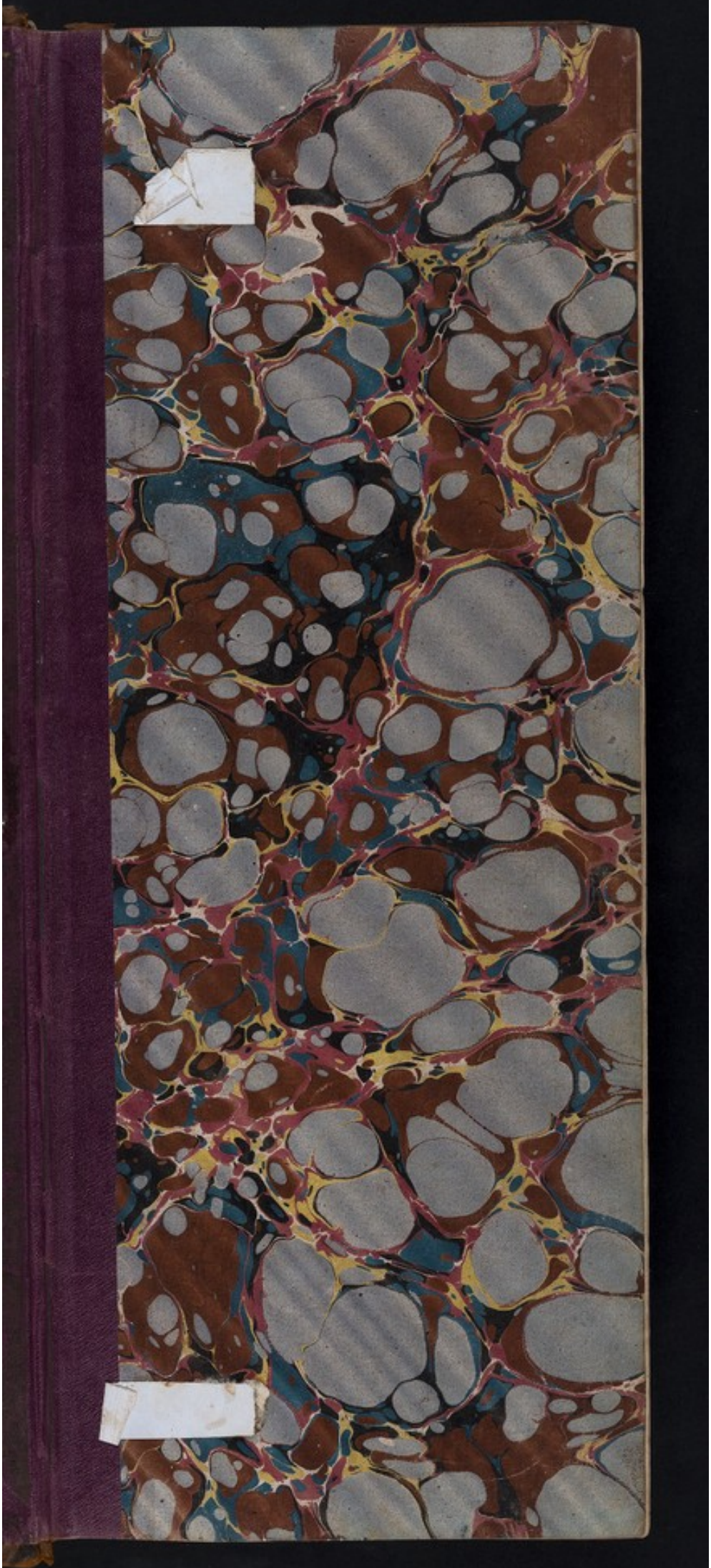

Oliver Barker ad: pm p. 91

1851
Jany 31. Is frequently noisy during the day as well as the night. Is inoffensive when not interfered with, but sticks when meddled with: When in the airing court walks up and down: then stops, throws back his head and shouts at the loudest pitch of his voice - Takes his food well and enjoys excellent health -

Feby 28. Conducts himself in the same manner as formerly - Besides shouting he makes a great noise by rapping at the gallery and bedroom doors - Health good

March 31 Is not less noisy than formerly - never speaks when addressed - shuns all conversation: is frequently very excited - Contrary to his usual custom - he gave sensible replies, when asked some particulars for the Census.

April 30 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports.

May 31. Is now less noisy than formerly during the night having been put into a room with a double door - In other respects there is no change

June 30 Is in his usual state. noisy at times Is frequently on his knees in the airing court in the attitude of prayer, before his bonnet suspended upon a bush -

July 31. No change in mental or bodily state. Is noisy at times both day and night - Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31. Is in the same state as before Bodily health continues good. Appetite and functions normal.

Sept 30 Continues unchanged in habits and peculiarities - Mutters and talks to himself - If interfered with indulges in a paroxysm of swearing.

Oct. 31. Is in his usual state. Shouts & mutters a noise night and day - Frequently sits down on his knees before his neckcloth spread out upon a stick, & goes through a great many gesticulations - Bodily health.

Nov 30 Is in the same state as at foregoing report

Dec 31. Is as noisy as ever both by night and day - Is in excellent health.

1852
Jany 31. There is no improvement in mental state since last report. Is noisy. Health good.

Feby 28. Is in his usual state. Meddles with no one - Shouts as much as ever.

March 31 Health is good - Mental state & peculiarities are the same as previously reported.

April 30. There is no change in any respect since Report —

Admitted May 23d. 1839.

1852

May 31 Continues as previously reported. Health excellent —

June 30 — No change or improvement. Was quiet for a few days after he put on his new clothes

July 31 Is in his usual state. Is as noisy as ever both by night and day. Is very angry if interfered with. Does not ad[illegible] or interfere with any one if not himself interfered with — Will strike if meddled with. Is in excellent health —

Aug 31. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports — Is allowed to walk round the grounds & conducts himself with propriety if not interfered with, except that he gives a shout occasionally —

Sept 30 Is in his usual state. Walks out twice daily with the other patients and is in excellent health. Is very noisy in the house —

Oct 31 — Is in all respects as at foregoing reports

Nov 30 Is in good health — Habits and manners are unchanged —

Dec 31. Is in his usual state. Is as noisy as ever. Goes through a great deal of gesticulation with his arms gets down on his knees in the attitude of prayer. Is much delighted with the singing and music at the concerts.

1853

Jany 31 Shouts during the day and also the night as formerly. Makes a noise by beating upon his shutter & door. Seldom speaks to any one —

Feby 28 Calls upon the Duke of Wellington at the top of his voice. Has many amusing conversations with himself or imaginary messages and seems to be in great glee.

March 31 Is in his usual health. Is quite incoherent in his language. Is never violent. Shakes his doors & shutter first unmercifully with his hands or feet.

April 30 Is in excellent health. Takes his food well. & a great deal of exercise both without and within doors

May 31 Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

June 30 Is not quite so noisy. Has had his pots fixed in his room so that he cannot use them as a weapon.

July 31 Is in his usual health. Shouts as before. Coughs in the airing court and during the night. Takes his food well and seems to be robust.

So far 1847

David Blayde ad: from p. 99. Vol XVI

1851
January 31. Walks about with an air of great consequence and speaks as if the gallery were entrusted to his care: complains of the want of a key and of people, females especially coming in without his permission and annoying him. When he mood is good tempered and easily managed, but when crossed, get into a great rage & passion of swearing.
Health fair:

Febry 28. No perceptible change either in mental or bodily state since last report. Is very fond of drs. and gaudy colours. Goes to the airing court or billiard room daily but not does not engage in the amusements of his fellow patients. Asked to have a book of travels which was sent friend to him, but he never reads
Health is good

March 31. Was taken lately along with his fellow patients to a social exhibition of views with the Magic Lantern - chromatrope &c with which he was highly delighted. Is very fond of bright and gaudy colours. Incoherence in conversation continues as great as ever. Is in his usual state of bodily health - never takes medicine except disguised in the most pleasant vehicles.

April 30. There has been no change in the mental or bodily state of this patient since last report.

May 31. Is in his usual state - at times sulky and angry - at other times is more pleasant and conversable. Incoherence very marked.

June 30 There is no change in his mental or bodily state - Conversation quite incoherent & unintelligible. Is very irritable if interfered with.

July 31. Struts about as usual in a very consequential manner. Does not deign to take his meals with the other patients but waits till they have finished. Is incoherent & full of delusions as before.

Aug 31 Incoherence & delusions continue as before. Is in his usual health of body.

Sept 30. No change in mental or bodily state since last report

Oct 31. Is as incoherent and full of delusions as ever. Is very cross tempered if interfered with: is in good bodily health

Nov 30 Peculiarities of habits and manner and conversation continue as marked as before. Is in good bodily health.

Admitted February 16: 1839.

1851
Dec 24. Has been complaining of pain in the stomach and has taken his food irregularly for a day –
℞. Le Rhei Co ʒij
Le Jalap ʒj.
Syrup Sulp ʒij Sum stat.

1852
Jany 31. Incoherence continues as marked as ever – Is at one time short tempered & swears, at another is pleasant & peaceable. Is in fair health.

Feby 28. Continues to be quite incoherent & full of delusions about people, more especially women, annoying him – talks as then very heartily. Is in good health.

March 31. Is in the same state mental and bodily as described in foregoing reports –

April 30 peculiarities of manner & conversation continue as before – Is quite incoherent and unintelligible – will not sit at table with the rest – eats standing.

May 31 Is in his usual state. Noisy at times when annoyed by his imaginary visitors –

June 30 Complained lately that he was prevented from making water – His bladder was found distended – when the Catheter was attempted to be put in he jumped up & said he could make his water & that he accordingly did.

July 31. Is in his usual state. At one time is very talkative and good humoured – though his conversation is quite incoherent, at another is very irritable & swears against imaginary people who trouble him – Is thin & in healthy aspect; seldom or never complains in respect of his health. Has a point of parting hair –

Aug 31. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports –

Sept 31 Is in good bodily health. Mental imbecility and incoherence is as marked as ever –

Oct 31 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily –

Nov 30 There is no change in mental or bodily condition since last report. Takes an interest in and contributes to the weekly concerts –

Dec 31. Is still as incoherent as ever. Swears a great deal at imaginary persons who trouble him. Is thin & unhealthy looking.

1853
Jany 31. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily –

Feby 28 There is no change in any respects since last report.

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Andrew Hodge ret: from vol XVI p 98.

1851
Jany. 31. Bodily health continues good: but delusion continues as strong and fixed as ever - Says he is always very ill in pain and bloody fixtures' - Demands tonic medicine to make him angelic or to be sent away home to E.N.Y. asks for pills and gunpowder pills vinegar, wine, beer &c

Feby 28. There has been no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Character and intensity of delusions continue the same. Takes his food pretty well. has occasional drives in the carriage + walks about the grounds.

March 31. Is always discontented and in want of medicine to make him angelic - seldom reads - Is a very excellent character

April 30. Continues to ask daily for pills to remove the beast and bloody fixtures' and to state that it is a fine day for going home - In other respects in his usual state

May 31. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports.

June 30 Is in his usual state - says he is very dull & there is nothing but an angel him behind the door - Is constantly asking for changes - Gets carriage exercise occasionally -

July 31. Is still afflicted with "the beast in his inside" and the "boring pains + bloody fixtures" Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31 Delusions continue as strong as ever - General health good.

Sept 30 There is no change in any respect either in mental or bodily state since last report

Oct 31. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily - Gets a drive in the carriage and ornaments occasionally -

Nov 30. Is in good bodily health - Delusions continue - Makes frequent demands for pills, powders, wine, oil &c

Dec 25. Was visited by his relations today who brought him a supply of confectionery for which he has a great desire

1852
July 28. Since last report there has been nothing worthy of remark. Delusions and peculiarities detailed in foregoing reports still continue in their full force his general health is good -

April 30 Is in the same state as previously reported - Is still troubled with the "Beast" the "boring pains and bloody fixtures" &c Is in good bodily health -

Admitted 28: November 1831.

1832
June 30 – Is in all respects as described in preceding reports.

July 31 Delusions continue as before. Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31 – No change in mental or bodily state. Delusions are unchanged.

Septe 30 Is in his usual state. Peculiarities of habits & conversation & delusions continue the same. Is disagreeable to the other patients on account of ejectations which he imagines to be the bellowing of the 'Bull' which is in his belly –

Octo 31. Continues in all respects as described in preceding reports –

Nov 30 Is in good bodily health. Delusions are as strong as ever –

Dec 31. His delusions continue the same as before. Bodily health is good.

1833
Jany 31 Is constantly asking for magnetic needles or to remove the fetters asks the same things day after day without intermission – Delusions are as strong as ever.

Feby 28 Continues the same as described in foregoing reports.

March 31 In his usual health. No improvement in mental state. Delusions the same as before.

April 30 Day after day urges his complaints about 'boring pains and bloody fires' demanding either a cure for them or to get 'away home' Enjoys good health.

May 31 Mental state continues without any visible change – Bodily health is good –

June 30 Is in his usual state. Delusions continue as before – Bodily health is excellent.

July 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing report

Aug 31 There is no change in any respect. Is in good health.

Sept 30 Delusions and habits are the same as before.

Oct 31st Continues very quiet – voluntarily asked advice of Dr Stewart as to how he might get rid of his "boring pains & bloody fires" – some time after the latter came him. –

Dec 31st no change in bodily or mental condition. –

1834
Mch 27. Is in the habit of writing long disjointed letters to his father, filled with his very peculiar delusions, & in peculiar mixture & spelling. G. H. Good.
Fol. 172.

John Lang Ad: from Vol XVI. p. 123.

1851
January 1. Is somewhat improved - Is very confused deaf and defective in memory: Is unsteady in gait. Bowels rather costive for which he has occasional doses of laxative medicine - appetite is very strong -

Feby 28 Has enjoyed pretty good health since last report - considering the infirmity which old age entails - Is still very unsteady in gait and confused in mind.

March 31. Seems to be considerably improved in general health; but in other respects is the same as at former reports -

April 30. Is very unsteady in gait - Is sometimes rather elevated in spirits - at other times is depressed - General health is good.

May 31. Is in all respects in the same state as described in foregoing reports -

June 30 Is in pretty good bodily health - Mind is very weak - Is very unsteady in gait appetite is good and bowels regular -

July 31. Bodily health continues good: No change in mental state.

Aug 5. His friends having determined to remove him, he was this day discharged

Relieved

Readmitted 6: September 1850.

John M'Carter act.

from Vol. XVI p. 101 &.

1851

Jany 22. Was today transferred from the East to the West House.

31. Is very noisy during the night - Will not go the airing court when the other patients are there - When sent out by himself - gets very noisy and excited, swearing and inveighing against his enemies - Imagines that particular persons have a spite against him & will not hesitate to throw impediments against them - Is given to mathematical studies & reading works on natural philosophy. Is always discontented. accuses his friends and relatives of ill using him

Feby 28. Has lately taken a great spite against one of his fellow patients who never speaks to or interferes with him. wrote a petition to the Sheriff about him. Threw a chamber utensil at him, which fortunately missed him - In consequence of this he was secluded in his apartment. Says that he did not intend to strike him. Writes furious letters to his relatives and seems to be discontented with every body and every thing.

March 31 Was lately visited by one of his brothers and walked with him to the Botanic Gardens. At his brothers request he is sent occasionally to the Gardens with an attendant and he has been removed to another gallery. There is no possibility of satisfying his demands.

Health is good.

April 30. Is frequently much excited and goes out to the airing court by himself to give vent to his feelings in loud harangues full of swearing and blasphemous language -

May 31 - Is still inclined to be noisy and troublesome - Is of a most unsociable disposition - Shuns his fellow patients on all occasions - Eats and sits by himself -

June 24. Having been insulting in his language to his fellow patients and threatening to strike he was today confined to his room

27. On promise of good behaviour he was today allowed to leave his apartment

July 31. Is frequently much excited and goes out the airing court & makes long and loud harangues against his wife and relatives - Calls the medical officers 'fiend apaphins' - Is thin though in the enjoyment of good health

Admitted 26. November 1847.

1851
Augt 31. Is still making loud harangues & indulging in unlimited anathemas against his enemies – Is very sarcastic – his uses very rigorous language

Sept 30. At his own request has been removed to his former gallery and been allowed to sleep in a dormitory. but in consequence of his cursing & swearing during the night he had to be removed to an apartment by himself.

Oct 31. Is in his usual state. Is full of complaint against his relations – Is in correspondence with his Solicitor in Dublin by permission of the Sheriff – Is as noisy as ever in the airing court – Is full of delusions –

Novr 30 There is no change in mental state since last report – utters loud vivid denunciations when in the airing court – Has antipathies (quite groundless) against many of his fellow patients & will associate with none of them –

Dec 4. During last night he destroyed and tore to pieces his carpet bag. Both clothes &c which he had in his room with him – Made no noise during the night and was not heard by the attendant who was watching a patient close at hand – will give no explanation – Does not speak and lies in bed

9. Has kept his bed till today when he has risen and got on a canvas dress –

1852
Jany 7. Has again been in seclusion for the last three days. Is out today –

July 28 Is generally very noisy both during the night and in the airing court which he frequents only when the rest are in the house and gives vent to the most obscene and blasphemous language.

March 31 Continues in his usual excess of shouting at the top of his voice – blaspheming and swearing – Is very peculiar in the arrangement of his bed – putting a canvas stretcher up at an angle of 45° – he places himself in a half sitting and half lying posture –

April 30 Is very taciturn in so far as conversation is concerned – but loud and long in his harangues in the open air – Indulges in the foulest inventions –

May 31. Is in his usual state – following his usual course of life –

June 30 He takes a good deal to his own room – He gets offended with his fellow patients whatever part of the house he is sent to.

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William M'Gough. ad: 80.

from Vol XVI p. 109.

1851

Jany 31. Is quite imbecile: bodily health is very good - Has frequent carriage exercise - and goes out to the airing court. Reads a little occasionally - Is offensive in his habits and irritable in temper.

Feby 28. Continues in all respects as described in the foregoing reports.

March 31. No change in mental or bodily health since last report.

April 30 Is generally quiet and easily managed though somewhat obstinate & self-willed - Requires great attention to diet to prevent his bowels being relaxed, which always makes him offensive - Secretions have a highly offensive smell -

May 31 - Is quiet and imbecile - goes out in the carriage almost daily - General health tolerably good - appetite very great.

June 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily - Has regular exercise both in the carriage & in walking -

July 31. Is in excellent health. Is frequently troubled with a relaxed state of the bowels - and also works himself during the day, causing, to be somewhat offensive - Has regular exercise. Has a keen appetite.

Aug 31. Continues to enjoy good bodily health. Mental imbecility is as great as ever. Is frequently offensive in his habits in consequence of incontinence both of urine & fæces

Sept 30. Is rather improved in habits is in good bodily health. Mental state as before.

Octr 31. Is in his usual state. Is apt to dirty & his secretions have a very offensive odour - Has a good appetite - Takes regular exercise in the carriage & airing court -

Novr 30. Is very peculiar in many respects and of an observing turn of mind - Holds a great deal of conversation with himself - Is in good bodily health

Decr 31. Is in all respects as formerly reported. Is in excellent health - Countenance calm as before -

1852

Jany 31 His infirmities & incontinence continue His general health considering his advanced age is good. Has a powerful appetite -

Feby 28. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily -

March 31. Goes out daily in the carriage & takes exercise in the airing court - functions regular - Health good.

Admitted 26. September 1835

1852
April 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily –

May 31. There no change in any respect worth noticing since last report.

June 30. Is in his usual state – Was visited by his brother this wife and seemed to be pleased with the visit

July 31 Is very infirm and imbecile – Enjoys a good appetite – Incontinence continues –

Aug 31. There is no change either in mental or bodily state since last report.

Septr 30 – Is in his usual state. Goes out regularly

Octr 31 Has been observed to be unwell for two or three days, but till today could not be persuaded to stay in bed – He has considerable oppression in his breathing says he feels no pain. There is dullness on both sides of the chest, with loud mucous ronchi – Takes his food pretty well – passes his urine in bed – Has considerable straining at stool without passing any thing – Will not allow an injection –

Applr Nascat. thorax.

Let him have a dose of Castor oil (ʒj) – when he can be got to take it.

Nov 1. Oppression in breathing continues much abtd. Is very obstinate and unwilling to have any thing done for him Expressed a desire to get up and see the clock and the water closet door shut – things which he has been long accustomed to attend to when going about. Bowels open. Urine passed involuntarily –

12 Nov. Oppression in breathing continues. Has considerable difficulty in expectorating. Has little or no cough. Let blisters be applied on both sides of chest – Let him have beef tea and wine.

3. Blisters have risen well without affording any relief. Is evidently getting worse. Was seen by Dr Pagan who prescribed the following powder.

℞. P. Ipecac Co gr xviij
Hydr c. Creta gr xxxvi. Misce
div in pulvis xv. sum un quatis in die

3. The whole of the chest at sides & on front has been freely blistered. No relief to breathing – Bowels opened by small doses of Castor oil – Let small doses of sp. aeth nitros. with spirits from time to time.

4 Is gradually getting worse. Breathing loud and laborious. Is evidently sinking At 10.20 AM.

Died

Thomas Todd aet: from Vol XVI p. 89

1851
Jany 31. Is in a state of great mental imbecility - Is of a gross habit of body. Eats enormously when he can get the opportunity -

Feby 28. Is frequently discontented & has many complaints of being disturbed during the night by his fellow patients - In all respects is as at former reports

March 31. Is quiet and easily managed - Would not have the quantity allowed him if he could get it. Is in good bodily health No improvement in mental state.

April 30. Bodily habit is very gross and mental vigour much impaired - goes out to work in the garden occasionally - General health is good -

May 31. Is in all respects mental and bodily as at foregoing reports -

June 30 Is in good bodily health. Is very weak-minded & of an indolent disposition. Declines going out to work -

July 31. Is in good bodily health. Mental vigour greatly impaired -

Aug 31. Bodily health continues good. No improvement in mental state.

Sept 30. Continues in all respects as at foregoing reports

Oct 31 - Is in his usual state. gross in body and dull in mind -

Nov 30. Is in good bodily health. Mental state is unchanged

Dec 31. Is in excellent health. Amuses himself with playing upon the drum at on which he performs at the Rock House concerts.

1852
Jany 31. Is in his usual state. Has been performing at various concerts upon his favourite instrument the drum - Is in good health -

Feby 28. Is in all respects as at foregoing report -

March 31 - Mental imbecility continues as marked as ever - Is very fond of working with the attendant and rendering him assistance in his duties - Does not go out to the airing court

April 30 Continues to enjoy excellent health. Mental state unchanged -

May 31 - Is quiet & well conducted - is very imbecile - Is of a gross habit of body - Appetite is powerful -

June 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports -

July 31. Is dull & stupid - Is quite childish and imbecile. His great hobby is playing the drum - which he gets occasionally for instruments of great annoying his fellow-patients -

Admitted 17 January 1847.

1852
Aug 31 Mental imbecility is as marked as ever. Has a voracious appetite and is of a gross habit of body. General health is good.

Sept 30 In his usual state of mental imbecility. General health good —

Oct 31 In all respects as described in preceding reports.

Nov 30 In his usual state. No improvement in mental state. Bodily health good.

Dec 5 In bed today. Suffering from a rather severe cold. Is feverish. Tongue dry. Bowels neg, costive. Has had two doses of salts, without producing any satisfactory result. Let him have an enema.

7. In still in bed. Bowels are now open. On examination the right side of chest has been found to be dull over nearly the whole of its extent — This state seems to be of old standing — the result of some previous inflammation — combined with the deposition of tuberculous matter.

31. There is no improvement in internal symptoms. Some dyspnoea with cough —

℞. Tr opii Camph ℥j
Syrup Tolu. ℥i
Syrup Simp. ℥ij
Aqua ℥iv — M
Cap. cochl. magn. hor. neg —
℞ Ol Jec Aselli ℥xvi
Cap cochl. magn. bis in die

1853
Jany 31 There is no improvement in general health. Takes his food well. State of the right lung highly tuberculous — Buffin Valve in

Feby 28. In gradually sinking weaker has oedema of lower extremities which is relieved by the recumbent posture — Cough troublesome — Sputa mucopurulent. Cont

March 31 In not improved — Cannot lie got down in bed. Is quite childish. Is sinking gradually weaker — cont

April 30 Right lung very much disorganized — Left fairly healthy. Expectoration considerable — Oedema of the lower extremities rapidly increases by walking or keeping the upright posture

May 31 Still takes his food well, but is rapidly sinking — Right lung hopelessly disorganized —

June 14 Having gradually sunk and great dyspnoea supervened he this day

Died

Robert Dunlop Laurie aet 41.

1851.
Febry. 22. Was brought to the Asylum today by a surgeon from Dunoon –
Has been very intemperate for some time past – About eight days ago attempted to destroy himself by stabbing himself with a knife – The wound is directly over the seat of the heart – The knife having wounded the black upon one of the ribs, passed downwards, penetrating the muscular parts for several inches –
On admission is quiet and good-natured – The wound is nearly healed Has a slight degree of tremor –
28. Since admission has conducted himself with propriety – Is good natured Employs himself a good deal in reading wound is now well – general health good
March 15. Enjoys good bodily health. Is weak-minded and of an easy quiet disposition Walks out daily – Reads and plays billiards – Is rather fastidious about his food – General health excellent.
31. There has been no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Walks reads and amuses himself as formerly.
April 31. Continues to enjoy good health – Employs and amuses himself as formerly
May 15. Disposition seems very facile & mind weak – In conversation is very apt to repeat the same thing over & over again Is very fond of playing billiards in which he is employed daily – Reads a good deal
31. Is little changed in any respect. Is of very full habit of body – Is very particular about his diet – Has a great fondness for beer –
June 30 Is in good bodily health – Is weak in intellect and in conversation repeats the same statement over and over again – Employs a great part of his time in the billiard room – and reads a good deal – Appetite continues strong with a very decided penchant for beer –
Bowels are costive & require the use of purgatives –
July 31. Is very weak minded. Repeats the same statement over and over. Amuses himself with billiards and reads a good deal – Bodily health good
Aug 31. Is in the same state as described in foregoing reports. Gets very hilarious at times. Bowels require the use of powerful purgatives.

Admitted 22 February 1851.

1851 Sept 30. Has a very powerful appetite and is of a very corpulent habit of body. Exhibits in conversation a very imbecile state of mind — Is in good bodily health —

Octr 31. His principal concern is about what he has to eat and drink — and is very ready to find fault if any thing he gets is not completely to his taste — Reads a good deal — Mental imbecility is very marked in conversation & argument —

Nov 30. Is in his usual state of robust health. Is haughty and distant at times employs himself as usual: No change in mental state

Dec 31 — Is in excellent health. Is occasionally troubled with sore throat, which is removed by several applications of the lunar caustic —

1852 Jany 28. Is confined to bed with a severe attack of Inflammatory Sore throat Let hot applications be applied both externally and internally —

℞ ℞ Solap 3ij
Cal pius stat.

29. Inflammation is still severe — Can only swallow fluids & soft meat — Continue the application

Hab ay. and Acetum Sanf —

31. Is perspiring very freely & symptoms are abating —

Feby 7. Is now quite recovered and able to be out of bed —

28. Is still continuing well — Mental state is the same as described in foregoing reports —

March 31 Is in excellent bodily health — Talks rationally — Cannot bear contradiction — Is impatient to get away —

April 30 Is in better spirits — as he is now sufficiently well as to have the prospect of being discharged before long —

May 31 Continues well.

June 26 Arrangements having been completed for his removal & his Father having come for the purpose of taking him home he was this day discharged

Cured

Hugh Kerr: aet

from Vol.

1851

3 March — Was transferred today from the East to the West House –

31 — Continues as at forgoing reports – Is very weakminded – Is quiet and easily managed – In conversation repeats the same thing over and over again –

April 30. — Health continues good – no improvement in mental state. Speaks little to others – talks much to himself –

May 31. — Is very imbecile – when lead into conversation repeats the same statements over and over again – Is quiet and easily managed –

June 30 — Is in his usual state – Thinks he is the king of Normandy &c – Is in good bodily health

July 31. — Imagines that he is the Duke of Normandy and has extensive possessions & great wealth. Is quite imbecile.

Aug 31. — Is in good bodily health. Is generally taciturn – Imbecility of mind as great as ever.

Septr 30 — Is in all respects as described in forgoing reports –

Octr 31. — Is generally taciturn – confining his conversation to himself. His delusions continue unabated –

Nov 30 — Is in good bodily health. Is very weakminded & full of delusions –

Decr 31. — Peculiarities of habits & manners continue as before. Delusions are unchanged. Health is excellent.

1852 Jany 31. — Is quiet – never reads – seldom speaks unless addressed – speaks readily on the subject of his family – his estates, his dukedom &c – Health is good –

Febr 28. — Is in his usual state – Is quite imbecile – amuses himself as a child – Talks to himself – Is in good health –

March 31. — Is in all respects as at forgoing reports.

April 30 — There is no change either in mental or bodily state since last report –

May 31 — Is in his usual state. Health continues good – Delusions continue –

June 30 — Is in the same state both of body and mind as previously reported

July 31. — Is full of extraordinary delusions about a vast amount of property, many titles &c which belong to him. Is of a gluttonous propensity. Is of a very fine habit of body, but enjoys good health.

Aug 31. — Is in his usual state. Very weakminded and full of delusions – Is in good health.

Admitted June 13 1842.

1842
Sept 30. Delusions continue. Imbecility continues as great as ever. Enjoys good bodily health.

Oct 31. Is in his usual state both bodily & mental. Functions regular. General health is good —

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Dec 31 Continues the same as before. Delusions are unchanged. Is very quiet and generally taciturn. Sang a good many songs at the Weekly Concert

1843
Jany 31 There is no change either in mental ~~state~~ or bodily state.

Feby 28. Manifests very great imbecility both in conduct and conversation. His mind is as full of delusions as ever — Is thin and very feeble in frame, but seems to enjoy good health.

March 31 — Is in his usual health. Mental state without change. Delusions as before.

April 30 Is quiet and imbecile. Is in his usual health.

May 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing report.

June 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily.

July 31. General health good. Mind unimproved —

Aug 31 Is very quiet and taciturn. Sits muttering to himself. Is in good health.

Sept 30 Is quite imbecile and full of delusions about himself and his property. Is in good health

Oct. 31st Continues as in above reports — quiet & easily managed. Has no amusement — talks much to himself — & frequently lies on the sofa or chair, curled & twisted up in a peculiar style. —

Dec 12th Was this day transferred to East Hospital.

John Sprott ad:

from Vol.

1851

March 3. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.

31. Is in the same state as at foregoing reports. Is dirty & untidy in habits and appearance – Conversation is quite unintelligible – Talks a great deal to himself. Health good –

April 30. Is in every respect the same as last reported –

May 31. Is quite unintelligible in conversation – dirty in his person & imbecile in mind –

June 30 – Is in his usual state both mental & bodily – untidy in person & unintelligible in conversation

July 31. There is no change in mental or bodily state in habits and conversation since last report.

Aug 31. Is in good bodily health. Mind very imbecile. Habits untidy – Has a great passion for snuff –

Sept 30. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Oct 31. Is as unintelligible as ever – Talks and laughs to himself – Is in good bodily health –

Nov 30. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily

Dec 31 There is no improvement in habits or mental state. Is unintelligible & incoherent Has an unhealthy aspect as is of a very scrofulous habit of body –

1852

Jany 31. Is in his usual health – Is thin & span dirty in his habits & much addicted to snuff – Talks constantly to himself – Laughs & swears occasionally –

Feby 28. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily –

March 31. Is in the same state as described in foregoing reports –

April 13. A scrofulous swelling has appeared extending over a considerable portion of right side of neck – Skin hard & red – Let a poultice be applied to the part –

Let him have 1 pint of porter & 1 pint of beef tea daily –

℞ Ol Jecor Asell ℥XVI – Cap Cochl magn. bis in die –

30. Has kept in bed since last report Two openings have been made into the swelling on neck – the matter discharged was of a thin unhealthy character. Mixed with curdy matter –

General health is bad – appetite is failing –

℞ Sulph Zinc ʒß
Aqua ℥XVI
acid sulph. dil. ʒij M – ℥ss cap
Cochlear magn – bis in die

Admitted July 21. 1846

1852 May 15. Is still in bed. Notwithstanding the openings made - the hardness of the swelling has diminished very little - Is in a very cachectic state of body - Cont - ne -

31 Is not improving in general health Appetite is impaired & emaciation is considerable - Cont.

June 15 Is still confined in bed - There is no improvement in general health - There is some discharge from the openings made - but little impression has been made upon the scrofulous tumour which is still hard - Cont

30. Is in bed - Is not improving - Is much emaciated & very weak - Takes his food sparingly - opening still discharges matter -

July 15. Attempts have been made to keep him up and dressed in the forenoon this weakness is such that he can be up for a very short time - Will scarcely consent to be up unless allowed to lie upon the ground -

26. Was visited today by his trustee the Revd Mr Spratt.

Aug 2. Has been gradually sinking for the last few days and this morning

Died.

Simon Stewart act:

from Vol.

1851
March 3. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.

31. Habits and manners are unchanged since last report – Is very ~~slovenly~~. Is full of absurd notions and delusions. Talks a great deal to a fellow patient who is quite taciturn – Imagines that he is very similar to him – Health good – Bowels regular –

April 30. Delusions continue – Bodily health good – Is quiet and gives little trouble

May 31. Is full of absurd notions & delusions. Is in a state of great mental imbecility, is addicted to self abuse –

June 30 – Is very changeable in opinion: saying one day that he desires to see his friends and another that he does not wish to see them – Has many delusions –

July 20. Struck a fellow patient and injured one of his hands: considerable inflammation ensued and an abscess formed which was opened –

26. Hand is now nearly well

Aug 31. He very imbecile in mind. Is addicted to habits of self abuse. Is in good bodily health.

Sept 30. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports.

Oct 31. Is full of delusions about plans in his history, his account of which are quite unintelligible – Says he has to live all his days in an asylum – and that his friends are to be prevented from taking him out –

Nov 30. Is always shutting himself up between the doors of the gallery and getting into out of the way places – Is in good bodily health –

Dec 20. Has been visited by his sisters. ~~[illegible]~~ and promised to write to them.

