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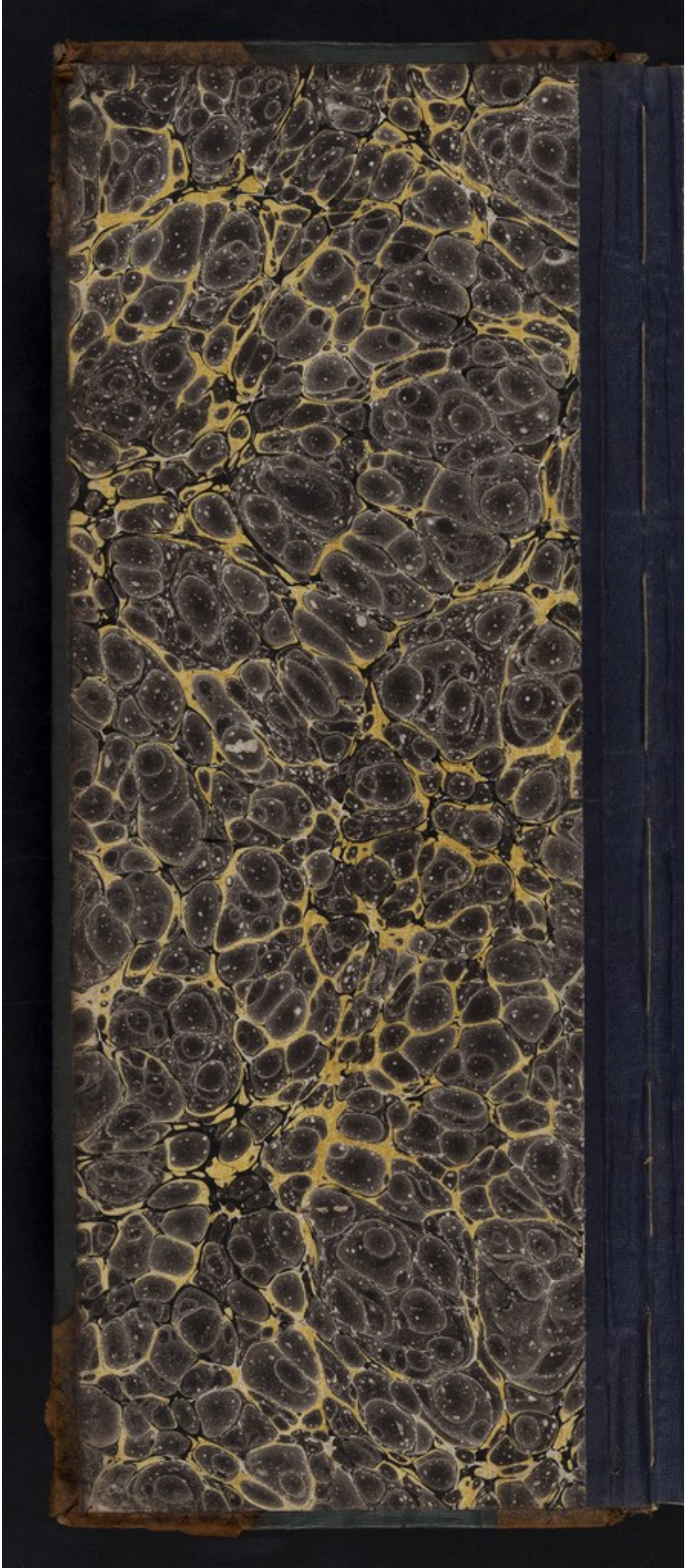
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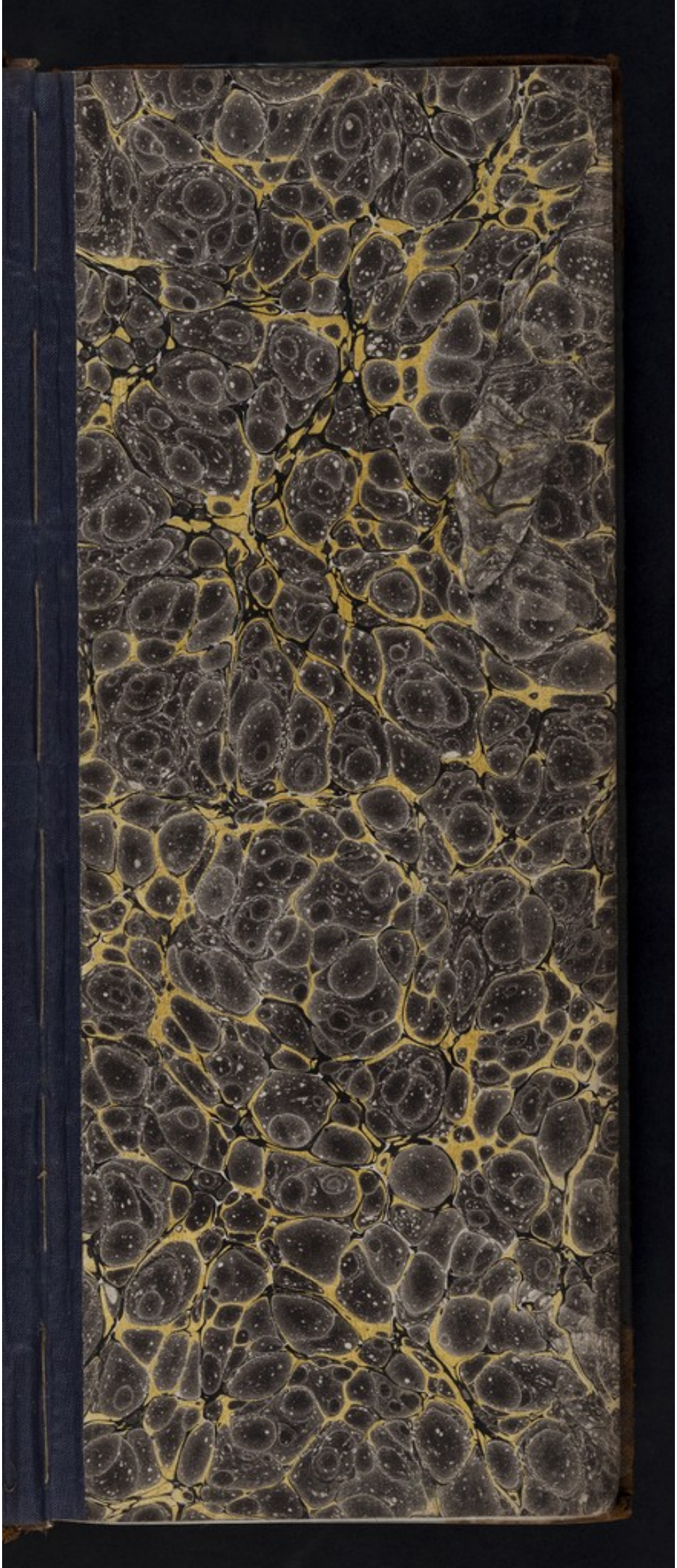
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Margaret Paul or Mrs Hamilton 1841

1848

February 14 Has brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband. Is in a state of great excitement, singing and shouting out, kicking and biting all within her reach, and very destructive of her clothes. Expression is very maniacal. Scalp and surface generally is rather warm though pulse slow and calm.
To be put in seclusion.

15 Noisy, filthy, destructive and sleepless during the night. Talks incessantly the greatest incoherence. Expression continues maniacal. Bowels were opened during the night. Hab Ol Ricini 3ß. H.S. descend. in balm. tepid.

16 Manifests delusions on all subjects and is very noisy and filthy. Remained rather quieter during the night but did not sleep much. Skin is more natural. Pulse slow and of good strength.
Rept balm tepid. Hab p. r. n. Pil Alterativ ij.

18 Still maniacal. Is very noisy and cunning, sticking the attendants when off their guard and playing every kind of trick. Is very erotic and has been discovered at disgusting vices. Health seems slightly worse since admission. Says always she is quite well Hab. balm. O 4ta mane. Cont alia

25 Much in the same state as when last reported. Has been sent out to the airing ground for several successive days but without any apparent effect. Health continues indifferent. Skin clammy. Cont 4ta mane. balm tepid. Cont alia

March 4 Continues noisy and tricky but on the whole is quieter at night. Talks very incoherently and has ocular delusions. Occasionally is very destructive and always very filthy.
Health seems stationary. Appetite however improves. Cont.

16 On the whole quieter but still very incoherent and ill behaved.
Appetite good and appearance somewhat improved. Continues unseemly in her habits and incoherent as ever. Hab in dies Cerevisiæ pint bj Hab etiam hujus Cinchon pulv co 3j.

28 Much as at last report. Health fully better Cont omnia

Admitted. February 14: 1848

1848

April 12 Health improves rapidly. Catamenia appeared today, the first time since admission. Says however that they have always been present and that they did not cease her even during pregnancy. Still very incoherent and filthy at night. Indulges still in her vicious habits Contr omnia.

30 Improves apace in bodily health On the whole is quieter and better behaved but still very incoherent in her conversation. Walks out daily in the airing ground but cannot be persuaded to employ herself when indoors. Contr.

May 9 This morning asked for some work and is now industriously employed. Conversation rather more rational but there is considerable flightiness of manner with an unsettled expression of face. Health considerably improved Occasionally destroys her clothes, apparently without reason. Contr

31 Still improving. Slowly becoming more rational both in conduct and conversation. Employs herself a little but not steadily. Contr

June 17 Much improved. Has not been destructive for a considerable time and now works industriously at her needle. Talks and behaves more rationally but there is still considerable restlessness of expression.

22 Catamenia present. Discharge very great. Is in bed and complains of great weakness. Dimiscat.

July 1 Is now apparently well both bodily and mentally. Says she has no recollection of her late excited state but thinks she must have been very ill from her feelings of debility and exhaustion. Her friends having wished to send her to the Country she was today with the sanction of the Physicians dismissed

Cured

Catharine Glass or Mrs Fisher Æt. 59

1848

February 14 Was brought to the Asylum today by her relatives. Says she is not a woman but a pig and that she should be turned into a 'sty'.
Constantly imitating the noises and actions of her supposed nature
Is incoherent in conversation & exhibits delusions on almost all subjects connected with herself and relatives. General health seems very good. Ines eat.

16 Since admission has been restless and noisy. Frequently runs about the floor on "all fours" and imitating the noises of the pig-kind.
Talks about being a beggar from her own unworthiness and wishes nothing to be done for her as she deserves no kindness. Appetite is good and bodily functions seem natural. Hab. p. r. n. Pil. alter j.

28 Continues precisely as when last reported. Frequently screams out loudly and when asked why says because she is a pig.
Avoids her fellow patients and runs about corners, grunting & talking to herself. Takes her food well. Walks out regularly

March 9 Seems becoming more peevish than ever and more obstinate in her delusions. Says constantly that she is a beast and quite unfit to be among 'decent folks' Talks incoherently on most subjects and frequently gives an ejaculation of stupid wonder.
Health tolerably good Contr.

31 For some days she conducts herself tolerably quietly though peevish and fretful and then for several days at a time she runs about the gallery saying she is a pig, grunts and runs on all fours in corners. At such times avoids every one and seems quite terrified when spoken to. Refuses all assistance and entreats that nothing be done for her as she is quite undeserving of any attention. Health is very good. bodily functions normal

April 30 Delusions continue unchanged. Occasionally is rather excited and irritable. Frequently speaks of her relatives being oppressed on her account and says that she has ruined every person she ever knew.
Health keeps good. Contr.

Admitted February 14: 1848.

May 31 No change on delusions habits or manner. Generally is tolerably quiet but irritable. Expression is anxious and depressed. Health is very good. Cont.

June 23 Had an interview with some relatives yesterday and has been rather excited ever since. Says she has ruined them all; that she is a beast and that they should not trouble themselves with her. Says she is now to be taken into Glasgow and 'made a show of'. Conducts herself in her ordinary way and health continues good.

July 11 Today is walking about asking every one to give her arsenic in order to rid her of life for there is no use she says of her husband paying for the maintenance of a pig. Health habits and manner are unchanged. Cont.

August 11 Delusions continue strong as ever and this morning when her husband came to remove her she said she was a pig and to prove the truth of what she said, imitated all the noises of that animal.

Dismissed

Eliz.th Merrilees or Mrs Mackenzie Ct. 71

1858

February 26 Was today transferred from the East House. Pleased at the change but says she wishes it had been to her own home. Is in fair bodily health. Ferrier cat.

March 31 The chief characteristic points about this patient are curiosity, fondness of gossip and scandal, great suspicion and distrust of her fellow creatures. Is very much annoyed at being detained here and entreats the medical officers daily to see her restored to liberty. Is in fair bodily health and is ready enough to work but frequently is observed very idle.

April 30 Health continues good. Runs about learning all the news of her fellow patients, attendants and others and circulates her acquired tales with emendations and corrections of herself.

May 31 Habits and health continue unchanged. Walks out and occasionally occupies herself with her needle.

June 30 Suspicious and distrustful turn of mind seems increasing. Behaves as formerly. Health very good.

July 31 Has been very industrious of late & never hesitates about working for the Institution or her fellow patients. Has however been very loud in her complaints, peevish and very anxious for liberty. Complains of her health suffering from the confinement but there is no evidence of it.

August 31 Gossips and talks scandal of her fellow patients and the nurses whom she accuses of dishonesty. Health very good. Is industrious and walks out regularly.

Sept 30 Much in the same state mental & bodily noticed in last report. Has been quarrelling with her fellow patients and the nurses more than usual of late.

Octr 31 Very discontented and constantly grumbling about being detained here. Is in good health, occupies herself regularly and is allowed to walk out when the day is fine. Contr

Novr 30 Is in all respects the same as when last reported. Contr

Decr 3 Is in bed today complaining of loss of appetite, pain in back and general uneasiness. Is suffering from catarrh Ht. hab ol Ricini 3p.

4 Is still feverish and complaining very much. Bowels were freely moved. Coughs a little. Ferrier cat.

Admitted March 12. 1847

1848

Decr 7 Continues feverish and confined to bed. This morning felt sick and vomited but now is better. Contr

10 Is somewhat better today. Febrile symptoms have disappeared and appetite is returning. Complains only of weakness. Contr.

13 Is better. up out of bed and employed. Contr

31 Has continued well since last report but is as discontented as ever and teases the medical officers to procure her discharge. Contr.

1849

Jany 3 Vomited some bilious matter this morning and is again in bed. Complains of want of appetite and weakness. Lincoat.

5 Has had no return of vomiting and is again up and working a little. Contr.

31 Since last report has continued well. Is in the enjoyment of excellent health but is discontented and peevish. Gossips much and works but little. Contr.

Feby 28 General health continues very good. Occupies herself regularly but frets incessantly about being detained here and is very abusive of her family for not removing her

March 31 Constantly complaining about being detained here. Occupies herself but little save in fretting. Is in good bodily health Contr.

April 30 Dissatisfied with every body and everything and continues very idle General health is very good. Contr ommin.

May 18 Two days ago was permitted to go into town with an attendant to visit a friend and continued both herself perfectly intoxicated, so much so that she had to be driven home. Stop her ale. Contr ales

31 Very quickly recovered the effects of her debauch and has been very penitent ever since but evidently only with a view to get back her ale again. Has said less about her detention here or her daughters ingratitude in being the agents detaining her since her relapse into drunkenness. General health very good. Says she takes no food but the nurse reports that she takes her food heartily. Contr.

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Margaret Steel or Mrs Nelson Ct. 46

1848

March 8 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her relatives. Is said to be subject to epilepsy. Epileptic physiognomy is distinctly marked. Does not seem to comprehend what is said to her. Stutters much and has some difficulty of articulation. Pulse 68, small and feeble. Pupils somewhat dilated. Tongue furred. Breath very foetid.

Body is much emaciated. Over the right eyebrow, on anterior part of cheek, over vulva, anterior and inner part of both thighs are extensive eschymoses apparently the result of external violence. Heat of surface is below natural standard and patient seems sinking.

Apply heat to surface. Give small quantities of whisky from time to time.

9 At 10 O'clock last night had a severe epileptic fit of about half an hour's duration. Became much excited immediately after, attempted to bite and scratch the attendants, was very incoherent and filthy. Is still very restless and excited. Pulse 60 very feeble. Heat of surface improved. Tongue and mouth dry. Bowels were opened freely during the night. Has taken almost no food. To have Brandy in place of whisky. To have Beef tea

℞ Calomel gr v Pulv Jalapæ gr xv. M. Sumat. stat. Cont alia

10 Yesterday afternoon about 5 O'clock had another epileptic fit. Has been much quieter ever since but she now seems to be sinking rapidly. Is sunk in bed: very stupid. Does not seem to suffer pain. Bowels were moved slightly this morning. Cont omnia

11 There has been no return of the epileptic paroxysm but has become much more feeble. Pulse 50 very small. Cont.

12 Is quite insensible and cannot be roused by ordinary stimuli.

Cont omnia

13 Is moribund.

4 P.M.

Died

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Susan Sheppard Ct. 24. From Vol. VII Page 185

1848

Jany 31 Is in excellent bodily health and becoming corpulent. Is very industrious and generally kind and obliging but whimsical and capricious.

Delusions abound and frequently she tells the most absurd stories ought visits from the medical officers. Uses often the grossest and most indecent language and at all times is most erotic. Contr Omnes.

Feby 28 Catamenia present. Discharge profuse. Complains of pains and of nausea and has remained in bed. In other respects is as formerly.

March 31 Continues much in her usual state. Every now and then tells extraordinary stories about the medical officers and reveals the secrets of her bed room. Is full of delusions and in both language & gesture is very erotic. Contr.

April 30 Health, habits and delusions are unchanged. Contr

May 31 Conducts herself in her usual manner. Always cheerful, frequently boisterously good natured and most industrious. Has grown very stout but is in very fair health. Delusions strong as ever. Contr

June 30 For the last two days has been confined to bed; Complaining of a dense of soreness with nausea & vertigo. Catamenia are present. Says she is pregnant and that that is the explanation of her increase in bulk. Delusions are constantly brought forward and give rise to extraordinary tales. Has been very discontented at being detained here and says it arises from selfishness on the part of the medical officers that they may have larger salaries. Contr.

July 24 Catamenia present today and is full of complaints and delusions. Is always worse at such periods. At one time is very erotic and very indecent in her language and conduct. At others she says she is gifted with second sight and extraordinary power over others. Tells the most unfounded falsehoods about different people, especially the members of her own family. Says for example, that her brother often slept with her and that she had several children by him. Continues industrious and cheerful. Contr.

Admitted September 28. 1846

August 31 No change has taken place either on delusions or behaviour. Has a most injurious effect on many of her fellow patients from the lies she tells them and the indecent ideas she inspires them with. Corpulence has increased very much. Is very industrious and is kind & obliging.

Sept 10 For several days has remained constantly on the toga and said to day that it was because she was pregnant by the Physician and that she must take care. Most erotic in language and gestures. Full of delusions regarding every one. Fancies she is mistress of the House and that she can dismiss whomsoever she pleases. Health is very good. Is stile very industrious both with her hands and tongue. Contr.

Oct 5 Still fancying herself pregnant. Other delusions continue. Health good. Is regularly occupied but habits and language are still offensive. Contr.

17 Catamenia present today. Keeps her bed and is very erotic. Miscar.

Nov 11 Complaining of pain in her stomach today. Tongue clean. Manner, habits & health are as at last report. Puts mischief into her fellow patients by telling them that their food is drugged and by detailing the most disgusting scandals against the officers. Contr.

Decr 10 Catamenia present. Says she has had a miscarriage and is very disgusting in her details. Complains of sore throat. Tongue is white. Habits. Ol Ricini 3ss.

28 Has had some diarrhea with flatulence & griping pains in abdomen but was relieved by a little brandy. Contr.

31 Very excitable these two days. Old delusions are constantly brought forward & inflicted on every one.

1849
Jany 4 Had a hysterical paroxysm this morning but is again better.

15 Had an attack of nausea last night and today is in best temple better.

31 Goes on in her old fashion. Full of delusions on all subjects; tells lies propagates the most infamous scandals and uses frequently the most offensive language. Contr.

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Elizabeth Hunter Aet. 72

1848
March 10 has brought to the Asylum this evening by her relatives. Is full of delusions concerning her life, conduct and circumstances. Says she was an awfully wicked creature, that she cannot recollect ever having acted from a correct motive and that now the recollection of all these things come on her with such a force that she is perfectly miserable and makes her wish for death. Says that her extravagance and thoughtlessness has brought beggary on her relatives and cries as she speaks of her little grandchildren running about without shoes or stockings, in rags and begging with 'pockies' on their backs, all on her account.

Walks about while speaking, generally round and round the person whom she is addressing. Expression is very miserable. Health is tolerably good. Vide indies Cereris post Oj. Vide Pil Alter p. r. n.

15 Since admission has manifested the delusions noticed in the first report and has always seemed and expressed herself very wretched. Occasionally swears and strikes both her fellow patients and the attendant. When spoken to about this says she cannot help it and that it is a kind of relief to her when most miserable. Does it evidently quite impulsively and not maliciously as when diverted into something out of her ordinary train of ideas she seems gentle and kindhearted.

Is very restless constantly moving about and never settling to anything more than a moment. Appetite is indifferent. Bowels act freely after purgative medicine. Cont omnia.

21 Frequently has paroxysms of rage in which she calls down all manner of imprecations on her own head and abuses all within her reach at the moment. Expression is quite demoniacal on such occasions but it seems produced by mental suffering and not by bad feeling to others. Strikes those who are near her but never goes out of her way to do it and acts just as if the physical exertion employed were a relief to her. A diverting word or action brings her out of her wildest paroxysm in a moment. Says often she

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wishes she were dead and several times seems contemplating how she may commit suicide. Health tolerably good. Cont. omnia.

April 10 Generally gentle and easily managed but very paroxysmal. Rages however appear herself chiefly and are never vented on others unless they happen to be close by her. Delusions continue unchanged. Seems very wretched. Cont.

30 Much as at last report. Constantly adverts to her delusions and says she is 'awfully miserable'. Occasionally screams out in her sleep and says she is very subject to horrible dreams.

May 28 Unchanged in any respect save that she seems more than ever miserable. Bursts into tears when recounting all her sins and shortcomings and the ruin she has brought on all her relatives.

June 19 Restless and miserable. Says her mind is 'agony' and that day and night she is constantly terrified by her own recollections. Says she cannot recollect a single redeeming action, a single good deed during her entire life.

Paroxysms continue but on the whole is easily managed.

July 11 Paroxysms recur frequently and on such occasions uses fearful language and behaves often in a very unseemly manner, such as lifting up her petticoats and striking herself with all her force. On ordinary occasions is gentle & kind: shows much shrewdness in her remarks and manifests much real kindness of heart. Health keeps pretty good.

August 9 Continues unchanged either in body or mind. Cont.

19 This morning on getting out of bed grew sick, & deadly pale, fell on the floor and seemed for a while in a state of syncope. Soon revived and after a small quantity of brandy became quite better. Cont.

Sept. 10 Delusions persist strong as ever. Says she is 'awfully miserable' and often is heard praying for death. General health continues tolerably good.

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Agnes McNair or McDonald Ct. From Vol. VII Page 182

1878

March 15 For some time past has been tolerably settled, industrious and cheerful, but occasionally is irritable and takes to bed. Is simple and artless in manner and when well is kind and obliging. Bodily health tolerably good. Contr.

April 6 Has been occasionally excitable and troublesome but on the whole has been tolerably quiet and composed since last report. Employs herself regularly when well but takes to her bed and seems as if greatly terrified when indisposed. Contr

May 1 Has been very agreeable and settled for some time, working most industriously, cheerful and obliging. Bodily health is very good and functions are normal. Contr

19 Fretful and hysterical since yesterday and during the night was restless and rather noisy. Today is behaving like a child, jumping in & out of bed, playing on the floor with substitute for dolly, prattling in her conversation especially in the use of endearing epithets. Is very erotic and rather indecent in her language. Has begun to steal articles belonging to her fellow patients. No particular functional derangement can be detected. Contr.

24 Much as at last report. Several times has become rather excited and struck her attendant. Bowels are rather confined. Hab p.r.n. Pil Alterati ij vice Pil Rhei co. 1.V. descend in balm tepid.

31 Since last report has been kept pretty closely to her room as she teases her fellow patients excessively when among them. Childish and erotic in her language and conduct. Occasionally gets excited, swears, kicks and destroys. Health keeps pretty good. Contr.

June 20 Still very silly and flighty in manner. Very erotic and indecent in her language and gesture. Steals whatever she can lay her hands on and tells numerous falsehoods to screen herself; when detected, laughs and considers the whole affair as a good joke. Contr

July 11 Is very much depressed today; keeps her bed and seems excessively terrified, weeps and wrings her hands. Is quite incoherent in her conversation. Contr

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1848 July 6	Catamenia present. Very hysterical, weeping and laughing by turns highly erotic, especially in look and gesture. Contr.
14	Very irritable and quarelsome today tossing her things about and bestowing them on others. Incoherent and erotic in conversation. Healthe is good. Contr.
31	Very variable. One day is cheerful agreeable and industrious and another is irritable unsettled and full of her worst vices and actions. Healthe keeps very good. Contr.
August 31	Since last report has been on the whole more than usually settled though mind is very weak. Still has paroxysms of irritability and despondency. Contr.
Sept 30	No change or peculiarities since last report. Healthe good.
Octr 31	Has behaved very well since last report and has been very industrious. Is amiable and cheerful in disposition and ever ready to oblige. Healthe good.
Novr 30	Continues well. Is much more rational in her conversation and manner and perfectly decorous in her conduct. Is regularly & industriously employed. General healthe keeps good. Contr.
Decr 31	Continues very rational both in manner conversation and habits. Is most amiable, kind and obliging. Healthe very good.
1849 Jany 3	Has observed rather slightly and peculiar several days ago and is now quite maniacal. Very erotic and unsettled, noisy and filthy at night. No particular derangement of bodily healthe can be detected. Let her be kept by herself and watched.
5	Was very noisy and highly excited last night. Swore, struck the attendant and made a great noise. Is quieter today but still very erotic and excited. Contr.
11	Is still very unsettled but quieter in her behaviour. Her left ear is a small inflamed pimple which gives great pain. Apply a poultice.
15	Pimple in ear suppurated and today discharged with relief to pain. Continues as unsettled as ever. Writes incoherent letters. Contr.

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Janet Atkinson Aet. 66

1878

March 14 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by the attendant who had been sent for her. Seems much in the same state of mind she exhibited during her stay here before. Is silent and suspicious, frequently mutters to herself and indulges in fits of laughter. Very secretive about her property and gets excited when she sees any one meddling with it. Health seems very good. Incontinent.

31 Behaves herself in the most exemplary manner. Very silent and retiring in her manner, suspicious and distrustful of others especially in everything connected with her own effects. Seldom utters a word unless addressed and generally is anxious to avoid a conversation. Health very good.

April 30 No change in any respect either mentally or bodily. Health good. Is industrious and walks out regularly

May 31 Quiet, industrious and most orderly in her conduct. Occasionally is rather discontented at being detained here. Health good.

June 30 Very industrious, obliging and kind especially to the younger patients. Is silent and retiring but seems cheerful enough when addressed. Health continues excellent.

July 7 For the last three or four days has been complaining of general indisposition and has been talking satirically of her relatives and of their conduct in keeping her here. Calls her nephew "Step-into-my-shoes" and says that he assumed far too much authority over her's and her sister's affairs. Seems to feel confinement very irksome and speaks more frequently than before about her removal. Health continues very good.

August 3 Getting depressed and peevish, irritable in her manner and exceedingly anxious to be removed. Continues almost constantly in the house and has abandoned all her former occupations & pursuits.

Sept 10 Becoming daily more despondent and anxious for her discharge. Health continues very good, but now she never occupies herself nor ever walks out.

Admitted March: 14: 1848.

1848 Oct 14	Arrangements having been made by her relatives she was today at their request

Dismissed

Charlotte Moss or Mrs Downes Ct. 31

1848

March 18 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband. Is in a state of great intoxication and scarce able to assist herself in the least.

Let her be put in bed & watched.

19 Has been very noisy and restless during the entire morning and today is tremulous and complaining. Demands stimulants and is very abusive & all and sundry. Is very haggard in appearance Eyes injected; Tongue very foul and breath most offensive. Hat ol Ricini ℥ij

20 Bowels were freely moved. Complains much of general soreness, nausea and want of appetite. Craves loudly for stimulants. Tongue furred and general appearance much shattered. Sumat.

22 Improving in appearance and more comfortable in feelings. Appetite returning. Tongue cleaning. Hab. p.r.n. Pil Purg ij

31 Suite recovered. Up and employed Insinuates everything bad against her husband. Gossips and talks scandal in the gallery. Contr

April 30 Has been going on cheerfully and industriously since last report.

Health very good and functions natural. Contr

May 9 At the request of her husband was today dismissed

Cured

Admitted March: 18: 1848.

Elizth McIntosh or Mrs Kerr Ct 26

1848
March 25 Has brought to the Asylum today by her husband who reports her as being of very intemperate habits and that for some time past she has been indulging to a great excess.

Is agitated and tremulous and bears the appearance of having been drinking. Tongue whitish. Pulse natural. Faeces cat

31 Is in perfect health and has quite recovered from her indisposition.

Has been quiet and industrious. When spoken with about her behaviour, says she does not deny having occasionally taken a glass of wine but declares she never was a drunkard. Says her husband placed her here because stories reached his ears about her disliking him and because direct lies were told him by parties who would profit in her downfal. Let her be occupied.

April 30 Is of a quiet retiring disposition. Kind and obliging to others and on all occasions conducts herself with the greatest propriety. Is most industrious, reads and walks out daily. Bodily health very good.

May 31 Has been going on steadily and industriously. Never complains & gives no trouble. Health good.

June 14 Her husband came to day to take her home. Received him very affectionately. At his request was dismissed

Cured

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Janet G. Ogilvie Ct. From Vol. VII Page 208

1848

April 30 Is very much depressed. Can scarcely be got out of her bed and employs herself only in the most trifling manner. Fancies herself utterly lost, says her hopes have fled and she feels existence a blank. Appearance is becoming quite aged. Walks lazily and speaks with a drawl. Still asks for stimulants and anodynes. Health is indifferent. Colour very pallid. Appetite good. Contr.

May 13 This forenoon was permitted to walk out with her sister who is convalescent and about to be removed home. While out ran away from her sister and precipitated herself into the canal and was with difficulty rescued by a passer by. When she returned she was none the worse for her bathe beyond the wetting. Says she could not restrain herself and that she is sorry she did not succeed as her life is quite insupportable. Was put to bed.

31 Has been very much depressed since attempting suicide. Would remain constantly in bed if permitted and feigns every kind of indisposition to be allowed to do so. Works a little but is spiritless and slovenly. Begs for stimulants or anodynes almost daily from the medical officer. Bodily health is pretty good but there is strong suspicion that she is given to vicious habits. Hands and feet are cold & clammy, there is a dark circle round the eyes, contracted & aged features with a great amount of general torpor. Contr.

June 30 But little change has been observed since last report. Works but little: shuns her fellow patients, avoids conversation and watches every opportunity of escaping to her bed. General languor continues but bodily health is good and functions are natural. Contr.

July 31 Continues much as at last report. Speaks most despairingly of herself, sighs for the means of committing suicide, never employs herself save in the most trifling manner and begs hard to be allowed to go home, where she says she would be better. Contr.

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1848

August 31 Continues depressed and idle as at last report. Is careless in her personal habits and in conversation is short and despairing. Health good. Takes her food well. Bodily functions natural. Cont. omnia.

Septr 30 Depression Continues. Is out of bed daily and employed, but both much against her own will. On one or two occasions latterly went to the drawingroom but exhibited her usual despondency and left at an early hour. Health continues very good. Cont.

Octr 31 Very indolent and careless and still much depressed. Has a great craving for stimulants of all kinds, often begs hard for them and steals all on which she can lay her hands. Health very good. Appetite inordinate. Cont.

Novr 30 No change whatever either in habits or health. Inclined to lie constantly in bed. Talks in the most despondening manner about herself. Says she feels herself an alien from her home and from society: Wishes she were dead and declares that she would embrace any opportunity of committing suicide. Cont.

Decr 7 Very hysterical and excitable today. Has been putting off & on her dress several times and runs about the gallery in the most buoyant spirits. No particular physical disorder can be detected. Takes cat.

8 Still hysterical and excitable. This morning dressed herself out very gaily as if for a party and is incessantly talking in the merriest strain. Cont.

9 Again depressed and back to her old state. Contrived to obtain possession of a bottle of Lavender and drunk it off. Cont.

31 Has continued depressed, indolent and slovenly since last report. Says she is very keenly alive to the horrors of her situation and is very anxious for death. Health good.

1849

Janr 31 Continues depressed and obstinately lazy. Will not get out of bed, work or walk out unless compelled. Refuses to attend chapel or mix in the drawing room with her fellow patients. Appearance is becoming aged though health is good. Cont.

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Sessie Kirkaldy Ast. 26

1878

April 24 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by an attendant who had been sent for her. Is in a state of great excitement, talking loudly, laughing immoderately swearing and running about from place to place. On admission ran up to the Lady Superintendent and made a most boisterous display of affection and talked in the most incoherent manner about love, sweet-hearts, the Asylum and her former residence in it. Abused her Father in the most outrageous terms. Expression very maniacal. Eyes wild and injected. Scalp and surface generally warm. Pulse 106 soft. Tongue whitish. Catamenia said the irregular. Incontinent.

25 Has behaved in the most outrageous manner since admission, knocking things about, tearing, cursing and laughing. Bowels have not been moved. Has stat Ol Ricini 3ij. descend in balm tepid.

26 Bowels freely moved. Slept but little during the night and is still in a state of great excitement. Is very erotic and is very incoherent on the subjects of love and marriage. Breaks out occasionally into paroxysms of abuse, chiefly against her Father. Expression very maniacal. Stat p. r. n. Pil Alter ÿ O.M. descend in balm. frigid.

30 Has continued highly excited, noisy and sometimes destructive since last report. Appearance is somewhat less wild. Requires constant watching as she steals whatever she can lay her hands on. Bowels keep free. Cont. omnia.

May 5 Continues excited and boisterous; full of delusions and very incoherent in her conversation. At times is very erotic and indecent in her language. Appearance becoming rather more settled. Appetite good and bodily functions are becoming more normal.

14 On the whole rather more settled but still boisterous. Swears and tells falsehoods and still is inclined to flirt. Speaks incessantly and sometimes in the most incoherent manner. Often makes very shrewd remarks and seems to have been very well instructed. Cont.

Admitted April. 24: 1848

1848

May 27 Gradually becoming quieter but at times becomes excessively noisy, laughs most immoderately and runs about the gallery in the most excited manner. Tells the most extraordinary stories and talks on all subjects, political religious, scientific and general. For some time past has been writing a great deal, chiefly letters; some of them are very incoherent & all very peculiar. Bodily health has improved much. Catamenia appeared about a week ago but discharge was trifling. Contr.

June 17 Laughs, talks and romps far more than is natural to her but she has settled very much compared with her state for some time after admission. Is very erotic and is always excited after seeing any man. Frequently swears when excited, tells falsehoods and is very abusive. Sees her relatives occasionally. To her Father behaves most affectionately but speaks badly of him when he is gone. Has begun to employ herself of late and is always kind and obliging to others. Contr

30 Has been going on most industriously since last report but is still boisterous at times, romps and talks incessantly. Conversation is of the most versatile character and embraces all subjects. Has very peculiar notions on almost everything. Speaks of her malady: says she inherits it from her mother. Says she dislikes ladies' society; that she was educated with her brothers and is very fond of all masculine pursuits & amusements. Makes very shrewd remarks and is evidently possessed of great natural abilities. Health improves and functions of body becoming more regularly performed. Is flabby and rather pallid but makes no complaint save occasionally of slight headache. To have plenty of out door exercise. Contr alia.

July 20 Has improved very much since last report. Much more sedate in her manner and in the drawing room conducts herself with propriety. Occasionally gives herself to falsehoods & at times is rather erotic in conversation. Health improving. Contr.

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Helen Drummond Ct. From Vol. VII P. 224

1848

May 12 Bodily health is slowly improving. In appearance however she maintains her abstracted imbecile air. Stands for hours sometimes, in one place with her finger in her mouth laughs out apparently without cause and frequently makes an attack on the attendants or on one of her fellow patients without the least provocation. Never answers when spoken to save with a hysterical giggle.

June 5 Becoming taller almost daily and now is a gaunt badly shaped figure. Expression quite imbecile Forehead small and contracted. Eyes have a most unmeaning stare. Flighty & variable manner continues unchanged. Contr

July 1 Catamenia have appeared today for the first time. Has complaining somewhat for several days before their appearance.

Discharge is considerable. Patient is in bed and seems to suffer considerably but she makes no complaint and will not answer questions. M. et Vesp. hat Pil Aloes ; Cont alia.

4 Catamenia still present. Has been very hysterical. Has been talking almost incessantly today in the most incoherent manner but will not enter into a conversation, not even answer a question. Very mischievous and tricky but apparently acts without motive.

30 Saw her mother several days ago and ever since has been weeping and has had several paroxysms of incoherence and violence.

Catamenia have again appeared Discharge considerably. Is confined to her room as whenever she was left alone she proceeded to divest herself of her clothes. Makes no complaint and does not seem to suffer anything. Appearance is considerably improved. Figure is stouter and less gaunt.

August 18 Has taken to her needle, the first time since admission. Seems however to be pleased with her work merely because it is something new.

Is still restless and paroxysmal but health continues steadily improving Contr.

Admitted November 7: 1847

1848
August 25 Bodily health be coming slowly better but mental state is very little improved. At the request of her mother, in order that she might be sent to the coast she was today

Dismissed

Eliz[th] London or Mrs Dobson Ætat 45

1878

May 2. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband. She is in a state of intoxication and is said to have been lately very intemperate.
Let her be put to bed.

3 Slept but little and today is craving for stimulants and is very tremulous. Complains of headache. Eyes injected. Skin warm. Pulse 100 soft. To have a pint of ale.

June 11 Tremulous and anxious for stimulants. Is very restless. Makes much complaint of general uneasiness and is very abusive of her husband and all concerned in her detention here. Bowels have been rather confined. Tongue much loaded. Hab stat et poct. p. r. n. Pil Purg ij

July 6 Still rather tremulous but up out of bed and has resumed her gossip and scandal in which she seems to luxuriate. Improves in appearance but very angry with her husband for bringing her here.
Cont omnia.

10 Now quite restored to health. Is very industrious with both hands and tongue. Gives a great deal of trouble, is very relish and ungrateful for what is done for her.

31 Has been going tolerably smoothly since last report. Has been very industrious. Has been the cause of much mischief and quarrelling among her fellow patients and the attendants and always makes it to appear that she is the injured party.

June 30 In excellent bodily health and perfectly rational in her conduct. Has been speaking much more amiably of her husband and has been more penitent for her own misconduct. Says now she is determined to abstain for ever for stimulants. At her husband's request she was today

Aug[t] dismissed

Cured

Admitted May. 2. 1848

Sarah Wilson Æt 35

1848

May 3 Was brought to the Asylum today by some relatives. Is very noisy, incoherent and destructive. Seems good natured and sportive. Expression approaches almost to that of idiocy. Health seems indifferent. Junes cat.

11 Was noisy during the greater part of the night and slept very little. Destroyed nearly everything in her apartment. Today is in the airing ground about which she is running and laying geven thing which is movable. Converses good humouredly but is very incoherent and constantly seizes on the dress of persons who speak to her. Bowels were opened during the night. Appetite seems pretty good. Hab indies Decoct fort (Porter) ℥j O ij ᵃ mane descend. in bolus prig: et noct alter descend in bolus to prid.

10 Since admission has continued in one state of restless excitement, seldom resting either day or night. Meddles with everything on which she can lay her hands and is very destructive of her clothes. Appetite is good. Bowels act regularly. Hab Ol. Camphor gtt x Pulv Opii grij 4to. Cont alia.

18 Opiates have produced no sensible effect is as boisterously noisy, destructive and filthy as ever. Health continues stationary. Cont

31 No change either on bodily or mental state. Appetite keeps good. Bowels regular. Cont omnia

June 15 Continues noisy, destructive & filthy as ever. Opiates have produced no effect. Is sent into the airing ground daily. While there she runs about from place to place meddling with every thing & every body. Expression is become more idiotic every day. Over a considerable part of surface especially on shoulders and back is a papular eruption: it does not however seem to cause any inconvenience. Omitt Pulv Co

Cont omnia alia

30 Unchanged in any respect. Eruption over back and shoulders has faded. Requires constant watching from her mischievous propensities. Cont.

July

Aug

Admitted May: 3: 1848.

July 4 Struck the nurse this morning and gave her a black eye. The blow was not maliciously given but apparently merely because she cannot keep her hands at rest for a moment.

Runs about scampering, singing and meddling. At night seldom is a moment quiet and sleeps almost none. Health seems declining Appetite however continues good.

31 No change whatever on mental state, and habits are disagreeable in the extreme. Health slowly failing

Constr omnia

Aug 4 to 7 In consequence of her filthiness and from her disturbing her fellow patients she was to day sent to the East House which is her proper place.

Jane Watt Æt. 11

1848
May 18 Was brought from the East House today in order to be more closely watched by the Physician. Seems fond of romping about and meddles with every thing she can lay her hands on. General health seems tolerably good. Head is small, forehead retreating & expression is somewhat idiotic.

June 1 Since admission considerable effort has been made to teach her to read but she has not shown the smallest aptitude to learn anything and is always found as ignorant at the end of her lesson as she was at the beginning. In manner she is coarse & boisterous and seems impelled to play all kinds of tricks and never shews any judgement in doing anything to which she is put, though she seems to possess a little of the imitative faculty. When asked about her previous history she recollects many circumstances and details them with seeming accuracy but when spoken to on other subjects her only reply is an unmeaning stare. Frequently uses very coarse language. Laughs out at times very heartily. Incisi cat.

July 1 Has grown stouter since last report. Aptitude to learn has continued unchanged. Has been several times at chapel and has behaved well but never shewed the least interest in the service — Cont.

15 Saw her mother today and was informed by her that she would require to go before the court in Edinburgh. Has been much frightened ever since and has been excited and violent. Cont

16 Is quite composed today but has not forgot what her mother said yesterday; on the contrary she looks forward with a kind of anxiety to going on a jaunt. Health is good. Cont.

26 Has been at Edinburgh and seems quite pleased with her trip says she is vexed for "Candy Rughy" as he will be kept in prison on her account. Says "Edinburgh is a vera braw town" "that she saw cabbages there, and that folks get kail there too". Says she would like to "get a wee wean, as a bonnie wean

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would be better than a doll." Contr.

July 31 Continues exactly in the same state and was today sent again to the East House, which is her proper place.

Margaret Reock Ætat 36

1848

June 2 Was brought here today by her relatives is very much depressed, speaks almost none and constantly sheds tears.
Seems in wretched health: Face is very pallid and body much emaciated. Inunct.

3 Since yesterday has taken but little food, apparently from want of appetite. Makes no complaint but seems when pain in stomach as we frequently lies on her abdomen. Never converses and scarcely replies to questions. Looks abstracted and seems always in tears
Hab iodidi Cerevis. fort. (Porter) Oij; jus bovin Oj.

10 Since admission has continued much depressed and cannot be persuaded either to sew or read. Offers no resistance to what is done for her but would never stir from her seat unless compelled. Has been picking her fingers so much that there are numerous red sores over them. Health much as at last report.

20 Continues much in the state last reported. Will not employ herself in any way, saying that she has not the strength required for doing anything. Picks her fingers at every opportunity: Hands are mass of sores. Sits listlessly in one place and almost never speaks. Is generally in tears. Makes no complaint but frequently is observed lying on her abdomen. Appetite is improving and food is taken with greater relish.
Hands to be bandaged. Contr.

25 Since last report has taken to sewing and reading; Has several times asked "Who is to pay her for what she does?" Appearance is somewhat improved. Has been assured that she will be rewarded for her work & in consequence seems satisfied and pleased. Contr.

30 After working industriously for several days she all at once discontinued and relapsed into her listless indolent humour. This morning got into a great rage on being sent into the airing ground and broke several panes of glass during the paroxysm. Has been picking her hands & fingers again and they are, after being nearly healed, almost as bad as ever. Contr omnia.

Admitted June 2: 1848.

July 3 Yesterday and today has had several paroxysms of rage and abuse after which she has been more than ever depressed. Will not employ herself at anything. Appetite much greater & indeed she would eat and drink constantly if permitted. Health seems improving. Contr

15 Since last report has had several abusive paroxysms and has done nothing in the way of occupation. Is very much inclined to lie in bed. Still picks her fingers whenever she contrives to tear the bandage. Health improves. Contr.

30 Health is much improved. Is both stouter and stronger since last report. Occasionally sews a little but only on the proviso of being paid for what she does. Seldom converses but is neither so morose nor so often in tears as formerly. Contr omnia.

August 10 Has been rather indolent since last reported. Occasionally works but seldom long at a time. Sometimes picks her fingers at every opportunity. General health improves Contr. omnia

30 Is getting stout and strong. Sometimes misbehaves both in language and action. Has employed herself but little and in the airing yard never stirs from her seat. Never converses with any one. Contr.

Septr 10 Continues indolent and unseemly in her habits though generally quiet and submissive. For several days has been talking a little about religion. Fancies she is forsaken by God. Health is very much improved. Contr

27 Yesterday had a hysterical convulsion of short duration but from which she says she suffered severely. In other respects is unchanged.

Octr 11 Very little change on mental state but bodily health is very much improved. Occasionally works a little but often throws aside her work and is very obstinate in refusing to resume it. Delusions still exist & often is seen in tears. Her friends having wished to try change of scene she was to day dismissed

Relieved

Mary Mumnock Ct. From Vol: VII Page 226

1848

May 31 Delusions are unchanged. Very depressed suspicious and retiring. Never employs herself but sits or walks by herself in an abstracted manner and shrinks from all who address her or offer her any service. Health improves. Cont omnia.

June 30 Delusions seem becoming more numerous and are taking stronger hold on her belief. Says she has had many revelations at night of the extent of her sins and that now she is convinced that God left her when she left Barnockburn. Says that the face of all nature has changed, that the millennium has begun and that she alone is excluded from its enjoyments. Fancies that those about her are not the persons they seem and speaks of good or ill luck attending her when the Lady Superintendent wears particular dresses. Health is now tolerably good; Bowels however do not act save after purgative medicine.

July 31 Mind still full of her old delusions. Thinks the officers of the institution have the power of performing miracles and thinks it wicked of them not to perform one to restore her to Barnockburn. Health tolerably good. Never employs herself. Cont omnia

August 31 Visions and delusions continue. Thinks that her fellow patients change their forms and appear different persons at different times. Health keeps good but is still idle. Cont.

Sept 30 No change whatever has occurred either in bodily or mental condition. Occasionally has refused her food on the plea (Hing.) God wicked in her to take it. Health good. Cont.

Octr 31 No change as yet in mental state Health keeps pretty good. Has promised to employ herself provided a pair of suitable spectacles be procured for her. Cont.

Novr 30 Mind seems harassed by her delusions regarding the injuries she has done to the people of Glasgow & Barnockburn. Says she is quite different from every other person and seems very terrified when any attention is shewn her. General health keeps good but occasionally she refuses to take her food. Cont

Admitted January 3: 1848.

1848
Decr 20 Is suffering from slight inflammation of the throat with pyrexial symptoms and a disposition to lie in bed. Delusions are very vivid. Hab. Ol Ricini 3ss.

23 Febrile symptoms have disappeared and throat is now well. Contr

31 For a few days has been employed but refused to work save for herself. Delusions as formerly. Health good

1849
Jany 18 Complaining today of giddiness. Tongue white. Let her be kept in bed and have Ol Ricini 3ss.

21 Has been in bed three days but feels better since bowels were freely moved. Contr

31 Has been up and employed industriously since last report. Is still however full of delusions, suspicions and depressed. Contr.

Feby 28 Varies considerably. At times is very miserable, suspicious, timid and frightful, speaking about her sins and the desolation and ruin she has been the means of committing. At other times she is tolerably composed and inclined to be industrious. General health keeps pretty good. Contr.

March 11 Is in bed today. Says nothing ails her except excessive grief. Delusions continue unchanged and strong as ever. Occasionally employs herself but for the most part is idle. General health is tolerably good. Contr

31 Walks about the very picture of suspicious and distrustful melancholy. Is rather obstinate and will do few things which she is wanted to do such as, putting out her tongue, taking medicine &c. Ideas regarding the ruin and desolation she has brought on her relations and on the people of Barrowburn continue in as great force as ever. Health much as at last report. Contr.

April 30 No change has taken place in delusions and suspicion and distrust continue unabated. Never now employs herself. Says she is "in sair weighed down wi' grief, that she canna do't." Bowels are apt to become torpid and considerable difficulty is experienced in getting her to take medicine. Occasionally a drop of croton oil is given. Contr.

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Mary Kayser Ætat: 29

1848

June 14 Was brought here this evening by an attendant who had been sent for her.
On admission would not speak and refused some tea which was offered to her. Seems in very indifferent health is much emaciated emaciated. Bowels said to be constipated. Iniscat.

15 During the night coughed and spat up some blood and perspired very profusely. This morning is silent and morose, refuses her food and resists everything that is done for her.
Chest sounds clear and equable on percussion and respiratory sounds are quite normal. Bowels have not been opened since admission.
Hat p. r. n. Pil Alterat vj. Hab. indies Vin Xeric 3iv ter in die Oj

16 Catamenia have appeared today. Is very feverish. though took a little food. Continues silent and very suspicious and childish in her manners. Bowels still confined.
Cont omnia.

17 Bowels were freely opened during the night. Behaves in the most childish manner; stands close to the wall of the gallery with her head hanging down and when spoken to simpers & cries and never answers. Takes her food better. Cont omnia

19 Today has expressed herself angry with her brother for having placed her here. Takes her food tolerably well. Is very suspicious & terrified in manner; expression anxious; Cont omnia.

20 Today looks in a state of bewilderment, talks of hearing guns firing and of strange voices addressing her by name. Looks occasionally very frightened, casts very enquiring anxious glances at the medical officer, cries and sobs. Resists everything which is done for her: and has again manifested disinclination for food. Is rather feverish today
H.S. hat haln tepid. Cont alia.

22 During the last two nights has been restless and sleepless but quite quiet
Today is in the airing ground but she will not walk about nor speak to any one. When addressed she averts her head & cries but never answers. Febrile state has passed off. Cont omnia.

Admitted June 14: 1848.

June 27 Is considerably improved: Took her food at table yesterday & today and has been occupying herself with her needle

Is very confused in her ideas; fancies that every look, action and every thing that is done in the House is done against her. Speaks of accusations being brought against her and of plots against her person & her property. Contr.

30 Since last report has given up working and has been getting worse

Asks anxiously "Who brought her here" and "Why was she brought here" Asks "if she has been accused of any crime". Seems to fancy that everything she sees & hears has reference to herself and feels constantly under this suspicion

General health improves slowly

Cont omnia.

July 1 Attended chapel today but sat whimpering and crying in the most childish manner during the entire service, saying she was sure there was some object in it unfavourable to her. Contr.

15 Since last report has behaved much as when last noticed. Thinks her family are in distress, that some of them are concealed in this House and ill treated on her account.

Sometimes speaks of this place being a house of bad repute & of her having been brought here for improper purposes. Frets constantly averts her head & cries when spoken to by the medical officer. General health has improved but little

R.S. hab. o. ii 4to rect. bene. tepid.

25 Saw her sisters today. Behaved very badly, being as distrustful of them as of strangers. Constantly speaking of designs formed against her, of her clothes being stolen and of her food being poisoned. Cannot be persuaded to employ herself in any way; Stands in a corner of the gallery & never changes her position unless forced. With great difficulty is sent out daily to walk, Whimpers and cries during the whole time and also when asked to take food or wine

Health improves but slowly.

Face less pallid. Contr.

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Janet Stewart Ct. From Vol. VII page 78

1848

May 31 Mind quite fatuous. Sits quietly without moving wherever she is placed, never speaks and pays no attention to what is going on around. Cannot assist herself in the least. General health tolerably good. Contr.

June 30 Health and habits continue as when last reported.

July 31 No change has been observed on this patient for a considerable period. Is perfectly helpless both in mind and body. Health pretty good.

August 31 Continues both mentally and bodily as at last report. Contr.

Sept 30 Leading a vegetative life. Requires the same attention as a child but is good that gives no trouble. Contr.

Oct 31 Is in fair bodily health. Never pays any heed to what is passing around her. Contr

Nov 30 As at last report. Contr.

Dec 31 Mind fatuous. Eats on very comfortably with ordinary attention and care. Health pretty good. Contr.

1849

Jany 31 No change has been observed on mental or bodily state since last report. Contr.

Feby 28 Continues the same in all respects as when last reported. Contr.

March 31 Continues in fair bodily health but mind is perfectly fatuous. Is unable to assist herself in the least. Contr.

April 30 Has been out of doors pretty frequently since last report but without producing any change either on health or habits. Mind is quite fatuous. Never speaks and only expression is a vacant stare. Bodily health is tolerably good. Appetite fair. Sleeps well & filthy in her habits, apparently from helplessness. Contr.

May 31 No change whatever has taken place either on mind or body since last report. Continues helpless as ever. Walks out daily. Unable to employ herself in any way. Taciturn and stupid in the extreme. Bodily functions are normal. Contr.

June 30 Continues fatuous and helpless as ever. Never speaks, even when addressed. Sits still, walks out, goes when meals and to bed precisely as directed. General health is unchanged. Bodily functions are normal. Contr omnia.

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1849
July 20 Continues unchanged either mentally or bodily. Is very helpless passing urine in bed and where-ever she is sitting or standing in spite of every attention. Cont.

August 15 In all respects continues the same. Habits very dirty Cont.

Sept 15 Mind factious. General health pretty good. Walks out in the open air but never employs herself in any way & never speaks. Habits dirty. Cont.

Oct 15 Has had several paroxysms of noisy rage since last report but they were of short duration. Mind is very weak. Never speaks and can do almost nothing for herself. Generally wets her bed at night. General health is very good. Bodily functions are normal. Cont.

Nov 15 very little change has been observed since last report. Has been at times somewhat excited, more so than formerly but she is very harmless and gives but little trouble. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

Dec 16 Continues to manifest occasional paroxysms of noisy rage but in all other respects is in her ordinary state. Cont.

1850
March 31 There has been no change of mental or bodily condition since last report - Sweeps and sings occasionally - Has paroxysms of rage - Speaks to herself - Dirty and in her habit - Is docile and easily managed - Sexual health good

June 30. Continues in a state of hopeless imbecility - Takes a great deal of exercise and always enjoys good bodily health -

Sept 30 No change since last report peculiarities in temper habits &c the same as adduced in the foregoing reports.

Dec 31. Is in her usual state both mental and bodily - Is in good bodily health - quite imbecile in mind

1851
March 31 Is in no respect improved in mental state since last report. Is quiet and imbecile - Is incontinent of urine - Bodily health fair -

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Catharine McReadie or Mrs Fleming Ct. 28

1848

July 11 Was brought to the Asylum at an early hour this morning by an attendant who had been sent for her. On admission was slightly intoxicated but at present it has entirely passed off. Face is flushed. Tongue white.

Is somewhat depressed and very abusive of her husband for having sent her back here. Talks perfectly coherently. General health seems to be very good. Thinks herself four months advanced in pregnancy.

Huscat

20 Since admission has at times appeared very depressed but when spoken to is always cheerful and polite. Abuses her husband; blames him for many acts of unkindness; says she never "tasted" more than was good for her and denies ever having been completely intoxicated. Seems to have no affection neither for her husband nor her children. Has been very industrious and always regularly employed. Walks out almost daily Contr.

August 2 Yesterday & today has had several attacks of epistaxis. Has no headache nor complaint of any kind beyond the ordinary ones peculiar to her state. Is very cheerful and industrious. Health perfect.

Hab ter in dies Potas Bitart 3ij

12 Has occasional attacks of headache but it is easily got rid of by external warmth. Contr.

Septr 11 Continues cheerful, industrious and perfectly correct in her conduct. Takes no beer and never shows the slightest craving or wish for stimulants of any kind. Today is complaining of a stretching pain along the crest of the ilium, not increased by pressure but interfering with the motions of right hip joint. Ordinary symptoms of pregnancy continue but cause no annoyance. Abdomen sensibly enlarged. Contr.

