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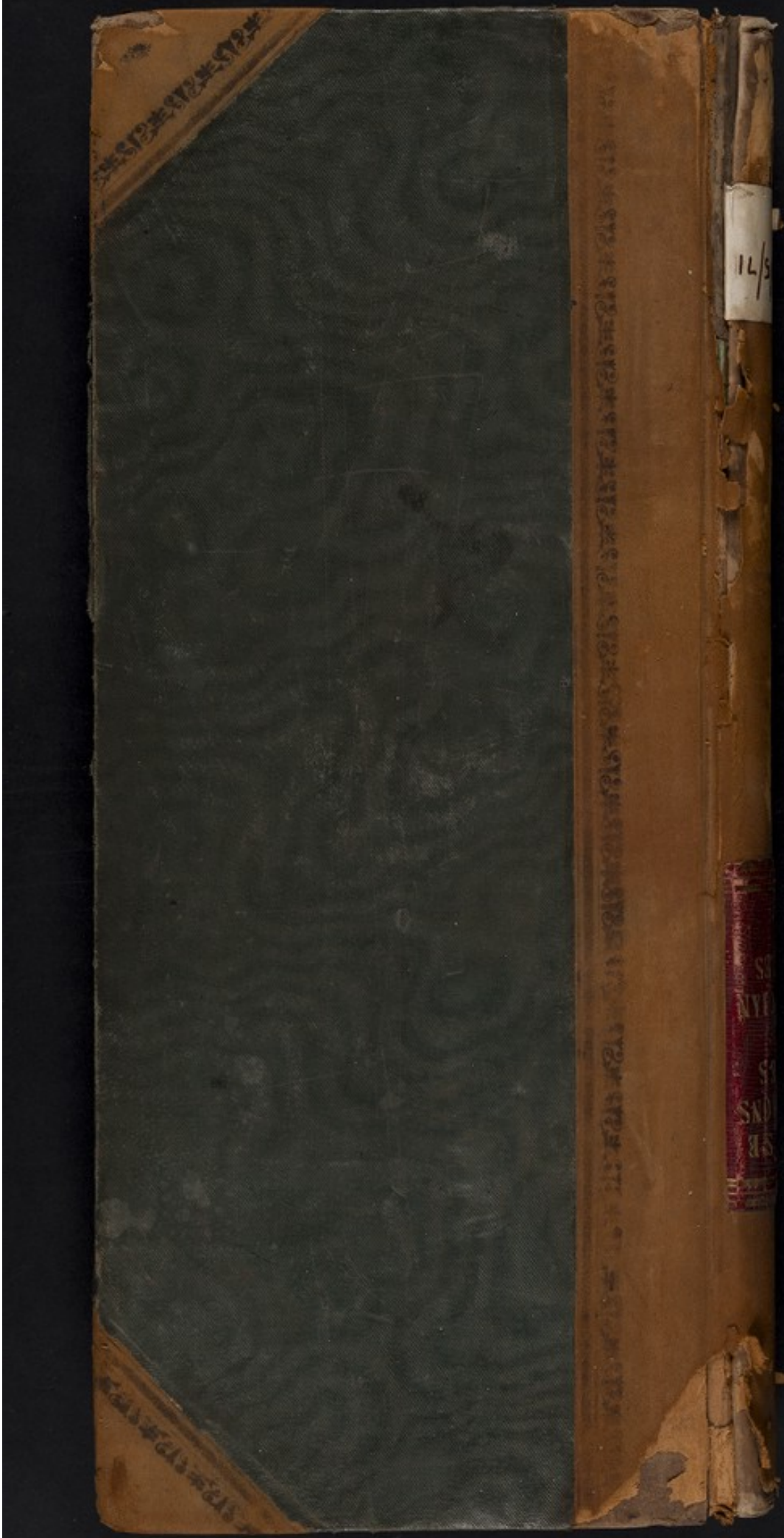
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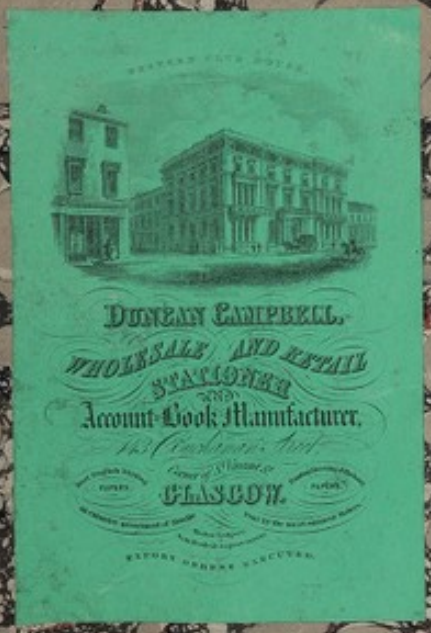
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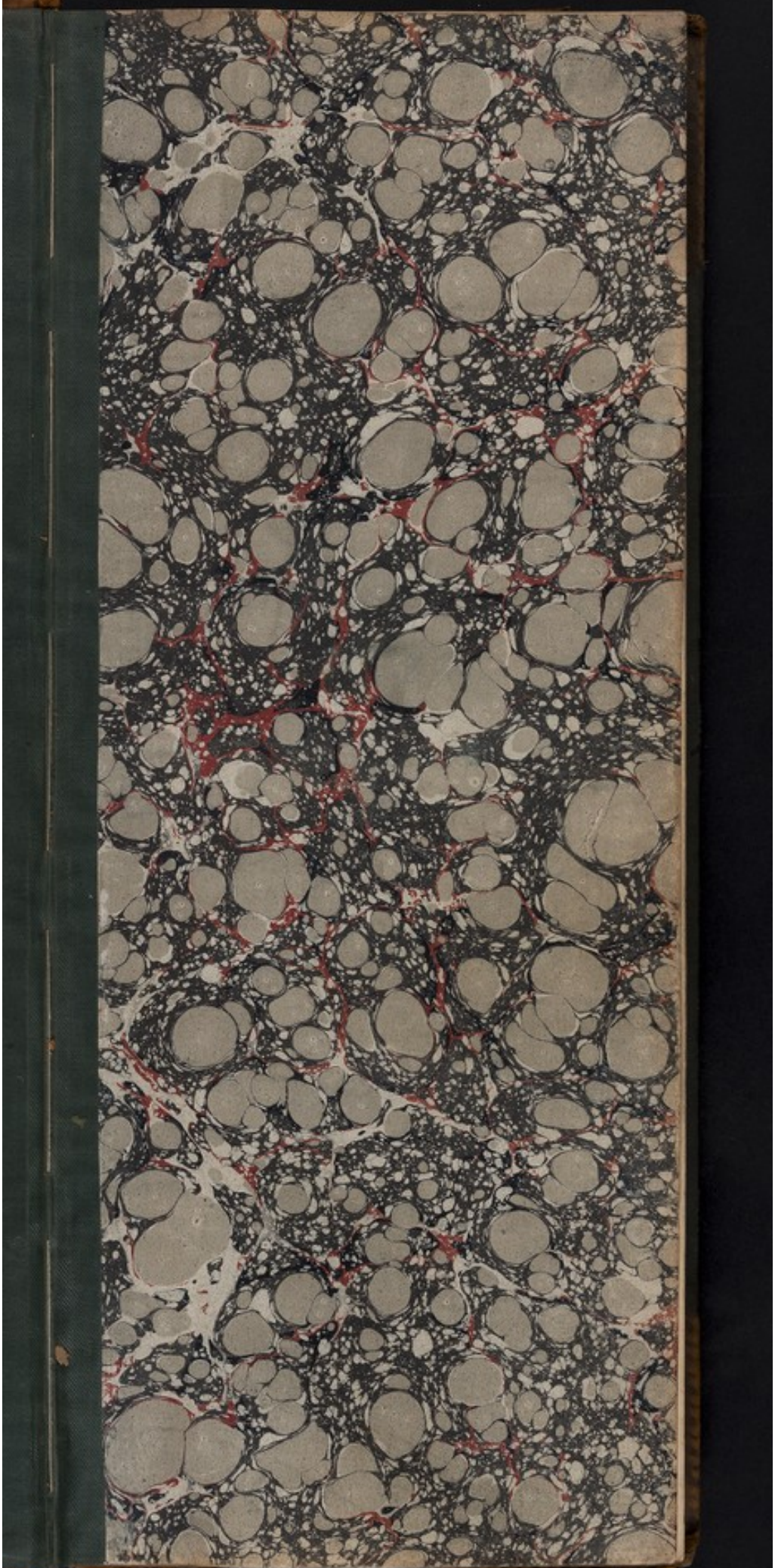
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Susan Cleghorn. Act: 50.

1843.

January 26 This patient came to the Asylum voluntarily for the purpose of recovering her health. She commenced in a rambling manner. Exhibited her head which though well formed is small & measures in circumference 19¾ inches. From frontal protuberance to the other transverse diameter 5¾ inches, antero posterior diameter 7 inches; from ear to ear 5¾ inches. She complained of being bilious. Seemed to be quite delighted at coming to a new place & though she knew it was a Lunatic Asylum, seemed to think that she had had an honor conferred on her. Exhibits all the symptoms of incipient dementia. Ordinary diet & regimen —

31 Cheerful & good natured. Seems perfectly satisfied with her situation, indeed she attempts to sooth & console several of her fellow patients who complain of their confinement. Petitioned for a glass of Toddy & a visit before going to bed, which she says she has always been accustomed to. This has been granted her. Catamenia appeared for the first time three months on the 29th & disappeared today.

Feb: 5 Complained yesterday evening of sickness & nausea which she attributed to having taken soup at dinner, a dose of the Carbonate of Soda with Tinct: of Cardamoms was given. During the night she had a good deal of bilious vomiting. She is this morning better. Works and reads, & appears quite cheerful & contented. Haust: pil: Alterat: duas h.s. Co: Cibi.

12 Not so well today. Complains of pain in lower part of abdomen which is accompanied with suppression of Urine. After taking a diuretic draught with Spirit of Nitre she felt better. This being Sunday she is employed reading a volume of Sermons. Papilio embarbat. Haust: pil: Alterat: Spir: Aether: Nitros: Hydrarg: chlorid: mit: aa ℥ij. Aq: Camph. ad vicem quart.

22 Complains of having had a cold for the last two days & requests to have a Cough Mixture. Health otherwise good. Is industrious & cheerful. Papilio still continued. R. Tinct: Opii Camph. ℥ss. Spt: Ether Nit ℥ij. Syrup Scillae ℥j. Aq. Cinnam et Aq. Fontan aa ℥iij. M. ℥ss. hujus urgeat. Co. Cibis.

28 Has had stiff neck the last two days & complains of pain also in her joints.

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Feb: 28 Health good otherwise, there is slight swelling of right side of neck. Tongue pretty clean. Pupils contracted. Bowels regular. ~~Ap~~ Liniment belladonnæ ℥ss. Tinct. opii et liq: ammon: aa ℥i. M. ft. Liniment. to be rubbed affected. Catamenia appeared on the 22d & disappeared on the 26th.

March 8 Complains of sore throat & rheumatism of the muscles of the neck. was on the 6th out seeing the new Asylum with the matron & two of her fellow patients is quite rational & her habits and pursuits are in every way perfectly correct. Tongue whitish. Pupils contracted. R. Tinct: Jalap. ℥i. Tinct: Cardamom: et Tinct. Lemon Comp. aa ℥ss. M. Capiat ℥i. M. dein: statim. Cr. Alica.

" 17 Continues cheerful, and is perfectly rational. Her friends have made arrangements for taking her away and have procured a place in the country for her, and she is consequently today discharged

Cured.

1844. Feb 7 8 I have repeatedly seen & heard of this patient since. She continues well & is very much pleased with her treatment here.

W H

Caroline Bayot Act: 29. from Vol II. page 217.
1843.

Jan: 28 Habit continue as before reported, takes exercise regularly & when in the house confines herself very closely to her own room where she employs herself reading & writing, attends Chapel regularly. From the two following letters it will be seen that she imagined she saw two of her relations in chapel yesterday evening.

James Cunninghame
W.S. Esq.

My dear Brother

I cannot be wrong you were in the chapel this Evening — I feel most grateful for the kind & brotherly consideration I am ready this moment to return with you to Edin. and am sure dear Maggie would gladly afford me a home for a short period & you a brothers protection, I am so sorry I did not at once go forward & speak to you — I write this to set matters at rights lest dear Margaret should grieve for your absence from Queen St.

You are free

C.B.

Friday night —

James Cunninghame Esq.
50 Queen Street
Edinburgh —

Friday night

My dearest Margaret

Will you like your own dear self tell Brother how much I regret not going forward at once to speak to him this Evening. You are at liberty to say what you think proper in excuse for me — indeed I did not mean to be unkind but only waited till after prayers — but when I found the door he was gone out I saw a person sitting with the bonnet so like you, just the same bonnet & shawl you used to wear — so like you it might have been your self — I did write for Brother this Evening — but it just occurs to me you should have a line too — I write in haste, going to bed, just to post mine & am Yours very truly & ever affectionate Sister

Caroline

I trust this will prove a sovereign

Admitted 12. December 1842.

1843

Jan: 28 Sales for any apparent addresses on my part.
January 28th 43

For

Mrs Cunningham
60 Queen Street
Edinburgh."

Calamania appeared on the 18th & disappeared on the 25th

29. From the following it will be seen that she is worse today. The first was written on a scrap of white paper on one side

"Go home to your Mamma;
And do as you are bid:—
Shut the door to you;
And you'll not be chids—

writ on leaving Chapel,

on the other side

"J.O. Night- sat 28th
& part 9 o'C.

" Mr Thomas O—
This empowers you to go—

On a fine Brown paper was written

"Dublin Weakly Warder"
Mister Thomas O—
Fool! that you did not go
Youre a Prisner of mine
January twenty nine

Care of Mr Hutcheson
with inside Which was written "at ten O'C."

This was addressed Mr Thos Gardiner.
Both were enclosed in an envelope addressed

Glasgow

Mr Thomas Oldham
R.I. Asylum

Care of Mr Hutcheson
with inside Which was written "at ten O'C."
The following is a letter from sister.

past 8 o'clock
Sunday
Delay not a moment

My dear Sister

I write to beg you will desire dear Brother to act for me; at once I am kind repeating the same over Your opinion and once more command him to exercise his authority influence & power in demanding my Person be committed to this charge. I have all confidence in his integrity & Brotherly kindness & I am hoping to see Brother Daniel & all friends

I Cunningham
W. I.

Caroline Bagot Aet: 29. from page 2

1848

Jan: 29. this authorises you to demand my Person
so that failure to be sent to 50 Queen
St. Edinr "V.C."

Mrs Cunningham
50 Queen St. Edinr
Care of J. Cunningham
U.S.

" 31 This morning when at Chapel became very restless got out of her own seat several times went up into the Physician's & at last began to speak, was so troublesome that it became necessary to remove her. The following were written today

Glasgow

Dear Friend

I cannot be forgetful of former kindness to our family particularly to dear Ellen — and having now in my power to repay advise you to quit this Asylum with the utmost speed if you remain you may be caught in a trap from which you can very ill escape — Believe and act upon what I tell you — this note is a warrant to empower you to go

Sophia
"V. C."

The Revd
R. J. Hobson
Ballymena
Ireland.

~~Glasgow~~

~~Dear Friend~~

~~I cannot be forgetful of former kindness to our family particularly to dear Ellen — and having now in my power to repay~~

Glasgow Tuesday
Last January. 48

Sir/

You desired to know if you can do anything for me — I now write in reply to advise you forthwith to dismiss the matron of "Royal L. Asylum" being an individual far from suited to fill a post so responsible Have had opportunity of judging which Sir you can not and do so fearlessly — dwell in few words state what is my opinion of the Matron's official character viz "right hand man left

Admitted 12. December. 1843.

1843

Jan: 31 and left hand over the right without rhyme & reason. A person placed over such an establishment as this, ought to be a God fearing woman, who would attend to her duty in her sphere of life & have fumbling and manoeuvre with doctors & keepers. She ought to make herself one with the patients in so far to regulate the occupations of those who incline the latter to, & work, and to mingle in the petty affairs of others with desire to benefit all — She ought so to apportion their time, to exercise their hands & to discipline their exercises with view to train the mind to a centre of attraction calculated to compose & to invigorate — effort should be stimulated by zeal & zeal tempered and modified by reason & sound judgement. — But far from such a state of things, many days have gone by without her entering other Galleries — Sir there ought to be in each Gallery, or I should say in each department in which the Mⁿ is bound in duty to act conscientiously a Roll Book, and in this book she should be obliged to make daily reports in her own hand-writing — which books should be open for your perusal & the perusal of Visitors subject to their remarks & your amendments. She ought occasionally & at indefinite periods to see the various Meals administered & not to leave, what tends eventually to accelerate or to retard medical treatment to the best chance of Nurses & Journals — I tell you plainly Sir, I am not blind neither am I devoid of discernment, nor yet experience in the details of medical skill and hesitate not to say, A good Nurse & a diligent is the Physician's right hand — & there are many cases in the institution who though weak are not incapable of receiving food for mind & soul — I say them, & leave it to you & to the several Directors & Inspectors of the Asylum to form your own conclusions, only do it rationally and judiciously — I say the Person appointed to fill such a post ought to be a God fearing, Godly woman she ought to feel for, & feel interested in the well-being of the patients — & not to leave the blind to lead

Caroline Bagot Act: 29. from page 3.

1843.

Jan: 31 the blind – and now sir that I have given you these hints, take a Friends counsel & act upon it, & having done my duty, I now add a further request that you will open the door for me, "dismiss me and my Friends with your blessing" it being my desire to go this day to 50 Queen St – Edinburgh where with Mrs Cunningham I shall find home, Welcome

Have the honour to be Sir with respect

C.B.

Dr Hutcheson

Vc. Vc. Vc. Vc.

"VC"

Feb: 3 was again at chapel on the morning of the 1st & behaved in a similar manner to the way in which she conducted herself the morning before, in consequence of which it was then deemed proper to prevent her from going there at all, She yesterday however petitioned the Physician to be allowed to go promising to conduct herself with propriety, & this morning she was again allowed to be present & made good her promise. She now employs herself in needlework, reading & writing. The following note requesting her penknife was written yesterday, as also the letter to her sister Liz.

It would be comfort to me to have my Penknife, it is so troublesome asking to have my pens repaired by others – I am cautious & know well to preserve my own goods, I always prefer mending my own pens which I can do right well — Pray, desire the Matron to let me have it or demand it for me yourself & send it to me I can assure you it will be safe in my possession –

I have the honor to be Sir

C.B.

Thursday

The more independent I am, the more advantageous to this house —

For Dr H.

Friday morn Feb: 3d 1843.

My dear Matilda

I have reason to think both

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1843.

Feb. 3 you & Dan! are in this house - he, longing to go home to my friends - I hope you can arrange with the Doctor for us to go tonight - I am ready the moment summoned I only request that when I am dressed to prepare it may be given, distinct words - I am dear Matilda with much love Your attached Sister

Caroline

You can come for us yourself or have R- will do what you desire -

To

Wm Baget

Clarement Street. Edinr

" 4 Last Evening went to chapel took her seat in that of the Matron but as soon as the latter made her appearance she rose left the chapel, having some time ago expressed a desire to read D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation it was today brought her, but she refused it this according to the statement of the nurse is her usual method of proceeding if anything is offered her she refuses & when she wants anything it must either be got immediately or not at all. She was at the time this happened employed writing in a blank book, & said "I am writing a book you see, I am a book in myself."

" 7 This morning begged the Clinical Assistant to procure for her a penknife, Pair of scissors When told that the regulations of the house prevented her request from being granted she began & abused the whole system of management of this house, after which she found fault with the manner in which the services of the chapel were conducted, said it was little else than blasphemy the way in which they were read, that she herself has frequently seen the young Doctors go into the pulpit and enact the part of the devil, really & in truth the part of the Devil, deluding the poor creatures that go there, and at the same time she has heard the sound a rustling noise, or as it were the sound of a whirlwind at a distant part of the chapel, and it is awful to think that this took place, while the worship of God was

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Janet Adam or Mrs Muir Act 27 from bol. II. p. 219

1843

Jan: 30 Has continued cheerful & industrious since last report constantly attends in a kind of peculiar manner to the impropriety of confining her here. Today however from the following letter it will be seen that she has come to the conclusion that she is really mad. Works diligently at worsted work & reads ahead of her fellow patients.

My Dear Williams

It is the first time for many years that I feel myself perplexed when writing to you I have so many things to write about that I know not where to begin.

From the time of my coming here till last Thursday (26) I was strongly impressed with the idea that I was perfectly sane & consequently that all who thought otherwise laboured under a great mistake. I cannot tell how often I have been asked the reason of my being brought here & so forth. now I have at length come to the conclusion that I am & have been mad for a long while. this is a very humbling confession for me to make, but I cannot deceive myself any longer & I really feel much more comfortable now than I have done for a long long time. I trust I can cast much of my care upon God. but I have still much anxiety about the dear little lambs at home, and it is a delightful thing to know that Margaret will take such good care of them. this is the worst I know still it is hard. Neither you or any other man or all the Drs in Scotland cannot even form an idea of the pain the anguish I sometimes suffer on account of my own little dear boys, they would not even know this own mother I have neither seen or heard of them for 13 weeks. I do not read anything about mad-houses in the bible. & the sooner they are put down better, but since I am here and cannot get out, there is no help for it & Dr Pickard has sent me some very good books to read as an inward revival by Mr Marshall which I have found like just like Mary or dear Friend speaking to me, I have been in much distress of mind for some weeks past I cannot tell you how very unhappy I was the cruel manner in which you had treated me, taken away from

Admitted 7. November. 1842.

1843

Jan: 30 my children, forsaken by all my relatives not even so much as a letter. I blushed with anger, even when I heard your name mentioned I thought if I could get out of this place to pay a visit to Johns, or to Mr Young's I would soon get to Edinburgh and then leave away from you and live in some quiet place where you could not find us out, and thus I intended to revenge myself on you for all inhuman conduct towards me, however I thought if the Dr would only let me to Johns he would soon help me to get out, indeed I full expected they would let me go home after I behaved myself so quietly at the party, but even hope is destroyed, I submit to my fate only because I can't do otherwise. I cannot say but my will but time be done. I feel that I have little strength either in body or mind, I rise between seven & eight Yes to church Stake but little exercise yet I feel myself quite exhausted by four o'clock & I seldom move from the sofa from that hour till bedtime.

Last week my prisoners fine I could get no rest, till on Thursday morning I all at once saw myself with nine eggs I found that all my cardest wisdom had been less than nothing & vainly I saw that I had behaved myself in the most impudent manner I could not trust my children with Jesus Christ who said suffer little children to come unto me, for in heaven their spirits do always behold the face of my father who is in heaven, and I told you because you did what you thought your duty, besides I had prayed the Dr in every way that I possibly could, I was even so insane as to suppose that they would let Jane come in beside me I began to think in this way on Thursday last and this is Monday and I am still of the same mind, I heard on Tuesday night that Mr Cawthorn had narrowly escaped drowning, and I felt so thankful that you are safe & well, & thought I had been guilty of a great sin in allowing myself to think of you as I had been doing. I wrote to Nancy last week asking her to come & see me if she was quite well; but nobody cares anything about me, I wish I could say God is my helper & I will not fear what man can do unto me. I wish you would write me a good long letter & believe me ever Yours affectionately Janet Nicol

Posted

Janet Adam or Mrs Muir Act. 27. from page 5-

1843.

Feb. 8 Yesterday Evening she had a quarrel with Mrs Paterson, both were equally to blame. This forenoon when seen by the Physician she begged to be allowed to sit in the back parlour, seemed evidently much hurt at something, her request was not complied with as both Ladies sits there & it is desirable that they should be kept separate, finding that would not do, she requested to have her former room where she might sit as Miss Hogg does, but the impropriety of turning Mrs S. out of her room being pointed out to her, she said she could not live here to be insulted as she had been last night & would after this sit in her own room, to which she immediately retired.

10 Continued all yesterday in her room & employed herself reading M'Crie's life of John Knox. When visited said she was very sorry she was obliged to shut herself up as she had done, but she found it impossible to obtain peace in any other way, Mrs White annoyed her so much by talking about herself, her relations & her own private affairs, & she considered that she would be committing a great sin if she sat & listened to Mrs Paterson's language it was so sinful, she was, to be sure mad she admitted, & that was an excuse for her, but she sat with her & the others for so many months & she now felt she could do so no longer & that as one knew what she had suffered since she came here. She wrote the following note to the physician & when visited this morning she was out of her room pacing the gallery in evident expectation of having an interview with him & said she thought he would have sent for her to come & speak to him.

"Mrs Muir requests that Dr Fletcher would favour her with an interview in some part of the house where she (in making some statements to the Dr) would not be subjected to any interruption.

Mrs M— knowing the value of Dr F—'s time makes this request with extreme reluctance but Mrs Muir has at length come to the determination

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Feb 10 of informing Dr Hutcheson of the exact truth with regard to herself"

Glasgow

Thursday morning.

" 28 Catamenia appeared on the 25th and disappeared today.

No change since last report. Continues to employ herself diligently at her worsted work & also reads a good deal. is very fond of music especially sacred, & is glad to get any of the Clinical Assistants to to sing along with her while she plays the Piano. General health excellent. Betrays no delusions.

March 14 Continues cheerful & apparently rational has written us letters lately but employs her time principally in reading. General health good. Bodily functions natural. Takes exercise in the grounds.

" 24 Today when asked if she would like to go tonight & see the private theatricals which are at present going on in the Asylum she refused said she was no short sighted she could not see, & besides she did not wish to see her brothers performance, & did not feel disposed to enjoy it. She then talked of her confinement here & admitted that she had been the better of her retirement from the world & that now she had reconciled herself to the confinement. & that the change even of returning home were it in her power she would feel irksome. She talked of the annoyance & inconvenience she had been put to during the Queen's visit to Edinburgh & of her dread lest anything should befal her children in the bustle which took place at that time. & said she had been in a state of great anxiety & excitement for some time previous to her coming here. She appears & talks at present quite rationally.

" 31 Has at the request of the Clinical Assistant written a letter to her husband which he promised to get forwarded for her. it is very short & merely asking him to write to her & tell her how her children are. & instead of wishing to get home she tells him she likes the quiet & retirement of this house. General health good. Reads a great deal.

April 8 Continues in every respect quite rational

Janet Adam or Mrs Muir from page 6.

1843.

April 8 employs herself reading and walking, M
& is cheerful & contented. Catamenia
appeared on the 3d & disappeared today.

19 Has complained yesterday & today of bad
taste in her mouth. Tongue however is
quite clean. Continues quite rational,
but is evidently from her conversation
much annoyed at the way in which
her relations have treated her, & the appa
rent neglect which they have manifested
towards her. Rep: pro re nata pil
Colocynth: & Hyoscyam: comp: Hab: etiam
Pulv: Scid: bis. vi. Con. Alia.

30 Health good, & she continues quite ratio
al, her husband has been written
to about her & the interests coming to
an her next month.

May 2 The following letter expresses her feelings
with regard to her husband & shews her
state of mind.

"Glasgow May 2d. 1843.

My dearest William

I have no wish to reproach
you but I have been but I have been
much very much disappointed by your
extreme carelessness & unkindness. I need
not dwell on the contents of my last
letter and from this I conclude that it
is your decree that I here Annie Charlotte
Stuart Edwin continue here despised as a
beggar. well there is no help for it but
I cannot help thinking that I at present
occupy a very degraded situation I
would most willingly work for wages
& I would buy myself a pair of corsets
a pair of boots one decent gown at least
one decent cap & one pair of decent
gloves, and here am I a stout active
young woman who could work a tolera-
ably good day's work & get a wage & get
decent clothing & be obliged to go over
but unluckily she is married & has had
the pain & trouble of bringing two children
into this wicked world, and she finds
herself obliged to submit to be despised
like a beggar, and walk about among
ladies in a madhouse in order to please
her husband. what interest can you
have in degrading your wife or what
pleasure can it give you, would Robert
have behaved as you have done?
~~yet has you have~~

6.

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1843

May 2 as he understood the golden rule better, as you would that others do to you do ye even so to them. Has it been your sole aim to vex and mortify your unfortunate wife? if it has you have succeeded to admiration I might indeed fill my whole letter with complaints but I forbear only mentioning that I have not been free of cold in the head for the last two months on account of my bad shoes. I am a poor poor wretch do take some pity on me and send me some help. I have long wished to tell you the cause of my madness but as no letters that I might write on the subject could fully explain it to you it must be felt to be understood. perhaps you may remember the day that you dined with Mr Cooper on that day Agnes was vaccinated on that day Dr A. Wood found that I had got out a wisdom tooth. well I was very glad of this for I had thought that the pain in my jaw proceeded from rheumatism and that I might be annoyed with it for perhaps a long time. the Dr had scarcely left us when Jenny who had not been as well was to get some medicine poor little thing she was sick and unwell but I got her at length to take it, but she almost fainted a short time after, and indeed she had not been well since her majesties visit she had a disagreeable breath and was feverish and unwell after Jenny got a little better I sent her to bed & sent for Dr A. Wood & I was so glad that you were not in the house for I knew that if any harm came on you would think I was the cause of it all and I would never have a moments peace after. You would have gone on raging (you are to blame for all that has happened for you never took right care of Jenny) well the Dr came at last & examined her most particularly and at length after I had told him every thing he asked about her he said that he felt almost certain that there was no cause for serious apprehension of danger I do not believe that in my whole life I ever was so much relieved so satisfied and

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Jemima Ferguson Act: from Vol II. p 175

1843

Feb: 8 Heel now almost completely cicatrized, still keeps her bed, but has been free from excitement since last report.

" 11 Is today out of bed & feet quite healed was yesterday & the day before rather excited but is today quiet & good natured.

" 18 Has since the 14th been a good deal excited especially during the night when she is generally very noisy. Is today in her room. Con. omnia.

" 28 Has continued irritable & excitable since last report, but her temper varies a good deal being at one time very clamorous & a short time afterwards quiet & easily managed. Catamenia appeared on the 22nd & disappeared on the 25th Looks thin & pale.

March 2 Her heel has again broken out & discharges some ill conditioned looking matter. Is today pretty quiet & out of bed. R Applic: Cataplasm: fuci R. Tinct: Gentian: Comp: ℥j: Tinct: Cardamom Comp: ℥ij: Sodae Bicarb: ℥ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥viii M. Sum: ℥iij bis quotidie.

" 4 Heel is now as bad as ever it was & discharges a good deal. She is today much excited swears & raves most abusive language. R applic: fuci lenit Resinos. et Emplast Adhesiv.

" 8 Considerably excited today, & when her heel was dressed the sore in the most violent manner, the sore on the heel is however looking much more healthy & is beginning to cicatrize. Cur: ulcer: Ol: Ricini: Applic: Cupri. Con. Alia.

" 17 Has seen yesterday by her brother & sister & at first behaved pretty well, but towards the end of the visit she became excited & used very abusive language. Looks pale & thin. Heel is now quite cicatrized, but is covered with a hardened crust, & the surrounding cuticle is much thickened. To have a pint of Porter daily. Foot to be bathed twice or three times today in hot water. Con. Alia.

" 28 Has continued in bed since last report & heel appears now as if it were again beginning to suppurate. She is with difficulty got to take her morning draught. Mist: Cret: &c. R. Potass Hydriod ℥i. Tinct: Cardam: Comp: ℥ij. Aq. Cinn: ℥ss M. Sum: ℥ss bis die

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March	31	A small pustule has formed over the hardened crust on the heel & has today broken leaving a small ulcer below to which the nitrate of silver has been applied. Catamenia appeared on the 26th & disappeared on the 29th
April	20	Has been pretty quiet & free from excitement since last report. Foot is now nearly well having been bathed regularly with hot water twice a day & there is now only a small red scab which is daily becoming smaller.
"	30	No change since last report. Her foot keeps well; lies constantly in bed. Catamenia appeared on the 25th & disappeared on the 29th To be put up. Con. Alien.
May	16	Has been up & out walking a good deal since last report, but is liable every now & then to fits of excitement, during which she curses & swears & makes use of the most obscene language, at such times it is necessary to place her in her room as she is apt to strike others.
"	31	Has continued pretty well & free from excitement this month. Health improved & her medicine has been stopped. Catamenia appeared on the 25th & disappeared on the 28th
June	9	Was today transferred to Gartnavel.
"	30	Has been very quiet & free from excitement since her removal. No mental change. Health good, although she is thin.
July	31	Has on several occasions during the past month been noisy and excited when it became necessary to put her in her room, these fits of excitement have never been however, for more than two days at a time. General health good. Has been got to hem some handkerchiefs for one of the nurses. Con. omitted.
August	17	Today is very unsettled & much excited runs about the gallery slamming the doors, & is so obstreperous that it has been necessary to seclude her. Face flushed. Cum: stat: pil: Colocynth: c: H. Croton: mane. Con. Alien.
"	20	Excitement continued till today, when she is quiet, has been allowed to leave her room & walk in the gallery.
"	24	Is today again excited & noisy, and is in consequence confined to her room. She is not in any way destructive
"	31	Has been quiet & free from excitement since last report. Con. omitted.

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Susan Simpson or Mrs Paterson. Act 46. from 1843.

Feb: 2 Considerably excited to day, rhymes a good deal spoke very harshly to two servants her fellow-patients. She nevertheless works diligently.

" 8 Last night when sitting at her needle she quarrelled with Mrs Senior & Mrs Bateman & threw her spectacles at the latter. She is today a good deal excited & when the Physician entered the gallery she slammed her room door in his face & did not come out again to see him.

" 9 Is today in bed complaining of a severe headache. Catamenia have appeared today.

" 12 Yesterday & today has been very considerably excited when visited yesterday began to abuse the Clinical assistant in the most terms & used very obscene language, very often in rhyme. At dinner time she was so violent and annoyed her fellows patients so much & used such bad language that it was necessary to remove her to the retired gallery today, when seen there she again abused Clinical assistant, told him she was most cruelly treated that "she was unwell & it was a shame to use a woman that was altering in such a manner". Catamenia disappeared today.

" 14 Refused to get up out of bed both yesterday & today, & now refuses to take her food saying she will not eat while she is kept here. Cont. omnia

" 16 Has been up both yesterday & today takes her food regularly. Is good-natured & cheerful. Still raves much & rhymes in an erotic manner. General health good. Works diligently at her worsted work. Reads occasionally

" 22 Has been allowed to sit with the patients in the back parlour the last two days. & now conducts herself with much greater propriety than formerly, talks more rationally & there is less propensity to rhyming manifested. General health good. Industrious and cheerful. C. omnia.

" 28 Health good. Much quieter since she left the retired gallery & shows less of the rhyming propensity, but is fond of talking of the subject of matrimony & frequently attempts to joke with the Clini-

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Feb. 28 ical Assistant upon it. Her conversation is more coherent than formerly. So quiet industrious and cheerful. Con. omnia.

March 20 Continues much quieter than formerly rhymes less, conversation still frequently very incoherent. Health good. Employs herself well in needle work, but less assiduously than before. Catamenia appeared on the 6th & disappeared on the 10th.

" 25 Was last night present at the performance of Guy Mannering in the private Theatre set up here for the amusement of the patients, & conducted herself with perfect propriety during the performance but when it was over she became highly excited, refused to return to her gallery, raved & talked very incoherently. She is today in bed but appears in her usual state of health & is quite quiet, though she talks very incoherently. Tongue white, Pulse natural. Pupils contracted. Cum: stat: Pil: Colocynth. c. Ol. Crotonis gj. Mist.

" 31 Has been in bed the last three days and also today but she is in good health. her husband called to see her but she would not get up, & said if he wished to see her he must come into her bedroom. Still talks very incoherently, Has been more excitable & unsettled lately. Catamenia appeared a second time this month on the 26th & disappeared on the 28th Con. omnia.

April 10 Continues free from excitement although she is still in such a state that very little would unsettle her, she frequently expresses in a very independent manner how little she cares for the medical officers how much beneath her notice she considers them, her rhyming propensities still continue.

" 30 Continues quiet, but still very excitable, lies in bed till late in the forenoon & is angry when she is disturbed, Mind full of delusions thinks that those around her are spirits & whilst talking she will suddenly stop & apparently listen, supposing she hears the person whom she had been previously conversing with talking, & will often say, "you need not attempt to deceive me I hear you quite well". Walks a good deal in the airing grounds. Con: omn:

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Feb: 2 Complains today of having been ill-treated by another patient (Miss Clyburn) & the nurse of having been called a liar, then she complained of the cold & noise of this house & intended Clinical Assistant to interest himself in her behalf & obtain her discharge.

" 6 Is today in bed complaining bitterly of the bad usage she receives here from the nurses & of being compelled by them to get up in the mornings & go to chapel, this morning obstinately refused to go & tore off her clothes after they were put on. Annoys & quarrels with her fellow patients.

" 23 Is again in bed today and refuses to get up from weakness & inability to employ herself, & complains of pain in her side but it is suspected that it is only that she allowed to remain in bed that she does so. To be got up immediately.

" 28 Has been discontented since last report & has been employing her time reading. Health good.

March 3 Complained bitterly today because she was not allowed to lie an hour longer than usual in bed, & followed the Clinical Assistant as he went down the gallery trying to persuade him to allow to go to bed, is very troublesome, ill-natured & constantly perverting her fellow patients & the Clinical Assistant to know when she is to get away, if she is to get the new institution, & if she is to remain there all her life.

" 11 Today is very anxious to have an interview with the physician says she has not a friend left on the earth, has been most cruelly treated began to cry bitterly, & then said she could not help giving way to her feelings but she had always received goodness from the hand of the Almighty, but it was past describing what she had received at the hand of man, when reminded that the Almighty acted through the hand of man, she said that was very true, & hoped that she might be able to control herself during the Physician's visit.

" 17 Still very discontented & is constantly complaining of the nurses using her ill, is very anxious to see Mr Cath-

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March 17 bertson who it appears has something to do with her money matters, but it is evidently for the purpose of getting him to take her out.

" 28 Continues very much dissatisfied with her confinement here insists that she is perfectly well in her mind, abuses the Physician and Matron in the most violent terms & today got quite excited on the subject & continued now after the Clinical Assistant had left the room to declaim against them although there was no one to listen to her. Her temper is very bad & exceedingly vindictive she is full of complaints & very troublesome she frequently introduces remarks quite irrelevant to the subject she may be talking about. Health good. Functions natural.

" 31 Is today in better humour, and of her own accord shook hands with the Clinical Assistant. very talkative. Health good. C.C.

April 2 Has been both yesterday and today in very bad humour & is a great annoyance to her fellow patients. When visited today began a tirade of abuse against the Clinical Assistant called him a black guard & said his heart was as black as his coat became highly excited and talked in the most overbearing & domineering manner so much so that for the comfort of the others she was transferred to the back gallery.

" 7 Continues exceedingly quarrelsome and troublesome to the other patients & makes use of very impertinent language indeed so excited is she that it has been advisable today to place her in her room, she talks very incoherently about her friends & relations especially her mother, whom she frequently quotes as an authority on religious subjects, she often raves on religious matters, says she will not remain here a day longer than Tuesday next, & to be absent in the way she has been.

" 10 Is today quieter and in bed complaining of headache. Ordered Calomel & Hyosc.

" 19 Still very discontented & troublesome & is constantly pestering the Physician & Clinical Assistant to get her her liberty complains of the noise & annoyance she is put to from her fellow patients but is herself as great an annoyance to them

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Feb 7 at the same time pretended to be provoked with. So busily engaged writing in her copy-book, but is very changeable in her wishes she now says she will read D'Aubigne's History & has got it by her. Health good. takes regular exercise daily.

8 This morning when the physician entered the gallery she looked out at her room-door but the moment she saw him she slammed it on herself & did not afterwards make her appearance.

12 Was today when visited sitting in the drawing-room with her Bible on her knee. & the patient (Mrs Thomson) sitting beside her. before noon she said she had been trying to lead to think of religious matters. when her Bible which was a small Polyglott with the Prayer Book bound up with it, was admired she said "yes it was very pretty. that the man who made it had made a fortune by selling Bibles & thought it a very strange way of making money.

She requested some paper & pens. if they could be got without putting the Clinical Assistant to trouble on the Lords day. The following was written today.

Feb: 12th 43 Glasgow
Sunday.

My dear Friend

It has occurred to me to write a line to beg you will befriend me. the child of your old Friend Daniel Bagot— You must be informed of my late trials— for an account of which I refer you to the Revd W. Burchoyle— he with many other of Gods faithful People did take my part, but they have been persuaded I am not worthy their kind efforts. but indeed this is false. I am worthy, still clinging to hope. do go to Mr Burchoyle and in my name entreat of him one more to come forward & persevere until he effectually works out a blessing for me— nothing that I publishing her Majesty will be effectual— for I am here in a manner "State Prisoner" nominally under her protection and hitherto graciously preserved by her guardianship— but what is life, a health & vigor of mind without liberty?

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Feb. 12 I would rather be a laboring girl earning one shilling per day, & at the same time having my liberty, than be a Princess without. Her Majesty need only to send to have my daily journal or record looked into – May I would entreat to be permitted to meet her face to face & to speak for myself & for my poor Friend, whom I trust the Lord will yet raise up & restore to health – once more entreat for me the prayers of all Gods faithful People & for poor I. I. F. that the Lord may be gracious to him & to me – & trust me yours faithfully

C B.

The Revd –

Thos. Kelly Senior
New Brike Road
Dublin – Ireland.

" 13 The following note written in a rhyming style was sent down today & addressed

For

Andrew Bagot Esq
10 Charlemont Malle
near Portobello. Dublin, Ireland.

"Mickey pays all."

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Dinner for two at 3 Sir.
Dinner for you. P. past 3 Sir;
Begone while you may Sir,
Else they'll make you stay Sir,
This note sets you free Sir,
Go, and pray dont mind me Sir.

Monday Feb. 13th 43

I have reason to think you are here Sir –
lose no time but fly Sir –

" 16 From letters received from his sister and sister-in-law it appears that this patient came from Ireland in the year 1834 to visit her grand uncle Sir Roger Sheaffe who had then very recently lost three grown up children a daughter of 17 an only son & his eldest daughter who was to have been married the very day on which she died to Lady Sheaffe's nephew a clergyman named James Frobisher Miss Bagot seemed to have entertained in her mind that she should take the place of her cousin Julia Sheaffe & as

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Feb. 16 a consequence he married to Mr Forbisher Mr
who was on a visit in Sir R. Sheaffe's
house during the winter. the attachment
was all on her side as Mr F. never
shewed her any peculiar attention.
In the following autumn her malady
was so apparent as to lead to her
being placed in Laughton Hall Asylum
where she so far recovered as to be re-
moved in three months but by her
friends her delusion could still be
traced. Last Spring when her illness
reappeared in Dublin she told the whole
story to strangers. because she fancied
she had seen Mr Forbisher in Church
& that from jealousy he had looked
unkindly at her. she had been informed
of his marriage by her sister & wrote to
her sister in law begging her to be kind
to his wife & said last Spring she said
she knew he was not married. Within
the last week accounts have been
received of the death of Mr Forbisher
from Typhus fever leaving a widow
& infant child behind him. The letter
concludes by leaving it to the experienced
judgement of the Physician as to whether
or not she should be made acquainted
with the circumstances of his death.

" 28 No change since last report. employs
herself constantly in her own room
reading & writing & does not seem
to like being intruded upon. never
asks to see any of the medical offi-
cers. takes exercise regularly in the
airing ground. has written no letters
of late. but continues writing in her
copy book & one day told the clini-
cal assistant she was writing a
book. General health good. Put off 4. do 17

March 2 Is today in rather high spirits. has
been running about the gallery & is
inclined to be tricky. shutting the
nurse into a room when she gets an opportunity & then running away
laughing & apparently much delighted
when she succeeds. Con. omnia

" 4 Has been rather excited during yes-
terday & today. & when addressed yesterday
by the matron she struck her a blow
on the head. & this morning threw a
book at the nurse as she was leaving

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March 4 her room. After dinner she scratched the knife with which she eats her food and obstinately refused to give it up. She then sent for Mr Prichard and when he came she said immediately "leave the room Sir" when he said address-ing her by her name that he did not understand her conduct she again told him to leave the room, that she was not Miss Bayot, but Mrs Cunningham and that he was Mr Cunningham. She still obstinately persisted in refusing to give up the knife, she was informed that it would be necessary to have her room searched for it, & that in the meantime another room would be got for her, she was accordingly removed to the retired gallery & placed in one of the rooms there.

" 5 Has continued violent & destructive She has broken several dishes in which her food was taken this morning when visited she had made the Carpet of her room into a bundle & the moment the Clinical Assistant entered she threw it at him, she then attempted to strike him, ran out of her room & attempted to get out into the gallery, she was however secured & taken back to her room, where she soon after screamed & broke some of the dishes which were there. Con. seclusion.

" 6 So today much quieter When visited this morning she petitioned to be allowed to return to the front gallery, which although it was granted her she would not allow Mr Prichard to leave her but held him firmly by the hand, & that she required to be disengaged from him. She still persists in saying she is not Miss Bayot. Tongue rather white. Cumiph Alteration: Class altered from 2nd to 1st Ad vicem sent to be removed to front.

" 8 Has been yesterday & today much in the usual state in which she had continued before her late fit of excitement employs herself reading & writing as formerly, and takes regular exercise in the airing ground, and though addressed by her own name she does not deny that she is Miss Bayot and makes no allusion to that subject.

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March 13 Has been free from excitement since last report but seems today rather restless & paces up & down the gallery shutting all the room doors she finds open. Catamenia appeared yesterday. Con: omitted

" 15 Has been yesterday & today a good deal excited. pacing up & down the gallery, plucking buds & throwing water on the other patients. yesterday when addressed by her own name she said she was not Miss Bagot: she was Lady Sheoffe, or at least she soon expected to be so. this morning when dressing was much excited & broke a dish which was in her room by throwing it with great violence into the kitchen. when remonstrated with by the Clinical Assistant she attempted to strike him with a towel, & would not speak a word. her face was flushed & she seemed evidently very angry. she still persists in saying that she is not Miss Bagot & by them she is accidentally addressed by her name she becomes very angry. & repeats her assertion that she is not. she accused the Clinical Assistant of the most ungentlemanly conduct towards her, & said she wished to see Mr Pritchard as he was the only person she could put the smallest confidence in, & the only gentleman in the house. she then told him, that she ordered him to give the nurse immediate orders to replace her looking glass & basin stand in her room, which had been taken out lest she might break them. when told that as soon as she could conduct herself properly they would be replaced. & that he was willing to do every thing in his power to make her comfortable, she looked at him & accused him of deceit & of taking the part of that "wretch Rankin against her", said she wanted him to see that she was not mad, when told she would not be detained her one moment longer than was deemed necessary

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by Dr Hutcheson & her friends. she said dont mention the name of Dr Hutcheson to me, or I will clash my hand through that pane of glass" pointing to the window. After the Clinical Assistant had left her, she called him back & said in a cool & sarcastic tone, "Though I have no respect for you, yet I will make use of you for my own convenience order those things immediately to be sent back into my room, and you do not leave this gallery until you do so." Pupils exceedingly dilated. Catamenia adhuc fluunt.

March 16 This morning has torn a religious book belonging to herself to atoms & scattered the pieces at her room door, is very much excited, denies she is Miss Bayot, & alluding to the book she has torn, said she had torn every vestige that remained of her name. Abused her brother Mr Daniel Bayot who she said was a minister of damnation which would be his "resor-cust". It was found necessary to place her in seclusion in the retired gallery, which whenever she was aware of she began to beg in the most earnest manner to be allowed to go out & walk & promised never again to behave as she had done. She was after some difficulty conveyed to the retired gallery & placed in seclusion, after having tried to strike all who were engaged in removing her, she also attempted to bite the Clinical Assistant in the hand. After the door was shut upon her she cried & begged to be let out again, & at last called out, "open this door & let me out by her Majesties special command. Stop her time for the present.

17 So today quiet & sitting in her room on the top of her bed employed reading the Bible. Pupils less dilated. more disposed to enter into conversation, & her manner much more subdued.

About 10. pm. she was found lying on the floor of her room quite insensible, the nurse having just left her a few minutes before & returned with two pills which she was then to take

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March 17 Mr McGavin saw her immediately & found her quite insensible, breathing with extreme difficulty & resembling a person choked, face livid & dark coloured, a quantity of mucus in her throat, teeth clenched. Eyes fixed & suffused. Pupils dilated. Scalp hot. Pulse small & slow: suspecting that there was something in the throat, the mouth was opened & the finger thrust into the fauces when a quantity of mucus was discovered this excited cough & appeared to make way for the passage of air to the lungs after which she revived & was able to swallow a teaspoonful of the ammoniated tincture of valerian, & soon afterwards an ounce of the Antispasmodic mixture. About an hour afterwards she was again seen & when questioned about her illness she was quite unconscious of everything that had happened & said that those around her must be mistaken. Catamenia appeared on the 12th & disappeared on the 16th.

18 Is this morning up & pacing up & down her room, but looks pale, has still the idea that she is not Mrs Bagot, asks to be allowed to return to the front. Is allowed to go out & walk & also requests a glass of wine, but will not shew her tongue, & allow her pulse to be felt. To be allowed to walk out & to have a glass of sherry. Sumat. pil. Colocynth. c. Hyd. Castor. rhœas.

19 Looks better this morning & publishes very hard to get back to her own room, is more cheerful & allows her pulse to be felt & shews her tongue which is rather white, still inclined to be tricky & mischievous & is fond of deceiving the nurse or Clinical Assistant into any of the rooms when she can get an opportunity: She was allowed to return to her own room in the front passage & when informed of it she was much delighted, carried off all her things & ran with them & assisted the nurses in getting them just all back into the room. Since then she has been in very high spirits & inclined to be tricky & mischievous

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March 19 In the evening she had a fit of crying & sent down the nurse for some paper to write upon & for her watch which had been taken from her when she was removed to the back gallery. When the Clinical Assistant saw her, she said, "I did not send for you I sent for my watch, you are not my watch, I mean one of watches walking," and then laughed heartily. She appears rather hysterical this evening being at one time in very high spirits & at another in a state of great depression.

" 23 Has continued free from excitement since last report. Has been good humoured & inclined to joke with those about her, she is still however rather tricky. She has today written the following letter to her sister Mrs Cunningham. It is dated one day behind.

Thursday 22d March 1843.

My dearest Margaret

I write a line to beg you will once again make effort for my liberty — I am so lonely & wish to live with those whom I love, who love me — Pray let me hear from you, I do not like to be with "Strangers" & am wearied acting the Heroine. I trust ere long to see you and the Babes & Brother & Sister well & happy, and all once more united in heart when we meet I have much to tell you — and trust Brother James will love us [illegible] coming for me, it is disgrace to have me shut up here leading a life so idle —

I look out for flowers for distinction, only to recompense those who merit my regard and hope to have it in my power ere long to do so.

Mr Pritchard the gentleman who brought me here, said he would take me to my own family if he got permission and indeed I would trust myself with him to the end of time, — if it be not convenient to Brother James to come for me only let me know if you have a welcome to give me in Queen Street

I am your affectionate Sister

Caroline

I am in need of Boots and other articles & handkerchiefs &c — but when I see

you, if soon, it will do."

March 24 Today imagines that the fete things given to her without her knowledge, & thinks that those in the house, more particularly Nurse Rankin have a method of putting upon her mind, & making her think of things which she would not otherwise have thought of, stated that last night she had dreamed of very nasty things & was sure it was in consequence of Rankin's power over her. she says that when Rankin puts her hand on the back of the chair which she does when speaking to her she means something by it. since her return to the front gallery she has again been allowed two glasses of wine daily, but she finds fault with it, & says it is bad, & not the same as she got formerly. Is good natured & chearful & very industrious at her needle. Con. omnia.

25 Yesterday when asked if she would go & see the private theatricals which were got up last night for the amusement of the female patients she declined & wrote the following letter to Mr Prichard

Genl Pritchard
Comptroller of her Majesty's
Household

"Mischief" is ordered by her Majesty to suspend the entertainment of Guy Mannering this night, and to intimate the same to Genl Pritchard with authority to exercise the fullest power in overturning & turning over both Plot & Performance. As the Gentleman Actors are assured it is not her Majesty's intention, such doings shall at any period transpire without her sanction & Genl Prichard is fire rigorously to execute this mandate in obedience to Royal Command.

Windsor Castle
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Notwithstanding this mandate she was herself present at the entertainment & enjoyed it perhaps more than any one present, she said she had gone

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March 25 there with the intention of being very but she had come away quite pleased

" 31 She today addressed a note to her sister Mrs Cunningham, containing a book mark with the words "Forget me not" on it. & the following few lines "Caroline from her sister Margaret Shaffe" To the care of Mrs Cunningham 80 Queen Street Edinr. last day of March 1843." Continues free from excitement. Habits as formerly reported.

April 3 Has for the last few days been very taciturn and will speak neither to the Clinical Assistant nor the Nurses. She continues in other respects the same.

" 7 Still rather taciturn, but less so than at last report. General health good. Habits as formerly noted. Con. omnia

" 10 Continues taciturn. Has on several occasions lately been restless in Chapel, either changing her seat or getting up and walking out. Employs herself writing in her copy book, reads but very little now. Has written no letters of late.

" 11 In the evening was in a very excited state, paced up & down the gallery laughing & in high spirits & tried to play all sorts of tricks on the nurses. Catamenia appeared on the 8th and disappeared today. Con. omnia.

" 16 In a conversation which she had with Mr Prichard today she told him that her things were no longer safe in her own possession that Nurse Rankin had a set of keys like her own & that at any time she could unlock her trunks &c & take possession of & read her manuscripts papers that there were some there which she valued much & therefore wished him to take charge of the whole of them as there was no other individual in the house she could trust with them but himself. She then handed him over all her papers which she has been engaged writing since ever she came here which contained remarks on the Institution its officers attendants &c. lots of sermons written before she came here, Journal of her journey from Ireland &c. &c. She is at present free from all excitement, her habits are as usual Health good. Con. omnia.

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Anne P. Johnston Aet: 25

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Feb: 6 On admission appeared like a person in a state of delirium though when examined she was quite, quite refused to speak supposed not to be able to answer questions relevantly, after a time however she talked a little but quite incoherently was with difficulty got to allow her pulse to be felt. it was 144. small & fluttering Tongue preternaturally red & very dry. Pupils contracted. Scalp hot. Countenance pale & clingy-looking. Palms of both hands very much blistered, presenting exactly the appearance as if they had been burnt but the cause, of which was her rubbing them so much together. Lumb: h.s. Pil: Alter: mane et pil: Colocynth: c. o. Castor: mane Ordinary diet & regimen.

7 Spent a restless night with little sleep but was pretty quiet this morning was found when visited out of bed, & all the bed-clothes lying scattered about Medicines operated once. little change since last night. Abrad: Capillitium. Lumb: pil: Alterate: clysm: om: n. h.s. ad urgen: mal: Con. Alia.

8 Rather better this morning, looks more lively. From the account given by the nurse it appears that she has got a femoral hernia of the right side. Tobacco two plasters of Port Wine daily.

9 So today very restless throws the bedclothes off her. Extremities cold Countenance livid & anxious Pulse small & so rapid that it cannot be counted. Tongue rough & white but was moist. Pupils contracted Scalp cool. When visited in the Evening she continued much in the same state the following draught was then ordered her. Rx. Tinct: Camphor: ʒi. Tinct: Hyos: ʒii Aq. Capiæ ʒj. & four ounces of Wine additional. Con. Alia.

10 This morning considerably better Hysterical & nervous Hysterical so at present is at the fire answers questions relevantly says she does not care what she suffers provided she only gets well. Pupils still contracted. Tongue clean & moist. Rept: haust: Camphor: et Hyoscyam: h.s.

11 Continues slowly to improve looks more lively. Answers questions relevantly. Is still however very weak & hysterical. Pulse 120 Tongue clean. Pupils contracted.

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Feb: 11 Johan a pint of B & Tea daily continue two blisters of wine. Hab: haust Camphor & Hyoscyam Statim et repet: h.s.

" 13 Continued yesterday much the same as the day before the bowels however are unmoved & she complained of her feet being painful on examination they were red & swelled. two scruples of the Compound Powder of Salap were given last night along with her draught but as yet without effect. She spent a tolerable night, the pulse today is 108 rather small. Tongue preternaturally red & dry papillae elevated. Pupils still contracted. Countenance exhibits a typhoid expression. Johan 1 pint of Porter daily. Cap: Haust: Mist: a. h.s. R. Sinit: Lunar 3ij. Magnes Calph 3ß. Ag. Capsic 3ij. Ag. Fontan 3iij. Ft. Lum: statim Forma Haust.

" 14 Purgative draught given yesterday produced no motion & Castor oil given last night & this morning had also no effect. An Injection was today administered after which the bowels were freely moved. There is little change since yesterday. Extremities cold & livid, Tongue red papillae elevated. Takes no solid food, but takes her beer, Porter & Beef Tea well.

Vespere. Considerably better since the operation of the injection. Answers questions rationally. appears more lively. Extremities warm. Pulse stronger. Has slept a good deal.

" 15 Slept pretty well Looks better today took some breakfast Countenance less anxious & clearer. Pulse 124 better strength. Tongue still dry & red. One motion from the Bowels this morning without medicine Pupils still contracted though less so than before. Eyes watery. Seems inclined to sleep a good deal. Cap: omnia

" 16 Continues to improve, Countenance clear & exhibits less of the febrile expression has been sitting up several times in bed & her own wood Tasks to be allowed to get up. Bowels open. Tongue still red & Papillae enlarged Pupils less contracted. Pulse very variable. Lum: pil: Aloes et Asafoetid: mane tu quotidie.

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Feb. 7 has brought from Stirling this morning. On admission was melancholy & depressed said there was nothing wrong with her body, but her everlasting soul was lost, when asked how that was she said she had murdered her Saviour, rejected her God, had been born in sin & misery & had committed sin & iniquity from her birth till the present hour. Pulse to moderate strength. Tongue covered with a white moist fur. Pupils natural. Complains of frontal headache. When told that a little medicine would be sent her for her headache, she thanked the Clinical Assistant & asked him to pray for her. Ordinary Diet & Regimen. Haust: sal: Alkalin: duas h.s.

" 8 Medicine operated well. Is today employed at needlework, requested Comm to see her sister who she said she knew was here that she knew perfectly when she herself was, yet was unable to say to desire her Tongue still white. Haust: sal: Alkalin: duas cum a. h.s. & vicem quart: Con. Alia.

" 13 Has continued diligently employed at her needle since last report, answers questions perfectly rationally, but is still much afraid her soul is lost for ever, yesterday begged to have a bible which has been given her. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. It appears from a letter received yesterday that this patient has met with some disappointment in love having been engaged to be married to an individual who has now drawn back & refused to fulfill his engagement.

" 17 Continues to sew steadily & has not spoken to Clinical Assistant on religious subjects since last report. Health good. Tongue much clean than on her admission. Haust: sal: Glaub: & Hyoscyam: duas cum a. ter die quart:

" 22 Does not appear to ail today looks pale. Tongue covered with a white fur says however she is quite well in body. Pulse & Pupil natural. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Is industrious but speaks little.

℞ Infus: Buchu ℥j. Tinct: Gentian: Co. ℥j. ℞ Copiar: et ℞ Fontan: Aq. ℥viii. M. Dem ℥ij hora quotidie.

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Feb. 24 Restless last night was up calling out that she was going to be burnt here for her sins. To day depressed says she is a great sinner & there is no hope for her Looks pale. Tongue white but moist. Bowels regular.

" 25 To day very much disturbed about her prospects for futurity, insists that there is no redemption for her that she has broken every law of God & every commandment, she has robbed, & murdered other peoples good names she has been guilty of adultery and fornication, & there is not such a wicked women on the face of the earth. Tongue white. Breath foul. Pupils contracted. said that this morning when washing the floor of the parlour came upon a spot of blood which would not wash out, & considered this a type that her sins were so great that they could not be washed out by the blood of Christ. Sum pil: Colocynth: q. 6h. Croton: Enema statim.

" 28 More cheerful the last two days and has been employed in the domestic economy of the gallery. General health pretty good. Tongue white. Pupils contracted

March 8 Delusions on Religious subjects appear to have left her but fears that some one here will injure her, & says she dreads the even she was walking about the yard opposite the parlour window, asks also if there is a man of the name of Turner in this house Pulse 84. Tongue whitish. Pupils contracted Cap. Pub: Alterat: Enema ter quotidie.

" 21 Delusions still continue, has now refused to go to chapel thinking she has no right to be there. Is very desirous to get home when visited by her sister a few days ago begged & entreated to be allowed to go with her. General health has improved since admission. Catamenia appeared on the 1st & disappeared on the 4th

" 24 Still begs to be allowed to get home, and this morning refused to take her medicine is taciturn, but employs herself in needle work in the domestic Offices of the gallery

" 31 Continues very taciturn & considerably depressed. Tongue still white, and her pupils are contracted. Is however very industrious both at her needle & in the domestic Offices of the gallery. C. L.

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Feb: 10 Is again excited today & in her room raving in her usual manner.

" 14 Has been pretty quiet since last report till today when the Physician entered the Gallery when she began a torrent of abuse & called him a blackguard & scoundrel she was placed in the retired gallery. Sum: Station Sol: Antimon: 3/p.

" 16 Still continues in the retired gallery last night was very noisy & this morning much excited, swore at the Clinical Assistant & raved in the most obscene manner.

" 18 Still excited, raves & swears & is noisy at night. Continues in retired gallery keeps her bed. Sum: Sol: Antimon: 3/p.

" 23 Continues in bed still very highly excited uses the most obscene language & raves in her usual sarcastic & malicious style. Sum: Sol: Antimon: 3/p. Station.

" 24 No abatement of excitement and becomes worse when visited. Sum: pil: Colocynth. g. vi. Croton: 1 mus station.

" 28 Still continues very excitable & noisy raves in her usual style & uses the most abusive & obscene language. Has latterly not been taking her food so well but her health continues good.

March 6 Quieter today and out of bed sitting in the retired gallery reading but she is still very excitable, the paroxysm appears however to be declining.

" 9 Was again in bed on the 7th and yesterday, but is today up sitting at the fire reading the bible, is much quieter, but her conversation is still very incoherent, although she can control herself much better.

" 14 Continued pretty quiet since last report till today when she is again in bed & very highly excited, cursing swearing & raving in the most obscene manner. Sum: Sol: Antimon: 3/p. stat.

" 16 Spent a very noisy night & this morning is much excited, raving & cursing in the most malicious & insolent manner. swears at every one she approaches her. Sum: Sol: Antimon: 3i. station.

" 21 Is today up & quiet sitting at the fire at her needle, but still very

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March 21 excitable. was very noisy the night before last but quiet last night.

" 28 Has been pretty quiet both yesterday and today Has been sitting in retired gallery reading & sewing. Paroxysm appears now to be on the decline. Health pretty good but she looks thin. She has been today allowed to return to her own room in the back gallery To have a pint of Ale daily. Con. Ala.

" 31 Has today sat walking in the airing ground & though still very flighty, she improves daily.

April 5 No excitement since last report. Has been employed in needle work & in setting her room to rights. Is reported by the nurse sometimes to pass blood by stool, & afterwards to complain of pain in the side. Bowels sluggish. Rep: pil: Rhei c. Hydrarg. Mist: alba pro nocte ad hor: quart.

" 7 Paroxysm may now be looked upon as terminated. She is quite rational in conversation. Health good. Complains of toothache. Hab: Tinct: Camph: Zi. Tinct Opii Zjss. M. ft. Liniment ad applic.

" 9 Bowels still continue sluggish & she has again been passing blood. An ounce of Tincture of Rhubarb with 10 drops of Laudanum have been given but without much relief. In the evening she had an ounce of Castor oil which procured several copious stools & without any blood, She had in the evening also some bilious vomiting. Quiescent.

" 18 Continued pretty quiet & rational till today when she appeared rather flighty and unsettled. When out in the airing ground she became sick & vomited & when she came in complained of pain in the bowels. Tongue furred. Skin hot. Rep: Statim pil Hydrarg: unam et pil Colocynth: cum Hyoscyam: unam. et statim Bicarb: Sodae Zi. Aq. Fontan Zi. Quiescat.

" 22 Has been noisy & very unsettled last night & today is in bed excited & raving in her usual incoherent manner.

" 27 Has been both yesterday & today in a low & weak state, is very much depressed & seems to have difficulty in expressing herself above her breath. Hab: Ho. Tongue covered with a thick fur. Bowels opened twice by an enema soon last night. Skin hot. To have 2 ounces arrow Root & 2 glasses sherry for dinner.

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Feb. 13 On examination of the chest with the Stethoscope a mucous rattle is heard in right mammary region: respiration is bronchial under both clavicles and there is distinct dullness on percussion over site of mucous rattle, and also in the inferior side of left breast. Cardiac beats 120 in the minute and accompanied with a bruit de soufflet of heart preternaturally diffused Tongue coated with a thick white fur countenance and eyes suffused, and exhibit a febrile aspect. Has Cough with a good deal of expectoration

14 Considerably worse today than yesterday Chest symptoms more severe, Respiration more hurried and laborious Expectoration continues, but has little Cough is confined entirely to bed & so low & weak that she cannot answer questions and with difficulty can put out her tongue when required. She sleeps a good deal, cannot open the right Eye, the Eyelid being apparently paralized. Pulse 124. small. Tongue dry & brownish. To have four ounces of wine daily & 1 pint of Beef Tea. Upon: Vesicat: pect: dorat: Ol. Lini: Camphor: Linit Hydrocyan aa ℥ij. Vin. Ipec: ℥j. Spt Ether: Nitros ℥ss. Aq. Cinnam ℥xss M. Cum: Cod. Mag: alba quoque hora.

Vespere. No improvement since the morning. & Diarrhoea has now set in A starch injection has been administered with a drachm of laudanum which was retained & there has been no return of diarrhoea. Extremities cold. Pulse small & feeble. Eyelid still paralytic & tears are allowed to run over the cheek. Sleeps almost constantly. To have Port wine 8 ounces & Brandy 2 ounces the former at regular intervals during the night.

15 Diarrhoea returned during the night & she has had 3 stools. Now appears to be sinking rapidly. Pulse 140 small. Respiration hurried & laborious. Has had Linit. Mist ℥ij. Linit Opii gtts xx. Aq. Cinnam ℥j. twice this morning without any effect in stopping the Diarrhoea. Abdomen somewhat swelled. Abend: Capillitium et Applicatio Sinapismi Capiti.

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Feb: 15 R. Tinct Kino ℥ss. Cretae pree: ℥ii.
Aq. Cassiae ℥iij: ℔ss. bum ℥ss. ouc: hora.
" 16 Diarrhoea ceased after the use of the subsequent mixture the bowels continued however in a comatose state all yesterday pulse became feeble & the pt gradually weaker & weaker. was unable to swallow the wine and at ¼ past 12 midnight she

Died.

17 Inspection of the Body 39 hours after death.

Slight adhesion of Dura Mater to Skull-cap over right hemisphere. Falx cerebriforme & cerebellii anteriorly. The usual adhesions existed on each side of longitudinal sinus, absence considerable subarachnoid Effusion. The substance of Brain generally was of natural consistence with the following exceptions.
1. A distinct patch of softening appeared in the roof of the left ventricle immediately over the left corp: striatum extending about ¾ an inch downwards in the internal wall of the anterior cornu, there were numerous small clots in its substance.
2. Septum Lucidum entirely destroyed, hanging in softened shreds. thus laying the ventricles both.
3. Fornix softened like curdled cream.
4. Pineal Gland softened, Acervulus present in great abundance, granules very large.
5. Right optic nerve softened as it winds round the right Crus Cerebri.
Corp: striata, Tuberes cinereum, optic thalami natural. Ventricles contained the usual habitus. with hydatis
Pituitary Gland healthy. Cerebellum ℥viii. healthy.
Encephalon 3lbs: 1℥

Right Lung weighed ℔j. ℥viii. upper back part of lower lobe condensed & fleshy & of a dark red colour passing into 2d stage Pneumonia lower part of upper lobe emphysematous.
Left lung ℔j. ℥vi Lower lobe more condensed than that of right, & darker in colour.
Heart & vessels. Right ventricle dilated & its walls thinned. Left ventricle & valves healthy.
Liver ℔ij ℥ix ℈s. presented the appearance of Cirrhosis, little & friable.
Spleen large ℔ix. reduced to a pap ℈s & had the appearance of dark grumous blood.
Right Kidney ℥viij ℈s. granular.
Left do ℥viii rather more granular, than right.

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Feb. 18 Skin continues in bed but improves slowly & appears to be gaining strength takes her food better. Pulse frequent Pupils contracted. Tongue less dry, still red. Sleeps a good deal. Cat. omnia.

" 19 Has some cough with Expectoration & respiration at present hurried, but it is very variable. Pulse 124 Countenance Eyes suffused. Pupils contracted. Tongue moist red at tip but clay at base. Appetite however is improved. Very hysterical; frequently cries out. Abd. Capacitatem et appos: besicat: bis die. appears rather weaker tonight. Pulse small & very variable Skin at times more lively than at others. No motion of the Bowels today To have 6 ounces of wine given her at regular intervals during the night R. Ol. Ricini ℥i. Tinct. Hyoscyam ℥ß. Tinct. Valerian: Camp: ℥ß. Ag. Cassiæ ℥ß. Mft. ft. haust. h. s. summend. Cat. Alia.

" 20 Spent a restless night, took her wine regularly & had one stool this morning. She however became suddenly worse, her pulse became weaker her respiration more difficult & she was unable to expectorate, Stimulants & Antispasmodics were administered as long as she could swallow, but without her rallying and at 9 o'clock this morning she

Died.

" 22 Inspection 253 hours after death. Permission was obtained to examine the head only.

Calvarium natural. Dura Mater externally appeared tinged somewhat of a yellow colour but was healthy in structure, it however adhered on each side of the longitudinal sinus about ¼ an inch in the usual position, these adhesions extended backwards & downwards to the Tentorium. There was considerable Subarachnoid Effusion and at the internal & central surface of the left hemisphere one of the Convolutions was much dispersed so as to form a cavity which was filled with clear serum.

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Inspection. Pia Mater and Arachnoid considerably congested. Vessels injected particularly at the depending parts of the Brain.

Substance of Brain generally of natural consistence, but cuticular & displaying many red points when cut into. Cineritious substance darker than usual in colour, and in some points of a pink colour; more particularly at the point where it encroached upon the medullary matter.

Effusion to the extent of ¾ss in each ventricle.

Considerable effusion also at the base.

Septum lucidum entire. Fornix softened especially the posterior pillars which broke down in attempting to raise them.

Anterior portions of Choroid Plexus blanched, posterior parts and velum interpositum highly injected. Pineal Gland softened. Acervulus present in small quantity.

Other central portions of the Brain healthy.

Cerebellum considerably softer than natural.

Plate

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Feb: 21 On admission was quiet & appeared perfectly rational, answered questions quite relevantly, but seemed a good deal annoyed because she was not allowed to go away with her mother who along with Dr Crawford brought her up from Port Glasgow today, and paces up and down the gallery watching the door. Pupils at present dilated General Health appears good.

22 Spent rather a restless night. & got out of bed several times. Speaks little and when she does speak the nurse reports that she runs rapidly from one subject to another. Is today employed doing some needle-work, but requires constant looking after as she puts up leaves her work, and paces the gallery, anxious to get out. Bowels rather sluggish. Lumb: pil: Alterat: dues om: n. h.s. ad biduum Quart.

After visit today she became more restless runs about the gallery cannot remain a moment in one place, and in the Evening after she went to bed she became highly excited got out of bed, screamed and was terrified at being in a room by herself, said she could not sleep with the door locked upon her, when even shut out of her room she ran about in the most agitated excited manner insisted on having all the doors opened (when any of them were shut accidentally she flew at them & pushed them open) called out for her "Papa & Mamma" and wanted laudanum evidently for the purpose of doing away with herself, said she wished to be shot & requested the clinical assistant to shoot her. She refused to return to bed became quite maniacal & called out for laudanum. Pupils dilated Tongue white. Pulse small. After a good deal of persuasion she was induced to return to bed by the promise of some laudanum & having a nurse to sleep with her in the same room. After she was in bed the following draught was given to her. R. Liquor Hyoscyam: ℥i. Liquor Camp ℥ss. Aq Fontan: ℥viss. ℈ss. which whilst she was taking she asked if it would kill her & being answered in the negative she

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swallowed it all. Pulse full: delicate: bodies
pro tempore. Con. alia. To be carefully watched

Feb: 23 Was restless during the night & slept but
little, would not lie in her own bed, but
insisted in sleeping along with the nurse
& frequently said if that was landaneum
she had taken she would never rise again
is this morning quiet & will not answer
questions when asked, has her muff & her
bonnet with table beside her ready to put
on, & has been insisting that the nurses that
her "mamma" is here. Pulse 108 small.
Pupils dilated. Tongue white, papillae red
and elevated. Bowels sluggish. Lenit:
pil: aloes et Asafoetid: enema et pil: Hydarg
enema station. Repet haust: Hyos: et Camph: h.s.

" 24 Was got to bed last night without much
difficulty, but was very restless & got up
frequently, slept some. Medicine operated.
To today more restless than yesterday & cannot be occupied in anything, has
been disturbing the other patients by attempting to take their work from them
& going into their rooms walks up and
down the gallery & requires constant watching frequently begins to speak but stops
short abruptly. Tongue white, Breath foul.
Pulse 116. small. Pupil dilated.
Lenit: pil: Aloes et Asafoetid: cheese etc.
et h.s. repet: Haust: Hyoscyam: et Camph:

" 25 Slept a little during the night but still
very unsettled. To today however less
restless than yesterday and is in her
own room with an attendant, but
cannot be got to employ herself, seems
to be totally unable to express herself, tho
she frequently tries to speak.
Repet: pil: et Haust h.s. at bed.

" 27 Still continues much in the same state,
but slept rather better last night.
To today employed at worsted work
in her room with a nurse beside her
& requires constant watching. Tongue
still white. Omit pil Aloes et Asafoetis
Rp. Tinct Gentian: Comp 3i. Acid: sulph:
dil: 3i. Aq. Fontan 3xv. M. Lenit: 3ij
bis quotidie. Con. Haust h.s. et Alia.

March 1 Lip taciturn, answers questions & can
express herself better than before. Was
today for the first time out walking in
the airing ground. Has been doing a little
worsted work. Con. omnia.

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March 2 Continues to improve, is more cheerful continues her worsted work thas been amusing herself by playing the Piano was also out walking today. Tongue still white. Pulse 116 better strength. Pupils dilated. Sleeps better at night. Catamenia appeared on the 26th and disappeared today, but in small quantity From information received from her mother it appears that for some years she has been troubled with Stomach Complaints; since the commencement of her illness now seven weeks the Catamenia have not appeared, while for some time previous they appeared every fortnight a three weeks but in moderate quantity. Sulp. Quin. h.s.

4 Improves gradually is less timid & has been out walking daily, sleeps better at night, and is much more easily managed. Ferri sulph. Also et Ferri mixtura bis quotidie.

8 Still continues to improve slowly, does a little work twice yesterday & today apparently more cheerful than she has been since admission. Pulse 104. Tongue still white & rough but moist. Con. Mist. Gentian: Vc et sal.

11 No change since the 8th Health improves still sleeps but indifferently & is often very restless during the night. Tongue still white & rough. Pulse 92.
Ry. Liquor Opii Sedativi 3j. Liquor Camphor 3ss.
Aq. Cinnamon 3j. Ft. Mx. Sumo h.s.

20 Continues to improve, now goes to bed by herself, & without the assistance of the nurse, though she still sleeps in the room with her, sometimes does a little work, still very taciturn however, & answers questions in a low voice, though quite rationally Tongue still white but improves. Pulse 88. Expression of countenance improved. Con. sal Ferri sulph et alia.

April 1 Conducts herself now with propriety & sleeps without a nurse. General Health improves. Still however very taciturn. Hardly ever speaks unless when asked questions which are answered in as abrupt & short a manner as possible. Tongue still white. Bodily functions regular.

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April 1 does but very little work, & does not seem inclined to read. Catamenia appeared on the 26th & dis appeared to day. P.O.

" 3 It appears from the statement of the nurse that when out in the airing ground she attempted to jump the wall.

" 7 Continues very taciturn, has not been known to utter a connected sentence since she came to the house, except on the second night when she was so much excited. Her general health has however much improved.

" 11 Spent a restless night, got out of bed and attempted to reach the window, & is today in rather an unsettled state & when in the airing ground attempts to climb the wall. Bowels kept open by the Iron & aloes pills. Tongue still white papillæ elevated. R. Tinct. Camph. 3ss. Tinct. Hyoscyam. 3i. Aq. Camphor. 3ij. M. Sumat. Somno haust. h.s. Cia. Alia.

" 12 Notwithstanding the draught she slept some till 5 this morning. Still taciturn. Repet haust Camph et Hyos. omi nocte h.s.

" 13 Slept well last night & is today employed sewing with another patient, but it is very difficult to keep her at it.

" 22 From the report of the nurse who sleeps in the room with her it appears that she has slept more since last report, but gets up & walks about this same restless disposition she displays during the day by going wandering about the galleries & entering any other patients room which may be open her appetite is good, but there is no mental improvement. Tongue covered with a white fur. Cont. Haust. Hyos. h.s. Cor. Alia.

" 23 Slept pretty well last night, but is today as restless & unsettled as before, wandering about from one place to another, & in the Evening broke part of the Gas pipe in back parlour.

" 27 Today when out in the airing ground she placed a plank & crept up against one of the small trees there, & got up into it & was attempting to climb over the wall when she was discovered & prevented, she is very restless & unsettled. No mental improvement. She now sleeps better since the Hyoscyamus & Camphor have been discontinued. Catamenia appeared on the 18th and disappeared on the 23rd. Cor. omnia.

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Feb: 23 Alcock was confined here but if so, it is under another name. &c.

March 19 Had an interview with the Physician today, during which she was in great distress & cried a good deal, lamented the hardship of her being confined here & insisted upon her own sanity; it soon however appeared that her delusions with regard to Mercury were as strong as ever, and to two of the Clinical Assistants who were present, that it had been given her during the times that both of them were in the habit of seeing her, she alleged, in the most positive manner. Health pretty good.

24 This evening retired to bed in a state of the greatest distress, happening she had put Calomel in her food accuses the nurses of putting it there & begs that her mouth & person may be examined in confirmation of the truth of what she says.

26 Was in bed all yesterday & refused her food dreading that more mercury would be given her, but is today up and in her usual state. So constantly wishing to see the Physician

29 Has written another letter to the New Lieut Sheriff Lodge Ireland which is full of her old delusions, insists that the females in this house are employed by the matron & her deputies to give her drugs, wishes to get out to live with some quiet family where she can enjoy the means of Grace & not be confined among maniacs where she is certain many of her persecutors are confined & also Mr Alcock & thinks there is an investigation going on here about her affairs.

April 18 Mind still continues full of delusions & every now & then she writes letters to the Physician about the drugs which she alleges the nurses give her unknown to him, imagines that the Clinical Assistant has a bedroom key as well as one for the Gallery & that he can come into her room at any time, this idea, from the report of the nurses appears to have been put into her head by another patient Miss Flowerdew. In a

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April 18 conversation which the Physician had with her he discovered that she is at present affected with Incoherence.

" 20 A bottle with some medicine which she has been taking happened to be sent up with a man's head printed on it, (label) this she was much afraid of, told the physician it was death's head, & that the bottle contained a poisonous draught & that she could not take it, upon which he put it into his pocket & carried it away, this caused her to write the following letters. The first was written to Dr H. enclosing the last.

Dear Sir

will you be kind enough to have the enclosed forwarded immediately as you seem determined to keep me in this unhappy way

I remain yours

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Dear Edw.

it was not my intention after the manner you deceived me in placing me here to again address you, but in consequence of the treatment I have lately received I feel it an imperative duty to request you will come here until I explain the matter to you. I think there is an enquiry going on at present and in every account it would be most expedient for you to come as soon as possible I know he who overrules all schemes will grant what will tend to the happiness of those who trust in him "He" never will leave or forsake them" Hope I shall have good accounts of all at Rutherglen I do indeed feel great anxiety respecting many friends poor Wully I fear she is ill & perhaps no more, will you write on receipt of this & say when I may expect to see you also here with kind wishes for the eternal happiness of all ever yours

Susan Sproule.

" 30 Has again been affected with Catarrh. delusions with regard to her getting Mercury constantly recur when she becomes much depressed & often keeps her bed.

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March 4 On admission was evidently in a very unsettled & restless state. Talked in a religious strain, and quoted passages from scripture. Insisted upon having the same room which she had when formerly a patient in the house. Although she was told that another lady slept there, went into it and pulled off the sheets & blankets from the bed & ran with them into the parlour where she left them, took up a little hand-bell she found there & began to ring it violently she was so much excited & talked so incoherently that it was thought expedient to place her for the present in one of the rooms of the back gallery.

5 Is today out of her room and in the retired gallery. Very unsettled restless. Pupils contracted. Tongue pretty clean. Pulse 120 rather small. Mischievous and destructive. Has been tearing her bed-clothes. Comm: h.s. pil alterat: tres. bon. alia.

7 Spent a restless and noisy night beating & stamping the ground with her feet. Still very destructive. Has torn up her blankets & twisted the strips round her wrists to calling them bracelets. Pupils contracted. Tongue pretty clean Bowels open. Answers questions rationally, but talks absurdly of her friends & relations. Has been yesterday & today confined to her room. Cor: seclusio et alia.

8 Still continues in seclusion but is quieter than she was & less destructive, but still very tricky & mischievous. Fond of bandaging her wrists & neck with strips of torn blankets &c. Pupils contracted Tongue pretty clean. Comm: pil: Colocynth c. ol. Croton: deinde h.s.

9 Is today up and dressed & sitting employed knitting a garter of various coloured worsteds which she compares to a robin red-breast. Is in high spirits & full of tricks & mischief. Rept. pil: Colocynth c. ol. Croton: deinde h.s.

14 Still continues very mischievous, restless at night & sleeps but little. Tongue clean. Pupils contracted.

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General health very good. Sens: fail: Coloyeth: of ol. Croton. oleas h.s.

March 21 Has continued since last report very tricky & mischievous. When visited is very talkative & at night noisy. Is also very destructive. Has torn off a large piece of the plastering in the retired gallery near the floor & exposed a wooden fixture to view. Is fond of gossiping & talking about her numerous friends. Pupils contracted. Tongue quite clean. Catamenia appeared on the 18th & disappeared on the 17th. Is to be placed in seclusion. Sens: fail: Tinct: of ol. Croton. mixture.

" 22 Is today quite out of her room. General health very good. Tongue quite clean. Pupils contracted. Con. omitted.

" 25 Was last night sent at the theatrical entertainment given to the ladies but became so restless & disposed to manage that she was obliged to be removed. She is today much in the same state as formerly mischievous & destructive.

" 27 Still continues very unsettled mischievous & destructive. Yesterday took out three entire panes of glass out of the retired gallery which had just been put in the putty being quite soft. Sens: Sol: Cathartic. 3ss.

" 31 Has been in seclusion both yesterday & today. Is still very mischievous and unsettled. Tongue clean. Pupils contracted. Ry. Tinct: Gentian. Comp: 3ij. Sodae Bicarb: 3j. Ag. Fontan: 3xv. M. Sens: 3ij. bis quotidie.

April 7 Continues still in her room. & is very destructive & mischievous. has been tearing down her room walls in some places. General health continues good. Tongue quite clean & moist.

" 8 Looks today rather pale but says she is quite well. Is generally quiet when visited & answers questions rationally. To be tried up & allowed to walk daily in the airing ground with an attendant.

" 10 Was out walking both yesterday & today & conducted herself with propriety. is however unsettled & mischievous for the whole. Con. omitted.

" 18 Has been again confined in her room till yesterday when she was tried out in the airing ground & conducted herself pretty well, but is still inclined to take off her clothes & tear & obstruct them. Has a small boil on the right

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April 18 thigh which has been opened. General health continues good.

" 27 Has been since last report upon the whole more manageable. Has been allowed to take exercise in the airing grounds, but she is still very mischievous. She this morning took the feeds from the fire place in the back parlour & made a fire on the hearthstone.

May 4 Has continued more manageable since last report, takes more care of her clothes but is still very flighty and unsettled. Health good. Bo omnia.

" 8 This forenoon was found sitting in the front parlour, & immediately entered into conversation with the Clinical Assistant told him that now she was quite well & had completely got rid of all her delusions, when asked about them she said that she had all along since her admission thought that she was God, a one of the Persons of the Godhead & that she was to do great things & work wonders, that she was the Enemy of the Devil & that he tried all he could to murder her, but she had great confidence in her own superiority, that yesterday after dinner she felt all these delusions leave her, that at the times she was sorry they died so, & would rather they had continued, & this at the time she attributed to the Devil's agency, but that in the Evening she became quite composed & was glad they had left her, & that now she felt herself perfectly well, that the last time she was here she recovered in the same manner & it also took place on a Sunday and suddenly, when asked how it was that she had never mentioned any of the delusions she mentioned when she was ill she said that that was part of her policy. She then stated that this was the sixth attack she had had & asked if it was likely she would be ill again, she attributed her recent illness to the great interest she had taken in the present state of the Church of Scotland & stated that just before

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May 8 she was brought here she had been visiting a very religious family, where it was the every-day topic of conversation. She then requested to be removed to a more comfortable room which has been arranged, and she may at present be looked upon as perfectly rational since last night.