1852
Jany 31. Is in his usual state – No improvement in habits or mental state – Is irritable when interfered with –

Feby 28. There is no change in mental & bodily state since last report –

March 31 General conduct – habits & mental state is the same as previously reported –

April 30. Is in good health – Mind not improved. Delusions the same as before – Habits are as bad as ever – & cannot be prevented –

May 31 – No improvement in mental state says he is to be prevented from being taken away from this place – Imagines that he is of the same nature & kind as certain other persons whom he names –

Admitted 23d May: 1849.

1852 June 30. Is in his usual health both mental & bodily – Delusions are the same as before habits unchanged –

July 31. There is no improvement in any respect since last report –

Aug 31. Is very much addicted to visiting the water closet, which he does for no useful or necessary purpose. Is constantly saying that he is the same sort of person as some one whom he names in the last House, & that he is different from that person. Is very dissatisfied with being checked or found fault with by any person. Is in good bodily health

Sept 30 Is in his usual state. prowling about the doors and lobbies – tried to run away when out walking. General health good –

Oct 31. Walks up and down the gallery clapping his hands apparently in a state of great glee – Sits muttering in the ear of a taciturn fellow patient and in general conducts himself in a very childish manner. General health good

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Dec 31 Is in his usual state. Peculiarities of manner conduct & conversation are the same as before. Is very silly and much addicted to self pollution.

1853 Jany 31 Is much addicted to frequenting the watercloset both in the house and airing court. Is careless and untidy in his person & impatient of being checked. Is apt to shake when interfered with.

Feby 28 There is no improvement in habits or mental state. General health is good –

March 31 Continues the same as described in foregoing reports.

April 30 Exhibits very great mental imbecility in the remarks which he is constantly repeating – Bad habits are continued –

May 31 Is in his usual state. Seldom speaks to his fellow patients except to one who is quite taciturn into whose ear he pours his observations

June 30 Is in the same state as described above.

July 31 There is no change or improvement in mental state.

Aug 31 – Is constantly stating that he is the same or not the same as some person in the East House –

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William Wallace: aet:

from Vol.

1851

March 3. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.

31. Is in the same state as when last reported - Continues very talkative about himself and his schemes - His brain teems with delusions - Is generally good-natured and humorous in disposition -

April 30. Continues in all respects as at foregoing reports.

May 31. Frequently gets into a passion when contradicted or opposed in any of his schemes - Is full of delusions. His health is good -

June 30. Is as full of projects and delusions as ever - Says he is here as a debenhand officer to learn the best way to treat lunatics & that his wages are £10 a day -

Health is good -

July 31. Is full of delusions - Is very excitable in temper and cannot bear contradiction. Is quarrelsome with his fellow patients. Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31. His mind teems with the most extravagant and absurd projects and delusions. Is in good bodily health.

Sept 30. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports -

Oct 31. Is at times very noisy both night and day - Is easily put in a passion. Is as full of extravagant delusions as ever. Is in good bodily health.

Nov. 30 Is in his usual state - Talks a great deal - His conversation is quite incoherent for the most part and full of delusions

Dec 22. Has been much excited for several days - restless during the night.

1852 Jany 31 - Is generally excited, restless and noisy - Is occasionally good humoured but is for the most part scolding & ill-natured -

Feby 28. Is in his usual state. generally more or less noisy & very excitable - Is in good bodily health -

March 31. Continues in all respects as at foregoing reports -

April 30 Is very incoherent in conversation noisy and excitable as usual - Full of absurd schemes and proposals - General health is good -

May 31 - Continues as formerly reported His mind is as fertile in schemes as ever Is very untidy in his dress - adorning himself with feathers &c - Health is good -

Admitted 16th July 1845

1852 June 30 – Is in his usual state – Peculiarities delusions & general incoherence continue as marked as ever – Has threatened to set fire to the house –

July 31 – There is no perceptible improvement in mental condition – Is as easily excited as ever – Is in good bodily health –

Aug 31. Gets very much excited at times and threatening to do himself. Has to be kept in his own room occasionally – Gets very loud in conversation when excited – Is noisy during the night. Frequently grunts like a pig and imitates the voice of the lower animals – Is full of delusions and visionary schemes. Is in good bodily health.

Sept. 30 Is troubled with an eruption on the legs which gets well when he is kept in the recumbent posture, but speedily breaks out again when he walks too much about. Is full of delusions but in other respects is in good bodily health.

Oct 31 Gets much excited on the most trivial occasions. Thinks he is very eloquent when he screams at the lowest pitch of his voice. Speedily returns to his good humour. Is very open to flattery and is much pleased in being addressed as 'Sir William'.

Nov 30 Is in good bodily health. Brain is as fertile as ever in insane projects. Has recently required to be confined to his bedroom. It seems to be very beneficial for him to keep his bed for a few days when he is in his excited state.

Dec 31 Is in his usual state. Is at times rather depressed and at others much excited – restless and noisy during the night.

1853 Jany 31 Continues as before, changeable in disposition and easily excited. Is very full of delusions and absurd schemes –

Feby 28. Is in his usual state. Requires to be secluded for a few days at times till his paroxysms of excitement subsides.

March 31. Is as excitable, incoherent and full of delusions as ever – Is in pretty good health.

April 30 Is pretty quiet and composed at present and rather inclined to be depressed

to Sept 1st

George Bannatyne aet.

from Vol.

1857 March 3. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.

31. Is very despondent and nervous: Feels very confused - Thinks that his wife and family are lost - Seems to be very miserable - Bowels are always costive

Hab. pil Col Co i vel ij h. v. n.

April 30. Has had his head shaved and blister without much apparent benefit - goes out to work in the garden - Continues very despondent & miserable. Bowels costive Cont.

May 31 - Is still very despondent and occasionally cries about his wife and family - Complains of being shaky & nervous - Cont

June 30 Is in the same state as at foregoing reports - complains of giddiness and tremors - & sleeplessness.

℞. Tr Hyoscyam. ʒij h.s.

July 31. Is still very despondent and melancholy - Complains of sleeplessness - Is in good bodily health.

Aug 31. Has been troubled with diarrhoea and pain on pressure in the epigastric region and over the abdomen - but has recovered under the use of castor oil & opium with sinapisms.

Sept 30. Is still desponding and melancholy - complains of tremor & sleeplessness.

Oct 31 Is still depressed and melancholy amuses himself at games with his fellow patients - Complains of sleeplessness & giddiness -

℞ Tr Hyoscyami ʒij h.s.

Nov 30. Is in his usual state of melancholy & despondency - says he will never be better - Is in good bodily health

Dec 31 - Depression continues - complains of tremors, sleeplessness and giddiness - takes his food well - Is quiet and easily managed -

1858 Jany 31 - Is still melancholy and depressed amuses himself with his fellow patients, plays draughts or chess & good - Is generally costive -

Feby 28. Depression continues - Is occasionally more cheerful & seems to be rather improved - Goes out to work in the garden

March 31 - Is much in the same state as reported above -

April 30 - There is no considerable change or improvement in mental state since last report.

Admitted August 14: 1850

1852
June 2. Arrangements having been made for his removal in the course of a few days, and having been allowed to go out with the gardener who left him to come into the house by himself - he anticipated his removal in the usual way by going over the palings & returning home & he was accordingly ordered to be at this date discharged

Released

Robert Clark ast:

1851
March 3 Was transferred today from the East to the West House.

31. Is in good bodily health - Is very peculiar & restless in his behaviour - Is always wheeling & turning about - Cannot engage in any rational conversation - Is constantly making the most extravagant proposals - Is ready to avail himself of every means he can contrive to make his escape -

April. 30 The airing court door not having been properly secured, he made his way out, and ran off - but was pursued & brought back. Let him be carefully watched

May 31. Conduct and general behaviour is unchanged - Is full of the most preposterous delusions - and seldom makes a rational observation - General health is good -

June 30. Continues in the same state as regards peculiarities of manner, delusions & general incoherence as described in foregoing reports.

July 31. Is quite incoherent in his conversation & full of delusions - General health is good.

Aug 31. Having made an attack upon a fellow patient with a chair was put into seclusion for a day or two.

Sept 30. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily - Incoherence and delusions as great as ever

Oct 31. Is keeping quiet - Is as incoherent and full of delusions as ever - Is very anxious for freedom -

Nov 30. His conversation is a tissue of nonsense - Is in good bodily health & keeping quiet -

Dec 31. There is no change or improvement in his mental state. Is quite incoherent in conversation and full of delusions -

1852
Jany 31 The intelligence of his mother's death seemed to have little or no effect upon him. Is in his usual state.

Feby 2. At 7 P.M. while one of the medical officers was speaking to W Andrews the attendant, patient came suddenly up and commenced a most unprovoked and violent attack upon the attendant striking him with his fists on eyes and face, causing considerable swelling. Assistance being procured, he resisted violently, kicking and tearing the hair of the attendant - He was speedily secured & placed in seclusion

R P Tal - Co Zyp - Col. pr.

Admitted April 5. 1850.

1852 July 18.	Has been in seclusion to this date when he was got up and dressed —
April 1.	Was this day transferred from West to East House.

Robert Bridges act:

1857
March 3. Was transferred to day from the East to the West House.

31. No change in mental or bodily state since last report. Is very taciturn seldom answers except by a nod. Is quiet and easily managed - Retires into corners & stands up with his back like a sentry against the wall.
Bodily health is good.

April 30 No change in mental or bodily state since last report.

May 31. Never speaks except when addressed and even then frequently answers by a nod - General health is good

June 30 No particular change either in mind or body has been observed since last report -

July 31. Is in his usual state - taciturn & quiet - only speaks when addressed is in good bodily health -

Aug 31 Has had an attack of bowel complaint which was checked by the use of chalk & catechu - In other respects is in his usual state.

Sept 30 No change or improvement in mental state. Is in good bodily health.

Oct 31. Is as quiet and taciturn as ever sits with his eyes shut - and never speaks except when addressed and then briefly -

Nov 30. Is in his usual state - sits moody and silent - Is in good bodily health

Dec 31. Is as quiet and taciturn as ever Is in good health -

1858
Jany 31. Continues taciturn - answers very briefly when spoken to - that only occasionally -

Feby 28. There is no change in any respect either mental or bodily since last report -

March 31 Continues in the same quiet and taciturn state as formerly reported

April 30 There has been no change in any respect since last report -

May 31 Continues as formerly reported Bodily health is good

June 30. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily -

July 31. There is no change in any respect since last report.

Aug 31 Seldom speaks even when addressed - His only answer is for the most part merely a nod. Is in pretty good health. Is irritable at times takes his food well for the most part

Sept 30 Is as taciturn as ever - Walks round the grounds with his fellow-patients always leading the van &

Admitted 1 December 1840.

Sept 30 Walking when company left the road come up — Scarcely ever speaks. Is in good bodily health.

Oct 31 Seems to be entirely drawn in within himself. Speaks to or associates with none. Takes his food. Bowels regular.

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Dec 31 Continues in the same state as before. Does not speak or associate with any one.

1833 Jany 31 Is in his usual state. Continues taciturn. Is in his ordinary health.

Feby 28 Is quiet and never speaks — Stands, sits and walks about with both his eyes shut or looking to the ground. Is in his usual health.

March 31 Is not in any way improved mentally. Does not read or employ himself in any way. General health is pretty good.

April 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily —

May 31 There is no change in any respect since last report.

June 30 Continues as before. Bodily health is pretty good —

July 31 There is no change since last report.

Aug 31 Is quite taciturn — Walks about in a crouching attitude and sits with his eyes shut. Is in pretty good health.

Sept 30 There is no change or improvement in mental state.

Oct 31st Continues as above-described — Remarkably taciturn. —

Nov 2nd Was this day transferred to East House.

William Wood act:

1851
March 6. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.
Complains of disagreeable nervous sensations more especially during the night. Is very incoherent in his ideas and conversation. Is unsteady in his gait at times. Takes his food well. Bowels are costive.
℞ P Jalap Co ʒiß
Subm Hᵧ Cl gr iv Mane

15. There is little change either mental or bodily since he was transferred. Complains of the same disagreeable nervous sensations. Has disagreeable twitchings of the limbs, and starts when spoken to. Cont.

31. No particular change since last report. Mind quite imbecile and language incoherent. Has great want of memory.
bowels continue costive
Hat Pil Col Coᵢ p.r.n.

April 15. Has had an epileptic attack and has become noisy, violent and destructive. Let him be kept in seclusion. Cont.

22. Violence of the attack has now subsided. He is very weak and emaciated. Let him be kept in bed.

30. Is now out of bed and going about. Is recovering strength. Bowels continue costive. Cont.

May 15. Is keeping quiet. Complains of disagreeable sensations. Mental state unimproved. Has a bad cough. Offensive sputum. Symptoms of phthisical degeneration of the lung.

30. General health declining & mental state in no way improved. Cough continues with offensive sputa. Let him have good diet. Hab Ol. Lin. & Sp. Æthᵢ

June 15. Continues to decline in general health. Keeps quiet & is easily managed. Phthisical symptoms increasing.

30. Is little changed since last report. Mental condition unimproved.
Cont.

July 7. Being now quiet & easily managed and the patient being desirous to go to the country his wife came to remove him & he was this day accordingly discharged

Relieved

Admitted February 7. 1851.

Alexander Barr ad:

1851
March 10. Was brought to the asylum today by his brother.
Night before admission attempted to commit suicide by throwing himself over the window –
On admission is quiet – seems melancholy and depressed –
11. Last night having been put to sleep in a dormitory he rose during the night and broke several panes of glass – slightly lacerating his hands – in an attempt to get out – Sit him he put into a room by himself –
Bowels are costive – pulse very weak
Countenance pale & extremities cold
Let him have a pint of porter and half pint tea daily –
℞ Ol Jecor Asselli ʒ xii.
Cap. cochl. magn – hr in die
15. Is now quiet but very dejected will not speak to any of his fellow-patients – Imagines that they are speaking of him & making changes of him – Cont –
20. Is little changed or improved since last report – Continues quiet & taciturn
applic. Imp: Camth: ℞ to Cap.
April 15 Is improving in bodily health – mental state seems little improved
Is quiet and easily managed
30. Continues to improve in bodily health. Delusions about people speaking against him – about his soul being lost continue as strong as ever –
May 15. Continues to improve in bodily health mental state seems to have undergone little change for the better – Delusions continue – Cont.
Bowels costive has pil Col co ij ℞ 3ii
31. Little or no change in mental or bodily state since last report, general health continues good – Delusions continue –
June 15. Is becoming impatient to get away says he will not do any harm – Delusions however continue strong as ever –
30. Impatience still continues – Health is good – Delusions seem unabated.
July 31. Says that his soul is lost and that his fellow patients are reviling and speaking against him. This is without foundation. Bowels continue costive – In other respects bodily health is good –
Aug 31. Delusions continue strong as ever – says that if he does not get away his soul will be lost and that he can not sustain

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another day. Bowels require the constant use of laxatives —

Sept 30 Delusions continue — Is very urgent that his brother be sent for to take him away before he dies — Is in good bodily health

Oct 31. Is as urgent as ever to get out. Thinks that he is about to die — & that he is going to hell — Takes his food well Bowels always require the use of laxative medicine —

Nov 30. Continues as urgent as ever to get out — Delusions continue — Writes frequent & pressing letters to his brother to come & take him home —

Dec 31. Is quiet and despondent. Does not speak to any of his fellow patients Thinks he is going to hell —

1852 Jany 31. Is still melancholy and depressed — Delusions continue — Bowels are constipated — cont.

Feby 28. Is very urgent to get liberated Imagines that if he stays here he will go speedily to hell & that his only chance of life and salvation is to get away from this —

March 31. Is getting more cheerful — Delusions continue in a more mitigated degree — Let him go to the garden and work —

April 30 Is becoming much more cheerful — Works in the garden daily — enters more freely into conversation and reads when in the house —

May 31 Is still improving and will apparently soon be able to be sent away —

June 30 — Having continued well to this date & arrangements having been made for his removal & his brother having come for the purpose of removing him, he was this day discharged

— Cured

Alexander Charles Ogilvy Aet: 36
Barrister

1851
March 25 Was brought to the Asylum today by Dr McGhie and an attendant from Worcester.

He was found in the police station of Worcester, having been found wandering about the streets, on the evening of the 23d. apparently without any object: The superintendent of police and several of the policemen testified in the strongest terms, that from what they had observed of his proceedings of late, he was totally incapable of managing his affairs and unfit to be at large - On more than one occasion previously they had to bring him to the station during the night - as he was found wandering about the streets making noise and shouting murder. His place of residence for 9½ months past has been great Malvern -

During the six months previous he had been living in London in a mysterious manner, secluded from his friends with whom he ceased to correspond no trace of his abode could be discovered though he had been seen going about London most shabbily dressed This is the period when he says he was in his difficulties -

During the last 9 months when he resided at Malvern his conduct has been of the most extraordinary description. He has gone about dirty & ragged. He has not been known to have been in bed during that period. He has never sent any linen to be washed & it is believed that he washed his own linen in his room - He frequently went without a shirt altogether - He would neither send for his clothes in London or allow new ones to be got for him - He caused a part of the sofa on which he slept, which he claimed to be his, to be kept unaltered - During the last 3½ months, since his mother left Malvern he has persisted in keeping the whole house at a ruinous expense to himself, though he only occupied a part of it - the other apartment he kept locked up, whereby the furniture &c has been much spoiled -

A few days ago got quite furious at the woman in the house for cleaning the stair leading down to the kitchen - and he told his brother that he got no peace, night nor day as he had always to be on the watch against

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his enemies - In his room were found two or three poles, about 8 feet long which he had got made apparently for the purpose of defence -

He has been in the habit of going out during the night chasing people whom he imagined came to injure or annoy him - He imagines that his mother and nearest relatives have formed a conspiracy against him - He fancies the most trifling matters to be of vital consequence to him and attributes to an important actions of his relatives the production of irreparable injury to himself - and morning noon & night he was detailing them to his mother often with great violence & anger & using most fearful language. While living at Malvern, at an expense most injurious to his mother, and at the same time leading a life most strange unaccountable & despicable, he would argue as if he were the most injured & persecuted of men -

The following extract from a letter recently addressed to his mother, will exhibit very clearly the state of mind he has been in, & some of the delusions under which he labours :-

"I have had but little rest lately tho "my principal occupation by day and by "night has been interesting and at times "even amusing for I have had to protect "my life by the exercise of all my ingenuity such as the collecting and securing keys, stakes and poker, jumping "in and out of windows, dodging people in the roads, and wandering about "lanes and commons in the middle "of the night, and moving with the pleasing addition of overhearing threats of "murder uttered against me if I should "be caught. Besides Mr Edwards has "kindly sent to tell me that my life is "in danger - Why should all this be What "can be the cause and who the origin?.

When in the police station at Worcester when food was brought to him, he desired to know if there was poison in it. when in conversation he would suddenly rise up and look about him in all directions as if he imagined people watching him were concealed around - At first he covered his face with white gauze -

He has been in the habit of going about with his money in his hands - and on falling asleep on chairs in tavern & other places allowing it to be dropped and scat-

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Robert Cairns Wilson aet:

1857
March 25 Was brought to the Asylum today by an attendant who was sent to convey him from Glasgow –
Seems to be in a very stupid state and incapable of giving intelligent replies to questions – Has had several severe convulsive or epileptic seizures after which his stupidity has been observed to be increased – For some months back has had an irresistible to fall asleep both at his desk when engaged in business and in company when very thing around was fitted to arouse and excite – And it was with difficulty that he could be roused – He labours under many delusions – His ideas are of an exalted description – He imagines that strangers whom he meets are his most intimate friends – He raises objections to the most simple operations declaring them to be impossible.
He has an inguinal hernia on the right side – His bowels are costive. pulse rather weak – Sometimes experiences difficulty in passing urine – Eyes somewhat suffused & conjunctiva slightly injected
℞ Pulvis Jalap Co ʒ ss
Subm Hydr gr iij ante Mat.
28. Bowels have been freely opened but there is little or no change in mental state – Mind seems very torpid – Extremities are liable to get badly cold goes out to the airing court. Is quiet and easily managed.
April 3. Has had a blister applied to the nape of the neck with some benefit seems not quite so torpid as before talks more freely – Delusions continue Has required the use of the catheter on one occasion –
Bowels kept open by occasional doses of laxative medicine – Aug
10. Little or no improvement in mental state – When sent out to walk he walks when placed on his chair he will sit for hours if not disturbed – Seems to have lost his mental energies to a very great degree – Vital powers much deprissed – Bowels costive. Cont.
20. Mental state in no way improved Is quite incoherent & full of delusions Is quiet & easily managed. Bowels Costive. Appetite good. Cont. Sept
30. Continues in the same state. Seems to be rather more lively. Takes his food well & goes out regularly to the airing court Cont.

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1852
May 13. Had an epileptic fit this morning about 20 o'clock. Is quite insensible and convulsed over the whole body —

14. Is getting better of his attack but is very irritable when approached and will not allow anything to be done to him. Will not allow a blister to be put upon his neck.

15. The blister has been applied and has risen well. Is keeping better — Bowels freely moved by an injection

16. Is keeping better: is taking his food. Has recovered his consciousness.

18. Is now out of bed and going about as usual —

31. Is in his usual state. Is very obstinate — takes his food heartily — Bowels not moved except by injections — Mind very weak and full of delusions. Urine — evacuations very copious.

June 15. Is in his usual state — both mental and bodily. Bowels require the frequent use of purgative medicine

30. No change in mental or bodily state since last report.

July 15. Keeps well. takes his food heartily. Mental state weak and full of delusions — Conversation is incoherent and

27. Whilst dressing had an epileptic seizure this morning about 10 o'clock. Is quite insensible & in a state of stupor. 10 p.m. Stupor continues with convulsions. Urine taken off by the catheter. Bowels freely moved by a laxative enema. Let him be watched during the night

28. Is somewhat better this morning face flushed with convulsions twitching. Urine taken off by the catheter — can swallow — applic. empl. Cantth. Mucil.

Aug 12. Is now somewhat recovered though very stupid and dirty — passes his urine without the catheter

12. Continues very stupid and idiotic. Is destruction of clothing, noisy and dirty —

19. Is noisy dirty and destruction of his clothing — Let him be put into seclusion

24. Is again up and dressed. Is very noisy during the night.

Sept 15. Is improving in his mental state though still very weak — Is very anxious to be gain —

30. Habits much improved. Is quiet and sleeps well at night. Bowels regular.

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Geo: Rutherford æt. 33.

1851
April 9. Was transferred from the East to the West House today.
Became ill about six weeks ago. Began to be suspicious of his wife. He imagined that she had lost all her affection for him - He locked her in the bedroom and concealed the key - He also struck her -
Says he is one of the devil's squad.
Complains of sleeplessness
Skin cool - pr good -
Hab pulv Gregory zij et applic Emplast Cantth mach.
10. Bleeding has risen well and bowels have been moved - Says he had a little rest last night -
14. Says that he feels better. Is quite quiet & well behaved. Had his bible Still complains of sleeplessness.
Cap. Sol Mur Morph gtt 2 s.
20. Has been very discontented and suspicious in his language - and has given notice that he intends to make his escape. Let him be watched & put into a secured room during the night.
℞. Pulv Ipecac gr XV mane et nocte.
℞. Pulv Gregory zij Stat.
May 2. Is more contented and cheerful. Thinks that he has been properly treated here and that the treatment which he received before admission caused him to be insane -
15. Sometimes complains of uneasy sensations in the head -
31. Has been complaining of burning sensations in the bowels and back - Says he has got poison - Is very irritable and discontented -
June 15. Is more quiet, and less discontented goes out to work in the garden occasionally - General health good
31. Continues to be less irritable than formerly -
July 31 Is in good bodily health. His delusions are diminishing in force - Makes fewer complaints about electricity & such like influences being brought to bear upon him.
Aug 31. Continues to improve. Less irritable and discontented than formerly.
Sept 27. Being now apparently free from delusions, he was this day removed by his wife and Discharged
Cured

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1851
25 Mad. Mad. upon the floor – he collects bits of paper on which he sets great store & is highly indignant if they are meddled with – He is also in the habit of carrying about a collection of these papers in his hand –

Besides other injuries which he supposes his relatives and others intend to inflict upon him, he imagines that poison is administered to him – When in the Police station at Worcester, before he would taste the food brought to him, he demanded to know whether there was poison in it.

He is not considered suicidal though he has made some threats of that kind. He has frequently threatened violence to the members of his family so as to cause them to be apprehensive of their safety.

He has been eccentric in his habits for many years – one of his peculiarities was that he would not sit at table with the other members of the family – He would come to table after the rest had dined –

He is given to the inordinate use of snuff.

26. Went to bed last night, and says he had some sleep – Has contracted a severe cold, from wet exposure and insufficient clothing – Is incessantly demanding to know why he was brought here – Is excessively inquisitive and suspicious – He attributes motives to the most insignificant questions – Has been allowed to have his meals by himself –

Hab. pro Hydr. j. et Pot. P. Sedativ. et Pulv. Ipecacuan. ter in die

27. Is still very much affected with the cold, tongue much incrusted by it – Skin hot & feverish – Has some diarrhoea –

Is constantly demanding interviews, to ask the same questions over and over again – Will not answer any questions in regard to his delusions – Has been advised by a fellow patient to take care of what he says.

April 1. Is rather better of the cold – Has been writing various letters to his relatives – one to his mother he concludes in these terms: – "If a mother has had any hand "in blasting a son's name and in ruining "the prospects of his whole life what "will be her feelings on her day of death?!! "I hear no mother crying night and day "for a murdered son."

Is constantly demanding by what right he is here – to see the papers, & if he is allowed him to see, he seems –

℞. Syrup Scillae
aqueae ana ℥iv
of each drachm ℥j – cont. for one dose

Admitted 25th March 1851

1851
April 7. Is getting better of his cold - but is very impatient of his detention here - and has been tempting the attendants to afford him facility in getting away - Took one of the attendants into confidence under promise of secrecy and told him various particulars about the injuries he had suffered from his relatives and his splendid prospects which had been blasted -
In trying every plan to make his escape let him he strutting walked -
Expression of countenance when excited is frequently maniacal
13. Received a letter some days ago which was addressed to him at Malvern - Has carried it about in his hand ever since he got it without opening it - Very indignant at being asked why he did not open it - Is frequently very absent in appearance -
In conversation today with one of the medical officers got very excited & expression of countenance became very maniacal - Told the medical officer that he ought to be roasted in hell fire for saying or believing that he was insane - Cursed his brother, Sir Chas Hastings & the police of Worcester as a set of liars and every thing that is bad - Was in a very nervous state & got very excited when speaking of his relatives
Has taken to smoking as well as snuffing - Persists in wearing his old clothes though he has got new ones.
14. Was out usual time walking today asked to get to the garden to work - Has objected as intended to afford fellow patient was only to devise some means of escape - He has been taking impressions of the lock of the shutters in his bedroom with bits of bread - Either has or pretended to have lost the letter which he kept without opening -
Tried to get away from the attendant when out walking to day - and threatened to strike him when he kept near him with the view of preventing his escape -
Carries on a great many mysterious operations in his bed room in the morning - runs to the door and shuts it, if the attendant offers to go in - Recovers the things he requires by slightly opening the door -
18. Today became very fierce agt one of the medical officers at the answers to some of the questions which he put & told him that if it was not in the Asylum he dare not give him any such answers - Said that his soul was being drawn down to hell - & that that of the medical officer would be dragged down after him

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Robert Penney. act: from Vol XVI p. 164

1851
April 30 Has been sent out to work in the Garden with the view that such a kind of exercise may invigorate the system and give a healthier tone to the mind - He has been sent with his own consent & desire.

May 31. Is still regularly employed in the garden. His health is improved - His temptations & spiritual struggles are still as great as ever -

June 30 Is in his usual state. Is working regularly in the garden and is in good bodily health

July 31. Goes out regularly to the garden and is in robust health - Is also becoming more healthy in his mental state -

Aug 31. Is still employed daily in the garden - Conducts himself with a greater degree of propriety than formerly - Does not compress his lips & frown as formerly - Does not complain of Mimicry which was his besetting sin - Is altogether in a more healthy state of mind -

Sept 30. Continues to improve both in his mental and bodily state

Oct 31. Still goes out to work in the garden and improves both in body & mind -

Nov 30. Is keeping well - So much given to the writing of sermons which are of a very commonplace description,

Dec 22. Is again complaining of words coming into mind which he cannot keep his tongue taking hold of - when engaged in writing - This is the only unfavourable symptom of his old complaint which has returned -

1852
Jany 31. Has kept well & arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged -

Cured

Admitted August 28. 1848.

Alexander Charles Ogilvy aet: 36.

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1857

April 18. Cannot be convinced but that his detention here is a scheme of the medical officers to ruin all his prospects and estrange him from his mother and relations. Keeps himself and his room in a very dirty and untidy state – Cannot be induced to put on decent clothing –

19. This afternoon was heard by the attendant making a noise in his room as if stirring a hard body – When the attendant proposes to enter, he was opposed by the patient who assumed a threatening attitude with closed fists – Some time after when the patient was out of his room, the attendant found a nail twisted as if with the view to open the lock of the shutters – He also found two parcels between the bedpost and the wall – one contained a few shillings & a letter from his mother. the other a great many small parcels with cuttings of his hair – after observing his lips he told the attendant that these parcels were of the very greatest importance to him

May

20. To night got into a great state of excitement at the visit of the physician on account of his parcels. demanded to be put into a strait jacket & became restless in the extreme

21. Still very restless and excited & demanding his money & paper parcels & his letter was restored to him –

22. Was very troublesome to the attendant today, trying to hire him to take out a letter for him and to give him a razor. Sometimes falls into a very listless and absent state. Walks out almost daily –

30. Since last report has been incessantly demanding interviews with the medical officers and putting questions to the answers to which only irritate and annoy him – Has also insisted upon some of his fellow patients giving them their opinion whether he was insane or not. They have either declined answering him altogether or told him that they had no doubt of his insanity – Goes about half dressed, his face and clothes begrimmed with snuff; passes a good deal of his time in his bedroom and is very jealous of any one observing or interfering with him – Tries to bribe the servants to let him sit up in the saloon all night; to convey letters out secretly, to procure him razors &c. Has been allowed to leave his clothes in his room during two nights, and it is stated that he had not gone to bed all night – Is very cunning & uncommunicative in regard to his delusions, and will not speak of them except

10 p. m.

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under a solemn oath of secresy – Says that his treatment here is all conducted with the intention of driving him to distraction – One instance will suffice as an illustration of his strange & unaccountable conduct – This afternoon he wrote a letter to the Sheriff of Lanarkshire which he sealed and demanded to be sent by a Sheriff Messenger – It being the post hour when the letter was received, it was immediately posted – Shortly after when informed that his letter had been sent by post he put himself into a state of apparent anguish & distress – and demanded that every means should be taken to recover it, before it reached its destination – This was explained to him to be impossible & he was in consequence much dissatisfied.

He continues to insist upon taking his food by himself – to wear his dirty & ragged Grey – and not to allow himself to be shaved or to have his hair cut.

May 1. Was visited today by Sheriff Bell & two medical men from Glasgow. The Sheriff remitted to the medical men to examine into his case and report with all convenient speed –

2. Has been very restless all day – Has not dressed but gone about very dirty in his shirt and trousers – In the morning rushed out of his bedroom and demanded of one of the medical officers that a man should be sent off immediately on horseback with letters from him – His demand was refused and an offer made to send his letters by post which he refused –

In the afternoon was much excited & Commissioner had a very maniacal expression – Says that he has been insulted in every possible way and that every thing has been done to drive him mad, to cause him to curse his mother and brother – that his mother has been insulted – Perverts every statement that is made, and every answer that is given to his numerous & searching enquiries – Though he well knows that he has been placed here at the instance of his brother and with the full concurrence of his mother & other relations he constantly asseverates that this is not true and that saying so is an insult to him & them though at first he himself ascribed all the proceedings to them – and endeavoured by every means in his power to get evidence that his mother was seeking to get him confined.

10 p.m. At this late hour demanded to have a razor which was refused: also demanded to be allowed to set up all night in the parlour, or to

bp. 29.

John Judhope aet: 37: Manufacturer

1851 April 8. Was brought to the Asylum today by his father and mother.

Was a patient in this House in the years 1849-50 and was discharged relieved in April 1850.

During his former attack he was much depressed, refused to speak and take his food. Since his discharge he has had at least one fit, probably of an epileptic kind since which he has shown violence.

He has been about two years insane. He has threatened to murder the gentleman who was his partner in business, ascribing to him his ruin. He has also threatened those who restrain him and has struck his father: He has threatened violence to himself.

He has an inguinal hernia.

On admission he is quite stupid and seems to be altogether incapable of giving an intelligible answer. He has become much stouter since he left. Bowels are said to be much out of order p. good. slow.

Hab. det. P. Sal Coz. & Cal. gr. iij.

9. Bowels have been moved. Is very nervous and troublesome. In consequence of his annoyance to a fellow-patient, he was struck by him and his nose was bled.

10. Is still very troublesome & has broken some glass in the airing court. Let him be confined to his room.

Is dirty in his habits & incontinent of urine.

Hab. en. clom. omni nocte hor. som. applic. Empl. Lytt. nuch.

15. Continues in seclusion. Is dirty and destructive in his habits. Is incontinent of urine night and day. Is quite incoherent & full of delusions. Has a good appetite. Bowels require the constant use of purgatives.

25. No improvement in mental or bodily state since last report. For the most part requires to be kept in his own room. Passes urine & faeces incontinently. Bowels continue costive.

Adm. en. clom. h. som. sine noct.

May 1. No improvement in habits or condition. Dirty & destructive. Wears a canvas dress. Is generally in seclusion.

10. Has had a slight convulsive fit in consequence of which he has fallen into a state of stupor.

Appl. Empl. Lytt. nuch et Cap. pod et admist. Calom. tertiatis.

Admitted 8th April 1851.

1851
May 15 Is now much in his usual state – is out of bed and able to go about again – No improvement in habits or mental state. Cont. en. dom. h. s.