Oct 1 Is beginning to complain much of prolonged confinement and expresses herself very anxious that some arrangement be entered into with her husband with a view to her removal. When spoken to on the subject she says her husband is altogether to blame; confesses that she was in the habit of tasting

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but denies having been a drunkard and says she cannot reform that which needs no reformation.

Seems to be determined not to return to her husband and receive no terms from him save a separation & allowance as she knows she never can be happy with him.

Frequently developes in her conversation a total want of principle and disregard to the ordinary precepts of morality.

Health excellent. Pregnancy advances without any bad symptom. Cont

Nov 1 Has gone on in her usual manner, cheerful & always employed. Abuses her husband and continues in the same intention she had when last reported Cont.

15 After many refusals and much abuse she at last accepted her husbands terms. Expresses no penitence for the past & makes no promises for the future.

Abuses her husband, says she cares nothing for him & wishes to separate from him. Makes no concealment of her intention to follow a vicious course for her support should her husband not accede to her wishes.

At her husbands request and with the Physicians permission she was dismissed

Cured

Elizabeth Wilmot or Mrs Wilson Ct. 35

1848
July 14 Was brought here this evening by her husband much against her wish as she considers herself perfectly sane and depressed in spirits only because she ought to be so on account of her manifold and grievous sins. Is very much emaciated but makes no complaint of any kind. No organic affection can be discovered.

Hab to die Infus Cinchon co 3ij
To have daily a pint of porter and nourishing diet.

15 Is very much depressed and looks as if she was suffering from severe bodily pain or as if she were very apprehensive of some impending danger. Talks about her soul; says it is lost for ever and that she can see nothing save on all hands the vengeance of an angry God. says she was a hypocrite; that she had deceived her husband by making believe that she was fit for the duties of a wife and a mother when she was aware that she was quite unfit for either. says she neglected her domestic duties and had led a dreadfully careless life. Burst into tears while speaking and when reasoned with said she could not hope. Has a considerable knowledge of scripture and twists into the support of her own opinions. Cont.

20 Since admission has occupied herself almost constantly with her needle When advised to read generally answers that she cannot as in every book she takes up she sees something which condemns her. Always turns the conversation on religious subjects and her own unworthiness and sins. says that every thing is too good for her and every day implores the medical officer to stop her extra allowances because she says they only increase her sins. says that no physician can do her any good because it is not bodily disease she labours under, that her state is only the consequence of her wickedness. Frequently says with an imploring look "Oh, if I could only hope". Is very retiring and gentle in her manner but when she begins to converse is always very loath to stop. Appearance remains the same. Cont.

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July 21 Is very unwilling to take her food and begs hard to be excused taking luncheon.

Is more depressed silent and reserved. Applies all the threats and denunciations of Scripture to herself says "she cannot hope" & it is "useless to look to God." Says that her silence now is because she formerly talked too much and that she often acted from wrong motives and that indeed she could not recollect ever having performed a single action from a righteous motive. Continues very industrious at her needle. Contr.

30 Has continued much in the same state, though personal appearance has somewhat improved.

Constantly endeavours to avoid taking food saying that it is sinful to take what is unblest by God. Tells the medical officer that he cannot know what is wrong with her; that her body is well and that she suffers alone from the effects of sin against which all the efforts of his art must be for ever unavailing.

Says she is convinced of her utterly hopeless and lost condition, hence her despair. When speaking she always sheds tears and at all times face is anxious & much depressed.

Employs herself very diligently sewing and knitting, sits by herself and never speaks to any one unless addressed. Contr.

August 10 Remains much as at last report only personal appearance seems getting worse. Food has almost to be forced on her. Converses on her usual subjects and in the same strain. Continues industrious but silent and retired as before. Contr.

20 No improvement has taken place either in mental or bodily state.

Reluctance to take food continues apparently from religious delusions.

Is taken out daily to walk but much against her will.

Delusions continue the same but seem to have taken a deeper root than ever, as reasoning with her never produces anything beyond a quotation from Scripture which she fancies supports her views. Continues to occupy herself with her needle. Contr.

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Catharine Isles Ætat: 37

1848
July 15 Has brought here this evening by her relatives, in consequence of having attempted suicide by cutting her throat. Is much depressed; Speaks none seems in a kind of bewilderment and apparently neither hears nor comprehends. Face has a vacant expression. Pulse 100 rather small. Tongue furred. Bowels said to be confined.

Stat hab Pil Sulp j

16 Passed a sleepless and very noisy night. Frequently became highly excited got out of bed danced about her apartment, tore her clothes and disarranged everything on which she could lay her hands. Talks very incoherently and in broken sentences. Expression is more bewildered than yesterday eye seems to be fixed in one position and has a staring aspect. Pulse 120 feeble. Tongue loaded Pills produced no effect. Dressings of neck were undone and wounds found to consist of three slight Scratches from which little blood seems to have been lost.

Rept Pil et S.O.S. injic enema Com.

Abrad Capill capitis.

17 Remained quiet during the night but slept none. Bowels were freely moved. This morning is much sunk Pulse 100 very feeble. Speaks none and seems to have no consciousness of what goes on around. Has to be fed; Swallows with difficulty.

Hab ter die Vin X cric 3ij

18 Bowels have again acted. Is much sunk. Pulse 100 very feeble.

Aug Vin ad 3viij indies. Hab jus bov Oj

19 Somewhat improved in appearance more intelligent & less sunk. Took a little breakfast. Tongue moist and cleaning. Pulse 100 still very feeble.

Cont omnia.

21 Has improved considerably in appearance. Replies to questions coherently but with much hesitation. Says she feels better. Appetite improving Pulse slower and of better strength.

Mitt Vin ad 3iv indies. Cont alia

23 This morning has been very hysterical and has been kept in bed. Talks very incoherently, laughs, sings and frequently screams out. Says "She is innocent

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of the sin laid to her charge": "That the report that she was pregnant by her brother was false"; Refuses both food and wine. Has an agitated tremulous appearance. Bowels are regular. Pulse feeble but slow. Contr

24 Rather more quiet and settled. Contr

25 Quieter in behaviour but very incoherent. Looks distracted and feeble. Takes little food. Contr.

27 Continues more calm and is less incoherent. Is shy, suspicious and distrustful in her manner. Appetite improves and appearances is much better. Contr.

28 Much better; out of bed and employed. Talks coherently on the subject of her illness. Says it was caused by family distress and commenced with a ringing noise in her ears and an irresistible inclination to run and jump about. Has not the slightest recollection of coming here or of the few days which preceded it. Contr.

August 2 Improved much both in flesh and strength but is peevish and depressed. Blames her brothers for bringing her here and says that her illness was merely Constipation produced by a too sedentary life. Occupies herself regularly with her needle and walks out daily. Contr. Mist Vin ad ℥ij indies

10 Much improved in all respects. Has been very industrious and on the whole contented & cheerful. Natural manner seems quiet and retiring. Contr

12 Still improving. Looks occasionally rather depressed but such state seems natural to her. Her brothers having come to remove her she was today discharged

Cured

Isabella McKechnie or Mrs Watson Ct. 57

1868

July 17 Came here this afternoon of her own accord has very much intoxicated and when telling her tale was very pathetic and frequently shed tears. Is very dirty and tattered in her attire. Face puffed up. Eyes red and staring. Begs hard for Stimulants. To be sent to bed and to have a glass of brandy.

18 Slept none and this morning is very tremulous. Is constantly entreating the nurse and lady Superintendent for stimulants. Stole some porter belonging to another patient and made a formidable inroad on the beer can. Complains much of pain in back and stomach and of headache which she says nothing but spirits can relieve. Tongue much loaded Bowels have not been opened since admission. Repts Spir vin Gallic et hab. Pil Purg j

21 For the last two days has been very tremulous, complaining of great debility and constantly craving for stimulants using cunning, supplication and even threats to obtain them. From time to time has been allowed a small quantity. Bowels have been moved freely but tongue is still very foul. Tremulousness continues. Contr.

24 This morning complained of severe abdominal pain and passed a stool in which was observed a small quantity of blood. Craving for stimulants seems increased. Speaks of her propensity as "the will of God", says she cannot help it and does not seem either sorry for it nor ashamed of its consequences.
Hab Stat Pul Salap co 3j
H.S. hab Pulv Doveri gr viij

25 Medicine acted freely. No blood was passed with stools but during the night says she passed a large quantity of blood. Is full of complaints & craves earnestly for stimulants "to strengthen her". Pulse of fair strength. Tongue cleaning & appearance improving. Contr.

27 Craving for stimulants unabated. Complains much of weakness, apparently with the view of obtaining brandy or whisky. Slight tremulousness continues but appearance is improving. Contr.

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August 1 Still feigning every sort of complaint and excuse to obtain stimulants and perseveres in spite of the most decided refusals. Today is up and employed and though still shattered in appearance is much improved. Contr.

7 Again complaining of dysentery and of a bearing down pain in back and abdomen. Still craves for stimulants and has on several occasions helped herself to ale and porter belonging to others. Drinks beer immoderately & shows much fondness for gossip and scandal. Contr.

10 During the night had an attack of vomiting and purging. Awoke the nurse and insisted on getting some brandy. When it was refused she got out of bed and went to the Lady Superintendents' room and demanded brandy. It was refused and she became almost maniacal with rage. Abuses every person for refusing to give her spirits, is full of complaints and says she is dying in consequence. Contr

12 Diarrhea gone. Appearance improved but craving for spirits continues. Shews herself very fond of gossip. Contr

Septr 1 Has been in fair health and regularly employed since last report, but is very fretful and quarrelsome & very selfish and complains of others being shown more attention than is paid to her. Contr.

Octr 1 Continues in fair health and is always busily employed both with hands and tongue. Talks much about religion and wishes to convey the impression of her great goodness. Asks permission to visit some friends in town "good and pious people who will take great care of her." Contr.

10 Went to visit her friends in town yesterday and in the evening returned in a state of great intoxication and in a most wretched bodily plight. Denies having been tipsy. Craves for stimulants and makes numerous complaints. Contr

12 Has recovered her drunken fit but is somewhat tremulous and is anxious to have a glass of whisky "to settle the nerves." Is up and employed. Contr.

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Janet Chalmers or Mrs Clerie Ch. 47.

1848
July 25 Was brought to the Asylum shortly before midnight. Was very noisy and was immediately sent to bed.

26 Slept none during the night. Was alternately singing and praying. This morning is highly excited, talks in the most incoherent strain, strikes at all who approach her and uses the most abominable language. Eyes are red and injected. Expression very maniacal. Tongue much loaded. Bowels have not acted since admission. Stab. stat. Ol. Ricini 3ss.

27 Has been noisy destructive and very filthy since last report. Is full of vermin. Talks still in the most incoherent manner and tries to injure every one who approaches her. Bowels were freely moved.
To have a tepid bath.

30 Catamenia present today. Has continued noisy and filthy as ever. Talks very incoherently and frequently in the most abominable strain.
To be sent to the East House.

31 In consequence of disturbing the galleries so much she was today transferred to the East House, which is her proper place.

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Mary Kayser Ct. 29. From Page 19

1848

August 2 Over right ankle is an erythematous blush, but patient will scarcely submit to have it even looked at. Behaves in the same manner as at last report and cannot be prevailed on to read or sew. General health much in the same state. Foot to be bandaged. Cont. alia.

4 Inflammation on foot subsided but there is no improvement on mental or bodily state. Cont.

12 Continues fretful, silent and very distrustful. Never reads or works and would refuse to take food or walk out unless compelled. Cont.

20 Behaves still in the same suspicious childish manner and generally stands close by the wall of the gallery apart from her fellow patients, never changing her place unless forced to do so.

30 Since last report has been less fretful, answers questions more readily and is more easily managed, but there is still the same distrustful expression and indolence. Seems rather stouter within the last month. Takes her food better but bowels require still the regular administration of purgatives. Cont.

Sept 15 Has continued very indolent since last report. Fancies she does everything wrong and is very distrustful both of herself and others. For several days past has been reproaching herself for having sent her sister to the East Horsley and for allowing her to remain there till she died. General health is improving, but very slowly. Cont. omnia.

30 Health continues slowly to improve. On the whole converses more readily and is less peevish but she is still suspicious and bewildered in manner. Has not yet been persuaded to employ herself. Cont.

Oct 16 Becoming more frank and trusting in her manner. Is not nearly so peevish and seems inclined to associate somewhat with her fellow patients. Is however still very obstinate and shews much reluctance to wash and dress herself. Cont.

24 Within the last two days there has been a marked improvement both in appearance and manner. Converses readily & cheerfully. Says she feels

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much better and hopes she will again be herself. Told today her feelings when she first came here and laughed heartily at the delusions she then experienced regarding everything. Health is much improved. Dresses herself with more care: walks about actively and employs herself with her needle

Oct 31 Improving rapidly and immensely better in personal appearance. Talks rationally and has a considerable fund of conversation. Employs herself industriously and is most obliging. Contr.

Nov. 15 Has gone on well since last report and seems now perfectly restored to health both mental and bodily

Arrangements having been made by her relatives she was today at their request dismissed

Cured

1848
August 7 Was brought here this forenoon by her husband and medical attendant in consequence of having refused all food for a period of sixteen (?) days.

Immediately on her arrival was offered beef tea but not only refused to swallow but attempted to dash the dish out of the hands of the nurse.

Seems to comprehend perfectly though somewhat deaf, but will not answer anything save "No, deed no". A small tube was tried to be passed down the nostril into the oesophagus and stomach but unsuccessfully. After several attempts which seemed to annoy patient excessively she swallowed some beef-tea and wine of her own accord.

Patient is hemiplegic and has been so, it is said, for ten years. There is very strong action of the heart but she will not permit any examination to be made. Emaciated. Feet are oedematous. Breath has an abominably foetid odour.

Pulse is quicker than natural but it is impossible to ascertain its quality. Bowels said to be obstinately confined.

A drop of croton oil when put on tongue.

8 Having continued to refuse food was fed by the usual apparatus both last night and this morning.

Becomes very violent when asked to take food and kicks and bites at every person within reach.

Bowels were freely moved by oil. Appearance is much as yesterday. Sour of bed and occasionally vomits but never operator. Constr.

9 Last night while the attendant was occupied with another patient, went into the pantry and eat up all the remains of the dinner. When seen by the attendant, expressed by signs great disgust at the process of feeding her by the nostril tube and implied that in future she intended to take her food herself. Today made a hearty breakfast, is looking much better and breath is almost entirely free of foetid odour. Slept well during the night. Feet much swollen and seem daily becoming worse. Will not permit any examination of chest.

Feet and legs to be bandaged.

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August 12 Is considerably improved in personal appearance. Facial colour of health gone. Is up during the entire day reads and hobbles about from place to place. Speaks none save "No, deed no" but seems to understand perfectly when loudly spoken to for she expresses affirmation by a nod and smiles benignantly when pleased.

Resists every thing which is done for her. Neither shows her tongue nor permits any examination whatever to be made not even her pulse to be felt. Feet & legs becoming daily larger. Bowels act naturally. Stat be die, Spir. Æther Nitric ℥j Cont alia

13 Refused obstinately to take the Spirits of Nitre and also her food. Is in bed today, points when stomach as if she had pain there. Epigastrium is distended as if by flatus. There is slight dyspnœa and lips are rather livid. Is very cross. Strikes all who approach. Œdema has extended to thighs.

16 A small powder of digitalis and squill was given her on several occasions since last report but she began to suspect the administration of medicine with her food and always afterwards watched the nurse so closely that it could not be given. Has been very tricky and mischievous since last report. In all other respects seems getting worse daily Cont.

21 Was very restless during the night. Stomach is full and hard. Is very sulky and tricky and will not permit anything to be done for her. Cont

27 Since last report has remained in the same state till this forenoon when she had an attack of dyspnœa during which she could rest only in a sitting posture. Face became quite livid. Fit passed off quickly but was succeeded by great exhaustion.

Is in very good humour and permitted the medical officer to examine her chest. Impulse of heart is very strong. A loud bellows murmur is heard in place of the first and obscuring the second sound. Pulse 80. irregular. Cont

29 Her friends having been informed that patient would probably die suddenly came today to have her removed. She was accordingly. Dismissed.

Sept 1 Died at home this morning.

1848
Sept 1 Taking her food more willingly, but in small quantity. Is not improved either mentally or bodily. Conversation as before. Feels "miserable" and expression truly so. Cont.

10 Is again averse to taking her food. Says it is a snare of the devil to involve her still deeper in sin and that in consequence her punishment will be augmented.

Converses much on the doctrinal questions about election assurance grace &c in her usual manner.

For some days has been talking more than usual of her husband and children but never alludes to them without bursting into tears and blaming herself for the hypocritical part she played to Mr Wilson in inducing him to believe that she was qualified to be his wife and the mother of his children. Repines at being detained here and frequently says she is convinced her sin would be less if she were to be in lodgings and obliged to support herself.

Is still very thin and pallid but makes no special complaint.

Cont.

20 Disinclination to take food continues. Says hard to be exempted from "a portion at least" of her allowance. Says it is bitterness to her soul from the great sin she is committing. Says she likes food well, that she even dreams of it and that on this account her sin is the greater. Today quoted a text from Scripture to prove that butter and eggs were forbidden by God to sinners like her.

Says her heart is hardened so that she cannot pray nor place her dependence upon God and that under such circumstances it is wrong in her to prolong her life as thereby she is entailing greater misery on her children. Says she first became aware of the extent of her iniquity after having attended a meeting of "pious mothers" and having seen the difference between those who conducted the services and herself.

Today she has been more than

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usually depressed apparently from having been told that her husband was coming twice her shortly, as she expressed herself to have a sort of horror at again seeing him, and of going again to a home of which she is so unworthy. Contr.

Oct 1 No change whatever either in bodily or mental state. Continues industrious with her needle but never employs herself in any other manner. Still remains loath to take her food. Contr.

8 Today her husband arrived and was received with every token of the liveliest affection. Appeared quite cheerful spoke of her children her home and her friends and even with some hope of herself. Walked out with her husband, mentioned with gratitude the efforts which had been made for her recovery, and showed herself very grateful for the kindness she had received. When he went away she again became depressed but not nearly to the same extent as before.

Her husband having stated his intention to remove her, she looks forward to going home apparently with pleasure. Contr.

12 Has been by turns cheerful and dull since last report. Has taken her food well and has been much more sociable than formerly.

Speaks generally with pleasure of her approaching removal but sometimes she said "she doubted if she were worthy of being treated with so much kindness!"

Her husband having come to remove her, she was accordingly

Dismissed

1850 **Re-admitted 19th April 1850**

19 April. Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband—

On admission is very much depressed and despondent. Refuses her food saying that it has been a stumbling-block to her & would damn herself if not fed. Her bowels are costive—Catamenia have not appeared for two years—

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Agnes Mchesgie or Mrs Turner Ct. 28

1848

August 8 Was brought here this afternoon by her brother. Seems very much depressed and very timid and retiring. Says that she always felt herself quite unfit for the management of her household affairs and that she often felt a strong impulse to destroy both her children & herself. General health seems very good. Discont

9 Last night requested permission to attend the evening party in the drawing room. Seemed to enjoy herself exceedingly and told the Lady Superintendent that she had never felt either happy or comfortable since leaving Carthaval till now that she was back again. Has begun to employ herself but does not seem to take any interest in it as she often sits in a listless stupid state half unconscious apparently of what is going on. Smiles and simpers when the medical officer addresses her, turns away her head and frequently does not answer anything. Contr.

12 For the last two days has been very much depressed suspicious and seemed as if constantly on the watch for something. Today Catamenia have appeared, first occasion for five months.

Hab Pil Purg xij. Sum j p.r.n.

30 Since last report has been cheerful but quiet and retiring. Has been tolerably constantly employed. General health very good. Contr.

Sept 10 Catamenia present today. Seems less retiring and more cheerful. Contr.

Oct 1 Since last report has continued tolerably industrious and on the whole is less timid in her manner.

Has no care for the future. Never seems to think of her children and when spoken to of them she says she is quite unfit to do any service to them and that she should never have been a mother. Goes through her work in a mechanical kind of manner generally does what is set before her seems to have neither inclination nor ability to commence a new piece or deviate out of the beaten track.

General health continues excellent.

Contr

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Oct 25 Catamenia present. Is somewhat more listless and indolent. Contr.

Nov 12 Was informed today that arrangements were being made to send her home shortly and seemed quite cheered by the news but almost immediately began to express her fears regarding her ability to manage her house & her children. Since last report has been tolerably industrious and her thoughts seem cheerful at times but her prevailing thoughts are gloomy and seem to deprive her of the power of exerting herself. Bodily health is very good; functions regular. Contr.

28 Her brother having come for the purpose of removing her, she was this afternoon dismissed

Relieved

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1848
June 20 Still in partial seclusion. Attack is of its usual character. Health is tolerably good. Contr.

30 Beginning to get settled and is complaining somewhat of exhaustion. Appetite is bad: Bowels slow. Contr p. r. n Pil Purg.

July 10 Has been much depressed ever since last report and has taken but very little food. Inclines to lie in bed and will not speak.

31 Since last report has been occasionally rather excited and restless but has chiefly exhibited her ordinary retired depressed manner. Takes her food better. Health tolerably good. Contr.

August 31 Occasionally restless and excited inclined to be mischievous and destructive. At such times requires constant watching. In the intervals between the paroxysms is quiet and depressed. Health keeps pretty good. Contr.

Sept 30 For about a week has continued restless, mischievous and destructive and has been kept by herself. Talks incessantly in the most incoherent strain and every now and then laughs most immoderately. Health tolerably good.

Oct 31 Since last report has been very variable but is in good health and requires only strict watching. Contr

Nov 7 Has again become mischievous and destructive and has been placed in partial seclusion.

30 Has continued unsettled and has been in seclusion since last report. Attack has been of its usual character. Contr.

Dec 15 Is still maniacal. Health has not suffered any. Contr.

23 Is more composed and seems about to get composed. Contr

31 Continues quiet and manageable and has been more cheerful than usual for some days. Contr.

1849
Jany 28 Has continued quiet and well since last report till today when she began to complain of flying pains about back and limbs. Tongue clean. Hab Pil Purg j. H.S. descend. in balm. tepid.

29 Is better today. Perspired profusely and bowels were freely moved. Contr.

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Feby 28 Continues free from her paroxysms but for several days has been very taciturn and retiring. General health tolerably good. Never employs herself. Contr.

March 1 Maniacal paroxysm has again returned. Symptoms exactly as before. Let her be placed by herself.

20 Continues mischievous, destructive filthy and incoherent. No particular physical disturbance can be detected. When very destructive is placed in seclusion, but at other times is allowed to run about the gallery. Contr

31 Still maniacal. Does not seem to have suffered from her attack. Takes her food well. Remains quiet during the night but has slept but little for some time. Contr.

April 14 Has passed the destructive stage and is now dressed and sporting about, playful in the extreme, sometimes mischievous. General health is tolerably good. Contr

30 Has kept in much the same state as when last reported. Is almost daily in the open air. Appetite and sleep are pretty natural. Contr.

May 31 Gradually quieted down shortly after last report and has been very depressed, retiring and taciturn. Never speaks but acknowledges being addressed by a slight inclination of the head. Eats and sleeps well and General health is tolerably good. Contr.

June 20 Continued depressed till today. Paroxysm of mischievous excitement has again set in and she has begun to meddle with every body & every thing laughs incessantly and seems quite happy. Let her be watched.

30 Paroxysm has continued and patient has been partially secluded for several days as it was quite impossible to keep her out of mischief. General health is unchanged. Contr.

July 20 Continued mischievous and restless till within the last two days is now quieter and more composed, keeping at rest and scarcely speaking. General health is pretty good. Contr

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Ann Gardner or Mrs Mack At 30

1848
August 17 Was brought here today by her husband and medical adviser and immediately thereafter retired to bed, begging at the same time of the medical officer to examine her carefully, "for it was quite a mistake to suppose that she was insane". Says she is labouring under bodily disease and that she is rapidly approaching the grave and adds that it was cruel of her husband to remove her from her children and her home to die among strangers

Says that she suffers from severe and constant pain in chest and that during each act of respiration "she shakes all over" and that "her lungs 'swell' up and down between her head & heart". Says she feels each inspiration coming from the crown of her head. Looks in indifferent healthe, is pallid but not emaciated. Pulse is of natural frequency and of fair strength but it became much quicker while patient was being spoken to.

Respiration is calm and easy. Respiratory & Cardiac sounds as far as can be ascertained are quite normal. Tongue clean. Bowels said to be regular. Appetite said to be entirely gone. Does eat.

18 Is in bed this morning. Says she is unable to get up "as she is sinking very fast". Says it is quite impossible she can ever see another day.

Entreats the medical officer to examine her carefully, not to be contented with looks, for these are not to be trusted, but to find out her 'trouble' and send her home to die beside her children. Very abusive of her husband and medical adviser for having brought her here. Says, that medical men are very ignorant for that no one could find out her 'trouble'. Speaks much about the welfare of her soul and is very anxious to see the Chaplain and be prepared by him for her approaching dissolution

Did not take her food well yesterday nor this morning. Begs for 'dainties' to which she seems to have been accustomed.

To have a pint of porter daily.

20 Yesterday attended chapel. Today is in bed. Says "she is wearin awa

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very fast". Entreats the medical officer to send for her husband, that he may see her ere she dies and uses every kind of persuasive to induce him to comply. When told that she is not quite so near death as she imagines she shows a kind of pity for the medical officer's opinion, asks him "if he thinks, she would tell him a thing that was not true", and then blames him for his cruelty. To be taken out of bed. Contr

25 Has been out of bed daily since last report but has lain stretched on a sofa in the Gallery. Says every morning to the medical offr. "I'm weaning awa very fast" Says that we will all discover the truth of her statements when too late and that we will all be sorry for what we have done. Contr

Sept 1 As at last report. Talks much about religion, her death and the cruel treatment she has experienced. Contr.

12 In all respects the same. Has been obliged to sit on a chair when indoors and has several times been sent to walk about the airing ground. Is very discontented and abusive, fond of scandal and of retailing it. Delusions the same. Rails at the medical officer for keeping "a dying woman" out of her bed. Tells him that he is responsible for all the consequences and that it now being too late to send for her husband he will be in a very awkward position. Always bursts into tears and gets up a scene with the medical officer and Lady Superintendent. Does nothing but whine during the entire day Face pallid. Expression pitiful. Pulse generally natural, but always rises in frequency when patient is spoken to. Takes her food well. No observable functional disturbance Contr.

25 Continues as at last report. Weeps bitterly at being obliged to go out to the open air and is very abusive. Acknowledges no benefit from treatment. Is always "to be dead next day" Put a paper into the hands of the

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Helen Adamson Aet: 27

1848
August 20 Was brought to the Asylum at a late hour this evening in consequence of having this afternoon pursued her mother with a knife and with threats of mischief.

On admission is perfectly quiet and self possessed and seems ready to make herself quite at home.

At the request of her relatives and medical attendant her own servant was allowed to remain with her till morning. Jones cat.

21 Passed a quiet night and is reported to have slept well.

Has been employed with her needle has been practising on the piano and has been walking out in the open air. Jones cat.

23 Is very discontented and peevish today. Abuses her relatives for having sent her here among lunatics. Says she is perfectly sane and that her complaint is merely nervous. When spoken to on the subject says she has no feelings of love or affection, that all her relatives are bad and that she cannot respect them. Says she was born with revengeful passions and that if God had made her so, she could not help acting in the manner she did. Pulse 90. Face has an excited expression. Complains much of pain in epigastrium.

Ht. Nat. Pil. Purg ij

24 Was very restless during the night. Got up several times and knocked on her bedroom door with great violence. Scolded every one and kicked and struck at all who came within her reach. Is somewhat quieter at present. Says "she thinks she has a pain in her stomach." Contr.

25 Very sorry this morning for the manner in which she has behaved, but continues to abuse her mother and sisters for having sent her here. Says her mother is foolish and hypocritical and that she has no respect for her, and adds that she feels it is her duty to rid the world of her. Says she is resolved to make her escape from this place as she cannot bear to be controlled by her own sex. Says her means have been taken from her but that she will support herself as a governess.

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Complains of pain in epigastrium
Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Pulse &
of good strength. Appl. Linap. epigastr. Contr.

August 26 Without any apparent premeditation
snatched a knife from the breakfast table
today, threw herself violently on the
nurse and attempted to stab her.
On being deprived of the weapon she
struck kicked, scratched and bit so
much that she could scarcely be
overpowered by three nurses. When
the medical officer arrived she was
lying on the floor abusing in the
strongest language all and sundry.
Was trembling violently and face
was pallid with rage. Threatened
"to do for some one yet! When remov-
-ed to another apartment she became
more calm and justified herself by
saying she could not help what she
had done and said that "God could
not have disapproved else he would
have struck her dead! Expression
was very malignant. Skin was cool
and pulse natural.
To be kept in seclusion.

27 Has had several paroxysms of
rage since yesterday. Is rather calm-
-er today but very abusive towards her
relatives, telling all her family affairs
and justifying herself by wrongly con-
-struing their motives. Seems to have
an inveterate dislike to her mother
and always expresses herself in strong
terms when speaking of her. Says
she was born with malignant pass-
-ions and vindictive feelings and
that they grew up with her. Uses
all sorts of oaths in her maledictions
and frequently highly indecorous
language. Contr.

28 Rather quieter today. Has been
chanting all morning a sort of
rhyming invective against her mother
When addressed by the medical
officers was quiet and retiring.
Complains much of pain in her
chest. Rept Sinapisms. Contr alia

29 Yesterday afternoon had an inter-
-view with her sisters and behaved
in the calmest manner possible.
Made no complaint save of her
health. Was quiet during the night
and today is agreeable but complains
of fatigue and wishes to remain in
bed. Bowels confined. Hab Pil. Purg ij

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Helen Adamson Æt: 27 From Page 32

1848
Sept 4 Has remained on the whole tolerably quiet and manageable since last report, but occasionally she has a paroxysm of rage and abuse. Sometimes is cheerful, conversible and amiable and at other times without apparent reason gets stormy and abusive. Contr.

5 Awoke the nurse at 5 O'clock this morning and ordered her to bring a cab for that she was determined to stay here no longer. On being refused commenced tossing about the furniture of her room and making much noise. Abusive and vowing vengeance on all. Says it would afford her "joy unspeakable to get a knife and rid the world of all black-hearted wretches." Is in bed at present but is quite quiet. On being spoken to touching her conduct says as usual she could not help it. Contr.

7 After having been tolerably quiet yesterday began again this morning in the usual boisterous manner.

Runs about trying to lay hold of a knife, or a pair of scissors, or "anything with which she might do mischief."

Talks in a dreadfully abusive strain of her relatives and the manner in which they have thwarted her. Conversation betrays a large amount of vanity especially of her mental powers. Contr.

11 Has been tolerably quiet and cheerful since last report and in conversation has spoken of her character and feelings. Says she is prone to suspect every one and frequently has impulses to hurt and destroy, and that unless she has constant variety and excitement, these are apt to be acted on.

Attributes all her misconduct to nervousness: says she "merely gets excited," that she is not insane. This morning is in bed weeping and complaining of pain in her chest. Rept Sinap. epig. &c. Contr.

14 Has been petulant and excitable at times but on the whole well behaved since last report till today, when she began to scold and rave about everything which stood in her way. Insisting on being allowed to go home. Again complaining of pain in chest. Rept sinapism. Contr alien

15 Has had another morning of rage and violence similar to her former paroxysms. Abusive of every person. Satirical on the subject of religion, its doctrines and its professors. Expresses a feeling of blood-

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this business and seems sometimes to gloat over even the bare idea of taking away life. Says every person is a demon save herself alone and she would be quite justified in taking away life. Contr.

Sept 16 Has continued noisy since yesterday. Today is rather hysterical; Skin hot and Pulse quicker than natural. Contr.

Rx descend in balm tepid.

19 Has been quiet since last report till this morning when she had another paroxysm, but of short duration and trifling severity. Contr

22 Has been very amiable for the last two days, expresses sorrow for the scenes she had got up and promises amendment for the future. General health has not improved much as yet: pallor of face continuing. Contr

23 Commenced a fresh disturbance this morning. Is very noisy and abusive, using the coarsest language. Attempts to injure all within her reach and - what she never did on any previous occasion - tried to strike the medical officers. Says "she wishes she could kill some one as she forms in her idea of murder & dead bodies. Is more noisy and violent on this than on any previous occasion. Contr

To have a shower bath and be put into seclusion.

24 Continues as last report.

Repeat the shower bath.

25 Catamenia have appeared today but in small quantity. Is fully as violent and abusive. Contr.

26 Yesterday afternoon was placed in a darkened room and ever since has been quieter. At present is very penitent begs to be removed to her former gallery and promises to behave better for the future. Contr.

27 Was quiet during the night but today is as excitable and noisy as ever. Constantly expresses her dislike to her relatives and her desire to destroy her mother. Contr

Octr 1 During the last two days has been quiet and amiable. Says she sees "scenes will not do" and she will therefore try and amend. Makes no complaint and is occupied regularly at her needle and with music.

Stat ter die

Rufus Cuchon Co ℥j Contr alia.

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Grace Donald Aet. 30

1848
September 4 Was brought here this forenoon by her relatives who states that patient believes the Asylum to be the Castlecary station of the Edinburgh and Glasgow railway.
Will not speak when questioned and only drawls out from time to time "My Father" "Take me to my parents!"
Is very stout and robust in appearance. Face has a heavy, imbecile expression. Pulse natural Tongue cannot be seen. Bowels said to be confined. On right hand there is a small excoriation apparently the result of a recent burn.
Hand to be dressed. Lues cat.

6 Has been very restless since admission. Goes about the gallery with her head leaning forward & her back bent, at a very lazy rate and tries to get out at some of the doors. When taken from any door she attempts to open she resists violently. Face has a slightly anxious fretful expression
Speaks none, save 'sotto voce' of her parents, and does not seem to understand, at least she never answers or obeys. Bowels have acted, but not freely.
Over neck and back is a papular eruption at which patient seems to have been scratching. Hab. p.r.n. Pil Purg. To have a shower-bath every second morning and to be sent into the airing ground daily.

10 Passes sleepless and noisy nights knocks violently on the door of her bedroom and begs to be taken to her parents. Expression very stupid and anxious. Seldom answers nor obeys when spoken to. Moves about lazily with a slouching gait and mind as if impelled by some power other than her own volition. Speaks of her "parents" with a petulant anxiety. Is very difficult to manage from her great strength and the opposition she offers to all that is done to her. Bowels act freely after purgative medicine. Contr. omnia.

15 Has been rather quieter but as stupid as ever both in appearance & actions.

20 Is quiet and noisy by turns. Sleeps little and when put to bed almost immediately leaves it and commences knocking violently on the door of her apart-

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-ment. Offers a powerful but passive resistance to every thing that is done for her such as putting her into or taking her out of her room, washing dressing and the like. Expression continues stupid and seems more than ever fretful. Never replies to the medical officer and neither the Lady Superintendent nor the nurse are able to extract from her more than "Take me straight to Greenock" "Take me to my parents". Bowels continue to act freely after taking the pills. Appetite is voracious. Cont. omnia

Oct. 1 Since last report is on the whole somewhat quieter but still very stupid and slow seems to comprehend but little of what is said to her and her only reply is a request to be taken straight to Greenock to her parents

10 Has been noisy, restless and stupid. During the last day or two has exhibited an appearance of being frightened at the sight of a man and seems to dread liberties being taken with her person. Has been very destructive of her clothes, putting them in her mouth, biting holes in them with her teeth and tearing them into rags Cont.

18 Is considerably quieter today and expression is more calm and intelligent Is employed in mending her clothes, the first time she has been prevailed on to occupy herself since admission. Does not answer when addressed but seems to comprehend better what is said to her. Cont.

25 Improvement observed when last reported continued only for a single day. Is again as noisy and stupid in appearance as ever. Careless of her personal appearance and very destructive and filthy in her habits Has a most voracious appetite; eats every particle of food on which she can lay her hands and seems as if eating her clothes when she cannot obtain food. Cont.

Nov. 1 Has been quieter during the night and seems now to sleep tolerably well. Is less stupid in expression but very slow and uncertain in all her movements. Never enters into conversation and indeed never says anything more than "take me to Greenock, to my parents". Cont.

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Margaret Muirhead or Mrs Henderson Ad: 24

1848
Sept 13 Was brought to the Asylum by her husband at a late hour this evening. She very much sunk in appearance and is so feeble that she cannot comprehend. Is much emaciated and very cachetic. Pulse 120 small and feeble. Was confined of a baby about four months ago and has never since been well. To have hot pans to surface. Hab: stat. Vin X cric 3ij

14 Was very restless during the night and is reported to have had several 'nervous' attacks this morning. At present is sunk in bed; eyes are half-closed and lower jaw sunk down; respiration is laboured and there is a slight tracheal rattle: Pulse is so small as scarcely to be felt; Heart's impulse is gone and sounds are very faint: Surface is cold and over back and on limbs are petechial spots. Cannot swallow and from mouth there oozes constantly a glutinous saliva. During the night had several glasses of wine. Bowels have not been moved. Some hot brandy and water to be thrown into stomach by the nostril tube. Hot applications to surface to be renewed. Sinapisms to be placed on calves of legs and to have a turpentine enema.

Vesp: Orders given in the morning were implicitly obeyed and in the course of an hour patient rallied. Recovered the power of swallowing and took bottle beef tea and wine. Cont enemia. Aug Vin ad 3 viij indies To have beef tea. Abrad. Capill. Capit et Appl. vesic. occipit. et nuchae.

15 Has rallied completely and now seems much stronger. Expression more intelligent. Takes her beef tea and wine. Heat of surface returned. Pulse 120 & better strength. Blister rose only slightly on neck. Bowels were opened freely by enema. Cont.

16 Has very restless during the night but today is stronger and more intelligent. Speaks none and seems to comprehend but little. Bowels have not again been opened. Cont.

18 Has improved considerably. Pulse 100 stronger. Takes her food and wine. Is little restless and messy. Bowels confined. Repr enema domestic.

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Sept 22. Considerably improved in all respects. Comprehends when addressed and replies to questions. When not spoken to looks stupid and absent and is restless and inclined to be destructive. Takes her food well. Pulse is of natural rapidity and of fair strength. On right haunch is a small slough with inflamed edges.

Sore to be bathed frequently with tepid water. Mist Vin ad 3 iv in dies. Continue

25 Improving in health but remains stupid and restless, speaking but little and with hesitation. Slough is separated and granulations are looking healthy. Contr

30 Has gained flesh and is considerably stronger. Continues stupid and restless though not destructive as before. Sleeps well at night and never makes any noise. Omitt Vin. Contr alia

Octr 1 Today is up and walking about seems feeble when in the erect posture. Is still stupid and absent in expression and manner and never enters into conversation. Health improves rapidly. Contr.

6 Her husband says he is unable to pay longer for her and wishes to have her removed. Continues improving in bodily health but is still stupid and absent.

Dismissed Relieved

Lillias Gray or Mrs M Donald Ct. 45

1848
Sept 13 Has brought here this forenoon by two attendants who had been sent for her. Considerable difficulty was experienced in having her conveyed here from the state of intoxication in which she is and in which it is said she has been for some time past. On admission was sent to bed.

14 This morning is stupid and tremulous with great craving for stimulants. Tongue very foul.
Hab stat Pil. Purg j

16 Is well and out of bed. Very angry with her husband for having sent her here: Denies having been a drunkard and never having been guilty of misconduct. Has commenced to be industrious, saying that since she has been sent here she will endeavour to make the most of it. Cont.

Octr 1 Has been very industrious in her habits and perfectly correct in her behaviour. Health good. Cont.

31 Continues in good health, very industrious in her habits, quiet and retiring in her manner and most exemplary in her conduct. There is evidently however an immense amount of mischief, malice and energy, expressed in her eye and there are only dormant because there is here no scope for their exercise.

Novr 30 No change whatever has taken place since last report, either on health habits or manner.

Decr 30 At her husbands request was today dismissed

Cured

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1850
Octr. 9. Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband in a state of intoxication. Was very unwilling to enter the gallery and in the evening refused to go to bed - After some time she was induced to go to bed and passed a restless night -

10. Is sick & restless this morning: is vomiting Hab. Pulv Sudorif. ℔
Sp Vini Gallici ʒj.

11. Is still restless and sick - Sleep little during the night. Hab. h. s.
Tr opii ʒj. Ex Hyoscyam ʒij.

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1850
Oct 31 Is now quite recovered from the effects of intoxication - Is quiet and industrious in her habits -

Nov 30. Is in good bodily health - Is quiet and industrious - gives little trouble -

Dec 31. Is in all respects as reported above Employs herself in Sewing -

1851
Jany 31. Is in good bodily health - and no change in any respect has occurred since last report.

March 30 - Has continued in her usual state quiet and industrious since last report.

May 31 - Is healthy and getting stout in body occupations and habits are as before reported.

July 8. Being now quite well and arrangement having been made for her removal she was this day discharged

Cured

Jessie Kirkaldy Ct. 26. From page 12

1879
August 5 Has been complaining of toothache with some facial neuralgia, & today had two carious teeth extracted. Teeth were very large and strongly attached, but she bore the operation well

7 Complaining a good deal of her mouth. A portion of the gum has been injured and is rather inflamed. Tongue & mouth foul.

10 Gums are still very painful. There is some suppuration about the cavity from whence a molar tooth was extracted. Ordered Solut Borac.

31 Mouth is now quite well and has no complaint of toothache now.

For some time past has been rather depressed, retiring in her manner and very little inclined for conversation. Says it is the prospect of going home which makes her so: that she is now attached to the officers and several of the patients in the Asylum and that it will cost her a pang to leave them. Says she has no happiness to expect; that her home is a gloomy one and that her opinions on all subjects and especially on religious matters clash much with those of her parents.

Has no positive delusions now, but her notions are very peculiar and are all founded on a mode of reasoning or interpretation of her own. Reasons with great acuteness and shows that she has thought well on most of the subjects of which she speaks.

General health is now very fair. Catamenia are still however rather irregular. Contr.

Sept 11 Saw her stepmother yesterday and ever since has been more cheerful as she had been assured that her home would be more comfortable than she had been anticipating. Up till yesterday however had been getting daily more & more depressed, was retiring and very thoughtful. Spoke much of her disease and the terrible consequences it entailed on her. Left off her occupations, shunned all amusements and would not even go out to walk. Contr.

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Sept 16 Has been less melancholy since last report but is still rather dull and inactive. Speaks despondingly of herself and fears her existence must now be a blank. Hope is easily inspired however and a short cheerful conversation almost immediately elevates her spirits and doubtless when she leaves the change will be beneficial.

21 Preparations having been made she was today at the request of her Father and with the sanction of the Physician dismissed

Cured

Mary Baird or Mrs Duff Æt. 33.

1848

Sept 18 Was brought here this morning in a highly excited state, talking incessantly in the most incoherent manner and sometimes in a very loud tone. Seems good humoured but occasionally cries out and sobs.

Says she saw her Father here eight hundred years ago and that he has been in hell ever since, but as she is now Queen of Heaven she will rescue him from torment. Calls her fellow patients by certain names and addresses them as if they were her friends and acquaintances. Names the medical officer 'Charles Baird' – the name of a cousin who was drowned a few days prior to commencement of illness.

Seems in fair bodily health. Pulse 84 of good strength.

Over right submaxillary gland is an encysted tumour as large as a pullets egg and said to have existed since patients' childhood. Lenitive.

19 Was very noisy and slept none during the night. Talks incessantly, curses and swears and frequently shrieks at the very top of her voice. Is unwilling to take her food. Bowels have not been opened since admission.

Mist. p. r. n. Pil Purg j

20 Bowels were freely moved by pills. Delusions on all subjects continue. Is very noisy during the night. Cont.

21 Till last night has continued very noisy and has had but little sleep. Bowels act freely after purgative medicine. Delusions abound. Is occasionally very destructive. To have a tepid bath. Cont. alia.

26 Has been much quieter during the last two days, sleeps at night and today is employed at her needle. Continues very incoherent and persists in calling those around her by the names she first gave them. Is very good humoured & behaved well to her husband and daughter when they called on her today but was very rambling in her conversation.

Expression is heavy. Eyes roll lazily about and eyelids droop. Pulse is of natural strength and frequency. Tongue white. Appetite improving. Bowels require the regular administration of purgatives.

Oct 1 Began again to get noisy and sleeps none during the night. Old delusions abound. Says her teeth have all been taken out with hot irons and that she

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has got five new ones
Hab. com. tolu. frigid. Contr alien

Octr 5 Has continued very noisy and highly excited though good natured since last report. Shower bath seems to produce but little effect. Appearance and delusions continue the same. Contr

10 Continues noisy as ever and has been more destructive and filthy. Strikes and torments her fellow patients whenever she has the opportunity. Contr.

15 Continues precisely in the same state as when last reported. Today expression is more than usually heavy; eyes are slightly injected, head droops and hands are frequently pressed on forehead. Makes no complaint; says she has no headache. Habstat. Pil Ol Croton ;
H.S. hab tolu tepid. Contr alien

18 Has been rather more quiet but very incoherent since last report. Today is very playful; runs about the gallery saying she is a monkey. Says she has made three little dogs and six wax dolls this morning all to save her poor having her head cut off by robbers sent for that purpose by her husband. Contr

19 Is much quieter today and is out in the airing ground. Talks still very incoherently. Says her husband drove her mad by making her jealous. Appearance improved. Expression still heavy. Contr.

21 Is again as excited and noisy as ever. Constantly talking of her old delusions. Frequently takes off her clothes and proceeds to tear them to pieces whenever she can escape the attention of the nurse. When spoken to is good humoured but very incoherent. Contr.

24 Complaining of headache today. Expression continues heavy. Bowels are regular. Tongue clean. Contr.

31 Continues much in the state mentioned at last report. Is very mischievous and among other things is very fond of throwing every thing within reach into the bath and also of tormenting the nurses & her fellow patients if they are near her & of their guard. Is very incoherent and at night, noisy. Appearance improved. Contr.

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Elizabeth Tyse or Mrs Green Ætat 37

1848

Sept 21 Was brought here this evening in a highly excited state, very noisy and incoherent. When spoken to shrinks back as if in great trepidation; calls all around her by some name and entreats that no harm be done to her. Expression very maniacal. Hair has been removed prior to admission. Inunct

22 Was very noisy during the night & this morning continues very highly excited, raving in the most incoherent manner, getting out of bed, running about the room, crouching in corners and when spoken to, gathering herself into strange attitudes and seeming very terrified. Expression maniacal. Skin cool. Pulse natural in frequency but small. Bowels were opened freely during the night. Contr.

24 Has been slightly quieter since last report but is still very incoherent, distrustful and frightened. Talks incessantly of her husband and acquaintances. Expression somewhat less wild. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Hab indies jus bovin. Oj

26 This morning is much improved & is up out of bed. Was much quieter during the night and is reported to have slept well. Still talks incoherently, calling the medical officer her brother and telling him not to play off any tricks upon her. Has a name for each of the attendants and her fellow patients. Is gentle and playful in her disposition and not at all difficult to manage. Appearance improves and expression is now nearly natural. Contr omnia. Hab. clistum indies Vin. X eric. Zij

28 Has been somewhat depressed since yesterday but is much more rational in her conversation. Has several delusions about her husband and child — which was born only a week before admission — says the infant was not human but was a young foal. Health improves rapidly; weakness the only complaint. Contr omnia.

Octr 1 Has again become cheerful and has taken to employment. Yesterday saw her husband received him affectionately and behaved very well. Today attended chapel. Complains much of weakness and of a loss of

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bearing down in her back and abdo-
-men. Gave the history of her com-
-pinement and of her illness. Was
pregnant for the first time and suf-
-fered severely from the usual symp-
-toms. A short while before being
confined she was walking through
a field in which a mare and foal
were graying; the foal had gallop-
-ed in her direction and frightened her
so much that she never could
drive it from her thoughts waking or
sleeping. When her baby was born
she fancied it was a foal and was
so much excited by this thought that
she became ill and from that
time till a day or two ago she re-
-members nothing.

Health improves rapidly. Conver-
-sation is perfectly coherent. Is quiet
in her manners and behaves well.

Oct 2 Last night is reported to have
been noisy. Admits having slept
none but says she remained per-
-fectly quiet. Improves apace.
Occupies herself regularly with her
needle. Contr.

5 Continues to improve. Is be-
-ginning to get anxious about her re-
-moval but is easily contented by
the assurance that it is better to
be quite strong before being dismiss-
-ed. Contr.

10 Complaining of flatulence.
Says she feels perfectly well and as
strong as she ever was. Conversa-
-tion is perfectly rational. Contr

12 Her husband having come to re-
-move her, she was today dismiss-
-ed

Cured

Mrs Mack Ch. 30 From Pag. 31

1848

Lady Superintendent today. It was found to contain the following verses

" O there is none to pity me
Or think upon my pain
And all through the mistaken views
Of cruel Doctor Bain
He looks at me and tauntingly
Says to me with a sneer
You have been making this ado
And humbug for a year.

But if he knew what I endure
In body and in mind
He'd rather try to comfort me
And use me very kind.
But I must stop and bid you all
A long and last farewell
You'll think on what I've said to you
When I'm not here to tell.

O Doctor Bain, I'm sure you'll say
When I am dead & gone
You should have taken my advice
And word before your own
I'm sure you'll say I've been ill used
And treated very bad
And all for telling of the truth
And feelings which I had.

When going through the gallery
And looking everywhere
I'm sure you'll think of Mrs Mack
And what she suffered there
And O! be cautious Doctor
When any one is ill
And dinna mak them say like me
You had na muckle skill

Now Ladies dear I bid you all
A long and last adieu
The messenger that's sent for me
Will shortly call for you
O seek the Lord and humbly
For mercy do implore
Yea, seek it far more earnestly
Than e'er you did before

Remember time is fleeting fast
Yea, it doth even fly
Then put the question to yourselves
Are we prepared to die
If one has now been called away
And you know not how soon
You may be called to follow her
Into the silent tomb.

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One thing alone we only know
That we are here today
Before tomorrow's eventide
We may be called away
I thank Dear Mrs Mapleson
For she's been very kind
I hope that from the Lord above
She will a blessing find
And now again I bid you all
A last and long adieu
And bear in mind the solemn change
That is awaiting you.

Oct 5 Continues precisely as at last report. Delusions seem to become stronger daily. Says, "her ribs and breast-bone are out of their places" and repeats the old stories about her lungs and breathing. Always describes her state with great earnestness, gets up and enacts with her hands the supposed motions of her lungs.

Places the medical officer's hand on her chest and then rocks herself violently backwards & forwards telling him it is quite involuntary.

At meal times she gets up regularly and takes her place at the table without being told and takes her food well. Health seems tolerably good and organic disease whatever can be discovered. Contr.

To have a shower bath every second morning.

10 Talking much about religion today. Says she has no hopes of grace as she has not the mark of being regenerate, nor the assurance of being one of the elect people of God. Talks also much of herself; says that once she was beautiful; that she had nine lovers and after all she married not the man she loved but took her present husband to please an uncle; Adds that she has had no cause to regret the marriage though now she thinks her husband cannot care for her since he has sent her here to die. Says too, that she was clever, that she was fond of poetry & had a turn for rhyming, a talent she frequently indulges in the way of impromptu touching the "cruel usage" to which she is subjected.

Delusions continue unchanged. General health seems somewhat improved. Contr.

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Marion Bertram Ferguson Aet. 20

1848

Sept. 28 Was brought to the Asylum this forenoon by her Father and medical attendant. After being left by them burst into tears and asked them for having left her.

Will speak to no one and seems very childish in her manners. General health seems tolerably good. Juices cal.

29 Spent a quiet night. Today is very sulky and will not speak either to the medical officer or Lady Superintendent and only in the most childish manner to the nurse. Is very suspicious and distrustful and can scarce be prevailed to take food. Has been sewing a little. Bowels have not been opened since admission. Hab. p.r.n. Pil Purg. O. ii^us^ die^m^ mane descend. in balin lepid.

Oct. 1 Has had several doses of purgative pills but hitherto without effect.

Continues very suspicious and silent. Today has altogether refused her food and when entreated, says, it is poisoned and that she will not take it. Hab stat. enema domestic.

2 Bowels acted freely. Stools were very dark coloured. Persists in refusing her food. Will not answer anything save "you have no right to hurt me" To be fed in the ordinary manner. Hab stat. Pil Coloc. c. ol Croton;

3 Bowels acted very freely. Bedroom was very filthy this morning though every convenience had been afforded her. Took a hearty breakfast, but continues silent and childish in her manner. Contr.

5 Has again refused to take food, but on being threatened with the feeding apparatus, she took a small quantity. Still silent and distrustful. When any one approaches her, she shrinks away, sometimes saying "me is a good girl", "you have no right to do anything to me". Contr.

10 Takes her food sparingly and with a grudge. Is very childish in all her habits. Hands and feet are always cold and clammy. Bowels require the regular administration of purgatives Contr

13 Today looks less sulky. Conversed a little with the Lady Superintendent. Manner of speaking and ideas are quite childish. Will not speak to the medical officer. Cannot now be persuaded to employ herself. Contr.

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Oct 16 As at last report. Was sent out to walk today and tried to run away, saying she wished to go to Linlithgow. Contr.

18 This morning left her apartment in a very filthy state. When spoken to about it, denied having done anything, seemed indignant and said "She is a lady, and it is not likely that she could do that."
Continues suspicious and silent and cannot be persuaded to employ herself. Contr.

23 For the last two or three mornings has had a shower bath with the view of rousing her somewhat.
Today bowels acted freely without medicine. Takes her food willingly, but is still silent, distrustful and idle Contr.

27 On the back of left hand is a small painful boil. Reaction takes place very slowly after baths. On the whole is more conversible.
Built ba[illegible] frigid.

31 Boil has discharged and is now nearly healed. Is still very retiring and distrustful. Appearance is somewhat improved. Contr.

Nov 12 Has continued distrustful, indolent and obstinate since last report.
For some days however has been talking more than usual. Asserts that her Father is dead and that she is now destitute. Health is improving slowly. Contr.

20 Seems improving both mentally and bodily. Distrust less but still talks only very abruptly. Has taken to knitting today of her own accord and works very prettily.

Dec 1 Catamenia have appeared today for the first time since admission.
Is peevish and fretful and has left off her occupation. More distrustful and seems frightened at any notice being taken of her.

13 Mind is gradually improving but still cherishes her delusions regarding her Father. Will not believe that he accompanied her here but still maintains that he is dead. Is more talkative and playful and often makes very shrewd remarks.
Health improves also, but there is still considerable languor of circulation in the extremities.

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Janet Mackay or Mrs Lindsay Ward 49

1848

Sept 29 Was brought here this evening by her husband. Was very much intoxicated and was immediately sent to bed. On several parts of body are small ecchymosed patches apparently the result of blows. Sues cat.

30 Was very noisy during the night, abusive of her husband and loud in her own justification. Is very filthy abounds in vermin and has a strong odour of spirits. Is tremulous and stupid. Tongue loaded. Pulse feeble. Hab. ch. Pulv Scillitic.

Oct 1 Tremulousness and weakness has increased. Begs earnestly for stimulants. Bowels were moved by scillitic powder. Takes little food. Hab M. et Vesp Spir. Hordei ℥ij

2 Last night became highly excited and was very noisy, knocked on the door of her apartment and frequently shouted out "Police". Entreats earnestly for stimulants and offers her rings and clothes to any one who will give her whisky. Today is quieter but is very tremulous and somewhat sunk. Pulse very feeble. Abrad. Capill. Capitis Hab. o. vj tis hora Spir Hord ℥ij. Ht.

hab Sol Mur Morph m xx.

3 Passed a noisy and sleepless night, talking incoherently and frequently shouting out "Police". Continues very tremulous and feeble Vesp. descend. in balm tepid. Contr.

4 Slept somewhat last night but today is more tremulous and feeble. Talks very incoherently and has spectral illusions Contr.

5 Slightly better but still weak and tremulous. Slept somewhat during the night. Talks very incoherently but is not so noisy as before. Contr.

6 Much improved today. Tremulousness diminished; Pulse firmer and expression more intelligent. Bowels are tolerably regular. Hab. o. ii dis nocte Pil Alterantiv ij. Contr alia.

8 Improves rapidly though still weak and rather tremulous. Talks more rationally and at night is tranquil and sleeps. Appetite improves

10 Is up and employed today though still feeble and complaining. Appearance much improved and tremulousness is nearly gone. Contr.