" 12 Continued rational only for one day that since been gradually becoming more and more unsettled, is today very restless, runs about the galleries with a quantity of rags &c. with which she conceals herself by some means or other when rummaging in the closet where the water pipes is she knocked out the Enema syringe which fell on her head & caused a wound about ½ an inch long in the scalp, she appeared very much excited while it was dressing & used very abusive language. After having retired to bed she was so restless and unsettled that it was necessary again to remove her to the retired gallery.

" 15 Has continued since last report very noisy & troublesome, beats & drums on the floor of her room, & disturbs her fellow patients, wound on scalp was but trifling & is now quite healed up. Con. omnia.
Bowels duly moved by two colocynth & Calomel pills. Balneum append. on 5th & 6th append. on 7th.

" 19 Still very noisy & exceedingly destructive has torn all her clothes, as well as her blankets & bed clothes. Raves & talks in the most absurd manner. Health good.

" 22 No improvement since last report. Still very noisy, & destructive has torn every article of clothing she had.

" 27 Has been yesterday & today allowed to sit in the retired gallery, where she has conducted herself pretty well, although still very unsettled, today says she is her sister Count Bjelcis & asked the Clinical Assistant if he was here when she was in the house. Con. omnia

" 31 Continues still in a very restless and unsettled state, but conducts herself better than she has been doing, has been out walking in the airing ground. Health good. Still destructive to her clothes, talks in her usual absurd manner & is very lucky & cunning, & constantly asking for snuff.
Con. omnia.

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March 15 Has been pretty quiet since last report is today up & dressed out of her room in the retired gallery. she is rather depressed. Tongue clean. Pulse natural. Con. omitta.

" 19 Has been yesterday & today in high spirits & very talkative. talking about her friends & wishing to write to them to apologize for her not being able to go & see them at the time she was taken ill. Has caught cold the nurse thinks by sleeping with the bed-clothes thrown off her in the night. Catamenia appeared 16th & disappd today.

" 20 Is today depressed & rather ill-natured. walks about the gallery sometimes crying at others shaking her head & muttering to herself & disposed to strike others. Tongue quite clean & moist. Pulse small. Pupils natural. Con. omitta.

" 21 Is today very talkative & cheerful. wishes paper to write to her son who is at school. Complains much of sore throat & is rather hoarse. Pupils natural. Tongue pretty clean. Ry Ol. Olivar 3ij. Aq. Ammon 3ij Opp. ft Linament pulter fiant. Lenim. fol. Colocynth. c. Hyoscyam. duas h.s.

" 22 When visited today was found in great distress standing at the window of back parlour crying, and unable to assign the reasons. Is still hoarse from cold, but health otherwise pretty good.

" 29 Somewhat excited today & threatens the nurse in rather severe terms, is also much disposed to steal. Talks incoherently. Is employd reading the testament. has been recommended to sit in her own room. Has complied. Still rather hoarse. Bodily functions natural. Lenim. fol. Colocynth. c. Hyos. duas h.s.

" 31 Still unsettled, very talkative erotic in looks & conversation, but is very obedient. Health pretty good. Catarrh better. Con. omitta.

April 4 Has been since last report in a very unsettled state, one day good natured & the next very cross & troublesome, is today excited, accuses the attendants of cruelty to her, often begins to cry, also accuses Mr Paul of having robbed her of her ring & several

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April 4 other ornaments. Is today in her room, in consequence of her having gone yesterday into Miss Lucks room & threatened to strike her she carried off a book from her which she has still possession of, & refuses to give up.

" 12 Still continues in her room and in a very unsettled state. Health pretty good. has very noisy & during nearly the whole of last night. To be tried in the airing ground today.

" 19 Very much excited this morning & has broken six panes of glass, is very passionate & inclined to strike, but attempts to conceal her illtreatment by talking in a mild & gentle manner. Con: declusio.

" 22 Continues still in seclusion but is quieter today. Catamenia appeared on 15th & disappeared on 17th

" 29 Has today allowed to leave her room and walk in the retired gallery. Is pretty quiet but still far from being rational.

May 1 Is today pretty quiet & in the retired gallery when first visited she was cheerful, but she soon began to cry about Mr Farlane whom she said was in the Infirmary. looks thin and pale. To have a glass of sherry daily. Con. Alia.

" 6 Is today very noisy & excited & has been so, all morning, continues however still in the retired gallery, has not been secluded. Continue further present. Con: pal. Alterat: obstr.

" 10 Has continued since last report noisy and excited & highly erotic. General health good.

" 11 Is today much quieter & has been allowed to sit in the back parlour, & also to walk in the airing ground.

" 18 Considerably excited & rather violent this morning & is again placed in retired gallery, where she has since been crying a good deal. Catamenia appeared today.

" 21 Catamenia disappeared today, still noisy & destructive. Health pretty good.

" 31 Has yesterday allowed to go out & walk in the airing ground where she conducted herself very well, but during last night she was very noisy & excited & is today confined to her room.

June 12 Has today removed to Gartnavel. Is still very unsettled & not yet to be depended upon. On her arrival at the new Asylum she cried a good deal & without any apparent cause.

Visited

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June 20 Improves daily though slowly, and though in the daytime she is quiet, she often sings & is noisy at night. Paroxysm however appears now on the decline.

" 30 Continues to improve & is now much more rational than at last report, latterly has conducted herself with perfect propriety, employs herself in worsted work & enjoys a walk in the evening. Has written twice lately to her son in her usual style, a great many words being badly spelt.

July 12 Paroxysm may be said to have terminated at the time the last report was written, she has since been free from excitement & has on several occasions complained of feeling weak. Is much inclined to sleep during the day has been allowed a glass of sherry daily since the 4th Employs herself daily in worsted work.

" 31 No change since last report. Continues rational and industrious. Anxious to see her friends & frequently asks about them & wishes to know whether her husband has come home.

August 1 Is this morning dispirited & dull. Disinclined to much conversation, was today visited by her friends Mr & Mrs Paul. Paroxysm is just beginning.

" 3 Continues dull & dispirited & today is in bed quite taciturn. Pulse 80. Pupils dilated. Another paroxysm may now be expected. Con. Obs:

" 4 No change since yesterday. Con. obs: Same: Pil: Alter: Clean h. s.

" 11 Catamenia present the last two days. Today she has been noisy & talks last night & also obstructive & it has been necessary to remove her to the refractory ward. Omit wine

" 19 Has been dull & dispirited since last report, has been free from delusions yesterday she was employed mending her stockings. Bowels rather slow. Same: Pil: Rhei Comp: Clean & Tepid grapes note as recent written.

" 21 Has been quiet & free from excitement since last report & is not at present disposed to be destructive. Was today removed to upper front gallery.

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August 23 Continues quiet & rather depressed. is today employed at her needle. To have a glass of sherry daily. Cont. Alia.

" 28 Continues much in the same state. Is timid & afraid of herself, fears she will lose her senses, but continues knitting.

Sept. 4 Has continued steadily to improve since last report. & this attack appears to be subsiding without the usual stage of excitement which generally characterizes her paroxysms. Employs herself diligently at her needle. is less timid & appears to be trying to bear up against her fits of melancholy. Yesterday asked for a dose of Castor Oil & thinks she was the better for it; wishes to stop her wine. Let it be stopped at present.

" 15 Has continued to bear up against her malady. Knits & reads. Is at times depressed, but on the whole continues well. C. omnia

" 23 Has seen her friends Mr. & Mrs Paul since last report. Her husband Dr. Stenhold has arrived in London from Indea. Since the interview She has not been so well. She has become more depressed & frequently requests to be destroyed. Today she is more lively. C. omnia

" 25 Has told the Matron Mrs Mapleson that she knows that the Pauls wish to prevent her husband taking her away & living with her. Today she is very much agitated & depressed. Wishes to get away. Pulse 66 small & feeble. Extremities cold. Tongue foul. Bowels constipated. S. pil. salad. Col. Croat. 1/2 hora. omnia. Cl Alia

" 29 Yesterday & today has been depressed & agitated. Wants to go to Glasgow to see her husband whom she avers to be there. Abuses the Physicians as the cause of her being detained. Breath of bad odour. Tongue foul. Bowels Constipated. S. h. S. pil. Alleviates ij Cont alia

Octr 1st Yesterday & today has been very well & cheerful & composed. C. omnia

2 Very lucky. Counts the symptoms of her malady is angry at being asked how she is as every knows that she is quite well. Desires to be discharged. Cont. omnia 135

Visited

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March 20 Was yesterday evening when walking from Chapel observed the very pale & said she felt so weak she could scarcely walk. she was with a little assistance however able to walk up to the parlour, where she nearly fainted. a glass of wine however revived her & she has since been in her usual state of health. Tongue still keeps white & she says she feels as if she had a blister on it.

" 26 Health improves though the Tongue is still white. very talkative & cheerful. Catamenia appeared on the 22d and disappeared today.

April 20 Health continues to improve steadily and she now looks much better than she did. She is cheerful & happy but very sedentary in her habits & is almost constantly found lying on the Sofa in the front parlour

" 30 Catamenia appeared on the 25th & disappeared yesterday. General health continues to improve though the Tongue is still white. Continues to pick the back of her hand. Q. Lime: Acid. Ph. Arom: Syp. Rh. ft Mist. mane stat.

May 16 This morning when in Chapel before breakfast became sick & vomited, but took her breakfast pretty well & is since better. Tongue more white today. Pulse 100. Skin hot & perspires freely. Still picks her hand. Sum: pil: Alterativi ij h.s.

" 31 Health good. Catamenia appeared on the 24th & disappeared on the 28th No mental change. Cor. omitt.

June 9 was this morning transferred to the new Institution at Carlmont.

" 10 Is today very much excited, calls on her husband to come & take her away. there is only one remedy for her & that is, she says, to bring her husband to her, is evidently irritated & annoyed Her excitement is kept up by a cold & sore throat she has got in consequence probably of her removal. To have a tumbler of warm wine & water at bedtime.

" 11 More composed today, still in bed, though she is very excitable, sore throat very troublesome. Tongue still white Sum: pil: Alterativi: Aperient. h.s. & pot. Chlo

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June 30 Has been in her usual cheerful and contented state since last report. Enjoys a walk in the evening with the other patients. Employs herself in worsted work. No mental improvement. Con. omnia.

July 10 Makes constant demands for snuff. General health on the whole pretty good, though she looks pale & thin and her Tongue is white in centre & red at tips with elevated papillae. Bowels regular. Rx. Tinct. Gentian. Comp. ℥i. Sodae Bicarb. ℥ij. Tinct. Cardam. Comp. ℥ij. Aq. Fontan. ℥x.iii. Mft. Haust: ℥iij. ter. die sumendus. Con. Alia.

" 31 Has since last report been indulged with an allowance of snuff on July 7 is now perfectly satisfied. Works industriously at her needle. Takes her medicine well.

August 31 No change during the past month. Cheerful and industrious. Health good. Has now given up picking her hand which is quite healed up.

Sept: 6 Has today visited by her husband in the evening. Was quite overjoyed when told he had come but seemed more pleased with the clothes & other articles he brought her than with his visit. Con. omnia.

" 30 Has gone on as usual since last report. Is cheerful & tidy in her dress. Talks a great deal of nonsense as usual. C. omnia

Discharged

Oct 27 Has been going on much better than she has yet done. Has been happy & cheerful & actively engaged in something of more or less importance. Her deglutition is sometimes impeded & she then experiences pain & acidity. Such little attacks however are easily removed by the alkaline bitter infusion & mild aperients. Cont. omnia

Nov 26 Still gradually improving. Obliging grateful & frank. Apt to be a little crop when her snuff is finished but is easily noticed. Health good

Dec 31 On the whole during the past year her case has improved. Her health is good. She is cheerful, obliging very penetrating & frank. She never shows any unnatural remarks of her fellow patients & pass unnoticed. C. omnia

Passed

This case is carried on by the Physician in the Case book—

Josie Luke or Mrs Sarcenie from Vol II. page

1843.

March 28 Has written two very rational letters which have been sent off. She is today employed writing & copying passages of Scripture from her bible. but still preserves the same mystified confusion which has all along characterized her case. General health good. seems highly desirous of doing what is right, but frequently expresses her inability, & regrets it. Remains almost the whole day in her own room. & is very long in getting dressed in the mornings.

31 Has not shown to Dr Hutchisson the XV. Chapter of St John written out in two sheets of paper, thinking as she says Dr H. would perhaps like to possess some of her hand writing, there is however interwoven with it some of her own remarks. Catamenia appeared today. Con. omnia.

April 4 Catamenia disappeared today. No change in mental state since last report. Con. omnia.

" 12 Employs herself in writing & reading but confines herself to her own room & still maintains that confused & mystified manner which has all along characterized her.

" 20 Has not walking yesterday in the airing ground which has not been the case for a long time before. Her mind is stronger of late than it has been before though it still weak, & her general character is wavering undecided & mystified. Her health has not been quite so good & she looks rather pale & thin probably from her sedentary habits. To be got to take regular daily exercise. Since the 14th she has been taking the following medicines. Rx. Tinct. Ferri Mur: Mxv. Tinct. Gentian: Comp. ℥ij. Aq. Foetan: ℥xxv. Mx. Sig: Half a wineglassful 3 times a day.

" 30 Catamenia appeared a second time this month on the 14th & disappeared on the 17th. Health improves & mind is also stronger.

May 9 Health continues to improve. & mind is also stronger, still inclined to be long in bed in the mornings, though evidently annoyed at herself for not getting up. & has and laments her inability to do the things she wishes.

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May 9 She however writes a very good letter of which the following is a specimen.

Glasgow Asylum
Sunday 7th May. 1843.

My Dear Miss Matilda,

I dare say you are rather astonished that I have not answered your very kind letter long ere this time, especially as I have now none of those occupations, which used to prevent me from writing to you as often as I wished. But still my procrastinating temper clings to me, and is the chief cause why I do not do many things, which I might otherwise do. I would indeed, feel very happy, my dear Miss Matilda to see Dr David and his lady, and I am truly delighted to know that he is so happily married. I hope his dear little baby is continuing to thrive, and I trust she will be spared for a great blessing to both her parents. I am happy to hear that the dear little Whigham's are all well. For children, their life can never be made up to them in this world, still they have many kind aunts and relations who take care of them though I am well aware that there is no care like that of a mother. I hope that Mrs Davidson and her husband and baby are well. I fancy her little darling will now be able to run alone, and will be a great source of happiness to her Papa & mama. I would like very much to know how Mrs Lockhart & all her family are, have you been visiting them lately I think Mrs Douglas told me that you were to spend the summer with her at Birchwood, an arrangement which I am sure you will be pleased with. I will be very happy my dear Miss Matilda to have another letter from you, if it is not too troublesome for you to write me, and be very happy to receive any books you may think fit to send me.

I sincerely hope my dear Miss Matilda, that you will have the goodness to call and see my dear husband, I know well how much need he has of the conversation of such a friend as you, to soothe his mind under his present afflictions. He and often & all me that he would prefer a visit from you, were he

Sarah Stewart Act: 24. from Vol iii

1843.

March 18 was today transferred from C.D. gallery to L. M. Is in good health & occupied making a wig for herself out of her own hair which had been shaved off. Answers questions rationally, but conversation often very incoherent & wanders on religious subjects.

" 19 Complains today of her right mamma for examination it is hard & indurated around the nipple, red & painful & tender to the touch. she thinks it was caused by a blow but cannot remember when she got it. Bowels regular. Act: Foment: Cataplasm: Papaver: pect: elect. Rp. Tinct: Rhei ℥ij Sod: ℥ij Tinct: Sennae ℥ij. Aq. Cassiae ℥iij ℔ß. Sem: stat: Quaerat.

" 21 Breast still painful but less so than it was, it is still hard & indurated. Pulse 100. says she can't sleep at night she feels so hot & uncomfortable. Tongue rather white. Rept. Haust. Calin: & Tinct: Senn. Con. Foment:

" 22 Swelling & induration of right mamma appears the extending, though she says it is less painful. Tongue white. Applic: Remedies viz. pect: elect. Rp. Aq. Ammon: Acet ℥ij. Sol: Antimon ℥ß. Aq. Cassiae ℥iß. Magnes: Sulph. ℥ß. Aq. Fontan. ℥ij ℔ß. Sem: ℥j. ter quotidie. Con: foment: Cataplasm: papaver:

" 26 Pain & swelling still continues & the breast is very tender on pressure, at the upper part of swelling the integuments are soft & full as if matter were underneath. Bowels regular. Tongue pretty clean. Rep: foment: Cap: Papav: Rp. Aq. Rhei ℥ß. Tinct. Opii ℥ß. Aq. Fontan ℥viij ℔ß. ft Lotio applic. Calid: pect: elect. Con. Alia.

" 29 Notwithstanding the remedies used a collection of matter has formed immediately under the right nipple & has pointed a little above it. an opening was today made in it & about ℔ß an ounce of thick matter discharged. her health is otherwise quite good. Tongue clean. Pulse natural. She is today in bed. Applic: Cataplasm: mane & parte elect.

" 30 wound made yesterday looks perfectly healthy & discharges now only a little

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March 30 Sirium. General health good. Adhesive Emplast: adhesiv: vulnere.

April 3 Wound granulating, but there is still some circumscribed hardening round the right nipple. Has pot scabies on the hands & arms. Mind still full of delusions & frequently talks in a religious strain. Said that the other night after she had gone to bed she saw a pig sitting by her bedside reading the newspapers & smoking a cigar with a spit box on the floor & his throat all bleeding. Mist: magn: sulphur: salin: Mist: q. sufficiat: Gentian: &c.

℞. Potass: Hydriod: ℥ss. Tinct: Card: Comp: ℥ss. ℞. Confciae ℥ss. ℔. Aqua: ℥ss. bis quotidie.

" 7 Some serous discharge from wound in right Mammæ yesterday & today. Applic: Cataplasm: hordei. Cont: Alia.

" 11 Still some discharge from the breast. ℞. Liquor: sulph: zinci. ℞. Fontan: ℥ij. ℔. Fiat: lotio mane: dext: Applic: Cont: Alia.

" 14 Discharge continues from breast, the surface of the opening was today freely rubbed with nitrate of silver. Catamenia appeared on the 3d & disappeared on the 5th Cont: omnia.

" 15 Left discharge & sore appears to be contracting She is today however affected with diarrhœa Aqua: Tinct: Rhei ℥ss. Station: Cont: Alia.

" 29 Breast has now quite healed up and her general health much improved. She is less sallow than formerly. Employs herself sewing. Anxious for discharge.

May 5 Quiet, industrious & useful. Talks much more rationally than formerly. Health good.

" 12 Continues quiet, useful & very industrious. Health good. Cont: omnia.

" 13 Delusions on religious subjects still continues, still talks of the influence of the Spirit on her, & says she sees the Son of the Lord at night, & imagines that she has been abused & spit upon by individuals whom however she refuses to name. Health good. Industrious, has given up her medicine for the present, & prefers employing herself in the domestic affairs of the gallery. Cont: omnia.

" 23 Continues industrious & useful in the gallery General health good. Catamenia appeared on the 21st & disappeared today.

" 31 Health good. No change since last report Industrious & useful. Anxious to get home.

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Jane McLennan or Mrs Thorburn. Adl. from Vol. 1

1843.

March 18 Has much annoyed at being to close removed from C.D. gallery upstairs L. Mc. became so highly excited that it was necessary to put her in her room, abused the nurses & called on the Clinical Assistant if he had the fear of God before his eyes to let her back to her old gallery & her old nurses, went down on her knees to beseech him. Dem: pul: Portidge. M. Croton mean stat.

" 19 Medicine operated well & she is today quiet begs to be freed from her seclusion allowed to sit in back garden, seems more reconciled to remain in L. Mc. Has been freed from seclusion. Is very industrious. Catamenia appeared today.

" 21 Catamenia disappeared today. Is now quite quiet & industrious, when asked if she likes this gallery any better she said she never formed a hasty opinion of any place. Con. omnia.

" 31 Has been free from excitement since last report & works diligently either in the workroom or gallery. Very extravagant in her notions, talks of having parties at her own house & inviting the Clinical Assistant to come to them, & promises to introduce them to some nice young ladies. Con. omnia.

April 12 Continues industrious, but is very excitable, this consequence of her having on several occasions disturbed the others it has been necessary to prevent her from going to Chapel, her language is often very abusive & obscene.

" 23 Has since last report been working in the workroom & from the report of the Assistants she conducts herself much better & more quietly than formerly both there & also in Chapel. Catamenia appeared on the 14th & disappeared on the 17th

" 30 This Evening in Chapel she was very noisy and excited & disturbed the service so much that she was removed to the gallery & placed in seclusion: she has for some time back been dressing herself in the most outré manner & dancing about in the airing ground. Dem: pul: Abus. et Asp. Corfield. M. D. Croton; J. L. S.

from Vol. III. page 19. Admitted 5. December 1842.

May 1 Is today quiet. Thos to be allowed to get out of her room, although she was noisy during the night. Is to be fed from necessity but confined to the gallery.

" 4 This morning was found with her face all blacked with coal. She excused herself by saying she had been brushing her teeth & that she was in the habit of using charcoal when at home for that purpose. Instructions, & at present quiet.

" 6 Continues very unsettled, last night became violently excited & broke every pane of glass in the window of her room, swore at the nurses & clinical assistant & used the most abusive language. Tongue white. Pupils today rather contracted. She had a Castor oil and Asafoetida pill last night which operated well, & she has been in seclusion since last night. Con. sedentis.

" 8 Is today quiet & free from excitement & promises to conduct herself well for the future & allowed to leave her room, which has been granted although she is still unsettled & not to be depended on. She has since been employed in the domestic operations of the gallery. Pupils rather contracted.

" 11 As there is no improvement in this case since she was sent from the low gallery, & as she may now & then be liable to fits of violent excitement. Whilst probability of longer trial of stairs being of any use to her She has been again sent back to G. S. gallery & her case will be found continued in Vol. III page 117.

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Isabella Bruce Act. 26. from bol. III. p. 121

1843.

March 18 Has been today removed from C. D. gallery to the back gallery of L. No. 4 seems pleased with the arrangement. Is diligent & industrious at her needle. Conversation often very incoherent. Is tidy in dress & person. Health good.

" 27 Still very excitable, talks very incoherently & accuses several of her fellow patients of abusing her with the most obscene language, but when required she works diligently.

April 2 No mental change since last report. There is an eruption of pustules upon her neck, & on the hands between the fingers a number of small vesicles, presenting all the characters of Scabies. Health good. Rx. Unguent: Simplex ℥j. Sulphur Lot. ℥j. Potass: Supertart: ℥ß. Aq. Fontan ℥j. ℳ. Ung: ad part: tes quotidie. Lotat: bis. Sulphur: manibus.

" 12 Scabies has now almost completely left her. Still very excitable & irritable. Is frequently noisy at night, but continues industrious at her needle. Catamenia appeared on the 7th & disappeared on the 12th Omit Ung: Sulphur: et Elect: Con. Alia.

" 17 Has been all yesterday & today ~~[illegible]~~ very ~~[illegible]~~ noisy, was particularly so during last night & this morning paces up & down the gallery, raving & talking constantly & in the most incoherent way, is also destructive to her clothes, & threw her breakfast at the nurse. She has for the present been placed in her room.

" 18 Spent a very noisy night, but is this morning quiet, still however very excitable. Con. Curcia.

" 19 Has continued quiet since yesterday, & has been allowed today to leave her room on giving her promise to remain quiet. Omit: Sol: Chloryath: ℥ß. Ol. Ricini ℥j.

" 20 Is again today as noisy & excited as before, raved & made much noise all last night. Has been again put in seclusion.

" 23 Excited & noisy during the night, but partly quiet during the day. Con. Calcis Sulphuris Lac. Omit: Sol: Chloryath: ℥ß. Ol. Ricini Haustus.

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April 27 Has been free from seclusion since last report & has been employed in the work-room where she has been pretty quiet & free from excitement.

" 29 Some return of scabies on her hands and trunk. Ordered Sulph. Lotion. & Sulph: Ointment. & Hyps: daily h.s.

May 5 Has continued quiet & free from excitement since last report. Is industrious & useful in the galleries. Still some remains of scabies on the hands. Con. omitted.

" 7 Continues industrious and quiet. Catamenia appeared on the 3rd disappeared today.

" 16 Industrious & free from excitement, my desirous of being allowed to get home. Talks more rationally than formerly.

" 19 Is today rather unsettled & inclined to be passionate, & quarrelsome. Continues still noisy & active. General health good. Con. omitted.

" 22 Has been yesterday & today very highly excited & during all last night was exceedingly noisy & very destructive, has broken her bed & pieces is today in a state of great excitement. Pupils contracted. Ordered Sulph. Solid & Sol. Carbonis. To be placed in seclusion.

" 23 Medicines operated well but she is still as excited & noisy as before, dances about her room & is destructive of her clothes, abroad. Capilliticum. Con. seclusion.

" 24 No improvement since yesterday continues very noisy & destructive, & has painted all her face with dirt & paint taken from the walls. R. Liniment. Camphor 3/ss. Liniment. Hyos: 3i. Aq. Carbonat. 3ij. M. Ordered Sulph. Solid & Sol. Carbonis.

" 29 Continued excited, noisy & in seclusion till today when although still unsettled she is much quieter & has been allowed to leave her room & is now sewing in the retired gallery.

" 31 Continued pretty quiet all yesterday but during the night she was very noisy, still very destructive of her clothes, which she tears in pieces & lies about her head. Pupils rather contracted. Bowels open.

Sept. 7 Since last report continued excitable, filthy & destructive till two days ago when she became calmer & is now pretty quiet & though excitable makes herself useful in the galleries & pleasing the nurses. C. Omitted

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Jane Malone Act. from bol II. page 131.

1843.

March 27 Paroxysm has now fairly begun and is daily increasing she is very excitable & very easily irritated. very talkative & has numerous complaints which are directed principally against the nurse whom she calls an infernal liar yesterday at visit (Sunday) engaged singing Psalms. has begun to throw her things over the window & it has been necessary to have all her clothes &c. removed from her room she is today sitting idle & very talkative.

" 30 Paroxysm increases in severity, she is very irritable & excitable and insists that there are plots laid to murder her. asks to be allowed to have a glass of whiskey before going to bed to make her sleep. Yesterday was put to take some Castor Oil by allowing her to have some whiskey in it. Con. omnia.

April 2 Continues excited & temper very quick. complains against the nurse. Tongue covered with a thick brownish fur. Pupils contracted.

Cum: Jul: Cloroform ℥j. Hyoscyam: ℥j.

" 12 No improvement. continues excited & very destructive & frequently requires to be secluded. has written on the walls of her room, & when asked about it says it is the hand writing on the wall, to warn Belshazzar that his father did not believe there was a God. & when asked who wrote it she said she did. Had a Cloroform & Castor Oil & also a Cloroform and Hyoscyamus pill yesterday.

" 19 Rather quieter & less excited since last report & not so destructive, and keeps her room in better order. Tongue covered with a thick yellow fur. Pupils rather contracted. Talks often very incoherently. Bowels slow Ry. Tinct. Jalap. ℥i. Sodae Bicarb. ℥i. Tinct. Lavandae ℥ss. Aq. Camphorae ℥iss. M. sum: statim.

" 22 Continues quite well is still very excitable has been free from seclusions since the 12th & allowed to be in the retired gallery. Is much taken up nursing a cat & two kittens which she has in her room. Con. omnia.

Settled

Admitted 26 April 1819.

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April 30 Parroysan appears on the decline, though she is still far from being rational. Scribbles & writes on the wall, & when asked about it today & who did it, said it was Jean Malone when she past mad. Con. convin.

May 3 Parroysan continues on the decline, She has today been allowed to walk & go into the airing ground to walk.

" 10 Improves daily, though still not rational, is gradually getting her room in its usual state of order, but has been scribbling on the walls with chalk & burnt stick. Health good. Complains of pain in back.

" 16 Parroysan is now nearly at an end, though she is rather a little slightly. Health does not seem to have suffered in consequence. Bowels slow. Sum: pil: Colocynth & Hyos. alone.

" 31 Has been apparently quite rational since last report. & Parroysan may be said to have terminated at that time. Has now got her room in order again & is industriously employed at her needle.

June 9 Was today removed to the new Institution at Gartnavel. Con. mania.

" 30 Has continued rational & free from excitement during the past month. General health though feeble is pretty good. Is industrious & cheerful.

July 28 No change since last report till yesterday when she evidently appeared unsettled & preferred a good many little complaints to the Clinical Assistant which she usually is not in the habit of making. To day still more unsettled Was seen sinking up & stooping whatever she can lay her hands upon, complained to the Clinical Assistant that her pills had lost their effect & that she would thank him tomorrow Evening to send her a little Castor Oil, at the same whispering that she could not take it without a small quantity of whiskey. She put a slip of paper in his hand on which was written the following.

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Mr Bore

Sir is it requisite that Margt Rollie should keep miss Wallis & Agnes Low away to her & Hours wee plenty here Jane Malone

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August 1 Has been so noisy and troublesome during the last two days that it was necessary to place her in seclusion in the refractory gallery. where she has since remained. for which she appears bitterly. on the Clinical Assistant. Complains of Constipation. Tongue foul. Urine. Jul: Colocynth Comp: 3ivss. hs. Let her diet be omitted. Con. Alvi.

7 Continues still in seclusion & is very unsettled. and her paroxysms increases steadily. she is not destructive however. Con. omnia.

28 Has for the last 10 days been improving. Appears to be gradually getting more rational. comes out of her room and sits in the gallery during the day. is still however a little unsettled & flighty. Tongue clean. Health good.

Sept. 9 Paroxysm may now be said to have entirely subsided. she still however remains in the refractory gallery at her own request.

" 30 Health pretty good. Has been going on well since last report. C. omnia

Discharged Oct. 7 Has been removed from the refractory gallery to the south east convalescent and is now cheerful industrious and quite free from all symptoms of a paroxysmal nature. Employs herself regularly in sewing and makes herself generally useful. Bodily health tolerably good. Requires occasional doses of castor oil. Cont. omnia

14 Health good. mind cheerful. since last report has been patient and quiet. Bodily functions natural. Cont. omnia

21. Complains occasionally of being disturbed by Mrs Howarden at night. This patient sleeps in the next bed to her and is occasionally inclined to be very abusive and free in her language.
Has been daily employed in needlework since her removal from the refractory ward. Health good. cont. omnia

31. During the last two days has been more than usually cheerful. says the evening medicine as her bowels are so slow. Complains of her hernia and wishes to be allowed to remain longer in bed

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Asks frequently for castor oil, saying her bowels have not acted for the last eight days — The the nurse reports to act the fact — All complains of this Woman's insolent behaviour to her and request she may be removed from the ward she being quite a nuisance there. Some symptoms of a paroxysm are appearing. She is also very industrious and does much work daily. To be closely watched Cont. omnia.

Nov. 3. Continues busily employed at needlework but refuses to leave her bed. Complains occasionally of the behaviour of the nurse and makes remarks upon her patients calculated to annoy and irritate them. Her ordinary paroxysm is now evidently setting in — General health good. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural — Quiescat —

" 8. Is irritable and inclined to be violent. Abuses the Matron and the Institution generally complains of being neglected and that the medical men do not do their duty as they would have had more medicines sent them she has received of late — Throws her needlework about the room and refuses to get up and dress herself — Disturbed the patients sleeping in the same ward last night by her violent language and conduct. Said this morning that if the medical man thought her daft he had better remove her as she was ready to go. Pulse 90 moderately full, tongue foul — breath foetid — pupils dilated. Cessat Inj. & Mist. Camph. Stationr. Let her be removed to the Infirmary ward this afternoon. To be secluded.

" 9. Was removed yesterday to the Infirmary ward and placed in seclusion. Still continues excited and abusive. The Castor Oil has operated freely. Cont. Seclusio. et alia

" 14. The improvement, paroxysm continues as violent as ever. Manifested by repeated complaints of her general treatment, the bad diet she gets and the abusive conduct of the nurse who attends to her — Has torn and destroyed her clothes and bedding and strewed her room with the remnants — Bowels regular, appetite good, tongue clean. pupils dilated — Cont. Seclusio et alia

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March 28 On admission was reported by the nurse to have pretended to be dumb & made signs. She however afterwards told where she came from and cried a good deal. At dinner time she fell suddenly off her chair after having taken a plate of soup & appeared in a kind of fainting fit, & when visited she had been conveyed to bed where she lay apparently insensible. Pulse was 66. moderate. Pupils natural. Hands cold. an ounce of Tincture of Cardamoms was given her but she would not swallow. She had afterwards two Valerian draughts which relieved her. She has since been highly hysterical turning up her Eyes. She is however sensible & answers questions & shows her tongue which is quite clean. When asked if she had pains any where she answered, none, but said she wished to die.

29 Slept a very restless night, required constant watching to prevent her from throwing herself at full length on the ground. attempted many fur. minutes to get out of bed. Friends stated of her friends & of an individual of the name of Bennet & frequently said she wished to die. had frequent hysterical fits, was visited about 4 in the morning when she was highly hysterical. A draught composed of ammoniated tincture of Valerian, Tinct of Camphor & Tinct of Hyoscyamus was attempted to be administered but she would not swallow it. She continued very restless till about 9 a.m. when she got about 2 an hours sleep, and then relapsed into her former state was much troubled with globus hystericus. Pulse very variable Pupils natural. Tongue pretty clean. Catamenia fluxant. Bowels have not acted since admission. Abrad. Capillitium hem. fil. Alors et Aspa fortid. Cheas elatium.

30 Had rather a little night last night but was very restless & hysterical, & required constant watching, has had several fits the same as yesterday

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March 30 when seen about 1 pm. she was quiet but would not speak. Pulse 66. moderate strength Pupils dilated. would not show her tongue. Bowels were opened by pills. Respt. pil. alvus et aposfotid: deest. Mation.

" 31 A camphor & Hyoscyamus draught was ordered for her last night at bedtime but she could not be got to swallow it. Spent a restless night but slept a little. Medicine opened once. Tongue pretty clean. Pulse 100 moderate. Pupils dilated. Has taken some food & is today looks better, but seems often unable to swallow. To have 1 pint of Beef Tea & Rice.

April 1 Took part of a camphor & Hyoscyamus draught last night. Spent a better night and slept about two hours. Her hysterical fits have been less frequent and today she sits up and takes her food of her own accord. Pulse 72. Bowels have not acted today. Catamenia appeared on the 28th & disappeared today. Lumb: pil: alvus et aposfotid: deest. C. Alin.

" 2 Slept from about 11 o'clock last night till 4 this morning & appears better this morning. Bowels still not moved although she took two pills yesterday. Tongue white. Pulse natural. Was got out of bed & tried out in the airing ground where she remained about ½ an hour when one of her fits came on & she was obliged to be taken in again. A Colocynth & Lenna draught was ordered for her but she could not be got to take it. Lumb: h: s: pil: alvus et aposfotid: ep. ol: Croton unam.

" 3 Lay pretty quiet during last night but slept none. Took the Croton oil pills this morning about 6 o'clock but it has not yet affected her. Looks tired up. Takes her food better than she did. To have two ounces of Arrow Root & a glass of Sherry daily.

" 5 Continues to improve sleeps better at night & takes her food also better. To day quite taciturn. she is observed to sit sitting in the back parlour but will speak to no one. Bowels still sluggish having been only once opened by Croton Oil pill. Pulse 96. Pupils natural. will not shew her Tongue. Lumb: pil: alvus et aposfotid: deest quotidie. Con. Alin.

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April 7 Continued taciturn during yesterday but was out walking in the airing ground, has had no return of hysterical fits. So today rather talkative but quite incoherent. Bowels continue sluggish. Con. omnia.

8 Today when visited told the Clinical Assistant he had better take care of himself or she would knock him down. When spoken to she did not answer but looked stupid & confused. Sleeps well takes exercise in the airing ground. When walking in the gallery she manifests a strong propensity to turn herself round every few minutes. On the whole improves.

11 Has last night very restless part of the usual times & ran about her room in the same manner as formerly. So today however quiet & out walking in the airing ground. R. Tinct: Camph 3ss. Tinct: Hyosyam 3i Aq. Capiæ 3i. M. sumat h.s.

12 Slept badly was very restless all night this morning is in a highly hysterical state being afflicted with difficulty of breathing & of swallowing & globus hystericus & a discharge of viscid saliva from the mouth. is in great terror in consequence of her imagining there is a wolf coming to devour her. Pulse 88. Bowels still sluggish although she takes the Aloes & Asafoetida pills regularly. Sumat: stat: Pil: aloes et Asafoetid. M. Clyst: Coloc: omnia. Cold water was dashed on her face but without much effect.

13 Spent a very bad night & became much excited, attacked the nurse who attended, & scratched all her face. Talks quite incoherently & is in a very unsettled state, no return of hysterical fits. In the evening she had a Cathartic draught of Senna & Tincture of Jalap which operated well.

15 Continues incoherent & restless but is quieter & less violent than at last report although she often threatens to strike. Continues free from hysterical fits. Takes her food & medicine well. Con: om.

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April 17. Passed a quiet night & slept is today in good humour & when visited smiled but would not speak. Habt pil Aloes et Ass Rp. Potass Bicarb. ℈ij. Tinct. Gentian. Comp ℈ij. Aq. Fontan. ℥xv. M. bene. ℈ij. ter quotidie

" 19 No improvement since last report continues quite incoherent, makes remarks upon objects around her but they are quite irrelevant Countenance & skin rather sallow. Bowels still moved with difficulty. Habt Tinct. Jalap ℈ij. Tinct. Lemnae ℈ij. Aq. Capiae ℈ij.

" 21 No change since last report. rests pretty well at night but during the day is very unsettled, will not keep her clothes on. Bowels not moved. Habt Capiat el Appon. Vesicat. Capiti. Habt pil. Colocynth. c. ol. Ricini. Omni statim.

" 22 Blister rose well, but she required constant watching to prevent her from pulling it off. Could not be got by any means to take the pills, & an injection with about two ounces of Castor Oil was administered which after several hours produced two copious motions. She was pretty quiet during the night & is today less restless than yesterday, will not however shew her tongue or allow her Pulse to be felt. Looks sallow & unhealthy. Incoherent. To have an additional Glass of Sherry daily.

" 23 Was pretty quiet during the night & this morning, but in the afternoon became much excited, & tore off all her clothes. Cannot be got to take any medicine, will take neither pills nor the Sonic mixture. Bowels not moved. Takes her food well. Is not any thinner since admission but has a clingy unhealthy look. Injic: Enema c. ol. Terebinth. et ol. Ricini aa ℈ij.

" 27 Still obstinately refuses her medicine & her bowels are now only opened by Enemata this morning was opened, carried & tore off all her clothes, is given to strike those around her and attempts to bite. Injic: Enema c. ol. Ricini & ol. Terebinth. ℈ij aa

" 28 Is today pretty quiet & allows her clothes to remain on, sits in the retired gallery above the fireplace & her head between her knees. Would not speak when spoken to. Enema was successfully administered yesterday, has been consequently ordered to be repeated today. She has had no returns of hysterical fits since last report.

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March 27 materially; wished she might die that very moment as she could no longer endure the cruel treatment to which she was subjected here. said she would cry there until her heart burst & she died. she was relieved by a draught with some ammoniated tincture of Valerian. Today when visited she was in bed & immediately began to complain of her ill usage & of the immorality of this house. accused the Physician of the most base conduct, of tendering his character to her friends, of preventing them from seeing her, of giving false reports of her mental state called a villain & a base deceiver. would be glad if he could fall on any means of getting the nurses to poison her without its coming to light. complained also of the matron & the chaplain practised on her by the Sheriff who promised to see her righted & whom she has not since seen, repelled the death of Dr Balmanno who she said was a perfect gentleman & with whom she could have left her case without saying a word herself.

31 No change in her sentiments with regard to the institution & its management since last report. Complains of being subject to fainting fits & states that she had one during last night & does not know how long she was under it.

Ap. Supt. dismissed. Ap. Assist. Surgs. Esp. Sodas Tartar. Esp. Ag. Fontan. et Ag. Caspian. Esp. W. Sum. Esp. for quotidie.

April 1 Was yesterday apparently pretty cheerful & out walking in the airing ground a part of the morning, but is today in bed very much depressed, says that the medicine does not agree with her & vomites her when she takes it, has, from the report of the nurse, been picking her teeth till they bled when she spits into a basin with a little water in it, pretending that she is subject to spitting of blood. Complains much of the hardship of being obliged to live with people in whom she can put no confidence, by whom she is so ill treated, and

Patient

Admitted 14. May. 1842.

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April 1 who devise anything they can think of to make her uncomfortable. Catamenia appeared on the 27th & disappeared today. Ordered Medicament. Con. Alia.

" 3 Today requested to be allowed to write to the Sheriff. which being granted she sent down the following letter.

"Glasgow April 3. 1843

Sir

I take leave to state that I feel surprised & disapointed at the unjust manner you apear to be acting towards me after the promise you made when last here to give my case a fair investigation and also to allow me to see my friends. my situation is daily becoming more unbearable and from the very cruel treatment I am receiving my health is beginning to sink under it I have only to request that if you find it inconvenient to honour me with a visit. you will either give orders for my being released from confinement or removed to the Asylum at Morningside Edinburgh

I am

very respectfully yours

Bethia Leech."

" 16 Today & for the last few days has complained much of the intrusions of Mrs Matheson who it appears has several times run after & frightened her. on these occasions she becomes nervous lies down on her bed & cries. complains of the harsh treatment she is subjected to. suspects for death of the respectability of this house says she does not consider her life safe trembles & shakes & does all she can to excite the sympathies of those around her. & it is evident that a great deal of her nervousness & fits of hysteria are assumed.

" 28 Has since last report refused to see or speak to the Clinical Assistant. because he did not shut Mrs Matheson into her own room on the 16th at her request.

May 1 Has now removed her last fit of petulishness & lately went over her whole history as before reported & remarked how ill used she considered herself. Health good. Catamenia appeared on the 28th & disappeared today. Con. om:

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May 11 This morning a message was brought from her to the Clinical Assistant requesting to see him as she was very ill on going into her room he found her lying on the top of her bed, with her eyes shut but she had great difficulty in keeping them steadily closed. her pulse was quite natural and she was evidently simulating a fainting fit.

" 31 Catamenia appeared on the 27th and terminated today. Has been in her usual state since last report, every now and then stating her complaints against the sheriff & the physician, & complaining of weakness & attacks of nervousness & timidity. Yesterday requested the Clinical Assistant to take an especial & particular charge of her until some arrangement was made with regard to her & she for the present placed herself under his protection. Health good. Cor. omnia.

June 9 Was today removed to the New Asylum, and appeared satisfied with the change.

" 23 Has for some days back been very much dissatisfied with everything here & has been exerting Mrs Muir to make complaints & join as much hostile and annoyance as possible for an account of which see the reports of the 13th & 22d in Mrs Muir's case page 53. She has today been transferred to another gallery & is not to be permitted to come in contact with Mrs Muir. Complains of a swelling on her neck which appears to be glandular & is the size of a pigeon's Egg. General health good. Cor. omnia.

" 30 Swelling on right side of neck is situated on inner side of sterno cleido mastoid muscle about its upper third & is increasing in size, it is also becoming more painful & presents a slight degree of redness at one part of its surface, this notwithstanding the use of the Hydriodate of Potash & saline purgatives makes it necessary to lay the effort of leeching. She has taken the above named medicines steadily since last report. Takes a pint of Ale daily.

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July 6 Leeches have been applied to the swelling on the neck & she has continued steadily the use of the Hydriodate, but without any diminution in the size of the tumour on the contrary it appears larger, and she still complains much of pain and throbbing in the neck. She looks pale & sallow. Omit. Potass. Hydriod. R. Sodae Bicarb: ʒij. Liquor. Calcis comp: ℥ij. Aq. Fontan ℥iv. M. Sumat ʒij. ter quotidie. To have Beef Steak & Mutton chop daily for dinner. Cont. Alia.

18 Has since the 6th been taking Hydriodate of Potass beaten of a scruple in the day. Swelling on neck is slowly becoming less, its decrease is most perceptible at upper & back part of tumour. R. Potass: Hydriod: gr LXXX. Liquor: Calcis comp: ʒjss. Aq. Fontan: ʒviij. M. Sumat ʒij. ter quotidie. Cont. Alia.

28 Tumour on neck has been gradually increasing in size, till today when it appears to be larger anteriorly. Its surface is there red & painful, & she complains of difficulty of swallowing & sore throat, there is no redness of the tonsils. Tongue white. Pulse 100. sharpe. R. Carb: Lithiae ʒj. Theriac ʒxviii. M. Sumat: Cork: parv: ter in die. Cont. Alia.

29 It is now evident that suppuration will eventually take place in the swelling, it is red, hot & painful. Poultices have been ordered to it. Omit. Potass. Hydriod. Cont: Carb. Lith.

31 Today she resisted an examination of her neck by the clinical Assistant & said she was afraid he was going to lance it. & although assured of the contrary said she had been so deceived & told so many lies she did not know what to believe, was sorry she was obliged to be so rude, it was not her nature, but she had been accustomed to have gentlemen to deal with, declared that no one in this house should open the tumour, wished Dr M'Kenzie to be sent for, & that some of her relations might be near her at the time, said she would rather die & rather let it mortify than that anyone here should touch it, declared it all resulted from her being shut up in the refractory ward in the Old Asylum in a dark & damp

Poultices

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April 30 No change since last report. Still continues in bed looks pale & thin. Takes her food pretty well. Con. ans.

May 31 Has continued in bed since last report & there is not the slightest change during all this month in her state. Takes her food well. Con. answers.

June 12 Has for some days back been in a very critical state, has regained the constant use of stimulants, she is however sufficiently recovered as to be able today to be transferred to Portland. She bore the fatigue well & has not suffered in consequence.

30 Is now in her usual state, constantly confined to bed & occasionally requires stimulants. Looks very pale & thin. Still acknowledges the title of Lady Anne & asks nothing but her tea or coffee boiling from the fire.

July 30 Has continued constantly in bed since last report, but is apparently not any weaker since her removal from the old Asylum. Is today affected with Diarrhoea Con. station Pust. Pims. Vi. Pust. Rhei 3ovij.

31 Is today free from Diarrhoea and in her usual state, her hands and fingers are covered with pustules in some places entire in others the cuticle is detached resembling very much the pustulae form of Scabies. To have a pint of Porter daily Stop her wine think she has been getting since her removal here. Con. Alia.

August 28 Hands still continue affected with the pustular eruption described in the last report. For the last few days her right arm has been red & hot, in some parts presenting an appearance as if it had been bruised. Continues very noisy when alone, and at night raving about her tea & coffee &c. whenever her room is entered she is quiet and answers questions rationally. Continues quite blind. Vi. Sulph Zinc. 3ij. Pust. Opii 3ij Aq. Fontan. 3viii M. ft Collic apple Brach. callid. Con. Alia.

Sept 15 Eruption disappears. State of mind the same as at last report. Health feeble. Is still blind. Continue

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Septo 30 Late in bed. No change either in body or mind for the last 15 days. C. omnia

Octo 9 In all respects the same except that she looks ~~was~~ paler & loses flesh. Cont. omnia

" 20 Since last report continued much in the same state till last night when she appeared more than usually low[er]ded & at 1/2 past eleven she became heavy & then comatose. Her head was shaved & rubbed with camphorated Spirits. Her Spine also was smartly rubbed & she recovered. A dose of Castor oil was administered. This morning her bowels were not moved & about 8 o'Clock she had several epileptic fits & became insensible some more castor oil was given her, it being hazardous from her liability to prolapsus ani to give her an enema, after friction when her head & Spine had been had recourse to & she recovered. She appeared to be very weak & a glass of wine was given her with good effect. To have nourishing diet & one or two glasses of wine daily according to circumstances.

" 21 Her bowels have been freely moved & she is now pretty much in her usual state except that she is weaker. Cont. omnia

" 27 Since last report has completely recovered from the effects of her attack & is now as usual except weak.

Nov 10 Continues in bed. Mind & health as usual. Has not been so noisy since her last severe attack - Prolapsus ani has not occurred since the beginning of the year

" 28 Continues quiet, but her health is evidently worse. She loses flesh. Her appetite is indifferent. Her taste is consulted in every thing & she has wine & ale daily. I feel scarcely possible that she can long survive. Cont. omnia

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April 30 No change in mental & bodily state. Takes a good deal & often very noisy. Health good. Instructions at her needle.

May 26 Has been yesterday & today in bed from slight indisposition. She had two Colocynth & Hyoscyamus pills at bedtime yesterday & she is today better.

" 31 Has been up & well since last report. State of mind continues unchanged. She is industrious at her needle. Frequently noisy at night. Con. omnia.

June 10 Transferred today to new Asylum at Gartnavel.

" 30 No mental & bodily change during the past month. Still occasionally noisy and troublesome.

July 19 Has not changed her Clothes since she came to the new Asylum & obstinately refused to do it, until Nurse M'Laugh Lan went to her & threatened to report her unless she did it herself. She was at last prevailed on.

" 31 Raves & talks on her usual subjects her mother, Clothes, Furniture, John Scripe, &c. &c. still very noisy at night. Is frequently very ill-tempered, and abusive in her language. Con. omn.

August 31 No change since last report but upon the whole she has been pretty quiet during the past month.

Sept. 17 Still continues very noisy both at night and during the day and disturbs her fellow patients. She has in consequence been removed during the night to the gallery below & a room found for her there.

" 30 No change in any respect since last report. Employs herself in needle work. Health good. Con. omnia.

Oct. 31 Health good. Bodily functions natural. Is rational when spoken to but on the whole is more quiet and less excitable of late. Employs herself occasionally in sewing needlework but with rarely read. Con. omnia.

Nov. 7 Has been more than usually good humoured & tidy, mind weak and full of delusions. Complains of feeling cold. Health continues good. Appetite keen, bowels open. Rarely can be induced either to read, do needlework or to employ herself in any way. Con. omnia.

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Nov. 14. Having of late been more quiet at night she has again been removed from the gallery below to the ward she formerly slept in — to mental improvement, mind continues weak and unstable — Wile do no work. Health and bodily functions & catamenia cont: omnia.

" 21. Pulse 72 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, bowels regular — No change in mental state talks incoherently but in a good humoured style — Is not so noisy at night as she formerly used to be — Reads now and then but will do no needle work — cont: omnia.

" 30. Health keeps good — has of late been very talkative especially at night disturbing the patients who sleep in the same ward — She has in consequence been removed to a single room — Mental state unimproved — Serjt. John Steeple has been deceased and he is now no longer head of the establishment — Appetite good, bowels regular — Cont: omnia.

Dec. 7. General bodily health continues good. Mind weak and full of absurd fancies. Is very talkative and passes in an incoherent style — Sleepless at night. Refuses to employ herself and is occasionally disposed to quarrel and be troublesome when spoken to by the nurses — Appetite good, bowels regular — Cost: omnia.

" 14. Since last report has been on the whole more quiet and tractable but is very easily excited — occasionally disturbs the patients sleeping in the same ward by her loquacious manner at night — Bowels slow, appetite good — pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural — Skin of a yellow hue — Ammt pil. Alterantis. ij hora somni 3tia q.q. mane. Cost: omnia

" 21. Colour of skin improved, bowels have been pretty freely opened by the pills — Is very talkative and excitable but on the whole is good humoured and not so disposed to be quarrelsome as before — Will do no work, refuses to sew or read. Appetite good — pulse 72 good strength tongue moist pupils natural — cost: omnia

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Helen Mr Armstrong or Mrs Johnston. Aet 37.

April 19 When admitted she was perfectly quiet & composed, and quite reconciled to the idea of remaining here for the present, and said it would perhaps have been better for her had she been brought before this, that she was very nervous & apt to imagine things. When questioned a little more closely she but rarely several delusions, she accused her husband of being unfaithful to her of wanting proper affection for her, of living with other women, of trying to annoy & vex her. she said that her friends also did what they could to trouble her. that she had been accused of theft & that an attempt had been made to poison her. that all this had preyed upon her mind & was very different from the treatment she received from her former husband who was always very kind & affectionate. She said however she hoped soon to be well again & was almost appealed to tears. she asked if she could books here as she was fond of reading. Pupils somewhat dilated. Pulse 72. natural. Tongue clean. Ordinary diet.

" 20 Slept well & this morning is employed reading. General health appears very good. Bowels rather sluggish for some time back. Tongue quite clean. Lumb: pil: Colocynth: & Hyos: Aperient: Chalyb: M.D.

" 23 Rather depressed this morning, thinks her husband is treating her unkindly by neither sending, writing, or enquiring for her, & not sending her more clothes. Shed tears when she mentioned her grievances.

" 30 Continues rather depressed & is today in bed complaining of cold. Calamenia appeared on the 28th and disappeared today.

May 1 Still in bed & complains today of pain in left mammary region, it is however not aggravated by a full inspiration. Pulse 60. Tongue whitish. Bowels slow. Lumb: pil: Col: & Hyos: Aperient.

" 2 To today feverish. Hooks pale & ill. complains of having had several shivering fits. Pain in chest better, did not take the pills last night, & said she did not require them. Tongue white. Pulse natural. There is considerable

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May 2. redness over her nose, & with some degree of pain. Pills to be taken immediately Evacuant.

" 3 Redness on nose has somewhat subsided but it has extended over the right cheek which is also swelled & painful. Still feverish Pulse 114. Tongue white. skin hot. Bowels opened by medicine yesterday freely. She saw her husband this morning & is evidently much more cheerful in consequence. Cerated cotton to be applied to the cheek Ry. Sodae Bicarb. Zij. Aq. Fontan. ℥xvi. M. Sig. A wineglassful to be taken along with the same quantity of the following every hour Ry. Acid. Tart. Zi. Aq. Fontan. ℥xvi. M. Johan Rice & Milk for dinner today.

" 4 Erysipelas continues to extend to the right ear & has faded from the nose where the cuticle is desquamating. Complains of headach which however she says is not constant. Skin hot. Pulse 104. Tongue white. Bowels twice moved since yesterday Appetite impaired. Rice & milk for dinner Ry. Antimon. Tart. Sol. Zi. Aq. Acet. Ammon. Zij Aq. Fontan. ℥vi. M. Sum. ℥ss. Sol. Grapes hord.

" 5 Is today less feverish. Pulse 96. Tongue furred. Right ear is now affected with the redness & swelling & she complains of pain especially on pressure. Appetite bad took a little rice & good yesterday. Bowels slow. Sum: pil: Colocynth: c. Hyoscyam: duas h.s.

" 6 Erysipelas everywhere on the decline, but she complains of pain of the left Eyelids today. Bowels twice opened by pills. Pulse 96-100. Appetite rather improved. Johan 1 pint of Beef tea & Rice for dinner. Con. Alia.

" 8 Continued much the same during yesterday but Erysipelas appeared spreading on the scalp. a line of caustic was drawn all along the margin of the inflamed part to prevent its spreading further. the bowels were once scantily moved, the antimonial diaphoretic mixture was discontinued a powder containing 10 gr. of grain of Calomel & 4 grains of Jalap was ordered & to be taken three times a day. this morning the redness has considerably declined the eye ~~lids~~ open the right eye which as well as the left was closed. Pulse 80-84. Tongue white & dry. Appetite still but very indifferent Bowels not moved. Sum: pil: Colo: c. Hyoscyam: duas. h.s

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April 21 Is today in very good humour, came out of her room & walked into the parlour & shook hands with the clinical assistant, sat down & talked pretty freely & rationally on various subjects.

23 This morning a message was brought to the clinical assistant that she was not so well & wished to see him. On going into her room she said she did not wish to see him, there must have been some mistake with the message, it was true she was not very well had spent a restless night but she did not wish to consult him as a physician, she wished to see him Mr Richard & Miss B.B. in her room at once that she might give her orders & then have done with them for ever & they were to bring a sheet of paper & note down her commands, all this was said whilst she was in bed & in a composed & distinct tone of voice, when told that she could not see them at present but that her wishes would be mentioned to them, she with great dignity said it must be done immediately & in a tone of voice & manner evidently indicating that she thought herself some great personage for she had before at the commencement of the interview affirmed that she was not Miss Bagot. Towards the afternoon she was seen by Mr Richards, she was still in bed, she told him that she had wished him, Miss B.B. & Dr Orr all present that she might face to face convict the latter, "she had spent a very uncomfortable night & was in a state of excitation which she attributed to Dr Orr, that he had done it, & that she had made him confess that he had done so, in the morning" she however would not say what he had done, she then wished to get back her papers & did not think them safe with him, & that he himself was not safe here; she insisted that a letter had come for her this morning from government, & then told not she said she would have no shuffling, if it was not a letter it was a paper, a document or by what ever other name he chose to call it, Mr R. again assured her that nothing of the kind had come for

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April 23 her, she told him it was an untruth, a lie. He then left her & said he would see her again. He had scarcely gone when she asked for some bread which was given her, she got out of bed, threw first the bread and then the plate out of the window. When Mr Prichard went to her room he found her in bed with her bible in her hand pretending to be deeply engaged studying it, he asked for an explanation of her conduct but she could not speak, he ordered the nurse to shut the window, she said "he don't shut the window" he then left her. In the Evening she got up dressed herself went out to the airing ground & walked.

A few days ago Mr Prichard having sent her up some writing paper at her own request, she returned it soon after wrapped up in paper on which was written "For Mr Prichard with Lady Sheaffe's compliments & kind good wishes

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" 24. Requested this morning that Mr Prichard would return her the paper he had formerly procured for her said she required private apartments in the house and several other things which she would mention at some future time — Appeared pleased when the paper &c was given to her and exhibited a good deal of feeling, as if she recollected her conduct of yesterday. Said she had passed but a middling night but had slept a little — Bodily health good, countenance improved — looks more cheerful, inclined to converse — This evening requested to see Mr Prichard who immediately went up. She gave him a parcel desiring him to make a good and faithful use of its contents — On the outside envelope was written "With liberty to judge". It contained a letter and a small packet. On the outside of the former "Monday night." "Bonne soir pour mal y penser" &c. and was addressed to "Rt Hon. Richard Augustus with Lady Sheaffe's Respects" "Sir Monday the 24th day of Spring."

May take care and make use of the enclosed in order to the benefit of all as prescribed by our most Gracious Majesty's regard"

The small packet was addressed to "Miss Ellen Robert, Sophia, Frances, & Henrietta" — It contained a garter and no written directions.

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Miss Caroline Bagot. at 29 from page 82.

1843. April 25. passed a very good night, and she slept calmly and comfortably. Looks cheerful and good humoured. At visit this morning became very communicative; detailing many circumstances connected with her family and herself. Declared all she had written was true, that she wished to speak out freely and openly and it had always been her desire to act correctly. Supposes her sisters are all confined here and her brother also who went to Australia. Described how she had exerted herself for his welfare, supplying him with money to enable him to pursue his studies at the University and what an ungrateful return he made for her kindness. She had never written since he left Scotland. He went out under the charge of a respectable clergyman a friend of the family and it was intended he should have been ordained by the Bishop of Australia on his landing there. But he was a bad boy and a drunkard. The many days of anguish he had caused for her no one but herself could tell. He was now here, she had seen and heard him and would recommend that he be well looked after, that his hands be tied. Begged Mr Pinkard would be kind to her sisters, she was certain they were all here. He was to tell them how useless and foolish any persevarance in their present course of conduct would prove. She did not mean to impute wrong motives to any of them but considered they were all deluded. Her just rights she would have, in spite of all their manœuvres. She was now under the special protection of Her Majesty and nothing could be done to injure her. Became very animated at times during the conversation which was a long one of nearly two hours duration. Occasionally shed tears when she referred to her parents or her uncle Sir Roger Sheffer. From what could be gathered from her remarks it appears the investigators her relatives have conspired together to deprive her of the title of Lady Sheffe which she supposes she is entitled to, that they have imprisoned her here in order that she should not thwart their plans: she wishes to go out to act for herself and says she feels quite competent to manage her own affairs.

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April 28 It appears that on the 24th she threw her watch over the window saying it was not hers. but the real truth appears to be that she was not satisfied with the way in which it had been repaired. she today said she had a gold one at home; that it was an ill wind that blows nobody good & somebody would get it, it was but a trumpery at the best whoever got it.

May 2 This morning at 8 o'clock having heard a carriage stop at the Physician's house in which he was going out to the new Institution, she became excited & broke 10 panes of glass with her fists. breaking two at a time. On being visited she at first refused to give any account of herself saying she was not called upon to do so & that no one had a right to call in question her actions, she however afterwards said it was because the people who went into the carriage were doing wrong and she wished to set them right, & that by breaking the window she had done so. she then requested to be allowed to return to her own room to which she said she was very much attached, this however was at first refused her on the score of her having broken the window & that besides it would be necessary to have it mended she however still intreated that allowed to go in & dress there. this was agreed to provided she would again not repeat what she had done in the morning; after a good deal of questioning & denying the right the Clinical Assistant had to call in question her actions, she at last but reluctantly gave her promise & was then allowed to go into her room. she objected to having the window mended saying if that were done, it would do away with all the good she had effected in the morning; she said she had done a great work. In an interview she had with Mr Pritchard in the forenoon she told him that she had seen him and "another person" & that he was doing wrong & she was determined to give a cannon & warn him (she had seen him & the Physician getting into the carriage) while talking to Mr P. the Physician happened to come into the gallery & after considering a little she said. Yes I will tell

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May 2 him. immediately after which she went out of the parlour & called out to the Physician who was at the other end of the gallery. "Doctor Hutcheson you are a fool & I tell it you to your face". She then laughed & seemed to enjoy it exceedingly. She is exceedingly dictatorial in her language & evidently supposes herself empowered with great authority & will not submit for a moment to be called Mrs Bagot. This morning when refused access to her room she said she would have the Clinical Assistant put into ward & it would be worse for him this time than it was before, the last time it was only for two days but now it would for a week at least. She is very unsettled & another paroxysm is dreaded, looks rather sallow. Lingua: fol: Colocynth: 0/, Ol. Castor: alvus statim.

3 Medicines operated freely, she is today perfectly quiet & employed writing in her own room, and says she is not going out to walk today, as she intends being very busy with her pen.

10 No excitement since last report. She was today informed that the Rev. Daniel Bagot had been appointed Vicar of Newry & Mourne. She said that was not as she would have arranged it, Newry was in the County Down, he had certainly come down he had £600 a year in Edinburgh without any trouble in collecting it & at Newry he could not receive more than £200. but she knew he always wished to get there as he had property near & many friends She then said he was not in Ireland at present she had heard him last night in Chapel. he was here, she heard his sermon (& here she imitated it) & knew quite well he was here. & that he never would preach in Ireland. She then reflected on him for the way in which he had behaved. some time ago she was informed of the death of Sir Frobisher which she received without manifesting any emotion, said she knew that, her

Admitted 12. December 1842.

1843

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ed with the devil & that his treatment
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an opportunity of retrieving his character
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ed on the 7th & was unaccompanied with
any excitement. Conversation.
" 21 Today she had a long conversation with
Mr Prichard & the Clinical Assistant during
which she gave a long history of her life, &
that of her brothers of her residence in Ireland
in the Asylum at Laughtonhall of the
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also upon the subject of Mesmerism, but
frequently contradicted herself, at one time saying
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another saying that she could mesmerize.
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to succeed in mesmerizing her she said
no they had never been able to suck soul
out of her mind." said she knew quite
well what was going on in every part
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for him to kick against the pricks, asked
him if he recollected that passage in the
scriptures, said she would give him an
example compared him to Saul & told
him he need not kick against the pricks,
asked him if he knew what the pricks
were & what would be the consequence of
kicking against them &c &c. This interview
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Mary Crawford or Mrs Simmons Aet: 55.

1843.

April 26 was brought this evening about a quarter before 12 from Falkirk by two of the female attendants. Came perfectly quietly but said it was [illegible] use bringing her here as she was an idiot & her husband one also, & all her family were idiots & it would be of no avail to bring them among mad people.

27 Spent a pretty quiet night but this morning she is very dispirited & has has cried a good deal, when asked what was the matter with her the only answer that could be got from her was that she & her family were idiots. Pulse 104. Tongue pretty clean. Pupils rather dilated. Skin cool.

28 Still very dispirited, is today sitting on a low stool in her bedroom & when visited requested to have a phial of laudanum that she might destroy herself, & said she did not think it would be a sin in her to do so, as she was not fit to live, repeated her assertion of yesterday that she & her family were idiots & asked if any of them had been taken & another would yet. Bowels rather slow. Habt: Copiat: et Aquae: Vesicat: Capiti. Enem: h.s. pil: Colocynth: c/ Hyoscyam: duas. Cor. Alvus.

29 Blister rose well, & pills operated. She is today in bed, but says she cannot be seen by any one today she is a monster.

May 1 Still insists that she is not a proper person to associate with human beings & urgently requests that some thing may be given her to take away her life. was out walking in the airing ground this morning with the nurse but cried nearly all the time and when she came in wished much to get into her own room.

3 Delusions still continue the same, saw the physician yesterday who told her he had a letter from her friends, & she today asked if he had in the letter whether her daughter was dead, as she had told her it would be a mercy if she was taken away. Has been

Admitted 26th April 1843.

1843

May 3 both yesterday & today knitting a good deal but the moment any person comes into the room she stops puts her handkerchief to her Eyes & cries. Bowels regular

12 Still much inclined to lie in bed. & when she is up never leaves her own room, but sits in solitude, knits a good deal delusions continue. wishes to write home and paper being sent when she wrote a letter beginning it "My dear relations & friends I have none" she then asks them to send her several articles of clothing, after which she says "I would willingly have met death with the rest of you rather than be sent here to meet death in the most awful way that can be thought of, on looking at the news the other day I saw something about the opening of the sixth seal and on turning to the sixth chapter of Revelation 12th verse saw what it was, you may likewise see in the 9th chapter 5th & 6th verses the awful judgements that will befall us I may well say oh that I had never seen the sun and for you and the children that we have brought into this world of sin & sorrow may the Lord have mercy on your souls & may your sufferings be short if it had been so ordered in providence that we had all been like the world how happy we would have been but there is something that I cannot understand and as Mrs Muirhead has got the charge she may turn over the articles in the trunk in poor Sarah's room &c." she enumerates them after which she begs as a favour to be allowed to come home & die among them at their feet for if left here she must be destroyed by wild beasts in some awful way.

19 delusions continues, when left by herself she works diligently at her knitting but when intruded upon when so engaged, she immediately stops & begins to cry. She still with difficulty got to rise in the morning.

26 To today up & busily engaged knitting delusions however still strong, says she is quite mystified, & cannot understand why it is she is different from others, & imagines she is in some unintelligible manner connected with the brute creation

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Jane Moir Act 40. from page 17.

1843.

April 28 Habits & disposition remain the same as at last report. sometimes gets up in the night & knocks at the door of her room wishing to get out, & when asked the reason today she said she was annoyed by the devil who wants to get home & says she sees no reason for her remaining here any longer.

May 2 Is today in bed, taciturn & discontented complains of headache. & of being obstructed here. Pulse 72 natural. Tongue white. Pupils contracted. Bowels open. Abrad. Capillitium et Adnex: vesicat. Capite.

" 3 Is today up & better. Blister rose well, says her headache is better. Bowels open. Has been out in the airing ground. still fancies the devil annoys her at night.

" 6 Complains of her head says there are sores all over it which are extending to her neck. There are in consequence of the blister but are very trifling. last night she supposed that her bed was on fire. Tongue still very white.

" 8 Still urgent in her requests to get home & today threatens to break the windows if the door get away. still exasperates the state of her head & neck, the former being nearly well the latter has always been so. Catamenia appeared on the 2d & disappeared on the 5th. Con. nn.

" 10 Has been in bed both yesterday & today. When an attempt was made yesterday to get her up she rushed out of her room and broke a pane of glass in one of the gallery windows. She is today sullen & morose & rather excitable. said she had got fairly into the hands of the devil & beat her head with her fists, refuses to get up. Tongue white. Breath foul. Pupils rather contracted. Bowels sluggish. Habit: fat: Colocynth: & Hyd: Calom: daily.

" 12 Continued yesterday in bed under same prescription, but she is still very unsettled & excitable. this morning is not walking, but before she went out she broke two more panes of glass.

Repeat: fat: Colocynth: & Hyd: Calom: daily &c

Admitted 7. February 1843.

1843.

May 13 Still very unsettled & exceedingly desirous of getting home; last night stated to the Clinical Assistant that she was very unwell when brought here first, that she used to imagine many things, she thought this house was Mount Lions & fancied she saw Jesus Christ in several persons going about, but that if her friends could only have put up with her at home a little longer she would soon have got well, but now through the influence of the devil she was completely destroyed both soul and body here.

15 Continued in bed since the 13th till this morning when she got up & was out in the airing ground, but is still very unsettled.

18 Is today again in bed says there is no work for her to do. & gives that as a reason for lying in bed. Remains for dismissal, said that when she came here first she was wrong in her mind but that she was not so now. & it would do her no good keeping her, she was convinced she was detained here for some nefarious purpose. & that the people here were all what they pretended to be, that the Clinical Assistant she was sure was her cousin George Moir. & that two of her fellow patients whom she named were his sisters, & that the nurse was a woman called Flora McDonald. She was persuaded to get up, being promised some work if she would go out to the work room.

29 No mental improvement, continues sullen and taciturn. & will sometimes lie in bed a whole day if permitted, at other times she works pretty well.

31 Continues sullen & talky, sometimes works at other times lies in bed. Delusions still very strong. General health improved. No improvement having of late manifested itself in this case, it has been determined to try a change to another pauing & she was accordingly transferred today to G. D.

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Agnes Jaffie Ret: from page 10

1843

April 28 Is this morning very restless and unsettled & is continually pestering the Clinical Assistant & nurses to get out, this morning she took hold of the nurses keys & tore them from her. the order that she might let herself out, she is so troublesome & annoying to the others that it has been found expedient to place her in her room today. Lunar: pil: Colocynth: c. Hb. Castor ji. et pil: Colocynth: Comp: ji: statim.

" 29 Is today in bed complaining of headache, quiet & rather taciturn. Medicine operated well. Tongue rather white.

May 10 Has been pretty quiet since last report & keeps tranquil, though still very discontented. Has been walking regularly with grounds the last three days. Health good. Con. om:

" 15 Continues to walk regularly in the airing ground. This morning was a good deal excited & abused the Clinical Assistant & nurse, for the harsh treatment she had received & for hurrying her about in the manner they had done. Con. omnia

" 29 In Excitement since last report, indeed she has on the whole conducted herself very well. pays more attention to her dress, & is always very neat. Still exceedingly anxious to get out & wishes to see the Physician about it.

June 9 Was today removed to Gartmore.

" 30 Has since her removal been quiet and taciturn, & has made no complaint, but inclined to lie as much as possible in bed. General health pretty good. Con. omnia

July 31 Continued pretty quiet till about the latter end of this month when she became exceedingly irritable, lay in bed during the day when she could get an opportunity, found fault with her bed, her food &c. was often exceedingly abusive in her language, constantly asking when she was to get away, if she was to be detained here for life, she was threatened that unless she conducted herself better she would be placed among the low gallery patients her only reply was "do it, do it." and as

Sept

Admitted 19. October 1842.

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July 31 accordingly it has been done, she was transferred 3 days ago.

August 1 Today when visited by Clinical Assistant she asked him if he intended to allow her any breakfast, the nurse reminded her that she had refused her porridge & milk. she then complained that the food she got was not fit for her & that she could not take it to please either her Mother or the Clinical Assistant, she was then told she must go without it in that case, & that having brought herself among that Class of patients she must be satisfied with their fare. The nurse reports that during last night she was noisy & frequently out of bed going through the ward to the beds of several of the other patients whom she abused & swore at, although she is very religiously inclined. If such conduct is repeated she will be placed in seclusion in the refractory gallery. Can amend.

31 After remaining for several days in one of the large wards, where she was very troublesome, she was transferred to the tower where she has since continued & has conducted herself better. General health good.

Sept. 12 Continued fretty quiet & manageable till today when she is exceedingly troublesome, declares she will remain here no longer & follows every one to the door who goes into the room where she is. She occasions so much annoyance to her fellow patients & others that it was today thought proper to transfer her to the refractory gallery where she is placed in seclusion.

20 To-day quiet, indeed rather dispirited, desirous to return to the Tower and promises to conduct herself better for the future. To be sent from seclusion.

30. Since last report she has been quiet and well behaved. Works at her needle daily and is generally industrious and orderly. Is very anxious to return to the Tower but it has been considered best to detain her in the secluded ward, at the same time permitting her to take her meals out during the day and take exercise in the gallery. General health good. Cat. amend.

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Marion Wood Ct. from page 18

1843

April 28 Is better today though still in bed, is very anxious to go & see her Aunt & satisfy herself that she is still alive, of which she is very doubtful. To have a glass of sherry daily after dinner.

May 10 Has been in bed with the exception of one day since last report, and will take neither her ale nor wine which have in consequence been stopped. Anxious to get out, vigorously maintains her sanity & the injustice of keeping her here to be murdered. Bowels sluggish. Pil: Colocynth et Hyos: ij.

" 16 Has been up once or twice since last report, but keeps her bed the greater part of the day, is very capricious with regard to what she takes, sometimes calls for wine at stated times refuses it, looks thin & health feeble. A glass of sherry daily.

" 20 General health far from being at present satisfactory, had this morning slight hoemoptysis, & expectoration is thick, yellow, & mucus purulent looking skin hot. Bowels at present open but require the constant use of laxatives. Continues in bed. Con. omitter.

" 25 Has been up since last report till today when she is again in bed & not so well.

June 1 Rather noisy & excited all day, keeps her bed, & talks in her usual absurd style. Con. mitte.

" 12 Was today transferred to Bethnal much against her will, although she came quietly enough.

" 30 Has continued with the exception of the first few nights pretty quiet & free from excitement, although every now & then she complains in her usual manner.

July 1 Is today in bed complaining of her stomach, has had vomiting, & pain in Epigastric region. Tongue white. Sumat statim Tinct. Rhei ℥ij.

" 31 No excitement since last report. Takes exercise in the grounds along with the other patients. Has been again troubled with dyspepsia the last few days. Looks pale & thin. Is at present contented & pretty rational. Con. omit

Admitted 4. June. 1838.

1843.

August 31 Has continued quiet and apparently rational since last report. Considerable improvement has taken place in her general character, she is now always well dressed & takes care of her clothes.

Sept. 19 Complains today of her Stomach & bowels a bilious attack. Is in bed & complains of severe headach. Tongue white. Sum. pil. Rhei Comp. clysmas h.s.

" 20 Is today up & at her work & better. To have a pint of Beef Tea daily instead of broth.

" 25. Cheerful and more contented of late and has not argued the symptoms of a paroxysm during the last two months at least. Can be managed much more easily now than when in the old Asylum. Health good. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Cont. omnia.

" 30. General health pretty good. Has required an occasional dose of aperient medicine. works steadily during the day and is progressing steadily. Mind calm and rational. Wishes to be tried out and requests the medical attendant to communicate with her friends upon this subject. Appetite good. Sleeps pretty well. Cont. omnia

Oct. 5. To bed today. looking very paroxysmal. Complains of the neglect of her friends says this is the place for her, that her health is suffering in consequence of her long confinement, that when any of her acquaintances call they are prevented from seeing her by some or other of the medical officers. Inclined to rave in her old style. pulse 74 small and weak urine scanty and passed with some difficulty. Slight cough. headache and pain at chest. Expectorates difficulty. Skin hot and dry. Bowels slow. Sumat pil. Alterantis ij stationis. et Haust. ex Liq. A. Acet Zvj. Vini Ipecac gtt xxv. Tinct Hyosciam. mxx. Spt eth. Nit Zfs. Mist Camph Zvj ter die et quarta q.q. hora. Light diet.

" 6. Symptoms relieved. passed a tolerable night. Skin cool. no thirst. pulse 74 weak. bowels operated twice, secretion of urine increased. Wants about her long detention and it is evident enough her paroxysm has commenced. Let her remain in bed. Sinicat

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Lillias Hall. Cot 19. from page 36.

1843

April 29 Passed a pretty quiet night. but this morning after breakfast became very unsettled & destructive. tore off all her clothes. Bowels opened by Enema.

May 1 Has pretty quiet all yesterday & slept well. this morning however she is again unsettled & disposed to pull off her clothes. is also very obstructive. Still cannot be got to take her medicine & refuses her food when it is brought to her but takes it when it is left for her. Nat. Enema q 6 Rheini 3ij.

" 4 This morning had a sort of fainting fit. fell back & according to report of the nurse held her breath until her face became quite blue. Bowels confined. still cannot be got to take medicine. Continues quite incoherent when she does speak which is seldom. Repet. Enema q 6. Rheini et 6. Turbinth ℞. 3ij.

" 6 No change in mental state. Bowels not moved since she had the last Enema. Nat. Enema q. 6. Rheini 3ij.

" 10 No mental improvement whatever Bowels continue sluggish & require the constant use of Enemata as she still cannot be got to take medicine. Taciturn & abstracted. Today is very excitable. attacked the nurse and attempted to tear her clothes & bite her. General health improved.

" 15 Has remained taciturn & abstracted since last report & she maintains the same position of the limbs & body for a long time. muscles of extremities exceedingly rigid. Still cannot be got to take medicine. will sometimes stand a sit for hours above the fire-place in the retired gallery.

" 27 Has today affected with a paroxysm during which after turning her body round several times she fell on the floor. & twisted herself about, & tried to knock her head against the ground. she was also very violent. by pouring cold water on the scalp (which was very hot) for some time. she became quiet & manageable. Still remains taciturn. Takes her food well, & bodily health is much improved. Hyos bene & Arrow Root ad libad: Capill: Repet. Enema q. 6. Rheini 3ij

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July

August

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June 12 Has today removed to the new Asylum at Cartnavel. Mind weak & imbecile. Continues free from excitement.

30 Its improvement since her removal from the old Institution continues taciturn and imbecile. Bowels sluggish requiring the frequent exhibition of Enemata, although now she can sometimes be got to take medicine.

July 18 Mind quite weak & imbecile. Continues perfectly taciturn. Bowels slow and are habitually so, requiring the frequent use of medicine. Ry. Magnes. Sulph. ℥ij Ag. Pontan: ℥vi. ℈ij. Sem: ℥ij. a blister generally been observe alone sole.

31 Has been several times visited by her brother, but maintained the same taciturn state during the time he saw her, yesterday however the nurse reported that she had been speaking about him & her family

August 22 Has visited about a month ago by her brother accompanied by her sister the latter she knew & recognised & cried while seeing her & afterwards spoke of her, During the last fortnight a very marked improvement has taken place, her habits from being filthy are now quite the reverse, & from being in a state resembling fatuity, she is now able to converse with those around her very sensibly &, according to the report of the lady superintendent, she has been employed in needle work which she does very neatly. Her Bowels now act properly. Her bodily health improves. The following is a copy of a letter which she has written to her Sister. Catamenia have not appeared since her removal here.

My dear Sister

Since I saw you here I am getting a great deal better and I hope I will be able to come and see you in the summer my dear sister I hope you will write to me a long letter soon and let me know when you heard from my father in Sterling and if they are all keeping well excuse this short letter & write me an answer how you are keeping and how Mary Wright is which I hope she will have some time to

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August 22. speak when I come, now be care and write me soon I remain your affectionate sister

(Signed) Lilly Watt.

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" 28 Has continued steadily to improve since last report. Does needle work regularly. Today however she is not so well. Looks pale ill, & has had some return of the viscid expectoration which she had before. Bowels sluggish. Sum: pil: aloes et ferri mane bis gustidie. Om. alia. Ry. Tinct. Gentian Comp. ℥ij. Liquor. ℥xv. Aq. Sum: ℥ij. ter gustidie.

Sept. 10 Continues to improve. Gains flesh. Is cheerful & loves. C. omnia

" 30 Still looks pale but has gained flesh & is evidently improved both in body & mind. C. omnia

Oct. 2 Bowels are much more regular than they have been & therefore required only occasionally a mild aperient. Mind improves Cont. omnia

" 7 Has been improving since last report. Bowels quite regular. Appetite excellent Habits improved. C. omnia

" 13 Still improving. Nurses with the convalescents. Engages in needle work. Makes very shrewd remarks. Is cheerful & in the whole her mind is much better. C. omnia

" 17 Attends divine service. Is very quiet & industrious. Converses rationally. Knows the state she has been in. Is very thankful for the care taken of her & does not wish to leave

" 21 Still improving in all respects. Health now good & mind rational. Friends wish to remove her, to which she is averse.

" 24 Very grateful for all the attention shewn her. Intends her friends to leave her longer.

" 29 Has continued quite well & this day was against her inclination, but in obedience

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to her friends wishes dismissed

Cured

1844 Jan 10. This patient continues well & speaks gratefully of every one who had charge of her while here —

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May 6 Has been in bed during yesterday & today, but apparently in her usual state of health. Catamenia appeared on the 3d & disappeared on the 8th.

" 31 Health improved since last report. Looks stouter. Has for some time past given up the use of her medicine. No mental improvement. Con. Omnia.

June 9 Was today removed to new Asylum at Carlmacol.

" 30 Was a few days ago visited by her brother from Ireland whom she knew. Health good. Mind stationary. Bowels slow. Sum: pil: Colocynth: & Hyos: j.

Noted July 7 Is today in bed. Pulse small. Seems rather low and inclined to sleep. To have a glass of Port wine. Con. Alia.

" 14 Has been in bed the last two days complains of weakness. Catamenia flowed. To have a glass of Port wine daily.

" 22 Since yesterday has been afflicted with difficulty in passing urine. Pulse small. Bowels constipated.
R. Liniment: Hyos: 3i. Liniment: ~~Camphor Comp~~ 3ss. Spt: Ether: Nitros: 3iss. Aq. Fontan: 3viss. M.
Sum: Coch: Med: tertia Enema Sona.
Sum: pil: Alterative: duas alternas Enemas mane hora somni. Con. Alia.

" 31 Has been in her usual state since last report. keeps on her clothes much better than formerly. Sits with the other ladies but cannot be employed. Health good. Con: Omn:

August 31 No change since last report. Is much more tidy & neat in her dress than formerly. No mental improvement. Con. Omnia.

Noted Sept 30 During the last month ~~she has~~ her bodily health has improved She is cheerful & much more tidy. Mind very weak & confused. C. omnia

Oct 31 Has been variable since last report. Health rather improves but much as weak as ever. Night or two ago the Lady Superintendent had her in her room at tea & played her a little Irish air. She was much affected & wept. The Lady Superintendent reports that she is very susceptible of music. To be tried as a means of improvement.

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Nov 30 Health improves. Mind weak & confused. Music temporarily beneficial in rousing her. Cont. remain This case is carried on in the case book

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May 2 happy and Agnes got a nice drink and fell asleep when all at once the thought rushed into my mind yes William for the first time in my life I really felt gratitude to God I never can forget that night. Oh taste & see that God is good. who trusts in him is blessed. I have been despised and forsaken by that man who swore to love & cherish. but never for one moment have I been forgotten by the Almighty would that I could say that I had behaved myself since coming here as I now feel I ought to have done, as I have in many things behaved very ill but I believe my wickedness is more on my heart than seen in my conduct yes there was a need be that this proud heart of mine be humbled. and that even in the eyes of my unfortunate companions I should seem small & despised but I will not reproach you for the way in which you have acted towards me. you are instrument in the hand of the good physician to cure me in some measure of pride you cannot imagine the grief I have experienced of my dear little ones. Jane more especially. what anguish & anxiety have I had for the last 4 years endured on her account, the dreadful pain for many weeks I nursing her then the little creature out at Dudingston then the death coming out there how sorry I was to mean. but I think at the time I never had felt so friend the looked so— I wish you would send me a bible and the things I mentioned I wish to write for Mrs Mac Lean a Nancy to come & see me here and I don't wish to appear just like a beggar. I trust you think you have sufficiently degraded me sufficiently already in the eyes of strangers there is however one consolation, I have never complained to any one here of your unjust & unpenerous conduct towards your unfortunate wife one lady has just taken to pains & plaster & another has thrown some pieces of dress into the fire, & seeing that I am a mad woman she may perhaps follow their example

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May 2 unless you prevent me from doing so by sending me the articles I want. for fact I am certain none of the other ladies would have worn the coarse 5 shilling print which you sent me and gloves 8 years of age and boots & shoes such as you sent me. I have not been entirely free from cold for some months my shoes and stockings are quite a shame to be seen except perhaps on an Irish wife unless Corporate who would consider it her duty to take a drawn to keep her from taking the cold. indeed in winter I had to put the best of good warm lambs wool stockings, gloves & indeed clothes of almost every kind when my own were washing, as I had none to change of my own and the room has so many doors and windows & was so very cold, will quite burst at being obliged to get the best of clothes when I had plenty of my own at home. I am sure every one here who chooses to pass a thought on the subject must think that you are either very hard, very poor or very careless you have obliged me to say exactly what I think of your conduct I suppose you I have no wish to be saying so much but you never either can or will take a hint; well I am a poor disgraced wretch how I sometimes envy those ladies who have kind & considerate husbands, a friend in need is a friend indeed, & I have met with the utmost kindness from every one here but that kindness came not from you no you not only sent me away from my house and my children and placed me in the most humbling situation which in which a human being can be placed, an exile a prisoner, a slave completely under the command & at the mercy of entire strangers and in this situation; in which no crimes of mine has placed me you have done all in your power to show how little you respect, how completely you despise me; but a wife must submit to her husband in all things and I pray night & morning that God would give me resignation to his will in all things, yes I trust I have found him a present help in time of need, but I find when I am left to my own wicked heart I cannot tell how sinful indeed me, there is sin in the world that could not

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May 2 be any misery for there would be no pride, no contempt, no death, but pure love, mercy & peace would reign on the earth and the will of God would be done on earth as it is done in heaven, there are Evening & morning service in the Chapel here every day and the people here are really all so kind to me I sometimes really wonder at it I shall not ask you to do anything for me for you now seem to be the only person that does not care anything about me & my wishes. God bless you and our dear little children and Mary! how I should like to see you all again but I must wait Gods appointed time. My dear William I remain ever your affectionate wife
Janet Muir"

William Muir Esq
6 Charlotte Street
Edinburgh.

