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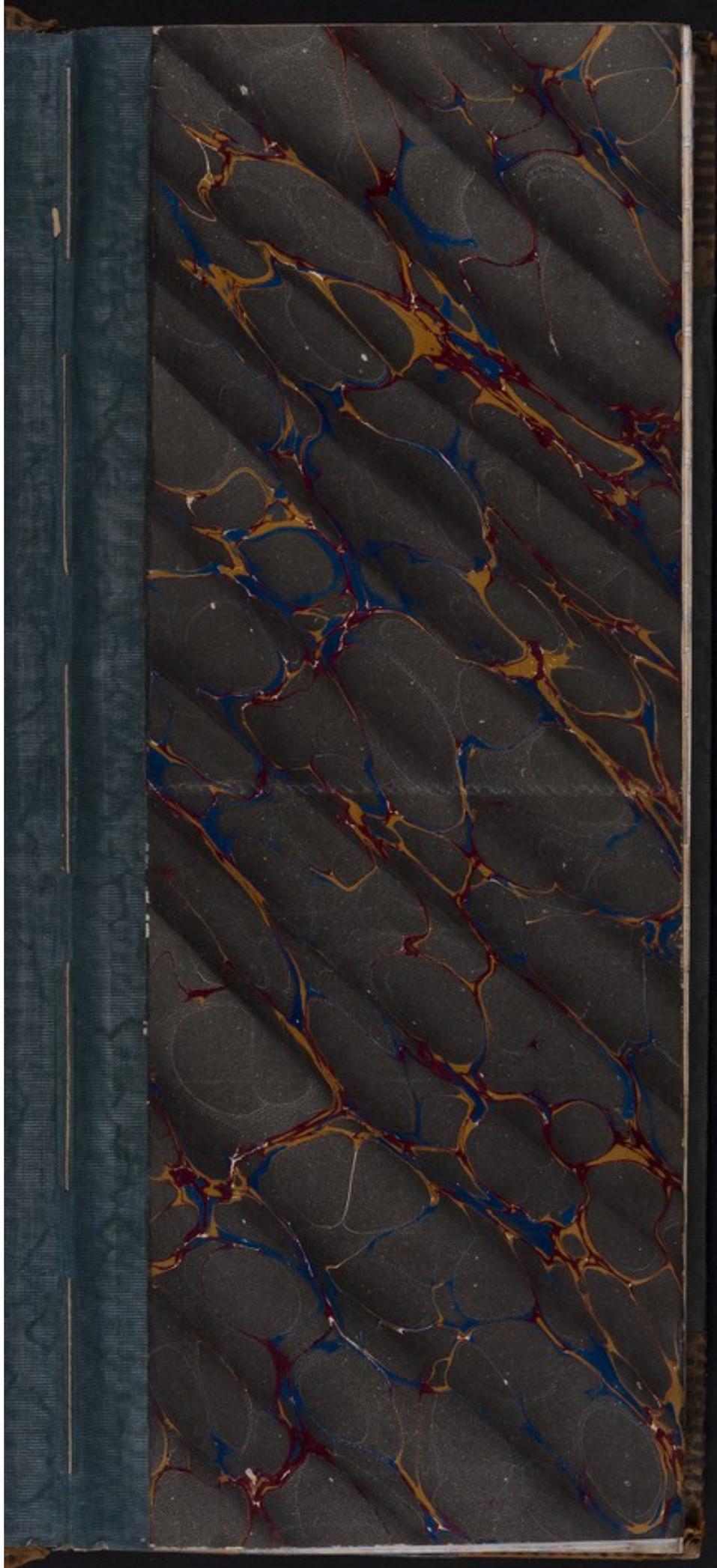
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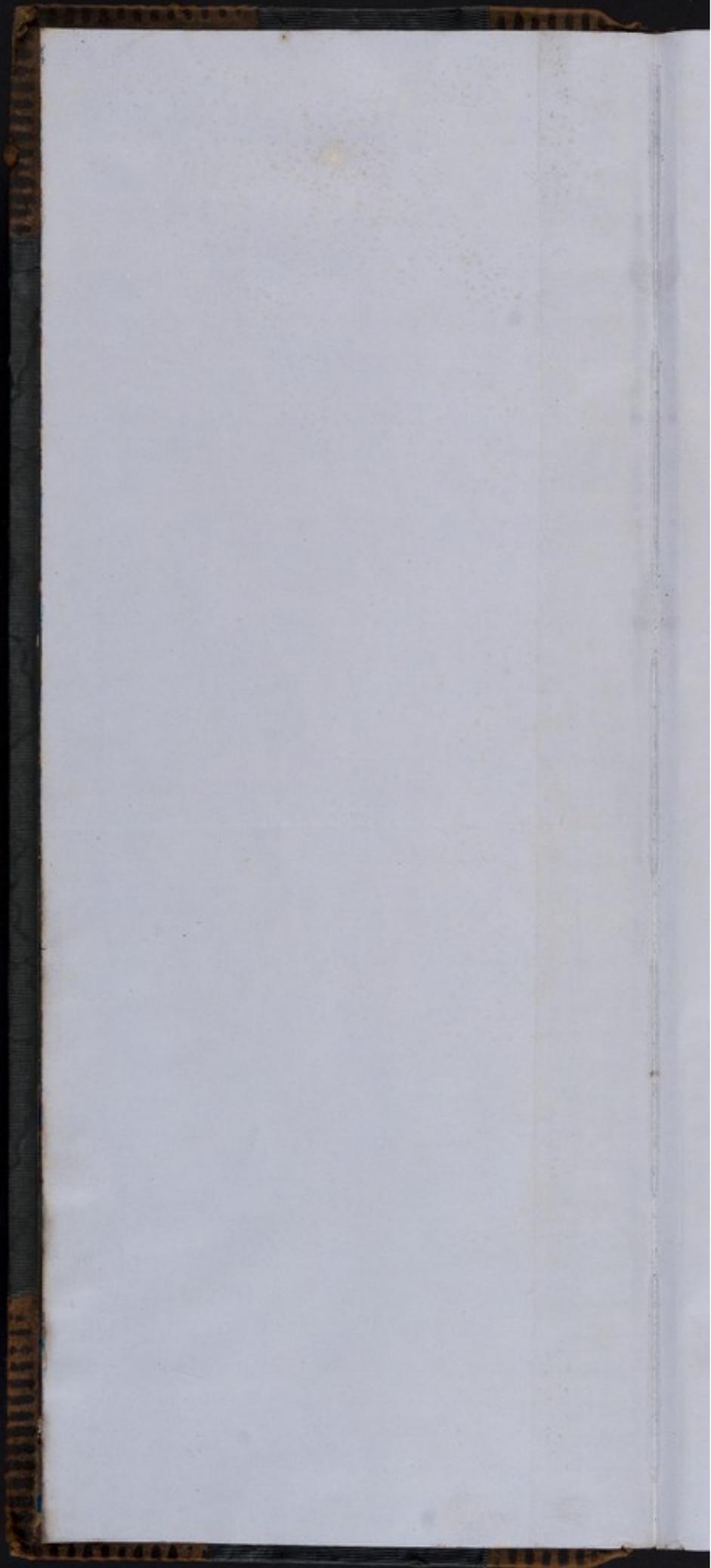
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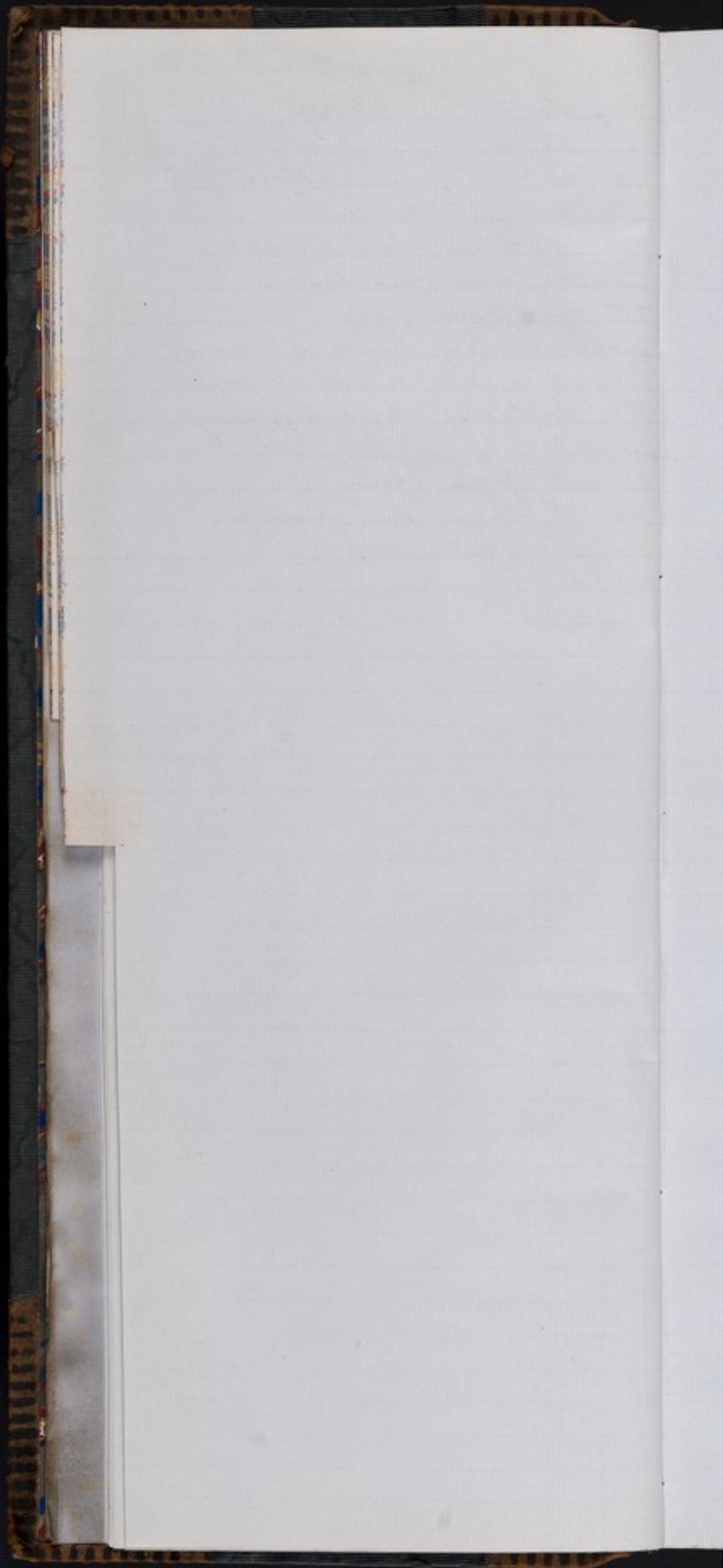
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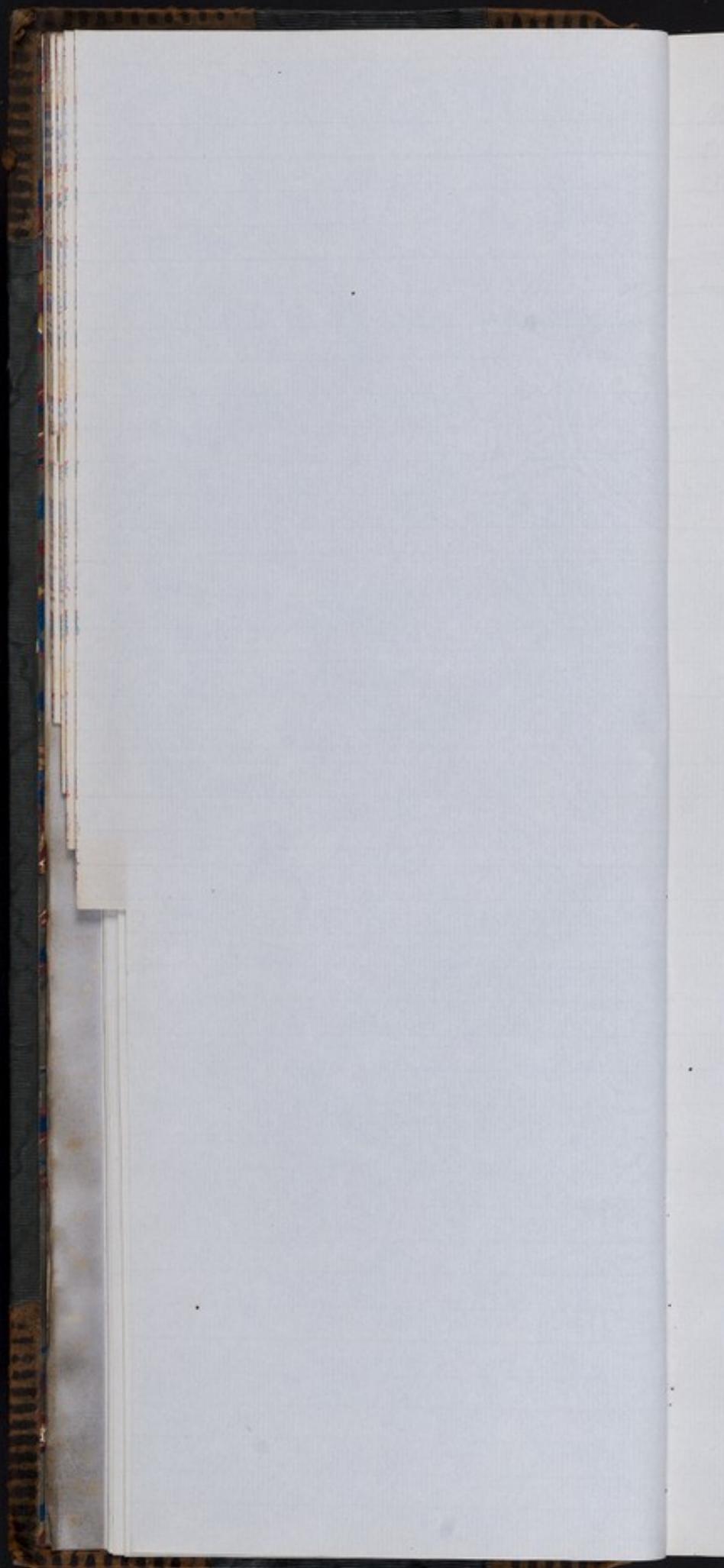
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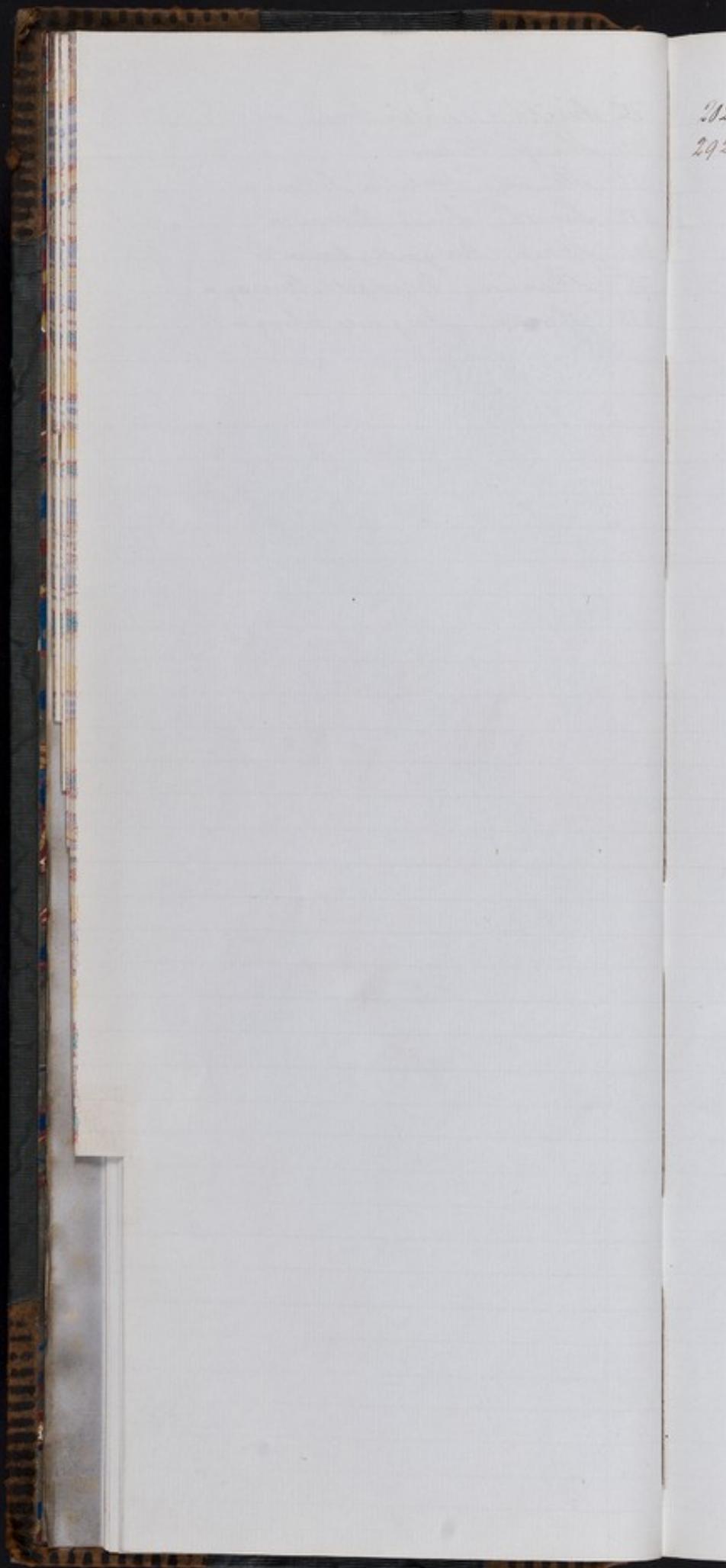
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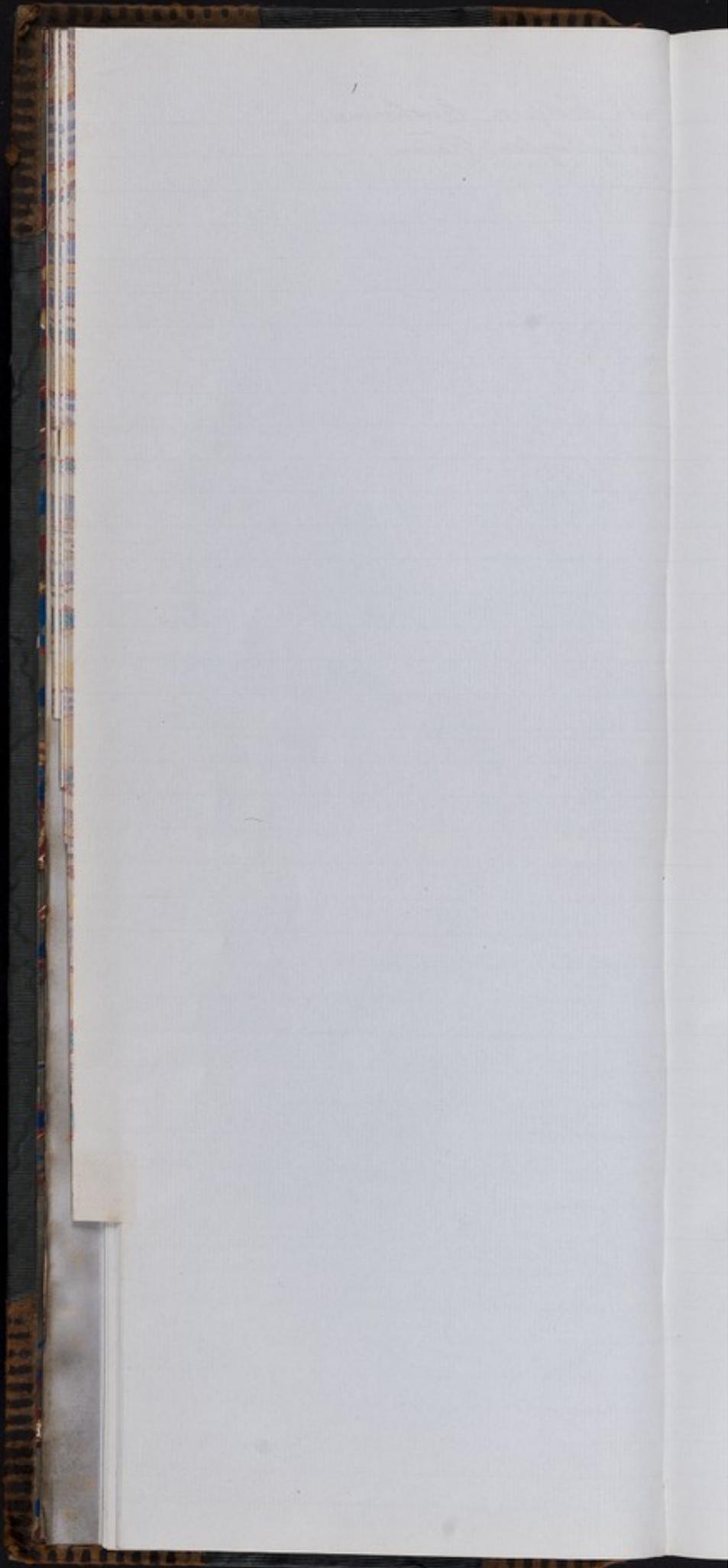
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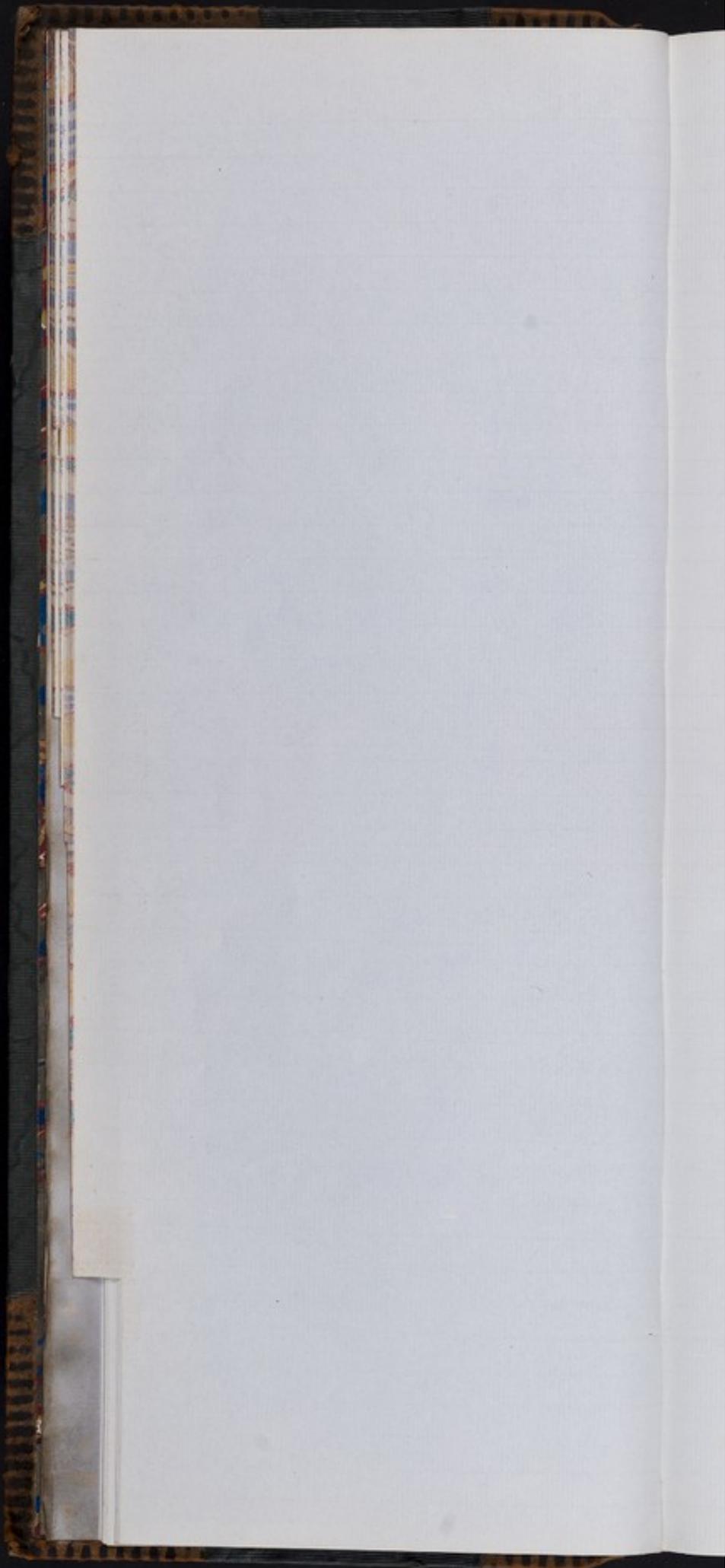
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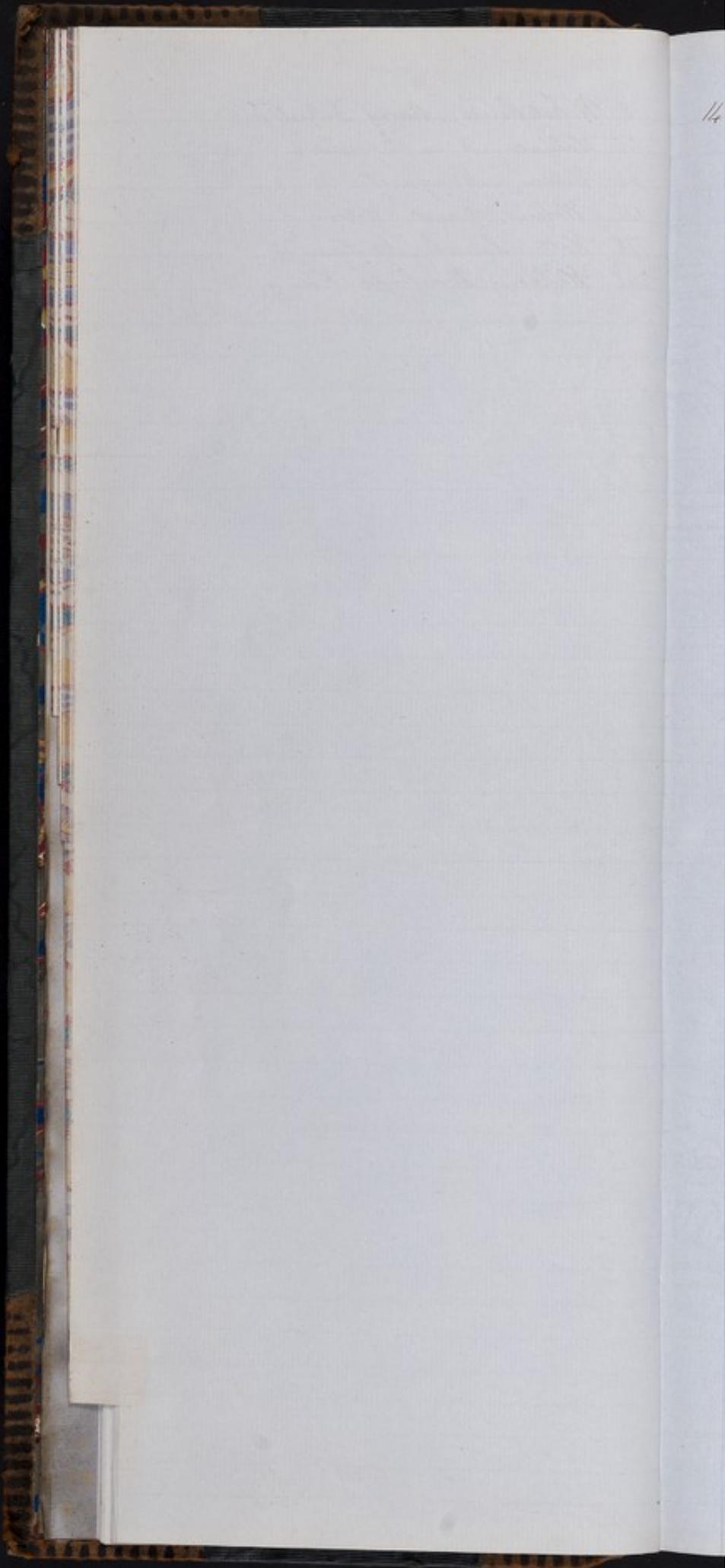
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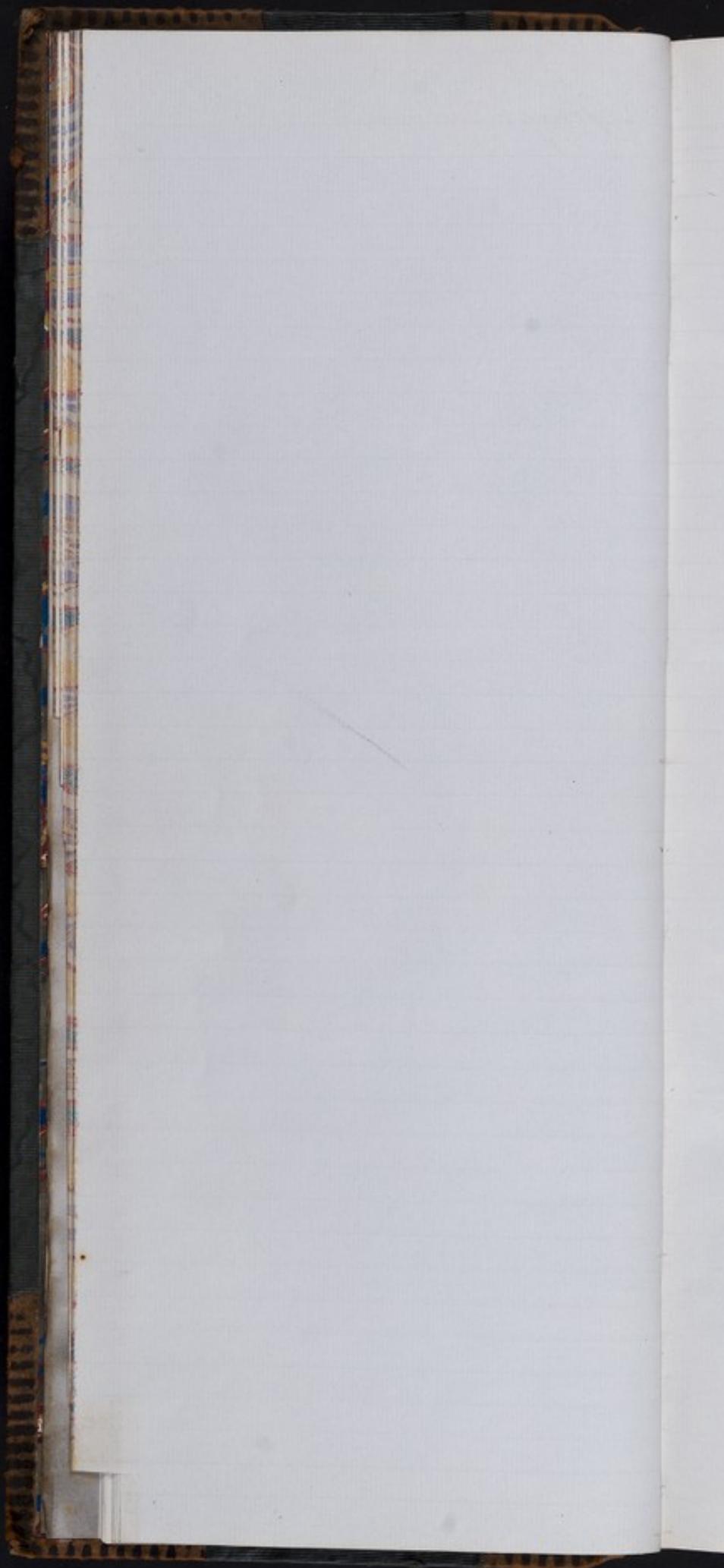
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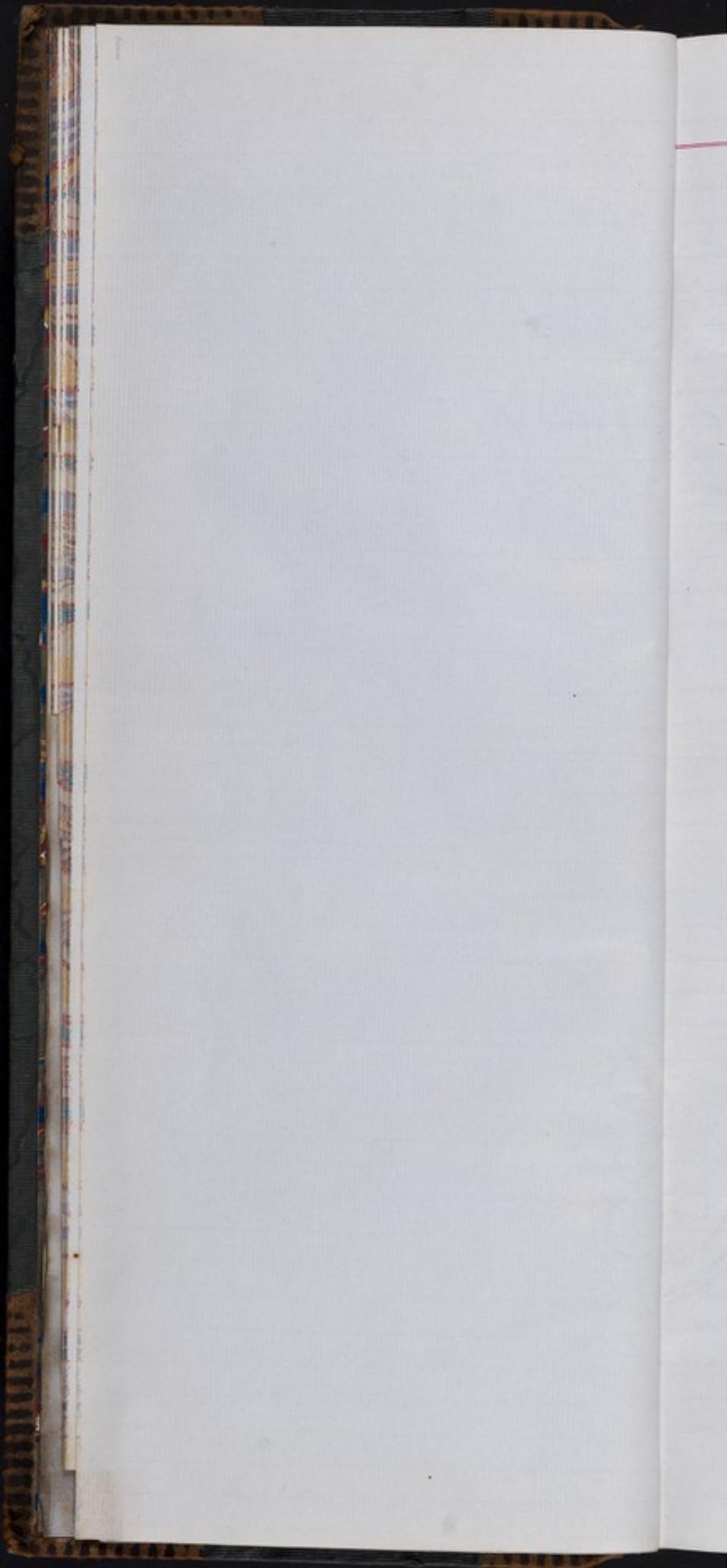
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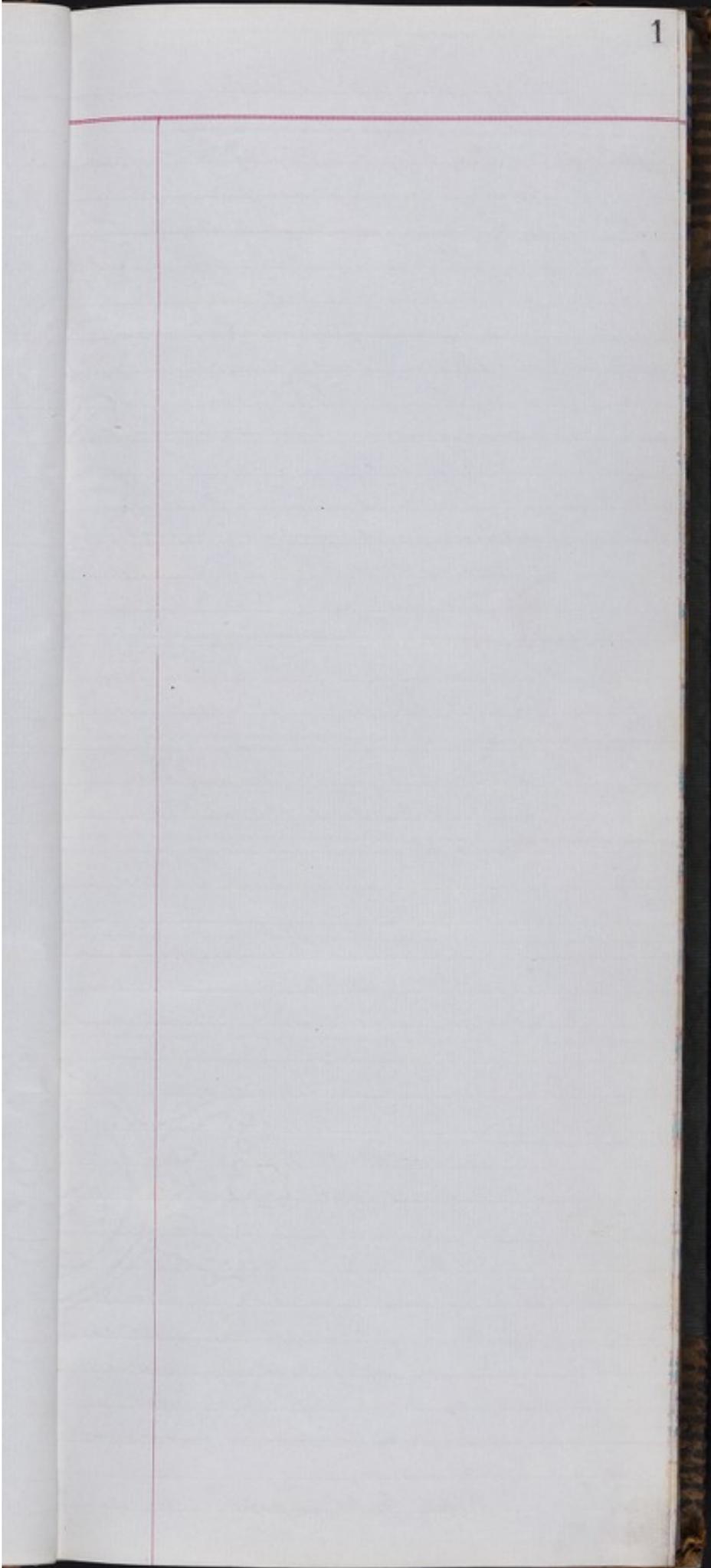
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Mary Ann Wilson - Dickson Oct 49  
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September 7 Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Lovan Workhouse and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Lovan Parish.

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

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

Prior to admission she had various  
delusions, such as that her neighbours  
poisoned her by electricity, sent gaseous fluids  
through her body and that her brain had  
been galvanised.

The nurse in Lovan Workhouse stated  
that she had her vagina stuffed with a  
bottle containing hartshorn and oil to  
prevent the ingress of electricity to her body,  
and her sister stated that she put softest  
gutta-serena into her ears for the same  
purpose. She also threatened to shoot  
various parties.

On admission she was free from delirium  
ment. She said that a woman who lived  
above her wafted electricity upon her through  
the roof; said she understood all about  
electricity because a lady (Mrs Miller) had  
explained all about it to her and that  
she had also gone to Professor Moffat of  
The Mechanics Institution, North Street to  
inquire about it. Her stays were lined  
with brown paper which the patient  
says she used in to keep the electricity  
off her body. When spoken to about the  
bottle, she says she did not put it into  
the vagina, but only across her legs, close  
under the private parts, to keep away the  
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Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> September 1868

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The only slept three hours during the night. Today she says that the people from Glasgow have followed her here and that they kept the electricity on her all night; and filled the house with oxygen and sulphuric acid but and that they have a very bad smell. She had a piece of paper over her head inside her cap, to keep off the electricity, and had her arms plugged with brown paper which she showed Mr Mallon saying it was to keep the electricity out of her body. She says it was five years since she was first affected in the same way, that she was in Dr Hall's Dispensary at Kirkintilloch from 17<sup>th</sup> May till 16<sup>th</sup> June 1865 and again for two months and only left it on 24<sup>th</sup> August last, shortly after which she went to the Eastern Police Office to lodge a complaint against those who were annoying her. Mr Millon the lady she talked of is she says a voluntary patient in Dr Hall's Dispensary.

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She is constantly annoyed by the electricity. She says it is done by a man named Mr Gow living in Crookston Street, and although she went to Bothwell and other places he could still affect her with the electricity. On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> she was observed to be hiding something; which was found to be a counterpane ball about two inches in diameter. She had had it in her vagina and it was covered with blood (she is menstruating) she says it was to keep up her womb, but till it was discovered, she positively asserted there was nothing in her vagina.

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The menstrual discharge has ceased and she is very anxious to get back the ball. She says the electricity is being played upon her between the kidneys and a cold stream of it is going up her inside.

see page 4

1868 Mary Ann Wilson or Dickson.

- October 10 She has been confined to bed for April  
 some days in consequence of menorrhagia.  
 She says that the people who put the  
 electricity upon her can make it flow  
 from her whenever they please, and  
 speaks to her by means of the Electricity.  
 She says there is no meanness about  
 her, and that we may as well try to take  
 away her belief in salvation through Mary  
 Christ, as to convince her that she is  
 not affected by electricity.
- November 12 She has been very much annoyed by  
 what she calls hot gases and cannot be  
 prevented from stuffing paper and other  
 articles into her nostrils ears &c. says they Surre  
 are making her deaf, and when cautioned  
 against these small practices, she becomes  
 excited saying that ~~that~~ those that are  
 doing it know what is said and put the  
 gases on stronger.
- December 4 Last night she only slept one hour July  
 and was much annoyed by the gas. The  
 catamenia is very irregular - frequent and  
 at times very profuse. She always credits  
 the cause to electricity or gas. The following  
 prescription repeated for three or more times  
 arrests the flow. ℞ foetal Cornut ~~gr~~  
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 January 8 She never sleeps well at night and  
 is crying. She pins paper on her shoulders  
 and inside her cap to keep off the gas.
- February 1 There is no change in her mental state.  
 She was today caught stuffing her nostrils  
 with salt to keep out the electricity.
- March 18 She is still in delirium or in a delirious  
 and at times very much excited. She never  
 sees anything and has often to be assisted to  
 put on her clothes. For the last three  
 months she has gained two pounds in  
 weight each month.

from page 3.

1887

April 11

She is much excited and threatening about what she calls her bandage being taken from her. She has bound up her parts with pieces of cloth which she has stitched together and was in a very filthy state, smelling & dirty. Two days ago the menstrual discharge began to flow, and it is nine weeks since she was in the same condition.

May 26

She is still as obstinate as an admission. seldom sleeps more than two or three hours at night and is noisy, calling loudly on God to protect her. Says she is like Samson in the top of Delilah, and also that the gas was last night blown into every opening of her body.

June 27

There is no change whatever in her mental state. She is often excited and noisy in consequence of her delusions. persists that it will all yet be found out and when people will see the reality of what they have caught at.

July 24

She was today taken home by her husband on the authority of a minute of the Parochial board and dismissed. —

Relieved.

## Mary Dalziel or Whitehouse. Oct. 37

1865

1865

- September 10 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Janu  
 7 Union Street Hamilton and admitted as a  
 pauper patient chargeable to Hamilton Parish.  
 She is thirty-seven years of age, married,  
 was formerly a weaver and is a Protestant.
- This is the first attack of insanity, the Febua  
 duration is two months, and the cause  
 is severe family afflictions. She is neither  
 suicidal nor dangerous to others. Her half-  
 sister was insane. March
- Prior to admission she was incoherent  
 noisy and incapable of rational conversation.
- On admission she was quite incoherent  
 talked without intermission and forgot no Apr  
 attention when spoken to, except to turn  
 her back to those addressing her. She  
 appeared to be much interested in what  
 she herself was saying, spoke on if addressing May  
 some person not present, and was free  
 from excitement — rather demented.
- Bodily health indifferent condition of mind
- 11 She slept only two hours, and talked  
 the greater part of the night, sometimes "  
 raising her voice and seemed to be talking  
 some imaginary person to whom she was  
 talking. She is very incoherent.
- 15 She is quiet and orderly, but when  
 spoken to her answers are quite incoherent.
- October 9 She is very restless and noisy, at  
 times gets much excited, roars out in  
 an incoherent manner at the top of her  
 voice and is ready to strike when inter-  
 ferred with. Last night she slept none  
 and was very noisy.
- November 12 She now sleeps better at night, but  
 is still occasionally sleepless and noisy.  
 She is very incoherent and talkative.
- December 11 She is still incoherent and very talkative  
 speaks much to herself, but at the times  
 when spoken to says she is well.

Oct. 37

Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> September 1865

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She continues to improve a little  
is generally quiet at night, but is still  
incoherent, talks to herself aloud and  
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For some time past she has been working  
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although she seems very willing. Still talks  
a little to herself.

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much to herself and when asked who she  
was talking to said she saw someone in  
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and is now much better mentally. Does not  
talk to herself now, is more active and does  
her work better. She is still a little peculiar  
in her manner of replying when spoken to.

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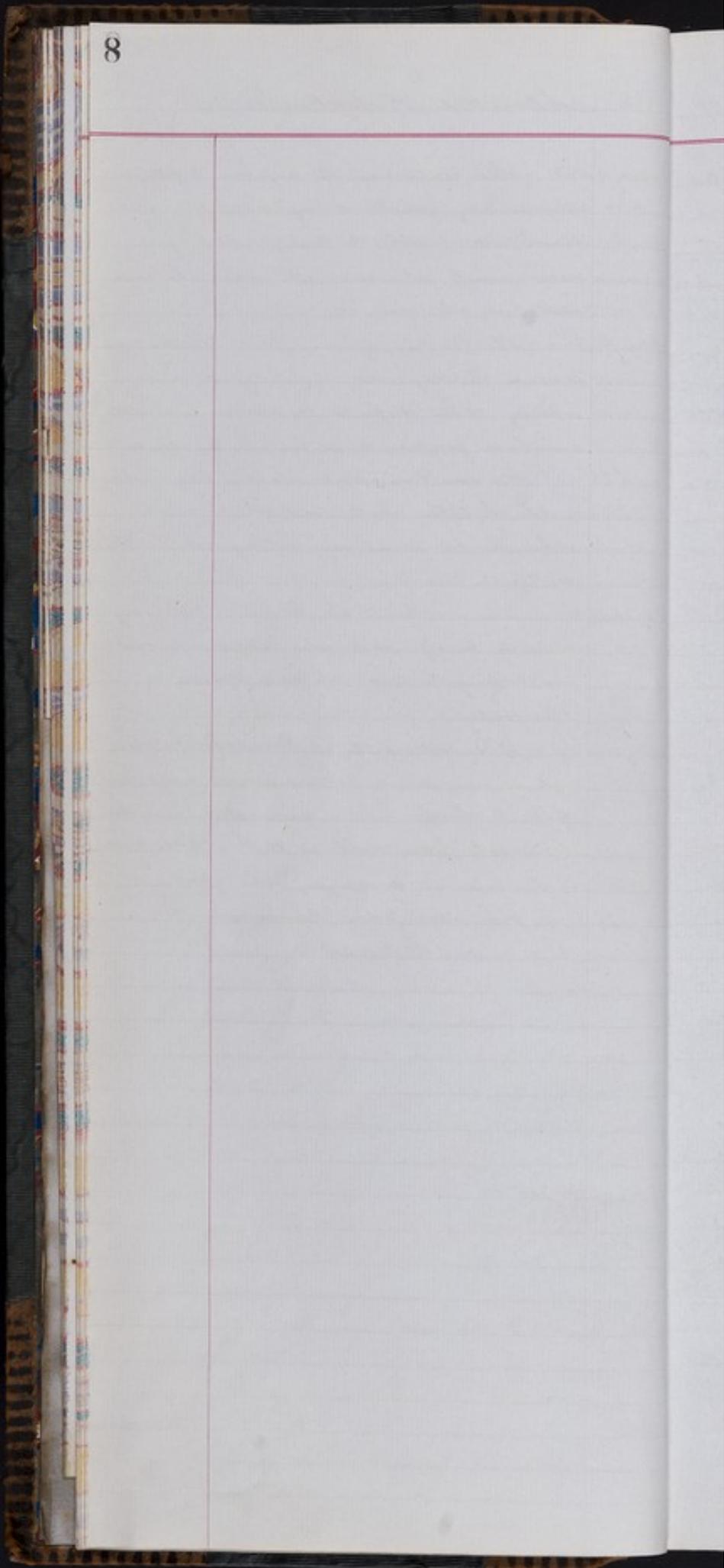
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Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Southern Plain Office Wagon and admitted a pauper patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is two days, and the cause is a fright. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was excited and incoherent in her talk, she laboured under great fear and fancied that her soul was lost. Her sister stated that she ran out of the house from fear of danger and that she saw the devil, and he was opening up.

On admission she was depressed and melancholy, and appeared to be in fear of some calamity about to happen her.

She yesterday ran from the house of Mr. Glasgow 12 Woodside Terrace, where she served, to her sister's house 10 Centre Street and could not be overtaken. Patient says that she thought the devil was after her. She says that she lived in the house for three months by herself while the family were from home, and that one night after they had just come home she got a fright by the other servant - she thought she saw a ghost.

Bodily health feeble: Condition reduced. On the nape of her neck and in her hair was a quantity of hard blood, which upon being washed away showed six small wounds resulting from the application of leeches.

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She only slept one hour during the night but was quiet. Today she is more cheerful, talks freely, laughs and says she thinks she has conquered the devil.

Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> September 1868

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She is very changeable, at times very much depressed, at other times excited and violent - attacking the other patients suddenly. She seems to have lost all control over her actions.

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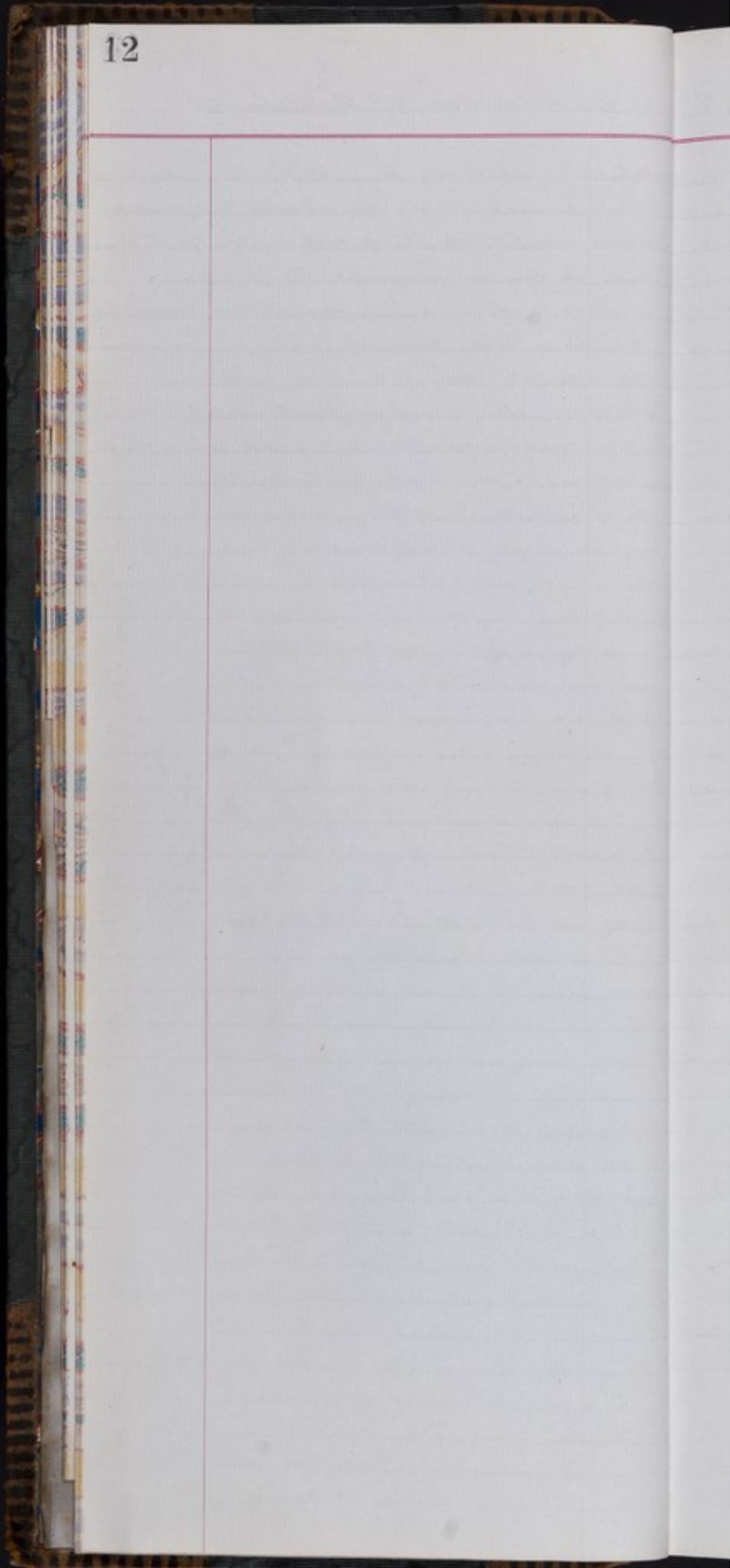
She has improved since last report, but today was depressed, crying, and occasionally to get away.

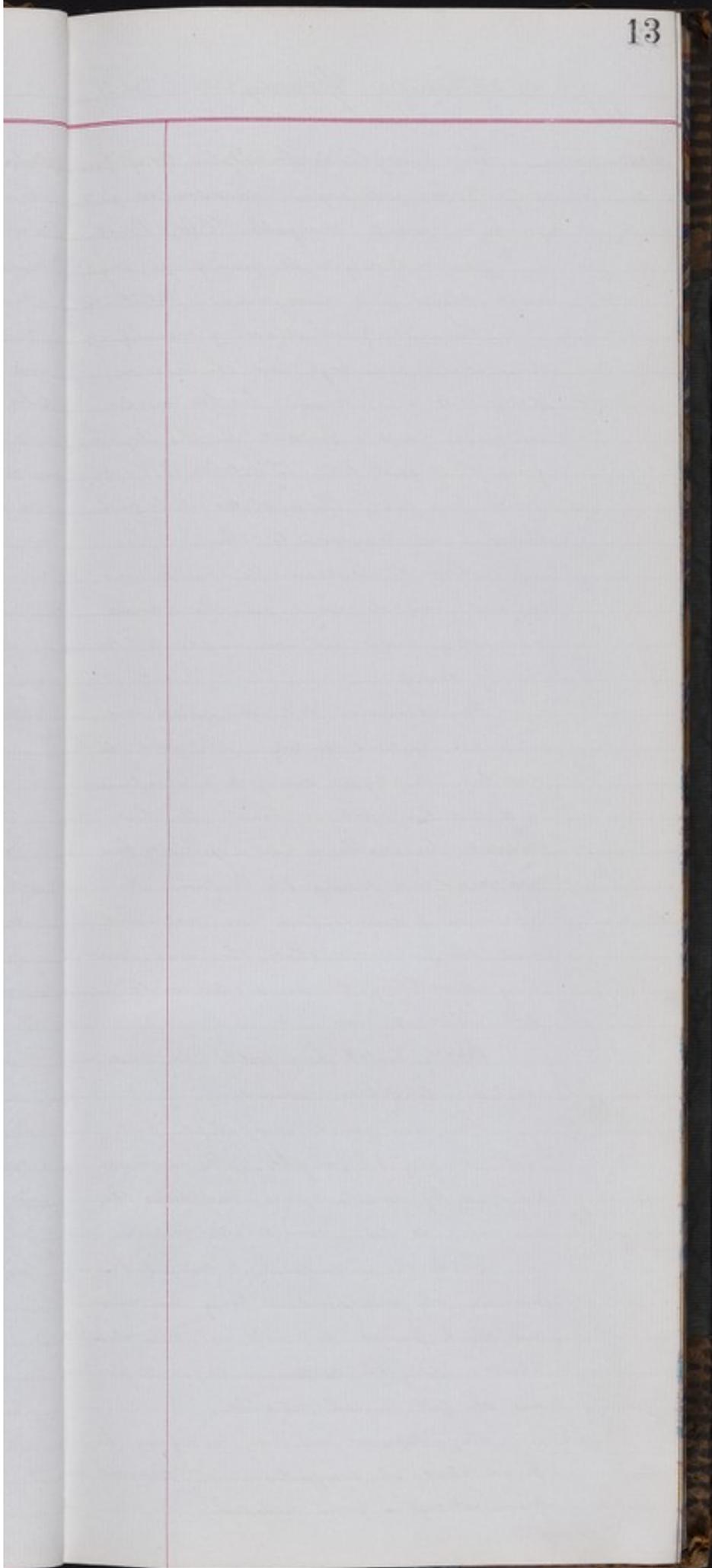
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She is now very well mentally: her bodily health has also improved, she is cheerful and happy, works in the laundry.