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Octr 17 Has been employed regularly since last report and is much improved in personal appearance. Still has a great craving for stimulants. Is very abusive of her husband and denies ever having been a drunkard. Appetite good. Tongue clean and bowels regular. Complains much of haemorrhoids. Hab Mygt Gallar Zij Omitt. Spir Hordei. Hab in dies Cerevisiae fort. (ale) Oj. Cont alia.

21 Industrious and improving though constantly petting about being confined here. Very abusive of her husband and shows much ill feeling in what she says of him. Contr.

Novr 25 Since last report has been very industrious but very discontented at being detained here. Makes loud complaint against her husband. General health is very good.

Decr 31 Continues discontented but submits to the rules of the House and employs herself. Health good.

1849 Jany 3 Arrangements having been made by her husband she was today at his request dismissed

Cured

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Oct 9 Has been going on very quietly and has employed herself regularly at fancy work and with music since last report. In conversation was generally agreeable and cheerful but capricious and whimsical in her ideas.

This morning seemed about to begin her disturbances, but on being spoken to settled down somewhat. Contr.

11 Became again noisy and excited last night. Today is very imperious and orders the medical officers to release her "as plots are forming against her to deprive her of her means by incarcerating her for life"; Adds that she is "resolved to be humbugged no longer. Repeat the shower bath. Contr.

12 Noisy, violent & quite intractable. Contr.

13 Still very outrageous, especially in language. Swears against and vows vengeance on all and sundry.

Laments her "unfortunate state" and the "ill treatment" she has experienced. Contr.

14 Became so violent this morning that she was submitted to the shower bath and returned to seclusion.

Immediately quieted down and now begs to be removed to her gallery. Has refused, on the plea of not having deserved it. Contr.

15 Today is out in the airing ground but behaves badly; Throws stones; Beats on the doors; Swears at her friends and occasionally sings. Contr.

16 Quiet and noisy by turns. Has been cursing her relatives and the Queen for being at the head of Lunatic Asylums in which "sane people" were kept. Contr.

17 As at last report. Goes about swearing. Coolly consigned the Queen's soul to hell this morning.

18 Yesterday while excited was observed to be noisy and quiet by fits, calming down in a moment from paroxysms of apparently the most ungovernable fury and again breaking out without the least obvious cause.

Today is composed and has resumed her work. Contr.

19 Noisy all night, kicking at her bed room door and singing. Today is quiet and cheerful and is busily employed at her work

Contr.

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Oct 21 Has been quiet and well behaved for two days and today is very cheerful and inclined to converse. Is very genteel and ladylike in her manner though some what retracted. Says she has all her life felt occasional impulses to destroy and that during such times felt a great pleasure in harbouring the idea of murder. Since coming here says she has felt more homicidal than ever because she is aware "the insane are not held accountable for their actions" and "that she would not be punished more than she is, though she were to take away life". Contr.

24 This morning complained of pain in stomach and was somewhat hysterical but now is quiet and employed. Contr

26 Catamenia present. Is fretting, suspicious and abusive against her relatives and the medical officers. Refuses to take food but shows no violence. Contr.

27 Menstrual discharge abundant. Complains much of pain and feels incessantly. Hs. descend. in balm. Cpid

28 Still unwell. Fret incessantly & loud in her complaints about being kept here. Wants to go lodgings and be her own mistress as she has no confidence in any one. Contr.

Nov. 4 Since last report has been very variable; at one moment is quiet and employed and at another disorderly & vindictive, destroying everything within reach; strikes the nurses and abuses her relatives: When excited uses every description of oath and disregards everything in the shape of advice. Contr.

12 Till last night has been tolerably composed and has been working but last night in the drawing room got suddenly excited, made a scene and on being brought down broke out into one of her rages. Had to be removed & placed in seclusion.

13 Quiet and composed today. Very amiable & cheerful.

23 Has been well behaved since last report. Catamenia present today.

28 Since last report has been unsettled and this morning broke out into one of her usual paroxysms.

Dec 10 Has been very variable since last report. Today is in bed apparently from ill humour. Is becoming cheerful but pain is still pallid

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Mrs Mack Atat: 30 From Page 40

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Octr 15 Attended chapel today but wept during the entire service. Afterwards begged hard to be allowed to go to bed "to die" Contr.

21 Busy today giving her "last instructions". Told the medical officer to make a "post mortem" and pointed out to him the particular places he was to examine carefully — using in her communication several technical terms — and added that 'then' he would be convinced she had laboured under "actual and severe bodily diseases". She request further, that after being satisfied of her disorder he was to send a certificate to that effect to her husband for nothing would do her children so much harm as a report that "their poor mother had died daft" Contr.

25 Yesterday wrote a letter to her husband of which the following is a copy.

" Mr John Mack. Garlieval 24th Octr 1818.

" Dear John

" I am more than surprised
" you have not wrote how the children are
" think what a mothers feelings must
" be come tomorrow and see me for
" I am miserable my last prayer
" will be my Children O come if you
" have any feelins at all
"
" Your agonised wife
" (signed) Anne Mack.

27 Today complained to the medical officer of being unable to sit from piles and begged to be allowed to lie in bed. An examination was ordered and no piles were discovered, so the complaint was probably a pretext to be allowed to remain in bed. Bowels rather slow. Stat: hab: Pil Purg ij.

30 Today has a slight Catarrhal attack; in other respects is as when last reported. Ht. descend in bala tip.

Novr 4 Catarrh gone. Is more fretful than ever about being kept out of bed and away from her husband and children. Says her body is all changed and that she anticipates her demise hourly. Seems in very fair bodily health. Eats, drinks and sleeps heartily. Contr.

11 Delusions, habits and manner continue as at last report, but has now taken to work, solely however to please the medical officer and thus

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him that she really is unfit for it. Eats, drinks and sleeps well and is considerably improved in personal appearance. Contr.

Nov. 24 Saw her husband today and laid open to him all her sufferings and made a very passionate appeal to him to be taken home to die beside her children. When repeatedly upbraided him with cruelty and wept bitterly. Health continues as at last report.

30 Employs herself a little but daily unfolds many sad complaints and seems deeply grieved at the scepticism of the medical officers. Delusions are as strong as ever. Contr.

Dec. 16 Since last report has been much more cheerful and has been more industrious. Says it is because an inward light has been shed upon her benighted soul, that she is now free from sin and regenerate. Persists however in her delusions regarding her bodily health and says with a compassionate shake of her head that her medical attendants would discover their error some day. Health is evidently improved. Contr.

21 Her husband having come today to remove her, she seemed quite overjoyed as she says she will now be allowed to lie in bed and die among her family. At his request she was dismissed

Relieved

Elizabeth Hunter Ct. From Page 6

1818
Sept 30 On the whole conducts herself better but is still very much depressed. Mind is full of delusions. Evidently suffers much wretchedness as express-ed by her countenance. Frequently begs the officers to kill her. General health keeps pretty good. Contr

Oct 10 Complaining rather more of dyspepsia today. Bowels are rather slow and purgative pills have failed to move them. Hab ol Ricin 3ij

29 Has had a paroxysm of raving this morning. Says her heart is so hardened in guilt that she cannot help it. Delusions continue strong as ever and evidently cause her much anguish. Health continues good. Contr.

Nov 16 Has been very quiet and easily managed of late but is still full of her delusions regarding her relatives and her pecuniary matters. No change on health. Contr

30 Has been induced to work a little but she has no perseverance.

Dec 13 Today felt sick, became faint and almost tumbled down. Had a little brandy with some slight relief.

31 No change whatever on mental state. Bodily health keeps good.

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Jany 15 Feels rather sick and inclined to vomit. Complains also of pains in limbs. In all other respects is as formerly. Frets incessantly about her enormous sins and having brought misery and ruin upon all her relatives. Has once or twice attempted to choke herself with her food and says openly she would destroy herself if she were afforded the means. A few days ago received a letter from some relative but maintained it to be a forgery to keep her in good humour by concealing from her the true condition in which her relations are placed. General health is tolerably good. Hab elat Spir Vin Gallic 3ij. To have minced meat to dinner.

16 Sickness gone but mentally continues as before. Contr.

31 Has not been very well since last report, having occasionally complained of nausea and general uneasiness. Frets incessantly on the subject of her delusions and keeps herself constantly very miserable. Contr.

Admitted March: 10: 1848.

1849
Feby 5 Yesterday while in chapel screamed out loudly and on being removed had a paroxysm of swearing, striking and crying. Today is in her usual state, wretchedly miserable & full of all kinds of delusions regarding herself and relatives. Contr

28 But little change has taken place on mental state. Expression is that of wretchedness and every conversation is taken up with an account of her former bad deeds and the mischief she has caused to fall on every one. Has been fretting much lately about the cholera and thinks that some of her relatives must have fallen victims to it. Almost invariably ends any conversation by saying 'that of all the abandoned wretches which ever were heard of she is the greatest' and 'that there is no crime or sin of which she has not been guilty'. General health is but indifferent. Suffers occasionally from dyspepsia. Contr.

March 6 Complaining of nausea today. Colour is rather sallow, but tongue is clean and bowels are regular. Contr.

7 Feels better today but mentally is in the same state as at former reports. Contr omnia

31 Today is complaining of difficulty of micturition with constipation. Seldom employs herself save in fretting which she does constantly, manifesting all her delusions as strong as ever. Occasionally has paroxysms in which striking, kicking and swearing seem to afford her relief, as they bear no appearance of malice and are always repented of by a flood of tears. General health does not improve.
Contr omnia. Hab p.r.n. Sp. Ol Tritici 3ij

April 23 Today as the medical officer was approaching her while visiting her gallery, she tumbled off her chair and lay for about a minute without moving. She quickly came to and in a few minutes was well. She said she felt her head light and that then she fell. Mind is the same as when last reported and bodily health has not much changed. Never employs herself in any way though strongly urged to it. Contr.

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Janet MacNair Atat: 45

1848
Nov. 4 Was brought here this evening by an attendant who had been with her for some days. Retired to bed immediately on admission. Has a highly excited look: Face flushed: Eyes injected & staring. Pulse 90. Skin slightly hot. Complains of headache.

At intervals of two or three minutes shrieks out in falsetto, "Glorious Emmanuel" and says she is responding to the Lord in the air. Insecat.

5 Was sleepless and noisy during the entire night, alternately quoting Scripture, repeating religious sentiments and singing out "Glorious Emmanuel", "Hallelujah".

This morning is very abusive of her relatives and medical attendants for having sent her here when she was perfectly sane. Says she is not a felon and did not deserve the punishment of incarceration. Says she will never again be able to hold up her head in Glasgow society. Told the Lady Superintendent to take no trouble with her for she was "a dying soul" and begged that she might "be informed that all was over when she was dead". Appearance still highly excited. Bowels were freely moved during the night. Tongue white. Contr.

6 Was quieter during the night and today is more composed and quite coherent in conversation. Very haughty & imperious in manner and fearfully abusive of her relatives. At present complains of headache and keeps her bed. Face is much flushed, Skin rather warm. Tongue white.

R. Hab Pil Purg ij. Capiti appl. Lotion frigid.

8 Is better and up today. Is becoming hourly more abusive: Haughty and imperious towards the officers, frequently commands them to let her at liberty, saying she is her own mistress and will not be controlled by any one. Is perfectly coherent in her conversation but soars into great extravagancies when talking of herself, her family, their power & influence and means.

Is dissatisfied with every thing Contrasts her apartment and its furnishing with her own home and

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decides in bitter terms against it.
Wrote a note to her sister in which
she ordered her to come instantly
and remove her from this vile place.

Nov. 9 Her sister came today and insis-
-ted on having patient removed.
Though such a step is absurd at
so early a period, she would not
hear any objection to the contrary.
She was therefore dismissed.

Cured

Grace Donald Æt. 30. From Page 34

1848

Nov. 12 Is rather excited today and is shouting out that the world is on fire and that she is enveloped in the flames. Skin is hot and dry. Pulse 110. Tongue white. Bowels rather slow. Circulation in extremities very languid. Hat Ol Ricini ℥ß. V.S. descend in bulk. 6 pid.

13 Bowels were freely moved and febrile symptoms have disappeared. Is less excited but is very fretful and stupid. Contr.

30 Not much change since last report. At night is quiet but is very filthy in her habits. During the day stands by the gallery door and with a very mournful expression of countenance asks to be taken to Greenock. Constantly biting her dress to pieces and very seldom ever employs herself. Appetite is voracious. Muscular system is soft and flabby and circulation in extremities is very languid.

Decr 20 Has not improved. Very stupid and confused. Seems to have no idea save of being permitted to go home. Very little change is observed on bodily health. Contr.

31 Seems becoming laborious. Very filthy in her habits at night. Continues destructive of her clothes and rarely ever employs herself. Bodily functions are tolerably regular. Contr.

1849

Janʸ 27 Has been looking rather more intelligent for several days but is beginning to manifest delusions more than formerly. Says her being was taken from her last night and that now she is some kind of beast. Continues inactive and fretful. Very slovenly and filthy in her habits.

Febʸ 3 Over left cheek is an erysipelatous blush with considerable oedematous swelling. Left eye is swollen and inflamed. Pulse rather quick and skin warm. Rx Sulph Magnes ℥ß Tart Antimon gr j Aquæ ℥ij Sumat dimidiam stat. Relig. post hor iv h.o.s.

5 Swelling of face increased and inflammation considerable but it has not spread. Bowels were freely moved after salts but not since. Repr Rud.

Admitted September 1 : 1848.

1849
Feby 6 Redness diminished but swelling continues and there seems some deep seated inflammation of parotid going on
Is inclined to talk much today and abuses herself unsparingly. Says she is a witch and a beast and flying fast to the devil. Cont.

10 Redness has disappeared but swelling is unabated and is of a puffy character. Mouth can scarcely be opened and tongue cannot be protruded.
Bowels are again sluggish.
Repts Mistura Sulph. Magnes

17 Mentally continues much as formerly. Expression is rather more intelligent but conversation betrays numerous delusions and manner is stupid and devoid of method or thought. Swelling of face continues and there is still some puffiness and considerable pain.
Bowels continue sluggish.
Cont omnia.

28 Since last report has improved very much in intelligence and is less filthy and careless of her clothes. Still entertains the delusion that she is changed in her shape & that she resembles not a woman but some brute. Expression is much less stupid but it is still heavy and sluggish.
Employs herself regularly and seems amiable and good natured
Left cheek continues swollen and puffy. Cont

March 2 Swelling and induration over left parotid gland continues.
Appl. vesic. malo sinistr.

3 Blister rose well. Cont.

28 Swelling of cheek continues but as yet, fluctuation is not decided.
Has been employed regularly since last report but is very stupid and childish in her manner and manifests numerous delusions regarding her figure and appearance. At night is still occasionally noisy and almost invariably is filthy notwithstanding the great attention which is bestowed to induce regular habits.
There is a good deal of swelling of feet and legs and a general oedematous state of surface. Let her keep her bed.

30 Anasarca is increased and there is some erysipelatous redness of both

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Mrs Duff Ct. 33. From Page 38

1848

Nov. 13 Is always quieter and more composed during the day but at night is noisy and filthy in the extreme. Persists in all her old delusions and very seldom employs herself. Appearance improves. Let a nurse sleep in the same apartment.

30 Very little change. Is not quite so mischievous as formerly, but still tricky and cunning. Has several times lately asked for whisky and said she had been accustomed to take a dram.

Dec. 13 Saw her husband today and seems none the worse for it. Talked very incoherently but behaved herself well enough. In all respects is the same as at last report.

15 Is employed today.

30 Catamenia present today for the first time since admission. On the whole is quieter and behaves herself better but delusions are strong as ever. Health improves.

1849

Jany 17 Has taken out a drive yesterday and though tricky behaved tolerably well. Is as full of delusions and incoherent as ever but is improving in health and slowly in her habits. Occasionally is clean at night but generally has her room and bed all over with filth and her own person so bad as to require an entire bath. Cont.

31 Seems slowly improving in her habits. Is cheerful and employs herself pretty regularly during the day but is still very incoherent. General health very good. Cont.

Febr 14 Yesterday had a drive into the country and is said to have conducted herself with propriety. Has grown stout and florid in complexion; is always cheerful and has occupied herself with considerable regularity. Mind however still teems with delusions regarding almost everything. Calls the medical officer still 'Charles Baird'. Says she has been and has come alive again and that she is many hundred years old. Remains quiet at night and is rather less filthy than formerly. Cont omnia.

Admitted September 18: 1848.

1849
Febʸ 21 Her husband being anxious to try the effect of change of place & scene She was, – though not much changed since last report – today dismissed

Relieved

Janet Greenshields Ct. From Vol. VII page 133

1848
July 31 Continues in good bodily health but mind is very weak. Never employs herself and is unable to assist herself in the least. Is cheerful and walks about the gallery quite contented. Mutters incessantly to herself but never converses and very seldom answers questions. Contr.

August 31 Unchanged in any respect either bodily or mental. Requires the attention of a child but is not troublesome in any other respect. Contr

Sept 30 Health good. Never employs herself. Occasionally walks out in the airing ground. Contr

Oct 30 No change has taken place on health or habits since last report. Seems cheerful. Contr.

Nov 30 Continues in fair bodily health but there is no change on mental state. Contr

Dec 9 This morning was seized rather suddenly with vomiting but it passed off after getting a small quantity of brandy and has not again occurred. No particular physical disorder can be detected.

10 Is suffering from slight inflammation around nail of great toe and attributes the vomiting of yesterday to that cause. Has had no return of vomiting.
Appl cataplasm digit. ped.

27 This morning had another attack of vomiting and was placed in bed. Complains of a twisting pain in epigastrium and extremities are rather cold.
Let her have another pair of blankets to apply a cinapism to pit of stomach.

28 Has had slight diarrhea but no more vomiting. Hab post q.q. deject Mist Cretae ℥j

29 Diarrhea continues but much abated in severity. Contr.

30 Diarrhea gone. Has been ordered to keep her bed. Contr.

1849
Jany 1 Is again quite well and is up and walking about in her ordinary state. Contr.

31 No change whatever since last report. Bodily health continues very good but mind is perfectly gone. Is unable to help herself in the least and is treated as a child. Contr

Admitted June 2: 1846.

1849
Feby 28 Continues in fair health and mentally, much as at last report.
Never employs herself, but walks about the gallery muttering to herself.
Smiles and replies to common place questions but never enters into conversation. Contr.

March 7 Is suffering from slight tarsal conjunctivitis. Ht. hab Pil Rhei c Hyos ℈j

14 Eye is quite better but today is in bed complaining of nausea with slight vomiting and diarrhea.
Hab stat Pulv Rhei c ℈j ex Cocte

15 Is better but still keeps her bed.

16 Up and walking about today.

31 Continues in fair health but mentally is unchanged. Seems cheerful and contented but never employs herself in any way. Contr.

April 30 With the exception of an occasional attack of nausea with slight vomiting, has continued in her usual state both bodily and mentally.
Told the medical officer yesterday a long incoherent story about ducks pouring down from heaven. Occasionally has scolding parroxysms but they do not seem directed against any one in particular. Is seldom observed minding her fellow patients.
Never employs herself. Contr

May 31 Has continued in good bodily health since last report. Mind keeps weak and puerile. Stalks about muttering to herself and never employs herself in any way

June 30 In all respects continues the same as at last report. Contr.

July 20 Bodily health continues very good. Is cheerful in her manner but is silent and idle.
Often mutters to herself, what it is generally impossible to make out. Contr

August 15 No change has taken place either on mental or bodily state since last report. Walks out but never otherwise employs herself.
Contr

Sept 15 Delusions seem to be numerous as she is constantly engaged as if conversation and frequently calls attention to unseen objects.
General health is very good
Continues silent & idle but seems very cheerful. Contr

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Semima Ferguson Ct. From Vol. VII page 126

1818
July 31 Mind very weak. Seldom speaks but often laughs out in a hysterical manner. Runs about the gallery like a child and seems contented. Bodily health is good. Contr.

August 31 Much as at last report. Health good. Habits continue childish as before. Contr.

Sept 30 Health keeps good. Never does anything save carry the papers from her own gallery to that above. Contr.

Oct 31 No change whatever either on bodily or mental state. Contr.

Nov 30 Bodily health keeps good. Mind quite fatuous. Requires constant attention. Contr.

Dec 31 Continues in the same state both mental & bodily as when last reported. Contr.

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Jany 31 Health habits and pursuits continue the same as when last reported. Contr.

Feby 28 General health keeps very good. Runs about the gallery like a sportive child, frequent laughing out but never paying almost the least attention to any one. Never employs herself. Contr.

March 19 Saw her brother and sister yesterday and ever since has been hysterical and excitable. Contr.

31 Is in her ordinary state both mental and bodily. Contr.

April 30 Sportive and playful manner sometimes. Mind is quite fatuous. Never occupies herself and seldom speaks, even when addressed. Bodily health is tolerably good.

May 31 No change whatever has occurred either in mental or bodily state since last report. Contr.

June 30 Frisks about the gallery and singing count like a playful child. Occasionally plays a little on the piano but never otherwise employs herself. General health is pretty good. Contr.

July 20 Has been very orderly in her behaviour and occasionally inclined to read and work since last report. Is more tidy in her person and habits also.
General health is pretty good. Mind is very weak.
Contr.

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August 15 — Is much improved in her habits appearance & manner. Works with her needle and occasionally reads or plays on the piano. Bodily health is as at last report. Contr

Sept 15 — Continues to go on well. General health good. Contr.

Oct 15 — Improvement noted some time ago continues. Works a little and is much less restless than before. Occasionally plays on the piano. General health is very good. Contr.

26 — Catamenia present today. Is depressed and spiritless and there is no appearance of the excitement which formerly characterized this period. Contr.

Nov 15 — In consequence of her improved state of bodily health the pint of porter allowed to her daily has been stopped. Bowels have become rather slow ever since and have required the use of occasional laxatives. Contr.

Dcer 15 — No change has taken place either on mental or bodily state since last report. Is much less restless than was noticed in earlier reports. Contr.

30. — Attended chapel today and conducted herself with propriety—

Jany 1850 31. — Has been variable during the past month - occasionally excited & scolding at present is more settled cont—

Feby 28— — Has been frequently noisy during the night and scolding during the day Catamenia present in the middle of the month - Crying today - Let her have a dose of laxative medicine

March 31. — Catamenia appeared in the middle of the month - Is occasionally noisy - Has been more irritable and excitable since her sisters' visit - Swearing & using obscene language— Cont.

April 8. — Catamenia present - on such occasions holds herself irritable

30— — Has been much excited - Weeping hysterically & seeing persons by her bedside during the night—

May 2. — Catamenia present - is very irritable

31 — Has been very restless - using bad language broke a pane of glass in her bedroom - Catamenia appeared again on 29th - Cont

June 31. — Has been much excited since last report - Has been striking the other ladies & using very bad language—

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1848
July 31 Retiring and frightened manner continues. Continues occasionally to employ herself in sewing and reads a little. Health keeps good. Bodily functions natural. Contr.

August 31 No change whatever either on bodily or mental state. Habits and occupation as formerly. Contr.

Sept. 30 Health keeps good but mind is weak and very suspicious. Still employs herself a little with her needle and occasionally reads.

Oct. 31 No change whatever has been observed on this patient for a very considerable period. Contr.

Nov. 30 Bodily health good but silent and distrustful manner continues unchanged. Still occupies herself sewing and knitting. Contr.

Decr 23 Today face is slight swollen & covered with a reddish blush similar to that of the eruptive diseases. Is very irritable and restless. Pulse is moderate and skin cool. Bat. Sl. Sulph Magnes 3ss.

24 Face continues red and swollen but there is no eruption and inflammation is not of an erysipelatous character. Contr.

26 Inflammation of face is subsiding. Contr.

31 Is now in her usual state.

1849
Jany 31 Since last report has continued in good health but mentally is in no respect changed. Occupies herself a little. Contr.

Feby 28 Has shown a propensity again for burning whatever she can lay her hands and a few days ago was removed to a gallery in which there is no fire place. In all other respects is unchanged. General health keeps good. Contr.

March 2 Had a visit from her brothers yesterday. Has been in rather pleasant humour for some time. Is more industrious and is in fair bodily health.

31 Going on very industriously and amiably. Smiles pleasantly when visited and taken notice of but seldom replies and never enters into conversation. General health is very good. Contr.

April 30 Mentally is unchanged. Habits have become more careless of late and she generally leaves her bed a mess

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filth and frequently besmears the walls when she is unobserved.

Bodily health is much as at last report. Contr.

May 31 Has been much more communicative and more frank in her demeanour since last report. Walks about the airing court with a haughty step and smiles most graciously on all who pass. A new bonnet, neatly trimmed seems to have caused all this

General health is very good. Mind is very imbecile. Contr.

June 30 Continues more amiable and courteous in manner. Seldom ever gets into conversation, generally walking away as if insulted when she is addressed. Employs herself a little with her needle and walks out daily. General health is pretty good. Contr

July 20 Habits are becoming more offensive and are apparently the direct result of her delusions as she is in fair bodily health, active and possessed of sufficient intelligence to work industriously, smile most graciously and behave herself pretty well.

Plunges into water whenever she finds an opportunity, soaks every thing she has and then proceeds to wash the floor, the walls or whatever is nearest. At night does the same thing with her urine, passing it on a towel or a sheet and then scrubbing the walls with it. Takes up all the Common salt she can get hold of and rubs it over her face as long as she is permitted. General health is very good excepting that the eruption on face is still present.

Contr.

Aug 15 No change has taken place either on bodily or mental health, habits, occupation or manner since last report Contr

Sept 10 Was visited by her sisters and brother today but would not speak to them beyond saying she wished to have none of their insolence.

Health, habits &c are as at last report. Contr.

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Mrs Paterson or Susan Simpson Ct. From Vol: 14 p. 125

1848
August 31 Continues industrious as ever but very incoherent and liable to paroxysms of excitement in which she walks about the gallery scolding and looking angry. General health pretty good.

Sept 30 No change on mental or bodily health has been observed since last report. Contr.

Octr 31 Health continues good. Bowels occasionally require to be acted on by purgative medicine. Is always regularly employed and works very skilfully. Incoherence is as strongly marked as before. Contr.

Novr 30 No change either on mental or bodily state. Contr.

Decr 31 Since last report has been more frequently irritable and restless than usual but has not conducted herself in any extravagant manner save in incoherence.

1849 Bodily health keeps good. Contr.
Jany 8 Last night became suddenly affected with vomiting and purging but was relieved by the exhibition of laudanum and brandy. There has been no recurrence of it and today seems in her usual state.

31 Continues in good bodily health & most industrious in her habits but is as incoherent as before. Contr.

Feby 28 Much as usual. Talks incessantly but in such an incoherent strain that it is impossible even to guess at her meaning. Manifests great suspicion and distrust towards every one. Occupies herself constantly at fancy work, all kinds of which she executes beautifully.

March 31 In all respects continues the same as at last report. Showing much of her selfish and acquisitive propensities lately. Contr.

April 30 Works most industriously during the greater part of the day, talking to herself during most of the time. What she utters is perfectly unintelligible. There is a great abundance of ideas but she never expresses one entirely, her conversation exactly resembling the sequence of ideas in a dream. General health is very good. Walks about the gallery, & occasionally is got into the airing court, much against her will

Admitted August. 26. 1843.

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May 31 Has been more than usually irritable since last report and talks unceasingly the same incoherent jumble of words. Has also been rather idle and has spent her time chiefly in walking about the gallery. General health is very good. Cont.

June 9 The attendants having reported some swelling of feet and legs it was attempted to examine them today but patient would not permit it. Let her remain in bed for a day or two

12 Swelling has entirely disappeared. Is up and dressed but cannot be induced to resume her work. Cont.

30 Has spent her time in walking about the gallery and talking incessantly in such an incoherent strain that it is quite impossible to make out what she means. General health seems very good. Everything has as yet proved unsuccessful in inducing her to employ herself again. Cont.

July 20 Continues talking incessantly in the most incoherent strain. Walks about constantly and cannot be induced to settle and employ herself. There is still some fulness of abdomen and slight swelling of feet and ankles but she will not allow them to be examined. Is cleanly in her habits & tidy in her person. Is very jealous about any interference & gets angry when her wardrobe is looked over. Takes her food well. Sleeps quietly. Cont.

August 15 Has again begun to employ herself. Had a visit from her husband and sister today and gave them away all her former pieces of work. Health, habits & manner are as at last report.

Sept. 15 Talks incessantly and occasionally in a loud voice as if angry. Is generally cheerful and good-natured. Works industriously at all kinds of fancy work. Bodily health is much as before. Cont.

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Caroline Bagot Ct. From Vol: VII page 204

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Sept 25 Is still in seclusion: Delusions abound and behaviour is of the most extravagant kind. Health has not suffered from the attack. Contr

Octr 5 Seems beginning to settle again. Sleeps somewhat at night and during the day has intervals of quiet.
Let her be sent out to the airing Court. Contr also.

23 Since last report has gradually calmed down and is now convalescent. Complains of weakness
Let her have a steak for luncheon

31 Has resumed her employments and her morning walks in the grounds. Conducts herself with a great deal of hauteur and always speaks of herself as something very superior. Contr.

Novr 30 Has been very regular and most methodical in everything since last report. Has a very false idea regarding her position and circumstances and frequently demands to be dismissed, saying she can support herself as a governess & that she is loosing time here.
Is very extravagant and exacting and always gets into rages when this is checked. Health is pretty good. Contr.

Decr 4 Has been very flighty for several days and today told the Lady Superintendent about the nurses putting drugs in her food and in that all the patients in the House for the purpose of confirming their complaints and so keeping them for life in the Asylum. Says she knows the attendants do it by order of the superior officers and she begs that an investigation be made into the practice. Contr.

31 Health, habits and occupation continue as at last report. Delusions regarding herself and relatives continue strong as ever. Deems herself very ill used, by being kept eating the bread of idleness while she is able to support herself.
Takes every opportunity of showing her rank and superior attainments and often behaves most absurdly.
Writes a great many letters apparently solely for the purpose of looking at the great name on the address.

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Jany 31 Keeping her bed today apparently from a caprice as there does not seem anything the matter with her. In all respects continues the same as before, haughty extravagant and full of delusions regarding her own dependent position. Treats every one in the most patronizingly condescendent manner and is constantly talking of her gentle birth, her ladylike habits and manners and her superiority to every other person.

31 Health good. Habits and manner are unchanged. Cont.

Feby 28 For the last week has been very flighty and unsettled, talking much about and writing letters to great people. Last night when she entered the drawing room she shouted out 'Behold your Queen!' Today is talking incoherently, bestowing titles and rewards on all around her. No particular physical disturbance can be detected. Let her be watched.

March 1 Was very noisy during the night and today is more incoherent and disposed who meddlesome. Let her be placed in seclusion.

10 Continues maniacal and in seclusion. Cont.

31 Paroxysm continues unabated. Has not been destructive but is violent and offensive in her language as formerly. Talks incessantly in a loud tone & sleeps but little. Health has not suffered. Eats well. Cont.

April 24 Has continued noisy in the extreme and has been constantly in seclusion since last report. Today is very violent and destructive. All the furniture had to be removed from her apartment. Howls like a dog. Has not suffered from the paroxysm as far as her bodily health is concerned. Cont omnia.

30 Precisely in the same state as at last report, only from want of opportunity has not been so mischievous. Talks incessantly in the most exalted strain, every one who approaches her receiving titles, pensions and such favours at her hands. Strikes bites and scratches and is very dangerous. Bowels are regular. Cont.

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Agnes Jessie Ct. From Vol: VI page 165

1848
Octr 27 Is again talkative and excitable. Alternately laughs and scolds; is very erotic and frequently highly indecent both in language and gestures. No particular physical disorder can be detected. Let her be watched.

Novr 8 Has continued unsettled since last report and has been kept apart from her fellow patients. Attack manifests its usual characters. Health pretty good. Contr.

16 Seems becoming composed but still is more excited than is natural to her. Contr.

30 Has become quite composed since last report. Contr.

Decr 7 Complains of severe headache and is in bed today. Skin is rather warm. Haust Ricini 3ij

13 Had a slight attack of cold but is better again and up. Is very discontented and grumbling loudly at being detained here.

31 Has been very much depressed sullen and obstinate for some time past. Sits by herself and will neither speak nor employ herself. General health is tolerably good. Contr.

1849
Jany 31 Has varied much since last report but has generally been sullen and depressed, constantly teazing the medical officers to let her at liberty. General health tolerably good. Contr.

Feby 28 Continues taciturn and idle. Complains constantly about being detained here. Seldom employs herself. General health pretty good. Contr.

March 5 Talkative paroxysm has again come on. Is perfectly incoherent; occasionally is violent and erotic. General health tolerably good. Let her be placed by herself apart.

15 Paroxysm continues. Has been rather destructive and troublesome of late. Contr

18 Has settled down somewhat and is getting again sullen and discontented. Contr

31 Has been gloomy and taciturn of late except when visited by the medical officers when she immediately makes a host of complaints about being detained here when she is perfectly well. Contr.

Admitted October 19: 1842.

1849 April 30	Has been gloomy taciturn and retiring since last report. Scarcely ever speaks even when addressed. Sits all day in one position shows no disposition to leave it and never in any way employs herself. Nurse has frequently of late detected her in the practice of vicious habits. General health is tolerably good. Appetite good. Bowels rather sluggish but easily acted on by laxatives. Cont.
May 31	Has continued taciturn and morose ever since last report. Scarcely takes the slightest notice of any one and almost never replies to a question. Takes her food and remains quiet at night. Bowels are regular. Cont.
June 20	Is more cheerful and talkative again but language is at times very indelicate. Frequently breaks out in scolding fits and at times gets so much excited that she has to be placed in her room. Cont.
30	Talking fit has continued. Has been very abusive at times and has on several occasions been placed in partial seclusion on account of violence. Is still highly erotic both in gestures and language. General health continues much as usual. Cont.
July 15	Since last report has continued talkative and restless but has been more orderly in her behaviour. Asks the medical officers how such and such persons are and is generally angry and abusive when informed that they are not known to them. General health is pretty good. Cont.
August 15	Talkative and restless period was followed as usual by one of depression and complaint. At present is very solicitous to be discharged in order that she may not be deprived of the "ordinances" and that she may look after her pecuniary concerns. General health is unchanged. Cont.
Sept 15	Almost no change has been observed since last report. Has on the whole been more cheerful. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

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Elizabeth Henderson Aet: 40

1848
Decr 9 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her sister. Made a great fuss about herself, saying she was 'of a different class' and constantly appealed to those around her in these terms 'you see that'. Says that the person who calls herself her sister is not so in reality & calls her 'that woman'. Is very excitable: Does not seem to comprehend what is said to her as she never answers relevantly but runs off into a discourse of her own. Incoat.

10 Running up and down the gallery in an excited state talking about 'that woman' that brought her here. Says she was just on the eve of marriage with a fine young gentleman and that plots have been formed against her. Says 'that woman' was apprehended yesterday in the Irongate of Glasgow and that she is a fearful character. Says she wishes to see her brother for it is all stuff today he is dead. Asked the medical officer today if there were great crowds and meetings in town about her, for that the whole place was in an uproar about her. Says there were two gentlemen came here in a minibus for her last night and thinks she should have gone away with them. Is very restless and troublesome but seems gentle and easily controlled. Wears false hair and is constantly engaged twisting and untwisting the curls. Bodily health seems pretty good.

℞ Sulph Magnes ℥ij Aquae ℥ij
Tinnat ℥ij Ol. ℥ss. ℥ij ds mane
descend in bale tepid.

13 Delusions continue. Says she is fine looking and genteel and quite of a different class and then almost invariably says 'you see that' Is very troublesome to every one and annoys her fellow patients with her questions and remarks.

Purgative medicine acts freely on bowels. Sleeps and eats well.

14 Restlessness increased. Runs up to all who enter the gallery and talks to them in the most incoherent manner about impostures, forgeries, incurring

Admitted December 9: 1848.

1848

debts, people running after her, her elegant and ladylike appearance &c

Told the medical officer today that the Lord Provost had come to take her into Glasgow to address a meeting but that the attendant refused to let her go out. In conversation flies from one subject to another and as she never answers a question relevantly it is impossible to make out what she means.

Dcer 7 Last night was detected indulging in vicious practices and was ordered to be closely watched. Contr

10 Says that 'that trash' – apparently the term by which she designates her sister and servant – should be confined here and not her. Says that she has been mistaken for some other person and that she should not be here at all. Speaks of her right side as 'heaven' and of her left as 'hell'. Contr

21 Says today she was stolen away from Liverpool by 'that trash'. Contr.

27 Saw her sister today; Called her 'trash' and a 'bad woman' and said that she ought to confine her instead of remaining in confinement herself. Contr.

31 Delusions continue. Is very difficult to manage from her untidy habits and reluctance to go to bed. Health keeps pretty good. Bowels require to be acted on regularly by purgative medicine. Contr

1849
Jany 6 Continues much in the same state. Will scarcely ever sit down and cannot be persuaded to employ herself. Appearance is attractive and unsettled. Contr.

9 Has been induced to employ herself today but incoherence and unsettled state continue unchanged. Contr

21 Has irritable and excitable this morning. Struck the nurse and ever since has been running about talking on all subjects in the most incoherent manner. Contr.

29 Saw her sister today but would not recognize her as such. Said she was 'trash' and of quite a different class from a person so superior as she was. Has delusions on all subjects and vents them on every person who enters the gallery. General health has not yet improved. Contr.

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Ann Young Ct. From Vol. iij page 169

1848
Oct 31 No change has occurred either on health, habits or manner since last report. Requires almost the same attention as a child. Contr.

Novr 30 Continues in fair health and mentally as at last report. Attends the drawing rooms regularly: Is very fond of playing whist at which she excels. Is less peevish and fretful and makes less fuss about being washed. Contr.

Decr 9 Is in bed; very fretful and peevish, full of her old delusions and quite childish in her conversation. Is left axilla is a small boil which seems to give rise to much irritation. Rx. hab. Tr opii ℥ xx

10 Was sick and vomited during the night and today is very fretful and complaining much from the boil in arm pit. Aper. Abscess at Appl. cataplasm. Vesp. hab. Pil Purg ij. Cont alia.

13 Felt relief whenever the boil was opened. Is now well and out of bed. Contr.

16 Complaining of nausea today and vomited a little. Bowels are slow. Cont p. r. n Pil Purg.

17 Today is very peevish and fretful Bowels were freely moved but complains much of nausea. Delusions are very strong and are constantly alluded to. Ines cat.

21 Is quite better but has an attack of herpes labialis and is very peevish in consequence. Appl. Cat. Ungt. Simpl.

31 Lips quite healed. In all respects is in her ordinary state. Cont.

1849
Jany 31 Has continued in good bodily health since last report. Mentally is unchanged. Very much resembles a spoiled child both as regards habits manner and capacity.

Feby 28 General health continues very good. Mind is unchanged. Never does anything save read the newspapers. Walks about with great care and never permits any one to touch her if she can help it and is very much afraid if in danger of being touched. Likes to be spoken to and complimented; pouts and cries like a child if this happen to be omitted by the Medical officers. Contr.

Admitted February 11: 1846.

1849
March 31 Bodily health, habits and manner continue precisely as at last report. Delusions continue unchanged but they are very seldom mentioned. Is very much delighted at getting into conversation with the various officers. Tells them of what she sees in the newspapers and gives the histories gall whose names she chances to see. Is very discontented however at being detained here away from her mother and is very anxious that her relatives should immediately remove her. Cont

April 19 Her relations having made arrangements for boarding her in a private family gave notice that today they intended removing her She was accordingly dismissed

Relieved

Bethia Leech Ct. From Vol. IV page 203

1818
Oct 28 Abscess in neck has burst today. Would not have it opened. Health and habits continue as at last report. Cont.

Nov. 30 Has continued to behave in her usual way since last report. Flies away from the officers when they enter the gallery. Tells every inmate inable sort of falsehood against them and incites her fellow patients to mischief. Continues to write letters occasionally. Some of them announced her recent ideas concerning religion. Bodily health has kept very good. Cont.

Dec 14 Has kept her bed today in consequence of hearing read in the newspapers an account of the Pope's flight from Rome. Says she feels much respect and love for his Holiness and that she prefers Popery as a religion to all others

31 Two days ago heard that cholera has broken out in the Asylum and rejoices much in consequence, hoping it may cut off every one connected with the Institution. In all respects continues much changed. Cont.

1819
Jany 31 Has continued in fair bodily health and has behaved on the whole very quietly, but delusions and sentiments continue unchanged. Cont.

Feby 28 Continues to talk of going to Russia and frequently writes letters to the Czar and his Ambassadors and Consuls. Has behaved herself tolerably well of late. Seems to have a different wish for each day and on being gratified in any one generally changes it. Wishes at present to be re-baptized and join the Baptist communion as she thinks that the only pure church. Wishes also for the society of literary men and would prefer male attendants in this Institution.

March 17 Went off rather suddenly last night into a paroxysm of rage and without the smallest provocation abused and struck her fellow patients and the nurse. Was put into her room venting forth every kind of malediction and perfectly friendish in her wishes to injure had she possessed the power. Today is quiet & occupied as usual. Cont.

Admitted May: 11: 1842

1849
March 31 Is in fair health but on all occasions shuns observation, seldom coming out of the bed room save for an instant to place a letter in the hands of the medical officers. Still writes to the various Russian agents in this country letters are generally full of the most unfounded statements and nearly all are incoherent. Occupies herself mostly industriously but is very capricious in every thing. Cont.

April 11 Has been keeping her own room a good deal of late. Has written a considerable number of letters to Russian authorities of late. Says she is too pure to mix with such fearful characters as are to be found in this House. Has occupied herself very little since last report. Had complained for several days of her neck but never would show it either to the Physician or medical officer till today when a strumous abscess was found on right side of neck along inner edge of sterno-mastoid muscle, superficial and encysted. Poultices were ordered.

16 Refuses to see either medical officer or Physician but wishes Dr. Mackenzie to be sent for. Occasionally uses the poultices but frequently refuses to apply them. Cont

21 Today the Physician visited her in her bed-room – which she has kept constantly for a considerable time – but she covered her face with her shawl and would neither speak nor uncover her neck. Nurse reports that the abscess has discharged its contents. Writes her orders on scraps of paper and sends them out as she will not hold verbal communication with any one save Russians. Cont

30 Keeping her room and when visited behaves exactly in the same manner as described at last report. Health seems to be much as usual. Nurse reports that neck is quite healed

May 31 Has left her room several times since last report and sat for a few hours in the parlour. Whenever any of the officers of the House appear, she either leaves the room or covers up her face with her shawl. Writes numerous letters

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Isab.a McKechnie or Mrs Watson Ct From p. 24

1848
Nov.r 20 No change on health habits or occupation since last report. Is very discontented and complaining constantly about everything and every one. Makes frequent demands for dress &c and is never pleased with anything that is got for her. Cont.

Decr 30 Is in bed today complaining of nausea. Tongue rather foul. Hab Ol Ricini 3ss.

1849
Janr 3 Was better after having her bowels moved but has been complaining of pains about her joints and limbs. H.S. hab Pulv Dover gr x

4 Pains continue but they change from place to place and nothing peculiar is to be seen about extremities. Cont Pulv Dover &c.

7 Pains have been fixed and are very severe today in ankles and wrists. Affected joints are much swollen and painful to the touch. Is a little feverish and has lost appetite. Tongue whitish. Hab stat Pulv Doveri gr viij ter in cpto vi Co indies. Cras mane hab Sulph Magnes 3ss.

8 Perspires freely. Took the salts this morning but they have not yet acted. Joints worst yesterday are rather easier today but both knees are swollen and painful. Is quite unable to assist herself. No affection of heart can be detected.

10 Continues feverish. Most of the larger joints are swollen and painful. Is easier after Dover's powders but though she perspires profusely they do not afford any permanent relief. Cont.

11 Last night began to complain of some dyspnea, produced apparently from tympanites. Had a turpentine enema with relief but today looks pale and haggard complains of weakness and there is still considerable flatulent distension of abdomen. Takes almost no food. Hab in dies Vin Xeric 3iv Omitt. Pulv Doveri. Stat hab Ol Ricini 3ij Ol Terebr 3ij M.

12 Felt much relieved after oil but affected joints are still swollen and painful. Sleeps badly at night.

Admitted July: 17: 1848

1849

℞ Tinct Opii ℥iii colchic ā ℥ss
Sumat gtt xv ter in die. Cont alia

Janʸ 11 Pains are beginning to fly about but most of the large joints are still swollen. Bowels are slow Complains much of want of sleep
Ut ant Liniment Ammon.
Hab ʳᵉ. Sol Mur Morph m xx

Repʰ Ol Ric ℥ Ol Tereb cras mane

20 Rheumatic pains continue but are diminished in severity. No affection of heart has supervened. Complains of sickness after colchicum. Bowels are generally rather slow. Omitt Colchicum
Sit ʳᵉᵖᵗ Pulv Doveri ter in die
Hab p.ʳ.ⁿ. Pil Rhei ℈j

22 Is so much better today that she got up out of bed. Is still however very helpless from pain and swelling of joints. Appetite is returning. Cont.

31 Improving, but slowly. Some days pains are much worse and general uneasiness is greater but use of limbs and freedom of motion are slowly returning. Tongue keeps foul and bowels are apt to get slow. Omitt medic. Cont alia
Hab m. dies Inf Rhei Fort m xl

Febʸ 15 Gradually recovering. Swelling of joints disappears slowly. Pains however are nearly gone. Appetite is now tolerably good. Is out of bed during the entire day but unable to do much.

28 Has nearly entirely recovered. Some slight stiffness but no pain of joints remains. A short time ago received intimation of the death of her husband from cholera but it produced no bad effect on her. Is to be shortly set at liberty and has been exhibiting her usual selfishness regarding the arrangements necessary to be entered into before her departure. Cont.

March 13 Walks about and pursues her avocations much as formerly. Slight stiffness of the affected joints being alone complained of.
Arrangements having been by her relatives for her removal she was today at their request dismissed

Cured

Re-admission page 109

Elizabeth Callander Ct.

1848
Dec 15 Was brought to the Asylum this fore-noon by her brother. Looks very stu-pid, fixing her eyes on every one and retaining the same position for a considerable time like a cataleptic. When spoken to did not reply directly but said in a kind of hysteric tone the manner that she thought her mind was affected. Seems feeble. Countenance is pallid. Feces est.

16 Slept pretty well, but on first being put into her room was noisy. As much as yesterday. Was inclined to refuse her food seemingly fancy-ing there was something mixed with it. Tongue White. Bowels have not been moved since admission. R.T. hab Ol Ricini ℥ss.

17 Asked today 'What for am I here' and said she wished to see her brother and sister. Appearance frequently is quite cataleptic and when walking about has a very unsteady gait. Bowels are still confined. R.T. hab Pil Colocc & Col Co.

20 Takes her food very reluctantly When asked how she is, says with a very peculiar manner she is quite well. Says, she wishes to know why she is here, on what terms and at whose expence she is here. Expres-sion maintains the same fixed char-acter and there is the same stagger in her gait. Still takes her food with reluctance but appearance is somewhat improved and bowels are moved by purgative medicine

26 Is taking her food better and on the whole seems rather more ration-al and collected. Contr

27 Is more stupid and unsteady to day. Let her be sent to bed. Shave head and apply a blister over the whole of head.

28 Blister rose well. Seems rather better but is very restless and disin-clined to lie in bed. Contr.

1849
Jany 3 Had been considerably better till to day. Is cross and fretful. Says she is not dressed sufficiently well and has given orders to have more clothes procured for her. Peculiar-ity of appearance continues. Bowels are regular. Contr.

Admitted December 15. 1848.

1849
Jany 4 Had a severe rigor this morning and is looking much more stupid but does not make any particular complaint.
Let her be sent to bed.

5 Over left side of face is an erysipelatous blush with considerable accumulations swelling. Feet and legs are anasarcous. Pulse small and feeble. Hab Ol Ricini ℥ß.
Hab indies Vin X cruci ℥vj.

6 Erysipelas extending. Is very thirsty. Takes very little food. Pulse feeble. Is very restless and seems anxious to get out of bed but is feeble and unable to assist herself. Hab indies pice bovin Oj Cont alia.

7 Face and scalp enormously swollen but redness is less. Lies more quietly in bed but is weaker. Bowels act freely. Cont omnia

9 Swelling of face and scalp continues great but redness has nearly disappeared. Sleeps a great deal and mutters a good deal when awake. Pulse continues feeble. Cont.

10 Much as yesterday. Recognized her sister's voice when she called today. Cont.

12 Is considerably improved. Swelling of face diminished so much that eyes can now be partially uncovered. Took her breakfast today and pulse is of better strength. Cont

14 Was improving somewhat till last night when she had a rigor followed by a state of stupor with occasional muttering delirium.
There is now almost complete coma with subsultus. Pulse small and tremulous.
Cont Vin ad libitum

15 Continued in a state of low muttering delirium during the whole of yesterday and last night and without any further change this morning at nine O'Clock

Died

Marion B. Ferguson Ct. 20 From page 41

1848
Dec 26 Saw her Father today but did not seem to recognize him and she said it was not him but some bad man come to injure her. Cried and seemed perfectly terrified during the whole of the interview.

31 Occupies herself diligently and is more cheerful and rational in manner but persists in her delusions. Health continues to improve

1849
Jany 21 Timidity and childish manner continues and delusions regarding her Father are unaltered. On outer side of left ankle is a small gangrenous spot about the size of a sixpence of which no account can be given. No particular bodily ailment can be discovered. Hands and feet are always cold and clammy. Is most industrious in her habits.
Appl cataplasm pedis.

31 Separation of dead integument has been gradually taking place. A slight inflammation surrounds it and causes patient a little pain. Mental state continues much as before, only suspicion and timidity seem gradually lessening. Cont

Feby 2 Catamenia present today. Discharge copious. Seems improving in this respect. Cont.

28 Has improved very much since last report. Timidity and distrust have nearly disappeared and patient is cheerful and industrious. Natural manner seems flighty and inclined to extremes. Associates with her fellow patients in their occupation and amusements and appears quite rational in her conversation and deportment. Foot is not yet well. Ulcer has an unhealthy appearance and there is considerable tense swelling around it. Let the foot be poulticed. Cont alia.

March 19 Mentally is improving daily. Is very cheerful and contented. Is quite rational in conversation but manner is somewhat flighty and hysterical.
Is complaining more of her foot today. Ulcer has not healed and there is still a spongy elastic swelling around it. There is some erysipelatous redness of foot and ankle with a good deal of oedema. Let her keep her bed

Admitted September 28. 1848.

1849

℞ Sulph Magnes ℥j Vin Tart Antim ℥j
Aquae ℥vij. Sumat bis die ℥ij

21 Erysipelas is spreading upwards but it is more of an erythematous nature than at first. Still considerable edema of foot & ankle. Ulcer much as formerly. Contr.

25 Medicine acts both on bowels & skin. Redness is abating but edema persists. There is no pain complained of save in skin and none is evinced by moving the ankle joint. Ulcer is scabbed over & seems healing but the elastic swelling beneath it continues.
℞ Spir Aeth Nitros ℥ss Liniat.
Scillae ℥p. Sumat ℥j ter in diis
Cont omnia alia.

30 Inflammation of foot and leg has disappeared but oedematous swelling continues. Ulcer has healed but there is still an obscure sense of fluctuation beneath it. Bodily health is very good Continues cheerful and in desirous. Catamenial periods return regularly. Let her be moved to the Sopa. Cont omnia

April 7 Edema diminished but still rather considerable. A small abcess has formed over front of ankle joint. It is superficial and contains a dark grumous pus Ulcer formerly noticed continues closed but boggy elastic feeling beneath it continues.
Apply a poultice to both places

13 Foot is much less edematous and thickening about lower end of fibula has diminished. A small erysipelatous patch however with much pain and swelling has appeared on inner side of left thigh a little way above knee joint and seems the commencement of another abscess
Forcat part offect. Repet hustus salin. Let her keep her bed.

15 Erysipelas diminished and inflamed part becoming more limited and evidently rapidly tending towards an abscess. Contin Haustus
Apply a poultice with decoction of lead lotion.

20 Abscess having formed and matured was today opened. Matter was perfectly healthy. Cavity was found

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Helen Adamson Ætat 27. From Page 413

1848

Decr 13 Has been very unsettled and has had several paroxysms of rage and incoherence since last report. Uses the worst language and seems delighted in provoking restraint. Bodily health seems improving. Contr.

15 Catamenia present today. Is always worse shortly before that period but she does not seem to suffer particularly

31 Has seldom been five minutes in the same state since last report, but has not been very violent on any occasion.

At times is very pleasant and conversible. Manner at such times is abstracted and conversation is hesitating.

Speaks of her mother as 'Mrs Adamson' and never calls her 'mamma'

On other occasions she is obstinately silent or in furious paroxysms during which she is fearfully abusive of every one. When excited attempts to injure all who happen to be near her and threatens to do every description of mischief. Eyes are wild and voice is exalted in tone on such occasions, but a little firmness calms her down in an instant.

Is always sorry and frequently weeps after these paroxysms but invariably says she could not control herself and that she was just acting according to the nature which God had given her. Contr.

1849
Jany 9 Catamenia present today. Is depressed and silent. Since last report has gone on in her usual style, varying every minute, extremes being the greatest amiability and cheerfulness and the highest excitement and ferocity at least in expression.

31 No particular change has taken place since last report. Varies excessively and can never be depended on. Bodily health has improved very much. Contr.

Feby 5 Received a letter from her mother a few days ago and today wrote a reply of which the following is a copy

" Feby 5th 1850

" My dear Mother or Madam

" I received your note or rather
" letter yesterday forenoon, the news about
" the callers I almost paid no attention to
" and I could not understand what you
" sent me the Miller's card for, I thought it
" was a marriage one at first till after I had

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examined it for some time, the parties
were never any favorites of mine. There
is a Miss Rapet in this gallery rather
an odd character she seems to be,
she gives herself out to be religious.
I feel rather improved in my health
though I do not get out enough as the
nurse is always so busy. I was not
allowed by this person to go out with
this lady who goes out whenever she
likes. I got silk to begin a purse, but
have never had it really commenced
should I be leaving soon I have noth-
ing to give for our any waiting upon me.
I think the best plan would be for
Smith to hire a cab and come out
for me herself, as I find my position
rather awkward and uncomfortable
now that I am quite well. The Doctor's
wife is dying of Cancer in her throat
and tongue so I never almost see the
older doctor or his daughter, the only
girl whom I meet in the evenings who
is in her senses is not an improving com-
panion as she is coarse minded and
unladylike in her manner, and I
think would be apt to corrupt another.
Miss Hunter is a dreadful grumbler
and a Miss Young is a consequential
little body. Mrs Mapleston has a
great deal of manner, I think too
much always to believe her sincere.
I was told by her lately that you were
not willing to support me. It has
long been my wish as you well
know to do for myself, if I can not
get the money which was left by
a brother and which must be paid
away now for my being here. I have
a right to get out of this Asylum
and seek a place for myself as a
governess or travelling companion.
I can have no wish to accept anything
from one who has forfeited all right
what I consider to be called a parent.
I can have an advertisement put
into the papers like other females
who have been left destitute by a Father
and this is but common justice
to one whom you have never
treated or considered as he ought.
I have been as a Father and a hus-
band, I have been trifled with too
long. I have as good talents as many
who have gone on the same course
Dr Lawrie was out here the other day,

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Susan McDonald. Ct. From Vol. III p. 192

1848
Dec 4 Says she has a boil upon her knee but will show it to no one. In other respects is as usual. Let her have poultices to boil. Contr.

7 Boil has burst and feels better in consequence; is rather irritable and disposed to find fault. Contr.

31 Since last report has continued in fair health and tolerably amiable. Still however very exclusive and selfish. Contr.

1849
Jany 18 Is in bed today but will not allow it. When said she is ailing. Is pregnant by and will not assign any reason for it. Positively refuses when the medical officers. Let her be watched

21 Has continued in bed since last report. Obstinately refuses when the medical officers, saying there is nothing the matter with her. Refused to take food this morning, saying deliberately she was determined to destroy herself. Let the furniture of her apartment be removed and let a nurse sleep beside her.

22 Still refusing her food. Very irritable and even attempted to injure the nurse when reasoning with her in order to induce her to take nourishment.

23 As she persisted in refusing food preparations were made for feeding her in the usual manner but she was induced to take some strong beef tea and wine when it was poured into her mouth. Has emaciated considerably and is feeble and miserable in appearance.

24 Was fed today in the same way kicked away some hot bottles which were placed around her in bed and obstinately resists whatever is done for her. Contr.

25 Last night, suddenly threw off the bed clothes and stripped herself naked when if she could kill herself by exposure to cold since she was not permitted to starve herself by refusing sustenance. Is very determined and talks in the coolest manner of her resolution. Contr.