" 11 She today had an interview with her brother from the airing ground he being up at the printing office window, she addressed him by his name in the first instance & he immediately recognised her, he told her that her sister Elizabeth, she said had been here & that he had seen her, & seemed annoyed that she had not also been allowed to see her, she mentioned her interview with her brother with an air of triumph to the Clinical Assistant, & said that although on one occasion she had given her promise to avoid an interview with him & to keep out of sight, (namely at the time of the entertainment given by the gentlemen which some of the ladies were allowed to view from covered seats) she now did not consider it any longer as binding on her. & indeed spoke as if she had been watching an opportunity to speak to him. She then went on to speak of the impossibility of confining her here. compared this place to the Inquisition, said that Miss Ogilvie had

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May 11 been telling her of the cruelty which had been practised upon her by Dr Crawford that he had three times given her the cold bath for breaking windows said that had she been here at that time when there was such a devil placed over her she would have attempted such a thing to her. she would on the first opportunity have taken his life & would have brained him with her wash hand basin. considered it lucky she came here after he was gone. indeed it was a mercy. owing to the kind providence of God it had so happened. at the same time she said it would have been fortunate if he had been here because then there would have been less chance of her being placed here under such a watch.
Requested that now she had seen her brother to be allowed to have a proper interview with him, this however has not been thought proper to grant her at present. and she now understands that she is not again to seek a private interview with him she is at present in a very unsettled state of mind. Has evidently fallen back of late.

" 22 Catamenia appeared on the 18th and disappeared today. Has not alluded to the subjects mentioned in last report again. Has since then conducted herself in her usual correct & proper manner, talks very rationally on general matters. Reads a great deal, & works also at her needle seems to take much interest in several of her fellow patients & is kind & attentive to them attempting to offer them consolation. General health good.

" 31 No change since last report. C. Bm.

June 9 Has today brought the new Institution at Gartmore, was cheerful & apparently satisfied. praised the situation of the house, the dimensions of the rooms and pallries &c.

" 13 Today from some inattention on the part of the nurses the pallery door was left open, and she took the opportunity of going up stairs to the Lady superintendents room to look for Mrs Prichard whom she had been asking to see all the morning. when the Clinical assistant addressed her on the subject & told her in as

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June 13 mild a manner as possible that he had found out she had left the gallery, she opened upon him with a whole tirade of abuse, said she did not mean to conceal it either from him or Dr Hutcheson, accused him of having insulted her in the grossest manner, construed almost every word he uttered into an insult, insisted on seeing Mr Pritchard, he was a gentleman and understood how to deal with ladies, told the Clinical Assistant he wanted those fine feathers of feelings which were so prominent in Mrs P. Of course what was not in could not be expected to come out of him, &c. In all this abuse she was warmly supported by Mrs Leech who was loud in praise of Mrs P. & highly offended at the insulting conduct of the clinical assistant. She then began to abuse the whole arrangements of the house with regard to the late removal, & the discomforts all here were at present subjected to, said we were all a set of fools & knew nothing about how ladies should be treated, during all the time of this conversation she frequently talked in a religious manner & introduced numerous texts of Scripture. After the interview she & Mrs Leech paced the gallery together in the most haughty manner, sneering & making use of the most insolent language. They have been afraid to bathe since they came here & it is evident that the latter excites her against the Medical officers, by magnifying every little inconvenience that may occur. They will therefore be separated the first opportunity.

Printed 22 Has conducted herself pretty well since last report, & has made no complaints, on the contrary on one occasion she expressed a strong wish to have an hour's conversation either with Dr Hutcheson or the Clinical Assistant, that she might have an opportunity of laying open her mind to them. To day however she is in a very unsettled state, & manifested a good

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June 22 deal of bad temper. when the Clinical Assistant entered the gallery, she came out of her room & brought with her part of her dinner complained to him of it. her friend miss Leech immediately appeared at her back carrying his also, they both laid their plates on the table muring in the most haughty manner and the whole seemed evidently the result of a plot to give as much annoyance as possible. they both left the room & went in to tea along with the rest of the ladies & in a short time Miss Leech returned with a small piece of bread & butter which she said was a sample of what they got to tea. by some mismanagement on the part of the nurses they were permitted to conceal their plates in their own rooms. It is perfectly evident that they cannot remain together without injury to each other, Miss L. will therefore be removed to another gallery tomorrow.

" 23 Complained bitterly today of the cruelty & harshness of removing Miss Leech the only friend she now had with whom she could associate, called it, poor soul, of malice, spite revenge, was exceedingly angry because Mrs Matheson was put in Miss L's place, said she was a dangerous person had struck several of the patients & attempted to strike her, said she would not leave her room as long as she was in the gallery, but the truth was Mrs Matheson's friends looked after her & we obliged to be cautious where we put her. She then reflected in her usual manner on her husband & went over all his grievances as formerly reported.

" 30 No excitement since last report & has been pretty cheerful & good humoured, talks in a very religious strain.

July 18 Has gone on very well since last report & been free from all irritability & excitement. Mind seems much engaged about religious subjects, reads the bible a great deal aloud, & was highly pleased when the religious services of the Institution were renewed, they had been unavoidably stopped for the first few weeks after the removal. Page 100.

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May 3 From the report of the nurse it appears she spent last night in a very restless manner this today however in her usual state.

" 4 Still restless & unsettled. Pulse 116 Tongue white but less so than formerly. No mental improvement.

" 15 No improvement either in her habits or mental state, continues restless & inclined to wander from place to place, yesterday was again discovered climbing the airing ground wall. Sleeps rather better at night Cannot be got to do any work.

" 31 Not the slightest improvement since last report, has on one or two occasions broken a pane of glass, quite out of mischief, cannot be employed General health on the whole improved.

June 12 Was today conveyed to the Asylum at Carlingford. Continues the same in every respect as last reported. Wanders about in an unsettled state & is inclined to be very mischievous.

" 20 Still very erratic & mischievous goes into the other patients rooms and annoys them, has broken a pane of glass & torn part of the carpet, requires to be constantly watched. Taciturn, & careless of her dress.

" 30 To today very unsettled & about 2 o'clock pm. became highly excited broke four panes of glass in sitting room of the refractory gallery, and screamed and cried at the very top of her voice, this she did out of pure mischief and laughed & seemed to enjoy the annoyance it occasioned to those about her. To be placed in seclusion in her own room. Ordered Capsicum.

July 6 Has been free from excitement since last report, and after one days seclusion was allowed to leave her room, she has since been very industrious & is at present employed making a cap, the first time she has been kept steadily employed at work since her admission.

" 9 To today very mischievous & destructive has covered her face with ink & has torn out all the straw from the mattress on which she sleeps.

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July 9 Has been speaking a good deal the last few days & is sometimes very impudent in her remarks. Lunr: stationr. Pil: Aloes & Asafoetid q. d. Castor unam.

" 10 Medicine repeated. Quiet. To today employed at her needlework, to which she keeps very steadily. Cor: omnino.

" 15 Still very tricky & mischievous. Says hold of everything she can find. This morning eat a piece of soap which had been left in her way. Bowels slow. Has today removed to one of the low galleries from the refractory gallery where she has been for some time. Lunr: stat: pil: Aloes & Asafoet: aa. d. Castor unam.

" 18 Continues mischievous and destructive, last night tore each pillow on which she slept & had all the hair scattered about the floor. General health good.

" 19 Still very destructive and troublesome. strips off her clothes & takes those of her fellow patients. When spoken to this morning about it was exceedingly impudent & put out her tongue at the lady superintendent. Ung: Cantharid: ad Capsum Vesicat: Capiti.

" 22 Blister rose well but no improvement has taken place. Was last night exceedingly impertinent to the lady superintendent, accused her of having separated her from her only friend Mrs Crotty, who it seems last night stripped her own clothes & dressed Miss M. in them. She then abraided her for giving her such a bed & said she was treated worse than a pig (she has lately torn & destroyed several mattresses). Her malady has lately assumed a much more active form, from being taciturn she has become impudent & very destructive, so much so as to require the most constant watching.

" 24 Still continues highly destructive. Today broke four panes of glass before the nurse had time to prevent it, although she is constantly watched.

" 25 So today in bed with diarrhoea. Has been passing blood by stool. Hab: statim Ol. Ricini ℥ij.

" 31 Has been again transferred to the refractory gallery. Has conducted herself better ever since. Has been steadily employed at needlework.

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May 6 On admission was quiet & free from excitement, said she came merely to see the house, to another patient, who asked her if she came as a patient, she however soon began to show by her conversation that she was conscious she was a patient she said she had been brought up by a gaoler & on the pretext to get a key for her watch which she shewed, this however was not the case for the nurses who brought her never said a word about her watch she herself when in the carriage frequently said it wanted repairing, she then made remarks on the weather said it was colder here than in the climate she had just come from. When asked if she had come for today said no not very far but she had travelled a great deal, although she would not tell where. General health good. Pupils rather contracted. Ordinary diet & regimen.

8 Continues quiet, sleeps well. Bodily functions natural. Has after some persuasion got to give up her keys in order that her clothes might be sent her, but not without making the clinical assistant responsible for them & for her property at home, would, she said, have preferred going for her things herself, as the last time she was here, several things had been abstracted from her trunks & were never returned to her.

12 Has remained perfectly quiet & free from excitement since admission, has on several occasions expressed anxiety about her keys & wished to get them again, & accused her friends of being desirous of selling possession of her property. She has also been talking a good deal to her fellow patients about the different countries abroad where she has been, she this morning gave the clinical assistant a description of the miserable condition of the City of Moscow & the surrounding country ten years ago when the Cholera raged there with such virulence she herself being at that time in its

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May 12 immediate neighbourhood, living with a family who carried with them an Italian physician and who were all fortunate enough to escape all the first London physicians went over to Russia at that time. they did not stay very long but while they were there she said

16 Continues to talk much of her travels, says she delights in reading history. Related an anecdote about a most splendid carriage which was made in Russia while she was there sent as a present to the Sultan, said the son of the lady she lived with, had the charge of the Royal stables there & that he had the management, & superintended its construction, described its appearance in the most extravagant terms, said that it all took 6 pieces & was packed & sent off in that state, that 6 beautiful brown Arabians were sent along with it, with most elegant embroidered harness. Expressed herself as very fond of Botany & said she could tell the names of every plant, & that she had been taught latin when young.

31 General health good. Employs her time reading, when she enters into conversation she displays a considerable degree of absence, but talks rationally on common place subjects. Has not yet been told of the death of a near relation, which occurred about a fortnight ago. Cor. omitted.

June 3 Was today informed of the death of her brother & was a good deal affected by it, & seemed to think it hard she had not seen him before his death, said she was on her way to his house when she was brought here, talked of his long illness, said he was paralytic. &c. &c.

9 Was brought to the New Asylum today & seemed pleased with the change. General health very good. Cor. omitted.

30 Has been in great distress the last few days, reflects on her friends for the way they have used her in placing her here merely to serve their own selfish ends, that if any one would investigate her history they would find she was correct in all her statements, said she had been nurse to the Russian Princess that she had documents in her trunks which would corroborate all she said, requested the Clinical Assistant to return her keys, cried &

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May 9 sick & ill in preference to that of a Clergyman, for he highly appreciated your truly pious & christian mind. I feel convinced too, my dear Miss Matilda that you will look after my children, and do them all the good you can, I will never forget your great kindness to me, and I am sure that you will sympathise with them, for this bereavement is sore, indeed it is much worse than if I were dead. Oh you know not how often I long to be with them again, indeed at times, it seems wonderful to me how I am able to live away from them, but Gods ways are not as our ways, therefore he does what seemeth best to him, for he ruleth over all. I often think of the happy days I have spent with you all, & would be happy if I could be with you again, but I am afraid that will never be.

Will you give my love to dear Mrs Dundas, and tell her I would like very much to hear from her again. I hope Captain Dundas is well and reconciled to Buchenwood, though it is not so much to his taste as his last residence. I sincerely hope, my dear Miss Matilda, that you will write me soon again and ever believe me

Your very grateful and affectionate
Jessie Sureenne.

Miss Dundas
32 Heriot Row
Edinburgh.

15 but as all the last few days, feels a good deal, accuses all around her of delighting in tormenting her, & says she is sure her husband can have no love for her or he would come and see her, she would be satisfied if he would only let her live in a room in his house & be near him & her children. She with much difficulty got to get up in the morning. General health improves. Preserves the same undecided & mystified demeanour which has all along characc-

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May 15 Urged her.

24 Continues still very unsettled. I employs herself much thinking about her clothes & will not allow what is dirty to be sent to the wash. Is exceedingly desirous to get home, & insists upon it, says she will not eat but will starve herself unless she is allowed to go home. Has refused her food all day.

25 Continues much in the same state as she was yesterday. cries a good deal to get home & has written thro husband that her have one single room in his house where she may be near her husband & children. Has today however taken her food

26 Is today more cheerful & sits up writing. Tohave a glass of sherry daily. omit. Mist. Ferri. Catamenia appeared on the 19th & disappeared on the 23d. Con. omnia.

31 Had been going on very well since last report. & had worked a large piece of a comforter for her little boy, & was altogether more cheerful when she today received an answer to her letter from her husband, she is in consequence in great distress, thinks that now there is no chance of her ever getting home, clenched her hands & said she was a determined woman & that unless she got home she would make a resolution not to take any food & if she once said so, she would keep her word. It is evident that the receipt of these letters from her husband, are prejudicial to her, & their correspondence therefore for the present will be stopped. Her health is improved. Con. omnia.

June 9 Was today brought out to Gartmore, expressed herself as quite at a loss to comprehend why she should go there, reflected on her husband for treating her in such a manner, and talked in her usual mystified & confused manner.

20 Has continued since her removal here much in the same unsettled state as formerly, sometimes refusing to get up at all, & at other times cannot be persuaded to go to bed, has written twice to her husband since the 9th has on several occasions lately shewn great irritability of temper, has assumed a determined posture & clears everything about, unfinished, the attempt. Mind confused & mystified.

Josie Luke or Mrs Sureme Cot.

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June 23 Is today in bed in great distress, cries a great deal, says that her room is her class-room & that she had been pushed under the class-room door, & crushed. & that an image had been broken over her head; has also since yesterday picked her face & mouth very much. Tongue rather white. Pulse 88 moderate.

" 28 Has continued in the same mystified state since last report. at one times pretty cheerful at another in the deepest distress. keeps her bed one day & sits another. Has been today removed to a smaller gallery as the change may be beneficial to her. Cor. omissis.

" 30 Has kept her bed since last report. & cannot understand why she has been removed from the other gallery to the one where she now is thinks it is because she did not get up & do as she was told. looks thin & pale. takes her food but very indifferently. Is to have two glasses of Port wine daily.

July 6 Has been persuaded both yesterday & today to sit up in proper time. yesterday received a letter from her husband & one from her little boy, wrote to her husband yesterday because it was she said his birthday. her letter was fearfully rational in every respect. R. Lincl. Mem: Fem. Sing. Lincl. Calumb. Sg. Sonton. 3 K.V. Ph. Mem: 3i. ter quotidie

" 11 Gets up now regularly in proper time in the morning. is looking much better takes her food well. employs herself much more steadily than she did, is at present working a piece of worsted work. Cor. omissis.

" 31 Has continued industrious & regular in her habits since last report & is more easily managed than she was. & betrays less of the mystified appearance which formerly characterized her.

August 1 During last night she was attacked with shivering & today is very feverish complains of sore throat & pain in the abdomen it is not however increased by pressure. Pulse 112 full & strong. Tongue dry & brown in the centre white at margins. Skin very hot and dry. Complains also

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August 1 of headach. Pupils nearly natural. Bowels reported regular. Rigors still continue. Rx. Pulv. Jalap. ℈ xx. Pulv. Antimon: ℈ x. M. fiant: chartæ. Rx. Sodæ Bicarb. ℥ij. Aquæ Fontan. ℥xij. M. Rx. Acid: Tart. ℥i. ℈ ij. Aq. Fontan ℥ xvi. M. fiant: ℥ij. ter post Aquam Sumat Sodæ Bicarb. effervesc: tertia quaque hora. Let her wine be omitted at present.

2 Respire. Lips furnish. skin hot but still dry. Pulse 100. Medicine has not yet operated. Complains much of pain in the Epigastric region where there is some hypogastric distension. Has had a good deal of bilious vomiting with headach. Respiration hurried & oppressed. Tongue dry. Rx. Liquor Ammon Comp. et Liquor. Potassæ aa. ℥j. Magnes sulph: ℥ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥ij. M. fiant: Haust: Effervesc. Epigastric.

Applic: Sinapismus Epigastric.

Medicine operated once very freely last night after which her uneasy feelings were much relieved & she slept well during the night. She has still headach & sore throat. Pulse 84 & 96. soften. Tongue white and rather dry, but much cleaner than yesterday, he wishes today. Rx: Haust. Effervesc. Quinæ.

3 She had last night some more bilious vomiting. Her bowels acted once. Today she is considerably better. Pulse 84. Tongue white but moister than yesterday, and skin much cooler. Took a little milk this morning. Rx. 1 pint of Beef tea in the middle of the day.

7 Has continued steadily to improve since last report, is today perfectly able to be up though she is not at all inclined for it herself. She now gets a glass of sherry daily. Tobe put up.

21 Health has steadily improved since last report. She is on the whole more cheerful than formerly still urgently requests to see her husband & frets bitterly on the Physician because she is not allowed. Has lost of the mystified & confused cleverness which has all along characterized her case, Reads occasionally employs herself at her needle. Has lately been out walking. Continue wine. Stop Beef Tea.

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May 10 Erysipelas is now declining. T tumefaction of both eyelids is subsiding rapidly. Pulse 80. Tongue still white but more moist. Appetite still bad. Bowels freely moved by medicine given yesterday.

12 Continues to improve. Cuticle is now desquamating on the face & temples. Appetite also improves. Bowels regular. Pulse 76. rather small. Tongue moist & clean. Still in bed, but has been knitting a little. Cheerful and contented. To have a glass of Port wine daily.

16 Is today sitting up in her room for the first times. Appetite improves daily. Pulse natural. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Reads & knits.

18 Continues to improve in health & strength. Saw her husband yesterday. The Calomel gumdrops have been stopped, & the following mixture was today ordered her. Rx. Liquor: Sulph: zi viii. Tinct: Gentian: Comp. ℥i. Tinct: Cardamom: Comp. ℥ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥viii. M. Sum: ℥ij bis quotidie sum: pil: Colocynth: ij. Myst: cluas h.s. To keep her Rice Milk & have Ordinary Diet.

29 Appetite improves & she daily gets stronger. By her own request her wine has been stopped since the 28th & the Quinine mixture since the 27th. Has seen her husband several times & is cheerful & industrious.

June 3 Yesterday when in the front parlour about to retire, some of the other patients were talking together & she fancied they were making allusions to her & her husband, & talking about his trade & became very much annoyed about it. Knocked the chairs about & threatened to do away with herself. She is today in bed, reflects bitterly on her husband for the way in which he has used her the last two years, seems to think that he & Mrs Bellamy have conversations together about her, & that he wishes to get quit of her altogether, at the same time admits that he is to all appearance very kind to her.

11 Was today transferred from the old Asylum to Carlmavel, seemed pleased with the change. Health much improved. Con. Omnia.

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June 20 Has for the last few days been rather low spirited & depressed, reflects on her husband, for his treatment to her, & for sending her here without a proper supply of clothing, has to day got paper & write to him; still imagines that her fellow patients sit & make remarks on her, keeps her own room & cries a good deal.

" 30 Continues changeable, one day being pretty cheerful & the next depressed, and jealous about her husband, he lately sent her some new clothes, she said she was surprised at this, that she had plenty clothes at home, that some other woman must have worn them with whom her husband was on to intimate terms, & that consequently he was obliged to buy her new ones.

July 17 Little change since last report, continues jealous of her husband, Today said she could not live in this state any longer till some settlement was made between him & him, & that doctors will never do her any good, complains today of her dark but says it is not from drink as some people say it is, she never was in the habit of drinking. Tongue white. Inun: jul. Alterate: alvus ad respl: pat horas [illegible] Con. Alvi.

" 31 Still very low and then breaks out into fits of jealousy, blames her husband if he does not come to see her on the day she expects him, & imagines that her fellow patients are alluding to her, when they are talking on other subjects altogether. It being considered that the frequent visits of her husband are doing her no good he has been written to, to discontinue them for the present.

August 3 Still fretful because she is not allowed to see her husband, complains much of acidity at stomach. ℞ Cretae Bicarb ʒij. Tinct: Gentian: Comp ℥ij. Aq. Fontan ʒxv. M. Sumt: ʒij ter quotidie. Con. Alvi.

" 17 Has been complaining a good deal lately from acidity which the free use of Carbonate of Soda with Gentian has failed to relieve, & the last two days she had fixed pain in stomach. State fretful on account of being refused to see her husband. Sumt: Bismuth: Subnitrat. ʒvij. bis indies.

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Mary Wright or Mrs Mitchell Act. 42.

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May 9 Was brought today from the Dumfries Asylum & arrived here at 5 p.m. Is taciturn & is with difficulty made to answer questions which she does in the shortest manner possible, paced up and down the parlour & appeared anxious to avoid being questioned ~~in fidgety in her habits~~. Pupils nearly natural. Temper pretty even. Mind very weak. Ordinary diet & regimen.

10 Spent a quiet night & slept well. Pulse today 100. Said, when asked what she was going to do today, that she was going to bathe & be in her carriage.

15 Continues quiet. Free from excitement, & is easily managed. Mind very weak. Bodily functions natural. Has shown no filthiness in her habits since admission. Con. Omnia.

20 Maintains the same taciturn deportment which has characterized her since admission, sometimes is observed to exhibit an affected & conceited air especially when in chapel, when asked how she is always holds out her hand to have her pulse felt. Health good.

27 Has today visited by her Aunt whom she has not seen for a year, but whom after a short time she recognised. Health good. Does not employ herself in any way.

31 No change since last report. Quiet & very taciturn. Health good. Catamenia appeared on the 12th and disappeared on the 24th Con. omnia.

June 9 Was today brought to the New Asylum at Garthland. No mental change.

30 Continues free from excitement & has lately been employing herself daily knitting. Still very taciturn.

July 31 No change since last report. Employs herself knitting & spells closely her work as fast as it is finished, avoids Clinical Assistant & does not like to be interfered with, shuns all attempts at conversation rising off her chair & fixing herself in a corner of the room when spoken to. General health good. Con. omnia.

August 31 Continues taciturn, sits generally at the window knitting which as fast as she finishes she undoes yet

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August 31 & liable to occasional fits of excitement when she will strike those about her. General health good.

Sept 30 During the last month has had very frequent fits of excitement during which she curses & swears & is very angry with Mrs Mapleton whom she abuses in the most unbecoming manner Has had an interview with her sister to whom she behaved ill & after which she was highly excited. Health pretty good Cont. omnia

Oct 30 Has been going as usual since last report. Attends quiet but highly excitable & when excited abuses the nurses & Lady Superintendent, curses, swears, calls for the Angel Gabriel & the hangman sits generally at the window is very quiet & amiable to the Physician whose attention she directs to various figures of persons soldiers, castles & cathedrals which she fancies she sees. Health pretty good but requires almost daily some aperient medicine C. omnia —

Nov 25 Since last report has been quiet & has seldom been excited. Her pulse has ranged from 68 to 76 & has always been weak. Occasionally she seems to suffer pain & her feet & hands become cold Such attacks are speedily terminated by a little warm wash, rest, & bottles of hot water. Takes her food well — Sleeps in general well — Still requires aperient medicine — Mind weak & erratic. State has the same hallucinations as those noted in the last report. Cannot be employed. Cont. omnia

" 30 Taciturn & more excitable since last report. Her health however improves. Cont. omnia

Dec 8 Has been quiet since last report No mental improvement. Rambles in her conversation. Hallucinations the same as formerly. Cont. omnia

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Elizabeth Mercer or Mrs Langlands Ast.
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May 11 On admission appeared to be rather depressed & spoke but little, answered questions relevantly, said she had lately been confined, it was rather more than 3 months now & that she had not been well since, told how many children she had, namely five, appears thin & care worn, pupils dilated. Pulse 108 very small. Tongue White & rather dry. Ordinary Diet & Opium Mist: h.s. haust: of Tinct: Camphor: & Tinct: Hyoscyam: aa 3ß. Ag. Cathart 3ij.

12 Spent a quiet night & slept well, this morning however has kept her bed & complains of weakness. Pulse 80 of much better strength than yesterday. Tongue white. Pupils dilated. Her milk has been troubling her a little & required to be drawn off this morning. Bowels not moved since admission. Ry. Magnes: sulph: 3ij Magnes 3ij. Ag. Fontan 3xxxiv. Omn: 3ij omni hora donec alvus solvantur. Repet haust: Camph: et Hyoscyam: mane n. h.s.

13 Passed a very restless night & slept none, dreaded being murdered & asked anxiously if she was going to be burned or killed. very apprehensive about the state of her mind. Bowels but slightly moved. Tongue white. Pupils dilated. She has an eruption all over the trunk & lower extremities which presents all the characters of Lepra. She is today very unsettled. Con. Sol. sulph. Magnes: donec alvus sol-vantur bene. Ry. Tinct: Camphor: Tinct Hyos: aa 3ß. Ag. Cathar 3ij. 3ß. Omn: ter quotidie.

14 Slept pretty well last night, but this morning is again very restless and destructive, has torn all her clothes to pieces. & is in great apprehension lest some evil befall her here. Pulse 92. of better strength Bowels freely moved Tongue quite clean. Pupils dilated. Con. Haust: Camphor et Hyos. n.a.

15 Passed a quiet night & slept pretty well, but is still destructive to her clothes, has refused her food since last night, & has also a current ne-cessions but with difficulty got to take her medicine, as she suspects that

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May 15 person is put into it becomes very restless when not under the influence of the Camphor & Hyoscyamus. Tongue clean & moist. Pulse too rather small. Bowels open. Pupils dilated. Eruption on body continues. Bibat decoct: Sulcamar: Liq: indies. Cont: Alim.

" 18 No change since last report. Still destructive other clothes, & is with difficulty got to take her food or medicine. Pulse 88 of moderate strength. Tongue slightly furred. Eyes somewhat suffused. Bowels open. Still apprehensive of danger that is to befall her.

" 20 This morning when first visited by the nurse she flew on her, attacked her and tore her cap to pieces, she has however since maintained her usual quiet demeanour. Answers questions rationally, and takes her food & medicine.

" 22 Still frequently becomes much excited & violent, & evidently this is caused from a dread of some danger which she fears will come upon her. Pupils dilated. Abrad: Capillitium et Appron Resect Capite.

" 23 Blister rose well & she is today less excited and quieter. Pulse 88. rather small. Tongue slightly furred. Bowels sluggish. Still destructive to her clothes. To be got up & dressed & tried in back parlour. Decoct: fil: Colocynth. c. Hyos: duas stat:

" 29 Has continued steadily to improve, and there has been no excitement since last report. Has been up daily, and today she is sitting quietly at the fire at her needle. Tongue clean. Pupils dilated. Bowels regular. Appetite good. Two of the Hyoscyamus draughts were yesterday stopped, & she now only takes one at bed time. Cont: omnia.

" 31 Continues quiet & free from any excitement gets up daily about the middle of the day & takes her meals with some of her fellow patients. Answers questions rationally, & seems to have got quit of her apprehensions of danger. She was today removed from retired gallery where she has all along slept & ate & found for her in the back gallery. She still continues to take the direction of Salcamara & the leprous patches appear fainter than they were. Cont: omnia.

Elizabeth Mercer or Mrs Langlands Ast. from
1843.

June 9 Was today along with several of the other patients transferred to the new Institution at Gartnavel.

" 29 Was visited a few days ago by her husband who it appears has altered mind in removing her although told that she is going on well, and would in all probability get well, her skin is much freer of the leprous eruption. she is more manageable & less excitable, than before although her mind is still weak and confused. her husband told her his intentions with respect to her. Since then she has been completely unsettled, at one time crying to get home, and at another violent & excitable & has several times attempted to strike & fight with her fellow patients. The interview with her husband & the prospect of returning home have evidently thrown her back, Had she been allowed to remain there is every reason to believe she would have ultimately recovered.

Her husband came up for her today, and although not very able he made her walk with him into Glasgow. She is dismissed

Relieved

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Susan Simpson or Mrs Paterson Act 45. from

1843

May 16 No mental improvement since last report, her conversation though at first intelligible enough, soon becomes incoherent, & she rods & thinks as if aware, or fancied that some invisible power on hard her. Is with difficulty got out of bed in the morning. General health good. Wishes to read but cannot be trusted with books, she is so careless about them.

" 31 No change since last report. Con. as.

June 12 Was today transferred to the new Institution at Gartnavel. No statement since last report. Health good. Seems pleased with her new residence.

" 30 Has been visited twice since her removal by her husband, and although much against the advice of the physician he has determined on giving her a trial at home. Her mind is still full of delusions & she still fancies she is addressing spirits that surround her on all sides. She is however much less excitable than she was, & shews less propensity to rhyme. Her general health is very good. Her husband having come for her today she was discharged

Relieved.

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Note. In one of her quieter & more rational moods before leaving, this patient informed the Lady Superintendent that she ascribed her illness to going to an exhibition of a ventriloquist, after whose performance she first heard voices addressing, felt impelled to imitate the cries of the various animals she had heard. After retiring to bed she saw distinctly the creatures whose cries & voices the ventriloquist had imitated. She also fancied that he had power over her & formed a design against her virtue — that he had continued during her husbands absence to get into his apartment where she distinctly saw him &c.

It appears that she had been intemperate for a long time & that there is a strong predisposition

page 9 Admitted 9. August. 1842.

Public insanity in his family

Mary Orr or Mrs Cameron Aet 64.

1843

May 16 On admission was so weak that she was obliged to be carried up stairs she raved & talked quite incoherently & toyed her hands about. but seemed to understand what was said to her. shewed her tongue when asked which was very dry & rough. Pulse 104 of moderate strength & rather compressible. Pupils dilated. Eyes suffused. Countenance anxious. she was ordered some arrow root and broth which she took. Enema: Jal: Alterativ: duas h.s.

" 17 Spent a quiet night & slept a little still quite incoherent. Could not be got to take more than one pill which has consequently not operated. Pulse 100 of pretty good strength. Tongue still dry & rough. Pupils dilated. Eyes suffused. It was discovered today that she has made no water since admission & that she has lately been in the habit of having it drawn off with the Catheter. this was accordingly done and a considerable quantity of urine was passed. To have 4 oz of sherry & a pint of Beef Tea daily. Continue the arrow Root.
Enema: Jal: Alterativ: duas. stat:

" 18 Spent a restless night, raved incoherently & sung a good deal. & is this morning restless & tosses her hands about. Bowels have not yet acted although both pills have been taken Pulse 96. rather small. Tongue dry. Urine was again drawn off this morning to the extent of ½ a pint. Hands & feet cold. Injic: Enema c. Ol. Ricini ℥ij. Con. Alica.

" 19 Bowels not having acted on enema with an ounce of Turpentine was administered but still without any effect. a warm water enema with salt was next tried & since one oclock this morning she has had two stools of natural consistency. Her urine was drawn off yesterday evening & this morning she passed a small quantity. Countenance improved Hds & extremities warm & she appears on the whole better today. Takes her food better. Tongue still very dry. Pulse 104

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May 19 of bitter strength. The left hand & arm were yesterday observed to be paralytic and she complains of considerable pain in them. Hum: pil: Colocynth: Comp: duas.

" 20 Appears this morning more lively, answers questions at first pretty rationally, but soon becomes quite incoherent. Seems glad to see the medical officers & thanks them for their attentions, was today visited by Dr Ritchie whom she knew. When he asked the state of her mind &c if she was still as distressed as she used to be, she said no, & began to rave incoherently about some dog which she had wished to be near her. Countenance clearer. Tongue moist at margins &tip. still dry in centre. Takes her food better. Pulse still 104 of pretty good strength Bowels have not acted since they were moved by the Enemata. Urine was drawn off last night & this morning. Temperature of Extremities natural. Injic: Enema c. Ol: Ricini ℥ij. statim.

" 21 Bowels still very sluggish, have not acted since the exhibition of the Castr oil enema month sore & gums have apparently been bleeding. Is today much more rational than she was. Complains much of the harsh treatment she received from Nurse Lewis who brought her up from Gourock. Said she appeared kind & attentive when any one was near but when alone she was cruel & harsh to her. Refuses her wine. Has today passed her urine without the use of the Catheter. Hum: stat: haust c. Sulph: Magnes. ℥ss. Tinct: Cinnam ℥i. Inj. Fontan. ℥ij. ℔ij.

" 22 Medicine operated very freely both last night & this morning & she appears rather weaker in consequence. She had been taking Calomel powders with the ℔ss of a grain in each, & had taken three when yesterday her mouth being sore they were omitted. She now passes her urine freely. Pulse 100. Talks more rationally & answers questions perfectly relevantly. Still refuses her wine. To have 2 pints of Beef Tea & Eggs daily. 1 pint of Jelly.

" 23 Was again visited by Dr Ritchie, whom she was glad to see. Told him all her complaints. Seems much excited against Nurse Lewis whom she abuses as everything that is bad. Health improves

Mary Orr or Mrs Cameron Aet. 64

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May 23 but paralysis of left arm is considerably increased. She complains much of pain in it. Talks more rationally today than she has done since her admission. Tongue becoming clean & moist. Pupils dilated. Bowels open. Anxious to have an attendant constantly by her which has been granted her.

27 Has continued to improve since last report. Talks rationally about herself seems to take a great interest in a family named Galbraith & enquires anxiously about them, fears they may go wrong in consequence of her not being able to take any charge of them. Is very desirous to become of them. Complains still of pain in left arm, to which a liniment has been applied. Feels the weight of the bed-clothes much a cradle has been ordered to protect it. Right submaxillary gland swelled & painful. Mouth still tender. Pulse 100. Bowels regular. R. Sodae Carbonat 3ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥viii M. ft. Gargarisma ore las: Con. Alia.

29 Complains today of general pain all over the body & cannot specify any particular part more than another unless it be the left arm. Slept but little during the night. Is today rather restless. Tongue improves & is nearly quite clean. R. Liquor Hyoscyami 3ij. Liquor Camphor 3ss. Aq. Camphor 3vss. M. Sumat Mistur Collapsi pro dimidio. Con. Alia.

June 2 Has had slight cough for the last two days but which was relieved by the Hyoscyamus draught & Liquorice today however it is considerably increased. It annoys her every few minutes there is a good deal of bronchitic expectoration Conversation perfectly rational till today when there was a slight inconsistency. She was told that Dr Ritchie was coming up to see her. She said he lives in Glasgow? as if she imagined she was somewhere else, although she was before perfectly aware where she was. When he saw her she talked of her journey here from Gourock & how she had been whirled away in some unaccountable manner to the east country.

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June 2 answers questions however perfectly rationally & rebounds Pulse 96. Tongue clean. Appetite good. Bowels opened twice yesterday from two alterative pills. Rather more power in paralytic limb. Vapes has arisen freely. Countenance assuming Ry. Tinct. Myrrhæ ℥ij. Tinct. Opii Camph. ℥iss. Spt. Ether Nitros. aa. ℥ij. Syrup. Scillæ ℥ij. M. Sumat cochl. parv. bis per urgent. omit haustus

3 vomited some yellow bilious looking matter during the night. Appears today weaker & more careworn. Countenance emaciated & eyes heavy. Pulse 106. Tongue pretty clean. Complains of headach has constant short Cough with considerable bronchitic expectoration not inclined to speak much. Took some breakfast but vomited her dinner. Bowels not moved yesterday or today. Sumat pil. Al. cum Asafœtida. To have a tablespoonful of hot brandy & water frequently.

12 has brought out to Portarlington today. Here the fatigue remarkably well. General health improved since last report. Countenance clearer. Tongue quite clean & moist. Takes her food pretty well. Has rather more power over paralytic arm. Cough still very troublesome preventing her from sleeping. Con. omnia.

19 Continues to improve but is rather fretful the last few days. Complains much of her Cough & requested some Rum & Syrup for it which has been got for her. Complains also of her back there is some redness & tenderness of the skin. Ry. Spt. Rect. ℥ij. Aq. Rosæ Aurant. ℥ij. M. ft. lotio ter in dies applic.

21 Health improves daily though slowly looks much better. Tongue clean and appetite pretty good. Complains of her back, the spirit lotion appears to be too stimulant for it. To be tried upon a sofa. Ry. Linimenti Ry. Calcis ℥ij. Tinct. Opii ℥ij. M. ft. Linimentum saepe utendum. Sumat pil. Colocynth. c. Hyoscyamo omni hora h.s. Sumat. lot. Spiritus Con. alia.

25 Has been up daily since last report & reclines on a sofa. So much afraid of herself appears that she is not making any improvement. Cough still very troublesome, & Expectoration profuse. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Complains still of pain in the paralytic Arm.

Mary Orr or Mrs Cameron Aet: 64. from 1843.

June 25. Has a great objection to take wine, although at present it would be beneficial, but has been persuaded to try to take one glass of Port wine daily after dinner. Rx. Quinae Sulph gr xxvi. Acid: Sulph dil: ℥i. Aq: Fontan ℥xxvi. M. Sum: ℥ss. ter quotidie. Cor. Alvi.

" 30 Has taken her medicine regularly since last report & constantly with benefit. This Evening however she complains of frequent micturition sometimes accompanied with pain, her urine dribbles from her. Pulse 96. full & strong Bowels regular. Bibat decoct: Lini.

July 1 Today is exceedingly irritable & fretful says she will never be well here, there is so much going & coming, so much shutting & opening of doors, & noise of all kinds, that she has no right to be kept here against her will. says she has been wearing clothes that are not her own, & that her name has been marked on clothes that do not belong to her at all, that she cannot get clean clothes, although told they are at the fire airing for her. Little or no improvement of paralytic arm there is now considerable Oedema of the hand.

" 3 Oedema has extended up the arm and is pretty considerable, less the otherwise much improved, no return of painful micturition. Pulse 80. pupils natural. Bowels slow. still continues the Quinine mixture. A Flannel bandage to be applied to the arm. To have a pint of Ale daily. Sum: pil: Colocynth & Hyoscyam duas.

" 6 Swelling of the arm is considerably less since application of the bandage. She grumbles however a good deal, says no one has any right to imprison her here in a place where she will never get better. Her general health however continues steadily to improve and she has twice taken a walk in the gallery lately. Cor. omnia.

" 11 Was this morning visited by Dr Ritchie whom she has been wishing to see for some time back. Her strength & appetite improve daily. Oedema & paralytic arm much diminished towards the hand is still a good deal

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July 10 swelled. Less irritable & fretful than she was. Bowels regular. walks occasionally in the gallery with the assistance of her nurse. Con. comm.

" 31 Has been remarkably cheerful & contented since last report. her health and strength steadily improve. She has rather more power over paralytic arm which she can raise half way to her head. She appears perfectly rational on all points. Sits in the gallery daily employs her time reading.

August 31 Goes on progressively improving. Reads a good deal & is a great deal in the open air. Mind free from delusions & she appears perfectly rational. She is cheerful & contented & does not display that irritability of temper which formerly characterized her.

Sept 24 Has gone on well in all respects since last report till today when she complained of pain and uneasiness in the hepatic region & wished to have a mustard poultice. In a short time she became better & walked out for nearly an hour. R. h. s. put [illegible] & Colocynth y. Calen

" 25 Tongue cleaner says that the pain & uneasiness have now left her. Looks gloomy & unbroke & very anxious to see Dr Ketchum who has promised to come out. C. comm

" 28 Is now cheerful & contented. Arrangements are making for her removal She has now been here for two months. Her health has improved greatly. C. comm

" 30 Being this day sound in mind she is discharged

Cured

This patient remained till 2nd Oct During the two days she expressed to all around her, her gratitude for the attention & kindness bestowed on her since she came to the institution & when she left repeated the same expressions

April 1 The Physician has learned that this patient continues well

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May 23 cannot forget all your generous kind-
ness while under your care & glad I
was to hear when I last heard of you
that your health was much improved
& trust it continues. I write now in
haste, & the state of the case is that I
am every day expecting my Friends
to come for me, & as this House breaks
up shortly I would wish to go to you
in the interim, & if you could spare
me a room with a fire place in it
for a short time I would give you
double pay for whatever time I
might be with you, & if not convenient
our kind friend Miss Berry
would confer a great kindness by
taking comfortable lodgings say two
rooms any where she could recom-
mend, & also by telling me as soon
as possible if successful, otherwise
I must apply to Mr Hall the proprie-
tor of this concern to allow me to
remain here till my Friends come
for me. It is necessary to tell you
I am a great invalid indeed every
day getting worse & no prospect of
recovery having lost the use of my
limbs from rheumatism must now
be carried but any woman could
carry me now as I am much re-
duced in every way both in health
& height so that you will not know
me at all. for a length of time the the
Climate has proved unhealthy to
me, & I hasten home must must home
to see what my native air will do for
me, tho it can never restore to me
what I have lost here my health &
my time! you will excuse dear
Miss Houston these few hurried lines
as I write in bed very poorly & day
light is going & will depend on your
friendly kindness for a reply if possible
by return of post, & please to give our
kind friend Miss Berry my love &
that I always think of her when I open
my Bible & that I must get it bound
up in the new for her before I return
it, it was a very friendly loan in-
deed, you will please also if you
ever see our kind & worthy friend Doctor
Galbraith to give him my kindest &

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May 23 & most grateful regards, & hoping that this will find you & Miss Berry as well as I wish you both can do believe me my dear Miss Houston with increasing gratitude

Your truly obliged

To Louisa Hawkshaw.

Miss Houston

Retreat of Glasgow.

" 31 still very fidgetty and dissatisfied with her food sends constant complaints to the Clinical Assistant about it. Habits continue as formerly. Usually gets out of bed about 4 P.M. & sits in a corner at the foot of her bed, where she sews & employs herself. Is quiet polite to the medical officers, but very strict with regard to the nurses & servants of the house.

June 13 Was today removed to the New Asylum at Gartnavel, required the lifted both out and into the carriage. & complained a good deal of the pain & rheumatism of her joints.

Cooke

" 20 Has since her removal kept her room constantly & will not allow it to be ventilated. has numerous wants and complaints which are made generally to the nurses, & when visited by the Clinical Assistant she is all politeness & tells him she can put up with many little inconveniences at present as she knows how much trouble & bustle there has been connected with the removal of the patients, furniture, &c.

" 30 No change either bodily & mental since last report. Cor. omnia.

July 9 Continues in her usual state of health with the exception of some degree of swelling of the legs. Has at present no complaints to make to the medical officers keeps the temperature of her room very high. Rx. Spt. Ether: Nitros. ℥ss Tinct: Cardamom: Comp: aa ℥j Aq. Fontan. ℥xij. M. Sum: ℥j. bis quotidie.

" 31 Has continued the diuretic mixture up to this date, & the oedema of the limbs she says has now subsided, & she wishes to discontinue it, which has been agreed to. She has lately had constant complaints of the nurse whom she is constantly sending for numerous things which cannot be got for her. & because she is refused them she threatens to write

Hunter

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July 31 drawn a daily account of the nurse's conduct to shew to the Heads of the Establishment. She gets up ever in the morning in good time & Complains less of her Rheumatisms than she did.

August 31 No change either in bodily or in mental condition during the past month.

Sept. 8 The following letter was written to Dr Hutcheson today enclosing two love letters to her sister of which one Copy is subjoined.

Dear Sir

You will please to ensure the enclosed going direct to the address as soon as possible. I wished your house well certainly but I cannot get home as soon as possible it was but to see how change of air would agree I came; & I cant say I see the least of the change nor that there is the least appearance of damp as might be expected from new walls, yet this malady is taking its course ending in complete deformity, with a complication of diseases all combined in taking my life. for a time might overlook many inconveniences were not the very person who attends is the most ill-natured of beings or of all the servants in my eight years experience here tho she will tell me as they all do Nas they will tell their mistress that she is doing her best when she is doing her very worst & very but to annoy & provoke, that she may create a quarrel to prove me in the wrong because I speak the truth is all they can bring against me & that I know how they act, will be attended as I ought to be. & will not allow them to impose upon me some time ago (as a proof of her justice as she says she does me the same as the rest of the pattery) she took my tea down to put it over and & most speedily put some such stuff into it that I observed it at once, & on detecting it she owned she had put sugar into it tho' it

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Sept. 8 was quite sweet enough when it left me, & would not go even to tell Mrs Mapleson so that I lost my breakfast if that is the justice she does the rest of the gallery, I make known to Mrs Mapleson every circumstance great & small as I did to Mrs Bispy & how they can be ignorant of how they offend is strange, for I think I always speak very plainly to them. this is their greatest error & their greatest actions nothing compared with the motives which actuates them, if food is cold they will prove it hot, if hot they will prove it cold, for instance the very morning after Mrs Mapleson takes the trouble of ordering the Cook to give the Mistress about warm she will take care that it is cooler than usual, by delaying outside the door here as long as she can to throw blame on the Cook & I say great injustice to Mrs Bispy Cook & footman & a proof to me that they do their very best to do wrong for they never wish to conceal from me their daily invectives to annoy me but wish me to see them fancy tho they will deny the fact both to the heads of the House & myself & are mad at the accusation but the complaints I have made in general of the servants of the House I can only just repeat verbatim, they all seem taught at the same school as they all fall into the same errors if they obey the head of the House one minute they disobey the next nor is there any one day that our present attendant does not give me some new cause of complaint or other & without the very slightest provocation on my side, I defy her or any other servant to say & it is a satisfaction to myself to know that in any Court of justice that my assessment would always stand the test. but in short they are the very greatest Devils on earth & she would provoke the greatest Saint living, to have any dealings with her is a Scandal & from her general demeanour I know how she will act on her return four long months melancholy experience

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May 28 she will not allow that today is Sunday & has been playing the Piano and mending her stockings. Insists that it is Saturday the 27th May. —

June 2 delusions still continues to manifest themselves on all occasions. Today she expressed herself very strongly against Mr Pritchard, said he had proved himself a deceiver — was nothing more than a jacky-dandy, a jackinapes, he had some time ago got from her a bible & some manuscript papers which would have been of service to the most profound divines, & said that she should have them whenever she wanted them she had asked him for them but he had not yet given them, he was, she said drawing in all the information he could & that some day he would at last burst, said that by the knowledge she possessed she knew that there was a parcel sent to her from London which should have come either yesterday or today, but that her left hand viz. Mrs Frobisher the mother of a person whom she once respected, had got possession of it, or at least prevented her from getting it, when reminded that Mr F. was dead, she said, dead to the world but still a mass of clay, whose motions she heard in the Chapel, & where mother sat herself down there opposite to her on purpose to annoy her; said that she worked at night when others were asleep & knew all that was going on, & she has still some curious ideas with regard to Mesmerism.

" 3 In the morning a letter of which the following is a copy was sent down stairs.

May the 31st & June 1st
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The Revd R. Molesworth

With the line I now write I congratulate you my brother upon your new accession of power, that I have had the pleasure to confer through my influence — & thus wish you to act in capacity of guardian to me and to write my unlimited resignations to her Majesty for her bounty & goodness — I remit you some Repatriot Paper and request that you

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June 2 demand all that you judge necessary to carry out every just measure — Thus we cooperate and (assist) with his majesty's firm resolve to correct abuse & reform the evils hitherto extant — Make the Prince your prime focus for Him a Brother's love & remember in so far you remove from him the Ban of "transportation" already passed upon him — the prospect would do right & encouraged. He is now freed from the trammels of office hold him up my brother in the right way & God almighty will help you supremely My wish is to join Maggie in Queen St Edinburgh - Yet I will not leave you alone Robert I will not permit you to edify yourself Daniel, I hate the name I think it sounds like O'(connel) Let us now unite & cooperate - Rest my right hand & I your left) Rest my left hand & I your right — Private I wish to hear you preach in Chapel & that you should be a man & the principal agent in conducting my affairs with the affairs of Prince George & the whole community of Gods people in Glasgow & the neighborhood Now observe I will neither desert you nor Prince George — & warn you against "Mr. Hutcheson" who is a blackguard of the deepest dye — Mr Thomas Pitchard I have just cause to say is a weak body & I grieve to add has whirled about from the right to the wrong side — but so he will He was carried away by sin and fanaticism — he now wishes & tries to uphold Truth in fact I regard him now my Confessor de Chapel, and recommend him to your notice — I wish to see you in Person Preserve my Brother, come up sometimes with Dr Orr — I know you are in duty most of the day in the outer gallery I see you sometimes in the window above and when I walked round the grounds this forenoon I looked up to you — You are now free to go where you please & to occupy any part of the house you wish keep the key of your own room & command whatever you choose, go out & come in at your leisure and with firm & steadfast grasp arrange the affairs of the whole Family — I'll keep on look out & please God will see all right yet —

Caroline R.

This was enclosed in an envelope addressed

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June 2 The Rev. Robert Nicolas with
&c

Formerly Capt. Bagot

inside of the Envelope was written
I just added a line to say "H. Robinson"
never shall be my husband - indeed I
believe him to possess more brass than
to urge his suit further — C.
Along with this letter she sent down
a roll of 10 sheets of clean foolscap
paper on one of which was written
The truth Shall Conquer Clare Populator —
Caroline B.
and with some containing this the following
Bagot me RM with Thos Seal wax &
every book you choose to demand
Caro B.
& remit me your Stockings every Thursday
to repair —
The Revd R M. "Victoria Regina." Capt Bagot

8 Continues free from excitement, but
mind full of delusions, talks in an
authoritative tone of voice & evidently
supposes herself a person possessed
of great power & influence. she is also
as may be seen from her writings
very erotic. the following is part of
a letter written today to her sister
Mrs Cunningham. "I want to tell
you something I could only write
to a mother, and to a sister or to a
very intimate friend & I do it to
prove how disadvantageously I have
been situated hitherto & hoping thus
to move you to exertion in order to my
joining your family circle in Queen St.
I wish to be under the protection of
& in the dwelling of kind, considerate
& prudent friends - I love you & brother
James & your little ones & fondly my own
wishes & I choose to mention your
Family fireside as my retreat for
much & sore evil. For instance at
the time we write - Mrs Bagot from
inability House keeper & babe has been over
& over again dismissed from the Post
but whom Mr Hotchkiss has man-
aged with himself & keeps on them
is accused of being encienta & &
Unable to utter that your sister

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June 8 Ellen Cole Bagot is also under similar condemnation — the thought is too awful & I know not how it could have transpired, for to my knowledge neither are married — How Margaret ought to rest satisfied seeing such baneful is purposed & a curse thrown over the Land — it must not so be, Thus in an official character appointed by her majesty & Rule & Right I delegate you & more in the affair of obliging both one and the other to submit to investigation — Or to spare you this just take me home to your own self & Queen St. let us arise & with speed away, leaving both inmates of the Lunatic Asylum — where they may under cover of number kings wrap out their days in repentance.

And again I must tell you something though I am very unwilling yet knowing it is unwise to confide in you than have the world suspecting me of bad thoughts — For indeed the matter never would have entered my mind on Monday night I think it was a dirty Body whoever it was, brought before my mental vision the following circumstances — viz — N. F. B. that Pig of iniquity was extremely unwell just like Females — he took one of my affairs to use — & Rankin in my sight spread it open — he perused, & spread it upon the chair at the foot of the Bed, then it was put into my lips to say, "I never knew such a thing happened to them" & indeed I never did. & what is more I dont believe it & only one dare some nasty fool in the institution brought the matter to my minds eye to affront me & I do wish you would just tell Dawes and let him to find out who it was and have them severely chastised whether man or woman — indeed it must have been some madman that did it."

20 was removed to the new Institution at Cartmael on the 18th & on her arrival there it was determined that she should dine & take her food with the other patients & not be allowed to have it in her bedroom as formerly for the first two days she obstinately

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June 20 refused to go into the dining room & consequently went without food, she has however since then gone frequently, but sometimes refuses saying she will not go into the seraglio. Will not keep company with deranged people, talks in the most haughty & commanding tone of voice at one time & at another is depressed & cries. & quotes texts from scripture. has now taken an illwill at Mrs Prichard, calls him a deceiver & says she hates him & talks highly in favour of Dr Campbell is very haughty to the lady superintendent whom she calls Madame Providoir, & whom she orders about whenever she sees her. Has today refused to get up thus gone without breakfast.

25 Has since last report been in remarkably good humour, was visited on the 22d by Mrs Bagot & although she never was a favourite of hers yet after she left the gallery, she sent her a pair of bracelets with cornelian clasps, with a note saying he request your acceptance of the accompanying bracelets. she now comes in to dinner ~~with~~ with her fellow patients. She is today in bed says she had headache last night. Tongue white but moist. Pupils dilated. Pulse natural. Habet: Pil: Colocynth. c. Hyos: alvus.

28 Refused the pills ordered at last report, when sent her, although she previously promised to take them. Guards the Clinical Assistant against the Lady Superintendent, says she requires to be looked after, described the manner in which she came amongst the patients at first, how she tried to insinuate herself into their good graces, at the same time she evidently was not quite sure of them. & seemed like a person uncertain where to put her foot. Health good. Cheerful and contented, manifests a patronizing spirit, & asks how the Institution is getting on.

July 1 Is today very unsettled & irritable, last night insisted on having her window shutter opened & left so all night and because the nurse refused to comply with her request, she struck

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July 1 her twice rather severely, this morning because she was asked to go into the parlour for a few minutes until the workmen had removed the carpet from her room & laid down another she got very angry rushed into her own room & brought out a chair which she hurled along the gallery with great force, she was warned that if she persisted in such conduct again she would be placed in a room by herself.

A few days ago she requested the lady superintendent to purchase for her a tooth brush & a piece of ribband a note of which was given to her, she said she never liked to be in debt, & would not if she had her purse about her & therefore she would hand it over to the General, accordingly she wrote on the back of it "For the General, Isabella Castle. Kent."

5 This forenoon had rather a severe fit of hysteria. Respiration much affected pulse & action of heart strong & irregular, in the evening was in her usual state, entered freely into conversation with the Clinical Assistant, whilst talking of the thunder & lightening which occurred in the course of the evening, she was asked if she was afraid of it, she replied she was not afraid of any body but God Almighty for perfect love casteth out fear, for with fear cometh torment," after which she entered into an explanation of the word as implied in the fear of the Lord and contradistinguished from the term dreads

15 This morning has been very refractory insulted the lady superintendent by calling her very low names, threw a piece of bread which she had in her hand at her, and struck her on the Eye, annoys the other patients exceedingly by slamming the doors of their several rooms, washes her hands in the water in their drinking cups, after which she drinks it herself, this it appears she did yesterday, & in consequence of her excited state this morning & her behaviour to the lady superintendent it has been necessary to remove her to the refractory gallery, the physician has

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July 15 taken charge of her papers & writings. when visited in the refractory gallery she was found sitting on the top of a table with some of her books on her knee and said she was tailoring.

" 18 Yesterday kept her bed and was very despised & cried a good deal. Today is up and dressed, but refused to breakfast with the others and consequently went without breakfast. Entreated Clinical Assistant to allow her to return to her own room, said she was sure this was all a trick on the part of Dr Hutchinson & Mr Prichard to ruin him, her being placed here; that she was his only friend here and that the had power to do as she liked. would not hear herself called Miss Bagot said she could not remain here any longer after what happened last night, she would not say last evening but last night." Delusions continue as strong as ever she cannot utter a single sentence without introducing them.

" 22 kept her bed nearly all yesterday, but today she is up very lively & in good spirits, said she wished very much to return to her own room, thought or work was quite long enough punishment for her, blamed the physicians for his conduct to her, said if she had but known, she was strong enough she could have knocked him down, she could have easily kicked him out, the cat of a fellow. she then insisted upon going with the Clinical Assistant, placed her back against the door & seemed determined to gain her point upon being remonstrated with however she threw first her shawl on the floor in a pet & then her bible, the last of which was seemed as she has been writing notes on the margin which it is desirable should be inspected, she was told, that as she did not seem to know how to take care of her bible herself, it would be preserved for her. Con. omnes.

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July 29 Was today transferred by the physician to the lower gallery of the west wing of the west house, and allowed her books, chest of drawers &c. She is quiet when from each event.

" 30 Today is rather unsettled, insists on having her desk & papers, talks of the physician in the most disrespectful terms & as if she castigated his honesty. Cried a good deal, wished back to her own room & gallery where she was before she was put into the refractory board.

August 7 Has been pretty free from excitement since last report, & from the report of the nurse it appears that she has been allowed to be dried in her bed during the last 3 days, this morning would not get up to breakfast & consequently went without any. So is immediately got up & her room door to be locked.

" 11 Has since last report been rather pettish on account of her door being locked, but is exceedingly variable in temper & disposition, though she always maintains an air of dignity & sometimes of patronage over every one in any way coming in contact with her.

" 20 Had this morning when dressing a fit of hysterical fainting which lasted some ten minutes or so but was relieved after she had taken some sal volatile. She attended chapel in the evening & was then in her usual state of health. No excitement since last report. Today asked Clinical Assistant half crying if she could tell her anything of her sister Sophy, & if she was to be allowed to see her brother to whom she had lately written. The following is a copy of her letter to him

I have been made acquainted my Brother that you are just now in Edinburgh, and avail myself of the fact to write hoping you'll not refuse to allow me to join my own family once more. I am quite stout, have reason to expect Dr H. will not decline in case you arrange amicably my affairs. I can say no more at present

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Susan Sproule Aet: 50. from page 23.
1843.

May 25 Has remained stationary since last report till today when she is in bed in great distress from the supposed effects of Calomel. Tongue white. Bowels sluggish. Secns: fol: Chlorate of Potass ij. h.s.
" 26 Still in bed rejected the pills by vomiting & brought up also a considerable quantity of bilious looking matter. Tongue white. R. Pulv: Rhei gr xii. Magnes: Ji. Aq. Mentha pip: ℥i. M. Sum: stat.
" 29 Is today out of bed, & in her usual state. Cor: omnia.
June 1 Complains today of one of her ears and on examination the skin appears chapped behind it. Applic: Pulv: Lenes: Acid. Ignis aureum. Cor: omnia.
" 20 Has now been an inmate of the new Institution at Dartmouth for the last 10 days having been removed on the 10th & until the day before yesterday has been free of complaints she then complained of her hands being sore but said it was in consequence of the medicine she had been drugged with. She is today more cheerful. Health good. Cor: omn:
" 30 No change since last report.
July 1 Again complains of having been drugged with Calomel. Wished to see the Physician for half an hour.
" 7 Complains today of her Ears. Told the nurse that before she had got Calomel rubbed up with sugar to apply to them which had dried them up, & admitted to the Clinical Assistant that a lady in the house had told her so, but would not tell her name. She wished the nurse also to procure for her some purgative medicine as she did not wish to apply to the Clinical Assistant for it.
" 10 Had this morning some bilious vomiting which she attributes to having got some Calomel lately. is today in bed.
" 31 Has lately been very ill natured, because of her detention here. Has written home about it, requesting the Physicians to forward her letters, & if not, to return them to her. Delusions still very strong & every little while she is ill for perhaps a day or two, from the supposed effects of Calomel.

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August 3 Complains still of both ears, there is a good deal of cutaneous irritation behind them. Has one mane sal. Harrowian 3ij in aq. Fontan. 3viii. Ulcer lingt simple, portion of there is also slight enlargement of the right parotid gland.

" 11 A few days ago she complained to the lady superintendent of the reason of the pain she had in her feet & limbs as reported on the 20th of last month, & said she did not like at that time to mention it to the Clinical Assistant. It was she said owing to an incision having been made in her thigh during the night for the purpose of putting poison into her system, she also again reminded her that Clinical Assistant had ways & means of coming into her room at night without the knowledge of any one. Her ears still trouble her much & the excoriations discharge a thin & watery humour. Ulcer lingt. Ht. Hydrarg: mit: Conf. Alex

" 31 Continues troublesome & is every now and then finding fault with something or other or causing the patients by putting ideas into their heads & causing them to complain. Her delusions every now & then manifest themselves & are accompanied with a bilious attack confining her to bed for two days or so.

Sept 4 The following letter she wrote today

My Dear Mrs Galbraith

I wrote to Mr Galbraith the end of July & have not received a reply. I mentioned the unaccountable conduct of Eaton in placing me in one of the most degrading situations a female of feeling can possibly be in, which I have been for 13 months deprived of every comfort this world could afford, & confined the principle part of the day to my bed last winter & spring from weakness in consequence of cold and bad treatment when for 3 months Dr Hutcheson could not find time even to see me, but gave me over to the care of an inexperienced young man, we have been in the country since early in June but are not permitted to be out of an over heated gallery until after seven o'clock in the

Mary Crawford or Mrs Nicholls Ad. 55. From p. 45.
1843.

May 31 Still much inclined to be in bed, but when [illegible] employs herself knitting. Anxious about her friends & relations. Wishes to know whether that poor girl she left at home ill, is dead yet. Refuses to eat with her fellow patients, as she does not think she is fit to do so in her present state. Con. om:

June 20 Has continued since her removal to Gartmavil which took place about the middle of this month very low spirited, inclines to lie much in bed, & her appetite has lately fallen off. she often refuses her food, under the idea that she is prolonging a useless existence, & when a conversation is carried on with her for any length of time, she sheds tears. Lumen. pil. Pilul. c. Hydrarg. duas om: nocte ad nic: tert:

" 28 Still very depressed, & takes little food, & has been latterly vomiting what she does take. Was visited by her relation Miss Muirhead a few days ago, but refused to leave her room to see her, & consequently she was brought there, her delusions still continue very strong, & self destruction seems uppermost in her mind. Pulse small. Tongue covered with a yellow fur, but moist. Lumen: h.s. pil: Hydrarg: unam et cras mane Haust: c. Tinct: Cinnam et Sol: Magnes: Sulph: ℥ss.

" 29 Medicine given yesterday & this morning produced no effect, but has been griping her. still persists in refusing her food & her stomach has become so irritable that she vomits the little she has been persuaded to take, was after some considerable difficulty got to take some hot brandy and water. Hab: Haustum Cinnam Omnest:

" 30 Her husband has seen her & has determined on removing her, although she is still far from well. There is still a strong tendency to suicide manifested, & the delusion that she, her husband & their family are monsters & connected with the brute creation is still present with her. She is today dismissed

Relieved.

Admitted 26. April 1843.

Lillias Gray. Ætatis 24

1873 June 10. Had been labouring under a state of maniacal excitement for several days previous to her admission. Was brought to the asylum in a coach by Dr Harvey and her Father. Shortly after she entered the gallery she began to rave and became very violent, crying out the whole blessed time that Jesus Christ shall be saved. Pulse 90 small, pupils contracted, scalp hot, tongue dry, brown and cracked. When spoken to would answer no question but kept continually quoting texts of scripture. Was placed in seclusion the room darkened. R. Potassæ Iodidi Zij Tinct: Hyoscy: Zss Aquæ Zij ft Haustus quarum primum statim sumendus. Ord. dict. —

" 11. Raved a good deal during the afternoon of yesterday but was quiet through the night and kept in bed — Becomes excited when the nurse enters her room, calls out that she is a devil, covers up her face in the bed clothes, repeats verses and quotes scripture — Bowels have not been moved by the medicine. Pupils a little dilated, has taken no food or drink. tongue dry and brown with deep indentations. Sumat Statim pil assafœtid c Ol. Cortor — et hac nocte Tinct: Camph. Zj. Tr. Opii gtt xx Aquæ Camis Zij — Cont: declusio et alia —

" 12 More quiet but still excitable — pulse 90 moderate strength, tongue moist but brown in centre, pupils natural. Bowels freely opened by the pills. Complains of thirst. Has taken some food and drank two basins of tea. Inclined to rave but when alone keeps tolerably quiet — Slept during the night. Was taken out of seclusion this afternoon and proceeded to the new asylum at Gartnavel with two nurses — Bore the removal quietly and on the whole is improved —

" 17 Has continued much in same state since last report raves & talks in the most incoherent manner, principally on subjects connected with religion gets out of bed & lies on the floor sometimes under her bed, pulls her bed clothes about. Tongue white but moist. Cum: pil: Colocynth: c/ Hyos: duas h.s. Repet: Haust: h.s.

Pulse

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June 19 Still very excitable, sleeps better, but raves a good deal. Tongue white but moist. Pupils contracted. Pulse 80 & of good strength. Bowels regular. Con: Haust: Hyos: h.s.

20 Slept pretty well last night & is today quiete. Pulse 72. Tongue white but moist. Bowels confined. R. Tinct: Salaph: ℥i: Tinct: Cinnam ℥i Sol: Magnes: Sulph: ℥i: Aq. Fontan: ℥i. M. ft. haust: stat: sum:

21 Continues to improve & now keeps her bed better than the day. Still raves a great deal when asked for her hand that her pulse might be felt she first gave her right, but immediately drew it back & gave the left hand saying there was poison in it. she said she was not the same person but was all changed, that her's were not the same Eyes, they were not black but belonged to Lady Rathcoen. Bowels freely moved by medicine given yesterday. Pupils contracted. Pulse natural. Tongue clean & moist. Abroad: Capillitium. Con: haust: n.a. om: nocte h.s.

22 Pulse 64. Pupils still rather contracted. Tongue perfectly clean & moist. Bowels sluggish. When asked how she felt, said she was better that she was now coming to her senses, that she had been changed both her face & Eyes were changed, but that now she was Lillias Gray daughter of James Gray the porter (but was once a gardener) (he is a Spirit-dealer). She is much more collected & talks more rationally. & improves daily. Cum: pil: alterativ: cluras.

23 More noisy this morning & continued so during the day. Raves very incessantly & would scarcely speak to the clinical Assistant today. Bowels opened last night. Con. omnia.

28 Has been daily improving since last report & today has got on her clothes, and sits at dinner with her fellow patients, answers questions & talks very rationally. Tongue quite clean. Complains of being cold. To be removed from refractory gallery down stairs. C.O.

30 Remained pretty quiet & rational all yesterday, but today is more unsettled. Has been talking a good deal & now sense, told Mr Prichard he was her brother & the Clinical Assistant he was Mr Ferrier & that she now knew who they were.

Lillias Gray. Ætat: 24. from page 75.

1848.

July 1 Still very unsettled noisy & talkative. Raves a good deal. Con: Mentalis. Tabs.

" 3 Still noisy especially at night. Raves much about people of quality, says that she herself is Lady Lansdowne. throws her bed from its proper place and is constantly changing it from one part of the room to another. Bowels clear. Sumn: pil: Tonici. ℥j. Ol. Ricini ℥ss. mane.

" 7 Still continues very noisy at night. was today at visit quiet & said she was better. Tongue white but moist. Pupils natural. Cont omnia.

" 10 Still continues noisy, raves a great deal especially at night. Bowels sluggish. Sumn: pil: alterati: clear. Con: Hamst: Hyos: & Camphor: h.s.

" 15 Still continues excited & raves a great deal, frequently on religious subjects. Bowels slow. Takes her food and medicine well. Sumn: Station pil: Tonici. ℥j. Ol. Ricini. mane.

" 17 No improvement since last report still continues in seclusion in her room when asked if she would like to get up and dress herself said she would not leave her room till she became a polar bear in honour of the Orkney Islands. said also that she had seen God Almighty who told her she was Queen of heaven. Bowels very sluggish. Sumn: Stat: Pulv: Jalapæ ℈j. Potass Supertart ℈ij in Regia. Tobe dressed & got out of her room.

" 18 Was today visited by her father, but continued to rave in the most incoherent manner during the short time they were together. Catamenia have not appeared since her admission. Bowels sluggish. R. Magnes: sulph: ℥ij-ss Aq. Fontan: ℥iv-ss. Pp. Sumn: ℥ij. alterna quaque hora donec alvus soluta.

" 24 Continues still highly excited, uses the most abusive language, is very violent today, attempted to strike the nurse & has broken all the dishes on which her food was brought to her. Pupils rather contracted. Tabs naturalis. Sumn: pil: aloes et Ferri mane & in sedies. Con: Alia.

" 31 No improvement since last report, continues still very noisy both at night & during the day, notwithstanding

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July 31 the constant use of the Hyoscyamus drm[illegible]
Ag. Tinct. Ferri Comp. ℥ij. Tinct. Columb ℥ij.
Ag. Fontan. ℥xiv ij. ℔ij. Cam. ℥ij to [illegible]

August 7 Not the slightest improvement since last report. continues still very noisy both at night and during the day, raves in the most incoherent manner. Takes her food well, indeed her appetite is very keen. The Iron mixture was discontinued on the 4th & an Iron & Aloes pill ordered for her three times a day. Con. Alvi.

" 14 Continues as noisy & unsettled as ever frequently curses & swears & uses most abusive language, & if interfered with is very apt to become violent. Con: con:

" 21 Not the slightest improvement has taken place in this case since last report. She walks round & round the gallery keeping close to the wall, raving & talking in the most noisy & incoherent manner & if interfered with is very apt to become excited & violent. She continues the use of the Aloes & Iron pills.
℞. Sodae Bicarb ℥ij. Tinct. Gentian Comp ℥ij.
Ag. Fontan. ℥xv. ℔ij. Cam. ℥ij to [illegible].

" 24 Is today affected by diarrhoea caused the Nurse thinks by the quantity she eat yesterday, her appetite being very voracious; looks pale & haggard. Still calls the Clinical Assistant her Captain John Lucier and asks if he is ashamed to own it. Voice hoarse with raving. Cam. Alatus Tinct. Rhei ℥ij. Con. Alvi.

Sept. 1 Continues still as noisy & excitable as ever, raves almost constantly on all subjects. Her friends have on several occasions lately been extremely anxious to obtain the sanction of the Physician to her being removed to the Country, & though frequently & strongly recommended not to think of such a step at present they today in spite of every remonstrance insisted on having her away, and the first thing they did on getting her into the carriage before driving off, was to administer to her a glass of whiskey She is dismissed

Relieved.

Paid

Miss Anne Young. Aet. 50.

1843

June 13 Was brought to Cartmanel in a carriage by two of the nurses without any trouble was quiet & free from excitement on admission betrayed all the delusions which formerly characterized her case when a patient in the old Asylum. said she had no head & no tongue & would not be able to take her food, wished to know the medical officers opinion as to whether she would be able to take her food or not & go home again to her mother Health good. Tongue a little white. Sumat: Jul: Colocynth & Hyos: draca

" 14 Slept well although she was anxious to get some one to sleep in the room with her. Today accused the Clinical Assistant of laughing at her, although this was not the case, delusions continue strong; takes her food well.

" 19 Delusions still continue, complains of the nurse washing & scrubbing other neck, says she ought to be more careful about it, as it is different from other peoples. Lies in bed a good deal during the day, but health is pretty good. Face red & scaly. Sumat: Jul: Rhei & Hydrarg: draca omni n. h.s. R. Sulphur Lot Zj Ceruss: Cactis ℥iij ℔ss. Ft. Cotio facies.

" 30 No change since last report. Delusions strong as before. Complains in the most selfish manner & without any reason. Lies in bed a good deal. Con. cur.

July 24 Little change since last report till about a week ago when she appeared much better, has since been doing some needle work. Although her delusions are still strong still she talks less about them.

" 31 Continues to employ herself in needle work, has not talked of her head or her tongue since last report, but asks if she will be able to take her food asks also when she is to get home & made Clinical Assistant promise to take her home if it is necessary. Repeats the same questions daily at visit, sometimes several times over. General health pretty good. C.O.

August 31 No change since last report. Continues pretty cheerful & industrious.

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Septr 30 During the last month this patient has improved both in body & mind She takes more exercise & is more understands. Her mind however is still very weak & full of various absurd fancies of which she is constant. C. omnia

Octr 30 During the past month several absurd fancies have occasionally occupied her mind. She is however on the whole better. Cont. omnia

Novr. 23 For the last two days has not been so well. Her bowels have been constipated. Her breath today is fetid & her tongue foul. Is afraid she has no head & that her neck is in a precarious state, that her tongue will disappear &c. Dresses being washed or having her dress changed. Sumat hora somni pil. Colocynth. C. Calomel ℈j, C. calca

— 24 Bowels have been moved freely & her fancies are less. Tongue still foul & breath fetid. Acne of face very conspicuous. Sumat pil. alterativ ℈j h. s. & infus. Gentian Alkalin ℥ij bis quotidie

— 26 Little change. Complains that she has a cord on her neck — C. omnia

Decr 4 Health somewhat improved. Bowels ordered to be constipated Mind full of fancies. Rp. pil Alterativ xij Sumat q. o. n. h. s Cont. calca

— 11 Continues much the same. Is very anxious to get home very cross to her fellow patients & selfish in her conduct. She has now a swelling on the side of her face neck & shoulder. Cont. omnia

— 31 No change except that her health is better. The acne has in a great measure disappeared. C. omnia

1844/Jan 16 Last night attended the ball given to the patients & was much pleased with it. Health improves. Today in very good humour. C. omnia

— 21 Today a little tongue a little foul & breath fetid. Good humoured however. Will frequently reminded of her conduct. Shakes hands &c. Delusions fade rapidly. Rp. pulv. Rhei gr XXIV Magnes. Ust. ℈j. Ovid. Bismuth gr XXIV. Pulv. Aromatic gr VII. M. Divide in part. Equales to page 89.
℥ij. S. 1 bis quotidie

Harriett Selitia Greig or Mrs Darcas Ætat 2
1843.

June 16 On admission appeared there in a very restless & unsettled state could not be got to sit down, but wandered about the room in a listless & confused manner, was perfectly taciturn & could not be got to return a single answer to any questions put to her, but went about muttering to herself in an unintelligible manner, was however once or twice heard to say she had no right to be here, & it was wrong in Mr Darcas to bring her. Countenance pale & anxious. Pupils dilated. Will not shew her tongue

17 Spent a quiet night though she was frequently out of bed. Still very restless & scarcely remains a moment in the same place. Lumb: pil: Colocynth: & Hyoscyam: alves h.s.

19 Is today no better walks about the gallery in a very unsettled state with her hair all disordered and hanging about her ears. Extremities cold. Countenance pale & anxious still refuses to shew her tongue. She had two Colocynth & Hyoscyamus pil. last night which have not operated. Aberd: Capillitium. Lumb: Statim sol: Magnes: Sulph: et Tinct: Senn: Comp: aa. ℥j.

20 Still very restless, & today attempted to force herself through the open panneld of the gallery door & fell & bruised her knee. Pulse 80. Tongue white. Bowels opened freely by medicine given yesterday. Lumb: h.s. haust: ℥j. Tinct: Hyoscyam: ℥ij. Tinct: Camph: ℥ij. Aq: Menth: pip: ℥ij.

21 Still very taciturn & can scarcely be got to answer a single question. Extremities cold. Pulse 76. Pupils contracted Tongue white but moist. Scalp hot. Admov: vesicat: Capiti. Rept haust: h.s.

22 Blister rose well, still very much depressed. Complains of being here for nothing, & speaks on no other subject. Pupils still contracted. Bowels not moved. Tongue white. When her room door is opened she is generally found out of bed & standing behind the door. Aq: Tinct: Hyoscyam: ℥j.

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June 22 Tinct: Camphor: ℥ij. Tinct: Cinnam Comp: ℥ij. Sol: Sulph: Magnes: ℥iss. M. Cum: A.S.

" 23 No improvement or change since yesterday. Bowels confined, although she took laxative medicine yesterday. Pupils still contracted. Injic: Enema ℣. ol: Ricini ℥j. statim. Repet: haust. pro sero.

" 25 Rather better both yesterday and today. Enema operated freely. Took her food but indifferently till today when she takes it better. Still taciturn & restless. To have two eggs beat up with warm milk for dinner. Con: mania.

" 28 Continues taciturn but in other respects somewhat improved. Takes her food better. Her general appearance is improved. Bowels slow notwithstanding she had a purgative draught last night. Repet: Enema ℣. ol. Ricini. ℥j. Con: Idia.

" 29 Enema produced no effect. Sleeps better at night. Keeps her bed when in her room, has been allowed to walk about the refractory gallery. Pulse small. R. Magnes: Sulph: ℥iss. Tinct: Zingib: ℈ss x. Aq. Fontan: ℥vi. M. Cum: ℥ij. Idia eaque hora donec aliter solo.

" 30 Medicines operated freely. No change since yesterday. Con. mania.

July 1 Looks considerably better today took her food well & without assistance from the nurse. On the whole improved since her admission.

" 3 Bowels continue very sluggish notwithstanding the constant use of purgatives, & there is still considerable difficulty in getting her to take her medicines. Still taciturn & restless. Was today visited by Dr Regan from Derry, but the interview seemed to make no impression upon her. Takes her food better. Injic: Enema. a.a.

" 5 Bowels not moved since the 30th notwithstanding the constant use of purgatives and injections, all yesterday she was taking the Sol. of Sulphate of Magnesia in frequently repeated small doses but without the slightest effect, an enema with Castor Oil was this morning exhibited which at last had the effect of moving the bowels freely. She now takes her food much better. Still very taciturn and restless & if not watched is apt to break the windows of the gallery.

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Susan McDonald Adt from Vol. II. p. 170

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June 28 confines herself a great deal to her own room frequently to her bed, takes her food very indifferently, is quite taciturn and depressed. looks pale and sallow.

" 30 Still continues perfectly taciturn & very much depressed. Is today in bed, indeed she generally does not get up till the Evening when the other patients are out walking, when she comes out of her room and walks along the gallery. From a conversation which she had with Nurse Stewart it appears that she is not always in the same dull & depressed state, & that she talks cheerfully to her, and is evidently conducting herself in the manner she does, on purpose to annoy, and give trouble. To be got up regularly in proper time in the morning.

July 13 Still taciturn, it was today discovered that she refuses to take her food with the other patients & must have it in her own room. that she talks cheerfully to some of the patients and nurses but neither to the Clinical Assistant nor to the Lady Superintendent, nor Physician and that she is permitted to walk in the gallery after the other patients are gone to bed. all this evidently is done through a spirit of pettishness & on purpose to annoy. She must however henceforth take her food with the others & conform herself in other respects to the rules of the house.

" 24 Today after having been urged for some time by Clinical Assistant to tell him the reason she maintained such uniform silence when addressed by him, & told that the taking away of her dog was not done to annoy her individually, that the same thing would have been done, had it been any of the other ladies, she said it was useless to try and convince her on that subject, & immediately walked out of the room. In her room on the floor she has got all her dog's bedding, collar, ribbond she used to lead him with.

Granted

Admitted 28 September 1837.

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July 24 Upon her bench, couch, &c &c. arranged on the floor with some lines of poetry attached to each, & laid out in the most tasteful manner. She has since last report come regularly to her meals with the other patients, and converses & talks with them cheerfully. Con. convivial.

August 14 No change since last report the following is a copy of the verses she has lately been engaged writing.

Friendships memorials here may bloom
Like flowers that linger in the tomb
Bedewed with bitter tears
Let no vain hope deceive my mind
No happier let me hope to find
Tomorrow than today.
And I am left alone though not on earth to mourn, as well as care the day that saw my solitary birth.
I think that o'er these lines mine Eye may wander in some future year
And memory breath a bitter sigh
for hours to me so dear.
Twas all she wished a friend.
Then Hope and Joy a last farewell
Love, to this bosom be unknown
Sorrow no longer here shall dwell
But hatred reign, supreme alone.
Another watched day has past.
Oh! would to Fate that it might be the last
That when I close mine Eyes in sleep this night
They ne'er again may open on the light
Who could imagine or what words express
Of such a life the dreary wretchedness

Sunday Eve
July 24th

The friend who midst a thousand ills
Was here to me alone
That friend who cheered my thorny path
Alas! from me is gone.
And thou shalt speak as from the tomb,
Of blighted joy & friendship lost
And thou shalt each dark one present
That misery loves to ponder most
Now to the joy the only joy that here I
ever felt or knew
To see thee here To call thee mine
Oh! misery have I lost that too.

August 2d

In Memory
Of an only friend of whom deprived by hands
accursed on the 12th June 1843.

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Posted

Barbara Ogilvie Ast: from page 25.

1843.

June 12 Was today transferred to the New Asylum at Gartnavel, and is at present more manageable than she was, though still unsettled.

" 22 Has continued daily to improve since her removal from the old Asylum, has been out walking daily in the grounds, and both yesterday & today appears to be perfectly rational.

" 28 Continues in every respect perfectly rational goes out regularly in the mornings & walks through the grounds. General health good.

July 5 Rational in every respect. Complains of weakness & of feeling fatigued after being out walking, & asks if it is owing to her late illness. Ordered Pil: Rhei & Hydrarg: cham: alter quaque nocte ad rem tertiam Johann ex haust: of Sherry daily after dinner

" 6 Has continued perfectly rational since last report, was rather low-spirited on the 1st & 2d & feared she was to be ill again, but by the use of antispasmodics she is now cheerful & quite well. Complains of deafness. Today wrote a perfectly rational letter to her mother requesting her to come and see her telling her she expected to get home next week & hoping she would come for her & bring her several articles of clothing which she named. Expressed herself as highly pleased with the conduct of the nurse Stewart & requested her to purchase a gown which she wished to reward her with.

" 13 Continues rational in every respect was visited some days ago by her mother and sister who took her out a short drive in a carriage.

" 19 Continues perfectly rational & daily improves in health and strength, deafness also is daily decreasing. Expresses great anxiety to prevent the recurrence of her disorder & asks advice as to how to attain this object when she is dismissed. Her friends came for her today & she was dismissed

Cured.

Admitted 4. March 1843.

Jean Baird Act. 29.

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June 23 Was yesterday sent for from her father's house at Ballantrae & brought here today, from the account given of her it appears that at home she had been very violent, so much so that it was necessary to use means of restraint, she bore marks of violence, the left Eye is considerably discoloured. On admission she was quiet, answered questions relevantly, but was evidently very excitable. Tongue white. Pupils natural. Pulse 64. Bowels loose.

" 25 Has remained quiet since her admission, but appears very unsettled & talks rather in a religious strain. Requested to be allowed to have a pipe & tobacco ~~allowed~~ her as she was accustomed to smoke at home, said we were too genteel for her here & she wished she was home again.

" 28 Health good, continues free from excitement, is coarse & masculine in her appearance & haughty & independent in her deportment. Requires to be allowed to write to her brother.

July 6 Has continued free from excitement & makes herself useful to the nurse, seems to take a pleasure in helping her to manage the patients, is today in rather a bad temper because she was refused some Epsom salts, which from the report of the nurse she was far from requiring. Complains of her thumb which appears affected with whitlow. General health very good.

" 10 Continues quiet and makes herself very useful in the gallery. An incision was yesterday made into the thumb & a quantity of matter allowed to escape. General health good. Con. omnia.

" 13 Rather irritable the last two days, & shews a good deal of temper, but betrays no delusions. General health good. Con. omnia.

" 31 Continues very industrious, seems to take a pleasure in assisting the nurse in her various duties. Has been free from excitement since last report. Health good. Betrays no delusions.

August 15 So much less flighty & unsettled than she was on admission. Has been for some time very anxious

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August 15 to get home to take care of her father who she says is an old man & will miss her much. She is in every respect rational, is very industrious herself, keeps her fellow patients employed along with her. Her friends having come for her today she was with the concurrence of the Physician dismissed

Cured.

Catherine McKenzie Aet: 26.

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June 24 when visited at her own house by the Clinical Assistant was found sitting alone in her own room with a bible in her hand, immediately began to talk of the manner in which she had been treated, spoke of Dr Watson praised his character as a religious man & wished to have his advice as to how she was to act, raved on religious subjects & quoted scripture in the most incoherent manner & generally concluded her sentences by shouting out loud! loud! loud! Declared she would not move out of the house till her husband the Rev: Mr Stewart came for her, & so determined was she that it was at last necessary to lift her out on the chair on which she was sitting to the carriage, when once there she sat perfectly quiet & never uttered a word, till she got to the Asylum, where she arrived about ½ past 11. p.m. and was easily persuaded to get to bed.

25 This morning when visited was found out of bed with her head in contact with the floor, from her knees her breakfast was beside her, but untouched, when asked why she did not take it, said she did not require it, she was fed with the manna which came down from heaven, said that she had been tormented with visions all night & raved in the same religious strain as yesterday. Pulse 120. Pupils natural Tongue white. Breath foul. Sum: stat: pil: Sedat: ℥. ℓ. Bolus: urinam.

28 Medicine given on the 25th operated freely, but there is no mental improvement, she attempts to rush out of her room whenever the door is opened, & is always found behind it with a pillow in each hand. Raves very incoherently. Countenance pale. She was today removed to the refractory gallery. Abrad: Capitilitium.

29 Still very restless & refractory spent a bad night and was very noisy raves & cries out in the most incoherent manner. Pulse 88 small. Bowels close. Extremities cold, but not those

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June 29 her Tongue. Applic: vesicat: capiti. Lumb: h.s. pulv: Salap. 3i. Calomel. gr v.

" 30 Blister rose very imperfectly as she was constantly attempting to take it off. Medicine operated powerfully still very noisy & unmanageable. Tract: capiti abras: Lig: Epispast: Cat: Alia.

July 1 Less noisy today, but still raves in a religious strain, says she is the free protesting Church. Lumb: h.s. Haust. c. Tinct: Hyos: 3i. Tinct: Camphor: 3ss. Aq. Menth: pip: 3vss. M. Cat: delus.