21. Still very destructive & dirty – Has his hands confined in a canvas dress notwithstanding of which he occasionally manages to destroy some article or another within his reach. Is quite incoherent & full of delusions

June 15. Still requires a canvas dress though not quite so destructive as formerly. passes his urine & faeces in bed – Is very stupid & full of delusions.

30. No improvement on mental or bodily state. Filthy habits continue. Not quite so destructive as formerly.

July 31. Is stupid and incoherent. Is filthy in his habits & destructive of his clothing. appetite voracious –

Aug 31. Is in the same state mental and bodily – Mental faculties completely obtund – Habits unimproved

Sept 6. About 1 p.m. while walking in the airing court, fell down in an apoplectic fit – Is in a state of stupor Left side convulsed – Sol an injection be administered – let his head be shaved and a blister applied

10. Is still very stupid in consequence of the fit, but is gradually coming round to his usual state.

17. Is now sufficiently recovered to be able to be got up and dressed. Is exceedingly stupid –

30. Continues very stupid & helpless – applies vinegar & mush – it seems that

Ol Ric Co 3i.

Oct 15. No improvement in mind or body His bowels are kept open by frequent doses of laxative medicine & occasional enemata – Continues dirty in his habits – has little or no intelligence –

31. Is generally very helpless and stupid Is destructive of his clothing has laxative medicine for his bowels with enemata.

Nov 12 Is as stupid as ever. Is disposed to put himself too near the fire – Has been again blistered on the nape of the neck. His bowels are kept open by medicine. passes urine involuntarily –

29. His friends having determined to take him home he was this day discharged

Relieved

John Scott aet: 70:

1851
April 16. Was brought to the asylum today by an attendant who has had charge of him for some time.
Was formerly a patient in this Institution on more than one occasion –
Is of very boisterous spirits & exceedingly talkative. Is full of schemes & projects –
20. Is very irritable when his requests are not immediately complied with: Is very longwinded in his narrations & it is no easy matter to get quit of him –
Has very passionate paroxysms when interrupted which soon pass off –
Thinks he has great skill in the treatment of his fellow patients
30. Proposes to write a plan for government to take all lunatic asylums under their care & management – Says he has been in the habit of writing to such men as the Duke of Wellington from whom he has received replies to his communications –
May 15. Is very irritable and given to swearing – gets into a passion with his fellow patients and uses insulting language towards them – Is very long-winded in conversation and very exacting in having his stories listened to – Has a very powerful appetite & his general health is good –
31. Is in his usual state. Has been writing a long account of himself and his claim upon the Royal Bank. Is much given to swearing. Entertains the most extravagant & foolish projects. Is in good bodily health
June 15. Is in the same state as described in the foregoing reports. Is very noisy and obstreperous in his general conduct & full of delusions – Health continues good
30. There is no change in the mental or bodily state of this patient since last report
July 31. Is occasionally very noisy and swears a good deal – Employs himself in writing – Is in good bodily health.
Aug 31. Is very much given to the formation of foolish projects & proposals – Is self-willed and easily offended – Writes a great deal and amuses himself with his fellow patients
Sept 30. Is in his usual state – Is very noisy at times though generally quiet – Is in good bodily health
Oct 31. Is in his usual state. Very flighty and speculative in his ideas. Is not swearing

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so much as he did –

Nov 30 Spends a great portion of his time by himself writing notes & reminiscences of his past life – In good bodily health

Dec 31. Takes a great deal of exercise & engaged with others in getting up a musical party – So not bringing his extravagant pretensions so prominently forward. Is not quite so talkative as formerly.

1852

Jany 31. Has been very busy during the earlier part of the month with the musical and dancing party, at both of which he was a principal performer both with his voice & flute. Is always in excellent spirits – Is in good bodily health.

Feby 28. Is keeping in excellent health. Is much improved in his mental state – Is swearing less – Has still a very high idea of his own importance. –

March 31. Has been visited by his son in law & grandson – It has been proposed to him to return home on certain conditions – Has not yet recognized the propriety of his ever being brought hence –

April 30 Is still very high in his own estimation and refuses to go unless the Sheriff dismisses him –

May 28 On the occasion of the Sheriffs visit at the beginning of the month – applied to be discharged by him – The Sheriff advised him to make arrangements for leaving with his wife when she shows cause for him – In accordance with this advice arrangements were made and he was this day discharged

Relieved

John Cochran aet: 38. Blacksm

1851
April 17. Was brought to the Asylum tonight by the Medical applicant and his attendants who were sent for him.
He is in a state of intoxication – He has been in this state for a considerable time – On former occasions, he seemed at least to be anxious to overcome the impulse, but now by his own confession he is unable to resist the inclination. He seems to have lost all control over his mind and is perfectly careless how he acts, or of what may be the consequences of his actions, provided he obtains intoxicating drink & appears to be falling into a state of imbecile fatuity.
Let him be put to bed
℞ Hab. Sp. vin Gall. ℥ij.
18. Is somewhat recovered – though very confused – Stomach will not retain any kind of food –
Hab. Sp vin Gall ℥ij: ℞ Tinct Opii ʒj, p.r.n.
Is of an apoplectic habit –
19. Seems to be somewhat better – cannot retain food upon his medicine – Is kept as much as possible under the influence of opium.
20. Is now labouring under delirium tremens and is full of all the illusions incident to that state.
Hab. Sp. vin Gall. ℞ Tr Opii p.r.n.
21. Is still affected with delirium tremens
cont on.
22. Is still deliarious and affected with the illusions peculiar to this state.
Cont on.
25 Is now recovering from the state of delirium in which he has continued for several days, and is able to take some. Has had some sleep.
Cont on.
May 1. With the exception of an acute attack of pain in the stomach which readily yielded to counter-irritation by means of a sinapism, has continued to improve. Is now taking his food and sleeps at night.
15. Is nervous and irritable – Is very easily put into a passion when opposed or contradicted – Is very ready to make fun of his fellow patients but is exceedingly averse to be made sport of himself. Refused to see his medical adviser & brother in law.
21. Was called upon today by his partner but refused to see him. Was considerably agitated.

Admitted 17th April 1851.

1851
June 15. Is in good bodily health - So much given to make fun of certain of his fellow-patients but very fiery in temper if any liberty is taken with himself - So very passionate -

30. Keeps in good bodily health. Little or no change in mental state. Employs his time in reading and smoking.

July 31. Is becoming corpulent - Is contented and cheerful - Amuses himself with his fellow patients -

Aug 26 This morning was suddenly seized with a severe pain in the left hypochondriac region - The agony experienced was very great - Hot fomentations were applied, followed by sinapisms over the part, and a dose of castor oil administered - Some relief was afforded by these applications; which was much increased when the bowels were moved by an injection & castor oil -

27. Is considerably better today - though the hypochondriac region is still tender on pressure -

℞. Ol Ricini Coz; Olat. il
repet. vesp - si op-sit.

28. Is now nearly well and able to be up.

Septr 15. Is wholly recovered from the attack mentioned in foregoing reports - Is cheerful & amuses himself with his fellow-patients -

Octr 15. Being now quite recovered both in mind & body he was this day discharged

Cured

Rwd Robert Donald ant: Minister

April 1851 18. Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by his brother and two attendants who were sent for him.

The present attack commenced about four months ago – He has been similarly affected though in a slighter degree twice before, six or seven years ago and two years ago.

The present attack is ascribed to excess of labour and anxiety of mind in the duties of his profession – He was at first very melancholy and quite taciturn, now he is more lively and argumentative – He believed that he had not the power of moving his body without invoking the name of Jesus Christ – After remaining in a rigid state he would say "In the name of Jesus Christ I arise" and then move about – He imagines that he is possessed of extraordinary powers and influence of a spiritual kind – that he has divine revelations in connection with many miracles – He has written many letters containing an outline of his views each of which is almost a transcript of the first addressed to ministers and others with a view to their conversion to his views. The following is a specimen:—

"PS. There shouldn't be no Asylums but of this at Gartnavel Royal Lunatic Asylum

"I have relinquished the Free church for the following reasons revealed to me by my Lord and Saviour in connection with many miracles which reasons I circulate as widely as I can for good:

"1. The Shorter Catechism says the work of Creation is God's making all things of nothing whereas nothing is not and cannot be. There is no nothing for God is ~~not and cannot be~~ everywhere and so there is no nothing of which things might be made or are making

"2. The Shorter Catechism says the word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us, whereas the Scriptures are the written word of God, and there are other words of God besides the Scriptures: as the spoken word of God which is spoken by his ministers in the preaching of the Gospel, the words of God to his saints and even to children in express words or in true persuasion which may be learned from the memoirs of Mrs Veitch and her words about her child (in the small volume of the cheap publication Society or Committee) and from the memoirs of Hogg and Welsh and others. The Lord also speaks in miracles which have not yet ceased

Admitted 18th April 1851.

1851. "of which I am witness, in providence as of
"mercies and judgements, in the conversion
"and conducting of his people in the voice of
"conscience, and in other ways which I do
"not know at this time, so the Scriptures are
"not the only rule, for there are other words
"of God beside those contained in the Scrip-
"tures and which words therefore are also rules
"3. The Shorter Catechism says - the Scriptures
"principally teach what man is to believe
"concerning God: his they teach but not
"principally, but they teach the way of
"salvation which is of God through Jesus Christ
"4. The Confession of faith says. the Lord
"Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, but
"that the Civil Magistrate may take order
"in the affairs of his Church, whereas the Civil
"Magistrate is incapable to take this order
"and yet more weighty is it that the Lord
"Jesus Christ loved and loveth his Church
"with everlasting love and has purchased
"it with his blood.
"If these truths were by the blessing of
"God known and believed throughout
"Scotland, the Shorter Catechism and Con-
"fession of Faith would be laid aside
"we would have one church, the church
"of Christ in Scotland, a better church than
"the former of the Reformation and the bear-
"er of greater blessings through the grace
"of God within it unto other lands."

20. Has had some medicine administered & his bowels have been freely moved -
applic kept - respect - much -

21 Bloated has been ill - Visages & countenance have a peculiar fixed and staring appearance - So very diligent in propagating his views -

30. So going about amongst his fellow patients endeavouring to inculcate upon them his peculiar views - his addresses are any thing but favourably listened to - So seeing daily miracles -

May 15. So somewhat more composed in appearance though very zealous in propagating his views - sees daily miracles - has direct revelations from Christ -

31. Little or no change in mental state & delusions - Zeal somewhat abated
Bodily health good - appetite strong -

June 15 So life zealous in proselytizing and speaks life of his peculiar views - miracles &c though he believes in them as strongly as ever

30 Continues to be more composed & less troublesome to those around him by meddling and interference. Bodily health good
bp. 40.

Thomas Steward aet 49. Supervisor of Inland Revenue

1851
April 26 Was brought to the asylum today by his son.
Has been ill for about three months. Previous to the attack his digestive organs were in a deranged state in consequence of intemperance. He is at present labouring under great depression of spirits and gives vent to his feelings by half suppressed groans. His general character is passive, tho' he is subject to fits of violence when irritated by unusual causes.
He labours under the delusions that that he is ruined in worldly circumstances, that he has committed crimes and that he is lost eternally.
His bowels are costive
℞. P. Jalap Co ʒss. Stat.

30. His bowels have been moved. He is still in a state of great depression. He is found to be quite incontinent of urine both by night and day.
℞ Li Cantharidis ʒiv
Aq. Menth pip ℥iv M.
Cap. Cock pan to be in.

May 5. Continues much depressed and complains of uneasy sensations about abdomen & pubis. This seems to arise chiefly from irritation caused by his urine. Does not speak to, or associate with his fellow patients. Bowels continue costive & require frequent doses of purgatives. Cont.

10. No particular change or improvement in mental or bodily state has occurred since last report. Cont.

15. Is now becoming more continent of his urine. This disagreeable symptom seems to depend more upon the depressed & stupid state of mind, of the patient, causing carelessness & indifference, than upon any bodily cause or weakness.

31 In consequence chiefly of being urged to guard against wetting himself, and caused to go frequently to the water closet is now dry and comfortable both night and day. Depression continues unabated Cont.

June 15. Continues quite continent of urine. Is still much depressed. Bowels are always very costive and require frequent doses of purgative medicines

30. Mental depression continues as great as ever. Has a very powerful appetite.
℞. ol Jecor Asselli ʒxii.
Cap Cock mane. be in die

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Admitted 26th April 1851

1851 July 31 — Is still very despondent though not to so great a degree as formerly — Has a strong appetite — walks a good deal Hands are cold and clammy — will not go into the sitting room or associate or converse with his fellow patients —
Bowels are regular — Cont

Aug 31. Is still melancholy in a high degree complains of pain in his feet which is caused by his obstinately refusing to sit — Circulation is feeble and extremities cold — Cont —

Sept 30 Despondency is little abated — seems to be very miserable — takes his food with a great appetite —

Oct 9. Is complaining today of being sick, with pain in head & total loathing of food — let him be put to bed & have a dose of laxative medicine —

10. Is still very sick with loathing of food & headache —
Applic Sup Cantk leg neck —

11 — Head is relieved — but sickness and loathing of food continue with pain in abdomen —
Applic — Sup. abdom —

12. Is somewhat better and able to take a little food —
℞ ol Rum ℥j Hab —

15. Complains of being very weak — is taking his food much better —

20. Still complains of weakness — Is evidently improving — Despondency continues

29. His wife having determined on removing him he was this day discharged

Relieved

1851
May 2 this could not be permitted, to be allowed to have his body clothes in the bedroom with him - Neither of these demands were complied with, because of the ascertained fact that if he had his clothes he would not go to bed at all - He then intimated that the physicians would bring the curse of God upon his head for refusing his requests -

3. according to the Sheriffs remit was visited to day by Drs Forbes & King who had an interview with him of two or three hours duration -

8. The following is a copy of the medical certificate of Drs King & Forbes :-

Glasgow 5 May 1851

"We the subscribers, Fellows of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and Inspectors of Madhouses in terms of the act of Parliament for regulating the same having on the 1st and 3rd Inst. carefully examined Alexander Charles Agilay, at present a patient in Gartnavel Lunatic Asylum, are of opinion that the said Alex Chas. Agilay is insane and a proper patient for treatment in a lunatic Asylum -

Certified on Soul & Conscience
(Signed) Alex^r Forbes M.D.
A. King M.D.

The following is a copy of the Sheriffs note accompanying the above.

Sheriffs Chambers Glasgow
May 8. 1851

Sir, I enclose you according to your request a copy of the Medical report in the case of Alex Agilay. I have given no delivery until as that was unnecessary, seeing that the Report intimates that he is properly detained in the Asylum.

I am Sir Your
(Signed) Henry Glassford Bell.
Dr Macintosh
Royal Lunatic Asylum
Gartnavel

12. After a great deal of trouble and opposition, has got his hair cut, his beard shaved & his whiskers trimmed removed. Has got dressed in decent clothes, been persuaded to leave his room and eat at table with his fellow patients -

Is much improved in appearance.

Admitted 25th March 1851

1851
May 31. Since last report has frequently been much excited – appealing to heaven – imprecating curses upon those who caused him to be brought hither – Says that he risked his life to save his mother – that he had overcome all his difficulties, when his prospects were blasted for ever –

Denies everything that is stated about him, & will authenticated facts he calls lies – Insists upon every thing he says being true when very often, (and he must know it) it is false –

Is excessively suspicious – constantly looking if any body is watching him and charging the servant medical officer and all who come in contact with him, with insulting him –

June 30. Continues in the same state – assumes very theatrical airs and attitudes, clasping his hands, turning up his eyes – rushes up and down the gallery evidently in a state of great mental emotion – Is constantly asking the same questions over and over again – Is very close when any question is asked him – Says that though his brother fell down upon his knees to ask his pardon and offer him £100,000 he would not take it and forgive him –

Continues as suspicious & troublesome as ever – Asks his fellow patients if they think he is insane – & in reply they express that they have no doubt that he is insane

July 15. No change in mental or bodily state – Is trying to resume his former way of living – by keeping his bedroom – performing innumerable ablutions – half dressed – It is with great difficulty that he can be brought to conduct himself in conformity to the rules of the gallery –

Is very troublesome & difficult to please in anything

28. When a letter to him from his mother was offered to him today – began striking his forehead as if in agony and at first refused to take it – When he did take it he immediately dashed it upon his bed and commenced to descant upon his blasted prospects &c

Aug 15. Is frequently much excited – muttering to himself – walking up and down the gallery at a very rapid rate, and exclaiming at the wickedness of this world and his own relatives – Is in a great rage when contradicted and when every statement he makes is not received as absolutely true – Is dissatisfied with every body and everything – Is excessively suspicious – and exacting –

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Crawford Johnston aet

1857
May 7. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by two attendants who were sent to bring him –
About two years ago was treated with benefit in this Institution – His present attack commenced about two months ago and has been characterized by great depression of spirits. He has kept his bed under the imagination that he is very ill and that his body is so much swollen that he cannot rise – He is characterized by great simplicity and stubbornness –

8 Has got up at the usual hour of rising – Is much depressed – Bowels rather costive:
℞ ol. Ric Coz j. stat.

15. Has got up regularly every morning – Is very quiet and little communicative – Takes his food well.

31. Goes out to the garden regularly to work – Is very quiet and says very little when addressed; takes his food well and enjoys excellent health

June 15. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report – Talks rationally on most subjects scarcely be induced to speak upon his delusions works regularly in the garden.

30. Keeps in excellent health is quiet and good natured – Speaks little – Sometimes engages in singing with his fellow patients.

July 31 – Is quiet and reserved. Works occasionally in the garden. Is in good bodily health.

Aug 30 Has been troubled with diarrhoea for a day or two – Today became maniacal & considerably excited and had to be put in seclusion.

31. Excitement has gone off – Has still some Diarrhoea –
℞ ol. Ric Co zp.
Tr Opii zp. stat.

Sept 30 Is in good bodily health – Is very backward in going out to work. Is very quiet and gives little trouble –

Octr 31. Is in his usual state, very quiet & retiring in demeanour. Goes out to walk occasionally. Is in good bodily health –

Nov 30. Is in his usual; quiet & gives little trouble – Is in good bodily health

Dec 31. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report –

Admitted 7th May 1851

1852
Jany 31. Is in his usual quiet state. Is very averse to any active employment. Is of a harmless and childish disposition

July 28. Enjoys excellent health. Is very imbecile. Is depressed. Is averse to going out to the garden to work —

March 31. Is in his usual state. There is no change either in mental or bodily state

April 30 Is very quiet in disposition — associates freely with his fellow patients. Is childish and imbecile —

May 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

Jun 30 Enjoys excellent bodily health. No improvement in mental state Declines going out to work —

July 31. Is in his usual state. Health good, functions regular —

Aug 31. Is of a quiet and retiring disposition, converses freely with his fellow patients. Seems at times to be considerably depressed. Is averse to going out to work walks out with the other patients is in good bodily health.

Sept 30 Is in his usual state. Is in an imbecile state of mind. Seems to be destitute of energy — Left to himself would soon fall into his former state of despondency — Bodily health is excellent

Octr 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Nov 30. Is in excellent bodily health. Mental imbecility continues.

Dec 31. Is quiet and depressed. Is very shy and imbecile — Is in excellent health.

1853
Jany 31 Is as despondent and destitute of energy as ever. Avoids all active employment Is said to mourn and deplore his condition at times — Is generally dull shy and retiring.

July 28 Continues in all respects as described in preceding reports

March 31 Is in his usual state. Is still dull and melancholy — and averse to anything more active than walking up and down the gallery —

April 30 There is no improvement in mental state since last report. At times expresses a desire to get away —

May 31 Is not improved. Is as dull and lethargic as ever.

Jun 30 Continues as before.

July 31 There is no change or improvement since last report

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Robert Smith aet: 45

merchant

1851

May 31. Is in the same miserable desponding state as described in foregoing reports - Is full of the most absurd delusions about his bowels being taken out, being eaten by his fellow-patients - his children being dishonored &c
Is still averse to taking his food - Bowels require the frequent use of purgative medicine

June 30 No improvement in mental state. Is as miserable as ever and full of delusions was taken home lately to take tea with his family in charge of an attendant who had some difficulty in bringing him home -

July 31. Is still full of delusions about himself - his food & his family - Is always being dishonored, by his bed, the clock & many other means - persists in standing in consequence of which his feet are becoming oedematous -
Takes his food pretty well. Bowels require medicine to move them.

Aug 31. Has now begun to engage in the amusements of his fellow patients - Is as full of delusions as ever - Is very miserable - oedema continues

Septr 30. Spends a great deal of his time in amusing himself - plays billiards whist - on his fiddle - at pitch & toss in the airing court - Delusions continue as strong as ever - oedema continues

℞ Sp. aeth nitros ℥ij
Infus Rosae ℥iij
Aquae ℥vj M
Cap. cochl. magn. bis in die

Octr 31. Is as miserable and full of delusions as ever - Cannot be persuaded to sit - persists in standing which causes his feet to be oedematous.
Amuses himself as usual
Bowels require the constant use of medicine.

Septr 8. In order to relieve the oedema of his lower extremities is kept in bed for a portion of the day -

10. Complains of pain in the lumbar region and says he is unable to stand
Applic vesicator. dors. ii lumb.

11. Is able to get up. rose and dressed in the evening and plays whist for three hours -

Nov 3. Is again in bed - oedematous state of the feet continues on account of his persisting in standing the greater part of the day - When he lies the oedema speedily disappears - Delusions continue as great as ever - Bowels never moved without medicine

Readmitted 29 November 1850

1851
Nov 6. Is up today. Has the most extraordinary delusions about himself – says he has no bowels or blood vessels – that he will live for ever – That he is torn to pieces – at other times that he has disappeared altogether to a mere sound or scrape of a fiddle – says that he has swallowed the whole world & passed it again in urine – His brain teems with these & many other such like delusions –

8. Is in bed today – says that he is so completely destroyed that he cannot stand – says that there is a pain in his back –

11. Is still in bed – says he cannot stand
applic. vesicat. lumbis –

15. Is still in bed though apparently in his usual state of health. The oedema of the lower extremities has quite disappeared.

19. Has been got up today and induced to sit in the parlour – Delusions as strong as ever –

30. Is up every day – occasionally refuses to take some of his meals – Has given up standing & sits for the most part in the parlour – knows Leads – Plays at whist in the evening –

Dec 15. Is up every day and in the parlour Is as miserable as ever & full of delusions

31. Delusions continue of the most extravagant description – says he is constantly destroyed – that he is eaten up by others – that he is torn to pieces – that he is wound up with the clock – that his children are cooked & eaten here – with a great many delusions of a similar kind Is or appears to be always very miserable – Bowels always require the use of laxative medicine –

Jany 1852 31 – Is in the same miserable condition as described in foregoing reports Is occasionally violent – striking others or destroying glass and furniture Is in good bodily health – Delusions continue –

July 28. There is no change or improvement. Delusions continue with occasional violence – Bowels costive

March 31 No abatement of misery or delusions – Seldom sits – says it destroys him – If he takes his food it destroys him – If he does not take it he is equally destroyed – Becomes more miserable at meal times – Is then quite restless Says he does not care what he does he is so miserable

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John Christie aet: Clerk

1831
May 27. Was this day transferred from the East to the West House -
Is said to have been insane for three years - He has delusions regarding the identity of his friends and especially of his own relations. Fancys himself heir of large estates left him by a Queen of Spain. Imagines himself Crown Prince of Spain and Portugal, in virtue of which immense estates belong to him. Thinks that people at a distance have the power to hurt him in various parts of his body and that females have the power to draw semen from his body when they please. Complains that people lean upon his head and upon his lungs & that is that they abstract from him to add to their own health of body &c. Believes that he has the power to prevent this by pushing out his breast and by firing at them in imagination. Says that people communicate with him by thought and he with them. Hears voices addressing him and receives information as to his Estates &c by the "thought" -

31. Has been quiet and well behaved since admission - Says little about his delusions and when asked directly, pretends to throw some doubt upon them - Is in good bodily health -

June 15. Since last report has conducted himself with propriety and speaks rationally on all subjects but his delusions - Is in good bodily health -

30. Delusions continue though he speaks of them with reserve -

July 31. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Is in good bodily health. Delusions continue as before though he says little about them -

Aug 31. Is in good bodily health - No change in delusions or mental state. Is quiet takes regular exercise - Appetite & other functions regular -

Sept. 30. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Oct. 31. Is cheerful and contented. Seldom enters into conversation with others. Delusions continue -
Is in good bodily health.

Nov. 30. Seldom speaks of his delusions - Requires to be drawn out - Is cautious in his way of speaking - Says that such and such a thing might, that it might be inquired into - Refuses to acknowledge his health

Dec. 31. Is in his usual state. Is cheerful and polite in his disposition & behaviour

Admitted. 24th May 1851.

1852 Jany 31. Is in excellent health talks rationally on most subjects — Is reserved and suspicious in regard to his delusions — on other subjects speaks freely —

July 28. Is to all appearance now free from delusion

March 17. Arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged

Cured

Re-admitted 11 December 1852

1852 Dec 11. Was brought to the asylum by two attendants who were sent for him

His delusions have returned and has manifested violence more especially towards his mother.

He imagines that he is a prince Duke & that he is the heir of a princess of Portugal — That he is the rightful owner of the Duke of Hamilton's Estate Has some delusions about balloons & on various other subjects.

Is in excellent bodily health

31. Is conducting himself with perfect propriety — Thinks he is sent here by the Court of Session according to some law or other by which he is to be qualified to get possession of his real estate and property. Health good

1853 Jany 31. Is still conducting himself quietly and with propriety. His delusions continue as strong as ever —

July 29. General health is good. Delusions seem to be deeply rooted in his mind They are not abated in any degree.

March 31 Is still in the same state mental and bodily. Writes to Lord Cockburn on the subject of his confinement and about his being the heir of the Princess of Portugal.

April 30 There is no improvement His delusions seem rather to be increased in number and intensity. Does not desire to enter on any employment.

May 31 Continues quiet and well-conducted. Delusions continue as before.

Jun 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

July 31 Has written various letters to Lord Cockburn, the Court of Exchequer in which he sets forth his various claims and delusions

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John Anderson aet. 18.

1851
May 24. Was brought to the Asylum today by his relatives.
Is said to have been insane since the end of last month – Has suffered from bilious congestion at intervals extending over two years – At the beginning of this attack, he experienced great weakness, with pain in the head – Pupils were sluggish and dilated Had sleeplessness and a constant disposition to talk – Pain on pressure at the pit of the stomach –
He imagines that he has plenty of gold and bank notes in his pillows and about his bed and believes in the existence of imaginary persons in his room.
25. Was restless during the night. Bite off one of the legs of his bedstead & bedaubed himself and the whole room with filth – Is destructive of his clothing –
Let him be put into a canvas dress
26. Continues to be filthy during the night
Let him have a pint of porter daily
31. Is somewhat improved in his habits
Let him be dressed in his own clothes.
Jun 15. Is now cleanly in his habits – Is very imbecile in conduct and conversation
Is improving in health.
30. Continues to behave well, though widently very imbecile –
July 31. Is quiet and easily managed Is very childish in manner & conversation
Bowels are regular – & Bodily health is good
Aug 31. Continues quiet and well behaved
bodily health continuing good – Weakness of mind continues as before
Sept 30. Is disposed to destroy his clothes occasionally – Is generally quiet and childish in disposition.
Is in good bodily health
Oct 31. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report –
Nov 30 Is quiet, and amuses himself with playing on the snapheim. Is in good bodily health – Mind seems to be a little improved
Dec 31. Is improving rapidly – Is active and cheerful & exhibits more intelligence –
1852
July 2. Having now returned to his usual state of health – his mind being in its normal state – & arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 24th May 1837

Robert Strong aet: Merchant

1851
May 30 Was brought from Bainbridge by Dr McKim –
Though in good health has been lying in bed for the last six months. Has been labouring under a certain degree of melancholy; entertains feelings of dissatisfaction with his father whom he accuses of not doing his duty to him by instructing in regard to the state of society. He is excessively suspicious – He is good bodily health.

15. Since admission has been quiet & good-tempered, rising regularly and conducting himself with propriety – When conversed with, talks a great deal about the 'State of society' and the influence which he has exercised and still exercises upon it. Is nervous and easily agitated – General health good –

June 15 – Continues to conduct himself with propriety – rises regularly and goes out to walk – Reads and amuses himself and expresses himself contented with his present position. talks rationally and coherently on many subjects. General health good

30. There has been no change either in the mental or bodily state since last report

July 15 Continues to conduct himself with propriety. Reads and amuses himself as usual – Talks freely about the peculiar views he entertains in regard to the 'State of society' & his own influence upon it. Manifests a considerable degree of suspicion –

31. Supposes that his fellow-patients are all talking about him – more especially those who talk to themselves, and respire in the airing court. Is in good bodily health

Aug 23 Has become considerably excited, and having assaulted a fellow-patient, had to be put in his own room – Accuses the most harmless persons of speaking ill of & against him – and threatens that if not prevented he will assault those who are abusive to him –

26. Has been put up to-day and despite suspicions and delusions continues unabated – Let him be removed to another gallery.

Sept 15. Has been quiet since last report. Has ceased going out to the airing court that he may not meet those who are

Admitted 30 May 1851

1851
Sept 15 abnotions to him – Employs his time in reading. complains occasionally of pain in the right Hypochondriac Region
Ry. Pulap Co 5j
Calom grij. ft 2x.

30. Is quiet and conducts himself with the strict – goes out occasionally to walk Reads. during a portion of the day – Refuses to go to the airing court

Aug 31. Since last report has been correct in his behaviour – Delusions continue Is in good bodily health

Nov 30. Is keeping quiet & reads a good deal. Has not come into collision with any of his fellow patients – His delusions continue as described above –

1852
January 1. This morning was observed to be in a state of great excitement – and came up to one of the Medical officers in a menacing attitude, & using abusive language – let him be watched –

4. Is in bed today & is now become quiet. Is very excitable.

31. Has continued quiet since last report except on one occasion when he called a fellow patient – used threatening language to a quiet and harmless patient, I imagine that certain of the patients are joined in a conspiracy to annoy him –

July 15. This forenoon while annoying a fellow patient in the airing court, was asked by the attendant to come into the House. This he refused to do. and the attendant having gone to get assistance he managed to tear up a brick with which he threatened to take the life of the attendant if he approached him afterwards having been induced to go into the House, and being asked to go to his own room, he took up the bottom of a chair and threatened to strike the attendant if he came near him – a body of Attendants having been assembled, he was surrounded and after a violent struggle was secured & placed in Seclusion –

March 6. Has been in Seclusion since last report – for part of the time violently but principally on account of his violent threats against various persons concerned in securing him on July 15 –

Is doing up and going about as before

31 It having been determined to give him a trial at home, he was today given in charge to his connexions

Relieved

Alexander Angus aet:

1851 July 4 Transferred from the East to the West House.

31. Since his transference to this part of the House, has conducted himself quietly - Manifests a considerable degree of imbecility in conversation - Entertains certain delusions about his head, among others that there are worms in it - Is in good bodily health Bowels are generally costive

R Pt Col Coy prn.

Aug 31. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Reads some - Amuses himself at games with his fellow patients - Cont -

Sept 30. Is in the same state as before. Is generally weak minded and full of absurd fancies - amuses himself with his fellow patients -

Oct 31. Is quiet and well-behaved Delusions about his head continue Bowels continue costive - Cont:

Nov 30 - Thinks that three glasses of whisky per diem would do him good - Thinks that his insanity was caused by an injury on the head when he was young -

Dec 27 Proposes in a letter today to become a lawyer. He says "I have had to do with "writers before and knows what sort of "a stamp mine of. but at the same time "I have a notion of the profession, and would "like to be employed in that sort of a line "myself; I flatter myself I have the abbility "but got them destroyed at one time by the "stroke of a kite (quoit)? - I spoke to the Doctor "about it and he thinks that the stroke "would be the cause of it (his insanity) and "I mostly time myself according to the action of the medicine upon my body +++ "It was allowed by Doctors that I hastened my "fathers death by excitement through my "foolishness, I have never been a father and "cannot talk of parental affection so I "can only speak as a son to a father. it was "foolishness in him to give himself so much "concern about me, - no doubt it was his "duty to check for I was not in my right "senses +++ I have a great notion of be-"coming a lawyer or something of that sort,

1852 Jany 31. Is in his usual state. Is quiet & fond of fancies - amuses himself with his fellow patients - Is in good health.

July 28. Is in good health - Mind not improved Works occasionally is restless and unsettled -

Admitted 14 February 1851

1852
March 3. Has become very maniacal screaming & tearing his clothes & has been put into seclusion.
Ry P Sol. Cozzi stat
8. Maniacal excitement has abated and he is now able to be up and dressed
30. Has again been maniacal and excited.
July 1 Excitement has now gone off.
28. Has continued free from any violent maniacal excitement since last report: Health is good.
March 31 Continues quiet and is able to go to work occasionally. Health is good. Works cutting
R Pit Coleoj Jr. Dr.
April 30 Is in his usual state free from excitement or violence. Is in good health. Cont
May 31 Is imbecile & continues free from violent excitement. Works occasionally with the Carpenters. Cont
June 30 Is in his usual state. His imbecility is as marked as ever. Is very anxious to get stimulants. Cont.
July 31. Is in all respects as at preceding reports. Cont
Aug 31. Is continuing quiet and free from maniacal excitement. Works in the Carpenters shop and walks in the grounds with his fellow patients. Is in good bodily health.
Sept 30 Is very imbecile and full of absurd fancies and delusions. Works in a desultory manner with the Carpenters. Is in good health.
Oct 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.
Nov 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily. Is working more steadily being engaged in making a boat chest for himself.
Dec 31 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily.
Jany 31. 1853 Is frequently very irritable and full of delusions. Works pretty steadily for a few days at a time and then quite irregularly complains of want of sleep.
Ry Sol Mun Morph 3ss h.s.
July 28. Continues much as before. Mental state not improved.
March 31 Has been very restless for some days and making noise during the night. Was this day transferred to the East House

James Alexander act: Custom House
from p 218 vol XXI of Office

1857
July 31 – Delusions continue as strong as ever says that he is made completely miserable that he gets no rest night or day on account of the noises he hears all around him Changes were one around him without having purposes to serve in reference to him – In good bodily health.