26 Became very hysterical yesterday afternoon. Is quieter today but still very unsettled. Abuses and resists every one and every thing

Contr omnia.

Admitted September 28. 1837.

1849
Janr 29 Takes her food on compulsion. Whenever the nurse is absent undresses herself and walks about in the cold Is very silent. Will not answer any question put to her by the medical officer and seems much irritated by his presence. Contr.

31 Is up and in the sitting room today. Is looking pale and wretched, sitting crouched in a corner. Will not speak Still requires feeding. Contr.

Febry 1 Has continued to undress herself filthy and obstinate. Will not take food of her own accord. Contr

7 Still requires feeding and the exclusive attention of the nurse. Feet are somewhat edematous. Manner and habits continue unchanged. Contr

9 This morning fell against a chair in the nurse's room and left eye is somewhat ecchymosed in consequence. In other respects continues the same. Contr.

12 Is beginning to take her food of her own accord and is much more settled. Is up during the most of the day and conducts herself with more propriety. Anasarcous swelling of feet is diminished.

18 Considerably improved but is feeble and mind seems quite imbecile. Contr.

28 Improving slowly. Spends a great deal of time in reading and musing. Is always anxious to escape observation and seldom answers beyond mere affirmation or negation. Feet are somewhat anasarcous and she cannot be induced to seat herself. Contr.

March 31 Gradually returning to her ordinary state but as yet has not done much in the way of employing herself. Bodily health is improving. Takes her food well. Got a peacock presented to her lately and was much gratified thereby. Feeds it regularly and shews much interest about it. Contr

April 30 Has been labouring under a slight cold for a few days but with this exception has been pretty well and cheerful since last report. Old habits have in a great measure returned and also her predominating vices such as selfishness and utter want of feeling. Delusions

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Mary Ann Hunter or Mrs Menon Ct.

1849

Jany 8 Came of her own accord and placed herself as a patient in the Asylum. Says that for some time past she has laboured under melancholy, nervousness and a strong disposition to take away her life and that of her son. Says that her love for her boy seemed to have increased tenfold but that every time she saw him she felt such a desire to kill him that she dreaded nothing so much as being left alone with him. Wherever she went or in whatever way she was occupied the idea haunted her and it had at last got so insupportable that she had been induced to adopt the plan of isolating herself from her home.

Is rather thin and general health seems delicate. Complains much of the usual hysterical symptoms and of irregularity of the catamenia. Appetite indifferent. Sleeps badly. Hab o.n. Pil Assafoet ij Sum indies Infus Cinchon frig co 3ij To have a shower bath every morning. To have regular exercise and employment.

9 Is busy at work with her needle. Feels better from the shower bath. Cont.

10 Rather dull today. Last night was complaining of flatulence and had a severe hysterical paroxysm. Is employed today but speaks despairingly of her state. Says that every thing seems as it were frowning on her and that she has a strong suicidal tendency. Pills do not act of bowels and appetite continues indifferent. Cruett Pil Cont alia. Rx Mass Pil Assafoet 3i Ol Croton gtt iij M. Div in pil x ij Sum j o.n. Hab indies Cerevisiae (Ale) Oj

13 Has improved both in appearance and in spirits. Says she feels much better since beginning to take the new pills which act well on her bowels. Says she has not had such comfortable thoughts for a long time as now. Appetite improved. Seems to have naturally a slightly romantic turn of mind but conducts herself always with propriety. Cont.

Admitted January 8: 1849

1849
Janz 20 Continues to improve. Bowels are still sluggish and require the use of purgative medicine. She is most industrious in her habits and seems cheerful when spoken to but is found retiring from observation and when her solitude is broken in upon she is always found more depressed. Contr.

25 Has improved considerably since admission and seems to be less annoyed by the suicidal and homicidal feelings but she is still occasionally depressed, probably on account of her circumstances which are very far from being good. Having expressed a wish to go and having obtained the consent of the parties who were authorized to grant her permission to leave, she was today dismissed

Cured

Janet Mackay or Mrs Lindsay Ct. 19

1849

Jany 13 Was brought back to the Asylum towards midnight. Her husband states that she commenced to drink whenever she was liberated and that she became so abusive and violent that it was impossible to live with her. Denies every statement which her husband makes, heaps every kind of abuse on him and speaks of the harsh and cruel treatment to which she is subjected. Has not the appearance of having been drinking, but begs for a glass of whisky as she is 'so weak and nervous'. General health is tolerably good. Let her be occupied

31 Since admission has been regularly occupied and though very dissatisfied conforms to the rules of the house. Almost constantly begs of the medical officer to order some ale for her use. Conts.

Feby 28 Continues in fair bodily health, quiet and retiring in her habits and is always industriously occupied. Is very dissatisfied however at being detained here

March 31 With the exception of a sore finger, resulting from a slight injury has been perfectly free from bodily ailment since last report. Is very industrious and conforms to the rules of the institution but she grumbles much about being detained here and is very anxious to be set at liberty Conts.

April 10 Her husband being anxious again to give her a trial requested today that she be dismissed, On probation

11 This morning about one oclock was brought back to the institution, her husband reporting that she had commenced to drink and scold the very instant she got out. Was perfectly sober when brought in but she was dirty and all her clothes were disarranged. Declared that she had taken one pint of porter only and that her husband is alone to blame for he is tired of her and wishes to rid himself for ever of her. General health seems tolerably good. Conts.

30 Is quiet and industrious, very obliging and kind. Health is good. Conforms to the rules of the Institution in all particulars. Walks out daily both in the airing court and grounds. Conts.

Admitted January 13: 1849

1849
May 14 Yesterday afternoon while out walking tried to make her escape but was detected and brought back.
Stop her ale

31 Has very penitent for her late misdemeanour and tried to atone for it by being more zealous in assisting the nurses &c. Health is pretty good.
Cont. omnia

June 2 Though warned as to the probable consequences of the step, her husband came tonight to remove her. She was accordingly at his request dismissed

Cured

July 3 ## Readmitted

Was brought here this evening by her husband and a medical man.
So very much intoxicated and very abusive of her husband. Declares herself very ill used and insists that she has not tasted a drop of liquor and that she is perfectly sober.
Has a lacerated wound on lower third of left forearm. Fascia is torn to the extent of a square inch and flexor tendons are exposed.
Cold water dressings to arm.

10 Drunken fit soon passed off.
Forearm became much swollen but no inflammation took place and it is rapidly healing. Cont.

31 Arm is now nearly well. Bowels require occasional laxative medicine. Is full of complaints against her husband. Cont.

August 31 Has continued in fair bodily health but full of discontent and abuse of her husband since last report. Acknowledges no fault and therefore considers that she is very badly used in being placed here. Cont.

Sept 25 Her husband having again agreed to try her at home, she was today at his request dismissed

Cured

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1849

Jany 31 Continues precisely in the same state both mental and bodily as when last reported. Cont. omnia.

Feby 28 Imbecility continues unchanged but bodily health keeps good. Is always regularly employed and is very obliging in her manner and kind to all around her. Cont.

March 31 Employs herself steadily at needle-work and makes herself generally useful. Is amiable kind and cheerful in disposition and is in very good bodily health. Cont.

April 30 Continues exactly the same as at last report. Is a good deal in the open air. In-doors assists the nurse at various domestic duties & sews and knits a good deal besides

May 31 Assists the nurse, sews, knits and reads. Walks out. Is very cheerful and contented. Mind is very weak. Is very fat. Cont.

June 30 Continues very corpulent, good-natured and amiable. Is very slow in all her movements but continues to make herself tol-erably useful. Is very cheerful and contented. Cont.

July 20 No change has been observed either on mental or bodily state since last report. Is very industrious quiet and inoffensive. Cont.

August 8 Has been sulky and peevish for several days. Bowels have been confined and has had purgative medicine administered to her. In other respects is unchanged.

Sept 15 Bodily health continues excellent. Mind weak. Seldom speaks un-less addressed and even then fre-quently deigns not to reply. Works assiduously. Walks out in the open air. Sleeps quietly. Tongue and bowels normal. Cont.

Oct 15 Mind is very weak but general health is very good. Occupies her-self most constantly and seems cheerful and contented. Cont.

Nov 15 Is almost constantly employed. At times is very obstinate and sulky but generally is cheerful and easily managed. Bodily health is very good though continues grows and fat as ever. Mind is very weak and occasionally fanciful.

Cont.

Admitted July: 12: 1843.

1849
Decr 15 — In all respects continues the same as at last report.

1850
Cont.

Jany 27. — Has been in continued furore for three nights past and refused to use the chamber utensil

28. — Has not hardly ceased talking today and when found fault with flew in a rage at the attendant and used very bad language.

29. — Has been continuing her bad habits walking the gallery and parlour – Appears to do it intentionally

July 28 — Has been now a fixture daily in her habits since last report. Is very cunning indolent and selfish –

March 28. — Is very stubborn selfish and indolent. Fancies that Fridays are Sundays and wont do any work on those days and dresses herself in her best clothes. Her Sister has visited her and stood two nights says that the visit excited her.

April 30 — Is visited frequently by her Sister which seems to create a pernicious influence upon her. Is very stubborn and full of delusions. Is overgrown & unwieldy

May 31 — Is in her usual State. Is injured by her Sisters visits which must be kept a stop to, as she is manifestly a lunatic.

June 30 — Has become more obstinate and stubborn. Is unwilling to use the slightest exertion. Sits from morning to night; Has become quite inert and overgrown. Eats voraciously

July 14. — Tried to run away this afternoon. Seems always more restless dissatisfied and obstinate after her Sisters visit. The attempt to escape was probably owing to the Sister asking who is a lunatic

31. — Is now more excited and combined.

Aug 31 — Is much the same as formerly Is vindictive and dangerous when offended. Is as self indulgent and lazy as ever.

Sept 30 — Is worse for her Sisters visit Is more lazy stiff and ill-tempered

Nov 30 — Is much the same as formerly reported.

Dec 31 — Continues in her usual lazy indolent and self indulgent habits Is gross in body and voracious in appetite.

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1849

Jany 31 No change whatever beyond occasional slight excitement has been observed since last report. Contr.

Feby 28 Continues precisely in the same state both mentally and bodily. Contr.

March 31 Bodily health continues much as formerly. Mind is perfectly patterns. Cannot assist herself in the slightest, indeed seems perfectly insensible to the ordinary sensations. Remains quietly wherever she is placed and when sent into the airing court moves but little. Contr.

April 30 Varies a little. Generally is quiet and as it were dead to external impressions, but sometimes is animated and very talkative, though from her thickness of utterance it is impossible to discover what she says. Has walked out in the airing ground frequently since last report. Bodily health is much as when last noticed. Contr.

May 5 Catamenia present. Discharge very profuse. For several months this copious evacuation has been observed, but beyond a little pallor of countenance it does not seem to produce any bad effect. Contr.

31 Has been much the same as has been formerly reported ever since the menstrual period passed. Requires the same attention as a child. Health pretty good. Contr ourina.

June 10 Catamenia present. Discharge is very profuse. Had an attack of syncope this morning, but of short duration. Let her be kept in bed.

27 Saw her Brother today and seemed to recognize him but displayed her ordinary patterns indifference. Almost the only intelligible remark she made was that her collar bone was broken, but it was quite impossible to make out what had put the idea into her mind. Contr.

28 Saw her Brother again today. When asked by him, who her doctor was now, she replied correctly. General health continues indifferent. Surface, especially of extremities is always cold & clammy. Colour is bluish, but she seldom complains and no particular organic lesion can be discovered. Contr.

Admitted July. 16. 1840.

1840
July 20 — But little change has been observed since last report. Occasionally makes a noise as if scolding but it is impossible to make out a single word she utters. Generally sits quietly wherever she is placed and pays almost no heed to what is passing around her. Hands and feet remain clammy cold and somewhat swollen. Passes her urine wherever she happens to be standing or sitting and renders it very difficult to keep her clean and dry. Cont.

August 15 — In all respects continues the same as at last report.

Sept 15 — Much as before. Circulation in extremities very languid. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels are regular. Never employs herself in any way. Cont.

27 — Catamenia present today. Discharge very copious. Cont.

Oct 5 — Has been rather restless and excitable these two days and has been striking her fellow patients. Cont.

15 — In her usual state both mental and bodily. Cont.

28 — Catamenia present. Discharge as usual is very abundant. Is in bed in consequence. In other respects is in her ordinary state. Cont.

Novr 2 — At dinner today lifted her knife and drew it across her throat rapidly with a determination seldom manifested by her, but guiding it would not cut she dashed it from her in a rage saying she would get achieve her object. Cont.

15 — Continues in tolerable health. There has not been any change on mental state for a long period of time. Is helpless as a child. Voids urine in bed almost every night in spite of all the efforts made to prevent it. Cont.

Decr 15 — For the last week or two bowels have been more sluggish than usual, but otherwise is in her ordinary state.

Several doses of medicine having failed she was ordered an enema but refused to submit to it, saying it was not modest and that she still had virtue left. Hab stat

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Jean Caldwell or Mrs Whyte Ad. From Vol. 19 p 166

1849

Jany 31 This morning was attacked with nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Had some laudanum and brandy and is now better. Let her keep her bed.

Feb 5 Up and employed and making no complaint. Contr.

31 Bodily health continues tolerably good but mind is quite imbecile. Memory, especially of recent events being very deficient. Is most kind obliging and industrious. Contr.

Feby 19 Seems to have caught a slight cold as there is a herpetic eruption over lips. In other respects continues unchanged. Contr

28 Is in her ordinary health. Continues cheerful and industrious.

March 31 Has an occasional attack of nausea and general feeling of discomfort but beyond that never complains. Bodily health though not robust is tolerably good. Is very industrious in her habits, kind amiable & cheerful in her manner. Mind is weak and fanciful.

April 30 Has had several slight attacks of indisposition since last report, but is remarkably cheerful under them and never acknowledges them to be worth taking notice of. Rambles about in her conversation and betrays great and increasing weakness. Is very industrious. Very amiable kind obliging. Contr.

May 31 Has been free from all illness since last report and has been very industrious and cheerful. Walks out daily and is of great service in watching her fellow patients who walk out along with her. Contr.

June 30 In all respects continues the same as when last reported. Gives but little trouble and is always cheerful and obliging. Contr

July 20 Continues in good bodily health but is giving herself great trouble about her pecuniary affairs which she is sure are mismanaged. Speaks much about her properties and estate and cannot be convinced of the real state of matters. Is very industrious and cheerful. Contr.

August 15 Health bodily and mental is unchanged. Continues very industrious. Contr.

Admitted July 25. 1844.

1844
Sept 15 Habits cleanly and industrious General health has kept pretty good for a considerable time. Mind is unchanged. Cont.

Oct 12 Feels sick and giddy. Looks weary and faint. Pulse 84. feeble. Let her go to bed.

13 Sickness has passed off and is in her usual state. General health is indifferent. Is thin and very liable to slight illnesses. Keeps very cheerful and contented though delusions about her circumstances are unchanged. Cont.

26 Is again complaining of debility and general uneasiness. Feels as is usual when sick and giddy. In other respects is as at former reports. Cont.

Nov 15 Has kept pretty well since last report. Is very industrious, kind and obliging in manner and very cheerful. Bodily health is unchanged. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Sleep normal. Cont.

Dcer 15 Is occasionally rather irritable and dissatisfied at not receiving what she deems a proper quantity of ale & snuff, for the latter of which especially she has a great craving. In other respects continues in her ordinary state, industrious and obliging. General health keeps indifferent. Cont.

30 Is confined to bed with an attack of cold with pain through the whole body & sore throat. Cont.

1830
Jany 11 Is now recovered from her late indisposition.

Feby 11 Is in good health and contented at present.

March 9. Is complaining at present of stiffness in the neck with pain on motion.

12 Pain still continues.

28. Is in her usual health. Is very fond of snuff, ale and telling long stories. Still imagines herself to be wealthy and is wasteful of her clothes.

April 30 Is in her usual & quiet and industrious. Is of a good disposition generally though liable to be discontented.

May 31 Is in her usual state both mental and bodily.

June 30 There is no change since last report.

July 31 There is nothing new or worthy of note since last report.

Aug 31 Continues as before.

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Isabella Brodie Aet. 34.

1849
Febr 1 Was brought to the Asylum by an attendant who had been sent for the purpose of bringing her. She in a state of great excitement constantly shouting out in the most incoherent manner very restless and disposed to strike those around her. Expression is very wild. Eyes are injected. Has a sunken sallow look with dark circles round the eyes. Pulse is slow and calculbent rather compressed. Tongue much loaded. Bowels said to be very much confined. Hab stat ol Ricini ℥ß

2 Continues very noisy and so restless that the presence of the attendant is constantly required. Bowels have not yet been moved. Stat injec. enema ol Ricini ℥j ol Terebinthe ℥ß.
Sumat vesp ol Ricini ℥ß.

3 Bowels have been moved several times. Evacuations were very dark coloured and of a highly offensive odour. Was very noisy and inclined to be violent and destructive during the night. Takes almost no food though tongue is rather cleaner. Pulse is feeble. Hab indies Vin Rubri ℥ iij. Bras mane repet ol Ricini ℥ß.

4 Still noisy restless and incoherent. Bowels have not been moved since yesterday. Took a little breakfast and takes her wine freely. Appearance is less excited and injection of eyes has disappeared. Tongue is still furred. Cont.

5 Slept some during the night & today is much more composed though full of delusions about cholera, seduction, brain fever &c. Bowels were moved freely last night. Evacuations becoming of a more healthy character. Appetite improves. Tongue clearing. Cont omnia. Hab p. r. n. Pil Purg. Hab indies Supus Cinchon co ℥j

7 Improves rapidly in appearance but is very incoherent on almost all subjects. Asked if there had been an invasion of the French and if her friends had perished in it. Has been rather insolent and abusive. Appetite much improved. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels regular. Cont.

Admitted February 1. 1849

1849
Feby 10 Continues to be incoherent, insolent and abusive but seems slowly returning to health both bodily and mental. Today said she had cholera and that she was fast dying. Asked the medical officer today why she had been brought here to be seduced and abused him for his bad treatment of her. Functions are now performed pretty naturally. Let her be walked out.

13 Persists in saying she is affected with cholera and that she is dying. Asked the medical officer today how long he thought she might live. Said that several hundred bodies of persons dead of cholera have been carried hence since her arrival; that she smells the odour of the bodies but admits that she did not see any of them. Has walked out daily since last report and has been tolerably industrious within doors. Health improves rapidly. Min Vin ad 3ij indies

14 Said this morning that she had seen the nurse cut a lady's throat since she came here. Other delusions continue unchanged. Health improves. Contr.

20 Still asserts that she is dying of cholera but delusions seem disappearing slowly. Suspicion of manner is lessened and she seldom now uses abusive language. Health continues improving. Contr.

22 Retains the delusion concerning cholera but in most other respects is pretty rational. Has improved very much in bodily health. Her friends having made arrangements for sending her to the country she was at their request today dismissed

Cured

Mary McFarlane Ætat 30

1849
Febry 5 Was brought to the Asylum by an attendant who had been sent for her. Seems stupid and confused stares wildly around her and answers questions with hesitation. Skin is rather warm. Pulse 100 Tongue loaded. Bowels slow.
Hab Mist Ol Ricini 3ij.

6 Became highly excited during the night: Got out of bed, shouted at the top of her voice, abused and struck the attendants. Today is quieter but expression is wild and restless and she seems much inclined to get out of bed. Bowels have not been moved. Skin still warm. Rept Ol Ricini

7 Oil was repeated again last night and bowels were freely moved. Today is quieter but expression is still excitable. Ines eat

8 Last night had a paroxysm of screaming and abuse. Got out of bed, stripped herself naked knocked violently on the door of her apartment and behaved very outrageously. This morning has again been rather hysterical.
Skin still rather warm and expression unsettled. Let her have a tepid bath tonight.

10 Hears voices and occasionally replies to them. Is still paroxysmal and requires watching. Takes almost no food. Tongue still foul.
Hab hs, Pil Purg ij. et rept p. r. n.

11 Quite composed in appearance and seems pretty rational in her conversation. Bowels were freely moved last night. Appetite better today. Let her be got out of bed.

14 Has been up daily since last report and has behaved well. Seems quite rational both in conversation and conduct, modest and retiring in her manner. Has been much industriously employed with her needle. Appetite is improving though bowels still require the use of purgatives. Contr.

28 Continues apparently perfectly well. Is beginning to be anxious for her dismissal that she may look after a situation as she says her means are very slender.
Bodily health is good. Contr.

Admitted February 5. 1849.

1849
March 1 Has improved daily since last report. Is perfectly rational both in conversation and deportment.

Arrangements having been made by her brother she was today at his request dismissed

Cured

Eliz[th] Henderson Ct 40 From page 55.

1849
Feby 5 Continued the same in all respects till today when she is irritable and rather excited, striking those who are near her, running about tossing up and displacing every thing on which she can lay her hands. No particular physical excitement can be discovered. Let her be purged.

6 Excitement passed off without any particular result. Delusions manner and health are again precisely as before. Contr.

22 No change whatever has taken place on delusions. Continues very restless and cannot be induced to occupy herself with any-thing in the shape of work.

Bodily health keeps pretty good. Cont omnia.

March 2 Was very irritable this morning. Refused to see her servant because she was 'trash'. Would not allow herself to be dressed because her clothes were not good enough 'for so elegant a person as herself'; kicked and struck the nurse, but apparently merely from a feeling inducing resistance, not from malice. Is very troublesome and never employs herself. Speaks of her 'elegant person' and of its being a dreadful thing to keep 'one of her superior kind here'. Conversation is very incoherent and expression is quite imbecile. Health keeps tolerably good. Contr.

31 Delusions continue the same but manner is rather more composed than formerly. Cannot be induced to employ herself save in the most desultory way. Pours forth her troubles to every one who enters the gallery and invariably in the same incoherent strain. Never quits the side of the medical officer until they reach the door. Health is, if anything, improved. Takes her food well. Has a shower bath every morning. Contr.

April 11 An unusual smell having been noticed in her bed room this morning an examination was made and a number of small parcels of filthy - deliberately rolled up - were discovered beneath her mattrass. In all respects continues precisely the same as when last reported. Contr.

Admitted December 9: 1848.

1849
April 30 Worries every one who approaches her, regarding her elegant person, superior accomplishments, her detention here, the inferiority of those around her and frequently tells the medical officers and Lady Superintendent that she should not be seen speaking to them as she is quite of a different class. Other delusions exist in even greater force than formerly. Never employs herself in any way. Has been sent a great deal into the airing ground of late. Nurse requires to wash and dress every morning and has a struggle to get her to put on her clothes as she tears almost every article of dress not sufficiently good for her 'genteel person'. Bodily health has improved. Contd.

May 15 Catamenia present today. Habits are filthy slovenly and very offensive to her fellow patients. Has also several times been detected at vicious practices. Delusions are unchanged. Teasing manner also continues the same. Never employs herself.

31 No improvement, save in appearance has taken place since last report. Talks incessantly about being an 'elegant creature'; & what a fearful thing it is for her to be meeting with such people as are around her, tells the medical officers she should never see them as she is of quite a different class'; Says this is a place of punishment and says that those 'awful like wretches' - pointing to her fellow patients — 'are abandoned characters' and 'here upon criminal charges'. Is very tormenting; never leaves the side of the Medical officers or Lady Superintendent while they are in the gallery or the airing ground and keeps constantly speaking in the above incoherent strain. General health is slightly improved. Bowels require the use of purgatives. Continues to employ the shower bath.

Conts ordered.

June 30 Seems becoming worse. Delusions are strong as ever and all her conversation is so incoherent as to render it impossible to understand her. Is infinitely more troublesome as she will not suffer the medical of-

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1869 "he asked me if I would like to go home,
"and if I would not left a Ruse, I said I
"did not think so but could make no decat
"promise, I would prefer going to a distance
"and never coming near any of you. You
"had better not mention what was your
"design in sending me to this place, as I
"should think you would be scouted
"from all respectable society, there are
"pressers putting up in this gallery, com-
"-ing to make all things secure for re-
"-taining the wretched inmates of this
"place. I think one of the nurses has
"received a bribe from another for her
"son in order to keep me here. I gave
"Miss Maclalan a slight kick for try-
"ing to prevent me leaving. I suppose
"I am indebted to you for a good deal
"of what I have suffered. I wish I
"knew some real person who would
"help me out of this & assist me, Yours
truly Helen Adamson
"P.S. I have begun a pair of slippers.
"The minister on the Sundays has been
"rather improving, he was not very
"good at first, and I think is merely
"a schoolmaster, the walks round
"the house are not the least pretty, nor
"in the neighbourhood either. I never
"get any new music and I have no
"money to buy, I will soon have no
"clothes to wear, and I do not know
"where I am to get food or lodging, un-
"-less I go and beg for them, I have
"been shut out of this house already,
"no marriages or deaths of any conse-
"-quence lately, I sometimes see
"the papers the Scotch ones and the
"Times, never anything in them.
"Dr Baine and the Lady who keeps the
"keys of this place have both red hair
"so I think they might marry if they chose.
"Kind remembrances to all my kind
"and attentive friends, would like to
"hear of their welfare shortly.

Feby 28 Still very variable, the extremes being, the greatest violence and the mildest amiability. Exhibits many delusions on subjects connected with her family. Fancies that her mother is not really so and always evinces the greatest dislike when. Talks frequently very indecorously. Says she would like to be a prostitute, for then she could support herself well and find that variety which she so much

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1849

admires. General health seems tolerably good. Catamenia are perfectly regular. Frequently complains of pain in her stomach but at such times she always exhibits her pitiful temper. Contr.

March 13 Had an interview with her mother yesterday. Got into a furious passion; scolded, swore, abused and lastly threw the inkstand with great violence at her mother's head.

When she had calmed down somewhat she delivered herself of the bitterest invective against her mother and relatives and indulged in very gross immorality both of sentiment & expression Contr.

22 Has been indulging very much lately in obscene conversation.

Told the Lady Superintendent yesterday that she once invited a soldier home with her and she had him in her room all night: mentioned the circumstances attendant on this with great exactness and seemed delighted when she told what a disturbance it had created when it was discovered — This story is confirmed by her relations — Says there was nothing wrong in it and that she would do the same thing again if she had an opportunity. Contr

31 Continues variable as ever. Generally keeps her bed and must speak every third or fourth day. When out of bed, amuses herself by playing on the piano and with fancy work but at the latter shows great inaptitude, much restlessness and makes but little progress. General health is very good. Colour is not healthy but it seems natural to her. Contr Omnia

℞ Infus Gentian Ziij ℞ Gentian Zij M. Sumat Zij bis indies.

April 30 Has varied as usual since last report. Had another visit from her mother lately and received her in the same viciously rude manner. Was highly excited for about a day afterwards. Seems to be indulging more in obscene ideas

Frequently demands that some man be sent for to sleep with her and says that a husband is the only remedy for her. Bodily health is good. Contr.

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Jany 31 Continues still very unsettled. Is very paroxysmal and frequently sticky kicks and destroys when excited.
For the most part however is very affectionate and childish both in her conversation and habits. Ear is now perfectly healed. Writes a great many incoherent letters to parties of whom she knows little and frequently signs herself by some other than her own name. Bodily health has not suffered in the least Contr.

Feby 10 Has been more violently excited during the last week and was placed in partial seclusion.
Let her be purged when violent.

28 Continues excitable and requires very close attention. Occasionally is extremely violent and dangerous.
Is exceedingly incoherent in conversation and is very flighty and restless in manner. Bodily health is pretty good. Contr.

March 31 Has been very variable since last report but has not on any occasion been highly excited. Sometimes is sleepless and noisy at night and at times is filthy. Is whimsical and capricious and requires very close attention. Bodily health has not suffered. Contr.

April 30 Extreme variability has continued, scarcely having been two hours alike.
Is slowly coming round however as the extremes of peculiar conduct are not so great as formerly. General health is tolerably though she makes, frequently, complaints of headache, pain in stomach, weakness &c. Eats well. Sleeps quietly now. Bowels regular. Contr.

May 31 Has slowly but steadily come round to her usual state since last report.
Has begun to occupy herself, walk out and partake in the amusements of her fellow patients. Is more cheerful and is kind and amiable.
Mind is rather weak. General health is pretty good. Contr.

June 30 Is depressed and weeping today.
Kept very cheerful and industrious since last report till this morning.
No particular cause can be assigned for this attack. Says herself it is because she fears her daughter will go mad and become an inmate of an

Admitted March: 2: 1846.

1849

Asylum. Let her be watched.

July 5 Attack continues. Is very variable but generally is very dull and inclined to weep. Sighs and casts down her eyes and seldom answers when addressed save by 'oh deaire deaire Lovie' &c Bodily functions are normal

15 Varies excessively. At times is very distracted, at others so irritable as to require partial seclusion while at others she is childishly affectionate. Bodily functions keep normal. Cont.

20 Varies less than formerly. Is depressed and though good natured is very loath to exert herself. Cont.

August 15 Has continued depressed below what is natural to her since last report and has required a good deal of care & attention. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

Sept. 3 A few days ago began to get irritable and restless. Today is much excited, laughing and talking immoderately. Meddles with everything and everybody. Ines cat.

5 Was very noisy during the night and slept but little. Today is still excited, and laughs constantly. Cont.

7 Has been violent in her behaviour and language and disposed to injure those near her. Today is quieter and rather more composed. Bowels are quite regular. Cont.

15 Excitement has again given way to depression with its usual accompaniments of capricious variability and irritability. Is beginning to work a little and walk out but seldom continues long at any thing. General health is pretty good. Cont.

30 Is very variable. At times is composed and employed, at others is petulant and whimsical. Is weak and unfit for much exertion. Has a glass of sherry & a pint of porter daily

Oct 15 Continues much in the same state as at last report. Works and reads a little but does not settle to anything long. Cont.

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Marion Sheddon Ætat.

1849
Feby 13 Has accompanied to the Asylum today by her nephew, she having resolved to put herself under treatment for a time. Fancies she is labouring under the effects of venereal disease and that there are animals eating away her head. Is very much depressed and highly suicidal in consequence it is said of the death of her sister from cholera a few days ago.

Is very fond of medicine and medical men and has brought along with her an immense number of prescriptions she has at various times received from them. General health seems indifferent. Hab. p. r. n. Pil Rhei co. Let her be regularly employed.

18 Since admission has been quite composed and industrious but today is rather flighty and muscular. Blames Dr Rainy's treatment of her sister and says it was the cause of her death. Says also it was his treatment of herself which brought her into the miserable state she is now in. Confesses that she was guilty of vicious practices and blames her parents for their neglect of her when young. Is fond of gossip and scandal and talks freely on highly unbecoming subjects. Cont. Let her be closely watched.

21 Saw her nephew this morning and says he is going to take her home very shortly. Seems to be getting impatient for removal and says she should never have come. Is much more cheerful and composed but is full of her delusions regarding the state of her bodily health. Employs herself regularly with her needle. Bowels are kept free by pills.

25 Is rather irritable and unsettled today and very anxious to be removed. Talks about the disease having gone to her head and about her being in a lamentable state. Says also she has animalculae in her blood which are rapidly destroying her. Says she is unfit to take the management of her house and domestic affairs and thinks that she will destroy herself some day by taking an dose of Laudanum. Contr.

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1849
Feby 26 Rather more composed than yesterday but is of opinion that the medical officers are to blame for having ever received her into the Asylum.
Her Nephew being anxious to give her a trial at home she was today dismissed

On probation

March 1 Re-admitted
From the day she left the Asylum was irritable and meddlesome; struck several of her relatives and destroyed many articles of furniture. Is very unsettled and excitable. Complains bitterly at being brought back and says if she is not shortly discharged she will make an end of herself. Delusions regarding her bodily seem stronger than ever. Incisecat.

5 Has continued very irritable and hysterical since last report and has never employed herself. Complains bitterly at being detained and constantly speaks of the miserable state to which she has been reduced by disease. Has continued to take some medicine which she brought along with her (Tinct Rhei et Gentian) and keeps her bowels regular by an occasional Rhubarb pill.

9 Is growing more composed and has begun to employ herself a little. Delusions are unchanged and anxiety when dismissed unabated. Bodily health seems tolerably good. Continue. Let her have occupation and abundant exercise in the open air.

31 Has been regularly occupied and has been out in the open air almost daily since last report. Frets incessantly at being detained here and is constantly worrying the medical officers to discharge her. Delusions continue unchanged but suicidal paroxysm seems to have passed off. Bodily health tolerably good. Cont.

April 30 Ever since last report has been worrying every one incessantly to discharge her & has been exceedingly discontented. Delusions are the same. Cont

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Alexy Love Aetat 22

1849
Feby 15 Was brought to the Asylum by her rel-atives this evening. Is in a state of great excitement constantly talk-ing in the most incoherent manner, dances and runs about and mut-ters with every thing nearer. Skin generally and scalp are cool. Pulse moderate and of fair strength. Tongue slightly furred. Is rather thin. Cheeks sunk in. Very pallid in complexion.
Stat hab Ol Ricini ℥ß

16 Continues noisy and restless. Bowels have not been moved. Takes her food well. Hab stat Sulph. Magnes ℥ß.

17 Bowels still confined. No im-provement on mind. Rept Sulph Magnes bis in dies donec alv. plene fluat.

18 Had a very scanty stool mix-ed with scybalae this forenoon. Continues very noisy and restless but free from physical excite-ment. Injic stat enema ex Ol Ricini ℥j Ol Terebinth ℥ß.

19 Had several copious evacua-tions after enema and a free stool this morning. Gave no warning but passed them all in bed. Is still noisy. Talks in-cessantly in the most incoherent strain. Pays no attention to what is passing around her but seems wholly engrossed with her own fancies. Appetite continues good. Let her have nutritious diet. Hab p. r. n. Pil Purg j

20 Much as yesterday. Let her be got up out of bed and sent into the airing ground.

25 No change has taken place on mental state. Talks incess-antly and makes much noise. Bowels are apt to be very slug-gish. Appetite continues almost voracious. Cont.

28 Continues incoherent and restless but on the whole more composed than at last report. Seems begin-ning to take notice of what is going on around, but never gives a co-herent reply to any question asked her. Bowels still sluggish and stools are dark in colour. Appetite is becoming greater. Cont.

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1849
March 5 Talks incessantly and in the most incoherent strain. Runs about in the most unsettled manner and meddles with every one and with everything on which she can lay her hands.
Bodily health has not improved. Bowels still require purgative medicine and stools are very unnatural. Appetite continues voracious.
Hab indies Cerevis fort (Porter) Oj contrahe

March 21 No improvement has yet taken place on bodily or mental health.
Hab indies Ol Secor Asselli 3ij Contrahe

38 Has been noisy filthy and very destructive till today when she has all at once become quiet and composed.
Takes her food well but her oil with much reluctance. Has not improved in personal appearance. Contr

29 Has been in tears all morning and will not speak. In other respects seems improved. Contr.

31 Contrary to the opinion of the Physician her friends are anxious to try her at home. She was therefore at their request today dismissed

Relieved

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1849
Feby 28 Continues much in the same state as at last report. Seldom occupies herself, but is quiet and gives no trouble

March 31 Is not in the least improved. Still manifests the same delusions, viz; that she has no body and that she is constantly haunted by a fiend who grins at her and prompts her to every kind of mischief. Says she sees and hears him almost constantly. Is filthy and careless in her habits though general health is tolerably good. Her friends being anxious to try the effect of change she was today at her sister's request

Dismissed

Admitted November 21: 1844

1849
Feby 13 Keeping her bed today on account of a feeling of nausea with headache In other respects is as formerly.
Sum Til Purg ij

28 Bodily health continues good. Erotic delusions, habits and language continue unchanged. Contr

March 31 Bodily health is robust. Is much industrious in her habits and very skilful in all her work. Mind is full of the grossest delusions, chiefly of an erotic character. Frequently informs the attendant, her fellow patients and the Lady Superintendent, that on the evening before some one of the medical officers came when room and continued in bed with her till morning. Is always much annoyed when her statements are doubted and proceeds to confirm them by a minute detail of what she supposes to have passed. Writes letters to her Father in which she makes the same statements. Contr.

April 30 Has grown enormously stout and seems becoming more so. Mind is precisely as at last report. Occupations and habits are also unchanged. Cont.

May 31 Continues much in her ordinary state. There is no diminution of obesity. Erotic delusions are strong as ever and she is every other day giving the same disgusting narratives which have been noticed before. All attempts at reasoning her out of such belief fail and when persevered in only irritate her. Continues very industrious and is very kind-hearted & obliging. Contr.

June 27 Complains of sore throat and has been giving way to rage. Has been abusive and insolent, alluding on her delusions. Bowels are said to be regular but tongue is whitish. Ord hor somni Pil Purg ij
Gras M. Pulv Scoddity.

29 Still complaining of cold and sore throat, but it does not seem to inconvenience her much as she pursues her usual occupations industriously. Delusions are unchanged and paroxysms of abuse and rage continue. Tongue clean Bowels regular. Cont.

Admitted September 28: 1846

1849
July 20 Complains of pain in side today When asked about said it was produced by the treatment she receives night after night from her visitors. Delusions seem getting stronger and more egregiously absurd. Talks them over constantly and does much mischief to her fellow patients. Is becoming shorter and is now quite shapeless. Pat Pil Purg ij

August 11 Catamenia present today. Is in a state of great irritability as she declares this to be a miscarriage. Cont.

16 Has been going about detailing her erotic delusions to every one and is quite angry if not listened to. Asserts that she is now visited by the Chaplain and that she knew him many years ago under a different name when he used to gain access to the rooms of girls in a boarding school. Tells the tale in the most plausible manner. Cont.

Sept 15 Delusions are unchanged. Works most industriously and is neat & tidy in her dress &c. Is enormously stout, though general health seems good. Cont.

Oct 15 Seems becoming worse. Conversation is invariably on the most licentious subjects and language is always of the most obscene description. Works very industriously. Bowels are quite regular. General health is very good, though obesity continues to increase. Cont.

Nov 2 Is suffering from slight catarrh and is rather irritable in consequence. Continues to employ herself very assiduously however. Cont.

15 Mind is unchanged, though conduct for some weeks has been much more circumspect and delusions have been little heard of. Seems daily becoming fatter and more gross. Bowels are regular. Cont.

Dec 1 Keeps her bed today as she says she is threatened with a miscarriage. Describes all the symptoms with great minuteness, mind seeming to revel in obscenity. Catamenia are not present. Continues fat & gross. Cont.

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Feby 28 Still depressed and sluggish. Requires to be compelled to do every thing. Asks frequently for stimulants or sedatives and at every opportunity drinks immoderately of beer. Bodily health keeps tolerably good. Contr.

March 31 Every attempt made to rouse this patient, short of actual force has been fruitless. Seems very wretched and on almost all occasions says she wishes for death. Employs herself a little but desists and runs off to her bed room whenever she is unobserved. General health is rather indifferent. Hands & feet are cold and clammy. Appetite good and bodily functions natural. Contr.

April 27 Is somewhat excitable and hysterical this morning. Made called attention to a reddish mark around her neck which proved that she had attempted strangulation last night. When talked to denies having attempted it but acknowledges the wish to do so.

Let all the furniture in her room be taken from her room & let the nurse sleep in her apartment.

30 Has been rather noisy at night and somewhat excitable during the day since last report. Today is depressed, gloomy and indolent as before the occurrence of the excitement. Bowels are reported to be perfectly regular. Contr.

May 4 Yesterday again became rather excited, was very noisy during the night and today is restless, mischievous and talking incessantly in the most incoherent strain and often using the most indelicate language.

Shows some disposition to tear her dress. Eyes are glaring and prominent. Tongue is clean and bowels are regular. Let her be placed in partial seclusion.

6 Paroxysm of excitement continues. Broke several panes of glass yesterday undressed herself & several other fellow patients in the airing ground and behaved in a very riotous manner. Has torn her clothes in such a way that they can scarce be put on. Let her have a canvas dress.

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1849
May 15 Maniacal excitement continues
is restless, destructive, mischievous
and filthy in the extreme. Is
kept in the gallery by herself and
is sent out into the airing ground
for an hour daily under charge of
a nurse to prevent her meddling
with her fellow patients. Uses very
indecent language at times and
on all occasions makes the most
impertinent remarks. General
health is pretty good. Appetite is
good. Tongue clean. Bowels
regular. Cont.

31 No improvement has taken place
since last report. Has contrived
to destroy a stout canvass dress
and a mattrass. Habits con-
-tinue unchanged. Treatment
has been the same. Cont.

June 6 There is a little swelling of face
apparently from a small abscess
in connection with a bad tooth.
There is no improvement in men-
-tal state. Seems ever on the
watch to do mischief and in spite
of every attention tears her dress, med-
-dles with the other patients and runs
about in a state of great excitement.
Habits are very filthy and all
attempts to check them have as
yet been unsuccessful. Requires
a bath every morning. General
health is much as before. Hands
are generally rather cold. Eats
voraciously. Sleeps little and
is always very noisy at night. Cont

20 No improvement whatever has
been observed on mental state.
Health keeps pretty good. Cont.

July 2 Catamenia are present today
but discharge is scanty. Is as
restless, destructive, noisy and
filthy as ever. Cont.

12 No change has taken place on
mental or bodily state. Is out for
the greater part of the day but requires
constant supervision to keep her out
of mischief. Occasionally is induc-
-ed to sew a little but frequently ends
by tearing her work. Cont

17 Habits continue uncleanly though
every precaution is taken to wean her
from this. Bowels seem rather re-
-laxed. Hab Oz. Sil gtt xij
Cont alia.

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Mary Martin or Mrs Adam Ct.

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March 2 This evening was transferred from last to West House.

5 Is very quiet and retiring in manner slow and hesitating in conversation, which however seems rational. Has an imbecile expression. Cannot be persuaded to employ herself save in the most trifling manner. General health seems indifferent.

Let her have generous diet, exercise and employment.

12 Is very idle and slothful in her habits and very retiring in her manner. General health is improving

25 Is in bed today complaining of headache but apparently more from idleness and apathy. Is rational in her conversation but distrustful and retiring in her manner. Let her be got out of bed.

31 Makes a kind of pretence at assisting the nurse but in reality is unemployed. Is very listless and apathetic and frequently asks to be dismissed. Bodily health is improving. Cont.

April 21 Continues indolent, apathetic and stupid as at last report. Is very retiring and unsociable and nothing can induce her to employ herself. General health has improved considerably.

Arrangements having been made by her husband for taking her home she was today at his request dismissed

Relieved

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Janet Watt Etat. 26

1849
March 8 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by her relatives. Is said to have passed several days in a state of profound coma. Nose is ecchymosed and swollen, an injury said to be the result of the means used to rouse her. Expression is very stupid. Eyes dull and languid. Is very silent and retiring seemingly from imperfect comprehension of what is said to her.

Bodily health seems to have been robust. Tongue is very foul. Bowels are said not to have been moved for several days notwithstanding several doses of croton oil; one was given a few hours before admission.

Sues oat.

9 Passed a quiet night. Bed was very filthy. Feculent matter was scanty, of a dark colour and most offensive smell. Is still very stupid and rolls her eyes about as if awaking out of a sleep.

Hab Ol Ricini ℥j Ol Lent ℥ij ℔.

10 Medicine has not acted. Is still stupid and abstracted. Takes almost no food but has considerable thirst though there are no febrile symptoms. Let her be got out of bed.

11 Yesterday afternoon became somewhat excited. Walked about the gallery speaking about the "Queen of Zion". Said she 'was far elevated above her sphere of life'. Today has relapsed into her stupid listless state. Bowels have not yet been moved. Injic stat enema cui ag tepid.

12 Enema brought away a copious discharge of very offensive feculent matter. Is looking rather more intelligent but still reserved and retiring in her manner. Rep Enema

14 Catamenia appeared this morning. Bowels are now acting more regularly and discharges are more natural than before. Is more intelligent in expression and much more active in her movements. Assists in washing and dressing herself. Answers more readily when spoken to but does not enter into conversation. Complains of weakness. Tongue is cleaning. Hab p.r.n. Pil Purg ij.

To have regular out door exercise.

19 Has been out daily since last report and has improved much in

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personal appearance. Is however taciturn and unsociable. Frequently makes signs and looks mysterious.
Replies hesitatingly to questions and never enters into conversation
Bodily functions are becoming normal. Cont. Let her be employed.

March 23 Is considerably improved today. Much more intelligent in appearance and less reserved towards others. Conversation does not betray any delusions but as she several times spoke obscurely of a 'misunderstanding', it is probable that some exist. Has been very industriously employed. Walks out of doors regularly and is more tidy in her person. Cont.

27 Continued tolerably cheerful and industrious till today when she has again become dull and stupid and has left off work. Says hesitatingly that she 'is not so well' and that is all that can be got from her.
Makes no complaint save of mental confusion. Hab Ol Ricini ℥j

31 Dull, stupid fit continues. Sits frequently for hours together with her hand clenching over her face, without uttering a word or seeking to employ herself. Assigns no reason for this alteration; indeed speaks almost none. Bodily functions are natural. Cont.

April 20 Has varied a good deal since last report but whole conduct has been marked by a great degree of distrust and mystery. Hesitates about replying to questions and gives frequent enquiring glances at the questioner. Within the last day or two has become somewhat stupid in appearance and has left off employing herself. Eyes are heavy and prominent. Bowels are said to be regular. Appl. vesic occipit.
Hab M. et Vesp. Pil Coloc co j

25 Blister rose very well. Little change has been observed in manner. Said to the Lady Superintendent today that her getting home would be beneficial to the other patients as she could then pray for them with some effect. Cont.

30 Is she continues confused, distrustful and stupid in appearance. Blister on head was ordered to be repeated.
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Martha Telford or Mrs Anderson Et.

1819
March 26 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband. Is in a state of great excitement, talking most incoherently on all subjects, shouting out cursing and weeping. Pulse is slow and skin is cool. Patient was nursing up to commencement of illness but mammae are quite flaccid. Is said to have suffered for several years from paroxysms of violent pain in the region of the urinary bladder. Let her be placed in seclusion.

27 Was very noisy and restless during the night. This morning was very filthy and required to be bathed and have every thing changed. Is very reluctant to keep her bed. Throws off the bed clothes and sits on her knees at the end of the bed. Is very incoherent and expression is highly maniacal. Took some breakfast but seems rather disinclined for food. Continue her in seclusion and let the room be darkened.

30 Continues maniacal, filthy and noisy as before. Bowels are perfectly regular. Mammae are flaccid and cause no uneasiness. No paroxysm of pain has as yet been manifested. Urine is passed freely, without pain and seems perfectly normal.

Ht. Hat Saluenum Lepid et septr. Otr.

April 1 Has been quieter during last night and today is keeping her bed. Seems more composed and intelligent. Puts out her tongue when asked and understands partially what is said to her. Still however passes urine and stools in bed during the night. Is taking her food better. Makes no complaint of pain. Contr.

4 Has gradually become more composed and intelligent. Is however getting restless in bed, apparently from its being irksome to be confined. Let her be got up and dressed.

7 Has been out of bed these two days & has been perfectly quiet. Moves about the gallery in a curious manner, sometimes in a circle, sometimes backwards forwards and in a Zig Zag direction. Half closes her eyes, projects her chin as if holding her breath for a muscular exertion. Talks still rather incoherently, but answers questions re-

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garding her state apparently pertinently enough. Has been suffering from external hemorrhoids and has pain when in a sitting posture.

Hab Sol. Acet. Plumbi. Sig. Wash what with Gallon. et Op:

April 9 Was noisy during the night. Bed was very filthy this morning. Continues restless and excited. Shouts out and weeps alternately. Keep her in her room.

10 Has been quieter during last night and today seems somewhat better. Talks incoherently, looks unsettled and is very excitable. Occasionally suffers from what is presumed to be the disease she laboured under before admission here. Symptoms are as followings. Paroxysms come on at intervals of various length generally suddenly, compelling her to kneel down or to place her hands on her thighs and strain as in labour or when suffering from tenesmus. Bearing down fits sometimes pass off in a few minutes, but occasionally they continue, with remissions, for half an hour — When it passes off a small quantity of urine is usually observed on the floor where she had been kneeling. Nurse reports that there is no external prolapse and that the piles are much better. Urine is perfectly normal both in appearance & in chemical qualities. Appetite is good. Bowels regular. Sleep varies; sometimes it is good: occasionally it is interrupted by paroxysms of pain. Is almost always filthy during the night. Cont.

20 Continues to suffer from pain in the manner described above and mind continues incoherent as before. Bodily health seems improving. Habits still filthy.

Cont omnia.

30 No improvement has taken place on mind and paroxysms of pain are as frequent and as severe as ever though general health seems somewhat improved. Most of the medical men who saw her previous to admission here thought her disease nervous. Hab ter die Pari Ferri Mach Dup

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Marion Milliken Stat.

1849
March 28 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by a nurse who had been sent for her. Talks incessantly, frequently weeps & exhibits great signs of tribulation. Let her be put to bed.

29 Passed a quiet night and is reported to have slept pretty well. This morning got up and dressed herself and has been walking about the gallery talking constantly in the most incoherent strain of needles and pins, rats, mice, wee darlings, hooks and eyes and people mistaking appearances. Laughs & cries alternately. Skin and eyes are slightly jaundiced Tongue coated with a yellow fur. Pulse 100 soft. Ord Pil Aloetic ij. Let her be kept quiet.

30 Was very restless all yesterday and very incoherent in her conversation. Passed a very noisy night and had to be removed to refractory gallery. This morning is much distressed. Says there is a beast in her throat gorging on her blood. Frequently screams out loudly as if terrified. Bowels were freely opened. Cont.

April 1 Continues very restless and noisy. Jumps in and out of bed and talks in the most incoherent strain. Bowels regular. Appetite indifferent. Cont.

4 Rather more composed but mind is still very fanciful. Complains of weakness. Let her be removed to a quiet gallery

10 Mind continues very fanciful but she is good natured and always contrives to be occupied in some way. Walks out almost daily. Bodily functions are now tolerably natural

30 Since last report has been rather variable but on the whole has been gradually becoming more rational in her conduct and conversation. Is amiable, cheerful and kind-hearted and is of great service in the gallery and to her fellow patients. General health has improved. Cont.

May 22 Since last report had been gradually improving in health and though rather variable, was slowly becoming more composed. Yesterday afternoon went out for a walk but while out felt sick and faint and had to be sent for to the Lodge in which she had taken refuge. When seen by the medical officer, general surface was cold

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and livid and there was great prostration of strength. Vomited some bilious looking matter and had two free stools shortly after commencement of attack. Had some diffusible stimulants and pans containing hot water were placed around body. A sinapism also was put over the epigastrium.

Soon rallied a little but got no sleep during the night and this morning is still sunk: There is considerable difficulty of breathing and great general uneasiness complained of. Is somewhat drowsy as if labouring under the effects of a narcotic. Has vomited occasionally during the night, the same bilious matter. On examining chest, heart is found enlarged & lungs emphysematous. Pulse feeble. Has had no further movement in bowels. Stat hab Tr Rhei Tr Aloes ā ℥ij Tr Card Co ℥j. 6to

May 23 Bowels have not yet been moved through last night an enema was given and again this morning. Complains of numbness over right side of body and there is slight want of power in both extremities especially lower. There is no affection of face or tongue which latter is thickly furred. P hard. Repet haust et post hor iij Enema ol Ricini ℥j ol Tereb ℥ij ft.

24 Bowels were freely moved. Stools greenish. No vomiting. Is on the whole rather easier but there is still some dyspnea. Loss of power on right side continues. Is rather prostrate and restless. Sleeps none. Very capricious in her appetite. Ilia repet haust.

26 Bilious disorder is now nearly well. Countenance is clear. Tongue clean. Bowels free. Dyspnea is increased however and spirits are flagging. Says she is about to die. Hab. Ether Sulphuric Mc xxx

31 Continues to be much annoyed with dyspnea. Complains also of general uneasiness. Want of power continues. Bowels are regular. Tongue clean.

June 2 This morning at 6 O'Clock was found in bed, dead. Was last seen about an hour before and she was then in the same state as described at last report.

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March 30 (Cont'd) lower extremities. No pectoral or abdominal affection can be detected. Pulse is slow and natural. Tongue is rather White. Rx Sulph Magnes 3ij. Vin. Antimon 3ß Aquæ 3ij ter. Sum. 3ij ohorâ donec alv plene fluat.
Rx Sp Æth Nitric 3ii Tr Scillæ 3ß. M. Sumat 3j quater indies

31 Bowels were very freely moved. Swelling much abated and redness has disappeared. Cont Mist Diuret.

April 2 Swelling completely gone. That of cheek continues. Let her be got up and employed. Repet Vesic mal Mist.

4 Blister rose well. Is up and employed. Mind is very weak but she is amiable and kind hearted.

22 Saw her Father and Mother yesterday and has been hysterical & unsettled ever since. Will not employ herself but stands near the door and begs to be allowed to go to Greenock. Mind seems slightly more active. Bowels are still very sluggish. Frequently requires saline purges to bring off the accumulated occasional pill.

30 Has kept rather unsettled ever since seeing her parents and great difficulty has been found in getting her to employ herself. Is stout and robust in Bodily health. Mind is very weak; much resembling that of a foolish bashful child. Bowels are still sluggish. Cont.

May 6 Has been very reluctant and discontented since last report but is again beginning to calm down and resume her occupation. Cont.

31 Has been gradually improving both mentally and bodily since last report. Mind however is still very weak and habits are still rather slovenly. Works industriously, walks out daily, takes her food and sleeps well. Catamenia are regular. Cont.

June 20 Continues to improve though slowly Habits are now perfectly cleanly and more orderly. Mind is very weak and sluggish and all her bodily motions are slow. Is very amiable and is generally industriously employed. General health is now pretty good. Bowels regular. Cont.

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1849 July 15	Goes on improving. Mind however is still very inactive. Employs herself industriously but requires every thing to be pointed out to her. Health of body is very good. Habits are quite cleanly. Cont.
August 2	Arrangements having been made for her removal her father today came to take her away. Is still sluggish and inactive and of very limited intelligence but this seems her natural state. At her fathers request she was dismissed

Cured

Catharine Bruce Ætat 27

1849
April 9 Was brought to the Asylum this forenoon by her mother. Is in a state of great excitement running about, stamping violently on the floor and shouting out in a loud tone of voice. Attention cannot be arrested for an instant, and except, putting out her tongue when asked makes no relevant reply to any question.
Appearance is highly excited. Eyes are prominent and glistening. Tongue is whitish. Seems in robust bodily health. Ivies cat.
10 Passed a restless and noisy night and today is violent and incoherent as on admission. Bowels have not yet been moved. Rx. hab haust. Nigr 3iv et repetr Cras mane.
11 Still restless and noisy. Bowels were freely moved. There is considerable weakness with great clamminess of hands and feet. Cont.
13 Continues noisy, incoherent and restless as ever. Tongue is very foul and on inner side of lips there are several whitish ulcers. No appearance of ptyalism. Bowels are rather slow. Appetite indifferent. Rx hab Pil Colocc c Cont; Let her have beef tea.
18 Mouth is cleaner. Ulcers are nearly healed. Tongue is still whitish. Tongue bowels now act pretty regularly. Mind is unchanged. Continues incoherent, noisy and filthy as ever. Cont.
30 Incoherence continues very great. Is constantly running over a string of names, of persons & things and flies from subject to subject though they have not the slightest connection. Is very noisy, restless and filthy. Has been up and running about the gallery for a few days. Feet are edematous and there is little quick current of blood circulation in both extremities. Eyes are generally shut and expression is that of patient suffering, fully resigned.
Bowels are regular. Mouth is healed. Tongue clean.
Hab Sp Aether Nitric 3i ter die.
May 10 Continues noisy, incoherent and filthy as ever. Appetite is improved however, edema of feet has disappeared and circulation in extremities is more active. Rx. hab Camphor gr vj Opii gtt m

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May 20 Has become much quieter and less restless since last report. Is still incoherent, but occasionally answers distinctly and rationally when her attention is fixed. Habits have become more cleanly. Appearance has improved very much. Takes her food very well. Is sent out to the airing ground daily and though she tears up the grass and picks up stones, she does no mischief. Tongue is clean. Bowels regular.
Cont omnia.

31 Is gradually improving in bodily health and is becoming more composed and rational in her behaviour. Answers questions pretty rationally but occasionally breaks out into the same incoherent jargon as on admission. Has not begun to occupy herself as yet. Walks out. Is quiet at night and habits are now cleanly. Cont.

