cannot get out of this, she is in indifferent bodily health.
- November 15 Talks and childishly irritable; At present she is constantly demanding to get half a crown that she may go away, incoherent.
- December 16 She sits steadily in the same seat and was pressed to look at. When put to bed and examined, she was found to have a discharge from the vagina having a very offensive smell. She has had nothing but injections and is now better physically. No change mentally.
- 1876  
January 17 Always idle, draws the skirt of her dress closely round her body and pushes at any one who speaks to her, demands to get home saying no one has a right to keep her here.
- April 13 Has occasional attacks of menorrhagia each is confined to bed for a day or two. She is always idle, sits holding the skirt of her dress round her legs and pushes any one away who goes near her.
- June 15 Will not be induced to do anything whatever sits as above described and says let me out of this, see, you have no business with me here. She is in indifferent bodily health.
- August 17 Still idle, irritable and labours under delusion. She threatens violence, such as saying I'll slap your face, but seldom makes any further attempt than a push.
- October 19 She repels every one who approaches her, mutters to herself and sits with the skirt of her dress held closely round her legs. Her language is quite incoherent.
- December 16 Talks, irritable and incoherent in her language, sits with one or other of her hands holding the skirt of her dress closely round her legs.
- 1877  
January 15 Sits idly all day long and often falls asleep in the seat, holds the skirt of her dress together and starts up in alarm is touched pushes and threatens violence.
- April 19 Very demented, never does anything and sits with her eyes nearly closed, but if approached, throws back her head, talks incoherently.

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Jane MacLaren

Oct 14

December 9

Was brought to the Asylum today from 12 Kew Road, West. Rowan and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-four years of age, single, a Scotch peasant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few months and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was rambling in conversation; had delusions, fancied the children in the house would be all dead before morning and that one of them was cold and rigid, believed there was something going to happen to the house and said she felt asleep in church and could not awaken. She threw her pocket handkerchief in the fire because she fancied it had a smell, and set edge at night and tried to burn up the house.

On admission she was quiet and could not be got to enter into conversation and when asked any question concerning her delusions said she declined to speak on the subject, could hardly be got to do any thing asked of her but ultimately was induced to show her tongue, which was very foul.

Foodily peculiar indifferent; taciturn.

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She lay quietly for about two hours, then got up and ran round the tables and would not be got to bed. Today she attempted to eat and difficulty in getting her to take any food.

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Upon the day after last report she was fed by means of the stomach pump and got a day or two well, but yesterday and today it was found again necessary to feed her by the pump. She is afraid to be touched, does not stand in corners, will not converse.

1875  
January 4

She now takes her food better, but cannot stand herself in the same peculiar manner will not let herself be touched, seems afraid of conduct and struggles to push herself away from any one who tries to get near her.

February 18

Sits with her face turned away from all the other patients and is often found with the little in her hand, will not reply when spoken to and never associates with any one.

March 18

She is very obstinate, sits with her hand a handkerchief upon her mouth and will not let it be taken away nor explain why she keeps it there but is ardently delirious. She takes her food very sparingly.

April 15

She has been confined to bed from weakness will not take her food and the attendants have often to feed her. She covers up her mouth with the bedclothes and will not let them be taken off. Talks in a hurried ill-mannered manner and is very suspicious.

Admitted 9<sup>th</sup> December 1874

May 13

She is occasionally out of bed but will not sit near any of the other patients, often covers her mouth with her hand and is very irritable. She takes her food sparingly and at times little or nothing, the attendants having to feed her. She is in very good bodily health.

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## Margaret Gow or Anderson ca 40

1874

December 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 38 Longmeier, Syracuse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Scotland Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be two weeks and the cause not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. She had an aunt who died in this Asylum.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, said she was sister to her husband and not his wife. Her husband said that she talked continually to herself, slept very little, was at times very violent and threatened to cut his throat.

On admission she was quiet, could answer some simple questions, apparently correctly, but did not know the day of the week and her age she said was thirty or forty. She complained of her head and body being sore but could not tell anything more definite. She is stated to have been ill mentally six years ago and never altogether well since.

Physical health very indifferent; condition sparse.

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She slept well during the night and today is quiet, has taken her food appears to be rather contented.

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Continues quiet and sometimes says a little. When asked where her children are says she supposes they were sent home before her but she has not seen them. Although she still obeys the nurse, she never makes any reply.

January 21

She is at times rather irritable and turns away when spoken to. Her memory is much impaired; she has no idea of how long she has been in the Asylum, only answers that she does not know.

February 18

She is very quiet, sometimes says a little, but is more often idle, answers in an indifferent manner that she is well but to almost any other question says she does not know. She is in ordinary bodily health.

March 13

Sometimes says a little, says she is fine when spoken to; memory very much impaired.

April 15

Has been subject to attacks of irritability and excitement; talks most incoherently and in a threatening manner, says the Asylum is heaven.

May 13

She has been so violent in her conduct she required to be removed from the hallway where she was to another. When spoken to about her conduct her language was quite incoherent and rather threatening.

June 17

She seldom replies when spoken to, has a stern expression of face and is mostly idle.

July 15

Remained generally quite mindless and quiet, but at times without cause becomes noisy and violent; talks very incoherently.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> December 1874

- August 13 Works occasionally in the Laundry and is quiet, but because irritable without any external cause and talks most incoherently.
- September 16 She generally appears to be demoralized but has occasional passages of excitement when she scolds in a threatening incoherent manner. She is in ordinary bodily health.
- October 14 Demoralized and generally quiet, sometimes mutters to herself and when spoken to does not seem to notice, again she will in the most heedless way say "I am fine".
- November 13 Continues in the same state as at last report. Is quiet takes her food, goes out to the Laundry, replies incoherently when spoken to.
- December 16 She works about in a windowless way does everything quite mechanically, but when spoken to is apt to become irritable and and scold incoherently.
- 1876  
7 January 17 Demoralized and very absent in her manner often gives no reply when spoken to seems not to notice and again says she is fine.
- March 13 Works as formerly, sometimes mutters to herself and often when spoken to does not answer or some time, when she will answer in an indifferent manner "I am well".
- June 15 Very mindless and seldom takes any notice when spoken to, is generally quiet and employs her time in the Washing House.
- August 17 Is demoralized and appears as if quite indifferently about everything, replies in the most careless way she is well but any further words she may say are generally without sense.
- October 19 Does a little work in the Laundry and takes her food well, but seldom speaks and is quite mindless appears to have no memory and can hardly answer the simplest questions.
- 26 She was today taken to Stirling District Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Mary Hutchison & Hogg Oct. 65

1874

December 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, by a Guardian from 163 Sandymount Street, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is sixty-five years of age, married and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

She was an inmate of Gartnavel Asylum about twenty years ago. This is the second attack, of fourteen days duration and the cause is not known. She is neither violent nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very melancholy, said she had committed sins which could never be forgiven and that she was amongst the damned. She slept none at night and took very little food.

On admission she was very miserable, moaned much and would not reply when spoken to, often repeated the word "cut, cut" and again "No do do". She showed her tongue when asked, but otherwise was quite passive.

Both hands very feeble; condition reduced.

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She slept well during the night and has taken her food pretty well, will hardly speak, but at times makes a hoarse noise resembling her last condition.

1875  
January 6

Since last report she has slept three or four at night and one night during her confinement, slightly discoloured her nose. She said the devil did it and ordered every one to be quiet to hear him speaking to her, replied back when no other person heard any sound. Said she was to be burned in the latter of fire.

February 11

No more than a week past, she has been very much better, sleeps well at night and is very quiet; answers rationally when spoken to and appears to be free from delusion.

March 15

She continues her time passing, sleeps well at night, and replies rationally when spoken to, is very quiet and appears to be quite well mentally.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> December 1874

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December 30

Was brought to the Asylum today from the Police Cell. Arrived and admitted as a proper patient chargeable to New South Wales Parish.

She is thirty years of age, single, a Housewife and a Protestant.

The duration and cause of insanity are stated to be not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had a silly, puerile look, was incoherent in conversation and suspicious of her neighbours, without a cause, imagined they were plotting her destruction. The police stated that she tried to set the house on fire.

On admission she was somewhat excited and had the appearance and manner of an imbecile person. She denied that she ever set the house on fire and said if she knew who said so she would kill them, talked of a Mrs. Volantia who lived above her and said their two chimneys went into one and that they tried to injure her by putting paper and other things into the chimney.

bodily health indifferent; condition ordinary. Her hair is prematurely gray.

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She slept well during the night and today is quiet, but talks ramblingly about being persecuted, says she feels safe now from her persecutors, but would not wish to stay long.

1875  
January 7

She always sleeps well at night, but during the day and if talked to on the subject of her delusions becomes rather excited, still speaks of Mrs. Volantia and shows great weakness of mind. She fears a little and talks her food.

February 11

She displays great weakness of mind sometimes, has silly quarrels with the other patients, and demands to get away saying she a gentleman's daughter.

March 11

Occupies her time sewing and for some time has been free from excitement, but when spoken to displays much weakness of mind, sometimes asks to get away.

April 15

Has been talking in an incoherent manner of being annoyed or tormented by dogs and when asked where she was pointed to one of the other patients, but could not tell what she had done to her.

May 13

She is quiet and sometimes says a little, displays great weakness of mind and often when spoken to gives no reply, but merely stares as if in astonishment.

June 17

Is generally quiet, but now and again becomes rather excited and talks ramblingly of some wrong she has done; kind words.

July 13

When spoken to she looks hurriedly about as if in doubt what to say. Will sometimes ask to get home in a surprised manner.



Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> December 1874

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She is quiet and employs her time sewing answers simple questions correctly but is apt to become rambling if answered with. Her mind is weak.
- Dec 26  
An idea has entered her mind that her body is rotten, she is most idle and often repeats that she can now do no work in consequence of her condition.
- Dec 26  
She has again been occasionally doing a little light work and appears to have forgot about her former imaginary state. She takes her food and is quiet.
- Dec 30  
Quiet and when spoken to generally tells when she is going to get angry. She still believes under the delusion that she has many enemies but thinks she could now get them put away for her.
- Dec 16  
She is quiet and at present has very little to say, cannot be induced to enter into conversation and will hardly answer questions.
- 1876  
Feb 11  
Now and again she has little prospect of excitement fancying that some of the other patients have done something to her to injure her and talks vaguely of punishing them for that.
- April 13  
Talks in a rambling incoherent manner and fancies that she is being injured by others in some mysterious way, fancies any person could do much injury to herself.
- June 15  
Very weak minded and labours under silly delusions, talks notions that the other patients do something to injure and calls them bad names.
- August 17  
Occasionally scolded and talks incoherently; scolds about the trash doing something or other to a person such as she is but never makes any definite charge.
- October 19  
She often fancies that some of the other patients have wicked designs upon her and are determined to have her dead, she scolds about it in a very incoherent manner and says she will be killed if she does not get away out of this.
- December 11  
She talks in a very rambling manner and calls all the other patients ill names believes under delusion but speaks so quickly that the greater part of what she says is lost.
- 1877  
February 15  
She fancies that others are always doing something or other to injure her, talks in a hurried silly incoherent way about them and says they are taking away her character.
- April 19  
Talks in the most rambling incoherent manner and often roars at all points at the other patients saying they are bad and should be punished for some imaginary crime.
- June 14  
Has always some silly observations to make about the other patients, labours under delusion and talks very ramblingly.

See Page 214



1875 Mary Johnston or Jack Oct. 50

January 5

Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from 151 Sward Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty years of age, married and her religious persuasion is stated to be undecided.

This is her first attack of insanity. The duration is about seven months and the cause is stated to be constipation of bowels. Is not suicidal but desires to die and is not dangerous to others. An aunt on the mother's side and an uncle on the father's side are stated to have been insane.

Prior to admission she laboured under the delusion that her intestines were all cut up, so that she was afraid to take any food also that she was with child and that that was the cause of her illness. She wished herself out of the world and obstinately refused to take any food.

On admission she was quiet, but very ready to talk of her imaginary illness: said her bowels were all broken up and that every thing she took all went about her body and could not again be got out. She said she had a child seven years ago, but that since then she had again become pregnant and that the child was lying behind her stomach, flattened up and inserted into her body in such a way that it could not be got out. She is reported to have struck herself over the abdomen, for the purpose of getting away the imaginary foetus. Bodily health good: Condition reduced.

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She spoke some during the night, but was quiet. She has taken her food, but says it passes down thro' a wrong passage and is all lodged through her body in wrong places, front to her neck and says there is a very narrow place there where she can just crawl it through.

" 13

Through the food she takes all lodges in her body; it goes into the wrong place and can never get out, talks constantly about herself and her very dilapidated state. Yesterday she had medicine and last night was melancholy in bed.

February 11

She now takes her food better and is much less miserable, but still labours under the delusion that her food all passes into her body by a wrong channel and permanently lodges there. Her bodily condition is a little improved.

March 11

Frequently very noisy at night, comes out and requires to be placed in a single room. She bounds her whole body is wrong and that her food never goes the right way; says she is dying.

April 15

Very delirious and often noisy and restless at night. She wishes to get her head cut off and her body cut into pieces as she is in such a state of dilapidation. She takes her food pretty well.

Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> January 1875

May 13

Can never do anything and is always thinking about herself, says she is living but not in the right way, fancies that none of the food, which she is very unwilling to take goes into her body in the proper way and pleads to have her hands cut off.

June 17

Says her body is all converted into a substance resembling milk, that she is very soft and that it is done by electricity. She does nothing and often has the joints of her fingers clicking with her constant picking of them.

July 13

Asks to be cut up in small pieces as she says her body is in a terrible state and that it is always getting worse.

August 13

Very miserable and restless, often excited and moving at night, still picks the joints of her fingers and walks about as if her body was fixed in a bent position. She says she is all wrong and pleads to get her legs taken away.

September 11

She was today taken home by her husband on board for two days.

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Margaret Peterson

Oct. 39

1875

January 7

Was brought to the Asylum today from 8 Melvern Place, Leinster Park Street, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-nine years of age, single, a Machinist and a Protestant.

This is the fourth attack of insanity; the duration is three weeks and the cause is stated to be disappointed affection. During the former attack she was an inmate of this Asylum from 26<sup>th</sup> November 1873 till 24<sup>th</sup> February 74. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her brother Thomas was several times an inmate of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she had a stolid look; talked very incoherently, especially about matters of religion. She was violent and required forcible control, made loud noises during the night.

On admission she was quiet, looked but gave no reply when spoken to, seemed very uncertain in her manner and a person not to be trusted. She would get up and wander about apparently without purpose but required to be closely watched.

bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.

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She only slept three hours during the night and was very noisy when awake, today she is tolerably quiet but inclined to wander about and seems very confused.

" 13

She has become more restless and excited, very disorderly in her conduct and dangerous in her habits; two days ago she threw a trash at the Matron and Medical Assistant and still continues very dangerous.

February 1

Continued excited and restless and conducted herself very foolishly up till a few days ago, but is now quiet and orderly, walks out and employs her time sewing in the indoors. She converses quite coherently now.

March 11

She is quiet and very orderly, walks out with the other patients and when indoors occupies her time sewing. She takes her food well and is taking a flesh.

April 7

She was today dismissed — Recovered.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> January 1875

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## Agnes Watson

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January 13

Was brought to the Asylum today from High Street Latham and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Latham Parish.

She is forty-eight years of age, single, a dressmaker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is three years and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission there was general perversion of mental functions, with great delusions. She had much antipathy to her friends and was easily provoked into violence.

On admission she was quiet and talked readily, and she had been made very ill by something that was done upon her by her relations; something having a very bitter taste got into her mouth, it came just like a puff of wind, and she would not prevent it getting in. Her thoughts by that means were always taken away from her and she forgot everything she had been doing or thinking about. She blamed none but her own friends.

" 14

Bothly health indifferent, condition strong. She slept well during the night, but today is very unhappy; bits with her hand before her mouth and will give no reply to anything said to her, appears much impatient with her delusions.

" 21

She now occupies her time sewing, but is further depressed in consequence of her delusions; says that her body is injured here also by some persons, she feels but cannot see.

February 13

She is always very miserable although she tries to sew and does some work, often sits with her handkerchief over her mouth and looks at her body. She is troubled night and day with the delusion that substances are being blown into her mouth and accuses anyone near her of doing it.

March 18

She is often found weeping and holding her handkerchief upon her mouth, she takes her hand when asked to take it away and while out walking as well as when in doors, she constantly guesses she is breathing in something odious.

April 16

She alone and is often very miserable crying bitterly and will not speak except to say yes if asked about the unseen poison. She can seldom do anything but hold her handkerchief to her mouth. She is very quiet.

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She was today taken home by her brother on the authority of a minute of the President Board and dismissed.

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Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> January 1875

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Jessie Niven Paul

Oct. 58

- January 13 Was brought to the Dispensary today from 12 Mathews Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Poor Law Parish. She is thirty-eight years of age, single a Warehouse Girl and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not stated.
- Prior to admission she was found undressed and in a very excited state, said her husband, who was a minister, was coming for her and shouted "hurrah for Bell's Pottery". Was very noisy, continually laughing and crying and walked near the windows saying she wanted somebody.
- On admission she was restless, talkative and very rambling in conversation: she said she knew people she had not seen before called them by other names than their own said she knew their brothers and sisters and when they would disagree with what she said, threatened to strike them on the mouth, laughed much in a foolish manner.
- Rudely handled indifferent, condition not good.
- " 16 She did not sleep and was excited, restless and noisy during the night. Today she talks much incoherently and conducts herself in a disorderly manner.
- " 21 Very restless and foolish in her conduct gets upon the table, clasps her hands, calls out and laughs and would demand herself of her clothes were not fixed upon her.
- February 13 Continues much excited, very restless and unobedient and still requires to have her clothes fixed upon her to prevent her doing herself. Her hair is always in great disorder.
- March 13 She improved considerably, was much quieter although rather stupid, but is again now excited, crying out "hurra for Bell's Pottery", says she is treated as a Roman Catholic and will not sit at the table at meal times.
- April 13 For a week past she has again been much quieter and now can sometimes do a little work but generally has a melancholy confused look and seems bewildered when spoken to.
- May 13 She has a frightened demoralized look, will hardly give any reply when spoken to and when she does so, merely whispers. He attendant says she smelt a little at the evening in the morning.
- June 17 She sits with her head bent forward and hardly takes any notice when spoken to. She seems demoralized, but from her expression is also evidently much depressed and requires to be closely watched.
- July 13 She has been very unquiet often crying bitterly and displaying every unquieted temper. She has been getting worse since three times a day.

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> January 1875

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August 13

She is still an inmate of the Infirmary and she is rather better, smiles a little and does not now get the points, although she is still depressed she is now rather irritable.

September 6

For a week past she has been greatly better, is now more active and cheerful and enters into conversation quite readily. At times she displays an anxiety to get away and almost seems as if she would again become depressed.

October 11

She is industrious and continues tolerably well, but there is still something painful in her manner and her suppression of grief is often excessive and uneasy.

November 15

She occupies her time knitting, takes her food and sleep well at night. She talks rationally, but still displays much nervousness and indecision, is often depressed.

December 10

She is quiet and occupies her time sewing & knitting, but is peculiar in her manner and at times very nervous and cannot express her ideas, tries to do so but expresses every body annoyed and sits down.

1876 January 13

She has been very anxious about getting away and is very undecided, talks idly and while speaking trembles and shows great nervousness. She is quiet at night appears to be sleep well, has been getting better.

February 13

She is still nervous and scarcely put about, sometimes talks about getting away, but is very undecided about everything, rather depressed.

" 19

She was today taken to the Barrack Hospital, Woodside, by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.



1875

January 26

Was brought to the Asylum today from Balton Police Office, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Burray Parish. She is thirty eight years of age, single, a Sewing Machine Worker and a Protestant.

About four or five years ago she was an inmate for fourteen months of Asy District Asylum. The duration since 91 of the existing attacks are all unknown and none of her relations are known.

Prior to admission she was excited, talked incoherently about being carried on Thursday last to a Sea Captain and that her husband had gone to sea she stated that on the day after she had been criminally assaulted by a Colman in the country, neither being just.

On admission she was rather excited, said that people had broken into her house (313 Newton Street, Bridgeton) and maltreated her and that she was then taken to the police office. With reference to the Colman she stated that she had hired the cab to take her to Dunlop's Street Station to go to Greenock and that the Colman had instead driven her into the country. She said her name was Janet Underwood Gray, told her father and mother's names and got angry if called Jessie.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition good. There are a number of scratches and abrasions on her arms and legs.

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She sang a good deal during the night but kept her bed. Today she is quiet, but rather restless and agitated, asks out answer questions as she says that will insult her.

February 3

For a day or two after last report she was very troublesome. She stated that she was unable to void her urine, but was watched and found to be quite incoherent in her statements. She is now quiet but talks offensively without cause.

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She is very quiet looks rather melancholy but at times does a little sewing. She has written letters to prove that no person but has got no reply and is ill about it.

March 11

She has become restless and cantable quarrels with the attendants and fancies she is being ill-used. Has many silly complaints to make and if she makes her statements are backed up away receding incoherently.

April 15

Has been very restless and excited, talking very incoherently and labouring under many delusions. She is a married woman and demands to get away to her husband and family.

May 15

She is quiet and has an anxious, melancholy look, but goes out to the laundry and is then occupied.

June 17

She continues quiet and orderly, but still has a very anxious expression of face and is not inclined to enter into conversation.

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> January 1875

July 15

She is now more cheerful and active  
is employed in the laundry and is correct -  
her words and actions and now appears to  
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August 17

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## Janet Kinloch or Robertson Oct. 38

January 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 61 Cowcaddens Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty-eight years of age, married a Domestic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is since October 1874 and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very depressed in spirits, said that everything had gone wrong, that she was full of sin and could do no good. She cared for nothing refused to take food saying she would had come to an end and she was doomed.

On admission she had a dull, melancholy expression of face and was absent and confused, stared vacantly and when asked what day of the week it was could not tell; said she did not know and to almost every other question would give no reply.

Physically health very feeble: she exhibits symptoms of chest disease. Condition passive and there is great oedema of her feet & legs.

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She slept well during the night and today is confined to bed, is restless and stupid and the attendants require to feed her. The oedema of the legs is a little less but the feet are still sore; gets much on pressure.

February 3

Very restless, will not remain in bed and last night could hardly be prevented from getting up to put out the gas. She refuses her food and has now been fed by means of the stomach pump. She is often very hectic and her pulse is slow and very weak.

" 25

She has been very restless and stupid sometimes will get out of bed and her feet now and again were very oedematous; putting her to bed, where she could with difficulty put them soon right. She is at present rather better but looks very dull and hardly speaks.

March 8

Still stupid and restless and can see nothing going on without trying to interfere in it, and is often in danger of being injured. She speaks little or none. Sleeps well at night.

April 15

She is improving mentally and is also beginning to take on flesh. She still has a vacant bewildered look, looks vacant when spoken to but now works about the scullery.

May 13

She has steadily improved and is now very well mentally. Physically she has also improved much and may now be said to be in good condition. Continues to be industrious.

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Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> January 1875

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1875 Mary Devlin or Mc. Intyre. Oct. 66

January 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the County Police Office Airdrie and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Her Majesty's Parish. She is sixty-six years of age, widowed, a Roman Catholic and a Roman Catholic.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 11<sup>th</sup> May 1871 till 11<sup>th</sup> November 1872. The duration of the existing attack is three days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited and talked incoherently, wandered about without any apparent object and annoyed the neighbours, pined much about the Holy Fathers and imagined things different from what they really were.

On admission she was talkative and appeared to be quite annoyed to see those she had known here before, was very demonstrative, clapping them and trying to kiss their hands. She said she had been taken to the police office robbed of all her money and her bank book and otherwise very ill used and all for nothing that she knew.

" 27

Probably health very indifferent; condition reduced. She did not sleep during the night and became very noisy after two o'clock A.M. Today she is very restless and can do nothing.

February 3

She is now sleeping better at night, but during the day is very restless and unsettled, talks ramblingly about getting away to Airdrie and wants a number of others away with her, saying she has lots of money in the bank.

" 25

Incoherent, restless and excited, talks very much and often about her great wealth wishes many people to go with her to share her means and becomes noisy without any cause.

March 18

She gets up with her feet upon the seat, goes upon her knees upon the floor, gesticulates foolishly and talks most incoherently, makes a jabbering sound and fancies she is talking a foreign language. It altogether very disorderly.

April 15

Very incoherent and restless, tells the medical attendant he is her son and asks when she is going to Airdrie; threaten violence if any of her very unreasonable wishes are refused. She is generally quiet at night.

May 13

Never at rest during the day, going here and there and getting upon the forms and tables and upon her knees upon the floor; gesticulates and talks in the most foolish incoherent manner.

June 17

Restless, excited and very troublesome. She goes down on her knees gesticulates and with a piece of paper pretends to read from it then kiss it and gabbles most foolishly.



Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> January 1875

- July 15 Noisy and restless, gets hold of pieces of printed paper which she pretends to read, she evidently can read over, goes on her knees, postulates and is very foolish in her conduct.
- August 8 Excited and very restless, talks in a most incoherent manner and if any of the attendants speak to her she, she threatens violence and calls them vile names.
- September 18 Is occasionally noisy at night and always during the day conducts in a very disorderly way. Talks most incoherently.
- October 16 Excited, restless and noisy, talks most incoherently, threatens violence if interfered with in any way, picks up tiggling articles and plays with them like a child.
- November 18 Noisy at night, requires to be placed in a single room and often requires her bedding and is very noisy. She is quite incoherent and during the day always very disorderly.
- December 16 Very restless excited and incoherent, sits up in bed at night, postulates and is very noisy; only becomes worse when spoken to.
- 1876  
January 18 Noisy night and day, always excited and very foolish in her conduct and her language is most incoherent and threatening.
- March 16 She talks and laughs loudly, roars out and tosses her body about and if anyone speaks to her she draws her feet and in an excited manner threatens to knock them down. She is very noisy and incoherent.
- May 18 Very noisy and excited; always threatening violence in the most incoherent foolish way and cries down being kept when no one has been doing anything to her.
- July 20 Incoherent, very boisterous and noisy tries to kiss the Medical Officer's hand, says that some one has kissed her and then makes a great noise.
- September 4 She roars and laughs loudly and is very foolish and noisy, very incoherent in her speech, but tries to knit.
- October 14 Restless and very excitable, talks in the most foolish incoherent manner and pretends to read, when she can read none, roars out and throws up her head in meaningless laughter.
- December 16 Noisy and restless, laughs and roars throwing up her head in the wildest manner and if spoken to or scolded barks about like a dog and stamps upon the floor.
- 1877  
February 18 Quite incoherent and can do nothing, generally has a piece of some printed paper which she pretends to read, roars out with laughter or scolds, barking like a dog.
- April 14 She now knits - talks, but is no better otherwise; roars out and barks like a dog and laughs incoherently.

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1875

January 28

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 181 Bartholomew Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Her Majesty.

She is twenty-seven years of age, single never employed and is a Protestant.

She has been in her present state from infancy and for some years under the charge of the Board of Juveniles as an out patient. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was silly and childish in her conversation and all her ways and her whole appearance indicated imbecility. For some weeks past she has been excited and noisy, screaming violently and requiring constant watching and attention.

On admission she could not stand steadily and was like to tumble when she tried to walk. She could tell her name and that she lived with her mother would every now and then make a great moan as if in pain but when asked would say there was nothing wrong with her.

Her hand is very large and swollen and all the other parts of the body are small but she is in good condition.

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She slept none and cried the whole night, disturbing all the other patients near her. Today she is quiet and at times falls asleep, starts up noisily if disturbed.

February 5

For three nights after last report she did not sleep and was restless and very wakeful at night, but has since slept well. She takes her food, but requires to be assisted to put on and take off her clothes.

" 25

She is very restless and troublesome, sensitive, cries and catches by others; cannot tell what she wants and is often noisy at night. For two or three days past she has been incontinently in her habits, passes her feces in her bed at night.

March 11

Has been noisy and restless now and again for a day or two, but is generally quiet and smiles when spoken to. She frequently passes her urine in bed at night.

April 16

She sits in her seat and looks as if afraid to move, never turns her head and is very silly in her conduct and conversation. She still often wets her bed.

May 13

She is generally quiet, but at times becomes rather irritable and noisy, occasionally wets her bed at night.

June 17

She is much in her ordinary way, takes her food, but can do nothing else. She is sometimes in danger of being injured by being pushed over by the other patients. Very helpless.



Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> January 1875

- July 15 She has been quiet for some time past and has been less troublesome than formerly. She smiles when spoken to but soon her head and says she is well. She requires to be assisted in everything, requiring nursing diet.
- August 19 She continues free from excitement and at present appears to be at her best. She takes her food, but can do nothing, laughs when spoken to.
- September 16 From bed she has been for some time been a progress discharge of particular matter and her hearing is lost. She smiles her time smiling and said is very quiet and orderly.
- October 14 Her ears are still discharging rather profusely, and she generally screams in rant when she lies in the afternoon and. She is quiet and smiles a little, laughs and replies when spoken to. Mind weak.
- November 18 She is always ready to burst into laughter is looked at or spoken to. She can answer simple questions correctly, is quiet and takes her food.
- December 16 She is confined to bed, with a large traumatic swelling of the neck behind the left ear and since its appearance. The discharge from her ears which was being profuse has been much less. She can answer simple questions quite rationally.
- 1876  
January 13 The swelling noticed before formed in excess and has now discharged after being serious. She is now out of bed, sits near the fire, smiles when spoken to but can do nothing.
- February 16 Quiet and orderly, obedient in her habits, but otherwise very helpless. She always smiles when spoken to but replies pretty readily to simple questions.
- 19 She was today taken to the Barrow Parochial Asylum, Woodlawn, by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed —  
Relieved.



Mary Dawson

Oct. 28

1875

- January 29 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 17 Bishop Street, Ardara, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish. She is twenty-eight years of age, single, a cleaner and a Roman Catholic.
- She has been twice previously an inmate of this Asylum. On the last occasion from the 11<sup>th</sup> July till 31<sup>st</sup> August 1872. The duration and course of the existing attack are not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.
- Prior to admission she was excited and restless, and when spoken to, laughed and talked incoherently; refused to take food. She was violent in her conduct, but seized her brother by the throat, saying he was going to strike her.
- On admission she was excited and very nervous, appeared as if afraid of being injured and was also very stupid, could not answer questions correctly, although she tried apparently to do her best.
- Wardly health: unimpaired condition of frame.
- " 30 She slept none during the night, but was quiet. Today she is very dangerous, hitting and trying to bite, her body being all in a tremor and shakes and freely delirium starting about her mouth. Has swallowed nothing today.
- February 6 She is now better, sits quietly and replies when spoken to, but complains of feeling ill and thinks there is not enough being done for her; cannot tell what she wants.
- " 25 She is often confused and seldom can do anything, smiles and looks away when spoken to and at the same time has a very uncertain expression of face, looks as if at any time she might become again excited. She is very anxious to get home.
- March 15 She is quiet, but seems absent and confused in her ideas, can do little or nothing and generally smiles, telling when spoken to: asks to get home.
- April 15 She appears to be a little better, but still is in a very undecided state. She goes out to the laundry, but when indoors, sits idly and looks preoccupied.
- May 13 She is quiet and orderly, sometimes does a little work and frequently now asks to get home as she considers herself quite well.
- " 31 She was today dismissed.  
Recovered.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> January 1875

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Mary Swift x Easton Feb. 65

February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 101 Saithland Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Kiriah.

She is forty-five years of age, married, a housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. A sister drowned herself at Cambridge 15 years ago. Hysteria is suspected.

Prior to admission she was very excited incoherent and restless; said she had made her peace with God, the world and herself and that her husband was made and afraid of her. Her husband stated that she had slept none for more than a week, threw articles of furniture at him and bit a woman upon the arm.

On admission she was excited and very restless, had her clothes in great disorder and her body hardly covered. She sat down on the floor and talked in a very rambling manner and when raised her clothes had to be held about her to prevent exposure of her body.

bodily health very feeble: constitution much reduced. There is a discolouration under the left eye.

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She would not lie in bed in the dormitory was very restless and disorderly and requires to be put into a single room; kept her bed clean but did not sleep. Today she is still very restless talks incoherently.

" 11

Excited and very restless gets upon her knees on the floor, remains so for hours together and will be more by no one and when she will speak she is incoherent, talks of the devil tempting her.

March 4

Very restless and excited, constantly shifting her bedding about and sometimes dancing herself. Her language is very incoherent and although she takes her food and stimulants they do not mend her. She has delusions but seldom sleeps more than an hour or two and many nights none at all. Extremely emaciated.

" 23

The great restlessness continues and she appeared much as at last report, except that she moves progressively wet her bed. Will be moving about the streets when a change is desired and she became quite unconscious but lived a little a quarter past one o'clock this afternoon when she

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Helen Prince or Parrie Oct. 50

1875

February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today from 214 St. Georges Road, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

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

She has been twice previously an inmate of this Asylum: upon the last occasion from 11th May till 7th August 1871, but she has been twice since in Perthwell Asylum.

The duration of the existing attack is stated to be one month. She is dangerous to the but not suicidal. No known hereditary taint.

Prior to admission she was content, then melancholy and at other times very violent. She laboured under various delusions, tried to put life, by pressure into a piece of flannel and complained of being guided and hunted by spirits.

On admission she was stupid and restless, seemed very unhappy and properly tried to wander here and there, at times giving a low moan and when spoken to complained of something being done to her in some way she could not see or explain.

bodily health indifferent: condition spare.

4 She slept none and was noisy all night. Today she is restless and at first requires constantly to be attended to.

11 She is now very irascible and subject to paroxysms of great fury, trying to bite the attendants, screaming and roaring and wailing in her habits. She also refuses her food and thus been fed by means of the stomach pump.

March 13

Involuntary and highly excited, destroys her clothes and would wound herself if not prevented. She sleeps very little at night and is very noisy when awake. Is melancholy in her habits, and her bed nearly every night.

April 15

She continues to be very irrational and dangerous, roars out unceasingly, tears her clothes and is very melancholy. She cannot answer the simplest questions or occasionally replies and constantly requires an attendant.

May 13

Restless, destructive and filthy in her habits, frequently noisy at night and during the day requires an attendant constantly beside her. She talks very incoherently.

June 17

The great restlessness and excitement continues and she sleeps little at night. Her language is most incoherent and she is frequently violent in her conduct. Habits, melancholy and destructive.

July 15

She is very melancholy and destructive in her habits talks in the most incoherent manner and is very restless and foolish in her conduct requires constant attendance & would be injuring herself or others. Very stupidly impulsive.



Admitted 3. February 1875

- August 19 Always highly excited, very restless and destructive requiring constant supervision and at night must always be placed in a single room without furniture of any kind.
- September 6 Very uncleanly in her habits and violent and dangerous in her conduct, always highly excited, roars out most incoherently. Requires constant attendance and supervision.
- October 6 Very restless excited and incoherent and her face has often a hectic flush. Habits still destructive and uncleanly.
- November 6 Very incoherent, restless and excited. Times her body suddenly starts and in an impulsive manner; at times tears her clothes. Often restless and noisy at night.
- December 6 Still very restless and her language quite incoherent. She requires constant attendance to prevent her doing the most injurious acts, has no control over herself.
- 1876  
January 13 Very uncleanly and destructive in her habits, always excited and her language most incoherent. When spoken to her first act is generally to pull the clothes of the person addressing her.
- March 16 More irritable and very stupid, tears about, kicks and strikes at anything near her and is very uncleanly & destructive.
- May 15 A large abscess formed behind the right ear, but connect with the external meatus, by which for some months past she has been suffering. She is very anæmic and reduced after very hectic and is evidently in an advanced stage of Phthisis Pulmonalis. She is still although confined to bed, very restless, incoherent, unclean, and destructive in her habits.
- June 15 Her bowels are generally reduced and she is very uncleanly in her habits, passes her feces in bed and evinces her food all over her bedding. She is getting more feeble and emaciated, but is still very noisy and completely incoherent. At times she appears as if just about to die but again rallies and becomes noisy.
- 30 Continued to go on as above noted till a day or two ago and today at 35 minutes past 12 o'clock A.M. she —  
Died.
- July 2 A post mortem examination of the body was made which verified the cause of death to be Phthisis Pulmonalis.



## Margaret M. Grogan or Shields Case

1875

February 4

Was brought to the Asylum today from 28 Elliot Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient charged to Barry Parish. She is twenty years of age, married and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is stated to be three days, but the cause is stated to be after child birth and she was delivered three months ago. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she kept constantly talking in a perfectly incoherent manner sometimes singing and clapping her hands, said the devil tempted her. For the last three days she has rested none night or day and made a great noise.

On admission she was excited, talked much and very incoherently, did not appear to know her father, who was with her and could tell nothing whatever about herself, her words being altogether irrelevant as a reply to anything said to her.

Bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.

" 5

She slept none and was very noisy till about 5 o'clock P.M., when she slept for short time. The menstrual discharge is flowing.

" 12

She sleeps little at night and is very restless and noisy when awake, is still quite incoherent and sometimes violent in her conduct, does not appear to know what she does.

March 16

She gradually became quieter although at night she was frequently restless and continues stupid till about a week ago, after settling her bed at night. She can now do a little work.

April 15

She walks a little about the asylum and is quiet at night and more clearly in her habits, but when spoken to she talks rather stupid and cannot be got to enter into conversation. She is improving in bodily condition.

May 13

At times she appears to be pretty well and again cries in a badly manner and without any apparent cause, cannot tell anything about what makes her do so, tears the face.

June 17

Excited and very foolish in her conduct cannot answer the simplest question correctly and talks in the most rambling incoherent manner. She is getting very stout and at present is confined to bed for an attack of rheumatism.

July 15

She is again much quieter and more orderly, can do a little work and is beginning to walk to get money. Still displays considerable want of mind.

August 19

Has been excited and very foolish in her conduct since last report, but is again quiet and at present pretty well mentally. Quite good.

Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> February 1885

September 16

At present she is quiet, but her mind seems weak and she replies to anything said to her in an indignant careless way, will ask kindly to get away. She is still subject to little cataplexes.

October 16

She is mindless and absent, smiles when spoken to and takes her food well. She is in good condition and at present the inflammation of the eyelids is little observed.

November 16

She is now very much better than she has been at any period since admission and is very industrious. She seems at present to be quite well and has had no cataplexes for a much longer period than was before.

" 27

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



## Catherine Scott or Clarkson Oct. 24

1875

February 5

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
No 11, Cranball Court, Kenes Park, London and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to Old Broad Street Parish.

She is about forty years of age, married,  
a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is three days and the cause is the  
puerperal state; she having been delivered of  
her first child three weeks ago. She is dangerous  
to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency  
not known.

She is stated to have been very irritable  
ever since the birth of her child three weeks  
since, tearing and burning her clothes, crying,  
howling and singing hymns. Her mother-in-  
law who attended her all the time stated that  
she slept little, cried roared and talked  
incoherently and was very violent.

On admission she was very restless and  
excited, talked in the most rambling incoherent  
manner and appeared not to know what  
she was doing, could tell nothing about herself  
and generally when spoken to the only words  
she made use of were swearing in the most  
violent manner.

Badly headed for bile: Condition reduced.

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She did not sleep, was much excited  
and very dangerous to others, required to be  
placed in a single room and today continues  
very restless and incoherent.

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Highly excited, completely incoherent  
and exceedingly disorderly in her conduct  
presents much gesticulation violently and  
only becomes worse if spoken to. She  
requires constant care to prevent her doing herself  
harm.

March 10

She is very incoherent, restless, noisy  
and excited, tears her clothes and is filthy  
in her habits. She frequently swears violently  
and threatens violence. At times rather dangerous.

April 15

Excited and very disorderly in her  
conduct, swears much and talks in the  
most rambling manner, never replies coherently  
when spoken to, and is still incoherently and  
destructive in her habits. Her health good.

May 13

Continues excited restless and incoherent  
in her language and lately has occasionally been  
found crying for a little, and would not speak:  
Could not afterwards tell what she was crying about  
and would only laugh or talk incoherently. Today  
she attacked another patient and scratched her face.

June 17

She is greatly better mentally, now  
converses freely with propriety and answers every  
question put to her coherently. She is now nearly  
well and is daily employed in the laundry.

July 15

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.





## Margaret Wilson or Stewart 1875

1875

February 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 166 No. Holmwood Road, Bridgton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to County Parish. She is forty-five years of age, unmarried, a Housekeeper and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of Asylum nine years ago. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was known to be a silly person; delirious under the delusion that she was left a fortune by her late husband who died a pauper. Her neighbours stated that she was silly in her habits and quite unable to manage her own affairs.

On admission she had a melancholy preoccupied expression of face, was very quiet and answered my questions put to her in a slow deliberate manner. She said it was a year since her husband died and that he had made a will leaving all his means to her, although she knew his wealth was considerable she had never heard from his executors she now had she yet got any of it.

" 8

Bodily health feeble; condition much relaxed. She slept well during the night and has taken her food. She is quiet and seems to talk correctly except on the subject of her delusions.

" 15

She is very quiet and sometimes says a little, talks in a rambling manner about her wealth, but says she does not know how much she is worth as she has not yet got word from the executors of her husband.

March 18

She is demented, but talks her food and is tidy in her habits. At times she says she has something particular to say and after looking about will walk when she is let off home.

April 15

Has sometimes rambling complaints to make about her physical condition which she cannot explain and when questioned, finishes by saying she only thought there was something wrong.

May 13

She talks very ramblingly about her husband's will; says she does not know how much he has left her, but that whatever it is, it is left to her under the name of Susanna Brownline.

June 17

She is very quiet, says a little rarely and when spoken to replies with great care and apparent caution. She often asks to get to her home and becomes rambling when conversed with.

July 15

Quiet and orderly, talks her food sparingly and seldom speaks but to ask leave. She remains much when conversed with.

August 19

Somewhat demented, but has incoherent ideas about herself and her position and is apt to become excited when it is talked about.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> February 1875

January 16

Quiet and slow in her actions and speech becomes confused if any but the most simple questions are asked of her and can give no reply. She is in fairly bodily health.

February 14

Wandering and very confused in her ideas will sometimes insist to get home and if asked where her home is, looks stupid and forgets what she had said.

March 11

She talks very ramblingly, will stand up looking as if afraid and will to get home but when questioned about where it is she becomes quite confused.

March 16

She has been complaining much of weakness and can do nothing, looks very bewildered and speaks in a slow rambling manner, is constantly asking to get home.

1876

January 13

She is in poor bodily health and often complains in a rambling manner. It says if she were at home she would be well. She has many delusions about money and property she thinks belong to her.

February 13

Rambles much in conversation and when asked questions becomes quite confused and looks about in a bewildered way.

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She was today taken to the Barrack Parochial Asylum, Woodilee, by authority of Dr Mitchell and dismissed -

Released.



1875

Jessie Taylor Munro Oct. 25

February 25

Was brought to the Asylum today from 14 Oswald Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is six months and the cause is childbirth, but there is insanity in the family. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was at times violent, did not know her husband's name and believed Scotland her own, supposed a complete stranger to be her cousin who she said owed her a large sum of money, said she was fond of mice and it was the last day of time.

On admission she had a remarkably abundant suppression of face and could with great difficulty be got to reply to any question and when she did so was generally incoherent. When spoken to she would close her eyes and then the eyelids would assume a rapid quivering motion.

Physically health very feeble: Condition reduced. From above the knees to the ankles she is affected with puerperia, some of the cuts having fallen off.

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She sleeps well during the night, but still during day appears as if starving, sits back in her seat with her eyes closed, pays no attention when spoken to, but wrinkles of forehead.

March 5

For three or four days after admission she continued very stupid and could not be got to reply coherently to the simplest questions; her mind then suddenly cleared up and she began to enquire how long and why she was here.

April 8

She appears to be commencing up to the twenty-fourth of last month, when she became very stupid, lay back in her seat and closed her eyes and the only indication that she heard when spoken to, was a quivering of the eyelids. The state required to feed her. This state continued for more than a week, but is now passing off.

May 13

She has been frequently in a stony, listless state, but never so bad as above noted, is very uncertain as to her name and upon asked to get away saying she is quite well.

June 5

She was today taken home by her husband in the authority of a Minute of the Board of Parochial Board and discharged—

Relieved.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> February 1875

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## Bethia Ballantyne or Reid at 25

1875

February 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 14 Quarry Road Hamilton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Hamilton Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, widow, a Weaver and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was facile and quite incoherent. Had delusions that people persecuted her and that she had a law-suit against her minister &c. Her brother stated that she was often noisy, sometimes violent and threatened to do for her no other.

On admission she fancied she had come to a law agent and when asked any question said she would not say anything till Mr. Miller (whom she fancied was to plead for her) was here. She had many things to complain of, but seemed as if about to cry and said after long waiting she would only tell them to her minister. Showed considerable weakness of mind.

Her brother said she accused him of being the father of her eldest child and ran much after the police to make complaints.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She slept very little, but was quiet although today she is very restless and anxious to get away; says she wants home to look after her children and often bitterly repeats the address of where she formerly lived.

March 8

Her mind is weak and she is very restless and unhappy, constantly pursuing after some person or other pleading to get away, sometimes crying and saying that they know she is needed at home.

April 12

She has been progressively surprised to her for a day or two in consequence of an affection of the heart, apparently organic and probably valvular. Her lips are at times quite livid, her breathing is difficult and she has an irritable cough.

She is very much depressed mentally.

May 13

She has been taking a diuretic and is better physically, but still far from well. Mentally she is depressed, can do nothing and often calls in an imploring manner to get home.

June 17

She is much better physically and does a little household work, but is not strong. She also seems to be much improved mentally, but is at times morbidly anxious to get home.

July 10

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> February 1915

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## Agnes Barr

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1875

Feb. 27/77

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her brother, from Millport and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-six years of age, single. Her occupation and a paralytic.

She was an inmate of this Asylum about twenty-five years ago. The duration of the existing attack is ten days and the cause is uncertain. She is not dangerous, but it is doubtful whether suicidal or both was insane.

Prior to admission she talked, wild, and incoherently, appeared to know nobody, not even her own brother.

On admission she had her clothing and the hair of her head in great disorder; took little or no notice of any thing said to her, was very restless and fidgety in her bed and would only settle up for a moment at times when spoken to. On one of these occasions she suddenly said to the medical officer you are — having some person that she apparently knew.

Her brother states that she had taken no food for more than a day; her tongue is dry and horny and her pulse small.

Physically healthy female: Condition of mind.

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She only slept two hours during the night and was restless and uneasy when awake. She is still very incoherent and her tongue hard and dry, but she has taken a little food.

March 8

Very incoherent and restless and at night often gets out of bed. She is often confined to bed during the day and tosses about. Her tongue is still very dry and hard though active and pulse frequent.

April 12

She has been sleeping well at night for some time, but during the day is very stupid talks incessantly in a most incoherent manner and thinks that something is continually being done to injure her. Notices always some her words.

May 13

She is more much quieter and at times can do a little sewing, but is very confused and complains of being very wearied, talks of being tormented and says she cannot tell what it is done for, cannot explain it.

June 17

She has slowly but steadily improved and now although she at times talks of feeling tired and not altogether herself talks quite coherently and gives expression to no delusion. She is generally very pleasant.

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She was today dismissed — Recovered.





## Margaret McFarlane &amp; Mr. Gill 1875

March 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 331 Stirling Street, Greenock and admitted as a jumper patient chargeable to Barrow Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and required to be grasped for an answer.

On Saturday last she left the house and was found wandering in Campsie, could not tell what she was doing there; the parish her children were all dead, could not tell anything about herself and to nearly every question answered "yes".

On admission she was restless, excited and very stupid. She struggled with her husband who held her by the hand and appeared as if she wished to get away but when he was told to let her go, she seemed not to know what she was about and stood still. She could not reply to the simplest questions.

Hardly heard intelligent; Condition good. Pulse very frequent; pupils much dilated.

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She slept none during the night and was restless and excited, trying to get up to see the light. Today she is very stupid, running about, dashing against the door and putting her face down upon the floor; starts back when approached and will not speak.

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For the last night or two she has slept better. One is still exceedingly stupid and stammered, gives no reply whatever when spoken to. She requires to be led about when wanted anywhere.

April 15

Still stupid, but now sometimes replies to simple questions and is occasionally rather quiet. Some days ago she walked as if very lame, but no cause could be detected and she could tell nothing herself. The lameness has now passed off.

May 13

Continues composed and stammer gives any reply when spoken to, but her expression of face is more intelligent and she can now by repeated questioning be got to tell something about herself. Has not yet menstruated.

June 17

Very stupid and hardly appears to be even so well as she was a month ago. She sits with her hand in sack when with proximity when spoken to but gives no reply.

July 15

She is again rather better mentally not so stupid, can do a little sewing, but still stammer when spoken to; is stammered.

August 19

She works about the gallery, takes her food well and is always quiet, does not reply when spoken to, but only smiles and tells don't be best

Admitted 16th March 1878

September

She continues to improve, is now more active and replies to simple questions, but if talked to for a little she laughs and turns away; mind still weak.

October

She now works well and is quite cheerful, answers simple questions, but becomes rather confused if talked to for any time. She is in good bodily health.

November

She is active and industrious and now appears to be pretty well, talks readily, but her pupils are always much dilated and she is often prematurely happy.

December

She works well and is very orderly and industrious, but her pupils are much dilated still although otherwise she is present appears to be in good bodily health.

1878  
January 13

She is often irritable and displays still considerable weakness of mind, quarrels about trifles, or often rather without cause takes offence and will hardly speak.

February 13

Her pupils are but dilated than formerly and she is generally very happy, more so than her position would warrant. She is childishly fond of dress and ornaments of trifling value, but not as formerly.

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She was today taken to the Railway Parochial Asylum, Woodlisa, by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.



1875

March 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 8 Bishop Street, Anderson, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Paisley Parish. She is twenty-six years of age, single and a Roman Catholic.

She has been insane from birth but for a few weeks past has been getting worse. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited and talked incoherently. She struck her mother on the head, threatened to stab her with a knife; would not be got to go to bed and said she would set the house on fire.

On admission she was excited and every turned away from any one who approached her and said in an incoherent manner she would sooner go to Australia than to Ireland. She had some copper money and a number of trifling articles about her and made a great noise when they were taken from her, resisted being examined physically. She is altogether dominant. Has a peculiar grin and her face is sunken. The whole left side of her body is paralyzed to some extent: the left arm is atrophied and the elbow joint fixed in a somewhat flexed position. Both lower extremities are thickened and red and a number of small sores on either.

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She slept none during the night but was quiet and today has taken her food. She is still rather excited about getting her money back.

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Can do nothing but is quiet and rather restless in her caprice when spoken to. She takes her food well and her legs are a little better.

April 22

She is generally quiet but talks much when spoken to about Ireland. Talks alone going to hell and herself to Australia rather than to Ireland. She speaks very hurriedly.

May 13

Shortly after last report she became much excited and very dangerous, struck, kicked and tried to bite, threatened all sorts of violence, called every person vile names and sent all to hell.

June 17

Irritable and quarrelsome, very quiet in the temper and after striking always a complaint of someone trying to injure her. She talks very hurriedly.

July 15

She is at present quiet, but very readily and quarrelsome and excited and when spoken to only becomes worse. She scratches and bites when interfered with.

August 19

She can do nothing in the way of work but takes good care of herself; calls when out of doors and says she likes well enough to be here.

September 8

She was today taken to Littlebury, Ireland, by authority of Sheriff Clark and dismissed —  
Relieved.

Admitted 20<sup>th</sup> March 1875

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April 12

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Jarvis Lane House, St. Cuthberts, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Road. She is twenty-four years of age, single, a fever and a Protestant.

She has been an inmate of Kirkcaldy Asylum, Rosneath for six months and only left it about ten days ago. The cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and was very excitable: followed under delusions as to people conversing with her during the night and at a distance through ganges or by their means.

On admission she was very indignant at being brought here as she said she expected that she was going to Dyfreshire to see Mr. Parvich who was not her husband as had been stated, but her betrothed. She could not explain about the ganges, said they were not a means of holding converse, but something by which one person could read another's thoughts.

Probably health indifferent: last had Anemia + Spasms

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She slept well during the night and today is quiet, but rather sullen and seems much offended at being detained here.

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Is always quiet at night and during the day will sometimes do a little sewing, but is generally idle and at times assumes peculiar attitudes, will again wave her hands about and when spoken to about it does not seem to be aware that she was doing so or wishes to avoid enquiry.

May 13

She has been going out to the Laundry and there does a little work, but is very peculiar in her conduct. She will not at present talk of her delusions and when spoken to says that what she said was all nonsense.

June 17

She is quiet and orderly, takes her food and goes out regularly to the Laundry. When spoken to she purses up her mouth, looks up and tries to evade giving direct answers to questions.

July 15

She is at times very incoherent & goes away and will then say what she formerly talked of was all nonsense, but while doing so, closes her eyes or looks another way and partly turns away from the person she is addressing.

August 19

She is employed daily in the Laundry and is quiet and very orderly. She replies to anything said to her very hurriedly, tosses up her head and her face assumes many expressions.

September 16

She is quiet and correct in her conduct unless when spoken to she talks abruptly and turns away her head, waves apparently rather not speak and her expression is peculiar.



Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> April 1875

- October 16<sup>th</sup> She is always quiet and orderly, replies correctly when spoken to, but cannot be induced to enter into conversation and if the subject of her former delusions be mentioned says it was all nonsense.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> When spoken to she looks strange and becomes restless, turns her head and feigns ignorance to almost every enquiry made. She appears to believe under delusion as she denies even a knowledge of what she must know.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> She is quiet and orderly and when spoken to conducts herself as above noted.
- 1876  
January 13<sup>th</sup> She is quiet and takes her food well sleeps at night and is generally very orderly but displays great weakness of mind and when conversed with shows confusion of ideas.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> She now assists the servant in the kitchen, house and is quite anxious to work but is very forgetful. Her memory is bad and she denies all knowledge of affairs she formerly spoke much about.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Continues to work as above stated and is quiet and orderly, seems willing but does everything imperfectly. When spoken to by anyone she seems as if ashamed.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Works as formerly, but is very absent and forgetful and whenever displays great weakness of mind.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Quite silly in mind says she is well when spoken to, but cannot enter into any intelligent conversation.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> Has for a considerable time past been very restless and excited, talks in a hurried incoherent manner and care to nothing.
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Works with the servant in the kitchen house and does very well and is getting very anxious to get away. She is very hurried in her conversation and silly in her manner, seems very nervous.
- 1877  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Every patient that leaves the Asylum causes her to have an attack of excitement. She looks silly and says she is better than they were and can do little for some days.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> Has been very restless and excited sometimes crying and again laughing in a hysterical way and kissing her hand. She thinks every person about her her inferior.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Became so much excited that she had to be put into the wards, but is now quiet and still and looking very ill physically. Has again commenced to talk to her delusion.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> She looks dull and depressed, will hardly speak, but at times is very irritable and aware, hence she is very ill used.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> She is idle and irritable very obstinate and will do nothing.



Agnes Wilkie or Wood.

Oct. 26

1825

April 13

Was brought to the Dispensary today, from Clarksston and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Scotland Parish.

She is twenty six years of age, married, or a mill worker and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two weeks and the cause is the death of a child. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency at home.

Prior to admission she was at times taciturn, and a wild expression, at other times talked continually of her lost soul and was violent and difficult to control and inclined to injure herself.

On admission she was highly excited and very uncertain in her conduct, would suddenly start up as if to escape and again seemed very confused and stupid; her language was incoherent and her replies to questions altogether irrelevant.

bodily health good: Condition reduced.

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She was so restless and excited, she required to be placed in a single room, she slept none and refused to take the medicine sent her. Today she constantly requires two attendants to restrain her, is constantly for pushing at the windows and does not seem to know what she is doing.

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Has been extremely restless and excited trying constantly to damage herself and running here and there to get me. Today she is a little quieter, but very miserable, complains of pain in her stomach and her head being so troubled she does not know what she is doing.

May 13

She now sits quietly and keeps a her clothes, but whenever spoken to shows great distress of mind, is afraid that all her relations are to be punished for what she has done. She says she has done nothing and wants to get home to see them.

June 17

She is now very much better and is regularly employed; replies readily when spoken to and now appears to be quite free from her former groundless fears. Is mainly well.

July 3

She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> April 1895

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## Elizabeth Muir. Oct 40

1876

April 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty years of age, single, a Winder and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is stated to be unknown, but she had been drinking spirits and lived alone in a small house at 11 East North Lane. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No relatives known.

Prior to admission she was quite distracted; said her soul was lost, that there was no hope for her and wished she were dead.

On admission she was quiet and had a melancholy look, said there was no need for her being here as there was nothing wrong with her mind and that she had plenty of money and wished to pay for herself to get discharged. She talked of burning her gown and going into a dark room and when asked said her soul was lost.

Physically healthy, possible. Condition reduced. There are a number of dislocations what has been

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She slept well during the night, but today is very unhappy and talks of her soul being lost, often seems as if about to cry and is very anxious to get away.

May 3

Continues very depressed and unhappy can do nothing and is always complaining of her physical state, asks for purgative medicine every day and sometimes says she is like to be choked with something like a horse coming up in her throat.

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At night she often complains she is trying get out of bed and disturbs all near her. She cries during the day when speaking of it and has a constant craving for medicine.

June 17

Very depressed and unhappy, continually labours under the delusion that she is just at the point of death and makes very miserable accounts of her illness. She refuses her food and the attendants require to feed her.

July 15

She cries much, is always very depressed and complains herself very ill. She has been three scruple doses of Sol. Mur. M. S. three times a day and a drachm of Chlor. S. S. at bedtime the action sleeps well. Movels always very active.

August 19

She continues to have the same delusion as formerly, but nevertheless often sleeps badly at night and during the day is often very miserable, always idle and preoccupied with depressing thoughts.

September 16

Has a stupid, naturalistic expression of face, does not reply when spoken to and sits with her hands hanging down by her sides. Requires to be assisted with her food.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> April 1875

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 with her hands on her knees and seldom  
 speaks or gives any reply when spoken to.

November 15

She sleeps badly at night and during  
 the day does little or nothing, sometimes takes a  
 walk in her hands when given her, but has  
 no mind to go or walk it.

December 16

Sits mostly with her hands hanging  
 before her, they are swollen and red and  
 she frequently lets them be raised but  
 does not spread. She is very dull and demented.

1876  
January 13

She now sometimes eats a little and  
 is upon the whole better, but still is depressed  
 and absent, rather demented and cannot  
 carry on any unexcited conversation.

February 18

Demented and somewhat depressed  
 always quiet; eats a little, but is very slow  
 at everything she does.

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She was today taken to the Barrony  
 Parochial Dispensary, Woodville by authority of  
 Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
 Relieved.



## Hannah McQueen &amp; Truswell at 40

1875

April 28

Was brought to the Asylum today from Hill Street Wickham and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Cambridge Heath Parish.

She is forty years of age, widowed, a pauper and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of Morningside Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is two years and the cause is not known. She is not suicidal but threatens to be dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she fancied that filth & matter was deposited in certain parts of her body and that she was pursued by men, also that people attempt to kill her during the night.

On admission she talked in a very rambling manner, fancied that people wish to injure her family, of whom she said she had a great many but could not tell the number. Said she herself had been injured in many ways, would or could not tell how, but always continued to assert & insist that she had been grossly wronged. Bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She was quiet during the night and has taken her food, but is very anxious to get away, does not know why she is here and talks ramblingly about her misdeeds during the night and day.

May 6

She has slept well since admission except on nights when she was noisy and violent, she is somewhat demented and talks very ramblingly about fairies coming about and tormenting her at night; says they also do so during the day.

June 10

She is constantly annoyed by imaginary persons or spirits coming about her and often cries and moves her body to free them away. At night she sleeps little and gets up to look under her bed. She makes for medicine nearly every day and is often very irritable.

July 15

She says there is dirt put into her body and often becomes much excited. While talking she will catch at imaginary objects and say there they are at it again. Talks of everything being dirty and wants nothing.

August 19

She fancies there is dirt put upon her shoulders, and that she cannot get it off is very unsettled, and can do nothing and at times is very violent in her conduct.

September 16

Has her apron wet with her urine and says she is compelled to spit out the dirt; her shoulders are full of it she says and wishes if nothing can be done for her. She is always on the watch for an opportunity to escape.

October 14

Spite her urine in her apron is again looks cold and ill, pleads to get away and is always on the watch to escape.



Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> April 1875

November 18 She is very restless and sleeps badly, at night wakes in a bawling manner to get a key to get away to get herself looked for as her body is all aching and that she has to put out the worms from her.

December 16 She still spits large quantities of mucus and constantly asks, imploring to get away. She is anemic and very spare and says she has to spit to get the dirt out of her body.

1876  
January 13 Very miserable and restless often sheds tears and implores that she may get a key to get away to get her body looked and get the dirt that is put into & extracted.

February 17 She will not listen to anything said to her, but whenever approached, gets up and repeats her request to get away to get her body looked. She is very miserable and unhappy.

March 16 Very restless and anxious to get away to get the dirt taken out of her body, speaks frequently and says she is much ill. She sleeps little at night and frequently falls asleep during the day in her bed.

May 18 Her delusions are always present and she is generally very irritable, asks to get the dirt taken out of her body and sometimes kicks at the floor and cries get out of that funny person is there and touching her.

July 20 Asks to get the dirt taken out of her shoulder or to be let away to get her body looked, constantly talks deliriously.

September 16 Her first words when spoken to are, will you do something for me? I am awfully ill because her body is full of dirt put there in some mysterious way.

November 16 Had been more excited and often threatening and even violent in her conduct. She often kicks, cries out about men you doing and turns round to strikes when there is no one near her.

1877  
January 13 Of late again she has been more watched that she had been for some time previously; takes her food badly is constantly crying about dirt and wants to be taken to a corner to get the dirt taken out of her.

March 18 Spits out her saliva upon her of course takes very little food and is becoming very feeble and emaciated, complains she is full of dirt and asks to be taken away and examined. Says the "edges" of her eyes are hot.

May 17 Emaciated and very feeble, is in bed but will not lie down, constantly says to have her shoulders examined and the dirt taken out; wants to get a piece of skin she says is in another body taken and planted over her eyes.

July 19 She picks at her food and often half eats anything, still talks about getting the dirt taken out of her. Is very feeble.