Aug 31. There is no abatement in his delusions or of the uncomfortable state he is put in by them – In hardly civil when spoken to – laughs and talks to himself – Makes loud and absurd cries in reply to the imaginary sounds he hears –

Sept 30. In the most uncomfortable state of mind on account of his delusions which are in no way mitigated – In dull and discontented – In full of suspicion

Oct 31. Continues in all respects as described in the preceding reports.

Nov 30. In his usual suspicious state of mind – Makes strange noises in reply to those which he imagines he hears – Having been very noisy during the night, and battering his bedroom door he was removed to another sleeping apartment.

Dec 31 In his usual state – plugs his ears that he may not hear the voices Imagining that he is what he calls 'Russed' In very suspicious of all and sundry –

1858
Jany 31. There is no improvement in mental state or alleviation of the painful delusions under which he labours – In very sulky for the most part.

Feby 28. In as full of delusions as ever & very insulting and sulky to those around him. In in good health

Cont

March 31 – Seldom entering into conversation with others – Laughs and talks to himself – Sees at imaginary persons – In in a very uncomfortable state of mind – In in good bodily health –

April 30 In in all respects as at foregoing reports –

May 31 – There is no improvement in mental state & no change or alleviation of his delusions – In as suspicious and uncomfortable as ever –

June 30 In in his usual sulky and suspicious state. Delusions are not abated

July 31. In in all respects as at foregoing reports –

Aug 31 Delusions continue as strong as ever – Imagines that people are, what

Admitted 6th January 1851

1852
Aug 31 he calls 'imping' him. Stops up his ears that he may not hear the voices which he hears on all sides of him. Is at one time insolent and at another in a merry mood.

Sept 30 Delusions continue unchanged. They seem to occupy all his thoughts. Is constantly bursting out into loud fits of laughter. At other times he assumes a very serious demeanour. Annoys and insults by his suspicions his fellow patients.

Oct 31 - Delusions, peculiarities of manner and temper continue unchanged. Is in good bodily health.

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Dec 31 - Has been occasionally induced to play on the violin on which he is an excellent performer, at the evening concerts. Delusions continue the same as before.

1853
Jany 31 Is occasionally violent in his conduct & frequently very insulting in his language. Laughs loudly and immoderately to himself & imagines he hears people speaking to him.

Feby 28. Continues in every respect as described in foregoing reports.

March 31 Is in his usual state. Is as suspicious, grotesque and insulting in his language and behaviour as before. Is in good health.

April 14 His brother along with his brother in law who offered to take charge of him having come to remove him he was this day discharged

Relieved

Shortly after the above patient left the Asylum, his brother having become alarmed on account of the responsibility of allowing such a man to go at large, made an attempt to get him replaced in the Asylum, but the brother in law Mr Cooper and his family having violently resisted his doing so and thus by covenant of the Sheriff which the brother had obtained for that purpose he was allowed to go at large till the 7th of July 1853, when, Mr Cooper & his family having also become alarmed on account of the patient, brought him back to the Asylum.

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William R. Adair aet

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1857
July 31. Is frequently in a very gloomy and dejected state. Is of a very amorous turn of mind – Frequently expresses himself in the warmest terms of affection in reference to the female servants of the house. Is exceedingly simple and easily imposed upon. Is robust in health –

Aug 31. Is at one time very cheerful & at another very desponding – At the instigation of a fellow patient has been writing letters to his friends of late – Is misgiven of and easily imposed upon by his fellow patients – Is in good bodily health.

Septr 30. Is in his usual state – changeable in disposition – very gloomy at times – Plans his affections upon the servants and female attendants whom he may happen to see

Octr 31. Is very cheerful and contented. Says this is the best place for him. General health is excellent

Nov 15. The following is a specimen of his epistolary correspondence

"Gartnavel Royal Asylum
"near Glasgow Nov 15. 1857

"My Dear Miss Elizabeth Tailor.

"You know quite well you are my "dear and lawful wife, and that I "did marry you when you were here "sitting on the fender picking your dear "sweet little teeth with a pin and had on "a sweet little red gown. And I said I will "marry you and you said I will go to the "whole world with you, and now if "you will please to condescend to marry "me, I will give to you every thing you "wish and do whatever you like, and "take you with me to Belfast which is "my home, and if you dont like that, I "will take you to Ballymena Castle or "Carncarry Cottage. I will also give "to you a Gold Watch, a satin and mus-"lin dresses. Now my dear sweet young "lady do come pray and take me out of "this insane house – As I have told you "you are my wife, and I declare to you "I love you more and more every day "and at night you are never out of my "head and I cannot sleep for thinking "of you – You are a dear sweet girl "and when I cease to love you Christ "will be come again. Now my dear girl "do come and take me out of this Mad-"house. I most humbly beg an answer "at your earliest convenience. Believe

Admitted 29: June 1847.

"me, dear sweet little angel of a young
"lady, my affectionate sweetheart and
"admirer and friend till death
William Robert Adair"

Dec 15. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily - Writes a great many letters in the style of the one given above -

25. Stomach is not of order - Eats too much at times -

R. Ol. Ricoy. Sect.

1853
Jany 31 Is at one time lively and cheerful and at another moody melancholy and depressed - In my amatory - falls in love with the servants writes absurd letters

July 28. Is in the same unsettled state - Very gloomy often - and suicidal - Despairs of getting married which is the great object of his ambition -

March 31. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports - Breaks windows occasionally and is disposed to be mischievous - Has no regard to truth in what he states -

April 30. Is in good bodily health. Is very weak in mind - Is constantly dreaming of women & writing letters of the most absurd and high flown description - Is depressed and melancholy almost daily -

May 31 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports -

June 30 Is in his usual state. Is given to breaking windows. Is very silly & amorous - Writes numerous and absurd letters to females -

July 31 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily -

Aug 4 - Having struck or pushed a fellow patient from ~~[illegible]~~ he was thrown down by the patient & struck

31. Has become so reckless, blasphemous and obscene in his conduct and conversation that he has had to be removed to another gallery. His delusions are almost entirely upon lewd and obscene subjects. His language is very disgusting and horrible.

Sept 30 Is in a very excitable state. Lascivious ideas predominate in his mind Is very blasphemous and disgusting in his conversation

Oct 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Nov 15 Having this morning without any provocation broken 26 panes of glass he was placed in seclusion

26. Promising to behave better for the future he was this day allowed to get out of his room -

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Thomas Adair aet:

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1857
Aug 31. Is occasionally noisy and excited both during the night and the day and disposed to chide those who are not meddling with or speaking to him. His peculiarities of manner and conversation continue as before —
Is in fair bodily health. cont.

Septr 30. Is in his usual state both mentally and bodily — occasional excitement continues — Asthmatic affection sometimes slightly aggravated — Cont

Oct. 31. Has been considerably excited of late, so as to require partial seclusion; has also struck a fellow patient without provocation — Is in good bodily health Cont —

Nov 15. Was visited by his brother, but was unable to hold any intelligible conversation with him. — Cont.

Dec 20. Is frequently very noisy, and occasionally strikes a fellow patient. Continues to be troubled with his bronchitic affection which is of long standing —

1858
Jany 31. Is occasionally noisy and excited; his conversation is quite unintelligible. Is in his usual health. cont —

July 16 This morning shortly after nine o'clock, while walking in the gallery suddenly fell down in a fainting fit & was immediately put in bed — Brandy and ammonia were administered and he soon rallied — He again became faint about 11 o'clock, and again rallied — about one o'clock while taking some beef tea, he vomited some fluid containing some clots of blood, and in the afternoon and evening passed a considerable quantity of dark matter, apparently blood — Let him be kept in perfect quiet & have cool beef tea & fluid arrow root with cold water to drink —

17. Is very weak and inclined to vomit. Became very sick in the evening but rallied — Hab — ℞ Vin. fulli ʒij in aqua bulliens. Cont

18. Is still very weak — though rallying. Castor oil passed through the alimentary canal unchanged —
℞ Pot Iod. Co ʒj. —
Sol. Gelig etc.

19. Still weak has had a good night's rest and is improving — cont —

20. Is improving: has had no return of vomiting or sickness — Takes calf's foot jelly and beef tea readily —

21. Is still improving —

Admitted March 19: 1843.

1832
July 27 — Is now so much better as to be able to be up and dressed — So thin & weak —
Rec'd vin Rub ℥ij quotidie &c
Cont —

March 31 — Has continued to improve since last report. Is now in his usual state of health — Mental state is unchanged

April 30 — Is in his usual state, occasionally noisy and excited — shakes hands with all comers as usual — cont

May 31. — There is no change of any consequence in mental or bodily condition since last report — occasional excitement continues. Cont.

June 30 — Continues as before — His health is fair — Mind is as weak as ever — His language is quite unintelligible
cont —

July 31. — Is in all respects as at foregoing reports — Cont

Aug 15 — Has been troubled with diarrhoea which is now subdued — Cont.

31. — Is in his usual state of mental and bodily health. cont.

Sept 30 — Labours under considerable obstruction of the respiratory organs of long standing — which is aggravated or the reverse according to the state of the weather. cont —

Aug 31 — Is at times considerably excited and noisy — Shakes without provocation shakes hands with all and sundry. His language is for the most part quite unintelligible. Is very thin and emaciated — cont —

Sept 30 — Mental state continues as before — Is in his usual state of bodily health. occasional excitement with violence is manifested as usual. cont —

Oct 31 — Is in all respect as described in foregoing reports. cont

Nov 20 — Last night was attacked with dyspnoea which is now considerably relieved by the use of Sp. Anth Sulph in small doses frequently repeated.

30 — Is going about in his usual state of health.

Dec 20 — Has had two large boils on the right temple. In other respects is the same as before.

1833
Jany 31 — Is in his usual state both mental and bodily.

Feby 28. — There is no change in any respect

March 31 — No change observable.

April 30 — Is in his usual state.

May 31 — No change —

June 30 — No change —

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Robert King aet: 23

1851
July 26. Brought to the asylum today by his mother and Dr A King.
Is said to have been subject to epilepsy for several years. Recently he has had paroxysms of equal violence, striking and destroying everything within his reach.
On admission is quiet and imbecile in appearance with a very stupid expression of countenance.
27. At bed time became very violent thrusting his hand down his throat striking his head against the wall and behaving in such a way that it was necessary to put him under some restraint and have an attendant to sit up with him.
28. His bowels have been freely moved with purgative medicine and he has become quiet. Let him be freed from all restraint & kept in his room.
29. Is continuing quiet. Let him be got up and dressed.
Aug 15. Has kept quiet since last report and has been allowed freely to associate with his fellow-patients. His bowels require the occasional use of laxative medicine.
31. Continues quiet. Is quite imbecile. Memory is very deficient. Expresses difficulty in expressing himself. Has occasional slight nervous attacks. Bowels kept freely by Castor oil.
Septr 30 Is exceedingly stupid - occasionally very irritable, and suffers frequent and slight epileptic attacks. Has a voracious appetite. Is afraid to sleep in a room by himself. Attempts to read his Bible. cont.
Octr 31. Having struck a fellow patient was put into a room by himself, but being much frightened and promising not to do so again, was allowed to go back to the dormitory. Requires the use of laxative medicine
Nov 27. Has had frequent epileptic seizures of greater violence than formerly. In consequence he has become more stupid & today having become maniacal & violent & ungovernable, he was put in seclusion.
R Pulv Jal. Cozij
Calom - gr v hora stat.
30. Has been in seclusion since last report. The maniacal symptoms having sufficiently abated he has been got up and dressed today

Admitted 26th July 1857.

Dec 31 Is in his usual stupid & childish state. Is very voracious in his appetite — receptively simple and easily imposed upon. Has frequent slight epileptic seizures —

1857 Aug 31. Is in good bodily health — Mental state is unimproved — manifests great forgetfulness — dullness and stupidity — Has occasional epileptic seizures after which he is violent & dangerous —

July 28. General health continuing good — Employs himself in reading his Bible which he manages with difficulty — Is simple childish and stupid.

March 15. Has become violent and dangerous and has been put into seclusion

R P Salap Cozifs
Calgir Sum St.

19. Is now quiet and able to be up and dressed —

April 30. Is in his usual state. Is as stupid as ever — liable to violence after epileptic seizures — Is in good bodily health

May 31. Continuing in the same state as described in foregoing report.

June 18. Has again become violent & without provocation threw his Bible at the head of a fellow patient — Has been put into seclusion —

20 Is still in seclusion — Is noisy violent and dangerous

25. Is still in seclusion — Is still violent and dangerous. Takes his food well — Bowels kept free by medicine

July 1. Has now become quiet and manageable and has been taken up and dressed.

Aug 20. Has again become violent and dangerous and has been put into seclusion

23. Maniacal excitement having subsided he has been taken out of seclusion —

Sept 30 Has occasional epileptic attacks which are followed by great obtuseness of intellect & irritability. Complains of pain and uneasiness about the anus which seems to be caused by acrid secretions about the parts. Let the parts be frequently washed with cold water & a solution of sulph zinc — grij to ℥j aqua

Oct 31. Continues in all respects as at foregoing reports.

Nov 30. Epileptic seizures of greater or less violence continue as frequent as ever. Mental imbecility is very great — Is very stupid and frequently very irritable

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Rev: Robert Donald ait:

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1851
July 31. Is improving greatly in bodily health and is much more composed in mind. Some of his peculiar views are becoming modified – but he is still unshaken in his delusions about witnessing miracles having communications direct in word from God – in exercising a special influence upon other men's minds – & also the doctrines which he holds different from the Confession of faith – Is very zealous in picking up odd ends of knowledge which though trivial he regards as of great practical importance

Aug 31. Is continuing in good bodily health. Is very anxious in the choice of his language that he may not speak anything but the exact truth – He carries his peculiarity to an extreme degree – His delusions continue as strong as ever – His only anxiety is to get his liberty that he may disseminate them

℞. P. Calomb.
Bicarb Sod
P Aron. ana ʒi Med
div in pulv xij quor sum in. Mane et nocte –

Sept 30. Complains occasionally of a heated & uneasy state of body – Is in good bodily health & functions are regular – Mental peculiarities and delusions are unchanged –

Oct 31. Has lately been speaking about getting a combination among the patients to resist being locked up. Is very confused in his statement. Is morbidly scrupulous in the use of language, so as often to be unintelligible. Is in good bodily health

Nov 30. Is in a more composed state of mind & speaks less of his delusions, though they are as deep-rooted in his mind as ever. Freely enters upon them when led to do so in the course of conversation – Is in good bodily health –

Dec 31. Is in all respects mental and bodily in the same state as described in the foregoing report –

1852
Jany 31 – Delusions continue as prevalent. They are for the most part on religious subjects – Has a morbid degree of scrupulosity in the use of language that he may not deviate from the truth –
Enjoys good bodily health –

Feby 28 – Continues in his usual state both bodily and mental – Delusions are as strong as ever –

March 31. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports –

Admitted 18th April 1851

1852
April 30 His scrupulousness is so great that he cannot use without caution the common mode of reckoning time — he prefaces a date by the expression "according the common reckoning" Has delusions and scruples about the use of paper money — His other delusions continue.

May 31. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily — Reads a good deal — Rejects many excellent works upon very slight grounds of offence with them — Walks and goes to church —

June 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

July 31 Is in excellent health — Mental state unchanged — Delusions continue as strong as ever —

Aug 31. Peculiarities and delusions continue the same as before. Is very scrupulous about the use of words, and is constantly withdrawing modifying and explaining expressions formerly used Entertains a great many foolish and silly projects. Is in excellent health

Septe 30 Is very precise methodical and regular in all he does. Reads a good deal. Does not write so much as formerly — and speaks less about his delusions — Proposals having been made about his removal to Rothesay or some such place on condition of not attempting to promulgate his peculiar ideas, he declined to agree

Octo 31 Is in his usual state Is very confused in his conversation — Is very scrupulous and critical in the use of words. Delusions continue as before Health good —

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing Reports.

Dec 31 There is no change since last report

Jany 1853 31. Is quiet methodical, confused and argumentative. Is full of delusions —

Feby 28. Is in his usual state mental & bodily

March 31 Continues as before. Is very meddlesome at times. Conversation is obscure incoherent

April 30 Mental state without change or improvement. Is full of crotchets and delusions

May 31 Always enjoys excellent health — Takes regular exercise and eats well. Mind is not improved

June 30 Continues as before in all respects

July 31 There is no change or improvement in any respect.

Aug 16. Was this day removed by his wife to Rothesay & discharged

Relieved

Alexander Charles Aylby aet 36:

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1851
Aug. 31. When a letter from his mother was presented to him refused to receive or even touch it – When a fellow patient put it in side his vest, tore his clothes open that it might fall out without his touching it His general behaviour is of the same singular and eccentric character as before – Is very suspicious and inquisitive and gets indignant at the replies which his own questions call forth. His demands are innumerable & very difficult to satisfy – Is constantly squabbling with the servants on the most trivial occasions and seems only to be in his element when engaged in contention with those around him –

Septr 15 Is in his usual state. Is at times much excited – Is very untidy in his habits – Is jealous of his fellow patients getting any favours which is denied to him – Is raving continually at his relatives for persecuting him and blasting all his prospects both in this world and in that which is to come – accuses the physician without any grounds for intercepting his mother's letters and telling him to curse his mother. Says that he would not be reconciled to his brother Sir John Aylby though he should fall down on his knees to him and give him £100,000. Can scarcely bear to hear the name of his brother Major Aylby even mentioned – Is a constant source of irritation to his fellow patients, whom he pesters with his questions, whether they consider him insane or not, and which either decline to answer him at all, or state to him, that they have no doubts of his insanity – Is in good bodily health –

30. A piece of white crape which he kept in his hat and used before his admission to cover his face was recently committed to the flames by a fellow patient which caused him considerable annoyance – States that this piece of crape was so connected with him that it was many years of his past history to be recounted, to understand its value Says that his mother, years ago was employed in endeavouring to accomplish his ruin – Says that he will never speak to her again, or write to her more than one letter – Is constantly demanding interviews, in which he never advances one step, but retracts the same statements again & again

Admitted 25th March 1851.

1851 Oct 7. complains that he is the victim of an accident – that it is all a mistake his being brought here – says that he had reached the climax of his fortune when he was brought here – that he had overcome all his difficulties but now that he is ruined here and hereafter –

8. Had an interview with the Sheriff substitute (Shaw) today and complained that he was not allowed to visit his aunt in Edinburgh, and of his being unlawfully kept here – was examined by the medical inspectors. The sheriff then entered upon an examination of his case and determined that there was no grounds for interfering as he was a proper patient for a lunatic asylum.

31. Is in his usual state. manifests absence of mind to such a degree as to be incapable of playing at whist – Is very restless – running out and in, up and down as if in pursuit of some imaginary body. Appetite and general health good –

Nov 5. In conversation with two of his fellow patients and Dr Mufhie stated, that he was dogged and persecuted by a person in Worcester who followed him about the streets – says that he made up to the person and demanded who he was & what he wanted with him. The person stated that he was the superintendent of police, which Mr O said he could not be, as he knew both of these functionaries – Says that he now knows who this person was, and who the parties were who set him on to persecute him – By his own account, he seems to have sorely worried the fellow as he is found to do the attendants here, as he says one of them swore by the living God that if he did not cease annoying him he would take him to the station

30. Since last report has been frequently much excited – says that he gets nothing but insults – calls the medical officers & attendants cowards & brutes and heaps upon them the most fearful curses and imprecations – Is very jealous of others getting any privilege which is not granted to him – Is full of complaints and misfortunes –

Dec 15. Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports

22. After ten o'clock this evening, got into a state of great excitement on account of the attendant desiring him to go to bed that the door might be shut while the gallery might be swept.

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Revd John Guthrie aet:

1851
Aug 2. Was brought to the Asylum by his brother today.
A few days ago while engaged to preach at S. Shields was observed to be in an excited state and was immediately brought to Glasgow –
At S Shields he proposed marriage to a young lady and while travelling home by the railway he insisted that every lady who came into the carriage was 'his Eliza' – When at Glasgow the excitement continued to increase and was of a highly religious character, manifested in singing psalms at the loudest pitch of his voice –
On admission is much excited and noisy – let him be put into seclusion –
R. Pulv Rhei zjs. Calm grij –
3. Excitement continues – let him be put up and dressed – Is full of delusions says that person has been given to him says he is specially protected by his heavenly Father –
12 – Continues to be much excited and noisy – sings at the loudest pitch of his voice – Is full of delusions says that he is a special instrument in the hand of god.
Applic Empl Cantk Nock –
20. Is occasionally more calm than formerly and less incoherent but full of extraordinary delusions – looks upon himself to be a very superior being Writes a great many letters which are all given to his brother –
31. Is still at times much excited – goes about the airing court shouting 'Dirt' 'dirt' 'foul' 'foul' and such like expressions Is not taking his food very well upon religious grounds – says he used to eat too much –
Septr 15. His noisy excitement & stamping with his feet is so great as frequently to require his being sent to another gallery – His brain is teeming with delusions – Requires occasionally the use of laxative medicine
Is writing numerous letters.
30. Is very penitential and apparently humble – writing letters to various parties acknowledging errors of conduct &c.
Is still abstemious in regard to his food
Delusions continue –
Octr 15. Is less noisy and excited – Writes & speaks occasionally in a rather dreamy strain – Is full of delusions about his

Admitted 2nd August 1831.

1851 Oct 31 "Eliza" "the pope" and on various other subjects –
Is now inclined to be voracious, demanding immense quantities of food – Begins to see and understand clearly the design of providence in bringing him here – viz that he may be prepared to act the part of a Luther or a Knox, which he has no doubt he is set apart to fulfil –

Nov 15. Is keeping quiet and calm, reading his Bible, Shakespeare and other books – Talks incessantly – Speaks a great deal of nonsense and is as full of delusions as ever –

30. Is very lively and frank – full of self-complacency about the great work which he is appointed to do in the church and constantly talking of and writing to his Eliza – His correspondence is of a very voluminous description – Is in good bodily health –

Dec 31. Has been writing a great deal in his usual style – His delusions continue unchanged – Is very importunate about being allowed cigars &c – Is in good bodily health – The following is a brief extract selected at random from a sheaf of his letters

"My Dearest Eliza,

"Will you read the 24th "Chap. of Genesis and you will find there an "account of a wife being given to Isaac from "the Lord. The Chaplain of this place lectures "on the latter part of this chapter, chiefly on the "verse "And they called Rebecca and said unto "her, wilt thou go with this man? and she said "I will go". This forcibly reminded me of you "I thought indeed it was a sermon specially "meant for me, so forcibly indeed did this "strike me that I said to the minister after the "service, that sermon was for me and my Eliza "nor words to that effect. I have no doubt you "are told my wife, and I have no doubt "also that the Lord himself has let you know "it. But I must court you (as I have said often "to you) before when I am freed from the asylum "which I dont think will be long ere then

"Yours in the most sincere attachment and in the Lord

"John Guthrie"

1852 Jany 31 – Is somewhat improved – Is able to get much excited – Has been engaged in singing and in the setting up of concerts – Health is good –

Feby 28 – Continues to improve – Reads a good deal – Delusions seem to be disappearing

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John McGillvray aet

1851
Aug. 14. Was transferred today from the East to the West House.
Is in a state of great excitement which is evidently of a religious character, though his language is of a very incoherent and unintelligible discription —
Let him be put into seclusion.
15. Is noisy, excited and dirty — Is destructive in his habits — and continues quite incoherent in his conversation.
Bowels Rather costive.
℞ P Jalaps Co ʒ ss
Calom. grij Stat.
18. Continues as noisy and excited as ever — Talks incessantly but is quite unintelligible — Bowels are open Takes his food well —
22. Is somewhat less excited. Let him be taken up and dressed — Bowels kept free by laxative medicine
26. Is dressed and out every day. Excitement is very considerable. Talks incessantly. Is quite incoherent —
29. Excitement continues though not to such an extent as to require seclusion. Becomes worse towards the evening.
Sept 1. Has become so much excited that he has again required to be put into seclusion —
6. Is somewhat quieter. Let him be dressed and taken out to the airing court
7. Has again required to be kept in seclusion — Feet are observed to be somewhat oedematous
15. Excitement continues to be excessive — gets little or no rest night or day — Is getting feeble worn out by maniacal excitement. Oedema of the lower extremities is increasing caused by his keeping in the upright position
℞ Sp Aeth Nitros ʒ ij
Mist Bol. ʒ ij
Aquam ℥ vi S.
quar Cap. Coeph. Mag. hor in die
℞ Bol. Rum. Morph ʒ j 2 s.
21. Excitement continues unabated oedema of the feet and legs is somewhat diminished — In order that he may be kept in the recumbent position, let him be watched night and day.
Hab. Sp Hordei ʒ iv vel vi, si opus sit et Sp Fermi ʒ iv. in die —
Cont. alia.

Admitted 12th August 1851

1851 Sept. 25 – Is constantly watched & kept in bed
Is losing strength rapidly from want
of rest and sleep – takes his food well
with beef tea & spirits – Oedema is di-
minished – Cont. on.

31. Is rapidly sinking from excitement
and want of rest – Is constantly
watched and kept in bed – takes his
food well – has from 8 to 12 ounces of
spirits in the 24 hours. Cont. ren.

Oct. 3. Became suddenly worse last
night – his wife and family were
sent for – and about 1 this
morning he

Died

Robert Scott aet:—

1851
Aug. 26 Was brought to the asylum today by his brother and Dr Reid. Is labouring under the effects of intoxication — Has the usual symptoms. Shortly after admission rushed at a window and dashed his hands through it in consequence of which he injured one of his fingers — Has a slight injury upon one of his toes received before admission —

℞ Sp Vin. Gallici ℥ij
Tr Opii ℥j
Sum in aqua. stat. et repet. dimidiatus supervenient. ex. 3 hora.

27. After three doses of the above medicine obtained some hours sleep — and feels much better.

Rep. Sp Vin Gall et Tr Opii h.s.

28. Had a pretty good night's rest and is much improved — Slight bruises continues.

Cont.

Sept 2. Is now quite recovered from the more immediate consequences of the attack — goes out to walk and engages in reading —

The admission was troubled with pediculi pubis from which he is now free by the use of Col. Chlorid Hydr in aq. Ros.

30 Has kept well since last report. Walks out almost daily with an attendant — Spends his time in reading and amusing himself with his fellow patients. Is in excellent health.

Oct 31. Walks out into the country almost daily amuses himself and reads as usual. Is in good health.

Nov 30. Continues to enjoy good health. Employments as before —

Dec 31. Amuses himself and reads as usual. Walks occasionally & is in good bodily health.

1852
January 2. Is in bed today. Has got cold and complains of pain over the chest.

℞ Pulvis Co ℥ij
Colocin. gr. v. stat.

3. Is still in bed. Pain over chest continues — applic. Epithem Tartarist —

℞. Aq. Acetat Amm ℥iv
Syrup. Simpl. ℥j M.
et misc Cap. ℥ss ex aqua ter 2dis horis

5. Is up again and in his usual state of health

Admitted 26 August 1857.

1857
July 28. Continues to enjoy excellent health. Goes out frequently to walk. Reads a great deal — is stupid to remain here for some time.

March 31 Is in good health. Is allowed to go out by himself. Is quite well & remains here contentedly till arrangements are made for letting it home or returning to New Zealand.

April 30 Is in his usual state. Seems to be contented with his present condition. Reads smokes and walks about.

May 31. Continues to employ himself as is before and enjoy good health.

June 30 Is in all respects as at preceding reports.

July 9. May had a fatty tumour removed from his forehead by Dr Pagan. The wound is now quite healed & arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged

Cured

David Campbell aet: 26

1851
Sept 9. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by an attendant.
Is labouring under the consequences of over indulgence in spirituous liquors – Cannot walk without support in consequence of debility in his lower extremities occasioned by an injury – Is very weak. pro fuba
℞ Sp Hordei ℥ij
Tr opii ℥j. Sum stat.
et rep. 48. 3tia hora dormit somnus superveniat.

10. Had a little sleep during the night and feels rather better. Has taken some breakfast and dinner – Towards the evening had an attack of vomiting and complains of pain in the Epigastrium –
Applic sinapism. et Sp. Sp Hord. c. tr opii – alv. lapsa.

12. Is somewhat recovered & able to be up – Can scarcely stand or walk on account of the weakness of his limbs
Cont: Sp Hordei ℥ij. ter. nocte.

18. Is gradually improving and able to be up every day – Is regaining strength in his lower extremities –
Cont.

30. Is now so far recovered in his limbs as to be able to walk about the airing court. Is very quiet – Feels the want of ardent spirits – Is improving in his general health.

Oct. 31. Is improving in bodily health and vigour – Is in a very imbecile state of mind – walks in the airing court. Reads very little –

Sept 30. Can walk much better now, tho' still halting in his gait. Is of an indolent imbecile disposition – Is very quiet and gives little trouble.

Nov 30. Is in good bodily health. Continues weak and imbecile in mind –
Is much stronger in his lower extremities

Dec 31. Is in the same state mental and bodily as described in foregoing reports.

Jany 1852 31 Is getting strong and healthy. Mind is improving – Is quiet and easily managed. Seldom reads or employs himself.

July 28. Is in his usual state. Quiet and good tempered – Mind seems to be getting stronger – Bodily health excellent.

Sept 31 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports –

Admitted 9th September 18[illegible]

1882 April 30	Continues to improve both in body and mind. Mind seems to have reached its normal condition.
May 15.	Arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged

Cured

John M Call. Stirling ast.

from Vol XVI. p. 4

1831

Septr 30. Peculiarities in manners & habits continue as marked as ever – addresses unfamiliar persons and talks to himself. Is quite imbecile in mind – Is in excellent bodily health –

Octr 31. Is in his usual state. Weak in mind general health good – Thieving propensities continue as strong as ever.

Novr 30. In habits manners & state of mind no change worthy of note has occurred since last report. Is in good bodily health.

Decr 31. Is in his usual state mental & bodily and in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

1832

Jany 31. There is no change in habits, conversation or mental condition since last report – His peculiarities are as strongly marked as ever – enjoys excellent health.

Feby 28. Continues in all respects as previously reported —

March 31. Enjoys good bodily health. Imbecility of mind is as great as ever. peculiarities of habits manners and conversation are unchanged —

April 30 Mental state is without improvement – Is irritable at times – converses generally with himself – his chief employment is tearing paper into minute portions – laughs a great deal – Is offensive in his habits occasionally —

May 31 Health continues good – Appetite is good and functions normal – Mind is weak. Peculiarities are the same as before –

June 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports. Health is good

July 31. Habits of conversation with himself – laughing – tearing paper & continue as before – Imbecility of mind is very marked —

Aug 31. No change in mental state. Bodily health excellent

Sept 30 – Peculiarities continue unchanged thieving propensities are as strong as ever. Health good —

Octr 31. Is irritable and occasionally strikes – searches every corner & is constantly prowling about picking up whatever he can lay his hands upon.

Nov 30 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports

Dec 31 Is in his usual state – Is fat and strong – Eats well – Steals as usual and generally behaves in a skulking manner

Admitted November 5. 1838.

1853
Jany 31. Is generally taciturn to others – Is sly and mischievous in a quiet way – Is afraid of detection, and only caught in the fact, ignores all his depredations

July 28. Habits and general health continue the same as before.

March 31. There is no improvement in as mischievous as ever – Health good –

April 30 There is no change in any respect since last report.

May 31 Continues as before –

Jun 30 Is in his usual state. Is still addicted to appropriation. Employment consists chiefly in tearing little bits of paper.

July 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Aug 31 Is as much addicted to pilfering and thievish habits as ever. Is disgusting in his habits. General health is good

Sept 30 Continues in the same state.

Oct. 31st Is very quiet – & stubborn – Reads more, nor has any amusement. –

Nov 27. Mental state continues as above reported. Has for last 10 days been confined to bed, on account of large, bloody & painful internal piles, for which he has had Sulphur & magnesia, & they are now better. Is at present taking cod liver oil. –

1854.
Jan 27. The hæmorrhoids having subsided soon after last report, – he is at present in his usual state of health. Quiet & childish in manner as ever.

Feby 28. Is now mostly in bed.
Stomach is said to be disordered.
There appears to be considerable tubercular deposition towards apex of left lung.
" " Is very sallow & unhealthy looking, but has no cough. –

March 31. Mind as weak as ever.
Has kept his bed mostly of late, in a warm room, for fear of cold &c – No cough however.

May 15. Still keeping his bed – No cough, but is emaciated in appearance.
Appetite pretty fair.
An attack of enteralgia lately, now better –

June 14 Occasionally out of bed in fine weather –
No change in mental imbecility.

July 14. Still mostly in bed, contents with turning over the leaves of a volume of Punch or other book, or trifling with a paltry picture. –
No cough nor pain in chest.

Sept. 15. No change. Out of bed for some days past.
W. P. D. 27.

James Thomson aet:

from Vol XVI p. 200

1851
Sept 27. Has continued in seclusion, being noisy violent & destructive, since last report till today when having become quiet he was got up –

Octr 15. Has continued well till today when having again become maniacal violent and dangerous he was put in seclusion.

25. His violence & mania having again subsided he has been got up & dressed

Nov. 9. Has again become maniacal and violent & been put into seclusion. Clothes and bedding even though made of the strongest materials he tears to pieces –

10. Having become quiet he has been got up for a little to day.

11. Has again required to be secluded

16. Having again become quiet, he has been taken out of seclusion.

Decr. 6. Has again become maniacal & violent and been put into seclusion.

14. Has become quiet and manageable, & has been taken out of seclusion

31. Since last report has continued quiet and conducted himself with propriety – Has got on his own clothes

1852
Janr 7. Was noisy and excited during the night, though sufficiently calm to be up in the morning.

9. Has again become violent & maniacal and been put into seclusion

16 Maniacal excitement has again subsided and he is able to be up and associate with the rest.

31. Has again become maniacal and has been put into seclusion

Feby 4. Is now quiet and able to be up and dressed.

March 2. Has continued to conduct himself quietly since last report, but has now again become maniacal violent and highly dangerous and has been put into seclusion –

15. Excitement has again subsided and he is able to be got up and dressed

29. Has again become maniacal and has been put into seclusion

April 3. Is again quiet and able to be up and dressed

4 Is again excited and is put into seclusion –

6. Is again quiet, is up and dressed

26 Has continued well till to day when he has again become maniacal and has been put into seclusion

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1852
May 4. Is again quiet and able to be up and dressed –

8. Has again become maniacal and excited and has been put into seclusion

12. Excitement has subsided and he has been taken out of seclusion –

29. Has become maniacal violent and dangerous and has been put into seclusion.

June 11 Has become quiet & has been taken up and dressed.