" 3 No improvement since last report. When her room door is opened she generally rushes out & pulls the nurse and holds by her dress, does not speak to any one & is quite incoherent, Extremities cold, and discoloured, Pulse very small, Pupils contracted. will not shew her Tongue. Considerable tenderness of both hypochs. To have a pint of Porter daily. Cat: deluvio. R. Tinct: Hyosc: am: 3ij: Tinct: Camph: 3ss. Aq. Menth: pip: 3iss. M. Lumb: tert: quart: hr. Gastodia.

" 4 Is today in a very depressed & low state lies perfectly quiet & has been perfectly free from excitement, on examination of the Chest and neck the integuments are puffy and distended, & when pressure is made the feeling of air diffused into the cellular tissue is conveyed to the finger, this Emphysematous sound extends down over the Abdomen & is also very perceptible in both upper Eyelids which are much swollen and completely closed. Respiration is so in the minute & appears quite unaffected. Pulse 120 small. Pupils rather contracted Bowels open, extremities warm. To have 1 pint of Porter daily & 2 glasses of Brandy.

" 5 Rather better today. Emphysema has not increased since yesterday, has been pretty quiet but for about an hour was rather excited & violent, afterwards became quiet and talked to the nurse quietly & pretty rationally about her brother and friends. Pulse still small. Bowels open. Extremities of natural temperature. Repic: Enema g. bd. Rejic. Continue Porter & wine Cat: Haust. h.s.

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Jane Dickson or Mrs Clark Aet 48.

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June 28 Came from her own house to the Asylum with great reluctance. Denied that she was Mrs Clark and said her name was Jane Dickson. shewed her hand from which she had taken off her marriage ring. On her admission to the Asylum & indeed all the time she was coming to the Asylum she kept her Eyes shut as if asleep & squeezed herself into a corner of the carriage. Pulse 108 rather small. Pupils contracted. Tongue a little white but moist. was at first taciturn, but after being an hour or two in the house she began to speak, said she wished home tonight, & that she would not taste food while here.

29 This morning when visited was found sitting in her room, she immediately shut her Eyes & at first would not speak or answer questions she soon however of her own accord began in a religious strain; said "I shut my eyes no man speaketh. God tempteth no man and cannot be tempted. This is my birthright, liberty to act as I please". Pupils contracted. Spent a quiet night & slept pretty well.

30 Less taciturn today answers questions put to her, but refuses her food, She has twice taken a cup of milk being the only nourishment she has taken since she came to the house. Pulse 108. Tongue white. Pupils contracted. Bowels not moved since admission. Rx: pil. Rhei c. Hydrarg: deas.

July 1 Today perfectly taciturn & will not speak a word, sits with her Eyes shut when any one enters her room, but whenever they leave she stands up & reads her bible. Took only one of the pills.

4 Has been noisy during last night got out of bed and packed up all her clothes which she had by her & insisted on getting home. Bowels confined. Pupils contracted. Pulse 108. Still refuses her food & with the exception of twice or three times when she took some porridge and milk has taken nothing since she came to the house. Tongue covered with a

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July 4 white but moist fur. Lum: fil: Chlorate of Hydrogen: ohnas.

" 5 Still obstinately persists in refusing ~~refusing~~ her food. says she will take no food from her enemies tells those who attend on her they belong to the party. Black John's party. calls out to them to bring him to her, covers her face with the bedclothes, & says "Strength with his arm the Almighty shews". Pulse small Tongue white. It was necessary this Evening to force her to take some hot brandy & water with toast, & if she still persists the feeding apparatus must be used. There was in the Evening a good deal of thunder & lightening which excited her much. she insisted that they were sent on her account and that God was manifesting himself to her in that way. Lum: fil: Alterativ: ohnas.

" 6 Took but very little breakfast this morning but in the evening called for an Egg which she eat very greedily & took some wine after it. has been sitting in the dining room during the day repeating quotations from scripture

" 7 From the report of the nurse it appears that today she remained in the same position for five hours she sat on a chair with her handkerchief in one hand which was extended & her bible in the other, during this time she was perfectly taciturn & afterwards she complained of being very tired. Takes her food better. Lum: omitted. To have a glass of sherry daily.

" 8 To today very cheerful, shook hands with the Clinical Assistant, ventured readily into conversation with him would not however acknowledge that she was Mrs Clark said she was Mrs Brash, & that the nurse was Faith, accused the Clinical Assistant of having sprinkled Laudanum on her bed at night thanked him however for his visit and agreed to apply to him for anything she might require Takes her food well. Lum: fil: Chlorate of Hydrog.

" 9 Still denies that she is Mrs Clark & says I am God, the only living & true God. whosoever cometh unto me through Faith I will in no wise cast out.

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Janet Atkinson Aet. 50. from page 56.

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June 30 complained bitterly of the ill-usage to which she had been subjected, requested an interview with the physician to whom she said she would reveal her history, & prove to him that what she said was true & that she possessed her sound judgment.

July 8 Has since last report had a long interview with the physician, an account of which will be found in the lady superintendents book, & from which it appears that her delusions with regard to her friends, wishing to deprive her of property &c. &c. continue as strong as ever, her friends however are anxious to give her a trial at home, and although contrary to the opinion of the physicians she was today discharged

Relieved.

Admitted 6. May. 1843.

Catherine McKenzie Aet: 26. from page
1843

July 6 Enema operated freely spent a noisy & restless night & this morning was very violent. Emphysema stationary. Pulse 104 still small. Pupils rather dilated today. Continue Potass. Mist brandy

7 Is today quite speaks when spoken to but quite incoherently. Emphysema less perceptible today than yesterday Pulse of fuller strength. Pupils natural will not show her Tongue. Cont omnia.

8 Emphysema now is gradually disappearing. Pulse 100. of better strength. Bowels confined. Omit ℞ to continue. Cont: pil: Cloroph: ℈j. Hyos: deus.

9 Medicine produced no effect she is today quiet, takes her food well & on the whole improves daily. Pulse 100. ℞. Pulv: Cloroph: gr xxiv. Ol. Ricini ℥ij. Ft. divide in Pulv: iv. Cont: omnia urgentia quaque hora. Cont. Alvi.

10 Medicine operated but very slightly She is today up and dressed, inquired for Dr Pagan, called for her bible said the Lord was her support & repeated passages from Scriptures. Emphysema is gradually subsiding. ℞. Sulph: Magnes ℥ss. Aq. Fontan ℥xv. Ft. haust: statim. Cont: Haust: 2ª et Alia.

12 Improves daily in strength. sleeps and takes her food well. Emphysema is now nearly gone. Pulse 84 of better strength though still small. Pupils natural. will not shew her Tongue. very filthy in her habits. Cont: omnia.

14 Emphysema is now gone. countenance improved looks much more healthy will not shew her Tongue. Bowels unmoved though she had two pills yesterday. Takes her food well. Cont: pil: Ferrid: & Ol. Ricini j. statim.

18 Medicine given yesterday operated but very slightly. Still raves & talks very incoherently. General health improves daily. Repet: pil: Ferrid & Ol. Ricini: mane hodie.

18 Has been up, dressed and sitting in the gallery the last two days. looks thin & pale. Pulse 148. small. still cannot be got to shew her Tongue. Pupils natural. Bowels still sluggish. still talks quite incoherently. Cont: stat: Tinct: Scilap: ℥ij. Tinct: Lemnas C. ℥ij.

Aug

page 82. Admitted 24 June. 1843

July 21 Medicines given as the 19th never operated. & she had two aloes & Aperients pills yesterday, but without effect. She improves however in strength & general appearance. still filthy in her habits. Repet. Med. Solin: Cathart: et antia. Low: Alia.

" 25 Daily improves in strength. Tongue is of good strength. Pupils dilated. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels still obst. Venen: Statim. Jul: Chlorydi: Comp: Quas. Low: Haust: h.s. et alia.

" 28 Bowels have not been moved for a week notwithstanding pills, draughts and enemata. She had yesterday ℔ Castor Oil & Turpentine Enema without effect. Today a large warm water Enema has been ordered. She improves in strength & takes her food well however. Habits still filthy. Still quite incoherent.

August 2 Today is much more rational than she has been since her admission. When visited by Clinical Assistant today she detailed to him the whole history of his having brought her here, reminded him that he wore white trowsers and represented himself to be her parish. That she did not like black clothes they reminded her of the Devil; then she asked if she was thrown since she came; she enquired for her brother Neil who she said was with Stewart & McDonald & was busy working there; she improves daily, shewed her tongue which was quite clean & moist. Pupils natural. Bowels regular. Low. Haust. h.s. et alia.

" 7 Continues much in the same state as at last report, always shakes hands with Clinical Assistant & reminds him of all the circumstances of his having brought her here. Sits at table with the other patients & conducts herself properly. Bowels still very sluggish. Notwithstanding the use of medicine have not been moved for 4 days. Supp: Enema domest: statim.

" 9 Continues daily to improve in health and strength. Takes her food very well. Is very talkative. Repeats a great deal about her being brought here, & the manner in which it was effected. Bowels moved by Enema. Discontinue her Porter & Beef. Low. Alia.

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July 10 Is today perfectly taciturn, has taken no breakfast, and either sits in the room, or stands in the gallery looking steadfastly at the ceiling.

" 16 Still much disposed to maintain the same position for a long time without speaking a single word, & is also with difficulty got to take her food. Rx. Pulv: Colocynth gr xxxii Pulv: Rhei gr xxxi Pulv: Scammon gr x. Ft. Divide in Pulv: xii. Sum: unam omni nocte

" 17 Has been taking her food & medicine much better since last report, has not spoken to Clinical Assistant since the 8th but spoke to Sr Nation a few words today when he visited her, positively keeps the bowels regular. Still looks pale & thin, & maintains the same position for a long time. Pulse small. Rx. Tinct: Gentian Comp ℥i Tinct Cardamom Comp ℥i. Rx. Fontan ℥ss IV. Ft. Sum: ℥ij ter quotidie.

" 19 Is today perfectly taciturn. Pupils contracted. After she was dressed & in the gallery today she began to take her clothes off. Takes her food better.

" 21 Continues taciturn, but today talked a little about her friends then around the Clinical Assistant & those in the house of disturbing her at night by making a noise both below & above her room, and also in the next room. Pupils still contracted. Takes her food & medicine well. Con. Omnia.

" 25 Has both yesterday and today been again refusing her food. Continues taciturn & preserves the same attitude often for a great length of time. To have a pint of Beef Tea daily at dinner-time as she cannot be got to take any animal food.

" 31 Little change since last report, except that she takes her food better.

August 3 Continues still taciturn and abstracted. Today considerable oedema of both feet & legs was observed by the nurse. Rx. Spt. Ether Nitros. ℥j Tinct Gent C ℥ss Aq. Fontan ℥viss. Ft. Sum: ℥i bis quotidie. Omit: Alia medicamenta

" 9 Oedema of feet & legs still continues & her face is also slightly swollen. Urine scanty though she has used the

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August. 9 diuretic mixture regularly since last report. Catamenia appeared a few weeks after her admission & have not appeared since. Sum. Potass. Bitart. 3ij. bis indies. et pil aloes et ferri mane bis indies. omit. Inject. diuretic. Con. alia.

" 15 Swelling of feet & ankles considerably diminished since last report. Health continues in general perfectly taciturn but will occasionally speak about her friends and relatives. Con. omnia.

" 23 Appears more cheerful & less taciturn than she was enters into conversation with Clinical Assistant asks him to be allowed to go home, stated her recollection of his having brought her here, & requests him to accompany her home, her general health also improves. She is remarkably neat in her dress. Has lately been employing herself knitting. The following is a copy of a letter she has written home

"Royal Asylum

"My Beloved Husband. Brothers Sisters & Friends - It is with much pleasure I take up the pen to address a few lines to you by way of remembrance. I long much to see you all and all my other dear friends & to be with you again as soon as convenient. - I am very kindly here, but I love, & long to be with my relations & hope soon to be restored to them, and their home. I am sometimes much overcome at having been so long parted - I anxiously hope to see you all very soon, and would feel very happy to receive a letter by return of post, you will know how to address and with kind regards to all my dear dear friends I bid adieu for the present as it begins to get rather late And I am yours very affectionately

(Signed) Jane Dickson Clark."

"Mrs Davison
6 Somerville Place
Glasgow"

Sept. 6 Has continued to improve since last report. Is much less excitable than she was & also less taciturn, has visited

Jane Dickson or Mrs Clark. Act: 48. from page 86.
1843.

Sept: 6 today by Dr Watson Found much pleased with the interview which she mentioned to the Clinical Assistant afterwards. Con. omnia.

" 25 On the whole has gone on well since last report. Health has improved. Looks cheerful. Answers questions relevantly & with a smile. Pulse small 66. Pupils natural. T. clean. Mind little weak. C. omnia

" 31 Mind gains strength. Health improves. ~~Is not quite pure but~~ On the whole is better. Cont. omnia

October 5 Convalescence proceeds rapidly Her health is much better & she is quite rational. C. omnia

" 12 Is now quite well and may be discharged as soon as arrangements can be made. C. omnia

" 18 Being this day in good bodily health & perfectly rational she was discharged

Cured

page 86. Admitted 28. June 1843.

Harriett Letitia Gregg a Mrs Barnes. Act 21. from page 76

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July	9	he improvement since last report. continues taciturn & restless & when left to herself immediately rushes to the window has broken several panes of glass & has frequently tried to push herself through the broken apertures. requires constant watching looks thin and unhealthy takes her food very indifferently. Bowels continues slow. To have a pint of Porter daily. Ry. Tinct. Calaf. ℥i. Tinct. Cinnam. Comp. ℥i. Aq. Menth. pip. ℥ij. M. dem. stat. Sumat. h.s. Con. alia.
"	10	Bowels still unmoved. Is with great difficulty got to take either her food or medicine. Hab. Enema c. ol. Ricini ℥ij.
"	12	All yesterday was taking small doses of sulphate of magnesia in solution but with little or no effect upon the Bowels. still very restless & is with great difficulty got to take her food, which she says is poisoned. Calomel & Clinical Assistant to allow her to go away with him seems to mistake him for some other relations. Rem: pil: aloes et asafœtid ℈ ij. Ol. Cast. ℥ij. statim et repet. post horas duas si alvus non fuit. Con. Brandy & Soft Porter.
"	13	Medicine operated several times freely. Has taken a little breakfast today as well as dinner. looks very thin.
"	14	Is more disposed to take her food today. took her breakfast well & also some Beef Tea in the middle of the day but does not seem to relish the Brandy. To have 2 glasses of Sherry daily instead of Brandy & 1 pint of Beef Tea.
"	15	Takes her food now better, but looks very thin. still inclines to hover about the window & this morning broke another pane of glass. Bowels slow. Ry. Magn: sul. Colocynth: c. Hyos: ℈ ss. Ol. Croton: gtt. iij. M. Divide in pil. xii. Sum: unam quotidie. Con. alia.
"	24	Still looks thin & unhealthy, but takes her food much better. Has got an unhealthy looking sore on one of her feet in the centre of which is a thick slough, it has been poulticed the last two days, and today the Resinous Ointment has been applied

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July 24 To have a pint of Porter daily instead of tea. Con. omnia.

" 31 No change since last report. Sore on foot looks better, though is becoming detached.

August 7 No mental improvement, continues taciturn but less restless than formerly. Takes her food well. Bowels sluggish although she has taken medicine several times they have not been moved for 4 days. Sore on foot now granulating under the use of the adhesive plaster. Lotio Lumbricorum statim. Con. omnia.

" 31 No change or improvement since last report. Sore on foot quite healed up.

Septr 25 Has gained a little flesh since last report. Mind very low & weak. On the whole very little improvement. Cont. omnia

" 30. No improvement in mental state. Quiet and taciturn — Will not answer when spoken to unless compelled by the nurse. Health somewhat improved and has gained flesh. Appetite good and sleep natural. Cont. omnia.

Oct 7. No mental change. Habits very dirty. Takes her food well. Bowels regular. Taciturn and depressed. Cont. omnia.

" 14. Looks bloated. Skin of a pinkish colour. Bowels have not acted so regularly of late. Quiet at night. Ordered Pil. Alterativ. to be continued pro re nata. Cont. omnia.

" 21 Since last report has improved in bodily appearance. Bowels have been freely opened several times by the medicine. Still continues extremely filthy in her habits and there is no improvement in her mental condition. Appetite good. never speaks and seldom moves about of her own accord. Cont. omnia.

" 31. Filthy in her habits and fatuous in mind. Disinclined to make the slightest bodily exertion. Requires incessant attention otherwise the cells not be tolerated by the other patients in the same ward. In quite harmless and inoffensive in other respects. Appetite good. Sleeps quite at night. Bowels regular. Gains flesh but still looks bloated. Has been removed to the airing room & sleep. Cont. omnia.

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Feb 7 4 Does no work. Requires to take aperient ~~Medicine~~ medicine regularly. Delusions less prominent, but mind very weak. Mitte pil. Alt. 4ta. Sumat 4. p. r. n. Cont. alia

" 9 Amenable good humoured & re- -dustrious. Has broached none of her delusions since last report. Health much better but still requiring attention. Rp. Infus. Cinchon. flav. fzvij ad 3xv. T. Cardamom C. 3j. Acid Muriatic dilut 3j. M. ft. Sumat 3y. mane nocteque. C. alia

" 20 Has not been quite so well since last report having occasionally adverted to the subjects of her former delusions. Considerable acne of face. Rp Sulphur. præcipitat 3ß. Cremor Tartar 3y. M. ft. ß. The face to be annointed with this every ~~morning~~ evening, care being taken to wash it gently in the morning. C. omnia

" 27 No change. Still talks in a childish manner about her head & tongue. Acne of face improved. Health pretty good. Cont omnia

March 3 Has the same delusions about her tongue & head. Is very unwilling to be washed & to have her clothes changed for fear of her head falling off. Sometimes laughs at most of her delusions but adheres to them - that there is a cord in her neck which draws back her tongue. Very jealous & fanciful attention being paid to others. Requires to be coaxed like a child. Notices, reports and reasonates the delusions of her fellow patients. Has a good & accurate memory especially for texts of Scripture & Hymns, dates, names &c. Seems to have a great affection for her relatives & speaks kindly of them in her best moments. Always enquiring when she is going home to her Mother. Does not wish to go any where else. Acne of face gone. Health pretty good. Still requires aperient medicine. Rp pil. Alterantes ℞j. fiat omnia nocte L.S. Rp. Infus. Cinchon. flav. 3xv. T. Cardamom C. 3j. Acid. Muriatic dilut 3j. M. ft. Sumat 3ij. mane nocteque. Cont. alia

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March 8 Looks better since last report has been in good humour last summa —

" 11 Has caught a slight cold & when moving a coughing is apprehended that her head will fall off & that she will lose her tongue. To have her feet bathed & some warm gruel & thirty at bedtime

" 13 Catarrh diminishes but she still sneezes & coughs a little. Is very fretful & childish. C. omnia

" 16 Catarrh gone. Is less childish & not now fretful. Does not allude to any of her delusions. Cont. omnia

" 28 Health good. Sometimes fretful about her stay here. Is little childish in her manners & at times broaches the old delusions respecting her head & neck — Cont. omnia

April 12 Has the same delusions about her head & tongue as formerly. Is at times fretful & inclined to be severe on the absent though always courteous to those present. Health good. C. omnia

" 20 Has been less fretful since last report & has left frequently mentioned her fancies. Is anxious to be taken home. Talks childishly at times. At other times makes shrewd remarks. Health good. C. omnia

" 30 Has gone on better since last report. Health good — C. omnia

May 8 Not so well again. Requires to have aperient medicine daily. Is fretful & disposed to broach her former fancies about her head & tongue C. omnia

" 22 Always talking of the loss of her head & her tongue — if she is so home &c — Not so fretful. Health good C. omnia

June 5 Yesterday & today has had a bilious attack & keeps her bed. Has had two aperient pills & sodium powders with effect. Rept. medicament. C. alia

" 7 Is quite well in health. Mends as before

" 30 Much more silent & cheerful. Health good Walks out daily. C. omnia

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July 12 Was brought here under the pretext that she was going to see her uncle and pay him a visit. Appears cheerful and contented but evidently very weak minded. Was when visited found sitting at her work knitting stockings. Speaks but little betrays no delusions.

" 14 Pulse 64. Pupils natural. Tongue white but moist. Today lies on the sofa & says she feels fatigued, and is much inclined to fall asleep. Rx: Pul: Rhei & Hydrarg: cum Antim gr xxx ter die.

" 18 Was this morning when visited found sitting below the dining room table with her bible in her hand. was at first taciturn & would not get up, but afterwards she got up & sat on a chair & told how she was. Pulse 68. Pupils natural. Tongue white. Breath foul. Mind very weak. Takes her food & medicine very well. Cont. omnia.
℞. Infus: Gentian: Comp. ℥xvi: Acid: Sulph: Dil: ℥i. M. Sum: ℥ij ter indies.

" 24 Today had a dispute with one of her fellow patients about a bible which she alleged belonged to her but which in reality belonged to the other, she became excited & it was necessary for the nurse to interfere & place her for a short time in her room, when seen she was quiet but taciturn. Pulse 116. Tongue white but moist. Cont. omnia.

" 31 No change since last report. Betrays an absent and abstracted expression of countenance. Sometimes she speaks & answers questions, at other times she is perfectly taciturn. Cont. omnia.

August 13 This morning (being Sunday) the nurse went in as usual to make her bed when she got up off the chair on which she was sitting & ordered her out of the room, saying she would not allow the fourth Commandment to be broken & the nurse however persisting she became highly excited struck her on the chest severely & seized her by the throat & during the struggle which ensued she tore her room door completely off its hinges & accused the nurse in the most violent terms of

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August 13 breaking the fourth commandment. She screamed & was so much excited & violent that it was necessary to remove her to the refractory gallery. her Pulse was 120. pupils contracted. Face flushed. Skin hot. Tongue white. Bowels statives. Sol. Colocynth. C. Ol. Croton. enema.

" 14 Medicine operated freely. She is today quiet & taciturn as before & sitting on the floor with the Pilgrim's Progress open before her but she does not seem to read any of it. Rept. Sol. Col. C. Ol. Cot. cras nocte.

" 19 Has continued free from excitement since last report, but yesterday when sitting at the table, & without previous warning she suddenly got up & broke 2 panes of glass, & today in a similar manner she broke one. Bowels regular. Is today perfectly taciturn, & sits on the floor

" 22 Has again today been breaking more glass & in the same manner as at last report. Sits on the floor, taciturn & quiet. Rept. Sol. Col. C. Ol. Cot. mane

" 23 Has today visited by her sister whom she knew & entered into conversation with. Mind very weak. She is stout & corpulent, & appetite is voracious.

" 26 Today when the nurse went into her room to shut her window shutter as soon as she was attempting to break more glass she attacked the nurse, caught her by the throat & overpowered her & would have injured her very seriously but for immediate assistance. Her pupils were contracted. Eyes somewhat suffused, skin hot. An ounce of the Antimonial Solution was given which produced both purging and vomiting. Continues seclusion.

" 28 Has been pretty quiet since last report, till this morning when the nurse went in with her breakfast, when she threw a cloth at her head & broke it to pieces. To be placed on Low Diet. Abrad. Capillitium.

Sept. 6 Has been in seclusion nearly the whole time since last report, & every time she is allowed out of her room, she flies to break the window. This morning she broke one pane in the nurses' room. Is very stout & corpulent. Pupils contracted. Con. omnes.

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July 16 Was brought this morning from Lindith[illegible] in a carriage by one of the nurses, was quiet & came without much trouble, has been since her admission quiet & enters into conversation with the other patients in the evening however she became rather noisy & excited and it became necessary to remove her to her room.

17 Spent a restless and noisy night, is still noisy when alone, but when any one enters her room she is quiet and answers questions & talks rationally, says she has been much troubled with toothache & sore tongue. Pulse 80. Pupils natural. Eyes suffused. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels: stat. Cat: Inhibd. q. h. Rep. Rep. man.

18 Medicine operated freely. Pulse 92. Pupils contracted. Tongue white, bowels at night & this morning it was discovered that during the night she had been up and washed all the floor of her room. So quiet today & slept and sleeps. Answers questions perfectly rationally.

19 Slept pretty well during the night & this morning is quiet & talks rationally wishes to go to Paisley to see some of her friends there. Pupils still contracted.

22 Has since last report been very unsettled, particularly at night when she gets out of bed & washes her room with her dress, last night presented herself to Mrs Campbell with her bonnet & shawl on & said that the Clinical Assistant had given her liberty to go out & walk, told her as well as the lady superintendent that she knew the Clinical Assistant well that they had lived together on very intimate terms before, that her husband Mr Trotter was perfectly aware of it, & that she thought him the handsomest man about the place, & would after this live with him. Pupils still contracted. Has both yesterday & the day before had a Camphor & Hyoscyamus draught at bedtime, but without much effect. Tongue clean. Con. Haust. h.s. et alia.

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July 24 Continues noisy at night seems to have taken a great liking to another patient (Miss Miller,) whom she today dressed up in her own clothes. Pupils contracted.

" 31 Has since last report been conducting herself much better. Has been employing herself in needlework. talks perfectly rationally to Clinical Assistant Youthe who is much improved since Miss Miller was removed from the gallery.

August 2 Rather unsettled the last two days yesterday evening when she got her draught at bedtime she put some spit into her eye & it is this morning somewhat inflamed & by way of relieving this she bathed it this morning in her tea. Wishes now to have the stewards mine as she says the Clinical Assistant has forsaken her.

" 7 Rather unsettled again today. Health good. Complains of toothach. Con. mania.

" 11 Catamenia appeared on the 8th and disappeared today who has been rather more unsettled during this forenoon. On the 9th in a conversation she had with the Lady Superintendent she asked her if she ever allowed her patients any powder for dinner said she had plenty at home & if she would allow her a sheet of paper she would write for some. She afterwards admitted that she had done this as a trick, & said she intended to do the same kind of thing to the Clinical Assistant in order to get snuff. I meant to send an order to the Steward forged with his name. The following is a copy of her letter.

Royal Lunatic Asylum

Dear George

I am desired by Mrs Gaskell to let you know that I am now once more restored to health, and whenever you think proper may return to Stockport or any other place that Mrs Baird pleases to call. I have suffered much from my Eyes as usual and at present am annoyed by toothache if Mr Hague has sent the composition tooth, I should be glad to receive them as they would keep out the cold, which is extreme here. Tell

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July 17 On admission was quite incoherent could not answer questions relevantly but looked in a suspicious manner at those around her when asked if she had headache instead of answering the question she asked, pointing ther head if it was her own & in the same manner when asked if her Eye which was much discoloured was painful she asked if it was her own Eye. Pulse 60 of moderate strength. Papils natural Tongue white but moist.

" 18 Yesterday evening was rather low and depressed complained much of cold, which was because she would not keep her bed was ordered a Camphor & Hyoscyamus draught which however she would not take, but took a glass of hot brandy and water, was noisy during part of the night but slept a little. today keeps her bed better than yesterday. Pulse 80 Papils natural. Abrad: Capillitium. Lumb: jul: Colocynth. g. Hyoscyami dras.

" 19 Bowels still unmoved and she is still restless & very incoherent & is with difficulty got to keep her bed. says the Clinical Assistant is not a doctor, that he is a statue, and he must not try to impose upon her Injic: Enema domest: statim.
In the evening after full operation of the Enema she was much better. & sat & took some supper in the nurses room, promised to keep on her clothes & expressed a wish to be allowed to sit with the other ladies

" 21 Has been both yesterday & today restless & very incoherent, talks of scraping a hole through the ceiling to get out of her room, & still insists that Clinical Assistant is a statue.

" 26 Rather quieter the last two days has been allowed to sleep in front gallery with the other patients still talks incoherently.

" 28 Very unsettled today, walks about her room quite naked, & cannot be got to keep her clothes on, yesterday ran out of her room into the gallery naked, & it was necessary

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July 28 to remove her to the next gallery. Two pills taken yesterday & two the day before have produced no effect. R. Tinct: Jalap. ℥j: Tinct: Sennae Comp. ℥ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥vj: ℔ß. Sint Haust: stat: sum:

" 31 Medicines given on 28th produced no effect but her bowels were subsequently moved by an Enema. She had today a draught con. ℥ij. Tinct: Camphor ℥ß. ℥j Tinct: Hyos: which was ordered to be repeated at bedtime (taking)

August 1 Lies restless today & keeps her bed, & also keeps her clothes on. Does not answer questions today, and seems not to like her Porter. Takes her food well. To have 1 pint of Ale instead of Porter. To have Two Eggs in her Beef Tea. Con. Alia

" R. Tinct: Camph: ℥ij ℥ Tinct: Hyos ℥j. Aq: Menth: pip: ℥ij: ℔ß. sum: stat: repet: sum: vesta h.s.

" 2 Spent a noisy night but kept her bed. Today appears rather depressed. Bowels habitually slow. R. Magnes: Sulph: ℥ij. Sodae Tartar: ℥ß. Aq. Fontan ℥vi ℔ß. sum: ℥ij. beta magn hora decima alvus sol:

" 13 Continues still very noisy & restless. Today raves about money which she thinks people have been coming upon her for & refers them to a Mr Purdie who she says will pay them. Respiration short & hurried ever since her admission. Takes her food well. Con. omnia.

" 17 Cries a great deal & seems to have some money matters preying heavily on her mind. talks in the following manner crying all the while. "I am in great distress. what am I to do, where am I to go, will you not be ill to me. I wish I had that money right." Expression of countenance improved & she takes her food well.

" 28 No change since last report. Continues noisy and restless. Is much troubled with hoemorrhoids. R. Sulphur. Lab ℥ß. Potas: Supertart: ℥ß. Theriac: ℥ij. ℔ß. Sum: Cochl: parv: ter quotidie. Abrad: Capillitium. Con. Alia.

" 31 Continues noisy & restless. Is generally found standing behind her room door when it is opened, cries & moans a great deal as if she were in pain. Takes her food well & keeps her clothes on. Bowels rather loose. Sum: Ol. Ricini ℥ij.

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July 17 Today complains much of weakness & want of power in her limbs. Bowels loose & have been so all day. Tongue covered with a brownish yellow fur. Rep: Stat: pil: Opii of Hydrocy ij

" 18 Diarrhoea abated. Still in bed. and Tongue still foul. still not at all pleased because she has no room to herself. was with great difficulty got to change her under clothes yesterday, which were covered with vermin. has plenty of good clothes but is so penurious that she will not wear them but wears rags patched together. all her old clothes to be burnt. Rice & milk for dinner. Con. Omia.

" 19 Diarrhoea rather increased today & she complains still of weakness and keeps her bed. Tongue foul. Rep: Pulv: Cret: c Hydrarg: gr v. tertia quaque hora ad urgens tertiam.

" 20 Diarrhoea continues & she complains much of weakness Tongue still foul. To have a glass of Toddy after dinner Rp Cret: præparat: ℥ij. Tinct: Kino ℥vi Aq: Menth: pip: ad Aq: Fontan: aa ℥iss. M. Rep: ℥i tertia quaque hora.

" 22 Diarrhoea still continues & she still keeps her bed. She complains much of weakness. Rep: Mist: cretæ præscript: Tinct: Rhei ℥iss. Pint Bus[illegible] daily

" 25 She is now much better the Diarrhoea having left her, still weak & feeble & keeps her bed. Tongue still white but cleaner. To have a pint of Porter daily

August 3 She is today out of bed for the first time since her illness. Still complains of weakness. Con. omnia.

" 31 Health improved rapidly after last report & she is now perfectly well. Is much more tidy & better dressed than formerly, appears contented & has no complaints, although she is disappointed at not getting a room to herself, this however is evidently the chief cause of her improvement.

Sept 30 Very talkative and reminded. Looks in good health. Is anxious to go away and repeatedly asks when she is to leave. Mind weak and erratic. Sleeps well. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Cont: omnia.

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page 107. Admitted 23 May 1828

Oct. 31. During the past month has been very talkative and sociable. Looks pale and has lost flesh. Wishes to know when the magistrates will allow her to leave as she has now been confined so many years. Thinks they ought now to be satisfied as there is nothing the matter with her. Sleeps well at nights. Takes her food with an appetite and has a pint of porter daily. Bowels said to be regular. Cont: omnia.

Nov. 7. Irritable and loquacious. Complains of not being allowed to retain her old clothes and to mend them as she used formerly to do. Refuses to wear some new flannel which have been procured for her by the Matron and declares she will not pay for them or be responsible for any money laid out upon her account. Says she is worth a large sum of money but Mr. Tree Jailor has kept it back from her but as soon as she get away she intends going to the Bank and demanding it. This money was left her by a friend who was a long time abroad. She will not mention his name. Very urgent in her demands for dismissal. Health somewhat improved. Takes her food well. Cont: omnia.

" 14. No change in general state since last report. Mind erratic and inclined to suicide. Sleeps tolerably well at night. Wishes to be removed from the ward and to get a room to herself. Asks for a change in her diet and wants to have chocolate with her porter. Dissatisfied with her present position and says she intends applying to the magistrates to ascertain when her time will be up here. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Cont: omnia.

" 21. Still continues urgent in her applications for Dismissal. Complains as before of the matron and nurses conduct in depriving her of her old clothes and appears to think that she will be put to a great expense for the new articles of dress lately provided for her. General bodily health seems to improve. Appetite, sleep and bodily functions natural. No mental change. Cont: omnia.

" 28. Has been rather taciturn of late. Health continues good. Mind unimproved. Secludes herself from the society of her fellow patients. Cont: omnia.

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July 22 Is now nearly well & has employed herself for needlework, complains of weakness. Ry. Tinct. Gentian. Comp. 3i. Inf. Gentian. 3iss M. Sumr. 3ij. bis quotidie. Cor. Alim.

" 31 Has since last report been removed to the East House, where she is quite delighted with her room & thanks the medical officers for their kindness to her. Health is now completely reestablished. Cor. omnia.

August 31 Continues cheerful, contented and in excellent health. Is industrious & useful, spins & knits a great deal. Is very stout and corpulent.

Sept. 30 No change since last report. Bodily health good. Cont. omnia.

Oct. 31 During the past month has proved herself extremely useful in the ward superintending the spinning - She has set up several wheels and induced some of the patients to employ themselves - Taken a great interest in this matter. Looks in good health and is cheerful and rational in mind. Cont. omnia.

Nov. 7. Industrious and contented - Continues to take an active part in superintending the spinning and has put five or six wheels in order all of which are used by the other patients. Mind weak but rational. Bodily health good. Cont. omnia.

" 14 Has taken slight cold and complains of cough which disturbs her at night and prevents her from sleeping - Bowels free, pulse 70 moderate, tongue moist. Asks for black sugar as she always finds it the best thing to relieve her cough - To have an ounce of liquorice -

" 21 Has now almost entirely recovered from the effects of her cold. Is occupied busily in spinning and arranging the wheels for the other patients. Mind rational but weak - Cheerful and contented - Cont. omnia.

" 30. Continues cheerful and actively engaged - Mind free from any appearance of delusion - Bodily functions natural - Is very anxious to increase the number of spinners and has been preparing a number of wheels for the use of the patients. Sleeps well at night. Is very fond of being taken notice of by the medical officers and appears to expect more than ordinary attention to be paid her -

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page 193. Admitted 24. August 1825.

Dec 7 Continues cheerful in manner and active in her habits. Assists the nurse in various matters of a domestic nature. Arranges the spinning wheels and sets the patients their various tasks in all of which occupations she appears to take a great interest. Appetite good bowels regular. Nothing on symptoms of a single delusion. Cont. omnia.

" 14 Has taken a slight cold which slightly impedes her respirations. Pulse 80 good strength, bowels open, appetite pretty good. Continues actively engaged and makes herself very useful in the ward. Sleeps tolerably well at night. Mind composed and cheerful. Cannot feel. Alterate ij h. s. Cont. omnia.

" 21 All symptoms of catarrh have now disappeared. Bowels regular, tongue clean. Health in its ordinary state. Continues to engage herself in her usual occupations and is very obliging in her disposition. Mind free from the impurity or delusions. Cont. omnia.

" 31. Continues quiet and cheerful in mind. Bodily functions natural. Industriously employed in spinning and in assisting the nurses in the wards. General bodily health excellent. Cont. omnia.

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7 Bodily health continues good. Mind rational and composed. Asked the medical officer today whether any friends had called lately to make enquiries about her and hoped should any one come that she would not be prevented seeing them. Appetite good, bowels regular. Cont. omnia.

" 21 Since last report has continued in much the same state. Mind rational and free from delusions although weak. Bodily health good. Is daily employed as before in spinning. For further reports see Case Book

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June 30 Has continued during all this month industrious & useful in the galleries. betrays no delusions. talks little on religious subjects & is apparently rational. was removed along with the other patients about the middle of the month to the new Asylum at Dartmouth, where she has made herself exceedingly useful at the Female side of the West House. Anxious for her dismissal & expresses much anxiety about her younger sister who she says has no one to look after her & she wishes to go & do about getting her a situation.

July 15 Continues industrious & useful, betrays no delusions & expresses great anxiety to get home, being desirous of finding something to do & of working for her living.

" 26 Health very good. Continues in every respect to conduct herself well, & is very industrious & useful. so much so, that arrangements have been made for her remaining in the Institution as a servant, which she has agreed to do. She is today marked on the Role as

Cured.

30. Admitted 2d November. 1842.

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July 31 Has continued since last report free from Excitement, is kind to her fellow patients reads aloud to some of them. Is very religiously disposed. Cough still very troublesome Ther. Com: omnia
R. H. Clin: Tr. Zinat: Ppiii pller x. Ft. potts in aq

August 31 No excitement during the past month sits a great deal in the open air reading when the weather will permit. Still very inquisitive Fond of prophesying. Her delusions still exist as strong as before

Septr 25 Health continues good. Seems cheerful & is on the whole contented, though she occasionally demands to see the Sheriff, the Lord provost & others for the purpose of narrating her case to them & bringing her enemies to justice. Goes out as usual & is very inquisitive. Reads & knits. Com: omnia

Oct 15 No change since last report Cont: omnia

" 30 Health pretty good for her age Is very anxious to be removed, troublesome & inquisitive in the extreme - C. omnia

Nov 30 Complains of not being sufficiently attended to. Health rather feeble Full of fancies as usual. Cont: omnia

Decr 31 During the past year as might have been expected her health has on the whole declined. Mind weak but pretty rational at times. Fancies are occasionally as vivid as ever. Cont: omnia

1844 Jany 31 Since last report has not been well & has been confined to bed with an old sore on her leg. This has been poulticed & is better now. No other change Cont: omnia

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page 196. Admitted 6. February 1835.

July 31 and damp room. After a little persuasion she was induced to allow her throat to be examined. The Tumour is rapidly pointing externally as well as posteriorly. Ord: Cataplasm:

August 1 Today when visited by Clinical Assistant refused to see him. When he entered her room with the nurse she threw a book at him, became highly excited. Said she would not allow him to see her throat, used the most abusive language called him a blackguard &c. it was at last necessary for two of the nurses to hold her down in bed like her throat was examined, while she cried & shrieked, & called the Clinical Assist. out all the names she could think of, and even swore at him.

2. Last night requested the Lady Superintendent to get her Prichard said if it was necessary to open the swelling she would allow him to do it: she also apologized to her for her Conduct yesterday to the Clinical Assistant, and told the nurse that she liked him very well to come and see her but thought he had no sympathy for her. Today she allowed her Throat to be examined without any trouble. To have a pint of B of tea daily.

4. Today was informed by Clinical Assistant that it was now necessary for him to make a small opening in the swelling, she said she would on no account allow it to be done insisted on seeing the Physician or Mr Prichard, wished to know if it was by the Physicians orders that he was to open it, got up on the top of her bed & stood leaning against the wall, upbraiding him in her usual manner for his ungentlemanly and unfeeling conduct to her, and threatening to kill him if he attempted to touch her, asked him what he would think, & what his friends would think, if she were to dash his brains out, for assuredly she said, she would do it, she was a perfect Fiend when fairly roused. After a great deal of persuasion she at last gave her consent, and lay

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August 4 guilty down on her bed, a small incision was then made in the most prominent part of the anterior swelling & on pressing the posterior it was found that they communicated & that the matter discharged which was thick yellow pus, came principally from the posterior & intervening part, although the integuments were thinnest where the incision was made; a compress was applied over the posterior swelling, & the parts at the base of the anterior being still hard, a poultice was placed over them. After the operation she pretended to faint, & that it was merely pretence was evident from her general appearance & the difficulty she had in keeping her eyes shut.

" 7 Considerable discharge has taken place from the anterior swelling which is much softer, the posterior one is smaller & less inflamed. She has been free from discontinuance since last report, & is polite & obliging. Ry. Tinct: Cinchon: Comp: ℥ij. Ry. Fontan: ℥iss. Ph. Sum. ℥ij. ter quotidie sumat. Alia medicamenta.

" 21 Discharge from throat has now nearly ceased & the swellings very materially diminished. Yesterday being Sunday, she entered into conversation with the Clinical Assistant about the religious exercises that were carried on here, stated how very sinful & blasphemous they were, & asked how they could ever prove beneficial, conducted as they often were by foolish young men. said she never could bring herself to be present & give any encouragement to such proceedings. Then she broke out upon all connected with the Establishment said there was not a gentleman among them & that the Institution was more like a House of ill fame than anything else. This morning when visited she again broke out to the Clinical Assistant told him she wished to have nothing to say to him after his impertinent conduct yesterday & was excessively rude. She has a recording to the report of the nurse been in like manner ~~to~~ abusing the Lady Superintendent. Sheriff Wilks.

August 21 the latter it appears she says she intends to present her card to, for his conduct to her. She has of late been on many occasions so rude, & troublesome & her conduct so repulsive that it has been thought proper to transfer her to the refractory, for a short time, where she at present is.

22 Was today visited by the Clinical Assistant along with Mr Prichard. Mr Orr

She immediately began to upbraid the former for his conduct of yesterday & accused him before the latter of gross ungentlemanlike behaviour said she wondered why he had not more respect for himself & the position in which he was placed than to be annoyed by things which any gentleman would pass over & make every allowance for, she admitted that on many occasions she was apt to say things which she was afterwards very sorry for but she could not help it, & she had been accustomed to have due respect paid to her feelings & to be treated with that consideration and kindness due to her sex; she had before mentioned, she said, that her ideas of rudeness & politeness differed very materially from those of the Clinical Assistant, & she would not allow him to convince him on that point. She then complained of the treatment to which she was, & had been subjected, the injury to which her health had been subjected by her confinement in the Asylum, the neglect of the Sheriff in never coming to look after those placed here by his warrant, said she was deemed the liberty of seeing her friends, although she knew she was entitled by law (a knowledge of which she possessed & would cope with any one,) to see her friends within six weeks after her admission into such a place as this, & they could bring medical men with them & examine as to her state of mind & whether or not it was lawful for her to be detained here, instead of that she

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August 22 had been deceived by Dr Hutcheson to whose care she had at first entrusted herself in confidence, she had been placed among a set of people with whom she could not associate & who appeared to be only fit for inmates of a house of bad fame, such society she had never been accustomed to on the contrary she liked to associate with gentlemen of refined feelings & persons who would pay due respect to her feelings; with such she had before mixed, & they were, many of them much her superiors both in point of rank & attainments, she never liked the society of her own sex, & always preferred that of gentlemen. The Sheriff she said she had not seen for a very long period, she seemed to be neglecting his duty entirely & indeed conniving at her unjust detention here, asked if he could not be punished for such conduct, said she had been placed here on account of an assault she had committed & wished to know which of the Sheriffs it was who signed her warrant, expressed a great desire to see him & said that if it was determined that she should remain in a place of this kind, it was her wish to be removed to a private female Establishment, one which was conducted by some respectable female (Miss Houston's for example) either that, or that she might be placed under the charge of some medical man who would take care of her said she had been told by Miss Bessey in the other Asylum that she (Miss B) had never known a more unjust case than hers

31 Has been again allowed to leave the refractory gallery & is now in a gallery by herself. Neck is now nearly healed & sulphate of Zinc lotion has been applied. Complains still of the bad conduct of the Sheriff & accuses him of great neglect of his duty. Takes exercise regularly in the open air & general health is considerably improved lately.

Bethia Leech Ætat 32 from page 98

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Septr 10 Has been pretty quiet & amiable of late. Health improves. Goes out daily. Occasionally betrays delusion as formerly. Keeps still here

" 18 Since last report has been very insolent & declamatory to Mrs Hopkins & the nurse. Insinuates that one of the nurses who is ill is with child. Talks mysteriously of shameful doings in the old house, & seen coming into the female gallery &c. but does not mention them to Physician. Boasts to the Matron Mrs Hopkins that she frequently sees the Physician & has long private & confidential conversations with him, in which he approves of all she has said to her & tells her to keep the Matron to her duty. Abuses Dr. H— the assistant who had formerly charge of the gallery. Exalts herself as very affected also to the Physician, talks of the impropriety of men & women flatters him & says that he likes his conversation. Professes herself quite happy with her books. To be kept out of the way of the other patients. Convinces

" 25 Since last report has been not only exceedingly insolent to the Matron & nurse, but has uttered a number of the most [illegible] atrocious charges against the nurse, the late Matron, Mrs Hopkey & the medical assistants, which the latter states broadly & insinuates more or less obscurely. Abuses the Physician & the Matron for not curing her when he might do it & says that he has conceived a spite against her. To himself she is amiable & contented. Today at visit, she complained of pain in her chest & declared that the Physician was undermining her health for the purpose of destroying her that he might never leave the institution alive, lest she should tell what she knew. Being asked what it was that she had to tell she stated that it was the doings which went on in the old house & which were as well known

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Sept^r – out of the house as usual – that it was neither more nor less than a complete outbreak – that men were admitted by the nurses into the female galleries at night – that they were generally intoxicated – that on one occasion a man she did not know whether he were a Doctor or not fell down outside of her door in a state of beastly intoxication – that the door being shut, she could not tell who he was – that the nurses had great difficulty in getting him up & away – says that the Sheriff neglects his duty & ought to be dismissed – that all the charges she made against Dr M^c Farlane were true – that she never said a word to be spread the report namely. She was requested that the Physicians had letters which she had written on the subject before Dr M^c Farlane knew of the rumours which she was spreading & that he was aware that the Fiscal had received a criminal charge from her against Dr M^c Farlane. She said that every thing she had charged Dr M^c Farlane with was true & that she was in her senses – that the sending of her here was a vile conspiracy of her friends, the public authorities & Dr M^c Farlane – that she claimed a full public investigation – that the investigation must be public. She was told that the matter had been investigated & that in charity we must suppose her to be labouring under a delusion. She declared herself sane & wished to have a trial. If it were proved that her statements were false & that she had been uttering lies, let her be held up to public vengeance, but not confined here. She became very much excited & her countenance assumed a frenzied & malevolent expression. She was therefore left. Continued

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Janet Adams or Mrs Muir Act 27 from
1843

July 31 Has towards the latter end of this month been trembling about her confinement here, offending fault with every little trifle. Complains if not getting out to walk as much as she could wish, says she dreads a bilious attack in consequence. Rx Tinct: Gentian: Comp: 3ij. Aq Fontan: 3xxx. Mft. haust: 3ij. ter quotidie.

August 1 Today had a very long conversation with the Clinical Assistant laid all her grievances before him, complained of the injustice of confining her here, of the duplicity which had been practised on her, mentioned her determination to have the whole matter cleared up when she did get out, even if she was obliged to go before a jury, was highly incensed because the matron Mrs Goff had allowed her little child at Mrs Bagots request to come into the gallery to sit a little from her, seems to have taken a great dislike to Mrs G: & wonders how she is permitted to come into the galleries & asks if what ever she is, said that seeing one of the patients children who happened to call died her a great deal of harm before, & if she was not allowed to see her own, surely it was not right for her to see those of strangers. All this was said in the most bitter and sarcastic spirit and as if she was glad of an opportunity of finding fault

31 Continues in a highly religious frame of mind. is now constantly reading the Scriptures or singing psalms greatly to the annoyance of several of her fellow-patients. is less disposed to enter into conversation than she was formerly & frequently will scarcely recognise the Clinical Assistant & Physician when they visit her. has written one or two letters to her husband lately the following lines were also written to him & enclosed along with a letter

The birth of Cain first murder with a sinful deed the warning found deluge earthly hope In early youth this rebel son did all detest Of happiness that live in her first born had crept They set them earth the man Unholy thy countenance fell Thus may the consciences of all interrogate The word & Spirit of the Lord says to each one

page 54. Admitted 7. November 1842.

August 31 Confess thy sin upon the earth fall prostrate
God sees the downcast look knows well the occasion
Sin the only source from which our anguish flows
Here we answer God's visit present with evasion
From this busy range of fiendlike passions grow
And now this world is turned into a wilderness
Man is become deceitful proud, heartless & vile
He still his young confiding brother will oppress
Or with perfidious look of kindness him beguile
Never was babe so tender sweet lovely as mine
Fondly the mother thinks trouble a long farewell
Sleep not my little one upon those eyes of thine
So beautiful they bind this heart as with a spell
What wondrous likeness I look into the mind
Vainly contemplate the human Eye begin
To think how hopeless friend help obstinate the blind
Withdraw from all that could give happiness life
Those sightless eyes may never see a darling child
To make the path less painful is thine as divine
I journey on hill's hill's on this stormy wild
What Eye and is it growing dim
Has it lost the light of youth
But heart and mind are still the same
Speaking ever love and truth
Alas alas it is his frown
She has trod afflictions path
Does not the heart on children yearn
With a mother's love to the last
Most fervently she prayed for them
To him who alone can bless
And trusting yet she asks again
His blessing on those so dear
This is pleasing in faith
An answer will be given
When purified in every grace
Love draws the soul to heaven
Soon must open the cold dark grave
For that dearest kindest friend
That Christ has conquered Death rose
All who on him depend
When the sin grief & oppression
Of this weary life are past
Across the troubled Jordan
I shall meet with thee at last
In the mansions of the blessed
Singing of his boundless love
Who suffered died that we might live
Forever in the realms above.

The following is a copy of the letter which accompanied these lines

August 31 It is now my dear William seven years since I received your first kind present of the many beautiful & valuable things you since that time have bestowed on me that first small token of your regard conferred perhaps the most real happiness of the same date also is the first letter you ever wrote me. Alas what changes have seven years produced I was then a healthy plump cheerful girl riding & walking housekeeping & rowing the little boat now that splendid letter of yours struck me as being uncommonly well written and considering my comparative inexperience of that time I picked up the meaning of it surprisingly well I began to think it necessary to set my heart on large estates & coal pits in order that may captivate the imagination but it never will subdue the heart well when I put on my marriage ring I thought it should never be taken off till I was laid in my coffin nothing but death would ever part us how little do we know our wicked hearts until they are once fairly tried I was so exasperated at being without the slightest warning turned out of my own house and shut up in a lunatic Asylum I give up the ring and would not wear it after you had used me so ill & truly I will not put it on again unless I receive it from your own hand which I trust will be as soon as you think I am fit to manage my own household matters; after one years confinement in a lunatic Asylum the individual may claim a new place of confinement if you prefer keeping me under lock & key I shall avail myself of this very melancholy sort of privilege I have myself transferred to Morningside if I really am disordered in the mind I am at least a human being I have at least as much right to see my own children as any other person has in a place of this kind many of the unfortunate creatures here who have three children in Glasgow see them frequently why should not I on coming here I asked Dr Hutcheson about my children but received such a careless answer as prevented my ever asking again had I only seen Dr Young when I came here as I wished he I am sure would both have sympathized with me & assisted me in my distress but I was truly

Admitted 7 November 1842.

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August 31 a stranger in an strange land. In the old institution we had prayers morning & evening & I thought myself fortunate in so far, that if I was in error and I seemed to be in the care of those who seemed to feel themselves responsible to God, but in the new institution there is no chapel & though there are several hundreds of individuals in this place doubtless in preparation of them passing into another world, yet there is no resident Clergyman on the spot there is not left even the form of prayer except a very short Sunday morning service added to this disregard of God, there is a want of good will to man, at all events with regard to the arrangements of the new asylum in so far as they are yet completed there has not the slightest attention been paid to the health of the many defenceless creatures who have most unluckily been placed here. "Eat a bit of meal & a pick of salt with a man before you trust him" is a wise saying your forefathers & notwithstanding the march of intellect so much talked of some of the husbands & fathers of the present day would do well to remember that there is much truth in this old Scottish proverb about a year ago you placed me under the care of Dr Nicholson doubtless the medical South man who attended me in Edinburgh gave you reason to suppose that my stay here would be very short & judging from the appearance which was such I am sure you did not think that my stay would be longer than a few weeks people are always learning some months ago you may perhaps have seen in a newspaper a romantic description of the pleasure grounds baths & accommodations of this new building but the real state of the case is the baths are without water we enjoy nothing of the fresh air except one little short walk among the dewy grass after tea which is now really a treat & except on two occasions I have never had a walk in the forenoon since coming here, thus with the above trifling exceptions I have been closely confined within doors throughout the whole summer to me who was always habituated to an active life & in summer with rare hours nothing in the gardens & along the shore with bathing and so on a change such as

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Catherine McKenzie Act 26. from page 85.
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August 11 Delusions with regard her being married still continue, today when talking on the subject of her being brought here she said she had been taken to see her espoused husband Chas Stewart in Fort William, said she had suffered a great deal of affliction since she came here, but it was the will of the Lord. she then broke out in a religious strain & talked a great deal. Health improves daily.

" 21 Continues to improve both in body & mind talks more rationally & seems very anxious for the recovery of her health, asks steak & wine to strengthen her, says she is very weak & requires support. R. Tinct: Gentian: Comp: ℥i Sodae Bicarb: ℥ij. Aq. Fontan: ℥4 V. ℔ss Sum: ℥ij. ter quotidie. Cor. Alvi.

" 31 Mind continues to get stronger as her general health improves. is cheerful & contented. Complains still of weakness in her limbs for which she has been using the Camphor liniment for some time past.

Septr 30 Since last report has daily gained strength both of body & mind. Little has a notion of her own religious tenets & talks very positively on all theological subjects. Is nevertheless vain. She has been brought up with an attachment to various wild schemes proposed by her friends. Engages in knitting & sewing. Is very selfish in her character though apparently amiable & kind. Cont. ommia

Oct 10 Has been anxious to return home & has done little or no work. Health good. Mind rational. Her religious impressions continue & she is selfish & greedy. Cont. omn

" 15 Goes on well. Many here moved whenever her friends can make arrangements for that purpose. C. omnia

" 27 Arrangements having been made for her going home, she left this day in good bodily health & sound in mind & disposition

Cured

Admitted 24. June 1843.

Grace Young or Mrs Trotter. Aet. 36.

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August 11 Margaret the cook to kill two of the best fowls to be sent here along with a piece of ham, and some fruit. I also require my Poplin gown, a pair of gloves and a bonnet cap. Be so kind as send these things as soon as possible, but be sure to answer this by return of post, that I may know when I am to leave this. I intend going to Paisley some day to visit the Scotts. I hear from Dr Hutcheson that you are all well, the girls shall still be with my mother I suppose. I trust Gracie is improving. If the chaise is taken from Kinloch pray I beg you will bring John to take me home. With love to Dr Baird. Believe me sincerely yours

Grace Trotter.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Mr George Trotter
Stacks
Bo'ness.

" 15 Irving today she has been very flighty and unsettled, quarrelled with the nurse because she was not allowed to leave the gallery & sit in the one next her own, insisted on getting home & in the Evening refused to go to bed, saying she would not sleep another night here. After a good deal of persuasion she went to bed & spent a quiet night.

" 28 Has again written to her husband, her letter is tolerably rational, and expresses her great anxiety to get home, requests him to make the necessary arrangements, to acquaint Dr Baird with her wishes & also informs him that she is in the family way. In one part of it she says " I feel sometimes uneasy about my ailing relations, I confess I ought not, they are in better hands than mine perhaps, but I have seen the day when my nursing powers were not so despised, nor house keeping over either. I am thankful to my maker for the talents bestowed upon me, they are sufficient for the management of

from page 91. Admitted 16. July. 1843.

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August 28 any house or establishment, and the superintendence of the Girls education. She is & has been all along very restless & what is said to her she is much inclined to regard in that light. Some words ^ of the Clerical Assistants went through the gallery in which she was, she insisted that they had all that night been with her in her room. Her being in the family way is a delusion, as the Catamenia appeared the beginning of this month as before noted.

" 31 No change since last report. [redacted] except that she is not now restless. Cert. omnia

Sept 5 Has improved considerably in all respects. Talks rationally & no delusions are at any time apparent. Assists the nurse & engages in needle work. Is very industrious. C. omnia

" 7 Has been rapidly improving since last report and is now quite well. C. omnia

" 10 Has continued in good bodily health, rational & industrious since last report. C. omnia

" 15 Quiet amiable, modest & well behaved healthy & rational. Her husband is anxious to have her at home & as the former attacks never had a relapse she may be removed whenever arrangements can be made for that purpose. Cert. omnia

" 21 Being this day in good bodily health & sound in mind she is discharged

Cured

Catherine Veitch or Mrs Thomson. Act 55.

1843

August 11 Was today visited by her brother he could at first could scarcely speak to him, could not be troubled, seemed not to know him, he could scarcely believe it was him; said she thought he had been shut up in the old house all this time & said she had felt great sorrow on his account, & he left her thinking that the principal cause of her depression was her anxiety about himself.

" 31 No change since last report. Continues to knit a little. keeps the house & refuses to walk out with the others. Health pretty good. Mind weak & unhappy. Declares that she is miserable & must be so here & hereafter. Talks a good deal of being torn in pieces & fancies that she has not slept for two years. Health feeble. Requires aperient medicines. Takes little food but enjoys the tea &c. which she is allowed. Cont. summa

Veitch

Sept 30

Oct. 30 Has the same delusions as last report with others some new & some old. Fancies that her brother and husband are both confined in the East house. Saw her husband last week. Felt terrified & could scarcely be induced to receive his visit. Said that she did not wish to see him or any of his friends here as she was to meet the rest of the world & could never stand at the judgement seat with them since she could never die though torn in pieces. C. summa

Nov. 10 Since last report has been taking the Alkaline bitter infusion regularly besides the porter & occasionally wine. She has somewhat improved & appears less dejected. C. summa

" 25 Has slowly improved & though still desponding talks more rationally & has had fewer fits of misery than for many months. Cont. summa

Dec. 10 Went on pretty well till today when she became very gloomy. Cries over her sins, her want of duty to her husband & her lost condition. Tongue a little foul. Bowels constipated. Summ. Stat. pil. Calomel & Colocynth ℈ii & post horas vj haust. Salin. effer. secent. C. alva

from bol. II. page 139. Admitted 13. April. 1842.
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Decr 11 Bowels have been duly moved & she is much better tongue furred pul. Attendncy. C. M. L. S. C. alia

26 Has been on the whole improving since last report. Her health ~~has~~ is better & though she is little desponding, she adverts but seldom to her delusions & talks much more rationally. Cont. omnia

1844 Jan 4/16 Last night was at the ball given to the ladies & though quiet seemed to enjoy it. On the whole somewhat better. Cont. omnia

Feby 6 Since last report her health has very slowly improved but her mind is much in the same state. Cont. omnia

13 No change since last report Health pretty good. Requires occasional doses of Aperient Medicine Cont. omnia

19 Health pretty good. No mental change. Cont. omnia —

— 27 No change whatever since last report. Requires aperient medicine State deprest & taciturn. Cont omnia

March 8 Deprest & taciturn. Wishes always to be in bed. Listens & talks. Says that she is unlike other human beings & will not be judged at the last day but will be torn in pieces like a beast. Inclined to be filthy if not looked after. Unwilling to take food or do any work. Generally sits in one corner & avoids observation Will not look into the Bible because she says the Devil put her own interpretations. During dinner service covers her face with her hands because she is unlike other people & unfit to be in a clergyman's presence. Health has rather fallen off. State requires aperient medicine. Pulse 66 small & feeble. Tongue white & rather dry. Bowels dilated — Skin pretty well. Rp Pilulae Aloes Co ℈j Ferri Sulphat. gr. xv. Ext Cardamomi Comp. ℈j. Acid. Muriatic dilut ℥ ℍ Infusi ℈j. mane nocteque. Cont. alia

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August 14 To a cruel malignant Rascal Rapshal.

Oh! that thou wert an Adder in my Hews would I trample on thee in my wrath Then shouldst thou turn I will avenge the W so would I die but leave to living foe.

To Charlie

Didst thou think of thy friend
When thou wakst from thy slumber
As thou thought that I called thee
How oft didst thou start
How many long days & long nights didst thou mourn
Ere from memory I fadeed
The friend of thy Heart.

" 18 Has been for a long time past in the habit of breakfasting in bed & lying till about 11 oclock, a general order has been issued through the galleries that all the bedroom doors be shut & locked during the day as there is no necessity for any one to sit in their bedrooms, she obstinately refused to comply though urged in the strongest terms & told that it was not to annoy her in particular that it was done, but for the general comfort of the whole of the inmates, she remained very positive & said that nothing but force would make her yield to it. She is still as much distressed as ever about the loss of her dog, seems to have conceived the most bitter hatred for both the Physician and Clinical Assistant as will be seen by the following which two nights ago she wrote, & addressed to the latter.

Had Dr Hutcheson, when I was about to leave the other house, at once come forward & proclaimed it to be his will that I should part for ever with the only living creature I love, the faithful friend & constant companion of two long & sad for him most miserable years. Had he on my refusing to do so, commanded you his unshrinking subordinate (who acknowledge no other Law) to tear him from me by open violence, I would then acknowledged his claim and yours to the appelation of mere Ruffians.

Revised

Admitted 28. September 1837.

1843

August 18 As the affair now stands, that term is by far too limited, to convey any idea of the varied atrocity of your conduct towards me. You have carried into effect your barbarously cruel purpose with the smiling treachery of finished hypocrites, the vile duplicity of lying Deceivers & the cold blooded smiling malignity of Fiends.

After this plain speaking this decided expression of a deliberately formed opinion you must at once perceive, how vain is any expectation, on your part, that I will ever assume the slightest appearance of friendship, respect, or civility towards either of you. Where the most completely opposite feelings are known to exist, by such proofs on the one side as it is impossible for a moment to doubt, & on the other by my acknowledgement. Why should you persist in speaking to me at all, unless you do so to gratify those feelings, by annoying & exasperating me, you talk to me as if Dr Hutcheson's will, were the sole standard of right & wrong. I am not quite so great a fool as to have admitted it for mine, when I do so, but till then, will show submission to an injury which now seems too great to be borne certainly to much so, to be ever forgotten or forgiven by me. Neither must you suppose that any thing you can say will lead me to estimate my life & your cruelty by the value which it may please you to attach to the object, of whom you have so wantonly deprived me, by estimate them I will continue to do so, by the love & affection with which I regarded that object myself, as well as by the manner in which he owned the existence of the same feelings towards me.

The greatest I may add the only enjoyment of my life in such a place as this, where one breathes the very atmosphere of hatred, a state of things with which I have yet to learn to be contented, a contentment little to be envied, but perhaps it may one day be mine. I have only to add what you cannot have failed to

Noted

August 18 observe that anything you have hitherto advanced in defence of the late outrageous proceeding, has been much worse than useless, indeed I could much better endure the loss of my darling had I been robbed of him by those who primed him thereto to prosper him for his own sake. For that case he might have been well cared for, and happy. You shall no longer remain in ignorance either real or pretended of my opinion of your conduct & of your worthy Master whom we must all obey."

The enclosed was written some days ago (?) if you take the trouble to read it will give you some faint idea of the colours in which it appears to my bewildered mind.

Tell me no more of such acts as yours not being done on purpose to annoy me, were it so, the Thief who had just picked my pocket might equally well avail himself of such an argument, with this advantage he would be believed. S. M.

Wednesday noon."

Dr Off.

The enclosed would have been very legible had I been supplied with writing materials.

On a piece of card the following was written.

"Having for nearly half a century been accustomed to the privacy of a Bedroom, whenever I chose to retire to it, I am not now so strong either in mind or body, as to attempt to cure myself of the habit for you or any man living, however bad or unladylike it may appear in your Eyes. The Remedy must therefore be found in your own hands. To drag me forth may perhaps have a cheering, composing, & salutary effect on S. M.

Thursday."

Both these were enclosed in a piece of old News paper which She begged the nurse to say, might not be construed as an additional proof of her madness.

Posted

22 Since last report Dr Off has consented to leave her room after upwards of a fortnight & has consequently gone without

Admitted 28. September 1837.

1843

August 22 any as she is perfectly able to get up if she pleases she always comes in to the dining room for dinner, when her room door is locked, & she does not get into it again till the morning

Sept. 25 Since last report has continued sulky & obdurate. Turns her back on the Physician & will not speak to him. ~~Does the same to the~~ Matron Mrs Mapleson ~~attendants~~ Countenance gloomy & morose. Health tends better. Cætera

Posted

Oct. 20 Has been more amiable of late Speaks less of Charles. Is now in dustrious with her needle. Cont omnia

Nov 10 Goes on pretty well Mrs Mapleson thinks that the & nurse Stewart are too frequently together, Lobe prevented in future.

30 Has gone on much as usual. Reads Novels & News. Swears at religion and all its duties. At times ill tempered and ~~complains~~ complains of the removal of her dog. Cont omnia

Dec. 31 State occasionally ill tempered & sulky, about her dog, but generally amiable & appears comfortable. Reads novels & newspapers, plays cards & sews. Health good. Cont. omnia

1844/Jan 1/16 No change since last report Would not be present at the ball given to the Ladies yesterday, but came to the door, looked in & seemed to be much pleased with the scene & especially with the disposal of the flags & other decorations of the room. Health good. Cont. omnia

Posted

31 Has been quiet & more cheerful since last report. Health pretty good. Still frets about the dog. Plays cards & reads novels. Cont. omnia

Feby 9 Health good. State of mind & occupations the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

Posted

This case is kept by the Physician with Case book —

Vide vol. 4 p. 9.

1843

August 16 Has been a patient in this Institution before & was discharged cured about a twelvemonth ago. Was brought this morning from Stirling by her Medical attendant accompanied by a female servant, she was during the whole journey much excited & would have broken the carriage windows had she been permitted having last night broken the windows at home. She raved & talked quite incoherently on all subjects, has been exceedingly restless & unsettled for some nights past, & slept none, was treated with purgatives, & ordered her room & to be in bed. Pulse on admission 112. full. Face flushed. Skin hot. Pupils natural. Tongue covered with a thick white coat but moist. Breath foul. To be placed for the present in seclusion room: Pil: Colocynth: Comp. c. ol. Croton: mane. Sept

17 Medicine given yesterday has had no effect she has been very noisy & destructive all night attempted to break her bed, has torn her matress & taken out a good deal of the hair from it. When visited, said the Clinical Assistant was only a student & found fault with the nurse for calling him Doctor, saying there was only one Doctor here, & that was Dr Hutcheson. She raves & has been singing a great deal. Pupils dilated. Repet: pil: Cl: c. ol. Croton: mane donec alvus sol:

19 Continued during all yesterday very noisy & destructive, she is today much quieter & answers questions rationally, talks more rationally, she is less destructive. Bowels freely moved. Pulse 100. Tongue white but moist. Pupils natural. Still sings a good deal, asks to have some beer at dinner time says she was offered whiskey & water when she came here first, but she only wants beer, not that she wishes to injure the whiskey trade, for that will thrive though she never drinks one drop. Con. omnia.

Admitted 16th August. 1843.

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August 21 Has both yesterday & today been pretty quiet & has been out in the gallery with her clothes on, does not speak much but answers questions pertinently & relevantly. Bowels open from a Colocynth & Castor oil given yesterday, but tongue still much furred & breath very offensive. Eyes still suffused.

" 23 Sits quietly in the day room of the refractory gallery, with her bible before her, is rather taciturn, & somewhat haughty in her manner. Tongue still foul & breath very offensive. Bowels sluggish. Rx. Sal. Harrogate 3ij. Mg. Sulphat. 3xvi. Ft. Mist. 3iss. omni mane. Tobe allowed to sit in the front gallery below, if she chooses.

" 28 Has been rather in high spirits the last few days, dances & waltzes about the gallery, and laughs a great deal and is still very excitable.

Sept. 1 Continues still very excitable, struts up and down the gallery ordering the nurses & patients about, so much so that it was today necessary to transfer her to another gallery. Habits rather filthy the last two days. Breath foul. Tongue white. Yesterday evening behaved very ill while the service was read in the gallery got up and went on her knees before another patient & presented her bible to her, spoke, and sang the Psalms in the most discordant manner. Mist. Sal. Alterativa. Pulv. aloes c. sapone ante nocte. Enema quartum.

— 7 Continues excitable. When eating obliged to feed her mouth with bottle in hands. C. omnia

— 15 Since last report has been excitable but occasionally does a little needle work. Frequently however the centre of her ward. Is violent opposed & filthy in her habits. At times insufferably

— 16 More excitable, noisy & disposed to think herself. Occasionally using improper language. Tongue foul. Skin cold & clammy. Breath fetid. Pulse 76 small & feeble. Sumat pil. Alterativa 4. omni nocte. h. s. Mitte ℥ij. Sumat Infus. Gentian. Alkalin. ℥ij bis quotidie. Mitte ℥xij. C. alea

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Helen Orr Armstrong or Mrs Johnston. Aet. 37

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August 19 This Evening when out walking she suddenly left the rest of her party got on the Public road & ran nearly half way into Glasgow, when she was overtaken & brought back. She said she was not going to her husband but intended to spend the night in Glasgow. said she had meditated running away for the last two days. She has in consequence been transferred from the West House to the Tower in the East. Cont. omnia.

" 31 Has continued since last report very anxious to see her husband of whom she is still exceedingly jealous. still fancies that the other patients notice her & make allusions to her, indeed all her delusions are very strong. Works diligently at her basket.

Sept. 13 Was today visited by her husband & seemed satisfied with having seen him.

" 31 No change in any respect since last report. General health good. Cont. omnia

Oct. 31 Mind weak and fanciful. Delusions about her husband's unfaithfulness are still strongly apparent. Has been regularly employed in needle work and knitting. Reads occasionally. Health tolerably good. bodily functions natural. Cont. omnia

Nov. 7 Fidgetty and restless wishes to see her husband and wonders why he does not write says she does not care about going away and would never think of leaving the asylum unless the medical officers recommended it. Is busily employed in doing some work for her husband and occasionally reads. General bodily health good. Mind still full of delusions. Cont. omnia

" 11 Received a present of a gown piece from her husband a day or two since and soon after began to give way to her old delusions about his supposed unfaithfulness. Did not wish to see him again and became very irritable. Complains of acidity in the stomach especially after meals. Bowels slow. tongue moist but white, pupils natural. Has occasional headache and pains of nervous scalp cook, restless at night. Ammon. pil. Alteratis ij horâ somni pro re natâ. ℞ Cyath. vinos. Lyn. Virid. Aqua Bicarb. Sj. Aquæ ℞ Infus. Gent. Comp ℥ij. Tinct. Aur. —

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Nov. 22. Since last report has continued quiet rational and industrious. This morning she had an interview with her husband and appeared pleased to see him. Made him presents of various articles knitted and worked by herself and after he left her was composed and did not exhibit those feelings of jealousy she formerly used to indulge in. Health improved. Pulse 72 moderate strength tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, appetite good. She also tells us she is subject to occasional attacks of acidity on the stomach but thinks the Tonic mixture relieves her. Bowels and bodily functions natural. Cont. omnia.

" 30. Looks somewhat worried this morning but upon being spoken to immediately controlled herself. Health tolerably good. Has been told that her husband will call next week and give her a trial at home again. Cont. omnia.

Dec. 6. This morning her husband called and agreed to give her a trial at home. Appeared pleased with the arrangement and went readily with him. Has latterly given no signs of her old fancies during the past week but as there were doubts of her not doing well she was not struck off the rolls.

" 11. Was returned to the Asylum during the night. Her husband who brought her declaring it to be quite out of the question his retaining her any longer at home. He stated that yesterday (Wednesday the 10th) they both went to church and during the day she occasionally resorted to old subjects of dispute of a jealous nature. Wished him to dismiss a servant girl who she imagined wished to deprive her of his affection. Went on in rather an excitable way during the evening but at night went to bed rather more composed. About two o'clock this morning she rose suddenly from the bed and declared the servant girl had put a boy needle into the sheets for a purpose of her own. Became so violent in her conduct that he found it prudent to bring her back immediately. Was admitted accordingly.

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Susan Simpson or Mrs Paterson Act 46. from
1848

August 26 Has since her dismissal made no improvement on the contrary has continued to conduct herself in the same manner & to talk as incoherently as she did when here. She was again admitted today, whilst in the carriage coming here she muttered and talked to herself the whole way occasionally laughed, joked with those who brought her, rhymed also a good deal. Pupils dilated.

" 28 Kept her bed till a late hour yesterday & refused to get up even. As today up & sitting in the gallery says she is a descendant of George the third & that Mr Prichard & the Lady Superintendent are relations of Napoleon. Genral health good.

Sept. 6 Mind still full of delusions. At first when spoken to her conversation is fully relevant, but she soon becomes quite incoherent. Is however very industrious & has been free from all excitement since her admission.

" 7 Slept none last night but amused herself by singing & talking about the Kings of England &c Today is very tractable but industrious. Comm. Semat pil. Alleviatur q. s. n. h. s. Calida

" 13 Continues industrious but tractable. Delusions as much as ever. Health good. Cont. comm. præsentia operanda

" 18 Told the Lady Superintendent this morning that the cause of her illness was her having a baby which lived only an hour & which she was not permitted to see, when on the thumb that it must have been deformed Says that the Midwife cried & groaned when it was born. When she asked the reason of this Mr Patterson calmed her by telling her that there was nothing wrong with the child but that it had to be sacrificed to preserve her own life - Says that there is no world beyond the present, but that here we live & the spirit passes from one body into another &c &c till Christ comes at the end of the world to judge all. Says that D. Hulcheston the Physician is Philip King of Spain, Has been

page 63. Admitted 26. August. 1843.
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Sept. 26 Rather quieter of late. C. omnia
Has been pretty good hitherto
& very modest since last
report. Occasionally however
is very indecent in her language
& gestures. Mind full of delusions
such as that the Physicians can
see through her clothes & beholds
her naked & that he sees all
the Ladies as if they were stark
naked — that this is of no con-
sequence as he is an old
married man but it would
be dreadful if he were young
& single. Raves about the Spheres
the lines of the planets &c &c &c
requires aperient medicine.
Cont. omnia —

29 No improvement. Modifies
to her former delusions states
that her husband ate up her
last baby soul & body & that
he is a devil. Has a notion also
that every thing should be baptized
& sprinkles the walls of
her room, the furniture, the linen
&c profusely with water which
she calls holy. Occasionally
curses & swears to herself. Health
good. Bowels confined. Rep. pil
Colocynth Comp. XXIV. p.r.n. Two
every second night

Oct. 12 No change. Health good
but requires aperients Cont. omnia

26 Still highly excitable & unpleased
with the delusions formerly reported
At times indecent in her [redacted]
& disgusting in her language. Bowels
always confined except when she
takes medicine. When constipated
all the symptoms are aggravated
Mitte pil. Colocynth Comp. XXIV
sumat unam omni nocte. hora
somni. Cont. alia

31 Talks about being raised from the
dead, transformed &c. Has other de-
lusions as formerly. In the midst
of her raving, will occasionally stop
& converse rationally. Still very
excitable. Cont. omnia

Nov. 15 Rather more excited since last
report. Language & gestures unbecoming
to the sex Cont. omnia

Caroline Bagot Oct. 29. from page 72

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August 20 But ardently hope to join my own Brother and Sisters soon.

With affection your fond sister "18th August Friday." Caroline Bagot

Please tell Mrs L. to have new stays, a green veil, my own umbrella & Parasol for me time enough when in Town.

To the Rev. Daniel Bagot in case away from Edenbarb Care of the Primate of all Ireland. Palace Armagh.

August 19th 1843. Saturday.

" 28 Has been conducting herself remarkably well since last report, employs herself in needlework and also has been practising her music along with the Lady Superintendent who frequently takes her into her own parlour for the purpose; she now acknowledges herself to be Miss Bagot as may be seen by her signature to the letter copied above. Her mind is however still full of delusions, though at present she does not betray them so frequently.

Sept 1 Still haughty. Denies that poison has been put in her tea & Mentions this morning took cold water to breakfast. At present quiet & taciturn. Cont. omnia

— 25 Has been going on much as usual since last report. At times haughty & full of fancies respecting her grandeur & dignity, occasionally quiet but always excitable. Requires occasionally doses of aperient medicine, but health otherwise good. C. omnia

— 30 No change whatever. The case is not likely soon to improve. Health good.

Oct 30 Has been excitable, unsettled & full of fancies since last report. Health on the whole good. No improvement Cont. omnia

Nov 30 No change. Cont. omnia

Dec 31 Has been very amiable to the Physician since last report, fancying him to be her brother. No mental improvement. Bodily health good

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Jan'y 16 Last night when at the ball given to the Ladies was very annoying at first, but became hysterical and then violent because as she afterwards said her dignity was not sufficiently attended to. Today quiet & good humoured C. omnia —

" 31 Has gone on pretty well since last report. Requires aperient medicine pretty frequently as when her bowels are the least confined she becomes more violent & unmanageable — Health otherwise good. Cont. omnia

Feby 6 For two days has been more excited than usual. She is however at times amiable. Bowels constipated. S. h. S. pil. Colocynth C. y. C. alias

" 9 Still excited. Will not speak to any one unless addressed as the Queen. Bowels constipated. S. h. S. pil. Alterative y. C. alias

" 20 Since last report has been quite health pretty good. Still requires occasional doses of Aperient medicine Cont. omnia

" 25 Rather worse since last report. Supposes herself a Queen, a Duchess or some degree thereof. At times lays claim to supernatural powers. Treats her fellow patients either with contempt or with the most condescending patronage. Talks about Frobisher, her brother Dunn, Lady Sheaffe & hints that she is the bride of the "Duke of Ormonde". Sometimes has hysterical & occasionally fancies that her food is poisoned when she refuses to eat. Very excitable & when roused goes out to unbecoming language. Has always a high opinion of her own talents & personal attractions & fancies that she is the object of universal admiration. Still requires occasional doses of Aperient Medicine. At present quiet & amiable Cont. omnia

" 26 Very excitable today. Taciturn & magestic. Will not speak to the Physician but bows in a most condescending manner to him Cont. omnia —

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Agnes Sarah Simpson or Mrs Pallen
1843

Nov 20 Has been very excitable since last report. Cries, screams & indulges in obscene language. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 30 No improvement in any respect. Cont. omnia

Dec 8 Becoming in all respects worse. Looks sallow, tongue furred, pulse 80 of ordinary strength. Bowels confined. Appetite diminished sleeps little. Cries & shrieks at times very violent beating the nurses &c. Pulled down her curtains & attempted to ~~cut~~ present them being put up. Said that if they were put up, she would hang herself by their means which however is impossible. In order that the Lady Superintendent & the nurses might get into a scrape. Sumat Statim Tart Antimonii gr v ℞ Aq ℥ij. post vomit. Hin Omni Semihor pil Colocynth c Calomel ij Cont. alvum

" 10 Has kept her bed since last report but is much quieter talks absurdly as before. Tongue pretty clean & moist, Bowels open. p. 72 of moderate strength. Looks better. The enema brought off a great quantity of bile & the pills operated well. Pulse just. Attentio ✝ ✝ IV. Jumenty ij O. M. h. S. Cont. alvum

" 20 Has been pretty quiet though excitable since last report. Health good. Bowels kept open by medicine. Raves about Saints, Apostles &c. Apparently declares that when a man dies his spirit passes into a new body & appears again on earth as another man. Says that the Physician was Socrates & after passing through numerous bodies became Philip King of Spain & then James the 1st of Scotland — that he has been Louis the XIV & Lewis XVI. Cont. omnia

" 31 Rather more quiet. Very

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Dec^r destructive. Mind full of de=lusions. Health good. Cont omnia

1874 Jan 16 Has been excited yesterday & today from her bowels having been constipated. Mitte pil Colocynth c Calomel ℈. C. alia

— 18 Has been quiet & undestructive for two days. Cont omnia

— 21 Has been pretty quiet since last report. Delusions as usual as ever. Tongue foul. Bowels constipated. ℞ Sodæ Potass Bicarb ℈ ij ad Mist. Gentian Co ℈ xvij Sumat ℈ ij. bis quotidie. Mitte pil. Colocynth C. xij. Sumat ℈ omni nocte h. S. Cont. alia

— 31 On the whole has been better since last report. Has exhibited her delusions less frequently Bowels kept free by medicine Repet. Medicamenta. C. alia

Feby 10. Health good. Some days in good humour for the most of the time. Mondays excited & violent. Employs herself in sewing. Cont. omnia

— 21 On the whole has been quieter since last report. Very industrious. Health excellent. Cont. omnia

— 28 No change since last report. Is continually talking of numbers, spheres, lines, transmigrations, naked feet &c. Says that every one on the earth has been in the Spirit for generations back – that the bodies are in the grave & the spirits pass from one state to another. Occasionally very violent especially if any one look at her when she curses, swears & uses obscene language. Very cleanly & tidy in her habits. Health good – Requires however aperient & sedative Mitte pil. Colocynth C. xij. Sumatur pro re nata. Cont. alia –

March 8 Health good. Mind in the same state as last reported. Health good Generally industrious, but breaks out into violence. The Physician today in answer to a note from her husband that if this case can recommend it would be after long treatment. Cont. alia

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Susan Watt Ætat 33 from p 107

1843

Sept. 17 Leaving her clothes, cursing & swearing &c when spoken to. Habits very filthy. In her quieter moods talks of Lord & Lady Byron of the horrors of insanity & how thankful those should be who are in possession of their senses. Cont. omnia

" 26 Since last report has been gradually becoming quieter, but is now far from being settled. Cont. omnia

" 30 Has been quiet since last report but taciturn, majestic in her gait & occasionally exposing herself in her person by the attitudes which she assumes. Raves incoherently. Cont omnia

Oct. 6 Raving assiduously but quiet Cont. omnia

" 27 Since last report has been daily improving. Of late has been deploring her malady but says that she has been very well used here. Speaks very kindly of the Physician & says she will always be grateful to him for his attention now & formerly. Habits cleanly. Is very ladylike in her manners & deportment. Cont omnia

" 30 Talks despondingly of her complaint & fears that her grandmother neglects her & does not wish to have her home. Anxious to return home. Expresses herself in the kindest manner regarding the Physician & is afraid that he is misrepresenting himself. In quite rational. Health improves.

Nov 6 Says that she always feels happier when near them when sane. Talks frequently of the Physicians kindness & attention & fears that he is doing more for the Asylum than his strength will permit. Cont. omnia

" 9 Ladylike & agreeable. Conducts well. Health improves. Cont omnia

" 14 Improves in health. Has been rather depressed for the last four days probably in consequence of not having heard from her

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Nov frenzd. Mind rational. Continues

" 19 Has had a letter from her friends & received her spirits. Wishes to go home, though she knows that she will have another attack. Would not go home if it were not to please her Grandmother and to be of use to her. She would be quite contented here as she feels that the Physician understands her complaint & is so kind to her. Arrangements are being made for her removal

Cont. as in

" 25 Has continued well since last report & being this day in good health & perfectly rational is removed by her brother & discharged

Cured

Jessie Simm. Oct: 29.

1843

August 30 On admission was perfectly quiet & free from all excitement, answered questions relevantly & entered into conversation readily. When enquiries were made as to the state of her health she stated that she did not intend taking any more food, indeed, that she could not, she had taken so much already. She fancies that she is all a mass of meat and drink & that she will never die. Pulse 72 natural. Pupils natural. Tongue clean & moist. Bodily functions natural.

Sept: 1 Has continued quiet & industrious since last report. Employs herself in needlework. Takes her food well. Delusions continue.

" 6 Continues depressed & timid, full of delusions. Fancies she is not human. complains of her inside being all wrong. Refuses her food when brought to her, but takes it by stealth when left for her, indeed she yesterday morning stole another patients breakfast. She also fancies that she has no bowels & that her food goes round to her back. Cum: sal: Alterativ: duas alvum ejusque vocte ad vic: vicibus.

" 9 Little change. Delusions the same as formerly. Habits still filthy. Cont. remedies.

" 21 Somewhat improved since last report. Sews a little. Delusions are strong as ever. Takes her food better. Bowels regular. Cont. remedies

" 25 Eats little in the presence of others but heartily by stealth. Complains of being cruelly treated when she was last boarded & of having salts administered to her by the Stomach pump. Says that she was nearly drowned in baths and locked up for hours in cold & darkness. Declares that she cannot die but that she will gradually diminish in size and at last vanish. Fancies that she is not a human being. Is very nervous for an hour or two every morning on first getting up, then becomes more composed, amiable obliging & handy & most industrious. Habits & health improved. Cont: remedies

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Octr 20 Habits improved. Health also better. In other respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

Nov 6 Habits & health slowly improve Says that God originally created her & she then prospered & was cared for by Him. She has however been quite changed since she has no soul & can never die or be judged hereafter, but will gradually diminish & then vanish away. Eats food & eats it to be neat, but will take very little at her ordinary meals. Kind & amiable — Cont. omnia

" 14 No change since last report Cont. omnia

" 23 Has been rather more depressed of late. Frequently she tells Lucas says that she cannot live & cannot die. Frequently alludes to the harsh treatment she met with in the Asylum [illegible] where she was last. Considerable flatulence. Tongue white & dry. Pulse feeble. Bowels delated. Skin cold Mitte pil. Alterat. xij. Sumat 1. omni nocte h. s. Rhei pulv. Aromat. alkalen ℥ x v. ~~Ejus~~ Sumat ℥ij. bis quotidie — Cibum

" 30 No improvement. Very fretful — Still filthy at times. Says that she has no heart, no pulse, no stomach — that her appearance & feelings are quite changed — that she can never die but must linger on till she vanishes into nothing. Eats food & eats it to be neat. Cont. omnia

Decr. 15 Health rather better & she has gained a little flesh. Delusions & habits the same as formerly. Is very industrious Cont. omnia

" 30 No change since last report except that her habits are rather improved & she takes more food Cont. omnia

1844 / Jan 10 Health somewhat better. Habits considerably improved. Industrious as usual. Delusions as formerly. To be removed to front of East House as soon as arrangements can be made. Cont. alia

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Sept: 3 Diarrhoea has continued steadily to increase since last report. Today she appears thinner, countenance pale. Tongue red & rather dry. Pupils somewhat contracted. Skin hot. She has been taking the Chalk mixture with kino & laudanum without benefit, a starch enema with compound tincture of Cinchona with laudanum was administered but was not retained & she has had frequent doses of warm Brandy & water. The dejections however still continue as frequent. She continues the Brandy & water with laudanum & Beef Tea & Rice. Sept.