June 20 On the whole has gone on improving but has varied somewhat since last report. Occasionally has been uncleanly in her habits and very noisy at night. During the day paroxysms of scolding sometimes come on and very offensive language is at times employed.
When spoken to, her attention is fixed easily, expression is intelligent and composed and she generally answers questions correctly. Has done a little needlework but is not yet much inclined to continue at it. Bodily health is much improved. Circulation in extremities is not nearly so languid as formerly. Cont.

July 3 Catamenia are present today for the first time since admission. Discharge is copious. Is improving both mentally and bodily though occasionally is rather noisy and filthy at night. Walks out much. Employs herself a little. Appetite is good. Bowels regular. Cont

15 On the whole behaves pretty well. Has paroxysms of scolding but rage is excited apparently on objects of recollection alone. Manner betrays great indifference to what is going on but she generally answers questions rationally.

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Janet Wood Watson Atat. 22

1849
April 24 Was brought to the Asylum this evening at a late hour, by her sister. Seems in delicate health. Is very fretful and distrustful, terrified for every one and constantly cry's out 'Mary' 'Mary'.
Pulse 84.

25 Continues in a state of great trepidation though was quiet during the night. Will not reply to questions nor will she obey any orders. Stares distrustfully at all who approach her and asks occasionally if this is hell? There are no febrile symptoms. Tongue is white. Bowels have not been moved since admission.
Hab Pil Alterativ ij Statim.

26 Bowels have not yet been moved. Is peevish and distrustful as ever. Will not speak. Refuses food & medicine and has to be forced to take them. Habstat haust hyos. 3iv. et si alv non fluat injic. enema domestic

28 Bowels have been several times freely moved since last report and has taken her food with some relish today. Is distrustful as ever. Asks tremblingly what is going to be done to her and if this be hell. Expression is very peevish and timid. Hab Pil p. r. n.

30 Continues still to ask if she is in hell: Says she would like to go to heaven. Still timid and distrustful. Bowels act freely.
Let her be got out dressed and sent to the airing ground.

May 4 Has been up and out of doors daily but watches every opportunity of getting into the gallery when she immediately undresses herself. Is very fond of escaping observation. Timidity and distrust are still very great. Let the nurse sleep in the same apartment & watch her closely.

10 Continues peevish and distrustful. Complains much of being harshly used and tells the most direct falsehoods in many of her statements. Says it is cruel to send her out for a walk and to keep her out of bed. Refuses her food and is exceedingly obstinate in resisting it. Bowels regular. Cont.

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May 13 While undressing for bed last night tied her handkerchief tightly round her neck and was caught by the nurse apparently trying to strangle herself. When talked to her intention with the handkerchief she made a rope of the sheet and put it around her neck. Has spoken to this morning severely and informed that a smart shower bath would follow a repetition of any such attempt.

14 Again attempted to fasten her cap strings round her neck so as to produce strangulation and became highly excited when prevented. Got a shower bath this morning.
Is much as at former reports.
Contr.

20 Continues fretful and distrustful as ever. Is full of delusions regarding the state of her soul and this place being hell. Is still acutely suicidal and is constantly watched. Bowels act pretty regularly. Tongue however continues white. Contr

31 Has improved somewhat since last report. Has not again attempted suicide. Appetite is very deficient and it is with great difficulty that she can be got to take food at all. Occasionally says she wishes to die and go to heaven. Is still rather petulant and childish but not so much so as formerly.
℞ Infus Gentian ℥ij & Gentian ℥ij
Tinct ℥ss ter die.

June 8 Continues fretful, disinclined to work and anxious to be alone. Requires the constant watching of the attendant. Seldom speaks beyond asking if she will get to Glasgow. Expression is very timid & peevish. Takes her food very badly and generally requires to be fed. Bowels are sluggish but are kept open by pills. Contr.

12 Has complained of toothache for several days. Left cheek is somewhat swollen. Has been taking her food rather better but is very obstinate and peevish. Walks out daily. Contr.

20 Has been taking her food better and is improved in appearance. Continues highly suicidal and frequently tries to secrete a knife. Is closely watched. Contr

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be of considerable depth. Experienced immediate relief when the matter was discharged. Foot improves daily. Apply a poultice

Contra dia.

April 22 Catamenia present. Discharge moderate and there is no particular complaint. Leg and foot goes on favorably. As there was suspicion of a long sinus a compress & bandage were applied today. Says she is weak and heartily tired of her bed. Cont.

26 Sinus has healed and there now remains only a small ulcer over site of abscess. Has been allowed animal food and permission to be laid on the sofa was accorded. Cont.

30 Feels much more comfortable and stronger since she was permitted to rise. Can walk a little, but lamely. Mind seems now to have recovered its natural characteristics. Talks quite rationally & of a very slightly susceptible disposition. Laughs incessantly at every thing and is occasionally almost boisterously cheerful.

Looks stout and healthy. Bodily functions natural. Cont. mixture

Let her be taken out to the open air every fine day and placed on a seat.

May 5 Is improving rapidly and can now walk about pretty well, a little lameness alone remaining. Mentally, seems in her natural state: Is very cheerful, laughs immoderately and is rather easily excited. Bodily health is very good. Functions normal. Cont.

Let her wear a laced stocking on affected limb.

31 Is now perfectly well both mentally and bodily. Her Father having made arrangements for taking her to the coast she was today at his request dismissed

Cured

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Elizabeth Hunter Ct. From page 45

1819
April 30 Wanders about the gallery accusing herself of every imaginable vice and sin. Says she wishes very much to get away, so that she may wander about the country, and frequently asks the Medical officers if they ever let any one away for being too bad adding that such is the only ground on which she can hope for dismiss-al. All her fears & are utterly without foundation. Coun-tenance is expressive of great wretchedness. Has occasional paroxysms of excitement in which she curses very much and du-ring the frequently strikes.
Bodily health is tolerably good Appetite is voracious. Bowels are slow but are easily acted on by pur-gatives. Sleeps badly and com-plains much of disagreeable dreams
Cont omitted

May 31 No change whatever has been ob-served since last report. Abuses and condemns herself and her actions and entreats for punish-ment, which, as she says, she so richly deserves. Deplores the mis-ery and ruin she fancies she has brought on others. General health is indifferent. Cont.

June 20 Wanders about the gallery talking against herself and occasionally gets somewhat excited and shakes her fellow patients. Such paroxysms always end in a flood of tears with great self-reprobation and sorrow for what she has done. Entreats the Physician to discharge her as she is too bad to be detained here & as she will bring ruin and mis-fortune on every one. General health is tolerably good. Bowels require the use of laxatives. Cont.

July 15 No change of any importance has been observed on Mental or bodily state since last report. Is very ami-able, well informed and shrewd when her attention is drawn away from her own morbid ideas. Walks out daily. Cont.

August 15 Constantly accusing herself of sins & crimes and says she was the most a-bandoned wretch that history ever told of looks very miserable. General health is pretty good. Cont.

Admitted March: 10: 1848.

1849
Sept 15 No change of any importance has been observed since last report. Is restless and almost always moving about.
Never omits an opportunity of accusing herself and often entreats us to dismiss her as she says she is the cause of every disaster which happens. General health is pretty good. Cont.

17 Was slightly sick yesterday and during the night was attacked with vomiting and purging which continues at short intervals. Tongue is pretty clean. Complains of pain in abdomen. Pulse is 84 sopt. Stat hat Pulv Doveri gr v Hydr ℞ cretæ grij ℞ Pulv g.g. deject Sum. Mist Cretæ ℥j

18 Is better today but complains of weakness and pain in the abdomen. Is giddy when she sits up and is unable to rise without assistance. Has been ordered milk diet these two days but partakes very sparingly of it. R.S. Stat Pulv Doveri gr viij

20 No return of bowel complaint but keeps her bed still on account of weakness. Cont.

30 Has continued free from illness since last report. Mental state is unchanged. Says she is miserable and that she has all her life been a fearful profligate. Bodily functions are torpid. Cont.

Octr 15 Accuses herself constantly. Says she is miserable and wretched & that she never can be better. Looks very sorrowful and frequently asks to be discharged to go about and beg as she cannot pay for her maintenance here. General health is much as at last report. Cont.

Novr 1 Bowels are again somewhat relaxed. Mental state has undergone no improvement. Stat p.r.n. Mist Cretæ ℥ss

3 Was sent to bed yesterday in consequence of the persistence of diarrhea. Today it is better. Cont.

11 Continues free from diarrhea and is up and walking about. Cont.

15 Keeps up an unceasing self accusation and is constantly fretting herself to tears or into a paroxysm of rage. Expression is wretched. General health is tolerably good. Cont.

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Susan McDonald Rl. From page 62

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also continue unchanged for she refused to see her sister when she visited her for that purpose about a fortnight. Spoke about her and her relatives as 'the Edinburgh people' and in a conversation in she was termed her 'sister' she remarked 'she calls herself so'. General health is pretty well restored. Has walked out on several occasions. Appetite pretty good. Sleep and bowels natural. Contr.

May 31 Has varied a good deal since last report but chief peculiarities continue unchanged. Associates very little with her fellow patients, keeps her own room very much, reads the Bible and cannot be persuaded otherwise to occupy herself or to walk out. General health has not recovered perfectly. Looks much more aged than before last illness. Is beginning to lose her interest in the peacock

Contr omnia

June 10 After improving gradually and shewing signs of resuming her occupations has again relapsed into a taciturn state and will neither leave her bed nor take her food. By a little firmness and perseverance the attendant got her to swallow the greater part of the various meals but she opposed resistance to all. No particular disorder can be discovered. Bowels are confined. Refuses to take medicine

Hab Ol Croton Tiglii gtt i in cibo —

11 Bowels were freely moved. No change in symptoms.

Remove everything from the apartment and let her be closely watched.

14 Still refusing her food but is compelled to take a sufficient quantity. Undresses herself and stands in the middle of the floor quite naked, whenever she has an opportunity. Bowels have not been moved for several days. Repts Ol Crot. Tiglii. Contr alia.

16 Became very much excited last night, shewing much disposition to strike and to destroy the bed clothes. Today is composed but speaks none, even when addressed. Still refuses her food and frequently tries to undress herself even in the attendants' presence. Contr.

Admitted September 28: 1837

1849
June 18 Attendant reports that there is a red and painful spot over right knee pan but patient obstinately resists shewing it to any of the Medical officers. Continues to refuse her food and is constantly trying to undress herself. Bowels act only when the croton oil is given. Cont.

21 Has been somewhat better since yesterday. Is beginning to take her food of her own accord. Attendant reports that discoloured spot on knee is much as before; It is reported that there is no swelling, merely redness & pain. Let her use the sugar of lead lotion. Cont. ation.

26 Seems again coming round. Takes her food tolerably readily but continues very taciturn and reserved in manner. Face seems slightly puffy as if there were some general oedema. Bowels are beginning to act naturally. Hab. to dec. Spir. Æth. Nitric. ℥i

30 Improving slowly. Is up out of bed daily but cannot be persuaded to leave her room. Knee is now quite better. Cont.

July 6 Improves daily. Is very childish in her manner and at times is so apathetic that the attendant requires to perform the most trifling actions for her. Looks very pallid and feeble and appearance generally is much more aged than formerly. Cannot be persuaded to leave her room nor employ herself save in reading. Bowels are tolerably regular. Cont.

14 Is slowly coming into her former habits. Walks out occasionally. Converses more readily and in her usual manner. To the Medical officers is very reserved. Dislikes to mix with her fellow patients and is much inclined to sit in her bedroom. General health is considerably improved. Cont.

31 Has improved gradually since last report. Is very whimsical and requires a good deal of management. Takes her food pretty well. Sleeps quietly. Is very loath to come out of her room and much more so to go out of doors. Reads a good deal but never sews or knits. Cont.

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Penelope Good Atat:

1849
May 31 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her sister. Struggled violently and cried out loudly to be sent back as this was no place for her. Says she has been a grievous sinner and that there is no hope for her. Seems depressed and distrustful. Is somewhat deaf. General health is indifferent. Tongue is white. Bowels are sluggish. Sues cat.

Jun 1 Slept quietly but is fretting constantly about her sister. Is very timid and suspicious and constantly mentions her fears about her salvation. Ord M. et Resp Pil Purg.

6 Says the devil appeared to her last night and told her that she would end her days in the darkest dungeons beneath this house, reserved for beings so sinful as herself. Is in a state of great trepidation and begs that her bedroom door be left unlocked. Bowels were moved by medicine. Let the nurse sleep in the same apartment.

10 Is on the whole more composed but occasionally has paroxysms of excitement, in which she screams out apparently in terror. Is very fretful about her sister. Delusions are still the same regarding her soul and about ending her days in a dungeon. Says also she will ruin every place she is in & every person with whom she is brought into contact. Bowels act pretty freely. Cont mania Let her have plenty of out door exercise.

12 Frequently since coming here has made strong demands for stimulants and has shown a craving for them by drinking every drop of beer on which she can lay her hands. In other respects continues the same. Cont mania.

16 Has been employing herself somewhat but in other respects continues much the same. Still demands stimulants and makes a great noise when refused. Says today that she is going to be killed and begged of the medical officer that her death might be a speedy one.

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1849
May 19 Is rather excitable today. Runs about saying she is the 'Devil' and is rather disposed to strike. Cont.

20 Excitement has passed off and she is again peevish and morose. Takes her food pretty well. Tongue keeps very white and breath is excessively foetid. Cont. Pil Purg

25 Is somewhat improved in appearance and is on the whole more cheerful. Is very anxious to get to see her sister and attacks the officers of the House most perseveringly for permission. Shows much cunning in her use of blandishment and flattery to gain her end. Employs herself a little with her needle. Walks out regularly. Still manifests considerable desire for Stimulants. Cont.

31 Improves slightly but still continues to request leave to go and see her sister. No change has been noticed in manner or habits. Cont.

June 8 Frets constantly about not being allowed to go and see her sister and perseveres in entreating permission from the medical officers. Has several times had a paroxysm of rage, stamping her foot and striking out at all before her. Generally goes about in a careless listless manner and exhibits a good deal of timidity and distrust of those around her. So easily roused out of her morbid state and made to converse cheerfully, play and sing and occupy herself with her needle.

Takes her food well. Bowels keep regular. Sleeps well. Cont.

20 Continues depressed, somewhat distrustful and very fretful. Is still exceedingly solicitous about her sister. Paroxysms of rage occur frequently and often without apparent cause.

Gait continues slouching and careless. Expression very peevish. Speaks and acts very much like a child. Has been observed to be rather drowsy for a few days and has been less inclined to occupy herself. Tongue continues whitish. Bowels are said to be quite regular. Hab M. et resp. Pil Aloes & Ferri. To have regular exercise.

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Mary Mumnock Ct. From page 18

1849
May 31 Never employs herself now, pleading her extreme wretchedness as her excuse. Seems much depressed and is very suspicious and distrustful. Says she has ruined every one connected with her, that she is a beggar and deserves to die. Says she never can be better and that it would be good for her if an end could be put to her sufferings. General health seems pretty good. Bowels are apt to be slow but they are readily moved by laxatives.
Cont. omnia.

June 20 Delusions continue unchanged. Is very wretched, anxiously distrustful and very suspicious. Walks about sighing and shaking her head when spoken to generally weeps. Cannot be induced to employ herself. Shrinks from the presence of others and dislikes much being sent into the open air. Observes her usual habits regarding food, eating nothing but vegetables. Will not shew her tongue, saying she is in quite good health. Bowels are inclined to be sluggish but are easily acted on by purgatives.
Cont.

July 15 No change whatever has taken place either on mental or bodily state since last report. Cont.

31 Has been getting worse. Delusions are more numerous and kindred and distrust have increased. Can scarcely be induced to take food. Tongue is foul. Breath exceedingly foetid. Bowels slow. Let her have regular purgative medicine.

August 3 Expression is very wild. Is becoming daily more distrustful and will not allow the medical officers to approach her. Speaks of crowds of people who crowd round her and torment her. Is very apprehensive also that the roof will fall in and kill her. At night is very restless and noisy. Takes very little food, saying it is a sin to eat. Bowels act only after medicine. Rx Ol Croton 3i Ol Olivar 3p. Rub in a little on neck.

10 Is very restless & noisy at night. Gets up and wanders about the room and tries to open the door. During the

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day sits watching every one in a state of great dread. No increase of appetite and would take no food at all if she were not made to do it. Bowels require constant purgation. Is emaciating and becoming daily more feeble. Will not allow any one to feel her pulse nor will she shew her tongue Cont.

August 16 Getting worse every day. Says her inside is full of beasts and that the food she takes is just keeping them alive. Distrust increases. Cries out loudly if approached by the medical officers and is very abusive. Food requires to be given her against her will and it is impossible to get her to take sufficient to support her. Has an occasional enema of beef tea. Cont.

20 Obstinately refusing food and opposed to every thing that is done for her. Is gradually sinking. Delusions continue unabated. Cont.

30 Has now become so violent in her resistance to taking food that it is almost impossible to give her the smallest quantity even by enema. Is very much emaciated. Breath has an abominably fœtid odour. Extremities are quite cold. Kicks away the pan with hot water which has been placed at her feet. Cont.

Sept 5 No change has taken place on the symptoms. Continued gradually to sink and now is moribund

3 P.M. Died

Martha Telford or Mrs Anderson Ct From p. 80

1849
May 20 Has varied considerably since last report, but on the whole has become more orderly in her behaviour. Still talks incoherently and occasionally undresses herself in the airing ground. Frequently uses the most indecent language. Paroxysms of pain and bearing down have undergone no change though general health has improved.

Was kept in bed today and minutely examined. Uterus was found rather lower in pelvis than natural but nothing abnormal could be detected beyond the displacement. No discharge takes place from vagina.

Nothing unnatural was observed about external organs but immediately on introducing a catheter into urethra patient began to cry out loudly and when the instrument reached the bladder and the urine began to flow the pain seemed so great that the most desperate struggle was instantly commenced. No stone was detected in bladder. Urine is perfectly natural both in appearance and in reactions. Examination was followed by a severe paroxysm of bearing down. Contr

21 Was again examined today by Dr J. G. Fleming but nothing was observed save the great irritability of the urethra and neck of the bladder.

He advised a blister to the dorsal and lumbar region, to be dressed with the muriate of morphia.

Apply a blister to loins.

29 Blister rose well and a grain of muriate of morphia was sprinkled over blistered surface. Complains very much of pain of back and sits in bed constantly as she says she cannot lie. Is still very incoherent. Contr.

June 1 Blister was regularly dressed with muriate of morphia, a grain being applied night and morning. It is now however nearly healed.

No satisfactory account can be got from patient herself regarding her sensations but nurse reports that she has not observed so many bearing down paroxysms and that she has been perfectly quiet.

Ol. Ricini ℥ opii ℈j

Ol. hat Pil Alterativ j

Admitted March. 26. 1849

1849
June 4 Has been somewhat excited and noisy for several mornings and has been much inclined for mischief especially in the way of undressing herself which she frequently tries to do when unobserved. Conversation is very incoherent and sometimes language is very indelicate. Mistakes those about her for various of her relatives & acquaintances.
Bodily health is much the same. Paroxysms of pain with bearing down come on occasionally and are followed by the discharge of a small quantity of limpid urine. At night is frequently filthy, always wet.
Omitt enemata & Ol opii

10 No improvement either in mental or bodily state. Incoherence continues. At times becomes excited and tries to strip herself. Habits uncleanly but apparently owing to the urinary disease under which she labours. Appetite good. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Cont.

21 Has been rather more composed in her demeanour for several days, but mind is still very fanciful and conversation incoherent. Can give no satisfactory account of her complaints. Paroxysms of pain seem to have diminished both in number and severity. Appearance is improved. Urethra was cauterized (Nitr Argenti) by Dr Fleming) It caused a good deal of pain. Cont.

29 Has continued more orderly in her conduct but is still very incoherent. Seems much better as regards the urinary disorder, pain and bearing down not being nearly so frequent as before. Is observed frequently to micturate without immediately suffering from pain an invariable sequence to the act of making water a few weeks ago. Habits at night are occasionally uncleanly but some nights she keeps the bed perfectly clean. General health improves. Cont.

July 15 Varies a good deal. Has occasionally been excited and at other times so much depressed as to shed tears.
Health improves. Conversation is still very incoherent. Cont.

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Mr. Maria McAlpine Pt. From Vol VI p. 152

1849
May 31 General health keeps tolerably good. Is in all respects like a child and receives precisely the same kind & attention. Seems quite cheerful and contented.
Contr.

June 30 Manner and habits are unchanged. Health is pretty good. Is out for a short time in the open air daily.
Contr

July 15 Sits contentedly by the side of the fire and amuses herself by turning over the pages of a book. Smiles and seems much pleased when taken notice of. Health and habits are as at last report. Contr.

August 15 General health is pretty good. Is quite helpless. Sits by the fire turning over the pages of a book during the entire day. Is cheerful and smiles as if much pleased at being noticed.
Contr

Sept 15 No change has been observed either on mental or bodily state since last report.
Contr

Oct 15 Bodily health continues fair. Habits and manner are unchanged.
Contr.

Nov 15 Is as helpless as a child. Bodily health continues unchanged. Sits by the fire during the entire day, occasionally playing with a book or newspaper. Continues very suspicious however. Never swallows a morsel of bread without crumbling it down.
Contr.

Dec 15 Continues in all respects the same as when last reported.
Contr.

1850
Jany 31 Is in her usual state. Is quiet cheerful and contented. Employs herself as usual by the fire in turning over the leaves of a book.

July 28. Is keeping well. Is always cheerful and happy looking with a smile upon her countenance. Pica habit continues especially in regard to her bread which she breaks into crumbs & is afraid of Poison.

March 31 Continues to enjoy the enjoyment of very good health. Is quite imbecile and childish, but happy and contented. Sleeps and eats well. Has several very large encysted tumours on the scalp which she is very anxious in allowing to be seen.

Admitted December 17. 1827

1850 April 30	Is happy cheerful and contented as usual. Is flattered by being spoken to and receiving attention. Is in good health.
May 31	Continues to be cheerful and happy. Her sole employment is turning over the leaves of a book by the fire side.
June 30	Is in all respects as formerly reported.
July 31	Is in her usual state both mental and bodily.
Aug 31	No change in any respect to be recorded since last report.
Sept 30	Continues to enjoy good health happiness and contentment.
Oct 31	Is in her usual state. Is helpless and harmless as the merest child. Can do nothing for herself. Is always cheerful and has a smile upon her countenance.
Nov 30	Is always regular in her functions. Has a good appetite. Is quite imbecile. Delusions about her food, being poisoned continue.
Dec 31	Continues to enjoy good health. Is contented and cheerful. Is always suspicious about her food.
1851 Jany 31	Is in her usual state. Her general health keeps good.
Feby 28	There is no change in any respect since last report.
March 31	Is in her usual health. Is quiet cheerful and contented.
April 30	Is quite childish & imbecile in mind. Is in her usual health.
May 30	Employs herself as usual with a book. Is as contented and cheerful as ever.
June 30	Is in all respects as formerly reported.
July 31	Is in her usual state both mental and bodily.
Aug 31	Never makes any complaint. Is regular in her bowels. Never requires any medicine.
Sept 30	Continues as formerly reported.
Oct 31	No change either in mind or body since last report.
Nov 30	Continues to enjoy good health. Is childish in manner & Conversation.
Dec 31	Is in her usual quiet and contented state.

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Susan Campbell Ct From Vol. VII p. 300

1869
May 31 Habits continue the same as at last report. General health is pretty good. Walks out daily: Sews reads and plays on the piano a little. Seldom speaks except when addressed and then replies in a whisper. Is very slow in all her motions and is as helpless as a child, requiring everything to be done for her by the nurse.

Cont omnia.

June 23 Though in all respects the same as at last report her relatives are anxious to have her tried in a private family. Arrangements having been completed for that purpose she was today dismissed

Relieved

Admitted September: 30: 1843.

Hannah Smart or Mrs McGinnes Ad From Vol: 6 p. 207

1849
May 31 Has had several paroxysms of violent rage since last report and on one occasion lately dashed all the dinner dishes off the table. Was transferred, in consequence, to a gallery where she could do less mischief. General health is very good. Habits continue most industrious but taciturnity is as great as ever
Cont. omnia.

June 20 Has been free from excitement since last report and has been very industrious. Never speaks even when addressed. Health is good. Habits inoffensive. Cont.

July 15 Marked taciturnity continues. There has been no return of excitement since last report.
Health habits and manner are unchanged. Cont.

August 15 It in all respects as at last report. Is very fastidious about her food, refusing to take anything but roast meat and frequently getting into a paroxysm of rage at the very sight of anything boiled. Is very fond of beer.
General health is very good. Is most industrious in her habits. Cont.

Sept 15 Health both mental and bodily is unchanged. Habits and manner have also undergone no change
Cont.

Octr 8 Middle finger of left hand is much inflamed and very painful When spoken to about it, at first did not reply but after a little she smiled and said she thought it arose from the irritation of a brass thimble. Spoke without hesitation in a clear firm voice.
Let finger be poulticed.

10 A small quantity of matter formed on palmar aspect of inflamed finger and was evacuated with immediate relief of pain. In other respects she is in her ordinary state except that she cannot work any with her finger disabled. Cont.

Novr 15 Has been taking her food very badly for some time and is looking thinner than formerly. No reason can be assigned for this as she continues as taciturn as ever. Continues to employ herself regularly and there has been no paroxysm of violence for a long time. Cont.

Admitted February 2 1847

1849
Decr 15 Continues obstinately taciturn and at times has a scolding and destructive fit but not lately to any serious extent. Is still very industrious and obliging Appetite continues indifferent. Cont

1850
Jany 31 Is in her usual state. Is very taciturn. Is thin and delicate. Menstruates every three weeks and profusely Bowels require the use of Cathartic Medicine — Cont.

Feby 28. Is for the most part quiet and taciturn. Complains occasionally of pain and uneasiness in Stomach and bowels. Is much addicted to stopping with water Cont.

March 31 Is thin and delicate looking and complains of debility and toothache. Menstruates rather profusely every three weeks. Cont

April 15 Has been complaining and a good deal in bed. Complained of pain of the Abdomen which were relieved by application of a Sinapism and Pulv Rhei Comp. 3ij. Has had no fit of stupor for some time. Cont

30 Has been in a variable state. Since last report has been a good deal in bed. Thought she was dying. Reads her bible a good deal. Is now rather better. Cont

May 15. Is still very delicate and for the most part in bed — Complains of pain in her bowels. Has had Sinapisms applied and Cathartic Medicine with good effect Says her dead child visits her. Says her husband treated her ill and would not speak to him when he visited her — Is crosspatch and irritable. Cont

31 Sees her daughter frequently. Thought still very delicate and occasionally in bed Says she feels better and is up and employed. Has a great penchant for washing

June 30 Is taking her food well. Is occasionally troubled with pain and a bilious state of the bowels. Seems improving in health. Cont.

July 31 Is becoming more taciturn and ill natured. Was quite indifferent about her sisters death. When visited by her daughter and relatives will frequently not speak to them or even look at them. Appropriates the Clothes of other patients and seems to prefer them to her own. Is still in delicate health

Augt 31 Is very much inclined to keep her bed. Is sullen and irritable. Says she has

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Janet Watt Atat: 26 From page 79

1849
May 4 Blister rose well and discharged freely It is now nearly healed. Is very little disposed to communicate with any one and when any person tries to draw her into conversation she looks searchingly into their faces, as if suspecting something, she wished to read their thoughts. Speaks in a mysterious strain of a want of understanding between her and those about her General health has improved somewhat. Is tolerably industrious Cont. omitted.

15 Is in bed today complaining of pain in stomach. Pains much. At times is taciturn, distrustful and very ill at ease when spoken to or noticed by any one; while at others looks cheerful and well. Works industriously while in the Cutting Hall During the former seems to prefer being out in the airing ground.

18 Slight indisposition has passed off but she has been unsettled in her manner since. Yesterday was tearing her clothes and was very restless as if some one was constantly annoying her. Expression is very distrustful. Eyes are full and glistening. Bowels are perfectly regular. Tongue clean. Cont.

24 Is somewhat more composed again and has taken to her work but distrust continues very marked. It is quite impossible to get her into conversation and she is taciturn to all alike. Bodily functions are regular. Cont.

31 Arrangements having been made by her Friends for keeping her at home, contrary however to the recommendation of the Physician she was today at her brothers request dismissed

Relieved

Admitted March. 8: 1849

Caroline Bagot A1 From page. 53

1849
May 5 Catamenia present today. Has been out daily since last report but continues noisy and incoherent as ever. Delirium still partakes of the magnificent character; ev-ery person around her receiving pensions and titles in the most liberal manner. Cont.

20 Has been out almost daily but is not in the least improved as yet. Has not suffered in bodily health during this parox-ysm but is becoming more aged in ap-pearance Cont.

31 No improvement has yet taken place. Is very noisy and in-coherent and at times very vio-lent. Health keeps pretty good. Cont.

June 10 Continues excitable and mischie-vous. Talks incessantly in her ordi-nary strain. Says she has seen many of her relations who have long been dead. Has written some letters yesterday in a very incoher-ent strain. Health continues fair. Cont.

20 Has been more composed these two days and shews now a dispo-sition to resume her occupations and walks. Complains somewhat of weakness. Bodily functions are normal. Let her have a beefsteak for luncheon daily

23 Has been pleading hard to be dis-missed on the plea of ill health which she thinks would be benefited by re-moval. Says she is quite fit to sup-port herself as a governess and is sure that she would be well were she out of this. Cont.

30 Is work methodically industrious and gives but little trouble. Is clean and neat in her personal appearance. Pride and extrav-agance are still very prominent. Health improves. Cont.

July 12 Had some carious teeth remov-ed yesterday. Bore the operation well and has suffered no inconv-enience from it. Otherwise is as at last report. Cont.

August 15 Continued composed and orderly up till yesterday when, apparently in consequence of being taken to see the Queen arrive she became highly

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excited, talking loudly and full of her ordinary delusions. Today is restless and talking in the most incoherent strain, set her be purged

August 18 Attack has fairly come on. Usual symptoms are present and she is confined to her room. Let her bowels be attended to.

25 Continues maniacal. Frequently kicks, bites and scratches those who approach her. Is very noisy during both day and night. Cont.

Sept 15 Symptoms continue unchanged. Does not seem to have suffered from her illness as yet. Cont.

30 Continues maniacal. Raves incessantly about titles, pensions & estates. Bowels are kept regular by medicine. Cont.

Oct 15 No improvement has yet taken place on mental state. Patient continues to manifest the usual symptoms. Takes her food well and has not fallen off in the least. Bowels are kept open by purgative medicine. Cont.

31 Continues noisy as ever. Delusions are unchanged and language has undergone no improvement. Bodily health does not seem to suffer. Requires purgative medicine from time to time. Cont.

Nov 15 In all respects continues the same. Sleeps very little and disturbs her fellow patients very much. Bodily health continues as at last report. Cont.

24 Is more composed and is up and dressed today. Manner is as usual affected and flighty; very patronizing to those around her. Is very suspicious however. Fancies that substances are given along with the food to excite improper desires. General health has suffered but little. Cont.

30 Has become quite calm and is now in her ordinary state. Walks out daily for an hour and a half. Employs herself industriously within doors. Selfishness and affected consequence are very marked. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

Dec 15 Has for several weeks been full of the idea of going home into the world again. Thinks she is well. In all respects continues as at last report. Cont.

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and gives all her orders on little scraps of paper. The following is a copy of a recent one and affords a good illustration of her present thoughts.

" If my night gown is not already " marked to mark it Lidia Bethiah " as it is the name I intend to take at " Baptism and to allow me only to " be called by the name of Lidia in " the house May 24.

General health is tolerably Takes her food well though she is rather capricious in the selection both of quantity & quality.

June 20 Keeps her bed room almost constantly and positively refuses to leave it General health keeps pretty good. Mentally is unchanged.

The following is a copy of a recent bulletin

" Mr Thomson will have the goodness " not to use the name Leech in my presence again as I disown all connection " and acquaintance with any person of " that name Lydia June 19

July 15 Has been much more amiable of late and has acceded to the requests of the Physician in many things, such as coming out of her room &c

Refuses to go out of doors however until she goes to Russia, to the Emperor of which country she frequently addresses letters both directly and through his ambassador. Letters almost invariably contain abusive language against her relatives, the officers of this Institution and this country generally. Bodily health is pretty good. Contr.

August 15 She as whimsical and capricious as ever. For some time past has covered up her face and refused to reply to questions when visited by the Physicians. Delusions continue unchanged. Is constantly writing notes giving directions about her baptism, about charity to Russians & support to Russian missions &c.

General health is pretty good but cannot be persuaded to go out of doors. Contr

Sept 15 Capricious and whimsical as before. Speaks of those connected with the House as brutes &c. Health keeps pretty good. Contr

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Oct 15 In all respects continues in the same state as when last reported. Cont.

Nov 15 Delusions continue unchanged and there is no improvement either in conduct or habits. Is always abusive of her relatives and of the offices of the House. Sits almost constantly in her bed room and is very much annoyed when asked to come out of it. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

Decr 15 No change either on mental or bodily health has taken place since last report. Refuses to see any of the officers and is very abusive if they disobey her orders. Cont.

1850
Jany 31. Is in her usual state mental and bodily – Delusions continue as before. Is very retiring in her manners + shuns the society of others –.

Feby 11. Has been using improper language at table, and giving annoyance to the ladies. Has been abusive of the attendants – and in the evening had to be put into her own room.

13. Is now become more quiet and subdued –

March 11. Was visited by her brother & sister and a friend – Would not receive them and ordered them out of her presence – Said she never wished to see any of her relations

23. Was visited by Mr Laurie + other relatives, and desired them never to intrude upon her + would not speak to them.

28. Is in the sitting room daily and reads a great deal – Requests that her relatives may not be again allowed to see her

April 30. Continues to sit in the parlour + has a great many wants, which she feels annoyed at not being supplied –

June 30. Is in her usual state. Is full of delusions about her relations, the Russian government &c as ever –

Aug 31. Keeps very much by herself – Imagines that there is an engine on the roof of the house which pours down deleterious gas – Other delusions continue – Health good –

Nov 30 Saw her brother's death in the papers seemed depressed and abstained from food for three days – Sits alone + speaks to herself. Abuses the name of Lord – Calls herself Lydia Bathurst – Considers herself the special charge of the Pope – Wears a veil + considers herself a crowned saint.

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Helen Adamson Ætat 28 From page 71

1849
May 31 Has manifested every extreme since last report. On two occasions was removed and placed in seclusion on account of her violence but without any effect on her as a warning. At times has been very agreeable and cheerful conversing readily and pleasantly while on other occasions has been sulky and disposed to lie in bed. When flighty and when excited talks in the most indecent and incoherent strain, abuses her mother and says she will get stab her to the heart. Says she must get married and at times is very erotic in her language. Mind is very imbecile and possesses very little power of reflection, every action being apparently impulsive.

Is very irregular in her habits. Sometimes continues a whole day without food and on the following day gorges herself. Is looking rather stouter but colour is still very pallid. Complains occasionally of flatulence and pain in stomach and makes demands for whisky or brandy.

Cont omnia.

June 22 Has been behaving tolerably well since last report. Yesterday had a trip down to Cowcaddens and enjoyed herself very much. Is still rather variable, incoherent and immoral in her conversation at times but paroxysms of violence are not nearly so frequent or severe as formerly. General health has improved considerably. Cont.

30 Is very sulky and irritable today apparently because she was not removed yesterday as had been determined on by her relatives. Abuses all her relations, especially her mother and vows eternal vengeance against her. Cont.

July 6 Has continued very abusive of her mother, brothers and sisters ever since knowing she was about to be removed to another Asylum.

Arrangements having been completed for her removal to Dumfries she was today at her Brothers request dismissed

Relieved

Admitted August 20: 1848.

Marion Sheddon Ct From page 73

1849
May 31 Continued for a considerable time after last report to annoy every one with her discontent and on several occasions got into great paroxysms of rage. Tried to get letters smuggled out of the House and shewed a good deal of cunning in her selection of the agents to be employed. For a week or so she has gone into the opposite extreme. Has been composed and orderly in her behaviour, seldom speaking about her discharge and always is kind to her fellow patients. Delusions however continue. Has or supposes she has a cure for the jaundice and this she has promised to give to the medical officer if he will but let her go. General health is very good. Contr.

June 30 Has been quiet, amiable and industrious ever since last report but is exceedingly anxious to be dismissed. Had a visit from Dr. M'Farlane a few days ago and conducted herself in such a manner that the Dr. said he had not seen her so composed for a long time. General health is tolerably good. Contr

July 2 Arrangements having been made for her removal, she was today at her nephew's request and with her sister's consent, dismissed

Cured

Admitted February 13. 1849.

Barbara Ogilvie Ætat 18

1849
June 13 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her mother and sister who state that she has been very much depressed for about six months and that she evinces a rapidly increasing fondness for stimulants.
It in a state of great agitation. Drawls out her words and says she is "in Hell", "in Eternity!"
General health is in different. Is thin and ill coloured.
Let her have a pint of ale.

14 Is reported to have slept well. Is very restless today, wandering about wringing her hands and saying she is hell. Appearance is dejected but quickly brightens up when she is spoken to. Craves much for ale. Tongue is quite clean. Appetite is good. Bowels regular. Let her have exercise in the open air and occupation. Let her be watched.

16 Is still unsettled. Laments her lost condition both as regards this world and the next. Says she has no feelings, no affections that she has become like a log of wood. Has slept very little these two nights and seems fully more agitated than on admission.
Let her have two pints of ale daily.

17 Slept none last night. Has noisy and disturbed her fellow patients. Cont.

25 Has continued very depressed and full of fears regarding her soul since last report. Craves constantly for stimulants and is ever on the watch for beer. Has been quieter at night. Shews no disposition to employ herself.
Appetite, tongue, bowels and pulse are natural. Cont.

30 Has occupied herself with her needle occasionally during the last three or four days but continues to talk of herself in the desponding manner. Today, says she is rapidly dissolving away and that she will soon be an element.
Is out in the open air daily. Cont.

July 3 Appearance is improved and expression more cheerful but says she is as bad as ever and that she is constantly surrounded by demons

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and the spirits grinch as are in hell
Adds that she constantly smells the sulphurous odour of the flames.
Says that now she is not insane, that she is merely suffering the penalties due to multiplied offences
Works a little and walks out a great deal. Cont.

July 15 Improved in appearance and expression much more cheerful. Occupies herself regularly. In conversation still harps on the old string but she is easily roused to think of something else. Appetite is good Tongue clean. Bowels regular
Omit one of the pints gale

31 Occupies herself pretty regularly but still asserts that she is in hell and endures the most fearful tortures. Occasionally goes about wringing her hands and begging for stimulants. Steals wine, porter, beer or whatever she can lay her hands on. General health is improved. Bowels regular. Cont.

August 15 Is generally pretty composed when employed but is exceedingly restless and miserable when idle. Delusions are unchanged. Craving for stimulants is unabated. Complains of want of sleep and declares that she is tormented by devils every night.
Habeon. Sol Acet morph m xxv

Sept 15 Is at times idle and then has a very distracted, wretched expression, asserting that she is suffering the tortures of the damned. Works pretty regular and is always better when employed. Cont.

Oct 15 Varies a good deal. At times is very restless and miserable. Delusions are unchanged. Works pretty industriously. Takes her food well Bowels regular. Begs hard to be allowed some morphia in the forenoon as well as at night.
Hab M. et hsp Sol Acthat morph m xxv

Nov 15 No improvement has taken place in mental state. Continues to employ herself assiduously and then only feels comfortable. Steals stimulants whenever she has an opportunity.
Bodily health is somewhat improved. Appetite is good. Bowels regular. Sleeps badly. Cont.

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Marianne Thornton or Aitken Ct From Vol. VI p. 197

1849
June 20 Almost never speaks and features are seldom observed to change their expression. Requires to be treated very much like a child but beyond that gives no trouble. General health is much as formerly. Cont.

July 15 Health is tolerably good. Mind seems nearly quite gone. Habits and appearance continue as at last report. Cont.

August 15 In all respects continues in the same state as noticed in last report Cont

Sept 15 Has been falling off from her food for a week or two although she seems in all respects in her usual health. Says 'Je n'ai pas besoin de manger a present' but gives no reason. Cont.

Oct 15 Continues to take her food badly. In all other respects however is in her usual state. Cont.

30 Yesterday afternoon was very sick and vomited. Took no breakfast & seems to labour under nausea still. Speaks none. Hab stat Pulv Specac gr x.

31 Takes almost no food. Has vomited several times since yesterday. Bowels open. Hab Pulv Specac gr xx.

Nov 1 Emetic produced no effect save on bowels which were freely moved. Appetite continues very deficient

2 No return of vomiting. Took her breakfast well this morning. Cont

15 Has continued pretty well since last report and during the last few days has been taking her food much better. Mind has undergone no change. Cont.

Decr 15 Has varied somewhat since last report. At times has been sickly, pale and unable to take food, while at others she has had a fair appetite. Seldom speaks and almost never when addressed. Sits quietly wherever she is placed with her hands below her apron or her shawl and is almost always trembling as if from cold. Appearance is unchanged. Cont.

Jany 15 1850 31 Catamenia present and has food so. Seems to feel the cold keenly and sits close by the fire – Will seldom sit upon a seat. Nurses the floor with her knees doubled up to her chin – In other respects

Admitted August 8. 1842

1830
July 28. Is quiet as usual. Is in tolerable good health. Is for the most part silent Is an Insane State — cont —

March 31 Is in her usual State of health Has occasional attacks of nausea and sinking which soon disappear. Is quite imbecile and helpless cont

April 30 — Then is no change in any respect. Habits and appearance are the same as formerly. Is in her usual health Calamenia present on 11th on these occasions to sink and take little food.

May 31 Is cleanly and tidy in her person and requires constant attention to be kept clean. Has a great discharge of mucus from the Rectum Body exhales a disagreable odour. Calamenia on 9th & 10th.

June 30 Is in her usual state. Calamenia present on 22d. Has been complaining of cold — Habits are the same as formerly — cont.

July 31 Is in all respects as mentioned in foregoing report — cont

Aug 7. Is menstruating at present and profusely as before. Is dull sulky and averse to take food. Requires frequent doses of ℞ Sal. Co. to keep her bowels open.

31 Is in her usual state. Dull and imbecile. Unable to do any thing for herself. Sits on the floor as formerly except when prevented — cont

Sept. 24 Calamenia again present and nearly so — In other respects is in her usual State. Herself is in the lowest state of imbecility. cont.

Oct 31 continues in all respects as reported above.

Nov 10 Calamenia present. In other respects no change.

Dec 31 Is in her usual state. Dull in her habits. Unclean in her person Requires every thing to be done for her

1831
June & July. Is just the same in all respects as formerly reported

April 30 Is in her usual state as to mind habits and bodily health.

June 30 Then is no change in any respect.

Aug 31 Is in her usual state. Has occasional sinkings on the occurrence of Calamenia

Oct 31 Is in her usual state of health both mental and bodily —

Dec 31 Then is no change in any respect

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Agnes Cunningham Ct. From Vol. VIJ p. 201

1849

June 21 Had an attack of syncope yesterday afternoon but she was quickly restored. Said she felt rather sick before it came on. Today makes no complaint. Varies a good deal but cheerful generally. At times talks much in a very incoherent strain. General health is much as before. Hemiplegia unchanged. Walks about a good deal but is unable to employ herself in any way. Cont.

July 12 Over hands arms and chin is an eruption of Urticaria (Strophulus). Bowels are said to be regular. Tongue clean.
Hat stat Sulph Magnes ℥iij

25 Over face is an erysipelatous blush with some swelling of eyelids. Had a rigor last night and felt sick on going to bed. Is perfectly quiet and there is no physical excitement.
Hat Sulph Magnes ℥iij
Let hot stupes be kept constantly applied to face.

26 Face is still inflamed. Swelling is greater but it does not seem extending. Pulse and skin are quite nonual. Bowels were freely moved by salts. Continue stupes

29 Erysipelatous inflammation has passed off and patient is now up and moving about. Cont.

August 10 Face has become inflamed again No cause can be assigned for this. For several days before this attack has more than usually incoherent and at times was noisy. Bowels slow. Repeat stupes. Hat
Hat Pulv Jalap co ℥j.

11 Bowels have not acted. Face continues puffy and inflamed. No physical excitement.
Rept Pulv Jalap co ℥j et injic. enema domestic resp.

12 Bowels freely moved. Face better. Cont.

18 Face again inflamed. Complained much of a sense of prickly heat in cheeks and scratched them very much. Is irritable and peevish today apparently because she cannot see from her eyelids being closed. Bowels slow.
Hat Pulv Jalap co ℥i

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1849
August 19 Inflamed state of face continues Bowels open Cont.

22 Inflammation of face is abated. Swelling of eyelids has disappeared. Bowels require occasional laxative medicine. Cont.

31 Face is now quite well. In other respects is in her usual state Let her face be bathed with whisky before going out into the open air.

Sept 15 Face has continued well since last report. Has varied very much, at times being very noisy and violent, at others being composed and easily managed. Is always cheerful and even when violent never seems to do mischief with the intention of doing so. Bodily health is tolerably good. Cont.

Oct 15 General health has been uninterrupted since last report & is pretty good. Paralytic affection remains stationary. Is generally quiet and cheerful but at times talks loudly in a very incoherent strain. Takes her food well. Bowels regular. Sleeps quietly at night. Cont.

26 Last evening was struck on the face with a small fire screen by one of her fellow patients. There is slight abrasion beneath left eyelids and on cheek of same side. Let face be covered with cotton.

29 Abrasion on face is nearly healed but today there is slight inflammation of the conjunctiva of left eye. Habt stat Sulph Magnes ℥ss ℞ Sulph Zinci gr v Aq Rosar ℥ij Liq. To wash eye with.

31 Conjunctivitis is quite better. In other respects is in her usual state Cont.

Nov 13 Has caught a slight cold and is suffering from the usual symptoms of catarrh. Let her keep her bed. Cont alia.

15 Is coughing a good deal and complains of oppression in Chest. Pulse is natural. In all other respects is in her ordinary state Stat hab Pulv Salap co ℥j ℞ Mist Mucilag ℥vj Syrup Scillae ℥ss Tr Opii Camph ℥ss. M. S. Mixt

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Eliz^th Maxwell or Mrs Provand Ct 71 From Vol 3 p 229

1849
June 20 Works most industriously though progress made is small owing to her infirmities Mentally & bodily. Mind is very weak, especially in memory: It is also sometimes very fanciful. Is cheerful and amiable but apt to be discontented. General health is much as formerly Walks out almost daily and enjoys it much. Cont.

July 15 In all respects continues the same as when last reported.

August 15 Is always occupied. Mind is very weak. Memory very deficient & much pleased with any attention which is paid to her. General health is pretty good. Cont.

Sept 15 In all respects continues in the same state both mentally & bodily as at last report. Cont.

Oct 15 Imbecility of mind increases. Asks the same question over & over again. Works pretty constantly. General health continues tolerably good. Is very helpless and requires a great deal of attention Cont.

Nov 15 No improvement has taken place on mind. Continues industrious and tolerably contented. Is always very grateful for any acts of kindness. Bodily health is pretty good. Cont.

Dec 15 In all respects continues the same as when last reported. Cont.

1850
January 15 Is in her usual state. Mind very weak. Is quiet and industrious. Is very polite and exact in her behaviour. Is very helpless and infirm. Cont.

July 28. Is in all respects both in body and mind as described in foregoing reports Cont

March 31 Is quiet and industrious. Is very grateful for any attention or act of kindness. Is in her usual health Cont

April 30 Mind is very weak, Memory is very defective. Is infirm in body – Is quiet and industrious. Cont.

May 31 – Is in her usual state. Seldom or never goes out. Busily employs herself industriously – Cont

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1850

June 30 So very imbecile mind and helpless. Takes her food well and works industriously. So neat clean and orderly in her habits.

Cont.

July 31 Continues much in the same state as described in foregoing reports

cont.

Aug 31 Is in her usual state of bodily health. Mental faculties greatly impaired. cont.

Sept 30 Is quiet industrious and well conducted in behaviour. Mind is quite imbecile.

Cont.

Oct 31 Is always occupied with some work. Never goes out to walk. So very infirm and helpless

Cont

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Dec 31 When she has any ailment such as giddiness which she is troubled with occasionally can with difficulty be prevented or induced to keep in bed.

Cont

1851

June 31 Is in her usual state both of mind & body. So quite imbecile & at times very anxious to get away.

Cont.

July 28 Is in all respects both in mind and body as described in foregoing reports

Cont.

March 31 There is no change in any respect — So very weak in mind and infirm in body. Is always able to be up and employed

Cont-

April 30 Is much the same as before. Is in tolerable health. Imbecility is very great. Is evidently falling from infirmity from old age. Cont

May 31 Continues as formerly described — No improvement either in mind or body — Cont

June 30 Little or no change in any respect since last report. cont

July 31 Is in her usual state both of mind and body — cont

Aug 31 There is no change. cont

Sept 30 Is in her usual state.

Oct 31 No change since last report

Nov 30 Continues as before.

Dec 31 Is as before reported —

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Eliz.th Menzies or Mrs Mackenzie Ætat 72 From page 3

1849
June 20 Continues discontented and idle though bodily health is good and every thing around her is comfortable.

July 15 Still anxious to be set at liberty and speaks of the confinement ruining her health. Is very idle, seldom ever employing herself. General health is very good.

August 15 Frets incessantly at her continued detention here and scarcely ever employs herself. Abuses her family and denies ever having done any wrong. General health is pretty good. Cont.

Sept 15 No change has been observed since last report. Cont

Oct 1 Was seized early this morning with vomiting & purging. Had forty drops of Laudanum with temporary relief. Vomiting continues at intervals. Pulse is of natural frequency. Complains of griping pains in the belly. Hab Pulv Ipecac 3j

2 Vomited the powder but afterwards retains a small dose of Dover's powder with Hydr c creta. Diarrhea is now quite away and has had no vomiting since yesterday afternoon. Cont

15 Is in her usual state bodily and mental. Is very discontented and loud in her complaints and abuse. Is very idle. Says she has no heart for work. Is very fond of gossip however and employs all her talents in gathering and disseminating stories. Cont

Nov 15 Continues in fair bodily health but dissatisfied as ever. Complains loudly against her daughter for detaining her here and is constantly abusing the officers of the House for not dismissing her being as she says perfectly sane. Cont.

Dec 3 Is suffering from slight catarrh which she attributes to the confinement here. In other respects is in her usual state. Cont.

8 Catarrh continues. Complains of universal soreness and of slight cough. Hab Mist Mucilag 3ij Tr Opii Camph 3ß Semat 3ßs ter die.

15 Cold is better. Continues discontented and anxious for removal. Cont.

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1850

Jany 1. Is still troubled with bronchial affection accompanied by considerable expectoration

31. No change since last report.

Feby 8. Has shown very bitter and malignant feelings since she last heard from her daughter stating that she could not get her free — Tells falsehoods to strangers & others who come here — Is quite ungrateful for any kindness shown her.

10 Complains today of giddiness in head says that she once had seven hemorrhage from the nose since which she has been subject to giddiness — Wishes to conceal it that her ale may not be stopped

13. Is still giddy — Let the ale be stopped

21. Says that the giddiness is now gone, and is dissatisfied at her ale being stopped

26. Thinks that her giddiness is caused by not attending to her bowels —

March 31 Is now enjoying good general health but has not improved in disposition which is sulky morose and suspicious — Is greedy after stimulants — and prying into the affairs of others —

April 30. Continues as at last report — Is apparently robust, and boasts of her good health Is generally inclined to be morose disagreeable —

May 31. No change in health habits or manners since last report.

June 30 Is in general healthy. Complains occasionally of giddiness — for which she has been blistered on the nape of the neck and freely purged with Epsom salts.

July 31. Still enjoying good health — Is frequently sulky and complains of her detention — uses very strong language and evinces a masculine disposition — Is supposed not without good grounds to have maliciously destroyed a pair of boots belonging to Mrs Sharpless.

Aug 31 Exhibits a most selfish and revengeful disposition. Is given to back biting and slander. Seems to be at as much expense as possible to her daughter who supports her — Has no feelings of gratitude or affection —

Sept 30 Keeps herself and others in hot water through slander & falsehood — Is of a malicious and envious disposition. Seems to possess no good or amiable quality.

Oct 31 Is going on in her usual way — Is always discontented and back biting —

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Eliz.th Henderson Ct. 40 From page 70

1849

-ficers or Lady Superintendent to speak to any one save herself. Habits are very filthy and careless. Requires the constant supervision of the attendant to keep her tidy. General health is much as at last report.

Has a pint of ale daily.

July 20 No improvement has been observed in mental state. Is very idle and urges her superiority as a reason why she is so. Speaks to every one who will listen to her and frequently whether they are willing to do so or not. Is very annoying to her fellow patients whom she treats with very marked contempt. Is very helpless and difficult to keep in order.

General health is pretty good. Bowels require frequent and powerful cathartics. Cont.

August 15 Delusions are unchanged. Is troublesome and idle as ever. General health continues unchanged. Omit the ale.

Sept 15 No change has taken place in delusions. On the whole is less restless than formerly but never employs herself in any way.

Manner and appearance are very childish. Bodily health is pretty good. Bowels however still require occasional purgatives. Cont.

24 Catamenia present today. Discharge very profuse. Cont.

Oct 10 Was more restless yesterday and a good deal of amiety was observed in manner. Said she was afraid of 'black men' who were pursuing her. Today is very timid and apprehensive. Has taken almost no food for twenty four hours. Hab stat.

Ol Ricini ℥ss Ol Crotonis gtt ij

11 Bowels were freely moved. Is again quite composed but delusions are unchanged. Pulse is very weak. General health is tolerably good. Cont.

15 In all respects is in her ordinary state. Never employs herself in any way. Expresses great contempt and pity for her fellow patients. Speaks of them as 'poor creatures'. Says she should never meet with any one in this House as she is quite of a different class. C

Admitted December 9: 1848.

1849
Nov 12 Catamenia present today. Discharge very copious. Mind has undergone no change Delusions are the same. Scares every one with her incoherence and cannot be induced to leave gg. Bodily health is tolerably good though bowels are very sluggish, seldom acting until she has taken several doses of purgative medicine. Habits are very slovenly and idle. Makes a noise every morning about being washed and never would of her own accord perform any ablution. Cont.

Dec 11 Has been somewhat composed and stupid these two days and is if possible more than formerly incoherent and annoying. Seems slightly thinner and more pallid. Takes her food indifferently and bowels continue exceedingly sluggish. Cont. Hot indies Vin Xerici Alb 3ii

15 Continues excessively troublesome. Delusions continue unchanged. Is very slovenly, careless and destructive of her clothing, especially of her hair & caps General health has not improved. Occasionally refuses food altogether. Bowels are still sluggish and it is with much difficulty that she can be got to swallow medicine. Cont.

31. There is no improvement in health or mental state. Is addicted to bad habits.

1850
Jany 31. Is very imbecile and full of the most absurd delusions. Asked if there are two Heavens one higher than the other for genteel people. Is taking her food better. cont

Feby 15. Has employed herself in sewing for some days & is behaving rather better. Says her brother is not dead. and that she is not her sister. Cont –

31. Has been attending chapel and fallen in love with the Chaplain. wished to be introduced to him that a marriage might be brought about. Has an insatiable love for dress – which she soon spoils & filthy and pollutes her room at night

March 15. Is very troublesome and annoying to all around her. She talks a great deal of nonsense about her own superior merits and attractions, and disparagingly of every body and everything around her –

31. Saw the death of her sister announced in the papers – wept a good deal & seemed depressed afterwards – now asks what is to become of her as she is alone –

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Penelope Good Pt From page 88

1819
June 26 Secreted a knife today and before the attendant observed her was away to her own apartment with it. When detected, laughed and said she did not mean to do any harm. Let her be closely watched.

July 1 Much as formerly. Drowsiness during the day seems increasing. Occasional outbursts of anger sometime. Occupies herself a little and walks out regularly. Tongue is cleaner but still rather white. Bowels are regularly moved by medicine. Cont.

13 Drowsiness continues. Desire to be allowed to see her sister is still very strong and scarcely any conversation but this can she be induced to enter upon. Bowels are regular. Sleeps well at night. Rub the Croton oil liniment on nape of neck. Let her be kept from sleeping during the day.