27. Has become maniacal and been put into seclusion

July 6 Excitement has gone off and he is able to be up and dressed

23 Is again excited and has been put into seclusion.

Aug 4. Excitement has again subsided and he is able to be up and out of his room.

17. Maniacal excitement, furious noisy and destructive has again necessitated his being put into seclusion

28 Has become quiet & composed and has again been taken up and dressed.

Sept 10 Excitement as furious as ever having ~~having~~ made it necessary to have him secluded

22 Is now more composed and able to be up and dressed – During these intervals of composure remains for the most part very taciturn – When the maniacal excitement is about to seize him he is observed laughing to himself, moving his fingers as if making signs – The outbreak generally takes place during the night when he commences howling & tearing his bedclothes, polluting himself with his fæces &c

Oct 5. Has again become maniacal and furious and has been put into seclusion

19 Excitement has subsided and he is again able to be up and dressed.

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Will seldom take medicine, but in consideration of the brandy he takes the above draught –

Nov 8. Has again become so noisy furious & violent that he has required to be put into seclusion

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Richard Crofs. ant

from p 201. vol XVI.

1851

Sept 19 figure in the world yet and have run scance upon his enemies – Swore again his own relatives, the Dalglishes and Stirlings of Glasgow, the dirty Rugeans

Oct 31. Is as irritable as ever when spoken to or interfered with – Employs himself in reading and looking out at his bedroom window. Never goes out – Is in good bodily health.

Nov 30. Is in his usual state – Says that it is damned shame the way he has been used – but that he will be revenged upon them all yet. Imagines that he is used as a political tool and held up to public scorn —

Dec 15. When accosted by one of the medical officers, rushed upon him with a volley of curses. Did not use any violence

31. Is in his usual state. Quiet when not crossed or spoken to. Easily irritated & put into a passion

1852

Jany 31 Is in his usual state. Has occasional paroxysms of excitement – which are produced by the slightest causes. Is in excellent health —

July 28. Is occasionally excited noisy and abusive — Reads the papers and books occasionally — Is in good health.

March 31 Excitability is as great as ever. Delusions continue as before. Has violent bursts of swearing and passion. Health is good – Took sleep & fun within this morning

April 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

May 31. Delusions and excitability continue unchanged. Is taken out to walk daily apparently much against his will.

June 30 Is in his usual state. Walks out daily — Reads a little – Is in good health.

July 31 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports.

Aug 31. There is no change in any respect since last report.

Sept 30 Continues as before – has remained excitable & full of delusions

Oct 31 Raging in a fit of violence and excitement attempted to injure a fellow patient, he was removed to another gallery and put into seclusion.

Nov 1. Having agreed to conduct himself with greater propriety and go to table with the rest of the patients, he was this day allowed to return to his usual apartments.

Admitted 23d October 1848.

1852
Nov 30 Has continued to conduct himself quietly and so to table with his fellow patients — Walks out daily when the weather permits.

Do 29 Continues as described in the above report.

1853
Jany 31 Is generally conducting himself in a more quiet and orderly manner and goes to the table with the other patients.

July 28. Has occasional paroxysms of swearing and is apt to strike if intruded upon. Walks out regularly —

March 31 Is conducting himself with considerable propriety — full of delusions and threatens vengeance upon his brother and others. Thinks he is publicly spoken of and alluded to in the newspapers —

April 30 Is in his usual state — Is always very excitable. Will not receive or speak to his friends. Takes regular exercise in the grounds.

May 31 — Is in excellent health. Still goes to table with the rest. Walks regularly. Mental state not improved.

June 30 Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

July 31. Is much addicted to swearing — Is very swaggering in his general behaviour but when firmly spoken to is easily subdued.

Aug 31 Is in good health. Walks out regularly. Is as averse as ever to associating with others — Sits at table, but as short as possible.

Sept 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Oct 31st
Dec 28. Continues as in former reports. — Is as unsocial & inscible as ever, but perhaps rather more civil of late to his attendant. Health good.

1854.
Jan 27. There is no change in unsocial, or other, habits.
Feby 28. Continues as above described. —
March 31. Health much improved. —
April 14. Being visited by his former medical attendant (Dr Lawin) the other day, opened with a tirade of abuse on him and he was continuing for — a" in coming him so often, & to his brother when asked for a message for him sent word that he might "go to hell"
May 15. Unsocial & other habits continue.
It having been thought advisable that he should walk twice a day, Dr S. went into his room to say with an attendant to tell him so; in a few minutes he got up, pursuing & threatening Dr S. out of the room by the shoulders, imploring as he went all the threats of a mad man standing in wild claims, made him walk out that afternoon.

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Robert Baillie Esq. Polkemmet

1857
24th Sept. Was brought to the asylum this afternoon by his brother and several attendants. Was brought with his arms pinioned – On admission instrument of restraint was removed.

Is said to have been taken unwell on the 17th of this month while residing in London, when he was cupped on the nape of the neck to ℥xij – & treated without any benefit. Has attempted to take away his left leg shooting, taking poison & leaping out of a window has been very violent.

On admission is quiet and appears to be very confused and stupid – Complains of uneasy sensations in his head and says he is troubled with delusions – Went to bed quietly

25. Was restless during the night & destroyed his shirt and sheet – Is suspicious of poison being put in his food – Smells it before eating and rejects part of it – Says he hears voices telling him to do this & that. and sees visions – Complains of confusion and uneasiness in his head.

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26. Had a copious & dark evacuation during the night & feels a little better – complains of uneasy sensations about his head. confusion of ideas – Says he hears voices speaking to him –

30. Is keeping his bed – Is very suspicious of every one around him – Is also very obstinate – Says that the scriptures are changed – that they are not what they used to be –

Oct 7. After a great deal of persuasion and coaxing has allowed his bed to be changed, has got up and dressed –

8. Is in bed again and refuses to get up – refuses to take medicine or to allow a blister to be put on – Is becoming very obstinate Is still very suspicious about his food –

12. Was again got out of bed and dressed today – Is very taciturn – Seems to be unable to decide what to do and what not to do.

13. Refuses to leave his bed & refuses to take medicine

16. Has been got up to day and removed to another gallery –

20. Sits in the parlour and goes to table with the other gentlemen – Never speaks to or addresses anyone – Answers ques-

Admitted 24th September 1851

1851
-lately when spoken to retires early to bed & is late in getting up to breakfast. Takes at considerable intervals a dose of medicine -

31. Continues to get up during the day but refuses to go out to walk - Says that his letters are opened and that they are not all really written by his mother or sisters - Says that articles belonging to him with his name upon them are not his - Is dull sombre and depressed -

Nov 10. Is still up every day and dressed - but never goes out - Rejects part of his food as not good or poisoned - Answers briefly when questioned - never otherwise. Is quiet polite & gentlemanly in his general conduct.

16. Is again keeping in bed - Complains of a pain in his right foot and left side. Refuses to allow either to be examined or any treatment to be adopted. Let him be kept in bed -

22. Is still keeping in bed. Still complains of pain in his side - Does not allow any examination or treatment - It is with difficulty that he can be induced to take laxative medicine - or to allow his bed to be changed. Manifests suspicion about his food and his clothes — There is nothing to indicate that the pain in his side is anything more serious than a muscular pain.

30. Is still in bed - Says the pain is better. The same difficulties are experienced as before in regard to taking medicine and allowing his bed and linen to be changed. Eats very heartily -

Dec 15. Continues to lie in bed. Requires as much persuasion as before in regard to medicine & keeping himself clean. Though in good bodily health and eating heartily will not be induced to get up and dress.

23. Is frequently visited by his relatives but he seems to pay no attention to their advice in regard to doing what is required of him. Continues to lie in bed.

31. Is still in bed: Refuses to get up and dress. Also refuses to take medicine. Has had Phosph. Sod. given in soup and tea without any effect.

Ol Crot. Lagl. gtij in head has produced the desired effect.

See page 85

William Scott aet:

1851 October 6. Was brought to the Asylum today by his father-in-law, Dr N. Hill and an attendant.

On admission is considerably excited and very loquacious – Is talking or singing constantly – Has been insane for more than 30 years, during the greater portion of which period he has been in confinement – was in this asylum in the year 1817.

Is dirty in habits & person. Lower extremities are in an unhealthy state with some small ulcers –

Let his sores be dressed & have warmer clothing

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7. Turned his bedroom furniture upside down during the night – abominates himself – his clothing, bedding, paper on the walls and everything he comes near with tobacco juice – Uses very obscene & profane language Sings obscene songs – rails against every body and everything –

Is making himself very disagreeable to his fellow patients –

12. Continues to behave in the manner above described – Let him be placed in apartments by himself under the charge of an attendant.

20. Is excessively loquacious though not quite so foul in his language Is possessed of a great store of miscellaneous knowledge, which he is incessantly pouring out to every one who will listen to him –

Is becoming a little more civilized in language, conduct & appearance

30. Is keeping more quiet. Has made frequent demands for whisky and water, which is in his estimate the panacea for all ills & the cure for every disease –

Hab. Sp cerevisiae ℥j h.s.

Nov 15. Is much improved in language and demeanour – walks out twice daily with his attendant. Talks a great deal. Is reading Lyttles History of Scotland – Is troubled with his stomach occasionally –

30. Is keeping quiet. Has in a great measure ceased his destructive propensities – such as having up carpets & ottomans – breaking pots, destroying the plaster in his rooms &c

Is occasionally troubled with a slight Bronchitis –

Admitted 6th October 1851

1851 Dec 15. Is still keeping quiet. Is much more manageable in regard to his clothing cleanliness &c — Does not now pollute himself and everything around him with tobacco juice —

23. Has allowed a carpet to be laid in his bedroom and curtains to be put upon his bed — promising that he will not destroy or take them down

31. Is quiet and well behaved. Is very talkative. Swears less and is disposed to make himself agreeable —

1852 — Jany 31 — Has occasional paroxysms of swearing in which he threatens in a very valorous manner — knows very healthy. Has a most moderate idea of his cleverness and power — Is very open to flattery — Thinks there is nothing he cannot do better cheaper and quicker than any other — Abuses himself with tobacco — Has a great memory — stored with an extraordinary collection of ends and ends of knowledge. Is at times very good humoured and endeavours to make himself agreable —

Feby 29. Is still very irritable — Is very jealous of others being preferred before him & is constantly complaining of being neglected. Has occasional paroxysms of swearing — The presence of visitors seems to be the most frequent exciting cause of them — Is in good health.

March 31 Conducts himself with a considerable degree of propriety — Does not lie and destroy as formerly — Dirties his bedroom by ejecting tobacco saliva upon the paper. Walks a great deal — takes note of all that goes on — Frequently makes very acute remarks upon the blunders of workmen — Is generally good humoured. The loss of his teeth makes his articulation very indistinct & his numerous stories very unintelligible — Enjoys excellent health.

April 30 In habits manners, conversation, health mental and bodily are as described in foregoing reports.

May 31 — Is in his usual state. Is as talkative as ever. occasionally has paroxysms of anger and swearing — generally good humoured —

Jun 30. Is in all respects as at foregoing reports —

July 31 Habits are the same as formerly — has his usual paroxysms of excitement which soon pass off. Takes his food well — functions are regular — Enjoys excellent health. Walks & drives in the carriage —

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Allan Snodgrass aet 21.

1857
Oct 15. Was brought to the Asylum today by his Father.

Is said to have been insane for about two years - He is observed to have been worse in the latter end of the year than in the Spring - His dangerous, having threatened to shoot a neighbour, and having actually thrown a stone or brick through his window whereby one or more of the inmates might have been injured - Change of scene was tried after this occurrence but without any benefit - Would not stay at home + went to people's houses to their great annoyance -

He is in very robust health. His eyes are prominent which gives to his countenance a staring expression. Bowels are said to be costive

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16. Is demanding to get away - Says that he has no right to be kept here - that the person who brought him here was not his father - Says that it is necessary for him to get away as it is he only who can manage affairs at home. The rest of the family being quite incompetent -

30. Since last report has been constantly demanding to know why he is kept here, saying that there is nobody has anything against him on mentioning the person through whose window he threw the stone, says that he ought to be shot. Shewed him the License by which he is kept here - wrote a note signing his name Campbell - Says that his name is not Snodgrass.

Nov. 15 - Is constantly complaining of being kept here, and is very surly in his language + conduct. Tries to thwart the attendants by not going out when desired - Has been carried out

30. Is as surly and impertinent as ever - Enjoys good bodily health. Has not shown any overt act of violence.

Dec 12. While in the airing court to-day was observed to be quietly breaking panes of glass by pitching small pebbles - Was immediately brought to his gallery - and confined to his own room.

Admitted 15th October 1831.

1831
Dec. 15. Has been allowed to leave his room on promise of good behaviour for the future.

31. Is still demanding to be allowed to be set free. Is conducting himself with propriety. Has very high flown ideas of his importance. Is in good bodily health

1832
Jany 31. Is more composed and less importunate about getting away. Has numerous delusions which are very unintelligible. Has very high flown ideas of himself. Enjoys excellent health. Is quiet.

July 29. Is in all respects as described in preceding reports.

April 1 Was this day transferred from Rest to East House

Robert Cairns Kelson ad.

1857
Oct. 21. continued to improve since last report till today at 4½ p.M. when he had an epileptic seizure in the aiming court - he was caught in the arms of an attendant who was warned by the cry which ushered in the attack. He was then conveyed to bed - The convulsions confined to the left side were severe.

22. Convulsions continued during the night - Today is in a state of complete stupor - Convulsive twitchings continue.
Urine taken off by the catheter morning and evening -

23. Stupor continues - a blister applied to the nape of neck. Bowels moved by injection - Urine drawn off by catheter -

24. Is somewhat relieved - takes a little food - Is sat up with during the night - Countenance flushed. His head has been shaved + blistered. Bowels moved by enemata + urine taken off by the catheter -

25. Is becoming more intelligent - though still in a considerable degree of stupor. Cont. on min -

27. Appeared to be better this morning and was reported to have passed a better night - + took a good breakfast. Having wet himself during the night as the attendant was about to change him - he became deadly pale, gave drew several long inspirations and at 10 A.M he.

Died

28. at 12 noon Post Mortem. The head only was examined - There was some subarachnoid effusion - Serum in the ventricles. There was some hydatids about the choroid plexus and pineal gland - The most remarkable appearance was the depressed and atrophied state of the left corpus striatum - besides being diminished in size it had a yellow unhealthy appearance

Admitted 28th April 1851

Alexander Charles Apilroy act

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1857 Dec 22. He admits that the attendant civilly desired him to go to bed; but having on various pretexts kept from going to bed, the attendant and he got into collision; after this he got to the gallery door, which he commenced to batter most luckily – Dr. Mackintosh & clothing happening to be coming up the stairs at the time went in and heard the statement of the attendant & Mr. Apilroy – when it appeared that Mr. Apilroy has been in the habit of resisting going to bed at the proper time for some time past, that he has been most insulting and provoking in his language and conduct to the attendants, and obstructing them in the discharge of their duty – It appears that Mr. Apilroy and the attendant laid hold of each other and fell upon the bed together but that no injury was suffered by either – The attendant was then warned to exercise the greatest caution and forbearance with Mr. Apilroy – that he should touch him, without a direct order from one of the medical officers and without another attendant being present – The affair was concluded (more solito) by Mr. A. demanding a pint of porter which was granted.

Dec 3. Mr. Apilroy has kept his bed for several days on account of the delapidated state of his clothes, and refusing to put on his new ones –

1858 January 15. Is in his usual state. The attendant having reported that he performed his morning ablutions at the sink, he was requested to discontinue the practice, at which he got into a great passion – Is never wrong in his own estimation – and when checked for anything, considers it an insult. Brute coward, ass, blackguard is the mildest language he can apply to those who have charge of him here – Is excessively suspicious – and not satisfied with being discontented himself he instigates others to be so also –

31. Has been less excited of late – But upon the slightest provocation, however unintentional and always brought on by himself, by putting questions to which he insists upon having a reply, he gets much excited, and gives utterance to the most fearful execrations –

July 15. Having complained of want of respect to him on the part of one of the servants & an investigation having been made it was found that the servants had been guilty of some want of attention to

Admitted 25th March 1857

1852 July 15 — him at the dinner table, (it is right however to state that this servant had for a long been much insulted and provoked by the patient) — he was reprimanded and warned to be more circumspect in his conduct for the future on pain of dismissal

July 23. Having yesterday evening made a statement to ~~Dr McKiff~~ the Sheriff to the effect that he was prevented by Dr Mackintosh from writing to the Sheriff, he was asked by Dr Mackintosh in the presence of Dr McGhie & a patient his reasons for making such a statement. In reply he stated that Dr Mackintosh had said that he would not forward his communication. Dr M then said that so far from that he had repeatedly told him, that he would even see his letters safely delivered to the Sheriff - and moreover that it was an invariable rule acted upon in this Asylum to allow the patients the first communications with the Sheriff - This question was then raised by Mr O about enclosing letters addressed to other parties, to the Sheriff, in answer to which Dr M stated that Mr Sheriff alison having allowed him to enclose one such letter to him, no such letter would be sent but that in reference to all future enclosures it rested with the Sheriff to decide whether he would be the channel for further correspondence - Though this was granted by the Sheriff at the end of the year Mr O has not yet availed himself of it —

March 4. The attendant having reported that Mr O has not used his towels for some time past, he was asked why he did not use them, The only reason he gave "that towels were used in the passing for certain purposes which he did not explicitly name - The attendant states that Mr O gets abundance of clean towels and that they are never used for any other purposes — He was assured that every means would be taken as he was suspicious, to keep his towels clean & to prevent them being applied to other purposes —

6. In conversation with Dr McKim about his case got very excited & swore that he would never speak to him again, if he would not tell him one of his delusions — This request was complied with, and as usual got more excited calling Dr M. such coward, blackguard &c &c

7. In conversation expressed his surprise that he could have stayed here so long quietly, that he has not taken up a chair

Thomas Holmes aet: from XI XII p.

1851
Dec 31 — Is in his usual state. Is generally taciturn. Speaks occasionally —

1852
January 5. At a concert this evening volunteered to dance a hornpipe which he executed with wonderful agility — also sang a comic song and seemed highly to enjoy himself

31. Is in his usual health — generally taciturn — performs his usual duties, stands in the same spot in the sitting room — conducts himself with great quietness and regularity.

July 29. Is still quiet and taciturn. Is in good health. Never leaves the gallery except to go to church which he attends with the greatest regularity. Reads the newspapers and his Bible.

March 31 — Continues much in habits, manners & peculiarities of conduct. Health is good — Is rather abstemious —

April 30 — Is very taciturn at present. He very much dislikes taking medicine — Will only sleep under one blanket summer and winter. Is in good health.

May 29. Has taken to bed — Refuses to take any dinner & eats very sparingly.

June 4 — Has continued in bed till today — Is still very taciturn —

6. Has again taken to bed. Is calm and good

10. Is up again, and going about his usual avocations

13. Is again in bed

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14 Is up and going about as usual

30 Is out of bed daily and in his usual state. The prescription of a dose of medicine is the most effectual way of getting him to leave his bed.

July 31 — Is in his usual state. Health is good —

Aug 31 — Is for the most part taciturn and disposed to take to bed. Performs his usual duties and is in good health

Sept 30 — Continues in his usual state seldom can be induced to speak. Is in good health.

Oct 31 — There is no change in any respect mental or bodily since last report.

Nov 30 — Occasionally visits the weekly concert in the Reading Room and contributes a song or recitation, or dance

Dec 31 — Continues as before.

Admitted July 3. 1816

1853 Jany 31 – Is generally taciturn. Has many strange peculiarities of behaviour of an very harmless kind. Is for the most part quiet and quietly. Re Cenis. Lond Oj. quiet.

July 28 – Is in his usual state. Is inclined to lie in bed occasionally, when he is more depressed than usual. cat.

March 31 – Continues as before. There is no change in habits or peculiarities either of conduct or conversation. cat.

April 30 – Speaks occasionally though in a very indistinct and peculiar manner. Is in pretty good health cat.

May 31 – There is no change either mentally or bodily since last report.

Jun 30 – Is still occasionally disposed to keep his bed. Sacrathen abstension and advise to the taking of medicine.

July 31 – Continues as before in all respects.

Aug 31 – Is quiet and taciturn. General health is good. Peculiarities of conduct the same as before.

Sept 30 – Is now in a very talkative and lively humour. Is almost unintelligible from the habit of what he calls 'transposition' of words, that is, using such a word, as 'domicile' for house.

Oct. 31st – Continues as before. Has a set of regular duties such as setting the clocks for meals, winding them, getting up early to pull up the handle of the water-closet and other sanitary measures. He also makes a point of stopping on a particular corner of the yard, a corner of the table in going thro' the room, jumping & standing on a particular spot with his back to the wall, jumping to the window & looking out thro' his fingers as if thro' an eyeglass, chewing both feet in a peculiar manner when he sits down to. When asked the reason of this strange manœuvres, even in his most communicative mood he only says, "If you knew that you would be as wise as I'm myself" – He generally speaks of & to persons by full name & designation eg. "Alexander Mackintosh – Physician Inspector dent". Health good.

Dec. 24 – Has for last 10 days been very loquacious at times, pouring the words out so fast as to make it almost impossible to distinguish his meaning occasionally. – Still adheres to his "transposing".

Usual health good.

1854 Jany 27. – Continues in his usual routine. Is at present in a taciturn fit. –

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William Russell act: from Vol XVI p.

1851 Dec 31.	Is in his usual quiet state. Seldom speaks. Is in good bodily health.
Jany 1852 31	Delusion that he is the King of Judah – and many other delusions which sometimes seem to occupy his mind continually – Is treacherous and apt to strike. In the most part quiet. Health robust –
July 29.	His delusions continue unabated. Is quiet and conducts himself for the most part with propriety. Is not to be trusted. Gets occasionally excited – He is dangerous when he is observed to be disposed to converse of his own proper motion.
March 31	There is no change either in mental or bodily condition since last report.
April 30	Continues quiet and harmless; at distant intervals only does he commit overt acts of violence. He is never to be trusted as slight occasions excite him to violence. Is robust in health.
May 31	Is in his usual state very taciturn and quiet. Delusions continue as strong as ever. His chief delusions is that he is the King of Judah and that his life is to be taken away. Is in excellent health.
June 30.	Is in all respects as at preceding report.
July 31	There is no change in mind or body since last report.
Aug 31	Enjoys excellent bodily health. Seldom speaks to any one. Takes a great deal of exercise both in and out of doors –
Sept 30	Continues quiet and taciturn. Is very dangerous and maniacal at times. Is in excellent health.
Oct 31.	Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.
Nov 30	There is no improvement in mental state. Bodily health excellent.
Dec 31	There is no change mental or bodily since last report. Health good.
Jany 1853 31.	Is in his usual state, quiet and sombre. Seldom speaks – When he does speak he is dangerous and apt to strike, especially if meddled with.
July 28.	Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports –

Admitted October 16: 1848.

1853 March 31	There is no change or improvement in any respect.
April 30	He is in his usual state both mental and bodily —
May 31	Continues as before. —
June 30	He quiet and taciturn. Reads occasionally. Walks a great deal both in and out of doors —
July 31.	Continues quiet and well behaved. Expression of eye is very maniacal.
Aug 31	He quiet and taciturn, but easily excited — He in robust health
Sept 30	Continues as described in preceding reports —
Oct 31st	Continues as above described. —
Oct 1st.	Was this day transferred to East House.

Samuel Lawrence act

from vol XVI p. 158

1851
Oct 31. Is in his usual quiet and laughing state. Is very soporific & fond of dozing over the fire – Is occasionally somewhat excited, muttering to himself and regardless of any one addressing him – Is always quiet and amiable – Bowels generally regular –

Nov 30. Is as torpid as ever – frequently falls asleep upon his chair before the fire – Seldom speaks unless addressed, when his answers are of the shortest description. Is of a spare habit. General health good –

Dec 31 Is as dull and soporifous as ever. Is absent in manner – Talks to himself – Is in his usual state of health

1852
January 5 Contributed a song at the concert this evening.

31. Is occasionally excited – generally quiet and harmless. Talks to himself. Is addicted to solitary practices – Is very soporose – Falls asleep in his chair – Is in fair health.

Feby 29. Is in his usual dull & torpid state with occasional excitement when he is disposed to tear books and destroy furniture – Is too torpid to employ himself in reading or any intellectual occupation – Seems to be in a constant dream.

March 31 General state is much the same as described in the foregoing report. Health is fair.

April 30 Is in his usual state. Mental faculties seem to be in a maze. Is as soporose as ever – his ~~habit~~ stay practices seem to be very injurious to his mental as well as his bodily health –

May 31 There is no improvement in his mental condition since last report his bodily health is pretty good

June 30 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports.

July 31. Is dull & stupid as ever. Slovenly & untidy in his person – Will not keep his clothes buttoned –
Bodily health is tolerable.

Aug 31 Is in his usual drowsy stupid state from which he can never be thoroughly roused – Scarcely ever speaks to any one – Is mischievously inclined – Tears and destroys both and furniture. Is in a very indifferent state of health.

Sept 30 Is dull stupid and drowsy as ever. Bodily health tolerable

Admitted 26 February 1852.

1852
Oct 31. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

Nov 30 Is in his usual state. No improvement either in mind or body —

Dec 31 Continues dull and torpid — Fall asleep very readily on his chair cannot engage in any rational conversation — Is in good health

1853
Jany 31 Is in his usual state. Mind seems to be completely preoccupied with delusive ideas — Is in a very torpid state.

July 28. Bodily health continues good — Mental state not improved — Is quiet but mischievous at times.

March 31 — Mental obscurity continues much as before. Bodily health is good.

April 30 Is in his usual state. There is no change or improvement in mental state.

May 31 Continues as before —

Jun 30 Does not seem to possess any mental coherence. Is constantly laughing and muttering to himself.

July 31 There is no change —

Aug 31 Is in his usual state. Is very somnolent. Is apt to be mischievous — General health good

Sept 30 There is no change or improvement

Oct 31 Is as torpid & sluggish as ever. —

Nov 30 Continues as indolent as before. Is occasionally mischievous, tearing books &c.

1854
Sept 27. Is in his usual state mental & bodily. Is in the habit of at times tearing & soiling his own books. Reads little or none, & does not enter into conversation. Only occupation or amusement is smoking. Sometimes bolts hurriedly out of bed during the night as if about to do something, but returns immediately when spoken to by a fellow-patient, who sleeps in the same dormitory with him. On one occasion recently, ran up & gave a violent blow with his fist to the temple of a fellow-patient which happened to be elevated in bed, but went back to his couch on being spoken to.

Feb 28. Mental state unchanged.

May 31. Habits as above described.
An attack of catarrh for some days past, now better.

Aug 25 Is as indolent, & imbecile as ever.
Health appears pretty good. J.P. 213.

Rev. James Mackinlay ant

from vol XVI p. 214

1851
Dec 31. Is as obstinate as ever. Refuses to go to church - to wash himself &c. Supposes that all is lost with him, & that there is something going on with reference to him - that he is to be given up &c.

1852
Jany 31 Is very indefinite indistinct & incoherent in his statements about himself. - Supposes that others know what is going on about him, that he is beyond all hope. Gets excited and noisy at times and is very threatening.
Bowels costive — R pil col co ij —

July 29 Is in his usual state. Reads a good deal - Laughs when spoken to. Is regardless of religious and religious duties on the plea that his is a hopeless case — Is very selfwilled & obstinate. Is in good health —

March 31 Is very excitable - Gets noisy and threatening without overt acts of violence except breaking things.
Reads a good deal. Will not go out to walk or to church —

April 15. Is very noisy and excited & has to be put into seclusion for a day.

May 1 Has become much excited and required to be removed to another gallery.

15. Was very noisy and excited on the occasion of the Sheriff's last visitation.

June 2. Was visited by his wife and sister yesterday and went to walk with them but as the gale became so much excited & violent that several men were required to bring him into the house. He desired that his wife and sister should be left here —

30. Has continued for the most part quiet since the last ebullition of excitement. Is employed in reading - keeps by himself. Reads the papers carefully — Is very nervous - gets tremulous and much excited —
Is strong in constitution & in good health.

July 31. Is in his usual state - occasionally excited & at other times quiet —

Aug 31 Is of a very obstinate determined and domineering in disposition & temper. The smallest thing excites him when the lips quiver and the face gets pale - Is of a powerful make and resists boldly when anything is done to him contrary to his wishes. Is in good health -

Admitted July 22. 1830.

1832
Sept 30 Is a very assiduous reader now especially of books of an ephemeral kind such as novels &c.
Does not go to church — Is somewhat averse to take exercise and is very jealous of being interfered with or having his rights infringed.

Oct 31 Continues to read a great deal and when not interfered with conducts himself quietly —

Nov 30 Is occasionally excited — but his excitement soon subsides — Is in good health.

1833
January 31 Still imagines that he is cast off by God and Christ and that he has no hope — Imagines that the patients and others speak at and about him without cause.

July 31 Is nervous and in despair about his spiritual condition. Still reads a great deal. Is in good health.

March 31 Is liable to fits of considerable excitement and requires to be confined to his room —

April 30 Is more excited and nervous —

May 31 Is labouring under very great excitement and using the most horrid language and expressions — Is in seclusion.

June 30 Excitement continues. Is most obscene and blasphemous and extremely noisy.

July 31 Is still much excited and noisy — and obscene and blasphemous in the highest degree.

Aug 31 Is more composed but still highly excitable. Is full of hope and exultation. Imagines that he has found Christ and that he is now in a better state than he ever was in in his life.

Sept 30 Reads and works a great deal in the Library — His attention is now entirely devoted to theological subjects of which he has extensive knowledge — Is still very excitable

Oct. 31 Has been so violent of late that he has not had access to the Library, & has occasionally been excluded. Is very noisy & if any of his demands, which are often very extravagant, are refused he speaks the blasphemous manner in which they may at first have been made & launches the most profane anathemas against the person refusing, perhaps making him the target of his most declamation in the passing or airing-court.

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William Jeffer aet:

1857 Nov 5. Was brought to the Asylum from Neilston this evening, by two of his friends.

He was admitted about 8 p.M in a state of insensibility – said to be the effect of intemperance – Countenance pallid and deathlike – surface of the body cold – pulse cannot be counted + can scarcely even be felt – He is labouring under ascites –

Having been put to bed, heat and friction was applied to the surface of the body – Brandy hot water, and ammonia were given internally, but speedily ejected – a sinapism was applied over the stomach but without any effect. A catheter was introduced into the bladder but not a drop of urine was found in it – It was soon evident that he was too far gone to rally, and accordingly about Midnight he

Died

Admitted November 5. 1837

Arthur Ashley act. 3 on found.

1851
Nov 19. Was brought to the asylum by his brother and two friends. It was at first stated that the attack was only of a week's duration but it has since appeared that he has been insane for some months though symptoms of violence have only recently presented themselves. About a week is said to have fallen into a pit 8 feet deep containing several feet of water. By this fall he received the bruises which appear upon his body. The principal of which is upon the Sacrum. It is a wound of about an inch in diameter.

20. He is very pale & sesanguine in countenance & emaciated in body. Both his hands are bruised.

21. Was restless and noisy during the night. Slept hum. but 3 a

24. Is restless during the day, will not allow any applications to be kept on his hands. Does not seem to know what he is doing. Takes his food well.

28. Slept in bed & watched. Is very restless. Is incontinent of urine and fæces. Has considerable difficulty in articulation. Imagines that he is at Kilmarnock and thinks that he is fit to go to his work. Appl. vesicat. hum.

Dec 4 Is still in bed. Is very restless. Pulse weak and variable. Mind is completely unhinged. Passes everything in bed unless prevented.
Cont.

10. Is still in bed. Will not allow any dressing to remain on the sore on Sacrum. Hands are both well. Is very restless. Incontinent as before. No improvement in mental state.

15. Is in bed & restless as ever. His bowels are pretty regular. Appl. vesicat. Cap.
Cont.

20. Has required to have an attendant to sit up with him during the night to keep him in bed and prevent him injuring his eyes or penis with his hands.
Hab. Nitr. Rubri zij.

25 Is less restless. Has great difficulty in articulating. His mental powers are completely shattered.

1852
January 2. In order that the dressings may be kept to his back, a spencer has been put on him in which there is no outlet for the hands. Is still incontinent. Is more quiet.

Admitted November 19. 1831

1832
Jany 31 — Is very much emaciated — Bedsores form on the parts subjected to pressure and bathed with urine which is constantly saturating the diapers and sheets — Is gradually sinking —

Feby 28. — No improvement is gradually getting worse — Sores increasing — Is kept upon an air bed —

March 31 — Is gradually sinking. Takes his food and wine poly — Sores are rather worse —

Ap 18. — Has been moribund for several days during which he has been visited upon by his brother in law from London and he this day

Died

Thomas Stack act. Clerk

1851
Nov. 20. Was brought to the Asylum to day by his brother and friends –
Is said to have been unwell for about two years – Has been restless and depressed – Says himself that ~~x~~ his illness was caused by a "fright" or sord which he got – Has lost one of his eyes.
On admission is nervous and agitated – Pr. 110 – small weak –
Is very eccentric in his manner –
24. Since admission has been in a very languid state – pulse very rapid & weak – tongue blanched – appetite in pains – bowels costive –
Let him be put to bed
℞ Jalapi ℈ss.
Calom ℈ss stat.
28. Has been in bed since last report complains of uneasy pulings about the heart – on examination the heart's action is violent, evidently the result of nervous excitement. No organic disease discoverable – Hab. Carnis Succis.
Applic vesicat. Hypochond sinistr.
Dec. 2. Although two blisters were applied for a considerable time scarcely any vesication was produced. Is evidently much the better of keeping in the recumbent posture.
7. The excitement of the heart's action is now subdued – the pulse is diminished in frequency – and he is now able to get up and drop.
15. Is improving in bodily health. Is able to go about and take exercise – Takes food regularly – Is very peculiar in manner talks in a mysterious & scarcely intelligible manner –
25. Is keeping better in bodily health. Mind seems to be very weak and unsettled –
31. Is in fair bodily health. Pulse is calm and of fair strength. Takes his food well & bowels are regular
1852 Jany 31. Is very peculiar and eccentric in his manners – and his proceedings both during the night time & the day indicate a very unsettled mind – He gets out of his bed during the night, and goes through a variety of proceedings in which ablutions form a principal part. Is very imbecile
Health is good
Feby 28. Habits & eccentricities of manner and conversation continue the same as before – Health continues good –

Admitted November 20: 1851.