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She was today dismissed -  
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1858 Catherine Young Oct 28

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

She is twenty eight years of age, single was employed as a sewer and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three days and the cause is stated not to be known but her mother was insane and a patient in this Asylum from 31<sup>st</sup> August till 26<sup>th</sup> October 1855 - see Vol XX page 246. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission her mind was confused and she could give no coherent account of herself and was unfit to take care of herself.

On admission she was quiet and answered questions readily. She said she had been employed sewing to a warehouse and did her work at home. She had visited her mother while a patient here and remembered seeing the Institution. Her expression of countenance was melancholy and she admitted that there was something troubling her mind but would not tell what it was.

Physically health very feeble - her chest affected: Condition reduced.

16 She was quiet and slept pretty well during the night. She is much annoyed by smells (guinea) and says she has been so for a considerable time.

18 Today she is confined to bed: In the morning she complained of being very unwell and much pained but could not tell where about midday the catamenia began to flow and she felt much relieved.

23 She is depressed and today is saying she fears that she is affected with Venereal disease through a forced connection.

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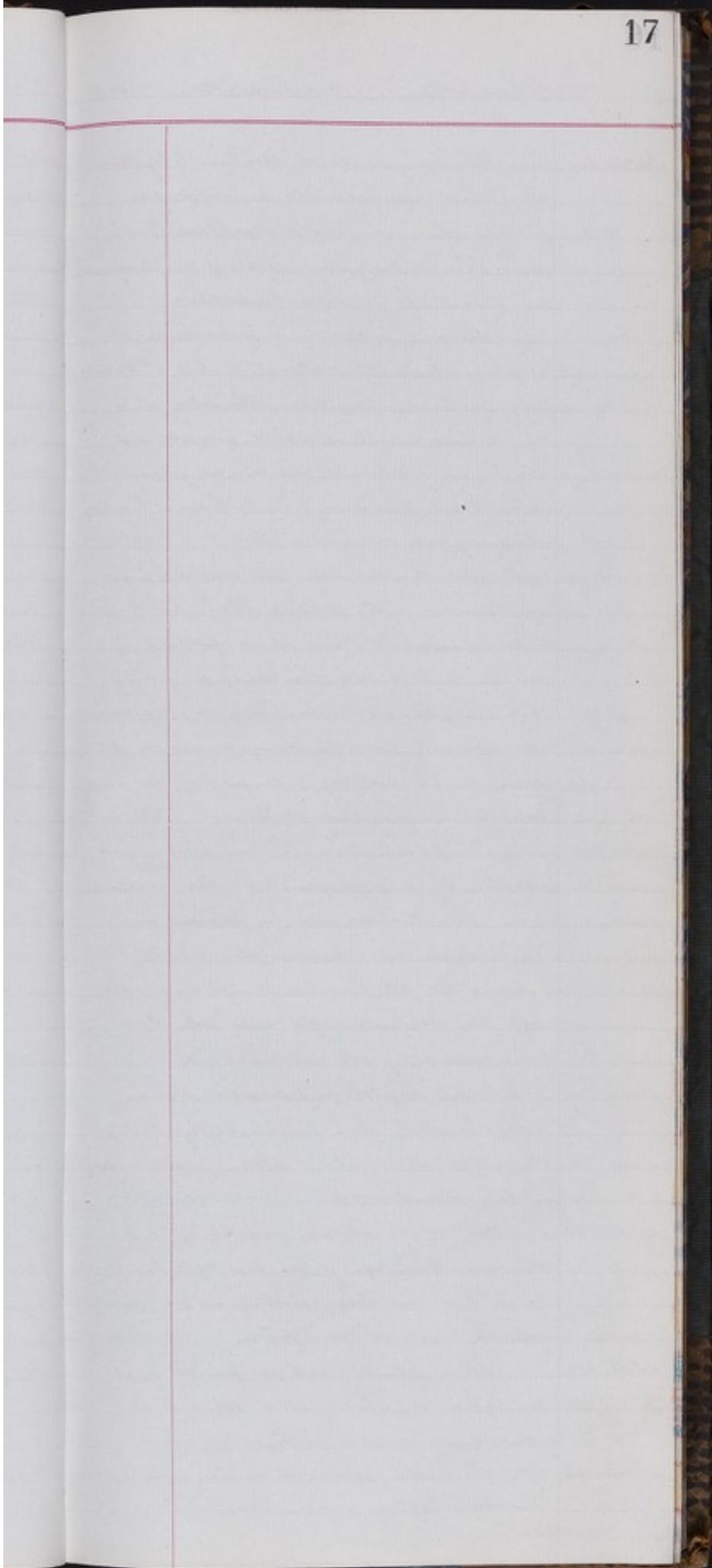
He appears to be very mentally now,  
is daily employed, takes his food well  
and does not speak of any of his former  
delusions.

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He was today dismissed. -

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Charlotte Hall or Hamilton Vol. 35

1865

- September 17 Was brought to the Asylum today, from <sup>1864</sup> <sup>Januar</sup>  
 Barnstow and admitted as a pauper  
 patient - chargeable to Old Monkton Parish.  
 She is thirty-five years of age, married  
 is a Housewife and a Protestant.  
 She was previously a patient in this  
 Asylum from 15<sup>th</sup> October 1817 - till 8<sup>th</sup> September  
 1818. See Vol. XXX page 214. The duration of  
 the present attack is about a week and  
 the cause not known. She is dangerous to  
 others but not suicidal. No known hereditary  
 tendency. <sup>John</sup>  
 Prior to admission she was incoherent  
 and excited, she fancied that her husband  
 had injured her; ran about, followed by  
 crowds and twice threatened to destroy  
 her daughter. Her husband says that <sup>Apric</sup>  
 she did very well for a day or so after she  
 came home but began to go out too much  
 and became gradually worse. <sup>May</sup>  
 On admission she was excited and  
 incoherent, and very violent when interfered  
 with. Her clothes were in disorder and  
 she shook and twisted them about. She <sup>June</sup>  
 asked what she had been doing since she  
 left the Asylum, - she said she had  
 been redeeming the world.  
 Bodily health and condition ordinary  
 " 18 She slept none and was noisy during <sup>August</sup>  
 the night. Today she is restless and disorderly  
 in her conduct.  
 " 20 Last night she was very noisy, and in  
 the morning was found naked; she had torn  
 up her shift and under clothing and put them  
 into the chamberpot among urine. <sup>October</sup>  
 October 10 She is delirious, but at present quiet  
 and generally sleeps well, although she  
 is at times a little restless.  
 November 6 She works well in the laundry, but is slow  
 and very rambling in conversation.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> September 1868

- from December 12 She continues quiet and works as before in the Laundry, talks little and at present appears pretty well mentally.
- 1869  
carried January 13 She is very quiet and industrious, sometimes wishes to get away and when she anything is talked of concerning how she was sent here, she becomes rambling and delusive and accuses many people of having had annoyed her.
- February 9 She still continues quiet and works well. Bodily health pretty good.
- March 19 She is excited and dangerous, very incoherent and will not keep on her clothes, is destructive. Last night she slept none and knocked on the door of her room all night.
- April 16 She is now less excited, but at times very incoherent and restless often complains of headache. Today her tongue is foul.
- May 22 She sometimes works in the Laundry, at times she is restless at night, during the day she is often troublesome, very silly in her manner, talks incoherently, complains often of headache.
- June 18 At present she is quiet and employed in the Laundry, but her language is incoherent and full of delusion. She often accuses her husband for not attending to her children and drinking &c. and says he is the cause of her having been at all ill.
- August 12 There is very little change in her mental state since last report. At times she seems to be pretty well mentally, but is very changeable and uncertain, delusion appears to be always present.
- October 18 Today she did not go out as usual to work in the Laundry, complained to the Matron of being unwell and having headache. At the visit she said there was a leech in her inside biting at her side and that it had been there living for eleven years.

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## Charlotte Hall or Hamilton

1869

November 14 She employs a good deal of her time working in the laundry and is in pretty good bodily health. Mentally she is delusional and at times gives incoherent and very silly in her conduct.

December 13 She is still employed about the laundry but does little work. She is at present very restless, wanders about in the court talking incoherently to any one she may meet and when asked in is abusive and threatening in her language.

<sup>1870</sup> January 31 She frequently complains of headaches and is at times incoherent, delusional and very irritable.

March 5 She has been very quiet since last report and is daily employed in the laundry. When spoken to she generally replies pretty coherently, but at times gives no reply, smiles and conducts herself foolishly. Is delusional.

April 21 She continues quiet, but at present does not go out to the laundry. She complains of pain in her side and says she thinks there is a stone in it as twelve years ago when in Longfellow's Bay she had a stone in her mouth and she would never tell where it had gone to.

June 8 At present she is pretty well mentally and works in the washing house & laundry. She is delusional, but requires to be talked to on the subject of her delusions before she speaks of them. She is in pretty good bodily health.

August 15 She has been very much excited and dangerous, very incoherent and delusional and most unmanageable. At present again she is quiet and goes out to the laundry but does little work. She wants home as she says all her children are affected with the black ail.

October 13 She continued quiet up till two days ago but is now much excited, very incoherent and noisy; won't keep her clothes properly on.

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November 16

She has been pretty quiet since the paroxysm noted at last report, but on several occasions appeared as if about to become excited. At these periods her tongue became brown dry & coated and she rambled much in conversation sometimes fancying she was dying. She was put to bed and ordered some alterative medicine and in a day or two was well again.

1871

February 17

She is quiet and goes out to the laundry does some light work, but often complains of her side and is inclined to talk in a rambling delirious manner, more especially about her physical state and particularly her side.

April 20

Continues quiet and industrious, but is very delirious and rambling in conversation, fancies people know what she is thinking about; at times is foolish in her conduct.

June 15

She has been at times quite incoherent talked and laughed in the most foolish manner became excited and interfered with everything like a child and was very delirious. She frequently complains of her side.

August 17

She says she is the mother of Christ is excited and incoherent, refers to the heart in her side and says she feels unwell. Often wishes to whisper something, and her words have no meaning, is much offended if told she is not understood.

October 14

She sometimes now works in the kitchen but can do little, for talking alone herself and family. She is very delirious with regard to the layman officials, fancies she knows them all her life, but calls them imaginary names.

December 16

She is quiet and works a little answers simple questions colorately, but is very delirious and rambling when talked to for any length of time.

1872

February 15

She is quiet and sometimes even a little acts very foolish questions and is unquiet when not taken notice of. Talks most rambling about matters.

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Theresa Cairney or Muller *Jan. 24*

1868

September 22

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

She is twenty nine years of age, married, is a housewife and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she was in an anxious, compressed state of mind and talked incoherently about her domestic affairs.

One day last week she had gone to Glasgow Green, gathered a crowd of children about her, threw some money and other articles to them and then went into the Clyde to drown herself, but was rescued and taken to the Humane Society's Home and afterwards to the Central Police Office.

On admission she was free from excitement, rather confused and could give no reason for having went into the water.

Her mamma was hard and indolent and when asked she said that her child (a boy) was six weeks old. She also wore two pieces of cloth attached to pieces of tape round her neck, which she said was the badge of the Carmelite Society.

At the evening visit patient said the reason she went into the Clyde was that she had a revelation from Heaven which told her if she went home her husband would either kill himself or kill her.

Physical health very feeble: Condition reduced.

23 She slept only two hours during the night but was quiet. She is confined to bed has taken her food but seems exhausted.

26 She sleeps well at night is quiet and takes her food. She is now out of bed.

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Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1868

- from October 6 She takes her food well and is a little better in her bodily health. She is generally cheerful but at times gets rather depressed and like to cry she says she is anxious about her children.
- " 22 She continued to improve up till the morning. Slept well last night, but is now very depressed and weeping. She says the Virgin Mary has forsaken her, and she is afraid her husband has killed himself.
- " 28 Today she was very restless going down on her knees and kissing the floor. She had to get on lockfast gloves to prevent her putting things in her mouth.
- November 13 She sleeps well at night now and is quiet and pretty cheerful, but her look is wandering and suspicious.
- December 11 She is quiet and does a little work but occasionally does not sleep well at night. Bowels sluggish. She often requires purgative medicine.
- 1869  
January 17 She is quiet does little and often complains of her head. Today she says it is very bad - can't describe it. Wants purgative medicine.
- February 10 She is very restless and disorderly in her conduct. Does not sleep at night and is often noisy singing and talking loudly. When spoken to about it she laughs and says she cannot help it.
- March 23 She has slept pretty well for some night back up till last night when she slept none and was noisy. She says her head is punny but cannot explain how.
- April 19 She is noisy and disorderly in her conduct especially at night; says she cannot help it and is sorry for it. When spoken to seems ashamed.
- May 24 She sleeps little any night and is always noisy and often violent. She sometimes falls asleep during the day. At times she seems pretty rational and when spoken to by the Medical Assistant, says she cannot help it.

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June 18

Since last report she has improved very much, works in the laundry appears quite composed and sleeps well at night. She says the pain and strange feeling in her head has almost entirely left her. She appears to be in good bodily health and becoming stout.

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Ann Falconer

Oct. 30

1868

September 23

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

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

This is supposed to be the first  
attack of insanity, the duration is a few  
days and the cause is not known. She  
is dangerous to others but not suicidal.  
Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she had various  
delusions and was incoherent in her conversation. Nov  
She said she was the Father, Son & Holy Ghost  
that she was persecuted for religion, that  
people hunted her at night, and that her  
food was poisoned. She refused to take  
her food and was violent and dangerous  
to those around her.

On admission she was very sullen and  
taciturn and at first would speak none  
and appeared to pay no heed to anything said  
to her. She afterwards said she was the Star  
of Hungary and that she had been poisoned.

Oral health indifferent condition ordinary.  
Her heat is hot and tongue very dry & red.

24 She only slept two hours and for the  
rest of the night was noisy and restless, kicking,  
singing and talking badly. She was laid up  
and the morning fever by the attendants.

About breakfast time she became very much  
excited, seized a chamber pot and dashed  
it to pieces against the wall. In the afternoon  
she was much better and told the Matron  
that she had left Barnhill Asylum on  
27<sup>th</sup> April last and had been only a short  
time ill. She said that her father was insane  
but was now dead.

26 She is subject to paroxysms of excitement, she  
is confined to bed. Says I am that I am  
Jesus Christ. Starts in her sleep.

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She is restless, irritable and delusional. Last night she slept little and today says that there was machinery in her body. Says also she is Mrs Falconer that was, is, and will be. She is afraid of being poisoned and has had on several occasions to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

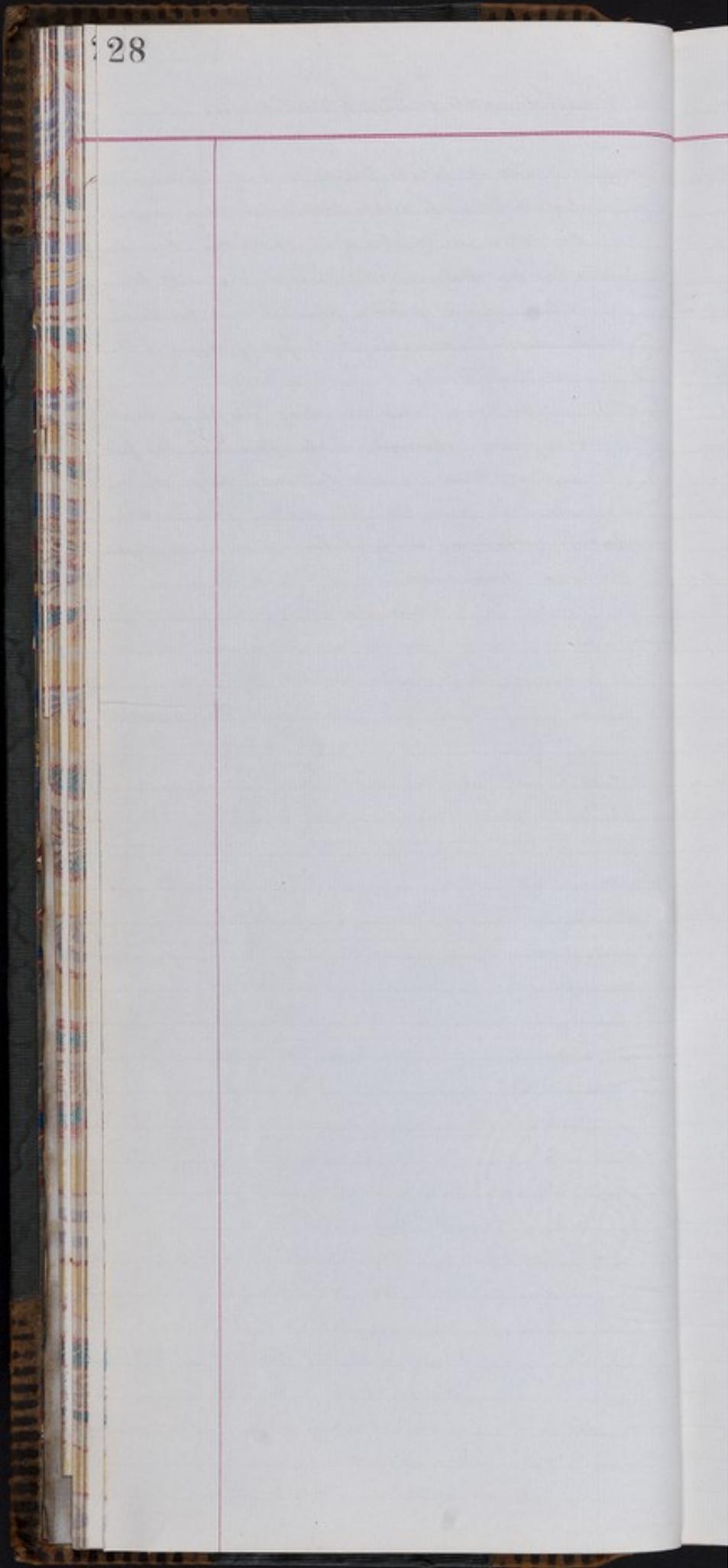
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Continues excited, noisy, incoherent and dangerous, stamps on the floor with her feet and at times cannot be controlled. She says she was from the foundation of the world.

November 2

She was today taken to Dr James Rayner and dismissed.

Relieved.





Mary McArthur Nov. 18

1865

September 24 Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
City Workhouse Glasgow, and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

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

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

Prior to admission she was very agitated  
in mind and laboured under delusions.

She said she was a great hypocrite, that  
her minister had informed her that  
hypocrites must go to hell, and that she  
she had attempted to cut her throat.

On admission she had a confused,  
melancholy look, spoke none, and could  
with great difficulty, and after several times  
being asked, answer the simplest question.

Bodily health very feeble: certain redness  
upon her neck a little below the larynx  
there is a granulating wound about two inches  
in length, running transversely and kept  
together by two wire sutures. She is affected  
with furuncles and has almost no hair on  
the anterior part of the scalp.

25 She was very quiet during the night  
she is depressed but takes her food well.

30 The wound on the throat is nearly  
well, but there is no mental improvement  
she speaks none, has her eyes always fixed  
upon the ground and never raises her head.

October 12 She has been in bed for two days on  
account of oedema of the feet, but is now  
better. She says she has disgraced all her  
relations and that she can never be  
forgiven.

28 Today she is restless (muttering to herself  
and trying to strangle herself).

Oct. 45

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> September 1868

- from November 16 During the night she was very miserable, would not lie in bed and was determined to get out. She gives no reply when spoken to, sits with her head bent forward.
- December 16 She sleeps very little, seldom gives any reply when spoken to and does not speak. She has commenced to pick her nose causing it to bleed and when spoken to will not deist. She has had to get a lockyone gloves. She is still depressed and suicidal.
- 1869  
January 18 She now seems quite demented, sits stock still with her arms drawn together her head bent forward and her body twisted does not seem to hear any.
- February 17 She is very weak and is for the most part confined to bed, no change mentally.
- March 23 Still confined to bed, sweats a great deal on the face and her ocular ears are sore. She takes her food, never speaks.
- April 19 She has been taking the dilute sulphuric acid, but still sweats on the face, the ears are not healing. She is very demented.
- May 24 She is confined to bed, never speaks nor gives any reply when spoken to, is very demented. She does not now perspire so much as formerly. Bodily health very feeble.
- June 18 She is confined to bed, never speaks but now when asked for says she is pretty well. Her bodily health is a little improved.
- August 14 She is very demented always in bed does not speak and has to be attended to like a child.
- October 18 There is no apparent change. Her expression is quite fatuous and she never speaks nor looks up when spoken to.
- November 29 She was today taken to the City (St. Mary's) Parochial Asylum by authority of Arthur Mitchell and dismissed. —  
Relieved.





Mary Black or Johnston Oct. 40

1868

September 25

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

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

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

Prior to admission she was greatly excited and bung and gesticulated in a violent manner. Her language was incoherent and she affirmed that a picture on the wall of a boy was a portrait of her husband.

On admission she was free from any great excitement, but was restless and displayed great weakness of mind. She shook hands with and asked for the health of all the persons she saw fancied she knew them and asked some if they were still living in the same place. She said this was her mother's house.

Bodily health feeble. Condition reduced.

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She slept none and was noisy all night singing and jumping on the floor - very much excited. The attendants fed her at breakfast time, at dinner time she spit out the food - thin feces, and at night was fed by means of the stomach pump.

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She has been very restless, noisy and excited, ever since admission has slept none up till last night, when she slept well. Today she is quiet, takes her food.

October 10

She is quiet but at times does not sleep well. She is delusious and her conversation rambling.

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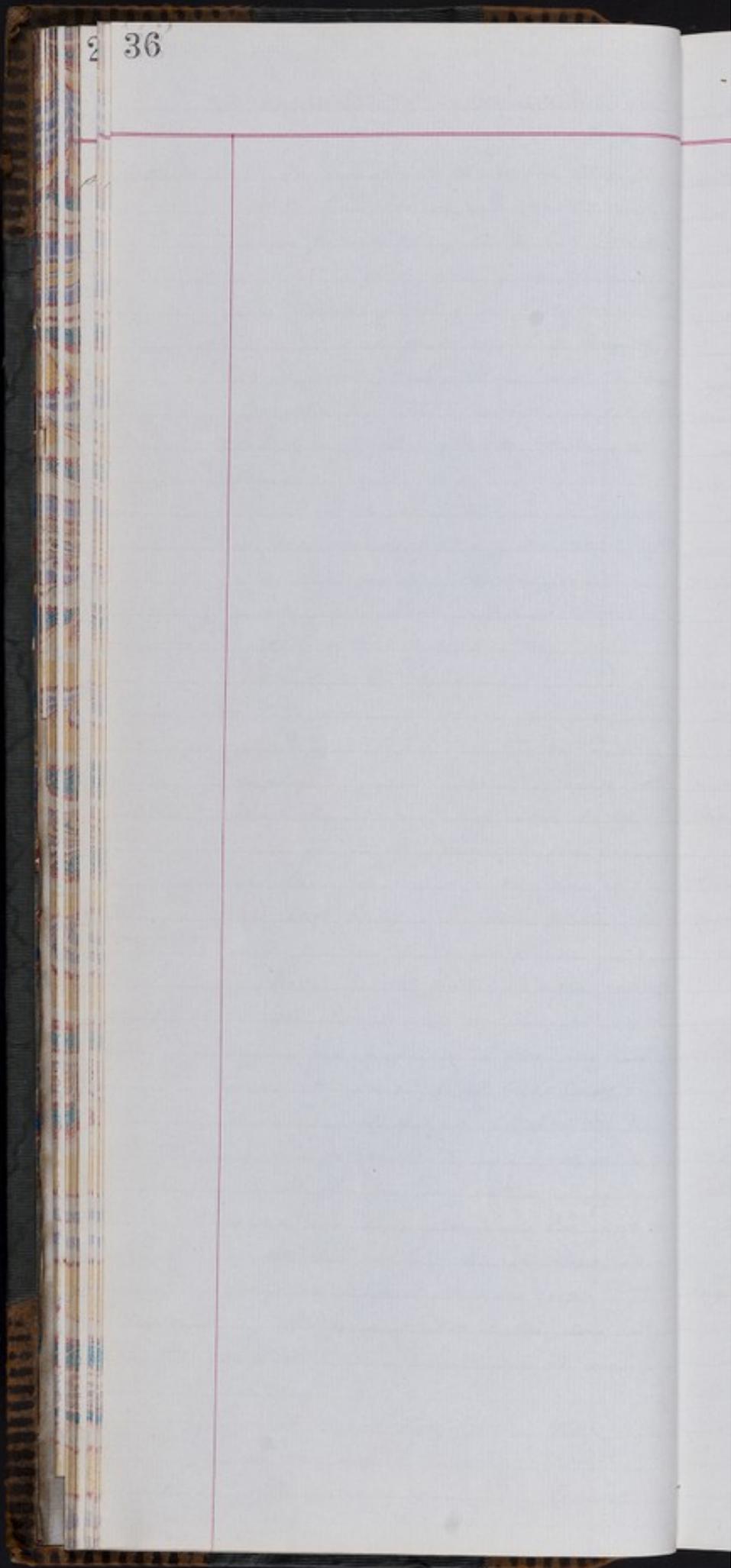
She is now very well mentally, works in the Ward and the Laundry.

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She was today dismissed. - G. M. B.

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September 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Deane's  
Govan Post-house and admitted as a Pauper  
patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

She is thirty-one years of age, married  
was a Housekeeper - lately - ragrant, and  
is a Protestant.

She has been insane for some years  
but the cause and whether it is the first <sup>1869</sup> January  
attack is unknown. She is dangerous  
to others but not suicidal. Hereditary  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent  
and delirious; fancied she was under <sup>February</sup>  
the influence of electricity and was  
visited by unseen persons. She used  
very threatening language, said she would  
have blood for blood and fondled the  
ward reacting incoherently.

On admission she was free from excitement  
she said she had formerly been an inmate <sup>March</sup>  
of the Stirling Asylum. Her skin was  
mottled from a former eruption and when <sup>April</sup>  
asked about it she began to talk incoherently  
about it being like the berry that was  
in Sarcod.

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Her health indifferent, condition ordinary  
she slept four hours during the night <sup>May</sup>  
and was quiet. Today she has taken tea food  
and is quiet she says her husband is a soldier  
but does not know when he is.

October 8

She is quiet, but does nothing. <sup>June</sup>  
When she talks incoherently in an incoherent  
manner to imaginary persons, but when  
spoken to will never tell what she was saying <sup>August</sup>

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Today she attacked and struck me  
of the attendants. She will or can give  
no reason why she did so, but merely  
smiles & shakes her head when spoken to. <sup>October</sup>

November 15

She has been very quiet for some time, does  
nothing and seldom speaks.

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She does nothing and her mind seems to be much preoccupied, smiles when spoken to but seldom speaks. She always ties her cap string round the back of her head raising the crown high above the head. When asked the reason her reply is generally incoherence, but she considers herself a lunatic.

She is at present very irritable and dangerous seized her dinner dishes today and tried to strike the attendant with them. She appears not to be so well in her bodily health, has sore throat & foul tongue.

She is at present labouring under an attack of jaundice, white of eyes and whole skin quite yellow. Treatment - Iodine, purgatives and the Nitro-muriatic Acid nature.

The skin is now its natural colour. Last night she was noisy and talked to what she fancied to be two men in her room.

She is at times excited and dangerous attacks the attendants. Talks to herself.

She never does anything at times is irritable and dangerous, mutters incoherently, at the mill smiles and shakes her head, her mind seems much preoccupied, and she seldom seems to look about herself.

For some days past she has been working in the washing house, but today she is not out; being very irritable and noisy, talking incoherently at some imaginary persons.

She is incoherent, but at present is quiet and works in the laundry. She is in good bodily health.

She works a little talks much to herself, mutters about mistery & is not here and can give no explanation when spoken to.

She is occasionally <sup>violent</sup> and dangerous her mind seems always much preoccupied and she talks incoherently to herself.

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## Elizabeth Murphy or Carson

1869

November 11 Her mind seems always to be much preoccupied, she sits in an erect posture and never speaks to me looks at the patients near her, she replies when spoken to but is generally incoherent. Sometimes work a little in the Laundry.

December 13 When asked to go forward to the table to her dinner, she became violent and without cause attacked the attendants. When spoken to about it she talked very incoherently.

1870  
January 8 There is no change in her mental state. Bodily health good.

She was today taken to Stirling District Asylum by Authority of S. Paterson Dep. Commissioner and detained. —  
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## Mary Stullis

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September 28

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

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

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

Prior to admission she was incoherent talks blasphemously about Christ and her own condition and could give no rational account of herself.

On admission she had a melancholy, confused look. When any one spoke to her she stared at one and drew herself close up to them but gave no reply. She is concerned about her soul and says her mother is in hell.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

24 She slept none during the night, and hardly, and jumped out of bed. She was fed by the attendants, does not speak, but when spoken to she roars all "Wah" and would say nothing more.

October 16

She sleeps well at nights, but is very demented, at times she laughs then cries, and in the midst of her crying again bursts out into laughter. She has to be dressed and fed by the attendants.

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There is no mental change. She is at present confined to bed, at times cries but never speaks, quite unable to tell anything about herself.

November 13

She is quite demented, never speaks and can do nothing for herself. Has to be dressed and fed, and everything done for her like a child. Bodily health ordinary.

December 16

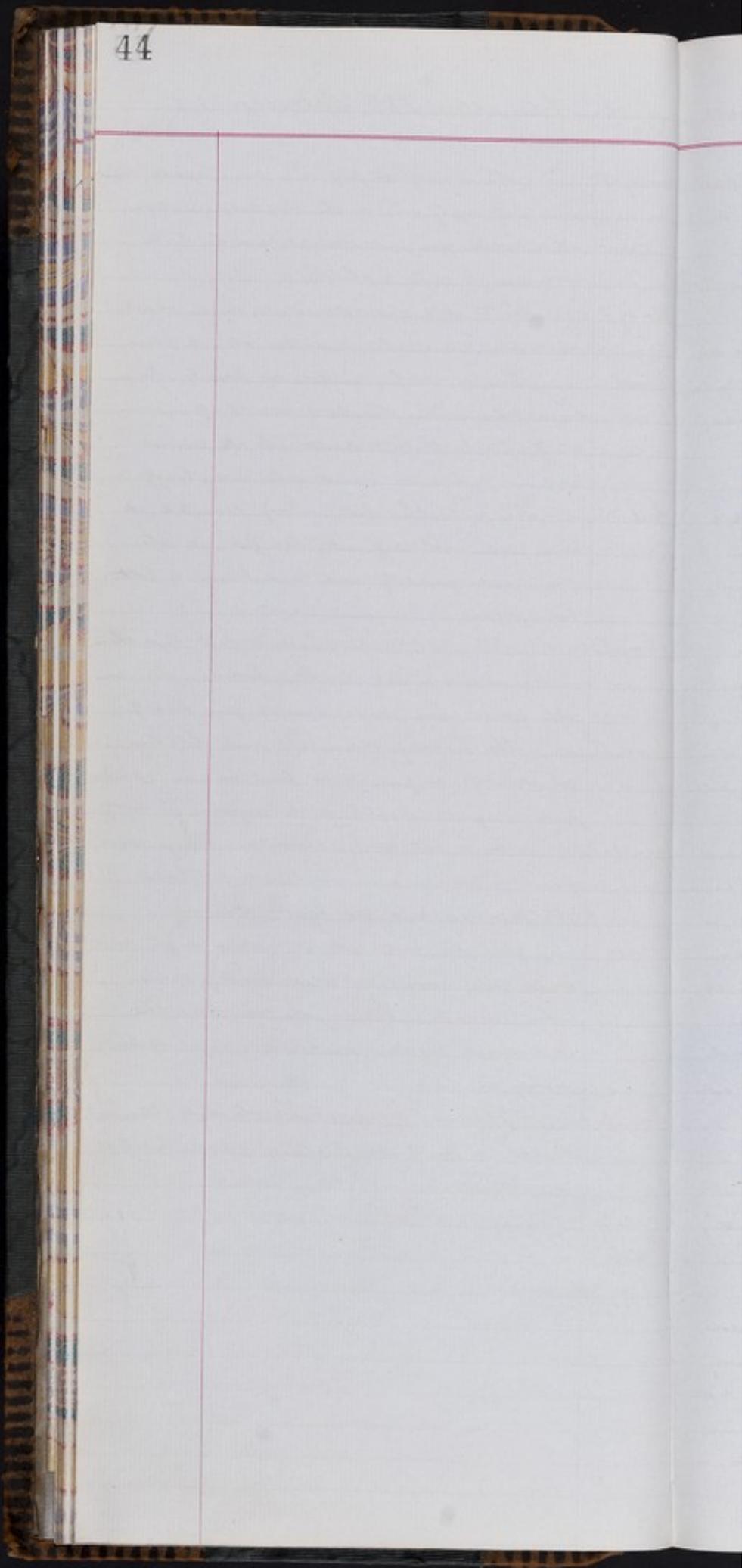
There is neither mental or bodily change.

Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> September 1868

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- 1868  
 January 15 She is very stupid and never speaks, and  
 give any reply even to the simplest question.  
 She is still fed and dressed and has to be  
 attended to like a child.  
 February 9 She is still quite demented, never speaks  
 nor moves unless when led from place to place.  
 March 19 There is neither mental nor bodily change  
 since admission. She does not speak and is  
 still fed by the attendants. Is at present  
 confined to bed on account of her setting herself  
 April 13 She wets the bed, is very demented, at  
 times can with difficulty be fed, at other  
 times eats greedily and is inclined to bolt  
 her food.  
 May 26 She is still confined to bed, and there  
 is no improvement in her habits. She does  
 not speak any and cannot feed herself.  
 June 18 She is very demented and helpless,  
 constantly confined to bed, never speaks  
 and is quite unable to do anything for herself.  
 August 14 She is extremely demented always con-  
 fined to bed, and is inconstant in habits.  
 She requires to be fed by the attendants.  
 October 8 She has not yet uttered a single word  
 since admission, but occasionally smiles  
 when named. She cannot even keep the  
 bed-clothes right upon herself, very helpless  
 takes her food pretty well.  
 November 2 She was today taken to the City (Sturgeon)  
 Parochial Asylum by authority of brother Nichol  
 and dismissed. —

Relieved





Ann Burrows or Wallace Oct 55

1865

September 25

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

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

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

Prior to admission she could not tell her name nor answer any question. She did not seem to understand any question put to her.

On admission she was listless and rather stupid and to nearly every question put to her said "I don't know."

The only other thing she said was that there was not much wrong with her, except just a wee chok in her throat.

Bodily health feeble. Condition relaxed.

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She slept none during the night, for as there was some one at the window, which is a second floor one, and had to be held in bed. Today she was quiet and said she was a wee better, but at night she was depressed, said she was thinking about her own sinful self, and wanted to go away somewhere and die.

October 3

She does not sleep at night is excited and very restless. She fancies that she hears her husband's voice calling her at night, will not lie in bed and would go away naked.

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She is quiet during the day, does nothing and is very anxious to get away. She does not sleep at night and last night heard someone outside calling her name.

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She now sleeps better at night, is demoralized and does nothing.

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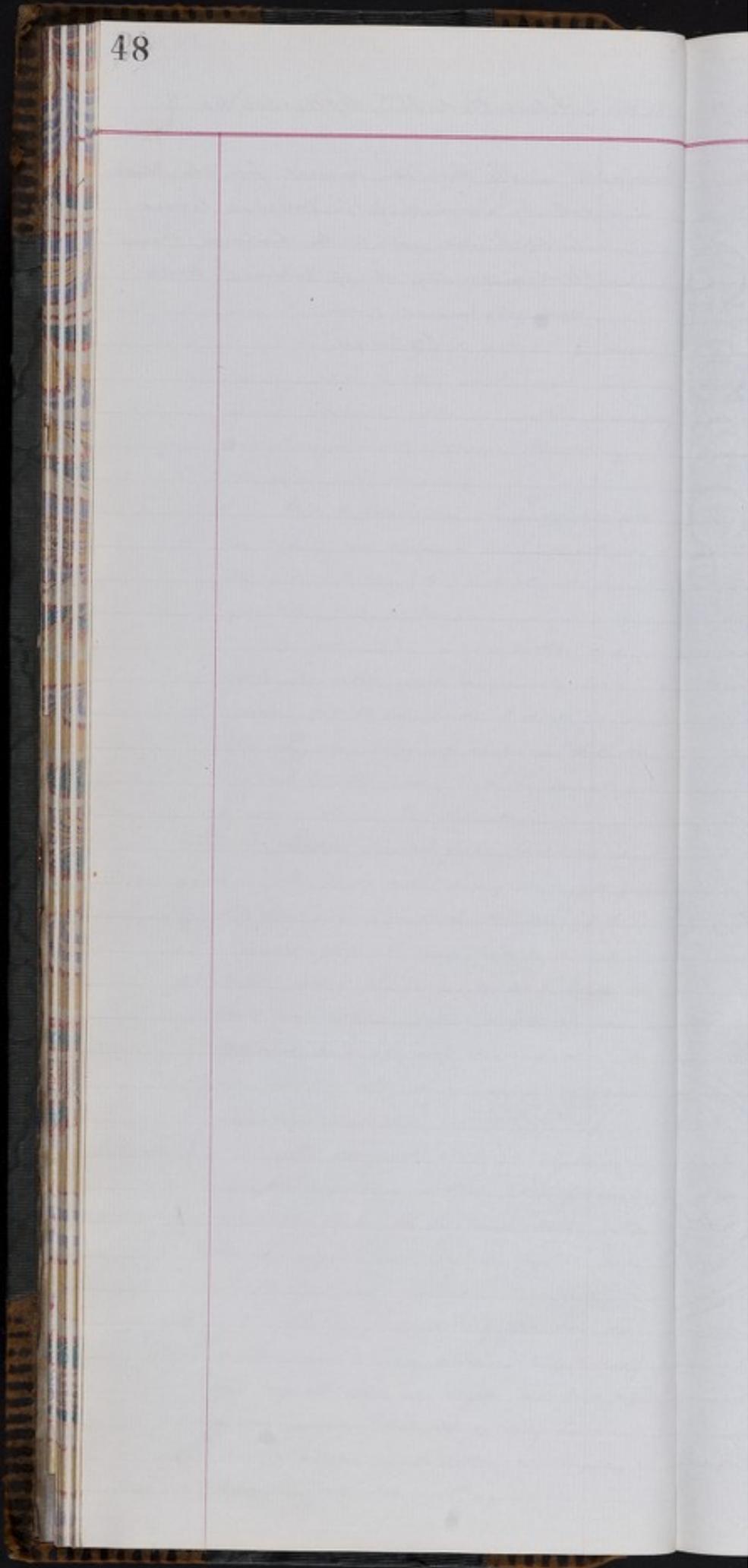
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She has been removed from the pauper roll by a minute of the Parochial Board to be handed over to her husband Masan Wallace residing at 67 Falkhouse Street and dismissed. —

Relieved.





## Theresa Burns

Oct 23

1868

September 28

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

She is twenty-three years of age, single, is Brush-maker and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she was incoherent could not understand any question, and had no idea of where she came from.

On admission she was incoherent, noisy and very talkative. Her language was indecent and when any of the other patients who were brought to the Asylum with her were spoken to she immediately answered and began to scold them for not speaking.

The attendant who brought her to the Asylum says that she had a child in the Workhouse two weeks ago, which is the cause of her mental state, she having expected to be married before the birth of the child.

Bodily health feeble: condition reduced. There is a large scar upon her neck (the result of a burn), drawing the tissues downwards and exposing the teeth of the lower jaw. The mammae are hard and secreting milk.

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During the night she was very restless very noisy, violent and destructive. She tore her shift and flannel. Today she would not lie in bed and bit an attendant upon the finger.

October 1

She is confined to bed, sleeps none, very restless noisy and excited, always talking incoherently. She requires a nurse constantly beside her.

Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> September 1865

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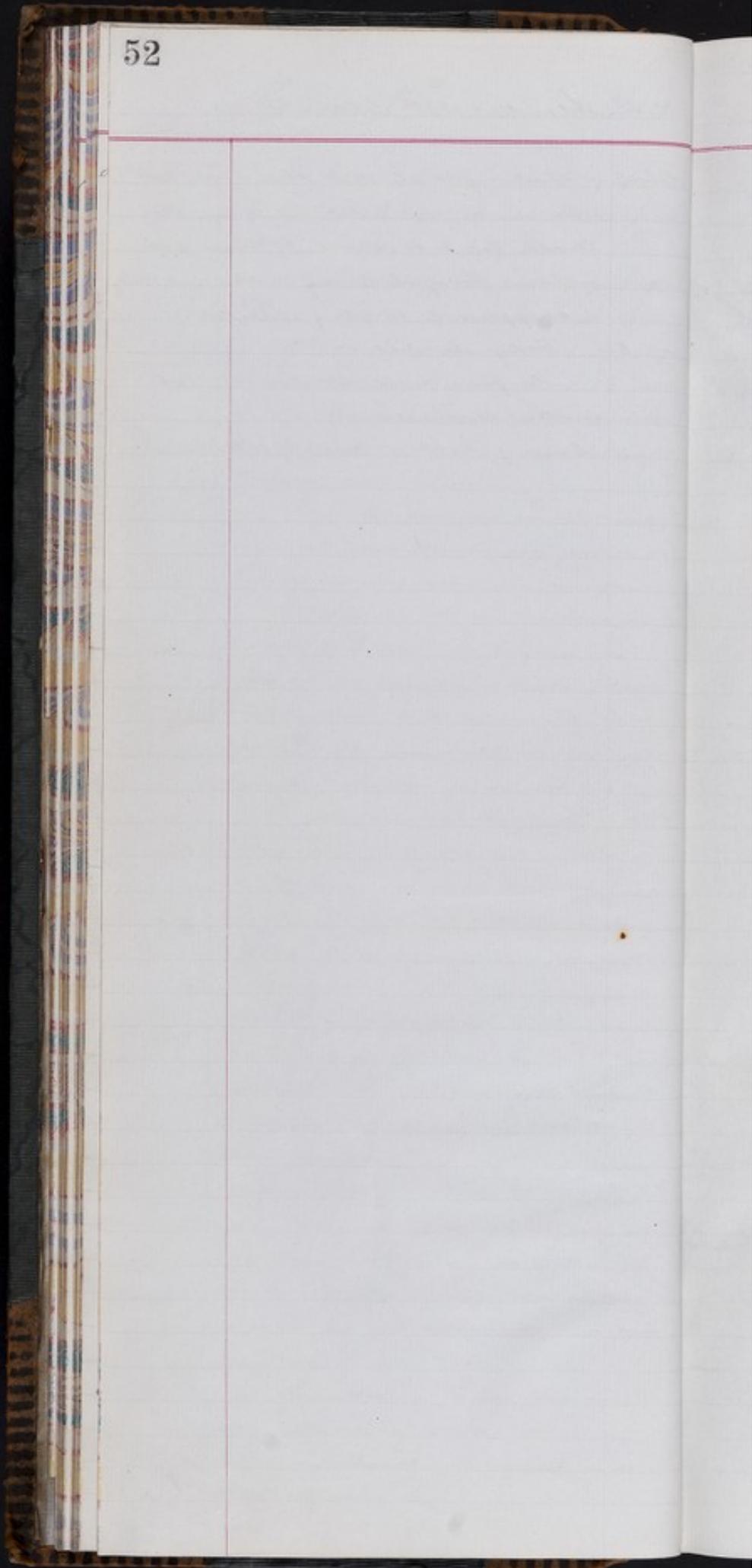
Last night she slept three hours, but when awake was restless and noisy; the bladder had to be relieved by means of the catheter. Today she is very restless and noisy but appears to be getting exhausted.

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Today she died. -

Her friends would not allow a Post-mortem examination.

Cause of death. - Disease of the Brain.





## Jane Chittock

Oct. 30

1868

September 23

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

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

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

Prior to admission she was in a wild excited state dancing and singing. She could not understand any question and was quite incoherent.

On admission she was incoherent, noisy and talkative. Her articulation was that of an imbecile and her language was profane and obscene. She conducted herself in a wantonly and if not prevented would have exposed her body. She caught up her clothes round her belly and said she was four months in the family way. When asked about letters on her arm, in Indian Ink, she said her brother James put them there.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She slept none, was very noisy, and tried to pull the bed clothes off the other patients. Today she is very restless. Threw her brush over her head and although taken several times to the Water Closet would not use it. but pushed her fingers in her clothes and on the floor of the Gallery.

October 3

She was restless, talked all night and tore up her bedding. She requires an attendant constantly beside her in consequence of her disorderly conduct. Very incoherent.

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She does not sleep, constantly talking incoherently, confined to bed, and always moving about her hands and feet.

Oct. 30

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> September 1865log, from  
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October 18

About three days ago an attack of erysipelas commenced on the head and face. She was treated with Tinct. Muc. Ferri in combination with Tinct. Opii in Water. The erysipelas is now quite away but there is no mental improvement. - very incoherent, restless and sleepless.

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November

Last night night she slept none and would not lie in bed. She is very incoherent restless and noisy.

December 13

There is no mental improvement. She is rather noisy and excited, rubs her face with her hands and in consequence seems discoloured & dirty. There has also been several boils on her head.

1864

January 12

Delirium very dirty.

She is very restless, noisy and excited. Her language at times is very obscene and loud; delights to swear.

February 9

She is always dressed in canvas and has on buckram boots. Her mind is very noisy and excited does not sleep at night and Bromide of Potassium or Opium have very little effect upon her.

March 16

She slept well for the last two nights, but had slept very little for a week before. There is no mental improvement. Bodily health rising.

April 19

She can now put on her own clothes but otherwise there is little improvement. She is very restless, noisy and incoherent.

May 24

Today she is excited and dangerous talking very incoherently and like a child. calls the Medical Assistant father, is very easily inclined to cry, and is very restless.

June 19

She is quite incoherent and incapable of doing any work, but at present is free from excitement.

August 11

She is demented, does nothing, very childish and somewhat restless, but generally quiet and takes her food well.

Jane Whitlock from page 55

- 1869
- October 18 She is very silly and childish in her manner talks incoherently and is quite incapable of doing anything that requires any mind. She takes her food well and is in good bodily health. 1870
- November 15 There is little change since last report. 1871  
 She is very silly, but quiet and steady in her habits. Is in good bodily health.
- December 13 She is very much improved since admission and now when lectured after can be got to employ herself with a little very plain sewing. She is very weak minded, April  
 but quiet and orderly.
- <sup>1870</sup> January 28 Her mind is very weak and she talks in a silly manner, but is quiet and orderly, works a little carrying cloths in the Laundry. At present her stomach June  
 is out of order. She omits her food; has been kept in and ordered medicine.
- March 8 She is in the same weak minded state, rather demented, but is employed as before. She is sometimes depressed, August  
 and when asked what is the matter, says she would like to get home.
- April 21 She is quiet and cheerful at present works as before, takes her food well and October  
 is in good bodily health.
- June 9 Her mind is weak and her memory impaired, but she can generally tell the day of the week; smiles and is much pleased when spoken to. She is still employed about December  
 the Laundry. Bodily health good.
- August 18 She is very quiet and orderly and goes out regularly to the Laundry. Is in good bodily health. Her mind is weak, and she appears to be naturally silly.
- October 13 She had to be kept in from the Laundry January  
 for some days in consequence of having dressed herself with one of the best Home patients clothes, she was at the washing.

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- 1870  
 December 16 She again goes out to the Laundry and  
 visits principally to carry the clothes. She is very  
 silly, talks in a stammerish and very rambling  
 manner, but is clearly in her habits and generally  
 very orderly in her conduct.
- 1871  
 February 17 She is quite imbecile, can with the greatest  
 difficulty answer the most simple questions  
 correctly, often answers quite irrelevantly even  
 simple questions, and makes signs with her  
 hands and nods her head as if to assist her  
 words. She is quiet and goes to the Laundry
- April 20 She is very silly, smiles and stammers  
 incoherently, can with great difficulty answer  
 the simplest question and can hardly understand  
 anything said to her. She is in tolerable  
 bodily health.
- June 15 Fully a month ago she became more stupid  
 and less orderly in her habits, sits down heavily  
 while sitting in the day room. She is at present  
 an inmate of the infirmary ward and is often  
 noisy and restless at night.
- August 17 She is very fatuous and stupid, requires  
 to be dressed and undressed and attended to  
 like a child, can't keep her nose clean and  
 does not seem to understand a word said to her.
- October 19 She is still very stupid, requires constant  
 watching and attendance to keep her clean  
 She sits all day long in the one position and  
 requires to be led about, like a child. She  
 takes her food pretty well.
- December 14 She does not now take any notice  
 when spoken to is completely fatuous and  
 very helpless, never speaks, but occasionally  
 grinds her teeth. She can do nothing for herself  
 and requires to have everything she takes put  
 into her mouth.
- 1872  
 January 24 She appears to have had a stroke of  
 paralysis, is quite powerless and now is  
 confined to bed, lies on her back and is  
 unable to sit up. She grinds her teeth.

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Jane Cox or Hogan

Oct. 32

1865

1869

- September 28 Was brought to the Asylum today from Annam  
city Workhouse Glasgow and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to city Parish.
- She is thirty-two years of age, married  
is a Housewife and a Protestant.
- It is not known whether this is the  
first attack, the duration of the existing  
attack is some days and the cause is not  
known. She is suicidal, but unknown  
whether dangerous to others. Hereditary  
tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she was very  
depressed and could not answer any  
question otherwise than yes or no.
- The nurse in the Workhouse stated that  
she would throw herself into the fire  
if not prevented; that she had put her  
father into the flames and often lost  
her hair.
- On admission she has a melancholy  
expression of countenance, and would not  
speak.
- Physical health indifferent: Condition upon  
she is said to be subject to epilepsy.
- 29 She slept well during the night. Today  
she is confined to bed; dirty in her habits,  
has not spoken since admission.
- October 6 She is confined to bed, sleeps little  
but is quiet. She appears to be affected  
with Paralysis but has had no epileptic  
seizures. Does not speak.
- 17 Still confined to bed takes her food  
well, but does not speak, except today  
when she was visited by her husband she  
addressed him off.
- November 4 There is almost no change since admission  
she is in a helpless state from paralysis, but  
takes her food well.
- December 18 There is no change she takes her food  
well, and sometimes when spoken to says she is well.

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She has evidently had a shock of pangs. She states very much and is like to choke when swallowing. She has been ordered to have nothing but fluids, which is to be given her by an attendant with a spoon.

She can now take her ordinary diet and has done so for some time. She sleeps very little at night, seldom more than two or three hours but is quiet, seldom speaks.

She takes her food well but remains very helpless, always confined to bed, and hardly

she is quite demented, and very helpless, but takes her food well.

For some times past she has been very restless and troublesome, getting out of bed and drawing the bed clothes off the other patients, also stealing their food from them and picking up whatever small articles she could lay her hands upon. She now speaks a good deal, replies when spoken to and says she is quite well & laughs.

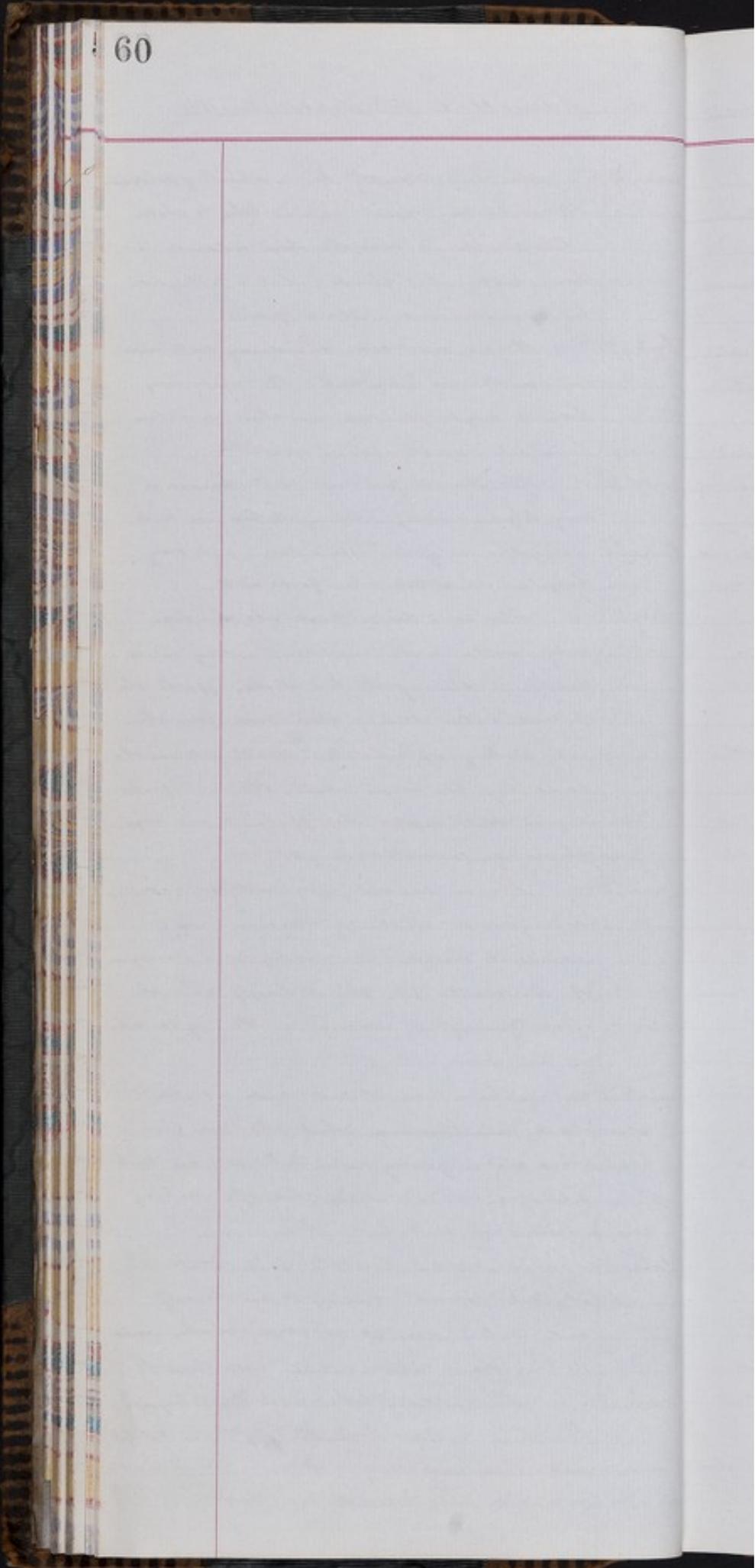
She is excited, very restless and noisy and constantly requires an attendant beside her. Today in a paroxysm of excitement she threw herself upon the floor causing an abrasion on the right side of her brow.

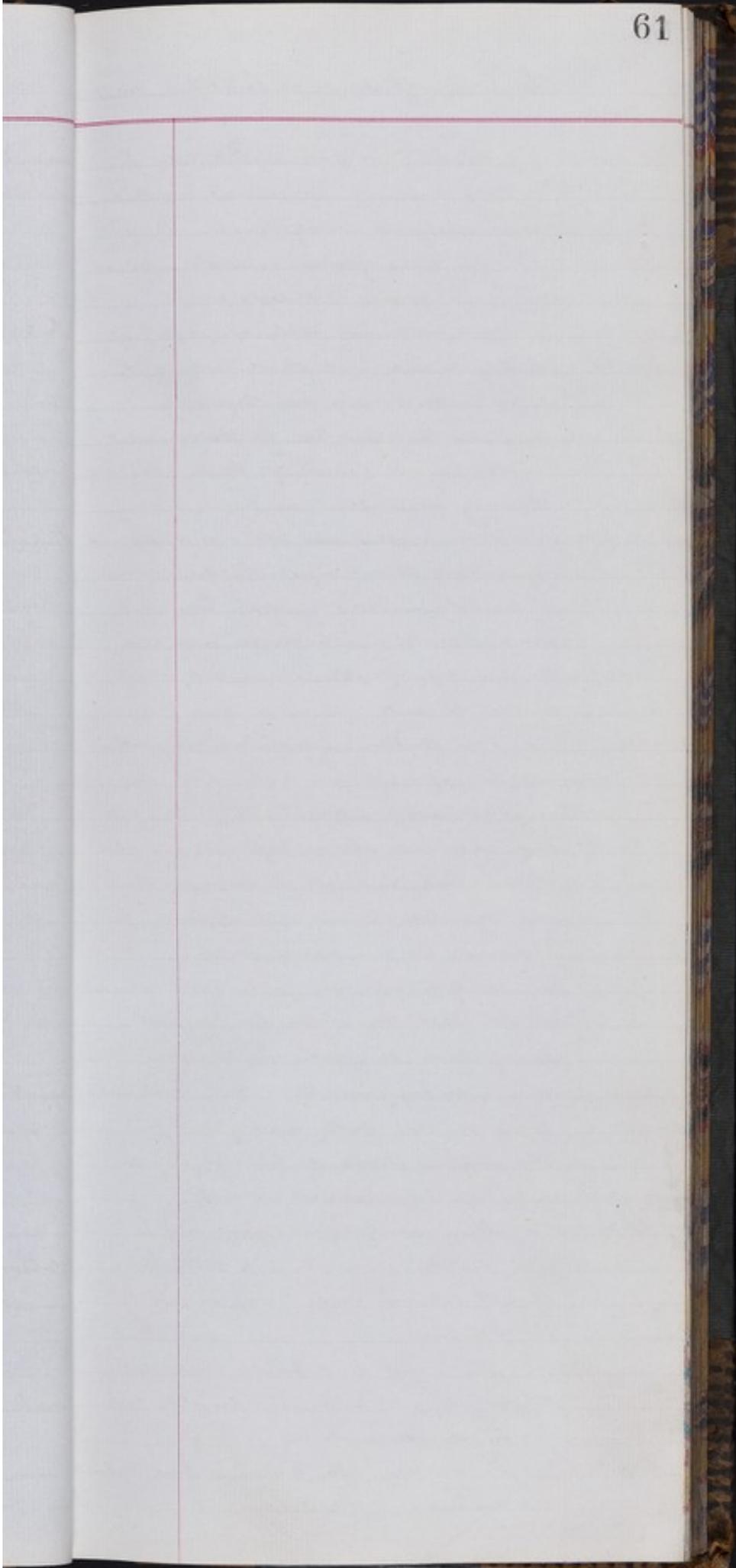
She is very stupid and wanders about not knowing what she does, nor where she is going, when she is taken back she often cries, saying that she was being injured.