" 4 No abatement of yesterday's symptoms. Diarrhoea continued through the night she however slept some. Skin burning hot Pulse is 120. Pupils contracted. Tongue red & dry. Dejections very frequent, thin & light coloured. At 12 o'clock today she became affected with vomiting which however ceased after the exhibition of two Thebaic pills & the application of a sinapism to the Epigastrium. Continue Brandy & water Chalk mixture &c. Thin Rice & boiled milk, Veals Soup, Tea & Eggs for food.

Vespere. Diarrhoea as urgent as before. Skin hot. Complains of her great sufferings & cries & screams in the most piteous manner. Takes her food & medicine well. Sig: Enema amyli c tinct: Cinchon: Comp: ℥ss et tinct: Opii ℥ij. Dein: pil Thebaic: unam alterâ quaque horâ. Cont: haust: Cretae Comp. et Stimuli.

" 5 Diarrhoea still continues as bad as ever notwithstanding the use of astringents & brandy. Last Evening she was ordered some port wine. Skin hot & Pulse frequent. She is gradually becoming weaker, cries & screams a great deal. Pupils dilated. Cont: Stimuli et pil Thebaic.

" 6 No improvement since yesterday. Motions continue as frequent as before, are light coloured & have a very offensive odour. Some slight return of vomiting today. Takes her food pretty well. Continues the free use of Stimulants. Pulse 120. moderate strength. Tongue dry

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Sept. 6 Pupils dilated. Skin hot. Breakings sores on steadily increasing. Con. comme.

8 Stimulants and Astringents have been administered steadily since last report. Bowels have not acted so very frequently today. Stools are darker coloured and more consistent. This Evening the Pulse was 112. Tongue) Skin hot. Tongue dry. red, and glossy. No returns of vomiting & she takes nourishment freely. Has also given up crying & screaming, manners & question relevantly appears more collected. She had in the morning a small dose of Castor Oil with 15 drops of Laudanum Sumi: h.s. pil: Hydrarg: pr v. Pulv. Opii gr ss. Enter: Stimul: et alia Medicamenta.

" 9 Today she appears on the whole better number of stools decreased to about four in 24 hours of better consistence & darker colour Pulse in the morning 116. in the Evening 104. better strength. She has taken three powders each containing Hydrarg c. Cret: pr v. Pulv: Rhei gr ij: Pulv: Aromat gr j. Her Tongue is clean & moist. She has been quiet all day but at night she began again to cry & scream as if she were in pain.

" 10 Diarrhoea has abated but she has still 4 stools within 24 hours. She is very much emaciated. Attends to & understands what is said to her. Speaks about money & her anxiety to pay debts due by her. Though so far improved, this is probably but a temporary alleviation of her present state even the coronal sutures long. Pulse 102. feeble Tongue clean & moist. Takes some nourishment. At times cries out as if in pain. Cont: comme

" 13 Male reports as at last report. Cont comme

" 20 Since last report has had her sisters with her & has been more rational than ever. She has however been steadily becoming weaker & this day at 12 o'clock she

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Inspection. 48 hours after death.

External Appearances

Body extremely emaciated - A deep excoriation over the upper part of trachea immediately below the cricoid cartilage, depressed & adhering to it.

Head

Calvarium of irregular shape & unequal thickness.
Membranes adherent to brain & matted together along the course of the superior longitudinal sinus especially from the vertex to the tentorium, considerable subarachnoid effusion. On tracing the substance of the brain, the minute capillaries of the medullary portion were very distinct and gorged with blood. About two drachms of clear serum in each lateral ventricle. Substance of optic thalami & corpora striata softened - the centre being firm. Septum lucidum & fornix softened & of a creamy consistence - Pineal gland very soft - Acervules present - Pituitary body healthy. About an ounce of serous effusion at base of brain. Fourth ventricle contained about a drachm of serum. Its walls were softened. Substance of brain with the exception of the parts already mentioned, firm. Cerebellum healthy. Brain 3 xl. vij Avoird. Cerebellum 3 vj. Avoird.

Thorax

Lungs & pleura healthy - Right lung weighed eleven ounces & the left seven. Heart weighed seven ounces. Valves healthy. Left ventricle hypertrophied.

Abdomen

Liver weighed thirty ounces. Right lobe presented the appearances of the first stage of Cirrhosis. The whole organ engorged with dark venous blood. Gall bladder filled with dark bile. Coats & ducts healthy - Spleen dark & weighed two ounces. Kidneys healthy. Right weighed three ounces & a half, the left four ounces. Stomach small. Rugæ very large. Mucous membrane appeared to be healthy. Transverse portion of Colon descended perpendicularly to os pubis. The peritoneum covers

the large intestines dark coloured and injected. Mesentery veins gorged with blood. On laying open the colon, the mucous membrane of the transverse portion, was dark, congested & in some parts gangrenous, that of the ascending & descending portions was softened & peeled off easily. Small ulcers with defined & elevated edges were also observed, principally in the ascending portion. Small intestines in some parts dark & thin. Mucous membrane congested. Coats of the ileum thickened & almost cartilaginous at its inferior end. No fluid in the peritoneum which except the part mentioned above appeared to be healthy. Bladder healthy. Uterus large, substance cartilaginous. At the inferior surface of fundus to the right side there was a malformed tumour about the size of a hazel nut attached by its neck to the body of the Uterus. On making a section of the organ another tumour was found in its cavity of the same size as the former, white & round situated on the left side & attached by a short neck to the substance of the Uterus just below the opening of the left Fallopian tube. In the substance of the Uterus there was a third about the size of a pea. The lining membrane of the Uterus was thickened & somewhat corrugated. Ovaries of the ordinary size & colour but very hard.

1843.

August 31 Has during all the past month been exceedingly mischievous and tricky. has broken several panes of glass. Requires constant watching to keep her out of mischief. She is also excessively impudent. —

Sept. 9 Was today when seen by the Clinical Assistant busily employed tearing a letter she got from her brother today who saw her & brought it from her mother, she would scarcely speak to him & made no enquiries about her family. She continues at her needle however when steadily watched. Con. omnia. —

" 15 Filthy & destructive. Violent in her conduct, abusive & obscene in her language. Pulse 90 of ordinary strength. Bowels slow. Tongue white. Appetite voracious. Looks pretty well. Rp Becarb. Sodæ ℥ij Tart. potass & Sodæ ℥vj Aquæ ℥x vj ℏ ℈ S. Sumat ℥ij ter quotidie C. alia —

" 20 No change. Sumat Tart. Antimon gr IX bis quotidie C. alia —

" 26 The medicine did not produce vomiting but me n two bilious stools. She is now quieter & less mischievous at times but in general destructive & most disgusting in her habits, conversation & attitudes. Intermitt. Medicamenta omnia Tobacco pulv. duet. —

" 30 Has been getting worse again is mischievous, destructive & filthy Abrad. at. Capullet. affundat. ag frigid. capiti ter quotidie, Cont. alia —

Oct 31 No change. This case is, I think, to do no good. C. omnia —

Nov 10 As bad as ever. Abradatur Capillitium. Applicatur vesicat Capiti. C. alia —

" 20 Blister rose well & since then she has been much quieter. Has done some needlework but still raves absurdly. On the whole however she is better. C. omnia —

" 23 Continues to improve & is more industrious. C. omnia —

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Nov. 29 Has been becoming more excited since last report. Habits which had somewhat improved are ~~becoming~~ now more filthy again. C. omnia

" 30 Catamenia appeared today & she is most violent & noisy, howling like an animal cursing & swearing, exhibiting herself undergarments & breasts and making use of filthy & obscene language. To be confined to her room

Dec 4 Continues for two days in the state last described. Yesterday & today she has been quieter but her behaviour is still bad & she attempts masturbation. To be closely watched

" 10 Continues much in the same state, violent & abusive especially after meals. Tobacco ℥ one dat Rp Camphora gr x. pulv opii gr ij M. f. pulv. h. s. sumend. C. alica

" 11 Quieter today & engaged in sewing. Repet. Camphor. H Opium C. alica

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" 12 Much the same as yesterday Repet. Pulv. Cumph. c Opio. C. alica

" 13 Suddenly without any cause broke 26 panes of Glass, swore & howled, her face became pale & her eyes flashed. Aband. Capell Affundat. aq. frigid. Capite. C. alica

" 15 Still unsettled & filthy in her habits does no work & requires to be constantly watched - C. omnia

" 16 No improvement. Aband at Capellet. Apponat. evacuator. capite tolo. Rp. Camphora ℥j. Bicarb sulphuret aquales ℥j. fiq. 1. s. o n. h. s

" 25 Blisters rose well & she has been quieter since. Health tolerably good. Does a little needle work occasionally. Cont. omnia -

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Jan 7 12 On the whole quieter since last report. Left catharine & mind less confused. Does a little work Bowels regular. Appetite good. Cont. omnia -

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Sept. 8 is quite long enough: but when I say no servant in Houses of this kind could please me for they are quite of a different composition from any others on the face of the earth. yet I could not well be displeased with them if they would but act a proper part or even speak the truth: but just to make their money in no thanks to any one is all their aim: & better conduct from her I would & I would not expect when the Heads of the House give an order in the gallery that I am not to have anything more than any others. as if I was unreasonable tho I ask less. & take no dinner, that is the supper I have been accustomed I am take instead of dinner & take no supper at all, so that my fare is quite different from the rest of the gallery because every one of the gallery do not require a little hot water at any time neither must the only one who requires and asks for it have it either is rather a strange law: & that they must consider they have a very just plea for anything they either do or say & I dont entirely blame them but altogether I consider that I have been but ill treated since I came to this house & got a dowse but that patients had slept in & enough to kill any one. but I can forgive and forget & wish to be on friendly terms with every one for the gospels sake. and as I begin to think of the Sorrows if you allow me I will change my mind to see if I could get it finished & still wish your house well & cant help having a veneration for the name Doctor. with kind regards to yourself Mrs Hutcheson & Dr Kilshaw Hoping that this will find you all & the dear Children as well as I ever wish you believe me Dear Sir ever respectfully yours

L. Hawkshaw.

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According dear Sir as you allow me to change my mind & act, you will post the letter that accompanies this & act.

Miss Louisa Hawkshaw
Church Street Londonderry Ireland.
Friday Evening.

Admitted 16. December. 1836.

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Solomons Palace
8th September 43

My Beloved Sister

It must seem strange indeed to be so long in hearing from me & a source of great vexation to me that it is so & particularly as I answered both your letters & would certainly have written to Margaret had I received yours & this dear kind Elizas affectionate note before she left town where by some mischance they were left, & since between pains in chest and shoulder have been very unequal to writing but now returns my most affectionately grateful love & thanks for both your most welcome letters and notes. & I intend to have the Post masters fined the usual sum for failure in this duty for it is quite a heart breaking thing to impart feelings to Beloved friends that never reach them, but our worthy friend Dr Hutcheson has promised to ensure this one going direct & had I a little pigeon carrier I would be very troublesome & you would hear from me every day in life, & he would have his directions not to leave the house without his answer under his wing he must prosecute his journey blow high blow low. & how I do rejoice always with thankfulness to the great giver of all good that you were all as well as when you last wrote, & after another removal. It is most wonderful that our Beloved Mother is never the worse, but as Margaret Davis replied (who indeed I was most happy to see) when I reminded her how well our Beloved Mother had stood a former removal her answer was, but it is a diamond set in cotton that the air is never allowed to blow upon, how could she catch cold or be the worse, & it is just the case & you will tell our Beloved precious Mother that this is a new name we have got for her the precious Diamond set in cotton & you are all Heavens own precious Diamonds dear Mr. sums one & yourselves to

Sept. 8 anxious to tell me anything that could gratify, & most gratifying it is to hear of the kind and friendly interest that every one takes in all that relates to you all, she is very ~~much pleased~~ affectionate & I was much pleased with her conversation, her trials have brought her to see the folly of leaning upon Earth. I approve of her idea of wearing her weeds as long as she lives she will be another Mrs Stevens I am sorry to say I have not seen poor Mrs Lucas yet, if she is coming round it is but slowly continuing in an unsteadily & unsettled state, nor is she in our gallery or I might have seen her. alas! poor Mrs Grey I feel more for her than any one in the House, knowing that her poor Mama must feel on her Harriette being here I wish I had anything in my power to offer besides a ring as Lucas has a claim on a Hawkshaw but health health is all that is required. It is a comfort to her friends to know that there is everything done for her here that the most kind & most eminent Doctors can do for her, & most kind & most amiable matron who feeds her with her own hand when she is not disposed to eat of herself, & says her brain is like berry wine, she neither reads nor works not able to take the air yet, but she will know from Mrs Mapleson that I will be happy to see her at any time she is disposed I was glad to have a safe hand to return your precious notes & wish I had had some little token to have sent you all. Pls are to tell dear Boad with my affectionate love how much I was gratified by her visit & that I will depend on her coming to see me next time she comes, so I will depend on your love so as not just to hurry yourself to tell how you are all getting on in your new house & how our Beloved Mother that best of Mothers our precious Diamond has stood the test of the Summer alas! alas! what an active part that mother took in former removals what anxiety &

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Sept: 8 make us all comfortable ah yes it seems years since I heard from you Love & tell me if she seems pleased with the change there you & the dear Elyza stand it if you have him at Pauclin this summer, if so you must be well & all about our Beloved Friends there, & if you all took advantage of this beautiful summer to bathe you did not mention our darling Hugh the last time there he pits sir with my most affectionately grateful love you heard of course that D. Hutcheson has gotten Palace built for his patients & tho it is not just paved with gold velvet or agate yet it is very handsomely carpeted from head to foot, it is certainly a very fine building & the expenses immense & much still to be expended upon it & Sam going to write to dear Aunt and dear Fanny to see if they & Mrs Francis Fairby will send us any thing to help a poor Church for the funds of so great an Establishment cannot be too rich; but indeed Sam in great want of money as I wish to give a splendid ball & supper to the Doctors the Sheriffs & their parties and all the Committee gentlemen & their parties & besides this screen will cost me £12 before it is finished & not paid for yet I will send you the plan of it here & tho' not equal to do it any justice for it is a very handsome frame of French Mahogany, yet Sam attempting rice paper landscapes as something novel & have made two entirely of white & snow pieces or rather in imitation of the chalky cliffs of England, & intend to have all the emblems & trophies of war, but a flag of Truce: & I'll tell you love that I wish you to remember that if I die before I reach home that I wish my few hundreds left entirely to our Friend here I have not mentioned it to him lest it might hurt his feelings but will mention it in my will. I'll not be very long in this world the malady ossifying in confirmed deformity & such contraction of both shoulders & chest that my breathing is greatly gone, & my neck gone, my back gone, & my shoulders gone, the bone system going all astray from softness & that

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Sept. 8 proceeding from cold, but fear I must now finish as I have also to write to the dear kind Eliza & with most affectionately grateful love to yourself our beloved Mother, Beloved Brother Sister & may our Beloved High Priest & Bishop ever do believe me my beloved kindest sister truly your most affectionately grateful greatly indebted & much attached Sister

L. Hawkshaw

How is your stomach complaint & your friend Mr Baugh & your little namesake & write some love.

The other letter is to another sister it is written on pretty much the same subjects & in the same strain, & is also dated from Solomon's Palace.

Sept 30 No change. Full of fancies Discontented, Complains of every thing & is particularly virulent against the nurses. Cont Remain

Oct. 20 Health pretty good. Afraid of cold as usual. Has all her bedclothes, clothes &c hung out to take damp away. Full of fancies about her food. Most unmanable to all except the Medical Officers. Continue

Nov 18 Health good considering that she takes no exercise & never leaves her room. Peevish, irritable & discontented. Fancies every thing dirty & her food polluted. Complains of many ailments which have been urged on her fancy. Continue

Dec. 18 No change whatever since last report. Continue

" 31 Health pretty good. Mind peevish, fanciful & irritable as formerly. Fancies that her food is dirty – that her linen is damp – that there is a conspiracy to give her cold – that she has rheumatism – spine disease – Consumption – Dropsy – Disease of Stomach – & many other affections but never suspects that she is insane – has a great antipathy to her nurse whom however she does not wish to be changed as she would be sure to get a worse

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on her stead. Cont. comm
No change since last report
Was this day transferred to Eastchester
her proper quarters & her case
is carried on in
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August 31 this is very hurtful indeed my general health has very much fallen off since I came here from this constant confinement indeed I never ful hungry for food which is not by any means of a quality to tempt a sickly appetite in the old place I had the liberty of being out from 7 in the morning till 8 in the evening but here all the walking allowed is after tea in the Evening we are never out now till after dinner had I been brought up in such a manner from my youth as I would ever have wondered at my fine constitution indeed I ful as it were just like a fish out of water when I am Vex a fine sunny morning & know that I will not breathe the fresh air till dark & I ful like one out of human nature's reach but when I ful grieved about my forlorn & helpless condition it just makes me pray more earnestly that God would give me strength to endure every privation but at the same time I am to use every lawful means to preserve my life & health and if I think you are sincere with regard to me it is only proper to tell you that my health is by no means so good since I came to this place be sure & come without delay the delusion which I have is a very safe one All the household provisions are got by contract of course the quality is not first rate but anything is good enough for the inmates in the morning I get for breakfast one cup of inferior tea one half slice of sour bread & sometimes salt butter nothing in the way of a relish is allowed here at dinner the Beef is such a quality that sometimes for days I do not even touch it a plate of broth every day tea a very small bit of plain bread & butter a porridge and butter milk I one day for desert got about one penny worth of strawberries & when I complained a few weeks after coming out that I could get out or even get a bath & there was a pain in my Eye & that my general health was suffering what did I get a bottle of bitters that might cost 2d there is economy to take an example from, the plain truth is the institution is deep in debt they have no money to lay out on baths grounds or comfortable proper food & they are so upcently straining every nerve

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August 31 to keep in their persons in their institution who put them to least expense. viz to keep a seamstress at work sewing my own clothes Hosiers at work mending the woolens which stand mended, & did I eat delicate food & drink wine & keep a nurse waiting on me night and day I would in that case be a far less valuable patient but I know well that 26 pounds is much more like a board that should be payed for over bread tea & porridge Mutton Milk & indeed my dearest William it is just picking your pocket as certainly as certainly as the confinement within a for the last hundred days has injured my constitution and general health all these things I should much rather have mentioned to you than written about but at length I thought that since you had at once as I expected the only plan was that I should tell you the best way I could in a letter. I am certain you cannot have laid out less than a hundred pounds within the last 12 months on me for Drs & nurses in Edinburgh Mrs Hooper & when I remember all your kindness about getting keys for gardens & houses at the seaside and your always encouraging me always to take as much exercise I feel I have done very wrong in allowing the whole to pass without telling you completely the exact truth that I think I have ever done. I am now a poor thin sickly looking sometimes the ladies say how very changed I am since they first saw me, as to the Medical Youths & Dr Hutcheson I cannot shew anything but civility each and all in the institution should at least have had it in their powers to take a walk and bathe but for life food will be consumed under the present mode of treatment, and if in a bank the interest of money can be calculated to a day I think that they will be able to calculate as exactly in the Royal Lunatic Asylum viz they make from twenty to five & twenty five pounds a year out of a calculated patient such patient will not be let out of their hands without a struggle, so if you have any pity for the poor institution and those who live by it just your remain in Edinburgh read Dr Hutcheons letters about the unhappy deluded state I am in believe all you read in the letters

August 31 and like a good Catholic believe the Pope is infallible pay your 52 pounds a year, your bread & course to the priesthood & butter milk and your deluded wife will be comforted with a bottle of weak bitters as long as you chuse. now though I am the deluded wife I do not like that you should be the deluded husband & I am certain that if you would only come here you would find every thing in the state that I describe the grounds being quite wild as baths, inferior diet &c in short nothing of all the newspaper advertisements take some & you would likewise see your poor wife who at first thought for some time that Dr Hutcheson & the young men were persons of principle feeling; she is now however perfectly free from that delusion indeed no persons of either feeling or principle could have so unfeelingly injured the health of so many poor unfortunate creatures only because they fancied they could do it with impunity. these confined here know well that their return to all the comforts of home depends on what the Drs say of them to their relatives therefore they must have nothing that will offend them what a dignity true heart religion gives to the conduct it helps us alike your yearning on the great & despising the little & makes those who possess it act according to the dictates of conscience even under the most discouraging circumstances & it gives a peace of mind that the world cannot take away yes my dearest William however painful it is for me to write you so many letters without ever receiving an answer still I know it to be my duty not to allow you to be deceived if it is in my power to prevent it. I know it is not right to let anger therefore I never speak to the gentlemen about the confinement and after having been so much deceived and my health so much injured I cannot hold communication with them as I formerly did thus I feel myself very disagreeably situated almost in every respect since I came to this new place I believe the Sheriff pays his annual visit soon now if I am to remain in an Asylum I would prefer being where I could be near my children & I understand he is the person

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August 31 to apply to, now which very much to me you. first because I would much rather go home than be sent to Barnwell gaol to the Sheriff, but I certainly should prefer Barnwell gaol to this place, trusting my clearest William that I shall very soon have the happiness of seeing you and arranging everything to our mutual satisfaction I am remain your affectionate wife Saint Adam Smith. this is the seventh letter I have written without receiving any answer I trust it is to be a lucky number.

Sept. 30 During the last month has behaved in the most haughty & insolent manner to the Physician & Lady Superintendent. Insinuates & asserts that she is kept here lest she should tell of the blackguardism of the house says that the house was no better than a brothel whatever it may be now — that obscene & shameful conduct took place — that her husband & friends are kept from seeing her lest she should inform them of what goes on — that the physician is a hypocrite & impure man — that he is the son of a baker in Irvine & his wife an ex governess — that he knows the patients to make money for the Directors, because if he do not make the establishment pay he would be dismissed. has been kindly excited for two days & the Physician to place her in the passage, did & said every thing possible to provoke him to do it. Declared that he was a hardened villain &c. It is quite evident that the intercourse with Mrs Leech has been prejudicial & filled her head with absurdity But nevertheless she is much worse Her health appears to be good — No notice to be taken of her for some time — Cidalia

Oct. 28 since last report has been as troublesome as ever. Is exceedingly insolent to the nurse the Lady Superintendent & the Physician Exerts herself systematically to irritate them & declares it to be her intention to remain until she is treated harshly & [illegible] page 122

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Oct^r — sent to the franchise ward where she will be as troublesome as ever & see what severity will be made use of - Declares that the Physician dare not dismiss her because he knows that she has statements to make which would ruin the ~~Establishment~~ institution — that he is a thoroughly accomplished scoundrel who hypocritically conceals his own crimes & makes himself a paltry tool of the set of men calling themselves Directors — that she will sometime disclose all to the world. States that she is happy in the midst of all her persecutions — that she has received the grace of God — that her soul is regenerated & new pure — that she defies the Devil & all his emissaries whether Mad doctors or other tools — that she is in a heavenly frame of mind &c Reads in a singing tone long passages of the Bible — particularly the denunciations of God's vengeance against wicked men & oppressors — Sings psalms several times a day, but always morning & evening. C. omnia

Nov^r 30 No improvement. Her health is good, but her manners, conduct, delusions & language as bad as ever. C. omnia

Dec^r 31 Of late has refused to see the Physician & when visited turns away & goes to her room — When visited now answers civilly so far as her language is concerned, but in flippant & sneering manner. Health good —

1844 January 16 Refused last night to go to the Ball as she would not countenance such proceedings or by making herself a party acknowledge herself to be a patient Has however on the whole been more subdued of late & less troublesome. She still has the same fancies as ever shewn by her occasionally reverting to them. Malevolent as ever — Health good. Reads & sews. Cont. omnia

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Jan 7 18 Nearly as bad as ever— Abusing all around her, but particularly the ~~Mr~~ Lady Superintendent & the Physician— Health good Cert. omnia.

— 31 Since last report her friendship Leech has been returned to her ~~cell~~ gallery & she has been quieter. They read— work & sing psalms together— plot mischief against the officers the establishment &c— As however they can not injure any one in the gallery & are not likely to do any mischief to each other they are permitted to be together Health good. Cert. omnia

Feby 9 Has been in good health since report. Still very disagreeable to all around her & full of praising of her own holiness and importance & very impertinent to the nurse & Lady Superintendent but civil to the Physician. whom however she abuses as formerly when his back is turned. C. omnia

— 20 Health good since last report. Employs herself in sewing & plotting mischief. Wishes to get out that she may expose the iniquitous doings of this institution & the proceedings of the Monomaniac Doctors or rather she should call them Money maniac Doctors, by entrapping wise folks into these Asylums & detaining them there under the pretext that they labour under delusions. Says that her heart is thoroughly regenerated & that she is perfectly in her senses, which alone can prevent her from going mad in such a place. Cert. omnia

— 23 Though in good health complains that she is suffering from her confinement. Sings psalms, reads the Bible & prays & next moment vows the most deadly vengeance against all in the establishment— Says that she may kill them & tradesmen them as much as she pleases for as she is insane they cannot punish her. When this is told that such vices are hateful to the ashy how do blackguards know any thing

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Sept 13 On admission was rather taciturn at first. Would scarcely answer any questions. Said she might not tell him & that it must be some mistake. She has evidently a morbid notion of having been a patient in the other Asylum & says it was a long time ago. Pulse 68 natural. Pupils natural. Tongue clean & moist. Has been employed since admission in needlework.

17 Was last night removed from the tower & a bedroom got ready for her in the gallery below. The nurse through carelessness neglected to put the shutter up, & in the middle of the night she got up & broke every pane of glass in the window with the exception of three, & scratched her hands & fingers in several places with the broken glass. This was done she said to get away home. She appears timid & expressed a fear of sleeping alone. To be again removed to the Lower.

20 Has been quiet & free from excitement since last report, has been working industriously. Bowels kept regular by the use of the compound Rhubarb pill.

30 Health tolerably good. Mind improves slightly. occupies herself in needlework. Complains occasional headache. Appetite pretty good. Sleeps well at night. Seemed pleased to receive a letter from home. C. O.

Oct 10 Very anxious to go home and looks depressed. Says she is no longer a human being but is transformed into a beast. Walks about the room swinging her hands and importuning the medical officers to let her away home. Pulse 70 moderate strength, tongue white, bowels slow. pupils dilated. Complains of pain in head & scalp. Seemed pleased to receive letters from home. Continues to improve in health & spirits.

11 Room cooperates. The medicines operated freely from the second dose. Still thinks herself separated from humanity but has again begun to employ herself. Pulse 76 moderate. tongue clean and moist. pupils natural. Appetite good. Bowels regular.

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1843 Oct.	21.	Since last report she has been going on favourably. Mind in general pretty composed with the exception of her not being human. Has had a bath of late and occupies herself in needlework. General health good. Cont. remedies.
	31.	Saw her guardian a few days ago and after the interview appeared pretty quiet. No change in any respect since last report. Cont. remedies.
Nov.	7.	Has of late appeared much more composed and rational. Employs herself regularly in sewing and reading and upon the whole has considerably improved. Mind gains strength, delusions becoming more faintly marked. Health good. Countenance better and less anxious. Appetite bowels and sleep natural. Cont. remedies.
	14.	Occasionally walks out when the weather permits. Continues to occupy herself as before. Bowels somewhat slow. R. Infus. Gentianæ Comp. ℥j. Aquæ ad ℥iij. M. Sumat Cyathum minorem bis quotidie. Sumat pil. Alterative ℥j hora somni pro vice. Cont. alia.
	17.	Catamenia flowing. Is bad today, restless and complaining. Tongue white, pupils dilated. Is allowed to sit during the night and walk the room. Sumat pulv. Jalapæ gr. x. hora somni cras.
	22.	Has taken cold in consequence of exposing herself to a draught of air at a broken window. Complains of sore throat and thirst. Tonsils inflamed and enlarged, considerable difficulty in deglutition. Pulse 100 good strength, tongue white, skin hot, pupils dilated, bowels constipated. Very restless and rises from her bed and walks the room at night. Says she stood at the window on purpose to catch sore throat. To have a poultice constantly applied to the throat. R. Pulv. Antimon. gr. x. Magnes. Sulph. ℥j. Aquæ ℥j. guarta qq. hora.
	23.	Bowels still confined, refuses her medicine. Throat still very red and painful. Less thirst. Cont. medicament. R. Infus. Rosæ Comp. ℥j. ft. Gargarisma ter die utendum. Low diet.
	25.	Improved. Pulse 90 moderate. Tonsils less inflamed, bowels have acted once. Tongue clean. The throat has been touched with the caustic. Nitras. Cont. medicament et alia.

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Sept. 4 Evening. then a very short walk in the damp grass. My health has been much injured. I have not even been able to procure a shower-bath either here or in town tho' I feel confident it would be very useful to me. May I again entreat of Mrs Galbraith to insist on Edwd taking me out of this as soon as possible. I shall feel quite satisfied to remain any place Mrs Galbraith or you think suitable only do let it be within a walk of a Church & Pious Clergyman both of which I have been too long deprived of. Let Edwd or some person he can depend upon come for me. I trust there will be no more ridiculous unnecessary expenses gone into on my acct. I know as the schemes of worldly people have been too long gratified. I trust every explanation regarding my character has been given and that when I meet my family it will be in peace our time may be very short here below I wd wish to be in unity with all my friends. I think I have written more than a dozen of letters to different individuals during the last 12 months & never received a reply to any of them with the exception of one note from Mrs Stewart I shall look out with great anxiety for your answer and now my dear Mrs Galbraith like every old fash old maid what I have done with my. I request you will write me and mention to me about the Children if you have a journal. John Stapper at College are the boys at school how are Isaac's family doing I suppose by think his boys are not easy to manage I hope they are not in a distracted state about Dunaghy & that you have not reason to regret leaving Dublin if you know where Betty Simpson is will you enquire if she has any family get with kind regards to Mr Galbraith your John & believe me my dear Mrs Galbraith yours ever sincere friend

Susan Sproule.

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I cannot procure any information of Betty Simpson.

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Sept 30 Health good. Peevish and discontented as usual. Requires to be removed. Declares herself to be sane but firmly adheres to all her delusions. Cont. ommis

Oct 29 Has had a paroxysm for a few days last week & then in which she as usual declared herself to be possessed by Calomel Ahmed her friend, the nurse & the Physicians for detaining her here - is very troublesome at such times & never amiable though she says great claims to amiability & strong religious feelings. Is very cunning and spiteful. Health been good Cont. ommis -

Nov 15 No change since last report occasionally requires aperient medicine. Cont. ommis

Dec. 10 Grumbling & discontented as usual. Adheres firmly to all her delusions. Is very troublesome - Reads the Bible & works. Is very religious in conversation, but at the same time cunning & malicious Health good. Cont. ommis

- 31 During the last year there has been no change in this case for the better & indeed it could not be looked for from the duration of the disease. She believes that there is & has all along been a conspiracy to poison her & make her ill - that her enemies have emissaries even here who by stealth give her Calomel & poison - that all the nurses & attendants are bribed to second their efforts - that all people connected with Lunatic Asylums are immoral & impure and that she herself is amiable & a truly Christian character. She is cunning & malicious & incapable of all sorts of scandal. Employs herself in reading the Bible & religious books & in sewing. Health good Cont. ommis

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Caroline Bagot Act 29 from page 110

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Feb 27 Quite maniacal. Has not slept during the night, but spent her time in laughing talking & singing. Talks about Charles the Ventriloquist, her marriage her dignity &c. Gives orders & harangues a supposed multitude. At one time took hold the physicians hands & suddenly let go one & slapped the other. Scratched his finger before he could withdraw it & said that it was a mark of her affection for him & that he must keep it for her sake. Declared that the sun made him holy & would speedily make him Archbishop & then marry him for the sake of his name which she very much liked. Told him he was a good soul to smile & bear with her nonsense that Caroline was not herself but would soon be then began to rave on a number of subjects & said at last that she had made Dr. Pinckard a woman the night before for his gentleness. Skin cool but not cold, somewhat clammy, pupils contracted, pulse 78 small, tongue whitish, bowels constipated. Ordered Aqua Amygdalæ Amaræ Alternatively. Quiescent.

" 28 Paroxysm continues. Has been filthy in her habits which she has never been before in her worst state, besmearing the carpet, window shutters & walls. Laughed & seemed pleased with it. Has laughed, talked & sung all night old ditties & nursery rhymes but very hoarse & exhausted, but after having had a cup of chocolate & toast revived. To have a glass of wine immediately as her pulse is lengthened feeble & 60. Quiescent.

" 29 Has been very noisy & excited all night. At visit this morning face flushed, head hot, eyes glistening, pupils contracted, pulse 84, extremities warm, tongue white but moist. Bowels have been moved. Raved incoherently. Abrad. at. capillit. Affund. atum aqua frigida capiti. Quater indies

Admitted 12 December 1842

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Feby 4 Rp Tart. Antimonii gr viij Aquæ fontanæ ℥iv. M ft. Limnat ℥ij secunda quaque hora magnate manente delirat. Ejusdem C. alien –

March 1 State highly maniacal but good natured to Physicians not those whom she declares she will reward. Calls him her brother. Talks of her sister Murphy as the Countess of Glencairn. Cont. omnia

" 2 Somewhat quieter. When left alone is quiet. ℞ Infusi Rosæ ℥ij Magnesiæ Sulph. ℥ss. Tinct. Antimonii. Cont alia –

" 4 Pulse 90 & full. Raves at times when visited but quiet at other times. Bowels constipated Tongue white. Limnat h. s. Inf. Alterativ. & cras mane Haust. Salin. Effervesc. C. alia

" 5 Bowels have been freely moved is quiet when left alone. When any one enters begins to talk of her sister Margaret whom she as formerly calls the Countess of Glencairn or sometimes pronounces whom she calls Lord Glencairn & who is her Attorney General speaks also a great deal of the Walkers & Grady's & others whom she met in Dublin. Asks how her real brother Dr. Hutcheson the Physicians & if her supposed brother Dan. be in confinement. Says that the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum is the best place for him & her uncle Mr R. H. Keatje. Makes herself hoarse by talking in a loud tone Appetite very keen. Ejusdem C. omnia

" 8 Since last report has been pretty quiet but today is noisy when alone. Raves in the same strain Cont. omnia

" 9 Has declared that she will depose the Lady Superintendent of the Institution she meant to give her & has given orders for Lord Glencairn (her brother in law Mr Cunningham) & her brother Dan to be kept in ward Cont. omnia – page 194.

Ann Flowerdew Adt 40. from Vol II page 199

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Sept. 20 Has been complaining the last two days of pain in her side of a rheumatic character. Complains today of heartburn. Still exceedingly excitable & irritable. Fraser part dilent: Ol. Olivæ: 3j. et Aq. Camom: 3j. M. hem: Sodae Carb 3

Dec. 31 Bodily health good of late. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Gains flesh. Occasionally gives way to her violent and vindictive temper and abuses the nurses, patients and in fact any one she comes in contact with. Her mind teeming with absurd delusions. Declares the practices in the establishment are of a most infamous character and that she will expose them to the public. Will sometimes occupy herself in doing needlework. Cont. omnia.

Dec. 31 During the past month her bodily health has been good and she has required no medicine. Looks stout and has gained flesh. Takes her food well although she is continually stating it is of a bad quality and not of that kind she has been used to. Abuses the matron and declares she is an infamous character one of the most abandoned of the sex and says that were the principal nurse & Hutchinson shown her and placed her in her proper position. Declares the house to be one of the most kind and that practices are permitted here that would not be tolerated if known abroad. Attacks the patients in the ward and makes use of any violent and abusive language particularly to Mrs Bealor who sleeps in the next bed to her. From the crowded state of the female side of the house it is inconvenient to remove her at present but if she persists in her present course of behaviour she must be placed in seclusion. Cont. omnia.

Nov. 7. Has been more quiet in her behaviour and language since last report. The threat of removing her to another ward appears to have had effect in occasioning this change. Wishes to see the physicians to demand of them her instant release. Bodily health continues excellent and she takes her food well although at the same time says it is far from being of that quality she has been accustomed to. Bodily functions natural. Cont. omnia

Admitted 15 December 1841.

Nov. 11 Inclined to be quarrelsome and abusive but she evidently succeeds in controlling her violent temper during the presence of the medical officer. Will hold no intercourse with the matron but occasionally desires her in an imperious way to procure for her various articles of clothing &c— Mind excitable. Health good— conts. omnia.

" 21 No change since last report. Bodily health continues good. Takes but little notice of any of her Companions and usually passes her time occupied in needlework— Bowels regular, appetite good. Cont. omnia.

" 30 Since last report she has been much better tempered— Will answer civilly when spoken to but is not much inclined to mix with her fellow patients— Has been told that it will depend upon herself if she is to leave the Asylum this year. She has of late been very importunate to know the exact time she is to remain— Is very industrious and upon the whole considerably improved.—

Dec. 31. Since last report has several times exhibited symptoms of her old temper. Breaks out into violent paroxysms of rage and denounces all around her as persons of the most low and villainous character. Bodily health very good. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Has written a number of letters in which she declares that she has been subjected to the greatest cruelty here and demanding her friends immediately to grant her her liberty. These letters she entrusted to Mrs Johnston who instead of posting them when she left the Asylum on trial, gave them up to the Matron. Since she became aware of this she has never ceased to find fault with all and every thing— Occasionally does a little needlework Cont. omnia.

1844 Jan 31 No change or improvement in any respect since last report. Mind excitable and she is continually complaining of her detention here— Bodily health good— Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Is employed at needlework as before— Cont. omnia

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Anne Gardner. Aet. 77.

1843.

Sept. 16 On admission was weak and feeble from age, & apparently glad to get to bed. Answered questions put to her pretty relevantly. Tongue dry and brown. Pulse 60. moderate. Pupils dilated.

" 19 Spent a restless night. cried a great deal & required the nurse's constant attention during the whole night. Bowels confined. Mind exceedingly weak, talks to Clinical Assistant as if he had seen her before admission, & as if he had been in the habit of attending her. Sumt. Ol. Ricini ℥ij.

" 20 Had some sickness & consequently the nurse did not give the Castor Oil till this morning. To have Arrow Root for dinner.

" 21 Since last report has continued pretty well. Bowels have been relieved occasionally by small doses of castor oil. She is quite helpless and requires the unremitted attention of the nurse. Mind fatuous and demented from age. Sumt.

" Oct. 10. Keeps her bed during the greater part of the day. Health feeble. Takes small quantities of tea and sponge diet. Some slight puffiness of hands and face. pulse 72 moderate, bowels slow. tongue white. Sol. has been given twice a week of Castor Oil. Ammon. carb. and Infusion for diet. cont. summa.

" 12. Oedema of hands and face disappearing since the bowels were acted upon by the medicine. Has been quiet of late and if her friends wish her to be removed she may be dismissed. Cont. summa.

" 18 Her friends having been made aware of the hopelessness of her case and that from her age and helplessness she would require a special nurse which would entail an additional expense they determined to try her again at home and she was accordingly today dismissed as

Relieved.

Admitted 16. September 1843.

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Sept 30 No change since last report Health good. Cont. omnia

Oct 31 With true management she is kept pretty tidy, but is filthy at night & during the day would tear her clothes & chew them if not prevented by watching & giving her bread from time to time. Health pretty good Cont. omnia

Nov 30 No improvement during the last month — Health good Cont. omnia

Dec 31 Seems rather to have fallen back again. Converses rationally at times. Complains of the neglect of her children. Is very filthy at night & will destroy her clothing whenever an opportunity affords. Health good. Remain

1844 Jan 16 Has conducted herself much better since last report. Is more tidy during the day but at night is as filthy as formerly. Went to the ball given to the Ladies last night, enjoyed it much & behaved very well. To day is cheerful & appears to take great delight with the proceedings of yesterday evening. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 31 Health good. Has on the whole gone on well since last report Habits at night filthy. Mind weak but cheerful. Cont omnia.

Feby 9 In all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

" 28 Habits not so filthy. Health good Mind seems to be more alert. Cannot be employed. Cont omnia

March 11 Health good. No change since last report except that she is more inclined to be filthy. Begs incessantly for snuff, wine, porter &c. &c. omnia

" 16 Much the same. Occasionally talks very rationally & then suddenly reverts to her delusions, saying that she is not a human being. Eats her clothes. Is extremely filthy. Answers always for snuff, wine, porter &c. Health good. Cont. omnia

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Admitted 10 March 1841

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March 19 Health good. Is very idle. Inclined again to destroy her clothes. Filthy at night. Seems to observe all that passes & makes shrewd remarks. Cont. omnia

" 24 More filthy. Requires to be constantly attended to. Has begun again to chew clothes. Delusions as the same as formerly. To have a bit of bread from time to time & to be carefully attended to. Cont. omnia alia

" 30 Since last report has enjoyed good health. Habits improved & the giving her a bit of bread or crust from time to time prevents her from chewing her clothes. Wanders about the gallery & cannot be employed. Sometimes laughs. Delusions as formerly. Seems to be cheerful & noticed, remarks on & laughs at the absurdities of her fellow patients. C. omnia

April 18 No change since last report except that she has neither been so filthy nor so destructive since last report. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 19 Health good. In all respects the same as at last report Cont. omnia

" 29 No change since last report Health good. Cont. omnia

May 9 Health good. No improvement or probability of improvement. Cont. omnia

" 16 Health good. Mind as weak as formerly. Habits filthy. Is with difficulty prevented from eating her clothes. Constantly asking for Ale, Wine, Snuff &c

" 25 No change whatever since last report. C. omnia

June 10 Health good. Mind rather more lively. Not so prone as formerly to tear or eat clothes but quite as filthy. C. omnia

" 30 Rather worse since last report in point of mind & habits. Health good. Appetite keen. Cannot be employed in any thing. Cont. omnia.

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1843

Sept 30 Has been much the same since last report. Cont. omnia

Oct 29 Late absence the Physician this staff, the Lady Superintendent, the Chaplain, Procurator Fiscal &c Health pretty good. C. omnia

Nov 15 Conduct, language & occupation as formerly. No improvement Cont. omnia

" 30 Rather worse in her conduct & language Health pretty good

Dec 15 Most troublesome. No improvement in any respect. C omnia

" 31 This case is on the whole becoming slowly but steadily worse. From the strong hereditary tendency to the disease ~~imported by the patient~~ the length of time the case has lasted ~~the character~~ her general character & the form of insanity under which she labours it is extremely improbable that she will recover. Though at times she can command herself & appear to have laid aside her delusions, they are in reality never absent. She is extremely plausible, & ~~makes~~ delay her statements, how can false with so many circumstances which appear probable, it so minute in the particulars which she gives. & stands cross examination so well that no one unaccustomed to the disease & who did not take time to examine her minutely & watch her closely would believe her to be insane. She is dangerous to be at large, not only in so far as she cannot resist making mischief among all with whom she associates but ~~because~~ further from the nature of her delusions & her violent & vindictive temper which would lead her to acts of violence for which might endanger the lives of the keepers. She has been trying every thing to procure a change of residence & the officers of the establishment ~~consider~~ are desirous to get quit of her, but she refuses to go where she could be safely kept & wishes to be placed under the care of those whom she might

Feby

Admitted 14 May 1842

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Dec 7 ~~decease~~ cajole & deceive or pervert whom she might escape.

1844 Jan 15 Since last report there has been no improvement. She is as troublesome as ever. In her violent & conductive moods she becomes perfectly frantic in her expressions. Today being in better humour she was asked to be present at a ball given to the Ladies. She refused on the ground that it was contrary to her conscience. Health tolerably good. Cont. amia

" 31 Has again been placed with her friend Mrs Innis ~~The~~ as they cannot hurt each other & neither can be placed with the amiable & convalescent patients in consequence of their conduct & observations. They read the Bible, pray & sing psalms two or three times daily, & spend the rest of their time in devising, hatching stories against the officers of the House - sounding their own purity, Christian feeling & intellectual superiority, belying other patients & insulting & revolting the nurses & Lady Superintendent. Mrs Lee is very amiable in her manner to the Physicians when present & endeavours to make him believe that she holds him in high respect evidently for the purpose of inducing him to employ his influence to get her removed to private lodgings - At times says that she has forgot all of Mr Parlane's conduct & is willing to forgive every one, at other times states that she will have a public trial &c &c Cont. amia

Feby 5 Informs the physician that she has no fault to find with him - that she wishes to see him from a most uncomfortable position - that in her letters she has never blamed him - but only the Rev. Mr Duncan & Dr Mc Farlane. Delusions as strong as ever. Conduct & occupations as formerly. Cont. amia

Discharged 9 No change since last report. Cont. amia.

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Mrs. Maria McAlpine from Vol II p 192

1914

June 4 31 No change since last report. Health good for her age. Cont. omnia

Feby 9 Occupations, state of mind & faculties are the same as formerly. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 27 Health continues good. Has again begun to nurse her doll. Mind weak but cheerful. Cont. omnia

March 5 Perfectly harmless and contented. Plays with her doll which she treats as a baby & lavishes a mother's care. Fond of dusting & cards. Sometimes complains of headache which is immediately removed after the operation of some mild aperient. Health on the whole good. Cont. omnia

" 13 Continues in all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

" 22 Health good. Mind as at last report. Likes to hear music & reading. Seems to be happy. Habits correct. Cont. omnia

" 31 Has enjoyed good health since last report. Amuses herself with her doll talking to it & fondling it. Sometimes reads & has some comprehension of the subject, though very little. Likes to be read to or talked to. Cont. omnia

April 10 In all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

" 19 Health good. State of mind & occupations as formerly. Cont. omnia

" 29 Health good. Cheerful & amiable. State of mind & occupation as formerly. Cont. omnia

May 8 Cheerful & contented. Occupations the same as formerly described. Walks out daily. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 15 Goes on well in all respects. No mental change. Cont. omnia

" 26 Mind as weak as formerly. Cheerful & contented. Amuses herself as formerly. Cont. omnia

June 6 No change whatever in her bodily or mental state.

Admitted 17 December 1827.

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June 16 Health on the whole good. Mind as much as formerly. Cheerful & happy. Cont. remis

" 28 Health good. Mind as formerly. Has much delight with the employment. C. remis —

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Mrs Anne Wood Ct pump 39

1843

Decr 3 Continues to fall off in flesh. Looks pale. Takes more food is quiet & sleeps a good deal Bowels regular. Some petting of the skin of her back — which is washed with a lotion of lime water & Spirits — C. omnia

" 10 Since last report there has been a slow but gradual change for the worse. The skin is little petted. It is washed & dressed with carded cotton. C. omnia

" 15 Has continued much the same except that there is a very small slough forming to which warm dressings are applied.

" 20 Evidently weaker & the weakness is likely to increase. Former slough looks well, but another has made its appearance. Takes more food & wine & [illegible] but does not seem to benefit by it. Pulse 66 very feeble. Tongue pretty clean — Bowels regular C. omnia

" 22 No improvement. Cont. omnia

" 23 Sloughs increase in size & look more unhealthy — C. omnia

" 24 Has seen the Chaplain — Comprehends what he said & thanked him for a prayer which he offered up for her. Afterwards repeated a considerable portion of it. Bodily health evidently worse

" 26 No change since last report Cont. omnia

" 28 Seems on the whole to be some more exhausted as her debility increases Sloughs increase. Takes no solid food, but drinks beef tea, wine &c. C. omnia

" 29 Slowly sinking. Sleeps a good deal both night & day & is indifferent to every thing around her. C. omnia

" 30 Weaker than yesterday. Cont omnia.

1844 31 Fast sinking.

Jany 1 At an early hour this morning she calmly

Died.

Admitted 26 October 1820—

Helen Miller Oct 20 from p 116. Admitted 1st
21 February 1843

Feb 4 June 13 Has been noisy all last night and to day is violent & filthy Tongue clean & moist. p 60 feeble Bowels regular. Skin cool— Rp Pulv. Camphora ʒj. Pulv Opii gr vj. Pulv. Aromatic ʒi ℞ xii Hh. fiat pulvis quam divide in portiones æquales vj. S. 1. 0 ut. h. s. Co alia—

" 21 Has gone on better since last report. Is generally quiet at night & not so excitable during the day. pulse 72 feeble. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Urine reported to be somewhat scanty. Rp Infus. Gentian Alkalin ℥ xij Liquat ℥ij. bis quotidie Cont. alia.

" 30 Has gone pretty well since last report. At times is pretty deranged. Cont. omnia—

Feb 7 9 Seems rather depressed, though she has been two or three times excited since last report. pulse 68 small. Tongue a little white Bowels regular. Rp Infus. Cinchon. frigid. ℥ xij. Acid. Muriat dil. ℥j. S. Cardamom ʒj Hh. Liquat ℥ij mane nocteque. C. alia

" 19 No dependance can be placed on this case. One day she is quiet, rational & understands, next day not knowing & destructive. Health however improves. Cont. Med. commenta alia

" 23 Exceedingly troublesome from the sudden transitions she makes from quietness to foolish mischief. Health improves. Cont omnia

" 27 No change in her mind or conduct Health improves. Cont. omnia

March 5 Till today pretty quiet since last report. Today is very muddled. Has broken a few panes of glass. Screams & speaks of her brother dead body which she says afterwards of her coming alive again. At times raves incoherently. Laughs & screams. Health pretty good Cont. omnia

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Jemima Ferguson Ct from p 8

1843

Sept 26 Has been very variable since last report being either depressed or exceedingly violent

" 29 No change except that after seeing her sister yesterday she became very low & continued so since. To remain in her room. Cont. alia

Pulse

This case is now kept by the Physicians himself & future reports are entered in the Case book only. W.H.

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Mary Mitchell a Mrs Wright Ct 42 from p 60 Admitted 9 May 1843

1843. Dec 12 Has gone on pretty well since last report. Bodily health ~~good~~. improved. C. mania

" 13 Got out of bed last night and made a noise. When asked by the nurse what she want'd she replied she replied that she was watching for Gabriel to fight the Devil. When requested to go to bed became angry & cursed & abused the nurse but lay down. Today pretty quiet.

" 14 Complaining today of what she calls a hot pain in her left shoulder No discoloration - pulse 72 & jerking. Tongue white Talks nonsense. Mitte pil. Alterat cum. S.v. c.v.h.s. Mitte infus. Gentian Alkalin 3x4. S. 3ij bis quotidie. C. alia

" 15 Does not complain of pain today. Bowels have been moved S. white. pulse 80 soft. Mind weak & confused

" 21 Has been quieter since last report. Sews a little but like a child & does nothing useful Talks in a rambling manner & has the same hallucinations as formerly. Cont. Medicamenta et alia

" 31 Has been quiet on the whole since last report. Otherwise there is no other change. Cont

1844/Jan 10 No change except that her health seems to improve. Cont

Jemima

Admitted 26 April 1838

Mary Mitchell w. Mrs Wright Æt 42
admitted 9 May 1843

1844/Jan 21 Good humoured but excitable Tongue white. Bowels slow. Incontinent. Mittr pil. Alterantes 4ij Summ ij. omni nocte. h.s. Repet. Infus Gentian. Alkalin. ʒxvi. Summ ʒij bis quotidie C. alien

Feb 14 Rep On the whole better. Appearance much improved. Mind weak erratic & full of hallucinations Repet. medicamenta. C. alien

— 9 Good humoured, but still weak minded, though less excitable. Loves to fancy the style pieces of cloth & attempts to embroider them. Hallucinations fewer. Talks in a rambling style Health improves. Rp. Infus. Cinchon pagnd ʒxv. T. Cardamomi C. ʒij. Acid. Muriatic dilut ℥ij. ℏℏ. h. ʒij omni nocte —

— 16 No change since last report Health seems to improve. Cont. omnia

— 27 Health pretty good. Mind weak & erratic but cheerful. Cont omnia

March 5 Health pretty good. Has not been excited since last report. Cont omnia

— 7 Has been talking nonsense more than usual & looks worse. Sometimes points to her left shoulder & says that aches. On these occasions shrinks when it is touched. Occasionally perspires at night. Today in bed Tongue white & tremulous. Bowels slow. pulse 86 feable. Sumat stat pil. Alterant 4. & post horas tres Haust Salin effervesc. C. alien

— 11 Health improves since the medicine ordered. Still remains in bed Cont. omnia

— 13 Health improves. Raves incoherently about her being a Queen, this being her castle. Conceals her clothes lest they should be stolen & supposes all the property of others to be her own. Remains in bed. Cont omnia.

16 Health improves. Though she still remains in bed. Has been quieter since last report Cont. omnia

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Jessie Luke a Mrs Surrenne Ct pour 58

1848.

Aug^t 31 Occasionally reads aloud to the ladies & makes sensible enough remarks on what she reads. In conversation appears confused & perplexed, Has a very low estimate of her powers & capabilities Talks of being changed by the Doctors. Dislikes ~~having~~ changing having her clothes changed & would if permitted put on 3 or 4 chemises one above the other several pairs of stockings & two or three gowns at once. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia

Sept^r 13 Confused & perplexed. Suspicious of those around her. Fancies when her clothes are changed that they are taken from her. Fretful and anxious to go home. Cannot be employed in needle work, but occasionally reads aloud to her fellow patients. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia

" 30 Has gone on without any change since last report. Expresses the same opinion of her unworthiness as formerly. Has the same fancy of wearing ~~clothes~~ different changes of clothes one above the other & requires to be constantly looked after. C. omnia

Oct^r 20 No improvement. Fretful, suspicious & discontented, Perplexed about trifles. Is unwilling to leave her room & keeps always meant lest the Herald be deprived of her property. Still would wear a superabundance of clothing if permitted. Thinks that God has withdrawn his grace & spirit from her. Health Sensual Cont. omnia

" 30 No change whatever since last report. Cont. omnia

Nov 30 During the last month has rather fallen back. Has been more fretful & discontented with herself & all around her. Jealous of her husband & thinks that that he has lost all affection for her & placed his love on some one else because he does not stay with her at home. Has been told that if she will control herself & behave properly

Admitted 9 June 1842

1843

Nov for three weeks, she will be indulged with a trial at home
Cont. comm

Dec 4 Has been more cheerful & composed since last report & it is evident that she is exerting herself to be allowed a trial at home. Health good

— 8 Here amiable & cheerful. Anxiety about her husband home disappeared. Refrains from complaining Health good. On the whole improving. Cont. comm

— 13 On the whole improving. Is anxious about her children & husband & hopes that she will become well enough to go home. Cont comm

— 20 Her husband is anxious to have her at home & as the case cannot be injured by the experiment she is allowed to leave when arrangements can be made Meanwhile she is improving Cont. comm

31 Since last report has improved Her mind however is still weak & perplexed & it is evident she will require great care. Arrangements having been made for her going home she left with a certificate of the establishment and is discharged

Relieved

Jean Henry Ætat 40 pom p. 90 —
1843

Sept 10 No change since last report filthy & destructive in the extreme. Cont. omnia

" 13 Has been quieter since last report & more tidy. Still filthy at night says the wishes to behave well & that she will pray to God to enable her to do what is right Health on the whole good. Cont. omnia —

" 16 Has again become destructive. Attempts to beat her nurse & occasionally succeeds, laughs, makes noise, attempts to break every pane of glass within her reach & in the intervals sings psalms. Health apparently good Cont. omnia

" 19 Since last report has been much quieter, but cannot be depended on for a moment Cont. omnia

" 25 Since last report has been as destructive and troublesome as ever. Between whiles her outbursts of psalm singing & prosperity to be very religious. C. omnia

Oct 2 No improvement. This morning got up quietly, went into the nurses room, broke two panes of glass, ran back to her bed, covered herself up with the bedclothes & pretended to be asleep. Cont omnia

" 20 No change since last report Cannot be employed. Requires constant watching. Habits very filthy. Cont. omnia

" 27 Has behaved on the whole better since last report. Health good. Cont. omnia

Nov 10 Has been gradually improving since last report. Bowels inclined to be constipated & she has for the last few nights been taking regularly two alterative pills. Health otherwise good. Cont. omnia

" 20 Much less filthy, destructive & noisy Mind very weak & stupid. Health good. Cannot be employed in anything. Cont. omnia

Admitted 12 July 1843.

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Nov 30 Continues to improve. Has not been destructive since last report. Has been quiet & harmless & spends her time in committing to memory psalms in which she succeeds. Converses a little but always in a religious strain & is very fond of quoting scripture with more or less point. Habits much as before. Cont. omnia

Dec 6 Has gone on well since last report. Mind little weak & stupid. Bowels still confined. Rutæ pil. Alterat. ℥ij. fumat ℥j. omni nocte hora somni

" 8 Since last report has been very unsettled. Changes the position of her bed daily. Has broken 7 panes of glass & pulled down her bed curtains. To be secluded. Cont. exhib.

" 12 Since last report has been quiet but is necessarily kept by herself as she cannot be depended on. Cont. omnia

" 15 Violent, destructive, filthy & incoherent. p88. Tongue white. Bowels confined. Abradat. Capsul. Appenat. vesicator. capiti. Sumat. h.s. pil. Colocynth. Camp. ij. Calom.

" 24 Bladder rose well & bowels were freely moved by medicine. The dose has been repeated every second night & she has been gradually improving. At present is quiet & disposed to be amiable. Employs her time in committing psalms to memory, singing hymns &c. Cont. omnia

" 31 Has gone on well since last report. Health good. Still requires restraint. She is irrecoverably insane, possessed of an irritable & violent temper & [illegible] which she indulges when she can with impunity.

Jany 8 Has gone on well on the whole since last report. Habits improved. Has not been destructive. Regimen & medicine regularly. C.O.

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Agnes McNaira Mrs Ronald Ad from p 27 Adm

1843

Nov 1 Upon the whole has improved since last report. Still requires aperients. At times suspicious oddly. Health on the whole good Cont. omma

Dec 1 Has been for the last month variable. Sometimes well at other times, depressed & morose or gay & erotic. A detail of her conduct & conversation will be found in the case Book inserted by the Physician The Catamenia have appeared today. As this case will be kept by the Physician himself ~~[illegible]~~ future reports will not be inserted here but in the case book at once

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Admitted 18 December 1813

Bethia Leech Act 32 from p 129

1844

Feb 12 As diabolical as ever in her temper & disposition. Speaks ill of every one except Mrs Munn who is pretty nearly as bad as herself. Her conversation is always about her own purity, benevolence, piety & unmerited sufferings from which by an easy transition she passes to an attack on the character of the nurses whom she declares to be common street walkers & the Physician & his staff whom she designates blackguards & impure men who turn the Asylum into a brothel. So well is this known that at the doors no woman who had any regard for her character would accept of any situation high or low in the house from this she is led to her own case & the brutal attack which she says Dr M. Farlane made upon her while under the influence of Opium prescribed by him. This is a new ~~feature of the case~~ circumstance. The other details are the same as those formerly given & it is unnecessary to recapitulate them. Has written the following letter.

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"February 9. 1844

"Sir,

"I again insist that you will "immediately release me from con- "finement which I would prefer "of course to any other arrangement "to remove me to the Asylum at "Morningside Edinburgh which I "can oblige you to do from a "clause in my warrant & in event "of your delaying to comply with my "request, you will have yourself to blame "for the consequences. I have frequently "applied to you & your Substitutes for "a removal, on the grounds that my "health & even my life have been "in danger from the brutal treatment "I have received since I came to this "Asylum. I have also appealed to "Government for a removal on the "same grounds

"I remain

Admitted 14 May 1842 –

" yours respectfully
" Bethen Leech

" Archibald Alison Esqr
Sheriff Chambers

" Royal Lunatic Asylum
" Glasgow Feb. 12
" 1844

" Sir

" I beg to inform you that my
" relatives refuse to send my ~~clothes~~
" cloaths & other things I am in
" immediate want of: they have
" also forbid Dr Hutcheson to allow
" any thing to be purchased. I am
" also refused paper to write to my
" friends and every measure is
" used to irritate & distract my mind
" It is absurd in the extreme for you
" & others to profess that your reason
" for keeping me in confinement
" is to prevent excitement as it
" is evident to all that it is from
" very different motives that I am
" detained here

" I remain
" Yours respectfully
" Bethen Leech "

" Archibald Alison Esqr
Sheriff Chambers
Glasgow, "

" Royal Lunatic Asylum
" Glasgow Feb 12.
" 1844

" I trust that your Lordship will not delay
" bringing my case to Public trial as it seems
" to be the only measure left for settling the
" matter satisfactorily. It must come to this
" either in Scotland or England & it is absurd
" in the extreme to offer as an excuse to ex
" empt me from appearing in court, the fear
" of executing me after I have lived in this
" Asylum a month ~~scenes~~ & circumstances
" the most exciting & revolting to every feeling
" of delicacy & principle for 21 months. If I am
" to be confined for having threatened an assault
" I assert in being tried for it & am quite willing
" to take the consequences, both with regard to
" my health & circumstances & am satisfied
" that both would be benefited by my
" having it in my power openly to vindicate

Jean Henry Æt 40 from page 134

1844

Jany 31 Since last report has attempted arson twice to break windows & has succeeded once. She has also repeatedly kicked & struck the nurses without provocation & without warning. She was distinctly told that she would be punished if she made even the attempt & accordingly she was ~~repeatedly~~ confined to her room when she offended. She very soon professed deeply sorry for what she had done & was liberated. On the last occasion she injured her nurse severely. The nurse had been stooping down fastening the boot of an imbecile patient when she suddenly by ~~one~~ embraced the opportunity & struck her with a book a heinous blow on the back of the head & which dashed her to the ground when she kicked her severely. The nurse fainted & was a considerable time in recovering. The patient laughed & said that she was pleased at what she had done - that she liked to do injury especially to those who were kind to her - that she could have killed it of the choke - but that she was glad she had done it - that she knew she would be hurt up for but that she did not care - The Lady Superintendent, the principal Nurse & another nurse were present when this was said. As soon as the nurse who had been injured recovered & was put to bed, the Lady Superintendent conceiving that that this was a proper time for making a decided impression on the patient & that as other means had failed some extraordinary should be had recourse to, removed her to her room put her across her bed & caused the principal nurse to administer to her a dozen blows with the palm of her hand on the naked nates, slowly & deliberately, lecturing her the whole time on her offence. As soon as the operation com-

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=menced, she begged to be pardoned & promised never to do the same again, when allowed to get up she kept them all & promised to behave well for the future. She has kept her word & has been much better than she has ever been since she came to the Institution. The Physician was not informed of what took place till some hours afterwards & taking into consideration the whole circumstances of the case, he here records his opinion that the Lady Superintendent acted wisely & resolutely & that the violation of established rule of the institution was in this case not only excusable but duty justifiable ~~justifiable~~. The patient is now quiet, docile & amiable in her conduct. She has not attempted since her castigation to disturb others or to destroy. Her habits during the day are correct, though still filthy during the night. She sews a little — reads & learns prayers & hymns. She still receives aperient medicine which she takes regularly. Her health however in other respects is good. Her mind is still weak

C. Cumming

Feby 9 With the exception of her being filthy at night she has gone on well since last report. Cont

Cumming

" 15 Very sullen & unmanageable. Makes frequent & sudden attempts to choke the nurses when presented from breaking the windows with her Bible which she says she does for the purpose of putting out the light as we sin against the light. States that she is destined to fulfil the prophecy regarding this house that not one stone shall be left on another & restrained only by threatening a repetition of the discipline noted in the report of the 31st January. Habits filthy at night. Appetite keen. Tongue clean & moist. Bowels

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Mary Dougall a Mrs Murison

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Sept. 10 Had been visited by the Physician during the last week in her own house in consultation with Dr Anderson. She was then in a very unsettled state at some certain periods of the day. She spoke quite coherently, but very volubly. Her countenance had the appearance of melancholia. She gave a detailed account of her symptoms & declared that she was either mad or going mad. She avowed a decree to commit suicide & stated that it was with the greatest difficulty she could preserve any restraint over herself. She wished to be sent to the Asylum & today about half past 10 came up with her father, sister & husband. She parted with them very composedly, said it was the best place for her but that she would lose her mind completely & would never recover. After her admission she asked the Lady Superintendent that for the first time she felt her mind affected about a fortnight ago when living with her three children at the coast — that she had been rather more lonely than usual as her husband came only on Fridays & left on Monday — that she first felt a great confusion of ideas & became afraid — that the saw objects differently from what they were & was perfectly conscious of her doing so — that she felt jealous of her ~~sister~~ husband showing trifling attentions to her sister — that she was aware that this was a delusion & resisted it but without effect — that she trembled when her husband spoke to her & had a strong propensity to wound which she with the greatest difficulty resisted — that she could not help supposing that her sister possessed greater attractions than herself & was

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Sept every way her superior. Yesterday felt for the first time that she had done wrong in marrying W. Murrin — that she was unworthy of him — that she was aware of the disease of insanity being in her family & that she did not tell him any thing about it — that he was too affectionate & tenderly cut — that she now felt no affection for him or for her children & never wished to see them again — that her mother & sister were both insane but that she was never so before. Says that her soul is lost & dreads the curse of God for her former neglect of his manifold mercies. p 72 Pulse feeble. Extremities cold — pupils dilated. No undue heat of scalp Tongue pretty clean & moist Bowels said to be regular — Has not slept for two nights Sumat hora somni pil. Alter ij. Ordinary diet & regimen

" 11 Slept well last night & says she feels better this morning. Is very anxious to know from the Physicians of the wife receive. To be employed Calcia

" 12 Today & last night has been variable. At times depressed fretful & impatient, at other times calm & cheerful. Dreads that the disease will increase on her — that she will not stand it long & that in a short time she will be cut off from the land of the living. States now that all the time she was having children she had no delusions & nervous feelings but that during the last two years ~~during~~ when she has had no children she has very frequently felt strange & nervous & full of fear as to her mental state Has not slept well last night. Sumat H.S. Pulv. Camphor gr x Pulv Opii grs. Pulv Ipecacuanhae gr v. Cont alia —

" 13 Slept well last night & on the whole is more composed. Rebt. pulv ut heri. Cont. alia —

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Mary Dougall a Mrs. Munro Old

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Sept 16 Has not slept well last night Complains of feeling perfectly indifferent as to her friends & children of thoughts passing with whirling rapidity through her mind & her inability to arrest any of them for a moment. Says that her sins are every day before her, that she has no hope of pardon & that she knows perfectly well that she is unfit for Heaven — Dreads that before she dies she will have a long series of mental sufferings Bowels rather slow. Tongue moist but a little white & tremulous. pulse 70 small & rather feeble Appetite good. Ap. Infus. Gent Comp & Aqua ℥iss ter. Decoct Sodæ ℥ss H. f. mist ℥y. bis quotidie Mitte pil. Alterativ ℞y. f. mist j. o.n. h.s. Cont alia

17 Has been more composed today says that she feels better but I see that the improvement is only temporary. Employs herself in reading & sewing. Ceremonies

18 During the night sent for the Lady Superintendent who found her in great agitation. Said she was very ill & must now dying — That Hell was already begun in earth with her that her sins appeared of a deeper dye than ever — that she did not dare to hope for mercy that she had turned up a text in the Bible in the first verse of the second Chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians "And you hath he quickened who were dead "in trespasses & sins." That they [illegible] commenced her course of her former iniquities than ever Begged the Lady Superintendent to pray with her & her request was acceded to — She was in great agitation. Her skin was cold & clammy, her pulse small & her eyes restless & wild. Said that she was tempted to destroy herself for the purpose of putting an end to her miseries. Some brandy & hot water was given

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Sept^r to her & she became better & fell asleep. She awoke early in the morning in a very depressed state & has been despondent all day. Cont. omnia

" 21 Since last report has been variable requiring constant care attention & change of occupation to keep her from despondency. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Appetite pretty good. Tongue clean & moist P^g 72 weak. To have a pint of Porter or Ale at bedtime nightly. Cont. also

" 25 State variable. Sometimes in perfect despair, saying that objects appear to her different from what they were before or what they really are — that she feels a tenderness or pain all over her head which when touched annoys her — that there is an oppressive weight over her mind as well as her body — that she is in constant terror about her future state — that the fear she has been told to the Devil — that when she is dying no one will be able to remain beside her because her feelings if expressed would appal any Christian — that she is constantly tempted to destroy herself. At other times she is cheerful & even lively, enjoying reading, working & listening to music of which she is fond. Says that she sometimes feels as if her head were flying away from her & the way & that she has a prickling all through her frame, particularly over the chest neck & arms as if large flies or bees were stinging her. Cont. omnia

" 29 No change except that she is able to ~~control~~ exercise some more control over herself. Told the Lady Superintendent yesterday that she felt most grateful to the Physicians Dr^s Hutcheson for his considerate kindness towards her & for her many comforts here, but said that it was a pity that her friends should care about her any more as she is quite lost to them & the world. Adverts to

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Sept 28 occasionally to the expense at which she is maintained here & would be glad if Dr Hutcheson could give her any thing to do in the Institution the performance of which would be reckoned an equivalent for her board as she now sees that it is quite out of the question for her to hope ever to be able to return home & perform her duties as a wife & a mother. She is very gentle in her manners, timid & nervous but amiable to all who come in contact with her. C. comm.

Oct 10 Has on the whole become gradually worse since last report. She is is more gloomy than formerly & can be with difficulty prevented from talking incessantly of her feelings & delusions. Thinks that she will never recover. Cont. omnia

" 20 No improvement. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia

" 28 Supposes herself changed in every thing except her voice. Very fretful. Talks incessantly of her ailments & the utter hopelessness of her recovery. Speaks of Mr Murrison & her home & regrets being absent. not out of any affection but because she is afraid that her sister supplies her place at hd & brd & that this forgotten. Says that even her children will forget her & that God to prove her utter unworthiness of his love & mercy has made all her offspring to resemble Mr Murrison & not herself so that her name both in word & deed may be quite obliterated in future generations as well as her person. Daily & even hourly indulges in her delusions respecting her state. Says that she wishes for death but cannot seek it. Ferrum pulv. Cumphora gr x & pulv opii gr ij C. alvo

Nov 9. No improvement. Catamenia

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have appeared every three weeks since the last been here & are now present. The discharge is great — Her ideas then are more confused & she is more depressed. Complains of confusion of ideas, pain in the back part of the head, the region of the cerebellum. Despondency in all things. Despair of recovery. Quiescat. C. alia

" 10 No improvement. Catamenia have continued four days most profusely. Rp. Aq. Alb. tritos J. Cum Gummi. Camph. Gra. Gj Aquæ pulegii Ziv. M. Ft. pmat Zij bis quotidie. C. alia

" 15 Catamenia ceased the day after last report. No mental improvement. Is fretful & despondent. Imputes all her sufferings to God's wrath for her former misspent time & neglected religious duties. that she ought not to have come here and that she would have been perfectly restored at home & that at moment declares that she could not look on her husband & family for whom she has no love. Seems of the whole to have no depth of feeling, no taste for reading or intellectual pleasures, but to have been entirely taken up with the pursuit of good living, Creature comforts & fevery description. Is very curious about other people & exhibits a degree of cunning. C. omnia

" 20 No improvement. Is very jealous of her husband making her entire substitute in every thing. Leaves every one with her detestation, which however it is pretty evident she does not believe to the whole extent she says. Cont. omnia

" 27 No change. Rp. pulv. Camphoræ Zij. Ft. pulv. opii gr vj. M. Divide in portiones xij quales vj. quorum sumat j. omni nocte hora somni Cont. alia

" 29 Has left letter since last report. Delusion however continues though not to such a degree as formerly. Health rather improved Cont. omnia

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Dec 1 Catamenia have appeared four times within nine weeks & are present today. Looks pale & haggard. Delusions more varied than ever. The Lady Superintendent is directed to give her a glass of Port wine from time to time as may be necessary. Decoct. Calcis

" 5 No change for the better. Catamenia continue. Rp Hf. Rlth. Nitros & T. Cardam Co Camp. āā ℥ss. Aq. font ℥xiv ft Semat ch. bis quotidie Rp Jul. Alterat ℥ij. Sumat ij hora somni & repetantur pro re nata. Cont. alea

" 8 Catamenia ceased. Still very despending. Wishes to remain in bed in which she is not indulged Says that she feels more nervous & cramped whenever she thinks of her husband & children — That she can never look upon them again — That she has lost all natural affection — That the nerves of her head & face are so affected that her very jaws ache when she eats her food — That she has a healthy skin over her body & two blotches on her face, none of which however have been seen though she has been closely watched — That her soul is lost & that she has nothing but Hell before her. Rbead at. ~~Capsulæ portio fort~~ Decoct Aperient Appmalno refrigerantes pro parte abraso. C. alea

9. Would not permit the back part of her head to be shaved but today consents. Cont. omnia

10 Has had the back part of her head shaved & blistered & now declares that the pain is fixed in the part & that she has lost all memory of past events which however is contrary as she recollects the minutest of every thing with which she has been conversant. Wishes to go home & to remain in bed where she may see no one. Adverts unexpectedly to her delusions. Cont. omnia

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Dec. 14 Wishes for a final separation from Mr. Harrison & never more to see her children. Says that she cannot recover & that she was very sinful in marrying Mr Harrison & bringing children into the world both the seeds of insanity in them. Cont. omnia

— 15 Says that she feels a void in her head & her heart & that no feelings save those of cruelty, indifference & ingratitude towards every one while at the same time her acts indicate the same Races as formerly but in the midst of it appears to be quite alive to what is going on around her. Is very fond of sleep & society. Pain of pericardial extractions & afraid of her husband neglecting her & thinking of any one else. Health somewhat improved. Looks much better. Cont. omnia —

— 24 Catamenia have not appeared since the 7th Delusions little or none but are more under her control. Sleeps better. Bowels regular. Pulse 72 rather weak. Appetite pretty good. Pupils a little dilated. Ol. Pulv. Cort. parcia 3ij Magnesiæ Ubi & Ol. Ricini Bismuthi ā ā 3j Pulv. Aromatic 3j Fiat pulvis quem deinde in portionibus Aequales iv in Jumento 1 bis quotidie Cont. alia

— 31 On the whole improved. Bodily health better & she gains flesh. Appetite, bowels & sleep natural pulse 72 of ordinary strength, delusions little present but under control Cont. omnia —

1844/Jany 16 Has improved since last report. Was at the ball [redacted] last night & behaved very well seeming to enjoy it. Health better. Delusions [redacted] seem gone.

— 31 Has gained flesh & is more composed but very [redacted] Cont. On the whole improving

Feby 6 Her husband in spite of all remonstrances having determined on trying at home she is this day prematurely [redacted]

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Cured

Mary Ogilvie or Mrs Blackett

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Sept 18 The physician had been consulted about this case for some time & it was by his advice that she was sent to the Asylum. When she was brought to the Institution she was very excitable and talked volubly. Said that she was perfectly sound in her mind but that she had long suffered from her stomach that she had been agitated by an affront offered to her feelings in consequence of a goat belonging to one of her neighbours which trespassed on her property & destroyed her garden & flowers — that because she confined the animal in an outhouse, its owner a tallyman struck her a violent blow on the breast which quite upset her — Declares that the Sheriff should be fined £200 for signing the warrant on which she was brought here, without having personally ascertained her sanity or insanity. Says that Dr. Hannay is mad & a quack — that he has destroyed her constitution by medicine — & when he could do no more sent her here as the place most unfit for a case like hers. Complains of great thirst, want of appetite, indigestion, weakness & oppression on the chest & fatigue. Says that her food is never digested but passes in a crude state into her bowels, does not nourish her but on the contrary makes her ill. Pulse 78 small & weak. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Pupils dilated. Bowels rather free. Ordinary diet & regimen

— 19 Went to bed last night quite reconciled & soon fell asleep. Got up very early in the morning. Told the Lady Superintendent a long story about a basket which she stocked with caps, aprons &c for sale & which she entrusted to one of the servants — Mrs Scott who accounted for the proceeds & received certain commendations — that she employed herself in arranging every thing about her which was doubly useful, as it employed Mrs Scott, employed herself & left her some profit & furnished

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Sept^r the public with good & substantial articles — That Mr. Blair & her friends disapproved of her & sent her here to put an end to the arrangement & very restless & very energetic in talking. Interferes with the other patients & rates them if she thinks them doing wrong or if they are idle, thought she will not leave or do any thing herself. Has written an absurd letter to her husband. Cont: omit

— 25 Little change since last report. Bowels rather loose & some tendency to Leucorrhœa Temper irritable. Dissatisfied with every thing & every body. Abuses Dr. Hannah & her husband's family. Declares that her husband is a poor deaf silly man & very violent against the Lobelia Pulv. Rh. Hydrang^a Cort. Gr X. pulv Rhei gr XV. pulv Dover gr X M ft pulvis quam durante imperiones aquales (V. Summat). Statim & repetat. nocte maneque — Calcia

— 28 Sate reading in her manner but today rather dejected & fretful. Very much irritated at her relatives & connections Bowels little loose. To have two glasses of Port wine daily. Cont: pulv ut 25. h. m. & alia

— 29 Rather better today. Tells the Lady Superintendent that she is very sensible of Dr. Hutchesson's kindness & the comforts she has, but that it was altogether a mistake on the part of Dr. Hannah & Mr. Blair in sending her here as the matter is not even warrantable. On the contrary she has so much command & such strength of mind that she perceives at a glance the weakness & folly of others, particularly her friends whom she rates & scolds on the way which they deserve. Says that she does not wish to be bothered with her husband's taunts at present as she is quite sick of bawling & roaring to deaf people. Her mother she would be glad enough to see for old acquaintance sake — that was all as they were all mad & fit for the Asylum. As for ~~Dr. Hannah~~ Dr. Hannay, he is raging mad & ought to be in the Lunatic Ward. Cont: omit

Oct^r 2 On the whole improves both in health

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Dec 1 and mind. Is rather depressed & wishes to be quiet. In the afternoon said it cost her a great effort to resist tearing her shew. C. omnia

" 4 Inclined to exaggerate her feelings says that the wishes to control herself but immediately after and laughs & sings. At other times she is composed & rational & converses very agreeably On the whole she improves. Cont. omnia

" 6 Considerably improved. Seldom talks in an exaggerated style. Does not mention Dr. Benning, the toll keeper or the basket. Speaks kindly of her husband & children. Talks of her eldest daughter. Attempts to rouse some of the depressed of her fellow patients. Health improved. Cont omnia

" 12 Continues steadily to improve. More composed & rational. Converses calmly. Makes no complaint of being here. Seemat pulse Attends to Omnia. Cont. ales.

" 20 Improves slowly but steadily. Has found of occupying with the patients & nurses Gets them all to work. Is very kind to all. Cont. omnia

" 27 Continues to improve both in mind & body. Is very active & cheerful. Goes to bed soon, sleeps well. Gets up early in the morning & rouses the rest. C. omnia

Nov 8 Has been convalescent since last report. Catamenia have not appeared since her admission C. omnia

" 12 Catamenia appeared on the 10 & ceased today. Has been a little irritable & nervous but on the whole has gone on well. Cont. omnia

" 14 Has been very well since last report. Is anxious to be home to attend to her children and husband. Is very affectionate to her friends & relatives & desires her gratitude for the kindness she has received. Many more to discharged as soon as arrangements

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Nov 19 Can be made Comfortable arrangements having been made for her return home & her mind being relieved her health good she is thereby dismissed

Cured

Janet Dougall Admitted
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Sept. 21 Eleven days ago her sister Mrs Munro was admitted into this Asylum. Since that time she has been despised & miserable. On admission was quiet & amiable & seemed pleased with the change from home. Complains of an utter indifference to spiritual matters & a great dread that she is to have years of suffering from her complaint. States that about 7 years ago she was ill for four months & in an Asylum — that she was at first very melancholy but afterwards became violent, destructive & noisy & then raving. p 66 small & weak Extremities cold. Tongue clean & moist — Ordinary diet. To be roused & employed —

— 25 Despondency & apathetic. Says that her mind is quite gone & that she cannot arrest one idea for a moment & that she ought to be shut up in some safe place. Apart from every one. Would be in bed if permitted but when roused, reads, sews, walks about & converses & seems to become composed & happy. Very amiable & lady like in her deportment. Cont. omnia

— 30 No change. Is of opinion that from her neglect of religious duties & her sins she has forfeited all hope of pardon & that God has ceased to care for her. C. omnia

Octr 2 Very much despised. Imagines herself to have a heart & says that she can with difficulty resist her propensity to tear her face & hands — that the flies rest like camfly or crawl up the walls of the room. Bowels constipated. Rp pil. Alterativ XII. Jam ij omni nocte hora somni. C. alia

— 4 No change. Says that she ought to be placed in a dark room & chained — that [redacted] in the course of time no one will be able to look on her. Medicine acts gently on her bowels. Tongue clean & moist. p 70 small & weak. Cont. omnia

— 6 Rather more lively. Very amiable. Reads & sews. Is kind to her fellow patients. Cont. omnia

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Oct 27 Since Last report has been variable At one time depressed, despairing of her recovery, at another composed & cheerful. Would be indolent if not roused. Requires to be watched both on this account & her suicidal tendency. States that in the morning her thoughts tend towards suicide & she feels depressed & distressed Acknowledges that she feels better for being roused. In the morning she has always to be got out of bed & watched till she is dressed. Has many delusions such as that she is unfit for human society — that she is unlike other people — that she cannot die, though it would be better for her if she could. Catamenia have not appeared since she was admitted. Requires daily to take aperient medicine. (Comma

Nov 20 Has gone on in much the same way since Last report. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Bowels inclined to be constipated & moved only after medicine. Is always worse in the morning when she is sometimes so distracted as to dash her head against the bed & attempt to dash it against the wall. She is then very anxious to commit suicide & seems to be on the watch for an opportunity. As soon as she gets up & dresses she becomes better & improves as the day advances. State feelings that she is unfit for this world & has no hope of salvation in the next — that she cannot die — that she is unamiable & unkind to all while in reality she is as amiable kind & obliging to every one as it is possible to be — Rp. Pil. Aloes & Myr. Gr. xij. Ammat. q. omni nocte hora somni. Rp Infus. Amar. Alkalin 3x07. Ammat Gtt bis quotidie Cont. alia

" 30 Catamenia have not yet appeared Has gradually become excited since Last report. In the morning suicidal & has once attempted to strangle herself by tying a garter close round her neck — When got up, she frequently runs

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Nov^r into the saloon in her night gown jumping on & off the ottomans & dancing & capering like a child. Thinks that she can walk recover — that she is not human — that she once was so but died & was buried & afterwards raised into a state like that of the animals. Still requires aperient medicine. Looks well however. Cont omitt

Dec^r 6 Says that she ought to be among the pauper patients as she is unfit for the society of ladies, her behaviour being like that of a beast, though at the same time her conduct is amiable & lady like. Sometimes imagines that she is changed into the Devil. Kind to all around her & pleased with every thing & everyone but herself. Pulse 72. full & soft. Tongue clean & moist. Appetite good. Sleeps well. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Cont omitt

" 10 Still full of fancies respecting her own unworthiness. Broke a pane of glass today suddenly & said that she felt herself irresistably impelled to do it, with no object in view. Is still excited in the morning, running about undressed & jumping on tables chairs, ottomans &c. As the day advances becomes composed & cheerful & in the afternoon is rational. Catamenia have not appeared & her bowels still require to be regulated by medicine Cont. omitt

— 20 On the whole improved since last report. The excitement has been shorter & less violent than hitherto. She looks well. Catamenia have not yet appeared. R Pil. Aloes Myrrhæ XXIV. pro nat tinam omni mane noctisque. C. alias

" 30 Much more composed in the morning & always so during the day. Catamenia appeared

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Decr. yesterday & state continues. Present Cont. comma

Jan 18 Continues to improve steadily Catamenia on the 15th & the last been better since. Delusions however remain to a certain extent & occasionally become very distinct. Cont. comma

" 16 Was at the ball given to the Ladies last night, danced & enjoyed it much. This morning awoke & was found to be rational & perfectly aware of her previous state. Says that she knows that she is well now & will keep so. Has been amiable, rational & industrious all day & being with her sister Mrs Thurston has endeavoured to rouse her. Comma

" 20 Improves in all respects. She is perfectly rational & cheerful in consequence of her recovery. Health better. Rp. pulv Cuspariæ & Magnes Ust. ää ʒj. pulv. Aromatic ʒj Oxid. Bismuth ʒfs M ft pulvis quem divide in portiones æquales xij. Sumat unam bis quotidie. Cont. alia

Feb 7/4 Has gone on well in all respects since last report & may be discharged as soon as arrangements can be made for her return home. Repet. pulv Cuspariæ & Bismuth xij. Mitte pil. Alterative xij. Sumat ij pro re nata. Cont. alia

" 6 Being this day in good bodily health & perfectly rational she was discharged.

Cured

May 10 The physician has learned that this Lady continues well —

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Septr 30 Was cold when she arrived. Pretty com=posed & raves in a very deliberate & quiet style. Says that animal magnetism produces insanity when it is received. She has however found out a way of resisting its influence by perpetual motion & kicking it out of her heels. Began to run about & beat her heels on the floor. Winks fre=quently. Hands & feet cold. She had some refreshment & was put to bed. Ordinary diet. To be employed as soon as possible.