1852
March 31 – Is complained of by some of the other patients on account of his disgusting and offensive practices – Is very eccentric in all his motions his conversation is a jumble of silly & absurd nonsense.

April 30 – Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports: General health is good.

May 31 – There is little or no improvement in mental state – Is at times very high & dictatorial – Is in good bodily health –

June 30 – Mind does not seem to be improved – Imbecility very marked in conversation and conduct.

July 31 – Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Aug 31 – There is no change of any consequence in mental state.

Sept 30 – Arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day handed over to his brother and discharged

Relieved

Porteous, John aet:

1851 Dec 1. Was brought to the Asylum by a relation & his mother –
About eight days ago went to the theatre, since which time he has been much excited, talking, singing & reciting in an absurd and nonsensical manner –
On admission is quiet and taciturn pulse very weak & scarcely perceptible – let him be kept in bed –

2. Is quiet though restless. Scarcely speaks even when addressed.
R P Rhei 3ß
Cal nitr stat.

3. Is bowels have been moved. Is restless – gets out of bed and lies on the floor –

5. Is still restless during the night. takes his food well –

7. Let him be got up and dressed and taken to another gallery –

12. Is up and dressed every day Is noisy during the night. Destroyed his shirt. Is incontinent of urine Pulse is very small and weak –

19. Is got up and dressed daily. Takes off part of his clothes. Lets himself down on the floor. sings and makes noises chiefly during the night. Takes his food well – pulse still weak –
Hab. Cerevisiae Lond. Of quotidie

25. Is in much the same state as described above. Is occasionally noisy. rents himself during the night. Has destroyed his caps.
Cont.

31. Is in the same state as described in foregoing reports. never speaks to any one & does not answer questions put to him. Cont.

1852 Jany 7. Pulse is rather stronger. Still inclined to be noisy during the night Takes his food well – Bowels regular

31 Is improving in bodily strength Mind does not seem to be much improved – Seldom or never speaks.

Feby 29 Is improving in body and somewhat in mind –

March 14. Was this day transferred from West to East House

Admitted December 1. 1854

John Main Thomas aet:

Tobacconist

1851 Dec 8. Was brought to the Asylum by his father in law, today.

It is said to have had a Coup de Soleil some years ago while in the west Indies inducing a paralytic affection of the face which continues.

Had an attack subsequently, prostrating the powers both of mind and body from which he recovered in about two months.

His present seizure has come on in consequence of difficulties in business. It has been characterized by great restlessness, want of sleep and refusal of food from the delusion that there is poison in it. He imagines that his wife and child are about to die. It is only of a few days duration.

On admission is very restless. Will neither sit nor lie. Will not take food unless it is forced upon him.

9. Has passed a restless night, will not be kept in bed. Is becoming much exhausted from want of rest and food.

10. Let him be kept in bed. Has got little or no rest. Resists anything being done for him. Let him be held and fed with beef tea. ℞ Cap. ol Ricini ℥ss

11. Is still restless and miserable. Is afraid of something been done to him. Imagines that he has poison given to him. His bowels have been moved by an injection. Is incontinent of urine.

14. Requires to his food forced upon him as he refuses to take it and resists its being given to him. Cont

Let him be blistered on the nape of the neck.

℞ Ipec Rubri ℥iv.

Bowels moved by injection.

18. Requires to be fed. Rests better. Gets some sleep. Is more intelligent. Is full of delusions. Imagines that he is getting poison, and that everything is being done to injure him.

℞ Hab Haust Mag. ℥iv.

24. Is now somewhat improved. Is able to retain his urine. Takes some food himself. Is more intelligent.

Let him be dressed today. Cont

1852 January 1. Has been up every day since last report. As he cannot be persuaded to sit the sole of one of his feet has been blistered and become painful causing him to be lame. Let him be put to bed

Admitted December 8. 1851

1852 Jany 7. Has been kept in bed since last report. His foot is getting better. Is more lively and intelligent – Takes his food himself and with greater regularity – cont

14. Is up and going about. Foot is now well – Is still irregular in taking his food. Requires to be taken and placed at table by the attendant. Will not touch food voluntarily – Bowels require the occasional use of laxative medicine – cont

20. Is up and going about every day – seems somewhat better mentally. Takes his food reluctantly – Is full of delusions about his wife and friends being detained here – Has always a very anxious cast of countenance – Features are awry – Is evidently paralytic on one side. Cont

31. Is up as usual – Is as full of delusions as ever – Is reluctant in taking food – Mind seems to be less confused – Entertains delusions about his food being poisoned – Requires laxative medicine – Cont

Feby 8. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Delusions about his food and relatives are as strong as ever – Bowels still inclined to be costive – Cont

18. Is in his usual state. Is very anxious to get away. Is concerned about his family – supposes that they are dishonored –

28. Arrangements having been made for his removal & his wife having come to take him away – he was discharged

Relieved

William Johnston aet

9. 1852 January 4. Came to the Asylum today accompanied by his mother and brother being desirous of surrendering himself as a patient –

The proper warrant having been procured he was admitted accordingly –

Was a patient in this Institution about six years ago – Since then has been in different Asylums at different times – Has been in the habit of leaving without giving notice, and after being away for some time returning again of his own accord. On one occasion enlisted in the Sappers & Miners & soon after deserted at Woolwich and returned to the asylum which he had left. On another occasion went about the country seeking work and was engaged by a gardener at Peebles – He also left this employment and returned to the asylum — Such has been his course of life since he was last here –

Is seized periodically with fits of depression, in which he seeks the protection of an asylum

His bowels are costive. In other respects is in good health

R ol Rae Co 5j –

10. Is very depressed and melancholy. Is annoyed at trifles – Says that the noise of the patients walking about troubles him – Is also annoyed with the clock striking during the night. Has set hours for working reading walking &c Is very methodical –

15. Employs himself in reading & writing – Has commenced with the first chap of Genesis to copy it with his pen – Is in good health though still depressed — Will not walk in the grounds –

31. Is quiet methodical & well conducted though very depressed –

Employs himself in pruning with his pen & in reading & walking Is more cheerful at times but speedily relapses into a depressed state Is in good bodily health.

Feby 28. Has been employing himself as usual in reading writing and walking – Is quiet and well conducted — Complains of being annoyed by his fellow patients – Seems to consider them as too insane for him to

Admitted 4 January 1852

1852 Feby 28.	approaches with. Is in good health.
March 31.	Is getting impatient to get out. And it has been agreed that he will go home next month — Is more cheerful than formerly —
April 24	Arrangements having been completed he was this day delivered to his mother and discharged

Relieved

Alexander Charles Ogilvy art act:

1852 March 7 a some such instrument and destroyed every one near him - said that he took a solemn oath when he came here, that he would not be treated in this way (in what way not stated) got up in a very excited state and renewed his oath - sworn at Dr McW and in a most violent manner denounced him as a murderer -

These paroxysms occur at uncertain intervals and often at unexpected moments - frequently after being on the most friendly terms in conversation, or as latterly after being engaged together in practising the new processes of Photography on glass plates

March 18 Milton the attendant reported that Mr O had violently assaulted him at the dinner on being mildly checked because of his interference with Mr Baillie's wine - This attack was seen by the other patients -

28. Has been giving way to violent paroxysms of passion - of his own originating when speaking on indifferent subjects he duly turns the conversation to his own case, becomes fierce and maniacal and often speaks, as if a very little word would cause him to indulge in some deed of violence - Would have every of what he says at once admitted, and anything by way of contradiction however indirect he construes into a downright insult -

April 12 Got very excited last night when conversing with a fellow patient - & this morning was employed in his bedroom till after breakfast - sworn at those who offered to enter was seen shaking & examining his clothes and going through certain mysterious operations during which he cannot be intruded upon without a burst of passion - Is not using any towels at his ablutions

13 This forenoon Dr McWhin went into the patients bedroom, the attendant being present to speak to him in reference to a box for glass plates which he had got made - Dr M. saw the box standing on the shutter with two or three paper parcels placed upon it, these he lifted off the box, upon which Mr O got into a great passion and left the room - Upon enquiring what was the cause of offence it was stated by a fellow patient that the parcels were placed in particular ways & that it was the greatest possible offence for any one to touch them - On leaving the

Admitted 25th March 1851.

1852 April 15 room muttered to himself something about his kicking the bottom of any person were if he were king, if he interfered with him in such a way — Dr M had been frequently in the habit of going into his room which was used for the purposes of Photography — Has lately however manifested unwillingness to have it used for such a purpose

16 Has been excessively irritable for some days past. Has had two interviews with Dr Mackintosh and Laphin to settle certain grievances which he complains of about getting out to walk, getting into the attendants room — Complained of Dr Laphin insulting him by refusing to allow him to go into the attendants room when the attendant was out — Got very fierce and maniacal when refused — & called Dr M all sorts of bad names — All this excitement was created though orders were given to the attend to allow him access to the room — though not to take possession of it & do things there which he could do in his own room —

In the above interviews the result was of the same unsatisfactory description on account of his complete impracticability & irrational modes of procedure — As no settlement could be made in Mr's then state of mind Dr Mackintosh strongly urged upon him to write down fully & fully all his grievances to the Sheriff — that he would be allowed to put his letter into the Post Bag & see it sealed and sent away — This however he did not seem at all inclined to do —

May 11. Has been ~~daily~~ daily expecting the Sheriff and in consequence has fallen into a state of feverish excitement — He has taken to his bed day — The Sheriff arrived and had an interview with him at which he offered him another remit the inserted upon a variety of things of which the chief was a written statement of the reasons on which the Inspectors on a former occasion pronounced him to be insane — Did not seem at all desiring to have another remit

13. Has kept his bed since the Sheriff's visit till today. Has got up and dressed

31. Is in his usual state. Is occasionally very much excited and indulges in fits of ungovernable rage. Denounces the medical officers in the most unmitigated manner as sneaks, dastardly cowards, blackguards &c — His other peculiarities such as not washing himself in his room, not using towels to dry himself, continue the same

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John Murchie act: 43.

1832
Jany 17. Was brought to the Asylum today by his two brothers.
It is said to have been ill for three years, though it is only of late that his mind has been considered to be affected — Fancies that he is becoming blind and is deprived in consequence. Lost some money in a speculation some years ago and believes that he is coming to a state of want — Appears to be very covetous picks up things that do not belong to him — Is careless about food unless he takes it secretly — Is now very careless & uncleanly in his personal habits which he did not use to be — He speaks to himself and picks his nails incessantly — Is at times very low in spirits and at other times very elevated. Threatened to shoot his father & is generally very irritable when opposed.
On admission his pockets were found stuffed with a great many articles which he had pocketed — potatoes tea cups. pare watches, papers &c
Was not many hours in the house till he commenced pilfering —
18. Is exceeding troublesome — Is constantly in one mischief or another. Tears & pockets all he can lay his hands upon — Is quite incoherent in conversation — Is rather averse to taking his food — Bowels costive
℞ P Jalap co ʒjss Col pr inj
34 — Is as troublesome as ever tearing & pilfering everything he can lay his hands upon. Has to be constantly watched. Is very untidy, unshaved & quite incoherent
Let a blister be applied to his back and his bowels kept regular by laxative medicine — Is very averse to taking both food & medicine
31. There is no improvement either in mental or bodily state since last report. Mind seems to be hopelessly gone — Is as mischievous and troublesome as ever — Let him have a strong drops made for him
Feby 14 Has become so unmanageable as to require to be confined to his room. Destroys his bedding, blankets & everything he can lay hand upon —
18. Is up and out of his room today. There is no amendment either in mental or bodily condition. Requires to be constantly watched also requires to be fed

Admitted 17 January 1832

1832 Feby 19. Is exceedingly stupid, incoherent & full of delusions — Is quite tremulous and totering in his gait —

29. Has again required to be put into seclusion — Bowels are now opened without medicine.

March 6. Has been got up and dressed — Having again become more quiet & manageable. Is as mischievous and destructive as ever — Is quite incoherent & full of delusions —

19. Has again required to be confined to his own room. Is very noisy and destructive. Requires to be fed — Is as incoherent as ever. Talks incessantly to himself. Is very dirty in his habits — Bowels moved by laxative medicines & enemata.

22. Is up and dressed today. Requires to be constantly watched —

23 Is again in seclusion. Grins, hurries about & is very troublesome to manage. Is dirty and destructive.

27. Let him be dressed and taken to the sitting room & constantly watched —

31. Is up and dressed daily since last report. Then no improvement either in mental or bodily state. Is becoming oedematous in the lower extremities, hands & face.

℞. Sp Aethr Nitros. ℥j
Nitr. Pot ℥ss
Aquam ℥viij ℔.
Sum Cochl. mag tertia die

April 4. Has again become unmanageable, & has been put into seclusion

5 Is up again today and dressed. Bowels moved by enemata.

9. Is confined to bed today — His right hand & forearm which have been oedematous, have become red hard & inflamed — Let the parts be assiduously fomented.

10. Was visited by Dr Fleming today who scarified his forearm with a lancet and ordered the fomentations to be continued — Let him have beef tea

℞ Vin Rubri ℥iv. quotidie

12. Was again visited by Dr Fleming today & matter being found to have been formed in the cellular tissue an incision was made & a considerable portion of sanguineous purulent matter was discharged — Let poultices be applied. Is lying much quieter since his arm became affected — Cont

14. Arm is much better swelling much reduced —

20. Gradually sunk. Became comatose and today Died —

John Stuart aet: Merchant

1832 Jany 23. Was brought to this Asylum by an attendant who was sent for him —

Was formerly a patient in this Asylum from 17 July to Sept 28 1830 when he was discharged Relieved.

Has for some time been leading a very intemperate and debauched life — and has for some days been in a state of maniacal excitement and full of delusions —

Let him be put to bed & have R Sp Vin fort ℥ij

℞ Opii ℥j — Stat —

24. Was quiet during the night but was not observed to sleep. Let him have half Tea and Tea or three glasses of Brandy daily.

P Small weak rapid cont

25 He slept a little last night but is still much excited. cont

26. Was quiet during the night talks incoherently — R pil Col Co ij

27 Was very restless during the night — cont

28 Slept about two hours last night

29. Spent a very restless night and was little in bed — Sees the Virgin Mary who he says is his mother & that he is the Jesus and Prince Charles Stuart Chief of all the Clans — cont

30 Rested better last night. Slept till 7 o clock this morning

Was up during the day —

31. Was quiet during the night

July 8. Has been up daily since last report — Continues much excited — Is very destructive Breaks chairs doors, injures his bedroom shutter and door — Let him be put into Seclusion

11. Has been in seclusion till today excitement continues — Is full of delusions about being the Jesus

24. Has become so violent and outrageous that he has required to be put into seclusion

27. Is up and out of his room today on promise of better behaviour Is incessant in his demands for stimulants

March 1 Has required to be put into seclusion today

2. Is up and dressed

Admitted 23 January 1852

1852
March 10 His conduct has again become so outrageous that he has to be put into seclusion

17 Has been confined to his own room till today when he was allowed to come out to the gallery.

22. Has again been violent and has today been put into seclusion

30 Is again allowed to have a trial in the gallery

April 15 His conduct has been less violent and he has not been in seclusion since last report. His language and delusions are of the most blasphemous and obscene description

30 There is no improvement in his mental state. His delusions are as strong as ever.

May 31 Is as full of delusions as ever about being the Jesus — Is able to conduct himself with more propriety. Is very noisy — Takes his food well. Is very importunate for stimulants —

June 30 Delusions are unabated. Is very much addicted to masturbation and says that his Heavenly Father tells him to do it —

July 31 Is in his usual state. There is no symptom of abatement in his delusions

Aug 31 Is as noisy, importunate, violent blasphemous and full of the most outrageous delusions as ever — Is greedy, gluttonous and constantly crying for stimulants, sweet meats &c imagining that he is the Jesus, the son of the Virgin Mary — that he is the son of Charles Stuart the Pretender and that he is the rightful heir to the throne &c

Sept 30 Is conducting himself as usual swearing and obscenity conversation is his chief delight. Delusions continue as before —

Oct 17. To day endeavoured while the attention of the attendants was taken up with the pursuit and bringing back of Mr McDonnell, to make his escape but was speedily secured —

31 His language and conduct continues such that he has to be debarred from going to church and mixing with the other patients in the reading room — Delusions are the same as before

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Charles Campbell act

9.	1872 July 12	Was brought from Campbellton today by his friends. He has been since both in a fatuous condition – He has lately exhibited symptoms of violence having knocked down the person with whom he was boarded and her daughter. His brother is at present a patient in this asylum. He labours under a defect in the power of articulation which makes it difficult to understand what he says. He is in good bodily health.
	29.	Seems to be much pleased with this place – Is quite childish and imbecile – Continues quiet and manageable – Is in excellent health.
	March 31.	Is quiet and good tempered Will strike if too freely meddled with – Is in good health.
	April 30	Continues to enjoy good health Mental state is the same
	May 31	Is in good health. Mind unchanged – Sometimes refuses to go to bed – and makes a great noise if attempts are made to put him to bed against his will –
	June 30	Is in good health – Mind fatuous –
	July 31 –	Is the same as at foregoing reports.
	Aug 31	Is quite imbecile but quiet and easily managed. Is in good health. Is easily pleased and gratified by any attention that may be paid him. In good health.
	Sept. 30	Walks in the grounds daily with his fellowpatients. Is quiet and well-behaved – Is very positive when opposed or interfered with. Is in good health.
	Oct 31.	Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.
	Nov 30.	Has had a severe attack of cold which has made it necessary for him to be kept in the house. Is of a delicate constitution and liable to considerable nocturnal perspirations –
	Dec 31.	Is now quite recovered and is able to be out when the weather permits.
	1873 Jany 31	Has a very ill formed chest and delicate lungs. Is phthisical and requires to be carefully looked after
	Feby 28	Is still very delicate – Gets cod liver oil

Admitted 12 February 1832.

1853
March 31. has a good deal of cough and expectoration with night sweats. Takes mineral acids & Porter.

April 30 Is pale and unhealthy looking. Mind quite weak.

May 31 Continues much in the same state. Incontinent of urine.

June 30 Is able to be a little when the weather is fine. Is very easily affected with cold.

July 31 General health is very indifferent. Mental state has experienced no change.

Aug 31 Is confined for the most part to the house. Is now continent of urine.

Sept 30 Is in his usual state.

Mr 31st Mental state continues very much the same as above described. His answers are as single as possible monosyllabic. Voice hoarse, shoulders fixed, body thin & complexion bad.

Nov 30. Is at present the subject of slight diarrhoea for which he gets chalk mixture. Mental state unchanged.

Dec 24th diarrhoea still continues generally during the night to the extent of 2 & sometimes 3 stools. Is taking a mixture with Sulphuric acid & Laudanum. For last 3 days has been in bed. Perspires a great deal. Appetite is still voracious, & one cannot too much is allowed. — Has milk diet & 2 glasses of wine daily. —

29. Gradually got weaker, — diarrhoea to continued till 4½ P.M. today when he

Died. —

David Connochie: aet

1832
July 20 Was brought to the Asylum this evening by his son.
Has been long subject to Epileptic fits after which he is maniacal and dangerous attempted to wound his wife with a knife —
On admission is very stupid let him be put to bed —
39. Since admission has continued to be very stupid. Has shown no symptoms of violence — Does not seem to have any idea where he is — Is quite incoherent —
March 28. Has been complaining of pain in the chest. and on examination it is found that one of his ribs has been broken. He can give no account of how he met with it — He must have had a fit during the night as he is even more than usually stupid, seeing objects and talking quite incoherent. The fracture in all probability was occasioned by the fit.
Let him be put to bed and have a bandage applied round the chest in the usual way —
There is no constitutional disturbance.
April 21 Has been in bed since last report in consequence of the fracture of one of his ribs. He is now quite recovered and is able to be up and going about.
May 31 Has enjoyed good health since last report — He is not now quite so stupid as formerly — He is somewhat more coherent — It is only after the fits which are slight that he is completely stupid and incoherent —
June 30 Is improving in his general health. Mental state very variable. So at times comparatively lucid at others quite incoherent
July 31 General health is excellent Mental state is as formerly reported
Aug 31 Is now intelligent and general health continues to improve
Oct 1. Was this day transferred from West to East House

Admitted 20 February 1832

Michael Graham aet:

1852
July 24 Was brought to the Asylum by his brother this evening.
He has been ill for a few days. He is labouring great anguish of mind - wringing his hands and groaning - imagining that he is lost - that he has committed some great evil which is irreparable
25. So still very miserable, groaning and wringing his hands. Will scarcely take any food
R ol Ricl 3j -
27. So still much depressed though not quite so miserable So taking his food better.
29. Melancholy continues though in a less aggravated form. So evidently rapidly improving
March 8. Continues to improve. So very quiet and still depressed takes his food well. Walks about. Is in good bodily health.
31. Continues rapidly to improve. So now nearly well —
April 30 So now comparatively cheerful — Talks freely and seems to be free from delusion
May 13. Being now quite well and arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 24 February 1832

Robert Jamieson aet:

1832
March 2. Was brought to the Asylum by his brother and Dr Mullock Glasgow.

Has been very intemperate for a considerable time and has had attacks of Delirium Tremens —

Has now fallen into a state of great depression. He hears voices of persons who have been dead for some time. Imagines that they reveal to him what it is dangerous to know — Cannot sleep —

Is afraid to go to bed. Sit a man sit up with him

R Sol Mur Morph 3j.

3 Slept sound during the night Is still hearing voices — and is very miserable in consequence

5. Is still hearing voices though less distinctly. Gets better sleep during the night.

15. Is now little troubled with voices — Is getting more cheerful and rapidly recovering from his delusions —

31 — Is now nearly well

April 23. Being now quite recovered and an engagement being made for his removal he was this day discharged C

Cured

Admitted 2. March 1832

John Kerr aet

1832
March 15 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by his friends.
Was formerly a patient in this Asylum from 18 May 1832 to 9th Augt 1833 when he was dismissed Relieved —
Is in great distress about his spiritual condition which he considers hopeless — Speaks he is a great sinner for whom there is no hope. Is very suicidal
Let him be watched —
16. Is labouring under great depression amounting to despair after going to bed became greatly alarmed and noisy —
17. Is in seclusion has attempted to strangulate himself himself — Let him be sat up with and watched.
19. Is taken out of seclusion — Is still very miserable
31. Is still full of delusions about his spiritual state. Is now sensible & seems to be less suicidally disposed —
April 15 Is somewhat improved — Walks a great deal about the airing court. His concern seems now to be more about his bodily than his spiritual health —
30. Is more calm and rational Has very hypochondriacal ideas about his bodily as well as his spiritual state. Says his mind is quite unimpaired. Attributes his illness to the harshness of a superior officer —
May 15. Is still far from well though somewhat improved. Is impatient to get away —
27. His wife having determined to take him home he was this day dismissed

Relieved

Admitted 15th March 1832

John William Stenhouse aet

1832
March 19. Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by his brother — He has been very intemperate and unsettled for several years on admission is calm and collected —

31. Since admission has conducted himself with propriety. Labours under no delusion.

April 30 Employs himself in reading walks about the grounds — So with the exception of his love of intoxicating drinks quite able to conduct himself with propriety

May 31. Seems to be quite well and fully resolved to avoid the temptation of drink for the future —

June 19. Being quite well and arrangements having been made for his going to America to engage in business he was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 19. March 1832

Alexander Macdowall aet: 62 Write

1832 March 24 Was brought to the Asylum by three attendants who were sent for him —

For some months past is said to have been generally very much excited, to have entertained a very high opinion of himself and assumed an air of importance & consequence which he had no claim to. He impatient of contradiction - and overbearing in manner & conversation - In speaking upon matters of business talked incessantly and quoted his own experience & knowledge as superior to that of all others - Seemed to think himself very rich though his estate is embarassed - And though this was the case, became very lavish and extravagant in his expenditure - Went to England on pretence of business, and on his return made entries for time and outlay, when as it now appears he had no business there - Stated that he had visited Bath for the purpose of transacting business for the Duchess Dowager of Athol tho' it appears that no such person exists. Stated that he had communication with Lord Palmerston about his going to London to advise with him about forming an administration, and standing as a candidate for Glasgow. Wrote to several parties that he had received a legacy from Mr Richard Oliverson & was an executor which is quite unfounded — Regarding money matters evidently laboured under very great delusion - Stated that he had £300 in the Bank here - would not state in what Bank it was - although pressed for money by several of his clients, and promising immediate payment, cannot show where the funds are to meet these engagements, and when spoken to on the point, manifests that he has settled these claims, when the past are notoriously the reverse —

Has manifested a total want of truth wrote to Mr R - Edinburgh that his marriage contract was forged, though he admitted a few minutes before that it was not so - Wrote letter to Mr M. saying he had remitted money which he had not. Stated to Mr Febbin his partner that Mr - - had not written him to London to come home in consequence of reports, tho that letter was despatched & received by him, and he owned its receipt and denied the reports - Before Mr Morrison & Mr Lamond and in presence of Mr Birrell he denied that he had been with Mr Taylor in London, tho Mr B found them together in the Grosvenor Hotel Piccadilly at dinner - He states

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1837 March 24

transactions of his quite the reverse of truth & facts and refuses to show evidence of the truth of his statements –

His conduct of late has manifested a total disregard of decency – Before clients in his own room in the office, would unbutton his clothes and make urine in the coal box – Went into Mr Lamond's dining room and did the same in the corner of the room – also in Mr J. Mohan's lobby or pantry, & in ~~Paterson~~ Flowerton's Hotel London did the same – frequently exposed his person – Has been travelling with a female (Mrs Taylor) as if she were his wife; speaking of her as the greatest comfort he has – has brought himself under liabilities for her – states that he met her in a gentleman's house in Cheltenham, who states that he never heard of the individual – stated that he had divorced Mrs McDowall –

The first indication that his friends observed of his labouring under delusion, was on his return from England in Sept last, when he mentioned that he had an offer of Partnership in the office of Allepers Ellerson & Irvin and from the manner in which he spoke of his wife, stating that he intended to get quit of her, & to marry a young lady in England – An announcement which he made in the Exchange about Christmas, caused great surprise and vexation to his friends –

His whole conduct of late has been quite irregular, extravagant, immoral and totally different both in public & private to his previous behaviour giving great uneasiness to his relations and friends –

On admission called for a glass of Toddy which he got – In conversation stated that he had a long interview with Lord Palmerston about the state of Public affairs & his standing for Glasgow – Spoke as if Glasgow was in his gift & that under his patronage he would walk the course – Repeated his delusions about the Donagh Duchess of Atholl – about being executor to Mr Ellerson, about Mrs McD. refusing him conjugal rights for six years – about the great deal of business he had in London in connection with the Bank of England –

It is stated by Dr Pagan his medical adviser that he has periodical fits of depression & that about 3 years ago one of his clerks brought him a phial taken out of his desk which contained Prussic Acid –

Is very unsteady in gait and nearly fell several times in going to bed –

25 Passed his urine in bed during the night – Says that this is a most disagreeable symptom – & that he thinks it depends on softening of the brain – Says that he

Alexander MacDowall Watts:

1832
March 25. feels better – Let him have a pint of ale at 12 o'clock: a glass of sherry at dinner & 1 glass of Toddy at bedtime –

26. Talks in a very light frivolous & childish manner – Speaks as if he had a great deal of money – Is very self complaisant & makes statements which have no foundation – Told Dr Mackintosh of the connexion he has with Mrs Taylor – Is very impatient to get to town. Says that no power will prevent him. Walks in the grounds forenoon and afternoon.

29. Through the carelessness of an attendant was allowed to speak through the gate to the woman Mrs Taylor – Was served by a messenger with a paper – Got into a passion with Dr Mackintosh for not allowing him to go to town – Went to church yesterday & walked out –

30 Was visited by the Revd Dr King today with to Mr Stule, writer – received a reply by Secular in his conversation – Considers himself a person of very great consequence

31. Was visited by Drs Macfarlane & Sym and in his interview with them stated how he was persecuted by Mr Lamond – how he had plenty of money – & was not owing man them £20 (letting aside his liability for Mrs Taylor) – Denied that he had any connexion with Mrs Taylor either in England or Scotland though he has partly admitted the fact frequently – Stated that Mr X of Cheltenham had sent for him on business this Mr X writes that he did not – Swore that be the consequence what they might he would go to Glasgow, that nothing would prevent him – At the conclusion of the interview rushed out at the door that he might get away – was secured & brought back –

Declares that Mrs McD did not sign the petition to the sheriff for his confinement & that neither she nor his daughter signed the application to the court of session for the appointment of a curator bonis. It may be mentioned that the patient, whose proceedings in regard to Mrs Taylor, had for one of their objects the driving of Mrs McD to seek for a divorce, is 62 years of age – has been married to Mrs McD for 15 years & is a grandfather –

It is stated that Mr McD. has of late been much addicted to the use of spirits to which he was not accustomed, going to bed in a state of stupidity.

April 4. attended chapel today – Sat still after the other gentlemen left for the purpose of speaking to the female patients – Is already desirous of getting into female society

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1832
April 4. Is constantly asking to get to the Lady Superintendent's – In my letter, – val & in con stantly – constantly asking for beer. also violently – Complains of sleepless nights talks with the greatest complacency of his wealth – & seems not to have any idea of the real state of his affairs –

Makes statements without the slightest foundation – Takes his food well

has In Murrays fluid Camphor & the following mixture

℞. Inf Gentian Co ℥v
Sp Valerian ℥ss
Liq. Potass ʒj
Aq. Mentha pip. ℥iij
Tr Card Co ʒiij –

Sum Cochl. mag. p r n

11. Has written various letters & been holding communications with his legal advisers W & Stuart Sum – In very lofty, frivolous and absurd in his conversation – Says that he would give Mrs M'D every facility to effect a divorce & expresses himself in the highest terms in regard to Mr Taylor – Is extensively anxious to get up a dancing party – in order to get into the society of females, for which he is wholly unfit, having no sense of propriety or shame

14 Was visited today by Drs King, & Dr Maxwell. upon their stating that it was reported that his estate would not pay 5/- in the pound he answered that that was one of the foolish sayings current; that ~~as he had formerly stated to Dr King~~ he had enough to pay all his debts twice over. that as he had formerly stated to Dr King there were few legal men in such comfortable circumstances as himself. on being asked where any of his money was invested, stated that he has 30 shares in the Royal Exchange and that he has 5 or 600 shares in the Scottish Union Insurance Company which were worth £1500. Also that the house he occupied is worth £1800 and that there is only a bond for £1000 said – Likewise that his son in law Mr Burell owes him a large sum of money, and has cost him more than any other. Expressed his most unqualified determination never again to sleep under the same roof with his wife. Also stated that a large sum was due to him professionally.

Seems to be much impaired both in his mental and moral powers – Talks his wit the utmost coolness – His conversation is a tissue of absurd ridiculous nonsense – Woman seems to be the subject that occupies most of his attention

Alexander McDowall Writer

1872.
April 18. His conversation is of the same light frivolous & silly cast as formerly reported. He is constantly putting up a very weak minded fellow patient to a variety of proposals for visiting the ladies — Went to church today and after the service went up to the ladies for the purpose of getting into conversation with them — It is reported by the attendant that if he sees any of the female patients or servants at the windows from the male airing court, he commences kissing his hands and making signals to them.

In the evening asked Dr Skae for a private interview, at which he stated that he required a body servant exclusively for himself as he had always been accustomed to have one — Spoke of his friend McLamond proposing to put him in the Gazette as a thing quite ridiculous —

Is very impertinent and wanting — seems to be destitute of all sense of shame will walk into other gentlemen's rooms without asking their leave — His impertinent interference with fellow patients has caused him to have had a very narrow escape from being assaulted by a fellow patient.

Is indecent in his behaviour — will come from the water closet & walk down the gallery & in to the attendants room & the parlour with his clothes down — Makes water in the sink where the men are constantly working and drawing water through the water closet & pipe close at hand — Makes water in his basin during the night —

21. His general conduct & conversation is the same as previously reported. His conduct is very offensive to the other gentlemen. Pays no attention to any remonstrance which may be made — Walked down the gallery this morning with his trowsers & drawers about his heels —

An attendant reports that he stated that he could put his finger and thumb upon £6 or £7000. today of hard cash — that he lodges extensively in the Royal Exchange & the Victoria Club — Held out the inducement to his man that he would make him his body servant with the prospect of promoting him to be an officer in the Exchange & threatened his wife that he would put up a board on his house with a notice to sell or let & sell her out of the House, if she did not withdraw what she had done — Previously he had solemnly declared that his wife did not sign the petition to the Sheriff — & argued that that being the case, the whole thing fell

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to the ground —

Stated to Dr McGhie in the evening that he required to go to Edinburgh by Wednesday next to buy an estate in Ross-shire for a gentleman in London (This est. she was advised to be sold on the 15th) — Stated that Mr Lemond wanted to get a slice of his business & intimated that he thought he was too intimate with his wife. Says that when he leaves this, he will take up his residence at the Western Club — will sell or let his house furnished or unfurnished & if necessary will sell his house and furniture separately and send Mr M'D about his business — Says that Dr Payan his medical adviser for a series of years is a man of no mind, that he has not the mind of a sucking child — Says that Mr Morrison did him a very duty trick in reg and to the Glasgow Life Insurance Comp — During this conversation in the airing court Mr M'D unbuttoned in the middle of the path when several gentlemen were walking and commenced to excoriate his brain, tho remonstrated with when he went to the wall — Speaks of his connection with Mrs T. as being of a purely Platonic kind — The person with whom Mrs T. has taken up her residence in Partick called to enquire if Mr M'D. was the uncle of that person as she stated she was his niece that he was in an imbecile state of mind & was here for the benefit of his health —

At a later period of the evening commenced to talk to Dr McGhie & several of the gentlemen in the parlour, in regard to Dr McCulloch & his wife in a manner not fit to be spoken off —

22. Mr Anderson & other members of the Parochial board being here today in an official capacity, stated in regard to Mr M'D who is also a member of the Parochial board, that they had observed in his conduct & violent language at the sub-committee of the Board some months ago undoubted evidence of his insanity —

It is stated that his brother died insane and that his son is at present insane.