18 Is more timid and distrustful today. Seems slightly excited. Asks the medical officers in an imploring tone to look well after her and exacts many promises that they will make a search for her should they miss her. Repeats the question constantly and sometimes adds some unintelligible sentences about 'pigeon holes'. There is great anxiety of expression and some heaviness of body generally. Tongue is still rather white. Pills act well Cont alia. Hab stat Sol Acetat. Morph M. XXV

20 Is timid and distrustful. Manner is anxious and watchful. Talks incessantly about the fate awaiting her and is not in the least pacified by repeated assurances of her perfect safety. Bowels continue to require purgatives. Cont.

31 No improvement has as yet been observed. Is rather drowsy still and would sleep much if permitted. Always works herself into a state of great alarm when visited by the medical officers, says hold on them and entreats their protection. Nurse reports that this is assumed and that she laughs at it afterwards and says she hopes by it to torment them into discharging her. Takes her food

Admitted May 4: 1849

1849

pretty well. Is pretty quiet at night. Tongue keeps white. Bowels rarely act save after medicine. Contr.

August 15 No improvement has got taken place. Frequently begs the medical officers to cut off her head or send her home to her sister. Is at times very restless and seldom settles to anything except to sleep. Is generally agitated and anxious

21 Is running about asking for a knife or a pair of scissors to kill herself. Begged hard of the medical officers to bleed her and kill her. Let her be cupped on the nape to four ounces.

22 Was cupped yesterday. Today is more composed but full of delusions regarding her soul. Contr.

Sept 2 Complains today of toothache and has been begging much for stimulants. Asks permission to go to town to a dentist and tries hard to induce the Physician to promise when she will be allowed to go. Contr.

13 When out for a walk yesterday tried to run off and got very angry with and struck the nurse for preventing her. Is very cunning and artful in her excuses and pretences. Is still very restless unsettled and full of delusions. Tongue keeps white. Breath very foetid. Bowels slow. Contr.

26 Today is calling herself the 'wee demon on the top of Mount Ararat' No improvement has taken place either on bodily or mental state. Is very anxious to have the opportunity of making an attempt on her life as she is sure her sister would take her home whenever she heard of it. Bowels are very sluggish and require frequent laxatives. Contr.

Oct 15 Is very troublesome. Constantly asking something and is never in the least abashed by a refusal but renews her solicitations over and over again. Is very anxious to be allowed to take a 'wee bit walk to the Kelvin bridge'. General health is not improved. Is always very drowsy and devoid of energy, seldom occupying herself in any way. Bowels continue sluggish. Contr.

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Sarah K. Watson Æt 22. From page 84

1849
June 30 Improved on the whole but still is much depressed, peevish and opposed to everything. Is unwilling to do anything and requires to be sent out, fed and compelled to move about. Appearance is improved. Bowels keep slow but are acted on by purgatives. Cont.

July 6 Yesterday afternoon walked out with one or two of her fellow patients about the grounds. While passing a cart made a spring from the side of the nurse and threw herself under the wheel. Sustained no injury beyond one or two abrasions of the skin. Laughed heartily at what she had done and expressed a wish that she had succeeded in destroying herself. Cont.

15 Seems more suicidal and is constantly watched. Requires to be fed at every meal, dressed and washed like a child. Whimpers all day long, biting the points of her fingers. Never employs herself. Bowels never act save after purgatives. Cont.

30 No improvement has been observed either on mental or bodily state. Symptoms are unchanged. Obstinately resists every thing that is done for her. Almost never speaks and is as idle as ever. Has regular purgative medicine, bowels never acting without it. Cont.

August 15 Continues much as at last report. Suicidal tendency is very strong. Was out for a drive yesterday and when crossing the canal made a spring from her seat towards the window from an impulsive desire to throw herself into the water. Cont.

Sept 15 Distrustful, fretful and suicidal as ever. Requires everything be done for her and resists violently on all occasions. Cries and whimpers like a child. Bowels continue sluggish. Cont.

30 Is considerably improved in appearance. Is less fretful. Takes her food by herself and requires less compulsion than formerly. Is still idle however and speaks very little even when addressed. Bowels act only after purgatives, Castor oil being that which answers best. Cont.

Admitted April. 24: 1849

1849
Octr 15 Improves both mentally and bodily but slowly. Tries to work occasionally but says she is unable as she has forgotten all her occupations. Takes her food tolerably well. Sleeps quietly at night Bowels continue sluggish and require frequent laxatives. Cont.

26 Has not been quite so well since last report. Is more fretful and peevish. Requires to be fed at each meal and it is with difficulty that she can be got to take sufficient food. Bowels are very slow. Has had several doses of purgative medicine without effect.
Injic enema cum ag tepid o 4tis horis donec alv plene fluat.

27 Resists the enemata and as yet has had no motion from bowels.
Descend in bain calid et injic iter enema cum ag tepid.

28 Bowels freely moved. Hard scybalous matter was at first passed but afterwards had a natural motion.
Hab Stat Pulv Jalap co 3ij. Cras Mane Haust Rigt 3ij

29 Bowels freely moved. No improvement on mental state. Resists everything that is done for her, seldom speaks and never employs herself.
Cont.

Novr 4 Catamenia present today for the first time since admission. Seems to suffer much and is more peevish.
Let her be kept in bed.

7 Catamenia have ceased. Bowels are very sluggish. Hab Ol Ricini 3ij

15 No improvement has yet taken place either on body or mind. Bowels seldom act oftener than once in two or three days. Cont.

Decr 15 Has gone on since last report much in the same state as formerly noticed the only change being that for several days bowels have acted freely without medicine. Catamenial period has passed without any appearance of illness. Still requires compulsion to induce her to take food. Cont.

25 Her sister having deemed her better removed her home on trial.

27 Last night was brought back again by her sister who said she now saw this was the only place for her. No further explanation was given. Seems just the same. Cont.

1850
April 10 Discharged Relieved

1869
July 16 Has again visited by Dr Fleming yesterday. Had Nitrate of Silver applied to urethra. Application was attended by much less pain than on the former occasion and paroxysm of tearing down after it was very slight. Cont.

28 Catamenia present. Is rather excited. Declares herself pregnant and uses highly offensive language. Declares that there are rats in her pillow and this morning destroyed one for the purpose apparently of liberating the supposed prisoners. Pulse is normal. Bowels regular Cont.

August 15 Suffers much less pain than formerly, but still passes her urine frequently and wherever she happens to be. Varies much. At times is quite composed though incoherent, while on other occasions she is violent, noisy and destructive. General health has improved very much. At night she is generally quiet and frequently keeps her bed quite clean. Cont.

Sept 12 Is much improved since last report. Habits are now cleanly & orderly. Passes urine frequently but always goes to the water closet. Has been sewing a good deal lately and is much more composed in her manner & behaviour. Bodily health is very good. Cont

30 Has been going on pretty well since last report, but mind is still wandering very much. Shows great defect of memory, especially regarding her own family. Appearance is much improved Habits are now cleanly and without any complaint seems quite well. Cont.

Octr 10 Her husband having made arrangements for her removal came today for that purpose. She was accordingly at his request discharged

Relieved

Admitted March. 26: 1849

Janet G. Ogilvie Ct From page 77

1869
August 5 Continues destructive, violent and filthy as ever. Is constantly doing mischief and even the closest attention fails in preventing breakages &c.
Occasionally gets into paroxysms of rage in which it requires several attendants to restrain her. Takes the opiate regularly but only with slight benefit. Cont.

21 Is much more composed today. Has weeping during the forenoon but gave no reason for it. Has fallen off a good deal since commencement of illness though she takes her food well. Habits continue filthy. Cont.

Sept. 15 Composure mentioned in last report was of very short duration.
Has been violent, destructive and almost as filthy as ever. Is very vindictive and takes every opportunity she has of striking and biting those around her. Is looking pretty well. Takes her food heartily Cont.

30 On the whole is less mischievous and dirty than before but at times is as noisy as ever. Bodily health has suffered very little. Cont.

Octr. 15 Continues slowly to improve but apparently more from the effect of discipline than from any abatement of excitement. Habits are still at times very offensive.
Health keeps tolerably good. Takes her food well. Sleeps little, being always noisy during a part of the night. Cont.

23 Had a paroxysm of violence and fury today and broke several panes of glass. Had previously been behaving tolerably well. Habits are improved. Cont.

Novr 15 Is at times noisy, violent, destructive and filthy as ever, but on the whole is more composed in her behaviour. Cont.

Decr 15 Continues much the same. On the whole is more composed and manageable but at times breaks out and is as bad as ever. Has occasionally been kept in seclusion since last report
Bodily health has suffered very little Cont.

28 After having been for three days in seclusion was brought out yesterday in a very composed state. At present is quite free from excitement and natu-

Admitted March 12. 1847

1849
Dec 28. ral manner and expression being present there seems some likelihood of it being permanent. Complains of weakness. Cont.

1850
Jany 10. Is quietly improved of late, though still troublesome about her food and drink - Is extravagant in her demands and amorous in her disposition -

25 Has had another fit of excitement Catamenia present. Raving and deprived - Has bad habits and foul ideas - Greedy and covetous - never satisfied -

30 Languid and troubled with headache -

Feb 12 Discontented with her accomodation during her maniacal state - enters the other patients rooms, stealing and secreting their property & strays it of the wards -

21 More excitable today - Demands to have the Carriage ready & money given to her, that she may go into town and make extensive purchases -

March 1. Is playing and singing a great deal to: talking and laughing - Joining low jokes, & generally in a state of great excitement -

2. Sees her friends today and makes many unfounded statements & complaints about food, treatment, detention &c when well &c.

3. Complains of a tightness across her head and a rustling noise which she cannot explain - Seems of sinking in the stomach.

28. Very flighty and bursting into fits of laughter - noisy but right saliva running from her mouth.

April 22 Was for some family reasons this day discharged.

Readmitted 30th April 1850

1850
April 30 Is quite excited; noisy laughing & knocking at the door during the night

May 2. Is put into seclusion - Is filthy in her habits

7. Is in seclusion except when she is taken out to walk in the airing Court

8. Transferred to another gallery. Is now more quiet

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Isa. McKechnie or Wm Watson Stat.

1849
July 18 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by a policeman.
Is in a very disorderly state; clothes are tattered and dirty: face has several marks over it and on several parts of surface are livid marks apparently the result of blows or falls. Is very tremulous; Eyes are slightly red. Pulse is 84, soft. Tongue is thickly furred.
Let her be washed in a warm bath and let her have a glass of whiskey tomorrow morning Ol Ricini ℥ss.
19 Was sick and vomited before but not after taking the castor oil this morning. It has acted freely. Is still very tremulous. Pulse of fair strength and of natural pregnancy. Tongue still furred.
R.T. hat Spir Hordei ℥ij
20 Is rather unsettled today and has been somewhat delirious at intervals. Eyes are more injected. Pulse is quite natural both in strength and frequency. Seems to have slept none. Bowels have not been moved since yesterday forenoon. Has stat Calomel gr iij Pulv Scammon gr vj Pulv Rhei ℈ss hc
21 Is very much agitated this morning, trembling all over and constantly seeing and hearing persons watching her and taking notes of what she says and does. Bowels were very freely moved yesterevening.
Pulse continues natural. Scalp is cool. Eyes are little injected.
Shave head and bathe it occasionally with cold water. R.T. hat Sol Mur Morph Mc xxv ex aqua
22 Is much more composed today but still delirious. Raves about people watching her and says she hears persons accusing her of having spoken ill of the officers of the House. Takes little food. Bowels opened freely this morning. Cont.
24 Has gradually become more composed and coherent. Complains of debility and pain in loins. Took her breakfast today and appetite seems returning. Cont.
31 Has been up for several days and feels stronger though still complains of pain in back.
Cont.

Admitted July 18. 1849

1849
August 15 Is discontented and constantly grumbling because she has not been dismissed. Says she is quite better and that there is no fear of her again getting into the same state as she was before. Wishes to come to some country place where there is no temptation. General health is considerably improved. Cont.

Sept 15 Very much dissatisfied because her son has not come to remove her from this place. Speaks about prosecutions for detaining her here saying that no one has any right to control her. Is very selfish cunning and malicious. Puts every kind of mischief into the minds of her fellow patients. Speaks against the officials and in their presence is as meek and flattering as if she had said nothing. Bodily health is now pretty good. Cont.

Octo 15 Is very discontented and full of complaints. Abuses all and sundry and pays little regard to truth in any of her statements. Never acknowledges any fault or weakness of her own but throws every blame on her family. Complains occasional of wandering pains about shoulders and back. Looks in very fair bodily health. Cont.

Novr 15 Dissatisfied with every thing. Is in fair bodily health. Is always employed in some way. Cont.

Decr 15 Complains very much of pain in back. Has leucorheal discharge and has been using local astringents with benefit. Continues very discontented, selfish, greedy and full of every mischief. Bodily health seems pretty good notwithstanding her complaints of weakness, made solely with a view to getting stimulants. Appetite is voracious and she says she is starved. Cont.

1850
January 31 Is full of discontent, quarrelsome and troublesome in the extreme.

July 28 Is in the same state. Health is good

March 31 Is in her usual state. Selfish and troublesome.

May 31 Is very anxious to get away

July 31 Is endeavouring busily with prospects

Augt 31 Discharged Cured

Mary McAdam or Mrs McFarlan Ætat 50

1869
July 24 Was brought to the Asylum this forenoon by her husband.
Has refused food for four days as she fancies it contains poison.
Is noisy and incoherent on all subjects. Offers resistance to everything that is done for her and seems as if much afraid of every one. Pulse is 120, rather small. Tongue is thickly coated with a brown fur.
Let her have the hot bath and give three drops of croton oil.

25 Will not stay an instant in bed. Raves on all subjects and still seems much frightened. Has taken a little food but bowels have not yet been moved. Pulse is 120. Tongue much furred.
Repeat the bath and apply cold to head. Repeat the croton oil.

26 Bowels have been partially moved several times. Stools are very dark and offensive.
Is rather composed and takes her food better. Tongue is very white. Pulse about 108.
Again repeat bath & croton oil.

27 Bowels again moved. Is tolerably quiet but occasionally gets out of bed and becomes noisy.
Has still great apprehension of danger and groans & weeps when spoken to. Pulse is about 105. Tongue white. Repeat bath and oil tomorrow morning.

30 Is still restless and unsettled. Says she is pregnant and about to be delivered. Apprehension and distrust continue. Bowels act only after purgative medicine.
Seems to have some difficulty in making water. Urine is high coloured and offensive.
Hab ter die Spir Æth Nitric ℥i
Cont purg.

August 2 Passes only very small quantities of urine but there is no symptom of retention. Continues very restless and is at times cross and inclined to be violent.
Bowels are still sluggish.
Repeat hot bath & continue purgatives.

4 Has had several doses of purgative medicine without effect. Urine is still very scanty.
Hujic enema cum ol Ricini ℥ij

Admitted July 24 1849

1849
August 5 Enema acted freely. Voided a small quantity of urine at the same time. Is still restless, distrustful and inclined to resist violently.
Pulse is 100, & better strength. Appetite is improved. Cont.

10 Bowels are again obstinately confined. Has had two doses of croton oil without effect. Is rather more composed but is very abusive in her language.
Ord rept enema. Let her be got up and sent into the airing court.

11 Would not retain the enema. Bowels however have acted sparingly. Continues settled.
Cont & purg.

111 Seems improving but today is depressed and silent. Appetite is now pretty good. Bowels act more readily. Pulse is 84.
Cont.

20 Continues depressed, gloomy and distrustful. Abuses her husband for not coming to take her away. Health is improving. Bowels act more freely and readily than formerly. Cont

21 Her husband having made arrangements for removing her came today for that purpose.
She was accordingly at his request dismissed

Relieved

Catharine Bruce Æt 27 From page 83

1849

Works occasionally but is too restless to persevere with anything.
Habits are much improved and at night she is quiet. Bodily health is much improved. Contr

July 31 Is going on pretty well and now seems nearly recovered.
Answers rationally and behaves herself well. Employs herself a little and walks out daily.
Health improves rapidly. Contr

August 14 On the whole has gone on well but has varied somewhat, occasionally breaking out into fits of fury and rage. Her friends having determined on giving her a trial she was today at their request discharged

Relieved

Admitted April 9. 1849

Christina McCallum Ætat 30

1849
August 6 Was brought to the Asylum today by her father and Aunt.
Will not speak to any one and holds her head to one side with a determined obstinate expression. Seems in fair bodily health. Face is very ruddy Pulse 84 soft. Will not put out her tongue. Breath is offensive.
Hab stat Pulv Jalap ℈ 3j

7 Bowels acted freely. Slept quietly during the night. Is still silent this morning but smiles when spoken to. Reads but is not inclined to do any work. Let her have exercise in the open air.

10 Taciturnity continues. Is still very idle. Struggles hard against being washed and dressed in the morning but from what cause it is impossible to discover. Bowels are very sluggish, acting only after purgative medicine. Cont.

14 Saw her sister and some friends today but did not speak to them.

16 Catamenia present today, apparently normal. Cont.

31 No change has been observed on symptoms. Continues idle and silent. Laughs heartily at her fellow patients. Bowels still require purgatives Cont.

Sept 5 Saw some of her relations yesterday and spoke to them but has again relapsed into her former taciturn state. Cont.

15 Continues silent and idle. At times is very obstinate and apparently angry. Bowels are not improved. Cont.

Oct 3 Has begun to employ herself in a most active way but is taciturn as before. Manifests an unbecoming haughtiness and seems to care about nothing save dress. Takes her food well. Sleeps quietly. Bowels continue sluggish and require occasional Cathartics
Cont.

15 Improved in most respects but is still taciturn and little disposed to work. Occupies herself regularly. Reads occasionally and walks out about the grounds. Never walks with her fellow patients but always either precedes or follows them. Cont.

Admitted August 6. 1849

1849
Oct 31 Taciturnity continues. Is visited occasionally by her relatives and always speaks to them. Manner is very proud and retiring. Takes her food well. Bowels are rather torpid and require occasional doses of purgative medicine. Cont.

Nov 15 Symptoms are unchanged and no improvement whatever has taken place since last report. Sits constantly with her bible open apparently reading and never otherwise occupies herself. Bowels still require purgatives. Cont.

Dec 15 Seems even more obstinately taciturn than before. Expression indicates anger and great determination. Cannot be induced to do anything and it is with difficulty the attendant can get her to wash and dress herself. Bowels are still rather sluggish. Cont.

1850
Jany 31 Is sullen indolent and obstinate. Is full of assumed dignity. Seems determined to speak to no one.

July 12 Took a weeping fit at dinner time but soon brightened up again. Is as stiff and dignified as ever.

26. There is no improvement. Saw her father yesterday and spoke freely to him. Said she was always busy which is the reverse of the truth.

March 31 Is quite as taciturn as ever. Does nothing. Is reluctant even to wash herself or to take sufficient food.

April 30 Is in her usual taciturn and dignified state. Is careless about herself as ever and never employs herself.

May 31 Continues as before in all respects.

Jun 30 Is sullen silent, obstinate and indolent - refusing all occupation and has to be found to take exercise.

July 23 Walked about the grounds with her father and talked freely with him. Seemed pleased. Appears more intelligent.

Aug. Was this day given in charge to her father and discharged

Relieved

Marion Cumin Ct From page 30

1849

August 2 Has continued quiet since last report. For two or three days has suffered from slight dyspnea and today feet and ankles are somewhat oedematous. Bowels are quite regular. Let her be kept in bed
Hab Ter die Sp Alb Nitric 3j

4 Dyspnea continues but oedematous swelling of feet has gone away. Bowels are rather confined. Hab Ol Ricini 3ss.

8 Is improving. Breathes more freely. Has slight cough. In other respects is in her usual state. Contr.

15 Seems now quite better but is again becoming restless and mischievous. Contr.

31 Has been very unsettled since last report, full of sport and mischief. Symptoms are precisely similar to those observed in former attacks. Contr.

Sept 11 Is more composed today and depressed as usual after her paroxysms. Contr.

18 Continued dull and quiet till yesterday when symptoms of approaching restlessness began to manifest themselves. Today is playful and mischievous. Contr.

Oct 9 Is again very much depressed and listless. Looks miserable. Does not speak even when addressed. Sits on the same seat during the entire day and seems never to think even of moving. Takes her food badly. Bowels regular. Contr. Very

17 Continues to eat badly. Seems very feeble. Hab Iodis Ferris gtt Oj

31 For several days has complained of numbness in left upper extremity and slight want of power has been observed. Today is walking unsteadily and with a dragging of left side of body. Left hand and foot are colder than right. Is very much depressed and much more feeble than formerly. Bowels are pretty regular. Omitt Ferri iod. Rub neck with croton oil liniment.

Nov 3 Hemiplegia increases. Is becoming more feeble and at times is very drowsy. A copious eruption has come out on back of head and neck but without producing any appearance of improvement. Contr.

Admitted October 6. 1845

1849 Nov.	6	Is unable to leave her bed. Breathing is occasionally difficult. Surface generally is rather cold and though hot water pans are kept constantly applied to extremities the temperature of paralysed parts is very low. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels keep free. Passes urine in bed and is very helpless. Cont.
	9	Bowels are slow. Belly is distended. Breathing rather difficult. Continues to take her food well. Stat mijic enema cum ag tepid
	12	Not much change has been observed these few days. Bowels act only after enemata. Cont.
	15	Is gradually becoming more feeble and helpless. Takes her food well however and is still quite alive to external stimuli. Cont.
	19	Not much change except that she is weaker. Is still perfectly sensible and recognizes all those about her. Cont.
	22	Slowly sinking. Pulse occasionally intermits and respiration is sometimes laboured. Voice is reduced to a whisper but is still quite sensible. Continues to take her food tolerably well.
	24	Features are pinched and the Expression is anxious and quite changed since yesterday. Breathing difficult and accompanied with tracheal rattle. Seems moribund.
Vesp.	10	Sank gradually and without change of symptoms

Died

Susan McDonald Ct From page 87

1849
August 20 There is very little change since last report. Continues retiring and apathetic, reading a little but not working any. Can scarcely be prevailed on to leave her room and when she does come out it is only to go into the nurses apartment. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels regular. Sleeps quietly during the night. Contr.

26 Refused to take her breakfast today, saying that there was no use in prolonging this existence had to be fed by the nurse.

28 Obstinately refuses food but is easily fed by the nurse. Is sullen & depressed and seldom gives utterance to anything more than a protest against prolonging her life. Avows the most determined intention of committing suicide. Contr.

29 Became restless and noisy last night and was proceeding to destroy the furniture of her apartment. Was removed to another room. Will not speak today but lies quietly in bed. Bowels slow Hab Ol Ricini ℥j

30 Bowels freely moved. Has been quiet during the night but today is irritable and restless.

Sept 1 Is somewhat better. Will not take her food herself but allows the nurse to feed her without resisting

11 Taking her food as usual today. Is more composed and cheerful and has begun to read.

15 Has continued quiet and tractable since last report. Is more cheerful and shows very little reluctance to walk out in the open air. General health is pretty good. Contr.

Oct 15 Has continued tolerably well since last report. Has sunk into an apathetic state and shows no disposition to resume her former occupations. Talks listlessly about her wants wishes she were dead and finds every thing a trouble to her. Is occasionally induced to take a walk but does not seem to enjoy it. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels regular. Contr.

Admitted September 28. 1837

1849
Novr 15 Bodily health has been tolerably good since last report. Selfishness and exclusiveness have been occasionally manifested however but no unpleasant consequences have happened. Reads much but seldom ever works any as formerly. Cont.

Decr 15 Goes on much in the same way as noticed in former reports. Reads much but manifests no disposition otherwise to employ herself. General health continues tolerably good. Cont.

1850
Jany 31 Is much the same as formerly reported. Is very agreeable and cheerful just now. Cont

July 28 Continues to be agreeable and is in pretty good health and spirits Cont.

March 31 Is still in an agreeable humour and seems to enjoy good health Cont.

April 30 Continues well and agreeable shewing her selfishness and self-esteem now and then. Has another boil on the knee cap which makes her a little irritable occasionally. Works a little with the needle but does it heedlessly. Reads a great deal

May 31 Has been for the most part pleasant and agreeable. Is very proud and wears shabby clothes. Does not wish to be indebted to her mother or sister for anything. Was visited by her sister and Miss Balmanno but would not acknowledge or speak to them. Cont.

June 30 Is exacting in disposition proud and exclusive, but ladylike in her language. Is disinclined to wear proper clothes. Hints that she wants various things which when forthcoming she rejects. Walked out a few evenings ago the first time for a twelve-month. Is annoyed at new nurses or patients coming to the galley.

July 15 Has had a gum boil which is now better. Walks out in the evening. Is affable in manner.

31 Is occasionally very cross and irritable. Takes her food and exercise regularly. Is still disinclined to wear proper clothing — Is very easily put out of sorts.

Augt 31 Takes exercise regularly. Will not go out except in the evenings. Has had another gum boil which is better

Jane McAslan or Mrs Gordon Ct

1849
August 20 Was brought to the Asylum this forenoon by her husband.
Is restless and excitable, talking loudly in a very incoherent strain stamping her foot and flourishing her arms. Seems weak and exhausted. Face pallid. Pulse about 90.
Hab stat. Pulv Rhei co 3ij H.S. descend in bolus calid.

21 Bowels were freely moved. Talked a good deal during the night but remained in bed. Today is still restless & talkative. Appetite seems very deficient.
Repeat bolt.

22 Bowels slow. Is less restless but still talkative. No improvement in appearance.
Hab Pulv Jalap co 3j

25 Is quite composed, speaking very little and rationally. Bowels keep sluggish and have required occasional laxatives
Hab ote. Pil Coloc co 1
℞ Sulph Sumi gr xij Acid sulph Arom 3j Aquae 3ij S. Sumi 3i ter die.

31 Continues quiet and orderly. Is very gentle and kind hearted. Makes no complaint and seems cheerful. Appetite is very deficient. Bowels are still rather sluggish. Is very pallid and weak. Let her walk out in the open air.

Sept 10 Seems quite recovered, & bodily health is much improved. Her husband having considered her quite well determined on removing her. She was accordingly at his request dismissed

Cured

Admitted August 20 1809

Christina Bowie or Mrs Allan Ætat

1869
August 22 Was brought to the Asylum today by some relatives.
Is in a state of great distraction, wringing her hands and bewailing the calamities she says she has entailed on many people. Is very restless. Expression is anxious and unsettled. Attention cannot be fixed; the more she is spoken to the more earnestly she calls out 'oh it's me that's done it all'. Pulse seems calm. Skin cool. Eyes are free from injection though their expression is rather wild.
Does not show her tongue when asked. Bowels said to be sluggish. Hab Sals Salap co ℥j Ae

23 Exceedingly anxious and distracted. Cannot settle a moment quiet. Rocks herself backward & forward with her hands clasped bemoaning her doings. Medicine has not acted.
Hab Ol Ricini ℥j W.S. hab bata bis.

24 Bowels acted slightly only. Symptoms are unchanged.
Hab Ol Ricini ℥ss Ol Croton ♏j

25 Bowels were very freely moved. No change however has manifested itself on mental state.
Appetite is indifferent. Says she does not deserve food and attention. Cont.

31 Is on the whole less anxious and more settled but cannot as yet be induced to employ herself. Takes her food better. Bowels are sluggish and require regular laxatives. Cont.

Sept 15 Is not much improved. Accuses herself of having brought great trouble on her native place, of being the cause of ringing all her fellow-patients here and whenever anything goes wrong in the gallery says she has done it all. Speaks much about her children and is constantly begging to be allowed to go and see them. Expression is still anxious and wild. Wrings her hands.
Makes no reply to questions but says always she wants away home. Takes her food pretty well.
Bowels are acting without medicine. Cont.

Admitted August 22: 1849

1849 Sept 29	Has taken to employment but only with a view of being dismissed as she is still very anxious and fearful. Is somewhat improved in appearance. Takes her food well. Sleeps better Bowels regular. Cont
Oct 14	Had an attack of vomiting and purging during the night. At present is better. Mind is improved but there is still much anxiety and fearfulness. Bodily health is much improved. Cont.
31	Is now quite cheerful and industrious. Is very anxious to be dismissed, saying that she is wearying to see her children. Bodily health is much improved. Cont.
Nov 3	Her Father having come to remove her she was at his request dismissed

Cured

Mary Melville Aet:

1849
August 28 Was brought to the Asylum this fore-noon by her mother and brother
Is thin and pale. Is quite child-ish in appearance and manner. Does not reply when spoken to. Occasionally smiles and twists her features but with what intention it is impossible to make out. Took her dinner but sparingly. Asked for tea and toast. Ones eat.

29 Broke a pane of glass this morning whenever she was taken out of her room. Sits muttering to her-self and occasionally calls out Martha. Is very childish and requires the same treatment as a child. Skin is dirty and harsh. Bowels have not been moved since admission -
Let her have a warm bath and repeat it twice a week. Hab Pulv Jalap co 3j.

31 Habits are very much same. Passes urine wherever she is sitting or standing and when reproved does not seem to think there is anything unseemly in so doing. At meals eats with her fingers and throws her food from her. Is very tricky. Tries frequently to undress herself and is quite unaffected by being spoken to. Seldom replies to questions and never coherently. Bowels are confined. Hab ater P. Jalap co 3j

Sept 1 Bowels freely moved. Stools very offensive. Skin is still harsh and ill coloured, exhaling a disagreeable odour. Cont.

5 Habits are very slovenly and dirty and though every care is taken to improve them there is not yet much change. Continues very childish and at times is very tricky and troublesome. Cont.

15 Improves rapidly in general health. Expression is healthier. Colour more natural. Little improvement however has taken place in her habits and it requires great attention to keep her at all tidy. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels act pretty regularly. Skin is more natural and has lost its disagreeable odour. Cont.

Admitted August 28: 1849

1749
Sept 30 General health is improved and though mind is unchanged habits are somewhat less offensive Requires constant attention however to keep her at all tidy Takes her food pretty well Bowels regular

Octo 11 There is some edema of feet and legs In other respects is as at last report Let her be kept in bed Not to die Vin alcohol Cantharides mxv

18 Feet and legs are much less swollen Bodily health is slowly improving Cont

27 Is up today Edema has nearly disappeared from lower extremities Not much change has been observed on mind Is quite childish in appearance and manner Seldom speaks and when addressed merely giggles and twists her face into all manner of strange shapes Habits are not much improved; Bed is wet almost every morning Bowels are rather sluggish seldom acting without laxatives Cont

Nov 10 There is again some edematous swelling of feet and ankles In other respects is much in the same state, though during the day she is generally kept clean by being very frequently taken to the water closet Bowels are still very sluggish At present they are very confined and has had several doses of purgatives without effect Injic enema en aq tepid

11 Enema produced a copious stool Cont

25 Bowels continue rather sluggish and require the use of laxatives from time to time In most respects has improved since admission though want of attention keeps her habits as bad as ever Cont

Decr 1 Calamania present Cont

15 Seems considerably better Shows much more intelligence and occasionally works a little Habits are much improved Generally keeps her bed dry and during the day is not so slovenly as before Is rather stouter and better coloured Speaks more than formerly and contortions of face are not so frequent Takes her food very well Bowels act more regularly Walks out daily when the weather permits Cont

Euphemia Cairns Æat

1849
August 29 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by an attendant who had been sent for her.

Is very lively and talkative and as far as can be made out is quite rational in manner & conversation. There is some imbecility however manifested by her appearance and conversation — Speaks in a drawling tone There is some swelling & pain foot and leg but there is no redness. Incis cat.

31 Talks incessantly in the most trifling manner about love and marriage. Manifests an intense curiosity and spends half her time trying to gratify this. Has a great appetite & considerable craving for beer. Asks food constantly and cannot be satisfied. Is very careless and slovenly in her dress and person. Leg is more swollen but it is free from pain. Bowels are regular.

Sept 2 Yesterday afternoon had a rigor and shortly after felt pain and a sense of burning in swollen leg. Had a saline purgative in the evening but it only vomited. Today leg is very much inflamed from the ankle to the upper third of limb. Inflammation seems confined to the skin as there is little tension or pain. Pulse is 112. Skin generally is rather warm Low diet. Stat hab Ol Ricini 3ss Hot stupes to leg and foot.

4 Inflammation of leg is somewhat abated. Bowels freely moved. Cont.

5 Got out of bed this morning saying her leg was well and that she could not remain in the recumbent posture. Refused in the most decided manner to go to bed when requested by the Physician. Is very much annoyed at having animal food withheld.

Says the doctors know nothing about her leg and that it is not properly treated. Says it ought to be rubbed with camphorated oil. Cont.

Admitted August 29: 1849

1849
Sept 6 As she persisted in refusing to go back to bed she was placed in it by the nurses. So very indignant at being treated thus, insists there is nothing wrong with her and is at times very abusive. Leg is less inflamed but there is still good deal greatness and swelling Bowels require an occasional purgative. Cont.

10 Is more composed in her language today but seems very ill pleased because she is compelled to keep her bed. Leg is better but there is still some swelling. Bowels act pretty regularly. Mind is much as before, rather weak. Conversation betrays much silliness, especially regarding the sterner sex. Cont

15 Leg is now nearly well. General health is pretty good. Let her get up out bed but refrain from walking about much. Cont also.

24 Saw her sister yesterday and abused her in the most outrageous manner. Told her she would never speak to her again and ended by striking her. Cont.

26 Leg is again slightly inflamed Let her keep her bed. Have ℥ss of Castor oil.

27 Will not keep her bed. Leg is better however. Bowels open Cont.

Octr 4 Became hysterical last night apparently as a wind up to a tirade of abuse against her sister. Cont

15 Imbecility of mind is the chief feature in this case. Conversation is quite childish. Is assured she says that she is one of God's peculiar people and under his especial protection. Cannot go to hear the Chaplain of this House because she is not of his sect and it would do her harm. Is very erotic and talks in the most disgusting manner about mistresses and prostitutes and shows an intimate knowledge of the habits of both.

Talks scandal and runs about the gallery gathering all the information she can get. Abuses her sister in the most unmeasured terms and will do nothing for her. Is very vain and selfish and is always quarrelling. Cont

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Mary Oswald or Mrs Ferguson Æt. 53

1849

Oct 1 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her husband.

Is exceedingly lively and talkative and full of admiration of the House.

Walks about with a theatrical strut, admires the beauty of the moon and makes romantic gestures with her arms

Spies cat.

2 Is much in the same state as on admission. Nurse reports that she slept well till 6 O'Clock this morning but that then she commenced to sing and talk aloud.

Was seen speaking as if she were jealous of her husband with a servant whose character she doubts

Took her breakfast well this morning. Bowels are regular

Looks in delicate health —

4 Is very restless. Goes about the gallery attitudinizing and calling out to her son to come and embrace his mother. Takes her food well. Has slept better than on admission.

Bowels regular. Cont.

6 Was very restless and noisy during the night. Today will not keep on her clothes and keeps constantly in motion, writhing and twisting about as if affected with chorea.

Let her be kept in her room and let her have plenty of nourishment.

Hat etherea Inls Gregorii ℥ij

8 Is more restless. Talks out of bed undresses herself. Voids urine and passes stools in bed. Seems feeble Talks very little and does not seem to comprehend when addressed.

Odour cannot be made out from her restlessness but it is small.

Hat indicis Vin Xeriæ Alb ℥ij

Hat etherea Cerevisiæ fort (ale) Oj

Remove the bed stead

12 Nervous motions continue. Gets and dirties the bed, tears the bed clothes and her own dress. Takes her food & wine tolerably well.

Bowels regular. Cont.

16 Is more composed today but motions seem to increase when any one approaches her. Habits are not improved. Seems however more alive to external impressions & puts out her tongue when asked.

Continues to take her food well.

Bowels open. Cont.

Admitted October 1. 1849

1849
Oct 18 Yesterday after dinner became feverish. Face was flushed. Pulse 130. Respiration was hurried and oppressed. No affection of any pectoral or abdominal organ could be detected. Febrile state continues but no new symptoms can be observed. Tongue is very dry but pretty clean. Bowels are open.
Omit wine and ale.

19 Is less feverish though pulse continues about 120. Is more composed however and on the whole seems rather better. Over sacrum there is an erysipelatous blush. Bowels free. Cont.

21 Febrile state is nearly gone. Lies much more quietly in bed, keeps on the bed clothes and is rather more alive to external impressions. Inflamed spot over sacrum was coated with collodion and is better. Bowels are rather confined. Takes her food very well. Inject enema cum ag tepid.

26 Has noisy during the night and today is rather restless. Pulse is about 100 and of fair strength. Bowels slow.
Rept enema cum ag tepid.

31 Has improved gradually since last report and today is up and walking about. Is still however very feeble and is very confused in mind. Memory is very deficient and conversation is quite unintelligible. Is taking her food pretty well. Bowels require an occasional enema. Cont.

Nov 3 Not quite so well today. Bowels are confined. Hat Pulv Rhei co 3i

10 Bowels open. Continues feeble & tremulous. Is still very confused in mind. Cont. Let her have an occasional short walk in the open air.

10 Is improved considerably. Conversation is much more coherent but considerable deficiency of recollection is still very apparent.
Has been speaking about her husband saying that he was too intimate with one of the servants and that he has long annoyed her by his conduct.
Is very cheerful and contented.
Takes her food very well. Bowels regular. Cont.

15 Improves. Is still feeble. Wets her bed almost every night. In other respects is as at last report. Cont.

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Janet Greenshields Ct. From page 119

1849
Oct 15 Bodily health is very good. Mind is very weak and fanciful. Never employs herself but seems cheerful. Cont.

Nov 15 Has had several paroxysms of scolding since last report. Uses very offensive language. Bodily health is very good. Never employs herself in any way but seems contented and cheerful. Cont.

Dec 15 No change of any consequence has taken place either on mental or bodily state since last report. Cont.

1850
July 31 Is in her usual state. Is quite imbecile and incoherent in conversation. Is in good bodily health. Cont.

July 28. Is liable to paroxysms of excitement with swearing. Is quite harmless. Is incapable of doing anything. Wanders about the galley speaking to herself. Cont.

March 31 Conducts herself in her usual manner. Is quite incoherent and very deficient in intelligence. Is in good bodily health. Cont.

April 30 Is in the same state as described in preceding report. Cont.

May 31 Is sick and bilious and has vomited a quantity of bilious matter stained yellow. R of Rec Co 31.

June 2. Is now quite recovered from bilious attack to which she is liable from time to time.

4. Has had a paroxysm of scolding and swearing this morning.

30 Is in her ordinary state. Is quite incoherent in conversation and imbecile in mind. Cont.

July 31 — Bodily health continues good. There is no improvement in mental condition. Is still incoherent and uses improper language. Cont.

Aug 31 Is quite weak in mind and is incapable of engaging in any work or employing herself in any way. Bodily health is good. Cont.

Sept 30 Continues in her usual state both mental and bodily. Cont.

Oct 31 There is no change or improvement in any respect. Cont.

Nov 30 Is in her usual state. Is as imbecile as ever. Bodily health good.

Dec 31 Is in her ordinary state. —

Admitted June 2: 1846

1851
July 31 - Is constantly wondering about, muttering to herself - Is incapable of entering into conversation - or of employing herself in reading or otherwise cont -

Feby 18 Is taking her food sparingly for two days, and appears to be sick; Her head is hot & moist. R of Rx Co 3ij —

20. Is better and going about as usual - Is irritable at times and uses bad language - Never sits down - Is constantly on foot save at meal times and then sits as short a time as possible

March 17 Continues in her ordinary state is much pleased with her new dress - Smiles and seems pleased when taken notice of — cont

April 30 Is still constantly on foot wandering about the galling and airing court - Swears and uses vile language at times - Bodily health is good -

May 31 - Is the same in all respects as formerly reported - cont.

June 30 Is in her usual state both mentally and bodily cont.

July 31 Is the same in all respects as formerly reported. cont.

Aug 29 Was visited by her brother and nephew from Canada yesterday and seemed much pleased -

Sept 30 Is much as usual in every respect — cont

Oct 31 There is no improvement in mental state. Is incapable of speaking in a rational or coherent way - Is in her usual bodily health - cont

Nov 30 Peculiarities of conduct and Conversation are the same as formerly - Health good cont.

Dec 31 Is in all respects in the same state as previously reported cont

1852
Jany 31 Is in her usual state. Seems to labour under numerous delusions, but it is impossible to make them out from the incoherence of her conversation cont -

July 28. Is in good health. Is occasionally disposed to nausea and a bilious state of the stomach. Mind is as weak as ever — cont

March 31 Is as incapable as ever of employing herself in reading or any other work. Is in her usual health - cont

April 30 Is in her ordinary state. Is still occasionally irritable & uses bad language. —

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Mary Mitchell or Mrs Wright Ad. Tromp 51.

1849
Oct 15 — No improvement has taken place on mental state but propensity to wash with her own urine has been kept more in check. Bodily health is pretty good. Eruption on face continues. Cont.

Nov 15 — Habits are somewhat improved but apparently more from want of opportunity of indulging them than as a consequence of mental improvement. Bodily health is pretty good. Is generally employed in some way but almost always avoids speaking to any one though manner is pleasant and ladylike Cont.

Dec 16 — Habits continue improved. In other respects is much as at last report. Cont.

1850
Jany 31 — There is no improvement in mental state - Peculiarities of manner are unchanged - Is very wasteful of her clothing taking every opportunity of standing over the fire till they are spoiled - Cont.

Feby 28. — Is very abrupt and brief in conversation - Is polite in manner - speaks to herself - Is disposed to wash herself with her urine even to drink it. Cont.

March 31. — Walks a great deal, and generally upon one beaten track. Has made a path for herself along the side of the airing court. Is in good bodily health.

April 30 — Peculiarities of habits, manners & conversation continue as marked as ever Cont.

May 31. — Is in all respects as at foregoing report. Has always an eruption upon her face Cont.

June 30 — There is no evident improvement in the mental state of this patient. Is shy abrupt and retiring - Habits are offensive Health fair Cont.

July 31. — Is generally industrious. When not employed in sewing, takes exercise in walking. Reads occasionally - Cont.

Aug 31 — Is in her usual state both mental and bodily - No perceptible change in habits, manners or conversation - Cont.

Sept 30 — Walks and employs herself as usual - Is in good health Cont.

Oct 31 — There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report - Cont.

Nov 30. — Is in her usual state - mental and bodily -

Dec 31. — Is at times rude & short-tempered seldom speaks to others - Is in good health -

Admitted May 9. 1843

1831 –
Janry 31. Is in her usual state – Is very untidy in her dress – Sews & reads occasionally – and takes a great deal of exercise in walking. Cont –

Feby 28. Is unchanged in habits, manners and general conduct – Is not troublesome – Is disposed to be offensive with her urine – Appetite good; Functions regular & general health good – Cont

March 31 Is in her usual state both Mental and bodily – Is abusive in her language to her relatives – Habits as before Cont

June 30. Since last report has experienced no change or improvement in her Mental State – Her bodily health has been good – Her habits have continued the same as before

Sept 30. Is in her usual state – Takes a great deal of exercise – either does not speak when addressed – or answers very curtly – Reads and sews – Cont

Dec 31. Is in her usual state both ~~Mental~~ and Mental & bodily –

1832
Janry 31 Is in the enjoyment of good health. Mental State and peculiarity of habits, manners and conversation Continue as before. Cont

Feby 28 Is in her usual state both Mental and body. General health is excellent – Is always shy, retired and averse to conversation Cont

March 31 Is in her ordinary state. Health continues excellent. Mind has undergone no change or improvement. Cont

April 30 Employs herself a good deal in reading. Takes a sufficiency of exercise. Mental State & peculiarities are the same as formerly – Cont –

May 31 – Does not address any one and scarcely speaks when spoken to. Laughs and talks to herself. Is regular and quiet in her habits. Gives little trouble – Is in good health. Cont.

June 30 Is in all respects both in mind and body as reported above Cont.

July 31. There is no improvement in Mental condition. Bodily health continues excellent. Cont.

Aug 31 Is quiet and retiring in disposition. Maintains no intercourse in Conversation with her fellow patients Is in good health Cont

Mrs Paterson or Susan Simpson Ct. From p. 52

1849
Octr 15 In all respects continues in the same state as at last report. Works industriously and exhibits much ingenuity and constructiveness. Cont.

Novr 15 Talks incessantly in the same remarkably incoherent strain. Is in good bodily health and ever since last report has been uninterruptedly industrious. Cont.

Decr 15 Continues to employ herself most industriously. Talks without ceasing in the same incoherent manner. Abdominal distension seems greater but she will not permit any examination. General health is tolerably good Cont

1850
Jany 31. Talks in an incoherent strain as usual - Is very industrious in her habits Her language is not very select. Is generally quiet and harmless - Cont.

Feby 28 Is generally in a very happy frame of Mind & her incoherent rambling talk of a jocular kind - Enjoys good health. Bowels require the occasional use of laxative medicines - Cont -

March 31 Is industrious as usual. and talking as much as ever - Her conversation is for the most part with herself or imaginary interlocutors - Is in good general health - Cont -

April 30. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports cont -

May 31. No change since last report in mental or bodily state cont -

June 14. Has refused her food both yesterday and today and is irritable when pressed to take it - Acted in the same way last year - Her bowels are costive - Breath foetid -

15 Took a hearty breakfast this morning and asked for beer - Asked for tea in the evening -

17 Has been in bed for two days, but is now eating heartily and is now in her usual state - cont.

July 15. Is as industrious as ever - & full of conversation. Is taking her food regularly. Not ol Rx Cozi p r n —

Aug 4. Has been averse to taking food for two days -

7. Took her breakfast today and a glass of wine -

8. Has refused her food today, save a glass of wine & a biscuit. Talks constantly. Is looking pale and ill.

Admitted August 26: 1843

1830
Aug 10 Is now taking her food - Has a glass of wine daily.

14. Is going without a cap. Says they are too old fashioned for a lady of her appearance and rank to wear when 'ilka dirty hizzy of a servant lass can wear one — cont.

Sept 2. Is less industrious than formerly Has been asking for wine and to get home.

19. Had a drive in the carriage to-day -

23. Had a slight attack of diarrhoea which was speedily checked.

Oct 18. Has some inflammation of the eyelids - the redness from which causes them to be cloud in the morning - She has a delusion that her urine is suspected of certain virtues, and anoints herself freely with it - cont.

Nov 30. Is in her usual state. Is now taking her food regularly, and is in the enjoyment of good health - cont.

Dec 31. Is industrious and talkative as ever - Is quite incoherent and full of delusions cont -

1831
Jany 31. Is in good bodily health. Mental state is not improved - cont -

Feb 28 Delusions and incoherence are as marked as ever. Health good -

March 31 - Health, habits, conversation and mental state are unchanged — cont

April 30 Is as industrious as ever but without any improvement in her mental state — cont.

May 31. Is irritable at times and uses very offensive language. Is quite incoherent — cont

June 30 Is in her usual state both mental and bodily - cont -

July 31 There is no change or improvement in mental state since last report. Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31 Mental state continues the same. + Delusions are unchanged. Stomach is liable to swell - Intelligence of her husband's death little affected her cont

Sept 9. Was very merry today when being dressed in her 'weeds' and said if Mr P. was really dead, she wondered if she would get home and get another husband — cont

Oct 8. Has had some diarrhoea to-day - which was stopped by R Tr opii gtt - xxx. Sp. vini fall 3j -

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Agnes Jessie Bt From page 54

1849
Oct. 10 Talking paroxysm has again commenced. Uses frequently the most obscene language and gestures. Mistakes persons and asks questions which seem to show her labouring under ocular delusions. General health is tolerably good. Cont.

15 Talks incessantly and occasionally gets into rages during which she strikes & resists violently Cont.

31 Paroxysm continues. Language is frequently so indelicate that she requires partial seclusion. Bodily health is good. Takes her food well. Bowels regular. Cont.

Novr 6 Paroxysm has passed off. Talks coherently and behaves properly. Is pleasant and agreeable and grateful and affectionate in manner. Cont.

15 Continues free from excitement Behaves well and occupies herself very constantly. Is in good bodily health. Cont.

24 Has been very depressed for several days and today is in bed, complaining in the usual strain of everything and everybody. Cont.

27 Has commenced her talking paroxysm. Is very erotic & language is very indecorous. There is little excitement. Cont.

Decr 15 Paroxysm continues with occasional fits of excitement, manifested chiefly in scolding. General health is pretty good. Cont.

30. Was insolent and noisy yesterday but is calm today - and was at chapel and quiet there & since - Cont.

1850
Janry 10. Is less excited at present, but very unwilling to get away from the plan - Cont

30. Is more taciturn at present, but fretful and discontented - Cont.

Febr 28. Has been occasionally in bed, imagining herself to be very ill. Is sometimes sulky and fretful - refuses to associate with the other patients. Cont -

March 31. Imagines that persons come into her bedroom & that her virtue is in danger says she would drown herself if she had the opportunity. Goes to bed occasionally during the day. Refuses to attend chapel Talks unfavourably to herself - Cont.

Admitted October 19: 1842

1830
April 30. Was quite maniacal at the beginning of the month and was put into seclusion - Was noisy, abusive & quite incoherent. Is now more quiet and rational — Cont.

May 15. Is still excitable, complaines of a sense of bearing down, with pain & weakness in the back. Is my unfortunate

31. Has been more irritable, talkative and incoherent. Scolds and says She is in the family way - Suffers from piles which obtrude and bleed — Has bad habits - Sit cold be applied — cont

June 30 Is abusive & violent. Strikes those around her. Talks incessantly. One of her feet and ancles heave been swollen & slightly inflamed, but is getting better under fomentations.

July 31. Has been very sullen and morose and keeping her room for the most part. She has been averse to taking food and required to be fed. Is out occasionaly. Is suicidal. Bowels have required frequent use of Cathartic medicine. Cont —

Aug 31. Is still somewhat averse to taking her food. Is gloomy and sullen. On 22nd fancied some one was coming to take her away and resisted being put to bed at 9 P.M. Cont

Sept 30. Has been occasionally more quiet but is again as talkative as ever. Complains of the injustice of being kept here and deprived of ordinary as she was never out of her mind. Is under the delusion that her clothes are changed during the night, and imagines people to be what they are not. Cont,

Oct 31. Is more rational and composed. Says that the government has taken her case in hand and will set all to right, Cont,

Nov 30. Is in her old state. Noisy and scolding as much as ever — cont

Dec 31. Is at times composed for a half hour for the most part is very noisy & scolding at all and sundry. cont

1831
Jany 31 Is in her usual state. Noisy and talkative. Is in pretty good health. cont

Feby 28. Has been very excitable lately. very abusive in language and uproarious in conduct. Cont.

March 31 Has become sulky, gloomy and silent. Watches loud into the bath room. Is suicidal and has been put into close cust[illegible] Cont

April 30 Has been in better humour lately but quite irrational. Indulges in [illegible]

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Euphemia Gaines Ct. From page 118

1869
Oct 22 Catamenia present today. Is in great spirits and makes many apologies for her behaviour. Contr.

31 Goes on very industriously but there is no change in her feelings towards her sister as she at times abuses her in the most unmeasured terms. Quotes Scripture and points out many passages which apply to her own case and shows an immense degree of self righteous assumption but not one particle of the feeling usually manifested by same individuals who have behaved as she did before coming here.
General conversation betrays great imbecility of mind. Is very passionate and unbending. Bodily health is very good. Contr.

Nov 10 Had an interview with her sister today but was abusive and manifested precisely the same notions she did before coming here.
Has gone on very industriously since last report Contr.

22 Catamenia present. Is unsettled and rather depressed. Contr.

26 Keeping her bed today. Is more depressed and complains of want of appetite & of a feeling of sinking.
Talks rather ramblingly about her sister. Contr.

30 Continues depressed. Speaks of the expense incurred by her sister in maintaining her here. Expression is anxious & bewildered. There is considerable mental confusion and sometimes incoherence of ideas.
Bowels keep regular. Appetite is still indifferent. Hands & feet are cold. Contr.

Dcer 4 Depression increases. Has become sluggish & inert. Requires to be taken out of bed in the morning & dressed. Goes about the gallery wringing her hands & saying that her mind has left her & that her soul is lost for ever. Anxiety of expression continues. Circulation is languid and appetite remains indifferent. Has had some purgative medicine with effect & has had an eruption brought out on back of neck with croton oil. Contr.

8 Continued much as at last report till this morning when it was noticed that she was somewhat excited. Cried out,

Admitted August 29: 1849

1849

talked very incoherently and swore against her sister for keeping her here. After breakfast was sent out at her own request to the airing court. Shortly after going out fell down as if in a fit – Was carried in and when seen shortly after was in a state of insensibility and suffering from attacks of a convulsive character every two or three minutes. During the attack the Chest became fixed, the breathing abdominal; the mouth was closed & the air entered from time to time through a narrow aperture like in the case of a person smoking. The face was distorted and slightly livid. No foam escaped from the mouth. Extremities were but little affected but feet were cold. Hot pans were placed to feet. and she was left alone.

Vesp. Attacks continued without much change for three or four hours but they have now ceased. Insensibility continues but breathing is natural. Has passed water in bed.
Adhibt sinapismata cruribus.
Rad Capill occipit et adhibt.
Vesic ampl um.

Decr 9 Showed symptoms of returning consciousness while the mustard was on and has gradually become more sensible. Is very stupid. Does not reply to questions nor obey directions. Today has cried out several times that she is in hell. Expression is wild and anxious. Bowels have not been moved since yesterday.
Injic enema cum ol Ricini ℥ij Ol Succ ℥ij

10 Enema was not retained and there has been no action of bowels. Urine is voided freely, in bed; Is more sensible but very restless and pays no heed to questions or to those around her. Has taken some food today.
Rept to enema.

11 Has been very restless. Screams out occasionally & raves incessantly about being in hell. Seems more composed today. Expression & countenance is more natural. Takes her food. Has had no proper evacuation from bowels.
Hat Ol Ricini ℥j Rept enemata

12 Bowels have acted freely but has passed no urine since last night. Has quieter during the night & today is better.

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Agnes McNair or McDonald Ct From p. 72

1849
Novr 15 Has been very variable since last report, ill tempered at times, quarrelling with and striking her fellow patients; at other times, wearisomely and childishly affectionate: One day ill with one disease, another with a different, until she has exhausted her vocabulary of pathological nomenclature and then she is just dying. Appetite is very whimsical. Bowels pretty regular. Never works almost any while in the above state. Contr

30 Continues very variable. At times is much excited and has passed several very noisy nights since last report. Works almost none. Goes prowling into every corner, stealing all she can lay her hands on. General health is pretty good. Contr

Decr 15 Has been more excited. Is noisy every night and during the day is restless, quarrelsome and constantly stealing. Is very whimsical and capricious. General health is pretty good. Employs herself very little. Contr.

31 Has been very indelicate in her conversation - nurses a doll as a baby - wishes her husband dead that she may get another - Stealing things whenever she can get an opportunity - Imagines herself a girl, and dresses as such -

1850.
Jany 30 Conte -
Very variable in temper and disposition - Gets passional and uses bad language - Complains of her friends neglecting her - General habit and disposition as at former report -

Feby 13. Is rational at present & regrets that she is unable to attend the ceremony of her daughter's marriage - Is very anxious to get away

17. Weeping and despirited, & threatens with another attack

Feby 28. Has been hysterical and despondent since last report - Putting about about [illegible] occurrences of a shameful kind In other respects the same as before

March 31. Despirited, despondent & fretful wishes that she may die, as she thinks that her complaint is incurable & hereditary Contr

Admitted March 2: 1846

1850

April 1. Says that she has inherited her disease from infancy as she had strange fits & weakness during in childhood - Had a desire for what was forbidden, and preferred playing alone to mixing with others - Says she fears her daughter has the same disease and that the fear renders her miserable

30. Complains of internal debility and feeling of sinking and lightness in the abdomen - Has been hysterical & otherwise unwell as before - Cont.

May 7- Became much excited today, stripped herself naked & behaved indelicately in consequence of which had to be removed to another Gallery -

13. Had an interview with her daughter, became excited after she left and dashed her hand through a pane of glass

June 15 Indulging in her secretive & mischievous propensities as before -

30. Continues much the same as at former report - Cont -

July 15 Unsettled, incoherent, destructive and generally mischievous - Depressed and excited alternately -

Aug' 15 Conducts herself in a slightly childish manner - evinces a desire for female society and drops absurdly - Frequently desires to have wine or spirits -

Sept' 30 Imprudent in behaviour in chapel trying to set up flirtations with the Gentlemen -

Oct. 16. Has been keeping rational since the beginning of the month and general health has been very good - Is industrious and better behaved - Cont -

19 Was visited by her husband and son who has come home from Australia She manifested no great feeling of satisfaction on the occasion - Cont -

31 Is continuing well - Is cheerful and employs herself -

Nov 21 Is become again quite maniacal & violent - Knocked off the patient broke four panes of glass, her chamber pot and darted her room - Is put in seclusion

30 Is still violent and in seclusion - occasionally wets her bed and is noisy during the night

Dec 7. Is guilty of many vile practices Is still in seclusion

19. Was more composed today and was allowed to be out of her room -

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Penelope Good Rl From page 105

1849
Nov 1 Is becoming more troublesome. Re-iterates the same requests during the whole time any of the officers are present and never is in the least repulsed. Manifests a great deal of cunning maliciousness and bad temper. Tries much to work on the sympathies of those around. Never employs herself and would sleep much if permitted. Bowels are pretty regular but evacuations are very deficient in bilious matters. Cont.