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Anna Scott. &amp; Williams Dec. 1875

April 30

Was brought to the Asylum today from 77 Broadway Street, Fulton Lodge and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Treasury Aid. She is forty-three years of age, married, a Domestic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity; the duration is three months and the cause is a supposed fright, but she labors under general paralysis. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was morose and sullen; when spoken to looked at with violent fits of screaming, kept her eyes shut and her hands firmly clucked. She was frequently violent in her manners and attempted to bite anyone coming near her.

On admission she could not walk but had to be led along between two persons could give no reply to anything said to her and looked very stupid and drowsy. When set down had to be held in the seat to prevent her from falling.

She is in an advanced state of general paralysis, but in fair condition.

May 1

She slept well during the night and wet her bed frequently. Today she attempted to get up and do so herself. She is now very restless and in danger of injuring herself, trying to get out of bed.

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Continued restless for a day or two after last report, but is now able to be dressed and out of bed. She is stupidly deranged, stutters in her speech and walks very unsteadily.

June 10

She is quiet and orderly but can do nothing; often wishes to get away and at present does not express any delusion but believes herself in good health.

July 15

She can dress and undress herself slowly and takes her food, but this appears to be the limit of her mental and physical powers. She sits idly all day long, is quiet and orderly, but her speech is again becoming more unsteady and she walks more unsteadily.

" 31

She was today taken to City District Asylum by authority of Sir James Gore and dismissed—

Relieved.





1875 Margaret Buchanan & Moran Oct 40

April 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Roughrigg and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Mansfield Parish.

She is forty years of age, widowed, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity and the duration is stated to be six days, but she has been subject to epilepsy since before her husband was killed, eight years ago.

She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her mother died in Mansfield Hospital.

Prior to admission she had a wild amount store and was unable to give any account of her conduct. She imagined she heard her neighbours conversing about her, wandered from the house in a state of nudity and was found using a pitch and destroying the floor.

On admission she was quiet and had a melancholy anxious look, but spoke quite coherently to any question put to her.

There is a large lora upon her eye forearm; the result of a recent burn. She is pregnant and enlargement appears to be advanced seven months.

May 1

She had an epileptic seizure during the night, but today is quiet and looks more well and at ease. She takes her food.

" 8

She is very quiet, but her understanding and seldom speaks unless in reply to questions. She has not yet had any other epileptic seizure and the lora is healing up beautifully.

June 10

She is frequently in bed for a day or two and again gets up; has occasional very severe epileptic seizures and is at times so very dull and irritable that she cannot be spoken to, will frequently give no reply or answers in an entirely irrelevant way.

July 7

This morning about twenty minutes past twelve o'clock she gave birth to a mature female child. She was difficult to manage, would insist upon standing on her feet and would do nothing but her own interest, until spoken firmly to.

" 11

She had a very severe epileptic seizure on the day after delivery and has had many since. Has been for some excited and dangerous, stupidly fancying that something was being done to injure her, and was very abrupt in her replies to questions. The child was removed today.

August 19

At present she is generally quiet and has been out of bed for more than a week, but she has occasional epileptic seizures and is at times irritable and discontented.

September 16

She now employs her time knitting and is generally quiet and steady, but at times is rather irritable demanding to get out.







## Janet Jackson &amp; Kart Oct. 45

1875

May 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Russell's Lane Eastfold and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Rushborough Parish.

She is forty-eight years of age, married, a field-worker and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of Northwell Asylum eleven years ago. The duration of the existing attack is five months and the cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she said she was on the top of the mountains and had turned the world; that the devil was in her and got her by the throat and burned her with brimstone; was excitable and impatient and unable to do household duties. She attempted to go over the windows and was found with a handkerchief with which she said she was going to hang herself.

On admission she had a convulsed stupid look; said her head was whirling round and that she felt the smell of brimstone that was in her own head. After being put to bed to be examined morning her arms from before backwards and when asked why she did so said it was to chase away the "devil" which she heard knocking on the boards of her bed; said the sound was black.

Body healthy, healthy; condition reduced. Her left ear is inflamed and she is somewhat deaf.

" 7

She slept about six hours during the night, but today is very restless and excited, running about saying her head is burned with devils but she knows and she knows world is falling over and is in great distress.

" 14

She is very restless at night, sleeps badly and sometimes runs about the ward saying that she is pursued by spirits and says if she could get to fly she would get rid of them.

June 17

Occasionally restless and noisy at night and is still frequently during the day as well as at night troubled with the spirits she is often observed to fling her arms up as if to ward off something but afterwards when not troubled will laugh and say it was nothing. She is idle and absent.

July 15

She appears to have very little memory. At times becomes highly excited and runs as if to escape some danger, says the devil is chasing her and after a little when spoken to about it, loses all knowledge of what occurred. Her deafness makes her seem more stupid.

August 19

She hears imaginary voices speaking to her and occasionally becomes much alarmed saying she is being chased by some black dog. Often asks if anything can be done for her.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> May 1875

September

She often wishes not to be disappointed, saying her man is coming for her and she expects to get away and goes on to say as if in a soliloquy "I am read well now, for I am read well."

October 10

She hears imaginary voices and is at times in great distress about it, but still says she is read well if they would just let her alone.

November

She sleeps badly at night, but next day says she slept well and asks who says she did not, seems annoyed and gets irritated guessing that others are talking falsehoods about her; she is stout and looks from one to another.

December

Continues much in the state above noted and daily asks to get away, her memory is much impaired. Periodically suicidal.

1876  
January 5

She was today taken home by her husband on the authority of a minute of the Provincial Board and dismissed -

Relieved.



## Jane Mc. Cracken or Miller art 61

1875

May 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Eastern Police Office Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Treasury Trust. She is forty-one years of age, married, a Washer and a Protestant.

She was within a year past an inmate of Glasgow City Parochial Asylum. The duration and course of the existing attack is not known, but she has been subject to epilepsy for ten years past. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was much excited, talked incoherently about her neighbours watching her with a spy glass through the key hole and stated that her husband was in league with them against her.

On admission she was somewhat excited and talked much of the injuries that had been done her, said she knew she was in Burnhill as she had been in the City place before, accused her neighbours and her husband of being the cause of all her illnesses and said they had a means of seeing even through the walls of her house and knowing all she did. She took her arm round over her head to show how it was done.

Physical health feeble: Condition reduced.

The left eye of her nose is wanting and the right eye curved and deformed from an operation.

" 11

She sleeps well during the night and today is quiet and has taken her food.

" 18

She has not had any epileptic seizure since admission, but at times looks stupid and complains of her head. Her tongue is always foul and covered with a grey white crust.

June 17

She is very quiet but also very discontented and will or can do nothing, often asks to get away saying she is well and able to look after her house. No fit yet since admission.

July 15

Quiet but at times very discontented and anxious to get away. Her mind some weeks weak and she can talk about nothing else, no matter what is said to her.

August 19

Upon the fourth and fifth of this month she had a number of very severe epileptic seizures and was very stupid for some days after. She is now better, but very discontented and irritable.

September 16

She is quiet, employs her time sewing and now says about getting away. She associates much with another epileptic patient.

October 16

Last night she fell out of bed and today is confined to bed in the infirmary ward. She is afraid to let her right arm be touched, fearing it is broken but no injury can be detected. She is rather confused and irritable but was not observed to have any epileptic seizures.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> May 1875

November 13

She is now out of bed by is very irritable and discontented, quarrels with the other patients without any reason and is rather violent and often threatens. Has had several epileptic fits.

December 13

She and irritability always very disagreeable in her manner and associates much with another epileptic to whom she complains.

January 13

Has on two occasions since last report been very stupid on difficult to manage and always after the attack had no recollection of what she did or heard at it.

February 13

Most discontented and irritable, cannot be spoken to without becoming excited, accuses every person wishes to harm her and says she knows fine what we want.

19

She was today taken to the County Parochial Asylum, Northam by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -

Relieved.



## Catherine Alison or Boyd Oct. 43

1876

May 11

Was brought to the Asylum today from 8 Green Street, Colton, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Paisley Parish.

She is forty-three years of age, widowed, had a small shop and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is four weeks and the cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. A cousin son was an inmate of the Asylum and his brother is idiotic.

Prior to admission she had a vacant expression of countenance, complaint of being very dull and having a great fear upon her, said she was afraid of the police taking her away; sometimes panicked that a scaffold was being erected and that great crowds of people were passing to see her executed. She was suicidal in her tendencies attempted to hang herself and the other day sprang out of the window in alarm, hurrying away, jolly, was talking about and looking at her.

On admission she had a very sad melancholy expression of face, looked much preoccupied and complained much of the congested state of her head; she appeared to be quite well aware she was ill and everything presented itself to her in the most gloomy aspect. She said her husband died eight months ago and she had opened a small shop but was unable to manage it.

Rapidly health fails; condition worsened.

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She slept none during the night but was quiet and today has a very melancholy look. Her bowels are costive and she has pain when voiding her urine.

19

Since last report she has generally slept well at night, but during the day is very miserably and desponding, can do nothing, shakes her head, seems as if about to cry and says "there worse".

June 17

She now does some light work, cleaning about the building or sewing, but still has a very melancholy expression and talks very desponding.

July 15

She employs her time sewing, but is often very unhappy and sheds tears, even weeps her work, with sigh in a low monotonous voice even at her last time "I am no better".

August 19

She employs her time sewing but is depressed and has a very melancholy look rather in a low plaintive voice, sometimes says she thinks she is a little better and again shakes her head.

September 6

About a week ago she was very ill mentally, extremely miserable, crying about the bed state and appeared to be more suicidal, and did nothing. She is again a little better and now says:

October 14

She is again a little better and now often asks to get away saying she is well. She has still a frightened melancholy look and plaintive voice.

Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> May 1875

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She works about the ward and has a little sewing, but has always a puffed and melancholy look and although she sometimes tries to speak cheerfully always is depressed.

Dumbells

For the last two or three days past she has not been so well, is less ready to speak and appears more anxious and melancholy.

1876  
January 13

She sometimes talks about her work shop and says her brother is keeping it for her, asks in a peevish manner to get away, he is still melancholy and quite unfit for business.

January 15

She is now greatly better mentally works about assisting the accounts in the wash-house work and is more cheerful and appears to be pretty well.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

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## Sarah Whistone

Oct. 25

1878

May 18

Was brought to the Asylum today from 35 Strathers Street, Kilmarnock, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is twenty-five years of age, single, a mill-woman and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is seven weeks and the cause is stated to be religious sentiment. She is dangerous to others, but at present shows no signs of being suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and constantly sang sacred songs. Her father stated that she talked incessantly on religious subjects and when asked to desist, threatened murder and called for the police when on the streets gathered crowds around her.

On admission she had a Bible and another religious book with which she occupied herself. She answered questions readily; and she had worked none for six weeks and before she left her work her fellow workers found fault with her for singing. When told there was a price for everything, she became excited and cried out, "I run not ashamed to own my Lord. Otherwise her manner is silly."

Bodily health and condition ordinary. Her skin was very dirty and her back scabs and marks as if from scabies.

" 19 She slept well during the night and day is quiet except at times when she begins to sing; becomes excited when interrupted with.

" 26 During the night after last reported she slept very little and disturbed the other patients singing hymns, but some in occasional fits; thinks she is right in doing so and says they sent her here for being too good.

June 17

She is generally quiet and orderly, works in the laundry and takes her food well. At night she still at times disturbs the other patients, singing, laughs when spoken to and displays considerable weakness of mind.

July 15

She is generally quiet except when she commences to sing at unreasonable times, laughs silly when spoken to and says "here when will I get away."

August 4

Her mind is weak and the conversation silly and when spoken to she sometimes instead of replying sings a burst of some song or hymn. Can talk of nothing but getting away.

September 16

She does not improve markedly, still conducts herself as formerly reported and is always ready to defend her conduct in a silly manner.

October 10

She goes out to the laundry but can do very little work, is very restless. Nearly choked last night incidentally with a morsel of bread sticking in her throat.

Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> May 1875

November

She is at times somewhat excited and rather quarrelsome, talks in a foolish rambling manner and asks if she is always to be kept here, displays much wantonness of mind.

December

Mindless and very erratic in her conduct sings hymns at unreasonable hours and argues in a silly manner about her conversion of conduct, cannot see that she had ever any need to be here. Bodily health good.

1876  
January 13

Weak minded and at times very foolish, often very irritable and angry because she is not let away.

February 13

She still sings much and disturbs the other patients, argues in a foolish manner and asks if she cannot get passing her water when she likes. Mind very weak.

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She was today taken to the Parsonage Provincial Asylum, Woodville by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed -  
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## Elizabeth Couper &amp; Thomas Oct. 62

1875

May 22

Was brought to the Asylum today from 1/4 Mile Street, Canton, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Poor Law Parish.

She is sixty-two years of age, married, a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

She was an inmate of the Poor Law Asylum from 13<sup>th</sup> April till 1<sup>st</sup> May 1866 and again from 25<sup>th</sup> May till 25 October 1870. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is stated to be melancholy - from her husband's illness. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. She had a brother-in-law.

Prior to admission she appeared stupid and melancholy, talked incoherently about the landlady putting her out and tradesmen cutting off the water supply. She was very restless, once household articles done and put them back again in the most purposeless manner.

On admission she was noisy and very stubborn, resisted in the most unmanly way removal and cried oh dear, said she had the ticket of the Lord and appeared as if searching for something about her clothes which she could not find. During her incoherent talking she said that she was born before the world and was to be buried alive.

She was so stupidly obstinate that her clothes had almost to be torn before they could be got off.

Bodily health feeble. Condition reduced. Her belly and limbs were found to be much marked by scratches and small sores, caused by vermin.

" 23

During the night she slept none, was much excited and would not be down, required to be placed in a single room. Today she is very restless and stupid, required to be fed by the attendant, who had difficulty in getting her to open her mouth & swallow.

" 31

Stupidly demoralized and would damage herself if her clothes were not fixed upon her. She seldom ceases when spoken to, is always very incoherent and very restless.

June 26

She is rather better mentally, can answer questions about herself, but is still stupidly obstinate and will not take her food, she pleases. She is much required to bed, & complains of diarrhoea. Still dependent.

July 13

She is much improved mentally, but a feeble health and often confined to bed in consequence of oedema of the feet and legs.

Dose of Iodine and Dilute Sulphuric Acid.

August 19

She is now pretty well mentally, but still is in rather feeble bodily health. She appears whole happy and cheerful, pleases a little.

September 16

She continues well, occupies her time knitting and seems contented and happy. Has no desire to leave. Bodily health feeble.





Grace Ronald Bilton &amp; Ritchie Oct 45

1875

May 22

Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband from 143 Pall Mall Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty five years of age, married, and belongs to the Established Church of Scotland.

She had an attack of short duration about a year ago. The duration of the existing attack is two weeks and the cause is unknown except that she has been much annoyed by her husband. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very unwell and could not live in her own house, or remain elsewhere, went to various hotels where she disturbed them during the night and also in Ardenoch got into the hands of the Police and was nearly being sent to an Asylum by the Disputes of Poor. She fancied that there were spirits living in her inside, that she got delirious from heat and believed she was being poisoned by arsenic; talked incoherently and mistook the identity of persons.

Was admitted tonight about half past eleven o'clock. Was cared for and had only a dressing gown with a blanket round her. She said she had been dragged out of bed and protested that she would have her case investigated by the Parson, asked every persons name she saw and said if at home she would do what was asked of her, but when her wishes were opposed with she would not move. She admitted she had been poisoned and said she was sometimes one age and sometimes another.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

There are a number of delusions upon her mind.

" 25

She slept more during the night and was restless, threatened to set the house on fire and today is very indignant; says she was not insane when brought, nor will she be when she leaves.

" 31

She hears imaginary sounds, stands in the middle of the hallway and places her hands over her head. She said the Prince of Wales was coming for her. Two nights ago she would not undress nor change her dirty clothes and after she was undressed and put to bed, she was found standing at her bedside naked and wet, seemed quite stupid.

June 17

She is considerably better, but still she fears and restless at night and labors under numerous ideas, asserts that Dr Hogg will come with her to the Asylum and is determined to have him punished for what he has done to her.

" 28

She was today transferred to the Ladies Division and expresses herself as much pleased with the change. She says she wishes that she could Dr Hogg come with her to the Asylum, but is still determined to have him punished.

Admitted 22 May 1875

July 15

She occupies her time reading and sewing, sometimes walking out with the other ladies and is generally very agreeable. She still at times talks much to the Asylum officials of the cause of her illness and thinks she has been badly used to be brought here at all.

August 19

Continues well and for some time has been talking of leaving the Asylum but not wishing to live with her husband.

20

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



Margaret Mc Kay

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1875

May 27

Was brought to St Stephen today, from the Eastern Police Office Charge and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Henry Caird. She is thirty-five years of age, single, a lover and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about five months and the cause is not known. She is both vicious and dangerous to others. Hereditary taint not known.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently; said men followed her on the streets and circulated lies about her and caused her friends to desert her. Said she jumped over a window in High Street. The police reported her to have been found in the streets dressed in men's clothes.

On admission she had an excited, anxious expression of face; said there were bad stories going about her and people influenced against her, but said she was innocent of it all. Talked of being made to speak language, that it never entered into her heart to conceive and said she was followed by wicked rogues who persecuted her on the streets. She dated the beginning of her persecution, since shortly after her mother's death, on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. last and more especially since she had gone to live with a cousin (Miss Kerr) who she blamed for most of her misery. About five weeks ago she had gone over a low doorway window to escape her imaginary persecutors and last night was found by the police, dressed in a male cousin's clothes.

Physically health and condition ordinary.

There is a dislocation of the large toe-joint, the left foot is much swollen and the third metatarsal bone fractured.

" 28

She slept four or five hours during the night and today is confined to bed in consequence of the state of her foot. She talks much of her afflictions and says there is nothing wrong with her mind.

June 4

She has a dull melancholy look and says that even here she is not free from persecution. She is generally very quiet and does not speak unless spoken to. Her foot is swollen still.

July 3

She is often very miserable in consequence of imaginary annoyances, talks hurriedly and in a solitary about rogues and such other who she questions she refers to her own relations and speaks Miss Kerr, who she detests. Last night she got out of bed and put on an attendant's clothes.

August 12

For some time past she has been quieter and not so restless at night, but still has the same bitter anticipations of some of her relations besides those of coming also her misery.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> May 1875

September 16

She is very quiet and orderly does some light work, such as sewing and is not inclined to enter into conversation.

October 14

Employs her time sewing & knitting has very little to say and is improving much in bodily condition. She still has the same ill feeling towards some of her relations and more especially a nephew, the mention of whose name appears to irritate her.

November 13

She continues quiet and orderly, answers simple questions, but is very unwilling to enter into conversation. She takes her food well and is in good bodily condition.

December 16

She conducts herself in a quiet orderly manner and is very unwilling to answer questions, still labours under delusion and is annoyed when her delusions are spoken of.

1876  
January 1

She was today taken to Brown's Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed —

Relieved.



1875

May 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Maxwellton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to East Kilbride Parish.

She is thirty-nine years of age, single, an Agricultural Labourer and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be two weeks and the cause not known, but she had been drinking. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission, she believed her brother William with several others were going to cut her throat, never heard them say so aloud, but heard them talking about it through the attraction of omphie, even when they were at a considerable distance. She travelled about and refused to remain at home on account of parties putting her under the power of omphie, could not sleep.

On admission she had a dull, stupid look, smiled slightly when spoken to and seemed able to comprehend the meaning of what was said to her. She spoke of the attraction and how it influenced her, but would not tell how it was done. Her arms were covered with excoriations, which she said she got when running in the fields and admitted she had been taking drinks but not for two weeks past.

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Readily health indifferent: Condition ordinary.

She slept well during the night and today looks dull and depressed, smiles when spoken to, but hardly gives any reply.

June 7

Very quiet and dull and seems rather averse to be taken notice of, seldom says more than yes or no when spoken to. She takes her food and appears to be in ordinary health.

July 12

She sits with her head low, frowns smiles when spoken to but will not raise her eyes, answers in a very low voice and as if afraid to speak. She goes out to the laundry.

August 19

Her breathing appears at times and more especially when in bed at night to be very laboured but she makes no complaint will not tell anything about herself. Ordered Fructus of French and English Acid and Chloric Ether.

September

She seems a little not does not get on so formerly, will not raise her head when spoken to, but smiles, will not look up.

October 14

Very quiet, recumbent, has those smiling smiles when spoken to and only replies if pressed to speak. She bangs down her head, but can speak well enough when she pleases.

November 18

Will hardly raise her head, nor speak. She smiles when spoken to and turns away.

December 16

Cannot be got to enter into conversation only smiles when spoken to and looks away. She does a little sewing or knitting.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> May 1875876  
January 13

She now appears to be much better and talks much more readily and cheerily but she is in bad health and can do almost nothing but knit a little. She had a brother (James Clark) admitted to the asylum in November last when she has been.

February 17

She has been again much troubled with her breathing and had to be sent to the infirmary ward, but is now better. At times when spoken to she will not reply, but if insisted upon says she is well enough.

March 16

She is very quiet, employs her time knitting or sewing and often when spoken to acts as if she did not hear; she is unwilling to enter into conversation, says to questions put to her Oh you know well enough.

May 20

Very quiet, almost uncommunicative, as if asleep about as if asleep. She would be heard and when talked to she smiles, and looks encouragingly before she gives any reply.

June 18

She is in rather feeble bodily health but now appears to be quite well mentally; she sews a little and makes herself otherwise useful, is very attentive and kind to the other female patients.

July 1

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



## Agnes Turnbull &amp; Jack Oct. 51

1875

May 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Parkwell Asylum by her son and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-one years of age, widow, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is three years and she has been an inmate of Parkwell Asylum since 31 July 1874. The cause is not known, she is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she laboured under acute melancholia, with suicidal tendencies and many strong delusions.

On admission she was extremely miserable, bewailed her lot condition and talked racter incoherently. She cried much about being a prisoner to Queen Victoria, said she had been forgiven but could not accept forgiveness and was to be slain to the crown in Parkwell Hall.

Health, health indifferant. Condition ordinary. She is afflicted with noise and much shaking of the knees of both legs.

June 1

She slept about two hours during the night, was quiet but restless. Today she is confined to bed in consequence of the state of her legs; often sits up and wails about being a prisoner to the Queen.

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Very unhappy, constantly bewailing her miserable condition, saying she is a prisoner to Victoria and wishes to be taken to execution. She never gives a coherent reply to any question.

July 13

She goes about wringing her hands and bewails the fate of her poor son and daughter. Calls the hallway a day room a Queen's Hall and talks in a rambling incoherent manner. She goes out to the laundry & she sleeps badly.

August 17

Very noisy and restless, walking about and crying out to save her from the awful death that is awaiting her and bewailing the fate of her poor son and daughter. She is often despondent and noisy at night.

September 10

She wrings her hands and wails up and down bewailing in an incoherent manner her wretched state, talks about poor money, the Queen and Royal Hall in the most rambling disconnected way. Talks her good irregularly.

October 14

Talks very incoherently, with seldom sits down, cuts her hands together saying "Oh my poor son and if the steel paper is my good friend is for talking it saying is it a letter for me. Talks much about money."

November 15

Very restless at night and sleeps little or none, sometimes lies down during the day, but usually stands wringing her hands and crying for consolations to come and save her.



Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> May 1875

December 16

Very miserable and restless, talks most incoherently and at times appears as if in utter despair, seizes at any one passing and if they have any papers will try to get hold of them saying it is her letter. Speaks much about her deceased Majesty and pardon.

January 15

Cries about her late Majesty Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales and if she sees a paper in any one's hand tries to seize it saying it is a letter for her. She is most miserable and at night seldom lies in her bed but sits close to the door of her room.

February 17

Tries to get a Masonic pardon for her from her son Victoria and if she sees any or will a paper in their hand, tries to get hold of it saying it is her pardon. She is very restless and will seldom be in bed at night.

March 16

She has been very difficult to manage and also to be injured being dressed and undressed. Cries for a pardon, rings her hands and is ready to pull at any paper she sees any one with saying if it be pardon. Holds sometimes filthy

May 18

Incoherent and always very miserable and restless, cries continually about her dear Victoria and asks pardon for her. Walks about wringing her hands.

June 15

Very wretched and unhappy, can do nothing and cries to get the Masonic pardon for herself and her poor son follows others here and there through the gallery and when worn out lays herself down in the recumbent position on a seat.

July 7

She was today taken to the Harmony Parochial Asylum, Woodliffe by authority of Sir James Lorne and dismissed —  
Relieved.

Hannah McQueen or Lumsden  
From Page 152

August 16

This patient is confined to bed in a very emaciated state and evidently dying of phthisis. She sits up much in bed and is very galled; labours under delusion.

September 14

At thirty-five minutes after nine o'clock, this morning she died.

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Today a post mortem examination of the body verified the cause of death to be Phthisis Pulmonalis.



## Christina Bellarmino &amp; Litchford Dec. 41

1875

June 1

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Lockwood Farm, Parish of Eastwood by her husband and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-one years of age, married, a Farmer's wife and belongs to the Established Church. She was an inmate of Bostwell Asylum from 1<sup>st</sup> May 1874, for four months. This is the first attack of insanity; the duration is eleven months and the cause is stated to be excitement, but her father was insane for two years. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she lay in bed and muttered quite unintelligible language; was unable to answer any question and could not recognise persons formerly well known to her. She had improved after being sent to Bostwell Asylum, but after being taken home, gradually became worse.

On admission she was very stupid and obstinate, manningly opposed every thing wished of her and would speak none.

Really health indifferent; condition ordinary. There are discolourations upon her arms and legs and on admission a few more.

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She slept none during the night and today is very restless and stupid. Opposes everything wished of her in the most foolish manner and will not sit down.

" 4

Since last report she has slept well during night, but during the day has been restless, obstinate and at times dangerous in her conduct; she matters much to herself in a very incoherent manner.

July 12

She is still inclined to move about the house muttering to herself and when spoken to either says nothing or says some very irrelevant, incoherent words and phrases. She now goes out to the laundry.

August 19

She has improved very much, is now composed and keeps her seat, talks when spoken to and is daily employed in the laundry. She answers questions correctly but has very little to say.

September 11

Continues steadily to improve and is now very well mentally, is quiet and reserved, but converses quite readily when spoken to.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> June 1875

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Was brought to the Asylum today, from 465 Kapprockhill Road Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is to four weeks and the cause is not known, but her husband says she has not been well since the death of her second child in July 1873. She is both dangerous and suicidal and also stated to be epileptic but her husband says she had only one fit about seven weeks ago and was never known to have any other. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, walked up and down wringing her hands and wept bitterly about mine; was suspicious of every one who came near her. She attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself and refused her food.

On admission she cried much when spoken to and her only appearance of intellect all she could be got to tell was that she could not bring her family up properly. To all suggestions as to the cause she answered in the negative but would not tell and the tears streamed down her face while being spoken to.

Rapidly turned indifferent: condition good. She has been nursing her child (18 weeks old) and her mamma is large and fat with.

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She slept four hours during the night and today is quiet and has taken her food. Her bowels are costive and she has been ordered purgative medicine.

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She has slept well at night and been very quiet and orderly since last report. She replies readily when asked, saying she is well and makes no complaints; looks dull.

July 6

She has been gradually improving and still further recovered to be considered altogether well and would have been kept some time longer, but that her husband applied to not get a warrant of the Poor Law Board being so far better and improving she was dismissed.

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Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> June 1875

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1875

Elizabeth Mc. Kennon or Lang vol. 31

June 1

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Eastern Police Office Glasgow and admitted on a pauper patient chargeable to Murray Street.

She is thirty-one years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one day and the cause is not known. She is both circumscribed and deluged to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very much excited, talked incoherently about leaving her children and devils coming into her bed at night to cut her throat and take her children. She was found by the police, naked, running through Kistler Street.

On admission she was very tremulous, her hands shaking much and she was liable to a state approaching aphonia. She said she saw people at night cutting her children's throats and that four men were her and she was not needed and asked to be taken by the police. She said she saw lots of "wice devils", but no big one" and that she had only done so for two nights past, never more any during the day. Stated that her husband was her second, that his bad conduct was the cause of her illness and would hardly admit that she herself had been drinking.

bodily health good. Condition reduced.

There are many small teeth in her body.

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She slept well during the night, but is still today very tremulous and is exceedingly anxious to get away, saying there is nothing wrong with her. She takes her food.

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She is still nervous and shaking and rambles much in her statements about her illness. She is very anxious to get away saying most of her former statements or tries to captivate them away.

July 3

She is now greatly better, sleep well and is improving in her bodily health, makes about the house and is very quiet and steady but extremely anxious to get away.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> June 1875

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June 8

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 10 Wood Lane Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is twenty three years of age, single - Servant and - Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 7<sup>th</sup> July till 25<sup>th</sup> September 1865 and from 26<sup>th</sup> November 1871 till 10<sup>th</sup> February 1872. Upon her last admission she was stated to be subject to epilepsy, but not often and had no fit during her residence here. The duration of the existing attack is one week and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very violent in her conduct, noisy, whistled, danced and tore her clothes, required to be restrained and was unmanageable.

On admission she was excited and very stubborn, threw herself down upon a bed and begged an attention to anything said to her, made a screaming noise as if suffering pain, but no information could be got from her. She required to be taken hold of when wished to move and anything she said was quite incoherent. The dorsum of the left foot, more especially towards the outer aspect was much swollen and discoloured, but she could not tell how she received the injury. She walked lame.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She slept about five hours, then became very restless and excited, required to be placed in a single room and today is very unquiet and dangerous to herself and others.

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Very maniacal throwing herself recklessly about, screaming and such putting up anything that comes in her way, would demand herself to not dressed in common. She has not been known to sleep since last report. Her tongue and lips are hard dry and coated with black hoar.

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Yesterday she became even more, struck out recklessly at anything injuring her hands and would take no food. In the evening she was fed by means of the stomach pump and almost immediately fell asleep and slept for three hours.

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Today she is quite exhausted and appears to be dying. She was fed by means of the pump till yesterday morning, when what was given her came back along with a large quantity of yellow bilious matter and she still, however she vomits any fluid vomits it up mixed with bile.

" 21

This morning at forty-five minutes past seven o'clock, she

Died.

Admitted 8<sup>th</sup> June 1875

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June 22

This evening a post mortem examination was made. Head. The skull was very thin and the dura mater was firmly adherent to it. The brain substance was congested, showing numerous red points.

The lungs, heart and abdominal viscera appeared to be healthy. The lungs being rather dark in colour but in further disease being found from one or two very small spots of adhesion of the pleura to the thoracic walls.

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1875 Jane Caldwell &amp; Kelly Oct 27

- June 12 Was brought to the Asylum this morning by her husband from 27 South Bridge Street District and admitted as a private patient. She is twenty-seven years of age, married and belongs to the Evangelical Union denomination. This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two days and the cause is stated to be excitement occasioned by one of her children wandering. She is regardless of her own safety and dangerous to others. Two of her maternal uncles were insane.
- Prior to admission she was violent and excited, talkative, incoherently and had erroneous ideas.
- On admission she was excited and incoherent, fancied she could not see and could not walk. When tried to be led along she would struggle to get down upon the ground and cry out as if afraid she were about to be injured.
- Physical health very indifferent. Condition ordinary. Her mucous membranes are large, very hard and appear to be painful. She had been nursing her child, about three months old.
- " 13 She was very much excited during the night; kicked, struck and bit and was otherwise very dangerous, did not appear to know where she was going. She chide at every person she sees, seems in great pain and her hold can with the greatest difficulty be maintained. The nurses fed her.
- " 21 Continued excited, restless and dangerous for several days, but for two days past has been quieter and able to have herself dressed in her own clothes. She has now a very benighted, stupid look, does not reply when spoken to. Her mucous are quite large.
- July 15 Very dangerous and reckless in her conduct, springs up at the windows, struggles and fights with the attendants in the most perverse way, is at times very noisy and her language is completely incoherent.
- August 19 She is now quiet and orderly, but very confused and stupid, stares vacantly when spoken to and gives no reply.
- September 6 She is occasionally excited and very foolish in her conduct, swears incoherently and again will speak none. She menstruated yesterday for the first time since admission and today is quiet.
- October 16 She is quiet and orderly, but is very slow to speak and her replies are often quite irrelevant. She sometimes asks strange meaningless questions. Appears to be in good bodily health.
- November 13 She is kindly employed replies more readily when spoken to, but her ideas are still confused.
- " 27 Was today taken home by her husband on authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed. — Received.

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> June 1875

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1875  
 Mary Smith & Mr. James Oct. 21

June 16 Was brought to the Asylum today from Airdrie Prison and admitted as a patient chargeable to the Prison Board of the Southern District of the County of Fife.

She is twenty-one years of age and married but has been deserted by her husband.

She was committed to the prison of Airdrie on the fifth May 1875 charged with the crime of falsification of a bank note and she now still remained an untried prisoner. She had gone about telling that her sister had been delivered of three children and under this false statement got money from her. In January last and after her husband's desertion of her, she was delivered of her first child (now dead) and she is subject to epilepsy, but how long she has taken she is not known. Before being sent to the Asylum she was highly excited and dangerous to herself and others.

On admission her expression of face was malignant; she walked about, talked quite incoherently and went out as if to put away some unnecessary thing before her. Since then nothing whatever about herself. She had three severe epileptic seizures on the way to the Asylum and her pupils are much dilated.

Her health indifferent; condition retained.

" 15 She slept little during the night and since admission has had eight epileptic seizures. She is confined to bed, cries much and talks incoherently. Her hand moves spasmodically always turning to the right side.

" 22 She has had an epileptic seizure for three days and is now out of bed. Her mind is very weak, her conversation silly and she sometimes cries without any apparent cause.

July 15 She is now apparently much better sleeps well at night and is quiet, does a little sewing or knitting, eats well and is getting stouter.

August 19 She continues quiet and generally talks and acts quite rationally, but at times she seems to get away and while doing so seems as if about to cry, tears coming over her eyes. She is nervous.

September 6 Quiet and orderly and has had no recurrence of the epileptic seizures. She knits and does the housework in the housework, looks healthy and talks quite coherently. Likes to get very warm and again, but says little about it.

October 14 She has not been so well, is frequently found crying and her head moving involuntarily with as if it were a slight choreic action. These attacks soon pass off and she again seems well.

November 18 At present she is quiet orderly and industrious to free from her former irritable state.

Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> June 1875

For some time past she has been irritable and very quarrelsome, accused some of the attendants of trying to injure her, constantly complained of them and it was found necessary to put her to another gallery.

She still keeps up her ill feeling towards various parties and without any apparent reason. She smiles when spoken to but is not well communicative.

For some time past she has been going out to the Laundry and working there. She now talks quite rationally and is very anxious to get away.

Continues to work daily in the laundry does not often speak of getting away but when she does she looks as if she would cry and when asked if she is ill, she says no.

She continues well and is daily employed in the Laundry or Washhouse. Now and again she enquires when she will get away, but does not seem anxious about it.

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



1875  
Margaret Harrower & Hunter

June 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Newarthill and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Birkhall Parish.

She is sixty-six years of age, single, a Fish Hooker and a Protestant.

The duration of the existing attack is five days, but whether the first attack and the cause is not known. She is not suicidal and dangerous to others. Manic tendency not known.

Prior to admission she had a mournful expression of countenance, walked about the house wringing her hands, and being to herself, did not answer questions put to her, laboured under groundless fear and was depressed in spirits.

On admission she was quiet, but spoke quite readily when questioned. She said she was quite well, but supposed they wanted to make her not so in her mind. Her husband was killed twenty-seven years ago, that she had brought up seven or eight family, but buried five of them and two were married, but that she herself had always been stuffy and weak for herself.

Present health good; function reduced.

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She slept well during the night, but today complains of headache, is rather irritable not inclined to reply when spoken to, or if she does to do so involuntarily.

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She was invited to go out to the laundry and did so for a day but would not work and next day when the girl came to take her out, she struck her and would not go. She is always idle and replies incoherently when spoken to. Takes her food.

July 12

She was today taken to Her Majesty's Asylum by authority of one of the Commissioners in Lunacy and dismissed.

Relieved

Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1875Priscilla Young or Bowie from page 8

June 15

This patient is in a furious state, delirious under General Paralysis and is subject to paroxysms of excitement. She can do nothing, but takes her food well and her habit of body is very stout.

August 17

She frequently tears her clothes into shreds during her sudden outbreaks of passion and requires to get in a strong dress. She must be kept close.

October 19

Little fat - out and ill, but subject to paroxysms of stupid excitement. When spoken to her general reply is to say "Yes" or only cough in a childish manner.

December 16

Very stupid and sometimes falls asleep in her seat during the day, always requires to have on a strong dress to keep her clad.

1877

February 15

So falling off much in bodily condition and is very stupid and helpless. Requires to be fed and dressed, is very uncleanly in her habits and appears now to be breaking up.

March 15

Extremely fatuous, never speaks and does not seem to comprehend the simplest words said to her, requires everything done for her and has to be kept when vented to noise, words having no meaning to her.

April 2

Two or three days ago it was found necessary to keep her constantly in bed, when she requires to be fed like a child and cared for in every way, is gradually sinking.

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Yesterday morning she appeared to be just about to die, but again rallied and today at ten minutes past ten o'clock A. M. she

Died.

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Today there was a post-mortem examination of the heart.

There was much serum in the brain and in the ventricles.

In the right hemisphere, the dura-mater was covered with a fresh clot of blood extending on its inner surface, over the greater part; the only part free from it being the frontal surface. On the left side, on the anterior inferior surface and also adhering to the dura-mater, there was a considerable clot with swollen and darker patches around it. The brain substance was congested.

Cause of death - General Paralysis.



1875 Isabella Ryland Mc. Kuzie Dec. 35

- June 28 She was admitted as a patient to the Indian Mission on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1871. She was admitted at that time from the Glasgow Parochial Asylum where she had been an inmate for four years. She had been previously insane, but kept at home and for a year of an interval had been well mentally.
- She has been a very troublesome patient ever since admission, requiring supervision night and day being, besides very mischievous and dangerous, often uncleanly and destructive in her habits. She is quite incontinent, never gives a correct answer to any question and is ready to strike or pull at the clothing of any person coming within her reach.
- Generally treated very indifferently.
- July 5 Restless and very troublesome, seldom speaks but cannot keep her hands off anything near her. Three nights ago she struck on the patient in a bed near her and last night she tore the shirt and was otherwise mischievous.
- " 24 For some days past she has again been most troublesome, requiring an attendant to do almost nothing but watch her. She will let nothing alone and two nights ago tore the blanket into shreds near part of night dress in her chamberpot. Habits filthy.
- August 17 At present and for the last two or three days she has been in a dull, stupor state, is quiet and takes no notice when spoken to. Habits uncleanly, eats her food.
- September 16 Generally very excited restlessness and destruction in her habits, the remaining seldom continuing for more than two days and the excited periods lasting two or three weeks.
- October 14 Uncleanly, dangerous and destructive, becomes in the most obscene and profane manner and is quite uncontrollable. She requires an attendant constantly with her and often prevents destroying anything with her hands, tries to use her teeth. Kicks at anyone passing her.
- December 16 Requires to have an attendant constantly beside her; conducts herself in the most restless manner and is never at rest. Her language is very incoherent and she is very destructive and filthy.
- 1876  
January 16 Very destructive, dangerous and uncleanly in her habits, strikes, kicks, lets loose her clothes and is filthy in various ways, cannot be left for a minute without an attendant.
- March 16 She may be comparatively quiet for a day or two but the attack always recurs and for her destructive dangerous & filthy habits requires to have an attendant constantly beside her.
- May 15 Very disorderly, destructive and dangerous in her habits, seldom speaks.



Transferred from West House 28<sup>th</sup> June 1875

- July 20 Any words she ever says are quite incoherent and generally spoken in a mutter, but she is often very restless and destructive and requires to be constantly watched to prevent her doing mischief.
- September 4 Will be quiet for a time and again for some days be exceedingly restless and troublesome, touching and pulling at everything within her reach.
- November 16 Still subject to recurrent attacks but although in the interval she is quiet she is always very far from well & never able to do anything useful.
- 1877  
January 13 She is restless and mischievous, never does anything and is ready to pull at and destroy whatever comes in her way. She seldom speaks, but when she does so, her language is always incoherent.
- March 15 She sleeps in a single room and cannot be trusted with a bedstead at night; as she captures everything within reach. She has to be constantly watched during the day to prevent destruction.
- May 17 Every now and again she destroys some of her body or bed-clothing, requires much attention, to prevent her doing any foolish acts, is always dressed in coarse and her language is most incoherent.
- July 19 For the three last nights she has been found wet in bed and during the day is very troublesome and inclined to be destructive. She is very incoherent.
- September 13 A few days ago she tore up her strong coarse drawers and is always inclined to destroy whatever she can get her hands upon. Is uncleanly in her habits.
- November 16 Goes to destroy the clothes of anyone near her and when discovered and is tried to be prevented because violent is at times ready to strike, and always mischievous.
- 1878  
January 17 Fidgety and destructive in her habits, seldom speaks, but when she does so is completely incoherent.
- March 14 She cannot sit at the table with the other patients as she puts her hands in their food and will not be putrid, fights with any one who opposes her. Is in ordinary bodily health.
- May 16 Very disorderly in her conduct and seems to delight in mischief. She is in good bodily condition and difficult to manage.
- July 18 Her language is always incoherent and she is dangerous destructive and uncleanly.
- September 4 Most excitable, disorderly and unruly in her conduct. If gratified to do any mischief makes every effort to accomplish it.
- November 14 Always wears a strong dress and requires to sleep in a single room at night



1876 Elizabeth Mc. Innes & Cairns Dec. 30

July 3

Was brought to the Asylum today from  
#1 Richard Street, Glasgow and admitted as a  
private patient chargeable to Burying Parish.

She is fifty years of age, married, a  
Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is so weak and the cause is not  
known. She is dangerous to others, but not  
suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly  
and always in a incoherent manner. She  
stated that she believed that she was the  
heir to some grand property and that she  
was a victim like Jack the Giant Killer. Her husband  
stated that she slept little or none and threatened  
to take his and his daughters lives with a poison.

On admission she was very restless,  
excited and talkative; never ceased talking,  
in the most incoherent manner and interfering  
in whatever was said by others, seemed to  
mistake the identity of persons and wished  
to have every person punished for some  
imaginary wrong they had done her. She  
accused her husband of being a drunkard and  
water and not working.

Reading heard extremely feeble; condition  
ominous. Breathing laboured.

" 4

She slept none during the night, would  
not remain in bed, but got up and struck  
the other patients. Today she would not take  
breakfast saying the food was not good enough  
for her; talks incessantly.

" 12

She sleeps very little at night and  
during the day talks incessantly in the most  
rambling incoherent manner. Her tongue is  
bad and she finds fault with everything she gets.

August 17

She is now very much better, mostly  
quiet and orderly and replies coherently  
when spoken to, but complains of nothing in  
consequence of her very feeble bodily health.

September 16

She continued quiet and appeared to  
be recovering up till the beginning of this week  
when she had a sudden relapse and has since  
been noisy, destructive and malicious in her  
habits. Talks incoherently.

October 14

Very irritable and rambling in conversation  
demands to get away and accuses the people  
here of bringing her to the Asylum and making  
her ill. She is very feeble especially particular when  
speaks less and appears as if she might die  
at any moment.

November 11

Continued much in the same state  
as at last report but now appears weaker  
speaks less and appears as if she might die  
at any moment.

" 18

Today at 4.30 p.m. she  
Died.

And a P. M. post day showed the cause of  
death to be Phthisis Pulmonalis.



Admitted 3. July 1875

Elija Arnott or Gosh  
from Jozgolt

- December 4 1876 This patient Calves under chronic mania, is very restless and disorderly, throws her food about when eating, discharges everything within her reach and her language is very incoherent. Physically health ordinary.
- February 15 1877 Restless and foolish, can do nothing useful and is a constant source of annoyance to others; will stand up at food in the midst of the other patients and push herself in their way, says nothing or talks most incoherently.
- April 19 Very incoherent in her conversation and restless and disorderly in her conduct among every one near her and opposes everything asked of her.
- June 14 Will foolishly get into the way of others and opposes the most reasonable requests, is determinedly annoying and resists most incoherently.
- August 16 Always more or less excited and never does anything useful. Whenever any trouble occurs she gets in the way and acts in the most paralyzing way.
- October 15 She opposes everything asked of her, talks in an excited incoherent manner and is often violent in her conduct.
- December 15 She will stand up and often gets upon the seats calls out a lot of names that no one present knows and pays no attention to any words said to her.
- February 16 1878 She chatters and talks in the most incoherent manner seems angry without any apparent cause and is always ill.
- April 15 Often when spoken to she will get up and seizing the person addressing her will cry out what do you want and becomes very much excited and breathes incoherently.
- June 13 Appears to be getting more demented does nothing whatever and is always very incoherent in her language.
- August 15 Still occasionally excited, but is more less restless. Has only arriving from her greater dementia and no mental improvement.
- October 17 She seldom now gives any reply when spoken to, but when excited talks and acts quite incoherently.



1875 *Mary Barbour or Annand 20332*

July 3

Was brought to the Asylum today from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-two years of age, married, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she thought her soul was lost, that she had committed the unpardonable sin and wished herself dead. She had lately taken arsenic to kill herself.

On admission she was very miserable and unsettled and her back was found to be much marked by small sores, which she said she had caused herself by scratching. She stated that some person or persons had tried to poison her by mercury and arsenic, that she had got eight capsules of mercury and had got no less than two today. She cried and said that they who gave it her should be taken up, he could not tell who they were nor how they gave it her.

She said she had been more than seven years married, that she has had five children, the youngest being eight months old and that she was so weak she had to give over suckling it when it was three months old.

Physically healthy. Condition reduced.

" 4

She slept only about two hours during the night, was restless when awake and often incoherently. This morning she had to be fed by the attendants, is very unhappy, wishing to get hold of a knife to injure herself with.

" 12

She now sleeps pretty well at night but during the day is very miserable and unhappy, does not know what she would do at and follows the Medical Officer at the visits.

August 11

She appears to be getting more settled down and is constantly asking in distressed manner to get away. She tears her clothes and has her wrists pinched in her arms. About a fortnight ago she tried to strangle herself with her apron. She has twenty drops of hot brack. three times a day with Chloral Hydrate ʒss in Glyster at night.

September 16

She picks her skin, and has sores in various parts of her body, does nothing, but continues about asking to get away. She is very suicidal in her tendencies.

October 14

She is very unhappy, sleeps badly at night and sometimes with her feet. She picks the front of her fingers has them bleeding.

November 8

She is restless and sleepless at night spite of the sedatives given her at bedtime.

Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> July 1875

December 1875

She is in a most restless unsettled state, sometimes loses a little, but begins and leaves off her work. She has a number of small sores upon her face and her finger joints, we read and bleed with picking them. She insists that she never can stand and work home.

1876  
January 13

Her face was nearly healed, but she has again commenced to pick it, although not so badly as formerly. She does not sleep and is restless at night. She still occupies her time, during the day, sewing.

February 17

She does a little sewing, but is very restless and unsettled and still has her face a little marked by picking it. She can think about nothing but to ask when she will get home.

March 16

Frequently very restless and proceeds to get angry and follows the Medical Officer picking at her nails. Pays no attention to anything said to her and is very miserable.

April 13

Miserable, restless and very unsettled can never do anything and wanders about picking at her fingers, asks in an imploring manner to get away and will talk of nothing else.

May 3

She was today taken home by her husband on the authority of a committee of the Provincial Board and dismissed -  
Relieved.



## Agnes Rafferty

Case 42

1875

July 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse Hospital and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Bally Parish.

She is forty-two years of age, single, a Hawker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is stated to be subject to epilepsy and dangerous to others. No relative known.

Prior to admission she was very much excited, had the delusion that there were persons in the ward about to kill her and pointed to various parts of the room which she said were stained with her blood. She said she was exposing her person and threatening to strike the other patients.

On admission she was quiet and free from excitement, was if anything depressed or rather much misadvised and said she was agitated, said she that she was very nervous but that she did not take the fit often.

Some simple questions she hardly seemed to comprehend, looked stupid & replied to very lamblingly.

Prox. health, feeble. Condition reduced.

" 7

She slept well during the night, but today is very irritable and has been threatening and rather violent in her conduct.

" 14

She has been in bed nearly every day since that report, is affected with a bad cough and great dyspnoea and her legs and feet are oedematous. She is often in great pain, pruritic some persons, unknown, is about to kill her.

August 12

Confined to bed and very troublesome and noisy from scolding at imaginary persons crying what is your doing to me, and irritate with the nurses for letting it be done.

The oedema has passed off her body and her face even is puffy. She is very helpless passes her urine and faeces in bed.

" 18

The oedema gradually extended up even into her face, which had a bleached purple hue. The legs redicled and discharged and fluid for the last two days. What little urine she passed was mixed with pus.

Died at 5.45 P.M. 18th

Died.

" 20

On post mortem examination was made today. Thorax - The heart was enormously enlarged. Posteriorly the lungs were covered with black tarry looking blood.

Abdomen - The liver was much enlarged and very friable.

In the left kidney was a very large calculus and the bladder contained a small quantity of urine & pus. Walls very soft. There was much fluid in abdominal cavity, but none in thorax.



Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> July 1875

## Catherine Baird

from page 14

December 14

This patient is subject to fits of depression and great irritability, with a time hardly speaks and is annoyed at being spoken to. Is suicidal at times.

1877  
February 15

She works about and has very little to say can with great difficulty be got to enter into conversation and becomes irritable if insisted upon with questions.

April 19

She is quiet and industrious, but never expresses any desire to get away in fact feels herself quite unable to take care of herself although at times she is pretty well.

June 14

She generally appears to be cheerful and is daily employed in the laundry. She is not inclined to enter into conversation and shuns anything connected with herself will give no definite reply to anything that is put.

August 16

She works in the laundry and about the hallways and generally appears to be quite happy and without much desire to get away.

October 18

Works as formerly and replies quite readily when spoken to, but is subject to fits of depression which however were rare of short duration. Bodily health good.

December 13

She is in general ready to laugh when spoken to and may reply to a few questions but not inclined to enter into any lengthy conversation, because anxious and irritable when pressed with questions.

1878  
February 14

She is generally cheerful in the summer and works in the laundry at walking house is easily annoyed and requires to be let pretty much alone.

April 15

Works as above stated and never expresses any desire to get away. She answers readily enough about her health but any other question about herself irritates her.

June 15

Much the same from day to day works well and takes her food; seems quite content with everything.

August 15

Is generally very quiet and industrious, notices and laughs at the folly of others as long as they keep away from herself but would immediately leave the room should they interfere with her.

October 17

Always industrious in her habits, takes her food and says she is quite well. Will not be questioned.

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1825

## Mary Cross (or Clark) age 27

July 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. A sister is stated to have died in this Asylum.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in many of her statements; at times refused to answer questions, (stated her name to be Sammie Burns, would suddenly burst out laughing and singing and throw off the clothes which covered her. She was noisy and restless at night.

On admission she was excited, talked incoherently and was very dirty and frothing in her manner. She said she was the Lord Chancellor and as one dared refuse to cash her bills, that he once had been sent on by six doctors who had cast her here to these Enchanted Hills, where if having got poison and said she was not a married woman. She stated that she had been four years in Dr. Stewart's Asylum & Belfast was three different times admitted and had been since in Durham County Asylum. Her sister's name was Dorothy Chambers and her own proper maiden name being Mary Johnston Chancellor and her husband's name Clark. Said people could talk of many false names as they liked who married or unmarried.

bodily health very indifferent: indigestion reduced. The mammae are hard and the right, large and painful.

" 8

She did not sleep during the night was restless and excited, got out of bed and jumped up at the windows and she interfered with nurses the night by the hair of the head. She talks very scoldingly and ill usage.

" 15

She sleeps none at night and is very noisy; habits very uncleanly, conduct profane and she finds fault with everything; the attendants do not please her and she wishes and demands better as it is said for she is quite unmanageable.

August 17

Often noisy at night and although she sometimes goes out to the laundry, her language is incoherent and very scolding. She finds fault with everything and is overbearing in her manner.

September 16

Very troublesome and dangerous, gets up upon the seats and tables and interferes with the gas. She is often very noisy at night talks very incoherently.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> July 1875

October 16

Excited and restless, sleeps very little at night and often throws her bedstead about. She is very willful and perverse, will do whatever pleases herself and is very dangerous.

November 18

If possible more noisy and restless at night, always excited and very abusive and threatening in her language, which is incoherent and very rambling. Partially healed ordinary.

December 16

Has not improve, cannot be trusted for a minute from under observation, except when locked in her room at night and in the mornings always sees her bedding in the greatest disorder. Consider herself a very exalted personage and threaten.

1876  
January 13

Very excitable and does the most foolish dangerous acts, will not be contradicted and holds in the most violent manner if spoken to. Falls incoherently and becomes under delusion. She goes out to the Washingtons.

February 15

For a week or two past she has been much quieter and has not required so formerly to sleep in a single room, but she still labors under delusion and rambles in conversation.

19

She was today taken to the Barrony Parochial Asylum, Woodliff by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed —

Relieved.



## Mary Moyes

Oct 22

1825

July 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is twenty-two years of age, single, a letter into order and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to herself but not suicidal. Her mother died in Bowhill Ayleh sixteen years ago.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, was much excited, furious she was acquainted with persons whom she did not know and declared she saw and talked with the devil daily.

On admission she was restless and excited, talked much in a rambling, incoherent manner and was foolishly happy. She talked familiarly to every person and acted as if she had been quite intimate with them. Talked of having been in America and named the persons who went and came with her as if they had been well known here. To nearly all questions her answers were irrelevant.

Physically health and condition ordinary. The upper front teeth are small, widely set and are somewhat serrated.

" 11

She slept none during the night was very restless and today is excited laughing and crying alternately and throwing herself about.

" 19

She continues to be excessively excited, very restless, noisy and destructive in her habits. Requiring the constant care of an attendant to prevent her injuring herself or doing other harm. She manifested on the fourteenth.

August 17

Very unmanageable, sleeps little or none at night and is very noisy, cannot be out of a single room and is very unmanageable and destructive in her habits. At times she is very dangerous striking and kicking.

September 16

Excited restless and very mischievous in her conduct. She talks and screams in the most incoherent manner, pulls me, gets in the way of those passing her.

October 14

Does not improve, talks most incoherently, answers improperly and is always very restless and excited, constantly in mischief.

November 13

Continues very restless, excited and incoherent, seldom speaks, but tosses about in the most disorderly manner and is very destructive and unmanageable in her habits.

December 16

Quite incoherent, very restless and disorderly and nothing said to her does not appear to convey any meaning.

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January 13

Exceedingly restless and disorderly constantly in mischief and requires an attendant to watch her. There is a rash all over body on face like itch, but sulphur had no effect in relieving it.

February 17

Very restless and disorderly, tosses about, rolls on the seats and never ceases when spoken to but sometimes grows out in a meaningless manner. Her skin is now much better.

March 16

She keeps her bed better now at night but sometimes not at all. During the day she is much the same as formerly, has about the same and does nothing, is always quite incontinent.

April 13

She has been confined to bed with an attack of erysipelas of the face. The erysipelas has passed off and the skin is now beginning to desquamate. Her bodily health is feeble, but she is quieter and more orderly.

May 15

She is now quite better physically and very much improved mentally, very quiet and orderly, employs her time knitting and repairs correctly when spoken to.

June 15

She continues quiet and orderly, but can do little or nothing and her mind still seems somewhat weak from her former excitement. Bodily health improving.

July 20

She continues to improve both mentally and physically and has now become quite stout. She works about the gallery and does some sewing & knitting. Replies correctly when spoken to.

August 23

She was today dismissed  
Recovered.



1875 Ann Bowie & Craig Oct. 57

July 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

She was previously an inmate of the Asylum from 1<sup>st</sup> June till 6<sup>th</sup> July 1875 to p. 177. She is again stated to be both suicidal and dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she fancied that everything she did was wrong, was often weary of life and tempted to commit suicide. Heard imaginary voices blaming her for her conduct.

On admission she cried very much and said people were determined to keep her here; said her husband did not know anything about it as he was not in when she was taken away and denied everything stated about her before admission. Her husband took her away, when she was here before, contrary to the advice of the Medical Officers. He applied and got a Minute of the Parochial Board as he said he considered her well. She was progressing so favourably that it was considered she might be discharged as recovered.

" 17

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

She slept well during the night and today is quiet, replies when spoken to, but in the shortest way and never speaks unless when some question is asked.

" 26

She has been very quiet since admission and now is daily employed sewing. She gives evasive answers to questions and often repeats that she is quite well.

August 14

She appeared to be improving up till four days ago when the doctor of the Asylum called and she was told she was going home. She has been since in great distress, sometimes wringing her hands and often crying, has again become very suicidal and requires constant supervision day and night.

She was today removed to City District Asylum by authority of the Towns Act and dismissed —

Relieved.



Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> July 1875

Margaret Ross &amp; Wilson

from page 514

- 777  
 January 15 This patient labours under many delusions and talks in a rambling incoherent manner. Sometimes she says the asylum belongs to her and again talks of the property she owns, friends her relatives and acquaintances are about the asylum, read them and asks why they do not speak to her.
- March 15 Often asks for letters she has not have been sent to her, talks most ramblingly and deliriously under delusions about her wealth and circumstances.
- May 17 Drops days want weakness of mind and often talks in so rambling a way that no one can understand what she means. Tell of what has been told to her but will not say why whom, only say the basis.
- July 19 She talks very ramblingly and labours under many delusions, becomes very excited when she fancies she is not believed and often at these times talks quite incoherently.
- September 13 She will ask if some person not known to her by any one has been enquiring for her, and when told no, will say and tell me the truth and does not believe.
- November 16 Says if she is the landlady of this house she wants to have it to herself and get doing with as she pleases. She owns a little and is in good bodily health.
- 1875  
 January 17 Whenever she hears any other patient talking of their delusions, she is sure to begin also and becomes excited and thinks to have the best of any keeping her from her property.
- March 16 She insists that this place is not an asylum but a factory and belongs to her, becomes excited from her delusions and talks very incoherently.
- May 16 She occupies her time sewing, but is always ready to talk nonsense and labours under many delusions.
- July 18 She often speaks about a person she calls Greenhill calling for her and having refused admittance, threatens to send on the officials for such conduct.
- September 19 She talks much in the most rambling manner and fancies that letters that come for her are not given to her birds since she talks to converse for they will be looked after.
- November 15 She fancies that a son of hers is an inmate of the asylum and still sees her as she did long ago here also mistakes the identity of many others and talks ramblingly.

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1815 Charlotte Coyle a Dummoor a Thomson Oct 28

July 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

In 1812/11 she was for about three months in Glasgow Parochial Asylum; was transferred to City District Asylum and was there for about six weeks. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is unincubated and dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she was excited, fancied that what she called "speaking fish" were sticking into her skin and that they were constantly talking to her. Talked incoherently.

On admission she was free from excitement and her expressions of joy were intelligent but when spoken to she replied in a very confused rambling manner, could not tell where she had been lately and denied ever having been in the police office although she had been taken there the day before.

She spoke readily of the speaking fishes, angels and said she had to hold her clothes close to keep them from going up her legs and said they were like flying fish and spoke to her.

Foodily health and condition ordinary.

" 17

She slept none during the night and began started, fancied she saw objects moving about her bed and the smallest noise made her very nervous. When she is quiet has a stupid absent look, her limbs have been stout but she cannot tell whether or not she has recently got purgative medicine.

" 24

She is very anxious to get money to see after her household affairs as she is afraid they be lost. She seems much better and says the cause of her illness was drink, but cannot tell the cause of her former attacks.

August 6

She now appears to be well, remembers and laughs at her delusions, now admits she had been drinking before her previous attack and is very anxious to get money to see after her household affairs.

" 13

She was today dismissed — Recovered.

Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> July 1875

Margaret Moxatt from page 38

- 577
- June 14 This patient labours under dementia is rather taciturn, often refuses to give any reply when spoken to and when she does speak is generally incoherent. Her expression of face is more intelligent and would be likely to mislead a person who only looks at her.
- August 16 Very quiet and seldom speaks even when spoken to, sometimes merely says yes or gives a nod, no matter what is said.
- October 18 She sews and sometimes does a little ironing in the Laundry and when in doors associates with no one seldom speaks.
- December 13 Sometimes makes the mutron for a dose of Sponson pills, but will not go to the Medical Officers. Conducts herself quietly and is in ordinary bodily health.
- 578  
February 16 She works in the Laundry as formerly but when indoors generally occupies the same seat and takes no interest in anything whatever going on around her.
- April 15 When spoken to she either says she will and turns away her face or otherwise gives no reply and it seems to annoy her to be spoken to. Bodily health ordinary.
- June 13 Every two or three weeks she asks the mutron for a dose of Sponson pills, will have nothing else nor will she give any reply when questioned by the Medical Officers.
- August 15 Very taciturn and unsocial; when indoors sits as far away as she can get - seat from any other person and never holds any conversation with them.
- October 17 Works as formerly is taciturn even at her work and requires to be reassured and let as much alone as may be.



1875 Agnes Mc. Austine Kyle or Marshall del. 27

July 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish, Glasgow.

She is twenty seven years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is unknown. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she fancied she heard imaginary voices, was very anxious; admitted having gone to the canal with her child for the purpose of jumping in; said she sometimes could commit murder.

On admission she said that her husband had been beat, but that she was quite very much better. She says of her illness is believed to have been drink but she herself only admits having taken very little. Her menses are large and hard and she says her child is six months old. She has had four children and been twice married. Her first husband name being Hendry.

Probably health indifferent; condition ordinary. There are a number of discolorations upon her arms and legs.

23

She slept little during the night, but was quiet. She had a dose of saline medicine, but has acted freely upon her bowels and her menses today are copious. She today seems more cheerful, replies quite readily when spoken to.

August 2

Immediately after last report she began to employ her time sewing & knitting and in a day or two appeared to be quite well and cheerful. She still still hardly admits she had been drinking.

13

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> July 1875

Catherine Beard

From 196.

1877  
October 18

She works either in the Kitchen or the Laundry and is very little inclined to enter into conversation, becomes irritable if questioned and especially so if the question is at all personal. She is very stout.

1878  
November 9

She works as before, sometimes laughs immoderately at what she hears patients say is often irritable and not altogether free from a suicidal tendency.

1879  
November 12

Is very little inclined for conversation but works well and only appears to be at ease when doing so. Is often sulky and depressed answers crossly.

1880  
October 18

Works as formerly is often pretty well apparently but is very uncertain and becomes depressed and irritable.