23. Sheriff Bell held a court here today in which medical evidence was adduced in regard to Mr M'D. Shortly after the court broke up Mr M'D. met Dr McGhie in the parlour and commenced abusing him as a spy & for bidding him to come into the parlour — After this went out to the airing court and began to excite the patients to a state of insubordination and tried to incite certain of them to join with him to kick Dr McGhie out of the parlour

Alexander MacDowall Writer

1832
23 april (Was on the best of terms with Dr Moffin till the Sheriff called upon him to produce the case book)

An attendant states that Mr McD said to him that he could lay his hands upon £10,000, that his greatest hardship in being kept here was being debarred from women.

The two attendants of the gallery in which Mr McD resides report that he is very indecent before them at undressing, taking a brush and applying it to his private organs and insisting that they should hold the chamber pot for him

24 Quite sulky this morning, would scarcely speak to the medical officers. In the evening was quite changed. Was lively & jocular and shook hands with Dr Moffin on retiring to bed

29 Mr McDowall demanded an interview with Dr McIntosh which was granted in Dr Moffin's room. He stated that after Dr Moffin had left the Court last night an arrangement was made between the Sheriff & Mr Shule & Morrison that he (Mr McD) was to go to Mr Shule's office at 12 o'clock today to meet the Sheriff & three gentlemen with Mrs McDowall & that on the way on he would call for his wife & hand in to her this open letter (per-sending a letter here) and they take her with him to said meeting to see & remonstrate the case with his Lordship and sign papers — that he heard Sheriff Bill state to Mr Shule that from the evidence so far as he had heard it, his judgment was that Mr McD never should have been within the four corners of Carstairs Asylum and that ~~all~~ he had ordered a cab to come out for him accordingly & that Dr Mackenzie had counter mand-ed it — The cab arrived but without Mr Shule or his clerk or any order from the Sheriff — Still then declined to let him go. He was so excited & came so threatningly near Dr Moffin as if to strike that the latter told him to stand back.

10 p.m. Passed his urine on his clothes involuntarily during the day & in the evening Demanded toddy & refused to go to bed expecting three doctors out to visit him

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1852
april 29 Dr King, Lawrie & Buchanan – Obs Dr Mackintosh asking him in Dr Moffat's room to allow himself to be examined as to the propriety of ~~bar~~ giving stimulants – Became considerably excited and refused to allow his pulse to be felt or any examination to be made by any of the medical officers till he had gone back to the gallery & consulted the other patients – He did so and then came back and said that the gentlemen had declared it to be an act of kindness on the part of Dr Mackintosh & he agreed to it –

P.S. 10 O. Had hot – ill – feverish, agitated anxious – Has been ill all day – disappointed out of sorts – Said that being present at these examinations injured him – It is the opinion of the medical officers that they have injured him very much

Hab. Sp Vord – ℥ij h. S.

30. Said he had only been able to crawl round the airing court two or three times –

30. Was taken in to town today to attend the Sheriffs Court at 2 p.M. – On his way in the attendant reports that he became violently excited in Sanchiehall St – wishing to get out of the cab – states that he had to order the cabman to call the police – Their interference however was not necessary – the attendant with the assistance of one of Mr Stirles clerks got him safely conveyed to the Court –

During the examination of Dr Mackintosh by the Sheriff today, the patient being present, Dr M. stated to his Lordship that Mr McD's being present at the examination was very injurious to him – that in consequence he had not slept any for three nights and that he was very ill bodily yesterday – not taking food – scarcely able to walk – exhausted and depressed –

whereupon his Lordship stated that it never had been his desire for Mr McD to be present but that on Mr Stirle the agent proposing it upon his Lordship (at the most urgent urging of the patient) his Lordship had consulted with Dr Mackintosh and that the latter had stated that he had no objection at the time but that if Dr M. had objected at the time he would not have allowed Mr McD to be present (Dr M had understood that it was his Lordship's desire that Mr McD should be present) that it was Lordship's opinion that it was improper for Mr McD to be present or even any other man to sit there and hear Dr run on and on again repeat that the party was labouring under disease of the brain and that as Dr M now

1862
April 30 said that it would injure him still more were he to be again present, the Sheriff thought that he should not be permitted to be present at any further diet, unless sent for specially by the Sheriff himself —

May 10 — Is in his usual state. Is restless as ever. Seems at times considerably depressed — Is silly and frivolous in his conversation — goes to his bedroom during the day and passes urine in his basin — Is very annoying to a fellow patient who is in bed by intruding into his bedroom —

13. Is still annoying the abovementioned who is confined to bed — making obscene observations in regard to him to the other patients — There is no improvement either mental or moral —

14. Was properly inspectinent & insolent to the abovementioned patient today without any provocation —

28. Is occasionally much excited & at other times depressed — makes up to the ladies at church — Is silly & frivolous in conversation —

June 15. Has lately been pretending to be failing very much off in health — When his friends call will go to his bedroom & don his night cap to make them believe that he is dying. Has been making arrangements for that event — Dr King & Ladie to be chief mourners — Sir Jas Anderson & Sir J Campbell Messrs David, John & Alex Anderson. Dr King, Lennie & Buchanan, Bailie MacDowall & a few others to attend his funeral — The following parties not to be invited Alex Birrell, Alex Morrison Robt Lennard. Wm Watson (Mr Mrs father) James Ellis, Clement Ellis, Simon Campbell Edin. Jas Campbell —
"I have been treated with neglect by all these parties and dont wish to recognise them" —
Is reported when in the airing court to make signals to the females at the windows seen from the airing court — Gets into disputes and differences with his fellow patients —

30. Manifests a very great disregard of truth stating things to be true which are known to be false — Continues to indulge in his propensity of making obeisances and other signals to the female servants and patients — Still indulges in a great deal of absurd and ridiculous conversation —

July 15. Makes resolutions which are no sooner formed than broken. No confidence can be put in any

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1852
July 15 Statements which he may make — is very imbecile — is full of wants the chief of which is whisky —

31 Is in his usual state. There seems to be no improvement in his mental state —

Aug 24 Is going on as usual & occasionally excited — Walks round the grounds usual time daily. The attendant has some difficulty in keeping him clear of females towhom he makes all sorts of signs and obeisances —

Sept 30 Is in good bodily health. Mental imbecility and delusions continue as before. On Dr Mackintosh refusing to allow him to sit in the front seat of the chapel near the ladies, left expressing the determination that he would never return. He soon changed his mind and has again returned that he may have an opportunity of presenting confections to the ladies and delivering notes to them. Cannot see ladies walking in the grounds without hastening after them, however distasteful he may be to them. In letters to his wife and others is very firm in his sentiments, while in his conversation with others his sentiments are the reverse — Makes many statements in regard to his affairs and prospects which are the most manifest delusions —

Octr 17 After Chapel today Mr M'D along with the other patients in gallery No 4 went out to walk in the grounds of the Asylum in charge of an attendant. At the farm offices he & Dr T Thomson met Mr Crawford and Mr Cadell and entered into conversation with them while the attendant passed round the corner to stop the patients who were in advance, till M'D should come up. On returning to bring him up the attendant met Dr Thomson who told him that M'D had gone in behind the pigsty to make water. The attendant suspecting that he might try to escape went up to the paling and saw that M'D had made his escape and was running down the park outside the Asylum grounds having got upon the top of the pigsty and dropped down a height of 10 feet on the outside. The attendant immediately got over in pursuit and speedily coming up to him desired him to return.

William Brown act:

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May 31. Is in his usual health mental & bodily. Has been little excited of late — Is of an apoplectic habit of body & continues exercise — cont

June 30 Is in the same state as previously reported. Is quiet and easily managed

July 31. Is as much addicted to reading as ever. He reads everything in the shape of a book that is put into his hands. Is also much given to playing of dominoes. Is very subject to nervous tremors — Is of a full habit of body — Takes a good deal of exercise — cont

Aug 31 Is as constant a reader as ever. Has not had any paroxysm of crying for some time. Is very nervous and tremulous. Bowels are always in a torpid state cont

Sept 30 Is in his usual state. Speaks very little. Reads very constantly. Plays dominoes. Walks in the grounds. Bowels slow. cont.

Oct 31 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports. cont

Nov 30 There is no improvement in mental state. His reading is of the most miscellaneous description. Has very peculiar ideas on many subjects. Is tremulous & of a stout habit of body — cont

Dec 31 Continues as formerly reported

1853

January 31 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily —

Feby 28. Is very excited; nervous and tremulous — Is very stout

March 31 There is no change in any respect.

April 30 Is as much devoted to reading as ever — Is of a happy and cheerful disposition

May 31 Is as nervous & tremulous as ever. Is of a very apoplectic habit of body —

June 30 Takes a good deal of exercise in the open air. Takes his food well. Reads a great deal. Keeps his bowels open by pill &c &c

July 31 Is in all respects as described above

Aug 31 There is no change

Sept 30 Continues the same.

Oct. 31st Continues to read a great deal. Is quiet but is irritable if anything works —

Nov. 31st Is as described in preceding reports.

1854.

Jany 27. Is in his usual state, mental & bodily. —

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Feby 28.	Continues as before to read a great deal — be fond of playing at dominoes.
Mar. Ch. 31.	As taciturn, & fond of reading and a quiet simple game as formerly.
May. 15.	Employs most of his time in reading & is generally very quiet, but indulges in a little chy from occasionally. Does not go often out of doors, but health is tolerable.
June 1st.	Continues quiet & well-behaved & as great a bookworm as ever.
July 1st.	No change in quiet book-drawing habits. Is civil & occasionally jocular when spoken to, but by no means conversational.
Sept. 15.	Seemed to enjoy very much a recent visit from his wife, & wishes to prolong it as much as possible. Retains as usual.
Septr 16.	No change in health or habits.
Oct. 15.	Continues as in above reports. Bodily health good.
Nov. 20th 1855.	There is no change in any respect.
January 10th	Is in his usual state, speaks very little, is occasionally inclined to be jocular when spoken to. bodily health continues good
Feby 20th	No change since last report
March 26th	Much the same as in former reports
April 10th	Today patient is confined to bed on account of having a slight attack of diarrhoea & two milk diet. and five grains of acid pallic every three hours.
" 28th	Had no return of the diarrhoea since the 11th Inst. In other respects he is in his usual state. speaks very little. Reads very constantly. takes his food well. bowels regular.
May 31st	Employs the most of his time reading he is very quiet. there is no improvement in other respects. appetite good, bowels rather slow. requires a colocynth pill occasionally
June 28th	There is no improvement in his mental state. bodily health good. He is very nervous and tremulous. takes food well stole requires a colocynth pill to keep his bowels regular.
July 31st	Is in every respect much the same as in former reports.
August 23rd	There is no marked change since last reported.
Sept. 30th	Is as described in foregoing reports takes his food well
October 31st	No Change
Nov. 17th	In all respects as described above

Reuben Munden act-

per Vol XVI p 184

1852
July 28. Is in good bodily health. No improvement in mental state. Never reads or converses with any one. Rubs his hand in an erratic manner and shouts occasionally - Is generally very quiet & easily managed.

March 31 Mutters a great deal to himself. The sounds he utters are quite unintelligible - It is reported by a relative that the cause of his falling into his present state was disappointment in love -

April 30 Continues enjoying good bodily health. Functions regular. never requires medicine.

May 31. Is in the same patient condition as formerly reported - Enjoys good bodily health. C

Jun 30. Is in all respects as stated in foregoing reports.

July 31. Continues patient - Is in his ordinary state of health. Cannot speak or converse intelligibly -

Aug 31 - Walks about the grounds with his fellow patients. Seems at times to be in a state of great delight, rubbing and clapping his hands. Shouts occasionally. Is generally very quiet

Sept 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily -

Oct 31 No change or improvement in any respect since last report.

Nov 30 Continues as usual both mental and bodily -

Dec 31 - Is in all respects as described in foregoing report.

1853
Jany 31 Is in good health. Mind is in the same state

July 28 Never reads or converses with any one. Lounges, walks eats & sleeps -

March 31 Mind seems a blank - Does not interest himself in anything but purely animal gratifications -

April 30 There is no change or improvement in any respect

May 31 In quite imbecile in mind. Bodily health is fair

Jun 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports -

July 31 There is no change or improvement in any respect

Aug 31 Is in the same state -

Sept 31 Is in his usual state

Oct 31st Continues as above described.

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Oct. 24 1852	Is in status quo. –
Nov. 27	Is as taciturn as ever, – no change in other respects.
Feb. 28	No change in mental or bodily state.
March 31.	Habits are as above described.
May 15.	No change in any respect.
June 14.	State of mind much improved. When asked a question as to former pursuits he answers "yes" or "no" indiscriminately. Takes an interest in nothing except chewing tobacco, & taking his food, then does these compactly.
July 14.	Continues as above described. –
Aug. 14.	No change worthy of record.
Sept. 16.	Industrious, idle & taciturn.
Oct. 15.	Has taciturn only answering by the monosyllables "yes" or "no" – & has had a great amount of perversion giving no clue to any emotion which may be passing through his mind.
November 30.	This patient is at present in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He never speaks or associates with any of the other patients, takes his food well, bowels natural.
Dec. 31.	Walks daily in the airing Court. Never reads or converses with any one. Manifests a great deal to himself. Appetite good. bowels regular.
1853.	
January 31.	Continues as usual both bodily and mentally
Feby 28.	Continues to enjoy good bodily health. in other respects there is no improvement
March 31.	There is no change or improvement in any respect.
April 30.	Mind still continues very weak he never speaks or associates with any of his fellow patients, bodily health good. bowels regular.
May 31.	Continues in every respect the same as in former reports.
June 30.	No change since last reported appetite good bowels regular
July 31.	State of mind continues unchanged takes an interest in nothing except chewing tobacco and taking his food.
August 24.	Is in every respect the same as in last report.
Sept. 30.	Bodily health continues good. State of mind continues unchanged
October 31.	Is in the the same condition as in foregoing reports, Bodily health good.
Nov. 17.	Is in good health mind in the same state
Dec. 30.	No change

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Jany 31. Is in no respects improved in his mental condition – Talks, laughs to himself and shrugs his shoulders as if in a state of great delight. Is in good health

Feby 28. There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report. Is quite imbecile, never reads – converses little. Is deaf.

March 31 Is in his usual state. Is always gay and seems to be contented – Is in good bodily health –

April 30 Is in his usual state –

May 31 No change in mental or bodily state –

Jun 30 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports –

July 31. Is quite imbecile. Peculiarities of manner, behaviour and conversation continue as before. Is in pretty good health.

Aug 31 Is very fractious and obstinate. Does not read – his only amusement is playing whist or draughts. Peculiarities continue unchanged

Sept 30 Is very averse to his brother. Seldom speaks to him. Is quite imbecile – Is in tolerable health. Has an unhealthy aspect. Has at times a peculiar motion or shaking of the body which seems to be partly involuntary.

Oct 31. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Nov 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily –

Dec 31 There is no change or improvement in any respect since last report

1853

Jany 31 Is in his usual state – Mind quite imbecile and body frail

Feby 28 There is no improvement or change in any respect.

March 31 Peculiarities of manner & conduct continue the same as before. General health is in different. Never makes any complaints.

April 30 There is no change in any respect since last report

May 31 Appears to be falling off in flesh – Eats pretty well.

Jun 30 Is in a very weakly state but still going about.

July 8. A very unhealthy carbuncle has appeared on the right cheek –

10. Yesterday evening became suddenly affected with violent dif-

Admitted July 19. 1843.

1843 July 10	Anorexia, and notwithstanding every effort to afford her relief she died this morning

George Reid act

from Vol XVI p. 221

1852
March 31 Is in his usual state. Is very excitable — When told of his delusions so great to his belief in them, that he pooh pooks and think, that an attempt is being made to impose upon him — that we know better — Is writing "diaries" such as given in foregoing reports. Is in good health.

April 30 Is very nervous and anxious about the Sheriffs visit which he is daily expecting — Is very anxious to get away. Delusions are as strongly marked as ever. Health continues good.

May 31. Had an interview with Sheriff Bell at the beginning of the month, who offered to grant him a remit, of which he has not availed himself. The Sheriff read his last "Diary" which was in the usual style.

July 1. The following is his latest "diary"
"Thursday 1 July 1852. Haggart took
"2 Cards in his hand at Western Club —
"Dr Mackintosh passed shortly afterwards
"and indicated with the Card it was
"Open and up — Challenged by Dr
"Brown to take the open with the Heir
"and for Blank. Answered both the
"Challenges by going out to the airing
"Court before 7 o'clock"
"Friday 2 July 1852 — Galloway in-
"-dicated if I went out at 11 o'clock
"I was Confined. Dr Mackintosh passed
"through the gallery before 10 o'clock
"and indicated if I went out at 3
"o'clock I took both hands with paper
"(Maxwell supposed) — Not answered.
"Challenged to go out at 7 o'clock
"evening to be free Man & take Dram
"with Black. Not answered —

July 31. Is in his usual state. Is as full of delusions as ever. Employs himself principally in reading — Is in good health.

Aug 31 — Is constantly demanding to be set at liberty — says that he is illegally kept here — that it is a question of character and not of insanity that keeps him here and demands the most searching investigation. Delusions are as rife as ever. Health good —

Sept. 30 Is in all respects as at foregoing reports —

Oct 31 — Speaks in a rational & connected manner upon ordinary topics — but on the subject of his delusions is quite incoherent & unintelligible —

Admitted November 13 1845

1832
Nov 30 – Goes out frequently whatever the state of the weather may be in search some signal or pantomime which he is constantly imagining is directed at him – and which if not answered will prove prejudicial to him – Gets very much excited at times – Is apt to take offence but is soon pacified. General health good –

Dec 31 – Is very urgent to get away – Is disappointed in not having had a visit from the Sheriff whom he has been daily expecting. Delusions continue in all their former strength –

1833
Jany 31 – Is in his usual state – his delusions continue in all their original force – These appear in the most startling manner in his "Diaries" – Imagines that strangers, coachmen, cab drivers and the like whom he sees out of the window intimate certain things in reference to himself by the motion of their hands or other parts of their bodies – Also imagines the same thing in regard to the medical officers and attendants – If the hair is touched, the nose or chin rubbed, the shirt collar pulled up with the right or left hand, he immediately applies or interprets the action to himself, and perhaps rushes out of doors & forgoes his dinner to counteract its evil effect

Feby 28 – Continues as before. Is disappointed that the Sheriff has not yet made his appearance.

March 5 – Sheriff also visited the asylum today and the patient demanded his liberation – His case was enquired into and some letters and papers examined

April 5 – Took occasion on the leaving of another patient (W. Macdowall) to give him a letter to Lord Palmerston.

11. – Had a visit of the Sheriff and was visited by Dr Monfarlane & Lyon –

30 – The report of the medical men who examined him was to the effect that he was not fit to be at large.

May 31. – Is very impetuous and violent in temper – Taking offence at another patient he rushed upon him and seized him by the hair but was prevented from doing further mischief

Jun 30 – Has been very anxious to get away at the end of this quarter as usual. Delusions continue as strong as ever –

July 31 – Is in the same state

Nov 1848

John M. Carter ad:

pounds 5

1852
July 31 – There is no improvement in his mental state – Imagines that the other patients are hired assassins and executioners in disguise, let on by his brother to persecute him – Imagines that he is the only chaste the Directors have – Says that he is drugged and drained by the doctor during the night – Is frequently very noisy during the night – Swearing and using the most disgusting and blasphemous language

Aug 31 – Shuns his fellow patients – Some of them are more obnoxious to him than others – The most idiotic he imagines to have designs against him – Is very noisy more especially during the night. Imagines that he is the most important person in the house. Brings the most ridiculous and unfounded charges against the servants and others. Is in good health.

Sept 30 – Is in his usual state. Excitement is often very great – When he indulges in his loud scurrilous and blasphemous declamations, he foams at the mouth. His delusions occupy his mind as fully as ever – His bodily health is good.

Oct 31 – Writes very lengthy documents addressed to such personages as the Queen Lord Derby &c in which he states it appears that he is the most considerable person they have to look to – also addresses memorials to the Lord provost & Directors – full of scurrilous and abusive language & groundless charges. His disposition is one of the worst description and his language fully matches them –

Nov 30 – Is still writing memorials to the Directors – In one of these, to give an instance of his diabolical disposition, he charges one of the attendants with having kicked one of the patients John Stuart, who is quite capable of making complaints when he has any just grounds for them – On being confronted with the attendant and having made his charge, Mr Stuart who bears no good will to the attendant, said "to give the devil his due" the charge was false upon this Mr M'C became quite furious and said that Mr S. as being an interested party could not give evidence! and that his own testimony was alone worthy of being received – Such charges of cruelty are entirely without foundation – No credit is to be given to any statement which he may make –

Admitted 26. November 1847

1852
Dec 31 Continues to be as noisy & scurrilous as ever. Is still writing letters to the Directors which as being most insane tirades receive no reply —

1853
Jany 31 Is as loud & violent in language as ever. Makes long harangues in the airing court. Delusions continue as before.

Feby 28. Imagines that all the patients and officials are masked executioners, appointed to torment and annoy him. Is very troublesome to manage.

March 31 Continues in the same state. Is quite incoherent & full of delusions —

April 30 Is constantly bringing charges of the most unfounded description against the attendants and patients.

May 31 Is as loud & clamorous as ever. Is most abusive & violent.

June 30 There is no improvement in temper or language.

July 31 State writes very lengthy memorials to the directors in which he sets forth his delusions —

Aug 31 There is no improvement in any respect.

Sept 30 Continues in all respects as described in foregoing Report.

Oct 31st His demands are both multitudinous & multifarious. Seems to have a bad opinion of mankind in general — personally excepted. Generally confines his harangues to the airing-court. Reads a great deal — such works as Newton's Principia &c — & employs himself improving the versification of some of the Psalms &c — occasionally accomplishes very passable — altho' in general rather Irish rhymes, generally relating to "Erin" or his "captivity". —

Dec 2nd Was this day transferred to East House.

1854
March 8. Was this day retransferred from the East to the West House.

31. His multitudinous demands as before, & often made for the mere purpose of annoying as he confessed no intently was the case on one occasion lately

The following extracts from his letters show the delusions he entertains. —

Robert Smith: Ad 45 Merchant

1852
April 30 Is constantly standing in the gallery will neither sit nor walk except when forced to do it — Delusions are as strong as ever — Suicidal tendency is very marked — Is very noisy at times and occasionally violent — His general health has been good. Bowels are always costive — cont

May 31. Is in his usual miserable state always crying that he is destroyed — that people work upon him — that he gets no food &c &c Cont.

June 30 There is no improvement in mental state. Is as miserable & full of delusions as ever — Health has been good Cont

July 31 — In his usual state. Is taken out to walk frequently & sent out in the omnibus — cont

Aug 31 Is as miserable as ever. His mind is full of delusions of the most extravagant description such as that he is torn to pieces, that his bowels are taken out of him, that he is reduced to the smallest point or expanded to fill the whole world — that he goes down to hell &c &c Will not sit in the parlour, stands leaning against the wall in the gallery — Bowels always require the use of medicine Cont.

Sept 30 Is in his usual state — Is very miserable — At times gets worked up to a state of great excitement — Is generally most excited at meal times — is very unwilling to take his food, about which he entertains many delusions such as that it is made out of spittle, gas, shavings &c

Does not take exercise except when forced to take it — cont

Oct 31. There is little or no change either in mental or bodily state since last report — Delusions continue as strong as ever — Is irregular in taking his food — cont

Nov 30 Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports — cont

Dec 31 Has been more composed for some days past — sitting in the parlour and joining in amusements with fellow patients

1853
January 31 Delusions continue as vivid as ever — So absurd are many of them that he even himself laughs at them

Feby 28 There is no improvement

Admitted 29 November 1833

1833
March 31. always requires medicine to relieve his bowels – Delusions the same.

April 30 There is no change or improvement.

May 31 Is as miserable and full of delusions as ever

Jun 3. Was this day removed to another asylum. Only the effect of change of scene or has this effect

Relieved

Revd John Guthrie ant.

from p 42

1852
March 31. Continues to improve. Delusions are disappearing – Reads a good deal. So impatient left away. Health excellent.

April 30. Is still improving – Mind is now remarkably free from delusion – Reads a good deal – Walks and goes to the garden –

May 31. Is now nearly well – both in body and mind – Works in the garden walks and reads.

June 23. Has officiated on two occasions both in the east and West house in the absence of the Chaplain from illness: arrangements having been made for his ~~[illegible]~~ he was this day dismissed in charge of his Bro.

Cured –

Re-admitted 9 November 1882

Nov 9. Was brought to the asylum today by two attendants and his brother in law –

Since dismissal stayed for three months in a Minister's family in the Highlands, during which time continued well – The present attack commenced on the occasion of the visit of some young females to the house at which he was staying – His ideas run riot on the subject of love – and are very much of a licentious cast – He has a delusion about his brothers wife, who seems to have taken offence at some of his insane observations, and proposes to convict her of infidelity to her husband –

The gist of his delusions at present is he supposes that he is the subject of direct inspiration, that he is the man prophesied of by Isaiah who was to be born to save the world –

His old delusions about being poisoned when brought here, but miraculously preserved – about 'Elia' to whom he believes he is to be married – are revived.

On admission stated that if he was kept one night here, the house would be shivered to a thousand atoms by the direct judgment of the almighty –

And on the morning stated that it was by his presence that the house was preserved –

In general his conversation

Admitted 2nd August 1881

1882
Nov 9 is marked by a great incoherence and delusion.
His pulse is hurried - His tongue is white furred - His expression is excited -
℞ Jalap Co 3ss
Cal - Sulp - Sum Stat
10. Had a good night's rest - Bowels freely moved. Is less excited - Delusions & incoherence the same as yesterday - Thinks he has not yet been sufficiently purged
℞ Pil Co 3ss
Cal & Sulp - Sum St -
et appl - Empl - Nocat - Rhub -
15. Is now more composed and seems to be pretty free from delusions. Is not so annoying to his fellow patients. Health is improving -
30 Is now quite composed - Does not now speak of his delusions - Employs himself in reading & taking exercise -
Dec 15 Continues to improve - Mind seems quite settled & composed. Is very irritable but is generally agreeable. Is very fond of arguing on speculative Theology -
31 With the exception of a bilious attack of purging and vomiting before Christmas he has continued well since last report.
1883 Jany 31 Has been shy, reserved and suspicious - Has been walking a great deal, either alone or in the company of another patient - Has often a wild and maniacal expression of eye. Is evidently repressing and concealing his insane delusions at present. His general deportment and conduct is quiet -
July Is consequence of certain delusions which he entertains of certain patients exercising an evil influence upon him has at his own request been removed to another gallery - Is considerably excited. Expression of countenance is maniacal.
March 8 Continues quiet. Delusions of an erotic character have a strong hold of his mind - Complains of indigestion -
Countenance dull & heavy
April 30 Delusions continue as before though he professes to be quite well & very suspicious more especially of the doctors -

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Robert Baillie Act:

from p 49.

1832 January 4. Is still in bed. Was observed to be much depressed after dinner Boiling veil and refused his tea. His bowels are habitually costive and it is difficult to get him to take the proper medicine

19. Has been got up and dressed after very considerable difficulty and upon a great deal of persuasion either does not speak at all when addressed or after a long pause. Seems to be frightened when anything is done to him - thinks from the context of others —

July 3. After considerable difficulty from his detecting his medicine in his food he received a dose which acted freely during last night.

10. Has again got a dose of castor oil from which he has had a copious evacuation of the bowels - Is still depressed, morose sullen and absent.

14. Bowels have again been moved Is up daily now -

18. Is keeping his bed this morning and complains of headache His bowels were moved

24. Is still depressed silent and absent. Bowels were again moved last night —

March 8. Is up daily and dressed Occasionally much flushed - Silent absent & depressed. Bowels freely moved

15. Continues to be up daily - No apparent improvement in mental state. Bowels have been moved.

31. Is in nonsense improved. There is great difficulty in getting him to take medicine or to allow his hair and moustaches which are inordinately long to be cut. Walks in a lounging and melancholy manner

April 9. Is still out of bed daily. Is as depressed and melancholy as ever seldom speaks - Bowels have been moved

30. Is up and dressed daily - Walks in the grounds and roads - Mental faculties seem to be somewhat revived - Is costive - Takes medicine with difficulty

May 8. Bowels have been freely moved Has got a good dose of castor oil - Hair and moustaches have been trimmed Is in good bodily health.

Admitted 24th September 1851.

1852
May 31 Is now somewhat improved. Takes medicine – Walks about in a more lively manner – Enters more readily into conversation – Seems to be less absent & confused Does not speak of his former delusions.

June 30 Has been several days in bed lately on the plea of being unwell. Does not now make a practice of lying in bed and refusing to get up. Takes his food & medicine regularly – Is in a more favourable condition – Takes his usual exercise.

July 31. Keeps his bed occasionally for a day Seems to be improving – Does not appear to be so torpid and dull as before – continues to take his medicine & food – Takes exercise and reads –

Aug 24 Is still occasionally in bed without any apparent cause. Is conducting himself in a more sensible & rational way than formerly – Converses in a more free-like hesitating manner than before Takes medicine exercise & reads a good deal.

Sept 17 Arrangements having been made for his removal and his brother having come to receive him he was this day discharged

Cured.

William Scott; aet.

from p 50.

1852
Aug 31 — Is at times quite amiable and talkative — at other times more especially when he meets with contradiction or when visited by strangers in the House visitors, the Shuffy becomes maniacal, screaming at and denouncing every one. Takes a great deal of exercise — Is in good health

Sept 30 — Is in his usual state — very variable in temper and disposition — Is occasionally quite diabolical and destructive — Gets a good deal of carriage exercise — Walks a great deal cont

Oct 31 — Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

Nov 30 — Owing to the excited state in which he got when associating with any considerable number of his fellow patients, it has been found necessary to debar him from attending the outlying room & concerts —

Dec 31 — Is in his usual champagne state.

1853
Jany 31 — Has a very high opinion of his own powers both mental and bodily — Has an excellent memory and stored in his mind a great amount of knowledge. Uses very bad language. Is very irritable —

Feby 28 — Is in his usual state. Is frequently much excited and becomes quite ferocious — cursing and raging in a great way.

March 31 — There is no change in mental state. Is at times very pleasant & communicative — at others the reverse — Is in good health. Walks constantly about with his attendant and is out in the carriage almost daily.

April 30 — Continues much in the same state — Imagines that he is the most powerful & handsome man in the world — and that can do things better than any other man —

May 31 — Is most impatient of contradiction — Is very easily excited — Paroxysms soon pass off —

June 30 — Is in good bodily health — Requires to be well looked after — Is apt to destroy his clothes — Is very passionate & very open to flattery —

July 31 — Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports

Aug 31 — Is much in the same state — General health good

Admitted 6 October 1831

1883
Sept. 30 — is in his usual state both mental and bodily —

Oct. 31st. — Continues in much the same state as above-described. Very fond of flattery & generally good-humoured if his whims are acquiesced in, & his interminable stories listened to. Goes about disposes-like picking faults in all & cavilling at everything. Is very mischievous & fond of playing tricks on his fellow patients — Is fond of deceiving books — pictures &c — Occasional fits of violent excitement when he is quite ready to attack those contradicting & thwarting him — but these paroxysms are not in general very long-continued. —

Dec. 24th. — Continues as described in previous reports.

1884
Jan. 27. — Continues up on as formerly — very irascible when contradicted & good humoured when concessions are made & his long stories listened to. Has a bad opinion in every one & occasionally indulges in tirades of invective against his relations.
Sometimes labours under gross delusions, as lately, when he associated to a house in Leith & others that a revolution was to take place the following week when the Provost of Glasgow & other authorities would all be hanged, for their mismanagement of affairs.
Had lately a slight attack of purging, but is at present in his usual health.

Feb. 28. — Health & habits continues as in above reports. —

March 31. — No change in general behaviour — as sarcastic & cynical as ever, & apt to have fits of ungovernable passion when he swears at & abuses all & sundry, utttering the most fearful anathemas & threats.
Goes regularly to chapel & seems to attend to the services, — admires all the concertos, & is delighted to favor the company with a song which is generally a sear ditty, of the broadest, coarsest description.

May 15. — Wandering, helping habits & talkativeness continue unchanged.
G. Hearth Prof.

June 14. — Remains as above.

July 14. — Continues to saunter about the grounds he with his attendant, superintending & cavilling at any operations going on there, picking up invaluables & stuffing his pockets with them, addressing every one he sees either foreign or domestic & imparting scraps of information on every imaginable subject to them as long as they will listen.

Sept. 15. — Habits & health as above detailed.

Sept. 16. — No change deserving of note. Crabbed in manner, increasing in talk, & occasionally abusive.

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Alexander Charles Aylwy and
son p 641

1832
June 30 Is in his usual state. Is occasionally quiet & good humoured and endeavours to make himself agreeable but very readily falls into fits of violent cursing and swearing at the medical officers — says that his soul is ruined for ever & that though his brother was to give him millions he would not thank him. Peculiarities continue as marked as ever —

July 31 Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Aug 4. This morning having been pushed on the back by a fellow-patients with whom he has latterly many liberties, and who charged him with taking away his letters he got into a state of furious excitement; threw him upon the floor and kicked him — Is constantly getting into squabbles with his fellow patients. Peculiarities remain the same as above

22. Is in bed today. Had a long interview with Dr Robbin at which he admitted his violent proceedings to his mother but excused them on the ground of mutual misunderstanding

Sept 30. Has lately been in a very miserable and excited condition — cursing the day that he was born, wishing that he were dead & denouncing himself for his stupidity in allowing himself to be brought here — Is constantly putting and trying to make it appear that he is the victim of the greatest injustice. Is bitterly regretting that he can not look up his attention with photography or any other matter while here — Will talk by the hour and day by day, constantly repeating the same things — and there is always some point at which he wishes to arrive but never reaches — States that his being kept here is a cause of great excitement to him, but admits that before he came here in the daily interviews which he had with his mother he got much excited — In conversation is constantly getting into raptures, clasping his hands, turning up his eyes and exclaiming 'O God of heaven' or 'heaven have mercy upon me' — If anything is advanced contrary to his statements he alone fires up and demands to know if he is not to be believed — is he given to lie

Admitted 25th March 1831.