She is much in the same state as at last report, cannot dress herself and unless dressed in strong clothes would destroy them. She sometimes wets herself.

She was today taken to the City (Bologna) Parochial Asylum by authority of Arch. Nicolo and dismissed.

Relieved.





## Isabella Irvine or Smith (1813)

1868

September 28

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

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

It is not known whether this is the first attack of insanity, but the duration of the existing attack is a few days. She is dangerous to others but whether suicidal is not known. Cause not known. Predisposing tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was excited, and required to be restrained. She fancied that she was surrounded by people who were about execute and burn her and that the fire was prepared upon which she was to be cast.

Prior to admission she was very restless and her expression was melancholy. She asked what she was going to do here, and said that here she was before she was told she was to be burned. She has a son three and says that she was in the Infirmary for a disease, but does not say what.

" 29

Bodily health very feeble. Tension relaxed.

She slept three hours and was quiet during the night. Today she is restless noisy and very miserable - crying "Ouch, Ouch" to give me that devil (referring to the fire) says every one is against her, that they can destroy the body, but not the soul.

October 14

She is noisy often crying as if in great distress. Says she is to be burned she will take no food herself is fed by the attendants.

" 17

She is not so miserable but still thinks she is to be burned, has still to be fed by the attendants.

November 7

She was today taken to Gungah Point Asylum and dismissed. - Relieved.

1871

February

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> September 1888

Jane Whitlock

1871

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February 13

The urine passes involuntarily from her bladder and she cannot be kept dry. The skin over the gluteal region has in consequence and from the low state of vitality got stripped of the cuticle in several places. She never speaks does not sleep at night and disturbs the other patients grinding her teeth. She is quite unable from her paralysed state to move herself in bed.

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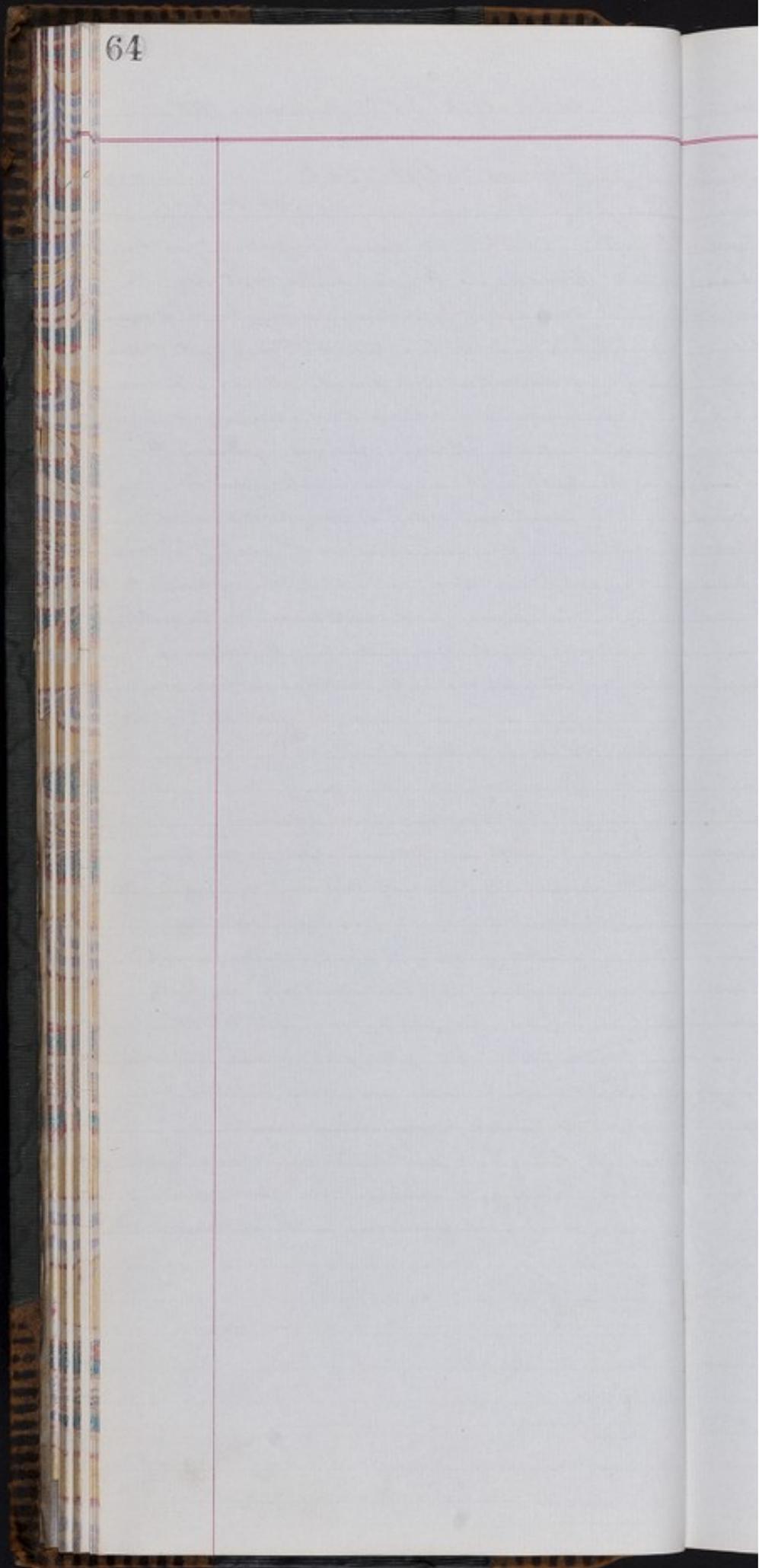
She continued in much the same state as above until 24<sup>th</sup> this morning when she appeared to be much worse. Her eyelids were slightly open and the eyes rolled up. She was unable to swallow anything and quite unconscious and expired at 8 o'clock P. M. She died.

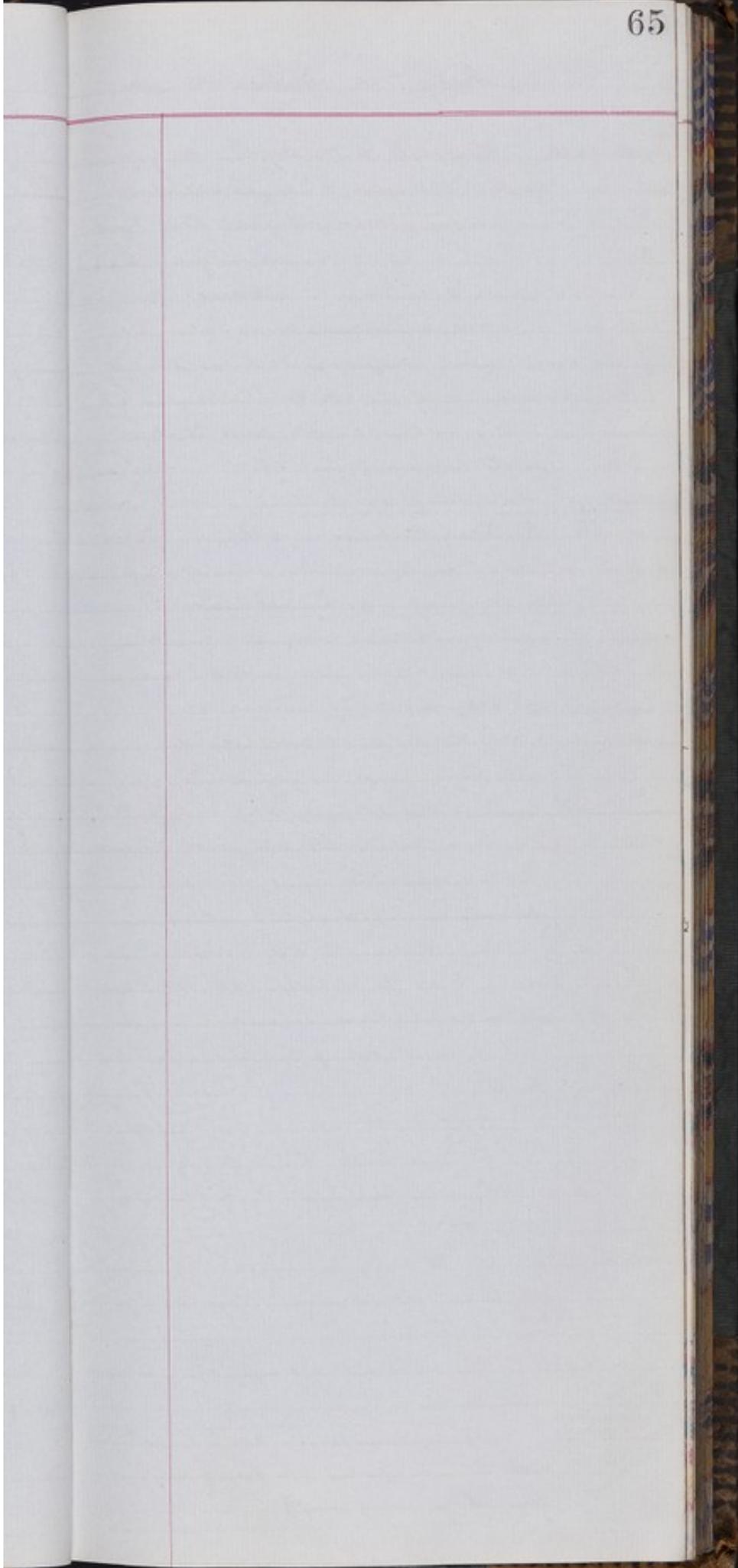
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## Post-mortem Examination

Head. The dura mater was free from adhesions. The arachnoid was very opaque and between it and the pia mater was a large quantity of serum. The pia mater was much injected. The brain substance was highly engorged, but pretty firm. The lateral ventricles were filled with serum and when the brain was removed many ounces of serum flowed out of the cranial cavity.

Cause of death. Extensive oedema of the brain and its membranes, with great effusion of serum in the brain and in the ventricles.





Margaret Wilson

Oct. 23

1868

September 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 151 South Wellington St. Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is twenty-three years of age, single, no occupation and is Protestant.

The present attack is stated to have lasted only a few days. She was previously an inmate of the City Poorhouse Asylum and also of Gartnavel. The cause is stated not to be known but she is an imbecile. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent in language, restless and excitable, could give no intelligent answers to questions, wept and hid her face and her conduct was altogether that of an imbecile.

Her mother stated that she was mischievous and dangerous and a few days ago had thrown a knife at her sister.

On admission she was quiet, but rather the hung down her head, looked about furtively and appeared to be ill at ease. She said this was the City Poorhouse and wished to see Dr. Robertson. When told it was not the City Poorhouse she said it was and had no recollection of having ever been here before.

Rosily, health ordinary: Condition open.

29

She slept well during the night. She is rather restless and incapable of doing any work. She wishes to get home.

October 16

She is easily managed, very childish, laughs in a silly manner. Says she is going away tomorrow.

November 11

There is no mental change. She is in good bodily health.

December 13

She sometimes weeps a little, laughs and nods her when spoken to in very happy after says she is going away.

1869

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Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> September 1888

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At times she is a little irritable, would allow anyone to touch her, is very wasteful but generally quiet and continues to do some coarse sewing.

March 23

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There is no change mentally, she is very quiet and harmless, quite childish, often talks of people coming to see her and laughs seeming much pleased with the anticipated visits, which never occurs.

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There is no mental change, but at present she has a great desire for purgative medicine and would injure herself if she got all she asked for. She is in good bodily health.

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She works a little about the laundry, mending clothes, always talks about going away, laughs and is easily pleased.

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She was today taken to the Surgery Ward, City Workhouse and dismissed.

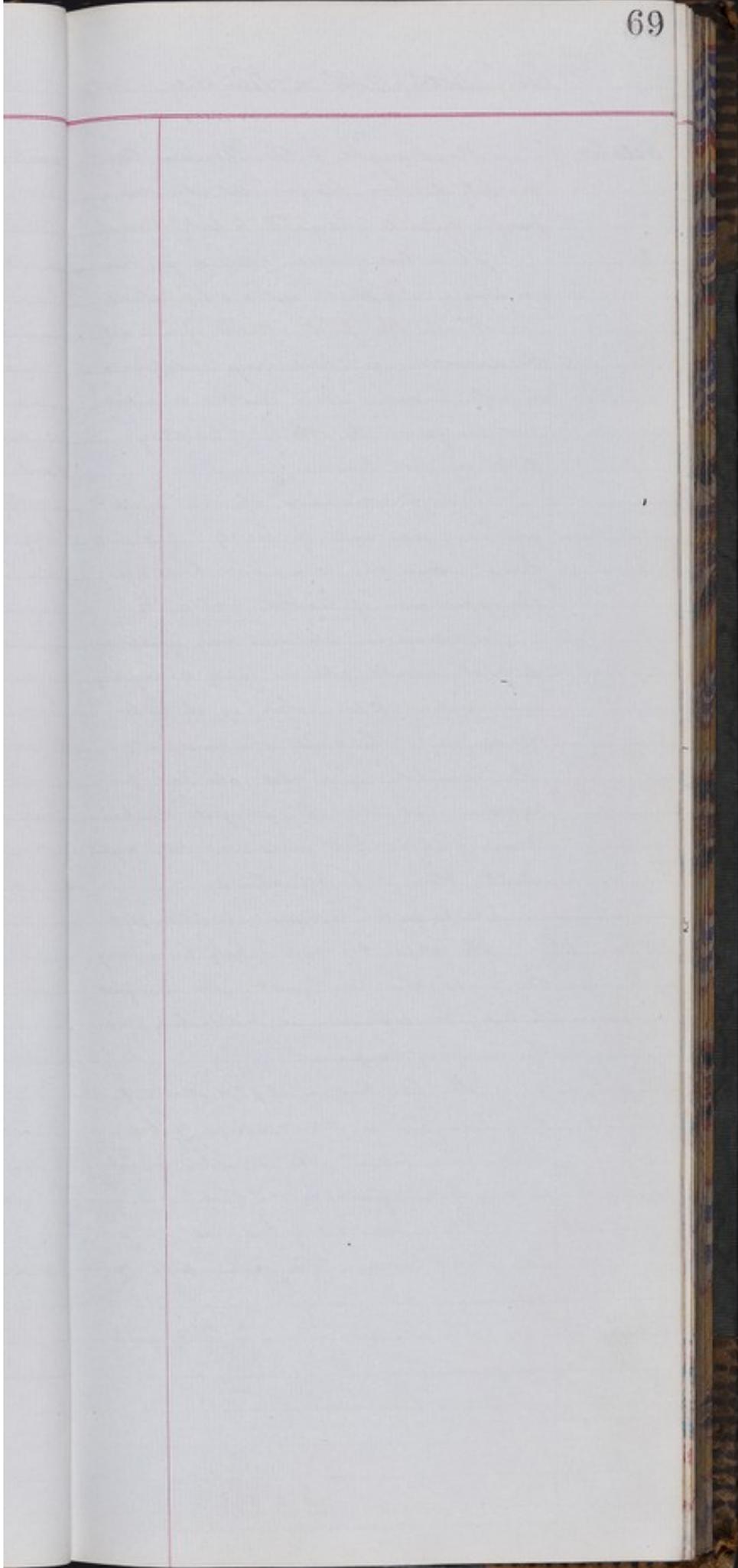
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Elizabeth Gibb or Kenney Oct 27

1865

October 9

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

She is twenty-seven years of age, married, was formerly a servant and is a Protestant.

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

Prior to admission she was unable to give any account of herself, did not know where she was, and had all the appearance of mental imbecility.

On admission she was very quiet, and at first would give no reply to anything said to her. When asked if she could speak any; she said she could not. She afterwards said that she had five children and that the youngest was five years of age, but could not tell anything about them or her husband.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition good.

" 10

She slept two and a half hours during the night and was quiet. She is confined to bed, her expression is melancholy, and her memory impaired.

" 11

She has had a slight attack of diarrhoea and is still confined to bed, but is now better. She is rather feverish with a hectic flush on the face.

" 22

She is now out of bed and does a little work, knitting. She appears to be convalescing.

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She was today taken to Morningside and dismissed.

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## Ann Falconer

1868

October 23

She was today apprehended in the Great Western Road, taken to the County Buildings, certified to be insane and sent to the Asylum in a Warrant granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

She had been discharged from the Ladies Division on account of non-payment of Board.

When brought back to the Asylum she said she had been in Dartnaveil Asylum before and when told she was in Dartnaveil again would not believe it. She sat with her head bent forward and was very averse to being spoken to. Bodily health indifferent condition than

" 26

During the night she slept two hours and was very irritable at being taken notice of. She has taken very little food, solids, and says she is not a child.

November 16

She always occupies the same seat, sits with her body inclined much forward, does not speak to any one near her and never reads nor does anything.

December 13

She is much in the same state as in last report often asks for pills but otherwise speaks none.

1869

January 26

She is very irritable when spoken to and very short in her answers, always says she is quite the same, she continues to occupy the same seat and in the same manner as before described.

March 15

There is no mental change, she walks out with the other patients but associates with no one. She looks a fixture when in the house, does not even turn her head when spoken to or when asking anything.

April 19

She is very irritable but seldom speaks. Sometimes scolds at night and one of the patients sent to whom she sleep says she threatens to kill her.

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May 24

She sits constantly in the same seat and seems to take little or no notice of anything is very irritable and scolds when interfered with. Her bowels are very constipated she requires purgative medicines every other day which she always asks for herself.

June 19

There is no mental change she still occupies the same seat. Does nothing and speaks none except when she says will you send me a little medicine.

August 12

There is no change, she sits with her hands inside her shawl which she always wears in the house, does nothing, although looks about her.

October 19

She asks for Castor Oil every third or fourth day, does not move nor raise her head, which she holds inclined a little forward. Her bowels are seldom interfered with anyone.

December 13

Always occupies the same seat, which is away from where the other patients sit, never does anything nor speaks to anyone. Continues to ask for her medicine.

January 18

Still occupies the same seat, never speaks except to ask for her medicine which she does in a peculiar manner, turning away her head. She takes her food well.

March 8

There is no change whatever in her mental state. She asks regularly for her medicine, occupies the same seat and does not speak to any one. Her body is sometimes very much inclined to one side.

April 21

She sits by herself and never speaks to any person. At the visits and when asked for her answer is always "Quite the same!"

June 9

She continues the same in all respects. Sits in the same seat and in the same position, either replies or asks asked or by saying "Send me some Castor Oil. Does nothing."

July 13

She is confined to her bed her lungs appear to be affected. She has a cough.

## Ann Falconer

1870

August 13

She has improved in her bodily health and is again out of bed but very feeble. She sits in the same way as she formerly did, speaks to no one in the gallery but at the visits occasionally says; send me some castor oil; does not look up when she speaks.

October 13

She still occupies the same seat away from all the other patients, sits in a stooping posture never looks above her nose and appears to take no notice of anything going on around her.

December 16

Spends all her time as before noted and seldom speaks except to ask for castor oil or occasionally when excited to scold, but she never leaves her seat, at these times even and does not look up.

1871

February 17

She has been much excited in consequence of requiring to be bathed. She says that she is not a married woman and that the importunate nurses have no right to expose her person, scolds, saying she is not a child and will judge for herself.

April 20

She sits away from all the other patients and speaks none except when excited, still occasionally scolds about the bath, is always idle.

June 15

She is very delirious and sometimes talks about the other day when she was in, won't believe when told that this is the same day when she says she is an English person and we have nothing to do with her.

August 17

Asks for a dose of castor oil once a week, regularly on Mondays, and she is nearly all the time unless excited. She is very peculiar with her food, takes no butter or meat and gorges the rice of the milk and leaves it. She is in feeble health.

October 19

She is very delirious, says she is not a married woman and fancies she hears voices saying she has two children.

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- December 14 She seldom speaks except to ask for medicine unless excited and she then talks in a most rambling incoherent manner, some-  
 way or saying the people here are a parcel of vile wretches and is very delusional concerning improper liberties practised upon her body.
- 1872  
 February 15 Occupies the same seat and sits with her hand laid forward as usual, with no one and does not speak unless excited.
- April 15 Excited about the witch interfering with her as she calls it, says she is not a witch woman and that therefore we have no business to detain her here.
- June 25 Sits idly and always occupies a seat away from any of the other patients, never raises her eye when spoken to, but frequently instead of replying turns away her head.
- August 10 She never speaks to any of the other patients, sits by herself and seldom leaves her seat unless when taken out to walk, occasionally talks in an excited manner.
- October 17 She seldom speaks any more unless excited, then talks very humorously and says about incoherent things.
- December 19 Demented, does nothing and always occupies the same seat, seldom looks up even when spoken to. She is very peculiar with her food will only take particular things.
- 1873  
 February 16 She sometimes scolds incoherently when no one is near her does not notice when approached and when spoken to only becomes more incoherent. She is generally quiet. Bodily troubled indifferent.
- March 16 She was today taken to Crown Parochial Asylum by authority of Sir James Cox and dismissed —  
 Relieved.

## Sarah Ward a Downolly

1868

October 24

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

She is thirty years of age, single, a Dealer and her religious persuasion is not known.

Whether she first attack, the duration &c. is all stated to be unknown.

Prior to admission she was excited and incoherent. She shouted out for her child, talked much about Prinic and called a God to come to her assistance.

She had been fourteen times previously admitted into the City Poorhouse.

On admission she said her name was Sarah Ward or Mac-taughtlan that she was not married but lived with a man. She stared at one of the attendants ran up to her and said she was awful like her cousin Ruby Kate. Said she had got her likeness taken in Perth by the governor, and when taken into the gallery began to roar out for her child. She says the child is six months old.

Physic health indifferent: Condition ordinary. There was a number of discolourations upon her arms and the mammae are secretory.

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She slept only one hour during the night and talked much about her child and her sister. Today she is restless and noisy roaring for a dish to milk her breasts.

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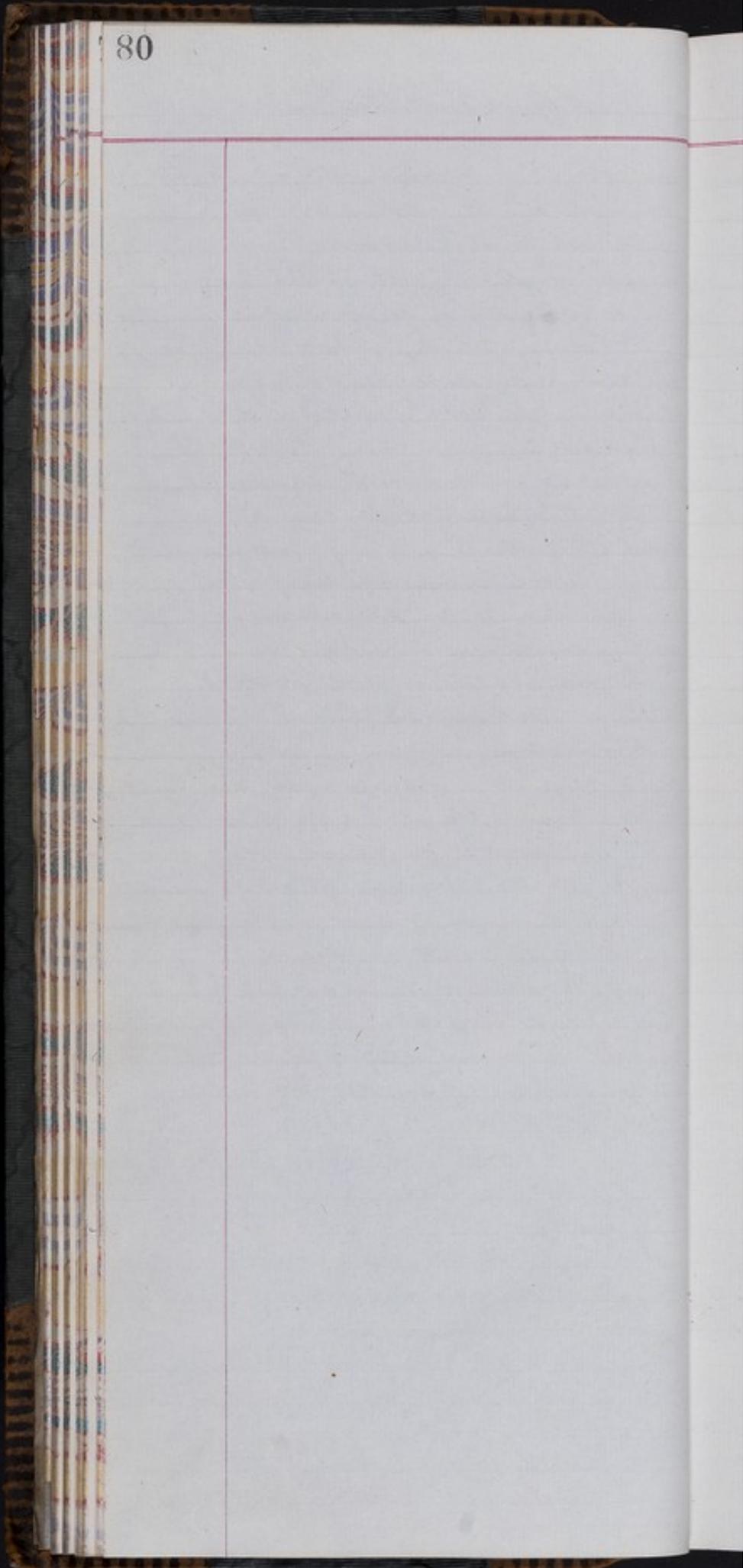
She slept none during the night, got out of bed and tried to get the porter to strike the nurse, cursed and swore and was with great difficulty removed to a room. Her mind is very weak.

November 14

She slept four hours but was very restless when awake sat up in bed and talked. She talks in a silly manner is rambling and incoherent at times excited.

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- December 28 She is restless and incoherent, demands the keys, says this is her own house and will not sit down when told.
- 1869  
January 3 She is quieter and more orderly, but her mind is very weak and she occasionally demands the keys of her own house. She works in the laundry.
- February 6 She continues to work in the laundry but is sometimes noisy and dangerous, more especially when she wants tobacco. She often asks to get away.
- March 24 Her mind is very weak and she is at times excited and noisy, talks loudly sometimes laughs at what she says herself after she has got her scold over seems pleased with she has done.
- April 14 Yesterday she was much excited and unmanageable, very noisy and incoherent says she is not Mrs Bondley but Sarah Ward. Is in good bodily health, works generally in the laundry.
- May 8 She is now very quiet and orderly in her conduct and seems as well settled as she is likely ever to be.
- 17 She continues quiet and orderly, sleeps well at night.
- 20 She was today dismissed. —  
S. W. R. D.





1868

Mary Mc. Cord or Dougan Oct. 50

October 26

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

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

Whether the first attack the duration  
of it is all stated to be unknown.

Prior to admission she fancied that  
the government were in quest of her and  
that a company of riflemen were continually  
on the look out for her, but with  
the help of God she would escape. At  
night she was restless and frequently  
got out of bed attempting to fasten the  
door to prevent the riflemen getting in.

On admission she was free from excite-  
ment, said there was nothing wrong with  
her mind, but that the neighbours who  
she lived thought there was. She then  
became rambling and incoherent, said  
she had got liberty from the Queen and  
a line from government to go where she  
pleased. Says her son was lately in the  
City Hall and in George Square at the  
inauguration of the Lord Albyn statue  
and considers him a very exalted person.

Physical health very feeble. Condition peduncle  
she had a bandage which she said she wore  
to prevent her vomit coming down as it had  
formerly done.

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She slept only one hour and a half  
but was quiet. Today she says she slept  
well.

November 3

Last night she slept little and was  
restless, she heard a voice calling her in  
the stair and was determined to get out.  
Today she is quite quiet and denies all  
about what occurred during the night.

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She sleeps little at night and talks to  
imaginary people.

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> October 1868

- Oct. 50
- December 4 She never does anything and is very anxious to get away. She is very delusive hears voices which annoy her mostly at night.
- 1869  
January 14 For some time past she has slept well but never does anything and her mind seems much preoccupied, she does nothing wants home & says there never was anything wrong with her mind.
- February 11 She slept none last night and was much excited, would not take off her clothes nor go to bed, was determined to go away. She often requires purgative medicine.
- March 7 She does not sleep at night and is very noisy, talks to imaginary people. When spoken to about making a noise she always denies it and says it is the Gongs in the roof that are doing it at her.
- April 14 She is much excited and very noisy at night always talking and accuses the attendants of bringing people here to annoy her. Opium does no good.
- May 24 She sleeps little at night and is occasionally noisy. She says that there are men in the glass above and that we know all about them. She often during the day scolds at imaginary persons, at the same time looking at the roof.  
Bodily health ordinary; condition spare.
- June 11 She is very delusive, constantly hearing imaginary voices which she always refers to as coming from above: makes use of bad language and is often noisy at night talking to those she fancies to be talking to her.
- August 21 She sleeps not less than four or five hours every night but when awake is noisy, talking and scolding to imaginary persons.
- September 16 She is very delusive and irritable, asks what we are doing with the Kip above, and is very abusive in her language.  
See page 84

## Mary Mc Bird or Dougan

1869

- October 19 She is very delusional, always irritable. never does anything. she fancies that she hears voices talking to her from the roof, asks who had people it is that are kept there and orders off any one who speaks to her. Accuses the medical assistants of going to the barrack and stealing the Governor's money.
- November 14 She is very irritable always scolding, calls away all vile names and is at times quite incoherent.
- December 15 Very delusional; when spoken to with ask what robbery was that you committed last night she says you stole the Duke of Hamilton money and her own money, and ultimately becomes very abusive in her language. She is a ordinary badly heated.
- January 1870 She is often noisy at night and always extremely delusional and very irritable. Fancies that murders are committed in the asylum every night and talks of the pigs that are kept up stairs.
- March 8 She is extremely irritable, very delusional and always accusing the Officers of the Asylum of Murder & Robbery. says they have changed their names and orders them off. says the Asylum is hers.
- April 21 She is continually scolding and calling people murders and she has names, asks who killed the man at the Greenhead and who stole her magister's money out of the Barrack, threatens violence and says she will put the Medical assistants out of the neck.
- June 4 She frequently threatens violence when spoken to, saying "I will draw my hands across your mouth," and is continually scolding and talking to imaginary persons. She also says she gets prison in her feet, but does not overstep her refusal to take it. Fancies people are murdered above her every night.

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1870

August 15

She is extremely irritable, always  
screaming. Calls the Medical Assistant a  
murderer and the Matron an old whore.  
Asks who killed the man at the workhouse  
and the people last night up stairs. She  
hears imaginary voices does not sleep at  
night and is noisy. Threatens violence.

October 15

She is very delirious and extremely  
irritable, constantly talking about murders  
and robbery, and at the Medical visits  
asks the Medical Assistant how many  
of the patients he killed last night; takes  
him to pass on or she will show him a  
hook with her foot or that she will smother  
his face, asks him what night he has been.

December 2

She was today taken to Glasgow  
Parochial Asylum by authority of B. G. Mitchell  
Commissioner and dismissed —

Relieved.

1868 Agnes Calder or McLean 10050

November 3

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

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

She has been several times previously a patient in this Asylum - on the last occasion from 7<sup>th</sup> July till 21<sup>st</sup> August see vol 25 page 576. The duration of the present attack is three days and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was excited and incoherent, talked about Heaven and Hell, and said she had seven husbands but would not associate with any of them in the Kingdom of Heaven.

On admission she was rather hysterical shaking hands and seemed quite happy to be back again. Said tomorrow was Thursday, and when told it would only be Wednesday would not believe it or if it was she had lost count of a day. When asked why she said she had seven husbands, said because it was mentioned in the scriptures.

Physical health and condition ordinary.

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She slept about three hours during the night and was quiet. Today she is very talkative, and her conversation is very rambling and incoherent.

" 10

She is quite happy, does nothing, and at the visits has always some incoherent story to tell.

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She is now a good deal better and is today for the first time since admission employed in the Laundry. She is still inclined to be a little talkative, but conducts her self in an orderly manner.

Admitted 3. November 1878

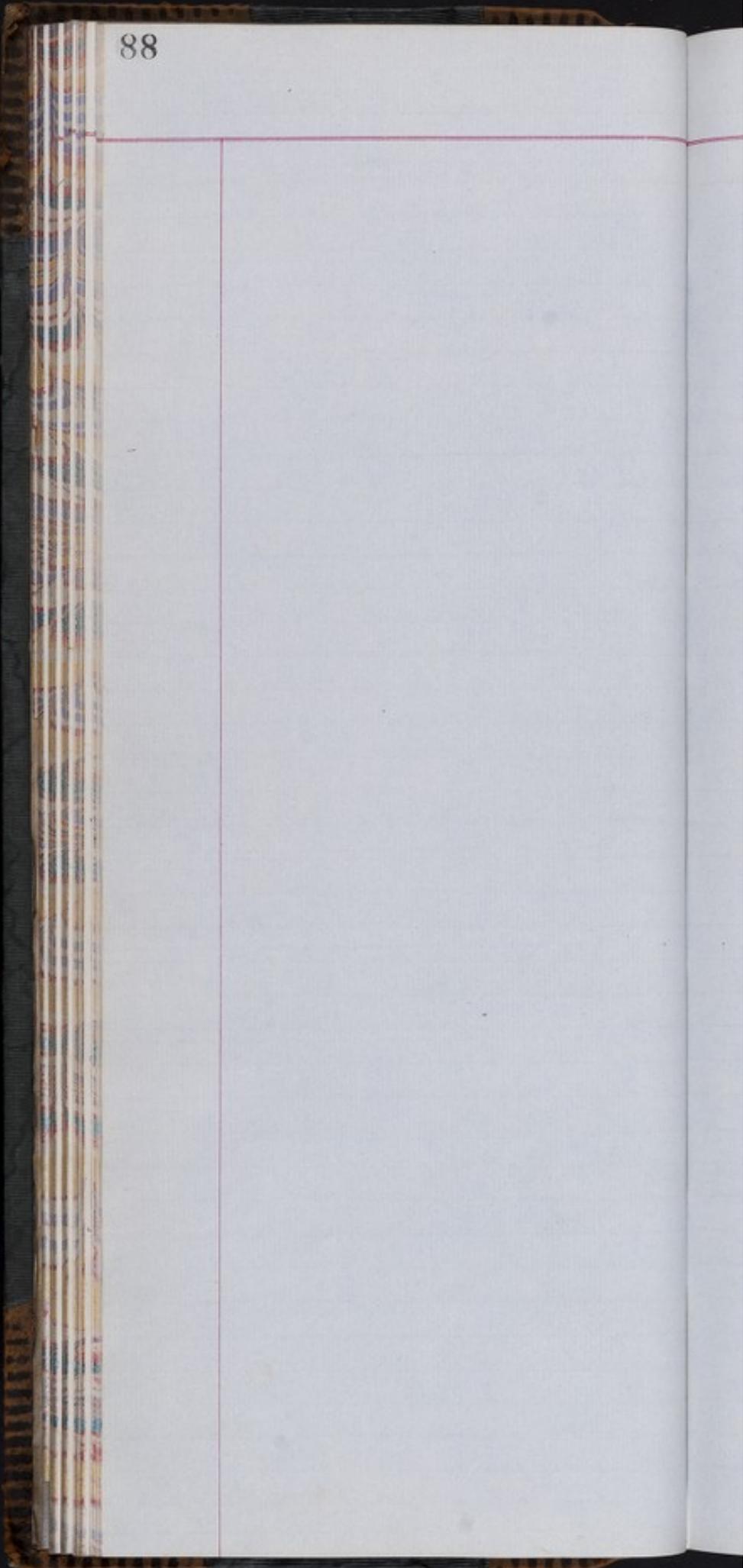
from Dombas

She is now very well mentally,  
is daily employed in the laundry  
is very quiet and never says anything unless  
spoken to.

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Having continued well she was  
today dismissed. —

Lured.





1868 Catherine Nesbit or Ma Beth Dec. 42

November 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Ballowgate in the City Parish Glasgow, and admitted on a warrant granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

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

This is at least the fourth attack of insanity, and she was previously an inmate of Perth, Barrhead and Longside Asylums. Her husband says that the cause of the present attack is menorrhagia, the discharges being too profuse and too frequent.

On admission she was very restless and talkative. Her language was incoherent and delusional. She said that God had altered her nature, that she was Queen Catherine, that Britain and Ireland were all one now and that she was their ruler. She touched everything within her reach and talked to all as if she personally knew them, said the Medical Assistant was her brother.

Bodily health indifferent, tension reduced.

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She only slept one hour during the night and was restless and noisy. She has been very restless all day, and inclined to be violent, throwing the food from her and putting off the bed clothes. She requires an attendant to keep her in bed.

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She continues restless and sleepless, her language is incoherent and she still persists that the Medical Assistant is her brother.

December 1

She now sleeps better at night and sometimes writes a little. Her language is incoherent and her delusions are still the same. She often asks for a letter.

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There is no mental improvement, she is very restless incontinent & troublesome. Does not sleep well at night and often interferes with the other patients.

1869

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Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> November 1888

- 1889
- from January 16 She sleeps well at night, but otherwise there is no improvement, she is incoherent and very restless, inclined to strike when spoken to and push people away from her.
- arrived February 11 Since last report she has been occasionally excited and violent does not sleep and is often noisy at night. At all times is very restless and troublesome.
- back March 9 She now sleeps pretty well at night but is still incoherent and restless during the day, not so much excited.
- an long stay April 19 She is very restless and incoherent, very irritable and insolent in her manner always ready to strike. She is subject to diarrhoea and has at times to be put to bed in consequence.
- the morning May 26 She is quieter and more orderly in her conduct at times talks quite rationally but is apt when talked to for any time to wander and become incoherent.
- to open June 18 She eats a little and has gained in weight. She has sore lips and having got a little glycerine was not for using it saying it was not glycerine & at least not the cause as was got in the shops.
- restless August 4 She is no mental improvement since last report. She is very weak minded, insolent and rude in her manner orders people about and calls them foolish names.
- is, her points September 18 She eats a good deal but is very foolish in her conduct and displays great weakness of mind, interferes with everything, and talks incoherently at times.
- in those and age all October 16 She is much in the same state as at last report, eats, but is very irritable.
- he November 2 She is generally of present pretty quiet but when spoken to, talks ramblingly, orders the medical officers to do various things and also to hold their chat, and very weak.

## Catherine Heibel &amp; the Beth.

1869

December 13

A few days ago she slipped down on the boy room floor in what at the time was thought a faint. When raised she was found to be very confused and was put to bed where in a few hours after she had a well marked epileptic seizure. She is now much in the same state she was before she attacked and out of bed.

January 1870

1870

She has not had any more epileptic seizures and is in much the same state mentally and bodily as before. She often asks for letters.

March 8

She is in a very feeble state of health and a few days ago she was ordered to take a glass of rosy daily. She is very much against taking it, says we may as well put lucifers down her throat and blow it down her. She wants away and says she should never have been here.

April 21

She is quiet and employs her time sewing. When spoken to although she hears quite well what is said to her, will say - what do you say and appears to be offended at being spoken to.

June 4

She frequently asks for letters and asks because there is none for her. She repeats a number of christian names and asks how the people they represent are. When told they are not known, she answers as to strike, and strikes herself foolishly and calls whoever she is speaking to a blockhead, & incoherent.

August 15

She is very foolish and childish and at times talks very incoherently. When spoken to she will ask what is unless asks people to take their hats off to her, considers herself some great person.

October 15

She is very irritable and rude in her manner quite childish and when spoken to is very indignant, says she should never have been here and calls every person fool.

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- 1870  
December 16 She is delusive and very rambling and irritable, when spoken to, is rather threatening and inclined to strike. She accuses people of doing the most absurd things to herself and her relations and fancies that she knows persons she has never before seen or heard of.
- 1871  
February 17 She is at times quite unbearable in her conduct quarrels with me and strikes at the other patients, and is also ready to bite her hand to the attendants, talks very incoherently, considers herself some very superior person and calls all around her vile, low names. At other times she is quiet, and very weak.
- April 20 She sometimes raves a little but is always irritable and ready to scold talks very incoherently, calls away me and strikes and lifts her hands and threatens to strike.
- June 15 She is very delusive, tells the Resident assistant in a very irritable manner, that he has been in her house and got tea, that he knows her daughter &c and if told it is not so, she immediately attempts to strike.
- August 17 She is very incoherent, but keeps herself clean and tidy, sometimes raves a little, but at the visits is always irritable, frequently scolds without any other cause than hearing a patient speaking to the Medical Officers.
- October 16 She seems deranged, but still irritable never asks to get away, but tells the Medical Officers they have no business here, considers the visits an intrusion and scolds as before.
- December 16 She is very incoherent and interferes with everything said to other patients, orders the Medical Officers to hold their chat and at times attempts to be violent.
- 1872  
February 4 Talks incoherently and is very angry if named, seems to be irritable when called Catharina, but if named in Dutch and striking in a foolish way will say "go along you don't know my name."

## Mary Shanks a Clark Oct. 60

1868

November 17

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

She is sixty years of age, widowed, was a washer and is a Protestant.

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

Prior to admission she was in great mental distress - said she ought to die as she had been the cause of her family's death, by her poverty and cruelty, slept none at night and had to be fed by means of the stomach pump. She refused to answer questions and was constantly muttering unintelligibly to herself.

On admission she was in a very depressed exhausted state and had scarcely sufficient strength to sit upon a chair. She talked very much and often repeated the words - put me in a cell and shoot she would eat none.

Physically health extremely feeble, pulse small, 130. Condition much reduced. She appears to be in a dying state, but the attendant succeeded in getting her to swallow a pint of beef tea.

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She slept none during the night, but was quiet although restless. There is great difficulty in getting her to swallow. Pulse continues small and frequent.

" 26

She sleeps very little and is very depressed and stupid; she has been fed by the stomach ever since admission, but today she would not swallow; she was fed at dinner and bedtime by means of the stomach pump.

December 6

She has still to be fed; today she was very restless, would not lie in bed and always tried to strangle herself. Very depressed.

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Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> November 1868

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January 4

For some nights past she has slept well. but during the day is very miserable, always moaning and in great distress of mind, fancies she has done some great evil.

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She is very restless and sleepless, will not allow the attendants to feed her. For the last four days she has been fed by means of the stomach pump.

February 13

She slept none last night but was quiet & very depressed says she has killed everyone. Often tries to suicide herself and would do so if her clothes were not fixed upon her.

March 18

Is very stupid and miserable. Bodily health very feeble. Is fed by the attendants.

April 14

She is confined to bed very miserable fancies she is doing a great deal of harm, killing every one and says she is bad. She is in very feeble health and much reduced in body, does not take her food.

May 24

She is still very depressed and miserable, but appears to be more demented as she does not fret so much and is evidently more stupid, seldom speaking. Bodily health very feeble. Condition much reduced.

June 18

She is confined to bed, is quite demented and appears to <sup>spend</sup> the greater part of her time. Does not fret so much as formerly.

August 15

She is always confined to bed is very helpless and demented. She is very quiet and appears to sleep well at night. Is occasionally subject to diarrhoea which is easily checked.

October 14

There is no mental change; she is confined to bed seldom speaks, but sometimes asks for Potatoes. She takes her food pretty well but is feeble and emaciated.

December 12

She is in the same demented state always in bed and very helpless, can do nothing for herself. Seldom has diarrhoea now.

## Mary Shanks &amp; Clark.

1870

January 28

She is in a state of advanced dementia, very helpless and feeble, seldom speaks and is not much dirty in her habits. Cannot raise herself in bed. She is occasionally somewhat fractious, has to be lifted round from side to side in bed.

February 16

Today she died. —

Cause of death — Exhaustion.

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Janet Mc. Donald a prisoner Oct 29

1868

November 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 17 Mill Street Underston and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is twenty-nine years of age, married, was employed as a Picker in the Silk Mill Govan and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is eighteen months and the cause is stated to be "Lepus case, two years ago. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and talked incoherently. She fancied that Queen Victoria had ordered her to go and stay in the Police Office, and imagined that she was hunted by gipsies. She remained silent for hours, would not speak, at times was much excited, wanted to go out at the window and had to be restrained, talked much about gipsies.

On admission she was very quiet and her expression was somewhat melancholy. When spoken to she appeared to be rather demented and was unable to answer questions, said she did not know whether her husband was alive or dead and asked if this was Mr. Beattie's house.

Bodily health and condition ordinary

22

She only slept two hours during the night but was quiet and kept her bed. She has a melancholy look, does not speak.

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For the two nights prior to last she slept well but last night slept none and talked to herself all night. She would take no food and was fed by means of the stomach pump. She says she is not herself, but her husband & her bones are buried below the house in a hole.

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- December 8 For the last two nights she has slept pretty well and was quiet, but prior to that she did not sleep was very depressed, prayed in a loud voice and was noisy. She is still very depressed, sits with her head bent forward and does not look up nor speak when addressed.
- 1869  
January 4 She is depressed and confused in very anxious to get away, when asking to get away she becomes excited, cries, talks incoherently and is rather dangerous.
- February 11 She generally sleeps pretty well, but sometimes is sleepless and talks to herself. At present she does some work cleaning in the gallery. She is calm and rather incoherent in conversation and becomes excited to get away.
- March 19 There is no improvement. She does nothing is more restless and anxious to get away.
- April 8 She is restless and incoherent. She is sitting opening up to a birds cage in the gallery & pulled it down. does <sup>not</sup> know why she did it.
- May 26 She appears to be incapable of doing anything or of almost any thought. She says she is a good deal better, and sometimes asks if she will not get away soon.
- June 15 She is in the same state as at last report, does nothing. Always rests when spoken to and says she is a good deal better. Her mind is very weak.
- July 10 This morning she became suddenly excited and before she could be prevented seized a basin of water and dashed it over those who were near her. She can give no reason for doing it.
- August 17 She is demented and very silly in her conduct at times irritable. When spoken to will sometimes hold down her head and give no reply. She appears to be very much pleased when taken notice of.

See page 100

## Janet Mc. Donald or Cameron.

- 1869
- September 26 She continues in the same weak minded somewhat demented state, sometimes asks to get away and appears to be quite incapable of doing any work. She is in indifferent bodily health and at times takes little food. August
- November 11 She has been in the Infy ward for some time in consequence of her feeble state of health. Her pulse is frequent and her lips of a bluish colour. She appears to be labouring under an attack of sub acute Pneumonia. Ordered 7 grains with 70. Opia. in water. October
- December 18 She is now better, but still in feeble health, does a little work for the attendants in charge of the Infy, but will do nothing for any of the others. Calls them she is her + threatens them when they speak to her. December
- January 28<sup>1870</sup> She continues to work a little about the Infy and is greatly pleased to state that she is the Medical Assistant at the visit similar, but if she hears the word she is her used with reference to herself, her countenance immediately changes + she turns away her head. 1871  
February
- March 8 She is still occupied in the same way as at last report. She is very delirious and weak minded, is at times excited and often depressed and weeps, sometimes hides her face and is displeased when spoken to, at other times smiles and is childishly happy. March
- April 21 She talks to herself very incoherently very silly and childish hides her face and when asked what she was saying, said she was talking about the history of all.
- June 7 She has been excited and violent in her conduct and it was found necessary to remove her from the Infy to 3 ward. She frequently talks to herself in a very incoherent manner, crutches when spoken to and hangs down her head.

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- August 13 She sits almost constantly in the same seat and mutters incoherently & barely smiles slightly & sometimes looks as if offended when spoken to, but generally holds out her hand to have a shake.
- October 13 She is generally quiet at night, but last night she did not sleep and was noisy. She is very incontinent and delirious; when spoken to holds down her head and mutters to herself, has still the habit of shaking hands.
- December 16 She won't swallow her saliva and in a short time after getting the napkin has it gula with it. She smiles, mutters incoherently and puts out her hand to have a shake, but if spoken to about swallowing her saliva holds down her head and appears to be annoyed; bodily health very feeble.
- 1851  
February 17 Her pulse is very frequent, she has a livid somewhat hectic flush upon her face and is extremely weak. She has been put to bed and her chest over the left side is found to be dull & percussion ordered to have Dr. Morrison and Uchida visit. Also two glasses wine daily.
- March 16 Today she had an attack of hemoptysis. She is very weak and can take nothing but fluids.
- " 23 Today she died.
- " 25 Post mortem Examination
- Head. Skull hard. Brain small. There was a large quantity of serum on the brain. The arachnoid membrane was opaque and the veins on the surface filled with black blood. Brain substance congested.
- Thorax. Both lungs were hydropic and filled with large cavities containing pus. The left lung was so firmly adherent to the walls of the chest it could not be torn off. The pericardium was firmly adherent to the heart.
- Cause of death - Disease of lung - Brain & membranes

Janet Wilson or Wilson Oct. 58

1865

November 24

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

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

This is the first attack of insanity,  
the duration is a few days, and the  
cause is Epilepsy. She is dangerous to  
others but not suicidal. Hereditary  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was indeed  
noisy, destructive, excited, violent,  
and dangerous to herself and those around.  
She belongs to Rutherford, had been  
for a month in Govan Poorhouse, became  
very foolish and stupid in her actions  
and last night had four epileptic  
seizures.

On admission she was very restless  
and excited and immediately on being  
into the Asylum poured her urine on  
the floor of the reception room. She was  
quite incoherent but could tell her name  
would not lie in bed or keep in her clothes  
and require an attendant constantly  
with her; very stupid.

Bodily health very indifferent there is  
a discolouration all around her left eye  
and also several with some slight ones  
on her arms & legs - Conditions ordinary.

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She slept none and would not lie  
in bed but crept about on the floor. She is  
very stupid but has not had any epileptic  
seizure since admission. The attendants fear  
her.

December 1

She had an epileptic seizure today  
about dinner-time, the first since admission.  
She is very stupid, constantly confined to  
bed, and appears to be quite incapable  
of answering almost any question.

Oct. 28

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> November 1868

Dec. 8

Since last report she has had a number of severe epileptic seizures. At present she is very stupid and restless, does not sleep at nights and does not know what she is doing, wont lie in bed.

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She is confined to bed, very stupid and has frequent epileptic seizures. She often seems to be asleep, but when spoken to answers in a confused "A little better."

1869  
January 13

She is very stupid and restless fancies there is something round her hands and is always playing them together and drawing them out as if to get rid of it.

February 12

The epileptic seizures are frequent and she has slept none for some nights and will not lie in bed, very restless and stupid.

March 17

She has discoloured her face by falling while in an epileptic seizure, is very restless and does not know what she is doing.

April 19

She is extremely stupid and restless at times cannot be kept in bed, appears hardly to know that she exists. She has discoloured the parts around her left eye during an epileptic seizure.

May 21

She has epileptic seizures almost every day, often a number, and they are very severe. She is never free from discolouration of her face and her eyes and discolourations are often being added to. She is always very incoherent.

June 13

She is exhausted and unable to get out of bed but is still very restless and stupid. Diarrhoea has supervened and she is losing flesh.

18

She is gradually sinking is not at any time apparently conscious but is quite sensible to pain and cries when any of her sores are touched. The diarrhoea still continues.

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Today she died. see page 166

Janet Wilson or Wilson  
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June 26

Post Mortem Examination

The head was opened. The membranes of the brain seemed tolerably healthy, but there was a good deal of effusion on the base of the <sup>brain</sup> and in the spinal canal. The brain was much congested and soft more especially towards the central part. The corpus callosum broke through from the weight of the hemispheres, and in the ventricles the brain substance was of a creamy softness and quite broken up when opened with the knife.

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Elizabeth Baillie or Boyde Oct 24

1868

November 26

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

She is fifty-four years of age, widowed, was a mill-worker and is a Protestant.

She was previously under treatment in Barnhill Asylum in 1860 when she was affected with melancholia; the duration of the present attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No relations known.

Prior to admission she was for some time morose, stupid and irascible, but for one or two days she has been excited, suddenly crying that people were telling lies about her and wanted to injure her, could get no peace and talked incessantly in an incoherent manner. This morning she attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself into the fire.

On admission she was very noisy and incoherent, talked continuously in a loud voice and gesticulated violently. The subject of her talk appeared, although she was quite incoherent to be the death of her relations and she would not listen to anything said to her. At bedtime she would not take her food, spat it out saying it was rank poison and was very restless in bed, saying she was covered with itch.

" 27

Wofully healthful condition resumed. She slept none during the night and was very noisy. Fed by the attendant very restless in bed will not keep on her clothes says that they are all dirt.

December 2

She continues sleepless, restless and noisy and is with great difficulty kept in bed. She persists that she is covered with dirt.

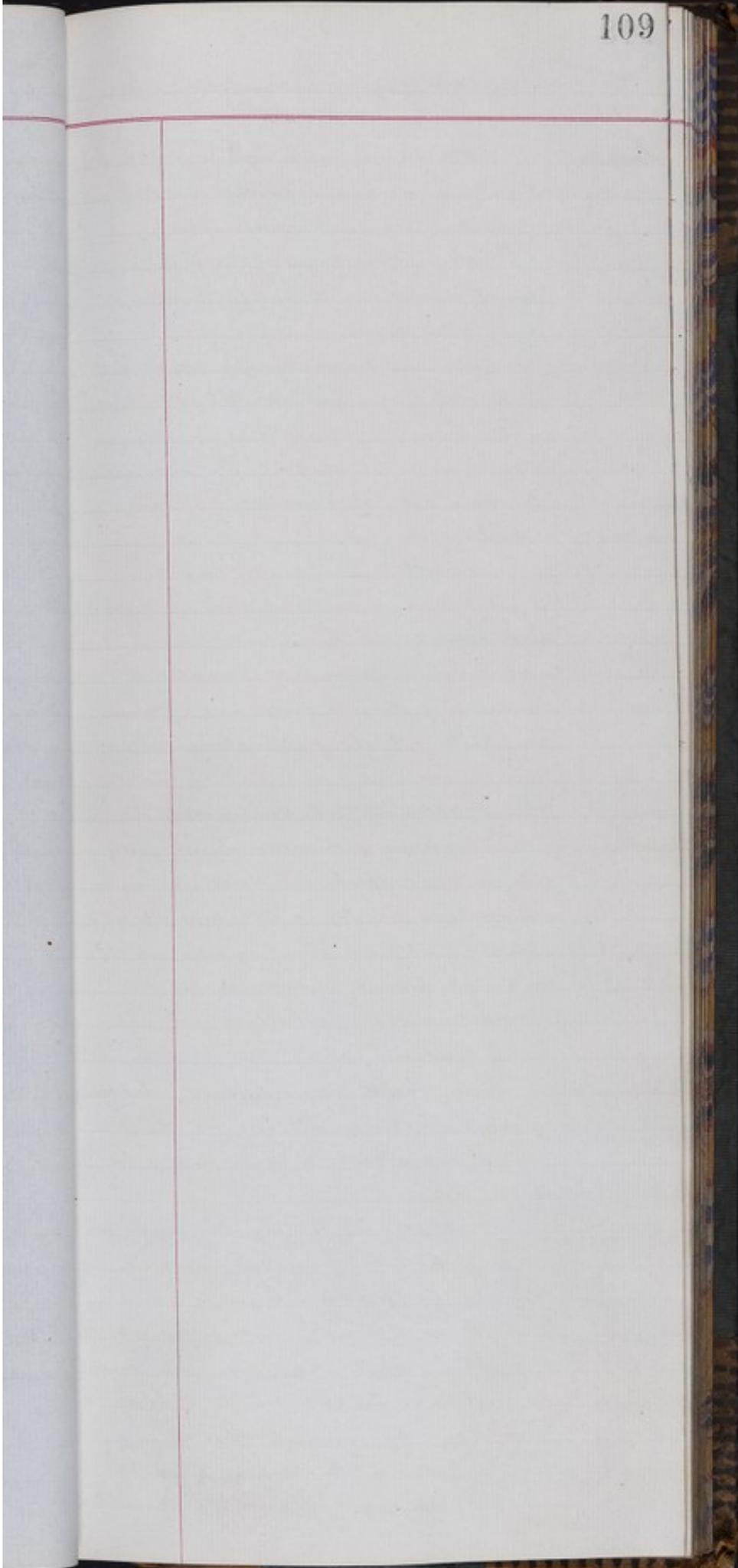
" 11

She sleeps little and talks incessantly at night during the day she is very changeable, talks much.