1881  
November 19

Sometimes when asked for she will say she is well enough and if further spoken to begins to scold although her reply is more often given with a laugh.

1882  
October 16

Works in the Kitchen and never talks about anything, seems to have a wish to be let alone and although she often laughs there is still depression below it.

1883  
November 5

Does not care to converse, but works well and only seems at ease mentally when doing so. Is often dull and depressed.

1884  
November

Works as formerly, laughs when speaking and will hurriedly say she is well enough. Subject to fits of depression.

1885  
October 16

For some months she was unfit for any work. Had become very melancholy and suddenly excited.

She was today transferred to the Lunatic Wards of Perth Workhouse by authority of the Board of Lunacy and dismissed. Relieved



1875 Isabella Smith Lafferty Oct. 51

July 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Mayor, City Poorhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is fifty-one years of age, married, a sewer and a Roman Catholic.

She was an inmate of the City Parish Asylum in 1869. The duration of her existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

From admission she spoke incoherently, her memory was almost a blank. She refused constantly, had an absent confused look and took no food. She twice attempted to commit suicide within the last few days and has been wandering through the streets in a maddened state.

On admission her expression of face and manner was that of a fatuous person. When spoken to she looked stupid and gave no reply till asked on the question several times repeated. She could tell nothing more particular about herself than that she came from Glasgow.

" 28

Badly recalled very faint. Condition reduced

She slept well during the night and today required to be dressed and fed, by the attendants, with no working for herself, but whenever she is put well her hands being in her lap.

August 4

Presented with an extremely fatuous expression of face. She does not when spoken to but when asked by touching says she is well enough. Her feet become red swollen in the evenings and she is put soon to bed.

September 9

She now takes her food but still and there is less redness of the feet, but she still will whenever placed and seldom looks alone her. When spoken to says she is well enough but cannot talk on the simplest subject.

October 10

She sits back in her seat, does no working and has a very fatuous look. When spoken to she asks what she is kept here for as there is nothing wrong with her but pain in her feet. There is at present no oedema.

November 15

She sometimes tries to do a little work but it is very little she can do, more than anything else, but she is constantly asking to get away saying she is well.

December 16

Still demoralized and seldom now even takes a spoon into her hands. Can talk upon no subject but getting away. Fits in nearly the same proportion with day long.

1876  
January 15

Sits back in her seat with her hands by her side and seldom does anything; she can reply when spoken to but it is mostly to say she is quite well and to know when she will get home.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> July 1875

76  
July 27

She can do nothing, sits in the same position all day long and when spoken to says irritably and as if she thought she was not believed, I am quite well.

March 16

Very quiet and talks to good advantage well, sometimes goes out to the laundry and does a little, is considerably improved but still rather demented and very slow.

April 13

She has been nearly stationary since last report, very slow and unless when talked to has a very demented appearance.

July 13

Makes no progress towards more activity of mind, does everything in a very slow cautious manner and can tell about nothing without getting home.

June 15

Continues very quiet and orderly and does a little housework, replies readily when spoken to, but when observed at night rest she still has a somewhat demented look.

July 20

Still slow and cautious, but has made decided progress towards recovery. She converses in a rational manner, but seems ever anxious about getting away.

August 23

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered

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1875

Elizabeth Matthews &amp; Mr. Jackson Oct 40

July 29

Was brought to the asylum today, from  
Blenheim, Northwell and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Dulyell Parish.

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

She was thirty years of age on her first  
attack. The duration of the existing attack is five  
months and the cause is not known. She  
is unexcited but not dangerous to others. A  
sister was insane.

Prior to admission she had a violent  
suppression of menses, was slow and reluctant  
of speech, went about almost in a state of  
stupor and was in a physiologically filthy condition  
of person; passed the contents of her bowels at  
any place or time. She fancied she had a mission  
to regenerate the world and was possessed of  
great property. A few days ago she attempted  
to commit suicide.

On admission she had to be assisted  
in and out with her head bent forward and  
appeared to be unable to raise it. In words  
something said to her she would give no reply;  
at first would say a word or so, but to all  
further questioning was quite mute and  
from her manner seemed rather stubborn  
than stupid.

She is in extremely feeble health and  
much emaciated. Nearly blind of the left eye.

" 30

She was quiet, but slept none during  
the night and passed her urine in bed. She  
is confined to bed and for no definite person  
sate unconsciously.

August 6

She is confined to bed, but is very  
restless, stubborn and ill-humored. Habits very  
unpleasant. She eats well, but the food does  
not nourish her body.

September 9

For some days past she has been more  
obedient in her habits and now at times  
spends a little, but only to scratch of a pain  
in her head. She sometimes screams at night  
when she is asleep. She eats well but still  
is emaciated.

October 16

She is great orderly and cleanly, takes  
her food well but can do nothing, is in feeble  
health and often holds her handkerchief  
before her left eye. She sometimes asks to get home.

November 13

She does nothing but takes her food  
well and is great orderly and cleanly, but  
still very spare in body. She is very anxious  
to get home, can speak of nothing else.

December 16

Continues much in the same state as  
above noted can do nothing but now converses  
more readily.

1876  
January 13

She is very careful of herself and  
is getting much stronger, does little or nothing  
and is constantly asking to get home.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> July 1875176  
February 17

She is now very much better mentally, works a little and is quiet and very orderly in her conduct, talks quite rationally and has given up holding her hand to her head.

25

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Bridget Mc. Gorty or Casey

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from page 96

June 16

Three or four days ago this patient, who is always very repellent in her manner, was observed to be looking ill and upon being examined her feet were found to be very oedematous and she could hardly walk. She was put to bed, but without almost any amelioration being made. Percussion showed great dullness over the left side of the chest, her pulse is quick and her skin dry and hot.

24

She has still been subject to menorrhagia. Since last report she evidently became more feeble and at one o'clock this morning she ~~was~~  
Died

Cause of death - *Rhthisis Pulmonalis.*



1875

Susan Bruce a Smith acc. 57

August 2

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 285 Argyle Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Kinning Parish.

She is fifty-seven years of age; widow, a sewer and a Protestant.

She has been an inmate of Pennycuik Asylum; Templeton, Rockwell and Rutherford. On her last admission here, she was from 14<sup>th</sup> January till 28<sup>th</sup> March 1874. The duration of the existing attack is about a week and the cause is not known. She is peculiarly amiable and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and had numerous delusions with loss of memory. Slept one night & day.

On admission she talked much in a cool rambling disconnected manner could not give a correct answer to the simplest questions and seemed immediately to forget anything said to her. She was rather restless and appeared to be always wishing to do something but had forgot what.

Probably health for the condition reduced.

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She slept well during the night, but during the day is very restless does not seem to know what she is doing and chatters much in a very incoherent manner.

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Since last report she has been restless and noisy at night sleeping little & none and her language during the day has been quite incoherent; she talks much to herself.

September 16

She is now and has been for some time quiet and industrious talks coherently and occasionally asks to get away. At present she is well, but she has recently been so frequently ill probably that a recurrence is feared.

October 14

She still keeps well and is daily employed sewing. She reports that she is well but says little unless occasionally when she asks to get away.

November 18

Continues very well and is always very quiet orderly and industrious.

" 27

She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

1871

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Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1875Mary Deakin or Mrs. Antje  
from page 118

- 1877  
June 14 This patient is noisy restless and talks most incoherently, flushes her arms about and makes a juddering noise which she calls french.
- August 16 At times she kills a little, but is often idle and noisy chattering and playing with trifling articles in a childish way. She is in ordinary bodily health.
- October 18 She interferes with other patients, then complains that she has been killed and talks much about in an incoherent way.
- December 13 She has fits of immoderate laughter swings her body about and is she comes in contact with anyone, makes a noise somewhat like the bark of a dog.
- 1878  
November 10 She is very incoherent in her language, acts in a sometimes foolish way and when any one interferes or laughs at her gesticulates and threatens, but does not actually commit violence, might be injured.
- 1879  
December 9 She gesticulates and when spoken to falls away for a time and when laughed at, threatens to strike and speaks to some one near.
- 1880  
December 13 Goes out to the Laundry, but does very little work, is constantly talking and her language is incoherent and contains many grand delusions of her wealth and power.
- 1881  
November 9 Often very noisy and when spoken to only becomes worse and threatens in a most foolish way to injure some one does not actually do so, but is very noisy.
- 1882  
December 2 She has many exalted delusions but they are expressed in a rambling and very incoherent manner and if questioned only becomes more incoherent and wanders in speech.
- 1883  
December 14 She still very talkative accuses the other patients of doing things that they know nothing of or even incapable of doing, points to any one near her and says she did it.
- 1884  
December 11 She especially when in her paroxysms of excitement often gasps and becomes breathless, but still as far as able continues to scold at imaginary persons. In falling off in bodily condition.
- 1885  
Dec 24 For some months she has been very feeble and apparently sinking from age and although confined to bed has still been excitable. and today she died of Heart disease - (Atherosclerosis.)  
Dead.



## Hannah Hall or Rodgers Oct. 1878

1878

August 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty-eight years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

She had an attack of insanity about eight years ago, but was not in any asylum. The duration of the existing attack is three months and the cause is not known.

She is both excited and dangerous to those a little at present is in ward of City Workhouse Asylum.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and wished herself dead: said she was a liar and that her children were the same.

Her husband stated that she tried to hang herself and was very unkind to her children.

On admission she had a melancholy preoccupied expression of face and was very quiet. She said she was dumb in consequence of the trouble of the children, but having attempted to injure herself a while

bodily health fails: condition reduced.

" 4 She slept little during the night but was quiet. Today she sits with her head bent forward and has a very melancholy look. She takes her food.

" 11

She now sleeps well at night, but during the day is idle and listless, will hardly raise her hand still say it was the father of the children that put her wrong, she thinks that she would now be able to manage them.

September 13

She is quiet and indolent and now greatly better. Talks quite rationally and freely, is anxious to get away to look after her children. Has still a melancholy expression.

October 14

She continues well and is indolent but does not improve in bodily condition and is very anxious about her family. Has generally a very serious look.

" 22

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> August 1875

Ann Strachan from page 104

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August 16

This patient is very weak minded and subject to little paroxysms of excitement when she talks very incoherently, but she goes out to the laundry daily and there does a little light work.

October 18

She is always fancying that the other patients are doing something or other, to injure her and says they should be hanged.

December 13

Seldom a day passes but she has some incoherent complaint to make and speaks excitedly; is very silly.



- 1875
- August 4 Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Dunngoyach farm, Stirlingshire and admitted  
as a private patient.
- She is twenty six years of age, single,  
resided with parents and belongs to Church of Scotland.
- This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is two and a half years and the  
cause is not known. Was under treatment  
in Parklands Asylum. She is neither violent  
nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary  
tendency.
- Prior to admission she would not  
converse rationally or answer questions. She  
had fits of laughter without cause and was  
very moody and irritable. She was inclined  
to wander away and had great dislike  
to her best friends.
- On admission she had a peculiar  
stomached expression of face, paid no  
attention to anything said to her and  
spoke none. Whenever she was placed  
she would stand still and if her head  
was raised she would allow it to remain  
so. At times a smile came over her face  
and she had apparently some intelligence  
than she otherwise gave indication of.
- Partly health indifferent. Condition good.
- 5 She slept little during the night and  
was restless, getting out of bed and standing, looking  
stupid and would not speak. She looks her feet  
at her idly about.
- 12 She will not speak, nor open her eyes  
when spoken to, remains in whatever position  
she is placed and is quite passive. She  
sometimes laughs, but it is generally meaningless.
- September 16 Very silly in her manner, never gives  
any reply when spoken to, but will turn her  
face to the wind or lay her head on my arm  
if any happen to be near her.
- October 16 Since last report she has been very  
unmanageable and frequently violent in  
her conduct. She will do nothing and she  
has the hair of her head all over her face, will  
not reply when spoken to, but is often noisy.
- November 16 Very foolish in her conduct; rolls over  
and stretches away her head and will give  
no reply when spoken to, laughs silly and  
at night is often noisy.
- December 16 She can never be induced to do any  
thing, turns away her head when spoken to  
closes her eyes and will not speak.
- 1876  
January 13 Rolls about with her eyes closed  
pays no attention when spoken to, laughs  
and sometimes cries Oh. when touched  
but will give no reply.
- February 17 Rolls about in a very disorderly way and  
laughs childishly, but will not speak.



Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875

- March 16 She has been at times nearly quite unmanageable, tearing and destroying her clothes, lying on the tables with her hair all hanging over her face, she will not speak and does her eyes when spoken to.
- April 13 Very disorderly in her conduct, lies upon any one near her and touches her face. She puts her food all over her clothes and is otherwise destructive and uncleanly.
- May 18 Often has her hair hanging over her face and screams out if touched at the same time laughing in a silly manner. Keeps her eyes mostly closed, seldom speaks.
- June 15 Very difficult to keep at all tidy as she rolls about in the most disorderly manner and words have no effect upon her. She can do nothing for herself.
- July 20 She lets the food run from her mouth all over her clothes and cannot be kept clean; sits with her hands up to her face and gives a silly scream if touched.
- August 17 Is if anything more uncleanly and generally has her dress saturated with saliva, let it run from her mouth and is otherwise uncleanly, also very destructive and difficult to be kept clean.
- October 19 Rolls about in the tent and lies upon the other patients, does not speak and requires everything done for her. Still very destructive and uncleanly.
- December 19 Very clearly inclined, lies, from any one near her and has the front of her clothes wet with saliva, soaks her front all about her and screams if prevented.
- 1877  
February 15 Her clothes are not long put upon her till she has the front part covered with saliva and she masses herself with her food. She generally has her hands over her face and cries out loud if spoken to.
- April 15 She spits over all the front of her clothes and many days has them so wet that they require to be changed. Is quite incontinent and mindless, can do nothing whatever.
- June 14 Still spits upon her clothes and has a large patch of the top her head quite bald by picking the hairs out with her fingers. She hides her face and cries, "O dear," when spoken to.
- August 16 Has the front of her clothes always wet as well as the lower part of her face with spitting or letting the saliva flow from her mouth. She is very silly, does nothing.
- October 18 Rolls about and hides her face, still spits upon her clothes and has them wet. She does not speak but makes a silly cry when spoken to.
- December 13 For some time past she has given over pulling out her hair and it has now grown. Otherwise there is no change.



Janet Soumerville &amp; Williamson Oct. 75

1875

August 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Haverhill paper mill, and admitted as a  
private patient.

She is seventy-three years of age, married,  
the wife of - Stone Mason and a Quaker.

She was an inmate of Eastman's  
Asylum in 1866. The duration of the existing  
attack is two days and the cause is excitement  
caused by the illness of her husband who seems  
to be dying. She is both suicidal and dangerous  
to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Since admission she had been for  
some time morose and would not enter into  
conversation. She labored under the idea  
that when people get old they are better  
out of the world than in it, tried to strangle  
an other person, by catching her by the throat  
with both hands and then endeavoring  
to commit suicide by throwing herself into  
the Mill race.

On admission she had a staring,  
melancholy look, could not be got to  
enter into conversation and would hardly  
reply to questions; only did so in the most  
stump manner and rather by suggesting  
something said to her.

Hardly, health indifferent; condition  
ordinary. There is a disintegration under the eye eye

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She sleeps some during the night but  
was quiet. Today she sits by herself, has  
a staring look, but appears to take no notice  
of anything passing or around her.

" 12

She sleeps very little at night and only  
sits much alone and does nothing, does not  
speak to any of the other patients. Two days  
ago the minister called and told her of her  
husband's death, which seemed to affect her  
much at the time, but she is again in her usual  
quiet melancholy state.

September 16

She does a little reading and at one  
time even smiles when spoken to, but more  
often than speak her only recognition is a nod.  
Her expression of face is often staring or sad.

October 14

She still talks a little and replies  
when spoken to now more readily. She complains  
much of rheumatism and her hands have  
the peculiar twist of old cases of rheumatism  
but there is no swelling of the joints.

November 4

For fully a week past she has again  
been more depressed and the idea of leaving  
troubles her mind, but she was today taken away  
to live with her niece at Barstons and is now  
Relieved.

Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875

Isabella Brown

from Kenge 146

October 18

This patient who for some time past has been more delirious and irritable has lately become violent in her conduct, now and again attacking others without any provocation. She is not in good health.

December 13

A few days ago at the dinner table she struck another patient on the head with her spoon causing a small cutaneous wound. She says she was struck first but no one else saw it.



1875

Caroline Robb or Dewar Act. 53

- August 4 Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish. She is fifty-three years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be a few days and the cause not known. She is both homicidal and dangerous to others. Paralytic tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she had large sums of money lodged in different banks, that she would ride in her own carriage, and fancied herself strong, while she was quiet and paralytic. It appeared in the slightest she became very violent.
- On admission she was restless and very foolish in her conduct and talked in the most extravagant incoherent manner; talked about being a Queen and her husband a King and said Victoria was coming to see her; would then say that she herself was Queen Victoria and talk much of her wealth and possessions.
- Physically healthy very foolish - she is affected with general paralysis; spirits, attitude; condition reduced.
- " 5 She slept none during the night and was restless. Today she will not keep herself properly dressed and requires an attendant constantly with her to prevent her wandering into improper places. She can take no care of herself.
- " 12 She is very restless and sometimes will not keep her bed at night although she has a retentive of Chronic Hydent. & Rheum. term. She stutters much in her speech and talks in the most extravagantly delusive manner.
- September 16 She is noisy and sleeps well at night, nights, and generally during the day very restless, noisy, sometimes screaming and talking in the most incoherent and extravagantly delusive manner, cries for the doctor to relieve her of two children.
- October 14 She sleeps little or none at night and is very noisy and restless, very uncleanly in her habits and for some time has been losing flesh. She has a large bed-room over the passage and a smaller one over kitchen broochanter. She found suddenly and she parts hair was ploughed away. She is dying.
- " 18 Today at 2.45 P.M. She Died.
- " 19 Only the head was opened; showing the scalp to be very thin and great effusion in the brain and in the lateral ventricles. Brain substance ungelated and cerebellum softened.
- Cause of death - General Paralysis.

Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> August 1875

Margaret Buchanan or Morrison

From page 156

September 13

This patient is subject to epilepsy and has the seizures frequently and at very uncertain intervals. At times she is irrational and very stupid. She thinks when fit.

November 16

About the time she has the fits either before or after she is often very ill and thinks that something has been done upon her and mistrusts everything said to her.

1878  
January 17

Since last report she has been very stupid and for more than two weeks in bed. She had many epileptic seizures and could do nothing. Has been out of the delirious mood now for two days.



Elizabeth Ferguson

Oct 64

1878

August 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is sixty four years of age, single, a Dressmaker and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of the City Workhouse Asylum in May 1871. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Predisposing history not known.

Prior to admission she was much excited and violent, singing and laughing at intervals; at one moment sitting still and next throwing herself upon the ground and apparently listening for voices. Said she was Lady Gowrie.

On admission she was excited and restless, very talkative and rambled much in conversation. When questioned she often became confused, but after a little could recollect and tell what was asked of her.

Physically health feeble; condition reduced.

" 7

She was very restless during the night and today is inclined to talk much to herself, would talk incessantly if listened to. She takes her food.

" 14

She is considerably better and her mental faculties are becoming more affected but she is still unable to do anything. She is none of having been ill & says it was caused by excitement. She is talkative.

September 16

She is quiet orderly and industrious and now appears to be very well looking. She sometimes speaks about getting away and is perfectly reasonable and correct in her conversation.

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She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> August 1876

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1878

August 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Newarthill, Metherwell and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Bockhall Parish. She is eighteen years of age, single, a millworker and a Protestant.

About two years ago she showed signs of insanity, but was not sent to an Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is five days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. A brother was in this Asylum six years ago.

Prior to admission she was subject to fits of uncontrollable laughter and talked incoherently. She was sometimes violent, swore profusely, and yesterday broke a window.

On admission she was very restless and foolish, laughed much and talked in the most silly, incoherent manner. She could tell a good deal about herself, but could not do so without laughing and talking about and bringing in other subjects amongst it.

Physical health ordinary: Condition spare

" 8

She was noisy and restless during the night and today is excited and talks much in a rambling, disconnected manner, with about in her seat as if she were purposely moving.

" 16

For a night or two past she has slept well and during the day has been more orderly, but still in rather restless and silly in her manner, wants to know as she says there is nothing wrong with her.

September 6

She is employed daily in the laundry and is generally quiet and orderly. Her mind appears to be weak, her conversation is often silly and she sometimes cries without any apparent cause.

October 14

About a week ago, in the evening, instead of being in bed she was found lying under it and gave as her reason that she was afraid of fire voices which she heard. She has since been more stupid and restless and two days ago passed her feces in her clothes when she sat.

November 13

She is again better and is daily employed in the laundry, works well, but her expressions of face and manner are indicative of mental weakness and she wets her clothes much when working, both foolish when spoken to about it.

December 16

She has been confined to bed for a day or two with a suppurating sore throat but is again better, and employed as formerly, seems now more intelligent.

1876  
January 3

She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> August 1875

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1875

August 9

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 61 Elderslie Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-six years of age, single, a Dressmaker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about five weeks and the cause is not known. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Her younger sister (Diana) was formerly an inmate of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she was very dull and depressed, said that she was of no use in the world and wished out of it. She wished to jump over the window, three stories high and threatened to take poison.

On admission she was very quiet and had a melancholy staring expression. She was very nervous when spoken to but answered questions correctly, politely, and admitted she did not feel well but could not tell why.

Bodily health and audition indifferent.

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She slept two and a half hours during the night and was quiet when awake. Today she is very quiet and has taken her food.

" 17

She sleeps well at night and during the day employs her time sewing or walking out with the other patients. She replies when spoken to in a whisper and is inclined to turn away her head when looked at; is nervous.

September 6

She does a little sewing and is very quiet, answers scrupulously when spoken to, stares inquiringly and sometimes smiles, but will not enter into conversation. She was considered a little better, but when visited by her mother she was found to have the same gloomy thoughts.

October 14

She looks better, is slowly employed; quiet but more answer more readily when spoken to and says she is now well and able for her work. Still appears to be rather nervous. Is asacivic.

November 15

She continues much as before, quiet and when spoken to, stares inquiringly and is very slow to answer. Replies in a low tone and appears as if nervous and afraid.

December 16

On the evening of the sixth of this month after going to bed, she was observed to be ill and would not lie down; shuddered when any one approached her and the only thing she would tell was that all in the house were starving. She was put under the observation of the night nurse, has since been stuporously moribund, always in fear, has spoken none and all her food has had to be given her by means of the stomach pump.

Admitted 9th August 1876

December 23

The sleep almost none and is very restless, starts away as if in great pain when anyone approaches and often screams. She is uncleanly and not much more pale, has not been fed by the stomach pump for two days, but takes small quantities of milk brothan and stimulants from the nurse. She appears to be dying.

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She continued to become more pale till today at half past four expired again. She died.

Cause of death - Exhaustion from Acute Mania.

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1875

Mary Stewart &amp; Stewart Dec 30

- August 13 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Barry Parochial Asylum and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish, Glasgow. She is thirty-six years of age, widowed, a mill-worker and a Protestant.
- Five years ago she was an inmate of the City Parochial Asylum for ten months and now has been in Barry Parochial Asylum since 24<sup>th</sup> April 1870. The cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she was in a state of extreme mental excitability with general restlessness.
- On admission she was free from excitement, but very talkative; volunteered statements about herself without being asked. She said she had been a missionary in North America and parenthetically said we are enjoined to preach the gospel to all nations. She then she had got all her upper teeth knocked out in defending the right and talked much about her many illnesses.
- Rapidly mental faculties: imitation retained. She was stated to have a previous discharge from the Asylum, but on examination, nothing at present was found.
- " 14 She slept well during the night, but today is restless and foolish in her conduct doing very improper acts and will not be controlled. She talks much to herself.
- " 21 She talks much to herself in the most incoherent manner, is very restless night and day, tears her clothes, empties the contents of the chamber-pots and during the night rubs it on the floor: is at times very loud in her conduct, exposing her body.
- September 16 She is very restless and foolish in her conduct, talks in a rambling incoherent manner and often when no one is near her she covers her head with tings of hair and says it is the crown of thorns.
- October 14 She talks incessant in the most incoherent manner and in a kind of soliloquy distracts every person near until the voice and pays no attention to anything said to her.
- November 18 She leans upon the table and keeps up a continuous incoherent talking, only laughs when spoken to and goes on in the same way, pretense if interrupted with
- December 16 She has been rather quiet in her conduct and her acts are evidently caused by some delusion, but she is so incoherent that anything she says must be easily misunderstood.
- January 13 1876 She is now quiet, laughs much when spoken to and says she is well, but she conversed with in very rambling and disjointed delirium.



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February 13 Since last report she has been occasionally much excited, but for the last weeks has been much quieter, more orderly and her conversation much more rational.
- March 16 She continues quiet and does a considerable household work; generally answers simple questions correctly, but is apt to become rambling and extravagant in conversation.
- April 13 She works pretty well and is generally quiet; but whenever she begins to talk to any person, seems as if she would never end, talking about her relations and former life.
- May 18 She sometimes when talking about getting away speaks of her sister being ill and she says she has, seems as if about to cry and would do so if commenced with.
- June 15 Still works with the servant at the front door of the Ladies Division and is as talkative and rambling as ever speaks as if those she was addressing was quite intimate with persons they know not.
- July 20 She is still very talkative and when she can get anyone to listen to her is never tiring about her own history and that of her friends. She is generally industrious.
- August 17 She works every as formerly and is generally cheerful, but occasionally becomes a little depressed, especially when talking of her family. Not quite so talkative.
- October 19 She appears to be considerably better although she still shows some weakness of mind. Displays more anxiety and is less talkative and rambling.
- December 20 She is now very well mentally is less talkative and shows more firmness of mind and her conversation is more pointed and steady.
- 29 She was today dismissed  
Recovered.



1875

- August 13 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 44 Stanhope Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Paisley Parish. She is twenty-five years of age, single, a school teacher and a Roman Catholic. About five or six years ago she was inmate of Glasgow City Parochial Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is ten days and the cause is stated to be grief, at the loss of her school at Perth. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency. Prior to admission she was very disorderly in her conduct, would not keep in her clothes, throw water about the house and break everything within her reach. She stuffed her nose with things, stopped her ears, struck those around her and talked absolute nonsense. On admission she was much excited, got upon and over the backs of the seats and paid no attention to any words spoken to her. She opposed anything wanted of her and when being led along would try to get down upon the floor. Anything she said was quite incoherent and almost the only words that could be made out were manna and datta, which she cried out when touched. Her health indifferent: condition ordinary. There are a number of discolourations on her body.
- " 14 She was excited and noisy during the night, would not be in bed and refused to be placed in a single room. She pins her arms in her clothes. She talks, her food.
- " 21 She continued noisy and excited and rather melancholy in her habits for two or three days after last report, but now is much quieter. She holds down her head when spoken to and will not reply; sometimes smiles.
- September 6 Incoherent, excited and very restless. delights in mischief and when spoken to holds down her head, smiles and tries to put on the person addressing her. Noisy at night.
- October 14 Restless, excited and very incoherent but will not reply when spoken to, tosses about and laughs in a foolish manner. She sleeps badly at night.
- November 5 Always noisy at night and during the day very troublesome, writhes her body and holds away her head if spoken to tries to hide her face. Last night she was very destructive.
- December 16 She is now rather quieter and more orderly, but still foolish and incoherent, can do nothing and only laughs when spoken to.
- January 13 1876 She hides her face will laugh and persist sitting to be seen, talks incoherently.



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February 17

She does not improve at all and is very incoherent. She will hold her hands in her nose and push her head against anyone near her, whenever spoken to and will not let her face be seen.

March 16

Excited and very foolish in her conduct will not let her face be seen, laughs and contorts her body and never talks coherently.

April 13

Very troublesome and mischievous does very foolish act in a hidden way, is very stubborn and only laughs when spoken to.

May 13

She has been gathering up stones and other dirt and secretly throwing them about her bedding and became excited and rather dangerous when they were taken away.

June 15

She holds her hands upon her nose and laughs foolishly when spoken to will never reply to anything said to her but sometimes will cry out what is it.

July 30

Idle and very foolish in her conduct, and cannot be induced to do anything, but is less excitable although her language is still quite incoherent.

August 17

She is still incoherent in her language and although at times she is quiet and seems sensible, whenever she is spoken to, becomes very foolish in her conduct, laughs and talks incoherently.

October 17

For about a month past she has been much improved, is quiet and orderly, has been employing her time industrially and appears to be fairly convalescent.

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She was today dismissed - Recovered.

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Agnes Young

Oct. 19

- August 8 Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Korean Parochial Asylum and admitted as a  
Korean patient chargeable to City Parish, New Orleans.  
She is nineteen years of age, single,  
a mill-worker and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity, the  
cause is peculiar and she has been an  
inmate of Korean Parochial Asylum since  
26<sup>th</sup> April 1876. She is rather decided and  
dangerous to others. Possessing tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she was incoherent  
and delirious about her circumstances  
and condition.
- On admission she deliriated under  
great fear, fancied she had been brought  
here to be killed, cried aloud and could  
not be soothed by anything said to her.
- Her expression of face and manner indicated  
a degree of imbecility.
- Rapidly heated and audacious ordinary.
- September 19 She slept well during the night and  
today is quiet. She says her father was three  
months old when it died and she then became  
ill. She asserts that she is not yet seventeen  
years of age.
- 26 She is quiet and sometimes looks  
a little like displaying considerable weakness  
of mind and last night wet her bed.
- September 23 She has had recently some paroxysms  
of excitement, noisy and crying without cause  
nor could she give any reason. At present  
she is stupid and gives no reply when spoken  
to. Looks quite fatuous.
- October 30 Has a stupid silly look and at  
times cries without any apparent cause.  
nor can she tell what it is about. She some-  
times says she thinks it is time she was at home.
- November 13 She does not improve. Looks stupid  
and sits idly, cannot enter into any connected  
conversation and replies to questions in a silly  
petulant manner.
- December 6 Absent in her manner, looks quite  
stupid and does nothing, is rather irritable  
and in a childishly offended way will demand  
when she is to get out of this.
- 1876  
January 13 She generally has the appearance of being  
quite silly and fatuous, takes no notice when  
spoken to and again will in a childlike manner  
say she wants to get home.
- February 17 She sits in a rigid posture, says her  
neck is broken and will not move it, cries out  
if anyone touches her and is afraid to look full of  
she has a very demoralized look.
- March 16 Stupid and at times seems quite  
demented, again she will talk in an excited  
silly, rambling manner. She can do nothing  
but takes her food pretty well.



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- 1876
- April 13 Does not improve, can do nothing and at times acts as if she were unable either to move or speak, looks very stupid.
- May 18 She sits with her arms hanging by her side and has the appearance of a person making an effort to keep upon her seat. Her session rapid, when spoken to.
- June 15 Has a furious look and when spoken to, if she replies at all, her language is quite irrelevant & altogether incoherent.
- July 20 She can do nothing whatever, has a very stupid look, but hides her front herself and is clearly in her habits.
- August 17 She sits upon her seat, with an appearance as if pressed up and if touched would tumble over, cries out that if come near and is always idle.
- October 17 Still tormented and has all the appearance of dementia added to imbecility, can do nothing and has general reply, "I prefer to be left to get away, but cannot tell where to."
- December 14 Idle and irritable, does nothing and if touch puts up her hands, says about ear and throats.
- 1877
- February 5 Demented and silly, but always ready if interfered with, to push me and talk excitedly. She can do nothing and when quiet has a furious look.
- April 17 She has commenced to build a little, but otherwise is no better, is somewhat furious and displays great weakness of mind, both in her conduct and conversation.
- June 14 Quite silly, cannot carry on any connected conversation, but does some very simple work and is in good bodily health and condition.
- August 16 At times she becomes very irritable and demands to get away, says we have no business to keep her here. Talks rubbish.
- October 18 She seldom now looks pleased and is often idle than otherwise, will not reply when spoken to and if touched, cries "stupid me".
- December 13 Is silly and at present has the look and manner of a stunted, can do nothing and does not reply when spoken to.



1875

Mrs Ann Mc Gilchrist Oct. 56

August 21

Was brought to the Asylum today from 88 High Street Falkirk and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-six years of age, married and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is two months and the cause is stated to be loss of blood from hemorrhoids. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited occasionally, but was generally melancholy and laboured under delusions.

On admission she had a melancholy expression of face and was rather emaciated and anorectic. She said she would never get better but could not tell what use of there was anything wrong with her. She frequently when spoken to stared vacantly and gave no reply, was sometimes incoherent.

bodily health very indifferent. Constipation reduced. She is affected with anemia of the eye.

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She slept none during the night but was quiet. Yesterday she would eat none, but today has taken her food very sparingly.

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She is quiet and very emaciated, she answers when spoken to and at times seems quite unable to reply to the simplest questions. She eats very sparingly and sleeps badly.

September 23

She is very bewildered and stupid when spoken to and though her lips move and she turns in her state she gives no reply. She can do nothing for herself requires to be fed. Towards evening.

October 6

Since last report she has gradually become more stupid and obstinate. Bowels very active and for the two night before last she never lay down but stood at her bedside and although placed in it immediately got up and stood as before. This morning she was observed to be worse, emaciated such as if in pain. Her skin was cold and moist and her pulse thready. She lay in bed with her legs placed upon her body. Was ordered to have turpentine stupes applied all over her belly. This afternoon at a quarter before five o'clock she

Died

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Today a post mortem examination was made which showed the bowels to be highly congested and glued together with patches of yellow lymph, easily broken up and fluid containing pus in it.

Cause of death - Inflammation of bowels.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> August 1875

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August 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from New Larnack and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Larnack Parish.

She is forty-four years of age, single, a bottle-glass maker and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is four weeks and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Paralytic tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she laboured under great disquietude with delusions and frequent incoherent exclamations. Her appearance was excited and there was great abstraction from her former state of mind.

On admission she was quiet and when spoken to would give no reply, but made signs which her brother who was with her seemed to understand. He said she wanted a drink of water which when she got, she talked and then went about offering it to every one she met to do the same. Her brother stated that a month ago her father and mother left her at home quite well to go and visit a sister of hers and that next day when they returned they found her in her present state and that she could tell them nothing coherent.

Body healthy and condition ordinary. There is a large discoloration on either arm.

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She was noisy and restless during the night and today refuses all food, will not speak and conducts herself in a very unreasonable way. Her tongue is entire and she refuses medicine.

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She was asleep latter at night, but during the day is idle and restless, goes about in a purposeless manner and when spoken to replies incoherently or gives no answer.

September 23

She sits claspingly with her hands by her side, rocks up her head and will not speak, acts as if she heard and will not had to be placed in the byamman used to be fed.

October 20

She never speaks, talks or writes when spoken to and sits all day long in the same bewildered state, requires to be assisted with every thing she does.

November 15

Sits with her head erect and her hands hanging by her sides, pays no attention when spoken to and even when touched is quite passive, never speaks.

December 16

She does not sleep at night, gets up and stands at the side of her bed and during the day sits in the same way as above noticed. She is falling off physically and has been ordered to have wine and Cod liver oil.

1876  
January 15

She sits idly all day long seldom raises her eyes; sometimes smiles, but never speaks.



Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> August 1876

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February 17

She has been very restless and excited, stands before a looking glass with her hair on her face, rubbing up and down with her arms raised before her and will not desist; says she is doing the work of her Heavenly Father.

March 16

She sits with her eyes nearly constantly closed, but is moved with start and cry out what is it. She mutters much to herself.

April 13

Always occupies the same seat behind the table and sits erect with her eyes closed muttering and her hands hanging by her side.

May 13

Will do nothing and becomes excited if spoken to in any way; talks in the most rambling incoherent manner.

June 15

She sits with her hands on her other and her eyes cast down and is often observed to be muttering to herself. She always sits, talks her food.

July 20

Always occupies the same seat and has a dumbed proceffed look. When spoken to she sometimes raises her eyes and again immediately casts them down without giving any reply.

August 17

Cannot be induced to do anything and sits in the same position behind a table often mutters to herself.

October 19

Subject to occasional paroxysms of excitement when she seems to be talking rapidly to some imaginary person and is quite unconscious of all that is going on around her.

December 11

Mutters and talks to herself with her eyes half closed and her hands pressed in the opposite sleeves of her dress, stares in apparent astonishment when spoken to.

1877

February 13

Seldom speaks out but mutters to herself. When excited she talks loudly, her speech being incoherent and delirious expressed in what she says.

April 19

Still mutters much to herself and often a word said to her causes her to become excited and threatening, talks most incoherently.

June 14

Still talks much to herself and is highly offended if any notice be taken of it; becomes noisy and excited, talks in a loud voice and is very incoherent.

August 16

She occupies her time knitting, but when spoken to takes no notice and just goes on as if she never heard.

October 18

If she replies at all when spoken to it is to put some such question as, who are you? even to those she has known for years and sometimes afterwards mutters very incoherently.

December 13

Seldom takes any notice when spoken to unless some question is put about anything prior to her admission here; when she becomes incoherent and scolds occasionally.



1875

Christina Reid

Act. 45

August 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 57 Abercorn Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty-eight years of age, single, a servant and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of Princess Street from August 1873 till May 1875. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked violently in the most incoherent manner and was much excited; was indignant in her conduct opposing her parson. She fancied her father was a nobleman, but also a murderer, and said that people came in through the windows and took liberties with her.

On admission she was quiet, but talked in a rambling manner about her sister; said her sister was insane and was going to cut her throat, and that when the doctor came he caused her to take medicine instead of giving it to her sister and that she had done so and gone to her bed to please her sister, was also very complimentary in her other statements.

Foodily treated indifferent; condition reduced.

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She slept well during the night and today is quiet and talks less freely.

September 2

Ever since last report she has been very pugnacious, violent in her conduct, and uncleanly and destructive in her habits. She has slept little or none at night, requires to be placed in a single room and is noisy.

She is quite incoherent.

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Noisy at night and during the day restless irritable and incoherent in her language complains of the noise while she herself makes more noise than any one near her.

She was today taken to Governor's Petted Asylum by authority of Sir James Rose, and dismissed—

Relieved.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> August 1878

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Margaret (White) Gordon Oct 35  
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August 30

Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from Danvers near Farmington and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-eight years of age, married a Quakerman's wife and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

She has a slight attack about eleven years ago. The duration of the existing attack is eight months and the cause is uncertain. She is not dangerous to others, but doubtful within curability. Her mother and a sister were both demented.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and would sit for days without speaking, was afraid she would do herself or others injury and could not keep her thoughts or sleep she would sit. Thought herself a lost spirit.

On admission she had a dull, red, hot face and could with difficulty be got to reply to anything said to her; speaks in a whisper and scarcely the only audible words could be got from her were that she was unable to die. Her husband stated that in May 1874 while living in Connecticut America, she was delivered of a child (a poor presentation) and at the time was nearly dead and had never since been well.

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bodily, bodily, feeble; condition ordinary.

She was quiet and slept pretty well during the night, but today seems dull and stupid, her hand shakes when she speaks and she still says she is not fit for living and that nothing in the world is the same now.

September 7

She sleeps well at night, but during the day is very depressed, says she is very wicked and has done so much wrong she can never be forgiven, does not know what she should do and cannot get better.

October 14

Very depressed and gloomy, shakes her head and says the world is done for her or she will never be better. There is some slight elevation at the neck of the uterus and she has been having alum injections, but shakes her head and says the disease is in it.

November 13

Exceedingly miserable, moans much and moves about with her eyes nearly closed says her head is like a stone and that the world is done for her, wishes herself out of it and is quite unmanageable.

" 30

She is no better but was today taken away by her husband and dismissed -  
Relieved.





1875

Mary Sally

Oct 19

August 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish. She is nineteen years of age, single and a Roman Catholic. Occupation not known.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she was in a very excited condition, sang, sung and danced herself on the ground at irregular periods, talked incoherently, and she was the Virgin Mary. Refused her person.

On admission she was excited and very restless, threw herself about against any body she saw, in the ground and talked in the most incoherent manner, often roared out "Oh Jesus Christ" and "Oh Maria" was in great danger of injuring both herself and others. The only question she seemed to understand was when asked where she lived and she said, the South, evidently meaning Saltmarket.

Notably hostile indifferent, and like ordinary there is a discolouration under her eye and the right little finger is swollen inflamed and painful to touch.

September 1

She slept none during the night, was very noisy and her clothes, required to be placed in a single room. Today she is stupidly morose and would dash herself about if not prevented by the attendants, cries and struggles meaninglessly.

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Continued very morose till about two days ago, throwing herself about and struggling with the attendants in a meaningless manner. She is not quiet. The finger has become red and has opened; is very sore.

October 16

She is now apparently very well mentally works well and is getting very stout. She has not menstruated since admission and is herself mostly anxious about her trifling matters.

November 8

She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> August 1875

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August 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from 3 Anabaptist Lane, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-nine years of age, married a Housewife and a Methodist.

She was first ill ten years ago, at her mother's death. Was in Edinburgh Royal Asylum three years ago; got well and was so till six weeks ago. The cause is previous attacks and nursing. Has had five children, the youngest six months old.

An aunt on her mother's side died in an Asylum.

Prior to admission she fancied she saw forms of things and beings, that had no reality, also heard imaginary sounds and heard a constant stream of being pronounced.

Was in low spirits, suspicious and cooked must believe her. Memory defective.

On admission she was quiet, dull and depressed. When asked said that she saw strange forms night and day that terrified her, felt herself unwell, but could not tell how. She started much at the people she saw here, drew back when approached and said she had seen them before, but could not tell where or when.

Bodily health good: Condition reduced.

September 1

She slept more during the night and today is in great fear, fancies that some injury is about to be done her, but cannot tell what she refuses food. Her menses are today hard and painful, undulated.

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It is with the greatest difficulty the attendants can feed her as she sometimes will not open her mouth and resists any attempt of others to do so. Her menses are hard and painful and the menses are flowing.

October 14

She occupies her time sewing and is quiet and now takes her food better, but her menses are always very colic. She generally when spoken to bursts out into meaningless laughter and only laughs more if asked what she is laughing at.

November 15

She does not now laugh so much or frequently and at times when spoken to is rather irritable and to questions says directly she will not tell although she says she knows. She is in good bodily health & condition.

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She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed -

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1875

August 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 6 Balgony Road Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Kurray Parish.

She is sixteen and a half years of age single and a protestant.

She is stated to have been insensible from birth, but her mother states that the state she is in was superseded upon a fever when she was six years old. She is stated to be dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had an insensible look and was childish in her talk. She was dangerous among children as she often beat them with sticks and other weapons, unaided from home, could not find her way back and was often lost.

On admission she was quiet and answered questions in a childish manner, said 'yes' to almost everything said to her. He said she could not read and that the master put her out of the school because she could never learn. The forefinger of the right hand was suppurating and she was in great fear when it was being examined.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

September 1

She slept well during the night and today is quiet, but becomes much alarmed when her finger is looked at: has a practice to it.

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She is very childish and does nothing and is much alarmed when asked to show her finger, is quiet and orderly.

October 16

She takes her food well, but can do nothing and only can give replies to the very simplest questions; is always ready to say "yes sir" and often answers wrongly in her hurry to reply or to please.

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She was today taken to the Workhouse of Govan Union, Glasgow, by authority of Sheriff Galloway and dismissed —

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Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> August 1876

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Margaret Mc. Gregor or Lyon Res. 53

September 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty three years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of City Parochial Asylum in May 1873, January and September 1874 and January 1875. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is unknown, but patient admits having taken drink. She is both suicidal and dangerous to herself. Homicidal tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she heard inquiring voices which told her to drown herself and murder her children, admitted having attempted to kill one of her children; was greatly depressed.

On admission she was depressed, cried much, said that the neighbours spoke ill of her and that her husband drank heavily and blamed her causing her to be ill. Continued to cry much without any apparent cause.

Rapidly healed, indifferent: condition reduced.

" 5

She slept well during the night and today is more cheerful, answers readily when spoken to; takes her food.

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She is very quiet and orderly, is at times a little dull, thinking about her family, but otherwise is well and happy.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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1875 Sarah Mc Kay or Mc Allister Oct. 10

September 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

Her former residence in Glasgow and the cause and duration of the attack are all stated to be unknown. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency is stated.

Prior to admission she stated that she saw and spoke to many who were dead including her father who constantly followed her; was tired of life and wanted to burn herself to escape to heaven. Talked incoherently.

On admission she was quiet and appeared to be quite intelligent about everything, said she was taking a sleep upon the Green on the bank of the Clyde and was taken away because it was thought she was going to drown herself, which she had no intention to do although she would like very well to be in heaven. Became rambling, incoherent and very confused in her further statements. She had a little bag full of Brown tickets in her dress.

Hereditary health indifferent; Condition ordinary.

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She slept well during the night and today appears to be clearer mentally, says she had been drinking for two weeks, which was the cause of her illness. She takes her food.

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She works every day in the washing-house or laundry, takes her food well and is cheerful and very orderly in her conduct.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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September 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Ayr District Asylum and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to New Southland Parish.

She is twenty-nine years of age, single  
a Scotch and a Roman Catholic.

She was previously an inmate of this  
Asylum from 31<sup>st</sup> July 1873 till 24<sup>th</sup> January 1874  
and has been in Ayr District Asylum from  
6<sup>th</sup> July last. Cause of insanity not known  
She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to  
others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was excited  
and weak minded.

On admission she said she was living  
with her mother and sister in Scotland  
and in July last she took a fit as she  
thought her sister's salary was not fit to  
keep them all and she wished herself to  
take a school and thought she would be  
better in the parish to relieve them of her  
maintenance. She was quiet but talked as  
if her conduct had been very correct and  
even necessary to her mother.

Probably somewhat indifferent. Condition spare.

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She slept well during the night, but  
today is very anxious to get away; standing  
up with her eyes closed she said she would  
like to get away from here as she could  
not get to hear mass and did not like the place.

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She sits with her eyes half closed and  
when spoken to rises up and says she would  
like to get home, is still all day long.

October 16

She has a discontented expression of  
face, sits with her eyes nearly closed and  
her hands hanging by her side, but stands  
up when spoken to and says she is well.

November 18

Appears to be more fatigued; sits with  
her eyes nearly closed and nervous looking  
upon her nose and makes no attempt to  
assist herself, can do nothing.

December 16

She does not speak, never raises  
her eyes, but sometimes when named will  
stand up and after a little sit down again  
without making any further movement.

1876  
January 13

She is very little if at all better  
but always now when she stands up or  
being approached asks if she will soon  
get away, and can say nothing else.

February 11

She is now somewhat better in her  
as she is more active and can attend a little  
better to herself. She has still very little mind  
always asks the same question.

March 16

Much the same as at last report  
is quiet and orderly, but requires to be kept  
to carefully to keep her clean.

April 13

Can do little or nothing and at  
times when spoken to, she falls upon her knees.

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Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> September 1875

- 1876  
 May 18 She is still somewhat although at times she looks more active, can do no work although she attends the Thursday meetings and sometimes dances.
- June 15 Sits idly all day long, but whenever she is approached rises as it were mechanically and says she is well and hurriedly sits down again as if a duty had been performed.
- July 20 Continues in the same demented state, takes her food well and is quiet and very orderly, more so than formerly.
- August 17 Sometimes now she can be got to take a saucer in her hand, but can do little or nothing is very mindless.
- October 19 She is now occasionally employed in the laundry and can work very at simple articles, but when spoken to, has nothing further to say than that she is well.
- December 4 Can do little or nothing and cannot carry on any connected conversation is demented and absent.
- 1877  
 February 15 She is quiet and orderly, can do little or nothing and never makes any request, seldom says more than that she is quite well, must enter into conversation.
- April 17 She is generally very orderly in her conduct, but is somewhat demented and when spoken to is very rambling and incoherent her mental faculties being all impaired.
- June 14 Always ready to spring from her seat and say she is very well, but looks stupid when questioned. She takes her food pretty well and is in ordinary bodily health.
- August 16 Has been more excited, restless and very foolish in her conduct, claps her hands, whoops about and her language is quite incoherent.
- October 18 She is quieter again and more orderly in her conduct, but seems more stupid and incoherent in her language than she was before her last excited attack.
- December 15 She is quite incoherent and can do little or nothing, is at times very foolish in her conduct and often restless and excited.
- 1878  
 December 27 Very silly, gesticulate and walks away when spoken to and often gives no reply.
- 1879  
 November 18 Demented, goes out to the laundry but only can do such work as carrying the wash.
- 1880  
 December 10 Mindless and often talks to herself does not seem to understand what is said to her and is often obstinate and foolish.
- 1881  
 December 12 Demented, conversation very rambling and she is willful and often silent.
- 1882  
 November 20 Becomes foolish and willful, goes out to the laundry, but does almost nothing.
- December 11 Mindless and often incoherent, talks to herself, but does not reply when spoken to.

L. B. I. R. S.



1875

Mary Ann Dowell &amp; Watson Oct. 30

September 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Stirling District Asylum and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Perthshire Parish.

She is thirty years of age, married, a cottier's wife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about ten months and the cause is unspecified. She was an inmate of Stirling District Asylum since 25<sup>th</sup> April 1875. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her delirious tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she laboured under melancholy and believed she ought to die on account of her sins, feared she would go to hell. She was formerly suicidal, but does not seem so now.

On admission she had a dull stupid look and would not speak, but when taken into the infirmary ward she became much excited, screamed out and appeared to be in great fear, caused by her seeing a dressing gown hanging on the wall with the red lining outwards, which it was her husband and could not be pacified.

When admitted to Stirling District Asylum she had recently had an attack of mania and was extremely weak. She is still feeble, but improving much.

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She sleeps well during the night but today sits rocking her body, will not raise her hand nor speak, moves a little and can do nothing. She takes her food.

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She was confined to bed for some days after admission but now is out of bed, sits with her hands by her side, has a very glassy look, but when spoken to is found to be depressed.

October 16

She has been confined to bed for the last two weeks, and never speaks. Her friends when visiting her to put things up gave her a quantity of plums after which she was sick and ill and a number were found in her hands with which she would not part.

November 8

Very fatigued, has always a dull heavy look, can do little or nothing for herself, is hardly even able to take her food and never speaks or replies when spoken to.

December 16

She has again been got out of bed and has occasionally been a little excited as shown by occasional incoherent talking and laughing without any apparent cause.

1876  
January 13

She always sits in the same place, can do nothing and hardly ever looks about. She requires to be fed and cannot keep her clothes clean from saliva running from her mouth.

February 17

Looks as if afraid when spoken to, looks furtively up, but seldom gives any reply. She is out of bed daily, but requires to be dressed.



Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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March 16

Demented, sometimes cries and becomes rather excited; says she is being thickest about, at other times she cannot be got to speak.

April 13

Very fatuous sits with her hands before her and requires to be fed can do nothing whatever for herself and is at times very obtuse.

May 13

Although put to the table with her food before her she will not touch it and often it is with considerable difficulty she can be fed. She is in very indifferent health.

June 15

Often stands near the door in a demented meaningless way, with a frown on her face, cannot talk what she wants and when asked to take a seat goes & sits down.

July 20

She lets the bolton flow from her mouth as to her clothes and although she is demented is sometimes very miserable and says she wants out.

August 17

Has a very bewildered look and often stands near her seat, can give no proper answer when spoken to but generally in a wailing voice says that she wants home. She gets letters from her husband (a Soldier in India) and makes most some attempt at answering them.

October 17

Does not improve, can do nothing and is generally found standing before her seat or near the door of the ward. Will hardly say anything when spoken to.

December 14

She does nothing and at the present time requires to be led to the table and put into her seat, but although still demented answers in a way when spoken to.

1877

February 13

She is considerably recovered up since last report and now can answer many questions quite exactly, always replies when spoken to, is much more active and now does a little sewing.

April 19

She continues to do a little work, but is restless and unsettled, there is a suspicious manner when spoken to, has no idea of how ill she was and mistakes what is said to her. Bodily health pretty good.

May 23

She was today taken to Stirling by her sister, on the authority of a minute of the Provincial Board and dismissed Relieved.



Elizabeth Handley, Roscliffe Oct. 60

1875

September 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is sixty years of age, widowed, a Dealer and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to herself but not suicidal. No relations known.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly and incoherently, answered questions irrelevantly. She stated that she was only twenty years of age and fancied herself in England; was very restless.

On admission she walked unsteadily and her articulation was very incoherent. At times her words could not at all be made out and again when they could be caught they were either irrelevant or without

bodily health very feeble - she is affected with paralysis; articulation reduced.

Her body was much marked by eczema. She was quiet during the night, but not her bed. Today she tried to be dressed and fast; is in a helplessly demoralized state.

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It has been found necessary to keep her in bed as she is too helpless and feeble. She is restless, tries to get up and is often in danger of injuring herself, by falling, when trying to do so. Her articulation is so thick that what she says is not known.

" 22

She is confined to bed and is very helpless, sometimes she speaks in a very broken voice she tries to make known her wants and cries if not understood.

November 14

She now speaks more distinctly and what she says is generally to be made out. She is now out of bed daily is very restless and ill to please always crying for notice.

December 16

She has been removed from the Infirmary Ward and no longer speaks distinctly but slowly continuously asks to get away to town where she can do nothing and cannot see that she is so ill. She can now walk.

1876  
January 13

Can do nothing and often falls asleep during the day and her pupils are slightly unequal and her speech a little impeded.

February 17

She says she is in good health and went away. She had a slight congestion attack and for a day or two was more helpless, but is again such as she was before. She often falls asleep at the fire can do nothing and asks frequently to get a third portion.

March 16

Can do nothing and is very discontented. She fancied herself strong, asked to get away and says her two legs would take her anywhere.

April 13

She is now able to go out to the laundry and do a little work.



Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> September 1875

- 1876
- May 18 She has been progressively crying in a childish manner about getting home, saying she does not wish to die here. She sometimes falls asleep while out at her work.
- June 15 Very talkative and her only idea is how she can get away out of this, never once talking about it. On all other subjects she shows great want of mind.
- July 20 She has no where to go to, but says just you let me away and I will show you what I will do. She walks well considering her very helpless former state, but still shows symptoms of paralysis.
- August 17 Her first and last cry is to get away and when she gets a hold of the Medical Officers she asks them to state the time and is always for detaining them till they will say. She remembers much in general conversation.
- October 19 She still goes to the Laundry, but requires constant overlooking and although talkative shows considerable dementia.
- December 11 Has only one idea which is always present and which she never quits to mention, which is to get away immediately. She is pretty active notwithstanding the paralysis.
- 1877
- February 16 Often makes a noise about heaven, and wishes people's souls to heaven, because she wants it, makes a pretence of being about to cry and breaks off scolding.
- April 19 Silly and childish in her usual muttering and her constant cry is to get out of this. Although so helpless she thinks she could work to maintain herself.
- June 14 She was confined to bed for nearly a month with a foul deep ulcer on the left leg and all the time cried to get away as she was quite well. About ten days ago she was got up with the ulcer quite healed, but it has again broken out.
- August 16 Still kept in bed as whenever she gets up the leg becomes much worse, she sometimes cries to get away, although she says she has no place to go to. Is quite silly.
- October 18 Will say, do go poor Eliza out of bed, or get up, is sometimes quite happy and again is found crying. The skin over the leg from a little below the knee to near the ankle is red and often all over scabs thin matter.
- December 13 The leg sometimes seems nearly well and gain crusts over and the crust coming off let away an acrid matter from of a raw red surface which again dries up. There is no change mentally.

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## Marjory &amp; Margaret Lorn &amp; Graham (cont.)

- September 15 Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Glasgow Parish. She is thirty-nine years of age, married, a Winder and a Protestant.
- She was formerly an inmate of Glasgow Provincial Asylum from 22<sup>nd</sup> July till 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875. This is stated to be the second attack. As to the duration and cause are not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she was greatly excited, wrung her hands, imagined that she was being charged with various crimes and that she was being poisoned.
- On admission she was very incoherent, moaned much and said it was in consequence of her wickedness, but that it was all done to her by others putting delusions upon her and that she knew when they did it to her, as it came upon her like a mist and was like to suffocate her. While talking she became much excited saying she saw her husband coming in a balloon to choke her with sulphur.
- bodily health very indifferent; isolation advised.
- " 16 She was very restless and excited during the night, would not lie in bed and required to be placed in a single room. Today she is very stupid and tries to amuse herself.
- " 23 She now complains her brain being and is quiet, and rather depressed, but very anxious to get away, says drink was the cause of her illness, cannot see she required to be here, fancies her enemies laugh her.
- October 16 She has steadily improved and is now always industrially employed, but is morbidly anxious to get away, talks about her children requiring her; complains of pain into down the left side of her face.
- November 18 About a week ago she again relapsed because depressed and restless and ultimately very much excited from delusion. She ran up and down, crying her husband was lying outside with his back broken and that her daughters were burned, fancied she heard their cries.
- December 16 For about two weeks past she has been again quiet and well and is daily employed industrially, but is restless and overanxious to get away, must see how it she uses.
- " 29 She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> September 1876

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September 17

Was brought to the Dispensary today, from 149 Finnieston Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, widowed, a Domestic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about a week and the cause is stated to be depression from the loss of her husband and child. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she mistook the identity of people and fancied them to be her husband, talked ramblingly, she was noisy and at times violent, attempted to throw herself over the window and this morning had a hatchet in her possession there around her being in fear of bodily injury.

On admission she talked much in a rambling incoherent manner and fancied she knew everybody she saw, gave them their names than their own; called the Medical Officer, Captain and the Nurse alternately.

Her husband was with in a vessel and died on the passage from Scotland, but she said he was not dead and that she had helped him to row the boat to land with her one arm, would not believe her child dead and said the land was coming to her. She fancied she had got poison and clutched hold of those near her in a manumgling way.

Physically health good: condition reduced.

18 She was restless and noisy during the night and would not remain in bed, refused her food and talks very incoherently. Her body is very large. In January last she was a patient in the Royal Infirmary affected with dropsy, but there was no oedema of legs or feet.

25 She is restless and noisy at night talks very incoherently and at times will not keep her bed. Her body is still large but quite compressible.

October 16

On the day after last report, she had a shock of paralysis affecting the whole left side of her body, but after a day or two the power gradually returned. She is confined to bed and now can use her arm and leg, but they are weaker than the other side. She is quiet, rather demented.

November 15

She is very quiet, rather absent and confused; but can answer simple questions not requiring memory. She is confined to bed and her abdomen is preternaturally large.

December 16

She has now been out of bed for some time, is very slow and cautious in all her movements. Her sleep she is now well and would like to get home. Her abdomen is smaller and there is no oedema of the feet or legs.

Admitted 17th September 1875

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She is now much better mentally and stronger physically, can now do any light work, but from the state of her heart which is affected from a former attack of Rheumatism cannot very actively exert herself. She was today dismissed - Recovered.

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## Margaret Nelson

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September 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish, Kingspar.

She is twenty years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of Parkers Asylum in 1872. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known.

She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

On admission she fancied she heard the voices of her children and that the hours were her own. Stated she was going to get married in a few minutes and pointed to her attendants as her bridesmaids. Was restless and dangerous.

On admission she was maniacally excited, screamed, struggled and cuffed and anyone near her, rolled about and talked very incoherently, called out to persons by names not their own and could tell nothing about herself.

Physical health ordinary: Condition good.

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She had a copious quantity of Chest Hydrot and Potassium at bedtime and slept till 4 o'clock A.M. was very oftentimes and today is very restless and excited.

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Continues excited, very restless and dangerous, most disorderly in her conduct and her language is quite incoherent. Last night she wet her bed.

October 4

Still maniacally excited. She was today taken to Stirling District Asylum by authority of Sir James Rose and dismissed -  
Ridgwood.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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Catherine McAndrew &amp; Alice 1875

- September 18  
Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.  
She is forty-five years of age, married, an old poor Walese and a Roman Catholic.  
This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.  
Prior to admission she talked to herself in an incoherent manner, frequently repeating that she had been sent where she was because she had drunk the health of a fisherman. She did not know where she was and was quite irrational in her conduct.  
On admission she talked in a rambling incoherent manner and would not be got to attend to or give a reply to anything said to her. Said she had been sent here for drinking the health of the Holy Roman Catholic Church.  
Bodily health and condition ordinary.  
There are a number of discolourations upon her arms.
- " 19  
She slept none and talked all night.  
Forcing her to walk and frolic in her conduct going from place to place, tries to avoid attention.
- " 27  
Became more sleepless and talked much when awake during the night. She appears to be quite unable to do anything and when spoken to replies in a careless manner.
- October 20  
She is incoherent and very rambling in conversation, talks much and is very perverse will not do the simplest things asked of her but will have her own way. She fell upon the floor, receiving a contused wound above the left eye and would not let it be touched saying it was not sore and no harm would come of it.
- November 18  
She is noisy every night and during the day chatters in the most incoherent manner, does nothing and is very restless. The wound above her eye is now healed, but it required to air nature, to keep the edges together.
- December 16  
Very noisy, talks incessantly and she would she say cannot be made at. She only laughs when spoken to but will not stop her continuous incoherent talking.
- 1876  
January 18  
Chatters and talks for long periods together without any person knowing what she says and at night is often restless and noisy.
- February 17  
Very noisy and nothing that can be said to her has any impression upon her. Her language is most incoherent, no sense whatever or the least meaning being in her words.
- March 10  
Excessively noisy, talks at all times in a continuous and incoherent manner, so one can make out what she says, and she becomes rather dangerous if spoken to.



Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> September 1875

- 1876
- April 13 Noise and very incoherent, at times talks incessantly and very few of the words she utters can be made out.
- May 18 Walks up and down the Foundry Court talking in an excited incoherent manner and the only words she says that are known and which she often repeats are "The Struggle".
- June 15 Still noisy and chatters incessantly without seemingly making the least effort and looks about as if some person were coming to injure her.
- July 20 She is always talking and crying to some imaginary person to "mind their own business", scolds and laughs intermittingly and is seldom at rest.
- August 17 She is an endless chatter and will parade up and down in this noisy state for long periods together, speaking to her only makes her worse and talk more loudly. She eats well and is in good bodily health and condition.
- October 19 When sitting at the table at her food she always distracts those near her and if anyone goes near her, she springs up and runs away chattering.
- December 16 Noisy and excited, runs up and down, talking in the most incoherent manner and only becomes worse if spoken to or interfered with.
- 1877
- February 15 Incoherent and her words follow each other in such rapid succession that very few of them can be made out, but one business which is often repeated is generally quite distinct. Bodily health good.
- April 19 Chatters and talks incessantly, cries out to imaginary persons; "what are you talking at" and utters her incoherent language. She eats large quantities of food.
- June 14 She swears by her "fist and tail", swearing her Irish and truth and chatters in the most incoherent way, is mindlessly happy.
- August 16 Often when approached she will run away as if afraid of being spoken to laughs and talks hurriedly and will not sit down till the person goes away.
- October 18 She sometimes now does a little sewing, but talks much when no one is near her and is always incoherent.
- December 18 She still conducts herself as formerly and is in good bodily health.