Octr 2 Has been acting in much the same way as on the evening of her ad=mission. Told the Lady Superinten=dent that a set of vagrants or gentle beggars who came to groom & worked her to be their leader or queen & because she would not encourage their vagabond propensities they looked into her eyes & produced Mesmeric=m or Animal Magnetism. They used several methods to produce this effect on her nervous system. They for instance affected a particular step of the stairs of the house in which she lived & whenever she put her foot on it she was magnetized. Pulse 68 small & weak. Tongue white & moist Bowels Rest. Mitte pil Aloes et Myr. pro nat usum nunc nocte hora somni. Cras clea

— 6 Delusions as vivid as ever. Asks the Physician to procure her an ante magnetic ring. Boasts on the knowledge of the Lady Superinten=dent and asks if she feels any thing & says that magnetism can be communi=cated from one party to another by the mouth. Says that when she touches the tip of her nose or the space between her eyes she feels the magnetism worse & wrinkles & trembles. Bowels regular by Medicine. Appetite good Sleeps well — pulse 70 rather weak. Pupils dilated. C. omnia. Employ if possible

— 30 Since last report has been very de=Talks in the same strain & has written about a dozen of letters on the effects of animal magnetism. The Lady Superintendent has suspected that

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She is addicted to means to excite & watched her closely. She has been detected & reproved. To be employed & closely watched – C. alien

Nov. 8 Has occasionally done some needlework. Has been more irritable of late and pert and insolent to her fellow patients. Frequently forges illness & wishes to see the Physician or his Assistants & when invited recovers & says there is nothing the matter, that she feels quite well except that she is magnetized. Her menses filthy habits. Complains occasionally of weakness in her sight, vomits frequently – Talks of animal magnetism &c. Catamenia appeared on the 1st & ceased on the 6th Pulse 66 feeble, pupils dilated Extremities cold & ends of fingers sometimes the whole fingers somewhat blue – To have two glasses of Port wine daily. Cont. alien –

– 20 Has been more industrious of late & engaged in Knitting. On the Whole improved, though the little eccentricities the same delusions about magnetizers & magnetisers. Is very religious & wishes to convert every body. C. comma

– 25 The Lady Superintendent reports that she appears to be very fond of the Male sex & talks a great deal about them. She is very religious & anxious to convert every one. Speaks & writes in a religious strain. Talks about witches & evil spirits being permitted to walk the earth & league themselves with Magnetisers. Says that Dr. Ker Skene the physician of the Asylum & Dr. Ritchie her former medical attendant both believe in Magnetism & that they are aware that it is a means used to produce insanity. In consonance with Dr. Elliotson's experiments & the celebrated case of the Okeys. Her mind is very uncultivated & weak. C. comma

Dec 5 Catamenia appeared on the 26 Nov & disappeared on the 1st current. Has been very dull. Throws herself into various attitudes. Lumps on the ottomans throws herself on the floor – very nervous – Complains that she is excited

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Dec 7 Hunches that the Medical men
connected with Lunatic
Asylums are Engaged with Mag
=netizers. Rep Sp. Pth. Instead &
Tract. Cardamom Comp. ℥ss
℥ij. Aqua font. ℥x ℥iv. M.
Sig. Wineglassful twice a day
Cont. omnia

" 8 Mind as unsettled as ever
has a notion that garlic, oil
& candle grease repel animal
magnetism & having had some
of these with her, has besmeared
her whole body with them.
Says that her food goes up into
her nose & destroys her voice so
as to prevent her singing like
other people. Her repositories to
be ordered to be searched & all
articles except those of dress to be
removed, herself to be thoroughly
washed & her clothes changed.
Cont. alia —

" 11 Talks almost incessantly about
the magnetisers. Says that they
now dispense with every where for
the purpose of gaining victims.
Says that the Indians besmear
their bodies with oil, pomatum
&c to repel magnetism — Says that
the wind from her stomach goes
up into her head & prevents her
from hearing. Never knew her
hearing so acute enough. Mind
Capitbet. Cont. Mistura Sp. Pth
Nitros. & alia —

" 15 Troubled with flatulence. Delusions
the same as formerly. Fancies that
people come in the night & inoculate
her with evil. Rubefac. Alae
c Asafoetida ℥ij. Sumant. ℈ omni
nocte hora somni. Repet. Mist cam
Sp. Pth. Nitros. Cont alia

" 25 Has been more composed since
last report. Catamenia have
not returned. Talks less about her
delusions. Engaged in knitting &
reading. Health improved. On the
whole better. C. omnia

" 31 Continues on the whole to improve
Gains flesh & looks much better
& is quite quieter & more amiable.

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Dec[r] Engaged in Knitting & Sewing Cont. omnia

1844/Jan[y] 10 Goes on well. Catamenia have not appeared since 1st Dec[r] Cont omnia

" 15 Catamenia appeared on the 11th & ceased yesterday. She has been more restless lately. Talks a great deal of nonsense, evil spirits & religion — Is very idle — Cont. omnia

" 21 Has gone on in much the same way since last report. Cont. omnia

Feb[y] 1 Has been very much excited for the last ten days but did not speak of Mesmerism — Talked of evil spirits tempting men & walking about on the earth. Today is somewhat quieter.

" 4 Has confessed to the Lady Superintendent that she has been addicted to masturbation which she was long ago taught by her youthful associates She has promised to do her best to abandon the habit & on being seriously spoken to by the Lady Superintendent became depressed. She is now depressed & repentant. Prayed that she will never recover & has bound herself with her soul & with having brought insanity on herself Cont. omnia

" 9 Has been very quiet since last report. Has not spoken of Mesmerism vagrants or evil spirits. Is very religious. Upbraids herself with having induced one of the Ladies to dance Despairs about the state of her soul Health improves. Cont. omnia

" 15 Reading & endeavouring to improve her mind. Has not spoken of Mesmerism &c. Is very desponding as to her spiritual state & complains that it costs her a very great effort to resist her propensity. Health improved. Cont omnia —

" 17 Continues to improve. Is more cheerful & active. Cont. omnia

" 19 Quiet in all respects. Studies regularly under the eye of the Lady Superintendent. Health improves. Does not speak of Mesmerism. Cont omnia

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Susan Campbell Ct. Adm.
1843

Sept 30 Imbecile in manner & appearance says that she feels sometimes depressed & at other times high. Complains occasionally of her head which she says need to be relieved by cupping but not of late. Ordinary diet. Employ if possible

Oct 2 Looked up suddenly when talking with the nurse & said that someone was in the room talking about her & wishing to see her & that she heard them quite distinctly. Seems to be very kind & affectionate. Plays on the piano & sings a little. More lively than when she came in Cont. omnia

" 4 Pulse 86 small & feeble, tongue clean & moist, bowels regular appetite good, sleeps well, extremities cold. Looks more lively & is not so timid as at first. Cont omnia

" 5 Got out of bed & came out of her fellow patients room & entered into the Lady Superintendents room & said that she was a woman as well as the Lady & quite as much entitled to be made of. Reads, works & plays the piano daily. Bowels very much constipated. Rhubarb pil alterative & ℞. pernanty omni nocte hora somni. Cont. alia

" 7 Bowels free by medicine. Health improves. Occupied in reading working & playing on the piano Cont. omnia

" 20 Health pretty good. Still requires aperient medicine. Has a keen appetite. Is very jealous & violent when crossed. Has very few ideas on any subject. Sometimes laughs aloud at other times screams & says that beasts are biting her. Early coaxed & very grateful for kindness. Says that her eldest sister was too much preferred to her which makes her sometimes jealous & unhappy. Cont. omnia

" 30 Goes on much in the same way. Has some delusions. One day when walking lost a piece of her brooch & imagined that it had fallen into her head. Still requires aperient medicine but

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1843

Oct 1 health pretty good. Inclined to be filthy if permitted. Reads, works & plays on the piano. Cont. omnia

Nov 6 Since last report has exhibited daily less mind. Is very indolent & would sit listlessly all day, disliking work or reading. It seems unequal to undertake to learn or do the latter. Memory very defective. Laughs aloud without any apparent cause & becomes suddenly silent & sulky. Cont. omnia

" 9 Sometimes strikes the nurse & swears at her at other times gentle & affectionate fond of music & dress. Cont. omnia

" 11 Took a fit of screaming in bed & wept profusely. Said that she did not feel ill but could not help crying as she felt inclined at times. Cont. omnia

" 15 Has been better ~~for a~~ since last report. Is cheerful & quiet, but cannot be employed.

" 20 Took a screaming fit last night. Talks of seeing ghosts at night & thinks that they are permitted by God to haunt her for the purpose of tempting her for her misdeeds. Cont. omnia

" 23 Very irritable in temper, & a person shuns every one near her & strikes the nurse often & makes a noise without apparent cause. Ate meat too greedily & then suffers from indigestion. Bowels constipated. Pulse 70 small & rather weak. Mictu[illegible] alternates [illegible]. Permat. Seems a young nurse. Cont. alia

" 26 Bowels kept regular by medicine very prolific, tempting & talking nonsense. Cannot be employed. Cont. omnia

" 30 Has been more agreeable since last report. Fancies that she is haunted by ghosts & screams & cries during the night. Cont. omnia

Dec 5 Catamenia appeared on the 1st & ceased today. Has been very agreeable & obliging. Convalescent. C. omnia

" 9 Is inclined to be filthy if permitted & when washed makes great resistance & tempting & tells the nurse she says she will not be washed, that she is a lady and may do as she pleases. Cont. omnia

" 20 Has been going on pretty much as last report. Does a little sewing occasionally. Mind very much. Cont. omnia

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Elizabeth Maxwell v Wm Rovard
1843

Oct 4 Was confused & knew not when she came in. Terrified afterwards at coming here. Reproached herself with leaving her husband & her daughter Mrs Howard & children was put to bed. Ordinary diet.

" 5 Was very noisy during the night & knocked at her door & screamed. Was threatened with a shower bath & became quieter. Tongue white pupils contracted. Bowels costive. Mitte jul. Colocynth. Hyj. Ammon. p. urinæ nocte hora somni. Cont. omnia alba

" 6 Spent a quiet night & today is composed & rational. Is aware of the state & says that she has been in the same way before & that at such times the always accuses herself of doing wrong. Vr. Cont. omnia

" 12 At times quiet & amiable & lady like & quite rational. At other times has strange notions about diet, & that she should live on vegetables alone. Takes fits of screaming & says that she has murdered her children Mrs Howard & her grandchildren — that there is no use of attempting to come near her. Occasionally fancies that she has drank too much & was sent here for that. When at the worst says that her conscience accuses her of the dreadful crimes she has committed which God will never pardon. Pulse 66 of moderate strength. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Generally sleeps at night. R Camphor 3j. Decoct. Papaveris ℥vj ad ℥x. Syr. Papaver. mane omni nocte hora somni Cont. alba

" 18 Has been better since last report. State has paroxysms of screaming with all her fearful delusions but less frequently than formerly. Cont. omnia

" 30 On the whole better since last report. Health pretty good. Sleeps well very lady like & agreeable. Cont. omnia

Nov 6 Since last report her paroxysms have increased in frequency

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Octr – Screams & looks terrified & accuses herself of every dreadful crime Cont. omnia

– 9 State very unhappy even in her quiet times. Thinks that her daughter Mrs Howard who is very delicate will soon die, & that Mr Howard will marry again & that she & Mr Prevans will be left destitute in their old age. Mourns over her husband's present discomforts & her being separated from him. Sometimes fancies that she has murdered her children & Grandchildren. Health good for her years. Cont. omnia

– 23 Since last report has fretted & incessantly. Teases the nurses, her fellow patients & every one who comes near her about getting home to Mr Rowand. Cont. omnia

– 30 No improvement since last report accuses herself of having murdered her sons & drunk too much beer to drown her sorrow. Imagines that her food is human flesh – Very teazing & vexatious to all who come near her but yet to be petted for her age, misfortunes & malady Bowels confined. Has all the symptoms of diabetes, very dry skin, great flow of urine amounting to sixteen or eighteen pounds a day, great & rabid voracious appetite, constipated bowels, restless sleep – pulse 66 small & feeble. Countenance haggard pupils contracted – To have animal food, animal jellies, cold beef tea for drink. Sumat omni nocte Camphoræ gr x & c pulv opii gr ß. Sumat omni mane pil. Colocynth. c. y. Cont. alia –

Decr 5 Constantly discontented about being kept away from her husband. Still fancies that she eats human flesh & feeds like a beast – That her appearance is gradually changing – That her soul is lost. Very teazing & annoying to all around her. Urine diminished to about 12 pounds. Cont. omnia

– 8 More fretful. Complains of acidity of stomach & constant expectoration Quantity of urine diminished to 11 lbs

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Elizabeth Maxwell to Mrs Howard

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Dec 9 Fancies that the boys commit all the sin against the Holy Ghost & that Children will be condemned to endless misery for having such a wicked mother. Sometimes says that she is Queen of Hell. Cont. comm.

" 12 Acidity & expectoration seem gone. Urine about ten pounds daily. Bowels kept free by medicine. Seems to have suffered much during life from her quieter moments speaks of her two sons who died & likewise of her daughter Mrs Howard who is in delicate health & subject to paroxysms of derangement. Thinks that Mr Howard regrets having united himself to her. Blames Mrs Howard for having sent her here. Fears every one about her getting away. Cont. comm.

" 13 Today is in one of her worst states. In addition to her other fancies, imagines that she has killed & devoured her husband. Still wholly deranged. Cont. comm.

" 31 On the whole better. Urine decreased to eight pounds. Paroxysms not so frequent or so severe. Cont. comm.

1844/Jan 4/16 Still subject to paroxysms during which she gives utterance to all her former delusions. Health improves. Urine decreased to six pounds daily. Skin more moist. Appetite not so voracious. Still lean. Pulse 66 & moderate strength. Bowels kept free by medicine. Cont. comm.

" 31 Still subject to paroxysms of screaming in which all her former delusions appear. Constantly petitioning to get away to Mr Howard. Reproaches herself with former neglect of conjugal duties & wishes now to atone for it. Sometimes mischievous & always artful in concealing her tricks. When detected excuses herself on the score of age & forgetfulness & the weak & confused state of her mind. When she can drinks the beer & some of

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[redacted] her fellow patients & pretends to forget all about it. Cont: omnia

Feby 4. Health improves. Urine about 1ex pounds daily. Still inclined to drink the beer & urine of others when she gets an opportunity, exclaiming Well! what have I done! I declare I have lost all memory! I believe I have drunk that urine (or that beer as the case may be). Bowels stupid. Cont: omnia

15 Paroxysms less frequent & shorter & fond of talking of her former employments & contrasting it with her present state. Goes into the rooms of the other patients & carries off little articles she covets, Pretends that she does this from absence of mind, but is careful to conceal what she has done & drinks whenever she has an opportunity the urine & beer of the other patients. Health now pretty good. Pulse 66 & good strength. Sleeps better. Tongue clean. Urine about 1ex pounds daily & healthy. Bowels kept free by medicine. Intermit Pulveres Camphoræ & Opii. Cont Jul: Colocynth: C. Valer.

" 26 In all respects the same as at last report. Cont: omnia

27 Has now a new delusion every now & then, that her heart ceases to beat. Pulse 66 regular & of good strength. Occasionally takes it into her head that she is dying & then screams out. Former delusions less frequently adverted to. Cont: omnia

" 28 Today has had several paroxysms during which she screamed & gave utterance to all her old delusions. Says that her sins have brought destruction & devastation on her nearest relatives & that according to scripture the sins of the fathers are visited on the children to the third & fourth generation. Evacuate. Omnia

29 Quiet today, but still busying & worrying about going home to take care of her husband & Property. Health good. Has not been screaming today. Cont: omnia

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Helen Ritchie or Mrs Jamie

1843

Nov 7 On admission found the woman well & should have been kept at home - Wandered up & down & wondered at every thing. Talks to herself. Looks bewildered. This is an old case in which little good can be done. Ordinary diet. Employ if possible.

" 9 Employs herself constantly in house work. Repeats constantly whatever is said. Lifts up & lays down repeatedly any thing near her. Always perplexed. When the door is opened always attempts to get out. Has been quiet at night. Appetite & bowels regular. Pulse 70 small & feeble. Pupils contracted. Cont. omnia

" 12 Has been noisy last night & today very fretful. Says that she ought never to have been here - that she never was married - that she never had any children. Has done no work for two days, but constantly walks up & down in a bewildered manner, muttering to herself & talking nonsense

" 23 Since last report has not slept so well & is occasionally noisy at night. Bewildered & restless. Answers incoherently. Health appears to be pretty good. Cont. omnia -

" 29 Has been quiet at night since last report. Bewildered & restless. Fancies that every thing said is about her. Harmless, but perfectly imbecile. Cont. omnia

Dec 5 For the last two nights has slept very little but has been quiet. During the day wanders up & down, peering into every thing, imagining herself the subject of every remark - speaks the words she hears - muttering to herself & talking to the dust. Remains Cont. omnia

" 8 No change except that she sleeps better. Cont. omnia

" 11 Again sleepless. Complains of headach in the morning. Fancies that all the mischief done in the world is occasioned by her. At times industrious - Amiable in

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Decr — Despondent but rather cunning Looks nervous & bewildered. Pulse 70. Tongue foul. Bowels costive Summat hora omni nocte pil. Colocynth C.J. Mitte ℥j. Summat bis quotidie Infus. Cinnam. Alkalin ℥ij. Cont. alia

— 25 Sleeps pretty well. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Pupils contracted. Bewildered but not so nervous. Nurses herself & occasionally does a little work Cont. alia

— 31 In all respects as at last report Thus is a case of incurable dementia Cont. omnia

1844/ Jany 10 No change since last report. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia

20. Health good. At times does a little household work. Bewildered and imbecil. Anxious to get home Cont omnia

— 31 Health good. In all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

Feby 15 Restless & bewildered. Constantly muttering to herself & talking about getting away Looks into all the rooms, drinks the beer of her fellow patients, touches or lifts every thing she sees — Scarcely ever eats. Restless at night. Requires constant attention — Cont omnia

— 27 Broke a pane of glass. Habits which have always been rather filthy & not checked, not improved. Very troublesome. Cont. omnia

— 29 Has been troublesome, filthy & indecent in her expressions & conduct Restless & bewildered. Has been spoken to respecting her conduct. Cont omnia

March 5 Inclined to be destructive & filthy Constantly moves about. Talks incessantly. Health pretty good Cont. omnia

— 11 Today it has been discovered that she has some degree prolapsus uteri. She has been more filthy & troublesome since last report. Looks haggard The prolapsus has been reduced Mitte Decoct Cort. Tonic. Febrif part. dolent. admoveand. Cataplasm

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Margaret Henderson Rt.

1843

Dec. 2 On admission countenance very low & nervous timbecile in appearance & expression timid & fearful of being touched. Complained of great debility. Imagines her body to be all sore. Extremities cold. Pulse 70 very feeble. Tongue white. Says that her bowels are never moved without medicine & that the Catamenia have not appeared for a long time. Tr. Allodet. Ferment. pul. Alterativus q. h. & s. Employ of possible

— 9 Still depressed. Walks about but asks incessantly for medicine. Complains of great bodily weakness. Says her soul is lost that it is in great mental agony — that she cannot pray or hear God's name or God's word mentioned. Says however that her mind is quite well & her bodily health is good. In which she is quite correct. Mitte pulv. Alterativus c Cinnam. XXXV. grs. 1. Ter. quotidie. Cont. alia

— 12 State depressed. Constantly asking for medicine. Speaks in a whining tone. Cannot be employed. ~~Cont. eamus~~. Repet. pulv. Alterativus. XXIV. Abradat. Capulet. Effundat. Aqua frigida Capiti. Cont. alia

— 18 Health rather improved but her appetite is very ~~small~~ defective. Pulse 66 very feeble. State depressed & whining. Answers questions irrelevantly. Cannot be employed. Says she cannot recover & wishes to go home to die. Ag. Sequentia hausta. Ol. Ricini ℥ss. Tinct. Cinnamomi ℥ss. Aquae ℥ss. Misce. Haustus ter in horas aequales. R. Pulv. Alterativus ℈ss. Divide in portiones aequales XII. grs. 1. Sumend. ter quotidie. Cont. alia

— 30 Health somewhat improved. Is rather more active. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Appetite deficient. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Mind still depressed. Asks incessantly for Sherbet which she ~~covers~~ is the only thing that will do her any good. With

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Decr to go home to die as she is quite sure she is not to recover. Cont comm —

1844/Jan 1/2 Some little improvement in bodily health since last report Is more active but mind still depressed on account of her health Is sure that she is to die while she is not prepared for death Rp Pulv. Cusparia. Zfs. Magnes. Usta Zj. Oxid. Bismuth gr XXIV. pulv. Aromatic Zj. Ft. Chartula imperiales æquales XII. Sumat j. bis quotidie. Cont. pilul. alterativ. Dieta & regimen —

— 21 Since last report has not fallen back but has not improved Intermitt. pulse. Cusparia. Pulv. Ipecac. Comp. Rp Calomel gr XV. Sumat Zij bis quotidie. Cont alia —

— 31 Somewhat improved in health and appearance. Left disposed to vomit. Sometimes loses a little Tongue pretty clean & moist Bowels kept regular by medicine Laments that food hurts her & is with difficulty prevailed on to take sufficient nourishment Sleeps well at night. Pulse 70 Altogether better than formerly. Cont comm

Feby 10 Somewhat improved in all respects except that she is still very reluctant to take food Appetite seems not to be deficient Bowels kept regular by medicine Pulse 70 rather weak. Tongue clean & moist. Sleeps pretty well. Reads & works a little occasionally Rp Infus. Cinchon frigid. Zxv. T. Cardamom Co Zjss Acid. Muriatic dilut Zj. Ft. Mistura Zij. nocte maneque. Intermitt Injus. Comp. Rp Calomel Cont alia

— 19 Has improved considerably since last report both in health & cheerfulness still depressed, but less so than formerly. Notices the conduct & delusions of her fellow patients. Cont. mania

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Margaret Aitken a Wm. Berkmyre

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Dec. 8 Is very much unsettled, staggers & totters about, but will not let down. Looks bewildered. Eats greedily & washes for drink incessantly. Skin ~~dry~~ covered with perspiration. Breath very fetid. Seems to be labouring under the combined effects of Stimmia & mercury. Budge of nose sunk. Colour sallow. Tongue red at margin, white in centre. Pulse 88 very small & feeble. Will not speak. Summoned a municipal. Allowed Liquor Hydrargyri. Full diet.

" 9 Bowels have been moved. Has been drenched with perspiration. Was with difficulty undressed & put to bed & was with difficulty shifted when wet with perspiration. Resisted washing & dressing this morning. Has an offensive stool. Urine scanty. Bowels relieved & silent. To have cold beef tea for drink. C. alia

" 10 No change. Pulse 90 very weak. Thirst very urgent. Tongue pretty clean. To have full allowance of animal food. Rx Acidi sulph. Aromatic 3ij Aquæ pont 3xvj ℥ Sumat 3ij. quarta quaque hora. Cont. alia

" 15 Has improved in health since last report. Perspiration less. Urine increased. Scarcely can speak. Eats greedily. Thirst little continues. Rx Acid. Sulphuric. Aromatic 3ij Sulph. Cinnam. gr viij. Aquæ pontan 3xvj

" 20 Continues to improve in health but has occasional slight bewilderment. Taciturn & obstinate. Requires constant attention. Cont. omnia

" 28 Health somewhat better. Now begins to gain flesh. Appetite good. Bowels kept regular by medicine seldom perspires at night. Sleeps well. Pulse 70 of tolerable strength. Tongue clean & moist. Thirst much abated. Mind confused. Still taciturn. Cont. omnia

1844 Jany 4 No change since last report.

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January Cont. comm

12 Health somewhat improved Perspirations have ceased. Gains flesh. Appetite & sleep natural Bowels regulated by medicine pulse 72 of moderate strength Rp Pulv. Cuspare & Magnesiae ää 3j. [illegible] Sulphat. Bismuthi gr XXIV. pulv. divide in partes aequales XII Sumat unam bis quotidie Intermitt. Mistur Gummi Acaciae Cont. pil. Alterat. & aloes

— 18 Continues to improve in health but her mind is still bewildered & she seldom speaks a word. Tries to get out when the door is open Walks up & down. Is with difficulty dressed & undressed to both of which she makes great resistance. Hands being washed. Repet. pulveres Cuspare c Bismutho. Cont. alia

— 24 Appetite voracious. Thirst increased. Has had some return of perspiration. Bowels regulated by medicine pulse 78 full & soft Tongue pretty clean Urine pupils dilated. Is to have a glass of wine twice a day. Cont. alia

Feby 1 Perspiration has not appeared for the last two or three nights Appetite not so voracious Thirst less. Is more vigorous & health evidently improves. Mind still bewildered & she seldom utters a word. Cont. omnia

— 9 Gains flesh & improves in appearance Walks more firmly. Exhibits more intelligence. ~~Is~~ Is disposed to be filthy in her habits Rp Infus. Cinchon. Acid 3XV F. Cardamom C 3j. Acid. Mur. Sumat 3ij mane nocteque. Intermitt. pulv. Cuspare c Bismuth. Cont. alia

— 12 Has been less quiet & docile since last report & has been worse. After the intervening became just tractable & then excited. Attempted to strike the nurse because her friends went away without her. Habits more filthy. Comma

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Margaret Campbell Ct

1844

Jan 6 On admission declared that she was quite well. Abused the establishment. Said that it was a place for catching & keeping people whose friends wished to get rid of them. Became excited & said she would break the nurses head and all the windows in the house. Pulse 78. Tongue foul. Pupils contracted. Sumat horn somni pil. Alterat ℥j. Ordinary diet.

" 7 More troublesome than yesterday. Violent & abusive. It has been discovered by the Nurse & Lady Superintendent that her legs, arms & other parts are covered with the marks of old Strumous sores several of her bones are enlarged & in all probability the highly Strumous state of her whole body is the cause of her insanity. If this be the case, there is scarcely any probability of a cure — Bowels have been highly moved. Appetite voracious. Repet. pil. alterat ℥j. omni nocte ad vij tam de cena. Cont. omnia

" 8 More violent; Raves incoherently at times. Abuses all who approach her & asks if they know who she is. Cucurbit. Cont. omnia

" 9 Has been very destructive & yet has been found necessary to remove her from the front to the crop gallery. Bowels regulated by medicine. Is quite maniacal Sings roars & raves. C. omnia

" 12 Bowels still constipated notwithstanding the medicine the latter Appetite voracious. Filthy, very incoherent & destructive Rp Tart. potas ℥ss Soda. ℥ss. Bicarb Sodæ ℥ij. Aq. fontan ℥xij ℥ss Cumat ℥ij ter quotidie To be kept in her room. Cont. alia

" 15 Bowels have been freely moved since last report slowly. Is quiet & keeps in bed. Destroys the bedclothes & is very filthy. When approached raves incoherently. Pulse 84 small & feeble. Tongue clean & moist Appetite voracious. Scalp hot

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June 4 Rest of the body cool. Abundant Capillat. Appendatur Aquæ pegeda Capute ter quotidie. Rp Recant Sodæ ʒij Tart. potas. Sodæ ℥ij Aquæ ʒxiv. Tinct Cardamom Comp. ℥ Tinct Gentian. Comp ää ʒj. M. f. mistura ʒij. ter quotidie Cont. alia

— 25 Has been going on much in the same way since last report. Does not lose flesh notwithstanding the excitement. Raves incoherently Cont. omnia

Feby 1 Still maniacal. Sings, dances, curses & yells all day & night except occasionally for an hour or two when he falls asleep. Sometimes fancies that the Queen & Prince Albert are present & addresses them with great pomp & ceremony. At times is furious & strikes the attendants & all who approach her very filthy & destructive. Rp Tart. Antimonii gr iv. Aq. font ʒij M. f. mistura ʒij ter quotidie. Cont alia.

— 3 As maniacal as ever. Antimonial solution produced only a temporary effect from which the patient recovered & was more furious than before. Pulse 66 small & feeble. Pupils dilated. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Bowels regulated by medicine. Appetite voracious & filthy & destructive. Rp Camphoræ gr x. Pulv. Opii gr ij. M. f. mistura horis quinq. intermitt. Hb. Tart. Antim. Cont. alia

— 4 Quieter today. Has had sound sleep. Answers some questions rationally. Rp Camphoræ ʒj Pulv. Opii gr iij. Pulv. Aromatic gr vj M. Divide in portiones vj æquales. Sumat unam omni nocte hora somni. C. alia

— 9 Went on pretty well for two days after last report. Since then has been becoming gradually worse and is now as maniacal as ever Rp Tart. potas. Sodæ ʒvj. Recant Sodæ ʒj. Aquæ ʒxv. T. Gentian C. ℥j M. Solve. Sumat ʒij bis quotidie Cætera

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Eliza Grundy Wood

1844

Jan'y 20 Came with her brother & nurse with Maud & was met by the Physician of Glasgow who drove them out. Was quiet & amiable on the road home where she was conveyed & was pleased with the buildings the site & her own apartments. Was a little fatigued with the journey & retired early. Ordinary diet & regimen

" 21 Today is very quiet & amiable Looks very pale, emaciated & haggard Chilblains on hands. Bowels slow. Tongue white. Reads & sews. Summ. Hora mani nunc nocte pulatum Alternatim sine hydrargyro Mitte ℥ij. Rh. pulv. Cretæ comp. & Magnesiæ. Hauste ter die sumend. Rhd. Bicarb. potass gr xxxv. pulv. Aromatic ℈j. M. f. pulvis quem divide in partes æquales xij. Sumat unam bis quotidie. C. ales

" 26 Complains of sore gums & mouth Tongue pretty clean & moist. Appetite keen & she devours what is set before her. Is very gentle & lady like otherwise. Says that she is very wicked & that she will never be better. Mitte Tinctur. Myrrhæ ℈j. Ater sumpt in a glass of water to be used pro a week for the mouth. Cont alia

Feb'y 1 Constantly reproaching herself for vices which she does not seem to indulge in & at the same time says she is not grieved about them but on the contrary entertains the best opinion of herself Says that she thinks of nothing but eating, stealing & lying & deceit of all kinds — that she never does any thing to improve her mind & that she is quite at the very same time she is constantly reading & enquiring information about & seeming most industriously. Says that her heart is dead towards God, her relations & every human being & that she would wish to destroy herself to avoid the trouble of having any thing to do. Exhibits the strongest desire to make us form a most unfavourable opinion of her character. When her sisters or brother or their children are mentioned

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Feb 7 She exhibits a strong feeling of affection speaks of the talents & acquirements of the children with pride & pleasure — Takes plenty of exercise in which she evidently takes pleasure but at the same time complains of her inactivity. Attends prayers, reads the Bible & godly books & commits a chapter of Scripture to memory while she owns that she neglects all her religious duties & has lost her memory. Is kind hearted & generous & wished her nurse to share with her the instalment from which the Lady Superintendent deducts for her. Is very anxious about anyone she hears ill & yet says that she is selfish & unfeeling & would with pleasure witness murder or any other crime without attempting to aid the victim. Says that she may be punished & severely treated that she may wish to get away & be with her friends. Seems to be fond of the male sex & to court their admiration. Knows that she is insane & says that she will never get better as long as she is kindly treated. Says that the cause of her malady was disappointed ambition & love for her brother in Law with whom she has committed adultery in her heart. Is very talkative & acute. Has written the following letter which is preserved as illustrative of the case

"Gartnavel

"Sunday Morning 28 July

" 1844

"My dear Mrs Brown

"As I have been here a week now I consider that I am quite competent to judge of the likelihood of recovery here & at any "private Lunatic residences & I must say that "it is very likely to make me wish to get home as "to me any constitution than any of them "From the 2 days overeating & immoderate "variety I had with you before I left I brought "on the piles which kept me very uncomfortable "all the journey & prevented me sleeping "The only thing that interested me in "the least was Dickens Christmas Carol "which we all read & which conveyed an "excellent advice if I would have followed "it. I was sick tired of travelling when

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Maria Sophia Meadows or Mrs
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Jany 23 On admission was very restless, walking up and down, wringing her hands and sighed frequently. Said that it was wrong to bring her here as she is not insane but has always been unlike other people in her disposition conduct and appearance – that her mind has always been peculiarly constituted & constantly inclined to mischief – that her friends erred in laughing at her ideas & mistaking them for delusions, when they arose solely from depravity of heart – that she is cunning, selfish & suicidal because she knows the defects of her character & the utter impossibility of improvement – that she is doomed to woe here and hereafter. Reproaches herself for having married. Her conviction of eternal suffering in him & her baby. Tongue foul. Skin cold & clammy. Pulse 78 small & feeble. Conjunctiva of eyes muddy, pupils dilated. Countenance sunken. Inunct here femor. fol. Alterantive ij. Ordinary diet & regimen.

" 24 Says that she does not eat any thing though she takes food pretty well. Has not slept well. Delusions the same as yesterday. Bowels have been moved. Pulse 78 small & feeble. Tongue cleaner. Repet. Infusion h. s. Cont alia.

" 25 No change. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Urine scanty. Has not slept last night. Rx Camphor 3ij. Divide in portiones aequales vj. Inunct. j. omni nocte h. s. Rx fol. Alterantive 3ij. Inunct ij omni mane.

" 26 Declares that she has not slept during the night, though she was found when visited at intervals during the night in a sound sleep. Says that she takes no food, though she makes good meals. Delusions as to her state the same as formerly. Bowels kept regular by medicine

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June 4 Tongue pretty clean & moist. Urine of natural quality & in due quantity. Countenance not so anxious & pupil less dilated. Eye clearer Cont. omit

" 29 Has continued in much the same state since last report Cont. omit

" 31 No change since last report except in the expression of her Countenance which is better Repet. pulv. Camphor & Pil alterativ. Cont. omit alia

Feby 4 pulse 74 improved in strength & fulness. Tongue clean & moist Bowels regulated by medicine Takes her food & sleeps. Expression of Countenance improved. Can sometimes be amused for a few minutes, but soon falls back into her melancholy. Delusions unchanged. To have two glasses of Port wine daily Cont. alia

" 6 No change since last report Cannot be employed. Cont omit

" 9 Can be occasionally amused & for a longer time than before but relapses into her old state is very idle & cunning. At times restless & fretful. Says that she was always miserable & ought not to have married but did so from mere selfishness, thinking that, her husband being so excellent in disposition & conduct, his example might have a salutary influence over her. She now finds that she has been mistaken & is willing to do for her duties as a wife & mother & the restlessness & exhibition is owing to the misery she endures in the prospect of the eternity of woe to which she is doomed. Cont. omit

" 12 Has been rather worse since last report. Cannot sleep if left alone & during the day is miserable unless there be some body with her. Appears terrified & will not read or work but walks up & down the gallery in a distracted state. S. h. S. Combined & ✕

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Jean Henry Ct 40 from page 137

1844

Feb 7 18 Still under the delusion that he ought to put out the light because it is against & that he must fulfil the prophecy concerning that house that not one stone is to be left on another. Under this impression he is inclined to be destructive & when reproved attempts to choke the nurses. Requires to be constantly watched. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 23 No change as destructive dangerous & troublesome as ever. Cont. omnia

" 25 Stubborn & indolent. Irritable & vindictive. Has broken several panes of glass today, knocked down & attempted to strangle the nurse & assaulted the Lady Superintendent when she interfered. Quiet for a few hours after he had been threatened with ~~[illegible]~~ cat tho' ~~[illegible]~~ but in the afternoon severely injured one of the nurses, when the Lady Superintendent took her into her room & prepared to inflict on her her former cat tho' taken when held down for the purpose she begged for mercy & after being reprimanded & was pardoned & went to bed quietly. Cont. omnia

" 29 Has been quiet since last report & employed herself in needlework Has not attempted to destroy anything or to injure the attendants. Health good. Cont. omnia

March 5 Has again begun to break windows & preach about the end of the world Restless & violent when roused Extremely filthy & indolent, Cont. omnia

" 13 Has been quiet since last report & pretty industrious. Her conduct has been much more rational than usual. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 21 Has been going on well since last report. Has been gradually becoming less fat but is in good health Cont. omnia

" 30 Reads & occasionally sews. Seldom speaks. Behaves well. Has neither

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March — been violent nor destructive since last report. C. omnia

April 10 — Has been morose & obstinate for a few days but has not been violent or destructive. Remedy contemplated. Mittat. pil. Alterativ XXIV. pumat. q. h. s. Hepat. p. 2 m. Cont. alia

" 14 — More cheerful but inclined to be taciturn — Will do no work but reads — Health good Bowels kept regular by medicine Cont. omnia

" 20 — In all respects the same as at last report. C. omnia

" 29 — Health good — No change Cont. omnia

May 7 — Health good. Very obstinate but has not been destructive though she occasionally looks malevolent. Will do no work Reads the Bible & must be kept from [illegible] pins &c. or she would run them into her eyes. C. omnia

" 17 — Catamenia appeared yesterday & left continue. At present very obstinate & irritable. Lenient

" 20 — Catamenia ceased yesterday is taciturn & obstinate, very idle & indolent & requires to be forced out of her bed. Appetite keen. Health on the whole good & better than when she was shorter — C. omnia

June 5 — Seldom speaks. Reads the Bible is very indolent. Health good

" 14 — Catamenia appeared today & she is irritable C. omnia

" 18 — Catamenia ceased the day before yesterday & she is now in her usual state. Taciturn & indolent. Health good Cont. omnia —

" 25 — Reads, runs queries & must often puts the Bible. Will not engage in any work. Will seldom answer questions. Has not been destructive for four months, though she has occasionally the inclination to be so off & on. Is obstinate as ever. C. omnia

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Susan Campbell Pt from p 148

1843-4

Dec 31 Has been more cheerful & alert since last report. Health pretty good. Still requires aperient medicine. Does a little sewing On the whole improved. Cont. omnia

Jany 16 Visited the Ladies Ball last night. Danced & seemed to enjoy it much. Health improved Mind more alert today than usual. Kind & amiable. Cont omnia.

" 24 Has gone on well since last report. Does a little work. Health improves. Cont. omnia

Feby 2 Was at the theatre last night. Behaved well for a long time The room however was hot & she ultimately became hysterical & had to be removed. Today is quite well & cheerful. Cont. omnia

" 17 With the exception of some one or two nights has been pretty well since last report. One night she screamed, cried, & complained of ghosts & people coming into the room. Habits still inclined to be filthy & is very averse to be washed or to have her clothes changed. Has done little work. Inclined to be indolent. Mind very weak. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia

" 25 Health good. No change since last report. Cont. omnia.

March 1 Still subject to screaming fits when opposed & frequently when nothing has occurred to excite her. Runs about, smashes down chairs & breaks dishes. Is very mischievous passionate & violent. Is fond of the nurse of the deputy of her family fond of music, dancing, dress & good eating. Health pretty good. Cont omnia

" 13 Seems to be fond of children. Amuses herself with a doll. Observes & enjoys the absurdities of her fellow patients Has been much better since last report though she occasionally takes screaming fits & says that she is afraid of ghosts. C. omnia

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1843

March 24 Has had one or two screaming fits of short duration. Health pretty good. Catamenia appeared on the 19 & disappeared yesterday, the discharge being profuse — C. comma

April 1 The Lady Superintendent suspects that this patient indulges in masturbation but has not yet been able to detect her in the act. To be closely watched. Health pretty good

" 10 Has been detected by the Lady Superintendent & nurse in the act of masturbation two or three times & severely reprimanded. Notwithstanding which she is prone to indulge on her own when she has the opportunity. Requires to be constantly watched. C. comma

" 19 For the last two days has been very irritable & screams as usually happens on the approach of the Catamenia. The Catamenia have appeared to day very profusely & no doubt the excessive discharge is owing to her practice. Rep Hyd. Chl. Nitro Hyd. T. Cardamom Comp. Hyd. Aquæ ℥XIV Ht.

" 21 Catamenia disappeared today & she is quiet & composed. After dinner had a slight fainting fit from which she speedily recovered — C. comma

" 29 Still requires constant watching & attention to prevent masturbation Health tolerably good — Is very jealous of any attention being shown to her fellow patients — very irritable at times & displays her temper by stamping screaming, tearing, breaking & by making use of improper language Has been idle for some time: To be employed if possible. Cont. alia

May 7 At times very irritable. Gets into a rage, [redacted] kicks, slams doors &c at the attendant & tears about clothes. Always requires being washed & kept tidy. At times is quiet & sleeps. Requires constant watching as formerly Cannot be employed on any thing. Is jealous of any attention shown to her fellow patients. Cont. comma. (See page 140)

Margaret Aitken a Wm Burkmyre pauper

1844

Feby 14 More composed but still at times irritable. Health improves. Habits still filthy. Cont. omnia

" 17 Health slowly improves. Has been out walking & seemed to be better in consequence. Mind becoming deranged. Cont. omnia

" 19 Yesterday & today has been very irritable, attempting to strike her fellow patients & the nurse & when spoken to cursing & using obscene language. Cont. omnia

" 23 Eats & drinks every thing she can lay her hands on. Health improves daily & she gains flesh but her mind is still deranged. Cont. omnia

" 29 Except that she is more composed & that her health improves there has been no change since last report. Cont. omnia

March 6 Health improves but her mind remains stationary. Talks incoherently, is destructive & inclined to strike, idle & filthy. Rp Infus Cinchon. Sulphat. ℥xv. T. Cardamom Comp ℥j. Acid. Muriatic dilut ℥j M. Fiat mist ℥vj mane nocte sumend. Alternis horis. Fiat pulv ℥j. omni nocte h.s. p.r.n. Cont. alia

" 11 Quieter but not more rational. Health slowly improves. Walks much better. Is extremely filthy & addicted to clandestine eating which is with difficulty prevented. Cont. omnia

" 16 Health improves but there is not the slightest improvement in her mind or habits. Cont. omnia

" 18 Breaking up fast. Still more filthy in her habits. Eats & drinks any thing she can lay hold of. Very untidy. Health improves. C. omnia

" 22 Was not destructive to-day when she broke another pane of glass, still filthy, untidy & coarse. C. omnia

" 28 No improvement. Filthy, untidy, voracious, & destructive to her clothes. Health improves. C. omnia

Admitted 8 December 1843.

1844

April 5 Some slight improvement since last report, inasmuch as she has begun to speak of her children & home but in a silly manner. Talks rationally, foolishly, voracious & destructive. Cont. comm

— 8 No change. The case appears to be hopeless—

— 15 Since last report has been quiet & has been induced to do a little work but she is stupid foolish & very disagreeable. C. comm

— 20 No improvement in the state of her mind or her habits since last report. Health pretty good. C. comm

— 26 No change whatever since last report. ~~Cont. comm~~ A few days ago told the Lady Superintendent that they had murdered her children & was for an hour or two in great trouble. Cont. comm

May 6 Since last report has been more composed & rational. Habits much improved. Bodily health better. Cont. comm

— 10 No change since last report. Little talkey when she began to talk about her children being murdered. Very poor spirits. Health improves. Habits how correct. C. comm

— 12 Has been composed since last report. Talks rationally about her children & is anxious to see them. Catamenia have not appeared since she came here. Health & strength improve

— 18 Goes on well. Behaves unobjectionably & is anxious to be with her family. Health good. C. comm —

— 24 Mind improves in strength. Behaves unobjectionably. Health good. Catamenia absent.

June 1 Goes on well in all respects. Steady & rational. Speaks kindly of her family & friends. C. comm

— 14 Catamenia appeared for the first time on the 7th & disappeared on the 12th. Convalescence proceeds favorably. Habits correct. Converses about & relates rational —

— 26 Arrangements having been made with her friends & she being in good bodily health & free from all symptoms of insanity she is this day discharged Cured

Margaret Campbell Ad from p 174

1844

Feb 7/12 No change since last report. To have full diet & a pint of porter daily. Intermitt. Medicamenta ante prescripta Ap pel. Alterat xy. pumat ℥j pro re nata. Cont alia

— 17 No improvement. Tearing her clothes, breaking windows when she has an opportunity, Cursing, swearing & raving incoherently, violent to all who approach her. Appetite good. Bowels kept free by medicine. Cont. omnia

— 19 Talks constantly about Henry & Hoyt, the latter food for her take alone. Speaks of Mrs Charles Spiers. Not so incoherent as formerly, but destructive & violent. very noisy. Cont omnia

— 23 Went on pretty quietly till yesterday when she again became excited to a great degree. Struck the nurse, cursed & swore, broke several panes of glass. Has been out of the room but was returned to it. Strumous marks all over her body. To be placed in a large warm room with a nurse Ap Hydrocyan pot gtt xl ℥ij T. Gentian Comp ℥j T. Cardamom Comp ℥ij Aquæ ℥x M Sumat ℥j. bis quotidie. Cont alia.

— 29 Still violent at times but not the whole better. The case however is not likely to be successful & if it be so trouble her after long treatment. C. omnia

March 5 Has been quite maniacal since last report. Noisy, destructive & filthy. It very often noted with tenacity the catamenia & has a full allowance of nourishing food, wine, porter &c. An indolent tumour on left elbow. Every joint has been more or less affected & her body is covered with the cicatrices of old sores C. omnia

— 10 No improvement in any respect. Catamenia have not appeared

Admitted 6 January 1844

1844

March Since she was admitted. Constant
13 Saw her brother today. Recognized him but behaved absurdly. Is as violent, nasty, filthy, destructive & incoherent as ever. Constant
" 16 No change whatever. This is a most hopeless case. Is probably some structural change has taken place in the organization of the brain as well as other important viscera. C. omnia
" 20 Still violent, filthy, destructive & incoherent. Left arm suddenly swollen. No ~~[illegible]~~ fluctuation. Size in axilla. Poultices & bandages have been applied. with little effect. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Takes food well. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Has full allowance of food & wine. C. omnia
" 30 Has become worse in bodily health. Swelling of arm continues. Size discharges. Appetite good. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Violent, incoherent, destructive & filthy. Has a nurse night & day with her. The nurse is changed three times in the 24 hours but they are all worn out. C. omnia

April 3 No change since last report except that entertaining the notion that the principal nurse Mrs Campbell is her mother she will do any thing for her. C. omnia
" 8 As violent, destructive, abusive & filthy as ever. Sleeps little. Has been tried with full doses of Camphor without effect. Health declines.
" 12 Health continues to decline but she is as violent as ever. This case is utterly hopeless & must soon sink. C. omnia
" 19 Since last report she has continued as violent, destructive, abusive incoherent & filthy as ever. There is slight Oedema of the face. Urine rather scanty. Ry Hydrochlorat potash 3ij. T. Cardamom C. 3ij. Aqua 3x ter die. Fiat mist 3ij. ter quotidie Cont. alias

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Elizabeth Maxwell a Wm Provand

1844

March 8 No improvement. Is very trouble-some. Screams occasionally when the same delusions. C. omnia

— 13 Today very fretful, Tongue brown Bowels costive. Complains of nausea & thirst, headach & pain in chest. Ordered Colocynth Comp ij & Sperit Ether 14. Mist. Salin effervesc. p.r.n. C. alia

— 14 Bowels have been moved freely & she is better but still peevish & fretful. Repet. pilul.

— 16 Is now in her ordinary state. Idle, restless, discontented, sometimes screaming. Is pretty quiet at night. C. omnia

— 20 No change since last report. Health pretty good. C. omnia

— 26 Discontented & teazing as usual annoys her fellow patients. Occasionally screams. Frequently petitions to be sent to Bradbury Hall or her husband. C. omnia

April 1 Never at rest. Continually trying to get out of the gallery. Fretful & full of complaints. Health good for her years. Sleeps little & is sometimes noisy at night. Bowels kept regularly by medicine. C. omnia

— 11 Very troublesome to every one. Frequently teazing her fellow patients with the stories of her wrongs & sufferings; fretful & full of complaints. Complains of being degraded by being sent to an Asylum. Declares that she is well & has no use & the next moment screams out. Health pretty good. C. omnia

— 19 As fretful & troublesome as ever. Counts every thing the sees & approves of the cost. Complains of her friends. Health good for her years. C. omnia

— 29 Has of late been much better in the evenings. Walks about. Still screams but not so frequently. On the whole less annoying than formerly. Does no work & occupies herself in nothing but talking. Health good for her years. C.O

from p 150 Admitted 4 October 1848

1849

May 6 State very troublesome. Takes fancy fancy paroxysms of screaming & accuses herself of various crimes. Very cunning and selfish. Annoys the patients by going into their rooms, following them & worrying them with her complaints. Health good for her years. C. omnia

" 12 Since last report has been very restless, cunning, calling herself the Devil an Adultress &c. When out walking today saw a little dog & kennel & said that it was a disloyed soul which had taken refuge in a dogs body. Has desponding notions respecting her spiritual state. Health pretty good, with the exception that she requires Aperients almost nightly C. omnia

" 18 No change in any respect. Cont omnia

" 25 Health good for her years. No change in the state of her mind. Cont omnia

June 1 very troublesome as usual & likely to be so. Continually grumbling, wishing for a change & to be with her husband to care of them. C. omnia

" 10 As fretful and troublesome as ever. Mind seems to become weaker. Health tolerably good Cont. omnia

" 18 She is the pest of nurses, particularly all the convalescent in contact with. Occasionally screams. Accuses herself of all manner of crimes. Frets at being detained here. Teases the Physicians & Lady Superintendent to write to her friends to take her away & the moment of them not doing so to send her to Glasgow, that she may live with her husband, who is a poor old imbecile debauchee. Health good for her years. Cont. omnia

" 25 No change whatever. As troublesome & as full of fancies as ever. C. omnia

July 1 Health good. Mind weak & fanciful as formerly — Screams at times — Loudly & singing beyond measure. Cont. omnia

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Margaret Henderson from p152

1844

Feb 29 Health improved Left desponding but state has the same delusion as formerly. Walks more erect Does a little work occasionally Notices & takes an interest in what goes on. Cont. omnia

March 5 Is not so childish in her manner but has a great predilection for medicine particularly Rhubarb which she is incessantly asking for She is very kind to all around her. Health improved. C. omnia

— 13 Appetite improves & she takes more food, which she says she does merely to please us & from the principle that as we are very kind to her she should gratify us as far as she can. States however that it causes bodily uneasiness & cannot do her any good. Mind still depressed but left to them hitherto. C. omnia

— 26 Still averse to take food from the fear that she will suffer from indigestion. Walks now erect. Health considerably improved Face & expression of countenance better. Fancies however that she will not recover & that her soul is lost. Takes the Cold infusion of bark with Muriatic acid. Has lost her fancy for medicines. Amiable & kind in her disposition. C. omnia

April 8 Continues slowly to improve both in mind & body. Has still the same fancy however as to the impossibility of her recovering as her soul being lost. Cont. omnia

— 16 Does a little work & is kind & attentive to her fellow patients. Is more cheerful at times than formerly & does not obtrude her fancies though they still have a hold of her mind C. omnia

— 25 Continues slowly to improve in all respects. Is not now easily startled. Is very [illegible] though her health is evidently better C. omnia

May 2 Still eats sparingly, evidently not from want of appetite but from fear of indigestion. Still maintains

Admitted 2 December 1843.

1844
May — that the cannot recover but may be protracted as before formerly. Friends hereafter that pendulum is to be her portion in the next world. Cont. mania

10 Mind rational. Health feeble. Takes little food & is obliged to walk for a part of the day. Catamenia have not appeared since the came here. Takes a little wine — Cont. mania

— 18 Amiable & contented: does not improve in health. Has no wish to go home as she says she is so kindly treated here & every thing is done for her — that no more could be done at home & that she would only trouble & distress her parents. Is very kind to her fellow patients. Cont. mania

26 Health respects the same as at last report. Cont. mania.

June 2 Has been rational for the last month but her health has been gradually getting worse. She is now tame & her bodily health might be improved by a change of air. Has brother has been written to today to that effect. Cont. mania

— 8 Has seen her brother & begged to be allowed to remain a little longer — Expressed to him her satisfaction at being sent here & her gratitude for the kind -ness & attention she had received. In compliance with her own request she is permitted to remain

— 15 Health has somewhat improved. Takes more food & some. Mind rational. Amiable & contented. Cont. mania

— 22 Takes food well. Shews the symptoms Mind rational. Cont. mania

— 30 For the last few days she has been more feeble & her appetite has fallen off. Reclines more in bed. Mind rational. Expresses a desire to go home to her parents & arrangements are making for that purpose. Cont. mania —

July 9 Arrangements having been made, she left this day being rational in mind though weak in body & dejected

Cured

Jean Glover Ct from Page 147

1844

Feb 7 23 Quiet & amiable. Fond of domestic work. Lives & follows a course of study. Sometimes but very seldom alludes to Mesmerism. Health improves. Cont. omnia

March 1 Does as well. Health improves Cont. omnia

" 8 Very rarely alludes to Mesmerism employs herself diligently in domestic work for the greater part of the day. Anxious to improve her mind but still pronounces that she cannot read. Attends a class which the Lady Superintendent has but acquires all her knowledge by getting others to read aloud to her. Is however on the whole evidently improving

" 12 For the last two days has been more restless & given to scolding Has been also rather inclined to be idle & very anxious to have medicine of various kinds & has asked for an antimonial wine Cont. omnia

" 15 Still unsettled. Fancies regarding Mesmerism more rooted. Less inclined to occupy herself & very anxious for Medicine. Pupils dilated. Tongue clean & moist. Appetite good Bowels regular. Sleeps natural Cont. omnia

" 20 Catamenia appeared on 16 & disappeared yesterday. More composed today than she has been for 8 or 10 days. Still anxious for medicine which she does not require. More active & diligent today. Cont. omnia

" 29 Has been a gain improving since last report. Employs herself in domestic matters & acquires useful information. Her education has been much neglected. Has not talked so much of mesmerism or medicine. Does not appear to have indulged of late in her own propensity. C. omnia

April 8 Does as well. Still speaks occasionally of Mesmerism & has the old fancy that she cannot read on account of her eyes. Health improved. Cont. omnia

Admitted 30 September 1843

1844

April 15 Health improves. She is however at times a little agitated & complains of Mesmerism. More active than she used to be. Cont. comm.

" 22 State supposed herself at times to be under the influence of mesmerism. Active in her habits & Remarks in her disposition. Health pretty good. Regrets apprehensions occasionally. Cont. comm.

" 30 On the whole much the same as at last report. Cont. comm.

May 8 Delusion respecting her being subjected to Mesmerism still continues. Is active & industrious Less nervous than formerly. Cont comm.

" 16 Complains of nervousness. Mind not so rational as at last report. Delusion about Mesmerism is more frequently brought forward Fancies that she cannot sought not to read as it is bad for her. Has for the last two nights kept on the boards, because the fancies that she ought to mortify her flesh. Cont. comm.

" 20 In spite of all that can be done she persists in sleeping on the floor because she fancies that it is a religious duty to mortify the flesh & that she ought not to indulge in ease & comfort. Though she is apt to be watched, she is found for a time sleeping on the boards in the morning All threats however have proved of no avail. Cont. comm.

" 29 No change since last report either in her bodily or mental state. Cont. comm.

June 14 Delusions respecting mesmerism weakness of sight, the necessity of mortifying the flesh &c. seem worn as ever. She is however active & amiable except that she will not sleep in her bed. Health good.

" 29 No change whatever since last report. Fancies remain the same. Is active & industrious in the galley. Is kind to her fellow patients and assists the nurses. Cont. comm.

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Janet Adams or Mrs Muir Ætat 27 prompted
1844
February Has written several letters to be
clandestinely sent out but
which have been intercepted.
The following are copies of some
of them —

"Having this morning been supplied paper
"I hope you will excuse my writing on
"this small piece. I am becoming extreme
"ly anxious to see you as I am daily more
"and more convinced that this is not a
"place where I ought to be. My health
"has suffered so much from confinement
"and other causes, I trust that an
"immediate change will not be
"any longer delayed. Should it prove
"inconvenient for you to come here
"in a day or two, will you be so kind
"as write for Mother & some of my Sisters
"to come & see me. The female relatives
"of the other ladies visit them & why not
"mine!! Were I only at Edinburgh for
"a short time, the change would,
"I am certain be most beneficial
"and afterwards I might return home
"to my own dear Charlotte Street with
"something of my former health &
"vigour. Dr. Williams, could you only
"know what I have suffered during
"the last 15 months, you would not allow
"me to remain a day longer where I am
"but William, if you really wish me
"to be in confinement, surely you
"would desire that I should have
"as much comfort & satisfaction as a
"prison could afford. If there you have
"any compassion towards an unfortunate
"creature who has (and herself in your
"power, if you have the slightest affection
"for your wife, the mother of your children
"let me be immediately removed from
"this place. Even let Morningside be fixed
"on where I might see you and my dear
"little children. Trusting my dearest William
"will not any longer delay making the
"change I remain ever your affectionate
"wife"

"Janet Muir"

"Wm Allan Esqre
1 Charlotte Street
Edinburgh"

"I suppose my dearest William has

Admitted 7 November 1842

" very unfavorable state of the weather prevented
" yourself & some of my other friends from coming
" here last week, or perhaps you might think
" it better to delay till the end of the month. One
" of the Ladies in this Gallery leaves Thursday
" next. Indeed the number of females
" of the better class who have been withdrawn from this Institution is the subject
" of general remark and certainly when
" I reflect on all I have seen & heard during
" the last year & four months I for one
" cannot feel any ~~surprise~~ surprise that Institutions
" not being considered a fit place for any
" respectable female. I trust that you will
" immediately withdraw me from this Establishment. I have many & strong
" reasons for urging & most earnestly
" entreating your immediate compliance
" with this most reasonable request
" I mentioned in my last that I should
" be very glad to go to Edinburgh for a
" short time or else return home to you
" and my dear little ones immediately
" who ever way you should think
" most proper. This arrangement would
" of course be most agreeable to me and
" I should think for all concerned. If
" however, this cannot be done immediately let, let me without any further
" delay be transferred to the establishment at Morningside. Do not let
" me I pray of you commence another
" month in this odious place. When you
" came in October, you promised that
" Dr. Young would soon return to see
" me again, but he never came and
" neither did you. Indeed I am weary
" very much to see a ~~Doctor~~ friend
" face. Strangers! Strangers all around
" there is something so totally heartless in
" it. A poor young creature was brought
" here a few weeks ago. She has only been
" 18 months married and became a little
" nervous after the birth of a baby. She is
" now perfectly well & has been told that
" her friends are to come and take her away
" in a day or two — forsooth a very likely
" story!!!!!!!! Her friends have been
" told in all probability that she is highly
" excited and extremely dangerous both
" to herself & others — that she has many
" wonderful delusions &c &c

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Janet Adam to Wm. Muir 1827 pmp/m

1844

Feby "My dearest William I have purchased a
"frequent want of business I should
"consider it inconvenient for you to
"come here yourself in the course of
"a day or two, that you will write to
"Wm. M'Lowan or Nancy to come
"and see me & take me out of this
"place.
"If I neither hear of nor see any of my
"friends, I shall feel it to be my duty
"to make a statement to Wm. Byers the
"Chaplain of this establishment in order
"that he may forward it to Edinburgh
"for your consideration. After perusing
"what I then send you will be able
"fairly of the propriety of allowing your
"wife to remain at Carlingnoodl Institution
"I mention Wm. Byers simply because
"he is the most respectable person connected
"with the ~~the~~ establishment & therefore
"in my present trying circumstances
"and unprotected situation I consider
"the Chaplain of the Institution the most
"respectable medium of communication
"By way of filling up my paper I may
"mention a few of the more trifling an-
"noyances to which I am subjected. The
"atmosphere of our gallery is so cold that
"I have frequently during the day been
"obliged to go to bed in order to make my
"self somewhat more comfortable. I
"have consequently had slight attacks
"of toothach, headach, sore throat &c
"&c. 2ndly our pleasure grounds are so very
"rough that walking on them hurts our
"delicate feet. Thirdly our little conveniences
"are totally neglected. We are all lonely
"strangers in a strange land. However
"I keep up my heart as well as I can
"in the hope of seeing a person who has so
"unjustly kept his own wife in a prison
"for a year & four months. Now William
"all that I have to say is this. I have
"no further wish for any more investi-
"gation about the reason of my being
"made a prisoner. We shall if you
"have no objection let that
"subject ~~drop~~ rest. My earnest wish
"is to get home to my friends beside
"I grandmamma's papa & my own
"little Jean & Agnes Hamilton
"I believe you may with safety plan

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"me among the number of those fools
"who have been taught by experience
"I never sufficiently valued my present too
"happy and comfortable home until I left it
"In the meantime I would commend you
"and my dear little ones to the protection
"of that Being who has taught us to
"forgive if we hope to be forgiven &
"in expectation of seeing my own dear
"Children in a very, very short time
"I remain your affectionate wife
"Janet Muir"

"Wm. Muir Esqr
"1 Chamberlet Street
Edinburgh"

This letter is a good specimen of her
ingenuity of perverting every thing
& mixing up falsehood with truth. The
Lady ~~of~~ whom she mentions ~~saying~~
as being deluded with hope of going
away is the same as is afterwards
mentioned as the poor young creature
who was only a little nervous after
the birth of a baby visited Mrs Skeete
whose case will be found in the
next volume & who goes home on
the 27 perfectly well her stay being
prolonged ~~much~~ with her consent till
her friends can accommodate her
There is no truth in the gallery ever
being cold & she has not complained
of any ailment to any one. She went
to bed once or twice to annoy the
Lady Superintendent saying that
the gallery was so cold that she
could not sit in it. On these occasions
the Thermometer stood at 68 F. Several
ladies have of late got well & been
discharged cured. She takes the fact of
their discharge but misrepresents the
cause. She mentions for one fact but
is most undeserving. Her anxiety to be
removed to Morningside is merely
that she may accompany her friend
Miss Leech who has been moving in
every way to get there, as they thought
that they would more easily effect
their liberation

on 27 ~~Thursday~~ Since last report made
up to Mrs Skeete & coaxed her to take
out with her today the following
letter which however was given

Janet Adam ca Mrs Muir Ætat 27

1844

Feb 7 by her to the Lunacy Superintendent before the Gift. It was sealed up in brown paper & addressed to "Miss Adam, Hillinsburgh" & on the other side "Miss Adam Hillsborough" Helensburgh"—

"My dearest Nancy I send this by a female hand, because if I send it to Dr. Ruchéson it would probably never reach its destination, indeed I have good reason to believe that many of my communications to Helensburgh have never reached them, at all events of this I am certain that both he & my other friends have been most grossly deceived with regard to your unfortunate sister. I trust that my dearest N. on receipt of this will make no delay in coming to see me. Of course you will be told of your statement and delusions but mean mind that from personal report, seeing me & them I shall tell you all my delusions &c & then you will be able to form your own judgment about the matter. If you my dearest Nancy are not able to come & see me perhaps Elizabeth would come. I am indeed becoming extremely anxious to see some of my own friends for I am very uncomfortable in this place and most firmly do believe that none of my dear friends have the slightest idea of how much unprincipled conduct many be carried on with impunity in an ill conducted Lunatic Asylum. I believe my dearest Nancy I have been made the victim of much heartless deceit, but I trust you will immediately come & see me I have frequently thought of writing you through some private channel

"There is a very extraordinary case of a young lady in this institution having been confined without any just reason & her brothers wish to get young men have unscrupulously seized on her money & seem determined if possible to confine her for life. The case of this lady is very complicated & I have not paper for a long story, but both Ruchéson & the authorities are much & I thank

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Feby "justly blamed on account of their
"treatment of that young Lady & it is
"a pretty general impression throughout
"the institution that Dr. Hutcheson
"is endeavouring to keep me away
"from my husband & children because
"he is afraid that if I were getting
"out, I would have it in my power
"to lodge information against him
"respecting that case. Indeed my dear
"Nancy knew little of the wicked world
"& little of my own wicked ~~heart~~
"heart, till I came here. Sometimes
"I think that though I had hunted
"over the whole globe I could not have
"seen more decency, sensuality, pride
"& cruelty than I have seen within
"the last sixteen months. I have
"written with more freedom to you
"than I have done to William because
"Hutcheson would not send it to him
"if there was any thing mentioned
"in it about the young Lady, who
"is unjustly confined. Come & see me"
The young Lady referred to is Miss
Leech whose case will be found
in this volume. They are the most
troublesome patients who have been
in the institution for many years
Today Mr Sheriff Bell visited
the house officially with Dr W
Gregory. She would not speak to
them but when they passed jeered
& ridiculed them behind their
backs. Health good. Always civil
to Dr. Hutcheson when present though
she writes & speaks of him in such a
strain when absent. Cent. comm.

Patient
March 2 Very inconsistent in her conduct. At
one time reading the Bible aloud & re-
peating Psalms & Hymns, at another pro-
ducing the chamber pot all around her
told the nurse lately that she was dure
a habitually obstinate & often contrived
murder in her heart — that she often
thought of murdering her husband for
his having confined her here. Is very
malignant & suspicious & coarse & vulgar
in her expressions. Does a great deal
of mischief to the patients with whom
she comes in contact & who have not
discerned her character, by the lies

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Janet Adam Admr Miller 1827

1844

March and unfavourable stories the tells of the Asylum, the Medical Officers Lady Superintendent, Matron Nurses &c. Health ~~good~~ improved. Cont. omnia

— 15 No improvement whatever. State unpleasant & troublesome Complains of being illegally confined here & unkindly treated. Hopes every one Declares that her heart is renewed — that the the graces of the Spirit & awaken to a knowledge & fear of God Cont. omnia —

— 25 No change whatever except that if possible she is more troublesome & abusive than formerly. Cont. omnia —

April 4 Has latterly taken a new mode of annoyance. She professes great weakness — lies in bed — will take scarcely any food. Complains of pain in her back & chest & that she is becoming ~~lame~~ lame — Declares that till removed from the Asylum she will do nothing to alleviate her complaints — that she does not care whether she dies or not, for if she does it will bring disgrace on the institution. Does not look ill & on examination no disease of chest can be detected — has no cough — Bowels regular — Tongue clean & moist — pulse 70 of ordinary strength — Cont omnia —

— 15 Perseveres in the conduct last reported but takes more food under the dread of being forcibly fed. Takes porter — Has lost flesh however, evidently from the way in which she worries herself — Is very malevolent & reputable — C. omnia

— 22 No change since last report Cont. omnia

May 1 Has written several abusive letters to her Husband, others full of complaints to her own relatives

Journ 166. Admitted 4 November 1842

1844
May. Has been undertaken with her needle for some days. Gets up for some hours daily. Is abusive & troublesome as ever. Keeps the bathing no delusions, her false statements being known to be false by herself & avowedly made to annoy — Her husband & friends have been written to & a trial with a view at the Coast recommended —

— 10 Has been quieter since last report & had been entirely her health however is worse Continua

— 17 Has been her husband who has agreed to give her a trial at the Coast. She has been more amiable since. Continua —

— 20 Her Sister & other relations having determined on taking charge of her & giving her a trial at the Asylum came today & removed her, there Menfie attended

Relieved —

Bethia Leech Ct 32 from p 136

1844
Feby

"my character & free myself from
"any blame in conduct so degrading
"as that which I alluded to in
"a former letter.
"I have the honor to remain
"Your respectfully
"Bethia Leech
"As I am refused paper I beg
"you will excuse my writing to you
"on the leaves of my note book"
"To the Right Honourable
"Lord Advocate
"Edinburgh"

21 As troublesome, malicious & insolent as ever. Tries to excite other patients to do mischief & if they do any thing wrong which she has suggested, turns upon them reported to the Nurse, Lady Superintendent or Physician & punishments severely upon them conduct. Says now that she would like to marry Thompson Alison, he is a fine a man — that her cake is to be iced in London & that she is to go there in a carriage & drawn by four horses with two criminal officers — that Dr. Batchelor the Physician his medical staff & all the members of this institution are to go in a caravan along with the chaplain Mr. Rogers about Dr. M'Farlane — that she means to have a dress for her trial made of the most costly though sundest cooking materials & that she will say "Guilty my Lord" in order that she may assign her reason for assaulting Dr. M'Farlane & the cause he gave her. It must be remembered that she did not assault Dr. M'Farlane but only went & waited in his study for the purpose of doing so but did not see him — Says that she will never give up insisting on a trial & if the Physicians thinks that she is all a delusion she can assure him & every one else that she will live & die insane, but never admit it to be one. Cont. omnia

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Feby 27 Goung on in the same style. Says that when the witnesses are summoned to the trial in London, they are to be allowed 7/ per diem for expenses & probably more — that "the Caravan party" are to put up with Dr M'Farlane at one hotel & the & the Criminal officers at another on their way to London & every thing is to be handsomely conducted by her Counsel & herself Has written the following letter which have been intercepted.

Royal Lunatic Asylum
Glasgow Feby 5
1844

"My Lord,

"I take leave to inform you that "I wrote to you a few weeks ago, stating that I had "been unlawfully detained in this Asylum to "prevent the Public trial of a Medical ~~man~~ "Gentleman for an attempt at seduction "& that a private investigation had been "made in the Fiscal's chambers, but on account "of my being confined, the case cannot be "decided, that the Authorities were so "much to blame that they were doing "all in their power to detain me & would "not allow me a change of place of con "finement although my health & even my "life have been in danger from the brutal "treatment I have received since I came "here.

"I also was stated that I had been under "considerable for a few weeks previous "to my being brought here from the effects "of Laudanum administered by my medical "attendant & under the influence of which "I unfortunately took out of bed & went "out with a small silver pocket fruit "knife in my hand which gave rise to the "suspicion that I intended an assault on "the gentleman who so grossly insulted me, "from this cause alone I have been con "fined for nearly two years without a trial when "even the most worthless are entitled to spe "edy trial to imprisonment. I am unfortunately "situated with regard to my relatives who have "taken advantage of this circumstance "to have recourse to a most dishonest mode "of transaction, which is the cause of their con "tinuing at such glaring injustice. I

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1844

February "I have only to request that you will give
"orders to remove me to the Asylum at
"Morningside Edinburgh until my
"case be fully investigated & brought to
"Public Trial which I am most anxious
"for as it appears to be the only means
"left of setting this unfortunate affair.
"Your Lordship need have no hesitation
"in feeling of delicacy as far as I am con-
"cerned in bringing matters to an
"honorable Trial, on the contrary
"it would be a great relief to my
"my mind to have it in my power
"to vindicate my character & free
"myself from any blame in conduct
"so degrading & therefore beg & venture
"that your Lordship will not delay
"taking my case into consideration.
"I take leave to refer you to the
"following Gentlemen who are well
"acquainted with me & partly with
"the circumstances I have alluded
"to, any of whom would be happy
"to visit me & transmit any information
"you may require.

"James Watson Esqr Quarter Larg
"Ayrshire - Rae Wilson Esqr Reburn
"Bank near Glasgow. Andrew Pitcheth
"Esqr Writer 36 Miller Street Glasgow
"Robert Stevenson Esqr Civil Engineer
"3 Baxter's Place Edinburgh - Messrs
"Robert & Adam Ellis Writers to the
"Signet 6 Royal Terrace Edinburgh
"Alexander Henderson Esqr Writer
"36 Miller Street Glasgow, M'Fohn
"Allen Manufacturer Gentleman
"Street Glasgow.

"As I am now denied paper for
"fear of my writing to any one out of the
"Asylum, I trust you will excuse the
"liberty I have taken in leaving writing
"this Letter on the leaves of my memo-
"rorandum book."

"I have the honor to remain
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"To the Right Honorable
"Sir James Graham
"Secretary of State
"London
"Confidential

Admitted 14 May 1842

1844
Feb 7 - This is a plausible Letter. Pursuant admissions are made, her chief delusion is softened down & a fuller though probable cause assigned for her detention. The references which the young are respectable & some of the parties are cognizant of her state though most of them are not. She has been offered the choice of Perth & Dumfries Asylum but Morningside near Edinburgh is objectionable on many accounts & particularly for the very reason that for which she is so anxious to be there - She and another patient Mrs Muir who is a counterpart of herself & whose case will be found in this volume are anxious to be removed there, because from what they have heard from patients who have been there, they think that they could easily induce the Physicians & others to believe them sane especially as they fancy that their previous conduct would be concealed & that the parties would be glad to have the triumph of curing those who had been removed uncured from this Asylum. This however is not the principal reason, both have some mealminded friends there who would they think be allowed to visit them & they imagine that by deceiving them they would be let out at liberty. Mrs Leech assures that she will do & promise any thing to get out, but that the first use of her liberty will be to get justice from Dr M'Farlane the relatives of both parties have been sufficiently worried already & Dr Rutherford the Physician of this Asylum would be glad to be quit of them as they cost more trouble & entail more expense on the institution & charge the officers more than all the other patients put together - The following are copies of other Letters

Royal Lunatic Asylum
Glasgow Feb 8
1844

"Gentn "I take leave to inform you that
"from a clause in my warrant you have
"the power of removing me to another Asylum
"I therefore beg that you will avail yourself
"of this power immediately & order me to be
"removed to the Asylum at Morningside
"Edinburgh, in the event of your delaying

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Feb 7th "to comply with my request you may
"blame yourselves for the consequences
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech"
"To the Directors of the
"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Feb 7 19

"Miss Leech presents Compts to Dr Ritchie, begs
"that he will not delay using his influence
"to get her removed from this Asylum as her
"health is sinking from the effect of the brutal
"treatment she has received since she came
"here. Miss L well feel obliged by Dr Ritchie
"requesting Dr Hutcheson to allow her a few
"sheets of paper to write to her friends"
"Dr Ritchie
"Victoria place"

"Dear Uncle
I beg that either you or one of my
"brothers will immediately come & remove
"me from this Asylum, as it is now considered
"a place of very infamous character so
"much so that it is not considered a
"place where any respectable female
"ought to remain – that from what I
"have seen of Dr Hutcheson I do not think
"that either my life or person are safe under
"his charge. I am refused paper for fear
"of my writing to my friends & aquainting
"them of his unprincipled conduct
"Yours very truly
"Bethia Leech
Royal Lunatic Asylum Feb 7 19

Lunatic Asylum
Glasgow Feb 7 19

"Sir
"I take leave to make the following
"statement to shew you how very unjust
"it is to detain me here. You are aware
"that I made a charge two years ago against
"Dr M'Farlane for an attempt at seduction
"that upon this statement I have been
"considered insane and am consequently
"confined here, unfortunately however for me
"I have received personal injury sufficient
"to prove Dr M'Farlane's guilt & this in con-
sequence of this circumstance that

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Feby "Dr Ritchieson is desirous to prevent my
"friends from removing me ~~to~~ from
"from this Asylum, well knowing the
"consequences in the event of this circum-
"stance being known
"I remain
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech

"Dr Ritchie
"Victoria Place
"Glasgow"

Royal Lunatic Asylum
Glasgow Feby 19

"I take the liberty of requesting that you Lordship
"will immediately order my removal to the
"Asylum at Morningside Edinburgh
"as my health is sinking from the effects of
"the brutal treatment that I received since
"I came here, as the infamous treatment I
"have received has been whispered by several
"individuals who are willing to corroborate
"this statement, I trust that my request
"will meet with your immediate attention
"particularly as the reputation of the Establish-
"ment is such as to render it altogether an
"improper place for any respectable female
"to remain in

"I have the honor
"to remain your most respectfully
"Bethia Leech

"To the Right Honorable
"Lord Advocate
"Edinburgh"

"Miss Leech presents respectful ~~compliments~~
"Compts to Mr Byers, will be much obliged
"by his calling any time tomorrow forenoon
"Monday evening

"Revd Mr Byers"

In consequence of this note the Chaplain
saw her next day & received a statement
from her which at her request he returned
to writing. This he has since handed to
the Physicians & the following is a copy

"Feb 20 1844"

"Statement of Miss Leech"

"She acknowledges she acted improperly in
"running out to the street without bonnet
"& front dress in her hand but that her mind
"was in a high state of excitement ~~& attributes~~
~~her conduct to this cause~~ at the time

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Bethea Leech Ætat 32 from p 170

1844
Feby "owing to the very unbecoming con-
"duct of Dr M'Farlane. Laudanum
"had been administered to her to
"in order to allay the excitement
"which threw her into Delirium Tremens
"She was then at the Lying in Asylum
"Dr M'Farlane sent into the Lunatic
"Asylum. Here none of the Authorities
"knew her for six months & she was
"deemed all accept to her friends
"under the pleas that they had
"disowned her. In consequence of
"this her brother seized her property
"to the amount of several hundred
"pounds. Since she came to the Asylum
"she has been most cruelly used
"both by the Officers Keepers & attendants
"For the purpose of keeping her here
"and preventing any of her friends
"from interfering for her liberation
"she was forced out of the front gallery
"into a frantic cell to the effusion of
"her blood & the danger of her life. Here
"she was kept for a considerable time
"without so much as a chair in the
"cell & with a damp bed, the effect of
"which was suppurating sores throughout
"& a painful affection of the chest to
"which no medical attention was
"paid. When she applied to Dr Ketchen
"for some mitigation of her circumstances
"he replied that her accommodation
"was good enough for her & even after
"she got out of this miserable place
"she was tossed about from one gallery
"to another in the most insulting manner
"& put among patients whose language
"& manners were most demoralizing &
"outrageous. The letters she wrote with
"the design of procuring her freedom
"were never delivered to the proper Authorities. She had however found means
"to get one or two conveyed which she hoped
"would in a short time bring to light a
"scene of debasing immorality & abominable
"oppression on the part of her persecutors. This
"is the statement I noted down during the
"interview I had with her which she desired
"me to do & promised it might ultimately be
"of service in procuring her liberty & re-
"covering her patrimonial rights"

"John Byers Chaplain"

Admitted 14 May 1842

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Feby

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feby 20 1844

"Madam

"I take leave to inform you
"that Thane received sufficient proof
"in injury to prove Dr. M'Farlane's guilt
"& in event of your not informing the
"Directors & my friends of this circumstance
"you will of course be held as a party
"concerned in concealing conduct
"of a very aggravated nature & entailing
"very serious consequences

"I remain ~~Your respectfully~~
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"Mrs Mapleton
"Lady Superintendent
"Lunatic Asylum

Royal Lunatic Asylum
Glasgow Feb 20.

"I take the liberty of informing the
"Directors of this Asylum that Jane
"stated to be labouring under a delusion
"regarding Dr. M'Farlane's conduct
"towards me, unfortunately there is sufficient
"proof of her guilt from the
"personal injury I have received & of
"this circumstance Dr. Ritchieson is
"aware & consequently he is doing all
"in his power to prevent my relatives
"from removing me well knowing
"the consequence of this becoming
"known.

"I remain
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech

"To the Directors
"of the Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb 20
"1844

"I take the liberty of requesting that your
"Lordship would immediately order my
"removal to this Asylum at Morningside
"Edinburgh or to one that you could recom-
"-mend in London, of sufficient extent
"as confinement as my health is suffering
"from the effects of treatment ~~to which~~
"~~I have~~ nature to which I had not

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Bethia Leech Ct 32 from p 171

1844
Feb 7 "been written upon by one or two individuals
"would hardly be credited. The Authori-
"ties are aware of it but from their
"being so deeply involved in the infa-
"-mous transactions connected with
"my case they not only connive at
"it but are doing all in their power
"to detain me a prisoner for life - to
"save themselves the disgrace their
"conduct justly merits on account
"of my case being brought before a
"public Court. I have written several
"times to the Lord Advocate requesting
"his interference & feel surprised that
"he has not brought matters to a
"termination as he has had full
"months to investigate the cases.
"I was informed that he & another
"member of the Court called at the
"Asylum to enquire about me &
"imprudently went away without
"seeing me which ought to have been
"the principle object of their visit.
"I intreat that your Lordship will
"no longer delay interfering but
"immediately delegate one or two
"individuals to visit me & enquire
"into the particulars of my case which
"I am satisfied that after you
"are made acquainted with every
"circumstance you will acknow-
"-ledge to be one of the most infamous
"that ever disgraced a Christian
"country & that the conduct of the
"parties concerned is more like the
"conduct of brutes than of men
"I have the honour to
"remain Your most respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"To the Right Honourable
"Sir James Grahame
"Secretary of State
"Home Office
"London"

"Lunatic Asylum ~~Feb 20~~
"Feb 20

"Dear David
"I beg that either you or any uncle
"or any of my relations will immediately come
"& remove me from this Asylum as I can no
"longer a place were any respectable

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Admitted 11 May 1842

1844

Feby "female ought to remain, besides
"I have been treated in a manner
"so brutal that several of the inmates
"thought I would have been murdered
"that if you only knew what an
"unprincipled brute Dr. Ketchelson
"is you would not I am sure
"allow me to remain any longer
"here

"I remain

"Yours very truly

"Bethia Leech"

"W. David Leech

"Blatherwood Place"

"Eastwood Feb 20

"Dear Uncle

I feel very much surprised
"that neither you or any of my relations
"have visited me again, it is absurd
"in the extreme for Dr. Ketchelson to
"refuse me the pleasure of seeing my
"friends from the fear of exciting me
"as this has been proved to be a false
"excuse. I hope that either you or David
"will make a point of seeing me this
"week I am not at all afraid of the
"agreeable excitement your visit will
"produce, with best wishes I remain

"Yours very truly

"Bethia Leech

"James Laurie Esqre

"8 Carlton Place

Lauriston"

Royal Lunatic Asylum

Glasgow Feb 20 1844

"I take the liberty of requesting that
"your Lordship will immediately order
"my removal from this Asylum to the one
"at Morningside Edinburgh or to one in Scotland
"that you could recommend, if I must still
"continue in confinement, my health is
"suffering from the effects of treatment of so
"brutal a nature that had it not been
"witnessed by several individuals in the
"Asylum it would not have been credited
"& although the authorities are aware of
"this circumstance, have stopped it once & in
"place of exerting the power they have of re
"moving me where I would be more
"kindly treated, they are not only doing

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1844
Feb 7

"all they can to keep me here a prisoner
"for life but encouraging my relations
"to do the same to prevent the disgrace
"ful exposure their unjust conduct
"would merit in event of my case
"appearing before a public court. There
"are other circumstances connected
"with my case of a very aggravated
"nature which if I could have avoided
"it, I would not have intruded on
"your Lordships notice. I therefore
"take leave to lay before your Lord
"ship the following statement trusting
"to your honor as a gentleman and guardian
"of the rights of a subject to bring this
"infamous transaction to justice.
"From the loss of my Parents in early life
"& other domestic bereavements &
"eventuals I became liable to
"illnesses which obliged me to have
"recourse to Medical aid more
"frequently than I could wish and
unfortunately one of my medical
"attendants took advantage of
"my confidence & unprotected situ
"ation to insult my person in a manner
"too gross for me to comment a state-
of it. I shall pray my masjesty's pleasure
"ment to writing at present, that
"circumstance from becoming known
"known & it was not until I was
"obliged to vindicate my reputation
"from a slander of a very degrading
"nature which had become public
"that I mentioned the circumstance to
"an individual. The occurrence I have
"already alluded to took place on
"the 7th of January 1842 & my Medical
"attendant from that time tried every
"means in his power to get me confined here on
"account of my having taken a decided dis-
"like to my mind regarding him as he
"termed his improper conduct. I called
"in one or two other Medical men who
"prescribed large doses of laudanum
"which produced considerable excite
"ment. I went out with a small
"pocket pruning knife in my hand
"which gave rise to the suspicion that
"I intended an assault on the Gentleman
"who insulted me, from this circum
"stance, the Authorities ordered me
"to be imprisoned here without a

Admitted 14 May 1842

1844
Feby 4 [illegible] which even the most worthless
"are entitled to prevent to confine-
"ment, or even existing one in
"inquiry into the truth of the state-
"ment, I have already made & shall
"not till Wh. that any Apartment
"was made.

"If I am to be confined for having uttered
"and an assault, I have a right to be
"tried for it & am not only willing but
"anxious & ready to take the consequences
"both as regards my health & circum-
"stances as soon as your Lordship
"may request my appearing
"in a Public Court

"I have the honor to remain
"Remain yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"To the Right Honourable
"Sir James Graham
"Secretary of State
"Home office
"London

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb 20
"1844

"My Lord,
"I take leave to inform you that
"I have written to Sir James Graham request-
"ing his immediate interference as you
"appear to delay in bringing matters
"to a termination & removing me to
"another Asylum, if this necessary
"to continue me in confinement I
"still give the preferance to the Asylum
"at Morningside & Edinburgh to which
"I beg to be immediately removed

"I remain
"Yours respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"To the Right Honourable
"Lord Advocate
"Edinburgh"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb 20 1844

"My Lord
"I take leave again to request that
"you will immediately order my removal to
"Morningside as I feel very much afraid
"to remain here any longer after what

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Feby "I have suffered from the brutality of
"that most unprincipled villain Dr
"Hutcheson who I believe could per=
"petrate a still deeper act of atrocity were
"it not the fear of consequences. I trust
"that your Lordship in consideration
"of the above statement will not
"delay removing me to place of
"safety

"I have the honor to remain
"Your respectfully
"Bethia Leech
"To the Right Honorable
"Wm James Graham
"Secretary of State
"Home Office
"London

"Lunatic Asylum
"Feby 21

"Sir,
"I take leave to inform you
"that Mr Macpherson & Mr Byers
"& others in this Asylum are aquainted
"with several circumstances regarding
"my case & the treatment I have re
=ceived here in which they are in
"duty bound to inform both my relatives
"and the Directors of this Establishment
"of. I take leave to refer you to Mr
"Byers who took a note yesterday of
"the charge I have against Dr
"Hutcheson which requires immediate
"attention.

"I remain
"Your respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"Dr Ritchie
"Victoria place
"Glasgow

"Miss Leech presents respectful Compts
"to Mr Byers begs that he will immediately
"lay before the Authorities of her relatives
"the statement which she made yester
"day & request their immediate Attention
"to the aggravated Circumstances
"of her case.

"Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb 21. 1844"

Revd Sir,

Admitted 14 May 1842

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Feb 7th "I intreat of you for the love of Almighty
"God to call upon my Uncle or Brother
"without delay & beg of them to come both
"forward immediately & remove me from
"this most infamous place or I shall
"go distracted. I shall be happy to see
"you as soon as convenient & will
"explain more particularly my reasons
"for wishing a change

"I remain
"Yours very respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"Revd Mr. Byers
"Chaplain
"Lunatic Asylum"

Royal Lunatic Asylum
Feb 7 44

"Dear Sir and
"I feel very much surprised
"that none of my friends here called today
"particularly as I mentioned that it is im-
"possible for me to remain here any longer
"with any degree of safety, I informed
"Mr. Byers, the Chaplain of the Asylum
"of several circumstances of a very a-
"ggravated nature which requires the
"immediate attention of my friends
"I therefore refer you to him for a more
"particular account & request that
"you will not delay coming to see
"me

"I remain
"Yours very truly
"Bethia Leech

"Mr David Leech
Blythewood place"

The following letter was given to a
patient who was about to leave but
who gave it up -

"Dear Uncle

"I again beg to request that either
"you or one of my Brothers will immediately come
"& remove me from this infamous place
"which I consider no longer safe or proper
"for any unprotected female to remain in
"besides I have received treatment of a nature
"so brutal even to the effusion of blood &
"danger of my life. I make this statement
"in writing that you may not have it
"in your power to plead ignorance of
"my situation

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February

"I remain yours truly
"Bethia Leech"

This was wrapped in brown paper & addressed

"James Laurie Esqr
"8 Carlton Place
"Lawriston

For the last few days the Lady Superintendent reports that she has been abusing every one in the establishment, the Medical gentlemen, Directors, Nurses &c about the theatrical performances & entertainments given to the patients but at none of which she was present. Says that when liberated she will expose such nefarious practices — hates the idea of being in such a place & under such brutes & worthless females — that no body of character would remain here if she could get away — Has heard that Dr Orr formerly one of the Physicians Asylum is about to become a candidate for the situation of Resident Physician at Morningside & hopes that he won't be appointed as she considers him a low mean fellow & unfit for such a respectable charge. Says that the Directors here must be blackguards to keep such people about them Asylum but that no doubt they have reasons for such unaccountable conduct — Says that her brothers are complete blackguards & have in combination with her stupid old uncle embezzled her property & are now detaining her here for fear of public exposure but that she will make them & every one connected with her detention feel the effects of it — Mr Thomson Bell visited on the afternoon of 13th but she did not speak to him — As soon as her back was turned she quietly peered & reviewed him to her friend Mrs Muir. In the evening writing letters & abusing in the most violent manner

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Febry Keeper, Directors, Physicians, Medical Assistants, Nurses &c Continued

28 The following letter has been handed to the Chaplain Mr Byers.

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb. 27. 1844

"Rev.d Sir

"I take leave to send you the "following statement in writing which "I give you full power to transmit to "Sir James Graham. I was confined "in this Asylum on the 11th May 1842 by "the authorities for having threatened an "assault, when under the influence of "Laudanum administered by Dr "Allan Burns, with a small silver "pocket fruit knife, previous to my "being brought here I wrote to Mr. Sol "-icitor the Procurator Fiscal making "a charge against Dr. M'Farlane of "Vincent Street Glasgow for attempting "to violate my person on the 7 January "1842, none of the authorities called "for me to make inquiry regarding "this occurrence but an order was "given by them to confine me here & "no official visit was made until "October following after the occurance "took place and another twelvemonth "elapsed before any of the authorities "again visited the Asylum, during "that time I was subjected to treatment "of a nature so brutal as to cause an "effusion of blood & endanger my life, "none of my friends visited me for "eighteen months and then only once "for a few minutes as they were informed "that I was in such an excitable state "that it would be dangerous to have "much communication with me, "the Lord Advocate & others were "refused access to me from the same "false excuse, the statement I have made "regarding Dr M.c Farlane's conduct "towards me is given out as a delusion "unfortunately I have received sufficient "personal injury to prove his guilt I have "the honor to remain

"Your respectfully
"Bethia Leech"

"Rev.d Mr Byers
"Chaplain
"Lunatic Asylum

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March Pretended to smell of Saunt. Lentfs wine. Abused every one in the house. Abused the nurse & made use of most violent language to the Lady Superintendent calling her a whore. Said that all the females in the house were strumpets of the lowest grade, common street walkers. Said that the house was a brothel & worse than any she had ever heard of. Being asked what she could know of such things said that she had been accustomed to male society & being among gentlemen she heard all these stories. Whether quiet or excited she is always referring to sexual intercourse more or less distinctly & her language frequently obscene. At the same time she is most loud in praise of her own purity & virtues. Wrote the following letter

"Royal Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow Feb 29. 1844

"Sir

"I again take leave to request "that you will either order my liberation "from confinement or removal to "the Asylum at Morningside as "I do not think my life here safe "here any longer after what has "already happened; besides the character "of the place is such as to render "it a most improper place for any un- "protected female to remain in. I "shall feel much obliged by your "sending Dr Ritchie & Mackenzie to "inquire into my situation. I shall "also be obliged by your writing to my "relatives & requesting them to supply "me with what I require

"I remain
"Your respectfully
"Bethia Leech

Inclosed was the following list.

"3 yards Coloured Bonnet "Ribond
"5 yards quilling Blond
"1 tooth & nail brushes
"1 Bottle Lavender water
"1½ yard Watch Ribond

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" 3 Cambric Handkerchiefs
" Muslen for nightcaps
" Black silk for a dress
" Lenning for do
" 1 Pair Morocca shoes
" 2 pair fine Angola Stockings
" 5 Yards wide flannel
" 3 Yards saxony for vests
" 6 Yards Cotton Cloath
" 4½ yards tweeled do
" 1 pair Gloves
" 1 silk Handkerchief
" 2 Habit Shirts.

"Archibald Allison Esqr
~~Gardnavel~~
" Sheriff Chambers"

"Gardnavel Brothel
"Glasgow Feb. 29

" Dear David
"You must feel awfully
"shocked at receiving a note from
"one addressed from such a place
"but this is no more awful than
"true that this Establishment
"deserves no other name to describe
"this place in suitable language
"is impossible unless I were to attempt
"to describe Hell imagine then
"the clothes I am now at the present
"remanning here any longer
"& the dreadful Communality I am
"related in keeping me in such
"a place. I intreat of you to remove
"me to the Asylum at Morningside
"which is very differently conducted
"from most infamous place
"Yours very truly
"Bethia Leech"

"David Leech Esqr
"Blythswood Place"

Was seriously spoken to by the Lady
superintendent but without benefit
as she became more excited & violent
she was consequently left. (Comma
4 Has remained in bed since last
Note today has been highly excited
At most spoke in the kindest tone
& in the most amiable manner to the
Superintendent. Made no allusion to
what had occurred, except that the
had been ay stated & had a headach

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March in consequence of the instruct ion not agreeing with. Said she had been brought up strictly & very re = ligiously — that she felt inclined to be religious — but that she sometimes heard the other patients use words which distressed and ag i = tated her. Begged that the Physician would order her some = thing or other which she was gra = tified. pulse 74 of good strength. Tongue clean & moist. Appetite good. Sleeps well — Forehead hot Rp Ag. Vini ℥ij Ol. Ricini ℥ij Ol. Amygd ℥iv M fiat potio fronte ope Linteorum applicand C. alba

— 6 Has been out of bed since last report. Attends as usual and is the Physician but as soon as he leaves the gallery abuses them in the extreme. Cont. alba

— 8 Yesterday became very abusive & violent. Declared that she would go to bed & would never get up as long as she was here. Assails the ~~Governess~~ Lady Superintendent & Nurse with the most opprobrious epithets. Has told another patient who is recovering from a paroxysm during which her head had been shaved that she will never recover her hair for that the Lady Superintendent put some ointment on her head which will render her completely bald — that the herself was persuaded by the Lady Superintendent to use some pomatum & that in one night her hair became gray. She is allowed to remain in bed but the room is darkened & no one is to approach her but the nurse & Lady Superintendent. Cont alba —

— 9 Yesterday got up & wrote the follow = ing letter

"Lunatic Asylum
"Glasgow March 8. 1844

"My Lord

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"Nothing could warrant my
"intruding so frequently on your
"Lordship's time & notice but the
"deplorable nature of my situation,
"and the knowledge that you
"have it in your power to relieve
"me by ordering an immediate
"removal either to the Asylum
"in Edinburgh or to one in
"London that you could re-
"commend trusting to your
"Lordships immediate interfer-
"ence & compliance with this
"request I have the honor to re-
"main

"Yours respectfully
"Betha Leech"

"To The Right Honorable
"Sir James Grahame
"Secretary of State
"Home Office
"London"

Up to day & then declared that she will assault the Lady Superintendent & that if the Physician dared to enter the gallery she would kick him & otherwise insult him. On learning that the Physician spoke about her she was in the nurse's room & assured him very amicably said that she felt better but that she was very much depressed and no wonder considering her long confinement. Said that the Physician could have no object in keeping her here & he would surely now interfere to prevent her friends continuing their injustice. As soon as he left, she as usual began to abuse him & all "the establishment. Health good Cont. comm

Visited

— 12 Health continues good. Mind as formerly. Sends lots of wants & annoys all around her

— 16 This afternoon while seated quietly at work with the other Ladies, she suddenly began to scold and abuse the Sheriff for detaining her here & said that he must be a damned villain to do so

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March and screen that blackguard Parliament. When the nurse tried to soothe her she became more exasperated, took up a chair and dashed it against the window, broke a pane of glass & then broke the chair by throwing it violently on the floor. Scratched the nurse attacked one of the Ladies her fellow patient & was with difficulty placed in her room. When there broke the basin, ewer, &c the medicine bottles & tumbler & threw her dressing case into the saloon against the windows, crying out that she must die by the blood of Jesus or get out of this damnable house. When visited ~~was~~ by the Physicians & Mr Prichard raved away for some time in the same strain was very much agitated, but after being spoken to became quiet & continued [redacted] Quiescat—

" 18 In bed & very fretful. Is very troublesome & annoying to the Matron & Lady Superintendent. Says that she wishes to travel & that she greatly admires handsome coachmen & footmen. Would like to travel through such secluded parts of the country with them always before her eyes. Omnia

" 19 Asked for her clothes & washed to get up for the purpose as she said of pursuing her work of destruction by breaking some 20 or 30 more panes of glass & everything else that she could lay her hands on that her damnable resolutions might be made to pay the damage. Cont. omnia

" 20 No change. State confined to her room & raving in the manner described above — C. omnia

" 21 State threatens to break the windows & every thing about her. Says that if Dr. Hutcheson or any Director enters her room she will break his skull. Utters oaths & imprecations

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March against her brothers whom she says she will have transported as soon as she gets out. Says that she inclosed her brother's last letter to the Honorable Secretary & sent it out on the day on which she had done other letters. C. omnia

" 22 Is quieter but state very excitable & when excited raves in the same manner. Cont omnia

" 25 Has been for two days up & in the gallery. Still abuses the Sheriff, the Physician & his Assistants, her relatives &c

" 28 Has gone on much in the same way since last report. Went to bed this morning & declares that she will never rise again. Omnia cat

29 Yesterday evening got up, appeared cheerful & began to work. Has been working the greater part of the day & is now walking in the grounds Cont. omnia

Before About five o'clock came in from work to bed. Soon after began to weep & abuse her friends for keeping her in confinement. She came quiet for a time & then suddenly got up, broke a large looking glass, basin, ewer, soap box, chamber pot &c throwing them into the saloon. Was immediately visited by Dr. Ketchum & Mr. Purcell & was found in a high state of maniacal excitement Was removed from her room to the farthest room of the croft gallery & after considerable violence & raving fell asleep about nine o'clock. Omnia cat

" 30 Slept the greater part of the night State highly excited & very abusive C. omnia

" 31 State confined to her room & excitable but on the whole quieter C. omnia

April 5 Has remained in bed since last report & has been pretty quiet. Says that she feels more happy in being apart from the other patients & the abominable female society, until the

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April individuals belong to the higher ranks that she has always been accustomed to associate with gentlemen of literary pursuits & scientific men who could converse with her properly & understand her intellectual conversation. Blames Mrs Muir for having excited her by her constant complaints & aspersions on the character of every one in the house. Declares that Mrs Muir is evidently insane & that the has found her out — that her own case is quite different &c Quiescent

— 8 Has been rather disrespectful & has taken off food since last report State blames Mrs Muir & is now silent respecting the institution C. omnia

— 10 Today excited, broke a pewter glass & dashed the soap box out of the window. Was spoken to on the subject & soon was subdued — C. omnia

— 12 Has been quieter since last report C. omnia

— 15 Has been quiet since last report. Expresses her regret for her past conduct & says that she will behave better for the future and endeavour to act quietly & rational Hopes that Dr Hutcheson will forget what she has done & see that she could not help it. Cont. omnia

— 19 Has been going on quietly & amiably since last report. Was removed two days ago to No 4 & expressed her gratitude for the kindness shewn her & the forbearance of all around her. Makes no complaint of any one — Health pretty good with the exception of some slight glandular swelling of the neck for which the Hydriodate of potash is prescribed. Cont omnia

— 21 Goes on quietly & seems now to be in reality improving. Cervical glands not in exalted Health otherwise good. C. omnia

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April 26 Again talking about Dr Mc Farlane. Continues to be amiable to the Physicians, Lady Superintendent & others. Health good in the exception of the enlargement of the cervical glands which if any thing is diminished. Cont. omit —

May 1 More unsettled though still amiable to those around her. Talks of her wrongs & of the injury she has suffered from Dr Mc Farlane swelling of glands diminished — Cont. omit —

8 Since last report has been almost always talking of Dr Mc Farlane & the injustice done her in confining her here. Has become much more irritable of late. Began by finding fault with & abusing her fellow patients, then spoke in an angry & taunting tone to the nurse whom she afterwards assailed with a torrent of objurgation lastly she has insulted the Lady Superintendent in various ways, calling her an abandoned woman, one of those who are a reproach to her sex &c &c. She has not yet abused the Physician to whom she is still amiable in her language though the expression of her countenance belies her lips. Since the 25th of April the Catamenia have not appeared which from the whole bearing of the case appear to be effected by means of depletion. For the last week she has been constantly complaining of faintness & sending for wine C. omit

9 Last night was passionate & very abusive to all especially to the Lady Superintendent whom she called bitch, whore &c Today became perfectly frantic, screamed & talked incoherently broke every thing within her reach — viz a looking glass pots bed which cost 33/ a washing stand value 4/6 Basin Ewers Chamber pot, soap dish to keep 20/ —

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Feby "we reached Glasgow & found D. Hutche
"=son waiting for us in his own carria
"which conveyed us into quite welle Was
"we drove through the most crowded
"streets was a considerable mortification
"however happily we did not see any
"one we knew.

"Gartmavel is a most magnificent
"building & my rooms are large & lofty & I
"have two immense & beautifully fur=
"nished galleries entirely to myself &
"a very gentle attendant whom I feel
"~~ordered~~ constantly inclined to tyran
"=nize over because she does not re
"=ject me & whom consequently I have
"much liberal times. I have also
"given them a specimen of my breaki
"powers but have as usual escaped
"without punishment but you would
"be horrified if you saw the loads of meat
"that are sent up why what is sent
"up for two you would think too much
"for four and knowing as you do my
"want of self denial & the more I have
"against, the more I thirst after, you
"may imagine the enormous effect
"I then had on me I have been dwelling
"like a post ever since I came for
"more inactive than ever, my stomach
"loaded, the taste of rotten eggs in my
"mouth & a thorough disgust at food
"though I still continue to tuck in & to
"add fuel to the flame they urge me
"to take wine & negus to that instead of
"helping to relieve my overloaded stom
"they just on them Kindness burden it
"the more & hence though I know its in
"pernicious effects I like it to the dene. Mrs
"Mapleton the Matron is a very Lady
"like kindhearted & accomplished woman
"but she does not find fault with me
"as you did & urge me on & take a chary
"of my work They have got it into their
"heads that I am the cleanest fussy
"fummly & that I can be quite comfortable
"if I choose & that I do not want
"affection &c &c but merely fancy &
"a that it is the effects of disease & that
"it is a mere fancy supposing that my
"mind wants culture. In fact it is the
"very worst place for me I have been in
"yet chiefly owing to the loads of coarse

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July "food for I know I shall never keep my
"health here & I therefore wish I were away
"either at Mommouth or with you
"though I am more upset than ever &
"more difficult to manage & will be
"even more discontented & fastidious
"after leaving this with any other place
"There are to be Theatricals performed
"by the gentlemen patients this week
"at which the Ladies are to be present
"& the Ladies are to have a ball every
"month with a supper & end just
"as at any other ball in fact nothing
"can surpass the liberality of the arrange
"ments & for those anxious to improve or
"dissipate in spirits nothing could be
"better arranged but to indulge in
"person constantly set on enjoying them
"selves & giving way to idleness & work
"and attend to the duties of life instead
"of its pleasures & to exercise self control
"as to wish to get home when they have
"no affection and then only indulge
"ment would be being uncomfortable
"& the very worst place possible.

"I hate it & yet like it & wish most
"heartily that I was away from it.
"Though I know exercising myself in
"the way of moving a slowly up & down
"is the best way of making my poor
"digests yet I get the attendant always
"to get every thing for me just in the
"same way as though I know a certain
"quantity of food I shall am capable of
"digesting yet without relish & appetite
"for it I shall eat more and have Mama
"every opportunity Remember me to Mr
"Bacon your daughter & Isabella and
"believe me Ever yours &c

"F.S. Wood"

"Shame not seen either of my letters
"yet. Dr Laurie is to come out once
"a fortnight just to see that I am comfortable
"I do not say any thing about coming out
"leaving you at Tuebrook because I do
"not feel it my only motive for returning
"& I should not care to do it before seeing my
"sisters & that Mama not an opportunity
"of overeating myself at Tuebrook to same
"extent as here and consequently Mama
"a letter more feeling there than here & my
"ruined stomach & bowels are not perfectly

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Feb 7 "unactive. adieu. I think it is very
"probable that this note wont be
"sent & I shall certainly not take the
"trouble of writing another as I think
"I have done remarkably well to
"write this"

"Mrs Owen
"Tue Brook
"near Derby
"near Liverpool"

In the copy given above the punc-
=tuation of the original is preserved
Intermitt. pulv. Cat. punct. Cent.
pul. alterativ. Rp Infus. Cinchon
fuged. ℥xv. T. Cardamomm (. ℥ß
Acid. Muriatic dilut ℥ß. M. fiat mist
℥ß. mane nocte sumend. Cent. alvi
6 Goes on in the same way. Is very
amiable though she gives a bad
account of herself. Has been
some fully occupied & complains
that she is idle. Appetite, sleep
& bowels natural. Pulse small &
feeble. Is teased with chilblains
to which she has been long subject
Tobe dressed with Camphorated
Spirit. C. alia
9 Is very anxious for the Physician
to draw out rules for the employment
of her time which is now thoroughly
& usefully occupied. Still keeps
on the old subject, her own un-
=worthiness. Health somewhat
improved. Has written the fol-
=lowing letter to her brother.

"Gartmael
"Thursday February
"6th 1844

"My dear William,

"I have been here now for some
"time long enough to know that it is
"the worst place for one possible as I get
"leave to indulge myself to the utmost
"I have never been so idle done so little
"work & taken so little exercise & as my
"attendant is very gentle & indulgent
"I never think of doing a thing the best
"use but impose on her good humour to the
"utmost and get her to do every thing for me
"and as for wishing to get home from this
"it is the last place I would ever wish
"to get from except to another asylum

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Feby 4 and I dont wish that either be
" cause I get so much enjoyment away
" here but state I think the owners is
" better for me then homes are more
" regulur they are then with regard
" to work and altogether I could not
" indulge my chief blemishes
" both & gluttony to the same extent
" there as here there are more amuse
" ments and indulgences here than
" many place I have been in &
" no sort of punishment at all and
" as I will do nothing but amuse
" myself & indulge to the utmost of
" course it is the worst place for me
" and as they have taken up the real
" exaggerated idea of my abilities when
" they will not be disabused of persuading
" that all that I say is delusion or
" the effects of it and as I am too
" thoroughly impressed with concert
" myself though knowing that I am
" more ignorant than any child there
" is no hope of my amendment for
" unless I am forced to learn Lessons
" nothing will induce me to do so. The
" Newspaper is still sent to the Brook
" which gives it an unnecessary
" amount of travelling. Let me know
" if you will engage my rooms again
" at Tewbrook or if you are determined
" to keep me here. Here I never feel
" contrition or remorse for an infant
" attend prayers &c as a pastime &
" give myself great credit for so doing
" Your humble Sister
" Eliza

" It is raining a little & I have excuse
" for not going out & for telling over
" the five reading Andrew Boyle I
" have been two hours over this note
" but it forms an excuse for not
" doing other things and I will get my
" tea & then to bed in a very short
" time it being now 20 minutes to
" 4 "

" 12 Continues in much the same state
Gives daily tokens of her amenability
& desire to improve & at the same time
the most deplorable gesture of her
moral & intellectual state. Health
slowly improves. Cont. omitted
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Feby 15 Health improves. Will not admit that but on the contrary maintains that she is worse in all respects since she came here owing to the kindness, indulgence & respect shown her. Asks for rules of conduct & wishes to be punished for her supposed negligences & offences. Cont omnia

— 18 Some slight swelling on her left cheek which she ascribes to a bullous but which is merely pericardium of the gum. Shebbeans much the same. Shews the impotes to benevolence & indulgence. Speaks incessantly & at the same time says that she is stupid & cannot enter into conversation — that she never could for when at home she was checked for asking questions & having no power of entering into conversation which could interest any one. Is amiable in her disposition & deportment & though she declares that she does nothing, she is very diligent. Says that the reason the often wishes to destroy herself is that she has been able through perfect stupidity & deadness of heart to realize hell or its torments & that the thinks death would be an escape from many present annoyances & perhaps an entire end of her — that she knows herself to be very wicked but has no contrition for her sins — & that she imposes on every one to make them no contact with her think her amiable. C. omnia

— 20 Exhibits the same peculiarities as have been already noted. Pulse 70 small & feeble. Appetite natural Bowels kept regular by medicine Urine thick, high coloured & scanty Catamenia have not appeared Takes two glasses of wine daily. Ry Refus. Cinchon. frigid ℥x v. F. Cardamom Comp ℥ij. Acid. Muriatic dilut ℥ij Aq. fontan ℥iij mane et meridie Cont. pulvis & talea

— 23 Swelling of cheek gone. Shebbeans state trouble her. pulse 72 small

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Feby 7 Feeble. Bowels regulated by medicine. Urine increased in quantity but still thick, high coloured & rapidly decomposed. Catamenia in some not yet appeared. Appetite good. Sleeps well. Gains a little flesh, though she is still emaciated. Health & appearance slowly but steadily improving. Works & reads. Conducts herself in a lady like manner & is kind & amiable. Complains that she is addicted to gluttony, idleness, lying & deceit, infidelity & selfishness — that she has no affection for any one — that she has no concern for God — & that her mind is gone & she can neither learn nor remember any thing — &c. Cont. omnia

— 23 Delusions the same as before. Wishes to be severely treated — to be placed in a gallery with others who will plague her &c. assigning as a reason that this will have the effect of inducing her to desire to get home. At present fancies that she is so much indulged that recovery is impossible. Cont. omnia

— 26 Still talking of her vile propensities accusing herself of irreverence towards God, pride, vanity, heartlessness towards her relatives & others, total want of principle, selfishness, gluttony, filthy habits, lying, stealing &c. to all of which her actions are a complete contradiction, as she amiable, affectionate, obliging, modest in her language & deportment, adheres steadily to truth except in the account of her own state & feelings on which she has the delusions already noted — Reads much & studies different subjects has begun to Geology. Cont. omnia

— 29 Her delusions continue unchanged but her health steadily though slowly improves. Chalybeate mixture Cont. omnia

March 4 Delusions continue. Studies geology & other subjects & makes very good progress. State hum. Repet. infus Cinchon. Acid. & pul. Alterat. Cont. omnia

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March 6 Amiable, moderate and intelligent but has the same fancies respecting her unworthiness, want of intellect &c. C. omnia

" 8 Has learned a considerable number of the terms of Geology & knows their meaning. Acquires & understands daily more & more of the principles of the science which she is studying now under the Physician. Fancies the same as before. Health improves. Her child & Cameo have treated with cold water bandages on the recommendation of Dr. Laurie and seem better. Her health improves. Has had a small spot over the spine for some time which is dressed with the Spent lotion & Cotton & is getting well. Repet. Repet. Conchon & Credo. Cont. alia

" 11 Delusions the same as formerly regarding her gentlemen, Hobb, Hatton &c. says that she likes the society of gentlemen but cannot speak before any one as she has no ideas & is perfectly stupid & imbecile & states that she is very self conceited that she fancies herself superior to others & entitled to submission, though she knows that she is inferior to others in all respects. Pretends that she has no feeling for her ~~Relations~~ relatives, though in her conversation she speaks kindly of them, praises them & expresses her affection for them. Health improves. C. omnia

" 12 Today rather nervous & when speaking to the Lady Superintendent of her delusions burst into tears. Seems to fret on account of her sister Mrs Crop going to reside at Liverpool says that it was her brothers doing & now that the Cropses are going to Liverpool she would prefer returning to Lincolnshire where she came. Speaks of Mr Crop with great enthusiasm & says he is amiable, steady. Seems to be fonder of [illegible] than of her

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March Better Mrs Crosf. C. omnia
~ 13 Delusions as before. Tongue
coated. Chilblains on hands
& feet rather better. Smelling of
cheek somewhat diminished
A slight hardness ~~of~~ in left
~~mamma~~ breast which a poultice
is applied. C. omnia
~ 18 Chilblains improve. Smelling
of cheek increased. Tumour left
on Mamma has opened & discharged. Health improved. Delusions
the same as formerly. Talks of
her cloth, dough, gluttony &c
C. omnia
~ 24 In all respects the same as
at last report. Occupies herself
with reading, music & needle
work. Learns tasks. C. omnia
April 5 The swelling on cheek has been
opened by Dr. Lawrie. It opened
that it will leave a mark. Mamma nearly well. Chilblains disappear
& the gums flesh. Delusions as before
So very diligent in study & needle
work. C. omnia
~ 10 Reproaches those around her with
being too indulgent. Wishes to be
punished for her supposed faults
& vices. Says that she will never
recover as long as she is treated so
kindly as she is. Has had a tooth
extracted. Chilblains much
better. Mamma well — Health
improved. Cont. Medicamenta
Valeat
~ 15 Has taken a new fancy into her
head respecting her bowels
that governess bowels then night
& day, finds fault with her, reproves
her & punishes her. The Lady Superintendent spends nearly two
hours daily with her hearing
her lessons &c — but she says that
this wont do — that she & the
nurse are too kind & up to half
stuff with her — that she must
have a stern person to treat her
like a child & whip her when
she says or does any thing wrong
~ 19 Has been better since last report
& less inclined to dwell on her

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April delusions. Talkes on other subjects such as dress, fashion & news of the day. Likes to read Mr Cropp's speeches in the Town Council & elsewhere & touches the Lady Superintendent to hear them praises his benevolence liberal principles & total want of pulpit his pleasing manners & high talents. Holds the [redacted] the opinions of the Glasites, that the Sunday should not be kept after a certain hour any more than other days — that Christ fulfilled the Law & did away with the observance of Sabbaths, Festivals &c — that every day should be the Christians Sabbath & Health improves. Cont omnia —

" 28 Still entertains the same delusions respecting her unworthiness is at times fretful & capricious. says that she is a glutton, a thief & a liar — that she has no love for God or his laws — that she has no affection for relations or regard for her fellow creatures — that her mind is warped that she cares neither for Hell nor Heaven Employ, herself in making out rules for her conduct, Examining & repenting herself, practising music & needlework. Takes sufficient exercise in the open air, but at the same time declares that she is lazy slothful & mindless. When in society is reserved & cheerful & converses with animation, never adverting to her delusions. Likes society & yet says the greatest retirement which she imputes to pride & exclusiveness. State harps on the necessity of having a governess C. omnia —

May 6 Continually talking for a governess Delusions as formerly. Health improves. C. omnia —

" 10 Despised & fretful because she is not gratified with a governess. Has written to her brother & has been

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May refused her request. Behaves well to day like a spoiled child. Health improves. C. omnia

— 16 has been variable since last report. Sometimes she is agreeable contented & cheerful, & often times fretful discontented & depressed. Seems fond of novelty & excitement. Complains of having been two greatly dead to earth all her life & that her friends & others have always mistaken depravity for disease & treated her kindly instead of harshly as she deserved. Rises early & yet declares that she is slothful. Takes a great deal of exercise. Reads, plays on the piano, works with her needle learns lessons & is never idle. Health manifestly improved. C. omnia

— 20 Goes on as at last report except that she has not been fretful or depressed. C. omnia

— 26 State anxious to have a governess who will use her harshly. Complains of her present attendant being too kind but will not hear of her being changed. Health improves. Cont. omnia

June declares that she is daily becoming more wicked, selfish & slothful than ever & absolutely is never idle. Health greatly improved though she will scarcely admit it. At times appears to be rendered unhappy & always asks advice before doing any thing however unimportant. This has been much more remarkable of late & is probably assumed as it made use of ~~such~~ her as a reason why she should have a governess. Though amiable and affectionate she declares that she hates every one. At times professes to desire God & says that she feels anxious about how to ~~have~~ create her, as the latter is the ~~ready~~ the Bible however & hears prayers. C. omnia

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Feby 13 Considerably improved. Is more composed. Does not talk of hearing or delusions. Cannot be employed p 76 full. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Bowels regulated by medicine Appetite good. Repeat pulv at bed.

— 14 Today is quite changed. Has slept soundly last night & this morning on getting up asked for work Has been diligent since Expression of countenance cheerful and composed. Intermitt. pulse Cumph. & Opii. Cont. Jul. Alter. & alia

— 15 Goes on well. Was very amiable yesterday evening & worked & read her Bible. Says that she now wishes to do her duty but seems to think that her talents are of an inferior order & that there are some bad points of her character. Is cheerful & diligently employed see journal Cont. omnia

— 17 Since last report has gone on well. Reads, reads & plays on the piano. Is very amiable, cheerful & obliging to all. Has ceased to speak of her imperfections

— 19 Has been cheerful & since last report. Very composed & amiable Always employed. Wishes to return to her parents, to nurse her baby & return to her husband in Kendal, Health very good. Cont. Omnia

— 23 Has been perfectly well in all respects since last report. Talks in a sensible manner of her state when she came here & often forms delusions. Is anxious to be home as though she might be the better from seeing her for some time The payment of her board is a great burden to her husband. Feels anxious about her baby. Is very grateful for the attention paid her. As she is now apparently well & no delusion can be detected while her health is good & from this being a puerperal case, there is a great chance of a relapse, the

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Mary he— discovered when her friends came to receive her. Commits
28 Has some unusual notions respecting religious matters such as that the human beings have had a previous state of existence— that there who suffer more than others are now undergoing punishment for sins formerly committed by them— that God will not always strive against man nor condemn him to ever lasting woe as he is a God of love & not of wrath— Gentle obliging & kind to all. Yesterday under the impression that the was well she was sent home but has not been a few hours in the house before she began to give vent to all her pious delusions & declared that for months she had been playing a part in order to get out of the Asylum & knowing now that she had done wrong was anxious to return. She was accordingly brought back in the evening:
Ordinary diet & regimen —
March 5 Fancies that she is unlike every other being in her disposition— that she will be unhappy hereafter in consequence of the depravity of her heart, is restless & sleepless, listless & despondent— sits rocking herself all day, & cannot be employed. Blames her parents for neglecting her early education— says that her mind was never properly exercised or drawn out — that it became weakened in consequence of this neglect— that life is a burden to her as she feels that she is & never will be unequal to its duties— that in her youth she was in the habit of reading silly novels & romances with avidity which produced a morbid sensibility of feeling which has clung to her since— that she once left home, went to Largs & supported herself by teaching but soon then she was miserable longing during her hours of [illegible] to get free that she might rush to the beach & meander about which she indeed for hours at a time thinking

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March 9 her miserable fate & unhappily constituted mind & that nothing pleases her so much as the roaring of the waves & winds — that she always felt desirous of obeying but dreads her after fate. Rep Inspir Cur hen prayed Gx. Tonic. Cardamom. Comp Gy. Acid. Murratic dil. 3j ℍℍ Spirit Gy. bis quotidie. Rep pil. Aloes et Myrrh. xij. Injunction duo pro re nata bene dormi Cont. alia

" 10 No change. Restless, fretful & always reproaching herself. Says that her mind was never properly constituted — that her feelings were always morbid & gloomy — that she was frequently absent & that meanwhile at Largs she sat on a projecting piece of rock into the sea & surrounded her on all sides & that but for the timely aid of a gentleman she would have been drowned. Cr omnia

" 17 Catamenia appeared on the 13 & disappeared yesterday. Has been very fretful restless, obstinate & idle. Refuses her bread incessantly says that the wishes to be shut up in a dark place as the very light & sight of the sun are horrible to her. Cont. omnia

" 23 Restless & miserable, wrings her hands & runs up & down in great distraction of mind. Says that some years ago she was guilty of an awful sin, so horrible in its nature that she could not confess it even to her mother — that that perpetually haunts her mind & curses her for ever thus rendering life irksome to her — that she would willingly put an end to it if she dared. Cont. omnia

" 24 Confessed to the Lady Superintendent that for seven years before marriage she had indulged in masturbation — that she has destroyed her & rendered every future that she is not here & hereafter & that nothing can save her. Cont omnia

" 28 No improvement since last report. It appears likely that she still indulges in masturbation. Wishes to be alone

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March — in her room & has been found on her knees
— 29 Fretting to be with her husband. Exhibits no affection for her baby. Says that she merely wishes to be with him & to be always in bed as she is unfit for any employment & perfectly miserable. Reproaches her parents for not bringing her up religiously & giving her settled habits. Comm.

April 5 Has been closely watched so as to prevent her indulging in her propensity There is however no improvement since last report. Maintains that she will never recover & must always be miserable. Attributes to her early training as preventing her moral or intellectual improvement. Always miserable & anxious to narrate her sorrows to others. Cont. omnia

— 8 Health has been slowly improving but her mental state is unchanged Says that she cannot exist without excitement — that she has always lived in a world of her own imagining & that she incapable of performing the duties of life. Complains that she has no affection for her baby or any one. Cont. omnia

— 15 Health improves & she is not so miserable as formerly. Does a little needle work. Cont. omnia

— 19 State wretched but more industrious Constantly confessing & lamenting her present state & still maintains that she can be happy neither here nor hereafter. Returns home at last some daily. Cont. omnia alia

— 23 Says that she never takes meat or drink, though she eats heartily & takes her tea &c. Still at times restless & despondent but occasionally cheerful & communicative. Tells long stories of her sojourn in Perthshire, the inferior pastures at which she has been & innumerous amusing anecdotes. Health gradually improving On the whole considerably better Cont. omnia

— 24 Looking in the forenoon more depressed than she has been for ten days & very restless. Became better in the evening. Cont. omnia

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January 30 Was seen by the Physicians at her father's house before she came here. She was at first excitable & convulsed, but answered questions rationally enough. Wished to leave her father & step-mother & to go to the country, did not seem to have any definite plans as to care when she went, Consented to come here in the evening as in Country residence. On admission was quiet & behaved well. Went to bed quietly. Ordinary diet & regimen. To be watched and employed.

" 31 Slept well last night. This morning got up in an excitable state & wished to throw off her clothes when dressed. After breakfast became more composed. At present very amiable. Answered questions rationally. Has a vacant & dull look. Is very stout. Tongue white but moist. Bowels constipated. pupils dilated. P 70 of ordinary strength. Somnat. Somnipel. Alterative ij Cont alia —

Feby 1 Yesterday evening was very much excited & became so very suddenly. Broke one or two panes of glass. After a little became quiet. Went to bed. Early this morning awoke, became excited turned the furniture of her room upside down — tore her bedclothes & required continual watching. Before breakfast became quiet but raved in a delirious strain. Has been filthy. Bowels have been moved. Tongue little white — P 80 & ordinary strength. Appetite keen. Repet. Infusion Cent alia —

" 4 Very excitable & violent when excited & in her paroxysms, destructive & filthy. In the intermissions tractable & amiable. Paroxysms come on suddenly & at uncertain times. When excited blames her father & step-mother for severity & [illegible] indifference to her personal comforts & for having thwarted her

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Feby 7 on a Cerve affair. Repeats passages of Scripture & perverts them meaning for instance when reproved for disturbing the Sabbath threw a Scriptural injunction at the Savour said He came not to make or give peace to destroy. C. comm

8 Has been quiet and orderly since last report. Bowels constipated Bottle Sol. Alter. ter die Journal q. omni nocte. h. s. C. alien

— 9 Saturday evening became excitable & excited her fellow patients to make noise & confusion. Was shut up in her room & made all the noise she could. Stripped herself stark naked, danced laughed & sang. At last with some difficulty she was got to bed This morning is very excitable steps hard & sang frequently the room entrance into her room & who will submit & then washes them & herself with cold water concluding the operation by stuffing them clothes into the basin & swelling them. Says that the detests her father & Step mother & if they go to Heaven she will go to the other place to avoid them. Uses obscene language & quotes Scripture in a perverted sense & that her delusion to be confined to her room. Journal Station Sol. Tart. Antim Zij. C. alien

— 10 No better. She was quiet for a short time after the head this solution but became as excited again as ever. Danced, sang & prayed all night. Has been very filthy. Rep. S. Sol. Tart. Antim Zij tertia quaque hora — C. alien

— 12 No change. Noisy incoherent & filthy. Cont. omnia

— 13 Has slept well last night & today is so much better that she is freed from confinement on promise of good behaviour. Intermitt. Sol. Tart. Ant Cont. omnia

— 15 Has been going on pretty well since last report, though she is still noisy at night. During the day she is sometimes

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mischievous & excitable. There is a good deal of method in her madness Can confront herself when in the presence of any in authority. Health good. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Cont. omit

— 17 Has broken three panes of glass today from pure love of mischief. Repeats portions of Scriptures, Hymns, sermons &c. is fond of relating anecdotes of her friends to all who will listen to her. Told the Lady Superintendent that her friends had coffin at religious father. Has still a propensity to undress herself & others. Excites at times the other patients to destroy their clothes & put things down the flues. Cont. omit

— 18 Still noisy & talking at night. Fancies one of her fellow patients to be her former tutor metamorphosed into a lady wonders that he ought be to watch her & protect her. Says that it is a mere cheat to suppose that the Kirkaldys are her parents — that she knows the Contrary & that her mother through the wife of Wm. Kirkaldy had another adulterer — that her mother wrote to this gentleman about her birth & that Wm. Kirkaldy being her mothers husband thought it best for all parties to own her. She also goes a strange history of the different improper associates she has had during her life. Talks of Wm. Renlock of Renlock who was M.P. having duped her as a footman & taken her to the meeting of the trades union & there having made her recite some strange poetry composed for the occasion, also of having presented her with some of Hunt's works to undermine her religious principles — states that when she was at school at Kensington she had to leave it under a cloud to prevent her being seized for being connected with the parties concerned in political unions. Spoke of the Rev. D. Cunningham lately in Edinburgh having visited her family

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Feb 7 of her Step brother having received a report of the most scandalous nature respecting her & Dr. Cunningham which was the cause of her being sent to the House of the Rev. Mr. Mc Intosh at Cairnie as a punishment & to screen her from censure. (Communicated

" 20 Catamenia appeared yesterday & still continues. Plays all sorts of pranks, puts clothes & other articles down the flues. Especially attempting to wash her own head & those of others. Incorrigible. Continues

" 23 Catamenia ceased yesterday but she is as mischievous as ever occasionally pretends that she will be quiet & do some sewing but when a seam is presented she tears the article in pieces in a few minutes & laughs at it. Constantly working with cold water, when deprived of it, wants a little quietly & asks for a drink of water, which she suddenly pours over some one or the most in the attendants face, laughing heartily at the prank. Talks a great deal about her relations, about their wealth & high connexions, as also of her own abilities. Seems to have been well educated. Sings most things. Preaches & sings psalms & then turns all she has been doing into ridicule. Plays rather feebly. Pupils dilated. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Appetite rather deficient. R Infus. Cinchon. Co. 3 4 V. T. Cardamom. Comp. ℥ j Acid. Muriatic. dilut. ℥ ℏ. ft. mist. ℥ j. mane nocteque. Cont. alien

" 28 State excited. Constantly scoffs at Religion & Clergymen. Tells anecdotes calculated to bring them into contempt. Says that she is superior to all knowledge of the kind — that she has a knowledge of the Classics & is not to be taken in. Speaks very disrespectfully of her father & especially of her Step mother. Writes hymns, scraps of poetry, portions of sermons, texts of

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Feb 7 Scripture &c Runs about Dr Combe & Phrenology, Algebra, Geometry Greek Hebrew &c The following is a copy of one of her papers

"To a Wanderer

"by Hemans

"a Hebrew

My wilful, who so weary?
My love why so cast down?
Is all around so dreary?
And hath the cross no crown?

Where is the God who fought thee?
Who once could make thee glad,
His arms are still around thee,
Then wherefore art thou sad?

Oh trust the Lord that fought thee
Oh trust the sinners friend,
The wondrous love that fought thee
Will keep thee to the end,—

He gave a glorious morrow
To end thy night of pain,
And make thy dews of sorrow,
Like shining after rain

"Transcribed for Mrs Napleton

"by Lestie Dawson Kirkaldy

On the other side of the paper was the following

"Miss Kirkaldy wishes Mrs Napleton

"to inform Dr Pypes that she is a

"confirmed Atheist

"That she considers the tenets of

"Christianity a mass of absurdities

"That she will never recant

"That as she has lived an Atheist

"she will die one

"Trusting her eternal all to an

"unknown uncreated Intelligence

To every welfare, Mrs Chevenix & Miss Preston to present. Subject to birth suppurations &c Very fat. Summat runni vocte hora summi jud. allevatu y. ad ♈ tam tr cum. Contralia

March 5 Was pretty quiet late last night when the breaking noisy people announced Dawning by turns, broke 6 panes of glass this morning to obtain air & exercise as the Lord which were good for her ∴ C. crymia

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March 10 Quiet as an infant this morning when she broke 10 panes of glass, saying she did so for a little variety & to relieve the monotony of the scene, Sunday. Take quiet about her Bed & room eats appetite, Heals the food & drunk of the other patients has been sternly spoken to & promised to behave better — C. ounce

" 12 Her father called to day & informed the Lady Superintendent that she had about Greek, Hebrew, Mathematics were then delusions as she knew nothing knows today of these subjects. She learned the rudiments of Latin & had an ordinary English education with French & Music. She always had exalted notions of her importance & was overbearing even when a child though warm & affectionate in her feelings. A few years ago she suffered from ~~[illegible]~~ pneumonia which burst & the matter was discharged by vomiting. After recovering from this her mind was affected. Her Mothers family were Consumptive & she died of Consumption. The patient today is restless & mischievous & complains of heat & pulse of head. Bowels are regular & bleeds well. ~~Bath~~. Cerebro spinal c Acid. Semat omni nocte h. S. Sal Alterativ bine hydrarg c & omni mane Remed. Salin. Effervesc. C. calcis

" 16 Has been going on pretty well since last report though not to be depended on for a moment. Bowels are freely moved daily C. ounce

" 20 On 17 very noisy & mischievous the Catamenia appeared on that day & disappeared ~~yesterday~~ this morning. State restless & mischievous C. ounce

" 22 Has daily fits of excitement & is very mischievous, inciting the other patients to noise, destruction & tumultuous conduct. When spoken to, becomes calm. Cont. ounce

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May 15 Catamenia appeared yesterday & little continues. They are very profuse & she is greatly lowered & depressed. Bowels very filthy To have two glasses of port wine daily. Rep Sp. Alk. Nitrat T. Cardamom C. ana ℥j. Aquae ℥xiv. M. fiat ℥ss bis quotidie Cont. alia

" 19 Catamenia ceased yesterday since then she has been more irritable & manifests her ill humour as formerly by slamming doors, clutching hitting & scratching the nurse screaming, throwing down chairs & attempting to tear her clothes. C. omnia

" 21 Has been quieter yesterday & today. Still requires to be constantly watched to prevent improper practices. C. omnia

~~Bowels good.~~ Continues quiet & has had no fits of irritability since last report. Bowels improved. Walks out daily. C. omnia

June 8 Has been unsettled for some days & it is probable that notwithstanding all vigilance she manages to indulge in her propensity. Today became faint. Her hands & feet were cold & her body bedewed with a cold perspiration. Some warm wine & water was administered & bottles filled with hot water applied to her feet. She soon rallied & was put to bed. Bowels constipated. Tongue white. Pulse 84 small & feeble. Breath fetid. Sumat pil. Alterativ omni nocte h. s. C. alia

" 12 Medicine has operated well & has been in bed late today when she got up. Pulse & skin natural. Tongue pretty clean. Breath has lost the fetid odour. C. omnia

" 14 Catamenia appeared profusely this morning & continues. The odour is almost offensive. She is depressed & restless.

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June Pulse 70 small & feeble - Tongue clean - Bowels regular. Urine natt. pulse. Sent at Rest. Ht. 4ft. 10½ in. Weight 7lbs 1 oz. Cut. alien

~ 19 Catamenia ceased yesterday & today she is pretty well. Mind very weak - Habits still filthy - Attempted her old practices but was detected by the Lady Superintendent who talked to her on the impropriety of her conduct & the danger it was to her health. She seemed to understand what was said to her & promised to behave well for the future. Cont. omnia

24. Was caught again today at her improper practices by the Lady Superintendent who remonstrated with her very warmly. She became very angry & attempted to strike. The Lady Superintendent took her into another room & told her distinctly that if she was again caught at her tricks, she herself would be punished by whipping. This seemed to have some effect & she again promised to conduct herself properly. C. omnia -

~ 28 Again at her old tricks & caught by the nurse. The Lady Superintendent coming in prepared to whip her she pleaded when she begged to be spared this last time & promised good conduct for the future. She was reprimanded & pardoned. As this case seems to be a most determined one of Manustupration & the habit must be broken at all hazards, the Physician has directed the Lady Superintendent on any repetition to give the patient a cold shower bath instantly should this prove unsuccessful severer measures will be necessary. No form of restraint will prevent indulgence in the habit which can be cured only by constant vigilance & instant punishment when the act is attempted

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June 8 Still getting about the Governs. Health improves. Delusions still broached but less frequently, & her anxiety to have a governess probably occupying her attention. She has had a change of attendant & wishes her Aid me back. This however has been refused her. Commences 16 Goes on well but still keeps about the governess. Health improves. Takes plenty of exercise. Appetite good. Sleep sounds. Cont. omitted 20 Has had an interview with her brother who was delighted with the improvement which has taken place. She was very urgent in her demands for a governess who must be about 40 years of age of a tall commanding figure, great talents, highly educated, of stately manners & stern in her feelings. She must treat her like a child, never lose sight of her for a moment. Make her do every thing she likes whether right or wrong, allow her to do nothing which she is not told to do & punish severely every infraction of her orders however trifling. She declared that till this be done she will never be a bit better as the kindness with which she is treated is destroying her mind & body. If her wishes be complied with she will be quite well in three months. Every one here is so considerate & kind that it quite spoils her & nourishes her selfishness. The system may do with those who are really diseased, but not with those who like herself are depraved. Her brother has yielded to her wishes and authorized the Physicians to procure her a governess

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June provided a suitable one can be found. At the same time he agrees with the Physician that it will be difficult to find a proper person who will be willing to undertake the task. C. comma

" 25 Has been more cheerful & even merry since the Physician told her that he was authorized to procure a governess for her, looks forward with great delight to the confinement scolding, whipping &c which she hopes to undergo from the lady who is to take charge of her. Urges the Physician to lose no time in fulfilling his promise. Health improves. C. comma

" 30 Continues to improve. Broaches no delusions except as to the governess. Asks the Physician daily whether he has found a suitable person & says that it must be easy to find such a one. Gets up as usual at tea & rather before. Takes exercise in the open air three & four times a day. Sleeps soundly & enough. Appetite good. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Reads, plays on the piano, works with her needle writes abstracts & abridgements & is never idle. Spent an evening lately with Mrs Hutchesson in Mrs Mapleton's room & was cheerful & happy never alluding to the governess or any of her delusions. Ordered Aperient. Cinchona & Rhd. Cont. julep. Alterative Dalia

July 3 Spent yesterday evening with Mrs Hutcheson in her own house & was very merry & intelligent. No one for a moment during her visit would have suspected her to be at all insane. When the Physician walked back with her to her saloon, she asked him to get the governess immediately. C. comma — To Vol VII p. XIII

Catharine Veitch or Mrs Thomson Ætat 55

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March 13. No improvement except that her tongue is now clean & moist & her appetite better. Still appears to let apart from others & wishes to go to bed. Fancies that her brother is in the East Indies & that she never slept & that she has not done so for two years. Cont omnia

" 22 No change in any respect. Still requests to have aperient medicine daily. Cont. omnia

31 Pulse 68 small & feeble. T. clean & moist, pupils contracted, Appetite good. Bowels regular. Fancies the same as formerly. Cannot be employed. C. omnia

April 10 State depressed & idle. Lets in one posture all day & cannot be engaged to take an interest in any thing. Health feeble Takes little food. Tongue clean & moist. Bowels kept regular by medicine Cont. omnia

" 18 Still depressed & complains of her unworthiness. Says that she is not a human being & that there is no hope for her either in this world or the next. Appetite better in other respects the same Cont omnia

" 26 Is with difficulty got out of bed & would always return to it if permitted. Takes no interest in any thing. Morbid feelings as when having an annual occasional manifested. Fancies that she has no soul & cannot exist as a human being. Can with difficulty be got to speak a few sentences at any time & these are confined to the expression of her fancies. Health tolerably good. Functions natural. Cont omnia

May 4 Fancies that she has never been a human being — that she has brought misery on her husband & every one connected with her. Depressed & restless. Health tolerably good. Cont. omnia

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May 11 Rather more depressed. Fancies as to her unworthiness & enormous sins more vivid. Health tolerably good — Cont. ammo —

" 16 Says that she will never die like human beings but be consumed by some horrid means — That she will never be judged in a future state as she has no soul &c. Health good. Requires occasionally to have aperient medicine Cont. ammo —

" 25 No improvement. Cannot bear to hear her husband or brother spoken of & will not listen to the proposal of them coming to see her. Fancies that she has ruined all who have ever come in contact with her — Wishes to be dead. Sits in one place cannot be interested in anything. Cont. ammo —

" 31 No change except that she prefers to be in the dark. Cont. ammo

June 10 Delusions remain as formerly. Health tolerably good. Takes food better than she used to do. Is allowed wine & porter which she takes willingly enough but says that nothing will do her good. Cont. ammo

" 20 Begs all who approach her to leave her as she is a beast & has no soul. Delusions as vivid as ever — Begs continually to be allowed to go to bed & to remain in the dark — Health though feeble, pretty good. Requires aperients as formerly. Cont. ammo

" 30 This case on the whole has been very slowly but gradually getting worse & there is little chance of any improvement. She takes food & sometimes looks pretty well. Her delusions however are the same & as strong if not stronger than formerly. She can be interested in nothing. Sits in a melancholic & stupid state. Cont. ammo

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Susan Sinton or Mrs Paterson from 1844 — p111

March 13 Works industriously & enjoys good health. Raves as usual when spoken to. Talks of Cockerowing, hens laying eggs, the King of Spain, the Emmanuelation, spirits, spheres, lines, numbers, eroping numbers — If suddenly stopped she converses humbly enough on any subject introduced but as suddenly raves again. State requires aperient medicine Cont. omnia

" 28 Health good. Has been disinclined to comb since last report. Continues industrious Cont. omnia

April 10 Has occasionally broken out & raved in the old strain Mind at best confused & erratic. Works industriously at her needle — Walks about when the weather is favorable — Some days unwilling to keeping her bed & is low & dispirited — Bowels naturally costive but kept regular by the Compound Colocynth pill Cont. omnia

" 22 No change whatever since last report. At times amiable & pretty rational though apt even then to be confused. Works industriously. Health good — Cont. omnia

" 30 No improvement whatever Fancies the same as formerly Requires aperient Medicine Cont. omnia

May 7 Since last report has been talking more than usual about numbers, spheres, lines, [illegible] &c Says that this is the first woman since the world began & that [illegible] passed from one body to another & from one state of existence to another. Catamenia have not appeared for months but she appears in good health Cont. omnia

" 13 Bowels still inclined to be costive & kept regular only by medicine. Has been once or twice excited since last

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May 19 Has been very much excited since last report. Declares that she is now determined to go home. Has a fancy to have her window shut & the curtains closely drawn. Appetite good. Bowels kept pretty regular by medicine. Sleeps well. Pulse 76 of ordinary strength. Tongue pretty clean & moist. Catamenia have not appeared. Cont. omnia

" 24 Has been in better humour since last report. Still requires aperient medicine — is very industrious. Cont. omnia

June 1 Laughing & repeating scraps of poetry, songs &c. Dressing about times, spheres, numbers &c. as formerly. Is stout & looks well. Catamenia have not appeared. Cont. omnia

" 15 Has taken one of her fancies of remaining in bed. Is very abusive & declares that she will not get up till Mr. Paterson comes for her — Health good. Cont. omnia —

" 22 Has been got out of bed after considerable difficulty & is now up & industrious. Still requires aperient medicine. Catamenia have not appeared. Looks well & very stout. Raves at times of spheres, numbers, lines, marriages, her former states of existence &c — Cont. omnia

" 28 No change since last report. Stout & robust. Very industrious. Mind confused & secretive. At times raves as formerly & is sometimes very frequently abusive & obscene in her language. The case is in all probability hopeless. Cont. omnia

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Caroline Bagot Ætat 29. pour p 125

1844

March 11 Catamenia appeared last night as might be expected she is more violent & noisy today Emeticat. C. omnia

— 12 Still unsettled. Talks of her sister Margaret as the Countess of Glencairn & of her brother as Lord Cunninghame as [redacted] Lord Glencairn. Adds how her real Brother D. Hutchestown is & of her supposed brother Dan is confined in the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum which is the most proper place for him. Then uncle Sir R. H. Sheffe. Talks incessantly — Catamenia flumat. Continuare —

— 13 Rather more collected & calm Engaged in needle work. C. omnia

— 14 Catamenia ceased today and she is much more calm Engaged in reading & working C. omnia

— 22 Went on quietly till today when she appeared more excitable. Talks of the Queen the Earl & Countess of Glencairn says that she is Countess Percy & came here on important matters Rather hysterical. Appetite good. Can be easily soothed — To have two glasses of wine daily. C. alea

— 27 Today became quite maniacal & is confined to her room. Has broken several articles. Talks incessantly in a loud tone — Eyes prominent & red — pulse 90 full. Abscond. Capellet. Semiat. h. S. pel alterna. C. alia

— 28 As bad as ever. Bowels have been moved — Eyes prominent & red. Cold to be applied to head Semiat Tart. Antimony gr. ℥ss aquæ hora ad IV oncias. Cat alia —

— 29 Rather quieter today. pulse 66 Eyes less prominent. No undue heat of scalp. Bowels have been freely moved. Raves as before but not so incessantly

Admitted 12 December 1842

1844

March 31 Common
Again highly excited & sculp
hot. Abundat. Cupelentum
Ypendut. aqua frigid. cupte
C. alia

April 5 Catamenia appeared on the
12th ceased yesterday. She was
much excited but remained
in bed till today when she
got up in the afternoon & talked
to the nurse then fell on patients
of her right berth, her being
under the Royal protection &c
She then became quieter & talks
calmly in relgious subjects -
Soon after the assembled all
the Ladies & read the whole
book of Common prayer to
the termination of the Burial
Service. She latter she read
over & an application to her
audience - Two of the Ladies
laughed at her & asked who was
dead. She replied that they were
all dead in trespass & sin.
Says that the reason why her
head was shaved was that a
cast might be taken for the
Phrenologists. Is to be prevented
from preaching & praying to the
other patients. Cont. omnia

" 8 Still excited. Raves continual
in her communications. Health
improved. C. omnia

" 15 Has gradually calmed down
since last report & for the last
few days has been reading
& working with her needle. Cont
omnia —

" 18 Again excited. She is today
Queen Victoria Alexandrina
& sister to the Comte de Paris
Engaged in needle work. Cont
omnia

" 20 Rather quieter but quite uncertain
Occasionally becomes furious & raves
about the Queen, Ps Royal Sheppe, her
family &c Has high ideas of her own
importance & patronises those around
her, her leaving large pensions on them
appointing them to situations in
the Palaces or in the Cabinet &c

Caroline Bagot Ætat 29 from 1843

1844

April or threatening them with some
cutting when according as she is
either pleased or offended Cont
ommia

— 24 Has been very quiet and
amiable for two days. busy
industrious with her needle.
Health improved. Cont ommia

— 30 State quiet but occasionally
let those around her under
stand her importance.
Health rather better. C ommia

May 7 Has been quiet & collected in
general since last report
though the state occasionally
paramount & talks of her influence
with Royalty. Is at present
lady like & agreeable & is evidently
endeavouring to restrain herself
Cont ommia

— 8 Attended the theatre in the
Institution last night & was
highly pleased. Returned very
quietly. Made some puns which
he wished to be repeated to Dr
Hutcheson because as she said
he liked her play on words &
her witty remarks. C ommia

— 12 Continues quiet & amiable
but state entertains delusions
respecting Royal protection,
her own consequence &c
Cont ommia

— 16 Continues to improve. Seldom
broaches any of her fancies. Health
slowly improves. Cont ommia

— 20 Has been quiet & lady like
Has written some letters. Is
anxious to see her sister. The following
is a copy of a letter to her uncle
Jno R. Sheaffe

"Genl

"Lt Roger Hale Sheaffe Bart

"36 Melville Rent

"Edinburgh

"May 19 1844

"Gartmadale Lunatic Asylum

"My dearest Uncle Sheaffe

"Hoping very soon to see you
"as Dr Hutcheson cannot long continue

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May

"to any person, inasmuch as I am both
"pressed in body & of perfect understanding
"as indeed ever I was, thought to be here
"I appeared disadvantageously to some
"— — — — — — — here we end as it
"is neither wise nor prudent to "rip
"up old sores", as they quaintly say.
"_____ I am longing to be once
"again with my own family & most
"particularly on your account, to advise
"with you about planning your concerns
"& dearest Number with such as relate
"to little Willy's affairs, in the hands
"of Brother Dan. He you are aware
"next to Messrs of Illenara N. S
"Wales, is the proper Person to repose
"trust in & I much sincerely wish
"I see realised in your case, that
"beautiful passage in the Psalms
"— "When I am Old & Greyheaded O God
"forsake me not" being sadly convinced
"you were made the subject of much
"manoeuvre even when I was with
"you residing — I am the more
"anxious to name Daniel, because
"he has no possible claim to your
"Property and as you were kind
"enough to signalise him before in
"choice of a school for Willy who I
"hope is doing well at Sunderland.
"Now dearest Uncle I do trust you
"will take no time in taking my
"advice, you always found me
"a good, candid, open hearted,
"truth telling friend & really my
"desire is to put you on the proper
"fair ground for doing good both
"to self & to all around. (by some to
"let them alone _____ & above
"all to guard your sacred Head from
"turmoil & distraction — You will
"see by the Papers what pleasing
"accounts from Court, there is a some
"thing cheerful at present in the Gen
"eral state of things — her Majesty
"acting so wisely, everything in
"a progress for amendment & never was
"a time when our Financial re
"sources were so great — real work
"doing in the Cabinet, as to the Commons
"it's all well — but here we perceive
"a transverse Policy! Ha, they new

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Helen Aitchison Mrs Jamie from 11
1844

March 13. Womb prolapsus plane & elongated
— left. State sullen. Talks in
a mumbling incoherent strain
Habits filthy. Cont. omnia
— 17 Prolapsus uteri again — Habits
filthy. Very destructive to clothes
Mind weak & confused. Prolapsus
was reduced — Cont. omnia
— 20 Had a slight attack of diarrhoea
this morning for which a glass
of port wine & 15 drops of laudanum
were given. It is now checked
No other change — Comma
— 23 Erysipelas of knee & leg appeared
this morning & seems to be spreading
A lotion of Acetate of lead &
Laudanum has been applied &
at her tongue was foul & her bowels
confined a blue pill followed
by a Seidlitz powder four hours
afterwards has been exhibited —
Her bowels have been moved,
Urinat pulv. Alterantia / Cer
quotidie. Cont. Loho & alia
— 24 Erysipelas continues & is rather
spreading some superficial
matter which is evacuated. Skin
quite natural. Cont. omnia
It appears from her own account
that she has had this before —
— 25 Leg discharges, Tongue cleaner
Bowels regular — Pulse 84 weak
Mind rational. To have three
glasses of Sherry, beef tea &
nourishing diet. Cont. alia
— 26 Leg still discharges. She appears
to be much exhausted. Erysipelas
fading. Mind rational. Cont
omnia
— 28 Leg still discharging. Pulse 78
Stronger — Keeps well — Mind rational
On the whole improves. Cont omnia
— 30 Leg much improved. Health better
but mind wandering & confused
at times — Says when collected that
when she had erysipelas before
her mind became better & that
it confirmed by her friends. At times
that she became worse in mind as her
health recovered, it is probable
that this same will occur again
Cont. omnia

Admitted 7 Nov. 1843

April 5 Leg nearly well but her mind has been daily becoming worse. To day had an attack of Diarrhea which still continues. Ordered the Alterative powders & Thirty Grs per annum instead & bandage the leg.

" 8 Again filthy, obstinate & idle & active. A small carbuncle has appeared on the nates. To be poulticed & opened. C. alia

" 12 Carbuncle has been opened & does well. Mind as bad as ever — Filthy in language & habits — very restless, wandering & muttering incessantly while awake. C. omnia

" 15 Sore where Carbuncle was nearly whole. No other change Cont. omnia —

" 22 Cicatrix of carbuncle now well. Mind unaltered & confused. Habits filthy. Some permanent eruption on many parts of her body. To have plenty of nourishing diet, occasionally aperients. Tonic. C alia

May 1 No change whatever except that her health is rather better Cont. omnia

" 12 Swears & raves incoherently. Tears her clothes & bedclothes. Restless & filthy & Permanent eruption appearing. C. omnia

" 16 Prolapsus ani has again returned & easily reduced & can be kept in proper position by a bandage. No other change

" 28 No material change. Health improves. C. omnia

" 31 Today commenced rubbing health evidently improved. Cont omnia

June 15 Continued pretty tolerable till yesterday when she became restless & confused. Today is as bad as ever. Bandage for prolapsus ani & diligently kept on. C. omnia

" 30 No improvement. At times swears & uses obscene language. Prolapsus ani gives great trouble to attendants in reducing & keeping it right. Cont. omnia

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Helen Miller Ætat 20 from p. 131

1844

March 10 Has been very much excited since seeing her brother. Screamed & howled afterwards like an animal. Was put to bed & then laughed immoderately for some time. Cont. comma

" 11 Still unsettled and necessarily kept in her room. Cont. comma

" 13 Still unsettled. Very destructive Sulks absurdly. Inclined to devour her filthy long nails C. comma

" 16 Yesterday & today has been quieter & has been up. Does a little sewing. Inclined to be idle & at times frolicksome & mischievous. Health good On the whole improved though not to be depended on. Cont comma

" 22 Considerably improved since last report. More composed, rational & industrious. Health good. Cont comma

" 28 Continues to improve daily. More steady in every respect. Mind stronger & free from delusions. Cont comma

April 5 Habits correct. Agreeable in her manner - Talks rationally on all subjects & is very industrious with her needle. Catamenia appeared on the 2nd & also appeared today. Cont comma

" 8 Continues to improve. Says that she feels ashamed to see the Physician as she perfectly remembers her conduct during her delirium. Speaks of her parents, home &c - says that she wishes to be home to her mother, though she will feel sad at leaving the house where she has been so kindly treated -

" 9 Her parents having been to see her & finding her to write determined on removing her & she is this day though prematurely discharged

Cured

July 15 The physician has several times heard of this patient who continued well since she left the Asylum

Admitted 21 February 1843.

Mary Mitchell a Wd Wright Ct 42 from 1844

March 22 Apparently weak. Takes food well besides beef tea & wine. Still in bed, very irritable & quite wrakes Cont. omnia

28 Still in bed. Takes her food as well as beef tea & wine. Bowels regulated by medicine. Pulse 72 feeble. Sighs frequently & complains of heat & pain in her back which she says is relieved by pressing it firmly. Says that she thinks that it will break through. Hands hot & throat. Tongue clean & moist. pupils natural C. omnia

April 5 Pulse 72 Strong. Health apparently improved. Declares that she cannot set up [illegible] account of her back which will break if she attempts it. Cont. omnia

" 10 No change in state of mind or in health. Still in bed Cont. omnia.

" 19 In all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia

" 28 Raves incoherently & is very violent if opposed. Fancies that every one is wearing her clothes & is very busy about it. Still in bed. Cont. omnia

May 5 Health somewhat improved. Complains of pain in back. Delusions the same as formerly. Catamenia have not appeared for some months Cont. omnia

" 11 Has been out of bed for three days. Has seen her husband & brother but did not speak a word of sense to them. Walked up & down during the whole interview. Has taken a great deal of exercise since she got out of bed & seems to be quite lively. Catamenia have not appeared

" 12 Attended Divine service today & behaved decently but made no noise. Takes a great deal of exercise. Mind weak & irritable. Delusions as formerly noted. The case appears to be hopeless. Cont. omnia

" 19 No change whatever since last report. C. omnia —

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Admitted 9 May 1843.

May 25 Health very much better than
what been for months. Seems to
be strong. Catamenia have
not yet appeared. Other
functions natural. Mind
weak & erratic. Pulse of
debilitans at even. Very violent
& opposed. Cont. omnia

— 31 Continues in all respects the
same as at last report. Cont.
omnia

June 6 Catamenia have not yet
appeared, but she is otherwise
in good health & strong. Cannot
be employed in any thing, but
takes a great deal of exercise
Mind as formerly reported
Cont. omnia

— 12 No change whatever since last
last report. Appetite keen —
Bowels regular. Pulse 72 rather
feeble. Takes a great deal of
exercise & sleeps soundly. Cannot
be employed. Cont. omnia

— 15 When in doors sits in her old
seat at the window & points at
castles, pyramids & palaces
which she imagines she sees in
the distance. Fancies that
the Lady Superintendant, the
nurse & patients are all decked
in her clothes & occasionally
scolds them for taking them
Sometimes sits for an hour
looking at a book but not
reading it. Is very variable
when opposed. Good humoured
always to the Physicians. Cata
menia have not appeared but
she is otherwise in good health
& eats & sleeps well Cont.
omnia

— 22 No change whatever since
last report in the state either
body or mind. Cont. omnia

— 30 Catamenia have not appeared
Walks about a great deal & when
in doors sits near the window
looking out & admiring the
pyramids, towers, palaces, castles
& precipices which she fancies
that she sees. Cont. omnia

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Margaret Campbell Ct from page 160

1844

April 20 Arm very tense & discoloured. No distinct fluctuation. Considerable Oedema of face. Urine scanty. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Tongue pretty clean. Has considerable thirst & a great appetite. Sleeps little. Pulse 80 small & feeble. Pupils contracted. Two incisions are ordered to be made in the most tense parts. Cont. alea.

" 22 Two incisions have been made in the parts mentioned. A quantity of serum with curdy matter escaped from the cellular texture through which it appeared to have been diffused. No distinct abscess was formed. Urine increases in quantity, but Oedema of the face has not abated. Pulse as violent, filthy & destructive as before. C. omnia

" 23 Discoloration of arm gone. The affected arm is ordered to be dressed with tepid water. No improvement in health or mind. C. omnia

" 24 Pulse & symptoms as yesterday. Cont. omnia

" 25 Oedema has extended. The legs & abdomen are much swollen. The pulse is 68 & intermits every third beat. Her breathing is affected & she requires to be propped up. She is more composed & at times speaks rationally. Says that she knows the Lamb & the Saviour. Ry Hyd. Chlor. Potass. ℈iij. Tinct. Camph. ℥ij. Ol. Lumbric. ℥ss (ℳ VIII) Aquæ ℥xij. Mist. Gumm. ℥iv omni hora. Cont. omnia alia. (Her brothers have been with her)

" 26 Oedema has not increased. She has passed some three quarts of urine in 15 hours. Her pulse is now regular at 70 & moderately strong. Saw her younger brother & recognized him. Afterwards

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April 27 became violent & abused all around her. Cont. comma
Saw her elder brother Mr. Campbell Surgeon in Belfast whom
there cognized. Behaved kindly
at first but cursed & swore
used obscene language. Redness
has diminished. & urine has
increased in quantity — pulse
78 small & feeble. Her brother thinks
that she had been depressed before but had recovered under
the use of the Acetate of potash, the
Physician agreed to make
trial of this, though with little
hope of success. C. abdom
— 28 Last night saw her younger
brother & was very much excited
afterwards — Had some clearness
which it was deemed expedient
not to check, but the Acetate
of potash was not given. Today
the clearness had ceased, but
in the afternoon she had a
very violent attack. The blood
were copious, & watery &
most offensive. After the third
she became quieter & the
clearness abated. Her arm
has assumed a very unhealthy
appearance & is indeed to be
covered with a large poultice
C. comma abdom
— 29 Appears better this morning
There has been a copious flow
of urine but the Redness little
Continues. Pulse 80 small & feeble
but regular. Appetite good
Bowels regular. Violent, abusive
& filthy. C. comma
— 30 Yesterday evening she became
weaker but revived towards
night by the use of Cordials.
During the night she has been
very noisy & this morning has
again become weak. From the
state of her health & during the
she cannot tolerate long
Continue cordials &c as before
May 1 Has spent a restless night. This
morning however she does not
appear to be weaker & her mind

Margaret Campbell Ot pm

1846

May is collected & seeming by pm
from delusion. Cont. same
— 2 Urine flows copiously. Mind
seems in general calm & collected
has some cough at times. Strength
however is sinking. C. same
— 3 Mind collected but health
weaker. Diarrhoea at times
which is checked to a considerable
extent by port wine. Some
Oedema of face & legs. Urine
in sufficient quantity. Expectoration & cough troublesome
Sores appearing on back —
On the whole is much worse
& cannot survive above
a day or two at the most
— 4 Has spent a restless night but
is collected & composed this
morning. very weak.
— 7 Since last report has been
becoming gradually weaker
her mind however has been
rational & collected for the
most part. She has had her
mother & brothers with her
& has been quite aware
of her situation. She has
had several times thrushing
of type cope but has
recovered by ether & other
Nourishments. She cannot
survive many hours —
Despon This evening about 10 o'Clock
she

Died

No Inspection permitted

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Bethia Leech from page 179

1844

May 9 value £9. 1 chair 18/. 1 Cloth
dress 7/. 9 panes of glass 8/6. in
all to the value of £3. 19. 3, then
temporarily deranged & while her fellow
& then to strangle herself with her
sleeping gown, but, scratched
& bruised the nurses. Was removed
to another room. C. declined
& calm

" 10 Got out of bed broke eight panes
of glass, tore the blankets & sheets
to ribbons, screamed & treated. Summ
mons to remain (complained of & to pri
son). C. calm

" 11 Being quiet this morning was
allowed to leave her room. Some
hours afterwards she broke 16
panes of glass in the saloon, tore
her blankets & sheets to pieces when
put into her room. Declares that
she will carry on the work of
destruction till liberated from
confinement. Abuses Dr. M'Farlane
says that he should thank the
warders for God forever to
kill the Physician Dr. Butcher be
cause he detains her here
that she would do so without
the slightest remorse. Declares
that all in the establishment
are the most abandoned characters
that she hates every one con
nected with it — that she
does all the mischief she can
purposely to annoy & knows
perfectly well what she has
lately destroyed. To be kept
in strict seclusion. C. calm

" 12 More calm & inclined to be
amiable. C. omitted

" 16 Continued for two days quiet
& amiable. Since then has
abused the Sheriff — Dr. M'Farlane
& all the Officers of the Establish
ment

" 23 Asked for paper to write down
what she required & instead of
that wrote abusive letters. Is
exceedingly troublesome. Con
tinued

27 Being more calm, has been
freed from seclusion. Speaks

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1844
May well of the house, but abuses her friends the Sheriff, Dr McFarlane &c calling them blackguards, scoundrels, warrant debauchers &c &c. Makes out enormous bills of clothes required by her states her grievances to all around her. C. comma

" 29 When the Physician enters the gallery refuses to see him or any one else connected with the establishment because they are all necessary to her detention & offensive to her in the extreme. Cont. comma

" 31 Suddenly got into a fury & broke 9 pieces of glass - Said that she would do worse if longer detained here. Took one of the spokes of her bed out to break the windows & how to kill the Physicians & any of the Medical Officers who may approach her. To have a bed on the floor & every thing to be removed from her room. Strict seclusion -

June 1 Having appeared calmer this morning, the nurse foolishly gave her the washing stand & basin &c into her room. No sooner had she used them than she broke them all to pieces - Screamed - declared that she was dying - Then said she would carry on the work of destruction till she was liberated. She has broken & destroyed materials to the value of £15 9s since 16 March last. Is kept in seclusion & kindly watched. C. comma

" 4 Is now sulky & abusive. Every thing has been removed from her room. Her brother Mr G. B. Leach has been informed of her late proceedings & approves of the removal of every thing out of her room - She will not speak to the Physician or the Lady Superintendent -

C. comma

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Bethia Leech from page 201

1844

June 8 Still sulky & abusive. Health good. Cont. omnia

" 10 Screaming & abusive to the Nurse & Lady Superintendent Calls them whores & bitches. Says that the Physicians is a blackguard & an arrant debauchee — that the nurses are his whores — that Dr. Packard & his other ~~[illegible]~~ are all scoundrels like himself — that the Asylum is a brothel &c. Declares that she is sane & religious — that she is suffering to screen the polluted bellamy of Dr. M'Farlane & the guilt of the sheriff &c. Demands Wine — broiled chicken, jelly — beef tea, biscuits &c. When these are not furnished declares that she is starved & that the intention is to kill her by inches. Cont. omnia

" 16 Has not been so abusive since last report. Wishes the keys to the yard & to give up her last hours to religious meditation — C. omnia

" 20 As desperate as ever. Abuses all around her — is especially violent against the Lady Superintendent & the Physician whom she accuses of the most profligate immorality. Uses obscene expressions at the same time declaring her own purity &c. amiable & forgiving disposition. Says that the Lord supports & will avenge her — Cannot be trusted for a moment. Health good considering her excitement. Cont. omnia

" 23 Violent and abusive — To get her paper was given her when she wrote letters to the sheriff — the Medical Officer — & her relatives in the same strain as formerly. Wishes to be allowed to get up & go out, but she must get to be trusted. Cont. omnia

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1844

June 25 Has been quieter since last report
& is allowed her bed again. Has
sent for some clergymen
works & the Library to read as
the workshops have come
with the world. A letter
has been sent her — Has
not been abusive yesterday
today. C. omnia

" 28 Went on quietly since last
report & the shutter was let down
She was also allowed a washing
stand &c Sunday 30 Attend
& the Inspectors visited the
house — They merely looked
in and asked how she was.
She would not answer &
they left. A short time after
wards, she became excited
& abused the nurse. Said
that the Physician presented
her from seeing the Inspect —
that he was a scoundrel &c.
Aboard the Lady Superintendent
sent in her usual Steam
Broke 8 panes of glass — the
basin &c — in all about
25/ worth — To be kept in
strict seclusion — C. ulia

" 30 Has been rather quieter since
last report but is still excitable
It is quite clear in this case
that forbearance & kindness
are of no avail. The Lady
Superintendent is therefore
instructed to administer a
Shower bath every time she
offends unless it be at the
Catamenial period. The
patient must be subdued
since other means have failed
Should a repetition of shower
baths not effect this Severer
measures must be had recourse
to. This is a case of
moral insanity in a great
measure. The intellect is active
though perverted by the moral feelings
& this therefore appears one of the
few instances in which Strait
waistcoat & a little wholesome
severity will be beneficial C. omnia

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Jessie Kirkaldy from page 189

1844

March 24 Very clamorous night, dancing singing, repeating poetry, preaching &c. Today very mischievous, destroying her clothes pouring water about &c. pulse 84 full. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. Menses stationary Last Catamonia pij daysus Zij. & rept. post horas V. C. ulcera

" 25 Has been quieter since yesterday slept last night. C. pulvis & haust. sedativ. effervesc.

" 28 As bad as ever. Complains of pain of head. Abradat capillis. Effundat. aqua frigid. Caput. ter quotidie

" 30 Some more boils have appeared on her body & one large one under her thigh which is directed to be poulticed. As troublesome & mischievous as possible. C. omnia

April 5 Boil has healed & another appeared on the other thigh Cataplasma continued & repeated — C. omnia

" 8 Has been quieter since last report both by day & night. Can be occupied in work for a short time occasionally. Cont. omnia

" 15 Has been quieter since last report. Seldom noisy at night Petty composed during the day & can be occupied longer than hitherto with needlework writing &c Becomes violent when her parents are named & abuses them for wasting her patrimony. Former boil healed but another has appeared C. omnia

" 18 Says that she has no hopes of salvation that long known that Hell is to be her portion but that as Hell & Heaven in the Bible mean the same place it is quite immaterial to her to which she goes. Is constantly relating anecdotes derogatory to clergymen & religious people & scoffing at them. Is always

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1844
April pursuit when her parents & home happen to be mentioned. Calls her father a hypocrite & a villain & her step mother a bitch, a whore & a bawdy house keeper
" 20 & such worse again. This morning tore her Bible to pieces & blasphemed most fearfully. She destroyed also her bonnet & when reproved, burst into a rage & said that she gloried in the work of destruction. Tells her repeating patiently & mildly, incites the former to mischief & then goes & informs them. To be confined to her room. Cradled
" 21 Considerably quieter today, but raving as usual though coherent enough. Told the Lady Superintendent a long story about Dr Ramsay of Glasgow & the effect that he has contrived in this house to injure its interests the better to promote his own, as he hates all Doctors but himself that Miss Henry is one of his agents & the paper word he gave her is "Murder" which she is to call out & repeat frequently in order to terrify the Ladies & lead them to suppose that their lives are to be sacrificed, that they may induce them friends & remove them, when he would get them into his "clutches".
Is doing a little work. Cont ommia
" 23 Full of conceit. Fancies that she is wealthy & has high connexions — that she is sought for by gentlemen of high family, violent in her language — Cont. omnia
" 26 Has been quieter since last report. Employs herself in needle work, drawing & painting. Still excitable but can control herself. Purgatives & cold affusion on the head seem to be at last proving beneficial. To be kept constantly occupied. Countenance altered. Talks —

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Miss Kirkaldy from page 203

1844

April 30 Has been steadily improving. Is kind hearted & amiable & very much attached to Mrs Mapleton the Lady superintendent with whom she spends a considerable time daily. Expresses her gratitude to her & the Officers of the Institution for their kindness & forbearance Devout, sensible & reads C. communion

May 4 Continues to improve. Employs herself in drawing, reading, needlework & playing on the piano. Is more careful of her dress & tidy, good humoured & speaks kindly of those around her Cont. communion

— 9 Has little tendency to swear at times but when spoken to, admits the impropriety of yielding to it & attributes it to her having associated for some years with irreligious people — Her parents deny this but her expressions & ideas shew clearly that she states the truth because they are the very expressions, arguments & phrases employed by each & could not be spontaneous C. communion

— 12 Goes on well. Seems to be naturally kind hearted & amiable but quick in temper & full of hope. Health good Retires at reasonable hours. Cont communion

— 19 Has been rather irritable since last report. Has once or twice spoken disrespectfully of her Step mother & sneered at religion generally. Aperient medicine has been stopped for some days & her bowels are rather confined Repet. julep. alterat. sine hydrarg. & pulv Salep. effervescent ante — C. alim

— 25 Bowels regular. Going on well. Health good. Mind rational. Employs herself in needlework reading, drawing & music & gets on well with all. Has good abilities & if well managed might do well. C. communion

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May 29. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continues
June 1 Goes on well. Seems liable to feel somewhat unkindly to her Step-mother though probably not without reason as she is a narrow minded woman. Has been talking to the Lady Superintendent of her late illness- they think when she first came here she thought that she was in purgatory or a certain state of existence, that she had died before she came here, that her spirit was then suffering for the sins done in the flesh— that her sufferings would endure long— that she has no distinct recollection of her words & actions & that the whole appears like a dream of which part had been forgotten— Recollects of her being kindly spoken to & then being rejoined &c and the Lady Superintendent & Physician being often with her— Is now quite rational Health good. Considering the nature of her illness it would be imprudent for her to leave with her father— Continue
" 10 Goes on well. Is rational amiable & affectionate. Health good. Continue
" 18 Arrangements are being made for her going to the Reconnd Mr the Lord Bishop Kilmacolm She goes on well & may be discharged when her friends come for her—
" 26 She is now well & under proper management may Continue to. Her Father & Step-mother having come to remove her she took leave of all with reluctance expressed her kindly feelings towards the Lady Superintendent & Physician & was discharged

Cured

1844

May "chatter & give the voice of the Bag
"while the seal is affixed by the
"Lords ——. You must allow
"me to cross this note & take in
"good part my political hit,
"although I do not expect you
"would permit much license
"as regards that Department
"to Ladies fair —— Kindest
"love to dear Aye & pray tell
"her when I have a Castle of
"my own both she & you or
"rather the Good General &
"her gentle wife shall be
"welcome as a sweet Old Aun
"to boot" —— ever loveliest best
"Most treasured Auntie &
"Uncle your own fond Carl
"C Bagot
"My kindest love to Maggie
"Cunninghame"
Cont. summer

25 Goes on well. Behaves modelly
employs herself on needle work
& reading. Health improved
Cont. summer

30 Has been much better since
last report. Sometimes however
broaches her old delusions & tells
romantic tales of Frobisher &
her admirers in Dublin. Told
the Lady Superintendent of
her being brought to the Blot
asylum. Said that she left
Ireland & a family where she
lived as a Governess & brought
away an old nurse as attendant
for property, & also old woman
for whom with her mother she
meant to take to Edinburgh & for
whom she meant to provide through
her friends there. She took a sledge
passage & on arriving at Kingston
was reduced to her last shilling
& but for the kind hearted mate
the mate who took her to his
own house in the Broomielaw she
would have been houseless. On
arriving there she wrote to her uncle
Jas. R. H. Sharpe requesting funds
to take her East to Edinburgh & also wrote
to her brother the Revd. D. Bagot

Admitted 12 December 1842

1844
May 9 patiently waited their replies.
She states she at once discovered
her to be a gentlewoman and
paid the utmost respect to her feelings
never once presuming on her situation
by sitting in her presence or indeed
many, never once presuming
on her situation so far as to sit
down in her presence or act in
any other way except as her
inferior. Whilst these two gentlemen
came late one night, one she
was informed was Dr. Hutchesson
the other she at once recognised
as her own relative "Henry Crupis"
[This was Dr. Pagan]. She had no the
letter had been despatched by Sir
R. H. Sharpe to take cognisance of her
actions. She knew being unreasonable
for gentlemen's visits, she showed
some reluctance to receive them
when they probly intruded on
her even into her bed chamber
She was dressed however & every
thing was comme il faut about
the apartment. Then she was
brought to the Glasgow Royal
Lunatic Asylum & she was aware
that Tom Oldham was the
cause of this illegal seizure of
her person & that it was the result of
her having fled to avoid the
addresses of Forbusher, who was
clapped into the Asylum to be
near her as a protector. By the most
signal & other means she has learned
that Sir R. Sharpe & others of her relatives
are within the Asylum. C. remains
June 8 has been more exalted since
last report. Talks incessantly &
complains of heat in her head. Looks
notices ther own importance &
exceedingly indignant that a
person of her high birth & acquirements
should be locked up in a Lunatic
Asylum. Very indignant at her
friends — Head to be bathed with
cold water. To have two aloes
aloes pills instantly for three nights
To be soothed & employed
as far as possible
No change C. Ormsby

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Maria Sophia Mendoza a Mo. Steele

1844

April 30 On the whole improves. Health better. More industrious & compos seldom resorts to hardened topics though it is clear that she still believes in her own incapacity. Is always better when in Beaufort. Cont. remain

May 8 Goes on well & is daily improving. Draws, plays on the piano & engages in useful work. Wishes to return to her husband. Cont. remain.