15 No improvement whatever has taken place either on mental or bodily state. Cont.

30 No change whatever on symptoms. Is still very irritable and gives way to violent rages when none of the officers are near. Asks in the most persevering manner for some privilege and makes a great noise & disturbance when prevented seizing hold of the medical officers. Seems more sluggish and stupid. Inclines to lie on the sofa and sleep during the day & never employs herself. Takes her food pretty well. Bowels require occasional doses of purgatives. Stools are almost free of bilious matters.

Dec 11 For a few days has been rather restless and has been asking much about her husband, asserting that she is married and has had children. Asks if she will be permitted to go when her husband comes for her. Writes letters to several male parties in which amid much incoherence there are many loving words. Nights have been somewhat sleepless and noisy. Otherwise seems in all respects the same. Let her be sent into the airing Court daily.

15 Still talking about husband and children. Is more composed however and not so persevering[ly] troublesome as before. Is still restless & noisy at night and appearance is not improved. Appetite keeps pretty good. Bowels are regular but dejections are still unnatural. Cont.

27. Saw Mr Mapes Cathcart & Mrs Cathcart today and spoke to them of her intended marriage. Seems to be worse lately.

Admitted May 4: 1849

1850
Jany 31 Is full of delusions. Imagines herself to be the Queen of England and about to marry a prince – Speaks and nods her head to many – many persons – Is very excitable, bites and tears her clothing Is filthy and wets her bed – Has a slight rash on her neck and arms. Is more excitable at the menstrual period — cont

Feby 28 Is still very filthy in her habits and quite childish in her conversation. Is very troublesome. Has had her neck rubbed with croton oil. Is full of delusions. Imagines that she has been married to the Prince of Wales and has had a baby – Is destructive both of her own and the nurses clothing — cont

March 31 Continues noisy, filthy, destructive dangerous and voracious in her appetite Is thin in body – Is full of delusions. cont

April 30 Is up daily and is occasionally more quiet – Has a perpetual craving for food, liquor or told a friend who visited her that the cause of her illness was a fearful dream in which she pictured herself excluded from heaven and also that it arose from dread of cholera — cont

May 31 Is still very noisy, troublesome and unmanageable. Has been removed to another gallery – Is destructive tears and filthy – Bites when she can Is voracious in her appetite cont

June 30 Is as excitable as ever – Is occasionally noisy at times. There is no improvement in her habits cont

July 31 Has been for the most part as noisy and troublesome as ever – Leaps upon the attendants and tries to bite and tear their clothes – cont

Augt 31 Is still very dirty and noisy Is treacherous – When pretending to sip she bites – Is taken out of her room from time to time – cont

Septr 30 Has had several violent outbreaks breaking glass – tearing clothes & Is very filthy Urine is recent and ammoniacal in odour — cont

Octr 31 Is much disposed to lie in bed Is very voracious – Is dirty, destructive and treacherous cont

Nov 30 Is at times tolerably quiet and manageable, but is for the most part treacherous, dangerous and dirty in her habits

Dec 31 Is for the most part in seclusion Is allowed to be out in a gallery by herself Takes her food well – Is still offensive in her habits — cont

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Janet Mackay or Mrs Lindsay Ætat

1849
Nov 10 Was brought to the Asylum by her husband who gave the usual account of her intemperance, bad temper and general misconduct, precisely similar to his former statements.

Is perfectly free from intoxication or excitement of any kind. Declares herself innocent of the charges made against her by her husband and says that it is him who is insane

Incisat

30 Has been employed in the ordinary manner and has on all occasions behaved well.

General health is tolerably good

Decr 31 Bodily health is good. Conducts herself well and gives no trouble.

1850
Jany 8 Arrangements having been made by her husband for taking her home she was today at his request dismissed

Relieved

Readmitted 8th July 1850

1850
July 8. Was brought to the asylum today by her husband in a state of intoxication. Has been behaving very improperly at home. Stripped herself at Gaylock and attempted to drown herself at Rowlock at night. Charges her husband with ill treatment and abetting her children in disobedience. Is very dirty and tremulous.

Descend. in balm. tepid. et hab. h. s. Ex opii ℥j et ℔ Hord ℥ij.

11. Is now much recovered but is still raging against her husband with giving way to paroxysms almost to madness & striking her.

29. Having continued to improve and her husband being desirous of giving her another trial she was this day dismissed

Relieved

Readmitted 27th Augt 1850

1850
27 Augt Was again brought to the Asylum today by her husband in a state of intoxication & almost in a state of nudity. States that she

Admitted November 14: 1849

1850
Aug 27. Had been behaving well & that she was dragged from her bed and brought here — Is suspicious of her husband being too intimate with loose characters who inhabit houses for which he is jailor —

28 Is tremulous today & ascribes it to the harsh treatment which she had received yesterday —

Hab ℔ss. Hordei ℥ij h. s
et ℞ opii ℈j

2 Sept Is now much better and is beginning to employ herself —

11. Is becomes nervous and complaining of headache today —

24. Is charging her husband with keeping improper company & and sending her here that she may be out of the way —

Oct 4 Is pursuit & fretful, wishing to see her children, and endeavouring to send out letters surreptitiously —

22. Continues the same as at former reports. Is discontented; denies that she ever conducted herself improperly — Is industrious — but

Nov 30 Is in her usual state of mind. Is in good health.

Dec 31 Is in a more contented state. Is quite coherent —

1851
Jany 24 Was this day discharged

Cured

Mary Sym Ætatis 29

1849
Dcer 7 Was brought here this evening by her relatives. Is very much depressed anxious and gloomy. Is very desirous to commit suicide and has several times tried it. Says she is worth nothing & that she has no hope neither here nor hereafter. Is much annoyed at being brought here as she says it is far too fine & good a place for her.
Bowels are said to be irregular. She herself says they have not been moved for a week and that she requires very powerful medicine. Let her be constantly watched. Ft. hat Pil Coloc c ij

8 Is reported to have slept little. Bowels have not been moved. Will not take any food. Says she is unable to do so and that there is a load at her stomach which is killing her. Expression is very despairing. Hands and feet are clammy and cold. Hat Pil Coloc co ij o iij tis q.q hora. Ren alv repta
Let her have a smart walk out of doors daily and in doors to be kept employed.

10 Much the same. Takes her food badly and almost requires compulsion. Bowels are sluggish but she herself asserts that they never act. Attendant reports that she tries to conceal the excretions in the hope she may get some medicine which she asks for constantly

15 Has gone on much as formerly upon Tol. Has employed herself industriously but she is still very much depressed.
Can scarcely be got to take any food and is very eager for medicine.
Has a couple q colocynth pills every night with effect. Appearance is unchanged. Cont.

17 Yesterday and again this morning has refused her food in a very decided manner. Is looking weak and sickly today. Says she has a bad taste in her mouth, a sense of nausea and loathing at food with a feeling of weight in the pit of the stomach
Bowels are rather confined.
Stat hat Pulv Specac co 3i
Let her have a pint of beef tea daily and 2 ounces of sherry

18 Vomited freely after the emetic. Had an enema at night with good effect.
Today is looking lighter and better but is very feeble and cold. Is very

Admitted December 7: 1849

1849

much distressed about the wine therapia which has been prescribed for her. Says she does not deserve it and has to be forced to take it. Took some food today and of her own accord. Cont.

Decr 20 Is somewhat improved. Takes her food more readily and occupies herself industriously. Bowels act tolerably regularly. Is still much depressed but complaints and lamentations are not so numerous as before. Appearance is lighter and better and there is rather more general activity. Cont

25 Improves apace but is still dull and at times gloomy. Says however that she will try and prevent the gloomy thoughts getting entire possession of her mind. Is stronger and better coloured. Bowels are still irregular and require medicine or enemata from time to time. Takes her food well. Cont.

30 Seems somewhat cheerful today. Attended chapel and is much less depressed. Appetite is now pretty good. Cont

1850 Jany 8 Has been going on well since last report though she is still rather dull. Was visited by her mother today and was deemed sufficiently recovered for a trial at home. She was accordingly at her mother's request dismissed

Relieved

Dorcas Dysart or Mrs Cochran Ætat 19

1849
Decr 8 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by her nephew and a servant
Is quite quiet and orderly in her appearance and conduct but she is liable to fits of great excitement
Dines at

9 Immediately after going into the gallery became restless and began to talk in an undertone stain about being a dirty Dorcas. Gnashes her teeth constantly. Seems to repeat always the same words. Was quiet when she first got up but soon got restless and noisy. Has an inordinate craving for snuff and would take much more than what is proper for her. Bowels have not been moved since admission Tongue furred. Pulse is about 64
Ht. hat Pil Colae co j

11 Is at times so restless and noisy that she never ceases moving and speaking for several hours at a time Is very abusive and kicks and strikes without hesitation when spended.
Yesterday at dinner took up a knife and drew it across her throat - Was much disappointed at its not cutting.
Continues to grind her teeth and repeat the same sentence over & over again. Is quiet at night. Habits are cleanly.

15 No change in symptoms, except that there is an occasionall lull in which she is conversible and well behaved. Is always worst when she has no snuff. Does not take her food very well and frequently requires to be fed. Has a great fondness for beer. Bowels kept pretty regular. Cont.

18. Catamenia present and is more excited in consequence.

24. Is very fond of beer and steals the other patients allowance during dinner. Is much addicted to snuff. Kicks, strikes, swears, and is very noisy Is very untidy in her personal habits.

27 Uses very bad language and strikes - Cuts to shave her soul saved Says that her brother's mercantile misfortunes have caused her present destruction -

1850
Jany 29 Seems to be improving latterly Sleeps well during the nights - Has a great desire for snuff and stimulants - Is looking healthy -

Admitted December 5: 1849

1850
July 15 Is always more restless during the early part of the day and becomes more composed and rational towards night. Menstuated two days ago & was more excited

29 Becomes very irritable when refused snuff. Takes her food well does not rest well during the night Makes a noise and upsets the things in her room.

March 18. There is not much improvement in mental state. Was noisy this morning and very importunate for beer and snuff.

31 Spends her better at times. Is very noisy during the night – Has got cold in house – Menstuated two days ago very copious & was much excited in consequence

April 19 Occasionally better and behaves rationally at intervals – At other times is noisy and turbulent, and uses very bad language.

22. Is still noisy; strikes the nurses and swears very much –

May 1. As much as formerly reports is very boisterous and troublesome. Requires to be kept in her room. Attacks every one & swears terribly –

30 Imagines that her soul will be saved by sitting in the nurse's room – Says the nurse carries the keys of heaven at her side

31 Saw her husband and is highly delighted at the prospect of being taken home.

June 1 She was this day removed by her husband and discharged

Relieved

Susan Sheppard Ct. From page 76

1849
Dec 6 Has been behaving in the most unseemly way to her fellow patients who are complaining loudly of her disgusting conversation. Cont.

15 Has been complaining occasionally since last report, apparently more from suspicion than any thing else. Mind is in all respects unchanged. Body is stout and gross as ever. Cont.

1850
Jany 15 Goes on much in the same way. Ideas seem to be influenced by the sexual impulses alone as she can talk on no subject save some indelicate one. Continues fat and gross as before. Cont.

Feby 8. Is now silent and in her usual habits. Gives obscene details to a newly admitted patient. Says that the Medical officers visit her at night & that she is enceinte.

21. Has been talking in an unbecoming manner to the disgust of her fellow patients. Indulges in bad passions & unseemly ideas. Has been ordered to walk out two hours daily and appears better.

March 12 Has a slight cold and was visited by her own Medical attendant Dr Cumming Lam.

24. Full of filthy ideas and pregnancy for her imagined accouchement.

April 3 No improvement in her ideas, but is industrious & contented.

17. Is unwell today and haemorrhage is copious - Says that something has been given to her to produce abortion.

19. Stated last night that she had Milk fever. Appetite ravenous.

30 Since last report has kept her bed under the impression that she is to be confined.

May 5 Crop and sullen but says that Prince Albert visited her last night and said she was to be Nurse to the Queen.

12 Made preparations before going to bed for accouchement, and she felt labour pains - Says that Dr Mackintosh and Prince Albert are the father conjointly.

26 Has had some vomiting from over feeding.

30. Says that she has been enceinte for seventeen months with twins and that she hears them crying during the night. Says she has a constant feeling of hunger and gnawing at her stomach

Admitted September 28: 1846

1850

and bearing down sensation—

Jan 1 Catamenia present today. Mon Sub dued

10. Shewed great fury on hearing of Dr Mackintosh's marriage and said that she was his wife and that his marriage was illegal as circumstances would soon prove as she was in the family way—

29. Says she has had a dose of chloroform and that she was delivered of three children under its influence by Dr Thomson and Mackintosh—
Has had some bowel complaint
Abdl of body stop— Appetite voracious—

July 1. Catamenia present today

23 Gross & full of obscene ideas— Objects to being called 'Mrs' as she has been a wife and mother too long—

Aug 7. Giving account of her exploits at school & states that the surgeon attending the school made several attempts upon her virtue—

12. Sick and vomiting. Nurse reports that she has had habits and that she has brought on a discharge by this means. Eating voraciously & complaining of nausea

Sept 15. Employs herself delightfully, but is full of her obscene ideas & delusions

Oct. 16. The same as formerly, but is showing more fondness for fine dress—

Nov 30 Is in her usual state. Is proud and easily offended. Has a very delicate imagination

Dec 31 There is no improvement in mental state. Is very stout.

1851
Jany 31 Has been less troublesome and more orderly in her language and conduct. and

Feby 28. Is very depraved and obscene in her ideas. Thinks that she is a wife and mother and talks of her confinements and babies, and the fees the doctors get — In this channel all her thoughts run—

March 26. Says she had a baby last night, which as on former occasions was removed by the doctors. Is at times very insolent — Strikes and spits on the other patients and calls them vile names — cont

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Elizabeth Hunter Ct. From page 86

1849
Decr 15 Seems becoming more miserable Self accusation is constant, restlessness and peevishness are extreme. Bodily health continues much the same and there has been no indisposition since last report. Contr.

1850
Jany 15 No improvement has been observed either on mental or bodily state nor has any change on symptoms been noticed since last report.
Contr

July 8. Must the same as at former report, complained of giddiness and fell & grazed the skin of her forehead. Is getting more deaf and confused.
Contr

28. Said her supper today and seemed more cheerful in consequence, but soon relapsed into her former delusions, & is again fretting about her affairs and relations

March 4 Screaming today - says she is in debt and cannot get away from this House, and that no person would receive her though she left - Says that her head will go mad.

18. More excitable - Says that hearing Sermons makes her more irritable - and that she is more inclined to swear after hearing them - Wishes to die and go to hell at once and is sorry that she did not destroy herself long ago - Denounces herself as every thing that is bad -

April 14. Is peevish and distracted, says that she has brought her friends to ruin & beggary

20. Got up early and dressed & breakfasted as usual and at 10 o'clock suddenly became faint and nearly fell - was supported by the Nurse & put to bed when she became unconscious and unable to speak - At 12 o'clock took a little wine which revived her and thereafter was inclined to sleep - Pulse very weak & extremely cold - applied Mustard Cap.
In the evening became sensible but was unable to articulate & swallowed with difficulty.

21. Continues sensible but is not able to articulate - There is partial palsy of the right side.

25 Extremities cold - Weak & very helpless
Apply Vesic Cap.
Evening - better.

26. Seems more feeble today - bladder has discharged freely - Has incontinence of urine - bowels constipated - No motion without enemata -

Admitted March 10: 1848

April 27. Says she feels ill and uneasy – send her here and recognized her.

28. Seems no worse but complains the belief that she is dying. Passed a great deal of urine

Adminst. enem. domo.

29. Says she feels all over sore and is fretful – More like her former self, talking fears and crying –

30 Says she is better and feels more warmth on the affected side & thinks her hand easier.

May 9 – Has now become incontinent both of urine & faeces –

15 Can now walk a little without help – Resumed the enem. urine continued.

June 10. Has been out of bed most of the day and seems gaining strength

25. Walked down stairs with a little aid – Has paroxysms of crying and swearing – Seems to be gaining strength in her lower extremities

July 4. Became cold this morning with giddiness in the head but soon rallied

19 Complains of debility and feels if left alone – Bowels moved by Medicine or enemata –

Aug 7. Diarrhoea – cold with nausea no other results as at former report

29. Till out of bed in attempting to get ~~out of bed~~ up, and slightly injured her face – Continues to wet the bed and frets [illegible]

Oct 3 – Has continued to this date in much the same state as at the preceding reports, and her friends having been advised to remove her, she was this day discharged

Relieved.

Agnes Cunningham Ct. From page 101

1849
Decr 15 Has been pretty free from complaint of any kind since last report.
Delusions are unchanged. Continues cheerful and seldom gives much trouble.

1850 Cont.
Jany 15 Continues free from ailment of fresh accession. Paralytic affection continues unchanged. Appetite is good. Bowels quite regular. So cheerful still and though she has paroxysms in which she is apt to be mischievous, she is easily managed

Cont.
30 Is dull today. Was visited by her sister and seemed pleased

Feby 28 Is crosss one hour and pleased the next. Says she suffers from cold heat during the night. Skin of face & lather irritable

March 4 Became violently excited this morning and cursed and swore and behaved very boisterously - after take these fits

9 Face has a tendency to be inflamed upon exposure to the air

30 Is very depressed. Says this seemed to be her home and now she feels unwilling to leave it. Is fearful that she may enjoy fewer comforts when her friends are taking her.

30 Arrangements having been made for her removal and her sister having come to remain with her she was this day dismissed

Relieved

Admitted October 11. 1846

Mary Oswald or Mrs Ferguson Ætat 53 From p. 119

1849
Nov 20 Improves daily. There is still very considerable mental confusion as she frequently hesitates long for words to express her ideas and she occasionally uses a word in an erroneous sense without perceiving it. Is taking her food and sleeping well. Bowels regular

Cont.

28 Beyond a slight amount of levity and imbecility no mental peculiarity can be detected in an ordinary conversation. On being asked however she still avers that her husband is too fond of the servant and also of his own daughter.

Bodily health improves daily.

Cont.

1850
Jany 10 There is much levity of conduct and girlish behaviour. Mind is not so confused as before. Bodily health continues to improve.

Cont.

July 8. Seems greatly improved in health and strength. Eats heartily and sleeps well. Seems more kindly disposed towards her husband and is pleased with the prospect of getting home on the 14th inst. Is still fond of dress and very frivolous in her conversation and incoherent

14. Her husband having come to receive her she was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted October 1. 1849

Mary Ure or Mrs Leishman Ætat

1879
Decr 21 Was brought to the Asylum this forenoon by her husband and medical attendant. Is suffering from the effects of intemperance and at present is in a kind of stupid sleepy state. On left cheek there is a bad discoloration as if produced by a recent blow, violet and blue being the predominating colours—
Seems in good general health.

22 Was much annoyed at being left here by her husband. Today is perfectly sober and is quiet and properly behaved. Lucy Cat.

31 Going on very quietly. Discolouration on left cheek has disappeared. Health excellent. Contr.

1880
Jany 25 Has been saucy and impertinent of late and was remanded to another gallery—Accuses her husband of cruelty to her—

July 9. Is much improved in health and appearance. Is quiet for the most part—Shows an undue amount of curiosity

20. Gives full details of her domestic wrongs and troubles. Seems to be unhappily situated in regard to her husband

26. Is anxious to get home. Admits that she nearly choked her husband before leaving home, but says it was in self defence.

March 7 Her husband, son & brother in law having come to remove her She was this day discharged Cured.

Admitted December 21: 1819

Janet Lang Ætatis 17

1849
Decr 21 Was brought to the Asylum today by her Father. Catamenia are present and have been for three days Seems cheerful and submissive

23 Became somewhat excited yesterday afternoon, said she saw fairies and also that the other patients disliked her because she was the cause of some of them not taking their food. Today is quite composed. Let her be employed.

25 Bowels are slow. Has been very quiet and amiable since last report. Reads to her fellow patients and tells them much of what she has read. Excuses herself from sewing on the ground that her eyes are weak and are likely to be injured thereby.
Rat Pulv Jalap cs 3j

31 The attendant on being asked reports that the only thing she notices in this case is a tendency to indelicate habits and to unchaste conversation. Says that she is very open to conversation & seems to profit by it. Continues to read occasionally sews. Cont.

1850
Jany 10 Became worse after dinner on Sunday. Used very bad language tore her dress and shawl and was very obstreperous - Gives a bad account of her proceedings and confesses to very immoral practices. Cont

25 Is working today. Is very violent. Abuses her fellow patients

30. Catamenia present. Dorsal lip inclined to coil and is not destroying her clothes now. but is incoherent in her conversation.

July 13. Got hold of a large dose of Solution of morphia which she drank without suspecting any danger. An emetic was administered and her stomach evacuated.

26. Is improving. Has not used improper language since she came into No 1- gallery - Employs herself at knitting and other work. Reads & is quite docile and gentle.

March 10. Is not so well. Threw plaid at the other patients and used threatening language.

11 Is noisy and muttering and is swearing - Emits a great deal of saliva. Has appetite is failing -

Admitted December 21. 1849

1850
March 4. Is accustomed to taking her food in sufficient quantity – Indulges in improper practices – Says she feels sick at the sight of food – Never swallows her saliva. Is always on foot. fancies She is dying – cut

24 Is constantly asking for emetics says she feels a load upon her stomach – Is indelicate in her behaviour.

April 1. No parent having come for the purpose of removing her, She was this day discharged

Relieved

Margaret Harvey or Mrs Cairns Ætat 65

1849
Decr 21 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by her sister and brothers.

Is Conversible and cheerful and says that this is a step which she long intended. Complains of a tooth which is loose and troubles one and begs to have it out.

Extract tooth.

" 22 Is very well informed and perfectly rational on all subjects. Says that at present she is Convalescent.

Is very fond of conversation and readily supplies her share of it

Complains of flatulence and of rheumatic pains in limbs especially at night. Pulse is occasionally irregular and on examination there is something like an abnormal sound accompanying heart's action.

There is sometimes also a slight degree of dyspnea scarcely observed by patient save when in the recumbent posture. Rx Sol Limam co ℥ij
Tr Cardam co ℥ij Sp Ammon Arom ℥ij
Aq. Ipom ℥i ex aq urgent flatul.
Rx Mass Pilul Galbanæ co gr xxxvj

——— ——— Assafœt

Ext Hyoscyam à gr vj ter
die in pil xij Tum j p. ♃ n.

1850
Jany 10 Is very talkative. Is fond of the Society of Gentlemen as she has always been accustomed to it. Fancies she is to die here says she wishes to die and go to heaven to meet her husband

" 25. Continues to be agreeable in disposition & speaks seemly of her feelings at times. Is satisfied with her treatment here is apprehensive of new attack of excitement Complains of a feeling of oppression at the Chest and Head. There is in all likelihood a large deposit of fat about the latter as there is an overgrowth of adipose tissue on all other parts of her body. Ut

July 8. Is keeping her bed to prevent excitement, when up is inclined to dance sing and swear. Sleeps and eats pretty well.

" 15. Is fretful and distempered says dances and swears when out of bed. Complains of coldness when surrounded with heat. Eats greedily when seen she was excited. Reflects upon God for allowing her to be in such a state

" 25. Is still in bed. When up gets much excited. Confesses to having been insane when young, but was

Admitted December 21. 1849

1850
July 25 Kept at home —
March 9 Has a great mania for medicine. Is now dissatisfied with having commenced though she did so voluntarily — Is troubled with piles and flatulency. Is excitable and noisy — cont

19. Is mourning over her afflictions and more depressed. Complains of a pain in the back with a tearing gloomy sensation about the uterus. Is excitable and swearing — Is regular in her bowels — Takes Carminative for flatulency — cont.

25 Was examined by Dr Pagan to day who ordered Hamilton's Female Bandage. Is mourning over the change in her religious feelings —

29 Is in a great way about her bandage thinks she will be the worse for it. Scolds, curses and swears by turns — cont

April 9. Is depressed. Says that her life from her malady is irksome to her, and she feels tempted at times to blaspheme & destroy herself — cont

11 Has a great craving and morbid appetite and pain after meals — cont

22. Is very troublesome and often very noisy. Is always concerned about her eating — and complains of not getting enough to eat. cont

29. Reproaches God for afflicting her — cont

May 1. Has eaten out between rubbers on her mouth and is put upon simple diet. cont

11. Is constantly throwing the most bitter reflections against God for depriving her of her reason —

30 Is frequently up and out walking now. Excitement still continues. Swearing scolding singing and crying — cont

June 8. Had a dance to day. Is very fretful. Complains of not getting enough of medicine. Is severe upon the attendants. cont

18 Is up almost daily and takes exercise. Regrets having come to an Asylum — Is full of complaints —

30 Continues to be moved out of bed and walks regularly — Still swears and is noisy — attended chapel once & behaved well —

July 31 Is much as before — Singing swearing and abusing her attendants

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Euphemia Gaines Ct. From p. 124

1849
Decr 13 Urine was drawn off by a catheter last night. It was turbid & had a highly offensive odour. Bowels have acted this morning. Passed a quiet night: took her breakfast and seems much better. Raves incessantly however of being in hell.

Hat indies Vin Colchici gtt xxv d.s.

16 Is generally very restless. Expression anxious. Says constantly she is in hell and that she has brought all her friends there. Habits are very slovenly & dirty. Voids stool & urine alike in bed without intimation. Scarcely replies to questions but puts out her tongue & the like when asked. Bowels are sluggish but they are acted on from time to time by liquid water enemata. Urine is still very turbid and offensive.

Cont. Bibat Aq hordei.

20 Very little change in symptoms. Urine is on the whole less offensive. Bowels kept open by enemata.

Cont.

25 Continues to rave about being in hell. Seldom changes the theme & her only answer to questions is that she is in hell. There is more placidity of expression but otherwise she is much the same. Habits are very offensive. Takes her food decently well. Cont

31 No improvement has yet taken place in mental state. Is fully more restless and frequently cannot be kept in bed. Habits are still dirty. Cont.

1850
Jany 13 Is getting more unmanageable. Tries to bite those near her. Is suffering from retention of urine is relieved by the catheter.

31 Is very filthy in her habits & obscene in her language and conduct. And there is no improvement in any respect.

July 9. Has bedsores on her back from frequent urine. Passes urine without catheter. Has discoloration of feet & skin. Seems to be sinking. Bowels moved by enemata.

16. Had an epileptic seizure last night about ½ past 10 o'clock. Was severely convulsed. Is now quite insensible. Breaths heavily and moans —

Admitted August 29: 1849

1830
July 18 At ½ past 8 PM.

Died

Euphemia Helen Mackie Et 14

1850

Jany 10 Was brought to the asylum today.

Appears to be very weak in mind States that she is occasionally violent breaking things and tearing her clothing - Catamenia present. Is haggard in appearance.

11 Took her fork at dinner and tried to punch her eye out.

23 Continues to talk in a childish manner. States she has been a victim to love affairs and has had many admirers. Is disposed to be indelicate. Pretends to faint and gives herself a great many childish airs and is fond of drugs —

29 Slept well last night and feels better today. Is very flighty and frolish in her conversation.

Feby 8. Is very trifling in conduct restless and fond of change. and always talking of love affairs. Has many wants and is of an extravagant disposition.

Cont

15 Is complaining of a pain in her side and is very angry at her friends for not coming to see her and take her to another place as she likes change. Cont,

28. Is keeping better. Saw her friend McGregs today who said that her sister at Edinb^r^ had proposed to take her to reside with her. Seems much pleased with the arrangement — Cont

March 19 Takes crying fits occasionally - Wishes Dr Combe to know to look after her affairs —

29 Is delighted at the prospect of her speedy removal.

April 5 Was today discharged

Relieved

Admitted January 10: 1850

Mrs Malcolm Ætat

1850
Janʸ 16 Was brought to the Asylum today.

On admission catamenia present. Says she is quite regular in that respect — Imagines she hears voices — and fancies she feels things running thro' her frame — Says she saw her father and spoke with him before coming here, although he has been dead for years. Has a family —

24. Had a sudden attack of pain with a sensation of bearing down internally. Took some warm soup and was relieved — Is quiet during the night — cat

25 Has begun to employ herself for the first time —

26 Is keeping better. Walked out today and is still employed. Sleeps well and takes breakfast and tea but no dinner.

29. Is improving rapidly. Says she feels herself well now and is anxious to see some of her family. Has had 11 Children 6 of whom are dead — and says that it was grief about a domestic circumstance which upset her mind — This seems to have been some disturbance between her and her husband about a report while he was abroad, that she indulged too freely in spirits —

31 Is continuing well but is so timid she cannot sleep in a room alone.

Febʸ 13. Has been disappointed today in not being taken into town by her husband — swept betimes —

14 Is more composed today and is engaged in needle work —

16. Her husband having come for her this evening she was discharged

Cured

Admitted January 16. 1850

Janet Gilmour Ogilvie aet from p. 108

1850
May 31 Has kept rational and changeless since last report.

June 1. More restless and laughing - eyes restless and excited.

15 Rather irritable & inclined to quarrel with the other patients. Complains of the unkindness of her friends.

25. Has been very well today, but has become depressed on being told that she is not likely to get away for some time.

29. Face swollen - Has given bark Calamenia present.

July 6 Transferred to another gallery as she is now in a more convalescent state

10 Irritable & languid.

31. She is now quietly better upon the whole has been more confined in her mental health than she has ever been since her admission

Aug 1. She was this day discharged

Cured

Readmitted 28. July. 1851

July 28. 1852 Was brought to the asylum today by her brother -

On admission found to be much excited and talking incessantly about her ill treatment since she left this, and circumstances at home being deemed unsafe to attend Concerts, to make calls, purchase &c &c her mother had to confine her to her room, to prevent which she put the door keys down the water closet. and that matter, which is so disagreeable a state that she suspects to return her when she would meet with kindness and protection -

March 6. Continues irritable - In her talkative - full of delusions about her own great consequence - Annoys the other patients - cannot conduct herself at table and uses coarse language

14 Is irritable, excitable and abusive.

19. Is overbearing and impertinent in her language and behaviour - In very extravagant in her ideas Is amorous and indelicate in her ideas and language & conduct

Admitted March 12th 1817

1831
March 26 Is imperious in her temper and very troublesome — Put a key down the water closet rather than send it home — Accuses her family of ill treating her — cont

April 12 Has become so excited as to require to be taken down Stairs. cont

15 Is noisy and dirty — Stripped herself in the dayroom. Let her be put in seclusion — cont

23. Has been in seclusion till today has been very noisy, dirty and destructive. Is up and dressed this morning

May 3 Being now quiet was taken up Stairs again today.

5 Has again become maniacal and struck one of the patients and has been removed down Stairs —

6 Was exceedingly filthy last night — Broke her window frame 12 panes of Glass in her bedroom — Had concealed a horn spoon and removed the beading of the window frame, loosened the Shutter in that way, pulled it down & broke the glass

28. Is continuing most filthy noisy, dangerous and destructive

June 1 Was up a little this afternoon in the gallery —

2 Is up and dressed today

5 Is again noisy and dirty

29. Has been up Yesterday and today and out in the airing yard and behaved tolerably well throughout

30 Is again in seclusion.

July 29 Is still in seclusion and filthy noisy and destructive —

30 Was up and out of doors today and more composed.

Aug 4 Is up daily, but restless mischievous, dirty and destructive

14 Is weeping bitterly today Says she feels as if her heart would break — Has been quiet for two days — Says she feels as if awaking from a dream — Is rational and coherent. cont

20 Continues to improve

25 Is rational — and orderly in her department. And is beginning to work and read — Complains of defect in Memory, of weakness both mentally and physically — Functions regular — Appetite good — & Sleeps pretty well — cont

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Elizabeth Wilmot or Mrs Wilson

1850 from p 28.

April 30. Reproaches herself with hypocrisy in seeking the Society of Ministers and religious people – Says She prided herself too much upon her personal appearance – That She never acted from right Motives – that She has neglected her family and Conjugal duties – and that her soul is lost –
Careless of her personal appearance and indifferent about her food never speaks of her husband or Children –

May 15. Continues in the same unhappy sinful and desponding condition cannot rest – goes about wringing her hands – cannot sit – Wrings her hands which are always cold and clammy –

19. Says She expects to meet her husband shortly and dreads to meet him – Wishes She had never seen him as She has deceived him – Says She would give Millions to be the happy creature She once was and wishes She had never seen her husband –

25 – Is weeping bitterly – had an interview with her husband – wishes that her tears flowed from repentance as formerly, but now they were from fear of punishment. Says that if She had studied the Sermon on the Mount more attentively, her state would have been better

Jun 3. Has been taken away today for a few days by her husband & business – Seemed pleased but agitated –
Returned today; seemed as usual self reproachful and miserable – full of despair –
℞ Pulv Ipecac 3ss.
Pilul aloes et Myrrh ää gr XXIV
Ext Gentian q.s. ut fiat Massa et divide in pil. XXIV. Quar. Cap – tres bis in die

10 Seems worse than ever She returned Constantly reproaching herself with home neglect. want of Economy, unkindness to her husband and children and wholly unfit herself for engaging in Sacred duties –

22. More despairing – Less inclined to take food – Says She has been made to sin more by eating and drinking and that She awakes in a dreadful state during the night – Does not explain what this means –

Re-Admitted 19th April 1850

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1850

July 1 Seems to be more fixed in her delusions – Says that God cannot pardon her sins for they are presumptuous ones – Is very peevish and positive in her temper – Is averse to food – Bowels confined – Will seldom take Medicine

Aug 17 Says she is [illegible] Says she feels the motion of the foetus in utero – This is probably owing to flatulence – Continues very despondent and full of self-reproach –

Let her have a pint of porter and a pint of ale daily with her Tea –

Sept 15 – Continues miserable, fretful and short-tempered as before – Is always upon her feet – goes about wringing her hands – & weeping – Says she has no hope –

Oct 15 No change in Mental state – Is very miserable – Occupies herself incessantly with her work

Nov 30 Is stubborn & short-tempered – Can scarcely bear to be spoken to – Is careless about her dress and about taking food – Seems to be exceedingly miserable.

Dec 31 Is in her usual melancholy & miserable state – Seldom speaks – Shuns the society of others – and is exceedingly averse to all matters pertaining to religion –

1851
June 31 Is as melancholy and miserable as ever – Seldom speaks when addressed – Seems to be [illegible] averse to being spoken to – Is thin emaciated and miserable in appearance.

July 28. Is in the same Miserable State as formerly reported – Is averse to food and avoids being seen within the sound of religious services – Is very proud notwithstanding her great self-degradation.

March 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

April 30. May a constant gloomy cloud upon her countenance – Is very observant of all that goes on around her – Her Mental faculties are sharp and her mind very capable of arguing – But they are overclouded by the great delusion under which she labours and which makes her so very miserable –

May 31. Is in her usual state – No relief from her delusions.

June 30 Is quite unchanged – Her delusions have completely changed her natural disposition.

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Mrs Wright or Jane Seamor aet. 50

1850
Jany 30 Was brought to the asylum by her husband —
Has been insane for four months. Imagines that the whole world are conspiring against her & more particularly her own relations. Has her Children but not for some years past. Tenderness and anguish —

31 Is pretty composed today.

Feby 1 Is more excitable. Has been dancing and singing since morning

8 Is less excitable — Says she feels less of the fullness about the stomach which troubled her before. Is more cheerful and active — Is variable still

9 Is complaining of sore throat today & feeling unwell — Encircled the bible about her person and soon into quiet pleasant bread and pray — Tongue is foul and she spits a good deal — Blames her husband for complicity in allowing her to be brought here — When at home was alarmed lest her house should be broken into and barricaded the windows — Fancies that she is to be done away with by him —

10 Is in bed today. Rolled up her bed clothes in the form of a person and said she had had a message from on high "that God delighted not in sacrifices or offerings but that he had prepared a body (meaning Christ) to do away with them (the body (of clothes) she had prepared — Is very incoherent —

11 Is said to have had fits four months ago —

12 Was excitable this morning and struck one of the patients —

14 Made up another body "as a sacrifice which the Lord required of his servant" — Ky P Spence xxx —

23 Has been more or less excited since last report — Has had intervals of composure — Undressed herself in the evening about this morning — Is very much excited —

27 Seems her property in Paisley to be set fire to and burnt as the only means of salvation for herself and family —

March 2 Became very much excited this morning, trying to strike the other patients — Tore her clothes — and had to be taken to her own room —

5 Is still noisy and destructive & tears dirt — Says she feels at times

Admitted 30 January 1850

1850
Month 5 Composed — and at other times an irritable disinclination to work mischief —

7 — Is still highly excited, violent, demonstrating, singing and very obstreperous.

12 — Is sleeping better and is more composed —

19 — Has again become excited — Sees her husband and states to him, that it is because she is kept from her family, she exclaims insane — Hopes to remove her contrary to the advice of the Physicians —

21 — Was this day discharged

Relieved

Re-admitted 4 April 1850

1850
April 4 — Was brought back to the Asylum today —

Our admission is highly excited says that it is family quarrels and not insanity which excites her —

6 — Is up and out of doors but is very unsettled in mind — Is always talking about family matters over and over again —

11 — Is still too excited to engage in any employment —

14 — Attended chapel and conducted herself with propriety —

21 — Is again much excited — hemorrhaging head over heels on the floor and much exhilarated in spirits —

24 — Attended chapel but became so much excited as to require to be taken out — Is noisy and talkative — Says the proverbs of Solomon are false, as he states in them that there is Nothing New under the Sun' whereas since he wrote them are Railroads — &c

May 6 — Is still talking incoherently and quoting Scripture text —

27 — Has been for the most part much excited since last report — Is better when alone and employed — Is quite incoherent

June 10 — Is more composed these few days past — Complains of pain in her knee joint and limbs —

24 — Is still more composed and is anxious to get home —

27 — On the occasion of seeing her son again became much excited —

July 1 — Still excited and kept

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Mrs Ross a Jane Gilchrist ast

1830
July 9 — Was brought to the Asylum today. Is said to have been a very active and industrious person — Was once insane before, during and after pregnancy — Became depressed some months ago, on account, she said, of her Husband some having gone to Australia without her consent. Learned lately that she had been guilty of every crime and brought ruin and beggary upon her family — Avoided seeing any one and has manifested a suicidal tendency Is obstinate and sleeps ill — Has not menstruated for six months —

10 — Slept none — Is restless and depressed and averse to take food —

11 — Had a restless night. Fancies she has no blood in her heart — and no natural affection — Had a severe attack 18 months ago on the occasion of her husbands — Had severe flooding at the change of life — Imagines that she then lost all her blood — cont

16 — Is still depressed — Did not sleep well — Fancies her children will be brought to beggary and ruin by her —

28. — Is sleeping better — Goes out but unwillingly — Broods sluggish — Requires a stop of croton oil occasionally E.

March 10 — Slept well last night and attended Chapel today — has been employed in reading — Seems healthier Complains of want of appetite — cont

15. — Was more restless last night and is more depressed this morning — Thinks if she could shed tears she would be relieved but cannot close — Shows great sympathy and gentleness towards others — cont

23 — Is weeping better this morning and says she will never be better here nor any where — cont

29 — Slept well last night and feels happier today, and more like her usual them She has yet felt — Thinks she could do at home now —

April 8. — Is still depressed and mourning over her own unworthiness — Is desirous of being at home, but Is apprehensive of being equal to the task —

19 — Is much the same, Is very anxious to be home —

May 1 — Slept well last night and feels better today — cont

13. — Says she sleeps better now and feels more refreshed and

Admitted 9. February 1850

1850
May 13 Strengthend during the day –
27– Is progressing favourably and is more hopeful of her recovery now though still dull at times – cont
June 4 Is still improving, tho' occasionally dull — cont
29– Being now apparently quite well She was this day discharged

Cured

Isabella Weir aet

1880
July 21 Was this day transferred from the East to the West House.

22. Slept quietly till this morning at 6. when she commenced singing and talking aloud — Is up and has taken her breakfast — Seems in clined to be sullen and taciturn

23. Would not speak to any one or put on her clothes — Had to be washed and dressed by the attendants — Refused her breakfast — Will not employ herself, except in reading the Bible — cont.

27. Resisted taking her medicine yesterday — Took her food both yesterday and today — Is sullen and taciturn — cont

March 1. Is much the same sullen taciturn and stubborn — Wont employ herself or sit still Is always on foot — Is very distrustful — cont

9. Got into a dispute with one of the patients, imagining her to be a papist and shewed violence had to be taken to her own room —

21 Is much as formerly — Sulky and wilful. Is also up on foot — Complains of her brothers' usage Is desirous of going home will not employ herself — cont

April 1. Is crafty stubborn and distrustful —

3 Saw Dr Roebuck today and received her Bible from him, tho she would not take it from her brother — Says it were despite about church that has which put her wrong — cont

15 Is still crafty in temper. Refuses her Medicine — Will not employ herself except in reading her Bible — Avoids the other patients — cont

29. Is refusing her food. Imagines that Carstairs despises keeps her here as they are afraid she will expose their proceedings — Is full of delusions —

May 14 Seems to be rather better now — Is more sociable and asked for work yesterday. Bowels not moved without the use of castor oil — cont

30 Is still very stubborn in temper — Menstruated for the first time since she came on the 23d — and tried to conceal it — Requires assistance before she will take her Medicine Has also been disposed to be violent.

Admitted 16 February 1830

1830
June 19 Has again menstruated — Is very distrustful and ascribes the conduct of others to selfishness — Is taciturn —

24 Is most stubborn — and resists the ordinary measures of cleanliness — Says she wont be obedient so long as she is kept here —

July 15 Has been much obstreperous of late Is full of the delusion that her food is poisoned and that she is getting Sugar of lead — Kicks Shakes and throws chairs at the attendants. Desires being dressed and cleaned — Every attempt has been made to clean her from her head but without effect — Conceals a dinner knife about her person, apparently for the purpose of injuring others

27 Washing being useless for cleaning her head, her hair was cut off Assisted the operation Voluntarily — Has been noisy and violent of late throwing her dishes at the nurse — Puts her fingers down her throat and induces vomiting as she imagines her food to be Poisoned — Picks her gums and makes them bleed — Says that people are done away with in mad houses —

Aug 7 Is taking her food — Resisted Violently being brought down Stairs Bowels are acting more naturally

14 Continues up Stairs & will not come down — Is taking her food and is now quiet — cont

25 Wont come down Stairs Has dressed herself suitably — Shuts all those who speak to her and throws things at them. Is taking her food better

Sept 27 Is making "Shirts" for her brother — Will not sit to work — Stands all day long and is taciturn

30 Her brothers having made arrangements for her removal she was this day discharged

Relieved

Mrs Robertson or Agnes Chisholm
aet 42.

1830
March 1 Was brought to the Asylum today
Has been insane once before, but
never was in an Asylum
On the present occasion became
ill while suckling her child which is
four months old, shortly after her con-
finement. Is very depressed and oc-
casionally excitable. Tried to injure
her husband, but has not shewn any
suicidal tendency as yet. Repeats
a Pil Col co - each night -

2. Did not sleep well is still very
depressed - Seems to have no ideas
where she is - & to have no remembrance
of past events - Eats food sparingly,
Catamenia present —

3 - Is enquiring where she is - Is de-
pressed and weeping - Hints at jealousy
of her husband with her servant as the
cause of her illness -

6 - Is restless and depressed & confused
in her ideas -

8. Has had an attack of sickness
with bilious Vomiting -

9 - Is better today, but restless & pensive
and cannot settle to work —

12 - Is now beginning to work a
little tho' still very weakly both in
mind and body - and depressed in
spirits

21 - Is now more cheerful and
composed and anxious to get home

24 - Is now conducting herself
quite rationally —

April 12 - Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 1 March 1830

Lillias Paterson act:

1850
March 20 Was brought a second time to the Asylum today —
Was admitted on the last occasion on 17th June 1847 and discharged Relieved on the 24th June 1848.
Talks in the same incoherent Manner as formerly spoken — Complains of her Younger Sister usurping authority over her — and of her Papas weakness, and her brothers temper — Has the same peculiar Phraseology as before such as 'setting her cap' 'working people and they working her' 'throwing it back on them' &c &c Says when she left this last, that all the officials died, and that she then acknowledged God's work and promised to give it another year — allowing two years to work out her plans — But now she has come too soon for that and will never leave it — Has been refusing her food
21— Asked for her coffee early this morning and took it heartily — Slept pretty well. Is keeping her bed and refuses to wash or change her things
23. Is still keeping her bed. Is taking her food — Is very particular about the proper time boys & the clock — That she does as seldom as possible — Has not been for some days — Wont wash herself or change her things. con
26. Her bowels have now been moved
24. Is still keeping her bed — Says there was something put into her tea last night as she felt her chest burning inside. Changes the nurse will not do any thing it and is in a great rage —
29— Calamena present — in bed still
April 1— Is sleeping well and taking heartily — Allows a work to elapse before visiting the closet — Will not take medicine Is constantly giving most incoherent details about servants &c
15. Is very obstinate & difficult to manage in respect to her bowels and other measures of cleanliness — Talks in the most incoherent strain
30. Is still full of delusions — Says that Providence has shewn her that she is the only person who could work this house & that it was requisite for her papa to give up his well beloved daughter as a sacrifice — Speaks constantly in this absurd Manner & more frequently at the closet — Will not leave her bedroom —
May 31— Is as incoherent as ever. Talks

Admitted 20 March 1830

1830
May 31 a quiet dial about Providence, telling her we
beforehand – Is more regular in her bowels – Is
very capricious about her food – Refusing
Meals on the most absurd grounds – keeps her
room; hoards dirty clothes – Is uncleanly in her
person – & cross in her temper cont

June 30 Is in her usuall delusions – Full of
delusions – Imagines that the house is hers &
that all the Supplies are drawn from her – Has
the usual intimations of providence of what
is to happen – Is capricious about her food
& clothes & cont

July 31 – Is going on in her usual way – keep
obstreperous and very difficult to manage
some days will keep the bed and some nights
will not go to bed – At times will not take
her food – Has still great difficulty in
keeping her clean – Is full of delusions
& even – Says St. Albut could not have
incurred the Queen of she had not re-
fused him – cont

Aug 31 Has been got out occasionally to
the dining room. Is going on in her
usual way talking the most incoherent
and absurd nonsense – Is at times
composed, but for the most part scold-
ing and using bad language – Goes
to the water closet only on certain days –

Sept 30 Is scolding as much as ever –
Calls the Servants black guards and
whores – and orders them to leave her
house – Says the washing of her clothes
takes the change out of her – Speaks of
Trade points – and uses a great deal
of unintelligible language – Keeps
her room for the most part – cont

Oct 31 Has been very obstreperous and
violent during the past month – Swearing
and denouncing all and Sundry as
Damned Blackguards – Tried to take away
the keys from the Nurse – Has refused her
food for two & three days at a time –
Sometimes will not undress or go to bed
Is very dangerous and difficult to man
age – cont

Nov 30 Says she would like to give
us a good belting, to twist off a nose
or two and put her thumbs in our breath
ing organs – Says she would feel no com-
punction in doing an injury to any doctor
in an Asylum – Has to be forcibly bathed
Sits up at night Imagines the Nurses people
outside her door – Is full of delusions
Is dangerous to others –

Dec 31 There is no change in any
respect – Is as cross & obstreperous as ever

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Letitia Barker act

1830
May 11 Was brought to the Asylum today by her aunt.
Is said to have been nervous since being disappointed in love when she had a brain fever. Has been liable of late to periodical fits of depression accompanied by a desire to take away her life. For this purpose she purchased arsenic, and resorted to other alarming measures shewing occasionally destructive propensities whilst in a despondent state – Is irregular in her menstru-al periods – Bowels also act irreg-ularly –

13- Has conducted herself quietly and with propriety since admission Imagined she heard her sister's voice and said she must go to her im-mediately – Bowels have been moved by Cathartic Medicine – cont

17- Catamenia present. Continues to conduct herself with propriety Reads books, plays & sings – cont

27- Has headache with bowels costive R Pil Cal Co ij –

June 15- Is very confused in her ideas – Is full of repetitions – Mistakes the days of the week. Is obstinate in maintain-ing she is right when she is manifestly wrong – cont

31. Is disorderly in her clothing & apartment – Is confused & conceited – Speaks and walks & plays in an affected man-ner – Her memory is defective & confused –

July 31- Mental state is much as re-ported above – Affectations & peculiarities are the same – Is in good bodily health

Aug 31- Is repeating her words over & over – Is stupid and confused – Says she feels confusion of ideas increasing – Got word of her brother's going to Australia Yesterday and is excited since, talking to herself loudly and incoherently –

Sept 30- Is manifesting less amiability of feeling towards others – Is as much given to repetitions as ever – Mixes in every con-versation and is very annoying – Is indolent and untidy – cont.

Oct 25 Became excited at breakfast and had to be removed from table – Insulted the other patients, beat the table and scolded –

Nov 2- Has manifested violence on several times lately – As soon as the fit is over, expresses contrition –

Admitted 11 May 1830

1850
Nov 30 Shew is no improvement in mental state — Has a very idiotic expression — and Conducts herself in the most absurd manner — cont

Dec 31 Has the delusion that she has large sums of money in Banks and a landed estate — Is as stupid as ever and tiresome in her conversation.

1851
Jany 31 Is still boasting of her high connections and fortune — Introduces the most irrelevant subjects into conversation, and tells stories gratuitously to the annoyance of others — Is in no respect improved

Feby 28. Has become much worse — Is more excited — Screams and uses bad language, kicks & spits upon the attendants — Boasts of her wealth jewels &c Abuses the other patients.

March 31 Has had a toe and thumb suppurating — They are now well — Her pride and violence of temper and increasing Strikes and throws things at the attendants — Swears when reproved for bad and dirty habits. Is menstruating regularly — cont

April 30 Continues much as formerly reported. Speaks incessantly and incoherently — Has a very bad temper —

May 31 Is more irritable and overbearing — Striking the attendants in the discharge of their duty — Calls them brutes & swears — Behaves rudely to the other patients — Imagines that she is the only lady — Nothing she thinks is too good for her — Conducts herself ridiculously — cont

June 26 Is becoming more stupid excitable and mischievous — Wets herself occasionally — Has had a blister applied to nape of neck — Bowels freely acted on — Thinks she is better in consequence — cont

July 29 Has been much worse. Has been blistered on the occiput — Has been filthy in her habits, indelicate & very confused in her ideas — Requires to be fed — Strips herself naked — Bowels are free —

Aug 17 No improvement in mental state — Is silly and addicted to vicious habits Laughs and occasionally Strikes

Sept 6. Is still very weak in mind Laughing, nodding her head & rocking her body —

30 Was discharged

Relieved

Mrs Elizabeth Waddel aet:

1850
June 19. Was brought to the asylum today by her Son —

Has been formerly (1847) a patient in this asylum —

On admission is very excitable, dancing and praying by turns - full of affection, embracing every one. Says she was depressed till Sunday last when she was at chapel and felt a great balm for her wounds there. Says she used sometimes to take a "wee drop o'er much" In addition to smoking - and the drinking of tea.

21. Is weeping and agitated. Got noisy towards morning. Eat little at a time but frequently.

22. Was noisy all night - and is still unsettled —

23. Imagines that persons come into her room during the night and steal her property. Speak to her and knock at the foundation —

24. Imagine that an angel came into her room last night and placed a letter under her pillow. (The letter produced belonged to another patient) —

July 1 Is improving - Says she is sensible the bulk of the medicine (Pulvis) which she had - Is very talkative & fond of gossiping

9. Suffers from anxiety and flatulence. Thinks that her heart is enlarged Says she is more happy now than she has been for two years -

15. Is rather hypocritical in her religious professions - Is also hysterical and sheds tears —

18. Is troublesome. Get up during the night asking for tea and a smoke Is full of cunning deceit & hypocrisy - Bowels always confined & require the use of laxative medicine

25. Is in high glee today - Has had great revelations during the night and knows all that is going to take place this week -

30. Continues well & in good spirits

Aug 12 Is much in the same state as formerly reported - Seems to be free in a great measure from delusions

Sept 12. Continues to improve both in body and mind —

Oct 11 - Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 19 June 1850

Mrs Elizabeth Gracey aet

1850
June 27. Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband from Downpatrick.
Is pale and of an unhealthy aspect. Has been insane for a considerable time — Shuns all society, and detests females — Says that she is divorced from her husband by an act of Parliament, and never wishes to see him more — Has five children — Says they were bad girls and boys — Is quite incoherent in her conversation.

28 Is unwilling to have her bed or her bedroom — Will not permit her bed to be made or her clothes to be touched.

29 Lies on her bed and reads her Bible. Says she prefers it to all other books — Declines associating with the other patients.