Henrietta M. Millan &amp; Flood Oct. 13

1875

September 20

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty-seven years of age, widowed, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she imagined she heard her daughter crying "Oh Mother, cruel," heard her friends constantly whispering to her in many things and fancied she she is to be banished. Was quite irritable.

On admission she had a dull about look, was very slow to answer questions and often gave no reply. She thought she was out here because she was selling her furniture, could not explain what she meant and was rather distressed by having voices telling her she must leave the country.

bodily head indifferant, condition ordinary.

" 21

She slept well during the night and today is quiet and has been sewing a little. She is very slow to give any reply when spoken to, complains of feeling sore.

" 25

For a day or two after admission she fancied she heard voices where there was no person. She slept badly at night and during the day is still rather abstract.

October 10

She is now active and very industrious is daily employed washing the dishes, cleaning and doing other domestic duties, is very pleasant in her manner talks rationally and appears to be quite happy and contented.

November 4

About ten or twelve days ago, she became sleepless at night and has gradually become worse mentally, wishes to see her minister and is now quite incoherent and stupid; neither keeps her seat and requires the attendants to feed her. She walks very unsteadily and appears to be approaching paralysis.

" 9

She was today taken to Green Hospital Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell, and dismissed.

Relieved.





1875

## Mary Fleming or Ferguson Oct. 28

September 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from 103 Main Street Bridgeton and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-eight years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is twelve days and the cause is stated to be various excitements. She is neither homicidal nor dangerous to others. A maternal aunt was insane.

Prior to admission she was moderately and incessantly quarrelsome, nervous and talked about the virtues of heaven, the blood of the Lamb and seeing her own coffin entering heaven; at times was restless, refused food and slept little. Her mother stated that she thought the house was on fire and caught her two children to go over the windows.

In admission she talked in a very wandering incoherent manner and could not give a correct answer to the simplest question; spoke of having got her eyes rooted in a coach and of having come over the waves in a boat.

Bodily health very feeble: Condition reduced. She was nursing a child, now ten months old.

" 22

She was quiet during the night but slept none. She talks very incoherently and the attendants have great difficulty in getting her to take any food.

" 23

Since last report she has been fed daily by means of the stomach pump and when asked why she does not take her food says she can get nothing to eat. She is impatient to bed, is restless and talks incoherently very weak.

October 20

For fully a week past she has been very much better; now takes her food well and employs her time sewing. She talks quite coherently, but is weak and somewhat mild boils on her legs, but they are now healing.

November 6

She continues to improve, is gradually gaining strength, takes her food well, is quiet and very pleasant, employs her time sewing.

December 11

She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed—

Recovered.





Flora Mc Donald &amp; Hardie Oct. 32

1875

September 24

Was brought to the Asylum today from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-two years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

She was in Westwick Asylum, England in 1871. The duration of the existing attack is two weeks and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was excited, talked incoherently and answered questions irrelevantly. She fancied she had got poison and that people had been trying to murder her.

On admission she was somewhat excited appeared to be suspicious and her conduct was very suspicious. She asked for something to drink, but would not take it when given. She would give no direct answer to any question and immediately after being taken into a day-room attracted the attendants pulling one of them about by the hair of the head.

An attendant from the City Asylum said she was very violent when there and had nearly torn up her bedding.

Rodily health ordinary: condition good.

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From her violent conduct she was not considered safe out of a single room, where she was quiet. Today she is calmer and very suspicious inclined to take her clothes.

October 2

Her expression of face is still wild but when spoken to she sometimes smiles seldom replies and requires to have a strong dress to prevent her demanding herself.

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She is now very much better mentally replies pleasantly when spoken and has for some time past employed her time knitting. She appears to be fairly contented.

November 1

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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Betsy Smith &amp; Reston Oct. 185

1875

September 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Charleston Police Office and admitted as a  
pompous patient chargeable to North Parish.

She is forty-five years of age, married,  
a Quaker and a Protestant.

About fifteen years ago she was an  
innate & long-acting Asylum. The duration  
of the existing attack is stated to be one day  
and the cause not known. She is both  
suicidal and dangerous to others. Pronounced  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent,  
raved from one subject to another and seemed  
to forget what she was talking about. She  
several times took her child away to drown  
it and was violent to her husband when  
he tried to prevent her.

On admission she talked in a wildly  
pambling manner, said her mother was  
a grand lady and rode in her pony, repeated  
these words often and while doing so, cried  
out that she saw some one coming to bring her.  
Observing the gate she said she had crushed  
these things to her husband and was very  
pambling in all she said.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She was quiet during the night and today  
she has taken her food and is orderly, but  
talks in the most silly childish manner.

October 2

She is very restless and excited,  
sings loudly at night, disturbing all  
around her, and her conduct and conversation  
indicate great weakness of mind. She cries  
out she is a good girl and wants to get away  
to see her six sons. While speaking she lies  
forward and will not be breast, is excited.

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Very noisy and dangerous, requires to  
sleep in a large room and always has her bed  
in great disorder. She can do nothing.

November 18

Excited and noisy, talks in the  
most foolish incoherent manner and is often  
violent in her conduct; cries to get home  
to her man and her weans and swears.

December 16

She will do nothing whatever and  
sits much with her head bent forward, is always  
ready to be violent if touched, will not reply  
when spoken to but often roars and swears in  
the most filthy and incoherent manner.

1876  
January 13

Restless and disorderly in her conduct  
always excited, cries she is not a whore, but  
has a man of her own and that she had no  
business to keep her here.

February 17

She lies over the table and raves in  
a silly incoherent manner. Threatens violence and  
often says she must get out of this place.

March 16

Incoherent and very silly in her conduct  
cries to get to her man and pulls out the teeth.

1876  
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April 13

Talks most obscenely and is very constant and disorderly in her conduct has often to be kept in doors in consequence of her filthy language. Mind very weak.

May 18

She has a habit of holding down her head and refusing to let her face be seen and if touched, she breaks out into a language of filthy swearing.

June 15

Gets into out of the way places and talks to herself about blackguards keeping her from her room and her weans, is hysterical and foolish in her conduct.

July 30

She never replies coherently to any thing said to her, does nothing and talks with her head lying over the table; often calls the Medical Officers Whore masters.

August 17

Looks justly about and hides her face, talks to people in a filthy way and shows great imbecility. She is in good bodily health and condition.

October 18

Still conducts herself in the same manner as has been already noted and talks in an obscene, silly manner. She sometimes threatens violence, but seldom strikes.

December 14

Excited and very disorderly, puts her head upon the table, and will not rise when asked to do so but when eye pricks it and cries out some obscene words.

1877  
February 15

Her language is generally obscene whenever anyone of the opposite sex is within her hearing, she cries out about wives of these men and she getting home to her man. She is always idle and tries to hide in corners.

April 19

Gets into corners and hides her face; turning suddenly round she will roar out bad names and is often very filthy and obscene in her language. Bodily health good.

June 14

Sometimes threatens violence and pushes at others, is very rude in her conduct and talks very obscenely.

August 16

She turns away from people when speaking to them; is always incoherent and talks in a silly, filthy manner.

October 18

Hysterical in her manner and very silly and rude in her language, calls the Medical Officers blackguards and whore masters and says she has a man of her own.

December 13

Talks very obscenely and holds down her head, threatens to be violent if approached and conducts herself in a very silly manner.

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February 14

Demanding to get home immediately to her man and her weans and continually talks of all around her being blackguards.



Charlotte M. Naughton - Pitohie Oct. 28

1876

September 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is stated to be some days and the cause is unexplained, she having been delivered of a child in the night of the month. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she stated that four years ago her son-in-law which she could not throw off and that lately she saw great eyes looking at her and that she was tempted to jump over the window.

On admission she was quiet, but very anxious to tell her history and among other matters stated that this was her second child but the first born in wedlock, the former being to the parent now her husband. She stated she had been very ill and said her mother and sister were attending her. Her pupils were noticed to be unequal and when examined a she said her left eye had been injured and that when she looked upon the solution it made them appear just as she is, became rather rambling and admitted that she was afraid of being poisoned. She referred to food and the right side of her mouth and face was hot swollen red, caused she says by crutten oil being put in her mouth probably.

Body healthy very feeble: condition restful.

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She slept none during the night, was pretty quiet but at times seemed to be in great pain. Today she fancied she saw her father and mother walking about the ward and is restless in bed. She is catarrh but will not take medicine.

October 3

For some days she continued to require all treatment and was at times content gazing she heard her solution in distress. Two days ago she took her medicine and is now considerably better.

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Since last report she has slowly but steadily improved and although still a little slow is beginning to be very inquisitive; enjoys her tea saving and sometimes asserts she has seen

November

She was today dismissed - Recovered.





## Agnes Lodge &amp; Bogg

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1875

September 29

Was brought to the Asylum from the Eastern Police Office, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Glasgow Parish.

She is fifty-two years of age, widowed, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is stated to be the first attack of insanity, but the duration and cause are not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very much excited, talked incoherently, claimed near relationship to the Queen, said she had been cruelly treated by the Railway officials while travelling in company with Miss Campbell and was contradictory in her conversation.

On admission she was restless and very foolish in her conduct, talked in a rambling manner about the Queen and said she had five sons, who were doctors. She made up to every one she saw, shook hands and talked to them as if quite intimate. She was very inquisitive she said to see the beautiful children of Mrs. Pease who lives at Trochell and talked incessantly, wandering from subject to subject.

It appears she had travelled by rail from Sheffield, expected to visit her friends at Glasgow, but did not and lost her way.

Physically healthy; insolation reduced

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the sleep during the night but this morning was very restless and talkative, killing the other patient and drawing them out. In the afternoon while in the dining room she became sick and very faint, vomited a quantity of greenish matter. Was put to bed.

October 1

Two of her sons called today; she left the Asylum with them and was dismissed  
Relieved.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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September 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 238 Johns Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is twenty-five years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about a week and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she would not answer questions, repeated whatever was said to her, laughed and muttered to herself, threw dishes at people and had to be watched to prevent her going out at the windows. The nurse with a woman said she was Cook.

On admission she was excited and rather violent in her conduct, told people she had never seen before that she knew them and had seen them in places where they had never been. Was rambling and incoherent in her replies to questions.

Kindly but indifferently: Amiable behavior.

She has a small head and peculiar expression. She was very noisy and restless during the night got out of bed and tried to thrust the blankets into the mouths of the other patients, required to be placed in a single room.

October 7

Subject to paroxysms of great excitement, rolls on the floor and throws her self about, has marked her face with rolling stone this room at night. Dull, incoherently.

November 11

Maniacally excited and very dangerous under sudden attacks, raves and spits in the faces of those she attacks, again she lies back in her seat and seems as if quite powerless.

December 16

She has been confined to bed for some days with oedema of the feet, but at times can hardly be prevented from getting up. She makes frequent attacks, but at the time she does so jerks her body about spasmodically and seems as if afraid of being injured herself. Winks feebly.

1876  
January 13

She sits in her seat as if blind, but if touched, spits upon or attacks whoever even accidentally does so, does not speak except to wail in an incoherent excited manner and at night has generally to sleep in a single room.

February 15

Dangerous and violent in her conduct the more so that she does not speak and her attacks are generally commenced by spitting suddenly a some one near her.

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She was today taken to the Barony Provincial Asylum, Woodilee by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed.

Relieved.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> September 1875

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## Christina Ballantine &amp; Alderhead Oct. 1875

October 1

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from Lochinch Farm and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-two years of age, married, a Farmer's wife and belongs to the Established Church.

She was an inmate of this Asylum from 1<sup>st</sup> June till 21<sup>st</sup> September 1875. For some weeks prior to leaving the Asylum a week ago she seemed well, but had relapsed shortly after going home. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her father was insane.

Prior to admission she lay in bed, being incoherently and would not answer questions, took no notice of persons entering the apartment and her power of recognition seemed to be entirely absent.

On admission she had a stupid, and fatuous expression of face and although she spoke a word or two could not give a correct answer to the simplest questions.

Teethly banded and condition ordinary. There is a rash upon her left arm which appears to have been aggravated by scratching.

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She slept well during the night and today tried to sew a little but was impatient and could make no progress. She takes her food, but hardly notices when spoken to.

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She lies upon the seats or unproped and would always be recumbent if allowed. She mumbles much to herself and replies incoherently to questions.

November 11

She wanders stupidly about muttering incoherently, or lies upon the seats, pays no attention when spoken to, but goes on to mutter as if no one was near her. She can do nothing.

December 16

She sometimes now goes out to the Laundry, but can do little or nothing, mumbles much to herself and sometimes when asked what she is doing, will say she went home. She has still the habit of lying on the seats.

1876  
January 13

She does not improve, seldom replies when spoken to and if she does say anything it is merely an incoherent murmur. She does not lie quite so much upon the seats as formerly; takes her food.

February 17

She talks and mumbles much to herself, is very obstinate and stupid and at times very restless. She cannot be got to reply to questions but sometimes when spoken to says she wants to know.

March 16

Domestic, stubborn and stupid, does not reply when spoken to and at times there is great difficulty in getting her dressed & undressed.

April 13

She makes no progress, seems stupid and hardly speaks, but takes her food and is quiet.

May 13

She has again become more stupid and restless, walks up and down muttering to herself and will not sit down or listen to what is said.

Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> October 1875

- June 15 Although less excited and restless than she was at last report she is still stupid and stubborn, mutters to herself and does not give any reply when spoken to.
- July 20 Without being at all well she has again become more stupid, restless and obstinate, moves about, making a low sound and will not stop to listen to anything said to her. Bodily health ordinary.
- August 17 She is quiet and sometimes says a little, but hardly takes any notice when spoken to, even if insisted upon to speak say she is well.
- September 14 Has become very stupid and dangerous, crawls down home if the other helpless patients and wanders about, undressed, rattling up and down and took no notice whatever when spoken to.
- November 16 She still has a stupid, preoccupied look, but is able to do a little sewing, does not reply when spoken to, but sometimes winks her eyes in an absent manner.
- December 28 She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Mary Ann Campbell & Moore Oct. 55

1875

October 2

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 25 Douglas Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Burghley Parish.

She is thirty-five years of age, married, a Housewife and Protestant.

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

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, went about the house in an excited state and did foolish things. When questions were asked she laughed and gave absurd answers.

Her husband stated that she was sometimes very excited, and he and the neighbours were seeking her life and threatened to strike him with a stone.

On admission she was talkative and somewhat rambling in conversation, would give no definite reply to any question asked of her and often said she supposed she did as other people did. Her husband stated that she slept during the day and walked about at night and that he had observed her thrice running in for the last eight months.

Physically healthy. Condition moderate. She has been nursing.

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She slept during the night; today she hid her face and when spoken to turned up and turned away, will not speak and when asked if she cannot do so, says I am speaking.

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She sits by herself, turns away when spoken to and talks incoherently with no meaning. She scolded her husband violently and accused him of infidelity to her when he visited her two days ago.

November 16

When approached at the visit, she always looks down & turns away her face, smiles and talks in a disconnected manner, but will give no direct answer to any question: in reply, always to say, "Oh I am well enough."

December 16

She works about the nurses' room in the Dispensary & washes the dishes, but will do nothing if she is looked at or spoken to. She will not let her face be seen, but turns away.

1876  
January 13

She labours under the delusion that there is dirt put upon her face, wipes it with her apron and accuses everyone that looks at her of making a fool of her, her become violent in her conduct and would constantly be washing her face.

February 17

She is still inclined to hide her face and when spoken to replies by saying "Oh what do you want", turns away and says she is well enough.

March 16

She labours under many delusions but gives expression to them in an incoherent manner. She fancies many of the people here are her enemies and will not speak to them.



Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1875

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April 13

She was sent over to the West House to assist the servant at the front door, but became quite unmanageable, scolded and talked incoherently and would not do but what she pleased.

May 18

She does not improve, turns very bad face and is always annoyed when spoken to, no matter what is said to her. She will look up, ask what is wanted and then go on to talk incoherently.

June 15

Looks very suspicious and replies to everything said to her in the most evasive or irrelevant manner. She fancied something is being done to injure her.

July 20

She hides her face and when any one approaches her will turn away from them and reply in a most rambling way. She is in ordinary bodily health.

August 17

Turns away when spoken to and mutters something that cannot be heard will not look up and if further spoken to, says Och I am well enough.

September 14

Is generally very quiet, but peculiar in her conduct and replies when spoken to in a very rambling manner.

September 16

She has been refusing to take her food and after being repeatedly questioned as to her reason for so doing; said there was arsenic in her tea and that she knew of the smell.

1877  
January 18

For some days past she has been assisting in the household work of one of the hallways of the West House and does pretty well. When spoken to she turns away, but says she is quite well.

March 15

She always turns away when spoken to, but says she is fine and any further conversation being held she is quite inclined to any other question she says well some or other.

May 17

She works about but is always irritable and any interference causes her to become excited and scold incoherently.

July 19

Occasionally she will ask when she is to get home and if we do not think it is time she will scold but will not mind to hear what is said and talks ramblingly.

September 13

She labours under delusion but talks so ramblingly that nothing definite can be made of what she says. Is in ordinary health and works as formerly.

November 16

Thinks that various things are done to injure her and scolds incoherently about it, but when asked what it is only says Och you know.

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## Mary Hendrie or Springs Oct. 41

1875

October 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Lovan Workhouse and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Rutherglen Parish.

She is forty-one years of age, married,  
a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

She was previously an inmate of this  
Asylum from 2<sup>d</sup> July till 3<sup>d</sup> August 1872.

The duration of the existing attack is a few  
days and the cause is not known. She is  
both suicidal and dangerous to others.  
Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was excited  
and restless, talked incoherently, as also  
deliriously, said she was a lunatic and  
talked of all her children having been  
killed. She slept none for several nights  
past and had to be kept from jumping out  
of the window.

On admission she was excited and  
very restless, did not appear to understand  
what was said to her and required to  
be carried in. When put to bed she  
was very restless. Dress about and  
required an attendant constantly with  
her to prevent her injuring herself.

Probably health feeble. Condition poor.  
There are a number of discolored spots and  
admissions upon her limbs.

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She was very restless, threw about  
kicking stupidly and talking incoherently  
slept none and required an attendant with  
her all night. She is menstruating, but not  
pressed upon since admission and her bladder  
required to be relieved by means of the catheter.

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She has required an attendant  
constantly beside her night and day except  
for the last two nights when she slept. During  
the day she is still often very restless, talks some  
and talks very incoherently.

November 13

She is now out of bed and has been for some  
time, is very much better and getting stronger, but  
is very peevish, constantly wishing to get home or back  
to Lovan Workhouse, cannot tell why she was there.

December 16

Shortly after last report, she again  
became excited and sleepless, refused her food  
and required to be sent to the infirmary ward where  
she was put to bed. She is quite incontinent, but  
again stronger, cannot tell reasons in bed and for  
some days has been up.

1876  
January 13

She is very peevish and fretting  
shouts that she is badly used and talks in a  
howling manner about getting to home she said  
for, as she had no means to get home.

February 17

About 2 weeks ago she became very unclean and  
dangerous to herself and others, tore her clothes, pulled at  
her hair and tried to pull out her tongue. She is now  
confined to bed and very stupid, restless and excited.



Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> October 1875

1876

March 16

She is again a little better, and is now able to be out of bed; very dissatisfied wants away and says she was never in a state to have been taken in there.

April 13

She keeps comparatively quiet but can do nothing and is very unhappy and ill to please, constantly asking to get away.

July 18

Shortly after last report she became very stupid and seemed ill generally, but in a few days afterwards was quite unexcited very restless and excited and is still in a very restless state, is noisy at night.

June 15

She does not improve much although at times she is quiet, can do nothing. Her paroxysms of excitement come on at very uncertain intervals.

July 20

Very restless and stupid fiddles at her clothes and tries to get up and seems unable to do so, requires to be fed and every thing done for her.

August 17

In the intervals of the paroxysms she appears to be now more demented, better spoken, never asks to get away and only smiles when spoken to.

September 6

Has occasionally to be put to bed for great dyspnoea and restlessness in which way her attacks of excitement generally come on. Possibly health very feeble.

November 6

Has just settled down from an attack of excitement of short duration, but although quiet now does nothing and is mindless.

1877  
January 13

She has again for fully a month just been much excited, very stupid and restless, demanding herself and wandering here and there not knowing what she did she is now a little quieter, has a good deal.

March 13

Again she is very stupid and ill requires to be fed by the attendants and seems as if she always wished to be at something, but is quite unable to tell anything.

May 17

Quite demented and has a fatuous expression of face is often confined to bed in consequence of attacks of menorrhagia.

July 19

Still subject to recurrent attacks of excitement when she is very restless, goes about shaking her hands and has a stupid smile on her face; never speaks.

September 13

She has just had a very bad attack of excited restlessness, very stupid and noise and is in bed under observation, required to be placed in a single room at night.

November 16

Dumb and quite demented, sits in the same position nearly all day. She has at present an attack of ophthalmia interna.



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## Widow Walter Rankine

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October 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Rankhill Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish. She is seventy-five years of age, widow, a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is stated to be a few days and the cause not known. It is not known if she is dangerous or suicidal. Raving tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very much excited, imagined that the persons in the ward were taking away her clothes and stealing her blankets. Said she would behave if not interfered with. At night she was very restless and would not remain in bed.

On admission she appeared to be delirious under acute dementia, would not answer simple questions correctly and seemed anxious about something but could not tell what. For a little she was quiet but became restless and excited and could not be prevented from wandering away.

8 Bodily health very feeble; condition peculiar. She would not remain in bed, struggled and fought with the attendants in a noisy way and screamed when she tried to prevent her rising or wandering away; required to be placed in a single room where she knelt at the door. Today she is quiet.

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Very restless at night and some nights never lies down but tumbles about the room. She calls the Medical Officer Wally and the Nurse Mrs. Rankine; is very petulant.

November 13

She is confined to bed but is often very restless and from her extremely petulant state is apt to be injured by rising in contact with the furniture or falling. At times she has to be removed during the night to the padded room.

December 16

She is not quite so restless as formerly and seldom now requires to be removed. She talks in the most childish raving manner and asks for the health of her nursing men by their names from their own. Her memory is quite gone.

1876  
January 13

Very petulant and confined to bed talks often as if she were in her own house. Will distinctly ask the Medical Officer to come and have "a bit crackle with her", then to get up in bed and is in danger of injuring herself, falling.

February 15

She talks in a childish manner and is quite forgetful of time and place.

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She was today taken to the Barony Workhouse, Glasgow, Woodilee, by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed.

Relieved.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> October 1875

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October 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her brother from 66 Glasgow Street, Ardrrossan and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-five years of age, single, a house-keeper and a Wesleyan.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is solely illness. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a watchful restless appearance, expressed a belief that the air was full of evil angels, who were seeking to destroy her, that her soul was lost, that she had killed her sisters child and that the 5th verse of the 17th Chapter of the book of Revelations referred to her.

Her sisters stated that she never slept and refused food, had been in low spirits for some months and was daily becoming more unmanageable.

On admission she was dull and intensely delirious under many delusions; fancied she was about to be burned alive and that she must something put into the fire to make it burn more brightly; the sound of water also put her in fear of being burned. She asked where her sisters child was and who took it away, and she said seen visions of it, and with reference to the verse in Revelations said it was the wickedness that was there referred to.

bodily health feeble: condition reduced.

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She slept some during the night, was very restless and sat up in bed often in great fear and excitement fancying she heard dogs coming to worry her. Today the attendants required to feed her and she will hardly speak.

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She was fed every day since last report by means of the stomach pump, till two days ago when she let the attendants feed her. She is dull, malcontent and delirious with seldom speaks any; sleeps better now.

November 11

She is very delirious, talks of men walking about in trees, and never would be satisfied, spent all day and the most of the night, asleep little or none and yesterday and today was fed by means of the stomach pump.

December 16

She is fed three times a day by means of the stomach pump, spite all her sickness and says she has to do it, fancies it is poison and says both at it. She sleeps very little.

1876  
January 3

The attendants feed her, but with great difficulty and she still spits as before. She says the verse in Revelation when the Whore of Babylon is mentioned refers to her and it is no use keeping her here.



Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> October 1875

1876

February 17

She still spits large quantities of saliva takes her food very sparingly and is very much reduced in body. She often whispers that she never can have any children and asks who is to have to do with her tonight.

March 10

She is much in bed from her weak state, says she can never get better here and her constant talk when she can get an opportunity is to ask the question asked above.

April 13

She sleeps little or none at night and takes her food most sparingly; is much reduced in bodily condition and very anemic. She still constantly asks who has to do with her.

May 13

She is sometimes in bed for a day or two and is again got up. She still believes under all her former delusions and has an emaciated look.

June 15

She often says, "tell me who is to have anything to do with me, I can never have any weans. I have bedded every one. She eats very sparingly and spits much.

July 20

She looks up and says, I have bedded every soul in the world, tell me what I am to do and repeats the same question over and over again in an imploring manner.

August 17

She picks at her food and eats very sparingly, is in an emaciated condition of body and very weak, subject to vomiting of the food and is often in bed for a day or two. Often says she never can have any weans and asks what is to be done with her.

September 14

The constant saying is that she has bedded every soul in the world and never can have any children, repeats the same words and never answers anything asked of her.

November 16

Mostly confined to bed, eats very little and is still inclined to spit out the saliva. She is very feeble and emaciated but is never observed to cough.

December 14

The emaciation is extreme and she is now constantly confined to bed, picks at her food and eats very sparingly. She still talks as before, asks what is to be done with her as she never can have any children in this world. She is dying.

1877  
January 6

She gradually, and without any change, sank and today at 3 o'clock afternoon

Died.



1875

Catherine Mc. Auley or Moore Oct. 35

October 11

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Kavanagh's Asylum and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Hamilton Parish.

She is thirty-five years of age, married, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity and she has been an inmate of Kavanagh's Asylum since 20<sup>th</sup> August 1875. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was stated to be in an advanced stage of convalescence, but nothing is known as to her state at the beginning of the attack.

On admission she was quiet, but shed tears and seemed depressed, and not able to tell why she was so and to any question about herself she was very slow and uncertain in her answers, the simplest questions seeming to cost her a great effort of the mind. She had been a servant in Kelly's house she said, but could not tell why she left.

Rapidly regained ordinary condition good.

" 12

She did not sleep during the night but was quiet. Today she appears to be more cheerful.

" 14

She is very quiet and orderly, smiles when spoken to and has very little to say. She cannot tell what was wrong with her when first sent to the Asylum, but says she was there for more than a week and spoke none.

November 1

She is if anything rather better, replies when spoken to, but is very slow and hesitating, appears still to be confused but works well at anything she has formerly been accustomed to.

December 16

For some time past she has been employed in the kitchen and does very well, converses rationally, but still there is an unnatural shyness in understanding the meaning of some questions put to her.

January 13

She has given up work in the kitchen as the day it is too heavy for her in consequence of being affected with haemorrhoids. She is quiet and says little, but replies rationally when spoken to.

February 17

Appears to be much in the same state as at last report, says very little, merely answers when spoken to and seems quite contented.

March 16

At times she seems pretty well and very cheerful, but again and again there is no apparent cause, she complains much of feeling ill and being unable to do anything.

April 13

She is quiet and orderly, but gains little or none and unable to work although she appears to be in good bodily health.

May 13

Still unable, none or very little work when spoken to, but is still ill.



Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> October 1875

- June 15 At the medical visits she always is very quiet and replies correctly when spoken to, but is reported often to quarrel with the other patients.
- July 20 Is very quiet and orderly at the visits, says very little, and occasionally goes out to the Laundry to work.
- August 17 She frequently now objects to go to the Laundry or do anything, complains of being ill and unable, but is in very good bodily condition and apparent health and takes her food well.
- September 16 She sometimes says a little, but will not go out to the Laundry, sometimes asks when she will get away, but does not seem at all anxious about it.
- November 16 Could not agree with some of the other patients and required to be removed by the Matron to another Gallery, but never spoke about it to the Medical Officers.
- 1877  
January 15 Has been working by herself in the apartments of the laundresses and appears to do best when alone. She has very little to say when spoken to.
- March 15 She slack work for some days and gave as her reason that she took other servants and patients were all against her and said she would not suffer then all a lie. There was no foundation in her statement.
- May 17 She is very stubborn and indolent with do almost nothing ahead of her and when she does very soon leaves off. She is very stout but complains of weakness.
- July 19 For some days past she has been quite moribund and very ill. She stands and stares at the windows wrings her hands and gnaws she has heard people: refuses all food and at night is very restless, restless and destructive.
- September 13 A week or two after last report, she became quieter and got into much better frame state. She talks coherently, but cannot be persuaded to do anything.
- November 16 Obstinate and willful, smiles when asked to do any active work, gives no definite answer, but will not yield.



Margaret Bone &amp; Russell Oct. 35

1875

October 14

Was brought to the Asylum today from  
Barony Parochial Asylum and admitted as a  
pumpkin patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty-five years of age; widowed,  
a Dressmaker and Cook, and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is a few weeks and the cause is  
stated to be drink. She has been an  
inmate of Barony Asylum since 11<sup>th</sup> September 1875.  
She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to her  
hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was believed  
fancied that an elder in the church was  
in love with and wanted to marry her and  
pursue whom she met in a railway carriage.

On admission she was quiet and  
answered questions intelligently; said there  
was nothing wrong with her mind nor  
had there ever been. When asked she  
said she attended the Free Church and said  
it was true about the elder wishing to  
marry her, but was much astonished  
that anything should be known here about it.  
Bodily health and condition good.

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She sleeps well during the night and  
today is quiet and employed sewing, but says  
she wants an engagement here as a cook as  
she is a very good hand at it.

" 22

She employs her time sewing and is  
quiet and orderly. Says that there never was anything  
wrong with her mind so much to go to an Asylum.  
She today told the Medical Assistant that she thinks  
he is one of the persons she met in the train going  
to Tomblane, and that he told her all about happenings.

November 18

She is quiet and orderly, but often  
asks when she is to get away; asks what she  
is kept here for and says there never was any  
need for her being here. She gives herself good  
airs and fancies that every one that takes any  
notice of her is in love with her.

December 16

Conducts herself much as formerly, is  
generally industrious, but still as if she had  
been wrongly sent to the Asylum.

1876  
January 13

She often asks why she is kept here  
as she could work so well outside. She says  
she cannot tell why she was sent at all to the  
Asylum and that the man that took her should  
be asked, thinks is some odd mistake.

February 13

She tells strange stories about herself  
but will only do so in the hearing of one person,  
says she never tells anyone else and wishes  
that she could keep her secret.

" 19

She was today taken to the Barony  
Parochial Asylum, Woodilee, by authority of  
Dr Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.





Catherine Robertson Oct. 16

1875

October 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Govan Workhouse Asylum and admitted as a  
Jumper patient chargeable to Burray Parish.  
She is sixteen years of age, single, no  
occupation and a Protestant.

This is stated to be the first attack of  
insanity, the duration one year and the  
course disease of lunacy. She has been an  
inmate of Govan Asylum since 31<sup>st</sup> August 1875.  
She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to  
others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was charged to  
be imbecile.

On admission she sat quietly, but as  
she could neither see nor hear, the only way  
she could be communicated with was through  
the sense of touch. She clapped the hands of  
anyone touching her and made a peculiar sound,  
not words. Her palate is very high and  
narrow, like what is found in persons of  
weak intellect.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 15

She slept well during the night and  
today is very quiet and orderly. She distinguishes  
between patients and attendants, by feeling  
their ears and knows by earings & the absence

" 22

She can smile a little and is always  
very quiet, and when touch feels for the head  
of the person touching her.

November 11

Quiet and calm more about slowly  
from place to place; can apparently see a  
very little, as when any one approaches she  
moves her face in the direction they are. She  
smiles when touched.

December 16

Quiet and quiet. She sometimes  
claps her hands together and has a habit  
of keeping her tongue a little protruded  
between her front teeth, moves it round about.

1876  
January 13

Continues quiet and when touched  
holds up her face and smiles. She requires  
to be dressed but takes her food and sits  
quietly at night. bodily health ordinary.

February 15

Still keeps quiet and with a little  
assistance can take care of herself. She smiles  
and holds up her face when touched.

" 19

She was today taken to the Burray  
Workhouse Asylum, Woodside, by authority of  
Dr. Mitchell and dismissed —  
Relieved.





## Mary Macfarlane Cat.

1876

October 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 25 Green Street, Bangor, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barry Parish.

She is thirty three years of age, single a Native born Scotch and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No Scotch hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was susceptible to a high degree, talked in a loud tone and wanted all people to go away from her. Her speech was incoherent.

Her notes stated that for the last year she was quite unbecomable and that for the last three nights she has neither gone to bed nor slept.

On admission she was excited, talked loudly and said there was nothing wrong with her mind, but that man in the work had annoyed her in some mysterious way and had put what she called a cross upon her. She talked incoherently about the presbyter of the church she attended and displayed much weakness of mind.

Physically healthy and condition ordinary.

" 16

She slept well during the night and today is quiet, but very obstinate, refuses anything asked of her: takes her food.

" 23

She always occupies the same seat and will leave it not do anything and when spoken to never gives any reply, is obstinately taciturn.

November 18

She refuses to take any food at the parlor, but there is provision in the bread room, but lets the attendant feed her by the spoon. She sits idly and can hardly ever be induced to open her mouth.

December 16

Still refuses to be fed by the attendant and nothing that can be done or said to her can induce her to speak. She sits all day long in the same place with her eyes wide open but acts as if she saw not.

January 13

She now sometimes sees a little knitting, but will speak none, has to be taken to her food and her hands are always cold. She acts when spoken to as if she heard not.

February 17

She occupies her time knitting, but will not speak and still requires the attendant to feed her. She is very obstinate.

March 8

She was today taken to the Barrony Poor Relief Asylum, Woodville by authority of a Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed -  
Referred.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> October 1875

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October 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Kirkcubbin, East Kilbride and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to East Kilbride Parish. She is forty-three years of age, single, a Scotswoman and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be five days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. An uncle of her father's was insane.

Prior to admission she was excited, believed that the floor and walls of the house contained poison and laboured under the delusion that she was being persecuted. She imagined that when the eyes of people met hers all the strength left her body and enclosed herself under the bed fancying a man in the village was going to shoot her.

On admission she was quiet, but laughed much at the idea that any person should think there was anything wrong with her. She said when at home she dared not leave the house even to buy a loaf as every person in the village by looking at her immediately concluded all the strength to leave her body.

Her brother stated that she was much quieter today than she had been for the last three days, and that for many months past she has not and again been excited.

Badly healed very indifferently; condition ordinary. There are many large stomas scars upon her face and arms.

" 19

She was quiet during the night, but slept none. She says she cannot understand why they brought her here and is very anxious to get away back to Kilbride.

" 26

She now sleeps better and during the day is quiet, but can do little or nothing, at times runs a little but soon gives it up, can talk of nothing but getting away. Says she very early received the grace of God.

November 18

She continued quiet up till about three days ago when she became suddenly excited, got out of bed during the night and knocked on the door crying "Barnabai was at a fair." She has since been in a wildly maniacal state.

December 16

She is still much excited and stupid, always in pain and talks very incoherently. She lifts her mattress off her bed at night and places it on the floor; will lie nowhere else.

January 13

Very restless at night and during the day is stupid and miserable, often excited. Guesses she is to be hanged for something she has done.

February 17

Very restless and miserable, repeats - "I shall be a murderer and is always stupidly in pain"



Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> October 1875

- 1876
- March 16 Stupid and absent, stuns vacantly when spoken to or replies altogether incoherently she can do nothing, but takes her food. An old stammer came on her cheeks has again broken out.
- April 13 Talks most incoherently and believes under many delusions, but gives expression to them in a most rambling confused manner. She is very timid and absent.
- May 18 She labours under the impression that she is being turned round and round sits very steadily and seems as if against the windmill; requires to be led to the table for food.
- June 15 She sits idly and although she sees what is passing around her, talks no interest in it. She says she is dead and labours under other delusions, talks very ramblingly.
- July 20 At times she will not speak and seldom does so without being spoken to several times, then will say what are you going to do to me. Is always very absent & prosopopoeic.
- August 17 She seems quite deranged, does nothing and is inclined to lie upon the seats anything she says is full of delusion and quite unconnected with anything said to her.
- October 19 She now sometimes knows a little but is more often idle and whenever spoken to says that she is dead.
- December 21 She still believes herself to be dead and says she should be buried. She takes her food well, is quiet, very delirious at times and seldom speaks.
- 1877
- February 18 Affirms she is still dead and if no use and should be thrown in the midden. She occupies her time sewing and will give no direct answer to anything said to her.
- April 19 She says that "Harrowick the Butcher" in Kildrinda shot her and asks why she is not buried as she is dead and can do nothing, but she says a little.
- June 16 Sometimes when spoken to she will say incoherently but she is weak enough but that it is the folks will not let her alone. She employs her time sewing, looks melancholy.
- August 16 She says that the substance is all out of her and that it was Marshall's pills that did it all, that she took them herself but did not know she was doing wrong.
- October 18 She seldom gives a direct answer to anything said to her, but goes on to speak of some other thing, generally unconnected with some of her delusions.
- December 23 She is daily employed sewing although she complains from her condition she should not do so, but says she would do well if not of this.

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1875 Janet Williamson or McCulloch Case 29

October 23

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 312 London Road Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Hersey Parish.

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

Twelve years ago she was an inmate of Hersey Kewchurch Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is stated to be four days and the cause not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very violent, requiring restraint, incoherent in speech, singing and roaring continually. Her husband stated that she tore her clothes and had slept little or none for the last fourteen days.

On admission she was excessively excited and very noisy, upset and blent in the faces of anyone near her and did not appear to know what she was doing. Her language was very incoherent and whenever spoken to by nurses she would come out "I am the Good Lord's Christ."

bodily health very indifferent: indigestion. Her husband states that she has had several attacks of Rheumatism.

" 24

She was so very dangerous to herself and others that it was found necessary to place her in the padded room, where she was quiet but restless. She is still very much excited and her sleep short.

November

She is less excited, is now confined to bed, skin hot and pulse frequent, expression of face excited and she sits up in bed and in an incoherent manner accuses every person of ill-using her. She is very delirious.

" 18

She is now greatly better, has been out of bed for some time and has begun to be incoherent, occupying her time sewing. She is quiet has no complaints, nor but is very anxious to get home.

" 27

She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.





1875 Sarah Jean Mc. Goul & Sutherland Oct 28

October 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 24 Grace Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Hurony Parish. She is twenty-eight years of age, married, a domestic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No homicidal tendency.

Prior to admission she stood in the middle of the floor, almost naked, with her hands clasped together and stared in a fixed way at the wall paid no attention to anything said to her. She attempted to set fire to the house, did not attend to household duties and did not sleep night or day.

On admission she was very stupid and could tell little or nothing about herself; could tell that her name was Sutherland, but could not tell where she lived. The almost all questions asked her she gave no reply, but stared in an inquiring manner at some other persons as if she wished them to reply for her. She is reported to have taken no food for five or six days.

bodily health and condition indifferent.

There is a high ridge along the line of the laminae cutaneous caused by the occipital bone swelling.

" 28

She slept some during the night but was quiet and today has taken some food.

November 4

After last report and for two or three days she was very morose and dangerous, had a wild look and did not appear to know what she was doing, required to be placed in the padded room at night. She is now quiet and says a little.

" 25

She is great orderly and industrious assist in the work of the house and has little to say except occasionally to wish to get home. She has no idea of any cause for her illness or at least says she knows none.

December 23

She still continues well and well as before reported and has had no relapse since she was reported a few days after her admission. bodily health good.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> October 1875

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November 1

Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother from Buckhlyvie, Strathgryne and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty seven years of age, single, kept house at home and is a Protestant.

She was sixteen years of age when her first attack was managed at home, has been eight years insane and the duration of the existing attack is two months. Cause not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to herself. A brother was insane.

Prior to admission she talked much in a rambling incoherent manner, was sometimes very noisy, and she was Mary, Queen of Scots and was afraid to lie in bed on account of mice and ghosts. Her mother stated that she threatened violence.

On admission she talked incessantly in a very rambling manner and was at times quite incoherent. Said she was affected with consumption and sometimes her mind was not right; at present her views are the same and it was sometimes as though she was talking to her mother. Nothing has been said about her good bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 2

She slept well during the night and today seems quite happy, talks loudly in a very rambling manner when spoken to, says silyly she thinks her head is wrong.

" 11

She is quiet and orderly, but displays great weakness of mind. Will often when spoken to give no reply or say something altogether irrelevant. She takes her food and appears to sleep well at night.

December 16

She thinks a little, but appears to be unable to do almost any other thing. Talks in a silyly rambling manner and often of herself in the third person.

January 15

She is very peculiar in her manner, will at times give no reply when spoken to, and as if she heard not and again she will laugh and cry out that she is always well. Her conversation is very silyly and rambling.

February 17

Her language is still very rambling and her replies to questions when she will speak quite irrelevant. She often speaks of herself in the third person, with say such words as "Grace is a strong one, mind you".

March 16

She is sometimes not very well, but when spoken to about she will say she said so and say Grace is well enough, she is stuffy.

April 13

She talks very ramblingly and seldom gives a relevant reply when spoken to, displays great weakness of mind.

May 13

Mindless and indifferent about everything, talks in a silylyly rambling manner and always is thoughtlessly happy.

1876

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Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> November 1875

- 1876
- Jan 15 She displays great weakness of mind talks very ramblingly and often when spoken to gives no answer & is altogether irrelevant. Occasionally speaks of herself in the third person.
- July 20 Talks very ramblingly and sillily. Will say Grace is fine and goes on to talk in a very hurried rambling manner and seems quite happy and indifferent about anything.
- August 17 Works in the laundry and in the day-room. Talks her good well and is in good bodily health but does not improve mentally.
- September 14 She frequently asks very rambling foolish questions, goes on to talk without waiting for any reply and becomes altogether incoherent, stuns vacantly and appears quite unconscious of all external objects.
- October 17 Foolish and rambling in conversation is occasionally excited and rather disorderly in her conduct.
- December 14 For some days she has been very much excited talks incessantly in the most incoherent manner and is very restless and disorderly in her conduct.
- 1877
- January 15 She is and has for some time past been much excited, very foolish and rather deliriously delirious and talking incessantly. Says she is Jesus Christ the Son of the Virgin Mary.
- April 17 Silly and restless in her manner and talks in a very foolish rambling manner; often talks of being nearly "by with it", and thinks she is going to turn into a horse. Possibly health ordinary.
- June 14 Sometimes she says she is horse and will immediately contradict it and become angry and scold incoherently at whoever she has been addressing as if they had said what she said about herself.
- August 16 She does some household work but is always ready to leave off whatever she is doing and talks in the most incoherent way.
- October 15 Is often excited and rather dangerous very foolish in her conduct and will push her way foolishly in contradiction of whatever is said to her.
- November 13 At times she is pretty quiet but is very uncertain in her conduct, talks the most foolish nonsense when excited.



## Mary Graham

Oct. 42

1875

November 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 18 Clyde Street, Easton, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is forty-two years of age, single, a mill-woman and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two years and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a violent expression; talked incoherently about what she saw in the corners of the house and said that people cried through the walls of the house for the purpose of tormenting her. She cut and amused herself by twirling round her hands and would cry out for some person to go away and let her alone.

On admission she had a dull, absent look and hardly took any notice when spoken to, required to be repeatedly spoken to and sometimes moved before she would give any reply, and her answers were often quite irrelevant. She would however tell that she had wrangled in Glasgow Mill but had done nothing since before Glasgow fair.

bodily health feeble; condition reduced.

" 5

She sleeps little during the night, but was quiet, has taken her food, but sits idly and will hardly reply when spoken to.

" 12

Very quiet, sits with her hands on one of them over her face and when spoken to holds down her head, cannot be induced to enter into conversation, but sometimes when asked will say she is fine.

December 6

She employs her time now knitting but will still hardly speak and appears to wish not to be taken notice of. She takes her food and conducts herself in a quiet orderly manner.

1876  
January 13

She is very quiet and employs her time much as before, but now speaks more readily although when asked a question her reply is to ask if it is not time for her to get home and

February 16

Occupies her time knitting, but seldom looks about her and will not raise her head when spoken to and for her manner would not be troubled being spoken to.

" 19

She was today taken to the Barony Parochial Asylum, Woodilee, by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed—

Believed.

Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> November 1875

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November 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Broomhall, Chapeltown and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Glasgow Parish.

She is twenty nine years of age, married, a hand loom Weaver and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two weeks and the cause is the puerperal state: she having been delivered of her first child about four weeks ago. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked in a wild incoherent manner, laughed, sang and dromoned upon the cadence, was sleepless, memory defective and she did not recognise her friends, had an antipathy to her child and these symptoms began about four days after delivery.

On admission she was quiet and very pale, required to be supported in her seat by her relations and carried to bed. She gave no reply when spoken to but after being frequently questioned she observed that her name was Grace and would talk nothing more. Her expression of face is quite pathetic.

Profilic, hunched very pale: bedclothes redness

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She was quiet and slept a little during the night. She sometimes looks when spoken to but gives no reply, requires everything to be done for her and it was found necessary to relieve her bladder a means of the catheter.

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Some nights she sleeps none and upon waking well, but she never speaks and has a habit of covering her head with the bedclothes. For four days after admission her bladder had to be relieved by the catheter, but now she passes the urine herself. She is very listless.

December 16

She is still confined to bed and speaks none, but takes her food and although still weak is generally cleanly in her habits. Covers her face with the bedclothes.

1876  
January 13

She progresses if at all very slowly, never speaks nor gives any reply when spoken to, but although anorexic, takes her food and is rather stronger. For a week or two past she has been daily out of bed for some hours.

February 7

Since last report she has improved very much and now talks quite readily and employs her time knitting. She is getting very anxious to get away and seems well except that she is still anorexic and listless.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> November 1875

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Mary Mc Millan

Oct. 47

November 23

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her uncle from 11 Shields Road Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-seven years of age, single, a dressmaker and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum in 1850, 1854 and again from 7<sup>th</sup> February till 3 June 1872. The duration of the existing attack is four days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Her mother and Grandfather were insane.

Prior to admission she was very restless, wild and excited in her manner, talked of her intended marriage and had fixed the date and place when there was not the slightest foundation regarding such a thing. She sang hymns and sacred songs, slept upon the furniture and attempted and attempted to jump over the windows.

On admission she was highly excited, jumped and tried to rush here and there, saying if you have brought me to destruction again.

She said the person she was about to be married to was a painter named James Grant belonging to Farnsea, but she could not tell where he was, answered questions very humbly.

Physical health indifferent: Circulation ordinary. There was a number of discolorations upon her arms.

" 24

She slept only about an hour and a half during the night, was violent in her conduct and attempted to bite another patient. Today she has a stupid, maniacal look, is very obstinate.

December 1

For three or four nights after admission she slept none and was restless and excited, but she is now much better, has slept well for the last two nights and has begun to employ her time sewing dresses.

" 23

She was doing very well even quiet and orderly, employed dressmaking till we woke up when she became depressed and unable to do anything, said she felt her soul was lost. She is now maniacally excited and very dangerous; stupid.

1876  
January 13

She is again considerably better and now does some sewing, but still has a very bewildered look and although she makes pretty combed is very slow and awkward working.

February 17

Does not advance and although she is daily employed, has a fatuous silly look and does not seem to understand what is said to her, does her work as it were mechanically.

March 16

She is at present very stupid, requires to be fed and dressed and her expressions of face is quite bewildered. She can take no care of herself and is uncleanly in her habits.

April 13

She is a little better, can take her food and now a little but is very slow. Brought out in.





1876

## Jane Kossack &amp; Stewart Sec. 52

November 24 Was brought to the Asylum today from 36 Rochester Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is fifty six years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about two months and the cause is not known. She is both vindictive and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was inebriate and laboured under delusion. Her grandchild that of the age of the house she would be carried by dogs, said her son was forty four although she has a son thirty five and stated that her grandfather was King of South America. Her husband stated that she mentioned she had friends, very kind and went about half mile for four of them she finished one in her kitchen.

On admission she was found to be incoherent and very rambling in her speech instead of having lived in a convent and her uncle having a castle, but only occupying a few rooms of it. Her grandfather she said died in Fort Castle in South America but did not like it and sailed away in a Man of War vessel. Her body she said had been injured by boxes of lime which had been splashed on her and made her so that she could now do no work.

Rapidly passed indifferent. Condition ordinary.

" 25 She slept well during the night and today is quiet, but restless, wanders stupidly about and can do nothing.

December 2 She does nothing, wanders about and often has some rambling story to tell, cannot reply coherently to the simplest question and her replies are generally quite irrelevant.

" 23 There is a large wart on the fore part of her face which she shows every day. Since it is a great injury and will kill her, because occasionally excited and talks very incoherently.

1876  
January 8 She was today taken to Arrerness District Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed.

Relieved.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> November 1875

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## Mary Grant or Raily Oct 63

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November 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is sixty three years of age, widowed, a Scotch and Roman Catholic.

She was previously an inmate of Glasgow Keweenaw Asylum from October 1872 till September 1875. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she said she would commit suicide, that her son was lost, that John the Baptist told her she had committed the unpardonable sin.

On admission she was much depressed and seemed as if about to cry. She said she had been visited by Saint John the Baptist who had a carnal hair cloak and his head upon a plate and that he spoke to her and told her to repent or she would be condemned for her wickedness.

She asked for tobacco and said she could not sleep at night without smoking to assist her.

" 28

Her health indifferent; condition ordinary. She slept badly during the night and today is very quiet and depressed, will hardly speak and look as if in great mental distress.

December 3

She is very quiet, sleeps pretty well at night and eats a little, but has a melancholy look, replies very cautiously when spoken to and appears as if in fear.

1876  
January 13

She is quiet and seems depressed but speaks very little except occasionally to ask for some extra articles of diet and to complain of the bad quality of what she gets.

February 17

She has a little recovery and is quiet. Takes great care of herself and sometimes talks of getting away but appears to have no confidence in herself says that her brother would be sure of her, but cannot tell where he is.

March 16

She talks much of getting away and of getting money to keep her from her brother but has no confidence in herself and is at times rather depressed.

April 13

She continues to improve, is very quiet and orderly, laughs at her former delusions and talks quite rationally, but seems at times rather depressed. She is in fair bodily health.

May 11

She now appears to be well; employs her time sewing and never makes any requests. Sometimes talks about getting away.

" 20

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.





Jane Ferguson Oct. 1875

1875

- November 29 Was brought to the Asylum today from 33, Shamrock Street, Glasgow and admitted as a Pauper Patient chargeable to City Parish. She is forty-five years of age, single, a Washer and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is nine months and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she believed under the delusion that every woman and woman's hand were against her; said that her friends intended to poison her and that she would rather die than live longer. She was much excited and violent in her conduct, lay in bed during the day and covered her head in the clothes.
- On admission she was quiet, but answered questions rather unwillingly and in a somewhat irritable manner. She could not give any reason for lying in bed during the day, admitted she had struck her mother and sister, but said they were ill to her and that her sister wished to starve her and would give her nothing to eat.
- Physically healthy and condition ordinary.
- " 30 She sleeps well during the night and today is very quiet and when spoken to, replies quite readily, accuses her sister of illusing her and appears to have a good opinion of her.
- December 9 She is very quiet and can do little or nothing often complains of breathlessness and a wheezing sound is heard in her chest. She has had several remissions with little apparent benefit, but at times is easy without any measure.
- 1876  
January 13 Although quiet she is very irritable and ill to please, finds fault with her food &c. asks if it is rejected she will get better here and what is done for her. Her breathing at present is better.
- February 17 Irritable and discontented always fancying that she is ill and at times says she thinks she is a little better, complains without any apparent cause.
- March 16 She believes under the idea that she has been very ill made by being sent here saying there never was anything wrong with her mind but had only bodily illness.
- April 20 Constantly complaining and very repellent in her manner, very ill-tempered and disagreeable besides she is very much neglected.
- May 4 She was today taken home by authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed.
- Relieved.

Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> November 1875

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Helen Murray Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

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December 2

Was brought to the Asylum today from 189, Saltmarket, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient - chargeable to City Parish. She is twelve and a half years of age, single, no occupation and a Roman Catholic.

She is stated to have been insane from birth, but the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Her sister is also imbecile.

Prior to admission she was violent in her conduct, tore her clothes and ate; constantly uttered incoherent sounds. Her father stated that she was so violent she had to be restrained, and during attempts with her hands she made use of her teeth.

On admission she had a silly idiotic look, her teeth being very set and her lips not covering them. She had a piece of string which she kept chewing and pulling at with her hands and when spoken to took no notice. She spoke none and stupidly resisted anything wished of her.

Physically healthy looking. Condition of mind there are many acute scars and admission in her body and limbs.

" 3

She slept none during the night and lay in bed, with her body much drawn together and her holding huddled about her. She speaks none and does not appear to understand what is said to her.

" 11

Has been very disorderly in her conduct pulling on the floor and trying to bite when interfered with. She takes no notice of anything said to her and has been occasionally filthy in her habits.

1876  
January 13

This patient never speaks, but is very dangerous and at times quite unmanageable. She tears and tears her clothes and her hands always covered with small cuts inflicted on her. She requires to be dressed and undressed.

February 17

She is often very dangerous, scratches and bites, and has her own hands always much marked with scratches. She frequently wets her bed at night.

March 16

She cannot give any reply when spoken to is quite idiotic in her conduct but when excited sometimes swears in a meaningless way. A pustular rash has appeared on the sides of her face.

April 13

The parts where the rash appeared are scratched and by being kept clean have now healed. She is generally pretty quiet.

May 13

She can do nothing, does not speak and has a very imbecile expression of face.

June 13

The scratches she puts on and scratches herself; is occasionally much excited.



Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1875

- July 20 She is violent and dangerous at present, screams and bites at her own hands and strikes anyone near her.
- August 17 She sits with her hands up at her mouth and always gets close to some other patient. She never speaks and does not appear to understand the simplest words.
- September She is a little excited at present and displays as much intelligence as to be able to annoy another patient by sitting by Charlie's husband's side.
- October 17 Does not speak and often stammers at the mouth is at times very restless and tries to bite anyone near her.
- November 16 Can do nothing whatever but takes her food, requires to be watched and attended to to keep her clean.
- 1877  
January 18 Has her hand much scratched and otherwise marred has been very restless stupid and at the same time excited, tries to head us down and injure her own hands with her teeth and nails.
- March 15 She has grown very much since admission, but although tall is still childish looking. The only word she is now heard to say is "Charlie".
- May 17 Has an imbecile look and her mouth & further around it and her hands are always wet with saliva, she looks when moved but does not speak.
- July 19 She takes her food pretty well by her body is badly emaciated and she is very tall for her age.
- September 13 She can do nothing whatever, almost for herself, requires to be dressed and undressed and hardly understands the simplest thing wanted of her.
- November 16 She is evidently growing in flesh and is inclined to refuse whatever extra nourishment is ordered for her and becomes fretful and screams when it is tried to be given her.
- December 18 She has become more restless in her habits, wets her bed every night and is often otherwise filthy. She is becoming more feeble and retarded.
- 1878  
January 17 She was put to bed in the infirmary ward shortly after last report when she gradually sunk became more filthy still in her habits and today she  
Died.

A post mortem examination of the body verified the cause of death as  
Phthisis Pulmonalis.



1875

## Margaret Murray Cat 9

December 2

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 139, Saltmarket Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is nine years of age, single and a Roman Catholic.

She like her sister Helen is stated to have been insane from birth and is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was stated to be imbecile, looked about in a vacant stupid manner and was unable to answer the simplest questions.

On admission she at first was quiet and nothing peculiar was seen in her face except that she looked younger than she is stated to be. When spoken to she did not reply but tried to strike and at times would emit a single word in a sudden loud call.

Rodily handled and constant ordering.

" 3

She slept well during the night but was not long in bed till she was quite wet with her urine. When spoken to she tried to scratch or strike.

" 11

She requires to be dressed and undressed and changed under observation night and day she is grossly uncleanly in her habits. She does not speak.

18th  
January 6

She appeared to be much in her usual health till two days ago, when she did not take her food and was inclined to lie down and evidently sick. This continued until last night there was a rash found upon her body with much heat or skin and redness of the lower parts of the legs indicating an attack of Scarlet Fever. Her tongue as far as it could be seen was coated with a creamy crust.

She was today temporarily removed to Parliamentary Board Hospital.

February 3

The statutory twenty-eight days having expired and the patient not being returned to the Asylum she was today dismissed -  
Relieved.

Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1875

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Isabella Gordon &amp; Mr. Millan Oct. 58

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December 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-eight years of age, married and deserted - domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is stated to be a few days and the cause not known, but she has been drinking. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. To her peculiarity, tendency

Prior to admission she was greatly agitated of some imaginary puts and sundries which she believed were after her and pursued her eyes jumped out of her head, was much excited.

On admission she fancied she was blind and would not open her eyes. Put her fingers upon her eyes and said her eyes had jumped up there, became excited saying a wife had put a green short-gown upon her to frighten away the rats and ultimately became quite incoherent.

Widely hunched feet: condition reduced. There are some discolorations upon her arms.

" 4

She was quiet during the night, but sleep none and today is rather ungoverned and violent, speaks little, but what she says is more coherent than what she said yesterday.

" 11

She is quiet, but sleeps badly at night and often during the day complains of imaginary illness or at least trifles which she magnifies into being actual diseases.

1876  
January 15

She is never opinion to at the medical visit but she has some illness to complain about, her mouth or hand being generally the seat of the pain which when examined into can be seen to be nothing but imaginary.

February 19

She appeared to be improving, except that she still occasionally complains of trifles, but this morning about 8 o'clock she had a severe epileptic seizure and for a time would hardly be restrained. She now says she has taken fits for some years.

March 16

She often complains of pain in her head and being otherwise unwell, but takes her food does a little work and generally sleep well at night.

April 13

At present she complains of her head and shoulders, and now and again she is confined to bed for some days with redness about the eyes and feet, which after a time passes off.

May 18

A week ago she had an epileptic seizure and was stupified and confined to bed for a day or two after. She is again much in the usual state, works about the spinning wheel.



Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> December 1875

1876

June 15

She complains that there is a course made of her body, says it kind there for some time but is now dead and is making her ill. At night she is frequently restless and noisy, saying that rats are running about her. She wakes about the preliminary ward.

July 20

She is occasionally confined to bed for a day or two, is very stupid and complains much of her head. Sometimes during these attacks she has an epileptic seizure.

August 17

After her occasional attacks she will ask what had been done to her and notwithstanding any thing that is said to her, still insists that something external to herself was the cause.

September 6

Works about the preliminary ward and often asks when she is going to get away although she is very frequently in bed for a day or two, stupid and ill from epilepsy.

October 17

The attacks are less frequent and she is not so much excited during the periods, but is now sometimes stupid and ill without having any fits.

November 16

She has many complaints to make about her physical state, headache or some other pain to complain of and generally finishes up by saying "Oh but when are you going to be a nurse?"

1877

January 13

She has been confined to bed more or less for some days, complains much of headache and weakness and has a stupid look but at this time has had no epileptic fit.

March 15

One day this week she was in bed, very stupid and ill and at the medical visit accused the Medical Officer of putting beads into her head and asked the reason why he did so. It generally goes well.

May 17

She assists the attendants when well in the preliminary ward and is very useful but is every now and then in bed for a day and very stupid.

July 14

She has an occasional epileptic seizure and also attacks that pass off without any fit. She labours under delusion while these attacks last.

October 13

Works about as formerly and is now and again in bed for a day or so, quite stupid and does not recover for some days.

November 16

She makes herself generally very useful but her attacks come in at very uncertain intervals. When well she talks quite coherently. Is in ordinary bodily health.



## Catherine Cameron Oct 36

1875

December 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Highland Asylum Bethwell and admitted as  
a pauper patient chargeable to Bethwell Parish.

She is thirty six years of age, single,  
a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of the  
Asylum from 3<sup>d</sup> October 1871 till 15<sup>th</sup> June 1872  
when she was transferred to Inverness Asylum.

The duration of the existing attack is stated  
to be seven days and the cause not known.  
She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was very  
drowsy and confused, answered questions  
slowly and with hesitation, could not see  
but any work was done for her although she  
had served fourteen days in the Asylum.  
The matron stated that she put out the gas  
of her room, pulled up the blind and  
cut it most heavily out of the window.

On admission she was found to  
be very obstinate and contradictory, said  
she was quite able for her work and demanded  
to get away immediately, denied every thing  
stated of her and insisted being taken in.  
She stated that since being in the Asylum  
before she had been to Inverness, but to most  
questions asked of her either replied incoherently  
or asked another question as her reply.

Bodily health and condition good.

" 15

She slept well during the night, but  
today is restless and very obstinate and demands  
to get away immediately and telling  
nurses that they have no business with her.

" 22

Has been quiet and very troublesome  
demanding herself and demanding to have  
her own clothes, requiring to have a canvas  
dress looked upon her and she was caught  
trying to put her head in the fire.

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January 8

She was today taken to Inverness  
District Asylum, by authority of Dr Mitchell  
and dismissed —

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Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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## Elizabeth M. Gutzke Oct. 37

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December 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish, Elmwood.

She is thirty-seven years of age, single, a teacher and Religious persuasion unknown.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both excited and dangerous to others. No relatives known.

On admission she stated that since the death of her brother which occurred six days ago, she has been much frightened by seeing that brother and her dead father walking about in her room at night.

Believed that they purposed taking away her intellect and afterwards killing her.

On admission she was rather depressed but replied voluntarily to what was said to her and was quite aware of her illness, but said she was still quite well. She stated that she had a brother unwell and that she nursed him till he died and she then took to drinking which caused her illness. Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary.

" 16

She slept well during the night and today is quiet and pretty well but rather depressed, although she replies quite readily when spoken to.

" 23

She continues well, but a day or two ago she had an attack of depression cried much and at the times would not reply to anything said to her.

1876  
January 20

She is quiet and orderly, and is now daily employed, replies readily when spoken to and does not display any depression. She now appears to be well says she feels herself so and wishes to get away.