" 16 Went on very well till yesterday when she became fretful, restless & despondent. Reflects on her parents for bringing her up so. Complains of her incapacity. Cont. Catamenia appeared yesterday & continues. Discharged

" 18 Catamenia ceased yesterday & today she is much better. She is very anxious however to be with her husband even for the hardships she has to endure. Cont. remain

" 25 Has gone on well except that she occasionally talks of her bad education — the destitution she has at home where for days at a time she rarely tastes food. Very industrious. Better in health improved. Cont. remain —

" 31 Still occasionally fretful but it seems to be her character. Health improved. Generally industrious & cheerful. C. remain

June 5 Still occasionally abusing her parents & reflecting on her early but on the whole improves

" 12 Has gone on well since last report. Feels less frequently & on the whole more cheerful & industrious. Has written a [illegible] letter to her husband & had an answer which has done her good. Cont. remain

" 16 Catamenia appeared on 13 & disappeared this morning. She has during this period been rather depressed as might have been expected. Today she is better. C. remain

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1844
June 20 Gastric mild. Arrangements are making for her going home for a short time preparatory to her joining her husband — C. continues

" 26 Improved daily & Menses every chance of the goes to her husband & cleared that she will continue well, but if she lives with her parents she will fall back in consequence of their mode of life & pecuniary dispositions. C. continues

" 29 Arrangements having been made she goes home to her parents for ten days & thence to her husband in Cumberland & she is therefore with due caution & advice this day discharged cured

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1844

June 4 Catamenia appeared on the 1st & she is still very unsettled. Fancies that the has had twins & that another patient Mrs Jones has come to nurse them. Asks very tenderly every day for the babies. Sometimes talks on other affairs, political matters & her own importance. Has unfortunately her power over the Queen & sometimes that she is the Queen herself. Thinks that she has opened orders for the stores here to be opened for the poor & more especially for the poor labouring patients. Is very [illegible] furious when thwarted. Succeeds. Continues

" 14 Catamenia ceased yesterday but there is expected as ever. Today is christening the doors furniture &c to ward off the plague which is at present prevalent & which christening can alone prevent. Talks of her supernatural power & her political influence. Inquires about the babies but not so frequently. Health tolerably good. Cont. continues

" 18 Has not been talking about the babies since last report & has ceased to christen the doors &c as full of her own importance as ever. Talks of her power & patronage. Is lavish of promises & those who are in her favor and as lavish of her threats of vengeance to those who offend or displease her. She is very capricious in her likings and dislikings. Has fancies the Physician to be her brother & is very amiable & quiet to him. Does not wish him to be liberated but complains loudly to others of the injustice of her detention. Regulates occasionally aperient medicine. Takes food well & sleeps sound for several hours in the early part of the night. Continues

Admitted 17 December 1842

1844
June 22 Has been quiet since last report. Employs her time in reading & needlework. Seldom speaks of Frobisher, for R. Sheaffe &c- but has the same delusions about them, the Physicians her own importance &c- as formerly. Health pretty good Cont: omnia

" 24 Has been more unsettled again yesterday & today. Raves of Mr Frobisher for R. A. Sheaffe & others, of her power & patronage, of Messengers &c- Complains of headach & heart. pulse 78. Tongue a little foul. Sumat Lact. pil. Alterat. q. v. & post horas Haust. Salin. effervesc. Cont. alia

" 25 Bowels have been freely moved but with the exception that she has no headach, she is the same as yesterday. Repet. medicamenta

" 26 Bowels have been freely moved & today she is pretty quiet & amicable. Engaged in reading & sewing. C. omnia

" 27 Again excited & very angry with the Lady Superintendent Mrs Mapleton whom she now deprives of all honors & pensions & banishes from Court. I good humoured to the nurse to whom she promises a large pension Quiescat. Cont: omnia

" 28 Still unsettled & angry at the Lady Superintendent as ever. Is however quiet at times & reads & sews a little Cont: omnia

" 30 Has taken the Lady Superintendent into favour & restored to her all her pensions & honors & was leaving yesterday & reading to day. Refuses to attend Divine Service, because it is not according to the forms of the Church of Scotland. Reads the Liturgy & Bible & to day is very quiet. Health tolerably good- Cont: omnia

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Barbara Ogilvie Ætt

1844

Feby 28 Came up in good humour. but was very unsettled. Went to bed quietly. Ordinary diet & regimen

— 29 Noisy during the night. very flighty but good humoured today. Cannot be engaged in any thing. Features becoming corrugated & assuming more of the maniacal expression. Tongue white, Bowels constipated. No undue heat of scalp. Pulse 76 rather feeble Appetite keen — Sumat hora somni pil. colocynth Comp ij & repet. pro re nata To be carefully watched. Cont. alia

March 5 Has been becoming more & more excited & noisy since last report. Is now destructive. Dances, sings, undresses herself asks for snuff, some & — preaches repeats scraps of poetry. Is very filthy in her habits. Bowels kept free by medicine. Appetite keen. Sleep for some & few hours towards morning. Tongue pretty clean & moist — C. omnia

— 8 Told the Lady Superintendent that she had been made much worse by a despatch by her brother Walter respecting some family matters & by the excitement produced by her attending two large parties. At times is pretty quiet & rational, at others in the same state as described in last report. Cont. omnia

— 11 In all respects the same except that she is rather more restless & has now begun to spit on every thing. Cont. omnia

— 12 More excited today. Dances, sings, undresses herself & the other patients tears her clothes, is very filthy. Incessantly asking for snuff, urine Bowels Constipated. Health otherwise good. Sumat omni nocte hora somni pil. alterata ij. To be restricted to sedate gallery. Cont. alia

Admitted 28 February 1844

1844
March 13 Noisy & troublesome, but happy & merry. Catamenia have not appeared since the crime here, nor for some months previously. Bowels kept regulated by medicine. Cont. omnia

" 17 Still destructive to her clothes. Raves about Hugh Norton & his concubines. Is always in good spirits, dances, sings & repeats poetry. Applies for snuff, wine &c. Catamenia have not appeared. Appetite good, Bowels kept regulated by medicine. Noisy & noisy in the early part of the night but slept towards morning. Cont. omnia

" 22 No change. Destructive to clothes, furniture & windows. Takes every opportunity of running down the Protestant Church. Raves on Church matters. As filthy as ever. Cont. omnia

" 24 By stumping with her heels has produced a sore on one of them which is purulent. This has kept her quiet so far. Constantly undressing herself & tearing her clothes. Appetite keen. Bowels kept regulated by medicine. Raves about the Free Church & is sure that she is to go to heaven

" 30 No improvement. Catamenia have not appeared. Functions otherwise natural. As destructive & filthy as ever. Incessantly asking for snuff, wine, porter, sweetmeats &c. Always merry & happy. Cont. omnia

April 5 Continues the same as formerly. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Cont. omnia

" 10 No change since last report. Cont. omnia

" 15 On the 10th & 11 was more excited than she has ever been & on the 12 & 13th there was some appearance of the Catamenia which were encouraged by foot bathing &c. without effect. Still continues very much excited, destructive & filthy. Raves about Hugh Norton

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Barbara Ogelvie Ætat

1844

April very excited & wishes to keep away ones. Under proper control of the Matrons very much improved Cont. omnia

" 20 Filthy, destructive & noisy Sing & dances. Rumi of all subjects but is not to excite as formerly. Cont. omnia

" 28 No change since last report Destructive, filthy & noisy Cont. omnia

May 4 No improvement with the exception that at times she is quiet. C. omnia

" 12 On the 7th & 8th was rather more excited. On 9th Catamenia appeared & ceased yesterday Health good, altogether improved Cont. omnia

" 20 No mental improvement Habits state filthy. Health good. Cont. omnia

June 1 Destructive, filthy & noisy. Imagines herself to be in heaven Is very merry, & anxious for snuff, sweetmeats & stimulants as ever. Cont omnia

" 10 Happy & merry, destructive & filthy, dances, talks & sings incessantly. Health good. Catamenia appeared on 5th & ceased on the 8th C. omnia

" 20 On the whole rather quieter Keeps better. Still filthy but not so much so as formerly At times pretty rational, but destructive & disinclined to attend herself. Health good Cont. omnia.

" 30 Though still unsettled is on the whole less so than hitherto Health good. Habits still somewhat filthy. Apt to pick & tear her clothes. Still anxious for snuff, wine & sweetmeats as ever. Cont. omnia

July 10. Improving rapidly and is daily becoming more rational and collected. Habits more correct and she does not now throw off her clothes as she formerly used to do. Bowels regular. Continue.

July 17 Denis last report she has been transferred to No 4 gallery and is now rational and collected in mind — Habits quite correct — A few days passed on Com. a two in the Lady Superintendents apartments with the other quiet and convalescent patients. Very anxious to know when she is to leave the Asylum as she has been informed of the feble health of her Father — Bodily health good. Appetite sleep and bowels natural — Cheerful and composed — Amuses herself in reading, needlework and music — Discharged.

Oct 11 May now be deemed Convalescent Bodily health good — Cheerful and happy in disposition — Attributes her rapid recovery to the porter which the Lady Superintendent gave her Expresses her gratitude for the attention which has been paid to her — Amuses herself with the pianoforte a good deal — Takes exercise in the open air —

" 31 Convalescence progresses steadily — May and will go home — Bodily health good — May be dismissed when her friends arrange for her coming home

Aug 5 Being in good bodily health & rational & collected in mind, she was this day at the request of her relatives discharged

Cured

Elizabeth Horse or Mrs Martin

1844

March 15 On admission quiet rather dejected. Appeared weak and exhausted. Went to bed. This morning restless & raving about priests, catholics & other matters incoherently. Can be got to answer however for a short time & answers questions rationally. Tongue dry & brown. Complexion sallow. Skin hot & dry. Urine scanty. Bowels constipated. Evacuations unhealthy. Says that her tongue & she is ill & much worse than when she was in the Asylum before. Blames ill management during her last confinement as the cause. Pulse. Ordered XXIV Limewater & ten grs. Iodide Potass. beef tea & arrow root & milk. C

— 16 Bowels have been moved. Pulse 100 small & feeble. Tongue rather dry. Complains of great debility. Mind very weak & at times quite bewildered. To have arrowroot jelly in addition to diet.

— 18 Pulse weak - pulse 90 small & feeble. Tongue moist & cleaner. Skin rather dry & hot but not quite so much as formerly. Catamenia have appeared profusely beginning yesterday. Some glandular swelling of neck under ear in the same place & similar to what occurred when here formerly. Is very restless. C. omnia

— 20 Catamenia continue very profusely to flow. In other respects the same except that her pulse has fallen to 80 & her skin has become cool. Rp Hyp. Potass Nitrat. Tinct. Cardamom Comp. āā ℥j. Aquæ ℥xiv. M. Sumat ℥ij ter quotidie. To have also a glass of Port wine twice a day. C. alia

— 22 Much the same. Put her feet in Catamenia have ceased running into the water just. Cont. omnia

Admitted 14 March 1844

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1844		
March 24		Has been very languid. Glandulous swelling increased. Mind more composed but very weak. Cont. omnia
"	28	Health improved. Mind stronger. Glandulous swelling in neck stationary Cont. omnia
April 5		Considerably improved since last report both in body & mind. The latter free from all delusion & much stronger though the complaint of vague fear during the night
"	10	Improving in mind rapidly but slowly in body. Glandulous swelling of neck diminished. Cont. omnia
	15	Mind stronger. Vague fear during the night has left her. Looks much better. Sleeps a little. Glandulous swelling nearly gone. C. omnia
"	20	Improved in all respects. Glandulous swelling of neck has disappeared Cont. omnia
"	26	Mind quite rational. Some hectic fever in the early part of the evening. No cough or expectoration. Wishes to see wife her husband & children & very amiable Cont. omnia
	30	Mind continues rational. Still hot in the evening & perspires in the early part of the night. Sleeps afterwards. Some breathlessness but no cough or expectoration On examination both lungs are found to be extensively tuberculated & it is probable that the suppuration stage will soon commence. Cont. omnia
"	10	Mind quite rational. Her husband has been recommended to send her to the Coast as the only means of arresting the pulmonary complaint C. omnia
"	16	Mind continues rational. Some slight cough with expectoration occasionally purulent. Hectic in the evening & early part of night Cont. omnia
	21	Arrangements having been made she was this day removed

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Elizabeth Horton Mrs Master

Although there is no prospect of her recovering her bodily health yet as the disease for which she was sent here has been removed & she is now & has been for a month past convalescent she is discharged

Cured

Note. After this patient left the Asylum she became enfeebled & when the Cough & purulent expectoration quickly increased & in about 3 weeks she died being rational to the last

Admitted 14 March 1844.

Janet Muirhead or Mrs Blair

1844

April 19 Complains bitterly of her unworthiness says that she has fallen from grace & good deeds — that everyone who knows her accords her — that she has abused her sister — that her face shews by its redness that she belongs to Satan — that she is sister to Cain & an fugitive & vagabond on the earth — that she has not a hole to put her head into. Skin hot. pulse 70 small & feeble. Tongue dry. Bowels constipated — Pupils contracted. Countenance sallow. Surface pale. Alienat. of. Mature. Ordinary diet & regimen.

" 20 Was with difficulty undressed last night & dressed this morning. Did not sleep — Was with difficulty kept in bed. Talks of the awful fate that awaits her. declares that the physician is not a doctor but a vagabond who wishes to seduce her & make her tenfold more sinful — Shrinks from any one else who approaches saying that her touch withers every thing. Could not be got to take the pills. Bowels have not been moved. Ament Station OL Ricini ℥ß. C. ulcin

" 21 With great difficulty the Castor oil was administered to her which has acted. Refuses food Has the same delusions. Cont omnia

" 22 Told Mrs Macpherson that she has been a widow for upwards of 20 years — that she lost her only child her son at the age of 22 who had been her only hope & comfort — that she was resigned & bore her grief as a Christian ought to do — that she has however since apostatized from Christ & the Church — that a fearful deadness of conscience has overtaken her — When visited by Dr Ritchieson she would not speak to him & resisted examination She afterwards told Mrs Macpherson that he was not the Physician but an Agent of Satan sent to

Admitted 19 April 1844.

1844
April tempt her to commit fornication because the physician of this big place must be a big strong burly man & he was there & not strong — that hitherto she has been virtuous but that in consequence of her apostacy she will be led astray & become unchaste — that she knows that an awful future awaits her. Takes table food. Bowels constipated & it is with difficulty she can be got to swallow even liquid medicine — Pills she cannot be got to take. To have Castor Oil, Sedlitz powders or Salts as can be most easily administered. C. ulcera

— 24 With difficulty got to take food & medicine. Bowels still confined. Can with great difficulty be undressed & put to bed as she believes that she is stripped & put to bed to make her more easily fall a prey to the enemy who is to seduce her. Cont. omnia

— 30 Has still the same delusions regarding her utter unworthiness — says that she is a Devil & has apostatized from God — that awful death & future punishment await her — State of pulse food in consequence as she states of her being unworthy to live. Pulse 68 & feeble Skin cold. To have two glasses of Port wine daily. White jalap alterative XXIII. Stimulating. to quotidie. Cont. alia

May 6 Still with difficulty got to take food. Will not make water indoors for fear of polluting the house. Mingles her hands. Dreads being ravished & is afraid to go to bed on that account. Says that the other ladies in the gallery are men in disguise placed there to ravish her. Bowels constipated. Blank [illegible] To have a blue pill & diploma in wine at night & Castor oil in the morning. Cont alia

— 12 Bowels still tend to be constipated

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May and the requires constantly to have medicine. No mental improvement. Cont. omnia

" 19 As unhappy & powerful as ever. Will not suffer any one to approach her lest he or she should be polluted by her guilt. Bowels never moved without medicine. Cont. omnia

" 26 No change either in mind or body. Cont. omnia

June 3 Very obstinate. Refuses her food on two grounds 1st ~~that~~ pregnancy she ought not to eat as she ought not to live for eating would only nourish her body for sale purposes — 2nd because the food contains something deleterious & calculated to make her unchaste. With difficulty got to take nourishment. Some Oedema of feet. Cont. omnia

" 8 Some Erysipelas of leg & foot — Oedema continues. Mind unimproved. Tongue foul — Bowels constipated. pulse 80 small & feeble. Sleeps very little. Legs to be bandaged Tobacco alterative powders & effervescing saline draughts Wine &c

" 14 Erysipelas ~~of leg~~ gone Oedema nearly reduced. Perplexed about her spiritual state. Alludes every thing which goes wrong to having taken food & wine &c. Cont. omnia

" 20 Erysipelas & Oedema gone. Mind more composed. Bowels more easily regulated by medicine Tongue pretty clean & moist Cont. omnia

" 30 Still feeble but takes food wine &c Bowels regulated by medicine. Mind much more composed. Sleeps better — Pulse less round & less numerous. On the whole improved. Cont omnia

July 1. Bodily health feeble. Appetite better & tate and she takes her wine and beef tea. Bowels regular. Looks thin & emaciated

Admitted 19 April 1844

Keeps her bed but rises occasionally from it when the nurse happens to leave her room. This morning she betrayed considerable agitation told the Lady Superintendent she saw fire coming up through the floor of her room. Warned all to retire and regarded them to leave her to perish alone. She was at length soothed and comforted but not until she had been removed to another apartment. Let her have some hot negus at bedtime and the nurse to sleep in the same room. Decoct 3

July 2. Passed a restless and unquiet night. moaned a good deal and did not appear to sleep much. This morning about 8 o'clock she suddenly became faint and when seen by the medical officer she was in a state of collapse. pulse scarcely perceptible at the wrist, skin cold, face pale and bedewed with perspiration. Extremities cold. Hot brandy and water was immediately administered and her feet were wrapped in hot flannels she shortly afterwards regained her consciousness and rallied. Bowels very feeble bowels regular. Appetite tolerably good. Mind weak and depressed. Let her have two pints of beef tea and three glasses of Port wine daily.

" 4. Since last report she has been more quiet and composed. Still keeps her bed but upon the whole her health is improved. Bowels regular, appetite moderate. Inclines more for liquids, taking her beef tea more readily than solid nutriment. R. Infus. Cinchon. frigid 3xvj Acid Muriat. dilut 3ij M. Sumat Cyathum communem bis quotidie. Cont. Beef tea and wine.

" 12. Has been sitting up yesterday and today and upon the whole has gained strength although her health is still very unsatisfactory. Tongue clean and moist, pulse 74 moderate strength pupils natural. Does not gain flesh. Legs and feet slightly oedematous towards evening. Bowels act without medicine. Mind weak and depressed. Speaks but little although it is evident she is fretting and that she still labours under imaginary fears although she will not speak of them. Cont. mixture as before. Infus. Cinchon. Beef tea & wine as before. Decoct.

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Susan Shields Ct

1844

May 4 Redemption yesterday was Calm & amiable. Rather restless during night. Answered questions today relevantly but looks bewildered Tongue pretty clean & moist pulse 80 small & feeble. Bowels have not been moved. Betray no delusions on examination but seems to be under restraint in speaking. States that she has been in bad health & gave her friends & others uneasiness. Recollects that she was thrown out of a gig but does not think that that has any concern with her present illness. Sumat pil alter. q. h. s & repet. pro re nata Ordinary diet & regimen

— 5 At most calm & composed but occasionally absent. Has been noisy all night & this morning ran up & down the saloon in her night gown, capering & slapping her naked limbs & talking incessantly Bowels have been moved Takes food. To be employed Cont. alia

— 7 Has been more noisy during the night & morning, but at visit tolerably composed.

— 9 Has been worse yesterday & today. Has been up all night & has in spite of the exertions of the nurse stripped her naked for the purpose as she says of promoting circulation till they are inflamed & blistered. Strips herself stark naked. Says that she sees spots of blood. To be carefully watched Water to be dropped. To have saline aperients.

— 12 Has some new delusions such as that God has instructed her to run up & down & slap herself to bring on the Catamenia & to hold her nose tightly that she may burst a small bloodvessel in her head & to be prevented from going mad. Habet pilulas Rhadat. Capullet. Effundat

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May Aq. frigd. cupt. ter quotidie Cont. alea —

" 16 Has been closely watched & prevented from stopping herself — from running up & down & stopping herself. Her old delusions however remain & the fancies besides that she has had a Baby. Cont. omnia

" 19 Habits exceedingly filthy. Fancies that she ought to eat her excrement & indulge in masturbation for the purpose of bringing on the Catamenia Her eyes are suffused occasionally & then she has apparent hemorrhage such as that the sheet & spots of blood on her hands. Requires to be watched day and night Cont. omnia

" 22 Somewhat more composed sleeps better — Less filthy but so full of delusions. At times melancholy. Cont. omnia

" 29 Has become more & more depressed during the last week Fancies that her soul is lost on account of her want of faith — that the bugs & vermin all around her. At times is pretty composed. Pulse 70 small & feeble Pupils dilated Bowels rather constipated — Scalp cool. Complexion somewhat sallow. Sumat omni nocte h. s. pil. alterna. Sumat cham mane nocturque hyps. Cinchon. ℥ij Frigd c. dcd. Mercurio ℥ij Cont. alea

June 7 State requires watching to prevent masturbation. Not so filthy — Pretty composed in general but sometimes weeps & at other times seems bewildered. Takes exercise in the open air for some hours daily & seems to be much the better of it — Cont omnia

" 12 On the whole somewhat better but still bewildered at times & generally depressed

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June Requires aperient medicine & constant attention —

" 20 Neither works since last report. Bewildered & unsettled. Tears clothes, breaks windows & destructive. Requires constant attention. Frequently reproaches herself about a love affair which she once had with Mr Brown who afterwards married another lady & she imputes her derangement to her want of perseverance or rather prudence in permitting him to take liberties with her such as embracing &c. Has a notion that her senses left her & not now filthy & addicted to masturbation. Cont omit

" 30 On the whole better — Not destructive. Habits correct. Health improved. Mind weak & bewildered. Cont omit

July 15. Continues bewildered and forgetful in manner and her mind is still very weak — Bodily health good. Walks out in the airing ground occasionally — Keeps her clothes no better than she formerly did but will now and then throw them off when she becomes troublesome. Habits latterly correct —

" 31. Not much further improvement — Sick has a tendency to undress herself and is inclined to lie in bed which however is not permitted. Weeps occasionally and speaks frequently upon religious subjects. Is very obstinate and violent if opposed in any manner and soon becomes unmanageable. Health good — Bowels regular Cont Mentana et Pilulæ —

Aug. 12. Talks a good deal about home and frequently speaks of her spiritual state. Weeps and laments her spiritual state. Inclined to throw off her clothes — Is very unsteady in purpose and changeable — Plays occasionally on the piano. Takes exercise in the open air. Bowels regular appetite good — Cont omit

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Aug. 30. Has been more composed of late and less prone to throwing off her clothes – Is very fond of music and frequently plays duets with the Lady superintendent – Takes exercise in the airing ground when the weather permits and does needlework – Mind weak and bewildered but she can frequently sustain a conversation upon ordinary subjects in a rational manner – Bodily health good – Cont. omitted.

Sept. 4. More unsettled than usual today – throws off her clothes and runs backwards and forwards through the gallery – incoherent and bewildered. Face somewhat flushed – extremities cold and clammy. Weeps frequently and speaks about the state of her soul – Bowels regular – Let her have a glass of hot negus at bedtime – Cont. medicament &c ab.

" 10. For the last five or six days she has been much better – So quite rational and collected in conversation – Speaks about home and her relatives and has written two very sensible letters – Has been very industrious and cheerful – Amuses herself with music in which she is making progress – Says when she hears sacred sounds she experiences a foretaste of heaven – Mind active – habits correct – Cont. omitted

" 30. Has been going on well since last report with occasional intermissions of short duration – Bodily health good – Mind rational. C. O.

Oct 4. Catamenia present. Depressed and hysterical. Cried a good deal – Mind excitable – Let her remain in bed –

" 12. Mind although for the most part rational still at times appears weak – Inclined to converse upon religion and love matters and occasionally appears erratic – Health improves –

" 19. Mind still fanciful but she can usually control herself and converses rationally – Imagines she has some great Christian work to perform and wishes to see her way clearly before her – Still excited at times but she always behaves with propriety – Health good. Cont. omitted

" 29. Improves steadily in mental strength. Takes exercise in the open air and amuses herself in reading and music. Is very amiable and quiet in manner. There is still great inclination to talk about love but she controls herself when reproved – Cont. omitted

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Jean Caldwell or Mrs White: ætatis

1844 July 25. On admission pulse 110 moderate strength tongue foul, brown in centre, lips dark and chapped, pupils extremely dilated. Extremities cold and clammy. Raves deliriously and is constantly crying out for spirits. Other limbs and face anasarcous and so swollen to double their ordinary size. Body bedewed with perspiration. She appears to be labouring under the effects of intoxicating liquids and it was stated by the friends that before her removal here today she had partaken freely of wine and whiskey - and had also swallowed their breakfast consisting of ham and potatoes. There is considerable tremor of muscles and she cannot carry a glass steadily to her mouth. Says she is cold and benumbed and requests to have some toddy. She was immediately placed in bed. R. Ammon Carb. ℥j. Aquæ Unc. ℥j Spt. Æther Nitric. ℥ss. Mistæ acetat. - ℥j. Acidi Citrici ℥ss. ft. Pulvis. Ter met Haust. e pulvere ; 3tia q.q. hora in acetum effervescat. Let her have Rice tea & bread for diet and a glass of brandy in hot water at bedtime. Lucis cat.

" 26. Pulse 100 good strength, tongue white foul, pupils dilated. Complains less of thirst but she still exhibits a strong desire for spirits and is constantly asking for them. Delirium has subsided this morning and she answers questions relevantly. Slept tolerably last night after her brandy & water. Bowels have acted once and her appetite is voracious. Anasarca of limbs and face scarcely diminished. Temperature of surface natural. Says she has no headache. Rather anxious as to her state and appears fearful lest it should turn out fatal. To have two glasses of Ferry during the day. Cet: alia:

8 p.m. The tremor which had not been so perceptible this morning again became evident this evening and she now raves deliriously as at first. Imagines people are in the room - gets up from her bed and knocks at the door. Appears frightful and anxious - Has all the symptoms of a marked case of delirium tremens, the restlessness and suspicion and the fear of impending danger - Let her have a glass of brandy in hot water immediately and repeat it in two hours should she not sleep. Lucis cat.

July

Admitted July 25. 1844.

July. 27. Slept pretty soundly after the second glass of brandy and this morning has regained her composure— pulse 98 moderate strength. tongue cleaning— pupils very dilated— passes a great quantity of limpid urine— Legs and feet less swollen but the face and hands are little very oedematous, Bowels have not acted today— Appetite still very keen— Thirst less— Skin pure warm and moist— There is considerable tremor and weakness of limbs— Mind collected— Cries out for spirits as before and will not allow the medical officer to leave the room until he had promised her some wine—
Cont. Haust effervesc. Sumat j ter quotidie
℞. Hydrarg. c. Creta gr. xxx. Pulv. Rhei gr. xij
Pulv. Aromat gr. v. M. Divide in pulveres. iij
Sumat j omni 4ta hora cum Haust. sedativ. omitt.
Let her have a glass of sherry three times a day in sugar with a teaspoonful of Spt. Nitre in each dose— Linseed.

" 29. Oedema of feet almost gone— Face and hands much less swollen. Still some light tremor but she is gradually becoming stronger— Sleeps tolerably well at night and is quiet during the day. Betrays a great inclination for ardent spirit and says the sherry is not strong enough for "she wants Whiskey." Medicine operates freely on her bowels and she passes four or five liquid evacuations per diem of a dark bilious and unpleasant nature. Urine copious and limpid. Thirst less urgent— No headache or giddiness. Is cheerful and contented when she gets her wine and she takes her medicine freely. Appetite very good— Perspires a good deal.
Treatment. Haust. effervesc. Cont. Pulveres ex Hydr. c. Creta et sedativ. Let her have her sherry as before and ordinary diet—

" 31. Looking well. Is daily gaining strength— Tremor has disappeared— Bowels still very relaxed— Evacuations natural colour— Urine free. Skin of natural & hand temperature— Oedema of legs gone and her face is now only slightly swollen. Sleeps very well at night and takes her whole diet with a relish. Is anxious to get up and go into the gallery to see some of her old friends— Laughs and talks now in her ordinary style and says she shall soon be well. Intermit. & medicament. omitt— Cont. vinum. Let her rise—

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Mary Nelson. Ætat 5

1844. July. 30 On admission was perfectly quiet and apparently unconcerned as to her position when spoken to answered in monosyllables and appeared disinclined to be taken notice of. Bodily health apparently good. Pulse 72 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Mind evidently weak. Diet. Milk. Let her have ordinary diet and regimen.

Aug. 6. Very tractable and well conducted in manner. Does not mix with or associate with her fellow patients and appears inclined to be alone. During the night she frequently rises from her bed, knocks at the door and scolds imaginary persons whom she fancies are outside her room. Bowels somewhat constipated, breath offensive. Appetite good. Seems confused in her ideas and when employed in needlework she does it in an imperfect manner. Betrays a petulant and ill natured disposition at times and when spoken to avoids if possible making any reply. Seems extremely fond of music, listens attentively when the piano is played and occasionally touches the instrument herself. Ordered pil. Aloet. co. ℈ i. s. alt. qq noctis. ℞ Infusi Sennæ ℥ ij. Sodæ Bicarb. ℈ ij. M. Sumat cyath. primo mane hora quarta.

" 31. Improved considerably in her manner and behaviour. Works diligently at her needle and appears more collected. Less reserve and taciturnity of late. Occasionally mutters, scolds and talks to herself and particularly when alone in her bed at night. Bodily health good. Bowels regular by medicine. Cont. omnia.

Sept. 13. Agreeable in manner. Contented and cheerful. Converses now freely. Mixes more with her fellow patients and daily spends the morning with the Lady Superintendent, listening to the piano forte and occasionally playing herself. Is very obedient and tractable. Works at her needle diligently. Takes exercise in the open air. Still talks to herself and inclined to scold when alone. At night occasionally knocks at her bedroom door but not so frequently as formerly. Bodily health good. Bowels regular. Mind upon the whole more active and collected. Cont. omnia.

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Sept 30. Very restless at night. Frequently rises from her bed and beats at the door of her room disturbing her fellow patients. Talks and scolds during the night, imagins some one is in the room. Works at her needle very diligently and sometimes goes up to the Lady Superintendents room in the morning with the other patients. Is very reserved and cautious in manner never entering into conversation & appearing to notice what is said by others. Bodily health good. Appetite and bowels natural. Feces oat.

Oct 30. Mind very weak and childish. Rarely speaks and seems disinclined to mix with or take notice of any of her fellow patients. Answers questions in monosyllables and turns away her head in a bashful and childish way. Has a strong propensity for snuff, and spirits or wine and whenever she can evade the nurse and get at the wine she immediately drinks it up. Tries to get it from the other patients. Bowels sluggish and requiring occasional doses of aperient medicine. Looks stout and healthy. Goes out into the airing ground when the weather is fine. Still very noisy at night, talks loudly claps her hands and scolds some imaginary being the imajanes is in her room. Cannot pd. Alteratives & tonic sommin pro re nata. Coat ahce.

Nov. 30. No improvement in mental state. Still evinces a strong desire for wine snuff and other stimulants. Very irritable in manner if found fault with, scolds, claps her hands and stamps with her feet. Returns the tea trays and breaks the cups and saucers. At other times she appears still and quiet. Reserved in manner and gentle and docile. Works well at her needle. Appears very fond of music and will try to play the piano herself but immediately relinquishes it if she imagines she is observed. Rests badly at night. Coat. mania.

Dec 31. No improvement in any respect. Has been seen by her friends lately. Health good. Bowels regular. The following has been prescribed for her by the physicians. R. Potas. Hydriodat. Liquor. Taenia by th. Cannel & Ferri Sulphat. Extract Mist. ex Soda Bicarb. &c.

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Ann Morrison or McWalker. Admis

1844. Aug. 10. On admission appeared exhausted and thin. There is evident excitability both in expression of countenance and in manner very voluble and inclined to laugh hysterically. Pulse 100 small, tongue clean, pupils dilated. hair dishevelled. Skin of ordinary temperature. Could not converse rationally on any subject but was disposed to scold. Let her be placed in No 1 tonight. To have a glass of sherry wine at bedtime and ordinary diet.

" 11. Passed a very restless night. rose from her bed, turned everything upside down. sat at the door of her room and cried and raved incessantly. The nurse has considerable difficulty in getting her to take food. Says there is poison in it. Very filthy in her habits and destructive. Bowels open. Attempts to strike and bite the attendants. Pulse 96 moderate strength, tongue moist and clean, pupils slightly dilated. Temperature of surface natural. No tender heat of scalp. Let her be removed to refractory ward. Medicine seemed to produce alteration by h. s. at 99. mouth no tedious vicem. Continue wine at bedtime.

" 13. Paranoia fluent. very excitable and restless. Declares her food is poisoned and dreads to partake of it. Hands and feet cold. Expression wild and maniacal. Shouts about her room declaring she is a queen. Raves and makes use of filthy and pompous language. Bowels have acted. Let her have a pint of beef tea daily and two glasses of sherry. — Continue.

" 17. Filthy and destructive. Tears her linen and attempts to break whatever comes in her way. Countenance and manner highly maniacal. Bites and fights with the nurse. Raves incoherently and is very quiet. Sleeps occasionally during the night but only at intervals and for a very short time. Appetite better. Now inclined to take her food. Bowels regular from the pills. Rep. pilulæ. Cont. omnia.

" 19. Not so violent in manner but still very incoherent in conversation. Takes her food tolerably well and upon the whole looks better. Filthy in her habits and inclined to break and destroy the furniture and glass. Takes her pills but not without considerable resistance. Let her be freed from seclusion. Rep. pil. R. Infusi cusp. duo Brandi ℥j Vini Cantharidis Mxv bis quotidie. Cont. alia.

Aug.

Sept.

Admitted August. 10. 1844.

Aug. 26. Since last report she has been allowed to walk about the open ward. Takes her medicine but with great disinclination. Appetite capricious and she often refuses her food under the idea that there is poison in it. Calls the Medical Officer Mr Irving and the Lady Superintendent Mrs Nicholson. Bodily health improves. Bowels regular. Coat. omnia.

Sept. 1. Still imagines that she gets poison in her food. Refuses to take her medicine unless by force. Has paroxysms of violence at which times she stamps on the floor raves and cries. Fights with the nurse and attempts to bite and scratch her. Tries to drag her by the hair and tears her clothes. She is very dangerous at these times and it requires two attendants to control her. Still filthy and careless as to her personal appearance. C. O.

" 10. No very great improvement. Takes her food more readily and upon the whole her paroxysms of excitability are less frequent. Still filthy in her habits and pays no attention to her personal appearance. Raves incessantly but is little troublesome and does not attack the nurses so readily. Bowels regular. Liniment Belladonna & Camphor. Pot. et Infus. Lavandulæ Co. Infus. Cinchonæ Co. Acid. Nitro. dil. Zj. M. ft. a wineglassful twice a day. Potio febrilis statim sumenda si h. s. p. r. n. Vesicat. ad brachium.

" 18. Upon the whole more quiet but her conversation is very incoherent. More attentive to her personal appearance and has been sitting occasionally in the nurses room. Has dislocated the distal phalanx of her thumb of right hand which has been reduced. Stated that she received the injury from a fall out of bed. Still calls the medical officer Mr Irving and the Lady Superintendent Mrs Nicholson. Bowels regular, Appetite good more quiet at night and less filthy in her habits. Good humoured and cheerful. Coat. omnia.

" 21. Improving steadily. Sits in the nurses room and has begun to do a little sewing. Mind gains strength and she is cheerful and contented. Habits correct. Sleeps well at night and there have been no paroxysms of excitement latterly. Bowels regular, appetite good. To be transferred to No 1. Coat. omnia.

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1844. Aug: 31. was brought to the asylum this evening — appeared very depressed and melancholy but made no objection to remain after her friends left. Bodily health seems feeble pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean pupils natural. Has refused her food for some days and imagines she has been getting large quantities of opium. Wrings her hands and moves her head to and fro as if in a state of despair. Was placed in bed and induced to take a glass of thin negus — Ordinary diet & regimen — 2 mist

Sept 1. passed a tolerable night. This morning she was induced after much persuasion to take her breakfast on being assured that there was no poison in it. Appears labouring under fear of some impending danger — At times very agitated, rocking backwards and forwards in bed — Appears disinclined to rise & to associate with her fellow patients. Let her have a glass of thin negus for dinner — Sumat h. s. pil. Alterativi ij —

" 4. pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean pupils natural. Bowels rather low — Appetite much improved and she takes food more readily — sleeps pretty well at night but sometimes appears inclined to rise and cry as if from fear — Asks what is to be done with her — Greens and socks herself as before — Upon the whole however she has improved —
Sumat pil. Alterativi ij h. s. alt. q. q. noctis
℞ Infusi Cascarillæ ℥xij. Tinct Bicarb Potassæ ℥ij M
Sumat ℥ss bis quotidie.

" 5. Still restless and uneasy. Says she fears that by her own imprudence in saying before leaving home that she was getting opium in her food or some poisonous thing, she has sealed her fate and that destruction will soon follow. Bodily health slightly improved. Takes exercise in the open air occasionally — Mind very weak — Her Brother informed the Lady Superintendent that her first attack occurred some years prior to her marriage with Mr Cook and was occasioned by a disappointment in love. Depression & fretfulness followed and to thought the union with Mr Cook & the family had not been calculated to render her very happy or comfortable from dissimilarity of temper and straightened circumstances. Refuses her skimy but takes her food & medicine — Cat: comma:

Admitted August. 31. 1844.

Sept. 12. Has taken an idea into her head today that she is implicated in something that has happened amiss to the government and that she shall suffer punishment in consequence. Very fidgetty and restless. Walks about the gallery and takes her food well. Decreased.

" 16. For the last night or two she has been more restless and noisy. Bodily health improves. Mind weak and depressed and full of gloomy fancies. Says the fears being deserted by all and cast out to wander through the world. Thinks she is to be treated thus in consequence of her having refused to take some medicine before leaving home assigning as her reason that it was poison. Says for this insinuation the devil & his friends have brought ruin and desolation on every body and her too. Takes her food readily and is up and dressed during the day.
Bowels regular. Coat: omnia.

" 30. Mind gloomy and depressed. Thinks she is doomed to some severe punishment and suffering. Walks about her room wringing her hands and objects occasionally to take nourishment. Bodily health feeble. Pulse 78 moderate strength. Tongue moist. Pupils slightly dilated. Bowels regular. Coat: omnia.

Oct. 9. No improvement in any respect. Bodily health feeble. Still restless and uneasy begging for mercy. Hopes she shall not be turned out into the fields or the dogs let loose upon her. Has a great aversion to take her wine or indeed any liquid as the fears poison is mixed in it. Was tried out for a walk but attempted to run off although she is scarcely strong enough to walk. Circulation languid. Feet inclined to swell. Countenance anxious. Bowels regular, tongue clean. Coat: omnia et alia.

" 16. Still very depressed. Anxious about the state of her soul. Wrings her hands and groans. Talks about death and her mind appears to brood over the most painful ideas. Thinks she is to be put into a dark cellar naked. That she is to be hunted with dogs and to be branded on the back with hot irons. Health feeble, appetite small, bowels slow. Feet inclined to swell. Pulse 70 small. Tongue white. Decreased pel. Albumen ℥ i. d. p. c. n. Coat. alia.

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Agnes Lee or Mrs McAlpine states

1844 Sept. 4. On admission appeared dejected and restless - Expressed great dissatisfaction at the proceedings of her Husband in bringing her here and hoped her stay would not be too many hours. Requested the Lady Superintendent to place her among the paupers particularly if there was any probability of her detention here being protracted. Her friends not having brought with her a good supply of clothes her little stock would soon be exhausted and then when almost naked she could not continue in her present position. Complains of having occasional headache. Looks very unhealthy. Skin and conjunctiva yellow & suffused. Breath offensive, tongue white. pulse 78 - moderate strength, pupils natural - Let her have ordinary diet. Sumat pil. Alterativ decas alternis 2da. nocte.

" 8. Very disinclined to take her food and resists forcibly when the pills are administered So very cross and ill tempered - Struts about the gallery and replies to questions in a haughty manner. Says she has no right to be here. Her Husband should not have removed her from her children. Recommends the physician to send her away or if he does not he need not expect to get her expenses paid. Upbraids her relations for placing her here under false pretences and declares there is nothing the matter with her. Bowels have acted regularly - C. L.

" 12. Has been less ill natured to day - Takes her food better. Still declares she is quite well and ought not to be detained here - The only plea they could have had for confining her was perhaps that she had given way a little in her temper. Bowels rather slow Sumat pil. foetid c Ol. Croton; h. s. -

" 13. Complexion slightly improved, tongue white, pupils natural. Rests tolerably well at night. Very cross this morning scolds every person she meets because she is not permitted to go into Glasgow and see her children. Declares she shall do as she pleases here, that no person has any authority over her and that it is all a scheme of her Husband in sending her here as he merely wished to get rid of her. Bowels acted freely after the croton pill formerly prescribed. Let her have a glass of sherry per diem. Cont. pilulae ut antea. reginem ut stat -

Sept. 1

Admitted September 4. 1844.

Sept. 18 I saw the lady superintendent a long account of some family dissentions this morning. Said she was very desirous to return home to live with her children and declares there is nothing wrong with her. "Her domestic duties engrossed her attention more than perhaps they ought to have done and produced irritability of temper which caused dissentions. Her Husband had availed himself of this circumstance to get her removed from her home." In addition to this she stated that he was very intimate with the cook who was now in the family way. In consequence of the Master's attentions to her she considered herself quite superior to her Mistress, was insubordinate in her behaviour and rendered Mrs C.'s life quite unhappy. Because she wished to exercise her authority over this servant her husband became restless and in retaliation he sent her to the Asylum. Was apparently quite rational in manner during the whole time she was detailing the above. Said it was all very well for the Medical officer to call in daily and see her but they little knew the whole state of the case. Did not know how to act and regarded Mr Chapleson's advice. Bodily health still unsatisfactory, bowels regular. Takes her food. Cont. omnia

" 25. Has improved considerably in bodily health since last report. Appetite good, bowels regular. Complexion more clear. Takes exercise in the airing ground when the weather permits. Mind still inclined to brood over ideas connected with the behaviour of her husband, and she still imagines that he has sent her here merely to afford a better opportunity for his habits of infidelity. Very sarcastic and sometimes impertinent in her remarks to the Lady Superintendent. Bowels regular, Catamenia

" 30. Health keeps good. Employs herself in needlework and occasionally reads a little. Very reserved in manner and frequently asks when she is to leave the Asylum, saying "surely you cannot say there is anything the matter with me now." Denies that she was ever insane. Determined and obstinate when she wishes to do any thing and is very impatient of control. Bowels regular Appetite good. Cont. omnia

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Elizabeth Ross or Mrs Young. Ætatis

1844. Sept. 6 Was quiet and depressed on admission. Pulse 98 moderate strength, tongue moist but white, pupils natural. Skin clammy. Mind dejected, frets and bewails her present situation. Says there is nothing wrong with her, that over anxiety about domestic affairs and her children and giving way to passion in some quarrels with her relatives were the causes of her being sent here. Tremulous and agitated in manner. It has been stated that she had been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors to excess. Let her have a glass of wine at bedtime. Ordinary diet and regimen. Sciuscat.

" 7. Keeps her bed. Did not sleep well last night. Very reserved and disinclined to converse. Complains of weakness and pain in the back. Pulse 90 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Very tremulous and nervous. Let her have a glass of brandy immediately and repeat it at bedtime. ℞ Ammon Bicarb 3j Mist: Camphor 3ij. Tinct. Card. Comp. Tinct Valerian. Volat: aa 3j M. Sumat Cyathum cinereum ter quotidie.

" 8. Still very dull and depressed. Refused her brandy last night and preferred taking a glass of wine saying she was afraid how about her would be construed as an opinion that she was fond of Spirits. Takes her medicine. Complains of pain in back and general lassitude. Keeps in her room and is averse to mingle with the other patients. Says she is too frequently unwell and the catamenial discharge is very profuse. which has weakened her bodily strength much. Pulse 90 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist but tremulous, pupils slightly dilated. Bowels slow. Let her have two glasses of sherry daily. Cont. Mistura diet and regimen.

" 10. Keeps bitter of late. Complains as before of debility and pain in back and loins. Tremor rapidly disappearing. Appetite tolerably good, bowels requiring aperient medicines. Inclined to remain in bed and is very disinclined to associate with her fellow patients. Pulse 84 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Will not take her wine for fear of being suspected by others of being fond of stimulants. Intend into a long

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conversation with the Lady Superintendent this morning told her that her relations and the medical man who attended her had quite mistaken her complaint and had imputed her conduct to insanity. That during the time she was suffering from an ill state of health which reduced her strength very much she thought that a single glass of port wine daily would be of service to her and she took it. When the Doctor heard of this he went into a violent rage and forbade her ever tasting it for the future. At another time she accidently upset a flower pot which nearly hurt her child and her son told her that she did it on purpose. This is now preying on her mind and she feels related in being separated from her family and home. Dormat pil. Alterat. ij h. s. pro re nata. Cont. diæta.

" 12. Catamenia appeared today very perfectly. Depressed and dull. Let her remain in bed. Intermit. medicamenta.

" 18. More alert and active. Speaks more freely and upon the whole is reconciled and satisfied with her treatment here. Still inclined to fret about her children. Answers questions relevantly. Bowels regular. Appetite good. Employs herself in needlework. Cont. palatia. Intermit. mixtura. Let her have a pint of porter daily. Ordinary diet.

" 30. Bodily health improves. Very quiet and reserved in manner. Works at her needle and behaves well. Mind composed and rational. Cont. omnia.

Oct. 16 Catamenia fluunt. Discharge less profuse. Says she is liable to fainting fits on these occasions but has not had them since her residence here.

" 18. Catamenia desinunt. Is now in her ordinary state. Diligent, industrious and composed. Anxious to hear of her children and begins to wish to go home. Bodily health improves. C. O.

" 31. Says she feels infinitely in better health now than she has been for a long time past. Quiet and collected in mind. Health good. Pro mixtura detur.

Nov. 30 Has been gradually convalescing during the past month. Health quite restored. Makes herself very useful in the ward and behaves kindly to all. May be shortly dismissed. Cont. omnia.

Dec. 19. Being in good health and rational in mind she was this day dismissed.

Cured.

July. 13. Bowels have not acted since yesterday morning - Restless and anxious - Less inclined to take food today. Tongue foul, breath offensive. Ammet 3ij. R. Tinct Hyos 3ss Sommi 3 iij ter quotidie. Mane et Nocte

" 14. Medicine has not yet operated - Inclined to keep her bed and to give way to her melancholy ideas. Pulse 72 moderate strength, tongue foul in centre, lips dry. Continue Ammet. Sedulity omnia bona alia. Respond - Cont. vinum -

" 15. Bowels acted freely last night and she is this morning much relieved - Cont. misturam et Infus Cinchon - Let her have the wine and beef tea as before -

" 18. Bowels sluggish and requiring occasional doses of medicine - Appetite small, tongue clean - Has kept her bed today and appears depressed and melancholy - Speaks very little - Looks thin and wasted Takes her wine but with some hesitation Let her have a sedulity powder occasionally in the morning. Cont. vinum et regimen -

" 19. Pulse 72 moderate strength, tongue moist and clean, pupils natural. Countenance anxious, skin dingy. Conjunctivæ suffused No pain on pressure over abdomen - Bowels open this morning - Looks languid and depressed - Appetite fastidious - Cont Misturam - Ammet pulv. Alterativ gr. x ter quotidie - Vinum & Beef tea as before -

" 25. Since last report she has kept her bed and appears to be gradually becoming weaker although there is no indication of active disease. Takes her beef tea and wine freely and occasionally a little solid food but she neither gains strength nor flesh - Mind depressed and gloomy. Sleeps pretty well at night - Bowels regular - Cont. omnia.

" 31. No improvement either in bodily or mental state - Rather restless during the night but sleeps frequently and soundly in the day time - Mind depressed and fearful of some impending danger - Fancies she is likely to get into difficulties and appears to be always impressed with gloomy forebodings - Is very weak and emaciated - Nothing she takes appears to strengthen her although her appetite is by no means bad - Cont Mist et pulv. Let her have 4 glasses of port daily. -

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Aug 5. Has latterly been threatened several times with diarrhoea and this morning has passed several evacuations of a liquid and unpleasant character. Bodily health gradually failing. Has been removed to a single room apart from the gallery for the convenience of her friends sitting with her. Takes nourishment in small quantities. Looks very thin and haggard. Speaks but seldom. Let her have a glass of brandy in addition to the wine ordered. Pulse 84 per. Cortex ℈x bis quotidie. Let her have also medicament. Cont diet & regimen.

" 7. Diarrhoea which was checked by the powders again occurred this evening with increased force. Motions thin and offensive. Was seen by Dr McGarvie who prescribed ℥ij H. Ricini & ℥. Opii ♍xx.

" 8. Vomited the medicine after having kept it on her stomach for about two hours. Bowels less relaxed and she appears more composed this morning. Takes but little food and objects to the wine which however is given to her. So gradually becoming weaker.

" 12. Takes her wine and beef tea but refuses the Brandy. Pulse 72 small, tongue clean. Bowels regular. Mind weak. Legs edematous. Bandages have been applied. There is a small slough forming on the back. Takes small doses of Tinct at bedtime in arrowroot. Cotton has been applied over the slough.

" 18. Continues to become gradually weaker. Slough slightly extending and a fresh one is forming in its neighbourhood. Left leg and foot very much swollen. Takes a little wine and at night an egg in her food. Bowels act regularly. So troubled with the mucous which is secreted from the bronchiæ not having strength to throw it off. So evidently fast sinking.

" 25. No change excepting in the gradual decay of the vital powers. Cannot move without assistance. Expectoration difficult. Leg edematous. Slough increases in size. Takes a little liquid nourishment.

" 28. So rapidly becoming weaker. Mind somewhat more collected. Has considerable difficulty in respiration. Pulse small and feeble. Countenance anxious. Takes scarcely any nourishment.

" 29. Much worse. So evidently dying. Pulse scarcely perceptible. Deglutition difficult. Small quantities of nourishment & Stimulus were frequently administered but without benefit and this morning about 7 o'clock she

Died.

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1844. Aug. 1. Has been sitting up both yesterday and today. Has now regained her usual appearance and is beginning to bustle about the gallery. Is very cheerful and facetious in her conversation and does not refer to her late admission here. Bowels regular, appetite good. Looks rather thin. Sleeps well. Occasionally asks for Spirits and is always better tempered after she gets her wine. Pulse 84 good strength, tongue clean and moist. pupils slightly dilated. Skin cool. No thirst. Her relatives report that the catamenia have been suppressed for some time. R. Ricini Lodoe Zij. Infusi Senegæ Oj. Mist. Sennæ Cyathum unum mane bis quotidie. Continuat fil. Alterativi ij hora somni 2da q.q. nocte. Cont. unum et alia

" 3. Continues to improve. Appetite good, bowels regular. Gave the Lady Superintendent an account of what passed in her mind at the time she was admitted. Told her she fancied that she was attired in breeches and black boots and that she had been kidnapped by a band of robbers of whom Mrs Mapleson was the head and mistress, that Mr White had suffered her to be so removed as a punishment for some imagined crime which she deeply blamed him for. Once when she had been weeping the nurse inquired the cause of her sorrow she replied "no wonder I greet when I am left so young a widow". Appeared that her Husband was dead and buried. Cont. omnia.

" 5. Exhibited her trinkets to the Lady Superintendent this morning and said she was now sensible and recovered. Smiled a good deal to day and talked of writing to Law agents at Perth to place her in a more suitable place to her birth & education. Said she liked polished & enlightened companions and not such ones as those about her. Health improves Cont. omnia.

" 8. Not so well today. Is very irritable and loquacious. Imagined herself at Perth when fancied she was in a house where every one was to be murdered and that to save her life she must lie on her stomach on the Carpet. Talks about her jewels, fortune and her connections "Perhaps she is an Infanta as it is not

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wonderful for a married lady to be so.
Said she had been out to a dinner party
where they drugged her wine. She felt into
a state of insensibility which lasted for a
week. Imagines there are attempts being
made even now to poison her. Pretends to
feel cold and benumbed and is constantly
crying for wine, meat and drink. Mind
very erratic and inattentive. Let her be
kept in bed. To have a glass of hot negus
at bedtime in addition to her present wine.
Bowels regular, tongue clean. Quiescat.

" 9 Became quite maniacal this morning
rose from her bed and contrived to break
some window glass - the shutter having
been let down for a small space. She
was removed to the refractory ward as
her talking disturbed the other patients.
Soon became composed and said she
would not be questioned about her doings
as she was quite able and willing to atone
for her deeds by money.

" 10. Still excited at intervals when she talks
and scolds in a loud tone of voice.
Told the Lady Superintendent that Lady
Glasgow had sent her a Baby this morning
for White being the Father. Throws off her
linen and is very restless. No heat of
scalp. Pulse small and thready, pupils
dilated, extremities cold. Let her have
Bij of Sherry in hot water four times a
day. Cont. seclusion. Ordinary diet.

" 13 No improvement since last report
bowels regular. Takes her food and
medicine regularly. Can control herself
if she pleases but when visited she talks
herself into a state of excitement.
Has been filthy today in her habits. Inclined
to scold and to be destructive. Raves
about a white hen that came into her
house when she had a dinner party and
caused a great disturbance. Speaks
about a family quarrel between the Hamiltons
and Mr White. Says her fortune is from
£1000 to £3000 that her descent is high and
that lately a Countess had claims hindered
with hers. Raves about her jewels and her
law agents. Speaks frequently of her Husband.
Pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean
and moist, pupils somewhat dilated. Is
better after her negus. Cont. wine and diet.
Let her be kept in seclusion. Quiescat.

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1844. Aug. 15. More composed in manner although still much disposed to rave. Sleeps better at night. Anxious to go back to No 1 gallery. Bowels regular, appetite good. Temperature of surface natural. Has been employing herself in needlework. Told the Lady Superint that she had received two offers of marriage from two Lords one of whom sent her a splendid diamond brooch and said Mr White had no objections to her union with both or either of these gentlemen and the Court was sitting today on her case. Said she had her thumb very much bruised in the jail and the Doctors were now infusing mercury into her veins through this wound. Declared she was swollen and blue looking owing to it and felt quite cold. Speaks frequently about the dinner party formerly noted where she was made tipsy and lay insensible for days. Let her be transferred to No 1. To have three glasses of sherry per diem. Cont. Mistura ab pil. Omnia cet.

" 17. Patiencia fluent. More quiet today. Occupies herself busily in washing her clothes, the furniture and her own person. Bulimia rare and she talks a great deal of nonsense, says she has had a Baby and two offers of marriage. Omnia cet.

" 31. Has steadily improved since last report and is now quiet, composed and less inclined to talk about her former fancies. Employs herself in the gallery. Assists the nurse as she formerly used to do when in the Asylum before. Washes the furniture and her clothes and is never so well pleased as when she is dabbling in water. Bodily health good. Appetite deep and bowels natural. Cont. omnia.

Sept 12. Continues much the same. Employs herself as formerly. Talks freely as she has already done and appears in good humour with every one. Fancies she hears voices of Gentlemen at night proposing marriage to her. Tells long and marvellous stories about her trinkets, property and her Husband & self. Bodily health good. Omnia cet.

" 18. Has been tolerably composed since last report with the exception when she became excited & broke a window. Attributed this to being absent from Mr White. Mind weak and erratic. Bodily health good. Cont. omnia.

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Sept. 30. Cheerful and good humoured. Talks and laughs during the greater part of the day. Appears quite satisfied with her present position and reproves the other patients when the complain of being kept in the Asylum. Mind very weak and full of absurd fancies. Talks of her wealth and high connections. Still exhibits a strong desire for spirits and other intoxicating liquids and frequently asks for wine &c. Health tolerably good. Appetite sleep and bowels natural — Cont: omnia.

Oct. 18. Amuses herself in knitting and in assisting the nurse in sweeping the galleries and bedrooms. Is never more cheerful than when actively engaged in domestic employments. Sings and laughs incessantly and keeps the whole ward in good spirits — Occasionally speaks of her husband but never expresses a wish to see him or to return home — Appetite very good. bowels regular, sleeps well at night. Mind though weak very acute and she frequently takes to task her fellow patients when they exhibit any irritability of temper or desire to infringe on the rules of the ward — Quiescat.

" 31. Takes exercise in the open air when the weather permits. Amuses herself as before in knitting and sewing. Behaves very well — Occasionally exhibits traces of her old predilection for wine and spirits — asks for them frequently upon the score of weakness — Mind active but fanciful. Health good. Quiescat.

Nov. 15. Industrious and cheerful. Works diligently assisting the nurses and making herself generally useful. Insists on sweeping the carpets and doing other domestic work and becomes irritable if prevented. Has taken a great fancy for a cat and amuses herself in washing it which she does several times daily — Bodily health good. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. No mental improvement. Cont: omnia.

" 30. No change since last report. Health good — Cont: omnia.

Dec. 15. Mind weak and full of absurd ideas respecting her own importance and that of her relatives. Cheerful and good tempered and very anxious to please — Bodily health good. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Cont: omnia.

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1849. Oct. 24. Was brought to the asylum late this evening by Dr. Malcolm of Edinburgh and some of her relatives. Appeared inclined to retire to bed and was somewhat fatigued with her journey. Somewhat reserved in manner. Went quietly to bed and refused taking any refreshment. She was however persuaded to take a glass of wine. Quiescat.

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25. Slept quietly during the night and this morning appeared composed and cheerful. Took her breakfast readily. passed the morning in the Lady superintendents room and employed herself in needlework. Seemed quite reconciled to remaining here and conversed freely. Said her first illness took place about a fortnight ago, that she had been weaning her baby as she considered herself enceinte again. Her milk was very plentiful and she suffered a good deal with it. Her servant had annoyed her with her misconduct and as she attributed it more to bad temper than intention she conceived the idea of converting or rather reforming her. Remembers having given way to some excitement in language and conduct but thought there had been no necessity for placing her under restraint. The jacket only increased her irritability. Laughed heartily at the alarm she had caused amongst her relations by her excitability. Alluded in a facetious manner to having been once before slightly nervous and having fancied herself unworthy and devoid of affection towards her relations but seemed anxious that her Husband's family should not be made aware of this. Mentioned to the Lady superintendent that a slight change had occurred in her system since she came to the Asylum which rather surprised her as she imagined herself to be pregnant but the same thing happened to her before under similar circumstances and perhaps it might go off again. Says her constitution was always very delicate both before and after marriage. Bodily health appears to be in a tolerable state. Tongue clean, pupils natural. Appetite good and she appears to relish her food. Ordinary diet. Let her have a glass of port daily. Quiescat

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Oct. 26. Cheerful but very irritable - Laughs and talks incessantly. Is very industrious and mixes freely with her fellow patients - says she feels perfectly happy in regard to her religious views. Religion is the only true source of felicity and when one has had assurance there need be no further alarm or despondency. Said she once laboured under perverted ideas of herself and religion and became almost mad but it went off after a time and arose chiefly from a debilitated state of the body, and an injudicious indulgence often on her brothers part in early life. She was allowed to persevere in small faults when a child without either suffering punishment or reproof and they increased with her strength and years producing a morbid state of mind. Expresses no regret at being separated from her family - says that is within four months after accouchement and has been enceinte since May - The Catamenia have appeared several times since May but never for the usual length of time. Blames her Mother for indulging her during her childhood and says she was quite nervous and morbid in feelings in consequence. She would sit for hours listless and unable to do any thing or to connect two ideas together so scattered were her thoughts and unfirm her purposes. Subject to considerable temper when her Husband's name is mentioned says she used to scream violently when she was opposed in her wishes, could easily control herself at these times if she chose but used to do it as a punishment for them when they refused to gratify her wishes. Is occasionally irritable and petulant but controls to control her temper and says she feels so happy she could laugh the whole day. Appetite good - Sleeps well at night - Quiescat - cont. omnia.

" 31. Occasionally exhibits an irritable and excitable state of mind - Expresses no wish to return home - Works daily at her needle and converses freely. Cheerful in manner and apparently quite contented. Appetite good, bowels regular. Sleeps well at night - Imagines herself to be perfectly sane - Took nervous at chia -

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1844. Nov. 2. On admission this morning she appeared in a state of great excitement, screaming and weeping bitterly. Reproached her relatives with their cruelty in bringing her to such a place declaring she was quite sound in her mind and only subject to fits of bad temper and violent behaviour when she was crossed in any way, which was merely arising from a defect in her early education. Attributes her being sent to the Asylum to having had a dispute with her sister's husband when she gave way to her temper and behaved badly. Became composed shortly but still exclaimed at being detained. Appears in tolerable health. To have ordinary diet and regimen.

. 5. Has been tolerably composed since last report. Expresses deep regret at her past misconduct imputing it to an impetuosity of temper and to early indulgence on the part of her eldest sister. Says she always screamed and became violent when she wanted any thing unless it was immediately granted and succeeded generally in getting her way by such means. Wishes the physicians to write to her sister and explain this to her and to assure her that she is in the perfect possession of her senses but labouring under a diabolical temper which she will try now to subdue. Says after having been brought here she shall feel degraded for life. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Sleeps well at night. Cont. omnia.

. 7. In bed today complaining of pain and griping. Bowels relaxed. Pulse 80 good strength, tongue white, breath fœtid pupils natural. Considerable thirst and heat of skin. No pain on pressure over abdomen. Sumat pil. Hydr. c Opio / station. Jentaculum.

. 8. Diarrhœa abated. Very depressed and fretful this morning, weeping and regretting having been brought here. Spoke about her quarrel with a Captain Brooke. Said she wished to have the Asylum and to reside at Irvine by herself with only a person to superintend her domestic affairs and a servant to wait on her. She would not enter Capt. Brooke's place unless desired by him to do so. Says her sister

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has been ill advised and deceived or she never would have sent her here. Dennicat.

Nov. 10. Has been filthy yesterday and today. Both her bed and her room. Pretends it is in consequence of her being brought here and when she thinks how her poor sister has been deceived, her feelings are so hurt that she is rendered incapable of assisting herself. Thinks there has been great deceit going on in her case as she never was insane, nor a fit inmate for such a place as this. The only thing wrong with her was her temper which she confesses was at times quite ungovernable. Thinks there is something very strange in the glass door of the gallery being locked so frequently of late. Very suspicious and ill natured. Thinks the establishment is not of so good a character as it is generally supposed to be. Her conduct in her bedroom has not been taken any notice of. Health good. Tongue clean. Appetite. Dennicat.

" 12 More composed but by no means satisfied. Very suspicious and applies every remark made in the gallery to herself. Tries to excite distrust in the minds of her fellow patients and seems on the alert for mischief. Has discontinued being filthy no notice having been taken of it. The Lady Superint. strongly suspected that she was behaved on the 9th & 10th purposely. Dennicat.

" 15 Very irritable and cross. Quarrels with and abuses violently every one she meets. Suspicious and inclined to make insinuations as to the character of the house and its inmates. Exclaims against being detained here.

Towards evening she became calm and apologized for her behaviour of this morning saying she regretted her suspicious temper and irritability and always suffered after having given way to it. Dennicat.

" 29 Since last report she has been upon the whole tolerably quiet with the exception of occasional outbreaks of temper for which she always afterwards expressed her contrition. Still impatient at being detained and anxious to go to Devon. Wishes to hear from her sister and imagines the physician has thrown obstacles in the way of any correspondence. Bodily health good. Appetite. Sleep and bowels natural. Continuation

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Janet Gilmour Ogilvie. aetat 28

1844. Nov. 4. was brought to the Asylum this evening in a state of maniacal excitement. Raved about D. Burns, Allan Burns and herself. Said she was married to Allan Burns and insisted that he was not dead. Spoke of her sister Barbara and asked the medical officer if he recollected Mrs Blair (her sister who was formerly a patient in the Asylum) Scalp hot, eyes rolling, pupils very dilated. Pulse 96 good strength, tongue moist but white. Let her be put out in bed and take a glass of sherry negus. Ordinary diet.

" 5. Passed a restless night and slept little. Raves incoherently this morning about Allan Burns and Dr Hutcheson. Can control herself for a few minutes together. Took her breakfast readily. Scalp hot, conjunctivæ suffused, pupils dilated. Bowels have not acted since admission. Abradatur Capillitium, Semet pil. Aloetic ij h. s. et pab. Seidlitz ever mane.

" 6. Slept none last night. Screamed and raved incessantly. Talks rapidly and incoherently. Seizes whoever enters her room and from her noise and great violence it has been found necessary to remove her to a retired ward. Scalp very hot, pupils somewhat contracted tongue moist, appetite good. There is a very unpleasant exhalation from the skin. Took her medicine freely and it has operated. Turns her bed clothes upside down and is inclined to be destructive. Talks of royal blood and of her having no fellowship with the Ogilvies as her Brother Tom betrayed her and so did her Father. Speaks of Allan Burns and of his not having fulfilled his promise of marrying her. Says Dr Hutcheson has sold the blood of the Ogilvies by advising them to come to an Asylum. Sang several songs and exhibited all the symptoms of acute maniacal excitement. R. Sol. Ext. Tart. ℥ij. Aquæ ℥iij. Semet Coch. ij ampla bis quotidie. Let her be kept in seclusion.

" 7. Still very maniacal but less violent on the whole. Sings during the night and sleeps but little. Says she feels quite happy as she sees nothing but kindness. It was not formerly so years ago in Asylum to her experience but she had been forcibly.

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Her mother could tell all about it as she was a Buchanan and her Father an Ogilvie. Always loved Allan Burns better than any other man. Thinks Dr Burns is her Father and is convinced that Dr Ogilvie is not. Catamenia flowed on 6th and disappeared today. Bowels slow. Looks pale. pulse 84 moderate, tongue clean, pupils dilated. Sumat pil Aloes e fetid ij omni nocte. Warmit abs medicamento. Lenicet cont. Decoctio.-

" 11. Bowels have acted regularly since last report and being more quiet today the ice taken out of seclusion. Still inclined to rave and laugh. Makes use of very bad language and is very filthy and destructive. Appetite keen, pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly dilated. Asks numerous questions about her Sisters and enquires of the medical officer whether he thinks there is any probability of their ever becoming ill again. Cont. pilul.-

" 18. No improvement in mental state since last report. Very destructive of her cloths and bowels slow whenever she has an opportunity. Filthy in her habits. Sleeps better at night and upon the whole looks better. Appears very good humoured and is fond of tricks. Roams about the gallery and easily becomes excited. Appetite good. bowels freely open. Intermit pilula. Lenicet.

" 25. More quiet but from her excitability it is necessary to keep her alone from the other patients. Has the range of the Infirmary ward. Was tried out with the nurses for a walk in the open grounds but then made a violent attempt to escape. Looks rather thin. Bowels slow. Mind erratic. Sometimes filthy. Sumat pil foet c aloes ij h. s. alt. qq. nocte. Let her have a pint of porter and a collop daily.—

" 30. Bowels rather relaxed since she took the porter. Improves upon the whole and has gained flesh. Still very filthy and destructive in her habits. Sleeps well at night. Mind more composed but full of absurd fancies. Pulse 72 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Discontinue porter and let her have two glasses of port wine daily. Lenicet.

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Janet Smith. Ætatis 28.

1844. Nov.r 5. On admission this evening she appeared quiet and somewhat depressed. Pulse 90 moderate strength. tongue moist but white pupils slightly dilated. Said there was nothing wrong with her mind but gave a long account of her bodily ailments. Complained of not being able to get sleep, has suffered much from rheumatism, has not been regular for some months past and appears strongly convinced that she is dying. Is evidently hypochondriacal. Let her be placed in No 2 gallery West Room for the present. Ordinary diet and regimen.

. 6 Declared she had not slept a wink last night. Full of fancies about the state of her health and is constantly talking about her death which she says is nearer than we suppose. Clasps her hands and looks up to heaven. Says she has placed all her cares on God and is preparing for her departure from this life. Sighs frequently and appears depressed. Complains of weakness and debility. Is afraid she shall die alone and without a friend. Tongue moist. Sumat pil alterius ij h. s. alt. q.q. mane — R. Sodæ Bicarbon 3ij Infusi Gent. Comp. ℥j. M. Sumat cyathum minimum bis quotidie — cæt. alia.

. 12. Still complains of want of sleep. Declares she has not slept for the last six months and attributes this to her having taken too much food. Sick ill after taking her meals. Follows the Medical Officer and Lady Capt.n Johnson when they enter the gallery, weeping and appealing to their feelings, saying she is at the point of death and away from all her friends. Exclaims at their cruelty in bringing her here when she was not insane but in possession of her reasoning faculties. Says her present bad state of health was caused by her wearing a flannel dress at night which has made her perspire to such an extent that it reduced her to nothing — When at home she refused to have her hair cut off which offended her uncle who is a reserved and eccentric man and ordered him to send her to the Asylum. Says she used to have strange sensations in her flesh, viz. creepings, numbness &c but now she feels nothing as her body is dead to all sensation with the exception of her head which is always aching from want of sleep — Bowels slow, appetite variable — No appearance of Catamenia — Cæt. omnia.

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Nov. 17. Very fretful and dissatisfied. Says the medicine disagrees with her. Complains of her stomach and is continually asking for a change in her diet. An eruption has appeared on her neck which she attributes to her change of living. Says her bowels will not act without strong medicine. "Never sleeps". Listless and idle refuses to work although she sometimes asks for it. When it is given to her she says she cannot attend to it in her present dying state. Wishes to see her friends and to return home. Pulse 84 moderate strength, tongue moist. pupils natural. Asks for cream of tartar which has been furnished her. Ipecac. ext.

" 19. Says her bowels have not acted for several days. Very peevish and inclined to complain. Listless and disinclined to read or work. Hypochondriacal fancies very numerous. Sumat pil. foetid. c.h. Croton. ℥ hora somni.

" 20. Took the pills last night but declares they have had no effect although this is doubtful. Importunes for more medicine. Very restless and fanciful and appears fond of detailing a long account of her symptoms. Refuses to take her food and always wants something different to what is offered her. Tongue clean. Sumat pil. foetid. c.h. Croton. ♈ h.s. ℞ Magn. Sulph. ℥j. Infus. Senna Comp. ℥xij. M. Sumat Cyathum minimum ter quotidie ut supra. 2dis 22. horæ dormiendi. Respond. Intermittat alia.

" 22. Bowels have acted freely although she denies this. Continues dissatisfied and full of complaints. Still imagines she is in a very dangerous state and wishes to see her friends. Pulse 80. tongue clean. pupils natural. ℞ Tinct. Ipecac. Mxv. gtt. xv bis quotidie in aqua Sumend.

Sumat pil. fœtid. c. Calom. ℈x in pil. ♈ h.s. o.n.

" 30. No improvement in any respect. Refuses to take her medicine and yet is continually complaining of her bad state of health. Says she never sleeps and that she is growing thinner and thinner daily. Mind weak and fanciful. Still declares her bowels never act although she repeatedly gets Castor Oil.

Dec. 5. There being no symptoms of amendment in this case she has been removed to the 4th ward East House. Fancies continue the same and she is as dissatisfied as ever. Mr. Mc Lahon called today with a friend who saw her and afterwards decided on removing her. He was in consequence dismissed this evening as

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Barbara Campbell. ætatis 42.

18th Nov.r 7.	On admission appeared in a very agitated state, moaning and wringing her hands in despair. Said she did not require a Doctor, that she could not tell her complaint and that no assistance rendered to her could be of any avail. Very restless and depressed. Cannot remain quiet for five minutes together and is constantly walking about or concealing herself in her room. A glass of wine was offered to her but she turned away and refused to take it. Looks thin and haggard and is evidently in a bad state of health. Countenance sallow. eyes dull. pulse 90 moderate strength, tongue clean but moist, pupils natural, breath fœtid. No tender heat of scalp. Skin dry and harsh. To have ordinary diet. Liquor.
" 8.	Continues restless and agitated and appears to be suffering under acute mental distress. Will not inform the medical officer of the cause of her despair but stated that she was an unnatural object and recommended him to put her out of the establishment as she was unfit to mingle with the other patients. Complained to the Lady Superintendant that she had lost all semblance of delicacy. Said she was quite unlike other females and that all the natural passages of her body were closed. Said she has fearful symptoms about her not fit to mention. Her relations stated that she was much subject to piles, that her bowels were generally torpid and that the catamenia had been suppressed for a considerable time which induced her to suppose that she was pregnant. She also occasionally refused food under the impression that taking it increased her unpleasant feelings. The Nurse reported that she is at present very much annoyed by piles. Bowels have not acted since her admission. Slept but little last night and takes her food sparingly. Ammon. bl. Ricini ℥ij. ex mist. ℞. Infus. Gentian c. Opio ℥ij. To be used as directed. Liquor.
" 9	Still reserved, depressed and agitated. Avoids the medical officer and appears very disinclined to mention her symptoms to him. Rocks her body to and fro, wrings her hands groans and moans over her lost condition.

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says she is so perfectly indelicate that she is not fit to be in female society - that she exposes herself, says indelicate things to Doctor and to every one. Declares she is unlike every one else, having no natural passages in her body and that this proceeds from her own wickedness as she did horrid things before leaving home. Imagines that she ought to abstain from taking food as she believes it adds to her wildness and makes her so feverish. She room however states that she eats voraciously and steals food if it is left within her reach. Tells the Lady Superintendent that her friends are very poor and unable to keep her here or even to provide clothes for her and wishes the Physician to send her away as soon as possible. Bowels have acted freely - Cont. omnia.

" 11 Refused to attend the Chapel yesterday as she has been so wicked. Says the Bible has been a sealed book to her for years past and that she has lived on to her present age without even the semblance of religion. Wishes to see the Chaplain for the sake of telling him so. Bowels regular in consequence of the Cal. Pills much better. Sleeps more soundly. Continues

" 14. Continues agitated and restless but is more quiet on the whole - Takes her food more readily at the proper times and begins to gain confidence - Sleeps better at night. Mind very weak and full of absurd fancies. Laments being here as so fine a place as the Crown that the expense must ruin her friends who she states are in very bad circumstances. Says she is too wicked ever to get well and imagines herself too indelicate to associate with properly behaved persons - Pills relieved Bowels regular. Health slowly improves. Ordered Bl. Ricini Ziij mane pro re nata. Cont. alia -

" 24. Improving slowly - Has begun to do a little knitting and appears more composed and less dejected. Still imagines herself to be too great a toy upon her friends and thinks she should have been placed among the paupers. Appetite good, bowels regular, quiet at night - Delusions less vivid and she is beginning to associate more freely with her fellow patients. Gains flesh - Complexion more clear. Cont. omnia.

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1844. Sept. 25. Since last report she has been transferred to No 1. Works industriously at her needle and conducts herself with propriety – Mind cheerful and collected – No longer calls the Lady superintendent and the Medical Officer by their wrong names. Is willing to remain here until it is deemed proper by the physicians to dismiss her –
Appetite good, bowels regular. May be considered convalescent. Cont: mentis.

" 30. Convalescence progresses favourably. Has had interviews with her Children and her Husband. Expresses her gratitude for the attention paid her during the time she has been residing in the Asylum.
Passes the morning in the Lady superintendents room and works diligently – Health good – Bodily functions natural. C. C.

Oct. 8. Arrangements having been made for her return home and being quite rational and collected in mind she was this day dismissed

Cured.

During the early period of the attack and shortly after she was brought to the Asylum two female relatives called and demanded permission to see her – The request was refused on the grounds that an interview with the patient in her then excited state would in all probability prove detrimental to her – The parties expressed their opinion that the bad conduct of the patients husband had been the cause of her insanity and were by no means satisfied at being refused an interview with her – After the patient recovered she stated to the Lady superintendent that her Husband had always been very kind to her and that he had never given any grounds for the opinion expressed by these persons when they called at the Asylum

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1844 Nov. 10. Catamenia fluent. Complained of headache which however has subsided since the catamenia flow has appeared. Mind daily gains strength. Has been latterly associating with the Girls playing their music lessons which they repeat to the Lady Superintendent Miss Ann to return home and to see her friends again – Bodily health good – Cont. omnia.

" 15. Continues to improve both in state of mind and bodily health – Very industrious and well behaved – Talks very seldom about Love and appears to be quite recovered Being considered Convalescent. Cont: omnia

" 30. Convalescence progresses – Occasionally hysterical and subject to flushings of the face. Hands and feet cold and clammy – These symptoms are however usually removed by a glass of wine. Mind daily gains strength – Occupied as before in music and reading. Takes regular exercise in the open air whenever the weather permits – Cont: omnia.

Dec. 13. Still going on well. The catamenia appeared today – with the usual premonitory symptoms of headache and restlessness which however disappeared immediately afterwards – Anxious to go home – Has been told that arrangements for her removal are being made – Dismissed

" 21. Her Brother called yesterday and had an interview with her promising to call today and remove her – This morning she expressed herself to Mrs Mapleson as being sensible of the continued kindness she had met with during her residence here – Being in good bodily health and quite rational in mind she was today discharged

Cured.

1844. Nov. 2. This morning on being asked by the Lady Superintendent to give up some keys she had brought with her so that her sister in law might be able to get at her wardrobe and send her sufficient clothing she became very enraged and refused to do so saying she had been sent here without any cause and that now she was here she had no wish to return home and if they did forward her any clothing she would burn it the moment she got it. She Weeps made a great fuss about nothing. Had her Mother been permitted to see her she would have soon discovered the cause of her trifling excitement. Spoke against her Husbands relatives saying they regretted that she enjoyed such excellent health, they also interfered with her when she corrected her children a duty which she felt to be of the first importance still says she is in the family way and she also imagines herself to be a prophetess Bodily health keeps good— Occupied as before in needlework— Quiescent.

" 6 Has been tolerably composed during the last two or three days. Works daily and appears cheerful and good natured. Very anxious to convince her fellow patients that they have delusions and tells them they have no faith in Christ other wise their fancies would vanish like smoke before the wind. Says her imagination was always too vivid, that her temperament is too sanguine, and that having been always much indulged she could never brook interference or control.
Bodily health good— Quiescent.

" 9. Very fretful and dissatisfied this morning. says she will make Dr Hutcheson and others here suffer, for trying to deceive her papa in bringing her here when she was perfectly sane, that such tricks had been tried off on her papa before and she should now have an end of these doings— Dances and runs up and down the gallery and becomes quite excited. Quiescent.

" 11. This morning she asked to see Mrs Mapleson alone— during the interview she told her that she was determined to see her friends and had made up her mind to abstain from tasting food until some of them had seen her. Said she had once before fasted for 60 hours and would do so again. Appeared very agitated and looked quite pale

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with emotion, resisted all persuasion and said they might use force to make her eat but otherwise she was determined to keep to her resolution - The following letter was written this morning -

"To Mrs A. Sutton
8 Roberts Strut. Glasgow

Monday Morning.

My dear Marion

I should like if you and Mr Sutton would come and see me tomorrow. You need not be afraid of meeting anything here which is likely to excite or annoy your feelings as every thing is calculated to promote comfort and cheerfulness.

You will find me looking much better than I was when you last saw me and as happy as ever I was at any period of my life.
I would rather see you before seeing any person from Edinburgh. Your affectionate Sister

Isabella Weir."

" 12 Continues to adhere to her determination. Appears cool and decided and when asked to partake of food smiles and steadily refuses - Interferes with the treatment of some of the patients and expresses her opinion as to what ought to be done with them. Inclined to find fault and to create dissention in the Gallery. Is very busily writing and the following letter was given out today -

"Tuesday Afternoon"

"My dear Robert

I wrote to Mrs Sutton to come and see me. I suppose Dr Hutcheson has prevented her. I now insist on seeing my own Clergyman, Mr Coventry. If this request is denied to me by Dr Hutcheson or any man living I leave that man to settle the matter between his conscience and his God - ever

Your affectionate Wife

Isabella Weir."

" 13. Still refuses to take nourishment in spite of all persuasion used. Employs herself in writing and has kept to the Gallery. Looks rather pale but cool and determined. She was told by the medical officer today that unless she consented to take some nourishment he should have to resort to other measures - Health appears good. Quiescent -

" 14 Busy writing her case - says after it has been perused by the medical officer and the Lady Superintendent she will consent to take

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her food. After the paper had been read she sat down and partook of a hearty breakfast and it being her birth day a cake &c was made for her and she had a small evening party composed of the other patients. Appeared quite happy and expressed herself grateful for the kindness and attention shewn to her.

The following is a copy of her case—

"About the end of May last I fell into rather a weak state of health and consequent depression of spirits. I had heard so much said about the free church, indeed it was almost the only subject of conversation in our house, that my mind naturally dwelt a good deal upon it. I have always found a great pleasure in discovering the why and because of every thing that came under my notice. The same propensity set my mind at work to discover how it should happen that so many good men apparently the best men in the Scotch Church should have taken a step so destructive to every feeling of Christian love, not to speak of the immorality and vice it has given rise to. I found that the cause existed in the abominable doctrine of election as it is held by the Scotch Church, these men having long regarded themselves as chosen favourites of God. To observing that Glory likely to suffer in that Church of which they were the chief support, took it upon themselves to vindicate that Glory by an act of presumptuous self-conceit which they mistook for humility and self-denial, but which in the case of every sincere follower of the Cross proclaimed aloud "stand by, for I am holier than thou". No sooner had I settled this subject in my mind than my attention was directed to the cause why such a doctrine ever had originated in the human mind.

I found it in the pride of man's heart, too proud to allow how little he can do, he finds it more congenial to his nature to say— I can do nothing— God must work a direct and glorious work upon me.— if it be his will that others should perish, it must be right. I then began to enquire what can man do? I found a voice in my own breast that was for ever telling me what I could do, but it was such a still small voice that for some time I could

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not hear exactly what it said. I had for many years tried to listen to that voice and the more I tried the more distinctly I heard it, but still not so distinctly as to enable me to understand exactly what it was saying. I found an opposite principle in my breast which being a very disorderly one was perpetually drowning the voice of conscience — that principle was self love. — I hushed this principle into perfect stillness and then I heard conscience or in other words the spirit of God whispering to me "believe" and it said no more. From that moment I attempted to act not only with faith but the confidence of faith on the saviour at all times and under all circumstances. I found that the instant I bent to my own proud reason, that instant conscience rebelled and made me both unhappy and nervous. I had always been more or less a slave to nervous feeling; from that hour I have scarcely known what it is, or felt the slightest approach to it. I could no longer look upon sin in any shape without checking it, or view suffering in any form without making that suffering my own. — In short I yielded myself up entirely to the guidance of conscience and I felt myself led on by an impulse which carried every thing before it and completely trampled down the former all pervading principle of self love. This impulse was love which displayed itself in the most ardent feelings towards God, and such feelings as the world calls devotional and which call forth the admiring gaze of the ignorant but feelings not to be described and which would not suffer me to rest one hour from the active duties of love to man. As a necessary consequence of what I have stated I found myself engaged in a controversy with my servants, seeking to correct their faults, but loving the sinner while I hated the sin. This controversy ended in a way which while it strengthened my faith and gratified my conscience was most humbling to the pride of my human reason of which I always thought I had a reasonable share. It was then that my human reason left me — but I maintain and God will prove it in his own good time that it was supplanted by a strength of divine reason that baffled all human skill. It came upon me exactly at the hour that by

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three years on which I was married and Mr Weir can state one reason why our marriage should have been so conspicuously marked by God. I can state many reasons known only to God and myself. I was three days in this state before it was discovered but I wondered at myself because I found I could do many things which I never could accomplish before. For the satisfaction of others I will account the particulars of my insanity, because I am aware that few mad people after being in a state of frenzy can relate distinctly what took place during that frenzy. On Tuesday morning 16th Oct. 44. I took what appeared to Mr Weir to be the most extraordinary measures for the purpose of saving from misery and ruin the girl who had abated my confidence in the vilest manner and done all in her power to destroy my earthly happiness. Mr Weir opposed these measures violently and even laid down a threat which was to be put into execution if I persisted. I then gave utterance to what I had resolved to keep to myself. My answer was — "In the face of that I go and I know you will call me deranged, but it has been on my mind for months that this is to bring down the pre church though I cannot tell how. From less to more they got Dr. Malcolm and Smith to say that something had hurt my nerves and I was dosed with medicine every two hours which I took cheerfully. — That night I slept with Mr Weir but awoke about midnight with the impression that the last days were coming. I was very unwilling to disturb Mr Weir but finding that I had no control over myself I said, "Robert, I have no desire to prophesy but I cannot lie till I have said that the last days are coming." Mr W. appeared much distressed, I thought it was my prophesy that alarmed him and then said "You may be thankful Robert that you have nothing to fear from the scrutiny of the world as every unrepented sin will be turned up directly." "Character, real character will soon show itself to the whole world." Mr W. got up in a state of mind bordering on distraction and sent Miss W. to sleep with me. I told her it was not grief that Robert was suffering from, it was the work of conscience — that I had suffered as much before I was married. She told me to look to the blood

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which cleanseth from all sin. I said I had done so long ago and it was that which had brought me to this. I then repeated my prophecy in the same words, keeping out the part about Dr Candlish because she is one of his hearers. On Wednesday they got out a nurse to watch me though I was told that Dr Malcolm had sent her for the Children who had lost their nurse.

I met her at the gate with "Ah, you have come to nurse me - come away then." I put myself into her hands like a child, only when she or others tried to make me talk nonsense I took the liberty of turning them into ridicule. That night I slept with Mrs Weir. I awoke at 12 o'clock with the strong conviction that there was a woman buried in the garden. I kept this to myself till I rose in the morning. I did not intend to tell any one, but out it came to Mrs Weir with all the particulars of the death and burial along with a very ingenious scheme for punishing the murderer which I instantly set about putting into practice. This I was not permitted to do.

I then insisted that a hole should be dug five feet deep below the garden wall in the spot I pointed out - All their arguments would not dissuade me from this. I would begin it myself if they would not, and Mr W. actually began to dig it before 1 o'clock that day. I promised to Dr Malcolm if I saw it dug and nothing found I would then believe that I had been encouraging nervous fancies and would join in the laugh against myself. I also agreed that I should go with him that night to some quiet place where I might have the thing put out of my mind. I went out about 3 o'clock and found the gardener digging busily at the hole: shortly after, I saw a woman enter the garden - I waited until she was seated in the kitchen and then said to my nurse what does that woman want? She said I don't know. I said your are telling a falsehood and went straight to the kitchen and asked the woman what she wanted. She said with some hesitation, 'Dr Smith'. I interrupted her, "very well, you will perhaps be wanted, and going up stairs I said to Mr Weir who was standing by and Mr Fulton my Brother in law (who had been brought from Glasgow) is strong, his strength will be tried. A little after I saw both nurses coming up stairs. I ordered

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