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> November 1868

- 1869
- January 3 She is quiet but does nothing and does not sleep very well at night, has a frequent desire to pass water.
- " 14 She now seems a little more quiet and does not sleep well, still has a frequent desire to pass water.
- " 27 She now sleeps well at night and otherwise appears well mentally.
- " 30 She was today dismissed. —  
Cured.





Catherine Livingston Oct. 25

1868

November 26

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

She is twenty-five years of age, single, formerly worked in a Bleachfield and is a Protestant.

She was previously under treatment in Barnhill Asylum in 1863. The duration of the present attack is a few days, and the cause is not stated. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission the complaint of great pain in her head, was at times very violent and had a wild maniacal look. This morning she attempted to scold one of the attendants in the Workhouse and broke all the dishes she could get hold of.

On admission she had a depressed, sullen expression of countenance, sat quietly and would not speak but stared at any one who spoke to her. She at last said to me alone I am stupid. When being taken into the battery she became violent, attacked the attendant and tore a handful of hair out of her head.

Her health very indifferent: Condition ordinary. There is an old sore over the Tarsus Achilles and a rash on various parts of her body. Scaly.

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She slept none during the night and was very violent; today she would eat none and was fed three times by means of the stomach pump, resists very much.

December 1

She has slept almost none since and would not lie in bed and tore her blankets. She has been fed regularly three times a day by means of the stomach pump up till today when she was only fed once.

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> November 1868

December 5 She sleeps little at night but is quiet and now takes her food herself. She does not reply when spoken to, and has a stupid, forgetful expression of face.

" 22 She is incoherent, very dull and obstinate. She sleeps under observation and last night would not allow the attendant to raise her to the bedside with the bed, and told her she would do it again.

1869  
January 9 She now sleeps well at night but says she does not sleep, complains of pain in her arms and finds fault with her clothes and food, very irritable.

February 8 She is quiet but very irritable and fault finding. Has a great desire for stimulents, does nothing and when spoken to often gives no reply, but a scolding disdainful look.

" 26 She is rather better, is orderly in her conduct, but her bowels are rather torpid and when she gets medicine gets excited and says we wish to kill her.

March 4 She is pleasant with the patients and attendants but at the Medical visits gets irritable and fault finding, appears to be highly indignant at some imaginary wrong.

" 12 She is now better and appears at present quite well.

" 20 She was today discharged. —  
Cured.

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Margaret Broadly

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1868

November 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Hamilton's Land Postern and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Cambridge Union Parish.

She is thirty-nine years of age, single, an out-worker and a Roman Catholic.

She is stated to have been an inmate of this Asylum about ten years ago, but the duration and cause of the existing attack is not known. She is not suicidal, but is sometimes dangerous to others. It has hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was at times taciturn would not speak or answer any question, and then again she would chatter or talk and sing incessantly, holding incoherent conversation with imaginary persons.

She refused to take food, sometimes shouted and yelled and several times attempted to injure her relations.

On admission she was very restless and disorderly in her conduct, her hair was all in disorder and she tossed her head about so that her face could not be seen. Her language was very rambling and incoherent and she paid not heed to anything said to her, talked of the number of children she had and said the Medical Assistant was her son.

Basely health and condition ordinary

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She slept none during the night but was quiet. She hid her face in her hands and is disorderly in her conduct.

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Yesterday she had a dose of castor oil and although she was raised often during the night to the stool she would not use it but willfully passed her faeces in bed.

December 7

She continues restless, incoherent and excited often in mischief and the attendants have the greatest difficulty in keeping her in order.

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- December 23 She is incoherent and very troublesome, hides her face behind other patients and often annoys them. She uses very threatening language and is noisy.
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January 18 She is incoherent restless and noisy. closes her eyes and talks very quickly. sometimes kicks those who are standing near her.
- February 13 Often noisy at night and seldom sleeps without an opiate. is very mischievous and troublesome.
- March 11 She is still much in the same state as on admission, quite incoherent, sleepless restless and troublesome.
- April 8 There is no improvement. She is indeed very troublesome and often noisy at night. She is in good bodily health.
- May 24 She is sleepless and noisy at night and very mischievous during the day except when she occasionally falls asleep. Her language is incoherent and she shuts her eyes and contorts her face when spoken to, talks in a furious manner.
- June 15 She is incoherent and restless and often noisy at night. She is quite incapable of doing any work, tries to annoy the attendants and has often at the visit some insolent question to ask.
- August 12 She is incoherent and excited. Opiates and noisy at night and opiates have very little effect in inducing sleep. She annoys the other patients and is very troublesome.
- October 14 She is very noisy at night, is very restless screams and sometimes strikes when spoken to shows her teeth and mutters incoherently. Tries to hide behind the other patients.
- December 16 There is no change in her mental state she continues incoherent noisy and excited seldom sleeps at night, sees nothing, is very trusting, puts out her feet & tries to trip up anyone passing near her. See page 116

## Margaret Crossley

1870

January 28

She is very incoherent, and noisy and restless at night. She will do nothing and is very disorderly in her conduct, is in the habit of creeping down into corners and when asked to sit upon a seat threatens violence.

March 8

She is very restless and disorderly in her conduct. Swears, makes use of very dirty language and threatens violence. She never does any work and her language is quite incoherent. She is in good bodily health.

April 21

She is incoherent and very disorderly in her conduct, restless and very often noisy at night. Talks obscenely.

June 9

She is rude and disorderly in her conduct, swears and makes use of obscene language, would if allowed be constantly upon the seats or tables and does nothing after being particularly rude she laughs much & appears to be greatly pleased with herself. She is in good bodily health.

August 15

There has been no change since last report. She takes her food well, but her nothing is at times very restless and noisy always very incoherent, swears. She sometimes falls asleep during the day and is noisy at night.

October 13

She is incoherent does nothing, does not reply when spoken to, but sometimes asks a foolish question and laughs modestly at what she has said.

December 16

She is often restless and excited, and when spoken to threatens violence, writes her name and talks obscenely, at other times she will fall asleep, never does anything.

1871  
February 17

She is always incoherent and talks much after making use of violent language, she laughs and appears as if much pleased with herself. She is often noisy at night and sleeps during the

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1871  
April 20

She labours under chronic mania is quite incoherent and at times much excited. For nights together sleeps none and is noisy and again for a time will sleep pretty well.

June 15

She will scold incoherently at the table, closes her eyes and turns up her face if spoken to and if touched strikes and threatens further violence.

August 17

She is very noisy nearly every night and she has a chronic drought at bed time. is very mischievous and idle during the day except when she sometimes gets asleep sitting in her seat. Talks in a most excited incoherent manner. She is losing flesh and weak although excited.

October 14

Still very excitable and her language always quite incoherent; she does not sleep well but is now less noisy at night, is getting weaker but still labours in a most foolish manner.

December 11

Very incoherent, can do nothing and often sleeps during the day sitting in the dogbox. She is in very feeble health, but nevertheless is restless and noisy at night.

1872  
January 17

She has a little cough, is much emaciated and is now confined to bed, but although she appears to be dying she is still excited and frequently noisy at night, talks incoherently and contends her face pressing forward her under jaw and speaking very hurriedly.

February 6

Continued incoherent, but gradually became weaker till today she —

Died.

A post mortem examination showed the cause of death to be *Phthisis Pulmonalis*.

1869

November 27

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

She is twenty-six years of age, single  
a Weaver and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity  
she was formerly an inmate of this Asylum  
from 26<sup>th</sup> May till 31<sup>st</sup> August 1868 and  
then was in a state of Melancholia. The  
duration of the present attack is two days  
and the cause is Hereditary Predisposition  
she is stated to be neither suicidal nor  
dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was found in  
the Central Police Office. She was much  
excited; laughing, laughing and talking incoherently.  
She said that the Devil was determined  
to have her, but that the Lord was on her  
side and that he was more than a  
match for the wicked one.

On admission she was very talkative,  
rambling and incoherent, said she was  
killing, very restless and began to tear  
her shawl. Said she had voted for  
Campbell, that her feet were clay and  
had been made in a pottery, etc. that  
she had been chased by the Devil and  
that she had taken no food for a week.

Bodily health indifferent. Tonic good.  
Tongue dry and coated at the edges. Pupils  
much dilated.

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During the night she was much excited  
tore her shirt and would not be in bed,  
today she is very restless, is dressed in canvas  
and requires an attendant to watch her.

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Last night while going upstairs to  
bed with an attendant she suddenly sprung  
upon her, seized her by the hair of the head  
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people and became much alarmed. She slept none, danced away and was noisy all night.

She is excited and very dangerous, much worse than on admission and claps almost none. She was yesterday two and a half hours in the bath, had several small doses of Specaccharum and a drachm of solution of minute of Morphine with two of Triton of Hyoscyamus at night but sleep none. She is both excited and depressed.

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She continues incoherent, excited and very dangerous. Today without any warning she suddenly seized one of the attendants by the hair of the head and dragged her to the floor; it was with great difficulty that her hand was removed. She is noisy night and day often roars at the top of her voice and makes use of dirty, obscene language. She is dirty and destructive in her habits.

1869  
January 8

She is still incoherent, and dirty and destructive in her habits. very restless and noisy does not sleep at night.

February 12

There is no improvement and she is very degraded in her habits. She took up her clothes on passed her urine through the fire years before all the other patients. Nails to be hard very much and the hair is quite thin at some parts.

March 22

She is very restless, destructive and dirty in her habits. Her language is incoherent and often obscene. She has still to be dressed in canvas and although looked on sometimes as dangerous in denuding herself.

April 19

She is very restless and incoherent but for some days past she has been less restless or troublesome as formerly. requires to be constantly watched is inclined to be mischievous.

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## Elizabeth Laird (from page 119)

1869

- May 24 She is now very much improved mentally and for more than a week past has been employed in the kitchen. She works pretty well, but in conversation she still displays a mental defect is inclined to laugh and at times is rather depressed.
- June 18 She continues slowly to improve and is daily employed in the kitchen. She still displays considerable weakness of mind is flighty and apt to forget herself, laughs at trifles and often wishes on any apparent cause.
- July 14 She gradually continues to improve and is still employed in the kitchen. She is now more composed and not as formerly distracted and trifles appear to be nearly well. Is in good bodily health.
- August 7 She was today dismissed -  
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Rose Ann Dickie or Davidson Dec. 31

1865

November 28

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

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

She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum from 21<sup>st</sup> February till 4<sup>th</sup> June 1867, when having become chargeable to Blackfriars Parish she was removed to Perth District Asylum.

The duration of the present attack is four days and the cause is not known. She is stated to be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she is stated to have been fearfully excited, raving about Abraham and other scriptural characters.

On admission she was maniacally excited, noisy and very incoherent. She would not sit upon a chair but clambered about on the floor, beating at it with her hands and all the time talking incoherently. She smashed the coals in the grate with her hands and when prevented was inclined to be violent. Paid no attention to anything said to her.

Bodily health ordinary. Condition good.

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She slept none during the night and was noisy and dangerous; tore open the mattress, forced her fingers in the room & smelt her hands face to with them. She is very much excited, crawls about in the room and cannot without the greatest caution be approached.

December 7

For the last two days she has been somewhat more manageable, but is still very noisy and incoherent. She can not be got to sit upon a seat, today she struck another patient on the face.

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She continues incoherent and restless but is now more orderly in her conduct.

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Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> November 1968

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## Margaret Jamieson Dec. 36

1868

November 28

Was brought to the Asylum today from January 12 Pomboke Street and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty-six years of age, single is a Dress-maker and a Protestant.

She was formerly a patient in this Asylum and about ten years ago was sent to Barnhill Asylum. She has since then been nearly seven years altogether at different times an inmate of the above Asylum. The cause of insanity is said to be pride & religion. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited and talked incoherently. She imagines that the public were plotting and talking against her and that her character had been traduced. She was at times noisy and outrageous, violent to her mother and tried to strike her with a poker.

On admission she appeared to be free from excitement, and observed everything but made no remark. When spoken to she answered very unwillingly, not in an evasive manner. She did not speak to the doctor till she asked if she knew her when she was at home. She says that it is her mother that is out of her mind and she that would have been here.

Widely health indifferent Condition of

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She slept little and was quiet during the night. She is peculiar in her manner, tries to avoid observation, and can with the greatest difficulty be got to reply when spoken to.

December 1

She is quiet and employs her time knitting. She is very suspicious and gives no reply when spoken to.

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She is tractable and at times will reply when spoken to. She calls the Asylum a monotonous whirlpool of formality.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> November 1865

- 1869
- today from January 12<sup>th</sup> She does not speak to nor associate with any of the other patients, nor will she reply when spoken to - generally gives - short cough. When she wishes anything she comes forward not standing sideways, whispers in a hurried way. Considers herself superior to all the other patients.
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Says she is treated as a Fenian, and that there is Priest-craft and witchcraft used upon her here.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> She is very delusional, says that she was abused all last night, by a spirit that was in her bed, does not know how it got into her room.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> She is very delusional and has high notions of herself. Last night she got out of bed and tried to annoy and excite another patient who is dumb, thinking it could not be told.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> She is full of trifling complaints about imaginary wrongs, talks of getting uncalled for violence and looks with disdain upon all around her. She is very suspicious, talks in a whisper and often will give no reply when spoken to.
- June 15<sup>th</sup> She has very high notions of herself, often turns up her nose and will give no reply when spoken to. She talks of vicious libertinism in this town, and her religious profession being superior to those of any other in the Asylum.
- August 18<sup>th</sup> There is no change in her mental state since admission. She seems - is very delusional, fancies that every person is wishing to do her harm, and often makes complaints.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> She seldom speaks, but makes written statements on scraps of paper. She writes of the degrading, debasing and enslaving effects of the manner in which she is served with her food and wishes to get assistance to relieve her from the food she practices upon her by the Matron.

## Margaret Jamieson

1869

- December 19 She continues to employ her time sewing, but seldom speaks nor gives any reply when spoken to, but has occasional complaints to make. Delusion appears to be always present with her. Today she says that there was an art practiced upon her during the night by two patients (Marys. Parly & Polina Fox) which affected her heart independently of herself.
- 1870  
January 25 She appears to be very much annoyed by her delusions and occasionally complains in a low voice but if not heard will not repeat what she says, give a cough, turn away her head like horn and will not speak.
- February 16 She is very indignant at what she calls cruelty practiced by a patient and servant to a bird, writes about gross imposition and the prostituted state of her mind by the practices of the asylum, addresses it to Dr Mackintosh and states that if he does not meet the challenge, he is a more cowardly impostor than she can express by her language. Will not speak.
- April 21 She complains of pain in her eye side and says it is her heart that is affected. Her pulse is very small and she has been confined to bed for ten or three days, but is again up. She still continues to write her complaints, will not tell her and turns away her head when spoken to.
- June 9 She continues to write her complaints about what is done to her by the other patients who she calls leathome creatures. She says she suffers from them brutal abuse, enough to show the seeds of madness & lunacy. She will not reply when spoken to and is very delirious.
- August 15 She is very delirious, fancies that she is made ill by what the other patients do and says she wants to have them punished.

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- October 13 She seldom speaks or gives any reply when spoken to, but writes me her complaints. She states that ever since she entered the Asylum one of the patients (Mr. Steel) has had (no other exercise, than insulting her, outrageous and injured mind and body, calls it that art or the art of unlearned women and names other three of the patients who practice upon her. States that it is the persecution of Epile, and demands that it be put a stop to.
- December 16 She is extremely delusive, considers herself a very superior person and makes use of the vilest epithets when speaking of the servants or other patients of whom she frequently complains in the most delusive manner and of affecting her in ways altogether impossible.
- 1871  
February 17 She generally occupies the same seat sometimes sings and often vents, gives no reply when spoken to and pays no attention whatever. When she wishes to make a complaint she taps upon the table with her fingers. Her complaints are always very violent delusions and often threats.
- April 20 She complains in writing of the way her health is injured and her intellect destroyed by the vile creatures about her. She is very delusive.
- June 18 Very irritable wont reply when spoken to but points with her fingers and waves her hand, sometimes makes violent complaints but wont listen to anything said to her.
- August 17 She accuses the Medical Officers & Matron encourage the servants and patients to injure her health by some wicked practices wish affect her both intellectually and physically, points at them but wont name them when speaking.
- October 19 Her delusions and conduct continues as above noted. bodily health ordinary.
- November 20 She was today taken to Kirklands Asylum, Bethwell by authority of Sir James Bro & dismissed -  
Relieved.

1868 Isabella Smith or Cunningham Mrs. S.

November 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from December  
33 Church Street, Hamilton and admitted as a  
pauper patient, chargeable to Hamilton Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. 1869  
The duration is four weeks and the cause January  
is not known. She is neither suicidal  
nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary  
tendency.

Prior to admission she talked very February  
incoherently and entertained delusions  
about money and other matters. For  
several months she neglected her household March  
duties and for the last fortnight would  
not permit her child, who is a year old to  
be clothed because she believed it to be April  
an angel.

In admission she was free from acute  
moods, but her language was rambling and  
incoherent. Her body was ingrained with May  
dirt and seemed not to have been (even  
on the face) touched with water for weeks  
or months. She said it was because of  
cruelty she would not cloth her child, that  
her husband had deceived her and her June  
name was not now Cunningham and that  
she claimed four hundred pounds damages.

December 1

Bodily health indifferent: condition ordinary.  
She slept more but was quiet during July  
the night. She would not take her breakfast  
and was fed by the attendants. She appears  
to be demented, although also delusional. August

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Last night she slept three hours and  
was quiet, but today is restless and sooties  
won't keep on her clothes care like a child  
and is determined to get away. October

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She now smiles a little, she laughs and  
talks to herself during the night: She often asks  
if the money has come, for to keep her children

Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> November 1868

- December 28 She is very much excited and violent. She says that Mary Davidson another patient puts brasts in her food and that it is a thing she would not do to a dog; say she will have her revenge on her.
- 1869  
January 16 She is very delusious.  
She works in the laundry and takes her food well, but does not sleep at night and talks to herself. She is delusious about money and at times irritable.
- February 18 There is little change. She is very delusious at times excited and then is incoherent and noisy. Sleeps little at night.
- March 11 There is no improvement mentally. She talks to herself and is delusious. She is in good bodily health.
- April 8 She is excited. She points to a patient (Barbara Johnston) saying that man was in bed abusing her all night and that he is Johnny Peilly's brother.
- May 26 She is delusious and very irritable. says that the Medical Assistant is her cousin, and at night occasionally becomes excited in consequence of the delusion that men are talking liberties with her.
- June 18 She is very delusious, says she is not Mr. Cunningham and asks for the money she says was to be got for her. She is at times incoherent and excited.
- July 17 She is idle, extremely irritable and delusious at times becomes excited and talks very incoherently.
- August 25 She is very irritable, threatens violence attempts a strike and talks incoherently. If she is called Cunningham she becomes much excited and says it is not her name.
- October 13 A very sullen and for some nights past has been sleepless and noisy. She is very delusious and scolds incoherently about money says it has been sent home for her & wants to have it  
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## Isabella Smith or Burningham

1869

December

She continues irritable, and delusive and is often much excited. Last night she slept none and loudly roared murder. The catamenia has commenced to flow.

1870  
January 23

She is often noisy at night and during the day extremely irritable & sullen. She will scold at people whom she fancies are speaking to her saying she is not Burningham. At present she calls herself Kirkwood.

March 3

She is very delusive and often much excited. At times she will not speak and often after we have passed her she will call them back to ask if there is any work for her, says we have a right to look after her and becomes quite incoherent. If called Mrs. Burningham she is sure to become excited saying that is not her name.

April 21

She is sullen and very scintillate and delusive, violent and dangerous in her conduct. At present at both morning and evening visit she puts out one her one arm and then her other to have her pulses felt, asks if she is any better and says she must be looked after.

June 9

She is if possible more irritable than at last report and much inclined to lie upon the seats; will spring suddenly up and talk loudly and very incoherently. Threatens all kind of violence and is very delusive.

August 18

She lies much upon the tables and dare not be touched, she is so extremely irritable and dangerous. She often starts up without any apparent cause, scolds incoherently and would be violent if not restrained. She seems but in pretty good bodily health.

October 13

She sits upon the floor and often covers her head, is incoherent excited, dangerous and very delusive. Always very irritable.

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December 16

She has been extremely violent and dangerous, extremely sullen and very delirious and incoherent in conversation; demands that a letter should be brought to her from Thomas Smith and also wants money which she says she was to get.

1871

February 17

She has a sullen excited look and is inclined to sit in corners, but at times becomes suddenly excited, springs up, talks in a loud excited voice is very incoherent and dangerous demanding various things which she says we know she was to get and occasionally requires to be removed from the gallery.

April 20

She sits with her head covered and if touched is ready to spring up and attack whoever is near her. She is incoherent and very delirious, demands to have support as she has a family. She is in ordinary bodily health.

June 15

She is very dangerous, sits as before with her head covered and when spoken to pays no attention, but will follow after the medical officer and getting behind ask if he has any word for her. If answered in the negative she immediately threatens violence and the same time her body is violently agitated and her voice tremulous.

August 17

She is incoherent, delirious and very scolding in conversation; always irritable and sullen threaten and is ready to accept violence. She is sometimes very noisy at night, always idle.

October 19

In consequence of her delirious she sometimes quarrels with the other patients although they have not previously spoken to her, and listens to anything said to her and is very dangerous and sullen.

December 18

Covers up her head with the skirt of her dress and is inclined to lie in corners or upon the forms. She is very sullen and irritable and is touchable threaten violence in a most incoherent manner; her body at the same time all shaking. See page 136

Helen (Agnes) Bonnet

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1868

December 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Craighall Road, Port Dundas, Glasgow and admitted as a Private patient.

She is thirty-nine years of age, married is a Housewife and a United Presbyterian.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one month and the cause is hereditary predisposition, her mother having died insane. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was sleepless, morose and melancholic, fancied she was fiend and doomed to hell, and that her husband wanted to make away with her. She has threatened to injure herself and attempted to assault her tongue with a knife.

On admission she was quiet and had a rather melancholy expression. She thought she had been brought to a King and dumb Institution, said that there was something wrong with her right ear and that her husband had caused it by thrusting a knife into it.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition much reduced. There is a rash upon the whole of her back and breast which patient says was caused by Cotton wool.

5 She slept none during the night and was very restless, wanted to put off her night clothes and for a time was much excited; today she is confined to bed & quiet.

7 Last night she slept six hours and was quiet, but today she is much excited crying that some one of the names of Dagon has stolen her clothes. She refused to take any food and was fed by the attendants.

20 She slept none and talked incoherently during the night. Today she says she wants to go to hell - to die. Little & confused.

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1869

January 4 She is very irritable and often violent, & sleeps little at night and is dirty in her habits. Two nights ago she found her face in bed and yesterday was herself sitting in the hallway.

" 25 She is always crying for food and cannot be satisfied, does not sleep at night and last night ate three slices of bread and drank two cups full of milk.

February 11 She still cries hunger and eats a large quantity of food and does not sleep well at night. Bowels continue. Bodily health indifferent, condition spare.

March 8 She is now much better worked in the laundry and for the last week has slept well at night. She is very quiet.

" 14 She was today dismissed -  
Cured.

## Isabella Smith &amp; Cunningham

1872

February 14

She has a sallow unattractive look, sits idly and is subject to frequent paroxysms of excitement, talks incoherently and believes in some delusion; asks that various tracts should be written to so that she might get support.

April 18

Always idle and becomes highly excited if asked to do anything, demands to get out of this and threatens to locate piece of paper to which she asks to have some person not known here written to, but cannot tell any address.

June 20

Very irritable and frequently complains in a rambling manner about not getting sufficient support for her body, talks incoherently about people who have a right to support her and sometimes refuses her food. Bodily health bad.

August 15

She sometimes refuses her food, thinking there is poison in it and she is in very feeble bodily health, but at the same time, irritable and dangerous, will not be herself be called Cunningham.

October 17

She sits much alone and is extremely irritable, seldom replies coherently to any question and asks that people be spoken to about her talks of being ill, but any advice merely excites her. Bodily health very feeble.

December 19

She is now an inmate of the Lunatic Ward and is mostly confined to bed. She has a cough and is often very thirsty, complains of pain in the chest and difficulty of breathing, a portion of buttered meat and mustard relieves her when very bad. She is still melancholic and irritable has many delusions.

1873  
January 16

She kept well at night up till three nights ago since which the cough has prevailed here. Her breathing is often bad and she appears to be dying, cries for all kind of food and drink and cannot talk so what she asks for.

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Today she Died.

Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

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Helen Louisa Bellars 1865

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December 7

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 37 Nelson Street, Madras Town, Glasgow, and admitted as a private patient.

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

She has had two or three previous attacks of insanity but was treated at home. The duration of the existing attack is three weeks and the cause is not known but she has a sister who has been several times in the Asylum. She is at times dangerous to others and once attempted to strangle herself.

Prior to admission her language was incoherent and she gave rambling answers to questions. She thought she was in Nova Scotia, and fancied her daughter had disease of the eye and could not see right.

On admission she was very talkative and rambling in conversation. She fancied she knew people whom she had never seen before, shook hands with them and asked for their state of health said she had only come here to stay one night and was then going farther north to a warmer climate.

1865

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Bodily health feeble; condition reduced. She slept only one hour during the night talked, sang and was very restless; today she is restless and disorderly, talks incoherently, has her bed in a confused state and flurries her spoon while it food round her head.

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She is sleepless and noisy at nights and during the day very restless, stupid and incoherent. She is demented.

1869  
January 1

Since last report she has improved very much and now appears to be quite well mentally. She sews and now walks out with the other patients.

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Admitted 7<sup>th</sup> December 1868

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February 3

She continues very well mentally and when spoken to about going away says she wishes to remain where she is. Her condition and appears quite happy.

March 6

She was today dismissed -  
- cured -

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## Margaret Burgess or Quinn Dec. 27

1768

December 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 60 Centre Street, Madison Square and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Susan Parish.

She is twenty-seven years of age, married, is a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity the duration is a few days, and the cause is the puerperal state. She is dangerous both to herself and others. An uncle of patient committed suicide by cutting his throat some years ago.

Prior to admission she was incoherent, excited and violent and dangerous to herself. Did not sleep at night.

Her husband states that on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November she was delivered of a male child (her second) which she nursed up till Friday last - six days ago. She was then observed to be unwell and since has slept none.

About two months before the birth of this child she received an injury and about two weeks before delivery had a flooding.

On admission she was restless and very incoherent. She did not seem to know her husband and asked the woman who came with her if she was a man. She pointed with her finger, held out her hand and said that there was death in it. She had taken no food all day and belched up large quantities of wind. At bedtime she spat out the food and would not swallow. She was fed by means of the stomach pump.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition ordinary. Her head has been blistered.

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She slept none during the night and would not lie in bed. She is quite incoherent and rolls her tongue about in her mouth. Is fed by the attendants.

" 15

She is much in the same state as at last report. Today was fed by means of the stomach pump.

December

1768

January

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> December 1868

1867

December 22 She is now much better, takes her food  
herself, is quiet and answers simple  
questions coherently. She is very nervous,  
does not sleep well at night, becomes restless  
pings about and seems to be in great  
alarm. She has a very sore finger which  
may in part, cause her to be restless.

1869

January 2

She sleeps well at night, is very quiet  
and seems quite well mentally. She is  
confined to bed on account of swollen feet  
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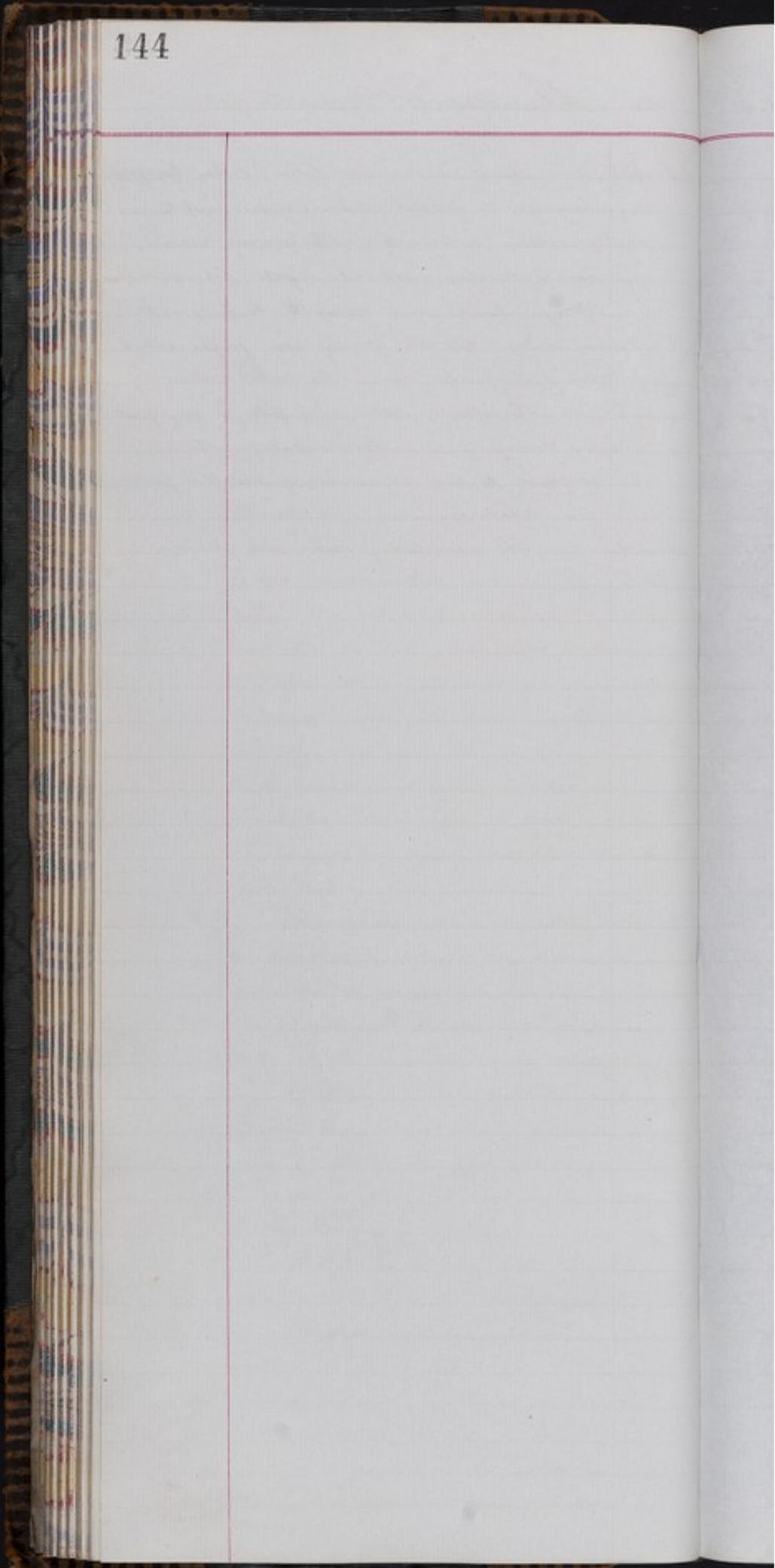
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Jane Arthur

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

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

It is not known whether this is the  
first attack of insanity, but the duration  
of the existing attack is a few days.  
She is stated to be dangerous to others.  
Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she had, various  
delusions - such as that her food was  
poisoned; that chloroform was thrown  
upon her to cause stupefaction; heard  
her dead child speaking; and that whatever  
ever she put out of her hands was snatched  
away by an unseen and unknown power.  
It is dull and melancholy.

On admission she was quiet and  
conversed freely. She said she had  
been eight days in Bovam Workhouse and  
before that for some time had been staying  
with a married sister. Her language was  
quite coherent and she exhibited no delusion,  
but to many simple questions gave the  
answer. I told her, and said she had  
to leave her service on account of sickness  
in the head.

12 Bodily health indifferent: Condition ordinary.  
She slept four hours during the night  
and was quiet. She has taken her food well  
and conducts herself in an orderly manner.

16 She slept pretty well up till last night  
when she only slept one hour. For her or three  
days she worked very well, but now has been  
restless and unsettled, will do nothing nor  
take her food. She was today at dinner  
time fed by means of the stomach pump.

1864  
January 8

She sometimes works a little, but is  
very absent and fretful.

1864  
February

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Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> December 1868

1869

- February 9 There is no mental improvement since admission. She is very unsettled and anxious to get away. At present will not do anything and appears to have only the one idea in her mind. "I want away."
- March 12 She is still in the same restless state constantly asking will I get away today or in the evening she says tonight. Can think of nothing else and does not know where she would go to.
- April 6 Today she made an attempt to run away, is no better mentally. Is in good bodily health.
- May 26 She associates very much with another patient (Miss Russell) about her own age and similarly affected. She is very quiet rather depressed and absent and at times her mind seems much preoccupied for only thought when raised being to ask when she will get away.
- June 15 She is much in the same state as at last report, is always beside the patient mentioned above and asks when are we to get away.
- July 16 She sometimes works a little at other times will do nothing. When spoken to she stammers stupidly gives no reply and after a little will say when am I to get away.
- August 14 There is no mental change. She now and occasionally works a little in the gallery. Appears to be in good bodily health.
- October 9 She continues to work a little but is very absent, forgets what she is doing and requires constant watching and direction to do anything.
- December 7 She continues to do a little work occasionally when directed. Assists the attendant to carry in the food to her but often sits in a better absent state, gives no reply and will ask irritably to get away.  
See page 148

Jane Arthur

(from page 147)

1870

- 2 January 18 She is considerable better, not so  
 unwell as formerly, works well and  
 seldom speaks now about getting away  
 she is in good bodily health
- February 18 She continues to improve, assists  
 the attendants with the work of the  
 Gallery and at present appears to be  
 pretty well mentally.
- March 12 Having continued well she was  
 today dismissed. —  
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Maria Buchanan

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1865

December 17

Was brought to the Asylum from 15 Princes Street Glasgow and admitted as a private Patient.

She is thirty-two years of age, single, no occupation and is a Protestant.

She has been insane for about two years and was previously an inmate of this Asylum from 27<sup>th</sup> January 1864 to April 1865. The cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was restless and excited about altogether insufficient objects. She was at times very violent without cause, screaming and throwing things about, which often caused the neighbours to interfere.

She has since she was formerly in the Asylum given birth to a child which is now four and a half months old.

On admission she was free from excited ment and when approached began to talk of a tartan dress which she believed she had formerly left here, but her articulation was so hurried and indistinct that without an explanation from the sister what she said could not have been known. She afterwards when she found she was to remain became rather excited & cried.

bodily health ordinary, condition good.

18

She slept three hours during the night and was quiet; today she is fretful and discontented, inclined to sit with her feet upon the seat and talks incoherently about her tartan dress.

1869  
January 4

She is still and listless, does not sleep well at night but often falls asleep during the day. Always grumbling.

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There is no change, her articulation is very indistinct and she is morose.

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Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> December 1868

1869

- from February 15 She is excited; quarrelsome and fought with another patient; is very noisy and incoherent.
- March 10 She does not sleep at night and is very noisy. Talks loudly to herself and disturbs the other patients. Not being able to hear any it is no use speaking to her and she does not appear to comprehend any signs made. Is excited.
- April 8 She continues to be noisy at night and both her feet are oedematous. The oedema extends a little up the legs. She is in good condition and takes her food well.
- May 26 She is not so often noisy at night as formerly appears to be more fatigued and can with the greatest difficulty be got to do anything asked of her. Appears to be quite incapable of doing any work.
- June 18 For some time past she has been quiet at night and more so during the day. She has been in bed for some days in consequence of oedema of the feet.
- July 20 She chatters incoherently and her articulation is becoming worse. From her excited manner she appears to be annoyed by some delusion which she tries to make known.
- August 17 She sometimes talks a great deal to herself and sometimes her head getting angry somewhat violently. She sometimes smiles when caught unexpectedly at it.
- September 16 Mentally she is in much the same state at at least report. She has to be sometimes put to bed for a day or two in consequence of oedema of the feet, but is very unwilling to remain in it. persists there is nothing wrong.
- November She talks much to herself and is very forgetful, with sometimes in the morning say it is a fine night, and then continues to chatter incoherently. She is more helpless with the floor of her room during the night and after getting up. To be put under observation

## Maria Buchanan

1869

December 16

She has been noisy at night for some time past. She cannot be made to understand anything said to her although her attention is tried to be drawn to those who address her. She looks from me to mother and shatters excitedly.

1870  
January 16

She has a livid hue on her face and is often cold. Her feet are redematous and the skin of the legs branny, becomes noisy and restless when put to bed and does not sleep at night.

March 8

She has been much excited and noisy for some time past, scolding loudly to herself and when visited her conversation becomes more loud and incoherent. She has in consequence of the noise she made to be several times removed at night and placed under observation.

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She was today taken home by her sister and dismissed. —

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Helen M<sup>rs</sup>. Kenzie or Alexander Dec. 21

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December 17

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 5 Maxwell Street, born and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Common Parish.

She is twenty-eight years of age, married, was occupied as a French polisher and is a Protestant.

It is not known if this is the first attack of insanity, but the duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is the puerperal state. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Prostrating tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very difficult to restrain in bed, attempted to seize anyone who approached her and when questioned, answered in a reticulous manner. At times she was almost unmanageable. She started up suddenly as if some one was going to injure her and screamed loudly, she tore the bed clothes and tried to injure her head by knocking it against the bed-head. She believed that powder and snuff was being blown into her eyes.

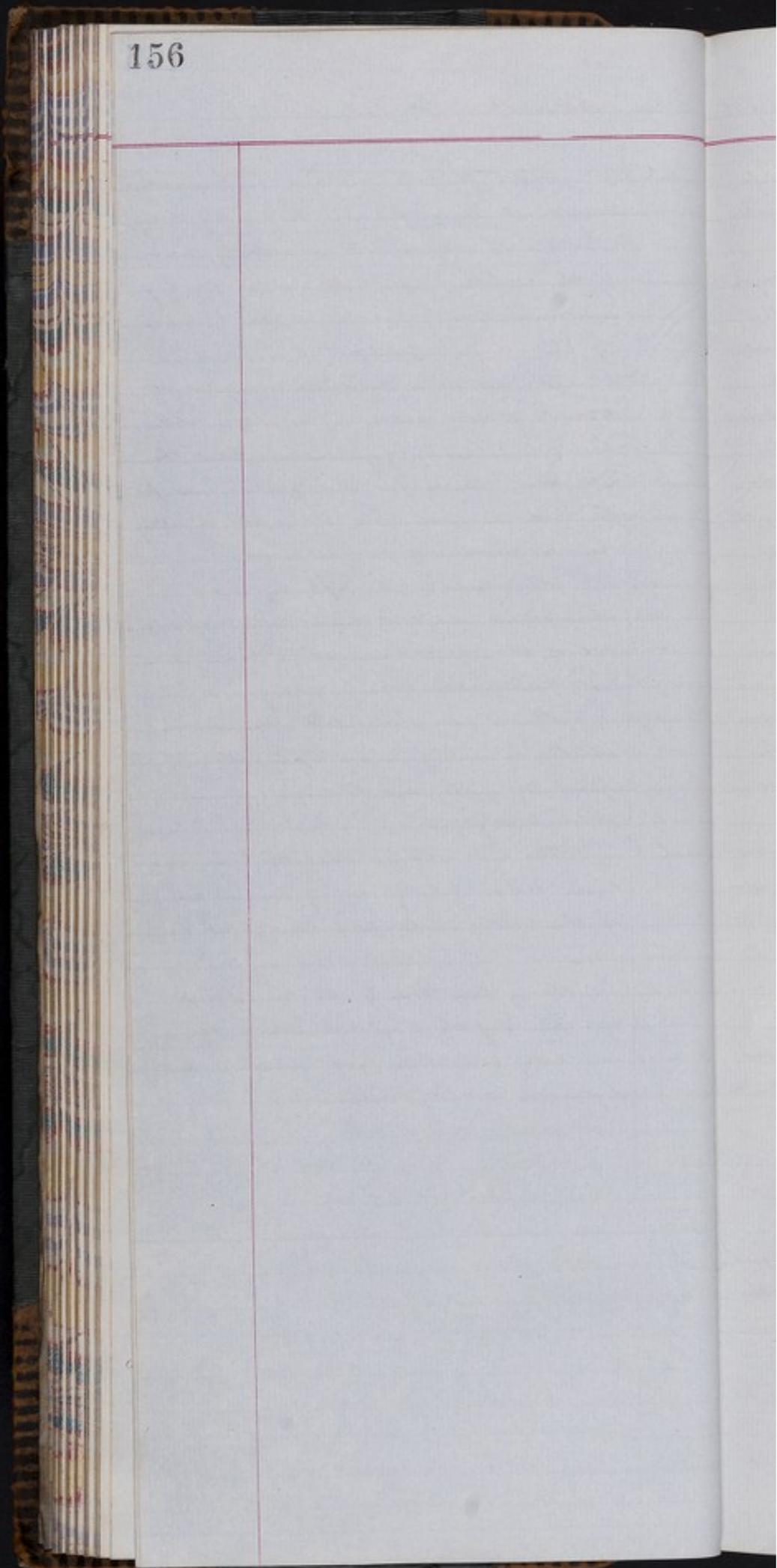
On admission she was quite prostrate and had to be carried in and laid on the floor, there is charge of her being afraid she was dying. She did not seem to understand anything said to her and gave no reply. Her husband says it is three weeks since she had the child and that for the last two days she has taken no food.

At six o'clock she was fed by means of the stomach pump, and again at midnight being very restless and so she would not eat she was given a pint of barley water but she could not get it by means of the stomach pump.

Bodily health extremely feeble: Countenance ordinary. There is a discolouration under her right eye, an irritable ulcer on her right arm and a number of scratches on her breast.

Admitted 17<sup>th</sup> December 1868

- December 18 She slept none and was much excited, would not lie in bed nor keep on any clothing. Her bladder requires to be relieved by means of the catheter. She will swallow nothing and was today fed three times by means of the stomach pump.
- 22 She continues incoherent, excited at times and very restless. Her bladder still has to be relieved by the catheter, but the attendants today for the first time fed her with the spoon and succeeded in getting her to swallow.
- 1869  
January 4 She sleeps in the Infirmary under observation and last night got suddenly out of bed and remarked a basin, does not know what she is doing.
- February 11 She is very demented, starts when spoken to but gives no reply. She is generally quiet and harmless; cannot dress herself.
- March 3 There is no change mentally; she sometimes takes fits of crying and in one of them fell on the floor and blew her nose.
- 27 Having been taken of the pump roll by a minute of the Parochial Board, she was today taken home by her husband and dismissed. - Relieved.





Elizabeth Munroe Oct. 23

1868

December 21

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

She is twenty-three years of age, single  
is a Domestic servant and a Protestant.

She was previously under treatment  
in the Asylum from 30<sup>th</sup> January, till  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1867. The duration of the present  
attack is a few days and the cause is  
not known. She is neither suicidal nor  
dangerous to others. Hereditary Tendency not  
known.

Prior to admission she was in-  
coherent in conversation and at times  
excited. She had also many delusions,  
heard unaccountable sounds, and fancied  
that unseen persons were watching or spies  
over her. She was very unsettled in her  
manner and actions and at times threatened  
violence.

On admission she was free from delusions  
and told the months, in which she was ad-  
mitted to and dismissed from the Asylum, but  
said it was two and a half years ago. She  
said they had taken her from her mother's care  
without any order and when told that  
there was an order from the Sheriff, said  
that it should have been from the Minors  
and that they had got none from him.

Bodily health and condition good.

" 22

She slept four hours during the night  
and was quiet. Today she is quiet and  
very absent; her memory seems to be impaired.

" 28

She is quiet but does nothing. She talks  
incoherently about fifty pounds coming from  
parliament to relieve her from here.

1869  
January 13

She now works some and is quiet, but  
is incoherent and delusional.

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She was today taken to Asylum District  
Asylum and dismissed - Relieved.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> December 1868

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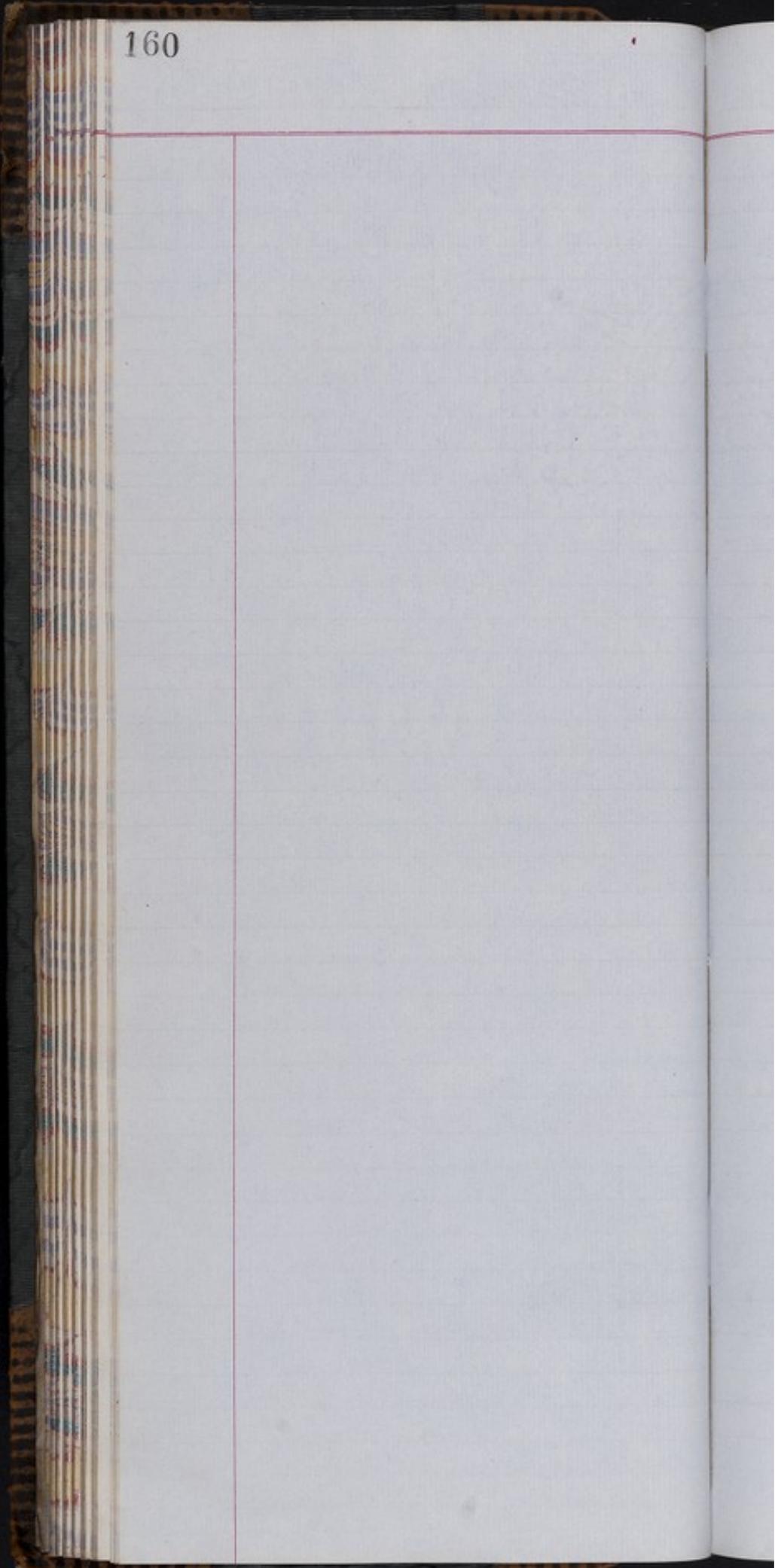
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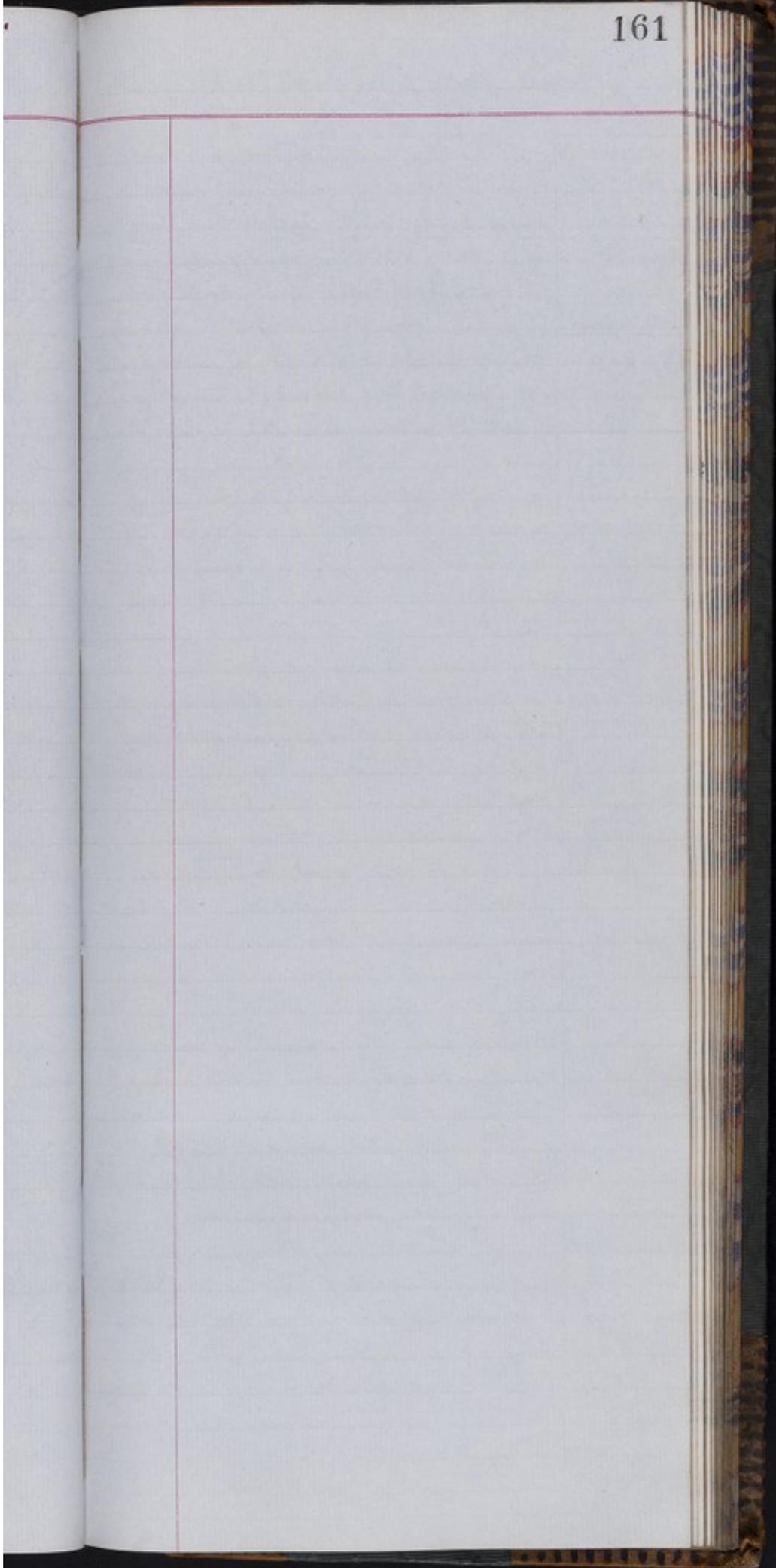
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Mary Ann McLarnon Dec 21

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Was brought to the Asylum today, from 23 Charles Street, Bridgeton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Parish.

She is twenty-one years of age, single, was a Cotton Mill worker and is a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she had an even natural expression of countenance, made signs with her fingers and face, sang and laughed alternately and refused to answer simple questions. She talked incoherently, said the devil had cut off her right arm for purity and fancied she was a priest. She also said it was the judgement day, had broken several panes of glass and had assaulted her relations.

On admission she was incoherent and very restless. drew attention to her right arm and when it was being examined suddenly started saying you have cut it off, what have you done with it? Her father who came with her to the Asylum had marks of violence upon his face, committed by the patient. He says that although it is nine months since she was first affected, she had been able for a considerable time and till very lately to be at her work.

She has taken very little food for a week and would not swallow when tried here, she was fed by means of the stomach pump at supper time.

Bodily health indifferent: conduct ordinary. Catamenia regular. Bowels constive.

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Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> December 1868

- Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1868 She slept none during the night and was restless and noisy. She talks very much and her language is quite incoherent. The attendants with difficulty succeeded in feeding her.
- " 28<sup>th</sup> She continues noisy and excited, waxes in bed although she is very feeble, and has attempted to bite when being taken care of. She chatters continually about Purgatory, priests &c.
- 1869  
January 13<sup>th</sup> She sleeps little and is very noisy and restless night and day. Her language is incoherent and often obscene. She now takes her food better.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> She is incoherent, very restless and troublesome, swears and uses obscene language. She now sleeps better at night but is still at times very noisy. She now takes her food very well.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> She is now quieter at night, but her language is incoherent and she is very impatient and troublesome. She is now in good bodily health and constitution.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> She sometimes wakes a little with the attendant, but otherwise there is no mental improvement.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> She is incoherent, noisy and very rude in her conduct, very troublesome. When spoken to sharply, she appears to have a certain amount of control over herself but soon forgets, is very mindless.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> She is restless and foolish in her conduct, puts herself in the way of people and when she speaks is incoherent. Bodily health good.
- July 15<sup>th</sup> She is apparently slowly improving, but is still restless and foolish in her conduct and talks ramblingly.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> She continues to improve and is now slowly employed in the Laundry. She is at times foolish in her conduct, cannot control herself, is impatient.

1869 Mary Ann Mc. Laren from page 163

September 11 She is now pretty well mentally but is at times somewhat unsettled and boisterous in her conduct. She is very little of stature and girlish looking and appears to take advantage of her apparent youth. She is very good looking health.

October 6 She was today dismissed -  
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Margaret Murray

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December 23

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 3 Tobago Street, Hatton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parsony Parish.

She is twenty-four years of age, single, a Power-loom Weaver and a Roman Catholic.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is three months and the cause is said to be a quarrel with the Manager of the work. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, cross and quarrelsome in temper and would not work, saying she detested her work; At times she talked incoherently, swore and used indecent language and could not explain what she meant.

She sat by the fireside talked and sang to herself, thought every one ill-used her, was violent to those about the house, threatened self-destruction, attempted to burn her boots off her feet and broke dishes & furniture.

In admission she was somewhat excited and rambled in conversation, and the only cause she could give for not going to her work was that she had eaten something that disgusted her but could not say how it affected her or that it affected her at all.

Bodily health feeble: Condition redoubt

" 26

She slept well during the night and today is quiet and orderly, but does nothing and seems quite happy.

" 28

She continues quiet, but appears incapable of thought or action, quite indifferent about everything.

1869  
January 12

She is quiet and kind in the Asylum, conducts herself in an orderly manner and says little. She has been ordered lod-  
Linen &c.