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She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> December 1875

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1875 Janet Sommersville & Williamson Oct 73

December 22

Was brought to the Asylum today from  
Garretts and admitted as a private  
patient.

She is twenty-seven years of age unmarried,  
-Prolytic and was late keeper at Garretts house.

She was taken previously in inmate of  
the Asylum and on the last occasion from  
4<sup>th</sup> August till 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1875. She is not  
insolent and dangerous to others. A nephew  
(Wm. Brown) now dead was formerly an inmate of  
the Asylum.

Prior to admission she was restless  
and sleepless, talked incessantly and talked  
under delirious on various subjects.

On admission she was excited and  
very restless and foolish in her conduct,  
talked much in a rambling incoherent  
manner and was quite changed from the  
state she had been in a leaving the  
Asylum in November last. She said she  
did not then wish to leave, but now  
did not wish to come back.

bodily health indifferent; Under ordinary  
There are a number of small discolurations  
upon her arms and legs.

" 23

She slept none during the night,  
sat up in bed and talked much. Today  
she is excited and restless, talks in the  
most rambling incoherent manner and is  
very disorderly in her conduct.

" 30

Sleepless at night and very restless  
will not remain in bed and has received  
a slight discoluration over the left eye  
from her restless sleepless state. Two nights  
ago she went to bed.

1876  
January 20

Continued restless and talkative  
and rambled much in conversation, with  
herself in a very foolish manner, but has  
gradually settled down and is now much  
quieter. Sleeps better at night.

February 17

She is quiet and orderly, quite  
cheerful and enjoys her time sewing. She  
has been much annoyed by incontinence of urine  
for which she has done every thing possible with  
Dist. Amherst's in water and is now much better.

March 16

For some time past she has been  
rather talkative and appeared to be very  
cheerful, but has now become dull, will  
hardly speak and sleeps badly at night.

April 13

She is depressed, will hardly speak  
and only words when spoken to, has a wretched  
expression of face and her looks are generally white.

May 18

Still very dull and has an anxious  
melancholy expression of face, even with difficulty  
to get to speak and is very desponding.

June 13

She does a little sewing, talks when spoken  
to, is desponding and looks wretchedly.



Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1875

- July 30 For some time past she has been less depressed, more talkative and for some days just complained much of inability to pass urine. She has now become excited and indistinct in her conduct; rather disorderly.
- August 17 Still restless and fidgety, talks rather ramblingly and sometimes does not sleep at night.
- September 1 She is now much quieter and more orderly, has very little to say and employs her time sewing.
- October 14 She appears to be becoming depressed, has a more anxious look and often instead of replying when spoken to merely nods and shrugs at her lips.
- November 16 Very dull and depressed, so much so that she cannot apply her mind to do almost any work. She has a staring look and talks hardly at all.
- 1877  
January 15 She does a little sewing and is not so much depressed as at last report says a word or two in reply when spoken to, but will not admit she is any better than her head when told so. Looks melancholy.
- March 15 For a week or two past she has been rather excited and conversationally chatty talking much and very ramblingly.
- May 17 She is quiet and occupies her time sewing and although she varies in her condition she is not now so markedly either depressed or excited.
- July 19 She sometimes talks about getting away but does not at all seem the least anxious about it and all that is seen now when not so well mentally is that she is rather talkative.
- September 13 Is still occasionally rather rambling in conversation and somewhat excited, but never now shows any symptoms of depression. Is in ordinary bodily health.
- November 16 She appears to have improved physically as well as mentally and has seldom now anything to complain of and varies little in her mental condition.
- December 1 She today left the Asylum on trial.
- " 15 Was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



1876

January 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is seventeen years of age, single, a Domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she imagined the Lord spoke to her and that she had seen every angel who also spoke to her, and she was going to get married.

Mr. Martin her master, stated that the other night she ran out of the house naked & nearly so and that she tried to secrete a knife.

On admission she had a drawing, almost blank, with greatly dilated pupils, lay upon the person in charge of her and appeared as if she would roll on to the floor if not prevented. When she spoke she said she had seen Mrs. Annie Martin in the streets of heaven which were made of glass and stated that her own father was dead nineteen years although she was only seventeen years of age. Talks incoherently.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

" 8

She slept none during the night and was very restless and noisy. She wanders about with her eyes nearly closed and talks very incoherently. Takes her food.

" 15

She sleeps badly at night and her pupils have since admission been much dilated. She is at times excited but never replies when spoken to and her bladder requires to be occasionally relieved by means of the catheter.

February 17

For some days past she has been much better mentally and when spoken to now, says she is fine and she is beginning to be able to do a little work.

March 16

She steadily improved both mentally and physically is now actively engaged and appears to be very well mentally.

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She was today dismissed - Recovered.





1876

## Mary Young &amp; Mc. Donald Oct. 62

January 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient & chargeable to City Parish.

She sixty-two years of age, married and deserted, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is eight days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was incoherent and excited, talked incessantly, teased her kinders about her noisy and sleepless at night and threatening and violent in her conduct. She is stated to have been in a gypsy caravan in visiting inmates of the City Workhouse.

On admission she was very delirious and foolish, would sit up for hours on the floor and not und again if not prevented seemed as if she would sit herself fast back. She did not speak and answered questions in an irrelevant incoherent manner, but was kindhearted and not now and that she did not know whether she had got any food today or not. She required to be carried as she would walk none.

Badly health very frail: condition precarious.

" 11

She slept none during the night, was restless and threw the bedclothes off herself. She is confined to bed, let the attendants find her at breakfast, but refused dinner.

" 18

She has been confined to bed since admission; is at times excited and noisy and again will speak words and refuse her food. At times she appears as if she had lost all power of her body.

February 7

She is now quieter and at times seems quite contented with speech work, again she will reply, but becomes fumbling. She has been tried out of bed but becomes sick and again requires to be put back into it.

March 16

She is now able to be out of bed but is very shabby and cautious in all her movements. She replies very slowly when spoken to is depressed and rather demoralized.

April 13

She sleeps badly at night and is at times very miserable. She tries to do a little sewing, but is very slow and can do little.

May 18

She sometimes says she is not very well and again says she is very ill, is very anxious and her movements are slow and shabby. She is much depressed, very suspicious.

June 15

She is more feeble, complains very much of weakness and says in a very pensive way, she is very ill. She has been put to bed.

July 20

Depressed and melancholy, somewhat demoralized, always complains of being ill but cannot tell what is wrong.



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- August 17 She is frequently in bed for some days although she is not worse than usual. At times she is very ill and cannot rise.
- September 4 Can do nothing and often while sitting in a chair falls asleep. She is demoralized and depressed.
- October 19 Always very fretful and complaining whenever spoken to and she is very bad but can talk nothing further.
- November 6 Has been confined to bed for the last two weeks with ascites, but percussion shows it to be mostly wind. She does not complain more than usual. Says very little.
- December 4 She is again out of bed, looks very absent and depressed and her general reply when inquired for is that she is "fery bad."
- 1887  
January 15 She is daily out of bed, is demoralized and somewhat depressed, never at any time says she is better than very meddling and is always fretful. Her belly is large but compressed.
- April 19 For the last week she has been entirely out of bed, but is still very fretful and fretful quite demoralized and seldom says anything but that she is very ill. Her abdomen is still large.
- June 14 Depressed and rather demoralized is in bed today, harassed and mostly confined to bed. Always when spoken to she says she is very ill. She now refuses to take her wine as she says it causes her stomach.
- August 16 She is becoming again more fretful and constantly confined to bed. She is now affected with some expectoration and is melancholy in her habits putting it about her bed. She passes little urine and her feet are somewhat redematous.
- September 20 Has been constantly confined to bed since last report and has become very helpless and melancholy in her habits passes her urine and passes in bed and hardly seems to be conscious of other children.
- October 2 This morning at 10 minutes past five o'clock - she  
Died.
- " 4 A Post mortem examination of the body verified the cause of death as Phlebitis.



1876

January 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Keith Carnock and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Kemilton Parish.

She is twenty-two years of age, single, a domestic and a Protestant.

She was twice previously an inmate of this Asylum - from 7<sup>th</sup> September till 11<sup>th</sup> October 1871 and from 22<sup>nd</sup> May till 20<sup>th</sup> December 1873. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was found sitting in a filthy condition at the side of the fire, talking incessantly and incoherently and occasionally shrieking out dreadful oaths upon her mother and other members of the family. She refused food, destroyed it when presented to her, tore her clothes and was restless and restless.

On admission she was excited and restless, talked in a very incoherent manner and swore the most profane oaths without meaning or anyone being addressed. She reported that a black thing followed her and she said "it did not speak to me and answer no question correctly."

Profilly treated and condition ordinary.

" 11

She slept about three hours during the night and when awake, cursed and swore.

Today she sits quietly, sometimes hides her face, but continues to swear much in a low voice. She talks her food.

" 18

She continues incoherent and restless swears in a screaming way and at night she is occasionally wet in bed.

February 7

Incoherent restless and excited, very disorderly in her conduct and still requires to have her clothes fixed upon her. She still frequently wets the bed at night.

March 16

There is little or no improvement mentally except that during the day she is if anything more orderly. She can do nothing; at night is often noisy and frequently wets her bed.

April 13

Falls and incontinent, will do nothing, sits with her feet upon the seat and only talks when spoken to, is occasionally noisy at night.

May 18

About ten days ago she was evidently seized with an attack of erysipelas of the face, which has spread over the trunk and scalp. The inflammatory action has now gone off and the skin is desquamating. She is still weak and confined to bed.

June 13

She had a relapse of the erysipelas which is again nearly well but she is still very feeble and can do nothing. Confined mostly to bed.

July 20

She is quiet and sleeps continually when spoken to. Her work is written in English.



Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> January 1876

August 17

One of the chains of glands on the right side of the neck supplicated and has discharged and the sore is now nearly healed. She can do little or nothing in her bodily health, but is orderly in her conduct, talks rationally and appears to be pretty well mentally.

" 24

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

1875

Jane Crawford

from page 216

February 14

This patient who has been an inmate of the Asylum since 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875 is in an advanced state of dementia. She sits repeating the same over her chain and on her clothes, does not reply when spoken to but cries "Oh dear" if touched or if she thinks she is about to be touched.

April 18

Still has the habit of spitting over her clothes and wears a pinafore which has to be often changed. She has again begun to pull the hairs of the top of her head, mostly at night, and has a bare part of some size.

June 20

A much larger part of the surface of the scalp is now denuded of hair and this has been done very gradually, as from day to day no change can be observed. She does not speak, still quite as much as ever, has always a odd look and her hands are clanging. Condition somewhat reduced.

July 19

For a day or two past her feet have been noticed to be restless, especially before bedtime and her habits more uncleanly, particular matter being scattered all over her bedding. She makes no complaint herself and cannot answer the simplest question. Has been put to bed in infirmary ward.

" 30

Since being put to bed she has been very uncleanly in her habits, passing everything where she lay and her bowels often relaxed. Some nights she coughed much and again slept pretty well, but she had constantly particular matter from her lungs, plastered about her clothing. Never complained and today at 5.15 P.M. she died.

Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis



## Margaret Dickson Crawford Oct 29

1876

January 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Ayr District Asylum and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Rutherglen Parish.

She is twenty-nine years of age, married,  
a broom's wife and a Protestant.

She has been an inmate of Ayr Asylum  
since 27<sup>th</sup> May 1875, but the duration of insanity  
is stated to be five years and the cause  
general. She is neither suicidal nor  
dangerous to others. No known hereditary  
tendency.

Prior to admission she was stated  
to be quite sane.

On admission she looked quite fit and  
and could not reply correctly to the simple  
questions. When asked her name, she kept  
repeating "Braggie, Maggie" and in a childish  
manner said "briken" when asked what was  
her name.

bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.  
There is an old sore in front of the right wrist  
and on the dorsum of the hand as might have  
been received in smashing glass.

" 15

She slept well during the night and  
today is quiet and has taken her food.

" 25

She can do nothing, but takes  
her food, has a silly expression of face  
and when spoken to sometimes mutters  
some incoherent words. Yesterday she pulled  
her dress in her clothes.

February 17

She can now give any reply when  
spoken to her present in her seat and  
has a very silly expression of face, appears  
to be excited in everything done for herself.

March 16

Can do nothing and when can give  
a coherent reply when spoken to. At times she  
is rather excited and in a morning has very  
shouts to strike anyone near her.

April 13

Talks very incoherently and can do  
nothing, her bodily health is improving and  
she is becoming rather contented.

May 18

Very discontented but knows her name  
although when asked she generally says it  
is "Braggie" or "Maggie". Can do nothing.

June 15

Has been very violent in her conduct  
swearing and striking and very much excited,  
became quite unmanageable and required to  
be removed from her cell to another gallery.

July 20

She can do nothing is quite mindless  
and silly and when spoken to chatters in  
the most incoherent manner.

August 17

Much the same as at last report,  
has occasional fits of excitement. Is considerably  
improved physically since last report.

September 14

Generally more contented than she formerly  
was and talks more but is very incoherent.

October 14

Chatters and talks most incoherently  
is quite mindless and unable to do anything.

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December 16

Very restless and constantly, rattling  
moves her hands about and moves as if  
trying to get hold of something that is  
not present. She is very incoherent.

December 16

Has been occasionally violent in  
her conduct and, striking at anyone  
near in a meaningless manner and  
making an incoherent noise.

1877  
January 15

Quite demented and her language  
is totally incoherent, can do nothing from  
want of mind, is occasionally rather excited.

April 7

Can do nothing whatever, is  
rather restless and quite demented, never  
is by at any time the least coherent in speech.

June 14

Quite demented and her language  
completely incoherent. She takes her food  
ordinarily by is very sparse in conduct.

August 16

Content to the simplest affairs and  
does not appear to understand any words  
and to her is deeply demented.

October 18

She gets restless in a meaningless way  
moves from her seat when named and her  
whole conduct indicates complete want of mind.

December 13

From day to day she is much in  
the same restless mindless condition but,  
she is reduced by in ordinary health.



## Mary Annot a Heron Ad. 52

1876

January 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Mount Romney and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Mountland Parish.

She is fifty-two years of age, married, a Roman Catholic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one month and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she laughed at everything said and in a silly manner. She tried to drown herself and after being got home tried to set herself upon the fire, said that she must get out of sight, that here there was no place of rest.

On admission she was quiet and denied all knowledge of everything stated above about her; she admitted having gone out of the house, but made a very rambling statement about the illness of her husband and something about the air.

Her husband who was with her said that this morning about three o'clock she ran out the house nearly naked and after being brought back tried to set upon the fire. He had to get the purpose of drowning herself. She afterwards attacked their boy and then her husband himself.

Booth's touch for Colic: Condition Reduced.

" 18

She slept well during the night, but today is very unhappy, says she is a great sinner and doomed to all eternity.

" 25

She is very restless, miserable and suicidal; cries about her sins and sometimes tears her hair in despair; some nights she sleeps little or none and requires constant supervision night and day.

February 17

Very restless and her face has a morose expression. will stand up in her seat and contort her face but give no reply when spoken to. She requires the attendants to force her.

March 16

Restless, excited and very miserable. has been trying to put herself in the fire and is sometimes filthy in her habits. At night she sometimes gets out of bed and pulls all the bed clothing off the other patients.

April 13

Frequently very restless at night and during the day will rock her body and contort her face, does not reply when spoken to.

May 18

She does not improve at all, is often very restless at night and during the day stupid and miserable; can do nothing.

June 15

She is very restless and miserable goes about in a demoralized manner contorting her face and announcing, wishes herself dead and rubs at her hands as if she were in great bodily pain.



Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> January 1886

- July 20 Will not keep on her clothes, except they are fixed upon her with a strong strap and even with it has her arms bent to above the elbows. She does nothing, writhes her face and is always very miserable.
- August 17 Conducts herself in the same way, stammers unduly when spoken to and has told the medicine assistant who she said said that she thinks she has seen him before.
- September 4 She pulls at her dress and rocks up the sleeves but can do nothing and is very restless and stupid, talks incoherently.
- October 19 Often moans and rocks her body as if in pain and when spoken to only says she does not and looks stupid.
- November 6 Very restless and still requires to have on a strong dress to keep her clothed. She seldom gives any reply when spoken to, but looks up and writhes her face.
- December 14 Very miserable and often in great fear and excitement has occasionally to be guarded to prevent her throwing herself from her bed upon the floor.
- 1887  
January 15 Demented and very restless and unhappy, still requires to have on a strong dress and at times rubs her hands together and cries as if in great pain.
- April 19 Continues her face and looks very stupid and miserable, rocks her body about as if in pain and has always to have on a strong dress to keep her clothed.
- June 14 Miserable, very restless and unhappy always groaning and muttering to herself but never replies when spoken to.
- August 16 She pulls at her dress rocks her body and cries as if weeping but without shedding tears Has to be assisted with her food and is in a very reduced condition of body.
- October 18 Cries and moans is demented and never replies when spoken to; requires to have a strong dress to keep her clothed.
- December 18 She is tall and looks unwell and miserable, can give no explanation of her unhappy state; writhes her face much.
- 1888  
February 4 She is feeble and much wasted but very restless and will not remain in bed is very stupid and miserable and sounds herself if not watched.
- April 18 Has become more feeble and is now kept in bed, she has sometimes a cough at night and is evidently labouring Phthisis, is much emaciated.
- May 16 She gradually became more feeble and today she

Died.

Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis



## Elizabeth (Victoria) Paxton Oct. 35

1876

January 26

Was brought to the Asylum today from 203 Paisley Road Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-five years of age, a tallish widow and belongs to the Established Church.

About two years ago she was an inmate of Kirklands Asylum, Perthshire for six months. The duration of the existing attack is five days and the cause is confinement and drinking. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. A Holybrooke committed suicide.

Prior to admission she laboured under delusions and was violent in her conduct. She said she said had a hold of her by the hair of the head was constantly picking at imaginary spots fancied that she saw feathers in her hands and said her hands were full of them. Has slept none for many nights.

On admission she was very confused and restless, constantly talked about going home and rambled much in her speech. She did not know the day of the week and could not tell when her child was born although only five days ago. She did not give expression to any present delusion but spoke of her former delusions as realities, said there were no feathers in her hands now.

Kindly, health indifferent; condition strong. There is a very large discolouration on the outer aspect of the left eye.

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She slept only one hour during the night but was quiet and today is superior to her. She complains of pain in her breasts - they are not hard, but a little indurated from the milk.

February 4

On the second day after admission she became quite maniacal and still entire so; talks most incoherently, laboured under the delusion that butterflies were coming out of her mouth and was very restless, trying to catch them. She is uncleanly in her habits passes her passes in bed.

" 25

She has been out of bed for nearly a week, but does not improve materially, talks in the most incoherent manner, does not know what she is doing and sometimes cries but cannot tell why answers the simplest questions.

March 16

Very stupid and restless, talks in the most incoherent manner and mistakes the identity of people, catches hold of persons and addresses them as if they were other people whom she had known. Sleeps badly at night.

April 13

She is not so stupid as formerly but still talks in a most rambling manner asks if people have been inquiring for and is alarmed when told that they are not known.

May 18

June 13

July 12





- 1876
- January 24 Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish. She is thirty five years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity so far as is known, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both violent and dangerous to others. No relations known.
- Prior to admission her memory was defective; while in the Workhouse, she believed herself at the Gussat House Anderson. Said she was being poisoned and that Policemen were in pursuit of her for some great crime of which she was innocent. She was much excited and dangerous, struck all around her and attempted to escape through the window.
- On admission she was unreasoning and dangerous, violent, struck and tried to bite, talked in the most incoherent manner and was quite unmanageable.
- Bodily health indifferent; condition of her right eye is dangerous and the iris which is inflamed and swollen, and there is a discolouration upon her chin.
- " 30 After being put to bed she became exceedingly angry and excited, kicked, bite and tore the attendants by the hair and required to be removed to a room. Today she is so dangerous she still requires to be locked up.
- February 7 Continued to be subject to paroxysms of great excitement and when quiet would be seldomly in bed with her head covered, till yesterday when she was quiet and for the first time got up and dressed.
- " 12 Yesterday she had a severe epileptic seizure and today she says she has taken two or long such as she can remember.
- March 6 She has occasional epileptic seizures and is always uncertain and dangerous, makes unprovoked assaults upon the other patients and is always the first to complain, thinks they are doing something to injure her, when it is not the case.
- April 13 She was always sit beside another patient Mrs. Brown and is idle, will do nothing unless asked, but smiles. Is often very irritable.
- May 18 She has frequent epileptic seizures, but her mental state does not seem to be much affected immediately by them; mind very weak.
- June 18 She constantly sits beside another epileptic patient (named Mrs. Brown) and will do nothing but constantly asks to get away. Last night she had a very severe epileptic seizure. Is getting very stout.
- July 20 She is very unreasoning and dangerous does not seem to know what she is doing



Admitted 29<sup>th</sup> January 1876

- August 17 At present she is quiet, but subject to little attacks of irritability, can & will do nothing and frequently asks to get away.
- September 4 She is at present very stupid and ill in consequence of a succession of very severe epileptic seizures.
- October 19 She is today confined to bed after having had a very severe epileptic seizure. She is very stupid, does not know what she does and is very irritable. On being undressed she has pieces of bread and other trifling articles stuffed about her clothing. Very stout.
- November 16 Still and irritable and is occasionally violent in her conduct; accuses others of having injured her when nothing whatever was done to her. Has epileptic seizures at times.
- December 16 Has been quiet since last report but complains much of great pain in the left axilla and holds her arm; all in consequence of a small red papule.
- 1877  
January 15 Does nothing and is generally found sitting side by side with another epileptic patient. Has occasional epileptic seizures, takes her food well and is stout.
- April 19 Has occasional fits, is stupid irritable and at times very dangerous always complaining of imaginary diseases.
- June 16 Subject to attacks of great irritability such is dangerous in her conduct, during these paroxysms she fancied that something is being done to injure her.
- August 16 Has been very maniacal, tearing and destroying her bed and bed clothes and stupidly trying to bite any person she can get hold of.
- October 18 She often fancies that something is being done to injure her, is stupid and irritable and ready to attack any one who comes into her way.
- December 13 Has occasional epileptic seizures very severe and generally afterwards complains of being ill is stupid and cannot understand what is wrong with her.
- 1878  
March 14 Mindless and very rambling in conversation, when spoken she only says a word or two and cannot finish any sentence, wanders stupidly about.
- June 13 The epileptic attacks come on at uncertain intervals and are generally severe, but seldom more than one in twenty-four hours. Is restless when quiet.
- September 12 When free from excitement she always wants to shake hands with the Medical Officer, pretends to be very good, but is deceitful and requires to be kept always under observation.

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1876 Helen Shanks Mc. Gregor a Sadder's Case No. 14

February 2

Was brought to the Asylum today from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Paroch.

She is sixty-four years of age, widow, a Housewife and a Protestant.

In 1868 she was an inmate of this Asylum and in 1869 of Glasgow Asylum.

The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known.

She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very distracted; imagined there was a conspiracy against her but could not tell who were conspirators; imagined she was in a "dumb house" and that her life was in danger. Her sister stated that she was very wild and unmanageable.

On admission she was stupid, restless and very incoherent, could not reply correctly to the simplest questions and stammered somewhat in her speech; her words were utterly without connection and she appeared unable to comprehend the simplest things asked of her.

Her health indifferent: Condition good

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She was noisy, slept none and being nearly all night, talks in the most incoherent manner about intuition, Rail Chapel, and interdena; and walks very unsteadily.

" 10

She is very stupid, restless and noisy, repeating scripture passages and talking very incoherently and loudly. On the day after last report she passed her time in bed and has since been often out. She walks very unsteadily and is always cold.

" 25

Still very incoherent, cannot do nothing and walks unsteadily.

She was today taken to Middlethorpe District Asylum by authority of Sir James Cox and dismissed —

Relieved.

Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1876

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1876  
 Jane Mc. Timmon & Currie Oct. 30

February 8

Was brought to the Asylum today from  
 Toronto and Whiffet and admitted as a pauper  
 patient chargeable to Old Mansfield Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity.  
 The duration is ten days and the cause is  
 not known. She is dangerous to others but  
 not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

From admission she talked incoherently,  
 sang hymns and was very excited and  
 violent in her actions. She seldom  
 slept any and talked constantly about  
 religion.

On admission she was quiet, and  
 when spoken to laughed much in a silly  
 manner and could not answer questions  
 correctly, but would say "yes" there is something  
 about, laugh more and become quite sensible.  
 Her husband stated that today she caught  
 at the fire place and talked to it as if it could  
 hear what she said and that she furnished  
 the railway engine spoke to her.

Moodily, haughty, indifferent, condition  
 ordinary. She has had three children and has  
 been nursing the youngest (3 months old) and  
 her mammae are very hard.

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She was very restless during the  
 night and would not remain in bed. Today  
 she is very restless carries a Bible about with  
 her and asks others to listen to her reading  
 passages that show she is saved. Orders to  
 have some saline medicine.

" 16

Continued very restless and sleepless  
 at night, singing hymns, praying and running  
 about in an excited state. For the last two  
 nights she has slept better, but still can do  
 nothing and is very incoherent.

March 16

She labours under delusion and  
 is very depressed and obstinate, fears  
 she was frightened by spirits and will seldom  
 speak. About the beginning of the month she began  
 to be seized by fits a week by means of the  
 stomach pump. Her case improving.

April 20

She sleeps badly at night and during  
 the day is very obstinate and peculiar will  
 often quiver or sob when spoken to or make  
 her eyes; only smiles if touched.

May 18

She sleeps little or none at night and  
 is noisy, gets out of bed in to the floor and talks  
 as if to some imaginary person. For a three days  
 ago she three times in one day stripped off her  
 clothes and requires an attendant to constantly wash her.

June 15

Continues to be noisy at night  
 and during the day sits and repeats "Johnny  
 came to bed", only laughs when spoken to and  
 goes on as before. Her attendants require to find her.



Admitted 8<sup>th</sup> February 1876

- July 20 She is cheerful at and often noisy, ting loudly and sometimes throws around her. She only laughs when spoken to and pays not the slightest attention to what is said. She sometimes wets her bed.
- August 17 Very incoherent and talks much to herself, but will not reply when spoken to, only bangs down her head and laughs. She sometimes tries to saw a stick.
- September She laughs in the most manner and even before being spoken, when she is being approached bangs down her head and will give no reply. She is in good bodily health.
- October 19 She requires to be fed by the attendant, talks hurriedly to herself in the most silly manner and only laughs in reply to anything said to her.
- November 16 Still requires to be fed by the attendant and to have everything done for her, besides the wife stand and cannot be got to sit down and passes her urine and faeces on the floor where she stands.
- December 16 She is getting of very much in bodily condition and the attendants cannot get her to eat except very sparingly. She quite large quantities of saliva upon her clothes laughs in a very silly manner and says "My dearest James Wilson", is quite incoherent.
- January 18 1877 Is again rather better physically and has given over spitting so much. Presently she is not improve, holds the one hand up to her face with her other and repeats silly words about her dearest, making a noise of it. Is quite incoherent.
- March 15 She talks and mutters to herself, hides her face in her hands and laughs wildly, seizes hold of the medicinal officer at the visits and will not leave off without a struggle. Always idle but eats well.
- May 17 She mutters to herself in a low, humming way and when spoken to puts her hands over her face, and will not reply, but sometimes swears. Is always incoherent. She spits much and is losing flesh.
- July 19 Gradually getting off, is now anemic, reduced and feeble, has been put to bed with oedema of feet. She eats very little and is melancholy in her habits. She labors under Phthisis but cough very little.
- September 13 She is very weak and requires to be assisted with her food; seldom speaks and is becoming much reduced.
- October 13 Extremely feeble and requires to be assisted with everything. Is dying.
- .. 31 At 12.55 P.M. She Died and on 2 November a Post mortem examination was made. Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.



1876

February 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 16 Brown Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish. She is thirty-eight years of age, single, a housewife and a Protestant.

Upwards of a year ago she cut her throat and was sent to the Western Asylum. The duration of the sickening attack is a few days and the cause not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had in a quite bitter manner, said she had committed a great crime and that her hope was lost for her sins. Her sister stated that she tried to get away to drown herself and that she slept none at night, said herself that cats and dogs prevented her.

On admission she had a dumb, almost dumb and could hardly be got to speak at all. She said she was confused etc, but when asked what was wrong, looked quite considered, then when asked if was her mind, said yes, but would tell nothing more.

bodily health very feeble: condition reduced. There is an old scar from a wound on her neck.

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She slept none during the night and was very restless, would not keep her bed. She will hardly eat any and the attendants have to assist her with her food.

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She sleeps very little at night and is often so restless that she requires to be placed in a single room. She refuses her food and the attendants have had great difficulty in feeding her. She was yesterday fed by the stomach pump.

March 16

Shortly after last report she was seized with an attack of erysipelas of the face, but is again nearly better, although still confined to bed. There are two large boils on her back which are beginning to heal and she is now more rational, takes her food herself.

April 13

She has again had two attacks of erysipelas of the face. The second much less severe than the former and the present which came on two days ago has almost already passed off. She is quiet and very patient now, talks rationally, but her mind is weak.

May 13

She keeps well physically, although there has been occasionally a slight break in her face which soon passed off. She enjoys her tea drinking and is quite cheerful.

June 10

She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> February 1966

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## Sarah M. Brady &amp; Mc. Ginnis 1876

February 17

Was brought to the Asylum today from the Iowa Police Office Hamilton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Hamilton Parish. She is thirty four years of age, married and deserted and a Roman Catholic.

She has been several times in inmates of Lunatic Asylum Edinburgh and was for five months in the Asylum Scotland. She is stated to have been twenty-two years of age at her first attack, but the duration and cause of the existing attack are not known. She is dangerous to those but not suicidal. Has a border deficient intellect.

Prior to admission she had a belief that she was enormously wealthy and would buy me the wine in contact with for a little whiskey or brandy and sing and mutter incoherently. The police found her on the streets almost naked, with a crowd of children around her.

On admission she talked much in a rambling incoherent manner, spoke of being ill and the house unable to contain her and that if she had not got out she would have burst. She said she had a thousand pounds in the banks in Hamilton and also in the banks in London. She was very anxious to have rum and sugar also she was thirsty but she did not know what she should take brandy, soda water or whiskey.

18      Pouting mouth feeble; Condition reduced. There are many small sores on her back, breast and shoulders and a discoloration around her right eye. Hair prematurely gray, white. She slept well during the night, at today talks ramblingly, has no idea of where she is and wants half an acre of land at 1/2 a brock in Hamilton.

25      She sits with her hands over her eyes and will hardly let her face be seen; says she the light hurts her eyes and talks ramblingly.

March 16      She can do nothing, sits much still with her hand over her eyes and her replies to anything said, are generally quite irrelevant and her manner childish. She often talks of getting rum and has no money paying for it.

April 13      She sometimes now goes out to the laundry, but when in doors sits with her hands over her eyes, will not talk at all and says she light hurts her or that her head is sore.

May 18      Somewhat demoralized and very peculiar in her manner, tries to avoid observation and replies when spoken to in a hurried rambling manner.

June 15      Hides her face and when spoken to says she has a headache and wants rum, is very silly in her manner, talks incoherently.



Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> February 1876

- July 20 Very illly and rambling in conversation hides her face and always when spoken to says she has a headache.
- August 17 Still has the headache, but thinks that snuff would mend it, she gets snuff occasionally, but uses it up quickly or at least is never found with any when she complains of her head. Demented.
- September Fits with her face turned to the wall and her hand over her eyes and will not take away her hand, replies when spoken to in a most rambling incoherent way.
- October 19 Is occasionally rather excited and talks incoherently, expresses herself as if addressing no one in particular saying she thinks she should do this and that.
- November Very odd and excitable, talks most incoherently and has always her face hid away from observation.
- December She sometimes shows violence and talks incoherently of people tormenting her. Whenever she has no snuff she is very irritable and ready to strike.
- 1877  
January 18 Fits with her face hid and when spoken to mutters but does not raise her hand: is subject to fits of excitement when she raves incoherently.
- March 15 She and often very irritable, thinks violence to anyone who comes in her way and is especially cross if her snuff is done she always hides her face.
- May 17 Always inclined to hide her face and is very irritable without any external cause, can do nothing and when spoken to is much annoyed and talks hurriedly.
- July 19 Has the appearance of the light hunting her eyes is very abrupt and incoherent in her replies to anything said to her, does nothing and is considerably demented.
- September 13 Is inclined to get into out of the way places, turns away her head when spoken to and repeats some words in a hurried incoherent manner. She can do nothing and is in fearful bodily health.
- October 16 She does nothing and is more miserable physically she appears to be gradually to be getting more feeble, eats very sparingly but makes no complaint.
- 1878  
January 19 She has become weaker and has been sent to the Infirmary ward.
- February 2 She has been confined to bed for a week or two, has a cough and when asleep often moans much. She is quite demented and appears to be dying.
- March 18 Dying at 4 o'clock. V. M. She  
Died.  
Cause of death: Phthisis Pulmonalis



Emily Chalmers &amp; Bow Oct 29.

1876

February 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Police Office Wickham and admitted as a pauper patient charged to Camberwell Parish.

She is twenty nine years of age, widowed, a Waverley woman and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of King's College Asylum, but when or how long is not known.

The duration and cause of the existing attack is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in speech. In answering questions, frequently spelled the words, talked about persons and things that had no existence, imagined she had ten children and ten husbands.

On admission she was restless and excited, conducted herself in a foolishly extravagant manner and talked very incoherently. Her speech was very feeble and many of her words could not at all be made out, but she appeared to be sane from her mental state than any physical impediment. She fancied that her body was injured in several places and tried to show the marks, but nothing could be seen.

Physically health and condition good.

" 15

She slept well during the night and today has taken her food, is pretty quiet but when spoken to talks quite incoherently.

" 25

She goes out to the laundry, but is always extravagant and talks very incoherently. She has taken many dishes and talks she stole and secrets them about her clothing.

March 16

She talks most incoherently and in a very loud voice, repeats words over and over again and will when spoken to say "No, No, how hard", wheels about and goes away, is seldom at rest and often very destructive in her habits. Is always contentedly happy.

" 27

She was today taken to Edinburgh Royal Asylum by authority of a Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed.

Relieved.





1876

## Isabella Todd &amp; Jackson Oct. 34

February 11

Was brought to the Dispensary today, from Hamilton Police Office and admitted as - pauper patient chargeable to St. George's Parish.

She is thirty-four years of age, married, a Kingham's wife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is but 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 lived under delusions; said she heard voices, and that people were coming to kill her and were plotting against her life.

She became most unsettled as night came on and last night wandered away to Hamilton.

On admission she was very depressed and miserable, talked of a deep pit to take her life and said many people were in it, but could not particularize any of them but her step-mother. While talking she became more distressed and rather excited saying she heard voices saying they were coming to murder her.

She has had six children (one dead) and the youngest born in September last, which she was bringing up as the father - but is with.

Kindly, handled very indifferent. Condition good.

" 19

She slept very quietly one hour during the night and today is still in fear of being killed, but she is quiet and has taken her food.

" 26

She now sleeps better at night, but is still in great fear and complains of a strange sensation in her head. She thinks that she has been accused of improper conduct.

March 16

Often awakes at night gets out of bed and searches for persons she thinks are in her room she thinks she hears people knocking to get in; thinks they wish to take liberties with her and that she is to be killed.

April 13

She now keeps her bed better at night, but still believes under her former delusions although she does not talk so readily about them. She will sometimes give no reply when spoken to, is irritable without cause.

May 18

Appears to sleep well at night, but her manner and expression of face is furtive and suspicious. She wishes - quarrels with her husband and is constantly anxious about her children.

June 15

It is very difficult to get her to talk and when spoken to she bangs her head in a childish way, requires to be spoken to several times to get any reply.

July 10

When spoken to she smiles sickly and half closes her eyes, seems as if afraid to look at the person addressing her & to reply.



Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> February 1876

August 17

She works in the Laundry and does pretty well, but when approached and taken to, she stops her work, casts down her eyes humbly and is very unobtrusive in her replies.

October 14

Displays great weakness of mind and to questions affecting herself is very evasive in her replies, casts down her eyes when spoken to and seldom gives a direct reply.

October 19

Works in the Laundry and is quiet. When spoken to she looks away from the person speaking to her and is very childish in her manner, but answers pretty correctly.

November 16

Has been rather excited and labouring under delusion, hears voices speaking when no one is near and says that they are conversing with her mind and if we cannot stop it she must consult some one else.

December 14

She works about as formerly and at present has very little to say, even hardly so apt to say more than we or goes to any question put to her.

1877  
January 18

She does not at present mention anything about voices and is quiet orderly and industrious; asks often to get away but does it in a sham-faced childish way.

March 15

She has been fancying she was very ill and making a great noise about herself. She is very silly in her manner and holds down her hand slightly when spoken to and will hardly reply.

May 17

She occupies her time reading and doing other household work is generally very quiet and has nothing to complain of; is rather shy and has the manner of a person naturally a little silly.

July 7

Keeping as well as can be expected she was today removed on the authority of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Victoria, Chap 54, Sect. 17 and dismissed as so far.

Recovered.



Jane M. Kinlay Dec. 26

February 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a younger patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency at home.

Prior to admission she imagined there was a conspiracy against in which William M. P., the Glasgow Authorities and others were concerned. She thought that Dickson also had to do with it and that a former master, Mr. Cromford of the Glasgow Foundry and his son wished to ruin her. She talked in all subjects in a rambling incoherent manner.

On admission she talked incessantly, in a most rambling manner and at first was exuberantly happy. To almost all questions asked of her she laughed and said you shall not see what you know; said she was here, knew all about her and asked her to be brought here; but after she saw she was not to get away, cried and threatened what she would have done had she got them outside.

Physically healthy and condition ordinary.

" 22

She sleeps very little during the night and today is very irritable and will hardly speak, is much annoyed because she will not get washing for her own clothes.

" 24

She sleeps well at night, but during the day is idle and talks in a very foolish rambling manner, threatens to strike when spoken to and demands to know what any one here has to do with her.

March 16

Generally quiet, but will do nothing but what she pleases, talks in a rambling manner and often will give no reply when spoken to, acts as if everything said to her was nonsense. Physically healthy good.

April 13

Always very peart and frequently quarrels without cause, threatens vengeance against imaginary persons or at least persons that no one who hears her knows anything of and is very rambling in conversation.

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She was today taken to City District Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed.

Relieved.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> February 1876

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## Bridget Freel or Gillespie 1877

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February 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is seventy-eight years of age, widowed, a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she talked quite incoherently, had no idea in what City she was and thought the women in the ward were men. The nurse stated that she took her blankets and tried to get into the fire.

In admission she appeared to be demented from age; talked much in a most rambling incoherent way, could not tell anything about herself or answer questions correctly.

Physical health very feeble; condition mind reduced.

" 26

She slept sound during the night and today is confined to bed, but is very restless and stupid, in danger of injuring herself, trying to get up and not knowing what she is doing.

March 4

Very feeble and confined to bed, but very restless and often in danger of injuring herself, trying to get up. She sleeps badly at night and is often noisy.

" 23

She is quieter and now sleeps better at night, can take her food herself, but is quite childish and mindless from old age.

April 6

Is always confined to bed, but often becomes restless, sits up, throws the bed-clothes about and talks much in the most silly rambling manner.

May 13

Quite fatuous, moves about in bed and when spoken, talks in the most childish rambling manner. She takes her food.

June 15

Confined to bed, but sits up, takes her food, not to any one and chatter incoherently.

July 20

She chatters and talks in the most rambling way, sits up in bed, moves to others and speaks as if replying to something said to her. Last night her bowels were relaxed.

August 17

Although she is fond she becomes very restless and has to be dressed and got up for a day or two, occasionally. She is very fatuous, talks in a silly rambling way.

September 14

Considering her age and feeble condition she takes her food very well, but can do nothing is quite fatuous; is now daily out of bed.

October 19

Falls most rambling and incoherently about what she does, also trying to do things and is quite fatuous.

November 11

Continues much in the same fatuous talkative state and considering her age and condition takes her food well.

Admitted 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1876

December 11

Very feeble and feeble from old age, chatters and talks in the most meaningless way and in consequence of her worn out state is occasionally in bed for a day.

1877  
January 18

For a week or two past she has been constantly in bed in consequence of her feeble state and although very weak is sometimes very restless and likes to injure herself tossing about the bed.

March 15

Her right arm and leg are quite powerless from an attack of hemiplegia and she requires to be fed, but talks her good pretty well. She works and chatters when spoken to, is very contented.

May 17

Very helpless and demented, quite gaitious from age and paralysis, requires much and constant attention everything having to be done for her.

July 19

Requires to be fed by the attendant and everything done for her, is mindless, helpless and extremely feeble.

August 23

She passes her feces and urina in bed and is quite unconscious of it, is in a state of extreme fatuity from age.

September 17

Today at 11.35 A.M. she died.



Catherine Smith Oct. 40

1876

February 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty years of age, single, a domestic servant, and a Protestant.

This is stated to be the first attack of insanity, the duration as usual and the cause not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she imagined that God spoke to her by audible voice, heard voices from the walls and floor of her room and said God appeared to her at night in the form of a green brilliant light. She said that God tells her what to do and directs her actions. Just the body of Christ inside her own body and that God had commanded her to leave America (when she was 16 or 17 years).

On admission she had a book Bible in her hands which she had been reading, talked much but all in Gaelic and could not understand a word of English. She was asked a number of questions through an interpreter, but either did not understand most of them or was unable to reply, and however that the doctor at Glasgow could tell and was stated that she had taken epileptic fits for twenty years and had the last about five days ago.

Physically healthy indifferent: emotion sensitive.

" 26

She sleeps well during the night and today is quite orderly in her conduct, but talks much in Gaelic although no one near can understand.

March 7

Last night about nine o'clock she had an epileptic seizure and afterwards became very violent, kicked and tore at those assisting her and otherwise was dangerous. She was placed in the Infirmary ward under observation.

" 19

Often irritable and suddenly strikes at whoever is near her, has been violent to several of the other patients without any cause. She is never in any way employed.

" 23

She was today removed to Barrack by the Inspector of Work on the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed Relieved.





1876

## Mary Carson or Hughes Oct. 186

- February 26 Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Houses, St. Mountland and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to St. Mountland Parish.  
She is forty-six years of age, widowed,  
a housewife and a Roman Catholic.
- This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is since October 1875 and the cause  
is not known. She is dangerous to others  
but not suicidal. Remitting tendency at times.
- Prior to admission she was very violent,  
refused to answer questions, she talked  
incoherently and at other times sang. Her son  
stated that she seldom slept any and was  
at times very violent in her manner and would  
injure any one near her.
- On admission she was quiet, but  
she had been unwell and confined to bed  
but could give no coherent account of any  
illness that affected her, but thought it was  
all caused by not being properly looked  
after. It was with considerable difficulty  
she could be got to reply to questions and  
her answers were rambling and unsatisfactory.
- March 31 Badly humbled and condition ordinary.  
She was quiet during the night, but  
slept none and today she sits with her head  
bent forward and will hardly speak, but says  
she is listening to the others.
- March 6 She is very quiet, seems to be consider-  
ably demented. When spoken to she says she  
is well, but cannot tell anything about her,  
either gives no reply or is altogether incoherent.
- April 13 Does little or nothing and is always  
very absent. When spoken to now she often  
says she is not well and thinks it is her  
head that is the cause.
- May 18 Demented, but occasionally and  
without any apparent cause she will begin  
to strike and talk in the most incoherent manner.
- June 15 Irritable and obstinate, always  
ready to back a strike if touched and  
often even when merely spoken to.
- July 20 Lies with her head down and will  
do nothing, cannot be spoken to without  
becoming violent or threatening, very irritable.
- August 17 Always sullen and exceedingly irritable,  
never speaks except to swear and threaten  
vengeance and is not slow to try to put her  
threat into execution, kicks & strikes out.
- September 6 Often highly excited and very distressing  
in her language, and when quiet speaks  
none but is always very irritable.
- October 19 Exceedingly irritable and becomes  
excited and dangerous merely when spoken  
to, swears and kicks & strikes.
- November 6 Continues in the same sullen  
sophisticated state, never speaks quietly.





## Mary Weir

Oct 17

1876

March 2

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Cadder Mills, Strathaven and admitted as  
a private patient.

She is seventeen years of age, single.  
Religious persuasion - Plymouth Brethren.

She has been ill mentally, more or less  
for two years, but was treated at home and  
the cause is the period of life. She refused  
all food but was not dangerous to others. Her  
mother was dead for three months at the age of 50 years.

Prior to admission she persistently  
asserted she was full when she was perfectly  
emaciated; was determined not to take  
food and would resist be coerced or  
forced by her friends. When threatened in  
the very least or in any way displeased  
she broke out into violent fits of temper.

On admission she was childish in  
her manner and very peevish. When told  
she would have to eat she cried much  
and when asked gave as her reason that  
she was afraid of becoming stout if she  
would eat. She had had no food whatever  
today but when told she would be fed by  
a nurse she took some bread and butter.

Physical health very feeble; condition reduced.

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She did not sleep during the night but  
was quiet. She takes her food, but does so  
very unwillingly and often complains of a feeling  
as if she were about to vomit.

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Continues to take her food, but is very  
slow and at times requires to be reminded that  
it is necessary she should do so. She appears  
to be getting a little stronger, but is very anxious  
to have no more of her tonic.

April 13

She has steadily improved and  
now comparatively well, takes her food  
and is just gaining flesh. She continues  
to take her tonic and is now anxious  
to have and very desirous to do anything  
that will confirm her health. She now  
occupies her time doing light work.

May 6

Continuing to do well, she was  
today taken home by her father and dismissed  
Recovered.

Admitted 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1876

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Marion M. Donald Kellock & Murdoch, no. 24

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March 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-nine years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, made almost hysterical, and said she knew people who were strangers to her, thought she was in Edinburgh and inquired questions rather incoherently or in a very irrelevant manner.

On admission she talked very incoherently, asked how long it was since we had seen her before and when asked where she was seen said that she did not know any of us and had never seen us before. She said she had been treated ill by the people she attended her putting out her hands upon her and striking and striking her, could not answer any question correctly.

Badly health, pale condition ordinary. There are large patches of rashes on both upper and lower extremities.

" 4

She slept about three hours during the night and was noisy when awake. She refused all food, talks very incoherently; was today fed by means of the stomach pump.

" 12

On consecutive nights she is quiet, but is generally very restless and talks more fully the characteristics of the other patients and is quite unmanageable. She talks very little food and the attendants have always to feed her.

April 13

After last report she was for nearly two weeks regularly fed by means of the stomach pump, afterwards the attendants with difficulty could feed her but now she takes it generally herself. She is excited, restless and destructive in her habits, talks very incoherently.

May 13

Very noisy and incoherent, quite unmanageable and at times quite unmanageable. She sleeps very little at night and is always very restless and noisy; destructive.

June 15

Completely incoherent and talks much very restless and disorderly, would not keep her clothes upon her except for the strong dress she wears. Last night she wet her bed.

July 20

Very restless, noisy and excited, she much and tears her clothes, disturbs the other patients at night and is incoherent.

August 17

Noisy at night, continues very incoherent, sweats and is constantly in mischief. She does not seem to know what is said to her and is fully destructive and dangerous.

Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> March 1876

- October 14 Destructive and uncleanly in her habits and boisterous and very impatient especially in her behaviour; talks very incessantly and is sleepless and noisy at night.
- October 19 If anything has excited during the day, but her language is still very incoherent and she requires to have her clothing fixed upon her, is often noisy at night.
- November 16 She sometimes now sews a little but she works has to be put into her hand but she soon forgets what she is doing. She looks dull and absent.
- December 16 She continues quiet, but has made little or no progress since last report. She says very little and seems to be in a state of dementia.
- 1877  
January 18 Since last report she has improved very much and although very quiet she answers readily and correctly when spoken to and now employs her time sewing and makes herself otherwise useful.
- February 10 She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



## Elizabeth Drysdale Oct. 22

1876

March 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Hunter Street, Sweden and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Market Church.

She is twenty-two years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

This is stated to be the first attack of insanity, the duration three days and the cause not known. She is restless, considered very dangerous to others. Her sister Lucy was an inmate of this Asylum from 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1873 till 21<sup>st</sup> February 1874.

Prior to admission she had an excited, wandering appearance, had abnormal notions with regard to religion and would not attend to her work as a servant.

On admission she had an absent, bewildered expression of face, had many misgivings she uttered with her lips but she was out of her mind and the work had gone far from her so that she could not do it. She said she knew no business, she was in the same state in April last when in London and was a week in the Hospital. She never looked at anyone when speaking and often repeated what she had said.

Merely health indifferent: Condition same.

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She slept none during the night, but walked sleepily up and down and talked much to herself. Today she is very stupid, sees much and cannot tell what it is about.

" 23

She has a stupid, dumbed look, sits idly in one place and at times cries much, repeats incoherently or incoherently when spoken to and talks of loving Jesus.

April 20

Depressed and somewhat demented, often cries much and talks ramblingly. Says she wants to be buried beside her mother and immediately after says she wants home to live beside her.

May 18

Cries often without any apparent cause and when asked what is wrong with her says she wants home to her mother. She is very childish and weak minded.

June 15

She seems to be better and is generally now more cheerful, but has still strange, confused ideas about herself. She talks her food well and is in fair bodily health.

July 20

She walks about the wards or in the laundry and generally seems very well but at times quarrels with the attendants and is very unreasonable. Her health good.

August 17

Continues to be indistinctly understood when spoken to and now appears to be well mounted.

September

She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> March 1876

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## Margaret Crawford Oct. 31

March 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 211 Riverside Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-one years of age, single, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency unknown.

Prior to admission she stated that she had been provoked at by the Rev. Mr. Taylor of Kelso-minister was Church, in consequence of which her character had been ruined and she could not get a place as a nurse. Her apprehensions to Taylor would do her some other mischief. Her sister stated that she was quite changed since June last and talked constantly about her supposed wrongs.

On admission she was excited and noisy, cried much and in the middle of day so would burst out into fits of laughter. She said Mr. Taylor had provoked at her accused her of wicked deeds, and told this about her; all from the pulpit on Sunday.

Her sister stated that she had been falsely accused of stealing when in service and had been much harassed by her mistresses and had since done no good, was unable to work and her mind generally gone wrong.

Passively hostile indifferent. Condition ordinary.

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She slept none during the night and was noisy, today she sits crying and holds her face, will not let it be seen, says she wants home to her sister.

" 25

She sleeps badly and is often noisy at night, screams out loudly and disturbs everyone near her. During the day she often cries in a childish way and in a short time, laughs talks in a very rambling manner.

April 20

She is now generally quieter and sleeps better at night but is subject to occasional fits of excitement, when she cries and demands to get away. She still believes under the delusion that the minister preached about her and says he had no business to do so.

May 18

She still believes under the delusion that she was preached about in church and says she was needed to be here, writes for her sister to come and take her away.

June 15

She talks ramblingly and believes under delusion, makes assertions that are quite erroneous and if anyone says anything to the contrary she will throw her.

July 20

She writes for her friends to come and take her away and although no one has spoken to her on the subject she tells that they have only to come and take her.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> March 1876

August 17<sup>th</sup> Rambling and somewhat incoherent  
in conversation, believes under all her  
former delusions, fancies that the people  
here know her all for truths and is very  
suspicious and irritable.

September 14<sup>th</sup> She still believes under all her  
former delusions, but does not now speak  
so much about them, says there never was  
anything wrong with her and talks often of  
her relations coming to take her away.

October 19<sup>th</sup> She is weak minded and irritable  
believes under the delusion that many  
people tell lies about her and is in  
impaired bodily health.

" 27<sup>th</sup> She was today taken to Argyll and  
Bute District Asylum by authority of Dr.  
Mitchell and dismissed -  
Relieved.



Isabella Goodo.

Oct. 26

1876

March 22

Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother-in-law from 377 New City Road, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty six years of age, single, was employed at domestic duties and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three days and the cause is usually bodily health. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very violent, kicked at people and tried to bite those about her; refused to take food as she said it was all poisoned. She called herself Lady Isabella and pointing to her brother-in-law said he was the prince of Devils. Said that if she wished she would have the head of one of the medical men brought to her in half an hour.

On admission she was quiet and appeared quite listless and exhausted, had a sleepless night and smiled when spoken to. She said she did not know where she was but that her brother-in-law told her he was bringing her to a Hotel. The delusions when the delusions noted above were mentioned to her; said she had none of these ideas now but for some days before among her what occurred was all a blank to her and she did not now know what day it was.

Bodily health indifferent - she appears to be phlegmatic; Condition ordinary.

" 23

She slept none during the night, but was quiet. She takes her food, but seems alone and exhausted.

" 30

She is very quiet and orderly, pleasant in her manner and does a little sewing, but is in very poor physical health, often says she feels well, looks as if very tired.

April 20

About ten days ago there was a little blood on her handkerchief and she said she vomited up a quantity besides. Since then she has had several fainting attacks and has been confined to bed. She sleeps little at night, she does not complain and talks rationally when spoken to although sometimes she will not speak.

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She was today taken home by her relations and dismissed -

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Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1876

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## Gannia Blair or Reid Oct. 16

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March 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from City Workhouse, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is forty six years of age, unmarried, a Wiclor and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both vindictive and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency unknown.

Prior to admission she stated that she whole of the people in the mill had been conspiring against her and that they had put poison in her tea and on her bread and that her blood had become quite useless to her. She went to the Police Office to complain of it. She also stated that her husband who is dead sometimes spoke to her at night.

On admission she was quiet and complained of being unable to walk with a swim bag. She said the girls in the mill had put pretty poison in her tea and that was why her leg was sore, and that for more than a year they had been trying to injure her in various ways and had even struck her with a hand brush; they were all against her and she could not take any.

Her left leg is badly affected with varicose and there is an old ulcer over a former ulcer.

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She slept none during the night and today is sullen and irritable, will speak about nothing but getting away.

April 1

She talks her food and has no complaint to make of poison being in it, but is otherwise very discontented, will do nothing and is constantly asking to get away.

" 20

She is very childish and irritable asks to get the key of her house and says we have no business to keep her here, cries and makes a noise and says because the factor will be wanting his rent.

May 18

She is irritable, cries in a childish manner to get away, and says we have no business keeping her from her work and her own house; will not answer anything asked of her.

June 15

Breaks into fits of crying like a child, saying, "let me away now see" and talks ramblingly about what she should get and about the people here having no business with her.

July 30

Threatens and cries, but will do nothing and says she was stolen away from her own house by the people here.

August 17

Very childish and weak minded demands to get away, cries and says she is kept here sitting like in "old snoot"iddle.

September 16

Asks if she is being kept here to be killed cries and is much offended when people say for her.



Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> March 1886

- October 19 She will do nothing, is very childish and irritable, cries and threatens to take away her life. She is getting very stout, but says she is being starved.
- November 16 She often asks if she is to get away now and before she receives any reply cries and says she is just being kept here to be killed and that we have no business with her here.
- December 16 Often becomes excited, cries and threatens that she will go away immediately, talks of being put in a half penny worth of porridge with poison and dirt in them. Hersey stout.
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January 18 Very childish and irritable, talks in a humorous silly manner and what she begins to say something, often ends in crying and great excitement.
- February 15 Has only an idea in her mind which whenever spoken to, she gives utterance. "God let me home", and when saying so, sometimes hums and sometimes cries.
- April 14 Childish and often very irritable, cries and swells and when spoken to thinks to look me over, talks of being stolen here and again will say she will come back in three hours if she is let out.
- June 16 She has been talking much of getting poison and would have purgative medicine every day. She panics her inside is burning woofs bitterly and cries kill me at once. She is in good bodily condition.
- August 16 Constantly under the delusion that the elementary canal is blocked up, says medicine does her no good but is always asking for it and sometimes throws it away saying there is poison in it.
- October 18 Wants to have good medicine that is some little powder also in it and will while speaking suddenly cry in a childish manner to get away.
- December 18 Very childish and for days together will speak to none of the officials. She believes under delusion, says the food is dirt.

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## Assie Buchanan Wright Feb. 29

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March 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 22 Buccleuch Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty nine years of age, single, did some domestic work and is an independent.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three years and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others and rather inclined to be suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was violent in her conduct to her mother and sister and was much excited. She said that her family and every one were her sworn enemies, have been for years and are still conspiring against her to destroy her, that her mother and sister had bribed people to come into the house and annoy and persecute her. She would not leave her bed before 12 o'clock of the day, refused to do anything and for hours together would not speak.

On admission she was sullen and irritable, held down her head so that her face could not be seen and said there was nothing wrong with her except what was caused by the illness of her friends. When asked any question she said to go and ask at home who brought her here.

bodily health feeble: condition reduced.

April 1

She only slept two hours during the night but was quiet. Today she is very distant, will not speak nor take her food and appears to be fed by the attendants.

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Required to be arrested and watched for some days with her food. She is distant and irritable, but now takes her food and fears a little, will hardly raise her hand or give any reply when spoken to.

May 11

She now takes her food very well and gets up with the other patients and dresses herself. When spoken to she will often give no reply, but stare and seem as if about to burst into laughter.

June 15

She makes no progress mentally, but now from constant supervision and a little reminding she can be got to do a little sewing and has herself dressed by a reasonable hour in the mornings. In conversation she is very rambling and replies to questions quite irrelevantly.

July 12

Today she was taken home by her mother and dismissed -  
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Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> March 1876

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April 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Rankin's Farm, Banffshire and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

She is forty-six years of age, single, a house-keeper and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 25<sup>th</sup> February till 12<sup>th</sup> December 1871 and from 3<sup>rd</sup> February till 7<sup>th</sup> July 1870. The duration of the existing attack is one month and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. She had a convulsive mania.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and said she was lifted up in the air by spirits, at times refused to speak of herself or her face. She was at times violent, destroyed her clothes and treated a porter to burn her arm.

On admission her depression was clearing and vacant, but she was quite unable to tell little or nothing about herself but said she could not sleep at night.

Partly, though very feeble. Condition reduced and anemic. There are large deep foul ulcers below either knee and her legs below the ulcers are indurated and shining.

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She slept well during the night and today is kept in bed, will not speak but has taken her food.

" 12

She has been confined to bed since admission in consequence of the state of her legs and feet. The ulcers are beginning to heal and the odour has disappeared. At night she is restless and often very restless, runs about the ward, falls incoherently, but is often quite taciturn.

May 18

She is now quiet and replies cheerfully when spoken to. Her legs healed completely but have again become worse and have now a very ragged foul appearance and she is rather irritable about them.

June 15

She continues quiet but is mostly confined to bed as whenever she is up for a day or two her legs and feet become indurated with the ulcers on the knees, become more inflamed and the surfaces extend. Various applications have been tried, with only partial success. She is still anemic.

July 20

Still the knees trouble her and require to be daily attended to. They heal in parts and break out again in other parts again. She is quiet.

August 17

She is quiet and very orderly and now although the sores are not altogether healed she is out of bed daily. Sometimes she says a little, but is more often idle and seems to have no anxiety about getting away.

Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> April 1876

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She is very quiet and orderly, does  
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## Jessie Brock &amp; Andrew Oct 1860

April 8

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Woodside Cottage, Penton and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty years of age, a Schoolmaster's wife and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is over three years and the cause is seduction. Some frequent pregnancies. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was in a state of restlessness and excitement and generally incoherent in her conduct and conversation. She did not sleep at night and got up and dressed herself in the most fantastic way.

On admission she could neither stand nor walk and required to be carried in and put to bed. She could not be still for a minute, her head, arms and legs being continually moved in the most unexpected manner and evidently beyond the will of the patient. Her replies were generally coherent and she stated that for some time past she had been taking twenty ounces of Chloroform weekly and that it was given her by her husband. Among her clothing there were many trifling articles which she had put there herself.

Physically healthy - she is affected with Chorea: Condition reduced. She has had eleven children, has been confined to bed for five years but has had two children since both dead.

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She had forty five grains of Bromide of Potassium at bedtime, but only slept about two hours. She hides her face in the bedclothes and says she light hurts her eyes. Says she was 9 months in a Hydro-pathic establishment for hysteria before she was married.

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She sleeps badly at night and is very restless. During the day she often covers up her head with the bedclothes and is annoyed if they are taken off. She has been taking Bromide of Potassium but is now twice omitted in consequence of diarrhoea.

May 18

Restless at night and restless, disorderly and noisy night and day. She passes her urine and faeces in bed in the most deliberate way and has repeatedly torn up and scattered large quantities of bedding - blankets, &c. She likes a scolding reprimand and laughs at what she does.

June 15

For two or three days past she has been quieter and more orderly, but it appears to act her a considerable effort to control her actions. When being spoken to the choroid movement are much more marked, the muscles of the whole body being more or less agitated. Her bodily health is improving.





## Marion Forrest Oct. 20

1876

April 15

Was brought to the Asylum today from Burnside and admitted as a Pauper patient chargeable to Colerainford St. Parish.

She is twenty and a half years of age, single, a Domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is nearly four years and the cause is not known. She is both excited and dangerous to others. Two of her father's brothers are insane.

Prior to admission she talked in an excited and incoherent manner. She said that her mother was not her mother but an evil spirit sent to torment her, was violent towards her mother and said she had a commission from the Lord Jesus Christ to arrange a murder. Hence she had a hole in her hand down which her mother could see her soul.

On admission she was sulky and irritable, would seldom give any reply when spoken to and when she did reply, her answers were generally quite irrelevant. She obstinately refused to take any food and when asked to eat she said she thought it was better she should not.

bodily health feeble; condition sad.

" 16

She slept well during the night and today has taken her food, replies in a general way when spoken to, but will not answer any particular question.

" 24

She is quiet and orderly, continues to take her food and does a little work, but she is very unwilling to enter into conversation. Some annoy when spoken to, will not answer directly, but says her mother knows.

May 10

She is generally very quiet, has a very gloomy expression of face and is never seen to smile, answers simple questions, but will not enter into conversation. A few nights ago she screamed loudly and beat on her pillow but would give no reason for doing so.

June 15

Fully a week ago while working in the Laundry she without any apparent cause became suddenly excited and injured her face against a table, required to be taken in doors. She has since been quiet, always seems preoccupied although she replies sharply that she is well but will not enter into conversation.

July 6

She was today taken to Edinburgh Royal Asylum by authority of the James Lord and dismissed -

Relieved.





## Jane Richmond or Robertson Oct

1876

April 15

Was brought to the asylum today, from  
Fishes Lane, Bothwell and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Bothwell Parish.