30 Dislikes females and doctors and gets angry when any one enters her room —

July 7. Has many delusions and of such a kind that she is under the influence of Colonel and that her head is full of mercury — Refuses to drink just now — Keeps her room and avoids the other patients —

20 Is up and in the gallery today. When excited is very incoherent — Is constantly asking for pills — Is talking and laughing to herself — cont

30 Catamenia present —

Aug 7 Saw her husband today and seemed pleased with his visit. Is up and out of doors daily — Catamenia present

15 Is haughty and very flighty — Says she smelt a rotten potato before she came here — and that she has now the potato disease — and that it will abate in virulence every season till she gets well — cont —

18 Says she is quicksilver all over — That this was stored before she came here and that it went upon her brain. Complains of her husband's infidelity with the servant here — cont

28 Scolds about her clothes — Abuses the nurse as a drunkard and concubine of Gracey's — Is full of delusions. cont.

Sept 4 Is still wearing her old cloak and refuses to put on her new things. Went to table today of her own accord —

18. Is very irritable and incoherent raging against her servant and Gracey, demanding more dresses though she has not used the new ones she has got —

30 Frequents the garden more now — Is still talking incoherently and desultorily — Is more free in her demeanour.

Admitted 27 June 1830

1830
Oct 20 Fancies she sees persons and hears the voices of those who are in their graves — and talks quite incoherently. Is obstinate troublesome and difficult to manage — ~~Has to be dressed and fed like a child~~ —

Nov 10 Has been getting worse and has more delusions of late. ~~Would not eat herself when fed~~ Gets out of bed during the night —

~~25~~ ~~Raised her stool in bed last night~~

30 Menstrual discharge is very copious Spits at persons and things around her, scolds and raves at the attendant and other patients. Is full of vanity — Is more irrational before and after her menstrual period — cont

Dec 31 Frets about being shut up away from her children — Looks ill — Is constantly asking for bowel medicine — Denies that she has motion though her bowels are regular — Cont —

1831
Jany 31 Continues to be very irritable and full of delusions — Uses sarcastic and coarse language — Has got new clothes on Says the old ones have been stolen — The new ones had to be put on by the attendant — Says we brought a child of hers 8 years old here and turned it into an ox, cut it up, roasted it and ate it to save buying meat — cont —

Feby 28 Is cross and papinate — Scolds the walls and chairs as if they were human beings — Is very abusive of those around her — cont —

March 31 Is still papinate and uses obscene language — Is at times very furious and scolds and raves violently — Menstrual discharge continues to be very copious — Goes into the parlour occasionally but never talks rationally. cont

April 30 Continues in all respects as described in the foregoing report — cont

May 31 Saw her husband lately — Has knitted and sent home some stockings to her children — Writes frequently to them — Talks and scolds during the night — Fancies that there are men taking liberties with her and uses very obscene language — cont

June 30 Has been taking her food less heartily of late — Says she has no relish for it — Has a great discharge when unwell with weakened appetite and at these periods uses vile language

July 31 There is no improvement in mental or bodily state since last report

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Mary Johnston act

1850
July 8. Was this day transferred from the East to the West House —
Is talkative and incoherent. Has several marks and bruises upon her body which were upon her on her admission but which she says she got in the last House —
9. Was quiet during the night — Is sad and talking incoherently — Before she became ill is said to have had an unquenchable thirst with a burning sensation at the heart — Was addicted to light lacing —
11. Was noisy last night etc, still incoherent — Has an eruption on her face — Complains of heat in her throat Bowels have been freely evacuated —
14. Is more composed — Talks about Soldiers and having had an offer of marriage from a Minister and a doctor Dances female patients to be men dresses in female clothes — cont —
15. Is improving — Is fond of dress Is kind in disposition. Is quick & easily pleased. cont

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Mrs Wright or Jane Lennox act 50

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July 1 at the windows to break them — Raged and scolded and made a great noise —
3. Is quite maniacal. raging and scolding —
8. Is more composed and out of door Is concerned about her family —
11. Became so much excited this forenoon as to require to be put into her room —
14. Saw her husband and son and has been more excited since — Is scolding and obstreperous — Swears at her husband for his kindness — Told him to take all Laudanum promised to take it out of him when she got home
31. Is still as excitable as ever — Has had intervals of composure — Is at times very noisy and outrageous
Aug. 7. Is dancing and very excitable
18. Attended chapel today says she feels more herself today —
19 Is more excited and broke a pane of glass —
26. Much excited. Beat the nurse struck her and made a great noise —
Sept 2. Is still noisy, tumultuous abusive and insolent.
11. Is scolding and dancing

Admitted July 3. 1830

1830
July 17 Requested leave to scrub the gallery — Considers action employment the best thing for her — Is much improved though State entertaining some delusions

20 Continues to improve

24 Is improving rapidly — Is more healthy in her appearance. Is always employed —

Aug 2. Her Mother and uncle having come for the purpose of removing her She was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 4 April 1830

Sept 4. all day long —

20 Continues abusive and insolent

24 Saw her husband and son today and scolded them and was much excited that they did not take her with them —

30 Was this day discharged

Relieved

Agnes Barr aet:

1850
Aug 9 — Was this day transferred from the East to the West House —
Says she has been a month in the East House and is now much better; that her bowels are confined and that she is irregular in her periods — Is depressed and disinclined to talk herself. Fancies that her soul is lost and that she has now become hardened in her heart and cannot repent or seek God — Says she sees now that she has always been wrong in religious matters and mistaking shadows for substance —
12 — Has been employing herself and seems more lively —
14 — Occupies herself and takes regular exercise and is looking more cheerful — Sleeps indifferently
R. Pil aloes et asafetid —
Sumat hora decubitus —
18 — Says she feels depressed & has the same deadness of feeling and indifference to her Spiritual State
Is generally employed — Cont
24 — Is now anxious to get home
Says when she first became ill (after the death of her mother) she was very nervous and had no control over herself — and after that she fell into a gloomy and callous State in which she has continued more or less —
29 — Took a stepping for the evening
Sept 6 — Is more composed today
11 — Seems livelier and more active — Says her disease takes various turns, being at times elevated and at other depressed —
22 — Has slight bowel complaint with a cold
R — Mist Cat ℥iv
Tr Catech ℥ij
Tr Opii ℥ij — Sumat hora somni
24 — Is recovered from the disorder —
30 — Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 8 July 1850

Mrs Macfarlane or M. Adam act

183
July 12 Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband —
Has been a patient in this Institution on several former occasions, Is at present refusing her food, and struggling against being fed — Breath fetid — Has taken nothing for a week — Body is all over cut and bruised & has a heavy smell. Talks incoherently —

13. Was fed today — Is very nervous slept and was quiet during the night One of her delusions on former occasions and at present is that she is pregnant — Raped mine after various measures & applications —

14 Head has been blistered. Had an enema without effect. Breakfasted voluntarily — Colonema of gruel & castor oil this morning —

15 — Rest less during the night Back of hand inflamed probably from the blister which she took off her head — Bowels not moved but is still taking & making —

16. Has to be fed & dresses & makes a quiet noise when the nurses approach her — It is said that the bruises were caused by herself before she came here — Bowels not moved tho she got castor oil last night and another enema — Expectations inflammation of the hand continues.

17 — Slept well. Bowels have been freely evacuated — Inflammation of hand and arm not worse.

18. Rapid a good night — Has had incisions made in hand and arm. Inflammation less — Is also less flushed — Tears of the dressings

19 Had medicine again and bowels have been moved. Is taking food — asks for beer and wine.

20 Complains of debility. Is taking Milk chiefly with some beef tea —

24 Sometimes resists her medicine. Bowels are kept free — Incision again made in the arm & matter discharged.

28. Still resists medicine — Bowels kept free — Arm is getting rapidly better. Is more composed. Is taking more food — Get soup & beef tea.

30 Wounds continue to make

Admitted 12 July 1850

1850
July 30 in arm last night – Has had a copious
stool of a very offensive odour –
Aug 1. Is anxious to get up now – Is
taking Muck chuck – Sometimes then
is poison in her urine – Is increasing in
strength –
12 This evening passed about half
a pottful of dark bloody matter from
bowels –
13. Has passed more of the same
bloody matter – Had a bluster after her
to abdomen but would not allow it
to remain on – Is very ill tempered &
coarse in her language –
14 No return of the bloody dis-
charge from bowels –
16 An enema brought away half
a pottful of gruinous matter –
18. Has again passed a quantity
of the same dark bloody matter –
22. Stool very dark coloured –
Is taking food better – Exhalations very
offensive – Is crop and ill tempered
Sept 2 continues to improve –
Has piles and is still in bed – Bow-
els moved by enemata –
6. Is better now & up most of
doors –
12. Is up and gaining strength
daily. Is now good tempered and grate-
ful – Complains of her husband's
treatment – Is now quite sensible
19. Her husband and
daughter having come for the pur-
pose of removing her she was this
day discharged

Cured

Agnes Morrison aet:

1850
July 17 — Was brought to the Asylum today by her friends —
Was formerly a patient in this institution from 16 June to 30 May 1840 when she was discharged Cured
On admission is in a very weak state & very filthy. Imagines that the Medical men attending her were impostors and barricaded her door & so had no assistance till the door was opened & she was brought here. She fainted in being brought out of the Noddy — Let her be cleaned & put to bed & have wine and brandy in small quantities
So thankful that she is here where she will be protected from plots —
Is very anxious about a cat not known

18 — Passed a good night. Was much recovered by being cleaned & having some brandy — Took a hearty breakfast — Has a Rheumatism by which has afflicted her all her life.

20 — Is improving in health. Is very anxious about her cat as it had long been her only Companion — Bowels open —

23. — Is gaining strength. Wishes to wear her old clothes which are thin, worn and of an antique fashion — Is up and dressed today

26 — Wishes to get home. Considers herself quite sane — Imagines that her Medical attendants and friends were not the persons they said they were but impostors

31 — Is disappointed that she has not been taken home — Says she would like to make a pilgrimage to the Holy land — Talks sensibly on religious & moral subjects

Aug 3 — At her earnest request being allowed to walk out, she attempted to get away. Will not accept the clothes sent. Says they are not hers —

12 — Is very distrustful. Imagines Mrs. A. poison put in her food. Makes the nurse taste the tea before she drinks it

17. — When out walking is always on the outlook to escape —

31 — Is much improved in bodily health and strength

Sept 15 — Refuses to go out except by herself — Is very ceremonious and gives little trouble — Reads —

Admitted 17 July 1850

1850
Sept 30 Is very prudish — Says that sundry attempts have been made upon her — If any gentleman calls upon her she desires that another female be in the room to protect her —

Oct 31 Is much improved in health and strength and desires to employ herself — Delusions, peculiarities of temper disposition and manner continue as before.

Nov 30 Is quiet orderly and very circumspect in all her behaviour Is very proud and most easily offended — Is full of all sort of suspicions about impositions, designs &

Dec 31 Health continues good — Is regular in her bowels

1851
Jany 31 Delusions continue as before. Enjoys good health. Is averse to intercourse with the other patients. Is very suspicious

Febr 28 continues much the same as at last report.

March 31 Still entertains the delusions that females here wear males dressed in female clothing. Is reclusive and haughty. Health good.

April 30 Walks out occasionally but is averse to having an attendant with her. Is peculiar in her dress will not wear new clothes sent to her — Is dressed for the most part locked alone in her bedroom

May 31 Is very dissatisfied at being detained here. Delusions continue.

June 30 complains much of her detention here — In all other respects is in her usual state.

July 31 Is crosy, selfish and haughty in disposition — and much dissatisfied at being deprived of her liberty

Aug 31 Is much in the same state as reported above —

Sept 30 Her mental condition continues without improvement. Is as full of delusions as ever —

Oct 31 Imagines that friends long since dead are still alive and wants to recall her — In other respects continues as before —

Nov 30 There is no change either mental or bodily —

Dec 31 Has been calling in question a portion of Scripture. Is very prudish and dictatorial. Dislikes changing her clothes.

1852
May 31 Continues much the same as formerly reported.

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Elizabeth Muir aet:

1830
Augt 9. Was brought today by her friends from Paisley—
Has been imbecile for some time Says she has been depressed and nervous since the death of her parents Says she has the same complaints as Mary that her mother died of— Says she has shivering fits, violent palpitations, throbbings at the heart with vomiting of bile— Says she has been cruelly used and beaten by her servant whom she accuses of trying to poison her by a powder—
On admission is found to be nervous, agitated Pulse dirty. Bowels constipated.
Ry of Rhei Co 3ij.

12. Having had herself thoroughly cleansed and her bowels opened, she looks cheerful and comfortable and sleeps better.

13. Is still complaining a little but is satisfied with her present residence— occupies herself in the gallery walks out and reads a little.

31 Is at times dull and depressed in spirits and crying, and has expressed a desire to be at home.

Sept 15 Is variable in disposition— Is at times cheerful and content, at others the reverse.

30 Feels satisfied with the comforts of her present abode as compared with that which she left. Has occasional attacks of palpitations with faintness and dyspnoea—

Octr 15 Is cheerful & contented. Is sympathising and kind to those around her— Works in the gallery and assists the attendant.

31. Is vain and fond of dress— Is very imbecile in mind and variable in disposition—

Nov 30 Is suffering from palpitations occasionally— Is much concerned about dress and trifles—

Dec 31 Has the notion that one of her brothers who is dead is still in life and that two who are alive are dead Is at times disposed to be destructive and rude to the other patients.

1831
Jany 31 Has had sedentary occupations and is constantly on the move for air and exercise— Her mind is weak & full of fancies.

Febr 28. Variable and capricious—

Admitted 9 August 1830

1831
March 31 – Is selfish and apt to pt unpatient & hold the other patient – Is occasionally gloomy and despondent – Is at times amative – at others jealous and Vindictive –

April 30 Requires constant excitement and She to keep her spirits up – Is as vain and fond of dress as ever.

May 31 Is best when employed in domestic occupations – Is much given to sofish and requires attention – Complains of people not caring about her.

June 30 Is troubled with flatulence, giving rise to palpitation and dyspnoea which is easily dispelled by a little aromatic powder

July 31 Is in her usual state. Mental condition seems stationary with occasional elevation and depression.

Aug 31 Is nervous and easily agitated Is selfish and jealous; at other times is kind and obliging – appetite & sleep good.

Sept 30 Is much the same as described in preceding reports. General health is pretty good –

Oct 31 Mental imbecility as much as ever – Is vain frivolous and amusing in disposition –

Nov 30 Is much occupied in domestic employments – Is kind but selfish & jealous of others getting more attention than herself.

Dec 31 Is very weak minded and silly about dress, company and the other sex – Has a great love for sweetmeats and dainties

1831–32
Jan 31 Mental state has undergone little or no change. Bodily health has been pretty good.

Feby 28. Is variable in temper and fond of dress gaiety and excitement –

March 31 In all respects as described in foregoing reports.

April 30 Is very fond of being employed by the attendant in domestic duties – Is also very fond of getting up her parties and small entertainments –

May 31 Is as childish and imbecile as previously reported – Is short tempered and readily takes offence & is much pleased with every attention that is shown to her –

June 30 There is no change in mental condition. Bodily health is good –

July 31 Is in her usual state. Is a great sofist. Seems quite happy and contented with her present condition –

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Mrs McPherson or Orr cont

1850
Augt 20 Was brought to the Asylum by her husband and friends.
Had a child about four months ago. one of her breasts suppurated & was opened - Her mind then became affected - She tore her clothes and fancied that she had been guilty of Murder & will be hanged - The disease hereditary on her father's side - Bowels and stool — Was Secured before
21 Was quiet till morning when she began to sing and talk - Refuses food and medicine - Talks incoherently and uses bad language - Exhalations very offensive - Hab. cum.
22. Bowels have been moved - Is up and out of doors - Is quite incoherent
24. Has had her bowels again moved by an enema - Passes urine freely - Is still very incoherent -
Offensive Discharge - Cap -
26. Seems somewhat less noisy and restless since head was bled and -
28. Bowels have been moved without enema - & seems more composed Dertus hereby.
29. Bowels rather relaxed. Is occasionally filthy. Ejections most offensive
Sept 2. Is improving - Is occasionally noisy - and still incoherent
5. Is taking food better and seems to improve in health -
Passes urine in bed -
6. Is up and out - Her other breast is becoming swollen and inflamed - Will not allow poultices and fomentations to remain on - Is very filthy and troublesome -
11. Breast is hard and inflamed & painful. Is quite incoherent - Habits not improved
14 Is noisy troublesome & mischievous -
16. Is restless and incoherent & dirty in her habits - Mamma is suffocating
18. Has an attack of diarrhoea Is restless and unwilling to take Medicine - Is still incoherent -
20. Bowels not quite so relaxed
21. An incision was made in the breast and a large quantity of pus discharged - Let her have porter - beef &c
24 Is taking her food well and bowels regular -

Admitted 20 August 1830

1830
Sept 28 Breast still rather painful — Sings & is noisy during the night. Habit filthy.

Oct 4 Breast is healing. Takes her food and mental state not much improved habits the same.

16. Is improving in health. Intellectual condition and habits not much improved

Nov 11 Was this day discharged at the desire of her husband

Relieved

Marion Cuthbut aet:

1830
Sept 7. Was brought today from Campbellton by her Mother & friends. She had on a jacket and was firmly tied with ropes — These were immediately removed — the parts tied were found hurt and excoriated. Has only been ill for a short time. Is suicidal — attempted to destroy herself with a carving knife.

She imagines that she has lost her soul. Jumps hysterics and sacred songs. Body much debilitated — Passes blood by stool & dejections very unhealthy. Takes her food indifferently — Is much excited requires four nurses to hold her.

11- Is more composed. Stools less copious and more natural. Her bowels have been acted on by Castor oil in small doses — Has had bland nourishing food — apple sauce — abdom —

14- Has had some relief from blisters on abdomen — Stool still unhealthy.

16. Has still some uneasiness in abdomen and stomach — Passes some blood — Says her head is rolled and her brains are coming out at her ears and nose — Is restless and has a hot belly — apple sauce Calf —

17- Stools are frequent but more natural. Sat and kissed her Mother — Says she has been in a dream —

19. Is able to be up and out of doors

20 Passed a restless night. Had a violent fit of screaming — Bowels more natural — apple sauce — Calf —

24 Has been restless and excited. Imagines she is going to hell — Bowels are rather relaxed —

28. Is still restless and uneasy during the night. Is up and out today

Octr 15 Is still restless — Wont keep on her clothes. Cries constantly to be taken to the place where she is to suffer. Says she cannot feel — That she has neither heart nor pulse — and that her head is changed. Bowels require to be moved by Castor oil —

31- Is taking her food better and sleeping more — Is much given to picking her skin

Nov 21 Is now refusing to take food. Has to be fed.

26. Still insists being fed

Dec 15. Is still unwilling to take food — Has a great liking how to sew for Wm and Ben — puts her pins & needles herself. Is jealous of not getting attention

31 The portion seems to do her good sleeps better —

Admitted 7. September 1850

1851
Jany 15 Is weeping bitterly and says her heart and soul are dead within her. Is taking her food – Puts her fam. Sowed extremities are oedematous. Takes Diuretics

31 Oedema has disappeared. Takes two pints of ale daily. Bowels are relaxed – Has Stand and Laudanum enemata with milk diet.

Feby 15 Is improving in health. Eats a good deal. Takes out of doors exercise. Mind is more composed.

28 Is still spitting. Has hysteria. Face flushes after meals – Complains of pain both in the right and left side Catamenia have not appeared yet.

March 31 Takes fits of working. Is spitting thick saliva. Is indolent, restless and untidy. Is improving in health.

April 30 Still has the delusion that her spirit has left her body, and that she has no heart. Seems improving in health.

May 31 Is improving rapidly – Is very inquisitive, going into other peoples rooms and through the house. Requires to be watched.

June 30 Is improving in health and mind – Is still very inquisitive and meddlesome. and complains of the state of her head and heart. Is stubborn in her temper. Functions regular. Appetite

July 31 Is getting stout and corpulent Catamenia have not appeared. Takes her food well and has improved mentally –

Aug 31 Continues to improve both bodily and mentally –

Sept 30 Listens at doors and peeps through the house – Complains of the state of her head and heart

Oct 31 Is stout and healthy. Has hallucinations in her ears. Is indifferent about home. Does not answer her mothers letters. Catamenia not present.

Nov 30 Catamenia have now appeared but the quantity trifling Thinks she is now right in mind but different in body. Is in good health

Dec 31 Catamenia is now more copious. Is indifferent about religious exercises. Is very fond of gossip.

1852
Jany 31 Says she feels well in health and though in mind. Is indifferent about going home. Is obstinate + Cunning

Feby 20 Was this day discharged

Cured

Mrs Mylne or Helen Fraser ret.

1831
Janry 8. Was transferred from East to West House.

Is lachrymose and constantly in fear. Is filthy and requires great care and watchfulness. Has evinced suicidal propensities & has required to be fed with the Stomach pump. Has some marks upon her body.

9 Slept about five hours, & then became restless and would not lie in bed. Will not use any convenience but wets and defiles herself. Takes nothing voluntarily — fed with panada milk beef tea, broth and Castor oil. Never speaks and wont let a lie. Maim and passes most offensive.

10 Has an attendant sleeping in bed with her to keep her lying — Undresses herself — Takes what she is fed with without resistance —

11 Bowels moved by an enema — Slept well. Wets herself — Feet oedematous from standing

16 Takes her food with her own hand. Had one dessp of Cod liver oil yesterday which has not acted. Ry of Rh Co 3j.

18. Medicine did not operate till an enema was given.

20 Would not lie in bed — Is stiff and difficult to manage — Sore on elbow and has scratched her leg —

23. Sore on elbow was laid open. Bowels sluggish, required both purgatives and enemata. Is keeping her bed and more composed.

28. Arm is getting better. Still wetting herself — Takes her food willingly and keeps her bed. Bowels sluggish

Feby 5. Is keeping her bed and taking her food greedily — Is still silent and dirty. Oedema has disappeared —

16. Bowels very sluggish. Has had Co Col pills, enemas & Castor oil without effect

17 Bowels fully evacuated

19 Is refusing food today —

20 Is again taking food. Bowels free

22 Requires 2 dessps of Castor oil to act upon bowels —

March 1. The surface of the sacrum is becoming red and inflamed. Is very restless and will not keep her clothes on

4. Sore on sacrum was opened and discharged very offensive pus — Poultices applied —

9. Bowels and pus — discharge from sore very offensive. Eats readily

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1831
March 13 Sore on back is healing – Eats voraciously – Bowels moved regular. Does not wet herself so continuously –

29 Has again required a dose of castor oil to act upon her bowels – Still eats voraciously. Back is getting well

April 15 Put on her clothes today herself & spoke a few words –

May 8. Is more lively active and intelligent but still soiling herself occasionally – Speaks a word now & then – Eats voraciously –

28 Is getting stronger daily and more intelligent.

June 15 Has been improving lately – Says that her illness was brought on by intemperance. at times is gentle and kind in disposition –

30 Has been more indolent and stupid and very dirty for some days past. lies on the floor sleeping all day.

July 31 Catamenia make no change in the same state as at last report.

Aug 31 Is still indolent, lying on the floor, is ready for food – With herself constantly and is dirty – Exhalations very offensive –

Sept 30 Is becoming more cleanly would eat incessantly and sleep –

Oct 6. Catamenia appeared for the first time since admission.

Nov 30 Has menstruated once since last report – discharge not sufficient in quantity still offensive – Eruption on back Sleeps and eats well –

Dec 22 Is up daily but is still sluggish and dirty –

31 Is much the same. Says it has been his bad behaviour which has caused her insanity – She was told she grows for lying on the ground is that she is unworthy of a place in Society.

1832
Jany 15 Is become very talkative & uses obscene and insolent language – Imagines there are evil spirits in her bedroom which have off her clothes – Eats all she can get

28 Has been so well as to be able to appear at an entertainment among the other ladies & conducted herself properly.

Feby 20 Is violent in behaviour and language today and dangerous – Catamenia present – more copious –

28 Is duly acknowledges her great misconduct towards her husband – & the bad life she led –

Agnes Scott aet:

1830
Oct 5. Was brought to the Asylum today by her Sister.

Has been ill for two or three weeks has manifested suicidal propensities, Is very lachrymose, is timid and confused, eyes blood shot — Is very nervous and tremulous —

Ord. her to be kept in bed —

7. Has had a blister applied to nape of neck and bowels opened by laxative & medicine.

15. Is still very timid and nervous, blister not yet healed and unhealthy — apply poultices —

26. Is speaking more freely — Is employing herself and is much better.

Nov 26 Is more lively and industrious

Dec 6. Is quiet gentle and industrious but depressed.

18. Is talking more freely. Wishes to have her liberty and has alluded to Polmont as before.

1831
Jany 2. Saw her friends today and begged to be taken home which they refused — at which she became cross & wept.

15. Showed a determination to suicide today — dashed her head against the garden door till it bled — said she was unworthy to be amongst ladies. Was nervous and tremulous applied cupt Cantha — mark —

20 Is better & less excitable since the blister was applied.

28. Is less stupid and more contented.

Feby 4 Is quiet and more industrious now.

12 Is more cheerful and communicated

March 8 Continues to improve

9 Complains of headache

10 Complains of pain

12 Is better —

20 Has been sick and vomiting but is now better — Is silent and industrious —

April 6. Is very unhappy and made the following confession & relieved her mind — About a year ago at Polmont she formed an intimacy with an Irish labourer and became pregnant the month 8 years ago. She dreaded exposure concealed her state, delivered

Admitted 5 October 1830

1831 April 6	herself – Strangled the child, but the placenta and afterwards threw the child into the Canal . Says that this may be told to her relatives –
May 9.	Is quite irrational and incoherent – Is anxious that no of the patients would tell her so that she could destroy herself.
16	Is considerably depressed at present –
June 9	Is much in the same state as reported above –
July 30	Is improving and looking much better than formerly –
Aug 9.	Saw her friends and was much excited – Frequently expresses a desire to be let go that she might drown herself – Says she has a guilty conscience
31	Is keeping more composed and looking better –
Sept 1	Has an attack of diarrhoea after a dose of castor oil –
3	Is now recovered from diarrhoea –
14	Was this day discharged

Relieved

Mr M Donald or Lillias Gray
ad,

1850
Oct 9- Was brought to the Asylum today by her husband
Has been a patient here before and from the same cause intemperance
Deems all her troubles to the influence of her husbands Sister Has been removing her clothes and furniture — & scruples at nothing to get drink
By Up Ward - 34
To spin 34 — hs

" 25 Is recovered from the effects of her intemperance. Will not receive clothing from. expects to go home shortly

Nov 30 Is quiet and conducting herself with propriety -

Dec 31- Is very kind and industrious and anxious about her children. Is both and cunning -

1851
Jany 31- Is in the same state as described above

Feby 28. Is industrious and quiet in her behaviour and enjoys good health.

March 31 Is in all respects as described above

April 30 Continues industrious and quiet. Is in good health

May 31 Is the same as described in preceding reports -

July 8. Was this day discharged

Cured

October 9. 1830 Admitted

Mrs McNicol a Catherine Sinclair
æt.

1890
Oct 22. Was brought to the asylum by her husband –
Has had 12 children of whom 8 are alive. Became ill in Spring last. and has continued so till now. Is irritable and distrustful. Fancies that she has several times got arsenic in her food – and that her life is in danger. Suspects her husband. Says there is nothing wrong with her mind but that she has bodily complaints thro' getting doses of arsenic –
Her habiliments are filthy.
23 Slept well. Hands hot and eye sanguine – Bowels moved by medicine
24 Is eating inoherently –
Is thirsty. Tongue dry – Fears to drink from suspicion of arsenic –
25 – Complains of a sense of fullness at stomach and loss of appetite. Eats potatoes – Thinks there is no arsenic in them – Apples sour – Epigastric Says there are two doctors and calls them 'Fiscals' Is very noisy – Bowels relieved by medicine –
26 Is refusing food – Says she will eat of taken home.
30 Took two meals today. Is very stubborn and obstinate –
Nov 4 Is very noisy and troublesome – Is ever on the alert to make her escape – Abuses her husband very much –
9. Is not so thirsty as before – and is not so distrustful of her food –
20 Was found to be covered with vermin on admission – They have not yet been wholly eradicated –
22 Was this day removed to the Eastern House

Admitted 22 October 1850

Essy Anna Tate aet 20

1850
Aug 23. Was brought by her brother from Downpatrick –

Became ill in health 4 months ago Menstruation and bowels became ~~stopped~~ obstructed – after that became hysterical – She then got a fright from an accident which happened to a brother Was at first much excited and then fell into a state of trance or Catalepsy and continued motionless for some time Since then has imagined that her soul is lost and has refused her food Tried to burn herself and cut her hand also – Has attempted self destruction in several ways –

24 Slept pretty well – Had two evacuations when she returned – has made no urine – Is thin & emaciated to a skeleton – Will not take food & even look up – Jumps up suddenly and dashes her head against the wall Tries to get under the bed –

25 Bowels relieved by a thermometer – faeces fluid & offensive Urine taken off by the Catheter Refuses food –

26. Was fed by the Stomach pump last night. Did not resist – Soon after fell asleep – Pulse weak but steady and skin cool –

27. Is taking some food herself – making urine – Requires to be watched constantly night and day – Says it was hearing which brought her here –

28 Slept pretty well – Will not look except in the Nurses room – Speaks to herself – Says she is lost –

29 Is constantly speaking of the Devil Says that like Eve she stole an apple and concealed it – Seems improving Bowels moved by enemata – Takes food very sparingly –

31. Requires the application of hot & cold water to empty the bladder – Had to be fed by the Stomach pump – Is biting her tongue

Nov 1. Fed to day again –

2 Took some porridge and milk – knocks her head against any hard substance – Has her room covered with mattresses –

4 Still requires to be fed by an instrument – & to have enemata –

8. Is looking better and more animated – Bowels moved & passed urine

10 Is taking her food more willingly – Makes water fully – Requires enemata – Is unwilling to walk & Had

Admitted 23d October 1850

1853
Nov 13 15 Requires to be fed with the Stomach Pump
& stilled determined to destroy herself
Says she does not care for anything
earthly —

16 Is instrumentally — afterwards asked
for soup — which she took with bread

do Is now taking her food and has
been talking more freely & seems improving

27. Continues to take food — but can
not be left for a moment — Bowels
still require enemata —

28 Was Wet and dirty this morning

Dec 5. Is biting her tongue and lips. Is obstinate and difficult to manage — throws
herself down.

10 Had a blister on back of neck which
she pulled off and put on her cheek — Is
pleasant & takes well

13 Is up and in the parlour —
lies on the sofa. If left a moment commences tumbling about — Wipes about
her mouth and hands — Washes & combs
head & face, steals every eatable
she can lay her hands on & is becoming
Quite vicacious —

18 Has been out walking. Did not
get down on her knees. Eats and
sleeps well.

27. Is improving. Is more talkative — Shakes little — and weeps occasionally — Medicine ceased without enemata

Jany 3 Was this day removed by
her brother against her will & discharged

Relieved

Mrs Weir or Janet Currie
aet

1850 Nov 9. Was brought to the asylum today by her friends from Greenock
Has for some time past been in a state of dementia - Has much the appearance of labouring under general paralysis Cannot make her hands follow the direction of the will - Takes slimy dislikes to different persons - Gets angry & becomes robust.

10 Is quite incoherent in all she says - Takes her food well - Skin yellow. Breath offensive.

11 Swears and shrieks & gets unruly at times - Has lost her memory -

16. Has been well washed & put clean clothing being dirty on admission. Eats & sleeps well -

25 Is quite helpless & defiles herself very often -

28 Has had her head blistered - discharged serum freely -

Dec 5- Has had another blister.

6 Seems less confused in her speech has great difficulty in expressing her ideas

21 Has been better and more cleanly -

29- Has had another blister on the occiput Gets very short tempered shrieks and scratches; scolds & swears -

1851 Jany 17- Has been very dirty at times and giving way to impetuous rage. applies herself much -

31 Requires constant care & attention. Is apt to get out of bed during the night. but being stupid and helpless is apt to hurt herself Let her have a bed on the floor.

July 5 Has had no another blister is better, looking less confused.

28. Is frequently very tractable and is always quite incoherent

March 31- Is falling much to one side - Is quite imbecile & helpless as a child -

April 30 Is sick worse. - is not improved in any respect.

May 31 Is very much on foot and considerably bent to one side. Is unable to keep herself clean. Scolds shrieks & swears -

June 30 Is still bent to one side is averse to being washed and changed - Is quite childish in all respects

July 31 There is no change either in mental or bodily state

Admitted 9 November 1830

1831
Aug 31 Continues much in the same State
Is very unstable at times and articulates
with difficulty – Is quite incapable
of taking care of himself.
Sept 30 Is in the same helpless condition
and requires constant care and
attention –
Oct 31 Is very unsteady and is apt to fall
when not constantly watched. Is in
pretty good health –
Nov 30 Is weak helpless and infirm
requires to be fed and otherwise attended to like a child.
Dec 31 Is in his usual state both
Mental and bodily – There is no hope
of any improvement in his Mental
Condition –
1832
Jany 31 Mental imbecility is as great
as ever accompanied with total helplessness and infirmity –
Feby 29 Is much as usual. Has occasional attacks of sickness with faint
turns when soon goes off.
March 31 Requires and receives great
Care and attention – Has constantly to be watched to prevent accidents. Is not
fallen so much to the side as formerly –
April 30 Is much in the same State
both Mental and bodily as described in foregoing reports –
May 31 Is in pretty good health –
Is very unsteady in gait. Is often light
hearted and cheerful at other times irritable and cross.
June 30 Is in his usual state.
Is walking more upright. but walks
without taking any notice of his steps
So that he is very apt to fall.
July 31 Is in all respects both
Mental and bodily as described
above
Aug 31 There is no change in
his present Imbecile worthy of
notice.
Sept 30 Continues much in his
usual state. Is infirm, and helpless imbecile.
Oct 31 Is in his usual State
Is rather improved than otherwise
in general health.
Nov 30 Is as weak, helpless
Childish as ever – Requires the
constant care of an attendant
Dec 31 Is in all respects as
described in foregoing reports

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Samuel Craigie act:

1840
Dec 2. Was brought to the Asylum by an attendant and the Medical adviser of her family.
Has been ill for some months. Has fallen into a state of senile dementia accompanied with a good deal of instability—
Seems weak and inclined to stoop. Becomes excitable and violent if disturbed, particularly when taken out of bed and dressed. Sits up in the bed and talks incessantly during the night—Counts numbers 1 2 3 4 over and over again—Complains of bad smells and of her clothes being dirty.
3 Slept the first part of the night and talked the rest. Had an enema without effect.
4. Got a cushion all full today and had a copious stool—Is taking little or no food—Says she wants to go to her father and mother (They are dead long ago) Was fed by the stomach pump & vomited a great deal.
5 Fed with the pump. Bleeding of the nose & neck.
8. Is taking some beef tea herself. Fancies she sees objects—Is noisy and talks at times. Bowels moved by enemata.
12 Is up daily and is taking her food.
16. Bowels very costive,—Is occasionally restless and talks during the night Is very violent at undressing and dressing. Is taking her food.
31 Continues much in the same state. Is occasionally restless during the night. Bowels still costive Takes food. Has got a cold.
1841
Jany 15 Is still frequently noisy and violent—has been able to attend Chapel Talked some during the service
31 Is fretful and bilious. Still requires medicine to move the bowels
Feby 15 Is quiet at all times except dressing and undressing. Is up daily and walking about.
28 Appetite has rather failed Is much troubled with flatulence Bowels very sluggish. Still violent.
March 15 Evinces that her clothing is to be taken away from her when she is undressed and calls to have it brought back—Is violent and stubborn.
31 Continues much the same

Admitted 2. December 1861

1861
April 30 Is very bond of new dress and bright colours – Is very childish and imbecile Talks incoherently all day long –

May 31 Is stronger and taking her food better – Sleeps better. Mind not improved

June 30 Is constantly on foot, and is inclining to one side. Is very affectionate and sensible of kindness.

July 31 Keeps much in the same state as described above.

Aug 31 Bowels still sluggish, appetite and sleep good. Is constantly on foot, and bent to one side.

Sept 30 Is still bent to one side. Is incontinent of urine – Bowels costive urine copious.

Oct 31 Is very infirm and imbecile. Wets herself. Will not sit on a close stool –

Nov 30 Is very helpless and incoherent in mind – Requires great care and attention.

Dec 31 Mind is becoming more Weaker. Has to be fed on the close stool. Otherwise wets and dirties her clothes

1862
Jany 31 Is much the same, childish and helpless. At times gentle at others crosp & violent.

Feby 28 Is much the same. Is still incontinent of urine.

April 30 Is becoming weaker both in body and mind daily. When cold sticks bites and scratches those around her.

May 10 Is getting more feeble daily. Could not stand when up today. Was sick and vomited.

12 Bedsores are beginning to form on sacrum. Is gradually sinking.

24 Is gradually getting worse. Bedsores are extending – Is supported by wine brandy &c

June 19. Has been gradually sinking and this day

Died.

Mrs Walker or Ann Morrison
aet.

1837
Jany 17 Was brought to the Asylum today by her friends.
Was a patient here about 6 Years ago - Is thin and haggard. Has not slept any lately. Eats little and functions irregular. Is depressed and suicidal. Says her husband will soon die and leave her to provide for her children. Begs to be left lying at a dyke side to die or to get to the water to drown herself.

18. Is refusing her food - Slept little - applies rubs. Tonic -
R Ol Ric Cs 3ij -

21 Is now taking her food and has got in bed -.

28 Is gradually improving Is fretful about her husband and children. Is still anxious to die.

July 7. Saw her husband and is reflecting on herself for causing him - Says her delusions are realities to her

17. Is still depressed about her husband & worldly affairs

March 1- Says she feels better but has fewer depressing thoughts about worldly affairs

10- Is indolent and puerile ascribes all her sufferings to want of education.

31 Seems to be free from suicidal suspicions

April 17 Was this day discharged

Cured.

Admitted 17 January 1851

Agnes Hardie act

1831
Janry 26. Was brought to the Asylum today by Mrs Dunlop and her servant from Stirling –

Has been quite insane for some months. Shortly after admission was put to bed and had some sleep. On awaking was crosse violent, abusive and used bad language.

27. Has an inflamed toe which giving great pain. Poultice applied. Is to have wine and beef tea. Absolute to be spoon fed.

29. Rested well and had a copious stool after two doses of P Rhei Co –

July 4. Diseased toe was examined by Drs A D Anderson & Dr Fleming and a small portion of diseased bone removed. Is restless and noisy both day and night.

15 Toe is now better. Takes her food well. Is able to be up and is looking much better.

31 Is quite incoherent. Is often crosse and irritable & is very noisy. Scolds people whom she imagines are about her.

March 15 Is quite furious at times when washed and dressed. Toe is still causing some pain.

31 Is still constantly violent and excited and makes a great deal of noise. Has never a lucid moment. Her language is quite unintelligible

July 28. Is daily more or less excited and noisy. Is very crosse & impudent at times. Toe still gives some pain

March 31 Is much in the same state. Becomes often violently excited without any apparent cause.

April 30 Is very variable in disposition. Is at times crosse & full of bitterness. Sarcastic & spiteful, at others depressed then violent and noisy. Then kind affectionate and sympathising

May 31 Has paroxysms of excitement frequently in the course of the same day. Bowels regular. Small doses of Castor oil – Nose of punk has been blistered – Takes a little mixture occasionally.

June 30 Is able to be out of doors – Is constantly having paroxysms of excitement with Scolding – Swearing & Violence. Is found to be much addicted to impure practices –

July 31. Continues much the same as described above.

Admitted 26 January 1831

1831
Augt 31 Is somewhat better. Is able to get up earlier – Washes her hands and face herself. & has been able to attend Chapel. Has still frequent paroxysms

Sept 30 Is up and out of doors daily. Takes her food well. Scolds and laughs frequently. at other times is pleased and cheerful.

Oct 18 Has had some diarrhoea which is now stopped by means of small doses of brandy and laudanum.

31 Is up and keeping well – Stools healthy and regular – Mental state the same as before –

Nov 30 Is still addicted to unpersons habits and paroxysms of excitement continue

Dec 31 Has been very violent. Swearing, Sucking and scratching herself near her, screaming terribly at intervals.

1832
Jany 31 Is still violent noisy and restless. Is addicted to unpersons practices and uses coarse language. Imagines she sees a man about the bed

Febr 28 Continues the same as at last report.

March 31 Has daily paroxysms of noisy excitement, Scolding and raging. Takes her food well. Bowels are kept by small doses of Castor oil.

April 30 There is little change in mental or bodily state – Excitement Continues as before –

May 31 Is much emaciated but strong – can bite scratch & strike with great force. Paroxysms continue

June 30 Is becoming more emaciated. Has frequent and violent paroxysms of rage and excitement. Is still addicted to unpure habits.

July 31 Continues much in the same state as reported above –

Aug 31 Is in her usual state Paroxysms continue as before – is very thin and emaciated.

Sept 30 Takes her food well. Bowels requires the use of small doses of Castor oil. Mind quite imbecile

Oct 31 Continues as before with frequent paroxysms of excitement and noisy rage – Bites, scratches and thinks

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports –

Dec 31 Continues the same

Grace Monzie Campbell
aet.

1871
Jany 31 Was brought today from Rothesay by a Nurse

Has been ill for a few days. Has been violent since Sunday as to render personal restraint necessary. Was brought confined in a Strait jacket. The jacket was immediately removed and sent away.

Attended a baptism at a Baptist Chapel of which she is a member and became insane afterwards. Has over excited feelings. Has taken no food since Monday.

Evening — Has taken bread, water, milk and jelly and asked for more. Is much excited on religious subjects - Says she is the head of the Church — and the Bride of Christ. Ordered clean linen to be spread on bed couch, and white robes for the bridal. Speaks a loud theatrical strain. Call those around her Whores of Babylon &c

Feby 1. Was noisy during the night stripped herself quite naked and lay down on her back. Is said not to have had any motion for 10 days Received medicine this morning Has taken a sufficiency of food. and 1/1 a dose of cod liver oil in a piece of cake.

2 Medicine acted well - Dirtied herself, and all her bed clothes was very violent and dangerous when being changed. Imagines that she is an officer at the head of a regiment Goes into a trance at times. Imagines at times that she is Nursing Moses and Samuel when babes.

3 Is improving, but still noisy and violent

4. Is less noisy, is cleanly and keeping her bed

5 Slept fully well and is free from excitement. Is still speaking of high mystic enchantment & Imagines she is God fitted to be looked on by mortal eyes.

7 Is now so well as to be able to be removed to another gallery Is calm and composed.

9 Sleeps quite. Was mentioning of wine during the night.

15 Continues to improve and send her services today.

Admitted 31 January 1851

1851
March 8 Continues to keep calm and composed and is anxious to get away from this place.

April 1 Was this day discharged

Cured

Mrs Kane or McGohake ad.

1831
July 25 Was brought to the asylum today by her friends.

Has been drinking to excess and behaving in a rude[illegible] and outrageous manner. Is tremulous and begs to have whisky.

Says to bribe the servants to procure liquor. Smokes. Is a Roman Catholic

℞ Sp Hoden ℥ij
Tr opii ℥ij. h.s.

March 6. Is quite recovered from the immediate effects of intemperance. Bodily health is improving. Is employing herself and is anxious to get home.

25 Was this day removed by her husband and discharged

Cured

Re-admitted 29 March 1831

1831
March 29 Was brought back to the Asylum by her husband.

an admission was in a state of intoxication.

Has been violent and abusive to her husband, used vile language and struck her husband. Charges him with taking her money from her. Charging him with being false and of having been brought from Ireland to this country in irons.

℞ Sp Hoden ℥ij
Tr opii ℥j.

April 1 Is recovering from the effects of intoxication. Is taking her food and is much addicted to tobacco.

9 Is giving very unfavourable accounts of her husband and her relations. Says that he gave her Spirits in the morning when she was unwilling to take them.

May 26 Continues quite composed & industrious; Is very taciturn

Jun 30 Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 28 February 1851

Elizabeth Watson aet

1841
March 3. Was brought to the asylum to-day by her brother.
Has been ill for a few days
Is subject to nervous fits. Fancies she is dying. Says that she thinks her body is mortified and full of bad humours. Reads the Bible on all occasions and says that she is a regenerated being and if she recovers from this illness will be a monument of grace and glory. Says that God has specially watched over her

6. Is anxious to be at liberty thinks that her relations have behaved ill to her. Was violent and dangerous when before being brought here. Becomes unconscious when fits and is at times destructive.

9 attended chapel and behaved well

13 Is more cheerful and has fewer complaints. Is employing herself more regularly and is looking better.

14 Has continued to improve and was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 2 March 1831

Mrs Margaret McAslan ætat

1857
March 5 Was brought to the asylum to-day by her husband and friends. Has a large family. Has been industrious and anxious about her family. Has been ill for eleven days. Has been taking little or no nourishment and is anxious about her spiritual state.

On admission is very nervous and debilitated. Is opposed to receiving food or medicine. Trembles violently and works constantly with the bed clothes. Bowels have been confined.

Bowels moved by an enema. Made water freely.

7. Is still very weak. Refuses warm food. To in bed. Is uneasy and restless. Grasps things in a convulsive manner and grinds her teeth.

8. Was fed by the stomach pump. Would not take food. Saw her husband and daughter. Was violent at home. Fed again in the evening.

9 Fed again by the pump. Is constantly working in a convulsive manner and picks lightly with her hands. Grasps at every object. Took some beef tea without spilling it out, also some milk. Took a pint of ale with one drop of cod oil.

10 Had a copious water-brash during the night. Is restless and using bad words. Imagines the nailers to be a man and tries to pull it out and scolds at it.

11 12. Is taking food but very nervous and restless. Seems to be in a convulsion. Eyes turned up and body rigid. Tongue foul. Colour of skin bluish & feet cold.

Applied Roseat Cap.

13 Was very restless during the night. Bowels open. Blisters rose well. Is very ill and unable to take food.

14. Breathed gradually worse after two o'clock and at 9-

Died

Admitted 5 March 1831.

Anna Jemima Noble act 17.

1837
April 1. Was brought to the Asylum today by her brother & Dr A Anderson.
Has been very troublesome and occasionally violent for some time past. Does not seem to have agreed with the other members of her family.
On admission seems sulky and displeased at being brought here. Asked if there was a bolt to her bed room door as she feared sleeping in a room unless there was one. Is stout and healthy and has an eruption on her face.

3. Is desirous of reading Tract and professing serious Bowels are costive. Eruption on face extends to scalp. Let some of hair be removed.

7. Is very inquisitive about the house asking questions of the servants. Is anxious to know if the Nurses keep open the outer door and gate.
Rx B Salap Co 3ij.

15 Was visited by Dr A Anderson today. Says she was ill used & taunted by her brothers and sisters on account of the eruption on her face. Is sometimes and affectionate and easily moved to tears. Is troubled with frightful dreams.

17 Her Mother states that she used to threaten her and her sons lives - to stab and poison her that she refused food for days &c. - Occasionally, and shewed violence to him urged to take away - that she threatened to run away and did so once.

May 5 Conducts herself in a tractable manner. Is industrious & well behaved.

21. Began to shew some of her temper by refusing to take her Medicine. Requested the Nurses to give it. Speaks against her Mother & family.

26. Is very foolish and weak minded. Imagines the prospect unattainable attractions. Has taken offensive habits. Uses hard language instead of going to the Closet, and then puts them down the Closet. Is addicted to profane swearing &c. Pretends to be ill &c

Admitted 1 April 1831

1831 June 1 Has been troubled with a cough which produced epistaxis – Bowels regulated by large doses of medicine

15 Cough still continues to trouble her a little. Is more sensible

25 Was this day removed by her Mother and discharged

Cured

Re-admitted 1 September 1831

Sept 1. Was brought back to the Asylum today by her Mother from Guernsey where she has said since she left this.

Complains of having been very uncomfortable at the house where she was staying and attempted to run away – Is stouter and appears much worse.

15 Has been worse for some days past. Is unwilling to go out or take Medicine

31 Has been complaining of headache and a sensation of heaviness. Was cupped on neck and well purged. Is also complaining of pain on making water.

Oct 12 – Menstruated for the first time since 1 June 1827.

31. Complains of pain after making urine. Is very lucky and appears short-sighted.

Nov 24 Has menstruated a second time. Readily gives way to morbid ideas & selfish indulgences –

Dec 31 Has been cupped on the loins and blistered on nape of neck – Has been more active and cheerful.

1832 Jany 31 Still entertains the foolish idea that she is possessed of unnameable attractions & silly and childish in her behaviour

March 1. Has been behaving badly of late. First rubbed her eyes with cream which she got for toothache and today cut out her hair. Says it was the devil who ordered her

15 Has been very doggrel & speaking hastily of her Mother –

31 Is very stubborn and variable in temper. Is constantly upbraiding her Mother

April 30 Is in a very morbid state of mind – Is lazy and very disagreeable to her family.

May 31 Is very imbecile in her ideas and jealous tempered –

July 1 Is now sufficiently well to be removed & was this day discharged

Cured

Elizabeth Boyd. aet. 40

1851
April 19 Was brought to this asylum today
Has refused food and medicine
for a few days. Says she has been
prohibited from taking either by di-
vine Revelation. Fancies that all
females are to go naked and that
through her virginity her mother is
to starve and go without clothing.
Let her have a warm bath and an
enema.

20 Bowels and stomach washed
Took some breakfast and dinner
Warm and moist; and stops her
ears to despair that she is the cause
of misery to her mother & others and
cannot eat or sleep or do anything

22 Is taking food and less de-
pondent

23. Is more restless. Catamenia
present - Have been present for a
considerable period.
It is stated by her sister that
she met with an accident by which
her arm was broken and her head
severely injured so that she was
insensible for some time. Also that
she had been disappointed in love.

25. Is still despondent and
taking her food sparingly -

May 3 Is not improved
appetite inept voice. Much -

6. Is regarding having been in-
timate with Radicals and Jews, they have
to do with her confinement. Imagines that
she is a Romanist, a Jewess or an Infidel

11 Says that the Island has been
three times changed and that she is
now of the tribe which are neither of the
Jew for another. Miss she calls the tribe
of Johnny Wilkes -

21 Is always whinging and
crying but sheds no tears.

27 Has several large boils
on her shoulder & chest. Has also a
sore toe.

31 Is threatening suicide if
not taken home. Is taking too little
food - Complexion is dry unhealthy
Bowels confined -

June 13 Imagines that her mother
was murdered under her bed last
night. Is despairing about her chil-
dren's State

20 Resists taking medicine
very much -

July 17 Was this day removed and
discharged

Relieved

Admitted 19 April 1837

Mrs Mary Hay act 48.

1857
April 24 Was brought to the Asylum to day by her husband.
Was a patient here about four years ago.
Is at all times ignorant and weak minded, envious of her neighbours and addicted to violence of temper, back biting and slander.
Suffers from pyrosis. Is jealous of her husband and dangerous to him and others. Wanders from home in order to go to Consult writers and spread false stories about those whom she dislikes.
Is voluble. Says she has work her husband here.
26. Is a strong robust woman. Is boisterous. When let out into the airing court tore up the shrubs.
27. Is charging her husband with infidelity — of being familiar with the Servant —
May 2. Calathemia present. Is anxious for her husband's death.
8. Is quiet and asks about getting home.
18 Is threatening to break windows and full of delusions.
22. Is more noisy and dirty for some days.
28. Is violent and dangerous. When brought in from the airing court became quite infuriated, bit and struggled to master the attendants.
Let her be put in seclusion.
June 4 Is still in seclusion but quieter. Calamenia present.
13 Is very incoherent & noisy
1 Is still determined to break the windows. Says the Queens head must come off.
29 Is still noisy and in seclusion.
July 15. Is still in seclusion. Will not lie on Mattress - Lies on a blanket with a pillow on the floor.
19 Is noisy and in seclusion
Augt 2 Has made an attempt to injure or kill one of the attendants. Is highly dangerous.
25 Is taken out for exercise appears calmer, but looks thin
30 Is for the most part in seclusion but goes out in the evening for air and exercise.
Sept 10 Is still very maniacal

Admitted 24 April 1831

1831
Sept 30 Catamenia regular but too copious — Health suffering from confinement

Oct 31 Is debilitated in consequence of the copiousness of menstrual discharge and confinement. Is taken out as often as it can be done safely.

Nov 30 Is returned much in the same state.

Dec 31 Is still maniacal and violent occasionally refuses to take her food unless fed by the Nurse. Says she has no hands.

1832
Jany 31 Is thin and emaciated sucks chiefly on boiled bread and milk. Says animal food does not agree with her. Catamenia copious

Feby 28 Is still very noisy at intervals and quite incoherent in conversation and is very dangerous when excited.

March 31 Is very noisy and dangerous at the menstrual periods. Makes no indelicate taking up her clothes and exposing her person.

April 30 Has been taken out frequently for exercise. Requires to be led by her Nurses as when left alone is very maniacal dangerous and alarming to the other patients.

May 31 Is still highly excitable and maniacal. Is dangerous and quite incoherent

June 4 17 Has been very weak and required great care with stimulants — an Hyde of collapse after last catamenia Is now tolerable and as excitable as ever

July 15 Continues as maniacal as ever and requires constant seclusion.

Aug 15 Continues in the same state. Is stronger in body but as excitable as ever.

Sept 15 There is no change in any any respect since last report

Oct 8 Was this day removed to the East House.

Mrs James Rennie ast

1850
April 24 Was this day brought to the Asylum by three attendants.
Has been intemperate and unmanageable.

25 Is vociferous and asking for whisky. By Sp Hoffm 3ij
Tr Opii 3ß.

27 Saw her husband who says he cannot manage without her and is to take her home to morrow.

28. Is much improved in appearance since she came here.
Was this evening removed by her husband, and discharged

Relieved

Mary Melville ast:

1850
Jany 31 Is very fretful, crying and speaking very childishly. Has had a slight eruption on her neck and arms. Is destructive of her clothes and very filthy in her habits.

July 28. Behaves like a child. Is most filthy in her habits and burns her things. Catamenia regular. At these occasions is more fretful and irritable.

March 19 Was visited by her medical attendant today who thought her greatly better and more rational. Is at times quiet and works a little.

31 Is still dirty in her habits and very imbecile. Has a good appetite.

April 30 Has been sleeping but bad dry for some nights. Is full of mischief and very destructive of her clothes

May 23 Stripped her clothes off today and destroyed them.

31 Is much addicted to shuffling over her clothes and the furniture. Is not impressed in her general habits.

June 30 Is conducting herself in the usual way. Is quite childish, imbecile and incoherent. Has several small boils on various parts of her body — ent

July 31 Continues to be mischievous dirty and destructive. Is at times gentle and occasionally very irritable. Is in pretty good health. ent

Aug 28. Catamenia present and copious — Is irritable at the period — Is in robust health. Eats well and sleeps a great deal. No improvement in habits y

Sept 30 Is more destructive Vome

Admitted 24 April 1831

Admitted 28 Aug 1849.

Sept 30 - ious and dirty. Did not seem to be affected by her brothers death. There is some irritation and inflammation about genital organs —

Oct 31 Seems to be incapable of retaining her urine for any time. Is as dirty, destructive, voracious and mischievous as ever. Is strong and healthy in other respects. Is quite imbecile.

Nov 30 Is as destructive as ever. Tears up blankets and clothes. Is dirty. Requires to be constantly watched & is very troublesome.

Dec 31 Is in her usual state both in respect of habits and mental state. and

Jany 1831 31 Is in all respects as described in preceding reports

July 23. continues as above reported.

March 28. Her mother having wished to have her trial at home she was this day discharged

Relieved

Mr Thomson or Stewart act

1851
April 30 Was brought to the Asylum by her relatives.

Was a patient here some years ago and was then excited and full of the old water cure, and other delusions. Recovered and left — Since then has been residing in the country but has latterly become depressed and at times quite despondent.

Says she feels unable to do anything, even to attend to personal cleanliness. Complains of a variety of nervous sensations, viz a creeping in her limbs and a throbbing at the heart also a feeling of numbness in her limbs, and some strange uneasy sensation in the spine going up over the back part of her head.

Says that ankle about her clothes keeps her miserable. Is untidy and unclean in her person

May 2. Is more lively today Says she slept well and is better in

4 appetite. Complt - Voice. Neuralgia.

5 Is dull listless and full of ailments

8 Is employing herself today though dull -

17. Blisters applied to the whole head

22 Is still complaining of confusion in the head - pain in the back of neck - sees bright coloured objects when the eyes are closed. Is very dejected -

June 1 Says she feels better. Eats heartily - feels happier. Troubles me about her Stomach which she cramps -

12 Is much the same. Is peevish, discontented & slovenly -

By cupping to nape of neck.

20 Continues to improve

She complains of some disagreeable sensations

July 15 Is now more tidy in her habits - More cheerful and fond of exercise and employment

30 Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 30 April 1831

Ann King ast

from fo 66

1850

Jany 31 Seems dull and is irritable. Has been rather unwell lately.

July 8. Is in her usual state.

27. Has been dull and rather irritable these few days past.

March 1 Is still irritable today and apt to strike those around her.

8 Continues to be irritable

15 Is very talkative. Said that her disease was madness and she could not help it.

19 Catamenia present today, on which occasions she is usually more irritable

31 Is complaining of headache seems to disagree with warm baths as she becomes pale and sick in them. Bowels moved by laxative. Medicine & headache relieved.

April 30 Continues in her usual state. Is every two or three days very irritable and then quite good humoured and talkative. Is quite incoherent and unintelligible. cont

May 31 Is incapable of any employment. Is frequently irritable as ever. Is apt to tear and spoil her clothes. At other times is gentle and quiet — cont

June 30 Is in her usual state. Is of a pale and unhealthy complexion. Exhalations and secretions are very offensive. Is incontinent of urine cont.

July 21 Was noisy during the night singing and laughing

22 Catamenia present & she is irritable as usual. cont

Aug 1 31 Has been more violent lately threw a chamberpot at one of her fellow patients — and is almost always irritable

Sept 13 Is more composed today. Saw her brother, recognized him and seems pleased by his visit

19. Continues to be very irritable Is not taking her food well. Takes two glasses of Port daily — Has a very offensive breath —

Oct 1 Seems to be better and is taking her food as usual —

15. Catamenia present and she is apt to strike & is irritable as usual — Is incontinent of urine both by night and day — Urine is ammoniacal

31 Continues in her usual state

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Nov 30 Continues much the same as formerly described.

Dec 8. Is irritable and striking those about her today

13 Catamenia present. She is as usual more irritable. Feet continue swollen, circulation in the extremities very languid. Still with her head, and is as helpless as a child. Is destructive of her clothing & cannot be trusted near a fire. Burns her clothes—

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Jany 4 Incontinuation is my opinion at this period the odour of her exhalations is very offensive and she is irritable as usual.

30. Continues in her usual state

July 28 Is in her ordinary state which is a very variable one—being now crosse and irritable and at another time gentle and amiable. She is very indifferent health.—

March 31 Is much as formerly described—There is no improvement in any respect.

April 30 There is no improvement in habits, mental state or bodily health. Is childish, irritable and helpless in the extreme.

May 31 Continues as before.

June 3. Has a swollen and inflamed breast, similar to what she had some years ago. (It happened at that time)—(All position be applied)

5 Breast is still inflamed She herself is irritable in consequence of sores— Hab Haust. Magni 3iv

7. Bowels were freely moved by Medicine

9. Breast & hip hard and painful—Is still irritable

14. Mattie having formed, the abscess was opened today when there was a copious discharge of pus— R Vin Rubri 3iv

17. Breast is now nearly whole There is still some hardness and Poultices continue to be applied—

30 There is still a little hardness and tenderness about breast—

Aug 4 Breast is now quite free of pain & hardness—

7. Saw her brother today—

31. Is improving in bodily health but there is no improvement in mind & habits—

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