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Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> December 1868

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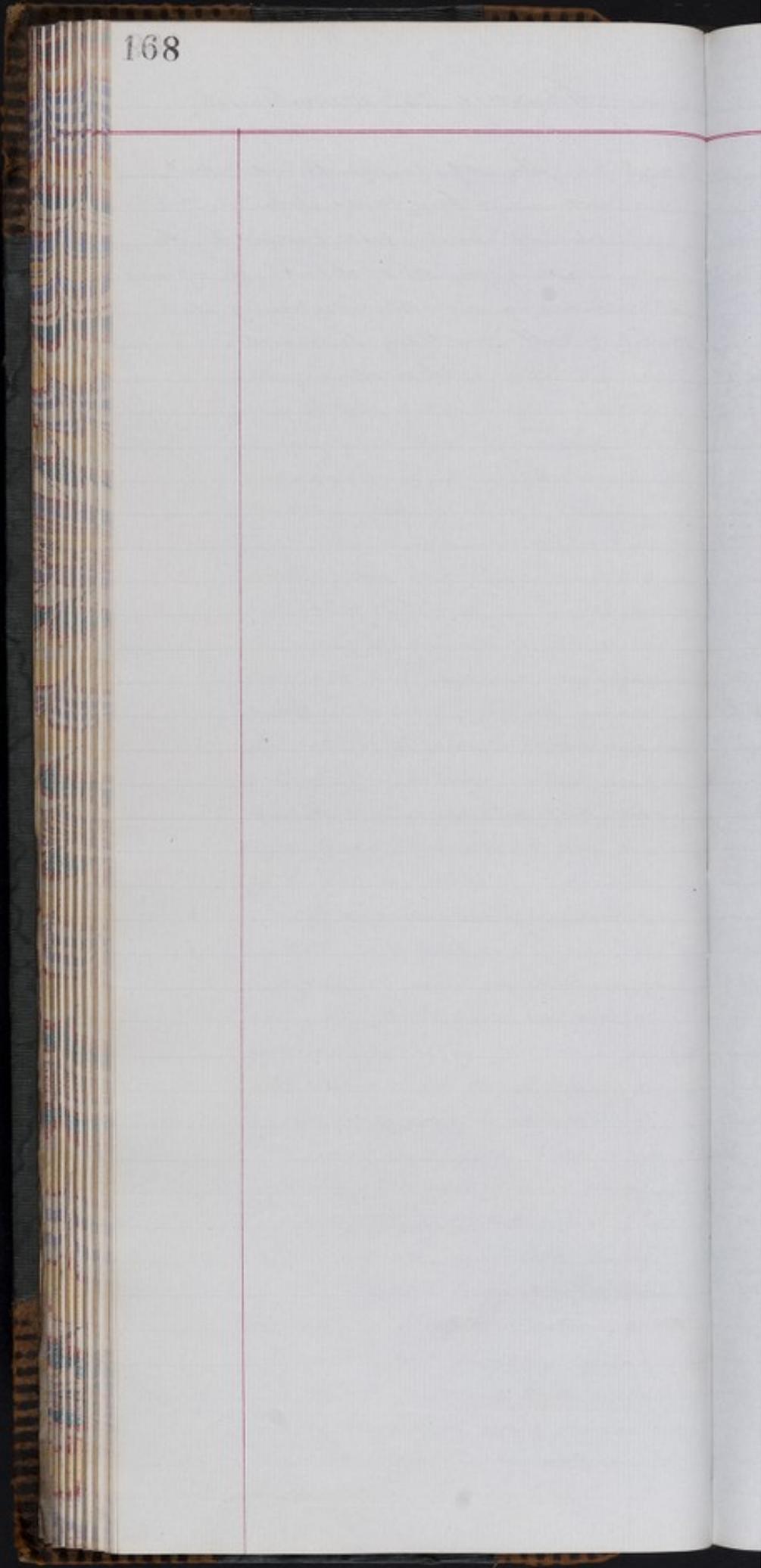
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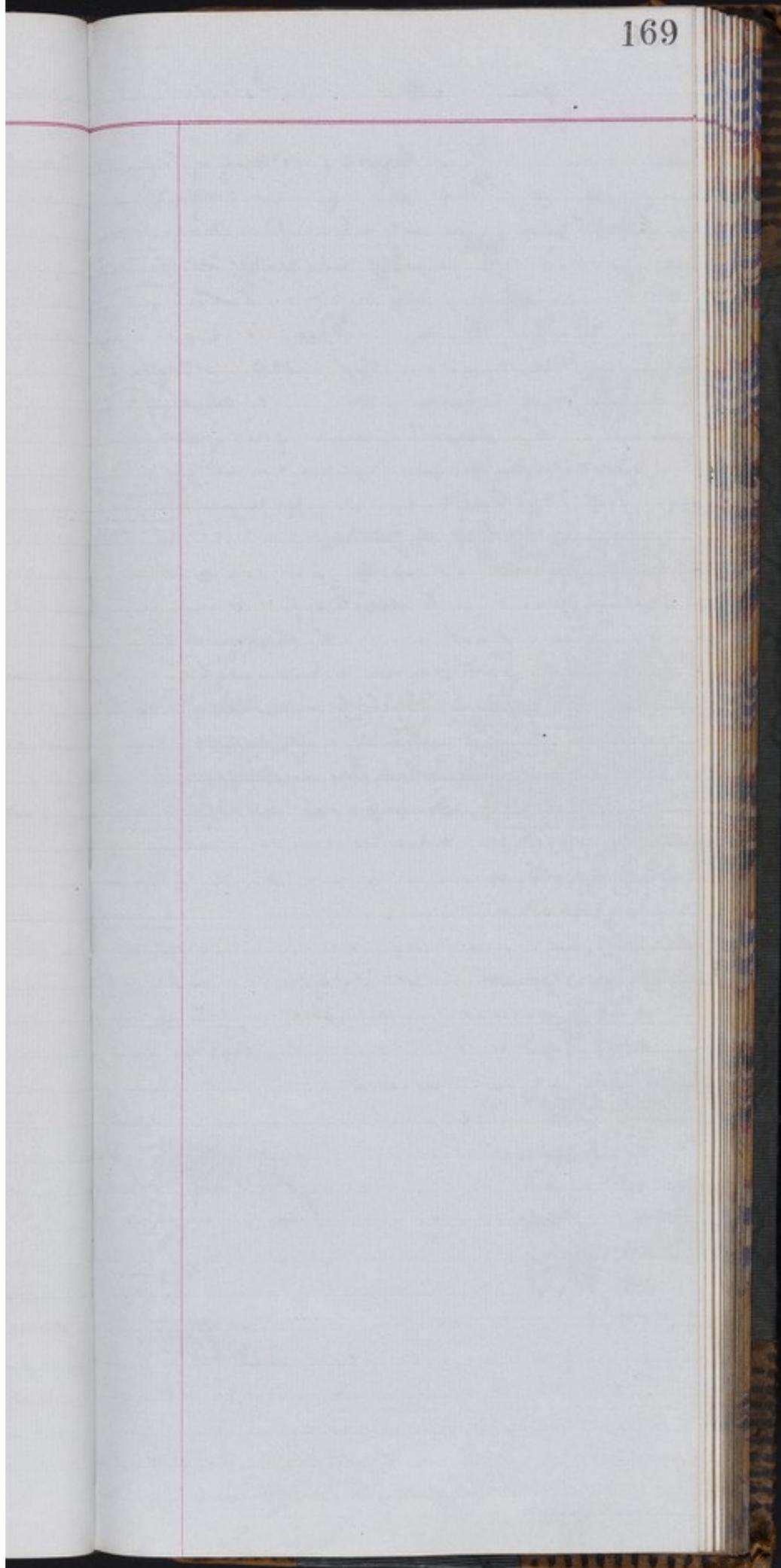
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Was brought to the Asylum today, from 93 Parliamentary Road and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Barony Parish.

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

She was formerly a patient in this Asylum from 25<sup>th</sup> July till 1<sup>st</sup> November 1861. The duration of the present attack is three days and the cause is not known. She had a brother, who died insane. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to herself.

Prior to admission she had an excited appearance and made incoherent, rambling statements about men getting into the house by the window to kill her. She fancied that a girl had been killed in the lobby and night she heard it done. She did not sleep at night and said there was noise in her head.

On admission she was very talkative and her mind was much occupied with the murder of the girl which she fancied she heard done. She said that her friend who was sitting beside her was going to be hanged for it but she had saved him. She seemed to be in great distress of mind and did not seem to be altogether sure of her husband's guilt.

bodily health ordinary. Condition retained

" 25

She slept four hours during the night. Today she is confined to bed, very restless, confused and incoherent, at times cries out and fancies she is dying.

" 26

She only slept two hours during the night, was noisy and talkative. Today she is in great distress, says she heard her husband's voice and that he has been hung for the murder.

1869  
January 11

She is incoherent, restless and excited; does not sleep at night. Says her husband is guilty

Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> December 1868

- 1869
- February 15 She is less restless, but sits idly all day. Her mind is much occupied with murders which she fancies has been committed and says we here know all about it. Says that it was 'Jonnie and Bob the Dyer, done it, and that they are here.
- March 14 She is still a little better but does nothing. She is still suspicious but does not express her thoughts plainly appears to know her statements are not believed, is very anxious to get away.
- April 5 Last night about 10 o'clock she fell out of bed in an epileptic seizure. She was taken to bed in the Infirmary ward, where during the night she had other fits. Today she is confined to bed, her mouth hangs down a little at the right side and the left arm is bent at the elbow and drawn to her side. She is paralyzed, but is able to walk; can use her left hand.
- " 14 She is confined to bed is restless noisy and excited. Says we are all murderers; turning the night before last she made repeated attempts to strangle herself.
- May 24 For the last four nights she has been out of bed and appears to be in tolerably good bodily health. She sits and scolds shaking her hand at the floor. She says that 'Bob the Dyer' is down there, and that we know all about it.
- June 18 She has been able to walk a little in the gallery (washing dishes & the like) and is quiet, but very anxious to get away. She fancies her husband must be in the Infirmary because he has not been to see her for a week or two.
- July 20 She is very delusional often talks to imaginary persons, shakes her fist at the floor and orders them away. Says they are down below there.

See page 172

## Jane Campbell or McBurnie

1869

- The August 17 She is delusive and irritable often July 1-  
 scolds at imaginary persons who annoy  
 her and fancies that the officials of the  
 asylum know all about it, calls them  
 rogues and says she must get away.
- September 14 She does a little light work about  
 the laundry, but often stops work to  
 complain and scold about Jamie who  
 she says is somewhere about. August
- October 26 Delusions unchanged, she takes  
 her food well and works about as  
 formerly. October
- December 7 Today she became much excited,  
 and violent towards another patient  
 (Mary Wilson) who she fancied was call-  
 ing her a thief and whore. Shortly afterwards  
 she had an epileptic seizure. She still  
 persists in her delusion and is threatening  
 in her language. November
- January 18<sup>1870</sup> She is irritable and is constantly trying  
 to get away, points to the floor and says  
 that the murderers that are below it  
 be taken out of that. Sometimes goes out  
 to the laundry. December
- February 3 This morning she had a fit which  
 lasted between three and four hours  
 The mouth was twisted to the left side  
 the left arm and leg were much convulsed  
 but the right side of the body was relaxed  
 and powerless. She was quite unconscious  
 and now lies in a very helpless state.
- March 8 She is delusive talks to imaginary persons  
 whom she calls murderers and who she says  
 are under the floor. Talks when the courts  
 are going to be over. Goes out to the laundry.
- April 21 She is very delusive and irritable, talks  
 incoherently about murders and courts, she  
 says are being held. wants away.
- In May 25 She is today confined to bed having in the  
 morning had a number of epileptic seizures.

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the after July 13

She is very delusional and talks incoherently. Talks of courts being held and her name being changed in the books. Constantly hears imaginary voices and scolds as if speaking to some one. When asked what she was saying, says it was to them below.

August 11

She has not had any epileptic seizures since the 25th of May, but she is no better mentally, very delusional, constantly hearing voices and talking to imaginary persons. She goes out to the Laundry.

October 13

She is incoherent and delusional. She talks about imaginary murders and will. Says what have you done with the patient says she is a patient and that I had no right to steal her maiden name from the books. She works in the Laundry.

November 16

She had a great many epileptic seizures during the night and today is in bed and quite stupor. Does not appear to be conscious when spoken to and is quite powerless. Appears as if paralyzed.

December 2

She has again for more than a week past been going about and now appears to be in her usual bodily health. She is very delusional, but quiet.

Today she was taken to Glasgow Provincial Asylum, by authority of Dr. Mitchell's Commission and dismissed —  
Relieved.

1868

2 December 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 39 Abbotsford Place Glasgow and admitted as a Private patient.

She is twenty-two years of age, single, in occupation and a Protestant.

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is five days and the cause is not known. She was a patient in the Asylum five years ago. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was much excited and in a state of violent mania, throwing herself down violently and beating her head against the wall. She fancied that she was surrounded by many persons and talked to them in an incoherent manner. Did not sleep at night.

On admission she was much excited and paid no attention when spoken to, but named persons who were not present, gesticulated, looked towards the roof and talked in an incoherent manner.

Bodily health falls: condition sparse.

31

She slept none during the night, was noisy and restless; sang, roared and talked in a loud voice. Today she is very restless continues much in the same state as during the night and cannot be kept in bed.

1869  
January 7

She is now free from excitement and feels exhausted. She is in very delicate health complains of pain in her chest, especially at the apex of the right lung and has a cough. She has been ordered the Tincture of Iodine and dilute Sulphuric Acid mixture.

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Her bodily health has very much improved and she has continued very well mentally.

Was today dismissed.

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Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> December 1868

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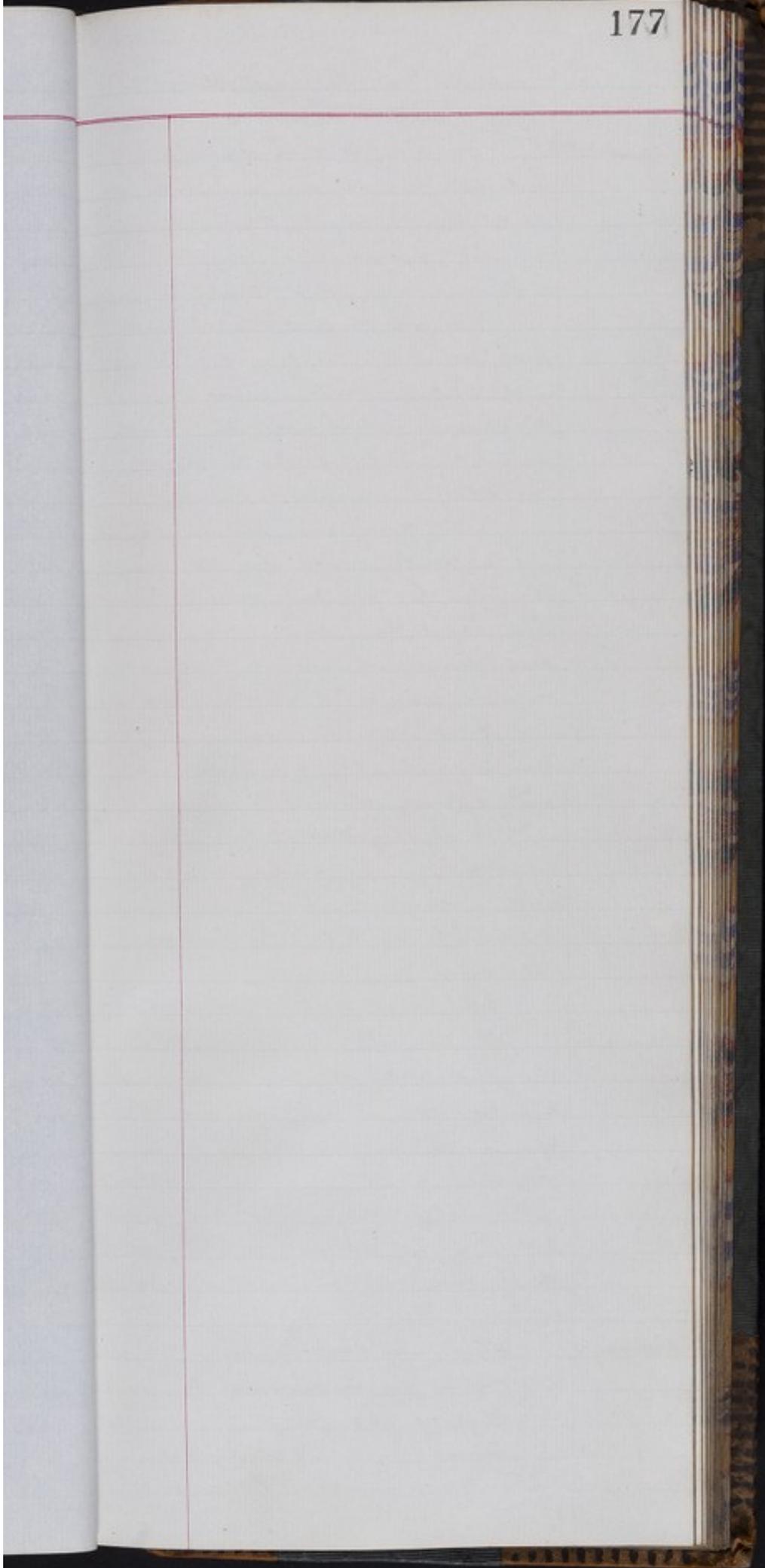
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Sarah McLean a Watt Nov. 53

1865

December 31

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Gartnavel Old Parish House and admitted as a  
pauper patient, chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

It is not known whether this is the  
first attack of insanity, but the duration  
of the existing attack is a few days, and  
the cause is not known. She is neither  
suicidal nor dangerous to others.  
Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was depressed  
and melancholy. Said that God had  
forsaken her and that she must not  
live; was at times taciturn and refused  
food because, she said she would get  
no more when what she had was finished.

On admission her expression of countenance  
was very melancholy and it was with  
great difficulty she could be induced to  
reply to anything said to her. She con-  
sidered herself a very wicked person, the  
worst in the world or that it was possible  
for any other one to be and said she did  
not deserve food.

1869  
January 1

Boily heard feeble: condition seduced.  
She slept none during the night, but  
very quiet. Today she is very depressed, seem-  
demented, does not reply when spoken to,  
refuses to take any food, was fed by the  
attendants.

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She sleeps little, will not take her food  
and has always to be fed, which is done by  
the attendants with considerable difficulty. She  
says she is not Mrs. Watt.

February 5

There is very little change since last report  
except perhaps that she resists more being fed.  
Little demented sleeps little.

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She was today taken to Pirbright District  
Asylum and dismissed. - Relieved.

Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> December 1868

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1869  
 Matilda Ohlholm a Finlayson

January 15

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

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

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

Via to admission she is stated to have talked incoherently about religious matters and could give no account of herself.

On admission she was free from excitement and did whatever was asked of her. She said it was a working of the mind that was wrong with her, and laid all the blame on a neighbour woman Her story was long and rambling but the chief part is that while she was reading her bible, the woman came and asked her to go and drink whisky which she says she did although she did not want to do it. Admits she had been drinking.

Orally health and condition ordinary. There is a large discolouration upon her right arm.

16 She only slept three hours during the night but was quiet. She takes her food well and conducts herself in an orderly manner.

28 She is quiet and orderly, talks quite coherently and does not now speak about anything troubling her mind. She is very anxious to get away.

February 3

She was today dismissed.

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Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> January 1889

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Mary Baird or Duff

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January 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 3 Sauchiehall Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is fifty-two years of age, widowed, and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church.

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

Prior to admission she was violent in conduct and rude in manner and speech, at times she was much excited, incoherent, noisy and abusive without cause. She kept artificial flowers and she wasted and bought expensive and unrequired articles. She went from place to place without purpose and her friends knew nothing of her movements.

On admission she was restless and listless in her conduct, talked of having been to visit a great many places which seem to be without any purpose but merely on account of state of mind. She thought she had come out here to a concert and was happy and rather reckless in her words.

Bodily health ordinary condition good.

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She slept none during the night and was noisy. She fancied that her bed was full of beasts. Today she is very restless and talkative, says she has no need to be here.

" 26

She was restless during the night and her language today is rather rambling. She says that during the night she was carried back to 1886 by a driving of the spirit and felt all the pains she did then.

February 1

She is excited, incoherent and noisy. Last night she slept none and was very noisy, peering and singing; she says there were beds swept from Jordan in her room.

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Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> January 1869

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She is now quiet and sleeps pretty well at night. Her conversation is rambling and her conduct childish.

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At present she is quiet and orderly and does not display as much weakness of mind as at last report. She is suspicious and distrustful asks questions and will not believe what she is told.

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July 15

She dresses herself fantastically and employs much of her time making trifles to decorate herself with. Is quiet and in tolerably good bodily health.

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August 13

She sometimes talks about getting away saying that there was never anything wrong with her mind. When asked to write to her relations; she says no she will never do that.

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September 14

Her conduct has been much the same for a considerable time. She is very obstinate will not write to her friends and calls them rude names. fancies they have sent her here to benefit themselves.

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October 16

She has been much troubled with headache and sickness and her tongue is foul. She has been sent to bed and ordered with attention powder.

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December 8

Her mind is very weak and she is very obstinate. She employs her time sewing trifling articles to decorate herself with and obstinately refuses to write to her friends.

See page 188

## Mary Baird or Duff

1870

January 10

There has been almost no change in her mental state since admission. She says that that there was never anything wrong with her that it is all a plot, but crying and keeping her here.

February 8

Since last report she has become very ill mentally, quite stupid and incoherent and violent and dangerous in her conduct. Does not know what she is doing. Has attacked and injured both patients and attendants.

When the present attack came on four days ago the first indication given was by her striking Mrs. Campbell, another patient, without any cause or bleeding for some. Last night she slept in a room continually. Today she is very dangerous.

March 9

She is very dangerous, much excited and has many delusions. She is noisy at night and has often her room in great confusion. She says that her head is on fire, and fancies that there are small beads in her room. She talks of wishing to see some people whom she thinks to be dead but says they are alive now. She is less confused than she was two weeks ago. She takes her food.

April 21

She has been very ill mentally since last report, quite incoherent and stupid, made violent attacks upon others and did not appear to know what she was doing. Could not keep herself properly dressed. At present she is quieter but very stupid.

June 9

For about a week or so she has been better mentally and much in the same state now as at the beginning of the present year. She confuses and great incoherence has passed off, and she now sews and dresses herself - her former foolish way, with trifles.

July 8

She has gradually improved since last report and was today dismissed -  
L. Wood.

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Jessie More or Paton

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1869

January 19

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Knox  
Govan Poor-house and admitted as a pauper  
patient, chargeable to Govan Parish.

She is forty nine years of age, widowed, Knox  
an inmate in a Warehouse

It is not known whether this is the  
first attack of insanity but the duration  
of the existing attack is a few days  
and the cause is not known. She is  
stated to be neither suicidal, nor dangerous  
to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was intensely  
depressed and melancholy. She had delu-  
sions, such as that her bed was  
loose, men used prison with her feet  
heard unaccountable sounds and that  
she was haunted by her dead child  
upbraiding her for keeping it out of  
heaven.

On admission she was very depressed  
and miserable gave no reply when  
spoken to and would not raise her  
eyes to look at anyone.

Bodily health rather feeble.  
Condition ordinary.

" 20

She slept three and a half hours  
during the night and was quiet. She  
has a dull, gloomy expression, sits with  
her head inclined forward and does not  
raise her eyes when spoken to but says  
she is in hell.

" 25

She is much in the same state as  
at last report, does nothing, sits little  
except when taken out to walk and sleep  
little at night.

February 15

She is still depressed, but is now  
employed in the laundry, ironing. She  
sleeps little at night although she has  
a draught of solution of (minerals of Theriac)  
without which she would not sleep any.

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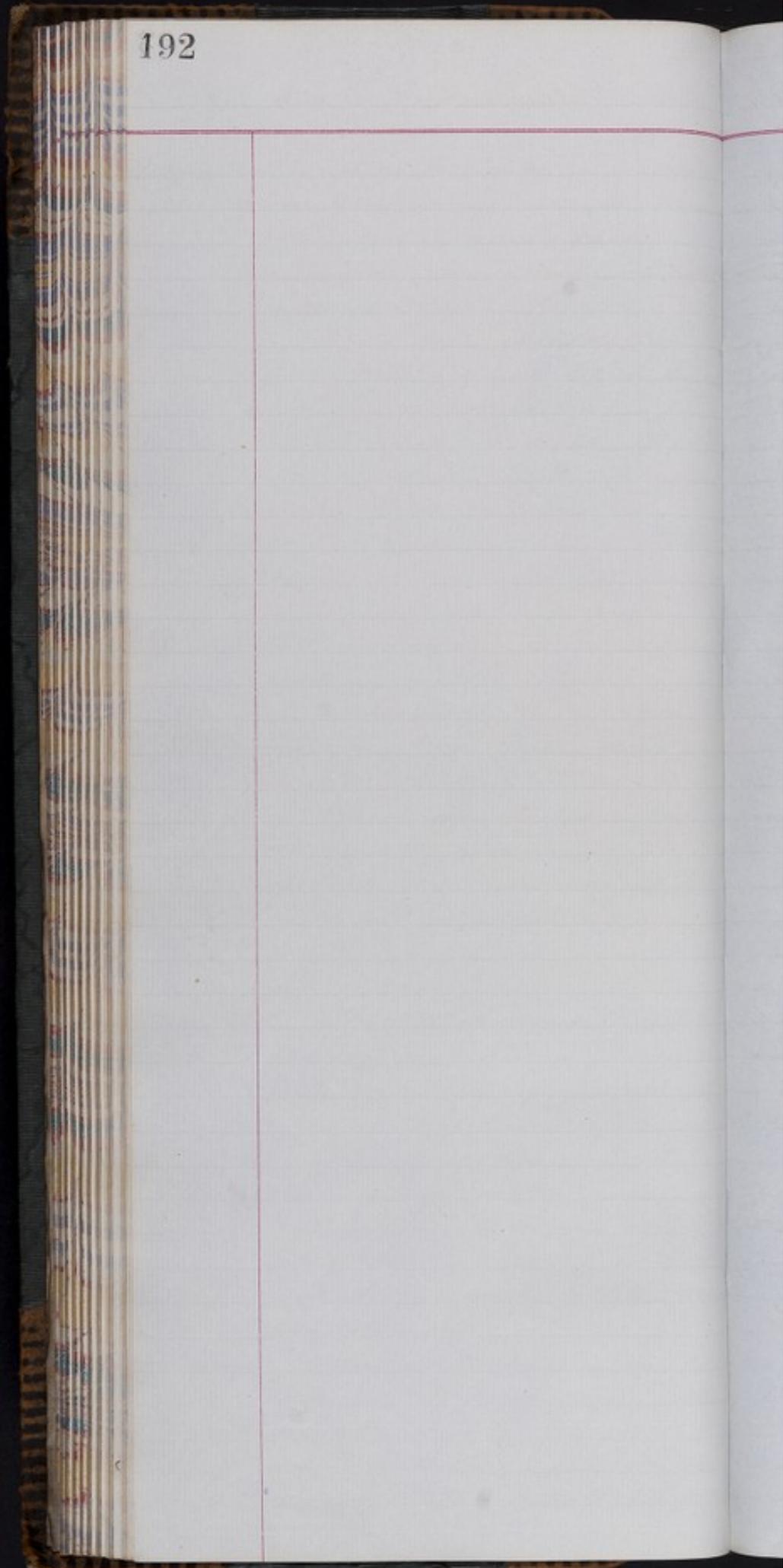
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She continues to improve, is employed  
every day and now sleeps pretty well  
without quinine.

She was today dismissed -  
Cured.





Helen Sharp.

Oct. 16

1869

January 19

Was brought to the Asylum today from Hamilton Prison and admitted as a pauper patient - chargeable to Bothwell Parish.

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

Three years ago she exhibited symptoms insanity but was not before under treatment. The duration of the existing attack is three days and the cause is not known. She is supposed to be suicidal but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was much excited, talked incoherently and laughed loudly without cause, was also delusive. She is stated yesterday to have gone into the River Ghyfa and to have been rescued by some farm servants.

On admission her expression was childish and her manner silly. She hid her face and would not open her eyes. Laughed when spoken to and either could or would not answer the simplest question about herself correctly.

" 20

She only slept two and a half hours, and when the night nurse went to raise her to the bedside she threatened to strike her. She is very obstinate - hides her face.

" 26

For the last two nights she has slept well, but during the day is restless and troublesome. Will not give any reply when spoken to.

February 4

She sleeps little or none at night, is noisy and excited, swears and talks to herself. Hitches the other patients.

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She is now much quieter and has commenced to work - scrubbing floors. When spoken to, she looks somewhat stupid.

Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> January 1869

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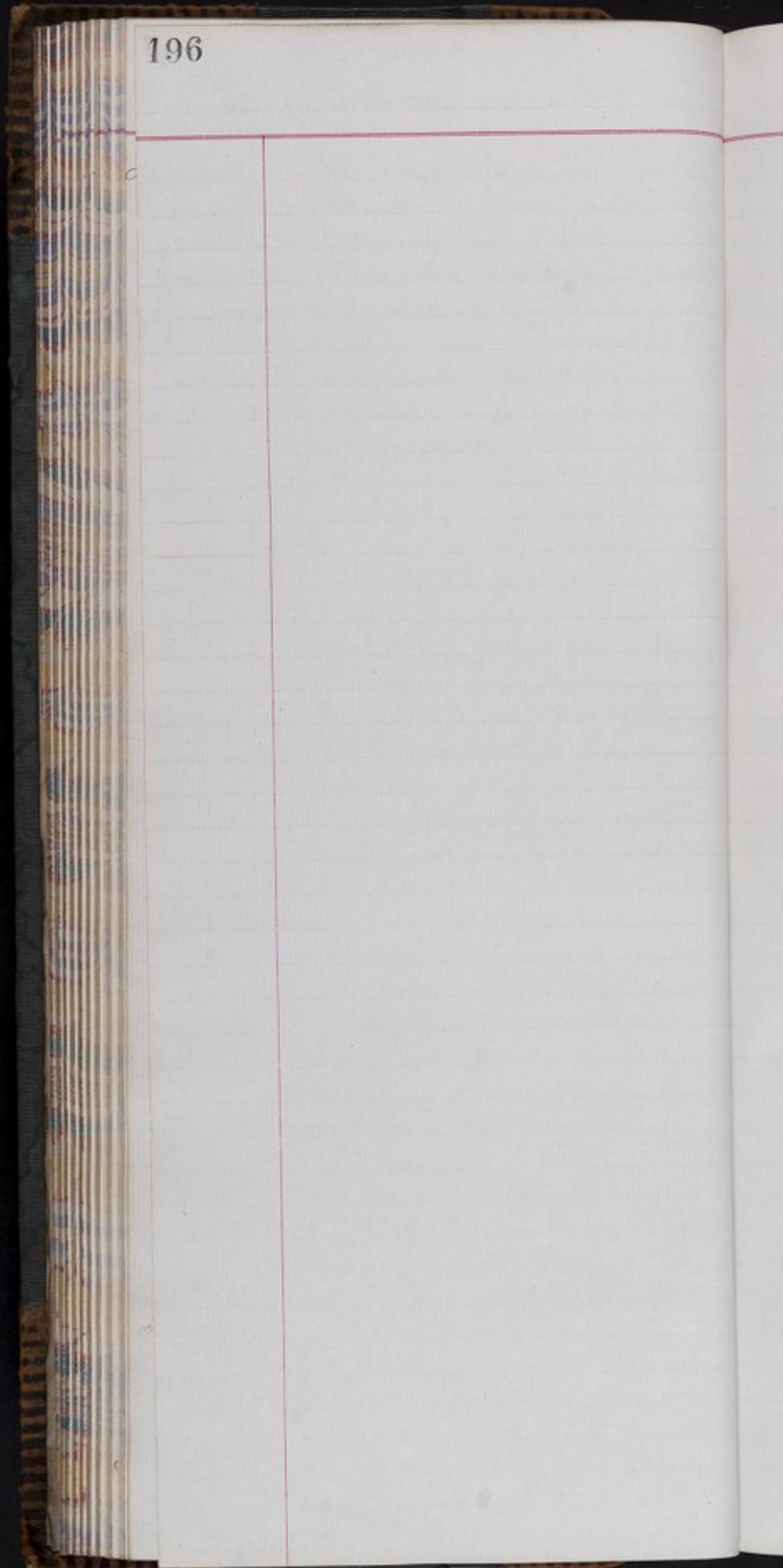
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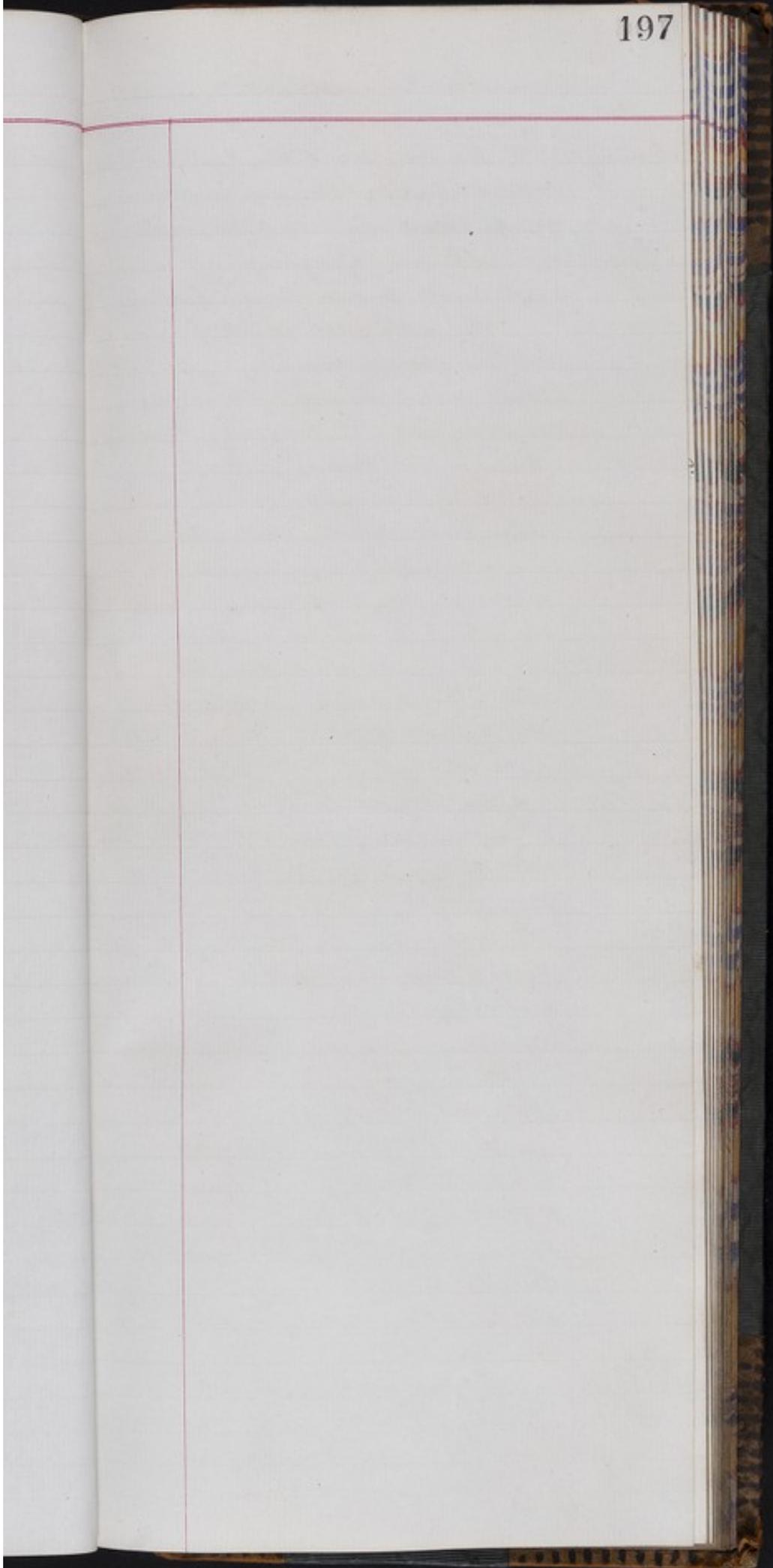
Since last report: she has again become  
more restless and excited, does not do  
any thing and is morbid and irritable.

She is at present very well mentally  
assists the attendants in No 1 Gallery is  
quiet and orderly, works well.

26 She has continued very well, and  
was today dismissed. —

Secured.





Ann Quinn

Oct. 28

1869

J. January 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, for January 21. Admitted to the Old Monkland Workhouse and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to the Old Monkland Workhouse.

She is twenty-eight years of age, single, a Millworker and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she was much excited and violent, slept none and was restrained by some mechanical means to prevent her doing injury to herself and others. She said that she was the Queen of Heaven direct from hell and that all around her were in hell. The assistant inspector who came with her to the Asylum says that she had had two illegitimate children and led a very wandering loose life.

On admission she had a wild staring look and was quite hoarse. She talked very ramblingly, said that her legs and arms were her father and that they had been in the grave and also that she was the Mother of God.

She is in very feeble bodily health, and is reported to have taken no food for some days. Her wrists and hands are much swollen apparently from the restraint she had been subjected to. There is a rash upon her legs and buttocks, as also a number of foul irritable ulcers in different parts of her body.

22

She slept none during the night and was noisy and restless talking about the Virgin Mary. Today she is very restless noisy and incoherent.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> January 1869

Jan 27

She is still confined to bed and last night she only slept two hours is very restless and noisy. Her sores are beginning to heal but from her restless excited state it is very difficult to treat her in a satisfactory manner.

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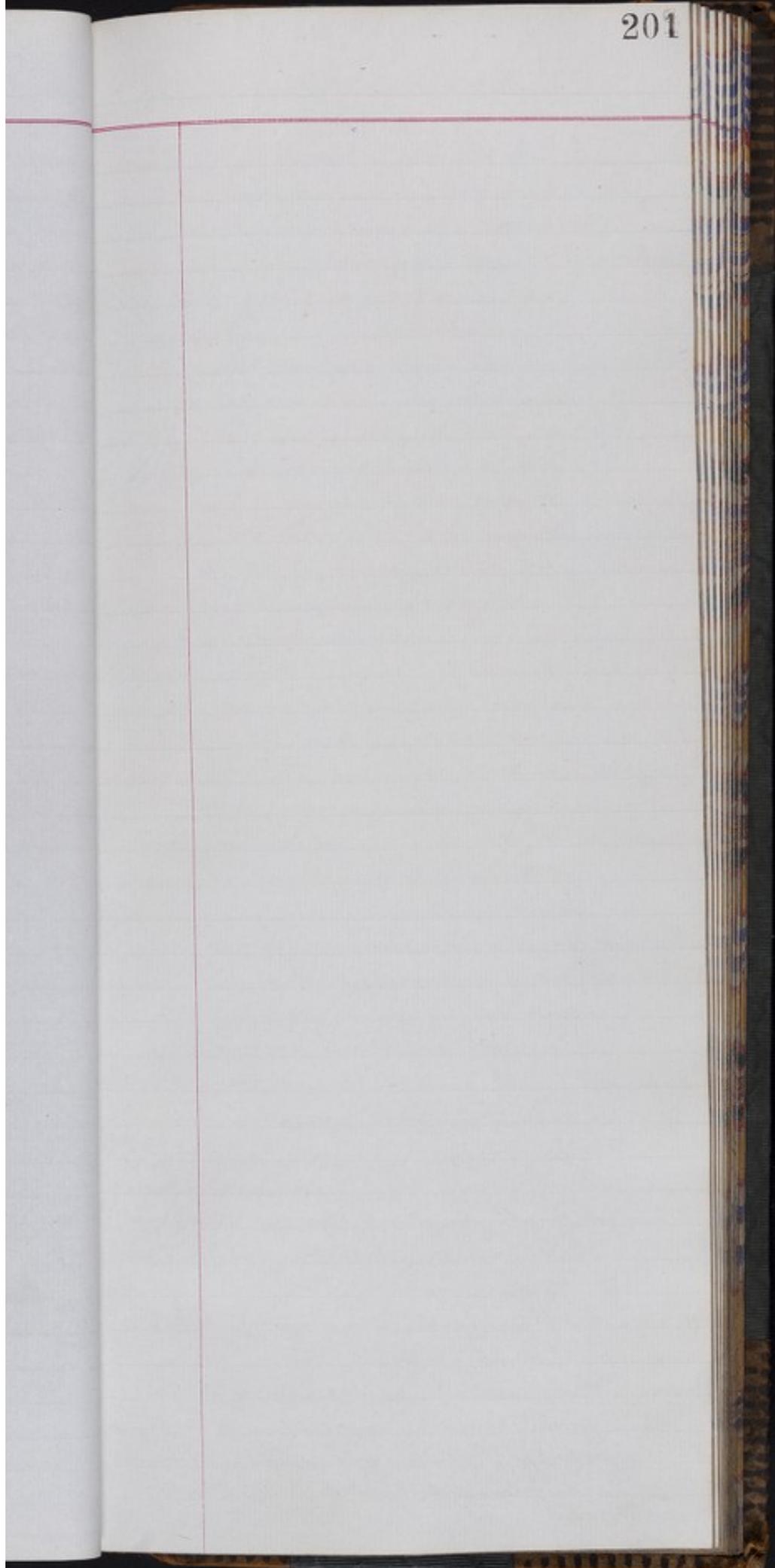
The excitement has gone off, she now sleeps well, answers questions cheerfully is quite and orderly and does a little sewing. She at times appears a little depressed.

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Having continued to improve she was today dismissed.

Cured.

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Catherine Telford

Oct. 19

1769

Jan. 28

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

She is nineteen years of age, single  
was occupied in the Sweath work and April  
is a Protestant.

She was formerly an inmate of the Glasgow  
Asylum, when about seventeen years of  
age. The duration of the existing attack  
is a few days and the cause is not  
known. She is neither suicidal nor  
dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency  
not known.

Prior to admission to admission  
she was incoherent, excited and used  
threatening language. Her conversation July  
was obscure and she fancied she had  
wealth and a large number of children.  
said she was made of bell and that  
everybody were devils.

On admission she was very restless  
talkative and incoherent. Her speech  
was hurried and her manner excited, she  
laughed at what she said and could  
not give a proper answer to the simple  
question.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 29

She slept two hours and was partly  
quiet. She continues talkative and asks  
for whiskey.

" 30

The catamenia is flowing and normal.

February 10

She has always been very restless and  
talkative during the day, but slept well  
last night when she was restless  
and noisy. She is in much the same state  
as on admission.

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She is incoherent and talkative  
very thoughtless and appears to be perfectly  
happy. She is sometimes noisy at night  
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Admitted 28<sup>th</sup> January 1869

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She generally sleeps well at night, but is occasionally noisy. She does nothing, is very incoherent always chattering, takes her food well and is in good bodily health.

She does not sleep so well at night and is noisy, still incoherent and talkative.

She is still incoherent, very restless and talkative, and today was much excited, threatening violence and making use of low obscene language.

For some nights past she has slept well, but during the day she is restless, restless and noisy. Her language is incoherent, and she talks quickly and in a loud voice.

She is often very noisy at night. She talks very incoherently and very much and if asked to be quiet talks the more.

She continues to chatter and talk very incoherently. appears to know perfectly well what she is doing and it appears to give her great delight to annoy others.

She is incoherent and restless, continues to talk hurriedly - so much so that her attention is quite indistinct. She is very often noisy but generally sleeps well after a dose of purgative medicine.

Continues incoherent and is occasionally much excited and very restless. She is in good bodily health.

She sometimes goes out to the laundry and assists a little carrying clothes. She is incoherent talkative and very mindless.

There is no mental change, she is sometimes excited, swears and talks incoherently.

She does not improve, she seems very happy, laughs loudly and talks a great deal, is very incoherent in her language, but knows quite well what is said to her, has no control almost over herself.

see page 204

## Katherine Filford

1870

March 8

She is quite incoherent in conversation April  
 very mindless and appears to be always  
 quite happy. She often says she is first  
 class. She has not improved almost any  
 mentally since admission, except that June  
 she is more orderly in her conduct. She  
 goes out to the laundry takes her food well  
 and is in good bodily health.

April 21

She sometimes visits the attendants June  
 to carry in the food clean clothing &c, but she  
 is no mental improvement. She is at  
 times irritable and threatening in her  
 language, calls herself Mrs Smith.

June 9

She is at present excited and irritable and  
 two days ago while one of the attendants was  
 serving out the tea to the patients she seized hold of the  
 large vessel containing it and threatened  
 to dash it about the attendant. She is  
 incoherent. Bodily health good. Dec

August 15

At present she is pretty quiet, and  
 orderly in her conduct, but she is very  
 incoherent and when spoken to goes  
 hurriedly over a string of incoherent words  
 altogether unintelligible. Feb

October 15

She is very incoherent and always  
 when being approached at the visits and  
 before being spoken to commences to talk  
 hurriedly and is completely unintelligible June  
 She still calls herself Mrs Smith. She  
 has food well and is pretty orderly in her  
 conduct, is very mindless.

December 16

She is generally quiet and usually, appears  
 to have almost no memory, quite absent and when  
 spoken to talks very incoherently. She is active  
 in her movements when directed. Oct

1871

February 17

Her mind appears to be quite gone  
 but her expression of face is not that of a  
 demented person. Her language is altogether  
 incoherent and she sometimes talks much.

from page 203

- 1871  
 April 20 She is becoming more stupid and her expression somewhat vacant. She can hardly give any reply when spoken to, does not seem to understand, but staves in a listless manner.
- June 15 She generally sits with her head hanging to the one side, is perfectly demented. Keeps her head and does not seem to understand anything said to her, requires to be attended to like a child, she takes her food.
- August 17 She sometimes goes out the attendant and when anything is put into her hands she can carry it, but when she has arrived at end of her journey stands till it is taken from her.
- October 14 Demented and can talk a little or no sense of herself but is generally cleanly with a little attention being paid to her, a frequent reply when she is spoken to, is that she first note.
- December 14 Quite mindless and has an independent self satisfied look; often does not notice when spoken to and if she does her reply is the same answer. First note.
- 1872  
 February 15 She sits erectly but does not appear to take any notice of what is passing, does not even notice when spoken to and if touched to attract her attention looks stupid.
- April 15 Has become much excited very restless and talks incessantly, will get in the way of people and chatter in the most incoherent way.
- June 20 Excited, very restless and talks much in a most incoherent manner and sleeps but scarcely any night. When spoken to, her replies are always quite irrelevant.
- August 15 Quite mindless and chatters much in a hurried incoherent manner, gets into the way of people and talks into their faces.
- October 17 Fatuous, sits with her hands before her and can do nothing, takes no notice when spoken to, but for short intervals she is much excited and talks incessantly.

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## Janet Ricken or Campbell

1869

January 24

Was brought to the Asylum today from 24 Brown Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty-five years of age, unmarried, a Housewife and a Protestant.

She has been many times previous an inmate of this Asylum; the duration of the present attack is three weeks and is predisposition from previous attacks. She is dangerous to others, but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was rather timid and unwilling to answer questions. She had a peculiar way of expressing herself, picked at the bed clothes and moved them about without any apparent purpose. She could not bear to see her son in the house believing, it was presumed, he was to be injured in some way, slept little and persistently refused food.

On admission she had a look of stupidity, gave no reply when spoken to, but looked in a furtive manner and seemed as if afraid of bodily harm being done her.

Bodily health very feeble; condition reduced; she has taken no food for some days.

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She slept three and a half hours during the night and was quiet, took some beef tea. Today she is confined to bed and does not reply when spoken to.

February 8

She is now out of bed, but is very feeble, scarcely replies when spoken to, is incapable of doing anything or almost of thinking.

" 25

She is a little better, but appears weak in mind and body, does nothing, and when spoken to looks like a backward child.

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- March 16 She continues to improve, sometimes goes out to the Laundry but does very little. She is in pretty bodily health and is taking Cod Liver Oil.
- April 5 She is pretty well mentally and is very anxious about her face, which is rough and peeling off in scales, wishes a lotion for it.
- May 26 She appears to be quite well mentally. Sometimes she works a little in the Laundry but does not do much; her health is rather indifferent, but she has no particular ailment - takes her foot baths and often walks out with Mr. Sullivan another patient. Says she is not going home till next month.
- June 10 She was today taken home by her son and dismissed. —  
Cured.

Catherine Felford

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1872

c December 19

This patient is very restless, irascible and excited, get into the way of people and chatters up in the faces, never talks - and is noisy and is most disorderly. Last night she was very noisy and slept none.

1873

February 13

At present she is quieter and seems more stupid, seldom talks any more. She speaks to and is quiet at night. The convulsions are periodic but the periods irregular.

March 12

She was today taken to Governor Parochial Asylum by authority of Sir James Cowan Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed.

Relieved.

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1869

c February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today from Haddington and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-one years of age, single, was engaged at home and is a Protestant.

The duration of the existing attack is one year and she had an attack when sixteen years of age although not under treatment. The cause is stated to be excitement during a religious revival. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

For several years past she has at times been very unmanageable, but for two or three months past she has been much worse, threatened to do for her mother, wished herself dead, and struck other members of the family without provocation. She was very obstinate, refused to answer questions and would sometimes for a period of four days not take any food.

On admission she was very obstinate and sullen and although she apparently knew all that was said to her would not speak. The only thing she said when her name was asked and after being often repeated, was, you have no business. She would not take any food.

Codily health indifferent; condition violent. She slept none during the night was very obstinate and when being undressed swore and threatened violence. She will not take any food and today was fed three times by means of the stomach pump, says she will not eat.

Since last report she has committed several acts of violence and upon one occasion lifted a chair to strike the Medical Assistant. She is now much

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quiet, takes her food, and replies when spoken to. She does not associate with any of the other patients and always sits by her self.

February 12

She continues to improve and has now commenced to do something - reading sewing or knitting. The catamenia is flowing and she tells the Matron that her periods are long only once in three months. She is Anæmic and has been ordered an Iron tonic.

26

She continues well, was at the concert last night and appeared to enjoy it much. Her habits of body is getting good, but she is still Anæmic, which seems to be natural to her.

March 21

She still sleeps well and has again menstruated. She is very cheerful converses freely, say she has no mind of anything that occurred for some days after admission.

April 19

Having continued well she was today taken away by her mother and dismissed - cured.

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Jane Soap or McCorrie. No. 23

1869

February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Abbey Parochial Asylum Paisley and admitted as a pauper patient charged to Govan Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, and the duration is upwards of two months she having been admitted to the Abbey Asylum towards the end of November or beginning of December 1868. The cause is child birth. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

On admission she had a silly, open of countenance and talked in a childish manner, but was able to give a pretty coherent account of herself. She said that her husband lived in Govan so that when she was taken ill she went to stay with her mother in Paisley and was then sent to the Abbey Asylum.

bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She only slept three and a half hours during the night was quite but complained of hunger; asked for and got bread. Today she asked if she was not going to get away; said she thought she was being taken home when she came here.

" 11

Her mental faculties appear to be much impaired. At times she is very absent, talks audibly to herself and is with difficulty roused from her reverie.

" 25

There is no mental improvement, she is very absent. Her mother states that at her former confinement she was ill mentally, not worse than now, but was not in an Asylum.

March 1

Last night she became much excited and very indecent in her conduct towards the other patients, rushing from one to

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Another kissing and hugging them so, when the attendants were taking her away she tried to do the same to them, was quite unmanageable and had to be secluded where she dirties herself and made a disgusting sight of her clothes. The menstrual discharge is present.

March 27

She is still subject a little to her former practices is dirty in her habits and while sitting will suddenly spring up and sit down again not knowing what she does. When spoken to she generally asks if she will get home.

April 17

She is at present less restless and excited and is clean in her habits, sometimes sends the attendants to wash the floor. She laughs in a silly manner always asks if she will get away today, and is ready to escape.

May 10

She is very anxious to get home. Sometimes she works and at other times will do nothing; is absent and still at times rises suddenly off her seat and so suddenly sits down not knowing what she does. About a week ago in an absent fit she emptied a bowl of porridge & milk over her head.

June 18

She is very absent and confused talks to herself and is very unsettled and anxious to get away. At present she is incapable of doing any work. She sleeps well at night.

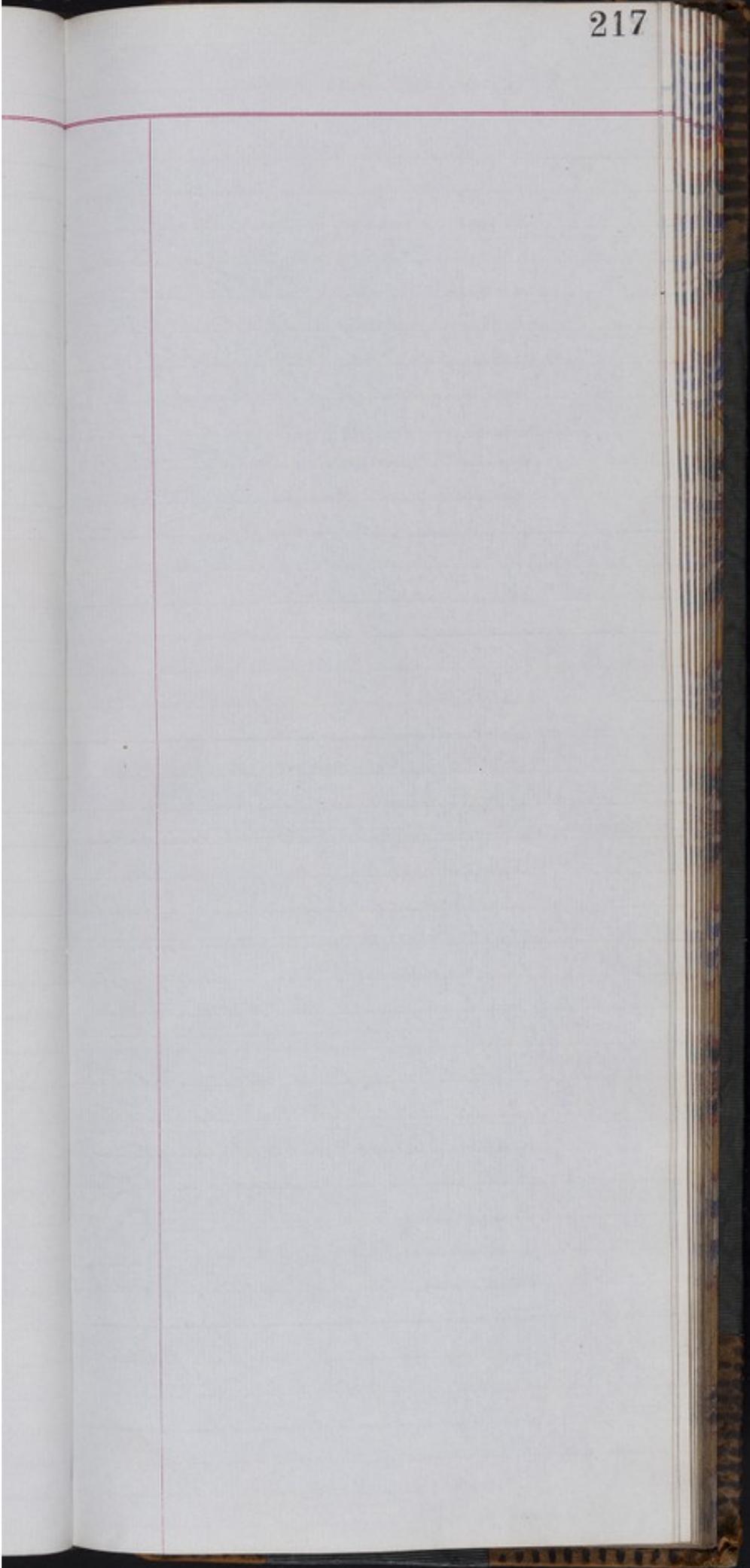
July 1

Since last report she has improved very much and is gaining a control over herself. Is more industrious and appears to be nearly well.

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She was today dismissed -  
L. W. C.

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1869

February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Govan Poorhouse and admitted as a female patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

It is not known whether this is the first attack but the duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known. She is hungry to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was melancholy and stubborn, and at times turbulent and mischievous. Her language was incoherent and she had delusions as that her feet were poisoned and that she walked with and saw holes. Was at times excited, used threatening language and was restless at night.

On admission she had a dull confused expression of countenance and did not speak, but when asked what was the matter said she had a pain in her left side, putting her hand upon the place and also a pain in her left eye, but nothing could be detected wrong with either.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

" 4 She slept three hours during the night and was quiet. She still talks of the pain in her side and eye, but takes her food well and does nothing.

" 8 Last night she was restless and noisy, slept none and cried for food. She eat a slice of bread and drank a cup of Milk.

During the day she does nothing will not reply when spoken to and her language is incoherent.

" 23 She is very obstinate and sullen, often assaults the other patients, without any cause.

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March 15

whatever and will give no reason for what she does. She says she gets dirt and poison in her feet.

She is excited and very dangerous. She is kept in bed on account of her dangerous habits and when approached suddenly springs and seizes the first person she can get hold of; it is unsafe for any person to approach her.

April 9

She is confined to bed in a room and has made repeated attacks upon the attendant; is delusive fancies everything is dirty, keeps her head covered and when looked at screams swears and sometimes jumps out of bed naked, is very violent.

May 8

She is still confined to bed and is very violent and abusive in her language, calling everyone names. Last night at the night she suddenly sprang out of bed struck the attendant upon the face and blew her nose, then seized her chamberpot to strike the medical assistant.