She is forty-one years of age, married,  
a housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is eight days and the cause is not  
known but she is stated to have been drinking.  
Stated not to be suicidal but dangerous to  
husband. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited  
and very noisy, talked incoherently, imagined  
she heard voices calling her names, such as,  
thief, whore &c. She was out on the public  
road nearly naked and captured in a  
threatening manner with a knife.

On admission she was depressed and  
rather depressed, complained much of pain  
in her head and said she was much troubled  
with sounds in it. She would not admit  
that she had been taking any drink to injure  
her but said that she had taken some about  
a fortnight ago.

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Bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.

She slept well during the night and  
today is quiet and dull, complains of her  
head, but has taken the food and is very  
active in her conduct.

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For some days she complained much  
of her head, but now says it is better. She  
is active, orderly and industrious and now  
appears to be convalescing.

May 18

Continues to be very industrious  
and is quiet and orderly, but often complains  
of a strange or sore feeling in her head  
but talks quite coherently.

June 15

Is very active and industrious  
works in the laundry and assists the servants  
in the kitchen at the usual times. She is a  
woman of good words, looks serious, but is  
quite correct in her words and conduct.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> April 1876

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## Elizabeth Robertson det

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April 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 81 Clarendon Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty eight years of age, single, a Cook and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she refused to take food, cried Christ, Spirit at the top of her voice and addressed those around her as Satan. She attempted to occupy her room in a state of nudity, struck, tried to throw a woman over the other and required four men to restrain her.

On admission she was maniacally excited and very dangerous both to herself and others, did not seem to know what she was doing, covered "My beloved, My beloved" words wildly about and repeated other passages of scripture. She was altogether so unmanageable, she required to be placed in a single room.

Position, health very indifferent: Condition ordinary. There are a number of discolorations upon her arms and legs.

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She slept none during the night and was very noisy, knocking with her feet and hands on the floor of her room. Today she is still very maniacal, but has taken some food. Bowels costive.

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Some nights she sleeps well and other none at all, is always excited when awake, raves on the floor and would wound herself if not prevented, is still stupidly maniacal.

May 18

Continued very maniacal and dangerous to herself and others like about ten days ago, after which she was quieter but still stupid till about two days ago, when she began to reply when spoken to. Her ideas are strange and she asks if it is not now the time for the second coming of the Lord.

June 15

Since last report she has decidedly improved. She was much exhausted from the former state of violent mania and her mind appeared to improve with her bodily condition. She now appears to be untroubled.

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She was today dismissed -  
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Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> April 1876

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1876 Margaret Ewing & Thom Oct. 62

April 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Lochgreen, Dind Markland and admitted as a private patient.

She is sixty-two years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two weeks and about six weeks ago she was seized with an attack of acute Rheumatism upon recovering from which she now became affected. She is not suicidal but is dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, and she had been fatigued and talked incoherently on every subject. At times she was very violent and seldom slept.

On admission she was incoherent, delirious and dangerous, struck and kicked at any one speaking to her and would give no reply but cried much about seeing "Mrs. Withers" and spoke very ramblingly about Angels.

Physically health very feeble - she labours under an affection of the heart and her pulse intermits, frequently at irregular intervals: condition ordinary.

" 19

She slept well till early in the morning when she became much excited and violent in her conduct, tried to throw her chamber pot at the Warden and continued great furor till after breakfast, when the Surgeon passed off.

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After last report she became exceedingly well and was very quiet and orderly talked quite rationally and occupied her time sewing, but two days ago she became suddenly quite morose, attacked away in who can near her and would not keep on her clothes, & when stopped and said she was being fumigated. Still excited, but not so violent.

May 13

For two weeks past she has been very quiet and well, employs her time sewing and takes her food well. Appears to present to be in fair bodily health.

June 15

The Greyhound complains of headache and pain in her arm and has a tendency to be nervous. She has been at times rather talkative and a little restless, but again settled down without becoming very ill.

July 17

She has continued to be comparatively well only occasionally complaining of feeling Rheumatic and otherwise enjoying good health. She is orderly and correct in her conduct and was today removed by her husband on trial.

" 21

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.





## Margaret O'Neil &amp; Cornsby Dec. 32

1876

April 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Ball's Road, Southbridge and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

She is thirty two years of age, married, a housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is ten days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very restless, said she stole part of the railway, that she had two drawers of gold and talked incoherently on other subjects, was particularly absurd in answering any question. She had no idea of danger and would not be prevented wandering in the railway.

On admission she had a demented suppression of face, sometimes wearily smiles when spoken to and seldom gives any reply, but when she did her answers were either irrelevant or quite incoherent.

Her body was in a very filthy state.

Soberly, hands and condition good.

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She slept well during the night and today has taken her food and seems quite careless and indifferent about everything.

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She generally sleeps well at night and during the day is quiet but idle, replies to questions in an irrelevant offending way and seems quite happy and indifferent about everything.

May 18

Can hardly be induced to do anything, only laughs and talks in the most rambling manner when spoken to, seems demented.

June 15

She is subject to paroxysms of furious excitement when she will roar and scold for hours together in the most excited manner and is very dangerous, requires to be put into the airing court or some place by herself.

July 30

Always idle, laughs when spoken to and instead of replying, puts out her hand to shake and asks if the person addressing her is well and then goes on to talk incoherently sometimes noisy at night and occasionally excited.

August 17

Idle and mindlessly happy, laughs and talks in the most rambling manner. She is in good bodily health.

September 14

She has made several unprovoked assaults upon one of the attendants and for hours appeared untroubled in a very unwell state, would have attacked anyone who came near her and was very noisy. Always idle.

October 14

Still idle and quite indifferent about everything, talks in a rambling incoherent manner. Is in good bodily health.

November 16

Very incontinent, sits or lies with the skirt of her dress over her head and threatens violence if touched, dashes the furniture about.



Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> April 1876

December 14

Idle and indolent, talks in a rambling incoherent manner, often draws the skirt of her dress over her head, and threatens violence if bid to take it off.

1877  
January 16

She does nothing and talks in a rambling incoherent manner; gets the skirt of her dress over her shoulders and becomes excited if asked to take it off.

February 18

She gets bits of wire and some paper and pretends to knit, but makes nothing at all useful and when spoken to in any way becomes excited and dangerous.

March 15

She calls the Medical Officer her husband, enquires for his health, laughs and asks most foolish irrelevant questions. She can do nothing useful. Is in good bodily health.

July 17

She sometimes now does a little knitting but otherwise is restless and often makes violent attacks upon the nurses & other patients. Bodily health good.

July 19

Her language is generally quite incoherent and she will have her own way in everything, will make an attack upon anyone who speaks to her to do anything.

December 13

She hints, but when and how she pleases, cannot be reassured with, but will say "Oh I see you are well and goes on as if she had not been spoken to."

January 16

When excited she is very dangerous being a powerful woman and will have no effort upon her. She is incoherent.

1878  
October 18

Her language is incoherent and she talks in a forcible way but suddenly her hand to shake and calls people by other names than their own.

1879  
October 12

She now and again becomes violent is very excited and mutters in a very incoherent manner and this without any apparent cause. She will be interfered with.

1880  
December 9

Incoherent excited and inclined to be quarrelsome is at times very happy or seems to be so as she laughs immoderately.

1881  
December 16

She sometimes now works in the laundry, works well, but requires to be left very much alone.

1882  
October 26

She has been confined to bed with disease of the right lung. One has again published up and she is now able to be about.

October 18

Is able again to be in the laundry or rather the Washing house and works well. Is very incoherent.

Transferred to Voc. I. N. S.

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## Grace Allan or Cloudsley Age 73

1876

April 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 32. Minerva Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is seventy-three years of age, unmarried, a landlady and a Wesleyan.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration about two years and the onset advanced age. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was melancholy, wandering and incoherent in her statements. She imagined that a dead man who had been in his grave for ten years, came to her lately and that she had bound up his head; that a number of Indians came to her every night who had no bodies, only heads, these occasionally violent and dangerous.

On admission she was very quiet, appeared to be demented and rather melancholy, often repeated the same statements, said there was nothing wrong with her, that her feet were sore but that she had had them washed and her nails pared. Said that the Indians that came about her were only faces, very broad and of a very dark peculiar colour and that they spoke to her but she could not tell what they said.

Bodily health very feeble: condition must improve

" 25

She slept well during the night and today is quiet and content, repeats the same story she did yesterday about her feet and talks as if she were not quite so sane.

May 2

She is very quiet, takes her food and sleeps well at night, but can do nothing and is very forgetful, thinks it is nearly five days since she came to the Asylum.

" 23

She always when spoken to says she is pretty well, but her bodily health is very feeble and she has been passing her urine involuntarily, even during the day. Ordered to have Diet. Bytton & Diet. Mrs. Fern in Water.

June 15

Quite patient and mindless and even although the weather is warm her hands are generally cold. The medicine has improved the condition noted above.

July 20

Mistaken on rising for evening has no idea of time and is in a state of total dementia. Says she is washing wash.

August 17

Wanders about in a mindless way and talks childishly. Requires considerable attention, as she can do little or nothing for herself. She is very harmless.

September 14

Very drowsy, talks in a childlike way and has little or no memory.

October 15

Demented, can do nothing, and talks in a very rambling manner.



Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> April 1886

- November She wanders about and does not appear to know what she is doing, talks in a very rambling manner and often repeats the same words; is quite fatuous.
- December Has no memory, moves about in a purposeless way and can do nothing generally says she is not very well, but smiles childishly and goes on.
- 1887  
January 8 She is becoming more helpless and feeble and her mind is very weak from age. She is so absent that she sometimes does not attend to the calls of nature and is ineluctably.
- February 5 It has been found necessary to have her removed to the infirmary ward so that she may receive more attention. Very fatuous.
- March 15 Has no memory, talks in a rambling childish way and says she is "only awfully middling". She is very frail and goes to bed generally in the afternoon.
- May 17 She is quite fatuous and childish from age, has become very feeble and thready and is now mostly confined to bed. She sometimes wets herself.
- July 19 Very feeble and helpless, requires to be fed and everything done for her and will do the care that can be taken she will be fed daily, is quite unconscious of her surroundings.
- August 16 Quite worn out and appears as if she might die at any time. Great care requires to be used in feeding or doing anything for her. Her voice is very weak.
- " 26 Today at 12.30 P.M. she died.
- Cause of death. Debility and old age.



1876

April 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Police Station, Wiskaw and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Countessdown Parish.

She is twenty-seven years of age, single, a millworker and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of the Asylum from 15<sup>th</sup> October till 29<sup>th</sup> December 1866 and from 8<sup>th</sup> March till 27<sup>th</sup> July 1872 and has since been in an Asylum in Carlisle. She is not suicidal, but dangerous to her relations. Her mother is at present an inmate of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she had a peculiar, vacant expression; took a long time to comprehend any question and could only with great difficulty be got to answer any question. She tried to punch her brother's eyes out and frequently threatened to kill the other members of the family. Had fits of unaccountable passion.

On admission her manners and appearance were silly. She laughed much when spoken to and answered questions in a rambling, incoherent manner, would give no account of where she had been since formerly in this Asylum.

Physical health and condition ordinary.

" 25

She slept well during the night and today is quiet and has taken her food. She laughs silly when spoken to.

May 2

Continues quiet, can do little or nothing; when spoken to, replies in a silly, rambling manner or laughs.

" 23

Turns away her head and does not speak but laughs silly when spoken to. She is at times very irritable, threatens to strike.

June 15

She is demoralized and very uncertain in her manner, sometimes talks no notice when spoken to, again she laughs loudly and at other times threatens to strike.

July 20

Quite mindless and can do nothing has a fulvous look, but when roused awakes and talks in the most incoherent manner.

August 17

When spoken to will take no notice and if she fancies she is about to be touched will cry out, what do you want? laughs and then falls relapses into her former drowsy state.

September 4

Generally seems demoralized, but has occasional paroxysms of excitement when she is quite manicured and talks very incoherently.

October 19

Often when spoken to she seems as if she did not hear but if touched she screams or laughs and talks incoherently.

November 16

Mindless and silly, talks no notice when spoken to or bursts out into laughter.

December 14

Silly and irritable, become excited when spoken to swears incoherently.



Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> April 1876

1877

January 15 Demented, indolent and seems quite stupid, but is easily roused into a fit of excitement which soon passes off and she relapses into her former state.

February 15 Nearly always idle and when spoken to acts as if she did not hear and if touched or rebuked she is apt to be touched, talks incessantly.

March 15 When spoken to, she looks as if she did not hear and if someone approached holds up her hand and says out laughing that she is well. Her language is incoherent.

July 17 She has a very fatuous look, seldom replies when spoken to and can do nothing. She often sits beside her mother but is never observed to speak to her.

July 19 Fatuous and very stupid, can do nothing and seldom takes any notice when named but sits as if she did not hear.

September 13 Although her expression is that of extreme dementia and she sits with the saliva flowing from her mouth, she at times when spoken to suddenly springs up and stamps violence, at the same time swearing.

November 16 Does nothing and can hardly take care of herself in any way; is very demented.



## Agnes Todd or Kerr Oct 27

1876

April 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Mr. Quinn's farm, Buelhaston and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Mansfield Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is seven months and the cause is purrposive. Has three children. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she said she had destroyed the world and quitted the spirit and that she must now go to the bottomless pit. Her husband stated that some night ago she had gone out of the house and that she had walked up and down the house for some hours saying she had destroyed the world.

On admission she was questionably and confused answers questions in a rambling incoherent manner and talked much to herself saying that her husband and everyone had deserted God.

Physical health feeble: Condition reduced. There are a number of discolorations upon her arms and her right ankle is much swollen and inflamed.

" 25

She sleeps none during the night, was very restless and would not remain in bed. Today she is very obstinate will hardly speak and is inclined to denude herself.

May 2

Stupid restless and depressed, sleeps very little and some nights runs his down. Her ankle is still inflamed and swollen, but she cannot be induced to give it rest: is suicidal in her tendencies.

" 23

Very restless and sleeps badly at night, will frequently get out of bed and lie on the floor. She is very stubborn with seldom speaks and always requires to be fed by the attendants. Three days ago she nearly cut off the lobe of her right ear.

June 15

She still requires the attendants to feed her and is very obstinate and perverse, but does not speak any. She looks up intelligently enough when spoken to but lapses into a vacant stare.

July 20

She now looks up more readily when spoken to, but does not reply although she is less obstinate and more when spoken to generally takes her food herself.

August 17

She is better than on admission but her improvement from day to day is very little and for two weeks she has made no progress. She sometimes takes a seam in her hands, but still does not speak.

September 14

When spoken to her general reply is a vacant stare, but if insisted upon she may say a word. She knows a little.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> April 1876

October 14

She is improving, but very slowly:  
She sees a little but sits with her hand  
much bent forward, replies when spoken  
to but does not raise her head.

November 16

Still very slow, sits and sees with  
her head bent forward and after being  
spoken to more than once will raise her  
head and reply. She is better but improves  
very slowly. Her health good.

" 23

She was today removed under the  
Act 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Victoria Chap. 54 Sec. 17 and  
dismissed as so far -

Recovered.



## Annie Raddow &amp; Meier Oct. 52

1876

May 1

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 151 Dundas Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-two years of age, a Scotch housewife and an independent.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about six weeks and the cause is domestic anxiety. She is unmarried, but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was dull and taciturn, had no recollection of recent events. She gave birth to a daughter a week ago and refused to believe it - her child. Thinks her friends are conspiring against her, refused food and was at times furious on account of imaginary dangers, tried to burn the house by the windows.

On admission she was depressed and confused, could not answer the simplest question correctly and seldom gave any reply at all to what was said to her. She appeared to hear imaginary sounds or at least had erroneous impressions from sounds she heard, was in terror and fancied something dreadful was to be done to her because in the time the ball rang.

Probably haughty habits: ambition ordinary. There are a number of small dislocations upon her arms and legs and the right leg is affected with varicose. The discharge from the wound has not yet ceased flowing.

" 2

She only slept two hours during the night and was very restless when awake. She requires to be fed, will not speak and is confined to bed.

" 9

For the ten nights after last report she slept none and was very restless, but has since generally slept faintly. She is now out of bed and takes her food, but is distant and suspicious, will hardly speak.

June 8

She is very restless and unhappy, shows marked delusion and is very suspicious. She fancies her husband and family come to her and she does not see them, but hears their voices and replies to them: imagining she heard her husband speaking, she replies she would die first, but would not eat what was said to her.

July 6

She does not improve, is much troubled hearing imaginary voices, becomes very restless at nights and gets out of bed to see the people (her friends) whom she fancies she hears.

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She was today taken home by her husband and dismissed -

Relieved.

Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> May 1876

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## Christina Wallace Dudley, A.S.S.

1876

May 5

Was brought to the Asylum today from the City Prison, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is fifty two years of age, widow, a Highlander and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of the City Poorhouse Asylum since February last till about a week ago. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is stated not to be known, but she is subject to epilepsy and addicted to intemperance. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she talked nonsense and was wild in her manner. She stated that she had no heart as the King had cut it out and had put it on the table to eat. Was in fear that her life was to be taken away.

On admission she was in great fear and talked in a rambling incoherent manner. She said she had no heart as the Lord Provost had cut it out and that the cause of him doing so was a wagon between two Provosts, and the first who got a human heart was to win the wagon.

Physically, somewhat feeble: Condition ordinary. She is affected with Ophthalmia tarsi and varix of the left leg.

" 6

She was quiet during the night and today seems less distressed, she has taken her food and is orderly in her conduct.

" 13

She is quiet and industrious, but is beginning to become discontented and obviously wishes to get away. She has not had yet any epileptic attacks, says she only talks them about once a month.

June 15

She has only had one epileptic seizure since admission and is quiet except for short periods when she is rather irritable.

July 10

For some time past she has been complaining much of pain in her left hand and a feeling as if her fingers were dead. Nothing particular can be seen and it appears to be connected with the nervous system.

August 17

She works well, but is irritable and often quarrels with some of the other patients in the most unreasonable manner.

September 14

She very frequently talks about getting home saying she is losing her time remaining here. Often very irritable.

October 17

She often strikes the other patients and shows displays great irritability of temper, talks offence without cause and fancies she is being ill used.

November 6

She employs her time assisting the servants, but requires to get much of her own way or she takes offence and will do nothing. She is irritable and weak minded.

Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> May 1876

December 1876

She has not for some time past been so frequently violent, having been several times spoken to about it. She says she was never better in her life.

January 1877

She is very uncertain, and cannot be trusted to do anything beside other patients in consequence of her extreme irritability of temper. Is at times violent.

February 1877

Quarrels with the other patients, strikes them and when prevented is taken away from them unless use of useful threats; such as that she will smash in their skulls; and will not be reassured with.

March 1877

Takes offence without any known cause and will not reply when spoken to, but sometimes on being left, will mention alone being ill and not attended to.

April 1877

She has been quiet and orderly for some time past and was today dismissed.  
Recovered.



Jane Mc Loy &amp; Lillie

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1876

May 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 28 Parson Street, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-three years of age, married, and belongs to the Free Church of Scotland.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about one month and the cause is domestic anxieties. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and excited, threw herself about in her and thought herself and family were being poisoned, refused to be spoken to and talked incoherently. She declared there was poison in the water and thought every one was speaking against her.

On admission she was very restless and excited, obstinately opposed everything asked of her and replied to questions in the most incoherent, irrelevant manner.

Medic. Sarsaparilla. Condition reduced.

" 7

She slept none during the night and would not lie in bed, had to get on a canvas dress to prevent her standing herself and today is still much excited, refuses to be fed.

" 15

She has been very much excited and some night would not lie in bed. The attendants have had great difficulty in feeding her and she always screams or if in fear talks very incoherently.

June 14

She is beginning to take her food better and is much quieter, but now seems exhausted and very feeble. She is depressed, but says little and with response to her food and drink when questioned says she supposes it is clean.

July 12

She is now very much better and although she takes her food well is still somewhat feeble. She speaks quite rationally, employs her time sewing and is very quiet and orderly.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

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Jane Mc. Kendrick Oct. 34

1876

May 17

Was brought to the Asylum today from City Workhouse. Was gone and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-four years of age, single, a Quaker and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. Hereditary history not known.

Prior to admission she laboured under various delusions and was generally incoherent in language. She said the neighbours were putting "poche lime" and "poople stone" under the door and that they published cards which might affect everybody.

On admission she was rather excited and talked ramblingly; she said that it was her mother should have been sent here and not her, that she had only wanted a hire for the highway and had been sent here. She said she was ill but had been well so by the neighbours blaming poche lime on her through the walls and finally suffocating her, heard them talking and saying they wished to kill her.

Badly heard people: Constitution reduced.

" 18

She slept well during the night, but today is very talkative, wants to get away, and still says it is her mother should be here, her mind not being right.

" 25

She talks much of "stuffing" in her breast and says it is caused by what is done upon her. She believes under the delusion that the person who put the "lime" on her before has found her out here and is acting upon her in the same way. She admits hearing her whisper.

June 15

She is restless at night and constantly improved with her delusions, fancies poche lime and whist are constantly being put upon her and pinching of the skin of her arm with say she has a tick of flesh on my back.

July 20

She records another protest of putting the lime upon her although they are not in the same words: says the Medical Officers do you know quite well it is the Dysdala Lady that you have here that does it.

August 17

She is taking Cod Liver Oil and is rather improved in condition, but insists that she is working her a skeleton and all through what is done upon her.

September 6

She was today taken home by her mother on the authority of a minority of the Parochial Board and dismissed -  
Relieved.

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## Margaret Baird &amp; Gardner vol. 52

July 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 144 Main Street, Rochester and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to the City of Rochester.

She is thirty-two years of age, married, was - known from Worcester, and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is ten days and the cause is grief at the death of two children. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she heard voices from different parts of the house telling her to kill herself or to take the lives of her husband and children. She did not sleep, was frantic and pretended to sleep and when her friends supposed she was asleep, she got up and tried to get hold of a razor.

On admission she had an absent depressed look, unsocial disposition generally in a coherent manner, she talked under delusion; fancied she heard imaginary voices and said that something in her self spoke to her and told her what to do. She denied having any wish to injure herself, but said her friends thought she had.

" 18

bodily health and condition indifferent. She slept well during the night and today is very quiet and hardly takes any notice of what is passing around her.

" 25

She is dull and stupid and the attendants have had to assist her with her food ever since admission. She talks - very little, but has to be fed with the remainder. She hears imaginary voices, will not sit near the windows, because she says her head is banging with the attraction that comes through them.

June 15

She has a stupid bewildered look and can seldom hear spoken to or get to give any reply; she stands up or starts and appears as if she wished to speak but was unable.

July 20

She makes no progress, is always very quiet and still. Although she does not speak of the voices she sits at far from the windows as she can and seldom when spoken to says anything.

August 17

Has a stupid bewildered look and is very confused, she takes a spoon in her hand, but can do little or nothing and when spoken to looks as if she did not understand the simplest words. Bodily health ordinary.

September 12

She seems a little and although she has still a very absent look she now replies more readily when spoken to; is very quiet.

October 19

Always sits in the same seat and occupies her time sewing, smiles when spoken to and says she is well, looks absent.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> May 1876

November 16

She is very quiet and employs her time sewing, smiles when spoken to, but seldom replies and turns her head in a childish shame faced way; frequently is observed talking in a low voice when no one is near her, looks surprised when asked what she was saying, but will not speak.

" 23

She was today removed under the Act 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Victoria Chap. 54, Sec. 17 and dismissed as so far -

Recovered.



1886

May 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 3 Kelvin Terrace Hill Road and admitted as a private patient:

She is twenty-two years of age, single, a governess and a Unitarian Wesleyan.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about two years and the course is over-study. She is not suicidal but sometimes violent. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was in a state of morbid excitement, incoherent in speech, conversed with difficulty and broke out into unrestrained fits of laughter. She was violent to her sister and used filthy language quite contrary to her natural disposition.

On admission she was quiet and seemed quite indifferent about herself and everybody near her; replied when spoken to in a careless incoherent manner and could not get to pay any attention to what was said. There was a discolouration found on outer aspect of her eye ball, but she could not tell how it was occasioned and talked ramblingly of something that had occurred two years ago.

Family health ordinary: Condition good

" 25

She had a draught of Chloral Hydrate with Bromide of Potassium and slept well during the night. Today she lies about the tables and will do nothing.

June 1

She lies near the tables and cannot be roused to do anything, either gives no reply when spoken to or answers incoherently and is often irritable. Usually after tea repeats the two lines of her clothing.

" 22

Very incoherent and when spoken to is always if she says anything completely irrelevant - wheels hurriedly about in her seat and mutters to herself. She is often restless at night and laughs much.

July 20

She is sleeping better at night but otherwise there is little or no improvement. When spoken to she gives no reply or answers by a loud meaningless burst of laughter.

August 17

Still very incoherent and mindless, goes out to the laundry occasionally and stays a little, but when in doors, rolls about the seats due and seems to think about nothing, laughs much to herself.

September 14

Sits with her feet under upon her seat, rolls over the tables and is quite mindless, never looks when spoken and seldom replies, talks incoherently to herself.

October 14

Very mindless and when spoken to gives no reply or is either incoherent or quite irrelevant. Bodily health good.



Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> May 1876

- November 16 She is quite incoherent in language and when spoken to gives no reply or mutters some irrelevant words to herself. Has a habit of sitting with her feet apart.
- December 16 She seems quite mindless and indifferent about everything, but takes her food well and is stout. She never gives a coherent reply when spoken to, mutters to herself and laughs.
- 1877  
January 16 Incoherent, never gives a coherent reply to the simplest question and although she goes to the laundry is often found standing idle, than otherwise.
- February 16 Mindless and indifferent about everything, replies very incoherently when spoken to, sometimes goes to the laundry, but can do very little. Probably local good.
- March 16 She does not improve, although she appears to be in good bodily health and is employed in the laundry. She never speaks to anyone and when talked to, if she says anything, her words are quite incoherent.
- April 19 Is demented, smiles when spoken to and shifts her position in her seat, says nothing or is altogether incoherent and very hurried in her language. Probably local good.
- June 16 When spoken to she moves about and looks anywhere but at the person addressing her and says yes or no indiscriminately to whatever is said to her.
- August 16 Childishly happy and quite happy. She can give no correct answer to the simplest words said to her. Is in good bodily health.
- October 18 Has no mind to do anything further. She carries a basket when out at the laundry, is contented and quite indifferent about everything. Is in good bodily health.
- December 18 Always says she is fine but cannot carry on the simplest conversation. She moves about actively when she likes but is very incoherent and demented.
- 1878  
January 16 She cannot tell one day from another and if asked any question, if she answers at all, her reply is either irrelevant or quite incoherent.
- April 16 Mindless and indifferent about everything but takes her food and sleeps well at night. Is in good bodily health.
- June 16 Never speaks coherently and takes no interest whatever in anything going on, is completely demented.
- July 1 She was taken to Edinburgh Royal Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell and dismissed.  
Relieved.



1876  
Catherine Webster or Gould. age 57

May 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Stowville Place North and admitted as  
a private patient.

She is fifty-seven years of age, a Bible  
Wife and belongs to the United Methodist Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is over a year and the cause is  
intemperance of long standing, following death  
of a son. She is dangerous to others, but not  
hazardous. Her father and a sister were  
intemperate.

Prior to admission she was furious  
and ungovernable, regardless of personal  
exposure, talked quite incoherently and  
was in every way violently maniacal.  
Her husband stated that she would take  
neither food or drink and could not be  
managed.

On admission she was excited and  
irresistible, talked very incoherently and  
was very anxious to get a penny, which  
she frequently asked to do something with  
she would not explain but would show  
if she had it. At being 11 o'clock P.M.  
she was put to bed and had a sedative  
of chloro hydrate with Potassium

iodide. Her health very feeble: Condition  
reduced. Her tongue is dry and brown.

25

She slept five hours and was quiet.  
Today she is confined to bed and has taken  
her food sparingly, talks very ramblingly.

June 1

She talks much in a very rambling  
incoherent manner, is fatuous and very  
restless; some nights sleeps little or none and  
is very noisy, nervous and will not remain  
in bed. She is still very thirsty.

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She is still very restless and talks  
bore, talks in a most rambling incoherent  
manner and fights and pushes her way  
in the most unbecoming manner, she is  
generally sleepless and very restless during

July 20

She is now much quieter and  
orderly, takes her food and occasionally  
does a little sewing, replies she is well  
when spoken to and has little to say but  
still thinks she was hardly used when ill.

August 6

She was today taken home by her  
husband and dismissed -  
Relieved.





Helen McIntyre or Robertson Oct. 52

1876

May 25

H.P.

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Duna Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow and admitted as a  
pumpkin patient chargeable to Ballynagar Parish.  
She is fifty-two years of age, married,  
a Romanist and a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this  
Asylum from 15th May 1874 till 8th March 1876  
and dismissed relieved. She is suicidal,  
but not dangerous to others. Her sisters were  
an inmate of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she was in low  
spirits, admitted having attempted to commit  
suicide and was afraid she would do so  
again; Desires to be removed. Her husband  
stated that she attempted to strangle herself.

On admission she had a melancholy  
look, was very dull and depressed and talks  
in a very despairing manner. She said she  
felt very miserable and not well, but could  
not tell why and said she could not sleep  
any. Her son stated that she was afraid of  
losing anything she had and every to want.

Booth's health and condition ordinary.

" 26

She is reported to have slept well  
during the night, but today she says that she  
slept none, says she is very miserable and is  
very anxious to have a sedative at night.

June 2

She says she has some such an amount  
of wickedness that she is in despair about  
her soul, has a dull heavy talk and requires  
to be constantly under observation.

" 22

Very miserable and unhappy, sleeps  
butly at night, she sometimes asks to get  
sore and thinks she would be better, becomes  
very restless and does not know what to do.

July 20

She is in a state of utter wretchedness,  
tears her bed and body clothing into shreds,  
pokes her body about and has a very haggard  
look. Last night she tried to strangle herself  
with her sheet fastened to the bedstead.

August 17

Very destructive and miserable  
constantly picks and tears at her clothes  
and puts many of the particles into her mouth.  
She sleeps none at night except under the  
influence of sedatives.

September 16

Very distressed and exceedingly  
destructive and suicidal; she is compelled to  
bed in consequence of diarrhoea, tears the  
bed-clothes into shreds and will not resist  
her tongue is dry and red and she attended  
have great difficulty in giving her her food  
which she refuses to take herself.

October 19

Since last report she was fed by  
means of the stomach pump but is again  
taking her food. She constantly picks and  
tears at her clothes, but if she get some  
sage works with them instead.



Admitted 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1876

- November 16 She does not speak but sits tearing and picking at rags or her clothes if she has no rags to tear, even then her clothes often suffer. At night she is often sleepless and destroys her bedding.
- December 14 Determinedly destructive, picks out rags and if she has none attacks her clothes; never speaks no matter what is said to her, and continues to tear in spite of every opposition.
- 1877  
January 11 Still quite taciturn and very destructive, requires to have on a strong dress and has pulled the greater part of the hair off her head, has also little holes upon the scalp which she picks at.
- February 15 Never speaks, picks her scalp with her fingers and has it ulcerated in many patches, would damage herself, but for having a strong dress fixed upon her and at times vomits all her food.
- March 15 Determinedly destructive and most meaningless in her conduct, has herself on a strong dress, but tears any one's clothes who may be near her and picks at the pieces into threads. Will speak none.
- April 19 Sits with her eyes closed and picks her clothes into threads, never speaks and nothing can induce her to say a single word. She has a very miserable look.
- June 14 Remained gloomy and taciturn acts as if she heard nothing said to her, never speaks but sits and picks her clothes into threads. She often vomits her food and looks weak and ill.
- August 16 In consequence of her feeble condition and her frequent attacks of vomiting, she has been kept in bed and is fed by the attendant. She never speaks.
- October 6 She was today taken to the Brothers-in-law house, on the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed Believed.



1876  
June 5

G.P.

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Bridge of Lochay, Hillier and admitted as  
a private patient.

She is forty-seven years of age, widowed,  
a Hotel Keeper and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is eleven months and the  
cause is injury to head and domestic affliction.  
She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal.  
No known hereditary tendency.

Several years ago she was thrown out  
of a Dog cart and sustained injury to the  
head and other bruises. Since then her  
temper has been excitable she has not  
with serious domestic affliction and now has  
well marked symptoms of mental weakness  
a heavy countenance, fits of irritability,  
aversion to food yet dangerous and takes  
no interest in anything.

On admission she required to be  
led along and placed in a chair, was so  
unsteady she could not walk without  
help. She replied to questions in a  
rambling incoherent manner and when  
asked how long her husband was dead  
said she was not dead, but could not  
say about him further than to say he was a  
very old man, could answer almost  
nothing more definitely.

Physical health feeble - she is affected  
with paralysis: Condition ordinary.

6 She slept none during the night, but  
continued quiet and lay in bed all day up  
till evening when when she became very  
maniacal and dangerous, requiring to be  
removed to a single room.

13 She is always confined to bed, being  
unable to walk. Since last report she has  
been quiet, has no memory, cannot form  
any idea of how long she has been here.

July 20

Fully a week ago she had an attack  
of furious excitement and would have injured  
anyone she could reach. She required to be  
placed in a room. Shortly afterwards she had  
no recollection of it and has since been quiet  
with intermittent notes consisting of the words  
be better and says the Dr. should know.

August 17

She is out of bed today but requires to  
be dressed and led to a seat. She has no  
memory asks away if she is any better, and  
she says tell herself but says the Dr. knows more.

September 4

Uncleanly in her habits, and very  
helpless, quite violent, from want of money  
but can ask questions enough to get home.

October 19

She has been confined to bed for  
two weeks in consequence of being obliged to  
injure herself, from her very paralyzed state.

Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> June 1876

- November 26 Convinced to bed and is in a very helpless paralytic state. Her mental faculties are very much impaired and she does not see day from another.
- December 14 She appears to be gradually falling off, is poorer in bodily condition and has now seldom anything to ask for. Appears to be quite broken down.
- 1877  
January 8 Very helpless, requires to be fed by the attendants and can do nothing whatever for herself, is occasionally in consequence uncleanly in her habits. She appears, gradually, to be dying.
- February 15 Very feeble and nervous, is fed by the attendants, but her food does not seem to nourish her. The skin on the back is beginning to get shagreened and she requires constant care and attention.
- " 23 Died at 14.10 o'clock A.M. She died.



## Betsy Hedge &amp; Hart Oct. 22

1876

June 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
19 Buchanan Street, Bristol and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to New Woodland Parish.  
She is twenty-two years of age, married,  
a Cotton Weaver and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is seven weeks and the  
cause is not known. She is suicidal but  
not dangerous to others. No known  
hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a  
maniacal melancholy affection of five,  
years, general imaginary and delirious notions,  
but difficulty in answering questions  
and could not be persuaded to go out  
of doors from a dread of people deriding her.

On admission the expression of  
face was as if she was just about to cry and  
when spoken to she would hardly give any  
reply, but said that when she went out in  
to the streets everybody stared at her  
and frightened her; could not tell why  
they did so.

She has been two years married and  
has had no family; worked as a power-  
loom weaver up till six weeks ago when  
she had to leave, being unable to do her work.  
Bodily health indifferent; condition  
ordinary. The meninges are flowing.

" 7 She sleeps none during the night  
and was very miserably and afraid. Today  
she can hardly be induced to say a single  
word and that not above her breath.

" 14 She will speak none and refuses  
to take any food, looks stupid and gloomy;  
the attendants have great difficulty in  
feeding her. Bowels very constipated.

July 20

She still requires to be assisted with  
her food, taken to the water closet and raised  
at night to prevent her wetting the bed. She  
never speaks nor raises her head when spoken to.

August 17

She does nothing, sits with her head  
bent forward and never speaks. Has a  
sullen look but is quite passive and requires  
to be assisted with everything. Acts as if she  
did not hear. Bodily health indifferent.

September 14

She holds her apron up to her face  
with her hand and if it be taken away she  
immediately purses it again and nothing  
can induce her to speak. She takes her food.

October 19

She now hears a little and although  
she seldom gives any reply when spoken to  
is improving and looks more intelligent.

November 16

She continues to improve and now  
is daily employed in the Laundry. When  
spoken to she smiles but can hardly be  
induced to speak a single word.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> June 1886

December 14

She has steadily improved since  
 last report and now replies quite  
 readily when spoken to but has not  
 much to say. Her expression of face is now  
 cheerful and happy.

" 23

She was today dismissed -  
 Recovered.



## Alison Walker

Oct. 31.

1876

June 4

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Police Office, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Mrs. Mackintosh.

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She is thirty-four years of age, single, no occupation and a Protestant.

She is stated to have been twenty-four years of age at her first attack and the duration of the existing attack only three days. Her sister stated that she has had epileptic seizures for twelve years, but no cause is known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a wandering, confused appearance, subject to epileptic fits, followed by want of reason and unsoundness of mind. She imagined that her mother and the rest of the family wished her dead and suspected that they wished to poison her. Was violent and threatening in her conduct.

On admission she had an excited opinion and talked very bitterly against her friends, said she had to fight for her life and that they were all against her. She was confused could not answer questions correctly and ascribed the cause, to the stroke of her head, of which she complained much.

Her sister stated that she attacked her mother and nearly her all her children.

She has had two illegitimate children, one of six years ago and one within the last three or four years.

There is a large scar on the left arm from a burn and another on the left gluteal region from a laceration she had some time ago when she was confined to bed for three weeks and fully in the latter condition ordinary.

" 10

She slept well during the night and today is quiet. She makes much noise about the trifling wound on her finger and otherwise displays great weakness of mind.

" 17

She has had two or three epileptic seizures and been occasionally violent in her conduct. After her attacks upon others she always complains, saying that she is the one who was attacked. She can do nothing.

July 23

She continues to have the epileptic seizures pretty frequently and is often irritable and threatening demands to get away and complaints of imaginary ailments.

August 17

She is always ill and associates with a wife beside another epileptic patient although seldom speaks to each other, but takes each others parts when they quarrel with another.

September 14

She is at present very stupid and furious, hardly saying. She has several severe epileptic seizures. She is generally very quarrelsome.



Admitted 9<sup>th</sup> June 1876

- October 19 She can do nothing but at present is quiet and when spoken to smiles in a childish manner is free from irritability.
- November 16 She is generally very stupid and in fear that she is very ill and may die is always complaining and can do nothing. Has very severe epileptic fits.
- November 26 Has had a number of severe epileptic seizures, is depressed and thinks herself very ill. She never does anything and her bowels are generally constipated.
- 1877  
January 11 Still much absent, sits near the fire in a dreamy confused state and when spoken to merely looks up stupidly without giving any reply.
- February 15 Has an epileptic seizure on the the grounds yesterday while out walking and had to be carried in; she is very stupid and can do nothing.
- March 15 She acts in a pleasing silly manner to get home and says she will come back, talks very ramblingly and fancifully that she gets word about her friends being ill.
- April 19 She has one or more epileptic seizures nearly every day and for some time she has been more stupid and has not asked to get away. Can do nothing.
- May 17 Today she has been well, vomiting and her bowels relaxed. She fancied she is dying and wants home to her mother. About a week ago she has over a dozen epileptic seizures in one day.
- July 16 She will both when spoken to and smacks her teeth chatter, pretending to be ill she cannot speak, but gets better when left.
- September 13 She is becoming more mindless and when making her remarks talks hesitatingly and often gets confused and forgets what she is talking about.
- November 16 Can do nothing whatever and in a childish way makes to get home to her mother she has frequent epileptic seizures.



1876

Sarah Ann Dougan Dec. 40

June 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Hamilton's Land Whifflet and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Scotland Parish. She is forty years of age, widowed, a Housewife and a Protestant.

This is stated to be the first attack of insanity, the duration no month and the cause not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she said that some person was constantly speaking to her, even though she goes anywhere and at times talked incoherently. She has said she was very excited at times, did not sleep much and often spoke to imaginary persons.

On admission when told she was in an Asylum, she laughed at the idea of being thought insane. She said that a man named Gullbraith, living two doors from her, had for more than six months persecuted her, urging her to marry him although he had a wife of his own, that he spoke through the walls and that she heard him at all times even in her own house and when he was not seen. Four weeks ago she went to Ireland and returned a week ago, but on the way going, while there and coming back in the boat his voice was there although she had not seen him.

She has a son, twenty years of age, a daughter seventeen and has been sixteen years a widow.

Physical health and condition ordinary.

" 11 . She was quiet during the night, but today was often found crying. She says James Gullbraith has followed her here and that she hears his voice all over the house. Says if he is not punished soon he will be punished by the Court High hereafter.

" 19 Since shortly after last report she has not spoken about the voices and when talked to about them now she laughs and says she does not hear them. She is industrious, employs her time sewing.

July 20

She is very quiet and industrious, replies rationally when spoken to and although she does not speak of hearing voices there still holds to all she said about what occurred before she came to the Asylum.

August 17

She is getting very anxious to get away, saying she would like to get home to her children and thinks if she were there, there would be no more of James bothering her.

September 2

She was today taken home by her daughter on the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed - Relieved.





1876

June 19

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 53 St. Georges Road Glasgow, and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-eight years of age, single, was employed in domestic duties and belongs to the Established Church.

She had an attack eighteen years ago, was an inmate of Forthgliffhead a year ago and the duration of the existing attack is one week. Cause previous attacks and disappointment as to a legacy. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her talk was extravagant and unreasonable and her manner restless and vacillating. She said while speaking that she has just got a wire telegram from the Duke of Hamilton, said that the officials in the Asylum were giving drugs to one of the nurses to make her stupid and was very suspicious.

During the night she called out murder and police and attempted to go out of the room, required to be restrained.

On admission she had an excited look, but talked quietly although her speech was rambling and contradictory. About the telegram she fancied she had received she said it must have been from some very foolish person and in her replies to questions generally was evasive and showed much irritability.

bodily handled possible. Condition skinny. There is a wound running across her chest somewhat obliquely from near the median line upwards to the axilla, opening considerably in the centre where it is held together by metallic sutures that have nearly cut through the skin. Suppurative process. The cure is the result of excision of the right mamma for Cancer.

" 20

She had about fifteen grams of Chloral Hydrate in warm cherry and slept well during the night, but today she is excited and calls away on who has anything to do with her very bad names, such as murderers, brutes &c; kicks and blows throw her mouth and nose at them.

" 21

She has been noisy more so her very night up till last night when she slept well, but there is no improvement in her mental condition. She has all her eyes closed, calls everyone who comes near her brutes and she bad names and is often very violent in her conduct. The wound is very open, is dressed with carbolic acid lotion and held together by antiseptic sutures.

July 20

Still noisy at night and still talks incoherently, blows and spits at anyone approaching her. Her breast is healing, but slowly.

Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> June 1876

August 17

She is generally quiet now at night and sometimes answers civilly when spoken to but is still uncertain and peculiar although she is improving. She is out of bed daily and the wound is heavily and much contracted, is rapidly healing.

" 31

Since last report she has improved much and for more than a week has been pretty well mentally. She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

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## Helen Condy or Neilson

1876

June 20

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 92 Stirling Street Airdrie and admitted as an insane patient chargeable to King's Auckland Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is eight days and the cause is proserpate (she was delivered of a child in the ninth of this month - her second.) She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and unmanageable in her conduct, talked incoherently and was dangerous to herself and others. She bit two persons who were attending upon her this morning while they were trying to save her from injuring herself.

On admission she was much excited, screamed loudly, talked very incoherently and refused to be moved from the place where she had been set down when carried in.

She could tell nothing whatever about herself not even her name. Her mind stated that she had not slept more than two hours since the child was born and that they had great difficulty in getting her to take any food.

Bosely health very feeble: Condition proserpate - she has a bad cough and expectorates much. There are a number of discharges in her urine and the right mamma is hard and indurated.

" 21

She was restless and noisy during the night and refused to take the sedative prescribed for her. She refuses her food, usually to get occasionally to take fluids and is very incoherent. Bowels relaxed.

" 22

She does not sleep at night and is noisy, always very restless and completely incoherent, refuses to be fed and is very melancholy in her habits, bowels relaxed. The right mamma is suppurating and she is very feeble and emaciated.

July 20

She is quite docile and very helpful cannot answer the simplest question and does not seem to understand what is said to her. Bowels continue relaxed and the mamma is still suppurating. She refuses to be attended to like a child, is very melancholy.

August 17

Her breast is now all but healed, her bowels are better and she is occasionally out of bed, but she is still docile and cannot tell her own name.

September 14

Her breast is now quite healed and she is generally out of bed, but has occasionally to be put back to it in consequence of her melancholy habits. She is very docile and can do nothing for herself.

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January 1877

February 15

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April 2

Admitted 20<sup>th</sup> June 1876

October 19

Physically she is considerably better than she found herself and is out of bed now every day. She is much demented seldom or never speaks.

November 16

She is improving, but very slowly, is now out of the infirmary ward and answers when spoken to, but very slowly and is still unable to do anything.

December 16

She sometimes tries to say a little but is more often idle and the extent of her conversation when spoken to is to say she is fine. She takes her food well.

1877  
January 18

She is considerably better, eats and sleeps well does a little work and appears to be quite happy. She answers questions coherently, but has still an unusual slowness.

February 15

Is improving steadily but slowly replies quite rationally when spoken to but is very slow and rather indifferent in her way, would rather say she does not know or trouble herself thinking.

March 15

She is still much in the same state as at last report, says she is fine and does a little work, but requires some prompting, before she can be induced to enter into conversation.

April 2

She was today removed under the Act 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Victoria, Cap. 54 Sec. 17 and dismissed as so far -  
Recovered.



1876

Margaret Steel

Oct. 30

June 27

Was brought to the Dispensary today, from  
Kew-Street, Rathgar, and admitted as a  
private patient chargeable to Rathgar Parish.

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She is thirty years of age, single, a  
house-loom weaver and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is two months and the only cause  
given is that she had attacks of Cholera, ten  
and six years ago, lasting each time for about  
five months. She is suicidal but not  
dangerous to others. No hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was usually  
absent in thought, restless, constantly moving  
and wringing her hands, looking furtively  
and with suspicion around her and would  
silently speak; would not answer questions.  
Her father and mother stated that she was  
restless at night, slept little and had  
attempted to wound herself with a knife.

On admission she had a melancholy  
look, was restless and seemed very miserable.  
She would give no reply to anything said  
to her although she appeared to understand  
quite well what was said to her, as when  
she was asked to show her tongue she did  
so quite readily. Her father said that she  
tried to get hold of his razor to injure herself.

Physical health good: Condition of  
Pulse over 100. Has not menstruated for two years.  
Never drinks spirits and weaves with  
yellowish brown putches.

" 28

She slept none during the night but  
was quiet. She takes her food, but has a  
dull preoccupied look, replies very slowly  
when spoken to and seems to have difficulty  
in doing so; is dull and depressed.

July 5

Looks more cheerful and now sews  
and works about the day room, but when  
spoken to, she says she is no better although  
she is unable to tell what is wrong; she has little  
much in her replies to questions.

" 27

She is still very nervous and becomes  
agitated when spoken to, cannot reply but  
hesitates much at the most simple question  
and seems quite undecided. She works  
about the day room.

August 17

She makes little or no advance, but  
is active and industrious and when not  
being talked to seems pretty well, appears  
to get confused when talked to.

September 2

Some days ago she fell and hurt her  
head and was confined to bed for a day or  
two but is again better and up. Still nervous.

October 19

About three weeks ago she made a  
sudden attack upon another patient and  
would afterwards give no reason for doing so, would  
not speak, and yet will hardly speak, is very nervous.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> June 1876

November 16

She is at present an inmate of the Infirmary ward where she assists in washing the dishes; is very nervous and never gives any reply when spoken to.

December 14

Still is in the Infirmary ward and continues nervous. Her hand shakes when she is spoken to and she gives no reply. Sometimes assists to wash the dishes.

1877  
January 3

She was today taken home by her father on the authority of a Minute of the Provincial Board and dismissed -

Relieved.



1876

Jane Lamont of Wakefield ad. 35

July 6

Was brought to the asylum today at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal, having been found in the City Parish, Glasgow.

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She says she is thirty-five years of age, has been married twice and is now a widow for nine years past.

Her statement is that she came from Edinburgh to Glasgow by Rail and took a cab from Grandas West Station to the Britannia Hotel to see Mr. Bernard, but he was not there and she drove to the shop of Mr. Sharp in Callowgate. He did not find her sister and after a while the cabman took her to the Police Office. He found no money and when asked why she told the cab said she had been robbed of nine sovereigns but had no idea of when or where was very contradictory in her statements.

She talked incessantly said her sister and Dr. Rattray were in collusion to deprive her of her rights and appropriate money that she should have; talked of burning several an aunt in Portobello and was ill from the fatigue, had gone into a house in Leamington and gave the woman five shillings to have a cold bath and that when she came out the children had followed her in the streets and called after her. Her first husband she said was an Officer in the 36th Regiment and she was the pet of the Regiment, all the Officers having been with lance swords to protect her.

She never seemed to tire of talking and her language was extravagant, often rambling and at times incoherent.

Physically healthy indifferent; Condition ordinary.

" 7

She slept well during the night, but today is as talkative as ever, goes over long periods of the history and talks much of persons that no one has known and of their conduct to her; her talking is quite endless and very confused.

" 14

Yesterday she was examined before the Sheriff and I was brought out in evidence that she had seized a knife while in the Police Office and threatened either to kill some one with or take her own life. She says that she was very ill when there and that a police man wished her to go to bed with her; she is still very talkative and says she would marry any man who would be good to her, would give her warm suppers.

August 17

She has been gradually settling down and is now much less talkative and reasonable, laughs at some of her former sayings and says she has no intention of doing now what she talked of, appears to be recovering.

September 12

She is now very quiet and much better employed her time sewing and has little to say except occasionally about getting away.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> July 1876

October 11<sup>th</sup>

She has continued quiet orderly  
and very well mentally and went  
today dismissed -  
Recovered.



1876

## Agnes Marshall or Lindsay sec. 37

July 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 12 Kirkwood Street, Fingloun and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish. She is twenty-seven years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

H.P.

This is her first admission to the Asylum and she is the mother of three male children.

Two months after the birth of the second, she became ill mentally and the attack lasted two months, but she was kept at home. Her last son child is five months old and the existing attack is two weeks in duration. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her father James Marshall has been an inmate of this Asylum for eight or nine years and is still here.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and often would not speak any. Her husband said she seldom slept, heard a great many people speaking to her and could hardly take any food.

On admission she had a cold, slight cough and was quite apathetic. She could with the greatest difficulty be induced to say a single word and could tell nothing whatever about herself.

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Speech, health, intelligence, condition ordinary. She slept none during the night, but was quiet and today is confined to bed, pays no attention when spoken to and when raised would sit herself full down again if not held. She requires to be fed and lets the saliva flow over her chin.

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She occasionally has taken her food herself but requires mostly to be fed, never speaks and nothing can rouse her from her apathetic state. She is mostly confined to bed.

August 17

She is out of bed now daily, but sits in a listless fashion and when taken to the food requires frequently to be spoken to & reminded her to eat. She does not speak.

September 6

She does a little sewing and is less demented, takes her food herself and is at times rather excited. Her conversation as she she says is incoherent.

October 19

She has become much excited and very restless and disorderly in her conduct, fights with the other patients and talks much in the most incoherent manner.

November 6

Very destructive and uncleanly in her habits, tears her clothes, has broken a number of the water closet pans and at night has been very filthy and in great disorder. Her language is quite incoherent.

December 6

She is considerably quieter and less destructive, but still uncertain and quite unable to employ herself at anything useful. Language still rather incoherent.

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February 15

March 15

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October 15

December 6

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February 14

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June 6



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1877

January 15

She has relapsed and is again if anything more excited than formerly, has pulled a patch of hair completely out of the front of her head, throws her food about and is very disorderly, quite incoherent.

February 15

Is now quieter and more orderly, has commenced to knit and sometimes asks, when will she get away? cannot see that she ever was ill and is yet far from being well. Bodily health good.

March 15

Has been again much excited and very troublesome, tearing and destroying articles, putting things into her ears and is altogether exceedingly disorderly.

April 19

Became quieter, but again about two weeks ago became very ill; highly excited, very dangerous, destructive and uncleanly in her habits and nearly altogether unmanageable. She is now rather quieter but very stupid.

May 17

For some time after last report she continued stupid and often wet herself. She is now rather better and has not been wet for some days.

June 14

Begins manifestly excited and very restless, destroys her clothing and is uncleanly in her habits.

August 16

She is just emerging again from a very numerous attack when she was excessively filthy and destructive in her habits, tore her clothing and covered the walls of her room with her feces.

October 15

Frequently reported to be wet in bed at night but during the paroxysm which is passing off she was less destructive and filthy. She is still wrapped and unable to do anything.

December 3

Has again been much excited, noisy at night and filthy in her habits. Her reasoning and conversation occur at regular intervals.

1878

February 16

Since last report she has been comparatively well. But showed symptoms of becoming ill and ordinary if an effort she was able to keep the incontinent under.

April 18

Continues quiet, with almost no perceptible change, except perhaps a little restlessness and greater anxiety to get away. She talks rationally and is in good health.

June 3

She was today dismissed—  
Recovered.



## Mary Duncan

Oct. 185

1876

July 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Kille Street Madras and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Goulbourn Street Parish.

She is forty-five years of age, single,  
a domestic servant and a Protestant.

Cl.

This is supposed to be the first attack  
of insanity, the duration and course not  
being known. She is dangerous to others, but  
not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she believed that  
every person was unclean and shrunk from the  
touch of any person attempting to approach  
her. She threatened to strike with a chain  
and was otherwise violent in her conduct.

On admission she had a dull  
melancholy look and the first words she  
said was that she was a golden woman.  
She then said that she had been in America  
with King Smith in the Crescent at Hammersmith  
and that the people in the house were all blind  
and that men came about them. Said they  
also tried to make her the same and that  
several times although she had locked her  
bedroom door at night she found it open  
in the morning.

poorly health indifferent, condition ordinary.

" 11

Last night about ten o'clock she became  
very manicured and violent, struck another patient  
a violent blow on the head causing considerable  
bruising, continued much excited and required  
a number of attendants to remove her to a room  
today she will not speak, tea on the floor.

" 18

Seldom lies in bed but is found standing or  
kneeling in her room at night and during the  
day sits with her eyes shut or looks upon the  
floor, but if she is tried to be raised but will not  
stand. Two days ago she received a letter from  
and replied when spoken to, but again retracts  
and replies when spoken to, but again retracts.

August 17

She is now more orderly and correct  
in her conduct, but still very peculiar;  
when spoken to she blinks as if she could not  
open her eyes steadily and draws away if touched.

September 14

She is quiet and orderly, but very  
peculiar in her manner, drinks and holds  
up her head when approached and places her  
elf as if in a position to run away.

October 19

She labours under delusion and  
is very wandering in her language, but is  
quiet and says a little. When spoken to  
she generally closes her eyes before she speaks.

November 16

Continues quiet and generally talks  
obscurely, but acts in a strange, foolish manner  
fancies she is ill and after being put to bed although  
she will not sit up, will laugh and say she is well.

December 14

Quiet and does a little work but is  
very peculiar, goes into peculiar attitudes  
and often gives no reply when spoken to.

1877

January 15

February 15

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May 17

July 16



Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> July 1876

1877

January 18

She cries to get away and says if she does not get that her head may just be put upon the block and talks of a gentleman named James Alexander who is willing to marry her. Involves under delusion and appears to be suicidal.

February 15

Very silly in her conduct and talks is always asking to get away to James James, shuts her eyes and smiles when speaking in the most ridiculous manner.

March 15

She talks and is very quiet, but occasionally smiling in a silly way with wish to get away; Has the same delusion about getting married.

April 19

She generally sits at a table and reads. When spoken to she closes her eyes, smiles turns up her head and talks in a very childish way, wants to know when she will get away.

May 17

Her mind is very weak and when spoken to she replies in a slow, silly affected manner. She is generally quiet.

July 4

She was today taken home by her brother on the authority of a majority of the Provincial Board and dismissed—

Belisrael.



## Jane Charlotte Mackay &amp; Noble Feb.

1876

July 11

She came from Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope and was brought to the Dispensary by her brother-in-law and admitted as a private patient.

She is the widow of a Professor of Physical Science in the South African College, Cape Town, and is a Presbyterian.

P.A.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is ten years and the cause is the previous attack. The original cause said to have been quarrels. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

On admission she was certified to be very much deranged; believed her husband to be the King and a very intimate friend had completely lost her memory for recent events and is incoherent in speech.

On admission she had a worn out exhausted look, was very slow and cautious in all her acts and when conversed with appeared to be considerably demented. She appeared to remember events of years back but was very confused about recent occurrences. She was fixed with her journey and was put to bed and fasted.

Food, thought very indifferent: Condition ordinary.

" 12

She sleeps well during the night, but every other evening is exhausted and weak. She is very quiet and can do nothing.

" 14

She is very quiet and sleeps well at night. can do nothing and lies much upon the sofa during the day, takes tea good, pretty well, but has an exhausted look and her memory for recent events is much impaired.

August 17

She has continued much as above noted till now she has become restless and rather excited, acts in a very foolish manner and is at times incoherent.

September 4

Has been frequently noisy at night getting out of bed and knocking on the door. During the day she is restless, wanders purposelessly about and talks much and very incoherently.

October 19

Very restless and foolish in her conduct and cannot sit at table with others in consequence of taking away their food. Her language is very rambling and incoherent.

November 6

She laughs and talks much & herself is very restless and cannot employ herself at anything; lies upon the sofa and when spoken to is always ready to say she is well no matter what is said to her.

December 14

She does not improve, is very excited and wandering, does not seem to know what she is about and talks very ramblingly.

January 18

Restless and very foolish in her conduct. A large hard tumour has been discovered in the right iliac region of the abdomen.

1877

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Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> July 1876

1877

February 15

Since last report she has been up and going about, does not complain and nothing further is known of the tumour. She lounges about the day room, never does anything and talks very ramblingly.

March 15

Talks in a rambling incoherent manner and is at times rather dangerous in her conduct, only smiles when spoken to about it and wanders away to some other subject.

April 14

She wanders about, can do nothing useful and is often very treacherous, has to talk her food by herself as she picks up and eats what is before others; only laughs and talks incoherently when spoken to about it.

May 17

Very incoherent and furious she is in a hurry. The menstrual discharge has lately been profuse and profuse.

June 14

Talks incoherently of being in Spain and going up to there with say are not we in Spain here and yes we are is large and occasionally unaccountable danger.

August 16

She laughs much and talks very ramblingly, is often violent in her conduct towards the other patients and says she dislikes them because they are bad.

October 15

She asks most foolish questions and talks in the most rambling manner, asks them without any reason if they are going to Spain and says; go there you should go.

December 15

She is pretty quiet at present and acts a lot in the hallway; does a little sewing but talks ramblingly, is sometimes rather angry.

1878

January 2

She is at times pretty well and her illness shows a marked periodicity. At times she acts quite like a lady and again is very foolish in her conduct.

1879

October 18

She talks very ramblingly and when spoken to always answers a pleasant answer, but immediately forgets and is again excited.

1880

October 4

At times pretty composed and quiet and at uncertain periods becomes very foolish and restless; appears quite unable to control her actions.

1881

January 9

She sometimes seems a little and is comparatively quiet, but in conversation is always rambling and incoherent.

1882

October 18

Conducts herself much as formerly, has paroxysms of excitement which soon pass off and she is again pleasant & facile.

1883

October 5

Insensibly demented and although she replies to questions voluntarily, wanders and becomes incoherent when talked to.

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Mary O'g

Oct. 15

1876

July 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Castlegate, Limerick and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Limerick Parish.

Week

She is eighteen years of age, single, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is three weeks and the cause is not known. She is neither homicidal or dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a wild, excited look and was very taciturn, fancied that she had swallowed something poisonous. Her mother stated that she refused food and was very restless and slept none.

On admission she had a very staring open eyed expression of face, stood rigidly erect and would neither move nor speak; her eyes had to be touched before she would even wink and it required a little force to lead her along. Her aunt said she had taken very little food for three weeks, and that the excitement was regular.

She obstinately refused to eat anything into her mouth and was fed by means of the stomach pump.

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Proctically healthy. Condition reduced. She slept none and required an attendant beside her to keep her in bed. Today she still obstinately refuses food, keeps much saliva in her mouth which causes her to cough much in being fed by means of the pump.

" 22

She has been very restless, stupid and always evidently in pain, was fed three times daily by means of the stomach pump till yesterday when the doctor got her to swallow a little. She now keeps her bed better, but sometimes presses her arms where she lies.

August 17

She sometimes takes her food herself but has generally to be assisted, can do nothing for herself and never gives any reply when spoken to. Her mouth is nearly always filled with saliva which she lets run over her chin and on to her clothes.

September 14

She has been confined to bed for more than a week with inflammation of the breast over the left breast and spreading over a large surface. Two days ago it discharged a large quantity of bloody serum and pus and is now greatly better. She is very demented.

October 19

She is now out of bed and her knee is all but healed. Mentally she is also improving but is still rather incoherent and always when approached winks very hard.

November 16

She has improved very much and is now active and inquisitive and very well mentally.

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She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> July 1876

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## Marion Tweedie or Ferment (cont.)

1876

July 15

Was brought to the asylum today, from  
Nottingham and admitted as a pauper patient  
chargeable to the united parishes of Winton and Walsby.

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She is fifty-seven years of age, deserted by  
her husband and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the  
duration is stated to be several weeks and  
the cause not known, but she has been  
chargeable as a pauper since 15th November 1871.

From the admission she was morose, taciturn  
and wandered about with purposeless aim,  
had no expression indicating confirmed  
insanity. She refused to tell her name, secreted  
her food and destroyed it, refused to take  
off her clothes or to be kept clean in any way.

On admission she had a fatuous  
silly expression of face and was very  
perversive, refusing almost everything asked  
of her. When asked her name she smiled  
silly and would tell nothing more than  
that it was Mary. When undressed her feet  
were bound and arms were forced to be  
secured with black silk.

" 16

Provisionally health path: Condition improved.  
She was quiet during the night and today  
has taken her food, but can do nothing is quite  
silly and mindless.

" 23

She is quiet and quite demoralized,  
can do nothing whatever and seldom or  
never gives any reply when spoken to, smiles  
in a silly childish manner and turns away.

August 17

She requires to be watched to see  
that she takes her food, but takes it when  
told to do so, thinks she should not be  
here as the police and the people are sure  
to grant for her.

September 4

She now takes her food much better  
and is already looking better in the face,  
tries to sew a little and seems childishly  
happy except for the idea that she is living  
here and the house is not her own.

October 14

She says that she has no right to take  
any food for she does not deserve any. Is  
demoralized and somewhat melancholy.

November 16

Demoralized and silly, tries to sew  
a little but refuses to be guided in doing  
the simplest things. She takes her food well  
although she thinks she has no right to it.

December 16

She takes her food well and is becoming  
stouter but has no more mind, she has been  
occasionally rather excited and threatens violence.

1877  
January 18

She sews a little but is very shaky  
her head being also so affected. She is demoralized  
and her memory much impaired.

February 15

Quite demoralized and can do little or  
nothing, smiles when spoken to and her  
head shakes much, with paralytic rigidity.

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- March 15  
Tonight at the concert she became highly excited, got up from her seat, cried out and would have rushed at one of the singers who was singing about the "valley wood" "Mushroom".
- April 19  
Demented, but tries to sew a little. Talks in a rambling childish way and is easily excited. Bodily health indifferent.
- May 17  
She uses me at Scotland is a "tornie bit" and talks ramblingly in quite happy and childish. Bodily health ordinary.
- June 14  
She is always ready to laugh and talk even if looked at. Her words are nearly always the same and often about Scotland.
- August 16  
Demented and childishly happy, laughs and says she is fine when spoken to; works in the Laundry and takes her food well.
- October 16  
Although demented she is naturally inclined and always ready for her work. Rambles in conversation.
- December 13  
Happy and apparently contented. She says things said to her let her off in talking naturally and in a childish rambling way.
- 1878  
July 18  
She is mindless and facile likes to be taken notice of and talks very ramblingly especially if contradicted. She is in fair bodily health.
- 1879  
April 12  
She laughs merrily when spoken to and talks ramblingly about affairs she herself imagines every one should know. Her head shakes much as if affected with paralysis agitans.
- 1880  
January 18  
Demented and generally happy but is ready to become excited if interfered with by any of the other patients.
- 1881  
April 20  
Works in the, is quite happy and always laughs when spoken to. Health fair. Her condition physically seems at times as if generally paralyzed and she is unable to go out to the Laundry.
- 1882  
June 2  
She is less extreme in her conduct and at times complains of want of strength, but in a silly way says she thinks she will soon get better.
- 1883  
July 14  
Demented, but talkative and her language, silly and rambling. Is mentally, the same as in admission.

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1876  
Jane Richmond or Robertson Oct. 1871

July 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Bellehill and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Bothwell Parish.

She is forty-one years of age, married, a domestic servant and a Protestant.

Int.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 15th April till 19th June 1876. The duration of the existing attack is eight days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited and noisy, fancied she heard voices up the chimney and coming up through the floor, calling her adulteress, whore, prostitute and thief and that people looked through the walls of her house and watched her. She slept none at night and was noisy.

On admission she was quite quiet and collected and at once went into the subject of her delusions. She said she had been seldom out of the house since she left the Asylum and that night and day, but more especially at night she could get no peace for voices coming through the walls calling her a whore and a thief and were so near that they called "Topsy and Loop" continually accused her of going with men and called her names to vice to mention. Since she was not drinking.

Physically health and condition ordinary.

" 18

She slept well during the night and today has been working about the building. She answers quickly when spoken to but she is still rather suspicious and is very guarded in what she says.

" 25

She is very industrious and quiet, never excitedly when spoken to and says she does not hear any voices here, but that she will never go back to Bellehill again.

August 17

She still works well in the laundry and makes no complaint about hearing any voices here, but her expression of face is generally preoccupied and she seems unwilling to enter into conversation.

September 14

She works well and is always very quiet and orderly, has a very cautious look, says she would like to get away but that she would never go back to Bellehill.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> July 1876

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## Mary Mc. Brully &amp; Mulvey Oct. 64

1876  
July 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Orchard, New Yorktown and admitted as pauper patient chargeable to Cambridgeston Parish.

She is forty-nine years of age, married a Danish Wife and a Roman Catholic.

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This is supposed to be the first attack of insanity, the duration was long and the cause not known. She is not considered as threatened to be dangerous to others. She has a brother in an Asylum.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and was inconsistent and rambling in conversation. She would sit motionless, gaze intently upward and mutter to herself, was sleepless and refused food.

Her husband stated that she was during the night and passed the cat with the kitchen also threatened her sisters life.

On admission she was quiet and said there was not much she wanted with her and that she would have been glad if they had let her alone, accused her friends of being ill to her and said they would not do her as in fact when she asked. When asked why she killed the cat she became completely taciturn, would answer no more questions.

bodily, healthy, intelligent; condition ordinary.

" 22

She slept well during the night and today is quiet, says she feels a little better but is not inclined to enter into conversation.

" 29

She appears to be demoralized although she occasionally goes out to the laundry. She takes her food and is quiet, but nothing at times said to her will induce her to speak.

August 24

Her expression of face is fatuous. She sits with her eyes cast down and does not raise them when spoken to; sometimes says she wants to sing, but seldom replies.

September 19

She sits as if afraid she would fall off her seat and when spoken to does not move her head; all she says being that she would like to get home now.

October 19

Still sits in the same manner and is always found in the same place does nothing, but sits with her eyes cast down.

November 13

Is very demoralized and when spoken to acts as if she did not hear, but if touched she will shake her head and wish to be let out of this, never raises her head.

December 14

She is more accessible and very sullen does nothing and is not ready speaking, but when she does begin, speaks fearfully about getting away and turns back as if afraid when approached.

1877  
January 13

She has had an attack of Erysipelas of the face which confined her to bed for about three weeks, but she is now better and up.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> July 1876

1877

February 15

She is still an inmate of the infirmary ward, but her face has been quite well for some time. She is very quiet and has still a demented look, but she does some work and answers general questions pretty correctly.

March 15

She was an inmate of another ward for some time, but a few days ago, she had suddenly another attack of erysipelas of the face and is now confined to bed.

April 15

She has been out of bed for two or three weeks and has since been very industrious and useful, talked quite rationally and was today discharged -  
Recovered.



## Margaret Maxwell ad 90

July 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Greenwich and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to St. Andrew's Parish.  
She is twenty years of age, single,  
a servant and a Protestant.

Work

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is six days and the cause  
is not known. She is dangerous to others  
but not suicidal. No known hereditary  
tendency.

Prior to admission she constantly  
talked incoherently, was wandering and  
excited, violent in her conduct and could  
not be restrained. She imagined that  
she and the birds and other imaginary things.

On admission she was excited and  
talked most incoherently would not give  
a correct answer to almost any question  
and spoke much about being a Tervin,  
told her any brother was - tervin and that  
all her relations were tervins, rambling  
much upon the same subject.

Probably lashed and confined ordinary.  
There was a number of discoloursations upon  
her arms.

" 22

She slept none during the night, would  
not remain in bed, but prowled at her  
bedroom door the greater part of the night.  
Today she is very maniacal and completely  
incoherent, very dangerous in her conduct.

" 24

Continued sleepless for two nights after  
last night and was very violent and distressing  
during the day, smashing glass and attacking  
anyone who came in her way; she is now  
quieter, seems to know better what she is doing  
but is still violent in her conduct.

August 26

Still maniacally excited and very  
boisterous; when spoken to, only becomes worse  
and seizes all control; is ready to strike  
if interfered with and is noisy nearly  
every night and draws her bedding about.

September 19

Destructive, dangerous and highly  
excited, tears her clothes and wounds herself  
herself but for the strong dress she wears. She  
is frequently noisy at night, swears and her  
language is always very incoherent.

October 19

Still maniacally excited, very  
incoherent in her language, and boisterous  
and dangerous in her conduct. She tears  
her clothing and requires still to have on strong  
dress to prevent her damaging herself.

November 16

At times she is quieter, but very uncertain  
and her language is always incoherent. She is  
still occasionally violent and destructive.

December 14

Excitable and disorderly in her conduct  
talks incoherently, is often noisy at night  
and can do no work, from want of mind.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> July 1876

1877

January 18

Since last report she has become quiet and orderly, talks coherently and is daily employed at some household work. The change in her condition commenced about the end of last year and she now appears to be nearly well.

February 10

She was today dismissed - Recovered.

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## Isabella Boyd

Oct. 33

1876

July 22

Was brought to the Asylum today from 59 Union Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-three years of age, single, a governess and an Episcopalian.

Week

Day 1166

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two months, but she has been queer for three years and the cause is stated to be indulgence and self will. She is not dangerous, but has frequently threatened suicide. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her general Cook was that of an insane person and her superstitious was rather excited. Her conversation although coherent was suspicious and she was evasive in her quest when being talked with. She reassured her friends of great unhappiness and sad treatment of her.

Mrs. McLean with whom she lived, stated that she would about her bedroom unless during the day, got in and out of it again and again, talked to herself and would sit in the water closet for hours, leaving it in a filthy state, break up pallets of grass in paper and throw them in the cottry.

On admission she was evidently very much affected in her manner, talked slowly and as if it cost her a great effort. She knew where she was and said it was the greatest wrong she had yet suffered to be brought to a female Asylum. Said her friends were all against her and her brother had always been averse to her because she was poor. Said all the statements made against her were lies and talked as if she had been conspired against, nothing being said for her but all against.

Physical health indifferent. Condition reduced.

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She did not sleep during the night but was quiet and today sits in an idle indolent manner, complains of her back and at meal time sits picking at her food as if unable to eat.

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She will do nothing, complains of great pain in her back and loins in the seat, says the place is worse than seventy-seven Hell's and asks what she will do to get out. She is troublesome and disorderly in her conduct, and her room in the morning is occasionally in great confusion.

August 26

Endlessly complaining and very unreasonable and self in the most insane foolish manner and is never at rest; when in one place wishes to get to another and does not know what she wishes to do. Last Sunday in the middle of the service in church she rose up and demanded the attendance to take her out, which had to be done to prevent her disturbing all the others. She complains without cause.



Admitted 22<sup>d</sup> July 1876

September 19

She is constantly complaining of some imaginary illness and has much upon the parts; my best task is to love she cannot sit; take the other patients, or even the attractive articles of dress and paper round her body without asking for them and excuse herself by saying she can get nothing she wants. She destroyed a pair of stays given her to please her by cutting them up and then saying they were of no use. She calls the attendants big, strong, brutal women; says they have nearly killed her and are cruel to all the other patients. She cannot be got to walk; lie down when taken out.

October 19

Since the application of the hot lotion over the region of the spine, she has not talked so much about her back, but when enquired for says that she has no complaint.

Again she will ask if letters have come for her and from her repeated enquiries if her letters have come sent seems to believe they have not. She is suspicious and very willful, will do nothing asked of her.

November 16

Very troublesome and difficult to live with, is constantly finding fault with others and insists on having answers to questions which no one can talk, persists in having her own way and is at times quite unmanageable.

November 16

She fancies that all the attendants are combined against her, calls them rude names and is very disagreeable in her manner towards everyone.

1877  
January 15

She fancies that she is told contraband by every official here, is very unreasonable in her demands and most repellent in her manner. Frequently talks no notice when spoken to, will not speak.

February 7

She was today taken to Barron Provincial Asylum by authority of Sir James Ross and dismissed -  
Relieved.



## Ann Lennon &amp; Susan

Oct. 70

1876

July 24

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Knewstingford, Exmouth and admitted as a proper  
patient chargeable to Rotherhithe Parish.

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She is seventy years of age, unmarried,  
a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she said that she  
was daily visited by spirits of Hell, and that  
she made them out of their heads with a  
paper and lava her house as her house  
was alarmed. She accused a Mr. Torrance who  
lived in the flat above her of poisoning her  
through a hole in the floor in her body and  
keeping dead people who tormented her.  
Her daughter stated that she had been  
wandering in her mind for years.

On admission she seemed at first  
to be lamented, but when spoken to she said  
that it was Wally Torrance that had sent  
her there, but he would make everybody  
do as he pleased and was bringing them all  
into danger and working them all contrary  
against her. She said he filled her house  
with poison and also put poison in the  
water, poured the poison through the roof of  
her house and tried to injure her in various  
other ways, heard voices talking above  
and plotting against her.

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Working health failed. Condition reduced.  
She slept well during the night  
and today sleeps in her tent. She says  
Wally Torrance has seven letters of hers, he  
stole from the Post Office.

August 1

She is generally quiet, but in conversation  
displays many delusions and is easily  
excited and especially if letters are talked  
about, she recites and threatens.

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She sews or knits a little and is  
generally very quiet but still labours under  
all her former delusions.

September 19

She has been ill with a cold in the  
head but is now better. Employs her time  
knitting and says she would much rather  
be here as where she formerly lived.

October 19

Employs her time as before, sews  
and takes great care of herself, is quiet  
but cannot be spoken to on the subject of her  
delusion without becoming excited.

November 6

Has become more restless and excited  
will do nothing and quarrels with others  
about some imaginary wrong done her.

December 14

Will do nothing and is very irritable,  
swears and curses but calms if spoken to and  
sometimes threatens to strike.



Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> July 1876

- 1877
- January 18 She labours under the delusion that she is tormented and persecuted, but will not say who does it, only that the people here know all about it. Is very irritable.
- February 15 She is irritable and extremely insolent, threatens to sleep people in the face and when spoken to will sharply say go back. Labours under delusion.
- March 15 She never replies directly or calmly when spoken to, but becomes excited and calls bad names, threatens and orders the medical officers off, calls them fools &c.
- April 19 Irritable and labours under delusion, turns away her head when spoken to or otherwise breaks out into a torrent of abusive language. Nocturnal vomiting.
- May 17 When spoken to will say get out you fools, how dare you speak to me and labours under the delusion that she is distressed & aggrieved at night by the spirits here.
- June 16 Has seen anything whatever and at no time speaks civilly. Fancies many things are done to injure her and states so.
- August 16 Takes no notice when spoken to and is indeed will cry "get along, how dare you touch me, you did bleed to me last night fancy herself here one day struck."
- October 15 Still and irritable labours under many delusions and although she always talks her good after fancy there is poison in it.
- December 15 Calls others, unidentified things, and orders them out of her sight, it is silly all day long and if accidentally touched swears and says it was done on purpose to injure her.
- 1878
- February 14 Cannot be induced by any words to do anything, is sullen, irritable and labours under delusion fancies she is injured at night and says all here know about it.
- April 15 Often when spoken to she gives a fierce look and will not speak, like the person who addressed her has left when she returns and talks about dogs and paper darning.
- June 13 Continues in the same sullen and very irritable state will do nothing and is very repellent in her manners.
- August 17 Having got out of bed this morning she slipped and falling on her hands, fractured the neck of the left femur. She fancies some person, unseen, troubled her.

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1876

Susan Mc. Bean Oct. 25

July 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 61 Elderlie Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-three years of age, single, a sempstress and belongs to the Established Church.

HP.

She was provisionally an inmate of this Asylum from 3<sup>d</sup> October 1872 till 8<sup>th</sup> June 1875.

The duration of the the acute attack is one week and the cause is excitement arising from the illness of her mother. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. Her sister died here in December last.

Prior to admission she was incontinent and unmanageable; suicidal in her tendencies.

On admission she was boisterous and excited, acted very meanly towards her father and brother, asking them to be put out as being bad, laughed without any apparent cause and talked in a rambling incoherent manner. Her expression of face was wild and staring and she was very nervous, trembled much.

bodily health feeble; condition reduced.

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She was very much excited and violent in her conduct, only slept two hours and being exceedingly foolish and restless, requires an attendant constantly beside her and has to be put as she will take nothing herself.

August 2

Very restless and sleepless, noisy at night and during the day talks incessantly in the most incoherent manner. She tears her clothes and is filthy in her habits, requires the attendants to feed her and often puts her food out after it is put in her mouth.

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She now keeps in her clothes and is more manageable, but is still very restless and foolish, talks much and very incoherently, takes her food now and is quieter at night, but requires much attention.

September 2

She appeared to be settling down but has again become more restless and excited. She is very foolish in her conduct, delights in mischief, laughs much and talks in a very incoherent manner.

October 19

Restless foolish and very talkative; her language is incoherent and very rambling and nothing occupies her notice. She is often very noisy at night.

November 6

Noisy and excited, talks in a loud voice and phratic violence; is very rude in her manner and as she becomes stronger physically appears to become more so.

December 4

Restless foolish and boisterous in her conduct, talks in a very excited, incoherent manner and is at times very disordered. Yesterday she smashed a pane of glass and cut her arm.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> July 1876

1877

January 18

For the last week or two there has been a great change for the better. She is now quiet and orderly, eats a little and has almost nothing to say, but replies coarsely when spoken to and seems nearly well.

February 15

She continues very quiet and does a little work, replies quite correctly when spoken to and appears to be quite well, except there may be a little dullness and diffidence in her manner.

March 15

She keeps very well, quiet and orderly and employs her time industriously. is very pleasant in her manner, but has very little to say.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



1876 Elizabeth Wardrop & Norton Oct. 31

July 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Gorton Parochial Asylum and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Armitdale Parish.

She is thirty-one years of age, married, a Housewife and a Protestant.

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She has been an inmate of Gorton Parochial Asylum since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1876 and the duration of the attack is stated to be six weeks.

She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum from 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1876 till 25<sup>th</sup> June 1876 and dismissed Delirium. She is suicided and has threatened to be dangerous to those known to her by tendency.

Prior to admission she was discontented and suspicious, had various delusions about her husband and family matters.

On admission she was quiet; smiled and spoke quite readily when talked to, said that her husband had not done right with her and that he had wronged her, but she did not think she should be, considered she had no need to be here laughed wildly and from her manner seemed much more indifferent about her position than her words would lead us to think. Moodily, haughty and condition ordinary.

" 27

She slept well during the night and today is employing her time knitting; smiles when spoken to and says she likes well enough to be here, but wants something done for her as soon as it is convenient.

August 3

She is quiet and employs her time knitting, smiles when spoken to and says she is well. She sleeps well at night.

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She continues herself much as above noted, but frequently speaks of getting away saying there was never anything wrong with her since she left home and cannot tell why she was sent to the Asylum. Her mind is weak.

September 9

Quiet and orderly, employs her time knitting & working in the Laundry; generally says she is well and asks when she will get away.

October 19

She is very stubborn and cannot be induced to listen to reason, has always an "Oh but" to say and makes excuses that are no excuses at all. She has a bad chest but will not take cod liver oil.

November 16

Works in the Laundry, and is inclined to have her own way, shows much weakness of mind and is very obstinate. Thinks herself "a little better", but will take no medicine.

December 4

She sometimes complains of the state of her chest but is not really doing so unless spoken to and is very unreasoned about everything but getting away.

1877  
January 13

Childish and obstinate, will say nothing to do with the question, but will say when will I get home.



Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> July 1876

1877

February 15

Very stubborn and often obstinate when spoken to will give no reply, resists everything ordered of her and either does nothing or hants. She is in very poor bodily health.

March 15

She sits with her head bent forward and her hands over each other and will hardly speak a single word. She has a bad cough, but will take no medicine.

April 19

Still has a bad cough and is very stubborn, sits with her hands by her sides will do now take nothing that is asked her and the only word she will say is that she is "about her usual".

May 17

Depressed and rather demented; is very delirious and cannot be persuaded to take anything prescribed for her. She sometimes hums a little but seldom speaks.

June 16

Is confined to the infirmary ward and seems quite alert and indifferent about everything. Her cough is bad, often preventing her sleeping at night and she is getting much reduced in body.

August 16

Although an inmate of the infirmary ward she is still daily out of bed by way of air and open window. She never complains nor will she tell anything of herself.

October 15

Phthisis pulmonalis is making rapid progress, but she still says she is about her usual although can sometimes hardly answer for coughing. She is very feeble.

December 15

She is confined to bed and very weak, has become emaciated and rather helpless can take very little food.

1878

January 17

She is evidently fast sinking although she has lived longer than she could have been expected to do a month ago.

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Today at 6.5 P.M. She  
Died.

Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.



## Mary Reid

Oct. 25

1876

July 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Crosshill, Paisley and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Dist. Monkland Parish.

She is twenty-five years of age, single, a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

HP

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one week and the cause is stated to be not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her sister is imbecile and has been a inmate of years in the Asylum. Dr. Spoken says that her father is not altogether *compos mentis* and that a brother has been certified and will be sent here tomorrow.

Prior to admission she talked nonsense, said there was bad blood in her and that some one wanted to poison her. She threatened to strike her father with the tongs.

On admission she had a swollen, red, hot, was very obstinate, would do nothing asked of her and was very fumbling and contradictory in her statements. She said she was a servant in Holland and had just left for a holiday and immediately said she wished to get another situation as she had left her place; said there was nothing wrong with her, but that the people in Paisley were all drinking and that every one was mad, but herself.

Physic, health and condition ordinary.

" 28

She slept till near four o'clock P.M. when she got up and dressed, saying she was going away to look for a situation. Saying she is restless and determined to get away.

August 10

She is irritable and very repellant in her manner, turns away when spoken to and will not reply, if touched draws away and mutters some hurried words about getting away.

" 25

She is a little better; says a little and replies shortly when spoken to but will not enter into conversation and still acts in somewhat of her former way.

September 13

Absent and confused, but once or twice a little, when asked any question if she speaks it is to say what and if not spoken to several times she will give no further reply.

October 13

Still confused and absent, often when spoken to acts as if she did not hear and when repeatedly named, will sometimes say, What is it?.

November 16

Absent and rather dement, turns away when spoken to and refuses to talk up, any words she says hearing it as if it were to be drawn out of her.

December 16

She calls her father - Louie and a least and says her mother has no business to go and lie in bed with him, mutters a great deal to herself in a rambling incoherent manner and turns away when spoken to.

1877  
January 2





Sarah Anderson

Oct. 44

- 1876
- August 4  
 She brought to the Dispensary today, from  
 Soudon's land Whifflet and admitted as a pauper  
 patient chargeable to St. Bonifred Parish.  
 She is forty-four years of age, single,  
 a domestic servant and a Protestant.  
 This is the first attack of insanity,  
 the duration is two months and the cause  
 is not known. She is dangerous to others  
 but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency  
 not known.
- Week  
 Prior to admission she was much  
 excited, laboring under the impression  
 that some person wished to kill her, said  
 that she said her prayers to the Devil  
 and did not believe her mother was her  
 mother. She did not sleep and frequently  
 attempted to leave the house during the  
 night was violent and threatening.
- On admission she was free from  
 excitement and talked quite rationally, said  
 she had do nothing for a year and had  
 left her place because her mistress had  
 told her she was not required, could not  
 tell why she had not got another place  
 and about her mother said she might have  
 told her she was her mother, but she  
 did not believe it. First denied she  
 had struck her and then admitted it.
- " 5  
 Bodily health and condition ordinary.  
 She slept well during the night and  
 today is quiet and orderly, but her conversation  
 is rather silly and rambling.
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 For some nights past she has been  
 very restless and disorderly, getting out  
 of bed and putting the chairs on the top  
 of the other patients beds. She talks of hearing  
 lots of people speaking in the dormitory and  
 fancying they are men.
- September 4  
 She is quiet and orderly, employs  
 her time sewing and takes her food well.  
 She still insists that there were men in  
 the dormitory for that she could see them  
 by the reflection of the yard.
- October 19  
 She has been refusing to take her food  
 and required to be sent to the kitchen ward  
 to be fed. She says the day of the week has  
 been changed here and says she knows it by  
 the state of the moon also that this the month  
 of November, Wants to know why she is kept here.
- November 16  
 After last report she began to take her  
 food but has again refused and the attendants  
 have difficulty in feeding her. She says the  
 food is made of human flesh.
- December 14  
 Always insists that Saturday is Sunday  
 and labours under other delusions, is perverse  
 and obstinate in her way and asks what  
 is wrong with her, evidently to contradict it.

1877

January 15

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July 14

September 11

November 11



Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> August 1876

1877

January 11

She fancies she is a married woman and says her husband's name is Holbrian and that he is a knave. It annoyed on the 7<sup>th</sup> riding that she does not get to church, saying it is the Sabbath.

February 13

Saturday now is her Sunday and she works under protest. Her conversation is rambling and she is inclined to appropriate things she finds lying about.

March 15

Often now again talks of 7<sup>th</sup> riding being Sunday and she being made to work last 7<sup>th</sup> riding she said was Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March and she was sure she was right. She is rather incoherent in conversation.

April 14

She is still employed in the Mill House but has become more unsettled and says if she has to stay here all summer she will rather cut her throat.

May 17

Falcons under delusion, says she is a married woman but does not know where her husband is and does not care.

June 14

Her husband's name she says is Holbrian and he is a knave to boot. Although she never lived with him she expects he will come here to claim her.

July 14

Talks ramblingly and says she is still employed in the Mill House is at times of little sense, becomes excited without any apparent cause and talks incoherently.

September 13

Some days when she is not inclined to do any work she fancies it to be Sunday and no work can make her tolerate otherwise. She is suspicious that she is being deceived.

November 16

When talking and no one near her, she is heard to be soliloquy and carrying on a conversation with imaginary persons. If one upon suddenly she laughs and says it is nothing.



## Mary Crawford

Oct 4-5

1876  
August 5

Was today transferred from the Ladies' Division where she has been an inmate since 6th June 1873.

She is forty-five years of age, wife and a Wesleyan.

Before being sent to the Asylum the duration of the attack (her first) was stated to be about one month and the cause not known.

She has not improved since admission, believes under many delusions of a religious character and is often incoherent and excited, condemning every one who will not worship her and threatening all the punishments of hell if they do not think as she wishes them. She is often sleepless and talks much to herself during the night and is often during the day.

She is in feeble bodily health, the circulation being very languid and her face and hands cold and livid.

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She has taken up a particular place where she always sits, does nothing and talks much to herself. At night she sometimes does not sleep and utters much.

September 19

She now and again is sleepless at night and talks much to herself and often during the day is found with her head down talking, says she is speaking to God.

October 26

She talks much to herself and is often very talkative, restless and noisy at night. She does nothing in incoherence in her language and delusions under delusion.

December 14

Is at times very noisy and highly excited, talking to herself about the wickedness of the world. She never does anything and her language is generally incoherent.

1877  
February 15

Very noisy at night and during the day sits talking with her eyes shut. Her language is incoherent and about God, wicked people and her hopes of salvation.

April 19

She has acquired a habit of cowering, throws her nose and making other disagreeable sounds, will not reply when spoken to or desert, from her nonsense when asked.

June 16

She never gives a coherent reply when spoken to, seldom even takes any notice but makes a disagreeable noise through her nose.

August 16

She has forward and seldom takes any notice when spoken to, but makes a noise and will not give any other notice to.

October 18

Often noisy at night and requires to be removed under observation, is very obstinate and persists in keeping it up.

December 18

Occasionally does a very little sewing but soon gets her work full and her only reply when spoken to is an incoherent noise.

August 5<sup>th</sup>, today transferred from local house  
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1878

October 18

She is demented does not reply when spoken to, not apparently that she does not do not absolutely not understand. She sometimes makes a peculiar sound long during her life and letting the sound pass her nose.

1881  
October 10

She is very feeble and becoming emaciated and is really confined to bed has a cough and takes very little food is irritable as well as demented is difficult to treat in consequence of her mental condition.

October 7

She is now always confined to bed and very feeble and emaciated. She will not speak and is repellent in her manner although so weak.

March 3

Today she died  
Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

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## Catherine Brown &amp; Harley Oct 10

1876  
August 7

Was brought to the asylum today, from  
Clarkston near Airdrie and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to the Workhouse Parish.

She is forty years of age, married  
a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is eight days and the cause is  
the illness of her daughter who is stated to  
be dying of consumption. This is a rather  
unusual, not dangerous to others. Hereditary  
tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was greatly  
excited, violent in her conduct and talked  
incoherently on religious subjects.

On admission she was highly  
excited and very noisy, talked continually  
in a very incoherent manner saying she  
would be done with the beautiful, most  
little, tidy house that she had known  
for twenty years and made a walking  
about the window blind that would  
dress her daughter with the beautiful  
thing she had prepared for her.

Her husband stated that she had  
slept none for more than a week.

Proximate health feeble: condition reduced

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She was noisy the greater part of the  
night and slept little or none. Today she  
is very restless and excited, talks very incoherently.

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She is very restless and excited, most  
boisterous and foolish in her conduct, loud  
and talks most incoherently and sleeps  
none at night except under the influence  
of a sedative.

September 6

She seemed to be fairly composing  
up till four days ago. She was excited by  
her son on Saturday last and he amongst  
her went getting home. That day she was  
highly agitated and required to get on a  
string shoe. Language quite incoherent, excited.

October 19

Very noisy restless and excited,  
conducts herself in the most disorderly manner  
talks loudly and incoherently and at night  
does not sleep and is often noisy.

November 16

Excited, restless and very noisy,  
talks in a loud rambling incoherent  
manner and is destructive and occasionally  
violent in her conduct.

December 16

Continues excited, restless and very  
loud and rambling in her language, is at  
times quite incoherent. Two weeks ago when  
visited by her son, she struck him on the  
mouth and bled it.

January 15

Noisy at night and during the  
day is very restless and disorderly, talks  
in a loud rambling excited manner and  
threatens to burn away.

1877

February 15

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Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> August 1886

1887

February 15

For the last few days she has been quieter and more orderly, but still shows a want of balance, is inclined to ramble in conversation. Bodily health good.

March 15

She appears to have little or no control over her actions, sometimes throws her food about in a thoughtless way and denies it is her, talks excitedly and wanders much in speech.

April 19

For a week or two past she has been much quieter and has been employing her time knitting, sometimes she wishes to get away and it appears to require a considerable effort to control herself.

May 17

She is still excitable and occasionally unreasonable in her demands, talks as if she should never have been here and is distrustful in her conduct.

June 14

She has been more for some time more regularly employed and upon the whole is better mentally but still is inclined to ramble in conversation.

July 19

She is reticent and inclined to be rather distrustful in her manner, but has more control over her actions and is still improving bodily health good.

August 16

She is quiet and altogether much better and now seems pretty well.

September 8

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



## Rebecca Fox or Cook Oct. 15

1876

August 11

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 121 Crown Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-five years of age, the widow of an engineer and belongs to the Established Church.

HP

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is fifteen months and the cause is hereditary. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. A brother is at present in a Lunatic Asylum.

Prior to admission she believed that women of bad fame and others were night and day putting wires into her head, immersing her frame and preventing sleep, that her food and drink were tampered with and that there were secret communications between her house and the outside. She would not drink water without her sister first tasting it and carefully examined her food before eating it. She sometimes looked over the windows and harangued the people in the street, collecting a crowd; was visited by her sisters.

On admission she was excited and rather dangerous, resisted every thing wished of her and said she was not going to be put into this den. She fancied she had been tormented by the people whose she had lived and that she had good cause for all she had done, wished those she was speaking to to try the same and appeared to labour under many delusions. Her sister said she never had any family but waited herself and she had many children (how many she could not say) to a gentleman since her husband's death.

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Boorish, health indifferent, complexion ordinary.

She was much excited and slept none till after getting a scolding. Today she is very irritable, calls every one who speaks to her bad names and threatens violence.

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Sullen, irritable, idle and very dangerous, attacks the attendants, has thrown hot broth upon one of them and threatens the medical officers. She is never pleasant and if only spoken to becomes excited.

September 14

She talks much to herself or to imaginary persons, sneers at them and sends them to hell. She is always very irritable and seldom threatens unless violence and often attempts to act up to her words.

October 19

Very sullen and idle, sits with her head bent forward and when spoken to, says nothing or replies in a most irritable sullen manner. She takes her food.

November 16

Sullen idle and irritable, does not speak except when excited she scolds obscenely.



Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> August 1876

- December 11<sup>th</sup> Will do nothing and sits away from all the other patients, often will give no reply when spoken to, but her body is seen to shake, again she breaks out in filthy abusive language and makes use of awful threats.
- 1877  
January 15 Sullen and very irritable, sits with her hands folded over each other and her head bent forward, will do nothing and seldom talks any further when spoken to.
- February 15 Sits as above noted and seldom raises her head when spoken to. When she does and speaks, her language is violent and abusive.
- March 15 Very sullen and sullen, will hardly look up and if she raises her head it is immediately thrown down again. She has a very ill feeling to everyone hearing anything to do with her; is very dangerous.
- April 19 Sits with her hands folded over each other and her head bent forward, is exceedingly stubborn and is unable to do anything becomes excited and abusive.
- May 17 Never speaks unless when excited and then her language is of the most violent threatening kind, and she gives expression to many absurd delusions.
- June 16 Sullen and sullen, has a sullen look and is in poor health.
- July 19 Sits with her head bent forward and never moves unless taken out or to go to her food. If she speaks at all it is to threaten violence.
- September 13 Sullen and preoccupied with her own thoughts, but will not speak unless in an irritable threatening manner, generally she is being very ill.
- November 16 Occupies nearly the same position from day to day and looks depressed, but at times becomes very threatening and noisy and again reverts into her former quiescent state.



## Isabella Whinnio or Bisset Oct. 21

- 1316
- August 17 Was brought to the Asylum today from Whifflet and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to St. Mark's Parish.  
 She is twenty-one years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.
- Onset This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is three weeks and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.
- Prior to admission she was excited & spoke in a childish manner and was at times incoherent; was afraid of my not talking to her husband and fancied there was some one sitting in the corner of the house making a fool of her. When speaking to the doctor or minister, called them God and Jesus, tried to kiss her husband.
- On admission she was depressed and very fretful, seemed to be in fear but could not tell what about, wanted to get away and talked in a rambling manner. Rapidly became indifferent: recollection reduced. She was delirious of her first child in December last, which she married two weeks ago.
- " 18 She slept none during the night and talked much. Today she is very restless constantly asking in a childish way to get away and is quite bewildered.
- " 22 For the last night or two she has slept much better and more is now talked during the day, but is still slow and somewhat confused, can do nothing.
- September 19 She is improving but very slowly, is quiet and does some sewing, smiles when spoken to, but replies in a slow undecided way and as if she were frightened.
- October 13 She has improved very much, continues to employ her time sewing, replies readily when spoken to, is much more active and now appears cheerful and very well.
- " 20 She was today dismissed - Recovered.





## Barbara Dal Andrews &amp; Rowman Oct 2

1876

August 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 38 Widdow Street, Rutbury and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Rutbury Parish.

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

Week

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless, continually in pursuit of imaginary matters. She thought her husband was endeavored to die and wished to die in his place, said her husband ill-used her and wished to leave her and marry some one else.

She threatened to do for her husband, who left alone at night would run out of the house and in an occasion run out without any clothes on.

On admission she had a streaming absent look, was much provoked and could hardly be got to reply to questions what she said being generally incoherent or incoherent. She talked of wishing to have her name changed, but could not tell more than that it was the same as that of a writer.

Physical health and condition indifferent. Her hand is small.

" 23

She only slept about two hours during the night and sat up in bed when awake.

Today she is bewildered and absent.

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Two or three nights ago she put her hand through a pane of glass and said she had been told to do so. She requires to sleep in a night room, last night she climbed up on the chertons, was found naked and said God had bid her do so and that he would do her good in the morning. She cannot part at any work.

September 17

Absent and very rambling in conversation, will rise when approached and stand stupidly and her language is rambling and incoherent.

October 17

Restless and confused, goes to the door and tries to get away, talks in a very rambling incoherent manner and cannot settle to do anything. Restless at night.

November 16

Highly excited and most erratic in her conduct, jumps suddenly from her seat and talks in the most incoherent and threatening manner; is dangerous in her conduct.

December 14

Restless excited and very disorderly in her conduct has her brain often at loose about her, can do nothing and talks in the most rambling incoherent manner. Has a stupid blear-eyed look.



Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1876

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January 18

Has been smashing glass and says she did so because she heard others say they would do it. She talks very incoherently, says she has two fathers and wants another husband; is always idle.

February 15

She is incoherent in language very restless and unsettled in her conduct and often very irritable and threatening. Bodily health good.

March 15

Talks very ramblingly and is always ready to follow any person if she can see. Has not been quite so much excited lately, but otherwise is no better.

April 19

Very restless and foolish in her conduct, talks in the most rambling incoherent manner and threaten in a silly way to do mischief if she does not get away.

May 17

About two weeks ago she attacked the attendants and two nights after twice attempted to strangle herself is still very full and restless and requires constant watching night and day.

June 14

She sometimes sleeps badly at night but now seems easier in her feelings and is less sulky does nothing and is still strictly watched.

July 19

She is again much in the same state mentally as before the attack she had in May, perhaps less labitative but what she does say is rambling incoherent.

August 16

Is very anxious to get away and is generally worse after she is visited, she can do little or nothing and seems to have no thought but to get away.

September 8

She was today removed by her husband or the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board and dismissed.  
Relieved.



Mary Mc. Leland Oct. 24

September 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Old Northland Workhouse and admitted. a pauper patient chargeable to the parishes of St. Andrew & St. Peter.

Ep.

She is twenty-four years of age, single and a Roman Catholic.

No further particulars are known except that she formerly lived in Dundee is subject to epilepsy and dangerous to herself.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently on almost every subject, was very restless in her manner and at times would not answer questions. The nurse in the workhouse stated that she brought and hung out at times was very violent and would injure any one near her.

On admission she displayed great weakness of mind with much irritability of temper. She said she had never worked any as she had taken falling turns ever since she was born, could not tell why she had left Dundee nor how she had managed to get to Southbridge and became very ill natured when further questioned.

Finally became indifferent and longed for

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the sleep during the night, but today required to be sent to the infirmary ward in consequence of the frequency and severity of the epileptic seizures, being all day

" 23

Has had many very severe epileptic seizures but has been able daily to be out of bed since last reports. She is very childish and can do nothing.

October 19

She still has occasional epileptic seizures, but they are not so frequent as at first. She can do nothing and has often childish complaints to make, either imaginary or much exaggerated.

November 16

Quite mindless and can do nothing but talks her good well and has now got into habit of constantly asking to get home to her mother.

December 16

Lively and childish, gets hold of the Medical Officers hand and asks if she is to get away. Has epileptic fits occasionally and can do nothing.

January 18

Has been occasionally rather irritable and somewhat troublesome, but is generally quiet and quite childish.

February 15

Has been excited and somewhat unmanageable demanding to get to her mother and holding by the Medical Officers to let her away.

Frequently has epileptic seizures.

March 15

Seizes hold of the Medical Officer and says let me come to my mother. Can do nothing.

April 19

Mind very weak, and she often says she is stuck and must get home.



Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> September 1876

- May 17 Stupid and idiotic, but will get up and say she wants home to her mother but cannot tell where her mother is and repeats she wants to see mother.
- June 14 Has frequent epileptic seizures is quite childish, can take her food but has no mind to do any work of the simplest kind.
- August 16 Fit on, looks out her hand and says "I want home to my mother" then turns away and seems quite satisfied.
- October 13 From day to day she repeats the same words and conducts herself in the same manner is very silly and childish.
- December 13 Requires to be assisted to dress and undress, cannot do anything and is always ill to feed herself. She is stupid after the fit but is soon again in her usual way.
- 1878 February 14 The epileptic seizures are frequent but do not seem to affect her mind or at least it is not noticed as she is always rather stupid. She still has frequent epileptic seizures and when free from them is still very quiet and from her mental condition to do anything whatever.
- 1879 December 2 Sometimes smacks her face in falling before some of her epileptic attacks she wanders rapidly about and anyone gets in her way she attacks them and hurries to very demented.
- 1880 November 14 Very silly and mindless, can take her food and sometimes wanders about, but can do nothing else.
- 1881 November 13 Cannot at times be restrained from striking and has to be watched ardently she thinks that she is being interfered with as she cries out to stop it.
- 1882 December 3 Mentally and physically she continues from day to day without any apparent change. Takes her food and can do nothing else.
- 1883 December 12 Mind exceedingly and longingly very silly and incoherent. Has many epileptic seizures but they do not seem to affect her much.

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## Eliza Hall

Oct. 50

- 1876
- September 22 Was brought to the Asylum today, from 7 Elm Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.
- She is fifty years of age, single, a domestic servant and a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity the duration is nearly a year and the cause is not known. She was recently three weeks in Govan Poorhouse Asylum. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.
- Prior to admission she talked in a rambling manner, was very melancholy, imagined that she had been very unkind to others and that they had been unkind to her. She could not sleep for thinking of her past life, cried without cause and imagined she could not walk or speak. Threatened to commit suicide.
- On admission she had a melancholy expression of face and appeared to be very unhappy. Cries and laments there was nothing wrong with her, but that she could not get sleep nor peace in her mind for always thinking back and back and that she could not get the thoughts out of her head.
- bodily health and condition indifferent.
- " 23 She slept well during the night and today appears to be more cheerful, is very quiet but takes her food well.
- " 30 She works occasionally in the laundry but is often much depressed. Cries soon while at her work and gives no reply when spoken to. She is very anxious to get sleeping in a bedroom by herself at night.
- October 26 She is subject to frequent fits of depression and cries bitterly, is very much depressed and will not speak, again she is pretty cheerful, but is very changeable. She employs a good deal of her time in the laundry.
- November 16 She is if anything rather more restless. Can seldom do anything for crying in a childish manner and looks very miserable. She cannot tell what she is crying for.
- December 16 Still subject to fits of depression and although the paroxysms now seem less violent, she seldom looks cheerful, but generally is gloomy and depressed.
- 1877
- January 8 Is often in tears without any apparent cause and when spoken to does not speak but only cries the more. Sometimes she asks in a pleading childish way to get home.
- February 15 Subject to depressed turns, but for some time has cried less. She is employed in the laundry.

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She has still fits of crying, but now tries to hide it and the attacks are less frequent and of shorter duration.

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Seldom cries now but is occasionally very dull and appears as if only a word would be required to set her off. She sits much beside Mrs Williamson another patient and appears to be comforted by her. Mind rather weak.

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May 17

Still occasionally rather depressed but employs her time writing about and is in fair bodily health.

June 14

Asks in a pleading way to get home and says she thinks that she is now better, shows a weakness of mind and a doubt of herself to be able to look after her own affairs.

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June Leitch or Gebbie Oct 50

- October 2 This patient was admitted to the Ladies Division on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1875 and today transferred to the East House.  
She is fifty-years of age, married, and a Wesleyan.
- This is stated to be the third attack of insanity and she was for some months an inmate of this Asylum two years ago. The cause is hereditary.
- She is very restless and mischievous, talks much in a most incoherent manner and has a habit of calling all male persons she sees Will, and all females Kate. She displaces the furniture, throws the tableware about and appears to take great delight in being disorderly. At present she eats well and is in good bodily health.
- " 3 She sleeps little during the night and talks much.
- " 14 Very troublesome and restless during the day, incoherent in her talk and very foolish in her conduct. It often noisy at night.
- November 16 Talks very incoherently, sings and dances about in the most restless way calls people foolish names and is quite mindless and very rambling in everything.
- December 16 Very restless and foolish chatter incoherently, laughs and sends her looks forward, moving it here and there, has still a habit of calling any male person she sees "Will."
- February 15<sup>1877</sup> She has become almost unmanageable, has torn her clothes, spit on the work paper and with her thumb rub it and the printer throws her food away and conducts herself in the most contumacious disorderly way. She talks most incoherently and contorts her face.
- April 19 She is quieter, but still foolish and when spoken to replies or rather talks quite incoherently. Bodily health rising.
- May 17 Foolish and erratic in her conduct is quite happy and mindless talks much and very incoherently and is in ordinary bodily health.
- June 14 Chatters and talks incoherently to herself and still has the habit of speaking about "Will" speaks through her nose and coughs herself at what she says and does.

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## Janet Gray

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October 5

Was brought to the Asylum today from Haddington and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Northwell Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, single, an Assistant House-keeper and a Protestant.

The duration of the existing attack is five years and the first attack occurred at fifteen years of age. She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum from 3<sup>rd</sup> February till 19<sup>th</sup> April 1869. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was found in a wooden shed in the garden attached to her father's cottage. She was in a state of nudity, lying on a rude bedstead, upon a little straw, saturated with urine and covered by a piece of pack-sheep and an old sack. Her knees were drawn up and the tendons so contracted that she would not walk. She would not speak beyond a few incoherent words and had her gaze upon the pitious; had a vacant staring expression. Her mother and brother stated that she was so violent she could not be kept in the house and had for a year and a half been confined in the shed in which she was found.

On admission she had a hardened, gutta serena look and said nothing unless when spoken to, appeared to be quite dumb, seemed to have no recollection of ever being here before and could tell little & nothing with regard to herself. When carried in and put down she put with her feet upon the chair in which she was placed, being unable to stretch her legs, from the contracted state of the tendons at the knees.

" 6 She slept well during the night and today has taken her food. She seldom speaks but displays much irritability in her manner.

" 13 She has been occasionally violent both to the attendants and other patients, sometimes curses and has once or twice set her bed in consequence of refusing to let herself be raised out of bed at night.

November 16 She is now more manageable and seldom is ever violent. Her legs have been considerably stretched, but she will not rise then and is not willing to get them up on the seat beside her. She seldom speaks.

December 16 She is quite mindless, can do nothing and still if not prevented would sit with her feet upon the seat. Her language is incoherent and she swears and threatens when excited.



Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> October 1876

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January 8

She can do nothing and still if not occasionally spoken to, would sit with her legs under her body. She sometimes mutter incoherently and is very threatening.

February 15

She can walk a little now, but does it in a very lame way and only under direction, would hold on by articles to assist her if not spoken to and is very irritable when asked to try it.

March 15

She now walks much better, but is still inclined to catch at things in the way. Her language is incoherent and she still frequently sets herself at night.

April 19

She can do nothing, is dumb and gives no reply when spoken to or mutters incoherently although she looks rather intelligent. She seldom walks herself now.

May 17

Is dumb and occasionally dangerous and violent in her conduct requires to be watched or restrained till the paroxysm pass off. Would bite my arm.

June 16

Walks herself occasionally still, but when spoken to but seldom replies, can walk about, but still in an awkward manner.

1878

January 30

She is very dumb, can do nothing whatever sits much at the table in places her hands below it. Is ready to strike if interfered with.

1879

January 18

Requires to sleep under observation in consequence of her habits; is frequently very dangerous and excited and only at these times does she speak.

1880

January 15

She walks now very well and has done so for some time, but not so mentally. Is uncertain and dangerous. Is in good bodily health.

1881

January 9

Continues in good bodily health is very mindless, never speaks but when excited and then is very apt to strike anyone near her. Requires to be secured straight.

1882

January 24

Generally quiet and seems quite mindless, never speaks, but when excited does not reply to my questions.

1883

January 27

The most likely reply when spoken would be a blow in answer was persisted in; is generally quiet & not interfered with. Is dumb.

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Isabella Jzget or Clark Oct 30

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October 6

Was brought to the asylum today from 19 1/2 Rosehall and admitted as a pauper patient charged to Old Monkland Parish.

She is fifty years of age, unmarried, a housewife and a Protestant.

Week

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is fifteen years and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she continually talked in a violent and incoherent manner and said that every person wanted to injure her. Her husband said she threatened to kill him with a miners pick, seldom slept any and saw people coming through the wall.

On admission she was quiet, but found to labour under many delusions. She fancied she had been brought to the Sheriff to get the people punished who she considered had been annoying her. She said that the neighbours picked her house with spits and tried to suffocate her and at night they went about and shone lights into her windows, heard voices talking and plotting against her. She became excited when she was told she would have to remain and said she had a son 26 years of age who took fits and would kill some one if she was not at home to look after him.

Quality of health indifferent; condition ordinary.

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She slept well during the night, but today is restless and talkative, very anxious to get away and says she cannot remain here.

" 14

For the last three nights she has been sleepless and talked much. She says that policemen, angels and great crowds of people have been coming to her and that she was wide awake when she saw them and that it was no dream.

November 16

She often is in an irritable, excited manner demands to get away immediately, saying it is no use keeping her here and that she is much required at home.

December 14

She has been excited, seized a form and threatened to dash through an attendant's scull, had a fight and got marks a little about the face; went away to prevent a pint pint and talked very ramblingly. Calmed under delusion.

1877  
January 13

For some days past she has been working in the West House Kitchen and does very well but is always ready to run out and asks to get away when any of the Medical Officers pass.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> October 1876

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February 15

She had to be taken away from the  
 kitchen as she threatened to stick a knife  
 into the cook. She has since done nothing  
 and is irritable and excited, threatens  
 the Matron, calls her bad names and says  
 she is wearing her clothes.

March 15

Very threatening and very abusive  
 in her language, accuses the Matron and  
 attendants of wearing her clothes and says  
 that the Medical Officers are covering her  
 husband's. Possibly heard nothing.

April 17

Still highly excited and very noisy  
 talks in the most rambling way and  
 labours under many delusions.

May 17

Calls people by various names, the  
 medical assistants name she says is Fiat  
 and he was in the school with her. Is noisy  
 night and day and very obstinate in her conduct.

June 16

Excited and noisy complains that  
 many of the articles of furniture belong to her  
 and that the clothes she has now on belong  
 to herself or her husband, calls to take them off.



1876

## Jessie McNeil or Cameron lot 29

October 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from 2 George Street Whitcomb and admitted as a Mad. patient.

Week

She is twenty-nine years of age, married a Housewife and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is ten days and the cause is stated to be exhaustion combined with religious excitement. She threatened to throw herself over the windows and struck one or two parties. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was respectable and wandering in her talk and subject to delusions as seeing visions &c. Her husband states that her character was quite changed and that she was subject to endless excitement.

On admission she was very restless and talkative, spoke in a rambling manner about churches and ministers and could not be got to do almost anything asked of her. Had along something else to say and talked much about not being put into a wet bed as she had been so ill with phreumatism.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 14

She did not sleep during the night fancied she was dying and was very restless and troublesome. Today she is much excited, talks incoherently and is very restless and foolish in her conduct.

" 21

Very noisy excited and restless, came out in the most incoherent manner and stuck upon the coats, will not be quiet as she says that it is God that is speaking. She got up on Sunday and contradicted the Minister the preaching and could with difficulty be calmed she fancied she has power to make men, ministers.

November

She has fallen into a dull, stupid demented state, looks and sometimes when spoken to, but gives no reply. The attendants require to feed her and she is unable otherwise to attend to the calls of nature.

December 14

Very stubborn troublesome and unkind in her habits, sits with her mouth filled with saliva and spits it out on anyone who goes near her, will not sleep on her clothes and has her hair all over about her, would express her body yesterday pulled one of the ribs out of the fire guard. About a week ago the commencement of a sanguinous tumour was observed on the left ear and it is getting larger.

1877

January 14

She is much quieter now, and the ear is beginning to shrivel. Has been put to bed in consequence of a suppurating sore throat.

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> October 1876

February 10

For two weeks past her throat has been better and she has been out of bed and occupied her time reading, has been just orderly in pleasant to be conversed with quite rationally.

Was today dismissed -  
Recovered.



## Agnes Baird

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October 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 28 Greenwald Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-four years of age, single, was employed at household work and belongs to the Established Church.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is three weeks and the cause is not known. She had an epileptic seizure two months ago, is dangerous to others and doubtful whether incurable. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was vague and incoherent in her language; violent and excitable, sleepless and unclean. She said she was going to be married without a man, wished to get up during the night to milk cows and do other work, also to get alcoholic liquors and carried off articles from the house which she forgot to return.

On admission she was excited and her eyes were as if from crying. She said her heart was broken and talked much in a hurried, rambling incoherent manner, spoke of the death of Mr. Dick of Morrison, Dick and McCulloch and said she was to be married to him, said she knew Mr. Wood, that her brother had three cows and two pigs and that she did all the dirty work; went from one subject to another and mixed them altogether.

Physical health and condition ordinary. Dr. W. D. Turnbull states that two years ago he treated her for syphilis.

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She was quiet for a time during the night but towards morning became very restless and today is very unclean, tosses about, rolls on the floor and requires to be held by the attendants. Requires a strong dose.

November 4

Very unclean, roars, cries and tosses about, does not know what she does and acts as if she heard nothing said to her. The attendants have great difficulty in feeding her.

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She is in a state of great stupidity and constant restlessness, tosses and kicks about in bed and when approached picks herself away as if afraid to be touched. She chatters and incoherently. Has passed off very much in excitement, requires to be held and fed with all her food. Sulfid of Potassium in 20 grain doses also Potassium of Valerianum in thirty grain doses with and without Chloral Hydrate have been tried with only very temporary result. Wet chest putting never induced perspiration.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> October 1876

November 10

Prose and milk with 4g Whisky daily and other articles of diet have been given, but with all this generally became more emaciated and the skin dry and hard. The hair on the back of her head was much rubbed away with her constant restlessness and she often emitted meaningless cries, but could tell nothing.

Yesterday morning she appeared to be just dying, but rallied again towards evening; during again to drink and at 4 o'clock P.M. she

Died.

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Today her head was opened and showed a cystic tumor on the floor of the right lateral ventricle involving the corpus striatum and the optic chiasm. The ventricle was much distended with fluid and the brain substance soft. The surface of the tumor had a ragged foul appearance.



## Lillian Jeffrey Oct. 70

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October 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from South Main's Farm, Throsk, Stirlingshire and admitted as a private patient.

She is seventy years of age, single, a farmer's sister and a Protestant.

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This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks and the cause is stated to be over anxiety. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. A sister was insane and finally an inmate of this Asylum.

Prior to admission she was very restless, always trying to get out and fancied the family had lost all their money and were ruined and continually lamented them about it. Said that her sister wished to kill her.

On admission she was unhappy and very miserable, fancied that she and all the other members of her family were ruined and in beggary, talked of three and twenty hundred pounds being in their possession a short time ago, but said her sister had squandered all away, but could not take more. She said also that her sister was unfilially young like for her age and that her brother was blind. Bemoaned much their miserable condition as well as her own.

Physically health feeble; condition ordinary. Her feet and legs are very oedematous, which is stated to be partly caused by her not having been in bed for six nights.

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She slept none during the night, but kept her bed, and today is still kept in it; bemoans much her ruined condition.

November 4

The oedema of the feet has disappeared and she is daily out of bed and tries to see a little but often complains her unhappy state, saying in a wailing voice that it is awful. Wanders in conversation.

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She is more cheerful, enjoys her food and says she is read well, sees a little and talks readily when spoken to; Her mind is still weak.

December 19

She employs her time sewing, takes her food and sleeps well and always smiles and replies when spoken to in a cheerful way; seems quite contented and happy.

1877  
January 18

She continues very well mentally; seems cheerful happy and contented and employs much of her time sewing.

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She was today taken home on trial.

February 9

She was today dismissed —  
Recovered.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> October 1876

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## Jane Cruthers Norton Oct. 35

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October 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Police Station Abington and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Comstock's Parish.

She is thirty-five years of age, single a domestic servant. Palignans parsonia unknown

p. 9

She had recently been an inmate of Dorly Asylum for three months and the only particular in the statement is that she is dangerous to others. She had been sent down from England and left in the Parish - her birth place.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently when she did speak, but generally refused to answer questions, refused to give any particulars of her history and was disposed to be violent. She did not sleep but passed the night in singing and swearing and suddenly starting up in great excitement.

On admission she talked in a rambling manner, but would answer most question put to her, either went on to talk on some irrelevant subject or was altogether silent when spoken to. When warned she would give no name as being correct and varied very much in her statements.

Bodily health and condition good

November

She did not sleep well and was noisy part of the night. Today she is somewhat disorderly, demands to have knaftea wine to eat refuses to take the food given her.

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Sleepless and very noisy at night and during the day sits with the sleeves of her dress rolled up, but will do nothing. When spoken to either gives no reply or talks in the most excited, insolent manner.

December 11

Excited restless and very foolish in her conduct, talks in the most incoherent manner and stuffs her ears with dirty articles. Opposes everything asked of her and is often very noisy at night.

1877  
January 6

Insolent, disorderly and uncleanly in her habits, wets the floor and will sit with her hair all about her shoulders. When spoken to; if she speaks it is to say "Who are you and give a tirade of low language."

February 13

At present she is more correct in her conduct and sometimes says a little proper more civilly, but when conversed with rambles in her language.

March 15

She looks very suspiciously when spoken to and is very curt in her replies.

April 17

Says she is a married woman and that her husband was a farmer and that she has a child, will not tell any names.

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Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> October 1876

May 17

She labours under many delusions and although some things she states may be correct others are known to be impossibilities or not according to fact. Conduct very rude.

June 16

She asks for her clothing and other effects, says they have been sent her, calls the officials liars and lawyers and threatens to smash their heads.

Dec 30

Chronic Maria. Idle, suspicious, insolent and often abusive. B.G. good.

1878

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Just the same. Idle unpracticable, insolent & abusive. Looks with utter scorn on the official who dares to address her

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Unchanged

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Dec 30

Still the same. perhaps rather less insolent & abusive but has been when not spoken to. B.G. good

1881

Dec 30

Unchanged

1882

Dec 30

No material change in any way

1883

Dec 30

More demented & less insolent & aggressive. Idle. B.G. good.

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1876 *Mary Ann Swan or Eldridge Oct 52*

November 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 28 Bell's Row, Walslow, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Cranborne-stone Parish. She is twenty-two years of age, married, a Hammercup's wife and a Protestant.

Whether the first attack of insanity, the duration and so on are all stated not to be known. She threatens to be dangerous.

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Prior to admission she was found with a board and set out under her feet where she sat to prevent people pushing things up through the floor to injure her. She was kept from sleeping by two eyes staring at her and rambled in conversation. Her husband stated that she slept some at night and three nights ago went out and stayed in a neighbour's house. Once she attempted to stab him.

On admission she was excited and very rambling and incoherent in talk, labouring under many delusions.

She said she belonged to the Queen and had charge of all the Government Officers, and that the Queen was in her husband's estate because he had died intestate. At night she said she was alarmed by colliers coming up through the floor of her house with lamps on their heads and staring at her and that she had to get up at night to get light to see them.

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bodily health and condition indifferent.

She slept none during the night but was quiet. She is quiet today, but talks ramblingly when spoken to about having charge of the Revenue Officers.

" 15

She is very quiet and orderly, occupies her time sewing and is clean and tidy in her habits. She says she is a coalman's wife.

December 14

She has been occasionally excited and cries much, was disturbed by voices under the floor of her room saying she was to be chopped up; also hears voices during the day telling her some one she calls Rose is to be killed and cries about it.

1877  
January 6

She is generally very quiet and orderly, occupies her time sewing and is in ordinary bodily health. Is at times a distress in consequence of her delusions.

February 15

She occupies her time sewing and is quiet and orderly, but at times is depressed and evidently labouring under delusion, but is unwilling to speak about what distresses her.

March 15

She talks much to herself and often asks what she is saying, speaks in a very incoherent manner and treats many persons.

Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> November 1876

April 19

More absent and preoccupied, can do nothing and is often drawn as if carrying on a conversation with some imaginary person or persons. Still says the voice belongs to her.

May 17

She walks up and down talking to herself and if spoken to asks how time is, or some other person (that no one here knows) is, remarks on the weather and passes on.

June 16

Will do nothing and seems unable to leave her preoccupied state of mind when not talking to some one. Talks much to imaginary persons, but her notice is easily attracted.



1876 Sarah McCulloch or Harris Oct 26

November 9 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Mount Bonnia Collier and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Mountland Parish. She is twenty-six years of age, married a Housewife and a Protestant.

Puerp

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is five days and the cause is puerperal - she having been delivered of her first child sixteen days ago. She is neither suicidal nor delirious. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked continually in an incoherent manner was very excited, slept little and would not keep on her clothes, paid no attention to her baby.

On admission she was restless and excited, talked much and her language was completely incoherent. She could tell nothing whatever about herself and did not seem to understand the very simplest questions.

Foodily handled fairly: Condition improved.

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Shortly after being put to bed she became highly excited and very violent, screamed loudly and would not remain in bed. She required to be placed in a single room. Today she is still much excited.

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Shortly after last report the attendants found that they could not feed her as she spat out everything or would not open her mouth. For two days she was fed by means of the stomach pump, but for two days food has taken her food. She is generally quiet but subject to little paroxysms of excitement and talks very incoherently.

December 14

Over two weeks past she has been very much better mentally and is now quiet, orderly and industrious, pleasant in her manner and appears to be quite convalescent.

" 30

She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.





1876  
 Mary Nolan & Nolan Oct. 55

November 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
 Brick Row, Glackston and admitted as a  
 pauper patient chargeable to the Protestant Parish.

She is fifty-five years of age, married,  
 a housewife and a Roman Catholic.

Week

This is the first attack of insanity,  
 the duration is seven months and the  
 cause is not known. She is dangerous  
 to others but not suicidal. Hereditary  
 tendency not known.

Prior to admission she is stated  
 to have been garrulous, irritable and  
 excited; wandered in her conversation  
 and imagination that she was being  
 ill-used by members of her own family.  
 She was violent and outrageous towards  
 to do injury to her husband and daughter.

On admission she was only partially  
 clothed and had nothing on her feet  
 which were very dirty. She was rather  
 excited and said she did not wish  
 to come here, because she thought she  
 was being brought to a bad house and  
 would hardly give a direct answer  
 to any questions put to her.

The assistant Inspector of Poor said that  
 she had her husband and daughter's arms  
 all marked by hitting them.

Physically healthy: Condition remains.

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She was quiet during the night, but  
 today would take no food and required  
 the attendants to feed her. She speaks  
 none and will not reply when spoken to.

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Demented and apparently depressed  
 but will not speak and has a dull  
 absent expression of face. Takes her food.

December 17

She sits with her head bent forward,  
 so that her face cannot be seen, pays no  
 attention when spoken to and when her head  
 is raised does not even then speak.

1877  
 January 11

Conducts herself in the same way  
 as at last report pays no attention when  
 spoken to, can do nothing and never speaks.  
 She takes her food.

February 13

Very demented, never speaks and  
 is rather obstinate, will not raise her head  
 and when it is tried to raise it for her, resists.  
 She is in very indifferent bodily health.

March 15

Will not raise her head and never  
 replies when spoken to, is very demented, but  
 takes her food and is clean.

April 19

Very obstinate, never looks up and  
 if her head is tried to be raised, resists and  
 will not give any answer when spoken to.

May 17

Never speaks and sits all day long  
 with her head bent forward. Takes her food  
 sparingly and is anæmic and redoubt.

Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> November 1876

June 14

She seems daunted, can or will do nothing and cannot be induced to give a reply to anything said to her, not as if she had no

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## Anne Hindley Oct. 55

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November 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Hill Street, Huron Hill, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

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She is thirty-five years of age, single. Has not looked 30 or 40 years and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is seventeen years and the cause is epilepsy. She is neither excited nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission her mental faculties were entirely gone. She was restless, irritable and unable to comprehend what was said to her however simple. She also talked incoherently. She has believed under epilepsy for seventeen years and has no idea of personal cleanliness.