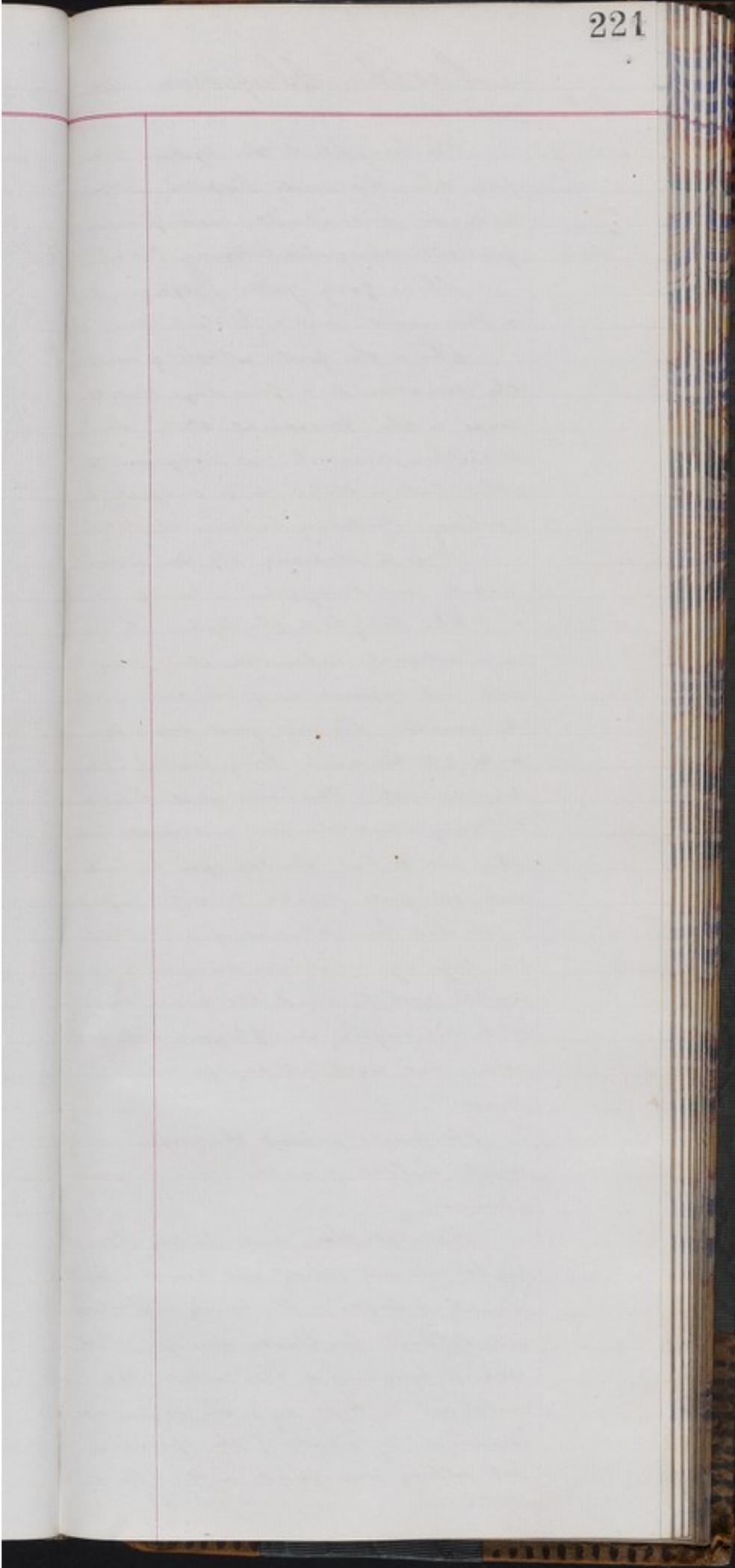
June 7

She was today removed to Asylum District Asylum and dismissed.

Relieved.

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## Martha Chapman

1869

February 3

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Maternity Hospital, Rotherham Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is the puerperal state. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others but is stated to be subject to epilepsy. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she was excited violent and dangerous to herself.

When brought to the Asylum she was in an extremely exhausted state, very cold and appeared as if she could not be warmed. She with great difficulty could tell her name being scarcely able to articulate. There was great nervous twitching about the face and mouth and when put to bed she lay upon her back and was quite unable to sleep her joints.

She had been delivered of a child six days ago which was brought to the Asylum with her, and the nurse said that her vagina was plugged with raw cotton, but could not say for what reason.

The parts around the vagina are much scalded and the labia majora abraded.

" 4 She slept these hours during the night was very thirsty and drank a large quantity of beer. Her bowels were relaxed and although her bladder was frequently relieved by means of the catheter she could not be kept dry. The vagina was examined by means of the speculum but nothing was found in it. She is

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very hot and feverish and the pulse cannot be counted at the wrist. She lies on her back quite prostrate.

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February 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Swinton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to St. Markland Parish.

She is twenty six years of age, single a Domestic servant and a Protestant.

She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum about six or seven years ago, the duration of the present attack is two weeks and the cause is not known.

She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was very depressed in spirits and would not answer any question, but said she could not work as everything seemed in confusion. She sat by the fireside all day and seldom moved except when any persons came into the house, when she ran and hid herself.

On admission she had a depressed melancholy look, complained of a great pain in her head and appeared to be either unable or unwilling to hold any conversation.

Bodily health ordinary: Condition good  
 7 She only slept two hours during the night but was quiet. She sits with her head bent forward, is very unwilling to speak and seems irritated when spoken to.

19 She is very quiet, too much so and tries to avoid observation. She generally smiles when spoken to but seldom unless pressed to do so, gives any reply. She sometimes seems a little, but appears almost unable to apply her mind to anything.

March 15

She has still a melancholy look and her mind seems much preoccupied, but her face when spoken to, she works in the laundry.

April 9

There is little change mensually. She is in good bodily health.

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excited and very nervous. fancied some  
injury was about to be done her and no  
reasoning would persuade her to again  
show it. She was about to cry and made  
an attempt to run away.

June 15

She is quiet and employs her time  
sewing & knitting, when spoken to she  
depresses her head and smiles, gives short  
replies but is disinclined to enter into  
conversation and seems annoyed when  
talked to; seems relieved when left.

July 14

There is no change since last report  
she works a little, appears dull and absent  
has a melancholy look.

August 17

She is melancholy cannot be got  
to do any work that will give her bodily exercise  
appears to be annoyed when spoken to  
at times becomes irritable and pushes  
people from her.

September 6

She still remains in the same irritable  
melancholy state and is becoming very  
anxious to get away, demanding her immedi-  
ate release. She takes her food pretty well.

October 19

She is extremely irritable, very  
sullen and threatens violence when spoken  
to; refuses to take her food and spits  
very much.

November 11

She is becoming much worse mentally  
extremely irritable and obstinate, violent  
in her conduct, and will do nothing  
She spits very much. Appears to be delirious

December 15

She is excited and irritable, says  
she gets poison and dirt in her food  
and she must spit it out, demands  
to get away immediately ordering the doors  
to be opened and that the man that  
brought her will take her away.

## Agnes Russell

1870

January 26

Is excited and irritable, but has a melancholy look. She says there is dirt between her flesh and bones, that she gets Chaiison, and wishes something to take it away & sweeten her stomach. Asks to be cut in inches. Is at times violent.

February 18

She wants to get her eyes taken out, they are cats eyes and not the eyes she came here with and asks to get her own eyes returned to her and put in instead.

March 13

She is much excited and very noisy, runs out to cut her in pieces or to send for the man that brought her here to take her away. Threatens to injure herself.

April 29

At present she is quieter but does nothing is very obstinate and won't reply to anything said to her, but begins to talk excitedly about getting home.

June 9

She is very sullen and irritable won't give any reply when spoken to and at times is very noisy, runs at incoherently and will go to the table and bring her hand slowly down upon it, speaking all the time and gesticulating violently.

July 13

She does nothing generally occupies the same seat and seldom speaks.

August 17

She is in much the same state as at last report and when she does speak is quite incoherent, will listen to nothing said to her, is sullen and obstinate.

October 13

She is incoherent excited and very irritable, will speak to no one, but when spoken to by the Medical Assistant at the visit pays no attention, but calls out loudly to the Matron that she wants to get home.

December 16

She is very delirious, always sullen, frequently excited and often very noisy, running loudly gesticulating, lifting the seats and dashing them upon the floor.

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1871

February 17

She fancies she gets poison in some way but seldom refuses her food. often spits large quantities of saliva, and when spoken to will hold up her face and putting her finger across her neck say cut my throat she then either becomes quite taciturn or her language is quite incoherent.

April 20

Since last report she has been very violent, strikes the attendants suddenly and without any warning, becomes noisy and excited afterwards as if she herself had received an injury.

June 15

When quiet she sits with her face covered with her apron, which is often wet with saliva, spit upon it in consequence of the delusion that poison was given her in the food. at times she stamps upon the floor, shakes her hand at it at the same time talking very loud and incoherently.

August 17

Often excited and noisy, sits always in the same place and gesticulates in a most violent threatening manner but seldom leaves her seat. She is in very indifferent bodily health.

October 19

Delusion about getting poison, sudden and very irritable, does nothing and will not speak except in a very excited manner. She has always some part of her dress wet with her saliva, fancies she is spitting out poison.

December 1

Sometimes shows where she has been spitting upon and fancies that there will see that it is poison and excitedly to be killed in some other way such she names.

1872  
February 15

Seems to be killed at once and talks herself into a paroxysm of excitement she constantly labours under the delusion that she is being poisoned.

April 18

Sits nearly always in the same place and spits out much saliva upon her apron, has it often quite wet, labours under the delusion that she gets poison in her food. At times is noisy.

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## Isabella Moffat

Oct. 23

1869

Feb. 6

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Crawford Parish.

She is twenty-three years of age, single, & was never able to do anything.

She is a congenital imbecile and was an inmate of Dumfries Royal Asylum since 12<sup>th</sup> February 1862. She is not suicidal but has threatened to be dangerous to others. Her grandmother by the mother's side became insane in advanced life.

On admission she was found to have a very silly imbecile look, spoke none and only laughed when spoken to.

Bothily health and condition ordinary.

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She slept well during the night and was quiet. Today at breakfast she sat and looked stupid as if she did not understand, the attendants fed her.

20

She sits with her head bent forward with not look up, but when moved will move to hide her face and will not let her head be raised; laughs silly.

March 14

She conducts herself in the same way does not speak any but talks her feet well and is in pretty good bodily health.

April 1

She is excited and rather violent. Last night she attacked the attendants and attempted to get hold of the hair of her head.

May 8

She is very dangerous more especially to the Matron and has made repeated attempts to injure her, on one occasion striking her a violent blow on the back of the neck and often trying to destroy her clothes. She sits much with her hand over her eyes, is very weak minded laughs when spoken to does not speak.

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June 15

She is still occasionally violent in her conduct; her mind is very weak and she is incapable of doing any work, but takes her food well and is in good condition.

July 18

She continues to be violent, more especially towards the matron and becomes excited whenever she sees her.

August 14

There is no change; Whenever she sees the matron she cries there she comes with her grandaunt. puts her hand up to her eyes turns her head to one side gets excited and her body is all in motion.

October 16

She has been kept in bed for some time in consequence of her dangerous habits and is (apparently in consequence) noisy at night. She takes her food well.

December 11

She has again been tried out of bed but commenced her old practices. She gets quite excited when she sees any female dressed and would at once attack them. She wears a brass ring upon her finger with which she will not part.

1870  
January 28

It has been found necessary to put her again to bed in consequence of her dangerous habits.

February 18

She is still confined to bed, and has several times wet it apparently on purpose to get out of it. She reaches her nose down but keeps a posture between the two.

April 21

She hides her face when spoken to and won't speak except when excited. She has not attacked anyone for some time. Possibly health pretty good.

June 9

Since last report she has been once or twice confined to bed for a short time in consequence of violence of the feet. She sits with her head down, won't look up nor speak when addressed, when left grasps though her hand after the person who spoke to her.

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## Isabella Proffatt

1870

August 18

For a considerable time now she has not committed any act of violence and appears to take little notice of anything, appear more demented. *Spotted* now.

October 13

She has been again confined to bed for about three weeks past in consequence of her violent dangerous conduct, and her attacks are principally upon the Matron. She hid a piece of bread in her bed and whenever she made her appearance threw it at her and two or three days ago got behind the door to lie in wait for her. She cries, and hurriedly she goes Miss Pitkin with her grandure, is very nervous.

December 16

Her attacks of violence are periodic. For a week or two she appears as if quite demented is very quiet, never speaks and seems to take no notice of anything and again becomes violent and excited, noting anything in a hidden sort of way and then acting out loudly.

1871

February 17

She has just got over a paroxysm of excitement which lasted for about a week. She is now quiet speaks none and hides her face. She takes her food well, but is occasionally a little noisy at night.

April 20

She has been again very violent and dangerous, ready to attack anyone, but her attempts are chiefly to get at the Dispensary Officers and more particularly the Matron.

June 15

She is now seldom free from excitement, and cannot be trusted in the day room without an attendant to watch her, she holds her head down, but occasionally peeps up to see what is going on. She takes her food well.

August 17

Very frequently violent in her conduct makes sudden attacks without any apparent cause and chatters incoherently. When quiet she seems as if quite demented, not speak. She is at times very noisy at night.

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1871

October 14

Frequently noisy at night and during the day sits idly and seems as if she were working, but if closely watched is observed to take furtive glances here and there and at times suddenly springs up in a very excited way.

December 14

Dangerous in her habits and very apt to try to destroy the clothing of others if she thinks her better than her own and has an especial dislike to the curtain on account of her dress.

1872  
February 15

Very noisy at night, roars out and when anyone tries to tell who it is she is quiet and when left begins her former noise.

April 18

Although her bodily health is impaired and she is losing flesh, she is still subject to paroxysms of excitement, some all centered over herself and frequently vomits before she settles down.

June 20

Much annoyed by cough and is at times, when brought on by her fits of excitement, unable to eat her food. Confined to bed.

August 15

Occasionally becomes very much excited and will not keep her bed, has to be got up for water or tea, but looks very ill and has again to be put back to bed.

October 17

Her cough is bad and her pulse very small. At times she appears to be sinking, but again rallies and becomes excited, screams out and is ready to attack, but has not power and cries when she finds she is not able.

December 19

Confined to bed and at times is quiet, but again becomes very noisy and excited, having a cough and exhausting her after which she is again for a time quiet.

1873

February 18

She has not lately been so frequently excited, but this appears to be more from want of strength than any mental change.

Her cough is bad and she at times can take very little food, frequently vomiting what she does take. She is much reduced in body.

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Mary Mc Gregor

Oct. 31

1869

Feb. 9

Was brought to the Asylum today, by her mother from Charlzgate Denmark, and admitted as a private patient.

She is thirty-one years of age, single, no occupation, and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of this Asylum eight years ago - for three months and dismissed cured. The duration of the existing attack is three years, and the cause is stated to be religious anxiety. She is not suicidal but is dangerous to others. A paternal aunt was insane.

Prior to admission she was quite incoherent and subject to absurd delusions. She had no lucid intervals but was subject to exacerbations and remissions, at times she cursed, swore and destroyed whatever she could lay her hands on and was not even attuned to the calls of nature.

On admission she had a vacant imbecile look, was very restless and boisterous, laughed when spoken to and could not answer the simplest question.

She made sudden and unexpected attacks on several of the attendants and at times when being waited on by an attendant threw her tea at her and attempted to scratch her face.

Bodily health feeble: condition reduced. The hair on the lower extremities is abnormally long and her hands have that clayey soft feeling often found in advanced dementia.

10 She only slept two hours during the night, was violent and dangerous, wet her bed and was very restless.

23 She is wet and dirty in her habits, at times noisy and cries for everything like a child.

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March 2<sup>d</sup> She is not quite so noisy at present. She appears to have almost no mind. Today she was taken home by her mother and dismissed - Relieved.

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1873

April 17 This imbecile patient has been confined to bed for some months labouring under an affection of the chest and is much wasted. She is very feeble, cannot raise herself in bed and appears to be dying. She lives chiefly upon stimulents.

June 19 She passes her urine in bed and the skin over the sacrum is getting inflamed and slightly abscessed. She is very much emaciated and appears to be sinking.

July 16 Her bowels are relaxed and she passes everything in bed. She is now so feeble that she requires to be raised very cautiously and hurriedly got down again.

" 21

Today she - Died.  
Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

## Agnes Russell

1872

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- June 28 This patient is seldom irritable and idle. At present she sits by herself and without any cause whatever strikes at every person who comes near.
- August 18 She has often been upon quite well with deliria and says she is forced to spit it out as it is full of poison becomes excited when spoken to and often yells when no one is near her.
- October 17 Always occupies the same seat will do nothing and does not reply when spoken to, but at times roars out excitedly for a time to kill herself. She is rather dumpy.
- December 19 She fancies she gets poison in her food and puts out large quantities of urine upon her clothes; is often excited in consequence of her delusions and hurrying her hand violently will roar out repeatedly will you see.
- <sup>1873</sup>  
February 13 She never speaks to any one sits alone and when she speaks says she is much excited addresses no one but in a general way makes use of very threatening language and gesticulates violently.
- April 17 She is very sullen and obstinate, will do nothing whatever, spits out much saliva and often scolds about getting poison. She looks very anasaric and is becoming emaciated in body.
- June 19 She has a cough and expects some particular matter, will not submit to any treatment, refuses everything and is very sullen and irritable.
- August 14 Shortly after last report she was put to bed as she seemed very feeble. She has been very unobedient in her habits spitting the particular matter about her bedding and will not use a cloth or any article. She appears to be dying but is still sullen.
- September 9 Today she died.  
Cause of death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

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## Isabella Sellers or Stewart

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February 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 97 Houston Street Glasgow and admitted as a private patient.

She is forty six years of age, widowed, is a Housewife and belongs to the Free Church.

This is the third attack of insanity. The duration is eight days and the cause is the death of her husband which occurred about two months ago. The first attack occurred in 1863 when she was seven months in the Asylum and the second in 1864 when she was three months. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No homicidal tendency.

Prior to admission she was very excited and incoherent and rambling in conversation. She fancied that a ship load of gold had been sent her and that her friends would not allow her to get it; imagined that people were coming into the house to kill her, that the corpses of her family were under the bed and frequently said that her husband was coming home.

On admission she was very incoherent and restless and did not seem to understand anything said to her. She kept her eyes shut, rolled her body about and appeared to be quite indifferent about everything.

Bodily health very indifferent: Condition restless.

" 11

She slept four hours but was noisy and restless when awake. Today she continues to be very restless and the attendants had to feed her.

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She is not noisy now but is still very restless and foolish in her conduct, leaning her head back on her seat closing her eyes and opening her mouth and at times does not reply when spoken to. She has a little boil on her neck.

March

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Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> February 1869

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March 16

For more than a week past she slept well up till last night when she slept none, was much excited and moiry. She is very incoherent and troublesome, pulls people by the clothes when passing and is always in mischief.

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There is little improvement. She at times is pretty quiet, and again is restless excited and moiry, when excited she often talks in Gaelic.

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For some days past she has been very well mentally; the excitement has passed off and she is quiet and inattentive. She is at times a little depressed and inclined to cry is rather anxious about getting away.

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Isabella Mc Gregor &amp; Mc Farlane A.D.

February 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Bishop's Great Acherona and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Parony Parish.

She is seventy-three years of age, widowed, a Domestic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known but her father was a patient in the Old Glasgow Asylum. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal.

Visor to admission she was much excited, very incoherent and noisy. She slept none at night, walked through the house shouting and threatened to knock off her daughter's head if she interfered with her.

On admission she was very noisy and talkative, gesticulated and attempted to strike any one who approached her. Her language was very incoherent, she said she was a Mac Gregor & Rob. Roy.

Bodily health very feeble. Constipation severe. Her tongue is dry and coated and she refuses to take anything either food or drink.

11 She only slept two hours and was noisy and violent when awake. Her tongue is still very dry and she refuses everything she was fed by means of the stomach pump.

21 She is noisy and excited, says she is Rob. Roy, tries to strike whoever approaches her and would not take any food from the attendants. The matron after sitting for a time with her would occasionally get her to take some food. She will now take nothing from anyone and is fed three times daily by means of the stomach pump.

27 She will eat none, is very incoherent and hides her head with the bed-clothes. She says that she has no arms nor legs

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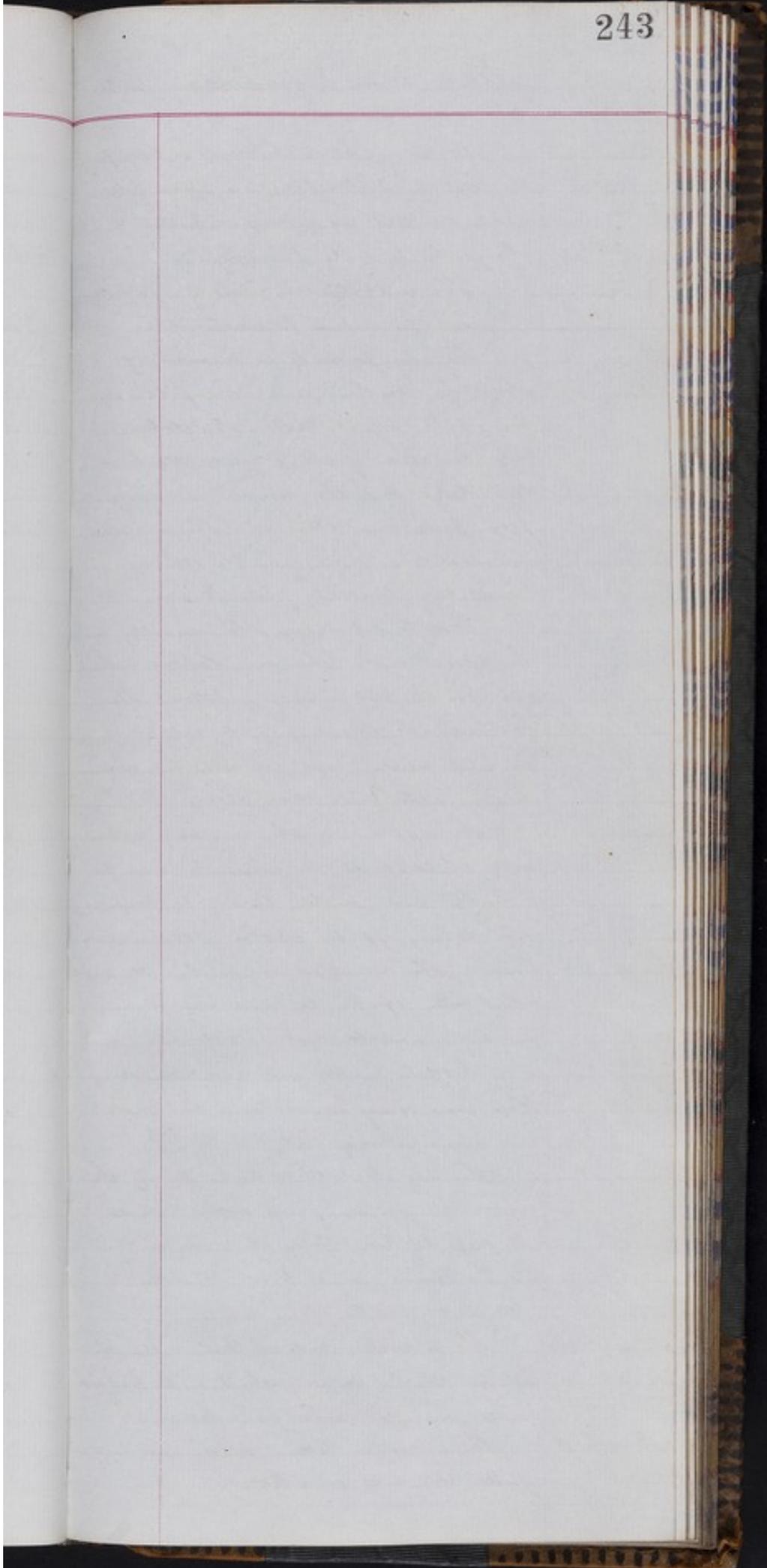
that they have been cut off. She continues to be fed three times a day by means of the stomach pump.

March 5 Still continues to be fed by means of the stomach pump.

Was today removed to Stirling District Asylum and dismissed. -

Relieved.





Alexandrina (Tayo) Currie. Oct. 36

February 15

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

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

She was formerly an inmate of Montrose Asylum and also of this Asylum from 26<sup>th</sup> August till 27<sup>th</sup> October 1888.

The duration of the present attack is two days and the cause is predisposed from previous attacks. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was silly in her speech and behaviour; talked nonsense and could not answer questions. She fancied she heard people calling on her and went about the cell from corner to corner to find them out.

On admission she was very restless and childish in her conduct cried for a bath and could hardly be prevented from taking off her clothes in the reception room. She rambled on incoherently, but when spoken to and was always in motion - would not sit down.

bodily health and condition ordinary. There were many scratches on her back and she was very dirty.

" 17 She only slept three hours during the night and was noisy and restless, would not keep her bed. Today she is very restless and troublesome, wants to see her sister Margaret, thinks she is here.

" 24 She is restless and childish calls other persons Charlie Currie which is her husband's name and often asks for a letter.

March 18

She is rather better, kinder and is quiet, still asks for a letter.

Admitted 16<sup>th</sup> February 1869

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April 10

She continues to improve is quiet and employs her time knitting. Her mind is weak. She is in good bodily health.

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Barbara Kay or Wilson Dec 53

1869

February 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the City Parochial Asylum Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, charged to Barnwall Parish.

She is fifty-three years of age, widowed, is a Washer and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is upwards of three years, she having been in the City Asylum since 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1865 and the cause is not known. She is insensible but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she said that her soul was lost, that she had committed the unpardonable sin, that she had only a few days to live and wished to die.

On admission she was quiet and answered questions coherently. Said she was walking wrong with her mind, but that she was unable to work, that her pride was down. She then said she sewed and washed the floors and appeared to be rather contradictory in her statements.

Physical health very feeble. Condition reduced. She is blind of the left eye.

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She slept only two hours during the night but was quiet. She sits with her head bent forward, is dull and appears rather demented, picks her fingers causing them to bleed.

March 16

She is often sleepless and restless at night and it is found necessary to have lockfast gloves on her hands to prevent her destroying her fingers.

April 10

She is very irritable at present. She will not take exercise and her bowels are constipated. Medicine given to her excites her and she says it is rather purgative she needs.

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> February 1869

Oct 53

May 20 She is extremely irritable andullen,  
and very disorderly in her conduct; never  
does anything and picks her fingers.  
At night she is occasionally sleepless  
threatens violence to the night nurses when  
raised to the bedside, will not use the  
nightstool but uris the floor.

June 11 She is at present in bed as she faints  
she is extremely feeble and dying, and  
will not sit up. She is very troublesome  
and annoying disturbs the other patients  
at night calling for water &c. which she  
does not require nor take when given.

July 14 She sits with her head bent forward  
and will not raise it, shows at her fingers  
and sometimes has them bleeding, is very  
miserable. She takes her food well.

August 18 She continues to show at her hands.  
She has been ordered to have a lockfast  
glove and to get biscuits to chew.

September 13 She sits in the same way with her  
head down almost into her lap, does not  
speak and when her head is raised will  
not keep it so. She is very hypochondriacal

November 6 There is no change in her state  
mentally or bodily she takes her food  
well when given her and shows the biscuit  
and as she cannot injure her hands, having  
on gloves she sometimes has her arms bleeding

1870  
January 14 She is very contented and when  
tried to be raised from her bedless state  
appears to be rather melancholy, at present  
she will speak now nor give any reply  
when addressed.

February 18 She sits with her head bent forward  
is supplied with biscuits to keep her chewing  
and has constantly to have a lockfast  
glove to keep her from destroying her finger  
with her teeth. Her arms are pretty well  
just now, but discoloured from former injuries.

## Barbara Kay or Wilson

1870

April 21

She is very miserable, tries to get into corners and sit down hides her face and shows her nails and fingers will hardly show her face to be looked at, is annoyed when spoken to. She gets biscuits to chew to keep her from her fingers

June 9

She has her hands open at her nose and shows at them, has them injured and bleeding here and there and when spoken to about it and although caught at, denies it. When shown little spots of blood upon her dress says it was not she that did that.

August 18

She wont raise her hand, nor employ herself in any way but constantly shows and picks at her fingers, has them bleeding and constantly be prevented, says it is not she who does it, that she cannot help it and that she is very ill, dying.

October 15

She has her hands bleeding in several places in consequence of chewing them with her teeth. When spoken to about it she says it is not she that does it. She has had to get a buckfast gloves she hides her face saying it is too ugly to be seen.

December 16

She sits with her head always down and will not let her face be seen, never does anything and very often bites her fingers. When spoken to about it and although doing it at the time she denies that it is she that does it. She is in indifferent bodily health.

1871  
February 17

She has had her hands bleeding in a great many places with constantly gnawing at them and it has been found necessary to put buckfast gloves upon her hands.

April 21

Her head is always bent forward, so that her face cannot be seen and she shows her hands from her mouth chew at them and coming them to blood. She seldom speaks and is inclined to be uncleanly in her habits.

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1871

June 16

She is very feeble and has been confined to bed for a week or two past. She is very irritable and peevish, unkindly in her habit and diet, herself as it were intentionally, tells the attendants that it is their duty to clean her and that she will do as she pleases, as she is going to hell at any rate.

July 6

For a week or more she took very little food and frequently wanted what she did take, was very thirsty and constantly cried for beer and other fluids.

Today she died.

Cause of death. Great congestion of the brain posteriorly with softening of the central parts.

The head was opened - post mortem,

Helen Keefe or Brannan Oct. 40

1869

February 19

Was brought to the Asylum today from 2 Clydeview Terrace, Bridgeton, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

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

She was formerly an inmate of this Asylum from 15<sup>th</sup> May till 6<sup>th</sup> June 1863.

But two years before that she had had an attack of insanity from which she never altogether recovered. The duration of the present attack is stated to be six days, and the cause not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked a great deal about her relationship to Prince Albert, and that the Earl of Eglinton and the Duke of Devonshire were cousins of her and that she had papers which could deprive them of their estates. She did not sleep at night but wandered about the house and at times stole out and wandered about the streets only half dressed.

On admission she was very affected in her manner and appeared to consider herself some very superior person. She complained of great weakness and pain in her side, when she said she had been injured by being pushed against a table while defending her boy from his father; said she had also papers but only when she sighed. When spoken to about her relations, she said Prince Arthur was a relation, that the Prince Consort was a relation of her father's, and that the Earl of Eglinton and Duke of Hamilton were related to her mother - &c. said her own family originally belonged to Scotland and rambled on about Royal and Noble

Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> February 1869

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- Bodily health feeble: condition spare.
- January 20 She only slept two and a half hours during the night but was quiet. She sits by herself wont associate with the other patients and says she is here only because Mr Brauman wishes to christen her.
- March 16 She does nothing, is listless and abstemious. She wishes to get away to go and live in some part of the country, quite till where. Bodily health very feeble.
- April 10 She is at present confined to bed in the Infirmary. She has a little cough and her fingers have the club appearance indicative of Phthisis. Has lost her tea but is very unwilling to take it.
- May 26 She is now out of bed, but does nothing and is very fretful and discontented. She is very delusive about her means and her relations fancies she is wealthy and has no occasion to work; often lounges on the top of her bed.
- June 17 She at times now knits a little, is very anxious to get away, fancies she has wealthy friends in Ireland & elsewhere to whom she could go, talks of her high blood and Royal relations and in an incoherent way. Speaks of Prince George.
- July 20 She is ill and listless does not try to assist herself in any way, sits with a shawl about her head and is very anxious to get away she is very delusive.
- August 18 She is continually asking to get away, says she will not go home to her husband but to one of her own Castles in Cork. Says she has many wealthy relations there, does nothing.
- September 18 She is very delusive and talks incoherently about her wealth and Royal relations. Says it is too bad to keep her here. Wants to get her children.

## Helen Keepe &amp; W. J. J. J. J.

1869

October 12

She is very idle and careless about everything, appears to be quite unfit to take any care of herself and has often to be assisted to put on her clothes, fancies she is some great lady and talks of her high blood asserts that she is a relation to Queen Victoria but when asked what relation becomes incoherent and rambling in tracing out her genealogy.

November 16

She is very anxious to get away calls the Matron Aunt and asks her to give her her clothes. Talks incoherently.

December 14

Her mind is very weak and she is very delirious. She still continues to talk of her great wealth and high descent and insists upon getting away.

1870  
January 19

She fancies she saw one of her relations at the concert and says she will not get speaking to him says his name is Pilkington and is anxious to have him brought back all she speaks to him.

February 16

She is extremely anxious to get away to her children. She is in rather delicate health and sometimes confined to bed, but even when in bed asks her Aunt, the Matron to give her clothes to get away.

April 21

She is idle and very indolent in her habits, won't do anything and talks incessantly about getting home to the Cairns. She is very delirious about her pedigree & wealth, asks if I know who the Duchess of Kent is and also of her home at Mitchell's town below.

June 9

She constantly asks to get away and says it is too bad to keep her here. She says she wants to be father's home and that she saw her father in the square in front of the house. She says he lives in the park. She says she will tell. She considered her father dead but does not believe so now.

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1870

August 15

She is very fretful constantly asking to leave this house and get to one of her other homes. Will not tell where her homes are but says her father has many homes and that she belongs to the Royal line of Stuart.

October 15

She is very delusive about her wealth position and great relations. She says that she wants no humbugging, that she must have the house and go to some of her other homes. When speaking to the butler always calls her Quetz.

December 16

She does nothing and is constantly demanding to get away to mother home. Addresses the Medical Officers as "My Lord", waves up her head and before she can be replied to talks about taking on more visitors.

1871

February 17

A great many of the visitors who come to the Asylum, she fancies are relations of her's and she demands excitedly to see them. Also if any carriage comes & she sees it she demands to get out saying it is her mother or some other relations come to take her away. She is always idle.

April 17

She was today taken to the workhouse of Mitchells town Ireland, by authority of Sheriff Murray and dismissed —  
Relieved.

## Mary Graham or Pinkerton Case

1769

February 20

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

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

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

Prior to admission she was incoherent, excited and violent, tore her clothes, struck and bit at those around and refused food. Had delusions about heaven and hell. She is stated to have been in a strait jacket for four days while in Govan Workhouse.

On admission she was very restless and noisy constantly talking incoherently and laughing loudly, could not tell anything about herself or how long it was since she had the child.

On being put to bed, on her belly all across from the end of the sternum to the umbilicus was found a raw surface and from the umbilicus to the pubis a dark discoloration, which appeared to give her much pain when touched.

She would take no food and in the evening was fed by means of the stomach pump, but vomited it all immediately.

Bodily health extremely fallen:

Condition reduced.

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She slept none and was noisy and restless roaring and singing and would not stay in bed. Today she is very restless will not eat any, but has taken a little toddy and beef tea. Her belly is very sore and there is a mucous rale in the chest with particular expectoration. Tongue hard dry & coated.

Admitted 20<sup>th</sup> February 1869

from February 27

She is quite incoherent, very restless and often noisy, sleeps very little at night, seldom more than two hours throws the bed clothes off and requires to be constantly watched.

Her belly is nearly well, but she takes no solid food, coffee wine and whiskey being her only food, of which she takes a large quantity. She has a cough with some expectoration.

March 5

She is still incoherent and noisy. Does not seem to know anything said to her. Her pulse is very small and cannot at all be felt in the right arm. She tosses about in bed and is apparently dying.

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Today she died. —

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Post mortem Examination

Head — The skull was hard and of an ordinary thickness. The dura mater was free from adhesions to the skull. The pia mater was highly congested and there was some opacity of the arachnoid with gelatinous looking matter between the convolutions of the brain. There was a good deal of serum between the membranes & the brain. No fluid was found in the lateral ventricles. The brain substance and more especially the cerebellum was much congested. In the pons varolii there were a number of red points found on being cut, from which blood flowed.

Chest — The right lung was firmly adherent to the walls of the thorax and mediastinum and the lung tissue was much congested.

The left lung was disorganised, many large purulent masses being found through it.

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## Mary Richmond

Oct 20

1869

March 5

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

She is twenty years of age, single, a linen loom weaver and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is Religious excitement. She is dangerous to others and suicidal. Her sister was this week admitted as a patient into Burnhill Asylum.

Prior to admission she was in an excited restless state, continually moving and looking about and had a vacant look. When asked questions she stammered and often did not give any answer, did not sleep at night and refused food. Said she could not work, as her soul was lost and a weighing in her whole body. Had to be watched night and day to prevent suicide.

On admission she had a depressed staring look, said often she had no need to be here, answered some questions quite coherently but appeared to be confused. It was with great difficulty she could be induced to take any food.

Botily health feeble: condition ordinary. She is anaemic & her tongue foul.

6 She slept only two hours during the night but was quiet. She says that there is pain in her feet, will not eat and that she is going to hell for telling lies.

10 She is in great fear, very confused and does not sleep at night. It is with the greatest difficulty she can be fed.

27 She is in great misery, very restless and confused, says she is bad and will eat none. She has been fed regularly three times daily by means of the stomach pump for a week.

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Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> March 1869

- April 12 She now takes her food herself or allow the attendants to feed her, but otherwise there is no improvement. She is in constant fear and at times becomes much excited.
- May 4 She is very restless and demented, sleeps little at night, and during the day unless prevented would be constantly wandering about without purpose. She seldom speaks and does not understand hardly anything said to her. She takes her food well, is now in good condition, but is unamiable.
- June 17 She is very demented, but is now less restless and sleeps well at night. She gives no reply when spoken to but generally looks from side to side, saying she cannot see her mother nor her aunt.
- July 16 She generally sleeps pretty well at night but is very obstinate and occasionally will not lie in bed, wants to get away and continually repeats the same cry, pays no attention to anything said to her. She is very unamiable but in pretty good condition.
- August 4 She is demented and often frets and cries for her brother or some other relation, tries to wander here and there looking for them and screams out vehemently if opposed.
- September 21 Since last report she has had to be fed at nearly every meal and often resists every attempt of the attendants to feed her. She has several times been fed by means of the stomach pump.
- October 19 She is very demented, extremely irritable and fretful, will not allow herself to be touched and refuses to be fed. Is quiet at night.
- November 13 She has been fed frequently by means of the stomach pump lately. Hints at and screams attempts to strike and cries Oh you blackguards you are the murderers of the patient, on occasion to be telling her what was done.

## Mary Richmond

1869

December 7

She is very demented gives no reply when spoken to, and has always a grim upon her face, sits uneasily and if touched by anyone strikes off their hand. She will sometimes scream violently "I want home," and struggle and scratch to get away. She is looking frail.

1870  
January 16

She is very miserable, demented and obstinate. mutters to herself, turns away her head when spoken to, is very irritable. Her hands are swollen and she has to get medicine in her foot.

February 18

She is demented and very stubborn talks to herself and at times get excited and every crying she wants to see mother also names a number of other persons she wants to see. She is very anemic is at times difficult to feed. Bodily health very feeble.

April 21

She is demented and very irritable won't allow herself to be touched and she cries excitedly for her cousin or some other relation. She is in very feeble health anemic and reduced in condition.

June 9

She has been confined to bed for some weeks in consequence of her very feeble state of health. She is very anemic.

She will not allow herself to be touched and when approached draws the bed clothes over her face and head. Takes her food pretty well.

August 18

She is very demented, irritable and in extremely feeble bodily health, but is quiet; covers her face with the bed clothes and will not let herself be looked at.

October 13

She is confined to bed, is in extremely feeble bodily health and very reduced anemic. She is irritable, covers her face with the bed clothes, will not allow anyone to look at her nor let her make her felt, draws away her hands.

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November 10

She gradually became more feeble  
and emaciated, and today she died.  
Cause of death - Disease of Brain.

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Elizabeth Kinds &amp; Sumner Oct. 26

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Was brought to the Asylum today, from 21 Wellington Lane Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Derry Trust.

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

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

Prior to admission she was much excited, shouted and screamed, thought she was dying, and fancied she saw the devil with whom she fought; further also she was on fire and attempted to throw herself out of the window. Slept none and refused food.

On admission she appeared to be weak and exhausted, moaned and was very fearful. Her voice was very small just like that of a delicate child and she was very depressed in spirits. She was admitted to the Asylum about seven o'clock in the evening and her husband said she had taken no food all day. After being put to bed she took some milk.

Bodily health feeble; condition ordinary.

6 She slept about three hours during the night and was quiet. She is confined to bed, has taken her food, but is weak and very peculiar.

11 She is still confined to bed, is quiet, takes her food well and is improving both mentally and bodily.

14 She is now out of bed, knits or sews and is cheerful and contented. She has a little cough, but takes her food well.

April 3 She was today dismissed.

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Admitted 5<sup>th</sup> March 1864

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Elizabeth Mc Donald &amp; McDonald 1869

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March 6

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

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is not known, but she had a brother now dead who was an inmate of Govan Poorhouse and affected with Epilepsy.

She is dangerous to others but not to herself.

Prior to admission she was inebriated and laboured under various delusions such as that she was being slowly poisoned, annoyed with noxious gases and poisoned by persons to do her injury. She was also violent and cheating.

On admission she was free from excitement and talked quite coherently. She blamed her sister for being the cause of her illness, saying she wished to get the things from her, which had been left by her mother.

The assistant inspector says that she was only married upon Tuesday last 2<sup>nd</sup> inst and that after the ceremony was concluded she fell down, was insensible for a little and could only add her cross to the paper. Since then she had been excited and for the last two days was in Govan Poorhouse. Last night was in a strait jacket.

Bodily health and condition ordinary. There are discolorations on her breast and arms which patient says were caused by her husband.

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She slept four hours during the night and was quiet. Today she is dull and anxious looking, quite coherent.

She says the cause of her excitement for the last two days was the treatment she received.

Admitted 6<sup>th</sup> March 1869

March 9 During the day she is rather dull,  
does not sleep well at night and  
occasionally starts during her sleep. She  
says it is anxiety about the state of her  
affairs at home is the cause.

" 15 Since last reports she has slept  
well is industrious and appears to  
be quite well mentally.

" 18 She was today dismissed -  
to nurse.

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Susan Bruce or Smith Dec. 52

1869

March 12

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

She is fifty years of age, widowed, a Cook and a Protestant.

She has been several times previously an inmate of this Asylum: the duration of the present attack is one week and the cause is not known. She is neither blind nor dangerous to others. Hereditary taint not known.

Prior to admission she laboured under the delusion that she was able to converse with spirits and said that she understood what they said to her, fancied that she saw them floating around her. She was very troublesome, at night got out of bed and talked out at the window as if there were people outside.

On admission she was restless and talkative, knew where she was and was able to give some account of herself but always wandered away into incoherent and altogether unintelligible language, would not go with the attendants and said she thought she was to go away.

Bodily health feeble: condition reduced there is a rash upon her back, breast and arms.

" 13 She slept none during the night and was very restless. She is very incoherent and confused in thought, but her expression is intelligent and her movements active.

" 18 She is restless and incoherent, at times excited and is noisy at night.

" 24 She is much quieter; her mind seems preoccupied and at times she appears to be taken aback when spoken to. She at first smiles and after collecting herself answers coherently.

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> March 1889

April 13

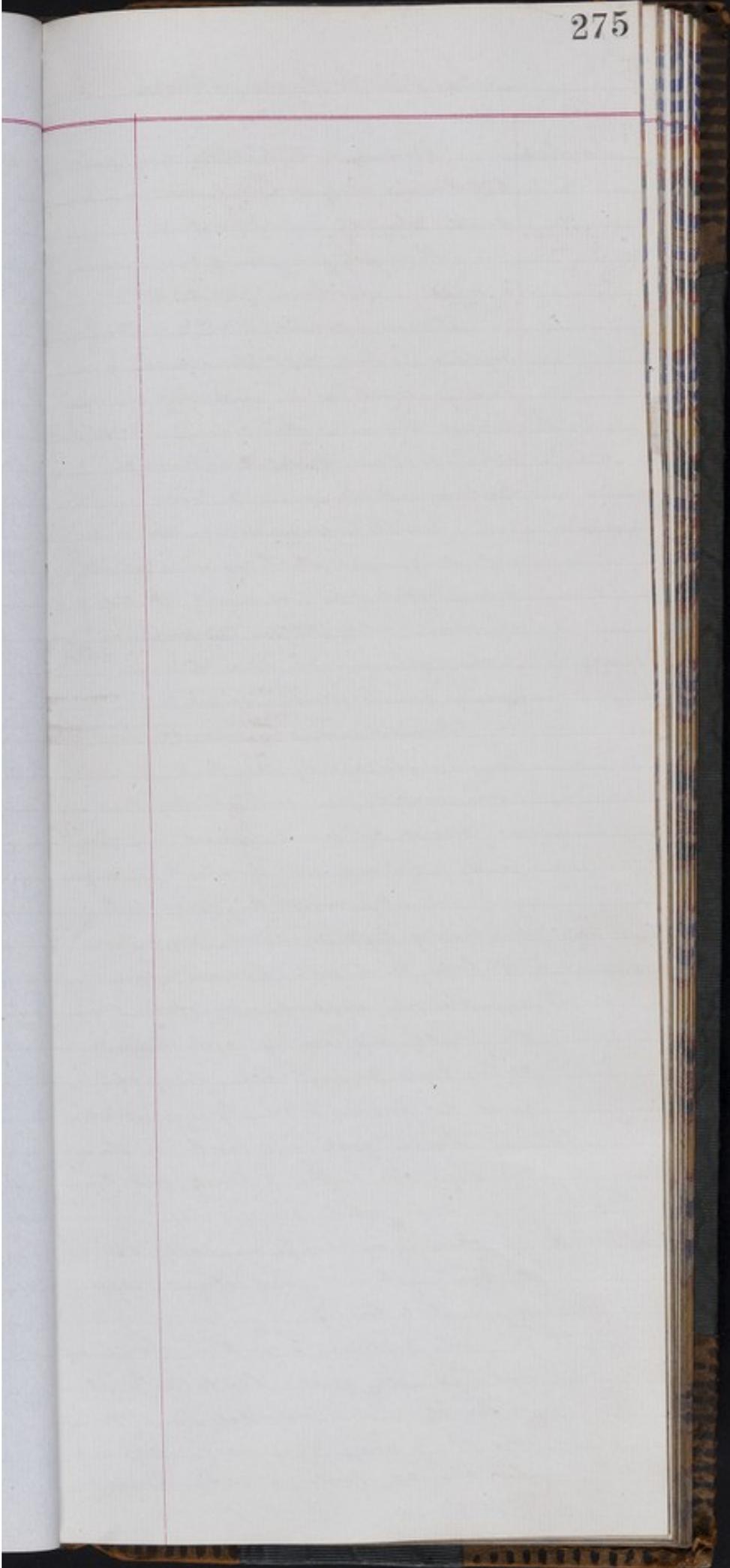
She is now very well mentally, quiet and collected, works in the gallery.

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She was today dismissed from school.

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## Mary Mc. Quire a Philom

1849

March 12

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

She is forty four years of age, widowed, a binder and a Roman Catholic.

She was a patient in the City Workhouse Asylum in July 1847. The duration of the existing attack is six weeks and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Vicior to admission she was excited and dangerous. She laboured under the delusion that she was nearly related to the Queen, that also she was proprietor of the Workhouse and said she would severely punish all the officials.

On admission she said she had been brought here by some truck, spoke rather excitedly and said she had kept a Workhouse but never received any money for it. She said she was the King's daughter and when asked what King said both the King of England and the King of France.

bodily health feeble: Condition reduced.

13

She only slept about an hour during the night and was up at the bedside twelve times passing water. Today she is quiet but her mind seems preoccupied.

" 26

She is quiet and works in the Laundry. She talks to herself and her mind seems much preoccupied.

April 14

There is no change mentally, she is at times incoherent, very absent talks very much to herself.

May 22

She continues to work in the Laundry and is generally quiet. She talks much to herself and is very delusional. She says she is going away next week and that the City Workhouse is her house.

June 17

July 10

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November

Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> March 1869

June 17

Her mind is much preoccupied and when not employed she talks much, and quite audibly to herself, answers abruptly and quite unconcernedly, and again goes on to talk to herself. She is delusive.

July 10

This morning she is very noisy and excited, very incoherent and threatening in her language.

August 15

She continues to work in the laundry and works pretty well. She talks a great deal to herself and is very delusive about her property. Her mind is much preoccupied.

September 15

She continues to work and seems to be quite happy talks very much to herself. At times she is noisy and appears to be talking to imaginary persons; if spoken to at these times she is generally very incoherent and insolent.

October 4

There is no change in her mental state since admission and from all that has been heard of her she appears to have had her insane for years and is not likely to recover.

November

She was today taken to the City Provincial Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell 20<sup>th</sup> Commission and dismissed. —

Relieved.

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## Mary Slater or Hojes Dec 30

1869

March 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Kilston Police office and admitted as a pauper  
patient, chargeable to Barony Parish.

She is thirty four years of age, widowed,  
a long sewer and a Protestant.

She was formerly an inmate of the  
Asylum from 25<sup>th</sup> April till 27<sup>th</sup> June 1865.

The duration of the existing attack is six  
weeks and the cause is not known. She  
is dangerous to others but not suicidal.

Her mother died in an Asylum and was insane.

Prior to admission she was delusional  
accused her sister and neighbours of conspiring  
against her and stealing her goods and  
respectable character. She broke her dishes  
because she said she had a pleasure in  
doing so, was very excited and dangerous,  
and chased her son with a knife to take  
his life.

On admission she at first was quiet  
and sat composedly. She answered some  
questions quite coherently but became annoyed  
at being interrogated. She then commenced  
to sing aloud and continued for some time  
was irritable when interfered with.

Her health and condition ordinary.

14

She only slept three hours, and sang  
and talked during the night. Today she  
is taciturn and obstinate, is determined to  
get away.

23

She sleeps well at night, is quiet and  
does nothing, stands at and looks out of the  
window, is determined to get away. Says that  
those that sent her here should have been  
here themselves.

April 9

She is very irritable and dangerous, tried  
to strike the medical assistant & threw her stool  
at him; she refuses to take any food and  
it was found necessary to feed her today  
after dinner time, by means of the stomach pump

March 20

June 17

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November

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> March 1869

- May 20<sup>th</sup> Since last report she has been pretty quiet and has a good deal employed in the Laundry. She is very nervous her lips quiver when she speaks and she often complains of headache. She has had a blister applied to the nape of her neck.
- June 17<sup>th</sup> She is nervous and irritable always complaining of some fancied illness and making use of somewhat threatening language. Today she complains saying she would require a belt and when examined by the Matron no cause for the complaint could be found. She wished to get to bed in the buff.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> She is extremely irritable and always complaining of some imaginary illness, persecuting for herself and although she gets what she asks for is not satisfied. She fancies it is not what she had asked for is not good. At present she is taking spirit of Nitron & Ether in water.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> She has been less irritable for some time but requires great attention and care to keep her from becoming excited. She says she never should have been here.
- September 16<sup>th</sup> She generally sleeps well at night but complains that she does not sleep on account of being nervous. She complains of pain in her womb and wants to have it examined.
- October 17<sup>th</sup> She is at times much excited, noisy and threatens violence. She is never satisfied and says if she were out of here she would get herself better. She persists that there are worms in her vagina. Dr Fleming examined the vulva the speculum, and there is seen a little excoriation at the os uteri. Ordered a Tampon suppository recti.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> She was quiet for a little after last report, then became disquieted with her treatment, and is now excited and violent in her conduct. Today she asked to have Foxglove and the Querc. Ore.
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Mary Slater & Moyer

1869

December 24

She has been quieter for some time past but it appears to cost her a great effort to control herself. Her head shakes very much when she speaks she feels it and says she is nervous. She has always come to me to make abstruse the state of her body and today asked for a strengthening plaster for her back. She is in very good condition.

August 18

1870  
January 23

She is very irritable and discontent constantly complains of being ill and says there are warts on her private parts which are a great source of annoyance to her. She wishes to get away and she says she will soon get herself sorted. She is very nervous and shakes when speaking.

October 15

February 15

She has been examined by Dr. Hain by means of the speculum and there was found to be a small abrasion at the Os Uteri. It has been treated twice with solid Nitrate of Silver and is now nearly well. She is very discontented says she is treated like a beast with things being thrust into her and wants away.

November

March 4

She continually complains of some imaginary illness and wishes to be in bed. She is in very good bodily condition.

April 21

Today she is very much excited noisy and delirious, roaring at that they will not call her a whore and that she is better than anyone here. Threatens to smash them all. No person was speaking to her or mentioning the word whore.

April 21

June 9

She has been pretty quiet generally for some time, but is very irritable and constantly ready to quarrel with anyone. She says she wants to get home where she will get herself sorted and properly looked after. She is in good bodily health - very stout.

June 1

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August 18

She is extremely irritable and often breaks out into paroxysms of great excitement very violent and dangerous. When quiet she is very nervous, appears to be ready to become violent and it evidently costs her a great effort to control herself. She threatens violence to some man (The blackguard) when she gets out, and says she must get to Dr Burns to get herself sorted.

October 13

Always irritable and frequently noisy and very threatening in her language, threatening to break the skulls of some of the other patients, calls them with low names and is very delirious. At present she fancies that her bladder is torn in several places, but when asked says that she can retain her urine.

December 6

She is always idle and often breaks out into paroxysms of great excitement, makes use of threatening language and is sometimes violent. She demands to get away, strikes her fist and shaking at the person she is addressing while her whole body shakes from her excitement.

1871  
February 17

At times she will speak none and again after remaining silent for some time becomes very noisy. When not noisy it appears to cost her a great effort to control herself as she appears to be very nervous and if spoken to turns away. She is in good bodily health and condition.

April 20

She is very delirious and obscene in her language talks of being kept here for the use of others and not being their wife, threatens violence and is very noisy. At present she is confined to bed with a slight attack of mania.

June 15

She points her finger at the Medical Assistant and demands him to open the door and let her out saying "that is all you have got to do". becomes incoherent and talks most deliriously about not being Misson's daughter whom she names. Threats violence and is very noisy.

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## Templer Low or Morgan

1864

March 15

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Mossend, Bellshill and admitted as a private patient.

She is twenty-six years of age, married and is a Primitive Methodist.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is one year & six months, part of which time she was in inmate of Longdale Asylum, and the cause is not known. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her appearance was dull and melancholic, she was very restless and laboured under the delusion that she could not see. Said she was very restless and unhappy.

On admission she was very nervous and agitated always wished to say something before being left but seemed to have nothing to say. Her memory is much impaired she could not tell how many children she had, first said one and after a while said two. She has been nursing her child which she says is seven weeks old and her mammae are large & hard.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition spare.

" 16

She only slept one hour and was quite during the night. Her appearance is dull and preoccupied, stares inquiringly when spoken to. Bowels relaxed.

" 26

The bowels are now regular. She is very depressed often weeps and says that every thing is dark with her, that she knows no difference between night and morning, feels confused and is afraid there is no hope for her soul.

April 12

She works but complains of a feeling lassitude. Is depressed and confused, at times cries, her memory is very defective and she appears to feel her condition acutely.

May 5

June 5

Admitted 15<sup>th</sup> March 1864

May 5

She seems, is very quiet and answers questions liberally. She says that everything before her is dark, eats a very large quantity of food, can with difficulty be satisfied and often complains of a feeling of uneasiness.

June 5

She has improved very much since her admission to the asylum is quiet and industrious and becoming very stout.

When questioned she still says that the darkness she formerly complained of is present but in a less degree.

She was today dismissed.—

Relieved.

## Mary Slater &amp; Hayes

1871

August 17

This patient is very delirious and either much excited or very irritable. She talks very abusively and fancies that she is improperly treated. Talks much about the state of her womb and of imaginary injury that has been done it. Bodily health good.

October 19

She sleeps well at night although she does nothing during the day, is sometimes quiet but generally when spoken to her conversation about her delusion leads to great excitement.

December 14

Talks very excitedly and is very delirious about being improperly used, talks of being ripped up and her womb being destroyed by practices used upon her in a mysterious way.

1872  
February 15

About a month ago she had a violent attack and was very dangerous; besides saying she threatened to smother everything she saw by her hands upon and was put to bed for a day or two. She is now quiet but irritable.

April 18

She is sometimes pretty quiet, but she nothing and if talked to would talk about herself and her imaginary diseases till she became excited. She is in good bodily health.

June 20

Last night she was very noisy and slept none. During the day she does nothing and is continually ready to become excited and threaten violence; retaining delusion.

August 15

Falms under the delusion that she has disease of the organs and fancies that it is caused by how she is treated. She threatens violence if she does not get more.

October 25

She was today taken to Asgill's <sup>and</sup> North District Asylum by authority of Mr. Mitchell - Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed —

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Marion Anderson Oct. 55

1869

March 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 122 West Graham Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Barry House.

She is forty-eight years of age, single, and occupies at domestic employment and in the streets.

This is the first attack of insanity on which she has been gradually been getting worse for a year. The cause is not known but she has a sister in Glasgow Asylum who was formerly a patient in the West House.

She is neither vindictive nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she had an excited restless look, talked incessantly and was incoherent. She said that everyone told lies to her, and that the newspapers also told lies to her, said that dead people came into her house at night and that she could not get sleep for them. She left her house at all hours of the night and has turned her house things out on the stair and sleep there.

On admission she was free from scabies but was very much astonished that anyone should consider there was anything wrong with her mind. She said that she had had a great deal of trouble here and that at one time she had slept none for seven weeks.

Her feet were encrusted with dirt and were not to have been washed for many months.

A number of large patches of Lycopodium was found on the trunk of her body and smaller ones on the arms and legs.

Bodily health indifferent, condition poor.

19

She only slept one hour and a half during the night but was quiet. Today she is very quiet and appears dull and thoughtful.

23

She has been working in the Laundry and for the three nights before last slept well, but not sleep well last night. Said in the evening she had eaten a piece of cake and that a surprising fit as she used to have at home.

April 17

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Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> March 1869

come over her, and her legs became almost powerless, quite heavy. Does not know if the breast caused it.

April 17

She is dull and abstract, very quiet and works in the laundry. Since last report she has been taking Fowler's solution and her skin looks somewhat better.

May 5

She is very abstract and would not take her food if she were not watched and taken to the table. She says that she feels a stupidity about her head.

" 22

She is very stupid and her expression is staring. She fancies that there are people outside the house waiting to see her and has made several attempts to run out. On Saturday (two days ago) she threatened to go through the window. She has to be fed by the attendants.

June 17

She is very suicidal, refuses all food and has been frequently fed by means of the stomach pump. She wishes she may get a dose of poison to act quickly, points to the sky and says she is thinking of the better land. Her health very feeble. The pain in her body is nearly well at present.

July 13

She is very restless and often does not sleep at night but at present she takes her food. Her mind is often very much preoccupied and when spoken to she is confused and takes some time to give any reply.