On admission she was excited and restless, jumped about the ward and there and her language was incoherent and very rambling. When being examined physically, she became quite communicative and cried out that robbery was about to be committed. Bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.

" 17

She was quiet during the night and today has taken her food, displaying great weakness of mind characteristic of epilepsy.

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Woke yesterday and the day before the had several epileptic seizures and has been occasionally excited, talking about the Holy Ghost coming in all his glory. She can do nothing and often asks to be cured.

December 19

Often very stupid and restless and frequently has epileptic seizures. She tries to get notes of and kill the hands of the medical officers, and asks if they can cure her.

January 18

Very childish and weak minded, can do nothing and has occasionally to be put to bed for a day, being stupid and ill from epileptic attacks.

February 15

She is often very stupid from the epileptic attacks which are frequent. She can do nothing and is very fond to shake hands with the medical officers, inquire for their health or ask what the clock is.

March 15

The epileptic seizures have been very frequent and severe and she is always very stupid and takes no notice when spoken to.

April 19

She has been taking Bromide of Potassium and the fits have been less frequent, but she can do nothing, is very mindless.

May 17

The epileptic seizures have been again more frequent although she still continues to take the Bromide of Potassium. Can do nothing.

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Admitted 16 November 1876

June 15

She was today removed to the  
Edinburgh Royal Asylum by authority  
of Sir James Cox and dismissed.  
Relieved.



## Jane Ramsay Oct. 52

1876

November 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Duchal House, Helmsdale and admitted  
as a private patient.

She is fifty-two years of age, single,  
a House-maid and a Presbyterian.

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This is the first attack of insanity,  
the duration is about a week and the  
cause is not known. She is suicidal,  
but not dangerous to others. Hereditary  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she stated  
that she heard persons whispering to her  
and threatening her, saw strange figures  
hovering about her and was absent and  
incoherent in her answers. She twice  
attempted to strangle herself, and sometimes  
imagined she was on fire and attempted  
to put out the flames.

On admission she had a very  
stupid anxious expression of face, gave  
no reply to anything said to her and  
acted as if she did not comprehend  
the simplest question. On being long  
examined she gave expression to her  
feelings, saying there was a fire in her  
head and was again silent.

bodily health good: condition reduced

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She did not sleep till after getting a  
sedative when she slept well. She has  
today the same almost unexpressed look and  
gives no reply when spoken to.

" 25

She has a dull almost expression  
of face and seldom gives any reply when  
spoken to, but stares inquiringly; does not  
sleep at night without a sedative and  
her looks are worse.

December 19

She has improved and now does  
a little laughing, but is always sleepless  
at night, although she wishes it to be  
thought she sleeps. She talks daily about  
getting away saying she is well.

1877  
January 11

She now sleeps well at night and  
is otherwise much improved, is always  
industrious and now does not constantly  
talk as she formerly did of getting away.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> November 1876

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Ramsay, Gullie or Gibson Oct. 53

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November 11

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 2 Cowanhill Street, Glasgow (South side) and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-five years of age, married, a Warehouseman's wife and a Presbyterian.

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This is the first attack insanity, the duration is over a year and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she laboured under the delusion of her position in life not being as noble as it ought to be. She did not sleep at night and had a constant wish to leave the house, believed that she was the Son of God and that her friends wished to keep her out of her inheritance in heaven. Was subject to fits of excitement and required restraint.

On admission she was excited, refused to come in, struggled and tried to run away. The only thing she would say was that she did not wish to come here but could not tell where she was, that her eyes and to every question put to her would give no reply.

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Bodily healthy and condition indifferent. She spoke more during the night but was quiet. Today she says "I am the Word; the words appointed and set aside for the regeneration of the world. When told she cannot be Jesus Christ, being a woman, she says yes, she understands it as her father in heaven has made it all plain to her.

" 29

She has been very restless at night would not lie in bed and sometimes what almost barking like a dog. Two days ago she stripped off her clothes would take no food and had to be fed by the attendants.

December 14

Very restless and sleepless at night. She is very obstinate and disorderly in her conduct demands to get among saying she has her work to do "for earth", often refuses her food and requires to be fed by the attendants.

January 1877

Does nothing is very perverse and often requires to be fed and sometimes dressed. Still labours under all her old delusions.

February 15

Idle and obstinate says she is being persecuted, asks if her friends are all well and none of them here suffering torture. A day or two she was in great distress, saying the Angels were being thrown out of heaven and placed at the gates as if she saw them there.

March 19

Very restless and excited says the clouds are falling and the birds cannot fly asks why we do not look at to see and is in great distress.

April 1

May 1

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August 1

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> November 1876

- April 19 She says she is the new covenant and that the time has now come, puts a shawl over her head and is often nearly asleep during the day; sleeps none at night and has got her nose disordered when going about her room in the dark.
- May 17 Sits by herself and smiles with her eyes closed or with her eyes very watery and orders my son who speaks to her to begone.
- June 14 Pines herself often markedly downcast and requires to be dressed many times a day, talks much to herself and believes under many delusions.
- July 19 Noisy at night and has been in a choir singing during the day and then makes believing in her the wickedness of the world. Is still inclined to scold her.
- August 16 Orders every person away from her, says she is the living voice from heaven, the only God. Is exceedingly irritable.

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1876 Ann Eddie or Patrick Oct. 25

November 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Hankins Land Institution and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to the Cumberland Parish.  
She is twenty-five years of age, married  
a Kansawife and a Protestant.

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This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is six weeks and the cause  
is stated to be not known, but she was  
delivered of a child seven weeks ago.  
She is dangerous to others but not suicidal.  
Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked in a  
silly incoherent manner, said that children  
and every one torment her and call her  
the lury woman. Her husband stated  
that she was at times very sensitive, talked  
about religion, said she had been born  
again and if any person looked at her  
and they had been converted.

On admission she was excited, restless  
and talkative. Spoke in a rambling incoherent  
manner and displayed great weakness of  
mind. She said there was nothing wrong  
with her, but that she could not get peace  
for people calling her the lury woman. Shortly  
after the birth of her child she says she  
had beautiful visions, by which she knew  
that she was saved.

Foodily health indifferent; Condition  
ordinary. She is anaemic.

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She slept three hours during the  
night and was quiet when awake. Today  
she is still talkative and laborious under  
delusion. Eats her food.

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She continued very noisy for  
several nights after admission and during  
the day was excited and very foolish, is  
still restless and talks in a rambling  
silly manner.

December 4

She is quarrelsome, irritable and  
very childish in her manner, talks much  
in a very rambling way and is displeased  
with everything. At times very noisy.

January 18

She does not improve. Is quiet for  
a time and again breaks out into a fit of  
unreasonable excitement, when she talks and  
scolds in the most rambling excited way.

February 9

Since last report she has been much  
more reasonable and quiet, employed to  
some industriously and today was dismissed.  
Recovered.

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## Janet Dickie or Dunlop Oct. 37

1876

December 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Northampton, Drezboro, Ayrshire and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-seven years of age, married a domestic and a Protestant.

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This is not the first attack of insanity, she was previously in Stormhouse, Irvine and Ayr District Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is three weeks and the cause is stated to be not known, but she was delivered of a child seven weeks ago. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was restless and excited; incoherent and rambling in her talk and imagination those about her intended to do her some great injury and could not sleep at night. She would be silent for three weeks, but since then not seen nor asked about it, was very violent in her manner and destructive to furniture and clothing.

On admission she had a somewhat furious, convulsed expression of face, and her pupils were much dilated. When spoken to she would frequently give no reply and when she did her answers were generally rambling and incoherent.

Bodily health feeble; condition reduced.

" 7

She was restless and noisy during the night and today is stupid and catatonic gets up and walks in the tops of the tables.

" 14

For three or four nights after admission she was restless and noisy, but latterly has been sleeping better: has commenced to do a little sewing, but is still foolish in her conduct and talks incoherently.

1877  
January 15

She now generally sleeps well at night and during the day tries to employ her time sewing. She talks very ramblingly and is foolish, obstreperous and silly in manner.

February 15

She is industrious, but rather noisy talks much in a loud, rambling incoherent manner and when spoken to only answers once.

March 15

She is still very noisy, talks incessantly and in the most rambling manner is always completely incoherent in her replies to questions and becomes excited if further spoken to.

April 17

Is rather quiet and not inclined now to interfere as formerly when others are talking but still when conversed with is very rambling in her language. Is in good bodily health.

May 17

Mindless and often somewhat violent in her conduct, talks incoherently.

June 16

Still inclined to talk much in a rambling foolish manner and so loudly that her voice is heard all over the gallery.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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Margaret Donaldson &amp; Henderson Oct 2

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December 11

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Broxted near Carnegreen and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Cadder Parish.

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

Prior to admission she was violent in demeanour, kicked and bit and was constantly injuring herself.

When brought to the Asylum she was tied hand and foot and was carried into the house by her husband and other three men. Her expression of face was wild and staring and when spoken to she gave no reply. Although tied she had managed to knock glass in the vehicle in which she was conveyed.

Physic, health indifferent: Condition ordinary. Her mammae are full and her husband says she was nursing her second child fully a year ago.

" 12

She was very much excited all night and today is still very maniacal; requires to be fed by the attendants, does not know what she is doing and is subject to sudden exacerbations when she is dangerous to both herself and others.

" 19

Continues stupidly maniacal and very dangerous to herself and others throws herself about and does not know what she is doing. The attendants require to hold and brace her. At night she sleeps little and is very noisy.

January 11

For more than a week past she has been much better. Just after seven years dry she became quiet and although she was at first dull and stupid she has now commenced to do a little sewing and is gradually recovering.

February 13

She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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1876  
 Agnes Walker or Wood Dec. 27

December 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Clarkston and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Southland North.

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

P.A.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 13<sup>th</sup> April till 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1875. The duration of the existing attack is one month and the cause is not known, but she has been nursing her child which is nearly nine months old. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was strange in her manner, had an idea of injuring some unknown person and did not attend to her domestic duties. She would not put on her baby's binder because she thought Christ had ordered her not to do it, call every a penny because it had once belonged to a prophet and sat on the floor of a room when there was no fire, casting a towel up to the ceiling.

On admission she had a malodorous and rather steamy look, shook hands and seemed those she had known here before asked them if they loved God and often - little asked if they knew her. She said there was a voice often speaking in her right ear saying, bear it, and that it meant she was to bear the cross.

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Physically healthy, intelligent, condition ordinary. She was restless during the night but today is quiet and rather repellent in her manner. Ordered - saline purgative as her mammae are hard and full.

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She is quiet and has begun to empty her linen sewing, but has a melancholy look and is inclined to reply irrelevantly when spoken to, entering into religious subjects.

January 18

She labours under delusion and is very rambling in conversation. She puts very strange questions and at times when spoken to instead of replying will say do you love Jesus.

February 15

She still appears to labour under delusion, replies very irrelevantly when spoken to and often instead of an answer puts another question, which is quite unanswerable. She is incontinent.

March 15

She employs herself at household work and generally replies coherently when spoken to but has a suspicious inquiring look and is very slow and guarded in answering questions.

April 14

She is more irritable and obstinate, talks of getting commands from God and will take no advice. She says there never was anything wrong with her mind.

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> December 1876

May 17

She is very obstinate and rather repellent in her manner, but talks about, does a little sewing and keeps her mind much to herself.

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She was today dismissed - Recovered.

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1876 Helen Jane Millar Oct. 20

December 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 24 Collier's Crescent Edinburgh and admitted as a private patient.

H.P.

She is twenty years of age, single, lived with parents and is an adherent of the Free Church.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is eight days and the cause is stated to be excessive study and self-inspection. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her sister has had several attacks for four or five months past and is at present in a Private Asylum having suffered from exposure to the intense summer heat of Paris in July last.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly, laughed and sang, gave no sensible answer to any question put to her and was noisy and incoherent.

Wanted a doctor brought from Paris to see her. Walked through the house wildly and would have broken various articles if not restrained.

On admission she talked much in a very rambling incoherent manner and her replies to questions were entirely quite evasive and not to be depended upon. She said she was born on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1856.

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She slept well during the night and today is less talkative, she laughs much without any apparent reason and rambles in conversation.

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She is restless and noisy, runs here and there talks incessantly in a very incoherent manner and sings much, pays no attention to anything said to her.

1877  
January 15

She talks and chatters incessantly in the most unmeaning way and only becomes more if possible when spoken to, is often sleepless and noisy at night. She has been having Periodic of Potassium in pills 30 grs three times a day and now has been ordered Cod liver oil and stimulants.

February 15

Seldom but she talks incessantly in the most incoherent manner, jumps suddenly from the seat, sits down as quickly and goes on so for long periods together.

March 15

She is rather quiet, talks less and is more orderly in her conduct, listens more to what is said to her but only for the time she is being talked to, she now seems to have very little effect upon her. She now takes her food herself.

April 19

She is now very much better, quiet, orderly and industrious and has written a very small letter to her father. Is taking no exercise but has not yet menstruated since admission.

May 17

She continues to improve and is now to get well but has not yet menstruated.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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## Rebecca Fopping or Muirhead det. 40

December 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her husband from Hamilton Terrace, West, Partick and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-eight years of age, the wife of a Spirit Merchant and belongs to the Established Church.

Class

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about six months and the cause is change of life; and domestic anxieties. She is suicidal but not dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was subject to extravagant delusions, had lost self control, talked incoherently and was *paranormal*.

On admission she was upset and had a dreamy absent look, answered questions in an indifferent absent manner and sometimes gave no reply. She said that demons got below her bed and that she spoke to them and sometimes they spoke to her. but that she did not expect to have had life in our house tonight. Her husband stated that she took no food today and although quiet just now that she is subject to fits of great excitement.

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Bodily health very indifferent; condition ordinary. She was very restless and would not lie in bed during the night. Today she is clad in a strong dress to prevent her damaging herself. Lay she was ordered to go about naked. Required to be fed by the attendants and must be kept from the doors.

1877  
January 2

She is sleepless and some nights will not lie in bed; during the day tries to suicide herself and never takes any food except with the assistance of the attendants. She will stand at the doors and try to pass out but will not speak, seems confused and stupid.

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She still sleeps badly at night and during the day has a stupid, bewildered look, stares when spoken and tries to speak, requires to be assisted with her food and seldom takes a sufficiency. She is subject to fits of great excitement.

February 22

Does not sleep at night and is often very restless. During the day is bewildered and stupid, requires to be fed by the attendants and always seems as if she wished to get something or other she could not tell what.

March 23

Restless and very miserable, tries to get up and there, but cannot tell what she wants and at night will often not remain in bed. Requires to be fed by the attendants.

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Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> December 1886

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Sarah Ann Dorgan Oct. 40

December 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Broad Street Courtbridge and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to the Newmarket Parish. She is forty years of age, widowed, a Housewife and a Protestant.

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She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 18<sup>th</sup> June till 19<sup>th</sup> September 1876 and dismissed relieved on the authority of a minute of the Parochial Board. It was stated to be her first attack.

Prior to admission she was very restless, said there was a man continually speaking to her through the wall. Her son stated that he could not get to his work for her threatening to drown herself and that she seldom slept.

On admission she was found able to labour under all her former delusions. She said that although she had removed to another house Lane Gallwith still persecuted and annoyed her, swore at and called her bad names and shared himself to her in the most indecent way. Even when lying in her bed she saw him standing making his water and in other indecent ways she could not mention. Says no one can see him but herself and would not believe her. She says she heard him here all along when formerly in the Asylum but was afraid to tell.

Bodily health and condition good.

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She slept well during the night and has taken her food but has loved no water. She is very anxious to know if she will be kept long.

January 3

She is very quiet and employs her time sewing, appears rather depressed and although she does not readily talk of her delusions; when questioned says her is always near her.

" 23

Occupies her time sewing and seldom speaks to anyone, has a thoughtful anxious look and becomes very irritable is the subject of her delusions be mentioned to her.

February 22

Is quiet and when spoken to answers hurriedly and without raising her eyes, is evidently annoyed by her delusions and if the subject is mentioned becomes very irritable.

March 15

Employs her time sewing and when spoken to, replies that she is well, but is very nervous and has an uncertain kind look.

April 19

Still works away as formerly, but is often found in tears. Says she is persecuted by those Gallwiths and that we all know they are here doing it. Bodily health ordinary.

May 17

Is at times much excited in consequence of her delusions and threatens vengeance.

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> December 18761877  
Jan 16

The delusions appear to be prying  
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1876 Catherine Dolan &amp; Pulger ad. 61

December 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Bridrie Police Office and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Mount Pleasant Parish. She is sixty-one years of age, unmarried and a Roman Catholic.

P.O.

She was seven times previously an inmate of this Asylum and upon the last occasion from 22<sup>nd</sup> January till 16<sup>th</sup> March 1874. The duration of the existing attack is three weeks and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others. No known presiding tendency.

Prior to admission she was intemperate in her conduct, talked incoherently and deliriously under the delusion that twenty-four devils had been removed from between her shoulders. Called the police cell door the gates of heaven.

On admission she was excited and noisy, talked incoherently and swore by Jakes, said she had been fighting for the Pope and that Frank O'Hail and her daughter were to hang for they had killed her. It appears she had gone to chapel with snow upon her head, shirt and sewing and calling the snow the crown of thorns, making such statements she had to be apprehended by the police.

She said she had many broken aids, and pointed particularly to a nail near the blessed end of the second pile on the right side where there was a piece of canvas thrown out, but it was from out of her standing.

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Badly health and condition indifferent. She did not sleep during the night and was noisy. Today she is very restless talks much and swears by Jakes, will be examined again as she says her bow, are all broken.

January 1877

Excited and noisy, talks much in a rambling incoherent manner and swears, is continually asking for tobacco or some other thing and will talk no denial. She takes her food.

" 25

Still rather noisy, talks in a very loud voice and says she is able to get on now, nothing having been wrong with her "ground" and she has having seen all the cause of her being brought here.

February 22

She is quieter and occupies her time knitting, but at times talks about getting away says she was never so long here before and talks herself into a state of excitement.

March 15

She occupies her time knitting and is quiet but talks much of getting away.

April 16

She was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> December 1876Margaret Ross or Watson

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1879

November 2. She does a little household work in No. 1 Soling 7.2. Talks incessantly when she can get any one to listen, has great ideas of her wealth and power, says she is the land-lady of this house.

1880  
December 9

Rambling and very talkative gives expression to many delusions of an extravagant and contradictory nature. She says she is Mrs. Benedict of Douglas although she believes her husband Watson still alive.

1881  
November 18

She often scolds incoherently with another patient (Mrs. Young) who is as incoherent and rambling as herself and they accuse each other of appropriating what belongs to each other and as a

1882  
December 13

Very incoherent and has many delusions, will come hurriedly up to room and say now see there has been a lot of valuable things sent to me which I have not

1883  
December 18

has many delusions, at times talks incessantly and is very rambling puts fingers on her hands and when mentioning her delusions has a habit of saying now all.

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Mary Mc. Tuttle

Oct. 31

1876

December 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Old Mountland Poorhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Mountland Parish. She is thirty-one years of age, single, a washerwoman and a Roman Catholic.

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This is stated to be the first attack of insanity, but she has been in the Poorhouse for five years and always appeared to be imbecile. She is dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, had a vague appreciation of surroundings, and refused to answer questions. The warden of the Poorhouse with the slave women and servants to strike the other inmates with the pokers.

On admission she was excited and talked much in a loud disconnected manner, her articulation being so broken and indistinct that very few of her words could be understood. She put her hand on many parts of her body and said it was sore, made much to do about it in a very imbecile manner, but no marks were found upon her body.

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Possibly harsh and ignorant, condition similar. She sang during the night and was otherwise noisy and today is still excited, talks and gesticulates much, but very little she says can be understood.

1881  
January 8

Restless and foolish in her conduct, laughs sillily and makes a barking noise like a choking cough, laughs when spoken to about it and displays great imbecility.

February 15

Is a little more orderly, but often acts very foolishly. She has now begun to go out to the washing house, talks in a silly incoherent manner.

March 15

She comes out into loud laughter when looked at and otherwise displays great weakness of mind, talks childishly & in good bodily health.

April 17

Employs her time in the laundry assisting in the sudseries, talks very ramblingly, and her speech is very indistinct.

May 17

Occasionally she is foolishly excited and talks much but her words are so indistinct that they cannot be understood.

June 14

Incoherent in her language and acts in a very imbecile manner, becomes noisy with no apparent cause.

Dec 30. Deep Dementia of a mild type with occasional outbursts of scolding. <sup>Best food</sup>

78 Dec 30

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79 Dec 30

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Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> December 1876

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1877  
 Isabella Henrietta Millar Oct. 23

January 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Westermains Home Asylum Kirkcaldy and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-five years of age, single, a governess and a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

HP

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about five months and the cause is stated to be the excessive heat of Paris in July last after excessive study. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to herself. Her sister was admitted to this Asylum on 15<sup>th</sup> December last.

The certificate for her transfer from Westermains Home states that she is an imbecile.

On admission she was very restless and stupid, wandered bare and bare and did not seem to know what she was doing; paid no attention to anything said to her and would not speak.

Bodily health indifferent; condition reduced. Upon her back there are a number of raised discoloured patches of skin and about the gluteal region the skin is rough and somewhat reddened.

" 4

She slept none during the night and would not lie in bed. Today requires an attendant constantly with her to prevent her going here and there and demanding herself.

" 11

Very stupid and restless, requires to be fed by the attendants and is very uncleanly in her habits, wets her bed and passes her faeces on the floor where she stands. Never replies when spoken to.

February 13

She is not generally so restless now but is subject to fits of excitement, is stupid and can do nothing whatever, talks very uncleanly, talks incoherently and asks why she has not a husband as well as others.

March 15

Has a bewildered look and is very stupid and restless, can do nothing better and cannot answer the simplest questions but is always ready to shake hands and say she is well. She still sometimes wets her bed.

April 19

Five days ago the menstrual discharge began to flow for the first time since admission but she does not appear to be at all improved mentally, sits with her hands crossed in the arms of her dress and does nothing, is at times violent in her conduct and since last report has been several times wet in bed.

May 17

Stupid, grotesque and perverse answers the simplest matters asked of her and never gives any coherent reply when spoken to.

June 14

She is somewhat improved in condition and isaverse to stimulants which are now omitted.

Admitted 3<sup>d</sup> January 1877

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 Ada Jane Lamond or Wakefield Dec. 33

January 4

Was brought to the Asylum today by her daughter from 70 Bedford Street, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty five years of age, widowed, has independent means and is a Protestant.

She was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 6<sup>th</sup> July till 14<sup>th</sup> October 1876.

The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is drink. She is stated to be subject to epilepsy and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was nervous, excitable and laboured under delusions; fancied gentlemen made advances to her in the streets and forced themselves into her bedroom. She was sleepless, very outrageous, threatened to injure her daughter and wished her dead.

On admission she talked incessantly and rambled from one subject to another displayed a very true feeling towards her daughter and said she was a beast. She said she had discovered that her first husband was alive, but she said she would marry any decent man although he should be a scavenger. Talked wild wits with and had even to be kept talking.

Rapidly health indifferent; Condition good. There are a number of abrasions on her arms and other parts of her body.

" 5

She slept none during the night and today has eaten very sparingly. She wishes to have a private interview but appeared to have nothing particular to say further than she wishes it could be arranged for her to stay here till her life.

" 12

Has been excited noisy and sleepless up till the last two nights when she slept well. Her language is incoherent and she labours under delusion, fancies that her daughter is lying dead in another part of the building and is in great distress about it. Is destructive, breaks dishes.

February 15

She is now and has been for some time quiet and orderly in her conduct, talks rationally, but displays a very ill feeling towards her daughter and frequently asks to get away to look after her own affairs.

March 15

She is generally quiet and now is getting very anxious to get away is seldom seen here she asks if we think she will get away and the end of her quarter.

April 4

So often excited about not getting away and every patient that leaves she has - paragon her words are endless and nothing pleases her.

May 17

She is quiet and orderly, but still very anxious to get away.

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Was today dismissed - Recovered.

Admitted 4<sup>th</sup> January 1877

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1877

January 25 Was brought to the Asylum today from 14 Belharvie Terrace Hillhead, Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-five years of age, single a domestic servant and belongs to the sect of Plymouth Brethren.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is about a week and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was very excited and restless, delirious under delusion, believed she was mesmerised, and was very rambling in conversation. She has not slept for several nights, believed she was being poisoned, refused to take food and thought she was fighting with the devil.

On admission she was sectable and refused to remain unless her attendant who she called Patricia was allowed to remain with her. She said she had been mesmerised but could tell by whom as it had been done in her sleep; rambled in her statements and admitted she had done foolish things but excused herself by saying it was done during excitement.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 26 She was noisy and violent, jumped on the top of another patient in bed, during the night was much excited. She says she saw the devil glaring at her with his eyes, and that Mr Alexander and the devil were chasing each other about the park. Could not eat, in hour after breakfast time whether she had breakfast or not.

February 2 Has a bewildered stupid look and is subject to fits of excitement; talks very ramblingly and expresses many delusions for imaginary objects and at night is often asleep and highly excited, talks about the devil.

" 23 During the day she is now quieter and talks more rationally, but at night never sleeps without a delusion, says she cannot sleep for seeing ghosts who come to her in great numbers.

March 32 She now sleeps better at night and altogether appears to be much better. It was found that she had not menstruated for some time and being full she was put upon Lonic. Antimony, Anemone, extract of Iron and Tincture of Calumba and now the menses have commenced to flow.

April 21 Continued very well mentally and has improved physically. Was today discharged - Recovered.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> January 1877

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Mary Mc. Allan Oct. 11

January 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her father & mother from Broomhouse and admitted as a private patient.

She is eleven years of age, single, a school girl and a Protestant.

She was frightened by a man when only 9 years old. A year after that, took to bed with "influenza fever"; two months after that became nervous and has been nervous for nine months.

Father has five girls living - she is the eldest and first born. Delivery not bad - had scarlet fever at three years, badly. Pain in back part of head caused by lesions at which she was always anxious. Always healthy. No ascertainable hereditary predisposition.

Prior to admission she had a strong and enduring impression, obviously in connection with fear of danger from "a man" and shown forth by utterly unreasoning excitation and quasi involuntary movements. Refused solid brown food and was generally incoherent in word and deed. She was kind by her mother to eat "nothing" and at times had a perverted appetite.

On admission she was carried in by her mother and laid down in a recumbent position where her body jerked and tossed about as if by some involuntary nervous action. When her parents left she cried much and for a long time could not be pacified, the only thing she would say being that she wanted to her mother.

Physically health extremely feeble: Condition emaciated. Her mother states that she passed vomit

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Was ordered to have a teaspoon of Castor Oil and a single anema and at night 15grs of Bromide of Potassium. She slept about five hours, but when awake the continuous spasmodic movement went on. Ordered to have Cod Liver Oil and Parrieske Syrup, a glass of Sherry and a pudding daily. Physicians the attendants to feed her, can take very little at a time.

February 6

Her bowels have been moved again by Castor oil, but there is no appearance of vomit. She lies in bed now without any contortions or nervous movements and is beginning by the help of the attendants to eat a little Cocoa. Three days ago she was weighed and deducting her clothing was only 2 Stone 12 Lbs.

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In taking of Parrieske and Parrieske Syrup has gained three pounds in two weeks, but is still weak and confined to bed. She now seems quite happy and smiles when spoken to.

March 3

Always seems happy and pleased, can now feed herself. But today when weighed she was the same weight as last fortnight.

Admitted 29th January 1877

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March 17

She is now out of bed for the greater part of the day and has commenced to knit stockings which she does well. She is quite happy and today when weighed with her clothes, as was 4 stone 4 lbs.

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Has been out on the grounds many times; walks about in the house and is happy and pleased, takes her food well and is getting full in the face 10 stone 10 lbs.

April 14

Has been out walking every day weather permitting and is now getting more active and sturdy in her walks and seems now very well. When weighed today she was hardly more than last week, but is firm. Was today dismissed.  
 Recovered.



Elizabeth McCulloch Oct. 17

1877

February 12

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Kempthorne, Limerick and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Limerick Parish.

She is seventeen years of age, single,  
a Domestic Servant and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity.  
The duration is stated to be one month  
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place, got a night from a man named  
Hovart who had become insane and was un-  
usually unstraitened men. Had been regular  
for two years before. She is neither violent  
nor dangerous to others. No known  
hereditary tendency.

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monious under a variety of delusions  
and was often quite unconscious of what  
was going on around her. Her father and  
mother stated that she held imaginary  
conversations with the dead and got  
into paroxysms of fear.

On admission she was quiet and  
talked rationally, but her expression of face  
was peculiar and her eyes rolled upwards  
as if she were gazing at something in  
the ceiling. She said she was well now  
and had been so for three days, but the  
Inspector of Poor said she was very ill  
yesterday and her illness came on in periods.

Prox. health indifferent; Condition ordinary.

" 13

She slept two hours during the  
night and was quiet when awake. Today  
she is quite collected and talks rationally  
complains of pain in her side.

" 20

Sometimes quiet and works about  
the place. Her bowels have a tendency to  
be constipated and she has been ordered a  
laxative emmenagogue.

March 13

She continues very orderly, active  
and industrious, has now menstruated  
and is now regular otherwise. Appears  
to be quite convalescent.

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She was today dismissed -  
Recovered.

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> February 1877

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February 16

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Kalfury House, Killy Road, by her husband and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty four years of age, married, a former wife and a United Presbyterian.

Upwards of a year ago and before her marriage she was for about three months an inmate of Killy Road Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is ten days and the cause is puerperal. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her mother was once insane.

Prior to admission she was excited, talked to herself in a meaningless manner and answered questions incoherently. She refused to take food and tried to get out of the house undressed.

On admission she was very weak and had to be carried in and put to bed. She talked in a very rambling incoherent manner, did not seem to comprehend the simplest questions put to her and named people by other names than their own, mistook their identity.

Speeches heard very feeble, condition prostrated.

" 17

She slept more during the night and could only be got to take very small sips of wine and water. Today she obstinately refused to let anything into her mouth and required to be fed three times by means of the tube and bottle. She passed no urine till the afternoon of today when she wet her bed. When at home she refused all food.

" 24

For three days after last report she was fed by means of the feeding bottle and always when asked to eat, refused and asked for cold water which she refused also. For three days past she has allowed the attendant to feed her. She is confined to bed, does not sleep at night and wets her bed, makes urine.

March 22

She is now out of bed, and takes her food herself, tries to do a little sewing but has still a bewildered stupid look and stares when spoken to instead of giving any answer.

" 19

Has been slowly but steadily improving and now does some sewing, but is still rather slow and has only one idea in her mind, constantly asks in a smiling way that she may get home to her husband.

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Was today taken away by her husband and dismissed —

Recovered.

Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> February 1877

1877 Feb 26

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## Jane Gray

Oct. 26

1877

February 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from North Street Ardara and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to New Market Irish.

She is twenty-six years of age, single, a Weaver and a Protestant.

She has been twice previously an inmate of this Asylum and upon the last occasion from 7<sup>th</sup> February 1875 till 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1875 when she was dismissed Believed. The duration of the existing attack is stated to be one week and the cause not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she talked incessantly and incoherently, was unmanageable and outrageous in her conduct, threatened to kill the other inmates of the house and smashed glass.

On admission she talked much in a very rambling incoherent manner and although she looked exhausted and ill her lips being quite livid she was decidedly in her conduct and seemed quite unable to control her actions. She was taken in and put to bed.

Rapidly healed very gentle: condition reduced.

" 20

She slept more than two hours during the night and today was kept in bed, but became so restless and disorderly it was found advisable to have her up and dressed.

" 27

Restless and glib in her conduct, replies when spoken to in a rambling and generally completely irrelevant way and any words said to her seem to have no impression upon her mind.

March 22

She works about the Hallway and is generally pretty orderly, but is ready to interfere in everything and talks in a rambling foolish manner.

April 19

She is not so well physically, takes little food, complains of sickness and pain in the upper part of the right side of the chest to very great and unable to do anything.

May 17

Her breathing is often laboured and her lips livid but in these conditions of body her mind varies, sometimes she sings much and conducts herself foolishly and again cries.

June 14

She sometimes does a very little - assisting the attendants in the kitchenery and mud is improving physically, but still shows much weakness in the chest. Mind weak.

August 15

Does a little household work and generally replies coherently when spoken to but in her conduct and conversation displays a considerable want of judgment. Her health weak.

October 18

She works a little at general household work displays considerable weakness of mind. Is improving physically.

Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> February 1871

Oct. 26

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1878

January 9

She is now in fairly good bodily health and works about the wards as she does little and is generally quiet and orderly. She is somewhat weak minded

March 12

she sometimes now asks when she will get away, talks about relatives wanting her, but she is not visited and takes it that they are writing to reassure her. In good condition

May 15

is fairly well mentally, but still shows a little weakness of mind, talks coherently and is quite pleasant and orderly.

July 6

she was today discharged -  
Recovered



## Euphemia Kruger or Christina set 76

1877

February 20

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Combination Workhouse, Hamilton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Daley's Parish.

She is seventy six years of age, widowed, a Fishwife and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three weeks and the cause is simple decay. She is neither suicidal, nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was stupid, talked incoherently and was restless and dirty in her habits.

On admission she was found to be in a very helpless state, could not sit in a chair without support and was quite unable to walk or stand. Her speech was very indistinct from paralysis and her memory much impaired - deranged. When asked what place she was in said it was Monkwood and she had often sold fish here.

bodily health extremely feeble: The left arm and leg are cold and quite stiff from paralysis, but the paralysis is also more general. Her daughter-in-law says she had a shock nine months ago and upon two weeks ago another which rendered her quite helpless.

" 21

She slept none during the night and was very restless, wet her bed. She requires to be fed by the attendants, can do nothing for herself.

" 28

She is very restless, tosses about in bed and puts the bedclothes off her, does not sleep at night and is at times piously, wets her bed daily and often cries for "Tholly", her daughter-in-law.

March 22

Very restless still and kicks the bed clothes off, requires to be fed in the most careful manner and often requires an attendant to stand beside her to prevent her getting wet. Habits very filthy.

April 19

Her face looks more pinched and she is losing flesh, but is still very restless and when not asleep requires an attendant beside her to prevent her throwing off the bedclothes.

May 17

She is wet in bed night and day the urine constantly dribbling from her and the parts about the gluteal region are inflamed and the other blotter in same parts. She appears to be gradually sinking, is quite helpless.

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Today at 4.30 A.M. she

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Admitted 20<sup>th</sup> February 1877

Letter 20/2/77

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## Martha Pettigrew Oct 62

1877

February 27

Was brought to the Asylum today from Kells Hill and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Kells Hill Parish.

She is sixty-two years of age, single, a housewife 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 was inconstant thought that her sister with whom she resided was going to murder her. Said she sometimes heard the devil speaking to her and was very restless in her manner. Her sister stated that she wandered about at night, without meaning to the danger of her life and sometimes called out, murder at the pitch of her voice, without cause.

On admission she was quiet and had a somewhat diminished expression of face, said nothing till spoken to and then brooding over to her sister, who was with her, said that woman wishes to murder me, could give no reason why and said she had to die and walk about at night.

Weekly health feeble. Condition restored.

" 28

She slept well during the night and today is very quiet and has taken her food.

March 7

She is deaf and does not hear unless spoken to very loudly, has a demented look and can do nothing, hardly gives any reply when spoken to.

" 23

Today she is very anxious to get her own clothes, as she says she has to go to Ardara to give evidence in court against a woman who tried to kill her. The woman's name she says is Mrs. Murray.

April 19

She tried to sew a little, but for some days has been idle and seems quite demented hardly notices when spoken to and when roused has nothing to say.

May 17

When sewing, which she occasionally tries to do, she looks very near her work and can hardly do anything. She is demented.

June 14

Now and again she is for a short time rather excited, evidently from hearing imaginary voices, but that she says is incoherent.

August 18

She is demented and can do nothing to purpose and although the attendants try to help her she is unable mentally to proceed.

November 15

Parasitic and demented pays no attention to anything unless spoken to and acts in a very mechanical way.

1878

February 15

She has little attacks of excitement without any apparent cause. Is demented.

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> February 1877

1878

August 12

She labours under dementia and is generally quiet and orderly but appears to labour with a delusion of hearing.

1879  
January 24

Is quiet and apparently has been able to do a little work but is aimless and absent at times apparently occupied with her own thoughts.

October 9

Excitable and easily managed takes her food and sometimes does a little general work. Is in fair bodily health.

1880  
July 18

From day to day there appears to be little change mentally, but from being regularly looked after and the mode of life here is orderly and correct in her conduct. Although still demented

1881  
February 4

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Aunt Joblin's

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September 12

This patient is subject to frequent epileptic attacks, is unable to do any work is silly and incoherent in her language and is frequently violent in her conduct.

1880  
August 25

She suffers of trifling attacks and has now and again to have had nearly a hundred pins taken out of her clothing and became very excited during the operation.

1881  
September 10

Has frequent epileptic seizure and never can do the smallest useful work is often irritable and talks incoherently.

1882  
October 9

She complains in an irritable way of being ill and when asked what it is, says that she did it, but points to no particular one and if questioned only becomes more excited and incoherent.

1883  
November 12

She has occasional epileptic seizures, but they hardly seem to affect her mental condition as she is always stupid and generally irritable.

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Janet Pollock.

From 298.

1878

August 12

Since last report patient has become more restless and scoldable and will now do my work. Is at times noisy and is becoming changed in character.

1880  
June 13

Excited and very restless sometimes makes sudden runs down the ward, turns and runs back and after having done so without any apparent purpose will sit down and sometimes is quiet and sometimes roars out loudly.

1880  
July 10

Very maniacal and frequently excited, gets up at the dinner table seizes another patient's food, roaring out give me a quite full of beef. Tosses her clothes.

1881  
August 15

She has frequent attacks of excitement when she tears her face with her nails and roars out to my mother or my mother and her face often running of blood. Speaking to her only makes her worse.

1882  
September 7

In consequence of her habits she has for a long time had to sleep under observation and is generally washed in bed. When asked to supply herself in any way she becomes excited and noisy.

1883  
October 4

As often as noisy she requires to be put out to the airing court till the other patients are ready to walk out. She still often scratches her face with both hands and has it bleeding. Her language is very unbecoming.

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October 20

Patient has been an inmate of the Asylum since 2<sup>d</sup> October 1876 and at present appears to be in much the same mental condition as on admission. She is dumb and from her conduct seems to labour under delirium, but her language is incoherent. She works in a gallery of the West House and assists the attendants in kitchen work.

1879  
November 15

Works in the kitchen of Ash Valley, &c. and when work is upon at the visits she leaves her work and goes to a corner keeping her back turned to the person addressing her and mutters incoherent words.

1880  
November 15

She is very much the same, mentally and physically. Is demented and much inclined to avoid conversation. She is of spare habit of body and affected with acne of the face.

1881  
October 9

Works in the same place and conducts herself as formerly noted, even with the attendants that are always beside her she is shy and if she has to pass any one goes "hide way".

1882  
November 18

Gets rather excited when spoken to and seems much annoyed, does not reply but says something incoherent and as far as can be made out is remarking on the person addressing her as the word "you" is often heard in her talk.

1883  
November 18

Works as formerly and still tries to hid, talks very rationally and readily because irritable. Would never speak unless talk to and when spoken to always becomes irritable. Is in fair health but appears

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1878

December 12

She had for a long time a large  
fungus upon which confined her to bed  
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out of bed she is debilitated can do nothing  
and often asks the poor Eliza to let away.

1879  
November 19

She is now beginning to be able to  
do a little work and is more talkative  
and her language very rambling and  
incoherent.

1880  
December 10

She now occasionally works in  
the Laundry, carrying clothes from the  
washing house to the Laundry or going  
out to the green, but can do nothing  
that requires almost any mind.

1881  
November 15

She is very talkative and gossipy  
she is possessive of great wealth and  
speaks of estates that have been left  
her and almost at the same time  
wants to get out or over the wall to  
catch her husband to go and earn something

1882  
November 26

Talkative and very rambling in  
conversation speaks much of Broad Street  
and having been there, can give no account  
of her movements since then, says her husband  
is dead, but that she will marry again

1883  
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Works in the laundry taking out  
the clothes out to the green, very talkative  
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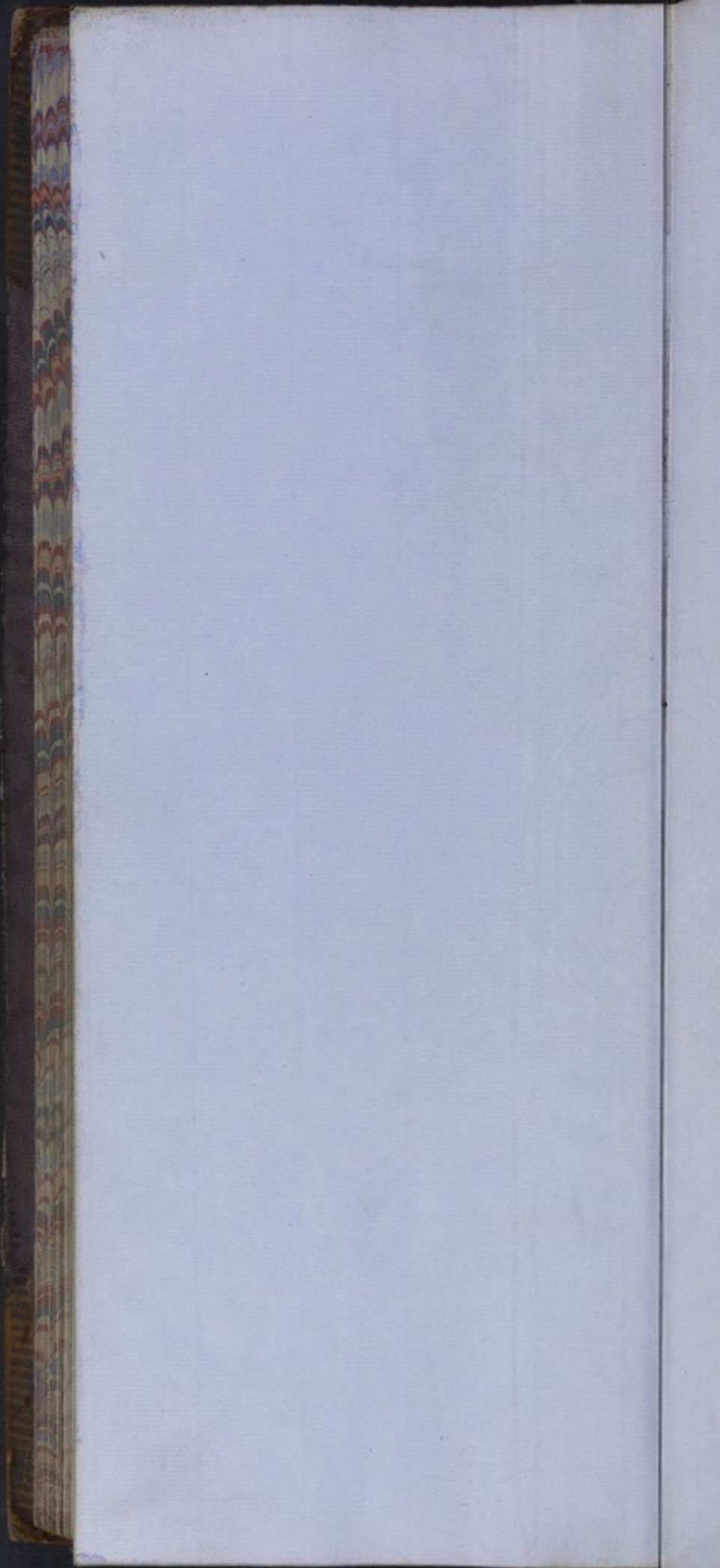
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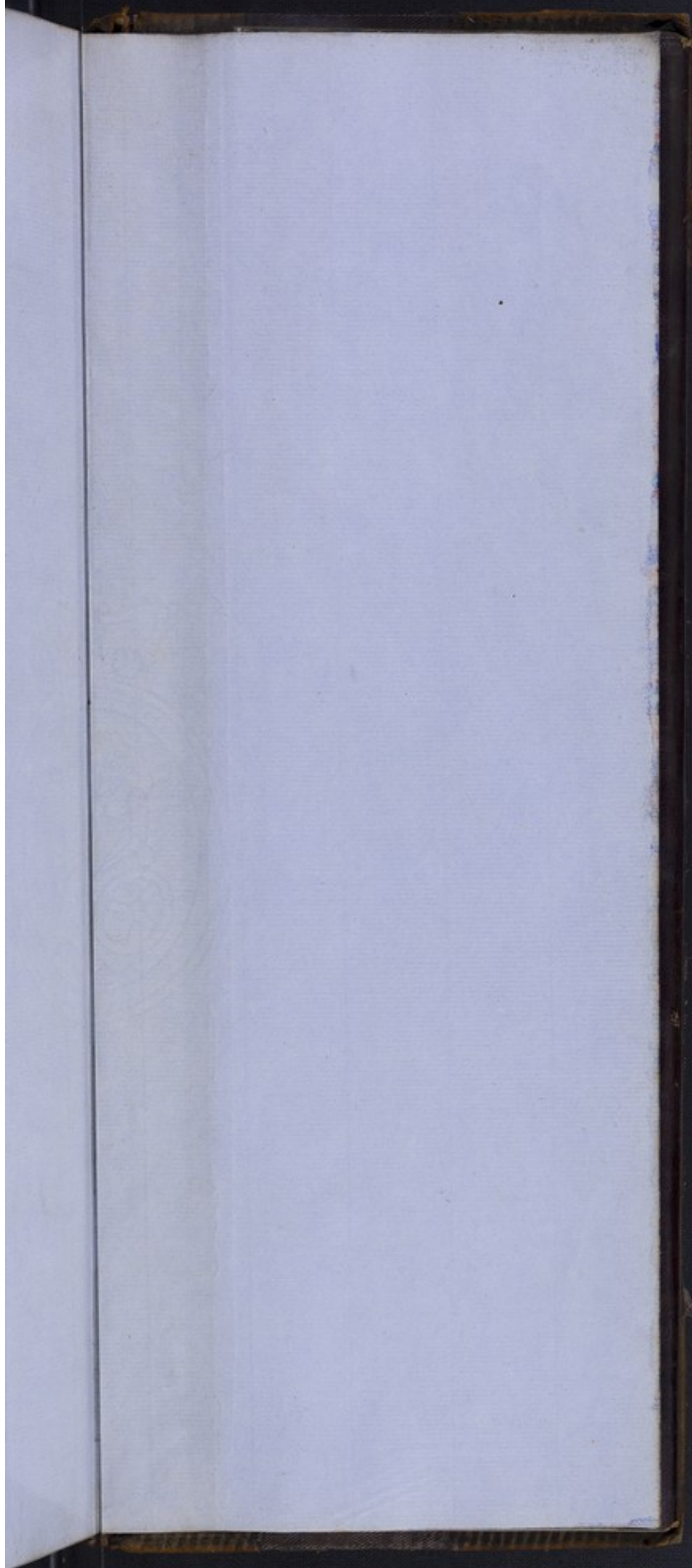
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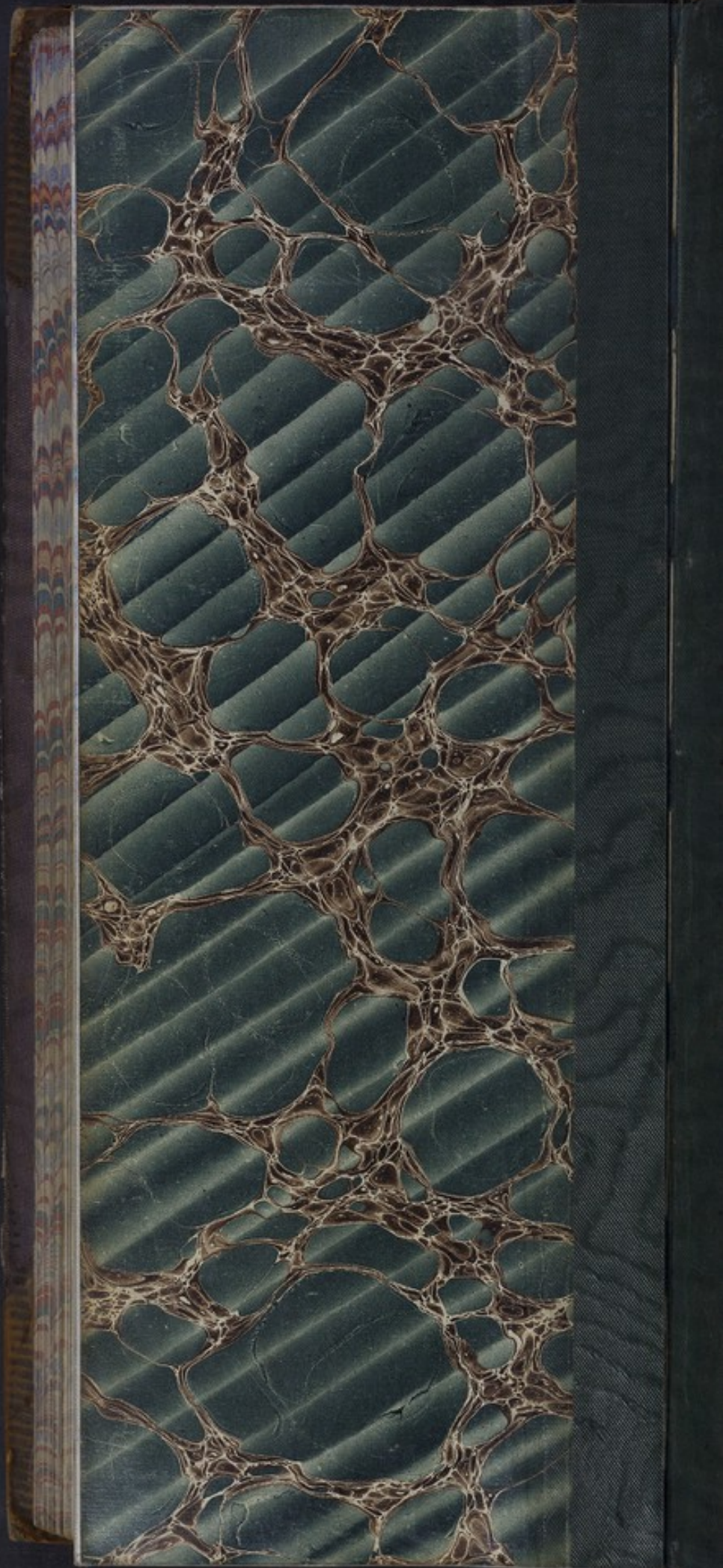
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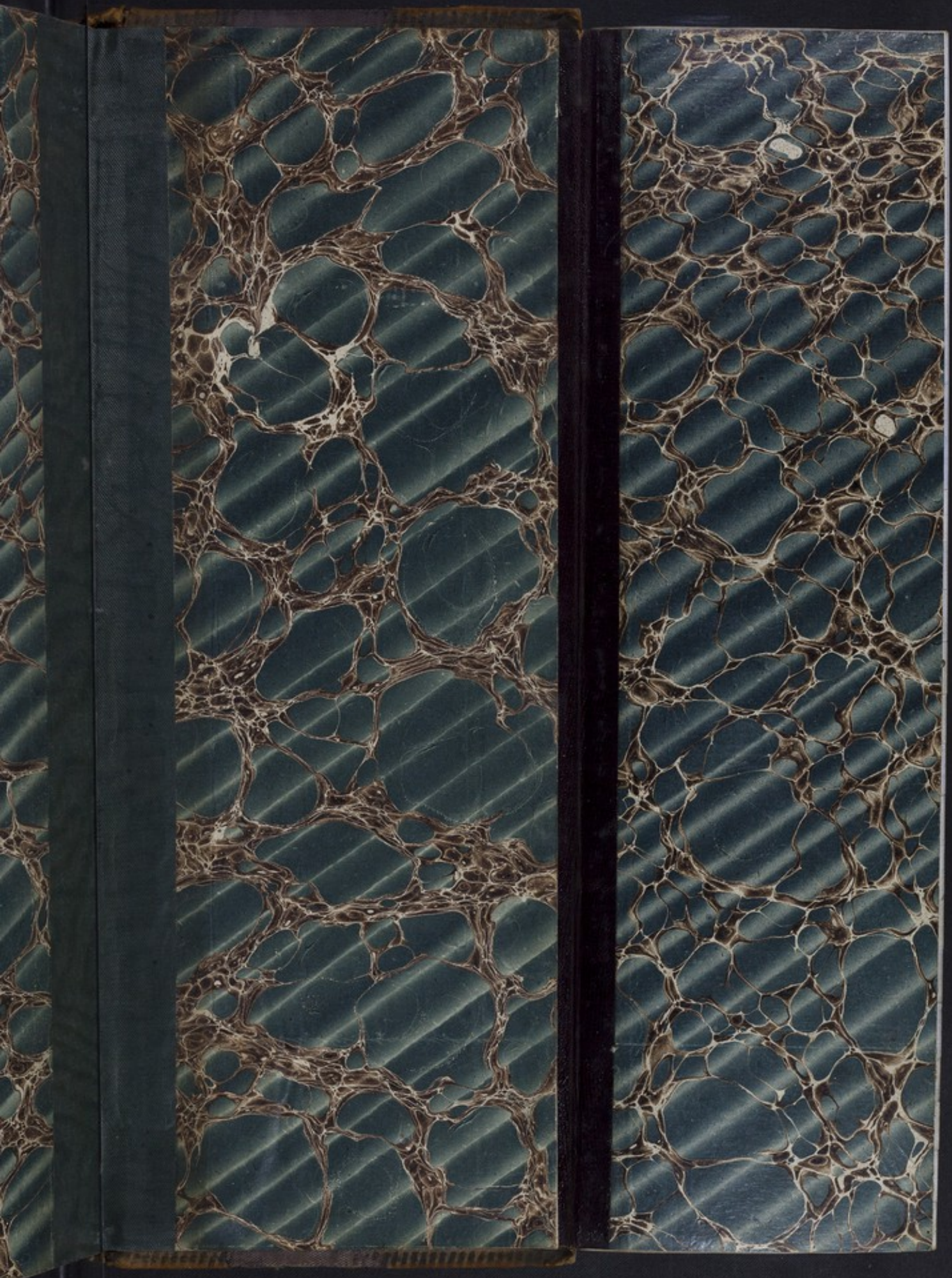














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 405 Gardner, Margaret Baird &  
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 473 Gray, Janet  
 495 Gibson, Ramsay Gillies &  
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 187 Hunter, August Karrower or  
 235 Kappum, Elson  
 265 Flood, Henrietta M. Millan or  
 269 Hardie, Flora Mc Donald or  
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- 19 Levant, Sarah Thomson  
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- 9 Norton, Elizabeth Wardrop &  
 37 Poffat, Margaret  
 55 Porschan, Madge Kurvey &  
 133 Puruso, Jessie Taylor  
 149 Muir, Elizabeth  
 155 Morran, Margaret Buchanan &  
 159 Miller, Jane Mc Bracken &  
 199 Moyes, Mary  
 225 Marshall, Agnes ~~High~~ Mc Ardian Taylor  
 251 Morgan, Theresa  
 271 Moore, Mary Ann Campbell &  
 289 Moore, Catherine Mc. Anley &  
 317 Murray, Helen  
 319 Murray, Margaret  
 365 Murdoch, Marion Mc. B. Mulla Kilsack &  
 397 Muir, Annie Hudson &  
 441 Mulvey, Mary Mc. Beatty &  
 443 Maxwell, Margaret  
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 507 Muirhead, Rebecca Giffing &  
 515 Miller, Isabella Henrietta

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- 17 Mr. Kadyan, Margaret  
 25 Mr. Kanga, Jane Sinclair &  
 47 Mr. Donald, Jessie McLeod &  
 53 Mr. Phee, Susan Marshall &  
 59 Mr. Stevens, Agnes Robertson &  
 65 Mr. Small, Isabella Grant &  
 73 Mr. Phail, Mary  
 89 Mr. Kanga, Ann Boyle &  
 97 MacLaren, Ann  
 107 Mr. Budge, Mary Deolin &  
 119 Mr. Nib, Helen  
 139 Mr. Hill, Margaret McFarlane &  
 169 Mr. Hay, Margaret  
 185 Mr. Buss, Mary Smith &  
 187 Mr. Kanga, Isabella Reynolds &  
 209 Mr. Graham, Elizabeth Matthews &  
 225 Mr. Dean, Jane  
 233 Mr. Gledhill, Mrs. Ann  
 249 Mr. Walker, Sarah McFay &  
 295 Mr. Farlane, Mary  
 309 Mr. Culloch, Janet Macmillan &  
 319 Mr. Hillen, Mary  
 321 Mr. Hillen, Isabella Gordon &  
 325 Mr. Budge, Elizabeth  
 331 Mr. Donald, Mary Young &  
 347 Mr. Grogan, Janet  
 349 Mr. Grogan, Sarah McCreedy &  
 355 Mr. Kinlay, Jane  
 393 Mr. Phorson, Isabella  
 403 Mr. Kendrick, Jane  
 449 Mr. Dean, Susan  
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297 Pollock, Janet  
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447 Patrick, Ann Eadie  
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15 Rennie, Margaret  
69 Russell, Elizabeth  
91 Reid, Mary  
115 Robertson, Janet Finlock \*  
135 Reid, Bessie Ballantyne \*  
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195 Rafferty, Agnes  
213 Rodgers, Hannah Hall \*  
237 Reid, Christina  
255 Roscliffe, Elizabeth Handley \*  
271 Riston, Betty Smith \*  
273 Ritchie, Elizabeth Cunningham \*  
295 Rankine, Widow Walter  
291 Russell, Margaret Bona \*  
293 Robertson, Catherine  
313 Reilly, Mary Grant \*  
373 Reid, Jeanie Blair \*  
383 Robertson, Jane Richmond \*  
385 Robertson, Elizabeth  
407 Rankin, Helen  
411 Robertson, Helen Mc. Intyre \*  
439 Robertson, Jane Richmond \*  
453 Reid, Mary  
493 Ramsay, Jane

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- 27 Steel, Agnes Kyle or  
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227 Stewart, Mary Stewart or  
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301 Sutherland, Sarah Ann Mc. Gregor or  
307 Lott, Anne Ferguson or  
311 Stewart, Jane Horstuck or  
343 Siddons, Helen Shanks Mc. Gregor or  
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- 11 Josh, Eliza Knott "  
165 Thomson, Elizabeth Kemper "  
215 Thomson, Charlotte bygh & Dunsmore "  
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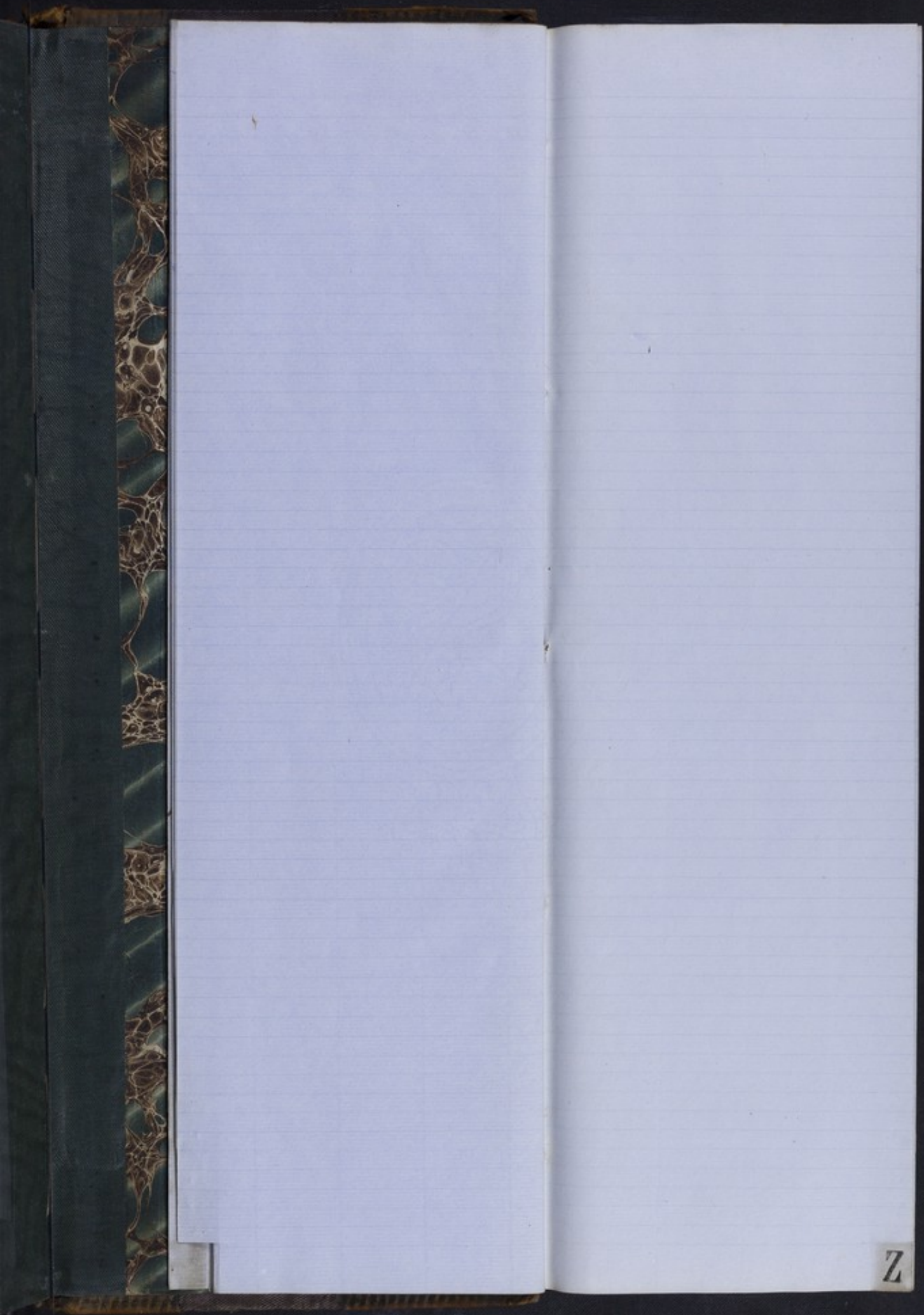
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