August 19

She has been very much excited and very suicidal. Often asked to have her brain washed out or to get poison, is very tired of life. At night she is very restless and requires an attendant frequently to keep her in bed. Sometimes sleeps sitting up in bed, and lie down.

September

She sleeps very little at night, is very restless and won't keep in bed. She is very delirious, swears a great deal and says she cannot help as she is tormented.

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## Marion Anderson

1869

October 15

She is in a very confused preoccupied state of mind, has a very absent look, and seldom notices anyone speaking to her till they address her a second time. She says she can get no rest in her mind and wants to get out to get into a quiet corner.

June 9

November 16

She is excited and violent and makes sudden attacks without any apparent cause but evidently resulting from some delusion.

August 15

At these times she will not speak but when the excitement wears off talks incoherently.

She was much excited last night and cried for a knife to cut another patient's throat.

December 24

She is free from excitement at present has an absent involuntary look and cannot be trusted out of immediate oversight of an attendant. She seldom speaks.

October 1

1870  
January 17

She has been in the habit of weeping very much and without any cause and no apparent excitement. She says she is compelled to swear and cannot help it.

December

It has been found necessary to remove her from the Infy ward to No. 3.

February 15

She sits in corners and gets upon the floor talks to herself and is very absent and delusive. She wants to strangle and says she could have in any corner.

1871  
February

March 15

She is greatly excited and says she will get to Glasgow tonight, if she shall require to smother every window in the house. Says she is like a beast and threatens violence if she does not get lying on the floor all night.

April 1

April 21

She is very delusive and appears not excited to be much preoccupied. She at times suddenly rises from her seat and makes attempts to commit violence. She pushed at the Medical Assistant caught him by the back and tried to push him away.

June

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June 9

She has been free from any great excitement, for some time. She frequently sits on the floor with her back against the wall and her mind appears to be much preoccupied; when spoken to, she looks as if in wonder and when asked says there is not much troubling her just now. She takes her food.

August 13

She sometimes sees a little when spoken strictly after, but she is very delusional and her mind is much preoccupied; she at times talks much to herself, sometimes makes to some imaginary person, but during these attacks she occasionally becomes violent to those near her, does not know what she does.

October 13

Her mind is always very much preoccupied and she frequently is much excited and dangerous, starting suddenly of starting wildly and saying she must get to Glasgow this very day and that no one will go with her. She is very delusional and at times talks very incoherently.

December 16

She is inclined to sit upon the floor in corners and has a very absent bewildered look; stares stupidly when spoken to and replies if at all in a very incoherent manner.

1871  
February 17

For some months she has been quite unable to do anything, sits in corners and takes no notice of anything. She is very delusional, sometimes excited and talks in an incoherent threatening manner.

April 20

She has a very absent bewildered look and talks about nothing but getting away to Glasgow, does not sleep well at night and sometimes is inclined to do so during the day. About three weeks ago she was put to bed in consequence of her very feeble state, but became restless and is again up.

June 16

She is gradually becoming more feeble but is more determined than ever to get away. Struggles to get up and attacks the attendants.

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Helen Taylor.

Oct. 30

1869

March 19

Was brought to the Asylum today, from School Row Causeway Collicross and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Old Monkland Parish.

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

She has been twice previously an inmate of this Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is two days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently and was excited and violent. She threw the fender and fire iron at her mother.

On admission she was very dejected and sullen would give no reply when spoken to, sat with her body bent forward would not raise it nor move when asked to do so. Her father says she has taken little food for some days.

bodily health and condition ordinary. There is a large scab upon the right arm and two small scratches upon the left.

20

She slept none during the night but was quiet. She will not speak, refuse food and is very degraded in her habits. After having had a motion from her bowels, she turned round got the faces in her hand and if not prevented would have eaten it.

23

She slept none all night and watched for an opportunity to drink urine. In request force to take the chamberpot from her when she had used. Will not speak, nor take her food by the attendants.

April 17

She is very stupid speaks none nor does not give any reply when spoken to. Takes her food now and is not assistant to her former bad habits. Has on her hair.

May 21

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Admitted 19<sup>th</sup> March 1889

- from May 21<sup>st</sup> She is now much better mentally, assists the attendants in the work of the gallery - washing dishes &c. but often when spoken to although she understands quite well gives no reply, is sullen and rather weak minded. Last night she did not sleep and tried to get down the window shutter to get out.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> She is in much the same state as at last report, works a little with the attendants but will not give any reply when spoken to. She is irritable and ready to strike, her mind is weak.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> She did not sleep well last night and was restless. At times she vomit swallow her saliva but spits it upon her clothes.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> She is very obstinate, when spoken to she is at times very irritable and threatens violence at other times laughs wildly. Last night she slept more and talked and laughed a great deal to herself.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Her mind is very weak but she sometimes goes out to laundry and works a little. She stares when spoken to but seldom gives any reply. She is anaemic but in ordinary health.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> There is no change in her mental state. She continues to go out to the laundry, works a little, but appears to be quite listless and indifferent about every thing.
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Two or three days ago she would not go out to the laundry, was very obstinate, would not speak, but sat in the day room and spat a large quantity of saliva into her apron. She was ordered a dose of black draught which appeared to relieve her as next day she did not spit any and went out to the laundry.
- December 26<sup>th</sup> She goes out to the laundry and works a little, but is somewhat discontented. She stares or pays no attention when spoken to is occasionally irritable.

## Helen Taylor

1860

January 17

She seldom speaks any word when she is spoken to although she appears to understand quite well what is said to her. Will give no reply in any intelligible and weak minded. She takes her food pretty well and has a dinner & brown tonic. Sometimes would swallow her saliva spits it upon her clothes.

December

February 18

She continues to go out to the Laundry and works a little but is very indifferent about everything. Does not appear to take an interest in anything is irritable and somewhat demented.

1871  
February

March 16

She is somewhat demented, looks silly, does not reply when spoken to sometimes contorts her face and at other times stares vacantly.

April

April 21

There is no mental improvement, her bowels are very constive and she refuses to take medicine. Is sullen and irritable.

June

June 9

She sits idly behind the table and will give no reply when spoken to; she cannot be induced to do anything and although from her expression she appears to understand what is said to her, with no move. She takes her food, not willingly.

August

August 18

She is demented quite silly and seldom does anything. She gives no reply when spoken to, sometimes smiles without apparently taking notice of what is said to her. Her bowels are constive, she refuses purgative medicine and requires to get it in her food.

October

October 13

She in consequence of her habits has required to be placed under observation at night and has also several times wet herself during the day. She has a convulsive fit gives no reply when spoken to, frequently smiles without any apparent cause. The attendants sometimes get her to scrub a little in the fore

December

1871  
January

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December 11 She is very demented, stares stupidly when spoken to and gives no reply when spoken to, but sometimes bursts out into a fit of idiotic laughter. She still urinates herself. Lets the saliva run out of her mouth over her clothes and wets up the muslin from her nose.

1871  
February 17 She has been put to bed in consequence of her habits and the great want of vitality in her system. Her hands and feet were swollen and sores had formed upon her hands. Since being put to bed they have improved and she is again out of bed, but is kept in the infirmary ward.

April 20 She is quite fatuous, does not appear to understand the simplest words said to her and never speaks. She is very helpless and requires to be carried for little or nothing.

June 15 She always looks cold and listless sits wherever placed and does not move or speak. She has stimulants given and other food, but they do not seem to nourish her body.

August 14 Very demented, never gives any reply when spoken to, sits still in the air like a statue and has to be fed when unable to eat. She is very anæmic and the circulation languid.

October 19 She is gradually becoming more restless her excitement being always cold and her feet always more or less indolent. She talks but food very irregularly, sometimes eating voraciously and again taking very little.

December 25 She is confined to bed and is almost insensible and stuporous. She is very weak and her mouth has often to be cleaned out of filthy matter which she will not put out. Her skin is getting chapped and she appears to be just dying.

1872  
January Continued gradually and almost imperceptibly to sink till today she - Died.

A full anatomical examination showed - Puerperal Peritonitis.

## Mary Mc. Cuire or Brogan 1869

1869

March 22

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

She is forty years of age; widowed, a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she was delusional, fancied that her friends were going to kill her, she fears and implores to be rescued from the danger of being killed by those around her.

On admission she was depressed and in great dread of bodily injury being done her, she cried and begged hard not to be killed. When her body was being examined she became much excited and cried out you are going to cut my feet off. Her pupils were unequal (the left rather contracted) and her speech slow and drawing as if she were affected with incipient paralysis.

23

Bodily health very feeble. Condition of mind. She slept five hours during the night and was quiet. She is in great dread of being killed and often cries for fear.

24

She generally sleeps pretty well and takes her food, her mind is very weak and she is absent, rather depressed and anxious to get away. Her articulation is a little indistinct and she is slow to speak.

April 19

Last night she did not sleep and was in great terror. The catamenia is flowing. Her memory is very defective.

May 24

She is demented and occasionally excited in consequence of her delusional fancies that those around have an ill will to her.

June 1

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Admitted 22<sup>d</sup> March 1869

June 17

At present she is quiet and sleeps well at night, but is confused and seems with difficulty to understand anything said to her. The only idea present in her mind at any time being when she is to get away.

July 15

She is very irritable and anxious to get away - cries and swears, wishing everyone in hell. She says she must get away when her sister Polly comes to take her to the cattle market.

August 24

At present she is very suicidal and has made several attempts to strangle herself with her handkerchief. Her expression is very furtive and she requires to be constantly under observation.

September 21

There is little change since last report, she is very suspicious, incoherent in speech, delirious and still requires to be strictly watched to prevent her injuring herself. She swears when she wants tobacco.

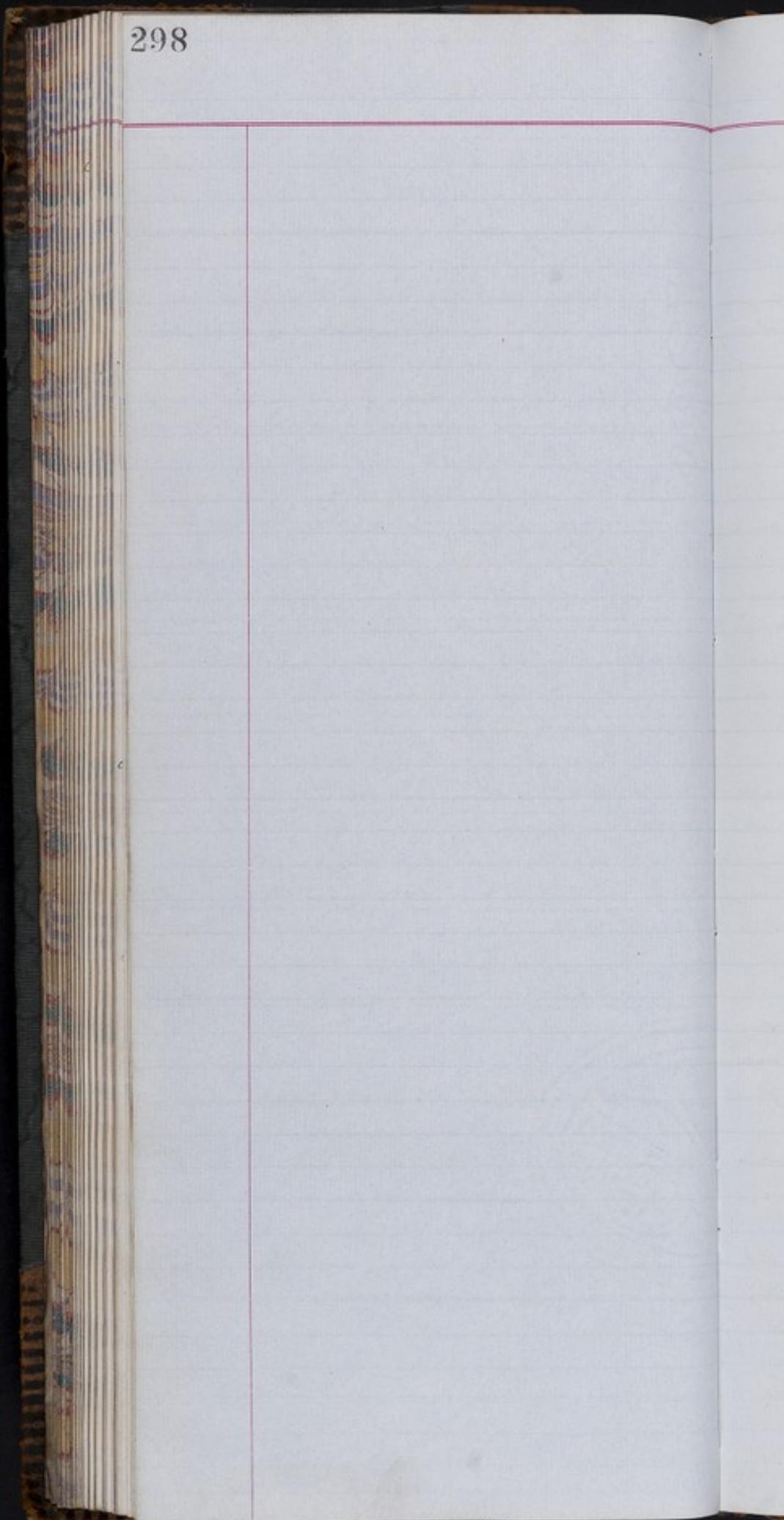
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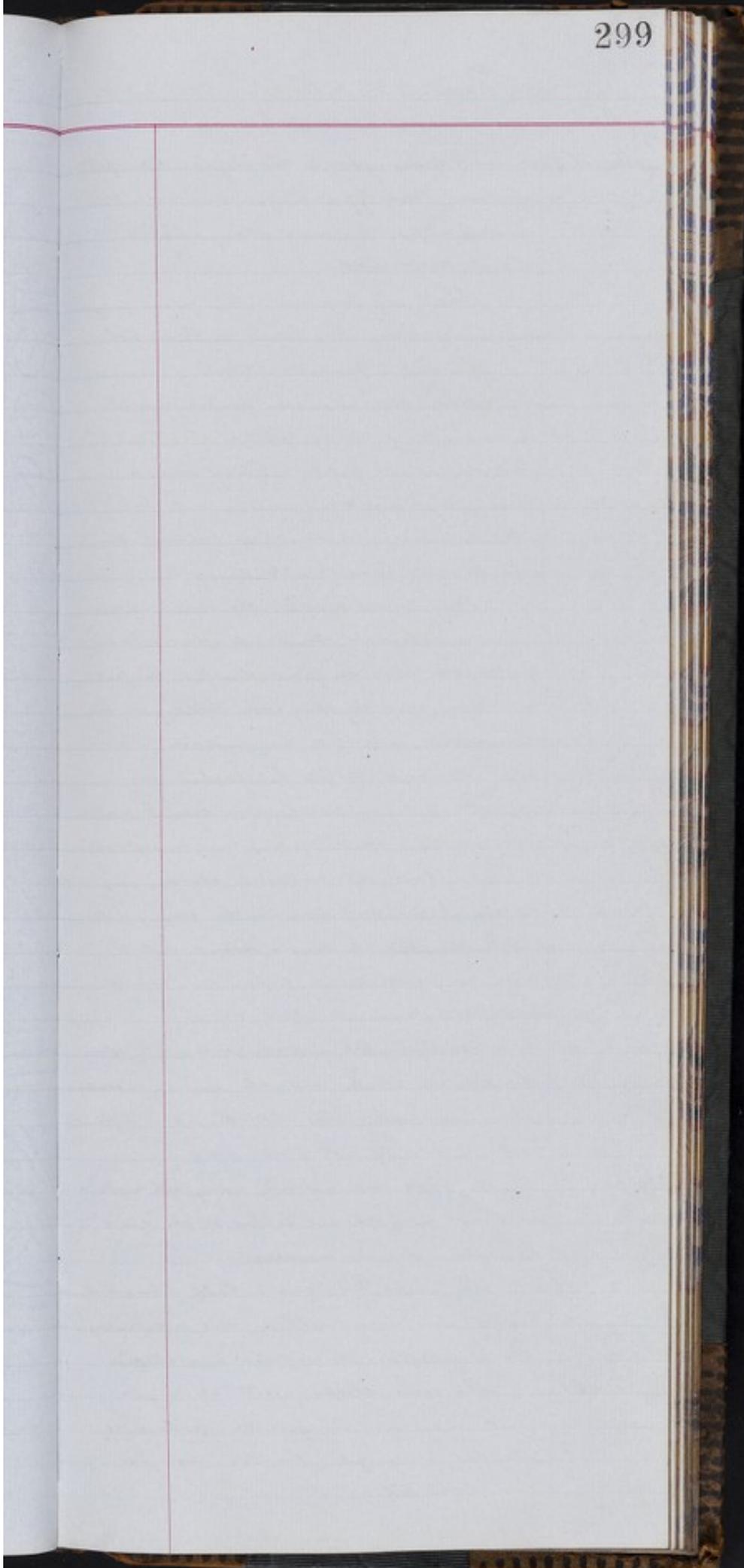
She says that her three brothers are here and that they are in the next room also that her brother-in-law is here too, she is delirious, has not attempted for some time to injure herself, but is subject to paroxysms of excitement and requires constant watching.

November 1

She was today taken to the City Provincial Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell's Deputy Commissioner and dismissed.

Relieved.





Rose Ann Kelly

Oct. 1864

1864

March 22

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

She is eighteen and a half years of age, single, a Roman Catholic and a Roman Catholic.

She had a previous attack of insanity in October 1867 and was for two months an inmate of Fochyilphhead Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is three days and the cause is not known. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was excited and incoherent, paid no attention when spoken to, but sang and stamped her feet and tore at anything she could get her hands on. She bit her mother and also attempted to bite her father.

On admission she was much excited, very restless and quite incoherent she danced about the room in the manner of the Negro performers in the singing halls and attempted to sing. Seemed not to hear anything said to her and would not sit down.

Bodily health indifferent condition ordinary. Her lips are thick and she has an unhealthy sturmountous look. The left thumb is inflamed and suppurating round the nail.

" 23 She slept none and was noisy all night, would not lie in bed and backed at the door of her room. Is quite incoherent.

" 26 She slept two and a half hours last night, was very restless, but not noisy. She is quieter but confused and stupid.

" 31 She now sleeps well at night is quiet and answers questions coherently. She has a cough, has been ordered Cod Liver Oil.

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Admitted 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1879

from April 16 She is very well mentally is getting  
 stout, is industrious quiet and orderly.  
 " 21 She was today dismissed. —  
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Marion Anderson  
 from page 291

August 17 This patient is confined to bed and is  
 extremely feeble, her nasal catarrhs very rather  
 and often so also at night. Does not sleep  
 and her constant idea is that she should  
 be away from here. Wants to Glasgow and will  
 talk of nothing else.

September 16 She has a troublesome cough and is  
 very weak but does not expectorate much.  
 She appears to be dying but is still very  
 bold and a day or two ago when trying  
 to get to the bedside table, but was not injured.  
 She is very obstinate and would not ask help.

" 25 Up till four days ago, she was at times  
 noisy and wished every one would not believe  
 she was ill. Since she has gradually sunk and  
 at five minutes past ten expired. In the  
 D.D.D.

A post mortem examination showed the masses of  
 scum to be — Laryngitis of the lungs.

## Christina Orr

1870

from Vol. 388 page 309

1871

February 26

The patient is weak mentally and before admission is stated to have had no occupation. She is very peculiar in her habits, wishes to avoid conversation, speaks hurriedly, and frequently she will say she has not done something or other which no one is blaming her for. She is very hidden in her actions and occasionally violent. She knits a good deal.

April 19

She has been occasionally violent in her conduct, very obstinate and untractable, always says whatever mischief she does.

June 17

Her counsels are always very courteous and she can hardly be got to take any exercise and will take no other food to dinner than a milk diet; when asked to take anything else she hurriedly says she cannot, shrugs her shoulders and is apparently much offended.

August 16

She hiddenly envies the other patients and when anyone turns upon her there is a fight. She is always the first to say it was not me, holds down her face and talks hurriedly saying I will never do it again.

October 28

She has been quiet for some time but very uncertain and hidden in her doings. Almost the only thing that keeps her in check is the fear of her hair being cut off.

December 16

She employs a good deal of her time knitting and hardly ever does anything else. She replies in a hurried manner when spoken to, won't look at the person she is addressing and if the person still waits before her her face becomes red and she moves her body as if uneasy in her seat.

1871

February 17

She sits with her feet upon the seat when she sits or gets behind a table, is annoyed and fret about when looked at, shrugs her shoulders and seems relaxed when she is left.

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April 20

She sits behind the table and tries to avoid observation, looks up prettily when spoken to, smiles in a silly manner - says she is very well.

June 15

She is inclined to be mischievous in a childish way and is always in great fear lest her hair should be cut. She is very obstinate and will do nothing but what please herself.

August 17

She has destroyed a number of articles & drawings belonging to other patients, took some very sketchily and cut them up to make into other articles for herself. She denied all knowledge of them till found about her bed.

October 19

Very obstinate and troublesome, sometimes works about the gallery in the morning, with an attendant, but if any one else looks at a picture to her she goes away with her head bent forward and gets into a corner and will do nothing.

December 11

Obstinate and perverse, replies hurriedly when spoken to and hits her face. She often misbehaves and when spoken to is very irritable, blames some other person and mutters in a threatening way.

1872  
February 11

Sometimes works about the gallery in the morning assisting the attendants to clean up, but will do nothing when she thinks any person is looking at her, goes away and sits down.

April 18

She is very steadily in her movements and tries to avoid observation, will cross from one side of the ward to the other and sit down, will not raise her head if noticed and talks intently if spoken to.

June 20

If looked at she winks, will hurriedly say she is quite well, laugh silly and walk away, tries to avoid observation.

August 15

At present she is much excited, moves in a sullen way and curses great numbers by her mischievous perverse ways.

October 17

She holds down her head in a silly manner and laughing says humbly she is fine, is unmoved if spoken to and seldom to herself.

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## Margaret Cowie or Sharp Oct

1869

March 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 27 Main Street Bridgeton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Bursony Parish.

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

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

Prior to admission she had an excited appearance, stated that all her friends were against her, that they were giving her stuff to take away her vision and that they were dragging her hither and thither, doing all in their power to injure her. She frequently roared, murder and this morning attempted to go out of the window with her child in her arms; had to be restrained.

On admission she had a melancholy look and was very confused and stupid could not tell where she lived, did not even know if it was in Glasgow, when asked and seemed to be in great fear of bodily injury. Her husband says that she had three children six weeks ago, that one of them died when eleven days old and that the Physicians told her then that her lungs were affected, which seems to have prevailed upon her mind.

Bodily health full; Conditions spare.

23

She slept four hours during the night. Today she is in bed, won't lie down, is in great fear and when approached cries out that her eyes are going to be put out.

24

She does not sleep well at night, is very confused and in fear, when anyone approaches her she lies back as if to avoid injury and asks what they are going to do. Says her husband when she saw a fatality

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some, but is still confused and from her  
manner appears to doubt her safety when  
approached at the visits. Three days ago  
she complained of want of sleep. had a  
draught of sol. Iron Mophl, slept well, but  
was sick next day. has slept well since.

May 24

she now appears to be very well  
mentally, sleeps well at night, takes  
her food and works in the Laundry. Her  
bodily health is very much improved.

June 5

She was today dismissed.  
Cured.

Margaret Finley

1870

from Oct. XXX Page 295

1871

- April 19 She is a very industrious person, but extremely suspicious and delusive. Today she is excited, imagines that some of the patients by signs and motions are saying that she had been innocent in her practice. She some time ago when visited by her sister told her that she did not know till now that she herself was accused of murdering her father. Habit of body spare.
- June 17 She is quiet and industrious, but very delusive. Sometimes asks to get away and says we cannot say there is anything wrong with her mind, that she is not delusive for it is quite true the people saw through the wall of her house or how could they have told anything she did.
- August 16 She has been more anxious than usual to get away, very irritable and delusive and frequently asks the Medical Assistant what he means by particular movements of the hand. She said she was told whenever she could explain how people saw those stones with the words get away and she says she now can do it. Taking the pencil out of the hand of the Medical Assistant. She touched me and saying that means brain, and touching the other that means matter, and that is the instrument for testing the foundations of houses. How you must let me away.
- October 20 She is delusive, very suspicious, always watching the movements of others and especially of the Medical Officers. She is very industrious.
- December 16 She continues to be industrious, but frequently asks to get home. She says she thinks she has been long enough here now, and that we shall find anything is true that she has said.
- 1871  
February 17 She is very suspicious and delusive under the same delusion as formerly but for some time has not talked so much of them and has been less irritable.

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April 20

She is very suspicious and delirious. She asks the Medical Assistant what he means by particular movement of his hands, which she discerns, with the air and she told that they mean nothing and will unconsciously move if done at all, she will say you had not tell me so for it had reference to me.

June 15

Industrious, but very delirious. Has been very irritable for the last week in consequence of another Patient (in House) talking obscenely, saying it is all about her and nothing said to her can make her believe otherwise.

August 17

Asks if we do not think now that she has been long enough here and if she is not a more correct woman than saying she has got away; Every moment of a patient's visit to

October 19

Will say she is told that she is delirious but asks how any one could say she is mad at the same time asserts that people have a manner for us for being through walls.

December 4

Always very industrious, but frequently somewhat excited. Inquires about the other Patients laugh at and talk about her and that she they are not doing so they make signs to her.

1872  
February 15

She has a cold and complains of soreness of the throat, but there is little or no inflammation and she will not take the advice given her, wishes to prescribe for herself.

April 18

She has quarrelled with a number of the other Patients. Inquires that they talk about her and a bump upon her back and her story is altogether delirious, as she puts upon Patients who are quite sane and who do nothing.

June 20

Industrious and generally quiet, but very suspicious, will ask the Medical Officers to come near her and then asks what was meant by signs she inquired they were making.

August 15

For some days quiet she has been excited and irritable quarreling with the attendant and very suspicious, required to be put to another gallery.

See Vth. XXVII page 53

## Bridget Murray or Shannon 1856

1856

March 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 103 Union Street, Southwell and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Dalserf Parish.

She is twenty-six years of age, married; a spinster wife and a Roman Catholic.

She has been twice previously an inmate of an Asylum. The duration of the existing attack is three days and the cause is stated to be a dispute with her neighbours. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she talked incoherently, had imaginary fears of people abusing her and affirmed that her neighbours were in league against her. She was much excited, threatened to take the lives of her neighbours and her husband, and said she would kill her own child.

On admission she was excited, talked at great deal in a rambling incoherent manner about her neighbours and a Dutch woman. She said she was born in Rainhill County Antrim and when first there was sixteen years of age.

Bodily health indifferent: condition good.

25

She slept six hours during the night and was quiet. Today she is rather excited and restless, wants to get her own clothes or be sent to Rainhill Asylum, says she beat her husband and she will beat the attendant.

29

She slept none last night, and was talking and laughing to herself. She is very discontented and threatening in her language. Does nothing.

April 18

She is excited, dangerous and very abusive in her language, nothing pleases her. She has had but little food at her own request and a great many extra articles of diet. During the night she excited the patients & said she would bring her hands in the blood.

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Admitted 24<sup>th</sup> March 1869

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of the attendants. Says she is not Mrs.  
 Shannon, but Bridget Murray, often complains  
 of being unwell and lies in bed.

April 27

Today she was taken away by the  
 Inspectors of Poor with a Sheriff's order  
 to be taken to Prison Fencible, England  
 and dismissed. —

Relieved.

## Janet Smith

1870

from Vol. XXV page 603

1871

June 17

This patient is extremely delirious at times when she becomes capricious, quite incoherent, and scolds very much. Her whole mind appears filled with delirium and she talks and acts as if she were some very superior person. She is clean and tidy in her habits and employs the most of her time knitting, with music to her name but Mrs Brown.

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She is occasionally excited and irritable scolds incoherently and says she does not get the food or attendance which her own doctor has ordered for her. That it is a fine like thing but that she will see about it. She is very silly mentally.

1872  
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October 20

She is very delirious, talks in a rambling incoherent manner about former events and names persons quite unknown to any one here. When told the persons she is speaking of are not known. She will say yes you know them quite well and mention some place where they and the person she is addressing had met, but where the person had never been.

April

December 16

For some time past she has been less excited than formerly, but she is still as delirious as formerly: talks very ramblingly and is always ready to shake hands with and enquire for the health of the Medical Officers.

August

1871

February 17

She says she gets no letters from her husband, but that she is quite certain he is still looking after her and paying her board here at the highest rate, gives orders for food of the other patients to be furnished a cent a piece.

October

April 20

She is very indignant with all the Drayton officials and if spoken to by any of the scolds most incoherently ordering them off saying they treat her as a patient, while she is not.

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June 15

She is very delirious and continues irritable and scolds the Medical Officers threaten to have them punished.

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August 17

This patient considers herself a wealthy married lady and that every one here but herself is insane and that they put diseases upon her. Her conversation and conduct are very incoherent and any remark to that effect excites her.

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Very delirious and sticks firmly to the idea that she is married, will bear no name but Mrs. Burns and would if called any other.

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She sometimes says a little, is very talkative in her ideas and holds in a most excited manner if inquired for, says she is not a patient and asks how any one has the impudence to think that.

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Sometimes when spoken to she will order the person away, again she will shake hands and say that is to keep them free from their enemies, talks ramblingly.

October 17

Talks about putting pieces upon the characters of others, then orders them off for being wicked and quite different persons from what they are represented to be.

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December 19

She still believes under the delusion that she is married and will not reply to any other name than Mrs. Burns. Says her husband's name is George Balkman Burns.

1873  
February 15

Very uncertain in her behaviour. Sometimes replies civilly and again comes out and threatens to strike, goes on to talk most incoherently and believes under many delusions. Bodily health poor.

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## Jane Henderson

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March 25

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 11 Crookston Street Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

She is seventeen years of age, single, lives with her mother and is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few weeks, and the cause is not known. She is suicidal, but not dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was delirious, fancied she was lost, that the devil was in her inside and that evil spirits spoke to her from within. She fancied she was dying, was subject to paroxysms of excitement when she would dash her head on the wall, and yesterday went to drown herself.

On admission she was free from excitement, very talkative and has a great deal to say about herself. Said she had been at a great many doctors to cure her, said the doctors told her it was acidity but said none of them had done her any good. Fancies she is very ill, and her liver, kidneys &c were affected and that there was a weight on her head.

Bodily health and condition ordinary. Has not menstruated for some months.

26

She only sleeps three hours and talked much to herself. She is very restless, wished to go away and see her mother and made an attempt to go to the window to get out; has to be strictly watched.

April 1

She is not quite so restless but is very anxious to get away, says nothing and fancies her body is all wrong; takes her food well.

" 15

She is still in the same state. Was today taken to Longdale Asylum Scotland and dismissed. - Relieved.

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Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> March 1864

Margaret Morrison

from Vol. XXV Page 337

1870

June 17

This patient has been very dangerous and destructive since admission. At times she shows great weakness of mind quite silly and apparently harmless; again suddenly becomes excited and talks incoherently. On the fifth of May last she smashed 72 panes of glass and the night following while in bed quietly tore two pairs of blankets into shreds.

August 16

Her mind is extremely weak, but she is very delirious and frequently becomes suddenly very irritable and threatening in her language; very dangerous and destructive talks in an incoherent and obscene manner and says she must get away to the city.

At times she is quite, but very uncertain

September 16

In consequence she says of not being allowed to leave the Asylum for good and all (being in bed.) she this day set fire to her mattress but by what means we have not yet been able to ascertain.

She is agitated - There is some redness of the skin at the top of the sternum, her eyes are somewhat suffused from the smoke and the fingers of the left hand are blistered.

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She only slept one hour during the night and was restless. She is very excited and incoherent. Pulse very frequent and she is stopped up about the nose.

18

She is very restless and troublesome wont allow herself to be treated frequently took a poultice round her chest and took it off. Had milk wine and lactogen, but at times would not take them nor her medicines and cried to get strong whiskey. She says there is a stone in her belly and to a pin in of the protein and scratched it.

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Today she died

See page 321

## Margaret Brown

1870

from Oct. 1870 to Jan. 1871

1870

August 16

She is very delusional, but hardly ever speaks to anyone. When repeatedly spoken to she gives sometimes expression to threats which as far as can be heard show that her delusions are the same as formerly. She sometimes when asked goes out to the Laundry.

December

October 20

She goes out to the Laundry as before but when in the Gallery sits idly and she spoken to pays no attention, perhaps she perhaps to turn away her head. She is in good bodily health and condition.

1871  
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December 16

She is quiet, will give no reply when spoken to and seldom ever speaks any. She appears to be as delusional as ever, but goes out regularly to the Laundry and works, but will do nothing any where else. She takes her food well and is in good bodily health.

June

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February 17

She conducts herself in every way as at last reports and is still taciturn, seldom, but very seldom she speaks to the Nurse or attendant. She takes her food well and at times requires a dose of purgative medicine.

August

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April 28

She seldom speaks unless excited or her delusions are pressing more strongly upon her mind than usual. fancies herself a great lady and threatens punishment to all the Druggist's Officials.

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She goes out to the Laundry but when her doors sits with her hands inside her bosom and under her petticoats having her clothes all raised in front of her, would speak or allow herself to be touched.

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August 17

When in doors she sits idly and would be induced to do anything, either gives no reply when spoken to or talks very delusively.

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She is very delusional talks when asked of Sheriff Hall not knowing that she is here or that if he died he would have no one punished for keeping her.

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December 14

She sits with her hands hid about the  
skirt of her dress and seldom talks any more  
when spoken to. If she speaks it is to threaten  
punishment for her being detained here and  
talks very deliriously.

1872  
February 15

She goes out to the laundry, does a little  
ironing and seldom speaks to anyone. She has  
many delusions and when she talks of them it  
is generally under some excitement.

April 18

Labours under the delusion that the Swedish  
officers here are her particular enemies and that  
they detain her against the will of the Sheriff who she  
believes knows her intimately, but does not visit her here.

June 20

Very quiet, speaks more unless excited  
and her language then is very rambling and  
full of delusions about herself and her position  
in society. She goes out to the laundry.

August 15

Seldom speaks and seems offended  
with the officials here, labouring under the  
delusion that they appropriate many valuable  
articles that are sent here for her.

October 17

She labours under many delusions  
and has been a conspiracy against her  
and that Royal authorities are ignorant of  
her detention here. Threatens to have all the  
Blackguards as she calls the officials here punished.

December 19

Speaks more unless excited, pays  
no attention when spoken to and sits with  
her hands covered by some part of her dress.

1873

February 13

Her expression of face is dull and  
preoccupied and she always occupies the same  
seat, can with the greatest difficulty be got  
to speak and then only in a very rambling  
manner, quite incoherently. Usually looks  
indifferent.

March 4

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Provincial Asylum, by authority of her former  
doctors and dismissed —

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## Lilithia Cameron or Piton Oct.

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March 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 2 Duncan Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Baron's Ward.

She is twenty eight years of age, married was formerly a mill-worker and is a Protestant.

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

Prior to admission her appearance was stupid and thoughtless. She stated that people were calling her names and abusing her character, followed her wherever she went, spoke to her through the walls and from the ceiling and prevented her from getting past. During the night she watched the door fancying a man was coming to shoot her and said the public had put her likeness in a War Work in town. In the streets she charged people to the police office as her enemies.

On admission she at first was quiet fancying she had come to get as she said a marriage settlement made. She took the certificate of her marriage out of her pocket and showed she said to let it be seen she was William Piton's lawful married wife. When she was told she was to remain she became excited and began to cry saying that it was a woman that was trying her by words saying she was a fancy woman &c. Wanted home to her children.

Bodily health indifferent; condition of mind

27

She only slept one hour during the night but was quiet and has taken her food. She is very anxious to prove she is a married woman called for her marriage lines.

April 3

She does not sleep at night, has more talk about and is restless. Says it was a mistake for being here. She is worried and anxious to get away.

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Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> March 1869

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April 19

She works a little, but is dull and absent, does not sleep at night, hears voices, sometimes fancies it is her husband and gets out of bed, sleeps little at night.

May 22

At present she does nothing and is very unhappy, constantly annoyed by sounds, fancies she hears people talking to her out of the walls and often asks if William (her husband) is not there. Last night she became much excited in consequence of the delusion that strange men were about her talking to her.

June 15

She is troubled night and day by the sound of imaginary voices, the sound of her husband's voice apparently being the one most frequently present to her. At times in consequence her face gets much flushed and she refuses her food in account of what the voices say to her - to wit that she is not a married woman &c.

July 13

She seldom sleeps any at night and chatters to imaginary persons. Says she had no trouble when she came here and demands to be sent away with the line that was brought with her when she came here.

August 7

The great sleeplessness continues and last night she was much excited and fancied she heard her children's voices at the window, got out of bed and was determined to get away.

September 12

Sleeps little or none and says that she is always surrounded and that there are soundings always going on throughout the house. She states that she is pregnant and that she will have to get away to have the child.

October 15

She sits idly all day but now sleeps better at night. Says she was a woman and her husband no trouble and demands to be sent away with the shawl which brought her.

See page 317

## Littie Cameron or Patten

1869

November 16

She has been very noisy at night for a considerable time past, sits up in bed and talks the greater part of the night. She is much annoyed with voices and talks to imaginary persons.

December 24

She sits with her hands resting upon her chin and talks a great deal to herself, frequently becomes excited and says she is being killed by being kept here and frequently talks of Maggie being the cause of it.

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January 18

She is sleepless and noisy at night. Today she is excited and very delirious, says she heard her boys voice all night and that Jean Johnston and Maggie's hair (two of her enemies) are in the house, then she says being up stairs with a broken arm.

February 15

She has for some time been sleeping better at night, but during the day is more excited constantly talking to herself or scolding loudly. She demands to be released with a chaperone saying she is a woman with no trouble and in her excitement becomes quite incoherent.

March 16

She is extremely irritable, very delirious and acts idly all day, talks to herself of people whom she fancies are here and are her enemies.

April 21

Last night she slept none and was noisy. Today she is very irritable talks of being "conjured," and being stolen in here, calls her husband a puppy & a Blackguard, and says she will take the law against us all. She fancies her children are dead because she has not heard their voices here for some time.

June 9

She is extremely irritable today, says she does not care although she saw all her relations strung up at the cross for what

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they had done to her. She says that she was on fire all last night with some arts that was practiced upon her. She still talks of the same two women being in league against her. Bodily health pretty good.

August 18

She is very delirious and continually both night and day hears imaginary voices talking to her, speaks back to them and is often very noisy at night. She frequently talks of her husband, children & long stays in the next room and wants to them says she was stolen here, is constantly saying she must get away.

October 13

She does nothing ~~nothing~~ and is very delirious, talks incoherently to herself and in the midst of her shouting demands to be released with the character she brought with her. constantly talks about being wounded and is frequently noisy at night - hears voices

December 16

She talks much to herself and is constantly annoyed with her delusions, fancies that her relations are in the house and hears their voices. says she is a married woman and has no disease has no right to be kept here and was stolen away. She is always idle.

1871  
February 17

She talks much and very incoherently and now has hallucinations of vision. While asking to be released and arguing that she had no right to keep her, she suddenly started upwards, cried out, pushed as it were something from her and said a man was coming on her body from the roof.

April 21

She is very delirious, demands to be released, because she is a married woman and says she is of the Crown of England. Her shoulder joints is diseased and she fancies it is caused by some malicious person striking her.

June 15

She is noisy at night and sometimes falls asleep during the day, is constantly hearing imaginary voices and talking to them.

See page 329

Jane Buchanan Oct. 22

1869

March 27

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

She is twenty-two years of age, single a spinning-machine worker and a Protestant.

It is not known whether this is the first attack of insanity but the duration of the existing attack is a few days, cause not known. She is suicidal - threatens to harm herself, but not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was taciturn melancholy and despondent. She had delusions, as that a devil was in her inside, that her soul was lost, and that she was to die a fall by a man who had visited her at night and told her so.

At night she wandered away from home.

On admission she had a stupid confused look, sat quite still and paid no attention when spoken to; she passed her urine when she sat and seemed quite unconscious of what had occurred. After being put to bed when questioned often she said her head had been sore, but not now, that nothing was troubling her, that it was past all that.

Bodily health indifferent. Condition ordinary.

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She slept five hours during the night and was quiet. She has taken her food, with hardly a reply when spoken to.

April 3

She sleeps well at night and is steady in her habits, but requires to be under observation and attended to. She is dull and rather dejected.

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She is much better now and does a little work assisting the attendants in the Gallery, but requires constant direction and oversight. Is still very dull seldom speaks any, but is cleaner and more nervous.

Dec. 22

Admitted 27<sup>th</sup> March 1869

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- May 24 She continues to improve both mentally and in her bodily condition is very industrious and active, but is still depressed speaks little.
- June 15 She appears to be pretty well mentally is industrious and active, but very quiet which is apparently her natural disposition Bodily health good.
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Margaret Morrison  
from page 313

September 21 Post Mortem examination

External marks.

Excavation on nose; number of superficial scratches over region of stomach; Remains of small blister on finger of left hand.

Lungs.

Lungs - Posterior two thirds extremely congested and at points solidified; bronchial tubes filled with pus.

Abdomen

Stomach - Much congestion of the mucous membrane with extravasation of blood.

Head

superficial vessels congested. Large Haemorrhage of bone in the face but not affecting the brain.

Cause of death. - Congestion of Lungs.

## Joanna Mc. Kinnon or Symon

1870

for Dr. XXX page 313

1872

August 20

She is always incoherent even when tolerably quiet, but her illness is periodic being for two or three weeks every now and again dirty, destructive and dangerous in her habits and very obscene in her language. Sleepless and noisy at night.

February

October 16

Last night she slept none but was not noisy. She dirtied the room but kept her bed clean. When at her best she is quite incapable from her mental state to do anything.

April

June

December 15

The intervals between the paroxysms is very short and uncertain and she is never now coherent: at best not destructive.

August

1871

February 17

Although she has a delusion at odd times she is very restless and noisy nearly every night. She talks in a very low, obscene incoherent manner and destroys her clothing.

October

April 20

She is very destructive and uncleanly in her habits, smashed her sister Rebecca's chamber pot in pieces and wet her bed.

June 15

At present she is greatly quiet, but very incoherent and childish in her conduct, winks, winks her face when spoken to and asks most insolent foolish questions.

August 17

Has again been very disorderly and most excited and dangerous, talks quite incoherently and makes use of filthy language frequently extremely noisy at night.

October 19

Very rude and insolent in her manner talks most incoherently, and her language is often both obscene and filthy. She winks and winks her face and otherwise tries to make herself as disagreeable as possible.

December 16

Very filthy in her habits and noisy at night. Her language is most obscene and she is very restless and troublesome during the day, most disorderly and anything said to her only makes her worse.

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1872

February 15

She destroys her bedding nearly every night and is noisy and filthy in her habits, talks in a very incoherent, obscene way and during the day is very disorderly in her conduct.

April 15

Quite incoherent and talks in a very filthy obscene way when no one is speaking to her, delights in annoying others and when spoken to only becomes worse.

June 20

She is always incoherent although at times there is a resumption in the great excitement under which she sometimes behaves. Her language is often obscene and filthy.

August 15

At present and stupid, but her language when she does speak is quite incoherent and she is very uncleanly in her habits.

October 25

She was today taken to Argyll & Bute District Asylum by authority of Dr. Mitchell Commissioner in Lunacy and dismissed —  
Released.

## Sarah Higgins &amp; McKusky (see 30)

1869

April 13

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 56 Piccadilly Street, London and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Burary Parish.

She is thirty years of age, married, a mill worker and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she was delirious, fancied that a neighbour had tampered her soul, that her husband was dead and had taken away her soul and in consequence wished to be smothered. She talked incoherently and was noisy night and day, slept none.

On admission she was free from excitement and answered questions pretty coherently. When asked the day of the month on which she had the child she said she could not tell as she was no scholar, but said it was upon a Thursday and about three weeks ago, thought it was Monday whereas it was Tuesday, could not remember what had occurred with her for some days and thought she was in the Royal Infirmary.

Her husband says that she wrought in the mill and six weeks before the birth of the child had to leave it on account of delicate health.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition much reduced. She has a cough and expectoration.

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She continued quiet up till last night when she became much excited, slept none and screamed loudly. She perspired and coughed & spat muculent matter. Today she is much excited clapping her hands & noisy.

April

May

Admitted 13<sup>th</sup> April 1864

April 18 Since last report she has been quiet up till today when she became restless and excited but much less so than in the fifteenth. She coughs and gasps. Profusely, her breathing is difficult and both lungs are affected great dullness with complete absence of respiratory murmur being found at the upper part of the right.

" 27 There has been no excitement since last report but she is apparently fast sinking. She is bathed in perspiration and her head has to be propped up with pillows to relieve her breathing. Her face is litid from deficient circulation of the blood.

May 3 She died today at 11.30 A.M.

Cause of death—

Phthisis Pulmonalis.

## Sarah McDonald or McPherson

1870

from Oct. 1870 Page 335

1871

- August 16 This patient is in a state of dementia but subject to paroxysms of excitement, when she scolds and threatens violence, but in a short time forgets all about it and is quite pleasant. She is in good bodily health, very fond of tobacco. Sept
- October 20 She has been in the habit of going out to the laundry and employed mostly in carrying the clothes from place to place but for some time past she could not be trusted there in consequence of having torn and destroyed a quantity of clothing. April
- December 16 She sometimes picks nags but can do nothing else; her mind is quite vacant and no matter what is said she answers in quite well back good apparently quite mechanically. June
- <sup>1871</sup> February 17 She becomes suddenly excited and without any apparent cause threatens violence. Immediately after one of these paroxysms when asked what was the matter she said there was a man going to kiss her, while no one was near her. August
- April 20 She is very obtuse and mindless, can answer that she is well, but to any other question replies in a most incoherent manner. She takes her food well and is in good bodily health. October
- June 15 She suddenly becomes noisy and very excited, swears and threatens violence but soon becomes quiet, & very demented. Dec
- August 17 Quite mindless as although is subject to paroxysms of violent excitement and when any external cause, she after a very short time is quite quiet and even to of nothing referred to of a few minutes before. Feb
- October 17 Can do nothing but swears in very filthy and often swears and threatens violence, joins that people are striking her when it is not so. Apr
- December 14 She smokes tobacco, becomes excited when she smokes a smoke and at the same time often does not know what she smokes. She sits much with her arms folded in each other. June

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- February 13 Demented, very mindless and does nothing, but is subject to occasional paroxysms of violent excited talking, calls herself by some other name than her own, and seems to believe it.
- April 18 Suddenly and without any apparent cause she will become highly excited and threaten violence to imaginary persons, and in any case in her way her rage is apt to be expended upon them; usually a few minutes afterwards she does not show anything about the excitement or the cause.
- June 20 She has a slight attack of erysipelas of the face and is still and unable to take to food. The rash commenced in a circular line under the left side of the jaw.
- August 15 Does nothing and is occasionally excited suddenly, but a piece of tobacco at almost any time makes her quiet and placid.
- October 17 Quite mindless, but subject to paroxysms of excitement, insane and threaten violence and in a short time is again quite quiet, she tells nothing about what was making her so noisy and irritable.
- December 17 Sometimes she asks for tobacco and is very likely to be irritable and dangerous if she does not get it, and in case of speaking to her about it immediately sets her laughing.
- 1873  
February 18 Set with her head bent forward and has a very demented look, but if asked she answers gratefully that she is fine, says yes or no to the same questions and does not understand simple questions.
- April 17 She sometimes when no one is near gets excited and noisy speaks to imaginary persons and when asked about it she will say that they were stealing her.
- June 19 Talks under chronic mania, but at times seems quite demented; subject to occasional paroxysms of excitement which soon pass off often she has talked for a time. She is in ordinary bodily health.

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Ann Cameron or Russell

1769

April 14

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 15, Monkland Street, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Parish.

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

She has been three times previously confined in Insane Asylums; the duration of the existing attack is ten weeks and the cause is not known, but her mind was insane. She is suicidal - attempted to throw herself over a window, but is not dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was in a violently excited state. She walked about constantly muttering unintelligibly, became much excited when spoken to and talked incoherently about having been wronged. She said that the Queen fed her, that she saw corpses about the streets and that some parties wished to poison her.

On admission she was free from any great excitement, but talkative and rambling in conversation. Said she had just put her here because she was sorry in her mind, that she was taken out of her own home for being too true, came here for telling the truth. Says she was in business before three months last summer.

Physical health indifferent; condition reduced.

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She was quiet and slept four hours during the night. She appears to be rather delusional and weak minded.

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She did not sleep well last night but ascribes to the cause to toothache. She is quiet and orderly does not show any symptoms of delusion, and answers calmly.

May 12

She continues quiet orderly and industrious; appears to be quite well.

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She was today dismissed.

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Admitted 14<sup>th</sup> April 1869Leticia Cameron a Patient  
from Page 814

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August 17

This patient has delirious talk of vision and hearing. sleeps badly at night and is often noisy, talking to imaginary voices. She is in very indifferent bodily health.

October 14

Hears the voices of her children outside the house at night and sleeps little. She is always very miserable and unhappy and can do nothing.

December 14

Always very miserable and unhappy talks in a rambling disconnected manner about being killed here and says she has no right to keep her as she was stolen here.

1872  
February 15

She is in very feeble health and there is some thickening of the parts around the right shoulder joint. She often complains of pain in the joints, but says it is caused by blows and will while speaking often say she was struck just now.

April 18

Very miserable and unhappy, constantly hearing voices talking to her and frequently fears that people she cannot see strike her, cries much to get away. She is in very feeble health, has a cough but says she would be well if out of house.

June 20

She is getting more feeble and scarcely able to lie out of bed, but still is very restless and anxious to get away, calls the officers her ill murderers, for keeping her.

August 15

She is losing flesh, has a cough and complains much the pain in her shoulder. She still frequently hears imaginary voices and although she is unable to leave her bed is very anxious to get away.

September 17

The cough increased with much particular expectation and she gradually became more feeble, till today she —

Died —

Cause of Death — Phthisis Pulmonalis.

Dr J. M. Watson examined the body.

Jamima Porter Mc. Gregor  
from Oct 1870 page 320

1870

August 16

The patient is demented and can do nothing, has an absent stupid look, but when spoken to generally stumbles and asks some ridiculous question, quite incoherent. She takes her food pretty well, but her teeth are much decayed, especially in front.

October 20

She is quite incoherent, but quiet and orderly, never gives a direct answer to any question and when spoken to her words are generally how are you yourself. She is quite fatigued.

December 16

She is becoming more dull and stupid than formerly, is not so readily talking, but when spoken to has still some incoherent question to ask, gives people the answer when their own are brought at what she says.

1871

February 17

Her mind is quite away, she never knows the day of the week nor weekday from another and can do nothing whatever, can't tell her own name, but when asked will give a wrong name. She is becoming more feeble and reduced.

April 20

She has commenced to wet her bed and it has been found necessary to place her under observation at night. She is gradually becoming more feeble.

May 11

Since last report she has been confined to bed with oedema of the feet and general weakness. Her lungs are affected but she has little cough.

June 1

She is gradually sinking, can take very little solid food and complains much of thirst. On alternate nights she generally sleeps well and the other nights cries for drinks and sleeps none.

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Today she Died.

A post mortem examination was made which shows the lungs to be a diseased mass filled with tubercles & pus.

Cause of Death - Phthisis pulmonalis.

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## Ann McFarlane a Reid MS. 13

1869

April 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
1 Brown Loan Road Govan and admitted as  
a pauper patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity,  
the duration is a few days and the  
cause is not known. She is stated to  
be neither suicidal nor dangerous to others.  
Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission to admission  
she said she had got the Holy Spirit and  
that Jesus spoke to her, believed that her  
husband and she were to be King and Queen  
of Scotland. Said also that she had  
been poisoned by a man having taken  
out her bowels and replaced them by  
the poisoned ones of another woman.

On admission she was much excited,  
noisy and very incoherent. She said  
that she was married yesterday, talked  
much and made many very foolish statements.

bodily health indifferent, Condition ordinary.

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She slept none and was noisy during  
the night, today she is very restless and  
incoherent, says she sees her beloved,  
that she is now in Heaven and is married  
to Jesus.

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She is restless and incoherent, says she  
is in Heaven and is to be married to God,  
talks to him.

May 8

She is incoherent and delirious, talks  
constantly of her father (God) being constantly  
beside her. Today she would not take her  
food was being fed by the Wardens but  
threw the food about the other patients. Said  
her father was feeding her with soap.

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She is very restless excited and incontinent  
last night she rose out of bed and without  
any cause struck another patient.

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June 15

She evidently labours under organic disease of the brain, is incoherent often talks of being in heaven and hell, is very restless often violent, has no memory and does not know what she does. Her bodily health is very indifferent.

July 8

She is very incontinent and committing very dangerous convulsive acts of violence very frequently and without any excitement being present at the time. She is sometimes noisy at night.

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She was today taken to Kaiserly Abbey Asylum and dismissed. -  
Relieved.

Elizabeth Mc. Jones or Nelson

1870

from Oct. 1885 page 379

August 16

The patient is in a state of dementia  
sit idly and can hardly do anything to help  
herself. seldom gives any reply when spoken  
except occasionally to complain of her back  
and then speaks in a low inaudible voice  
she takes her food tolerably well.

October 20

She is occasionally somewhat irritable  
and annoyed when spoken to, scowls and  
turns away her head. She is very torpid  
and seldom leaves her seat, walks very  
slowly and is unsteady and feeble upon  
her feet. Habit of body full and fleshy.

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She was today taken to Glasgow  
Parochial Asylum by authority of Dr. A. Mitchell  
Commissioner and dismissed.

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Christina Brown or Ailken Dec. 53

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April 21

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

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

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is two weeks and the cause is drink. At the time of her first attack fifteen months ago she threw herself into the Clyde, she is dangerous to herself. Her daughter had an attack of insanity two years ago.

Prior to admission she was very outrageous, talked incoherently, swore, screamed, prayed and talked staccato, made a great noise, and was found by the police in that state in Kelburn Street.

On admission she was much excited, very noisy and incoherent. She said she had been fighting with the Devil and that a hussy had been trying to poison her, was threatening and inclined to be violent.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition strong.

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She slept none and was very noisy during the night, today she is very much excited, quite maniacal, dancing, swearing and striking at whatever comes in her way. She is with difficulty fed by the attendants, she does not know what she is doing.

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She is still very incoherent, excited and dangerous to herself and others, strikes and spits upon whoever comes in her way and sleeps none.

May 18

She is now much quieter and more easily managed, the violent excitement having subsided. She is still restless at night and troublesome during day, says she wants to work.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> April 1869

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June 15 She sleeps well at night but must be  
 in a room alone, otherwise she would not sleep.  
 During the day she is quiet but is incapable  
 of doing almost anything. Her mind is  
 still weak although she is improving.

July 13 This is three nights ago when one of the  
 attendants was seeing her to bed in her room  
 she became much excited, attacked the attendant  
 striking her upon the head and was quite  
 unmanageable. She is at present quiet and  
 works some.

August 4 She has improved very much since  
 last report. Is quiet answers questions cheerfully  
 and goes out to work in the laundry.

20 She was today dismissed. —  
 Cured.

## Grace McCulloch

1870

from Oct. 1885 page 147

August 16

This patient has a furious expression of face, lies back in her seat and sometimes raising her feet upon the seat places her hands together around her knees, does not give any reply nor look to anyone, - is excited when she scolds incoherently and threatens violence.

October 20

She has been put to bed for some time past, but becoming restless had to be got up although she is still in the dying state. She never speaks to anyone is extremely irascible will let no one touch her and if anyone should happen to do so, she strikes the person nearest to her.

December 16

She is now constantly confined to bed and very weak and reduced. She is affected with a cough but is extremely irascible and will allow no examination of the chest to be made and would strike if touched.

1871  
January 19

On occasional nights she sleeps well but again can get no sleep in consequence of the cough. She is still very irascible and cross, seldom or never speaks is daily becoming more feeble and apparently dying.

February 12

Since last report she continued in much the same state, sometimes slept well at night and sometimes coughing and so on also without any mental change, till today when she died.

Course of Death - Phthisis Pulmonalis.

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## Caroline White a Robertson No. 3;

1869

April 30

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Govan Workhouse and admitted as a female  
patient chargeable to Govan Parish.

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

She was previously an inmate of the  
Asylum from 14<sup>th</sup> October till 26<sup>th</sup> November  
1867 when she was taken to Morning-side  
Asylum where she had formerly been  
under treatment. The <sup>cause</sup> duration of the  
existing attack is intemperance and  
predisposition for previous attacks.  
She is dangerous to others. Hereditary  
tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent,  
seditious and dangerous to herself and  
those around her. She used filthy  
obscene language, exposed her person,  
was sleepless, refused food and refused  
to be restrained.

On admission she conducted herself  
in a most disorderly manner, got her feet  
upon the stool on which she was placed,  
seized hold of everything within her  
reach and was very rude and violent  
in her conduct, would not give any  
proper answer to anything asked of her.  
She knew quite well where she was.

Bodily health indifferent: Condition  
ordinary.

May 1

She was noisy all night. Today  
she is much excited, will not stand  
nor sit but rolls about, tries to lay  
hold of anyone that comes within her  
reach. Does not speak.

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She is now quiet and talks who-  
lently. The attendants having passed off

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She continues quiet and well, is  
employed daily sewing.

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She was today dismissed. — Correct

Admitted 30<sup>th</sup> April 1869

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May 10

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
65 Maburn Street Glasgow and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to Gornn Parish

She is twenty three years of age, single,  
a Dressmaker and a Roman Catholic.

She had an attack of insanity some  
five weeks ago, but was not in a Asylum  
The duration of the existing attack is a  
few days and the cause is not known  
but a sister and a sister were insane  
She is suicidal but not dangerous to  
others

Prior to admission she was much  
excited, violent and dangerous to herself  
Her sister states that she was suicidal  
having attempted to throw herself over  
the window

On admission she was incoherent  
and very restless, going down on her  
knees and swinging her pinary, would  
not part with it until she would rather  
part with life, When put to bed she  
felt her breast and cried where was her  
Scapular, became excited when she could  
not find it. Once or would give no  
account of herself, he said her breast bone  
was going thro' her back and pointing to  
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bodily health unimpaired: Condition  
ordinary. She has the peculiar formation  
of sternum, called Sinker breast.

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She only slept about an hour and  
a half, was much excited and very noisy  
Today she is very marasmod and restless  
constantly and suddenly moving her body  
about and spitting on her clothes, not that  
her face clean. - requires an attendant to tend

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The excitement continues and she  
sleeps very little, is extremely restless  
quite incoherent and unmanageable.

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Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> May 1869

- June 1 She is as much excited as on admission is sleepless and noisy at night, can with great difficulty be approached. Talks loudly and is very incoherent now here and there not apparently knowing what she says.
- July 13 She is much excited very noisy and does not sleep at night. She requires to sleep in a single room at night and in the morning it is often found in great confusion and very dirty.
- August 4 She continues much excited and very noisy roars out incessantly at the top of her voice. She will ask what is she kept here for, stand in the way of people passing and hiss her words into their face.
- September 6 She is very destructive in her habits noisy and excited, sleeps little at night. A few nights ago she tore her blankets into shreds. She takes her food well and her bodily health is improving.
- October 15 She is quieter at night but during the day restless and noisy roars loudly and kicks about on the floor contorting her face. Is incoherent.
- November 7 She is more easily managed but is subject to paroxysms of excitement when she is noisy and tries to annoy others. She is now more under the control of the attendants.
- December 24 There is no mental improvement. She demands suddenly and excitedly when she is to get away and what she is kept here for becomes incoherent and fancies things about.
- 1870  
January 18 She is incoherent and when spoken to at the visits becomes excited. Often asks some insolent question, such as, who are you and contorts her face.
- February 18 She continues much in the same state demands to know what she is kept here for is very incoherent. Bodily health good.  
See page 344

## Elizabeth Mc Murray

- 1870  
 March 14 She is incoherent and excited, very noisy, roars at the top of her voice, stamps upon the floor and hisses her words thru her teeth, is frequently noisy and restless at night, she is in good bodily health.
- April 21 She is violent and dangerous, very noisy and much excited, seized a bottle of bread from another patient and threw it at the medicine assistant with great force, demanding to know what she was kept here for; will not listen when spoken to.
- June 9 She is still very much excited and at times extremely noisy, will place herself in an attitude of defiance, stamp upon the floor and at the top of her voice roar - what do you mean - will listen to nothing said to her, she is incoherent, bodily health good.
- August 19 She has been quieter for some time, just appears to be more sullen and does not reply when spoken to, she has still the same excited expression of face and appears to be no better mentally.
- October 13 She has a petulant look, sits idly all day and does not speak, but if spoken to she rises from her seat, looks out broadly in an incoherent manner about pain and goes away from those addressing her.
- December 16 When approached she starts suddenly up, turns round and stamping on the floor roars at what do you want, will not listen to anything said to her nor sit down till left.
- 1871  
 January 31 Always ill, very irritable, incoherent and excited, will let herself be touched and can be spoken to without becoming very noisy.
- April 20 She has been spitting very much and wont swallow her saliva; was ordered to buy bread, but destroyed it throwing it about the day room or breaking it down into small pieces and trampling upon it.

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- June 15 She sits as much as possible away from all the other patients, keeps her head bent forward assumes a dejected posture when any one comes near her and roars out loudly.
- August 17 Sits idly with her arms folded in such a manner, withdraws when approached and hisses out, "what do you want" or will you let me out of this, gets excited
- October 19 Excited and at times very noisy, when speaking she roars out and demands to know what she is kept here for demands in the most insolent way to be answered immediately.
- December 16 Very excitable and impetuous: when sitting quietly will suddenly spring to her feet and roar out some incoherent words, looks fierce and threatening, but if not headed soon settles down again.

1872

- February 15 Sometimes, but for a very short period she can be got to take a seam in her hands, but will throw it down and spring up in the most excited manner. is always very irritable.
- April 18 Always very irritable and frequently when approached and about to be spoken to, she will throw back her body and up her head, saying let me out of this prison and will not listen to anything said to her.
- June 20 Very repellent in her manner unless friends of mine and is always irritable and ready to become noisy, sometimes closes her mouth firmly and makes a guttural noise.
- August 15 Sits idly and frequently when spoken to she will throw up her head as if struck or as if a bad smell was brought near her and makes signs as if offended.
- October 1 She sometimes seems a little, but as the medicinal visits will pass through her walk from her and wheel round, then hisses out when one of us to get out of prison and will listen to nothing said to her.

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## Jane Hardie &amp; Prillie 1844

1869

May 22

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 125 New St. Motherwell, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Dalziel Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is seven days, and the cause is connected with confinement, she having given birth to a child nine weeks ago. She is suicidal. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission her language was incoherent, she was very restless and had a wild appearance. Five days ago she made an attempt to destroy herself by cutting her throat.

On admission she had an excited appearance, called loudly on "Jane" and said we were all lost. Her language was very rambling and incoherent and she was very restless, she called the medical assistant Captain Hamilton and talked incoherently of the Marquis of Tweeddale passing the door.

Bodily health indifferent condition good. On her neck in front there is a wound about three and a half inches in length running transversely.

" 23

During the night she only slept about an hour altogether and not more than ten minutes at a time. She talked a great deal, very incoherently and drank a large quantity of water. She takes her food and talks much about Captain Hamilton.

" 24

She continues incoherent and excited calls on every one she sees and always addresses the Medical Assistant as Captain Hamilton. Last night she slept 4 hours, had two paroxysms of excitement and suddenly tried to jump out of bed - very noisy. Coughed and

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June 18

She has improved very much since last report and now works in the laundry. She is now depressed and at times rather confused asks what she has done and if she is never to get away from here, is very anxious about her children.

" 24

She continues to work in the laundry and is now very much improved and more cheerful although still anxious to get away. She is very quiet.

July 3

She was today dismissed. —  
Cured

Elizabeth M. Murray

1872

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December 19

This patient is considerably better than she was a year ago both mentally and physically. She employs her time sewing and is generally quiet, but when spoken to a great deal of her dit-vitable conduct comes out and she becomes rather excited unless what she is best has to go.

February 13

She occupies her time as formerly but does not improve mentally, is very irritable and quite unreasonable. Thinks she should never see a white who calls a prison.

March 4

She was today taken to Green Hurstfield Asylum by authority of Sir James Cox and dismissed. —  
Relieved.

## Margaret Hamilton or Laurie

1870

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1872

October 20

This patient is affected with paralysis and is confined to bed, but takes her food well and is in good condition. When spoken to she smiles and closes her eyes in a childish manner, gives no reply. She has been rather dangerous for some time past, violent to the attendants and very irritable.

February

December 16

She won't speak to the English officials and if looked at closes her eyes and tries to turn away her head, she is very childish and sometimes cries without any apparent cause.

April

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February 17

She takes her food well and is in good bodily condition but will not speak although she sometimes smiles when spoken to and can now sit up in bed. It is stated that she speaks to her husband but he

August

April 20

She is now out of bed daily, but sits where she is placed, can walk but won't do so before any of the English officials is about to cry if asked to do so.

September

June 15

There is marked mental improvement. She is able to be up every day but quite unfit to do anything, and hides her face when spoken to; looks up in a furtive way when left.

August 17

She is very childish and offended when spoken to; when spoken to she will sometimes cry and at the same time is ready to cry. She takes her food well, but does not speak.

October 17

Takes her food well and is up every day, but is very helpless and requires to be watched when walking as the least push will cause her to fall. She does not speak, but smiles and seems to know what is said to her.

December 16

She is again confined to bed in consequence of the paralysis advancing. She had a slight shock about a week ago and it has not since been considered safe to leave her out of bed. She takes her food well still, but is very helpless.

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February 15

This patient is very helpless, from general paralysis, but generally, takes her food well, is childish, seldom speaks, and cries sometimes without cause, requires to be made much of to please her.

April 15

She is getting more helpless, seldom speaks, she sometimes cries in a childish patted way requires to be helped to anything, and the paralysis is slowly but steadily advancing.

June 30

She passes her forces and urine in bed and appears to have lost all control over herself; requires constant looking to as she can give no indication of her condition.

August 10

She is very helpless, but now often very troublesome and noisy, cries like a child cannot tell what she wants and would rather have some one away from her side. She appears to be dying, very weakly in her habits, bowels rather relaxed.

September 10

She gradually became weaker and lost all nervous power when today she  
Died.

Course of death — General Paralysis.

Eliza Liddell Paterson

Oct 58

1869

May 27

Was brought to the Asylum today, from June  
30 David Street Glasgow and admitted as a  
temp. patient chargeable to City Parish.

She is thirty-eight years of age, single,  
a Dramatic and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity,  
the duration is one week, and the cause  
is not known. She is considered insane  
not dangerous. (issue). No known hereditary  
tendency. July

Prior to admission she lay in bed  
and could not be got to move, was  
abnormally careless of the demands of nature  
refraining all food, sang, laughed and  
clapped her hands, spitting continually.  
She fancied that every one wished to  
maltreat her and called out that some  
one was throwing snowballs at her.

On admission she was very obstinate  
and would not walk, nor speak. When  
brought in she sat with her head bent  
over the arm of the chair and made  
a noise with her mouth as if spitting  
would not raise her head and paid  
no attention to anything said to her.

She is reported to have only eaten a slice  
and a half of bread during the last  
eleven days with tea or coffee occasionally  
and to have had no relief from her bowels  
for a fortnight.

Bodily health extremely feeble: lactation  
suppressed. The trunk of her body is much  
deformed; the spine is pushed under the  
scapula on the left side and in front on  
the left side, five of the ribs terminate in  
point and are very prominent with a great  
depression over the region of the heart.

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Two nights after admission she attended  
but paid difficulty in getting her to swallow.  
She only slept two hours during night & was very

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June 18

She now takes her food well, but is confined to bed. At night she is always noisy, talks to herself. She is very childish and fidgets hides her face in her hands and when it is tried to be taken off rolls round on her face. She sometimes speaks but what she says cannot be distinctly heard. Bodily health much improved.

July 8

She has now been out of bed for two or three weeks and takes her food well, but does nothing. She is very childish and mischievous; kicks the footstool in the way of anyone passing and often bawls out nonsense to annoy them, hides her face and has her feet on the seat where she sits.

" 19

She was today taken to Stirling District Asylum and dismissed. —  
Relieved.

## Mary Currie &amp; Howie

1870

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1872

October 20

This patient is delusional and very weak mentally. She formerly used to work about the laundry but for some months has done nothing and been very obstinate. At the morning visit she will say Allan is coming to day, says some one told her and again in the evening says Allan did not come, smiles silyly.

February

December 16

She is extremely stubborn and very childish. At times refuses her food and when spoken to about it, will whisper that she cannot eat, won't give any reply aloud. Since last report she was fed for some time by means of the stomach pump.

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February 17

She laughs in a silly childish manner stoops forward and hides her face, then will suddenly start up and ask some incoherent question or say she had not seen some person or other not spoken of before.

August

April 20

Her bowels are constipated and she won't take medicine, obstinately refuses, whispering that she does not like it and it requires to be given her in her food.

September

June 15

She goes out to the laundry, but is very childish and obstinate, never gives a direct answer to anything said to her but holds down her head and smiles silyly when spoken to.

August 17

Demented, but can do a little work when spoken to and looks foolish. When spoken to at other times she answers in a very low voice and sometimes asks to get away. She is very obstinate.

October 19

She has been again refusing her food and complaining when spoken to of not being well. She has been placed in the Infirmary ward to be under observation and her illness very much mental.

December 14

She is very childish, holds down her head when spoken to and if she replies, it is only in a whisper. At times she is rather excited and at the same time depressed.

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February 13

Her mind is very weak and she is also very stubborn and unyielding, whatever she refuses to do no words can overcome her. When spoken to she generally hangs down her head and seldom says more than a word.

April 13

Demented, but also from her conduct is evidently under the influence of delirium. When spoken to she hangs down her head and replies in whispers, sometimes asks if she will get away soon.

June 20

Her expression of face is silly and her replies show great want of mind, for the most part being quite irrelevant and altogether wrong from what is asked her. Such as when asked how she is, she will say better & so on.

August 15

Wants minded and rather demented very obstinate. Sometimes when spoken to holds down her head and mutters, again has some silly question to ask. In good looking health.

September 25

She was today transferred to Crown Point Asylum and dismissed -  
Relieved.

Agnes Hay

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1869

May 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, from the Southern Police Office Glasgow and admitted on a Warrant granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

She is thirty-seven years of age, single and was a seaman in a Warehouse.

For some time prior to admission she had been annoyed by voices in the air.

She and her mother lived together at Kent Street Glasgow and had yesterday removed to South Boburg Street, where she murdered her mother by striking her on the head with a smothering iron.

On admission she was quiet and seemed quite unconcerned. Said to the Medical Assistant, are you Duncan Campbell? yes you are, I know you quite well. When asked who Duncan Campbell was, said Charles's brother, and that Charles was a god in the clouds and worked upon her with electricity.

Afterwards she told how she had killed her mother. Said that there were voices in the air that worked upon her by electricity; that at first she had the power of stopping the voices, but just then they were so strong she could not stop them. The voices told her that the British Fire Brigade were coming to take her to the Police Office to be burned up. At five o'clock she left the warehouse where she worked in Ingram Street and went down Miller Street. While going down Miller Street the telegraph wires were cut - going and laid - down Miller Street, down Miller Street, cut her down, quarter her, quarter her, give her one quarter; it pulled her down Maxwell Street and over the Suspension Bridge and all the way

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till she got home. The voices then told her to kill her mother, or that both she and her mother would be burned up. Said she first tried to choke her mother and then seeing a smothering iron, took it up and struck her mother with it on the head. She then washed up the blood and waited half an hour to see if the police would come and take her to be burned. They did not come and she then went to her brother's house in Leeson Street and told what she had done.

She said she had to wash up the blood and seemed to be more affected at having had done it, than she was at the murder of her mother. Said if she had not done it her brother's children would have been burned up and cried - Oh the poor dears.

Botily health indifferent: Condition spare

May 31

She has been quiet and free from excitement since admission except for a few minutes during the night after her admission. She seems rather overstimulated to talking, but when asked says that the voices told her last night she was to be put out. Last night she slept six hours and the night before three.

Her brother called to enquire for her this evening and said she had been drinking much of late.

June 4

She is very quiet, seldom speaks and is very unwilling to answer questions. She says that some person has got the power to cause the sounds and that they could do it yet if they liked. She says it is all like a dream to her and cannot believe that her mother is dead.

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## Agnes Hay

June 24

She sleeps little at nights, seldom more <sup>longer</sup> than four hours and is occasionally restless. For some time she was during the night in the habit of asking and receiving food. Her mind appears to be much preoccupied and when spoken to, she often starts or is somewhat put about and has to collect herself before giving any reply.

(Copy of Certificate)

At the request of the Procurators <sup>of Glasgow</sup>, we beg to report on the case of Agnes Hay charged with the murder of her mother.

Since her admission on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1869, we have visited her very frequently, and today have examined into her mental condition at great length, we now certify on soul and conscience that she is still insane and that she labours under delusions of a dangerous character with an impaired memory.

It is also our opinion that her recovery is not probable.

(Signed) A Macdonald M.D.

" John Hay M.D.

July 17

Since last report there has been no change in her mental state. She seldom sleeps more than four or five hours during night but is always quiet. She sits much alone and does nothing and although books are at hand does not read any. When questioned says there is nothing whatever troubling her mind and that she is quite happy. When questioned about the sounds in air and voices speaking to her, says she does not hear any now, but is not sure but that she may hear them at any time, appears still to believe in the reality of her former delusions. Does not seem to have a proper notion of her position.

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- August 18 There is no apparent mental change. She takes her food well and is in good bodily health. She is apparently still delirious but is suspicious and difficult to draw out in conversation. She told the principal Attendant of the gallery in which she is, in confidence that her mother was insane, asked her not to speak of it. Still says she is quite happy.
- September 14 She sleeps well at night, takes her food well and is in good bodily health. She sits much alone does not associate with anyone and at the visits seems to be relieved when the Medical Officers have passed her. She sometimes works a little, washing dishes or making up beds.
- October 15 She continues to sleep well at night is very quiet and orderly and works as formerly. When questioned about voices or sounds in the air she says she never hears them now and has no fear of them returning although she admits it is quite possible they might come back. She still hardly seems to realize her position with regard to the death of her mother.
- November 16 She takes her food well and is in good bodily health and conducts herself as at last report. She is now beginning to see her position and is much distressed when anything about her mother is referred to & says when she thinks upon her death it is like to put her mad.
- December 24 She appears to be quite well mentally is in good bodily health and conducts herself as formerly.
- 31 She was today dismissed. —  
L. Smith.  
and taken to Prison

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Margaret Paterson or Henry

Age 42

May 29

Was brought to the Asylum today, from Southern Police Office Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Govan Union.

She is forty-two years of age, married and a Housewife. Religious persuasion not known.

She was formerly an inmate of Hillend Lunatic Asylum Greenock. The duration of the existing attack is a few days and the cause is not known.

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

Prior to admission she was inconstant, excited and had delusions about gas and fire. She attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself over a window but was prevented.

On admission she had a silly, confused expression of countenance, spots and streaks where there was dirt and blood put in her mouth, accused those near her of having done it, and putting out her tongue said it was the tongue of a little boy that they had put into her mouth in the Police Office.

bodily health indifferent: condition good

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She has slept only about three or four hours each night since admission, but is quiet and takes her food. Speaks little but answers rather incoherently when spoken to. The catamenia is flowing, and it is found necessary to relieve her bladder by means of the catheter.

June 11

She continued quiet up till today, when she suddenly, and while assisting the attendants to wash the floor, became excited and violent, screamed, clapped her hands and tried to overturn everything within her reach. She is very confused does not know what she is doing.

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- June 25 She does not sleep at night and is restless and noisy. She is incoherent very stupid and occasionally violent.
- July 13 She is confused and restless, seldom gives any reply when spoken to but stares vacantly, sometimes puts up her hand to pull at those speaking to her and when interfered with becomes violent.
- August 15 She is quiet and sleeps well at night and is generally quiet during the day, but displays great mental defect, becomes incoherent when talked to for any time, but can generally answer simple questions coherently.
- September 16 She is again noisy and excited does not sleep at night and is very restless. She is incoherent and rambling in conversation.
- October 15 The excitement has passed off, but there is no mental improvement. She hardly seems to understand what is said to her, will stare vacantly and sometimes if spoken to again will give a short sharp answer & turn away her head.
- November 16 She is restless and noisy at night. She talks ramblingly and at times is quite incoherent. appears often both excited and depressed. Is very fretful, sometimes wishes to get away.
- December 23 She is much quieter and more orderly than to knit a little but makes very little progress. Some nights she does not sleep and talks to herself. Her mental powers are much improved.
- 1870  
January 11 Her mind is very weak and she has been quiet for some time not talking so much at night. She has a chillskin on the left foot near the great toe and can't get on her shoe.
- February 15 She is again excited, and talks to herself incoherently. Stares when spoken to gives no reply and looks foolish. Her food is nearly well.

1870

Margaret Peterson or Henry

March 8

She has been confined to bed for a week and is labouring <sup>under</sup> a very acute attack of Rheumatism; both knee and wrist joints are very painful much swollen and inflamed and her tongue is dry and coated but is becoming moist from the medicine she has been getting. She has been taking a mixture of acetate and Bicarbonate of Potash - solution, but it has had to be omitted in consequence of diarrhoea.

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At the visit today shortly after ten o'clock she was in an extremely feeble state and apparently fast dying, both wrist and knee joints being very much affected and she had no power whatever over herself, the bowels also being relaxed. The left hand was greatly swollen and quite black over the whole dorsum, and also a large black, apparently dead, albeit it appeared to be quite superficial patch on the centre posteriorly of the gluteal region. The whole having formed since yesterday.

Shortly after twelve o'clock today she died. —

Cause of death...

Acute Rheumatism.

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May 31

Was brought to the asylum today, from  
Koran Workhouse and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to Kithurglen Parish.

She is forty years of age, single,  
a farm labourer and a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity,  
the duration is one week and the cause  
is hereditary predisposition, her mother  
and brother having been insane (The old  
brother killed her when two or three years  
ago in Kithurglen and died last year  
in Perth Prison). It stated to be neither  
suicidal nor dangerous to others.

Prior to admission she was restless  
and disconsolate had delusions about  
her condition and circumstances, thinks  
she is ruined and wishes she were  
dead, was sleepless, wandered about  
at night and talked of taking her  
life away.

On admission she talked in a  
desponding manner, said she had  
gone all wrong and that every one  
had forsaken her. Said also that all  
the blood in her body had gone to  
her head and made her stupid.  
The catamenia had been stopped for  
a year and she fancied that her  
belly in consequence was swollen.

Physically healthy ordinary: Condition good  
There are a number of spots of favus upon  
her scalp.

June 1

She slept four hours during the night  
was quiet - made her table her food, but  
today is rather restless, says it is time  
now she was getting out.

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She now sleeps well at night and  
works in the laundry. Three days ago she  
threatened to destroy herself because her spirit  
had put her here. Her mind is weak.

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- from June 26 She is quiet and does some work but does not sleep well at night. says it is the pain of her arms which prevents her; complains much of them.
- July 13 Since last report she had whitlow in one of her fingers - very painful and causing nausea & febrile symptoms. It was incised & poulticed & is now better. She is at present residing in B. 1. works well Her mind is weak.
- August 15 There is no mental change. She is industrious in her habits, but is subject to frequent bilious attacks accompanied with nausea and vomiting; at which times she is depressed and miserable.
- September 15 She is rather restless and wishes to get away but does not know where she would go to. She told the Matron some time ago that William Odium, an idiot child - look deaf & dumb. who was sent her from Govan Poor house by the Edinburgh Inspector, <sup>16<sup>th</sup> April 1868</sup> was an illegitimate child of hers.
- October 17 She has been much troubled with attacks of nausea & vomiting and her bowels are obstinately constive she requires strong and often repeated doses of purgative medicine.
- November 16 She became excited and unmanageable would do nothing asked of her and had to be removed from B. 1 to another Basing.
- December 24 Since last report she has been pretty quiet but cannot be pleased with her clothing always asking something new, dresses her head with little pieces of ribbon so and is very childish in her conduct.
- 1870  
January 11 She continues to work well and is quiet, but her mind is very weak. She frequently requires purgative medicine.
- February 5 She is very fond to display her trifles with which she decorates herself and is much pleased to be taken notice of.

## Robina Love

1870

March 17

She works in the laundry and assists the attendants to scrub the floors. Her mind is very weak and she is at times much depressed, complains of being full. She frequently requires purgative medicine although gets plenty of exercise at her work but she eats largely.

April 21

She continues to work well but is very childish and weak minded and occasionally depressed without any apparent cause. Notes when spoken to 4 or 5 words.

June 9

She is getting very fretful and at times can do no work, is very silly in her conduct and conversation; at times fancies herself very ill and ascribes the cause to her friends not coming to see her.

August 18

She has gradually become worse mentally, is restless and sleepless, can do no work and threatens to commit suicide. Her mind is extremely weak and she still talks in the same way about her relatives.

October 13

She is very unhappy and talks in an incoherent manner about the diagnosis that her relations and herself have brought upon her; is frequently sleepless and very restless at night; occasionally has half an ounce of the Chloral Hydrate Syrup at night. She is very anxious to get away.

December 16

She has at times a wild staring look, speaks in a hurried disconnected manner and talks of leaving her time here. She is sometimes noisy at night.

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January 17

She is very unhappy constantly talking in a hurried disconnected manner about the state she has brought herself to and requires to have a sedative at bedtime.

April 20

She is restless and often sleepless at night requires to have a draught every night and occasionally it has no effect to induce sleep.

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- exists June 15 She is noisy at night and restless and very unloquacious during the day, talks in a rambling incoherent manner and appears daily to be becoming worse.
- Her August 11 Very giddy in her habits, presses her fingers in her ears and about her body clothing, it falls from her when she walks and she is so unquiet she cannot sleep out of a room at night; amuses her hands as well filled.
- Her September 14 For the last four nights past she has slept or been quiet, but prior to that was frequently noisy. She is still very excitable and has a malignant expression of face.
- Her December 14 She has a wild expression of face, seems to be in fear and when spoken to, replies as if in doubt. She can do nothing, but now sleeps well at night.
- 1872  
February 15 She has been again frequently noisy at night and during the day can do nothing but a wild expression of face and still is quite careless of the ends of nature does not appear to know when she soils herself.
- April 18 She is a little better, generally quiet but her expression of face is a little wild and she answers questions as if rather despairing and seems rather weak from the former great excitement. She can do little or nothing.
- June 10 She is now greatly better mentally but has for some time past been complaining of pains in her body and legs; seemingly rheumatic, but evidently resulting from her great excitement and restlessness. She has had her hands to rub the painful parts well and is now pretty well.
- July 8 She was today dismissed -  
S. W. Bell.

Margaret Morrison - Jackson 1829

May 31

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

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

It is not known whether this is the  
first attack of insanity, but the duration  
of the existing attack, is a few days  
and the cause is not known. She is  
suicidal but not dangerous to others.  
No relations known.

Prior to admission she was incoherent  
excited and impulsive, with great dejection  
and melancholy, believed her soul  
and body to be eternally lost. She was  
very restless and sleepless, suicidally  
inclined and expressed herself weary  
of life.

On admission she was restless and  
talked much in a desponding manner  
said her soul was lost and at times  
she was much excited. Looking at  
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to the Asylum with her (and she was  
very manicul & noisy, she said she was  
as bad as him, and last night felt to  
be in a strait jacket. It is very  
deaf and her hair cut short.

Physical health indifferent: condition  
ordinary.

June 1

She only slept two & a half hours during  
the night and was restless, crying her  
soul was lost. Today she says she is the  
cause of all these she sees being ill  
and says she will need to be strapped  
down. Is very miserable.

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She sleeps little or none at night  
is very noisy and appears to be in great  
fear of some impending calamity about  
to befall her.

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Admitted 31<sup>st</sup> May 1879

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- June 24 She is quieter and does not seem so much depressed but says she never gets any sleep and is dying for want of it. To have. Nopantha 30 at night.
- July 14 She continues to improve a little but still complains of want of sleep and of a beating in her breast. She has still at times a draught of Nopantha at night but it does not act so beneficially at first and causes mania in the morning.
- August 11 She is worse mentally; last night was excited and would not keep her bed. She is very miserable and in great distress of mind, asks what she is to do.
- September 8 She is in a state of extreme misery, cries what is she to do and beats her hands upon her knees, looks imploringly at those to whom she speaks and rocks her body about. Her tongue is often foul and she requires often to have alterative medicine.
- October 15 For some time she has been sleeping well every alternate night, but during the day is in the same miserable state.
- November 22 At present she is not sleeping more than two hours at night, & is restless and noisy. She fancies she is lost.
- December 13 She has if possible for some days been more miserable and yesterday was in great alarm. Said that in the midst of the storm after dinner the cross appeared at one of the windows, with the banner on it and he pointed up and asked if she would go there where her child was & pointing down & asked if she would go there.
- 1879  
January 13 She is extremely noisy and sleeps little or none at night although she has frequently her powerful opiates; she roars continually and cries how wicked she has been. She is very deaf, does not hear what is said.

## Margaret Morrison or Jackson

1870

February 15

She sleeps little or none at night and is very noisy, roars loudly in a distressed manner and is becoming quite emaciated. Anything said to her has to be roared into her ear and she told not to make a noise she cries or she cannot help it. At times she wont lie in bed and would go about naked if not prevented.

March 17

From the 27<sup>th</sup> of February till the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March she would eat none and we fed regularly by means of the stomach pump. Afterwards she eat voraciously and would have hurt herself if not prevented from taking too much. Before she began to take her food now she always cries that her bottom was closed and she could pass nothing. She now sleeps better at night, but during the day is noisy and miserable. She was tried with the syrup of the Hydrate of Chloral as a sedative but refused to take it.

April 21

She continues to take the chloral but is notwithstanding occasionally noisy at night. During the day she roars a great deal, opening her mouth as wide as she can and is most noisy when she sees anyone looking at her. She will not take her food at the meal times but eat it up after a while if left beside her. She is emaciated.

June 9

She is extremely noisy, roars loudly without articulating and is extremely dirty in her habits. Deliberately passes her feces in bed and plays it with her hands putting it near her pillow &c; knows quite well what she is doing and says she cannot help it. She eats well, but is much emaciated.

from page 367

1870  
July 30

He continued much in the same state as noted at last report, till today or two ago when he gradually sunk and died.

Cause of death -- Disease of Brain.

Ann Miller or Crossan M.D.

1864

June 1

Was brought to the Asylum today from 441 Great Eastern Road, Glasgow and admitted as a Pauper patient chargeable to Barmy Parish.

She is twenty four years of age, married, was formerly a Power loom weaver & is a Protestant.

This is the first attack of insanity. The duration is ten days and the cause is childbirth. She is dangerous to others but not suicidal. Her mother was insane sixteen years ago.

Prior to admission she was in a state of great excitement, talking constantly, throwing the pillows about the bed, tearing her clothes and striking any person who came near her, would not answer any question.

On admission she was excited, very restless and quite incoherent, did not know what she did nor understand any thing said to her.

Her husband who came with her to the Asylum says it is thirteen days since she gave birth to a male child (he died about ten or three days after she became ill and for the past six days has slept none.

Bodily health extremely feeble: condition reduced. There are a number of discolourations upon her arms and on her scalp a raw surface from a blister.

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She slept more during the the night and was very restless and violent. Today she is restless tossing about in bed and does not know what she is doing.

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She continues feverish, very restless & excited jumping out of bed and pulling the attendants by the hair. Her bladder has to be relieved by means of the catheter. Her food is chiefly wine bread and milk.

Oct 24

Admitted 1<sup>st</sup> June 1869

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The excitement and delirium continued without any calm or lucid interval and today having become quite frantic, she died.

Cause of Death - Disease of the Brain.

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Catherine Dolan or Bulger Dec. 55

1864

June 8

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Newyards and admitted as a pauper  
patient chargeable to New Southland Parish.

She is fifty eight years of age, unmarried,  
a Housewife and a Roman Catholic.

She has been several times previously  
an inmate of this Asylum. The duration of  
the present attack is two weeks and  
the cause is not known. She is dangerous  
to others. Hereditary tendency not stated.

Prior to admission she had an absurd  
excited appearance, talked incoherently  
and imagined she had done something  
wrong and would do injury to her family.  
She talked of eating people, threatened  
to take her own life and that of the  
rest of her family, required constant  
supervision.

On admission she was very fearful  
and feeble, complained of great weakness  
appeared as if she would fall down  
and said she was sore all about the  
heart. She could or would hardly give  
any reply when questioned but sighed  
and moaned fancying she was just  
about to expire.

Costly health indifferent. Condition correct.

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She slept four hours during the night  
and was quiet. Today she is confident  
to bed will not get up, fancying she  
is dying.

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Today she was got out of bed, with  
difficulty; is very whimpering and discontented  
appears to be in extremely feeble health.

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She is always grumbling, very fearful  
and fancies she is very ill. Says she will go  
thru the window if she sees not get tobacco

July 15

She sometimes knittes a little. Says  
that she heard the Russians all night &  
that they are coming today to take her away.

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Admitted 8<sup>th</sup> June 1869

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She is now pretty well mentally, is  
quiet and employs her time knitting  
& still at times somewhat fretful.  
She was today dismissed -  
Cured.

Marion Mc Intyre Oct 15

1869

June 9

Was brought to the Asylum today from 52 King Street, Madelon and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Green Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity she duration is a few days, and the cause is unknown. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was inconstant, excited and had delusions, so that she heard unaccountable sounds as if persons far away speaking to her at the window and saw cats, rats and mice continually before her eyes. She was sleepless and talkative, laughed and sang immoderately.

On admission, she was restless incoherent and seemed quite hysterical inclined to laugh and cry did not know what she was doing and could tell nothing of herself. Said she never did anything and that she thought a mouse was speaking to her.

Bodily health indifferent. Condition poor she has not menstruated for twelve months.

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She slept none during the night and was rather excited. Today she is very restless, tossing her body about and crying. The attendants had to feed her. Tongue full ulcers - Puls. Sp. 90 & 8.

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Last night she slept four hours and was restless, is quiet during the day, is very confused, requires to be fed.

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Since last report she has improved, and now takes her food herself. Her pulse is quick & she is nervous & hysterical.

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She now appears to be partly well mentally, takes her food well & sleeps better. She has not menstruated.

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Having continued to be quiet  
orderly and industrious, she was today  
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Mary Ann Mulgrew

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1864

June 10

Was brought to the asylum today, from 50 Arch Cumberland Street, Luton, Glasgow and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Warony Parish.

She is fifty years of age, single, a stay-maker and a Roman Catholic.

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

Prior to admission she had a silly appearance. She stated that she thought she was going to be tried by the judges and that she was going to cut her throat in case she should be tried also that she would cut any other body's throat, if she thought they were in danger of being tried. She tried to get over the window and also to choke herself.

On admission she was quiet and seemed to be demented and somewhat stupid. Says it is nervous debility that is wrong with her and that there is nothing wrong with her mind. Said that she wished to take her life but does not know why. Her sister says that she sometimes gets excited.

Physic health very feeble; Condition reduced.

" 11 She slept five hours during the night and was very quiet. She takes her food.

" 18 She sleeps little at night and is very restless and unhappy. She asks if the trial is going on and when will what trial say the trial will the judge about her.

" 24 She has been subjected to diarrhoea for some days, and has been ordered milk diet, but gets out of bed and tries to go the length as of the other patients.

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Admitted 10<sup>th</sup> June 1879

- July 15 The diarrhoea is not checked, but she had to be kept in a room by herself for some days to prevent her eating the food of others. She is in bed in the Infirmary and has to be strictly watched at meal times. She is demoralized.
- August 18 She sleeps well at night and during the day is confined to bed. She is not more orderly and easier to satisfy with her food.
- September 24 There is little change since last report, but she has been occasionally out of bed, never does anything, sometimes asks in a whisper if she will get home.
- October 19 She is a good deal more out of bed is always very quiet, never does anything nor speaks except to ask if she will get home.
- November 51 She is now out of bed every day takes her food well is very quiet, does nothing and slips away to her bed before six o'clock.
- December 14 She was today taken to Inverness by authority of Sheriff Murray and dismissed -  
Relieved.

## Catherine Campbell &amp; Welsh

1870

from page 277 Oct. 28/70

- December 16 For the last two months this patient has been confined to bed in consequence of her extremely stuporid state. The epileptic seizures have been frequent and severe for a month past; she will have many for four or five days in succession and then a day or two of an interval, when she is very restless, leaves her bed and wanders about without purpose not knowing what she does.
- <sup>1871</sup> January 19 For eight days she had three severe epileptic seizures, and her face is turned to one side, cannot articulate distinctly and appears to have had a stroke of paralysis. She is very helpless and last night visited her bed.
- February 14 After last report she commenced to tear the bed clothes with her hands and teeth and unless constantly watched would have a piece in her mouth chewing and was in danger of choking herself. For some time past she has had two thirty-grain doses of chloral, within the twenty-four hours and since she commenced to take it has had one epileptic seizure.
- March 14 Shortly after last report she had an attack resembling apoplexy, her breathing was heavy, she was quite unconscious and appeared about to die. Next day she was a little better, but has since slept or dozed constantly.
- " 19 She continued in the same state as stated in last report, till today she died.
- " 20 Post mortem Examination  
The skull was very soft and easily cut with the saw.  
The dura mater was firmly adherent to the skull and could not be separated from it, had to be removed along with it. Corresponding with the left hemisphere of the brain and on the inner surface of the dura.

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The brain substance was rather soft more especially the corpus callosum.

Cause of death. Apoplexy - Extension disease of brain + membranes.

June, Mr. Kenzie &amp; Sinclair Oct. 33

1824

June 11

Was brought to the Asylum by, from the Southern Police Office and admitted on a warrant granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

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

Prior to admission she was much excited and for the last three nights slept none; she went to the window naked and attempted to go over it and once ran out into the street and required four persons to bring her in.

On admission she was restless, excited, and seemed to be very suspicious when touch she screamed was inclined to be violent and when asked why she did so said she was ill sore. She complains of pain in her back, said first it was sore - in the same breath it was not sore. Said the reason she was going over the window was because she thought the house was falling from the foundation.

Bodily health indifferent: condition arising thus are a number of small incised wounds upon her left hand and forearm.

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She slept for three hours and then became quite outrageous, biting, kicking and striking. It was found necessary to seclude her. Today she still continues excited, is very incoherent, restless and noisy, says she has been here for many days. The catamenia is flowing.

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She continues excited: last night she only slept three hours and fancied that there were beasts in her inside.

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She is now free from excitement - seems to quiet and answers questions coherently, but her memory is impaired and she is rather confused.

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Admitted 11<sup>th</sup> June 1869

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Since last report she has continued to improve. was very quiet, orderly, & worked some and today upon a order from Sheriff Murray she was dismissed.

Cured.

Catherine Forsyth a Park Oct. 49

1869

June 12

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 43 Mill St. Rutherglen and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Rutherglen Parish.

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

This is the second attack of insanity, the duration is uncertain and the cause is not known. She was formerly in ward of this Asylum. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had an unsettled look; frequently wandered about the streets without any apparent purpose, sometimes bare footed and nearly naked at other times dressed as if going to church. Was suspicious of her relations and neighbors had a constant fear of plots against her and did not sleep at night. She several times cut the gas pipe endangering her own and her husband's life.

On admission she was found to be nearly naked, having on only one very thin petticoat and barefooted. She accused herself by saying that she had been seized, taken away from home, denied having cut the gas pipe, but said that her neighbors had a number of keys by which they went into her house when they liked and that it was they that cut the gas pipe and wished to injure her.

Bodily health indifferent: Quicker ordinary. There is a slight abscess on the right leg and she is ruptured on the right side.

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She was quiet during the night, slept four hours and has taken her food. Some fresh oatmeal thin of date 1 1/2 pint, m

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She sleeps well at night and during the day is quiet. She displays great weakness of mind. Judges for good well.

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Admitted 12<sup>th</sup> June 1884

- July 17 She is very quiet and orderly, shops well at night and works during the day. She says that it was the drawing of a net without her husband knowing of it that was the cause of her being sent here.
- August 18 There is no mental change. At present she is very restless and unsettled, complains much of the want of her truss and says the scripture is coming down, which does not appear to be the case.
- September 16 She works in the Laundry and at the visit says that she has got the good will of Miss Rose (another patient) and that she expects to get away at Christmas.
- October 16 She continues to work in the Laundry but whenever she sees any of the Asylum Officials James she runs away from her work to see when she is to get away.
- November 31 There is no mental change. Her mind is very weak, and she is ready to believe anything told her by the other patients. Asks if there is no word from James Park (her husband) or Mr. Thomson (the inspector).
- December 31 At present she is working in the kitchen but requires to be pretty closely watched, nevertheless often manages to run out to make inquiry about getting away. She told the Steward that she wished to give in her time thinking by that means she would get away.
- 1885  
January 11 She is very restless and unhappy, watches and runs after people asking to be let out. Her mind is very weak and she readily believes the most ridiculous things told to her by other patients.
- February 16 She has become so restless and troublesome that she could not be sent out to the kitchen, ran after every person and only hindered the work.

## Catherine Forsyth &amp; Park

1870

March 17

She is very silly and restless always talking about getting away and offering rewards to any one who will let her out of the gate. She says that the reason she was sent here was for buying a pound of herrings when she had gone to get only half a pound.

April 21

She wishes her address to be taken down. Says it is Brough of Parthenon ten miles from Glasgow; Mill Street St 3; James Park; and says she will give a chest of drawers that cost £11 a silk dress a shawl &c to any one who takes her out of this place.

June 9

She is very restless, fumbling and incoherent in her conversation. She often fancies she sees people outside, whom she names and says she knows, wishes to get out to them, and any visitor who passes through the Gallery she seizes hold of and begins to tell her story about the herrings &c.

August 18

Mentally there is no change, but for some time she has not been so restless, is only fazed & checks from fear of being changed to another gallery. At present she is in St 4.

October 13

She is delusional and very weak mentally. She frequently fancies that she sees people outside whom she knows and asks if they have word about her. Is constantly acting to get away and follows every stranger who passes through the Gallery.

December 16

She still fancies that people call for her and that she does not be allowed to see them to speak to, is generally quiet although sometimes rather restless.

1871

February 17

She is becoming more demented and absent, sits much idly and her words are coarse, every few days requiring that she should have a dose of purgation medicine.

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1871

- April 10 Her mind is very weak, but she is generally quiet and sometimes works a little asks if there is any word from James Park and when told no; has nothing more to say.
- June 15 At times she suddenly will start up as if from a reverie and ask some rambling questions, which generally have reference to her getting away to Pittsburgh.
- August 17 Believes anything said to her by the other patients and will sometimes insist that she was told she was to get home. Her mind is very weak, having been here only long.
- October 19 Asks if persons she names is known to the people here and if answered in the negative goes over many more names and when time only says she thought they were known.
- December 4 She goes out to the laundry but does little work, often stands at the door and if she sees any stranger is able to follow her and talk who she is, unless if she know her friends.
- 1872  
February 10 Talks her husband name and address over and over again and does it as if she had never done it before asks if there is an word from home. Bodily health ordinary.
- April 18 Goes out to the laundry and is quiet but does little, is always on the watch for strangers and tries to get talking to them and talking who she is, believes almost anything mistakes.
- June 20 Very quiet and her only conversation is as to when she will get away or if any word has come for her, repeats many names of people and asks if they are known here.
- August 15 Have you got any word for me she will say and then to those whom she know very well will tell whose daughter and whose wife she is and talks very ramblingly.
- October 17 She mistakes the identity of people and tell about people she saw from Pittsburgh but could not get speaking to them, then asks if they brought any word for her.

Agnes Darroch & Downs Oct 42

1869

June 18

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 59 Tobago Street Colton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Barony Paroch.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is ten days and the cause is stated to be - lamenting on the death of children. She is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a vacant look, appeared stupid and wild when spoken to, and would bite and scratch at those about her.

Her husband stated that during the night she would order him to get up and look for the most absurd things.

On admission she was in a very helpless somnolent state, stared when spoken to, made an effort but was quite unable to answer the simplest question.

Bodily health extremely feeble, her lungs, (especially the left) are affected and she is quite unable to stand; there is a small bed sore over the sacrum; condition reduced.

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She slept during the night and her bladder had to be relieved by the catheter. She took food during the night, and ate and drank heartily. She gives no reply when spoken to.

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She has made a very marked and altogether unlooked for improvement since admission. She is now out of bed is employed sewing and talks quite coherently.

July 16

She gradually continued to improve and her bodily health being now pretty good she was today dismissed. - Curran.

Admitted 18<sup>th</sup> June 1884

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Margaret Cherry or Smillie. No. 36

1864

June 21

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 211 New Dalmaroch Road and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Parsony Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is five weeks and the cause is Dejection of her husband. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. No trace hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she had a dull melancholy look and was rather suspicious of all who came near her. She refused to answer questions, would not dress herself, sat holding down her head and often muttered the fear they were coming to take her away. She refused to take any food, often went to the door, and said she did not know where she was going.

On admission she would speak none and had a stupid, confused look. She was suspicious and frightened when any one approached. She would not answer any question, except occasion to say no.

Physically health feeble. Condition reduced.

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She slept about two and a half hours during the night and was upright. She is very stupid and refuses to take her food, was fed by the attendants from a tin of soup but will give no reply when spoken to. There is great redness upon her brow with a divergent squint of the eyes.

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She sleeps very little at night, some times none, and often becomes excited and noisy, screaming and wailing in bed. She is very stupid, always appears to be in dread and refuses to take her food herself.

Admitted 21<sup>st</sup> June 1864

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She sleeps little at night but does not now become so much excited as formerly. Sits up in bed and cannot be induced to lie down, is very stupid and obstinate. Refuses her food and often will not allow the attendants to feed her, is occasionally fed by means of the stomach pump.

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There is no change in her mental state since admission, but she is quieter in consequence of her bodily health becoming more feeble. She is apparently dying.

August 7

Today she died.

Cause of death - Disease of the Brain.

Mary Gibson

1870

from vol. 888 page 673

December 16

The patient is an imbecile.  
She talks in a silly childish manner  
is at times very happy or boisterous and  
again when spoken to will not speak  
and if touch will cry out as if hurt  
saying the word is that. She articulates  
in a childish manner.

1871

January 26

She is in good bodily health  
sometimes talks a little, is silly and  
very variable in her disposition. talks  
about her sweet hearts and is restless  
and uneasy when among the other sex.

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Today she was taken to Greenock  
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Mitchell, Commissioner in Lunacy  
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Barbara McNeill &amp; Cameron 1863

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Was brought to the Asylum today, from July  
 Springfield Chemical Works and admitted as  
 pauper patient chargeable to Rutledge Parish.

This is the first attack of insanity, the August  
 duration is four days and the cause is  
 supposed to be the death of her three children.  
 She is dangerous to others but not suicidal.  
 No known hereditary tendency.

For some time past she had been in  
 a melancholy state, but on Saturday last  
 four days ago, she became excited and  
 quite unmanageable and has since  
 slept none. She talked almost incessantly  
 declared she had seen her husband in  
 the house and that the Devil had also  
 come in, in the form of a black dog.

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

On admission she had on a strait-jacket  
 was excited, restless and incontinent, spitting  
 on her husband's face who was holding her  
 and trying to spit on anyone who came  
 within her reach. She talked incessantly,  
 sometimes in English and sometimes in  
 Gaelic.

Physically health feeble. Condition reduced  
 there is a raw surface on her breast  
 the effect of a laceration.

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She slept none during the night  
 and was very restless, today she is  
 much excited and violent in her conduct  
 injured one of the attendants on the arm.

July 1

The excitement has passed off and  
 she now sleeps pretty well at night (last  
 night six hours). Her pupils are unequal  
 the left being dilated. She has a cough  
 and has been ordered Th. Faracin ℥i. Acid  
 Sulph. dil ℥ss. Sola Chlo ℥i. Aqua D ℥ss  
 A tablespoonful three times a day.

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Her pupils are still unequal and she at times complains of great weakness. Last night she only slept two hours, was sick and vomited bile. She is free from excitement and talks coherently.

August 7

Her bodily health having somewhat improved and no relaps in her mental condition having occurred, she was today dismissed.

Cured.

Jane Miller

1864

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June 25

Was brought to the Asylum today from 201 London Road, Brighton and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Haringey Parish.

She is twenty-one years of age, single a Winder and a Protestant.

She was an inmate of Quinsley Asylum from August 1864 till July 1865. The duration of the existing attack is stated to be two days and the cause religion. It is both suicidal and dangerous to others. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was greatly excited, violent in conduct and language and had delusions regarding evil spirits. Stated that she prayed souls into hell while others prayed them out. Threatened to murder one of the physicians who saw her for something she imagined he had done to her.

On admission she was incoherent excited, restless and noisy. She sat with her elbows on the table and her head in her hands, was irritable, would not raise nor raise her head and made use of bad language when spoken to.

Bodily health and condition ordinary.

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She slept none during the night and was noisy, singing, would not lie in bed but knocked at the door of her room. Today she is very noisy and excited.

July 1

She is incoherent and much excited very restless and often noisy at night. She is destructive in her habits and violent in her conduct.

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She continues excited and noisy does not sleep at night and is violent and dangerous in her conduct. Her language is quite incoherent and she is extremely irritable.

Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> June 1869

- August 13 She now generally sleeps pretty well at night, but during the day she is extremely restless and irritable, ready to strike when spoken to or touched. Talks incoherently. She takes her food well.
- September 7 She is again restless and noisy at night but during the day she is not so irritable as formerly although she still occasionally attempts to strike appears to have more control over her actions as she occasionally raises her hand as if to strike and stops muttering to herself.
- " 23 Since last report she has improved very much has commenced to work, sleeps well at night, is free from excitement and answers questions coherently.
- October 7 Having continued to improve she was today dismissed. —  
 cured.

Mary McDonald. Oct. 20

1869

- June 25 Was brought to the Asylum today, from Govan Poorhouse and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Govan Parish. She is forty years of age, single, was a Domestic Servant and is a Protestant. It is not known whether this is the first attack and the duration of the exciting attack is stated to be a few days and the cause not known but she is affected with Paralysis. She is neither suicidal nor dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.
- Prior to admission she was inconstant, memory defective, and dull and stupid in her manner and actions and had delusions about men and marriages.
- On admission she was quiet but quite silly and childish in conduct and speech. Her articulation is much impeded from Paralysis, but she walks tolerably steadily. Tact is a childish manner of being strong and thin being the best. Her health very indifferent besides eating.
- " 26 She slept four hours during the night and was quiet. Today she is quiet, quite happy, and childish.
- July 3 She is quiet and sleeps well at night. She is quite incapable of doing any work but is clean in her habits and takes her food well.
- " 24 She is quite happy, very childish. Says she is strong, her articulation is much impeded and her gait is walking somewhat tottering.
- August 13 There is no change, she takes her food well and is very happy and childish, is much pleased when spoken to.
- September 11 She sometimes, but seldom cries without any apparent cause, likes to be spoken to and is very easily pleased.

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Admitted 25<sup>th</sup> June 1869

- October 21 There is no change whatever since admission, she always occupies the same seat, calls the Medical Assistant Captain and at the visits before she is approached begins to tell that she is strong &c.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> She takes her food well, is generally very happy, quite childish and is quite unable to do anything. Her speech is much impeded from general paralysis.
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January 28 She is generally childishly happy, is much pleased when spoken to and at the visits always holds out her hand to have it shaken. She sometimes cries without cause but is again well in a minute or so.
- March 8 She has been a little excited and threatening violence in a very incoherent manner. She is in the usual health.
- April 21 She is very slow and unsteady in all her movements, sits and looks about her and is generally very happy. Talks very incoherently.
- June 9 She is occasionally noisy at night and more and again during the day is quieter and violent, she is very incoherent, quite fatigued. She takes her food well.
- August 18 She has been restless lately in consequence of her generally paralyzed state and is in a very helpless condition. Says she is strong. She has been put to bed, and ordered a draught three times daily with ℥ss. Murr. Serr. + ℞ss. Syllin.
- October 13 She is quite fatigued, at times laughs and cries alternately without any cause. Since last report she has been occasionally violent. It is the ordinary case in consequence of her helpless state.
- December 18 The paralysis is advancing and she is gradually becoming more helpless, can hardly articulate and is in great danger of falling when she attempts to walk. She is very fatigued.
- See page 401

Agnes Gardner

Oct. 21

1869

June 26

Was brought to the Asylum today from Barnhill Workhouse and admitted as a pauper patient, chargeable to Parson, Miss.

She is twenty-one years of age, single a true born Weaver and a Protestant.

It is not stated whether this is the first attack, but the duration is twelve days and the cause is not known.

She is dangerous to others but not to herself. No known hereditary tendency.

Prior to admission she was acutely maniacal, refused to take food but in stupid expression of countenance was perfectly incoherent in her speech and stared wildly when spoken to.

On admission her expression was like that of an imbecile and at first when spoken to she stared but gave no reply. After being put to bed she was able to talk her name and said she had worked in Grant's Mill.

Physical health very feeble; condition pellucid. There are a number of scars over the gluteal and crural upon the hand the result of a blister.

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She did not sleep and was restless and noisy, calling out mother the greater part of the night. She does not lie down properly in bed.

July 6

She is very demented and often roars at night calling for her mother. She is confined to bed and is very helpless. She is not attentive to the calls of nature has to be attended to like a child.

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She sleeps very little at night - last night only about one hour but sometimes sleeps during the day. Her health is extremely feeble and she is quite demented.

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Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> June 1869

August 15<sup>th</sup> For some nights past she has slept rather better but otherwise there is no change. She has a very waxy look and passes large quantities of urine; the catheter has been often to be used to keep her dry. She stares when spoken to but gives no reply, very semantose.

September 16<sup>th</sup> There is almost no change. She has had iron and other tonics with no apparent advantage; she has still the same waxy look and when awake lies in bed with her head raised off the pillow and stares incessantly. She takes her food pretty well.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> She is still confined to bed and continues much in the same state as on admission. She can tell her name and that she was a weaver, but any other simple question seems to be quite a mystery to her.

November 17<sup>th</sup> There is very little change since last report, she is confined to bed. She can tell her name but to any other question gives no reply but stares inquiringly and sometimes smiles. Refuses medicine.

December 18<sup>th</sup> Since the last report there has been a very marked and sudden improvement. Within the last week her mind has cleared up and she answers questions coherently, has begun to knit and two evenings ago was at the concert. *Alaisprosmic* and in very feeble bodily health; has been ordered a tonic of Quinine & Iron.

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January 1<sup>st</sup> She was today dismissed. —  
to her bed.

Mary Bogle

Oct. 56

1869

June 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from  
Barnhill Poorhouse and admitted as a  
pauper patient chargeable to Barry Parish. 187  
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She is fifty-six years of age, single,  
a millworker and a Protestant.

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

Prior to admission she was frightened  
to lie down at night, and delirious  
under the delusion that there was a  
black man about her back, had  
a vacant and listless stare except  
when her paroxysms of dread came on. Mars

On admission she was very quiet  
and appeared to be somewhat demented.  
She said that appearances of wars  
and old battles passed before her eye  
and that she did not sleep well at  
night. Her memory is impaired. April

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Bodily health very feeble. Condition revised.  
She slept none during the night but  
was quiet, coughed much. She has taken  
her food. May

July 6

She is very quiet, does nothing and  
occasionally talks to herself in sometimes  
sleepless at night and talks aloud.  
She takes her food pretty well but her  
bodily health is very indifferent.

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Last night she did not sleep and  
was noisy fancied that some person  
was taking liberties with her. Today she  
is quiet.

August 1

She is now quiet and apparently free  
from delusion. She sleeps well at night.

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She was today dismissed —  
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Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> June 1869

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Mary Mc. Donald  
from page 397

She is confined to bed and is in an extremely helpless state, requires to be fed and everything done for her like an infant. She sometimes cries, but smiles when spoken to and almost the only word she says is 'Captain'.

There is little apparent change since last report; she takes her food pretty well when fed; lies with her head raised off the pillow.

She has become more fretful and noisy, frequently screams out loudly as if in pain, but when spoken to smiles, seems pleased and can only sound out 'I'. She is beginning to loose flesh.

She is noisy night and day, quite helpless and very uncleanly in her habits. Bedsores have formed over the sacrum and both trochanters and the power of deglutition is much impaired.

For the last two days she has remained in a comatose state and this evening died

Post mortem Examination

Head - Skull thick. Dura mater slightly adherent. Arachnoid opaque. Between the arachnoid membrane and the brain there was a thick coat of serous-pyogenic fluid, which on the membrane being cut, flowed away in large quantity. When the brain was removed there was a large quantity of serum on the base of the skull. The brain substance was all very soft and the left hemisphere where the anterior and middle lobes and the cerebellum rested on the base of the skull was of a brownish yellow colour. The anterior inferior part of the middle lobe was creamy soft and broken up.

Cause of death. - Extensive softening of brain with effusion and diseased membranes.

Ann Primrose or Burns Dec. 30

1849

June 26

Was brought to the Asylum today, from 1 Herbertson Street, and admitted as a pauper patient chargeable to Govon Parish.

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

This is the first attack of insanity, the duration is a few days and the cause is child birth. She is bold, violent and dangerous to others. Hereditary tendency not known.

Prior to admission she was restless and excited, had delusions as to being in heaven and hell, wished to be rid of her life.

On admission she was free from excitement. Stared about her gave no reply when spoken to and appeared not to understand anything said to her. Her husband says that about eight weeks ago she gave birth to a child (the fifth) and that she nursed it till a week ago.

Bodily health very feeble. Condition reduced. The mammae are large & hard and cording.

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She slept more during the night and was restless and noisy. She was fed by the attendants. She no longer appears to understand anything said to her.

July 1

She sleeps little or none at night is restless, but does not speak nor give any reply when spoken to. She is fed by the attendants and her bladder has always to be relieved by means of the catheter. Pulse extremely quick.

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Her mind appears to be quite gone and she is in a very helpless state. The catamenia? has commenced to flow and is coming away in clots? Bladder still relieved by catheter. Pulse 150: 2nd

July 3

Oct. 30

Admitted 26<sup>th</sup> June 1864

July 6

This morning her breathing became slow & laboured and about midday she died.

Cause of death - Fracture of Brain

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