1832
Sept 30 or to be insulted—
In consequence of his present irritable and excited state, takes his food irregularly and gets badly during the night — complains of his stomach.
Has had occasionally a blue pill and a colocynth with draughts, and of hyoscyamus and morphia in porter at bedtime — Has also used columbo and gentian infusions with alkalis — with advantage —

Oct 5. Is calmer and better though still far from well — Has been induced to put on silk underclothing still refuses to get a pair or two of sufficient outer clothing — Is sleeping better — Continues Sol. Mur morph 3ss h.s.

31. Is almost daily in a state of great excitement; Imagines that he is the constant object of insult on the part of the Doctors — that he is treated with brutality — that he is blasted soul and body for ever — prospects blighted — that he has been the victim of a conspiracy on the part of his family — There is no name too horrible no epithet too ~~bad~~ or too disgraceful to apply to the Doctors' — He denounces every one who says any thing about him which he does not approve of, as 'liars' — His daily conduct and course of procedure is of the most erratic description and calls forth many decided expression of opinion on the part of his fellow patients.

Nov 30 After a great deal of delay and difficulty his bedroom has at last been got cleaned — He resisted the cleaning process at every step, and put himself in a state of great excitement. Denounced the proceeding which in a sanitary point of view could no longer be delayed, as brutal —
Has at last been induced to put on a considerable portion of his new clothing —

Dec 29. Continues daily to denounce the Institution, the doctors, and his family never seems to be happy but when he has a quarrel or grievance or when he can get a doctor to sit and allow himself to be insulted, denounced and abused by him —
Has long given up the use of

John Doe aet: Farmer

1872

April 1. Was brought to the Asylum today by his brother —
Has been ill for some weeks during which time he contracted a marriage with his servant.
On admission is in great distress of mind —

2. Is still very disturbed throwing himself upon the ground as if in the greatest despair.

3. Is full of delusions — Imagines that all the people who can did have risen from the dead — That he has been brought here to be deported &c

8. Is becoming more cheerful and talking of his delusions Is evidently escaping from their influence —

15. Continues to improve speaks freely of the delusions he entertained and of the feelings which he experienced under them

30 Is now greatly better & seems to be free from delusions —

May 31 Is improving rapidly in bodily health. Mind seems to be now completely recovered —

Jun 24. Being now quite recovered he was this day discharged in charge of his brother.

Cured

Admitted April 1. 1832

James Steven ad:

1832
April 13. Was brought to the Asylum today by his Father —
Has had two attacks of an epileptic character the last of which occurred in January last
Has been bled, & blistered but without any benefit —
On admission is quite stupid and idiotic — Will scarcely answer when questioned —
Extremities are cold. Pulse weak.
14. Was very dull during the night — Passes his urine and faeces in bed —
18. Is as stupid as on admission Will not speak when addressed does not seem to be able to apprehend what is said to him
24. Is unsteady in his gait extremities are generally cold.
℞ Vin Rubri ℥ij —
Bowels require laxative medicine or an enema —
30. Is in the same lapsed state sits and dozes himself — allows the saliva to run out of his mouth —
May 15 Is becoming more helpless and feeble — Requires to be fed Is incontinent of urine & faeces Labours under great nervous debility —
31. There is no improvement Is as dull and lapsed as ever is getting weaker —
June 10 Has been put to bed. He does not seem to be able to take any care of himself — Stands or sits where he is placed —
20 Has no symptom of improvement. Mental faculties are completely obscured — Is very weak in body
July 6. His wife having come to take him home he was this delivered into her hands

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Re-admitted 4 September 1832

1832
Sept 4. Owing to his having attempted to drown himself by throwing himself from a steamer into the river Clyde and having shown a disposition to injure his children

Admitted 13 April 1832

1852 Sept 4. he was this day brought back to the Asylum.

Is in a lip lapid state than he was when he was last brought to the Asylum — Speaks more fully and is more robust and active. Is still however very dull and stupid

8. Continues much in the same state as when admitted. Goes out to work in the garden. Is occasionally incontinent of urine

15. Is dull & stupid — Speaks a little when spoken to. Is getting fat. Takes his food well. Goes out to work — Boards in costom —

30 There is little change either in mental or bodily state. Is tranquillous — Works daily — General health is improving

Octr 31 Has continued much in the same state since last report. Mental state cannot be said to have improved while in body he has not fallen off — Is generally out engaged in manual labour during the day.

Nov 30 Continues much in the same state. If anything is somewhat improved. Is very anxious to get home.

Dec 3. His father and wife having come for the purpose of removing him he was this day dismissed

Relieved

William Langwill aet:

1852
May 18. Was brought to the Asylum today by a person appointed by his father to bring him —
Has been observed for some time to be labouring under delusions on religious matters. He also imagines that his father is not his father — Has been going to different churches and making himself an object of notoriety, when the attempt was made to keep him at home he broke the windows of his father's House.
Is of a phthisical diathesis.

31. Since admission has conducted himself with propriety — Has expressed himself to the effect that his reputed father cannot be his father. Has religious delusions of a very indefinite character —

June 30 Has been very unfortunate to see a Minister — Has written a great variety of text — about which he was prudence and direction. Is affected to tears occasionally by the doubts and difficulties in which he is plunged. Delusions about his father and family generally continue. Has cough and expectoration.
By Order Assist Surg Capt. Forbes. May be in clin

July 31 Is more cheerful and contented than formerly. Reads a good deal and walks about. Cough is not so troublesome. Cont

Aug 31. Bodily health is in a very delicate state — Is very much troubled with cough more especially during the night. Lungs are phthisical. Has a hectic flush in his cheeks. Is of a melancholic disposition chiefly on the subject of religion — Has many doubts and difficulties to resolve — Is very averse to taking medicine.

Sept 30 Is very quiet and well behaved. Entertains delusions about his Father and on the subject of religion which he does not often speak of — There is no improvement in his bodily health. Cough continues to trouble him and interferes with his sleep — Does not take his food well.

Oct 31 Is in all respects as described in preceding reports. Is falling off in flesh —

Admitted 18 May 1852

1852 Nov 30 Does not improve either in mind or body. Is still very despondent and full of religious delusions — Pulmonary symptoms are manifestly getting worse.

Dec 31 Is declining in general health. Suffers from loss of appetite. Mental state is not improved.

1853 January 31 Pulmonary symptoms are not improved — Expectoration is very copious of muco-purulent matter. Cough more especially during the night is severe. Is averse both to food & medicine.

July 19 There is no improvement either in mental or bodily state. Was this day on account of the delicate state of his health.

Discharged —

Daniel Ferguson aet

1852 June 4 Was brought to the Asylum again today in a state of Delirium Tremens.

Was a patient from the 6th of December 1851 to 31 March 1852

On admission is quite stupid from the effects of intoxication

Let him be put to bed.

℞ Sp. Vini Gall. ℥ij

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5. Was restless and raised all night talking incoherently and seeing fire. Is very weak. Pulse small weak and thready. Let the stimulants with opium be continued.

6 Is still very weak and restless. Has got no sleep. Let the opium be continued —

7. Is rather better more composed has had some sleep.

8. Slept during the night and is now much recovered — Let him rise and drop.

15. Is improving well — Improving in health. Is weak minded and of a facile disposition —

30. Is continuing well. Walks & amuses himself with his fellow-patients

July 31. Is improving in bodily health mind is in the same state

Sept 4. Was this day discharged

Cured

Re-admitted 8 January 1853.

Jany 8. Was again brought to the asylum today by Dr Stewart.

On admission is found to be labouring under the usual symptoms of delirium tremens — Both eyes are black with recent bruises on his face caused it is said by his having fallen in a fit —

℞. Sp. Hordei ℥ij

Tr Opii ℥j — Sem stat et repetat ℞ 2do hora — donec somnus superveniat

9. Has slept little. Is labouring under spectral illusion. Requires to be kept in bed — cont o

10 Has slept some hours this morning and is rather better.

11 Continues to improve.

12 Is up to day and is much better.

Readmitted 4 June 1852

1853
June 31 - Is now quite recovered from his last attack. cont -
July 22. Is now in good health.
omitt. of Hosp.
March 31 Continues well - craving for drink still continues -
April 30 Is in good health - employs himself in the Store -
May 31 Is desirous of getting away - his desire for drink is unabated.
Jun 30 Continues in the same state as described above -
July 31 No change -
Aug 31 Is in the same state
Oct 10 - Now professes to be able to abstain from drink, and on his giving the strongest promises for the future he was this day dismissed

Cured

James Gibson aet

1852
June 8. Was brought to the asylum this afternoon from Glasgow by his wife —

Has been employed till recently on special service at the Customs in Bristol —

Has gradually become restless and extravagant in his ideas till he is now completely unmanageable. His pupils are unequally dilated and a nervous twitching or tremor is observed at the angles of the mouth —

His ideas are of the most magnificent and extravagant description. There is nothing which any other person can do, which he cannot do better. Considers himself very loyalty and has a project in his head by which he is to make himself immensely wealthy. He can sing better than Jenny Lind and proposes to take the first place as a singer in the Italian opera. Insists on giving specimens. The performance fully miserably short of the promise. His voice is broken and his memory is very defective. Proposes to establish a new church in Italy — Cannot bear to be contradicted in the most extravagant of his delusions —

9. Spent a restless night and broke some of the furniture of his bedroom. Was noisy — Is excessively silly and childish — Is at one time good humoured and at another crying & raging —

Hab pil tolerably —

15. His delusions are not so extravagant as they were on admission — He still considers himself to be a most important person — Cannot bear contradiction. Is very polite and cry on all occasions. Is very distressed about the state of his pupils — Lot ablisher be applied to the nape of his neck —

30 Writes a great many letters. Has written to the Editors of numerous newspapers to send him their papers — Is at one time writing to his wife in terms of the sweetest endearment and at another he very severe. Is quite inconstant — Is changing his mind almost every hour of the day. Cannot bear contradiction. Has been freely blistered on the nape of the neck — in his own opinion with benefit

Admitted 8 June 1832

1832
July 15. So in the same state – His delusions are not so apparent. His silliness and utter childishness is more conspicuous – He is generally very ill-natured in the morning – He brightens up about 12 o'clock – and if he gets everything as he wishes it without contradiction, keeps pretty cheerful His paroxysms of impotent rage on the most trivial occasions –

℞ Fol Ecb Taraxac ʒj
" Scutellar ʒj
H. Glycyrrhiz q.s. ad
pint pol xxv – sum cum Aqua ebullit
hort. Has had dry cupping on back of neck –

31 – There is little change and no improvement in mental state. So still very irritable in the morning and more agreeable in the afternoons – So very jealous of any one being preferred to him in anything

Aug 15. So in his usual state. Refused to write to his wife for several days declaring that he would never write to her again – In a day or two wrote to her in the usual silent strain.

24. So in bed this morning crying because some fellow patient he imagines has been preferred to him in something – This is almost of daily occurrence – Got up in the afternoon quite brisk and happy –

Sept 14. His uncle and brother in law Mr Jos Hutchinson having come with the consent of his wife for the purpose of removing him he was this day discharged

Relieved

John Sharp. aet.

1832
June 15 Was brought to the Asylum by his wife this afternoon –
Was formerly a patient in this Asylum from 8th July 1849 to Septr 9. 1849 –
Is in a state of general paralysis – cannot stand or walk – falls off his chair – and is quite helpless – So very obstinate – emaciated
20. Is in the same helpless and pitiable condition – let him have a glass of sherry at 12 o'clock. & 1/2 a pint of Porter at bed time. Is quite incontinent of urine and fæces every thing in bed –
30. Is as helpless as ever – Is evidently getting weaker –
July 8. Is now so helpless as to require to be put in bed – falls off his chair and hurts himself.
15. Is almost constantly in bed Bedsores are forming on his back urine constantly saturating every thing about him. Was to be changed often twice a day –
31. Is gradually getting weaker and bedsores increasing – Is rapidly sinking
Aug 3. Has been Moribund for two days until this morning when he

Died

Admitted June 15 1832

Robert Crawford aet Wate

1832
July 26. Was brought from Ayr to the Asylum this evening by his friends. He has been ill for a few days in consequence of want of rest and excitement about the Ayrshire Elect. He was agent for M-Cunghwell.
Has several cuts upon his hands caused by an attempt made to get out of the window —
Let him be put to bed and sat up with — ℞ ol Ric Co ℥j.

27. Did not sleep any during the night. Was noisy excited & incoherent speaking in a maniacal fashion. His medicine has operated. He has not yet evacuated his urine. Has been perspiring very freely.
Let Catheter be introduced.

28. Did not sleep during the night continues restless noisy and much excited — Is wanted on night and day — Will not lie in bed except by being kept by in by an attendant —
℞ ol Ric Co ℥j —
℞ - Sp Jump Co ℥iv
Nitrat pot — ʒi
Aqua ℥vj S. et Cap cochl. magn — bis nt in die

29. Is still very restless and has got little or no sleep.

31. Sleep last night from 1/3 to 7 A.M. Is still rather excited. Let him be put up and dressed

Aug 4. Is now quite calm and rational. Cannot realize the fact that Cardwell has lost the election.

7. Being now quite recovered and arrangements having been made for his removal he was this day given over to his brother in law and discharged

— Cured

Re-admitted. 7 September 1832

Sept. 7. Owing to his early removal and his being allowed too soon to revisit his office he gradually become worse and he was this day brought to the asylum by an attendant who was sent for him —
On admission is found to be in a state of great excitement.

Admitted 26 July 1882

1882
Sept. 7. Let him be put to bed and carefully watched —

8. Was restless and noisy during the night. — Is still in a state of great excitement, and requires to be constantly watched — Bowels moved by laxative medicine.

9. Passed a restless and noisy night. Still requires to be sat up with.

10. Is able to be up today though still considerably excited & quite incoherent.

15. Is now able to be up daily and to conduct himself with propriety. He is still very incoherent in his conversation — complains of a sensation of heat about the head

30 Still continues quiet. Goes out to walk — Is improving in General health. Mental incoherence still very manifested.

Oct 22 Continued to improve till last night when he became noisy and excited during the night. Is very incoherent. Is very restless

23. Passed a restless and excited night — Is very weak and exhausted from the want of rest. Let his head be shaved and applied over the head and neck: et Ol Ric Cajp

24. Was visited by Dr Laurie who prescribed camphor dissolved in Chloroform and mixed with Ji Hyoscyam & Cinnamon water — But the mixture wi ideally disagreeing with him was stopped after the first dose —

His head and neck have been well blistered & a liniment inunction has been administered — Is very weak Ats wine beef tea &c

Let him have Ji Opii gtt. h.s. et repet post horas duas s.o.s.

25. Has obtained some sleep and is evidently much the better for it

26. Is now much quieter and obtains sleep by which he is much refreshed and strengthened. Is very weak

30. Has continued to improve and is today able to be up and dressed.

Nov 15. Is still weak though able to be out walking — Mind is also very weak and incoherent.

30 Is continuing to improve in health. His mind is not very clear or coherent — Has got a scaly inflammation in the nape of neck

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Alexander Mitchell Ind. ass

1832 July 27. Was brought to the Asylum this morning by Dr M'Glin and two attendants.

28. His father having come this morning and had an interview with his son determined to take him away and he was accordingly

Dismissed

Re-admitted 1 November 1832

1 Nov. Was brought to the Asylum by Dr Mackintosh and an attendant this evening.

Since the period of his dismissal he has been gradually getting worse and has manifested in public the delusions under which he labours. He has spoken aloud in several churches in Glasgow - making announcements such as 'The Lord of hosts cometh' He has shouted these scriptural phrases on the streets thereby collecting a crowd around him and on one occasion had to be taken to the Tron Caddens Police office from which he was taken home. He has manifested his insane conduct in the Royal Exchange by stamping with his foot upon the floor and calling attention to himself - all these proceedings he considered to be his duty to carry on. He also considered it to be his duty to fast for certain days and not to go to Church. Sent to Dr Mac-Lagan to come and assist him when he was sick according to a passage of scripture in James - Considers his proceedings to be public and generally known in Glasgow.

Considered it to be his duty to let his watch fall till he broke it. Had a strong inclination to break the windows of the carriage in which he was brought here, in place of doing which he threw his slippers out of the window - Shortly after admission considered it to be his duty to break a cup and saucer - Gave up his business and concentrated all his mind upon a text in James - Considers that the Church has failed in doing its duty by him - States that his afflictions have been so great that

Admitted 27 July 1832

1832 Nov 1. he could say with the Psalmist that he would rather be strangled than live — Has been seen on the banks of the Clyde in a position such as if he were meditating suicide by drowning —

One of his principal and most offensive peculiarities of conduct is hawking up mucus which he is constantly doing evidently from some insane motion — originally from the idea that poison was administered to him —

Requires to have his clothes taken off by an attendant —

2. In conversation today went over the principal points alluded to above — and clearly manifested that that his whole mind is under delusion principally on religious subjects — Walks about the gallery seldom sits — stamps with his heel hawks up mucus — is constantly getting down upon his knees — touching objects — lays them upon the floor — and goes through a course of conduct silly & insane in the extreme.

Wrote to Sheriff Skene to get a remit and be examined —

Hands cold & clammy — Expression of countenance haggard —

3. Delusions continue unabated. Peculiarities of manner, conduct and conversation continue unchanged — Hawking up of sputa is carried on incessantly, more especially when spoken to — kicks his heels — stamps with his heels. Sits down upon his knees — and goes through a great variety of antics — Sometimes first walks round about them and generally conducts himself in a very insane manner —

7. There is no change or improvement in mental condition since last report — Was yesterday visited and examined by Drs Andr. Anderson & Easton on a remit from Sheriff Skene. Peculiarities of manner conduct and conversation continue as before. Went to church today — got down upon his knees as he is constantly in the habit of doing & stamped with his feet — Hands continue cold and clammy countenance haggard — Is of a pale & unhealthy complexion — Bowels regular —

8. Was today served with a copy of Petition to the court of session for the appointment of a Curator Bonis — which he handed

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John Rankin aet:

1832
Aug 7. Was brought to the Asylum by his friends from Paisley this evening

Has been subject to epilepsy for the last 20 years — Has been twice in the asylum before in 1838 + 1847. Discharged relieved

He is violent and maniacal after fits — Has been worse for the last ten days — Is very stupid

15. Has had several epileptic seizures since admission — has continued quiet

24. Is complaining of pain in his chest —

Sept 30. Is frequently attacked by epileptic fits after which he is dull and morose.

Complains much of acidity of stomach. and want of sleep. Has long been accustomed to the use of bicarb. soda for the alleviation of acidity —

Oct 31. Is in his usual state. Has pretty frequent epileptic seizures. Reads his Bible a good deal. Is very anxious to get home to manage his business — Imagines that he was conducting his business when he came here. Though he had not done so for two years.

Is very defective in memory.

Nov 30 Is very discontented at being kept here. Is much in the same state. Has occasional fits. Complains of want of sleep.

Dec 31 Is in his usual state of mind and body —

1833
Jany 31 Is still subject to severe epileptic fits. Falls off his chair and is apt to hurt himself. Mind very weak.

Feby 28. There is no change in any respect. Has fits more or less frequently. Is irritable and morose after them

March 31 Has a strong appetite and keep very stout. Bowels sluggish — Is much troubled with pyrosis which has been increased by the long use of Carb. Sod.

April 30 Has fits as frequently as ever. Is cross and irritable but not violent. Imagines that he is quite fit for his business though his faculties are much impaired. more especially his memory —

May 31 Continues much in the same state. Fits the same as before. No improvement in mental state —

Admitted 7 Augt 1832

1833

June 30 Is of a most plethoric habit of body & epileptic fits are very severe — on coming out of them is very stupid — Gen. that health is good.

July 31 There is no change either in mental or bodily condition since last report.

Aug 31 Complains of want of sleep — thinks without good grounds — has frequent imaginary complaints.

Septe 30 Mental state continues the same. Is of a querulous disposition — General health good. Fits the same as before.

Octr 31st Continues very much as described in previous reports. Complains very much of his confinement has caused him to fall off — this at least being a fallacy — & preventing him now managing his affairs which he supposes will get into great confusion through his detention here. — Is very stout, of sallow complexion.

Novr 23d Tonight about 4¾ P.M. was discovered by the attendant lying in the floor of his bedroom quite dead. He had been seen within an hour previously sitting reading the newspapers, & had probably fallen off his chair in one of his very frequent fits. Head appeared to have come in contact with a corner of the wall, as there was a small wound on left eyebrow, which had bled a little. Features & position placid.

Dead. —

William Higinbotham ad:

1832
Aug 14 Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by an attendant who was sent for him to the Midland Retreat. Queens Co Ireland.

The following is the history of his case given by Dr Jacob. He has been insane since about 1845. He is reserved, dissatisfied and occasionally sullen. He is imperative and unreasonable. Disposes his will should be paramount. Imagines that many circumstances in no manner connected with him are deliberately intended for his injury and annoyance. His bodily health is generally good. The cause of his malady is said to have been close application to office business with classical and other studies in addition. There is marked vascular excitement particularly in the head during paroxysms. Has on the whole become more unreasonable, sullen and morose. Mind being at the same time strong. He has occasional remissions and exacerbations at irregular periods. At the present moment is in a more favorable condition than ordinary. Is generally much irritated by the arrival of any new person whether patient, domestic, or other at the establishment and often on such occasions becomes violent destructive and indisposed in health. There has been no tendency to suicide observed. Sometimes suddenly and dangerously violent and destructive without cause. Has attempted to do injury to others. Frequently tears his clothes, breaks windows and furniture. Has been treated by occasional venesection, local depletion, counter irritation principally antimonials, aperients, sedatives, cold to head during paroxysms. Baths &c. Moral address conciliation which is most effectual of all. Reading general and periodical. It is very difficult to induce him to employ himself or act in a manner calculated to make him self happy. Five years in Midland Retreat.

15. Since admission has conducted himself with propriety. Is quiet and polite in his behaviour. Was much pleased with his journey and

Admitted 14 Augt. 1832

1832
Aug 15 professes himself as highly satisfied with his new abode –

30. Is quiet and well conducted – Intellect is evidently very weak – Has not yet manifested any well defined peculiarity of delusions – Is in good health. Is of a spare habit of body – Functions regular.

31. Has manifested some degree of irritability on the occasion of a patient coming in from another gallery. Is conducting very easily irritated or offended – Reads & employs himself very little –

Septr 15 – Is in his usual state – Irritable but generally quiet – Is in good bodily health – Walks out regularly in the grounds & drives in the omnibus

30 – Is now manifesting his peculiar delusions – Imagines that the things are done with a reference to him which have not the remotest connexion or reference to him – and gets irritated and excited in consequence – that because he says certain things, certain other things befall him &c

Oct 15. Peculiarities and delusions are manifesting themselves with greater frequency – Gets indignant at certain occurrences which do not in the slightest degree concern him.

31 – Imagines that an attempt made at escape (Mr McNeil on all 14th.) was intended to blast him – So also the laying down of a new carpet was intended to blast him – Says that he is blasted during the night in his bed – He is very vexed by these delusions. Requested to be removed to another gallery on account of insolent language of his fellow patients –

Nov 15. Has been more calm for two weeks past and seems less about his delusions. Health continues good.

30 Is generally quiet. Is frequently very sulky and will not speak when addressed. Seldom reads or employs himself in any way except in walking.

Dec 31 Has had another paroxysm of excitement – threatening to do violence and using obscene language. Required to be put into seclusion for a day, when the excitement wore off.

1833
Jany 31 Is still subject to paroxysms of excitement – Is extremely imbecile – Scarcely ever reads or employs himself in any way –

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Alexander MacDowall Write

1852
Aug 17 This he refused to do, stating that he had been too long unjustly confined already, and threatened the attendant that he had the means of doing for him if he attempted to stop him. The attendant immediately laid hold of him and insisted that he should return to the Asylum – Mr M. resisted his efforts and laid himself down upon the ground refusing to proceed further. Another man coming up he was raised from the ground and upon refusing to get over the palings by a ladder was led round by the two men and admitted by the gate.

Upon the attendant stating that Mr M threatened to do for him he was searched some hours afterwards in the presence of Dr Mackintosh and McGhie but no weapon or instrument was found upon him. The first reason which he stated for making this attempt to escape was that Dr Pagan had declined to see him on the day previous. This he stated to Dr McGhie as he entered the house.

The second reason was stated to Dr McGhie on the occasion of visiting him shortly after his coming in to enquire if he had suffered any injury from his leap – to the effect that he wished to go to Paisley to hear the Revd Mr Lawrie preach –

The third reason was stated to Dr Mackintosh & McGhie to be the text of scripture Rom XIV. 14. "To him that esteemeth anything to be unclean to him it is unclean" which he had with great emphasis and commenting upon, applying it to his own case by saying that it was an unclean thing to keep him in the Asylum and therefore that he was quite justified in making his escape –

31 – Mental condition does not manifest any improvement. Is now sorry for attempting to escape & manifests great mental imbecility – Is at times considerably depressed –

Nov 13. Showed two letters to Dr Mackintosh today – one from Mr Baldwin of Dumfries and another from a partner or clerk of Mr Oliver's in which he stated that Mr B authorized him to write to pay

Admitted 24 March 1852

1852
Nov 13. — his advertising in the 'Times' for situations as governesses — and Mr O wishing to send him in Lancashire — In both of these letters, no postscripts alluding to the subjects mentioned, but the P.S. in Mr Baldwin's letter is written by Mr Lidwell and that in Mr O's is written by a fellow patient and inclosed and marked 'private' in Mr O's own handwriting — These P.S.-hey apents were not put them by him at his suggestion —

18. The following is a copy of a letter which was attempted to be sent among under cover in another patients letter. It is addressed to "Mrs Strafford, Hagdon near Cheltenham".

"Waterloo Hotel
"Edinr 18th Nov/52

"My Dearly Beloved Lizzy,

"I have been called here in "consequence of the illness and death "last evening of a beloved Niece — the "daughter of my late Brother — You had "her mother and as the nearest male "relative I am called on to take the "charge of her funeral. What a death "we have had among us during these "few months — it is frightful to look back "upon them. The funeral will be on Sat-"urday or Monday first.

"My own life has been dull and "solitary — I cannot do without female "society. Oh how often do I think of dear "Lizzy and wee Lizzy. In the solitary "watch of the night you are never out "of my thoughts. I know you love me "and when I think of the sacrifices you "have made for me my heart is over-"flowing with gratitude that provi-"dence brought us together.

"What about Mason? Do you of-"ten hear from him, and does he con-"tinue attention to you.

"The Honble Mrs Shelley, how does "she do? Do you see her often and is "she as fond as ever of the joys of the "bottle?

"Many a time I have cast my "mind back to our delights at Malvern. "A few days I must take you there with "before settling myself down in London. "I have heard of a Cottage at Sydenham "about 10 Miles from London on the Brighton "Railway. There is a Dining and Drawing "Room, 3 Bed Rooms, and the usual out "house conveniences with Stable, Coach "house and an excellent Garden

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George Burns. aet:

1832 Aug 28 Was brought to the asylum today — Was to day removed by his wife

Admitted 28 August 1832.

Francis Ingram Thomson M.D.

1832
Sept 2. Was brought to the asylum by Dr Mackintosh and an attendant.
Is suffering from the effects of intemperance, having been addicted to the excessive use of spirits for a lengthened period –
Has a deep and extensive wound on the front of the right leg –
Is very weak and tremulous
℞ – Sp Vordei ℥ij et Tr Opii ℥ss every two hours till sleep –
Let an attendant wait upon him –
6. Is confined to bed – is very much suffers from bilious vomiting and diarrhoea – requires a glass of spirits daily with occasional dose of Laudanum – Perspires very freely leg is improving – Cont.
15. Is still much weakened by excessive perspiration – with diarrhoea still requires a large allowance of spirits with occasional opiates – has a good deal of sleep – Is somewhat rallied – Sore on leg is rapidly filling up – surrounding parts have a very unhealthy aspect –
20. Is still constantly confined to bed – can scarcely get up to get his bed made – Takes his food better – Stomach and bowels are in an improved state – Has been using the following Potion
℞ Sulph Quin ℥ss –
Acid Sulph dil ℥iss
Aquae ℥xij – Sum
Cochlear magn – ter in die –
30. Is now sufficiently recovered to be out of bed and dressed – Is still very weak and much broken in his spirit – Leg is getting better – cont
Octr 9. During the night was seized with a violent attack of purging and vomit and in consequence is this morning very weak. ℞. Tr Rhei ℥ss
Tr Opii ℥j – Sum Stat
℞ Sp Vodei ℥ij
Let him have beef tea with eggs and milk –
10. Slept during the night and is very much better today – Cont.
11. Continues better and is up & in his usual state today – Cont
15 Is keeping well – leg is not much better – There are several sores which do not exhibit a very healthy tendency
Cont.

Admitted 2. September 1832

1832
Oct 31 – General health is improving – Sings and plays upon the violincello and contributes to the amusement of his fellow patients performs at the concerts – cont

Nov 15 – The sores upon the leg and pelling have abated the edges and are touched daily with the solid nitrate of silver – General health is improving – cont.

Dec 20. Determined to leave the Asylum contrary to the advice of his friends and was accordingly dismissed

Relieved

Re-admitted 28 December 1832

Dec 28 Returned to the Asylum this evening of his own accord –
Has again relapsed into his old habits and has voluntarily put himself under the protection of the Asylum –

1833
January 31 Mental state is much the same as before his dismissal – Memory is somewhat impaired – Is incapable of adhering to the truth – Tells lies, without any apparent motive for so doing – is easily deluded even by the other patients

Feby 28. Is in pretty good health – Is troubled with rheumatic pains – Seems to be quite happy and contented in his present state – Tells others and evidently believes himself that he has got a Chance in the gallery –

March 31 Is disposed to be meddlesome and officious – Is dangerous on acct of his want of truth –

April 30 Is very weak in mind – is cunning, deceitful and double faced – Never expresses a desire to get away – Is allowed to go to town occasionally –

May 31 Is still very officious and meddlesome. Is fair & flattering but double dealing and incapable of adhering to the truth –

June 30 Continues much in the same state –

July 31 In consequence of his tendency to relapse into his former habits – and his meddlesome interference with the Case of another patient is now prevented from leaving the grounds of the asylum –

Aug 31 Is still confined to the Grounds of the Asylum – Is quiet and contented

Sept 30 Continues in the same state

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Alexander Hogarth ad.

1832 Sept 27. Was brought to the Asylum today by his brother and an attendant who was sent for him —

Is said to have been insane since 18th Augt 1831 —

The general character of his illness has been depression and religious melancholy with occasional violence — It is said to be increasing — He labours under the delusion that his soul is lost & that his father and brother are going to take his life — Refuses food —

On admission is found to be in a state of great mental depression with delusions about his great sins his lost condition &c. Refuses food —

28. Is very stubborn and difficult to get to take his food — Is thin & emaciated with anxious & careworn expression — Ordered to have porter but refuses to take it —

℞ Sol Mur. Morph ʒ p.h.s.
℞ — Ol Jecor Asell ʒxii
Cap. — Cochl. magn. h.s. in div

Oct 8. Has been listless on the day of rest — Is now taking his food better — Refuses to take porter — Takes his medicine — Has Ol Ric Co ʒj. p.r.n. Is advised to go out and work a little —

15. Goes out to the airing court and works a little — Is taking his food better — No improvement in mental condition. Delusions continue as strong as ever —

31. Takes his food. Is very obstinate. Delusions continue —

Nov 6. Has again been refusing to take his food — but after being fed once by others — began to take his food himself. though sparingly —

30. Is now making many resolutions that he died not leave the asylum some weeks ago. Imagines that some of his fellow patients are getting better at his expense, he getting worse. Is taking his food.

Dec 31 Was visited by his brother a few days ago when he wished to return home. The day after was seized with a kind of fit consisting of a shaking of the head similar to one which he had before coming here which went off in the course of the day — Is now regretting that he did not leave with his brother

Admitted 27 September 1832

1833 Jany 24. Was this day discharged
Relieved

Alexander Wilson aet

1832
Sept 25. Was brought to the Asylum to day by his brother & other friends from near Newton Limavaddy Ireland.

Is said to have been ill for fifteen days – and to have laboured under indigestion for three months, His natural disposition is mild and he labours under great depression of spirits – He entertains a great dread of some danger – and of being destroyed by his relatives – His malady is said to be on the increase –

On admission is found to be much depressed with vague and unintelligible expression as if of apprehension

29 – Had a pretty good night, but is still much depressed with considerable confusion of ideas – Has some pain in head – Let his head be shaved and blistered – & let him have a dose of purgative medicine

℞ P Cal co zjss
Cal gr iij stat –

30 Is keeping his bed today – Bowels freely moved – Depression continues Head has been well blistered –

Oct 5 Has been in bed till today when he got up and dressed – His mind is becoming more clear and despondency is gradually leaving him.

15. Continues to improve in his mental condition. Is become more cheerful and works occasionally as well as walks about the grounds with the other patients – Has some uneasiness in his stomach –

℞ P Ipecac zjss

31 – Is now quite cheerful & much improved in every way – with a tendency to excitement –

Amuses himself walks & converses with the other patient and conducts himself with the greatest propriety

Nov. 12 – Is keeping well both in body and mind – Is cheerful & contented.

Dec 10 Though an arrangement had been made for his leaving today he wishes to remain till the end of the month which has been allowed

28. His brother having come for the purpose of removing him he was this day dismissed

Cured

Admitted 28 September 1832

George Philip Cadell aet 31

1852
Oct 6. Was brought by an attendant to the Asylum this morning —
Has been ill for three or four days
was formerly a patient in this Asylum from Nov 17. 1848. to Jany 31. 1849 when he was discharged cured —
Since then he has had one slight attack about the same season of the year —
On admission was quite incoherent and unintelligible in his conversation — Did not manifest any violence was very mischievous & disposed to fire things in the fire — Tongue foul — pulse good — Ry pil Col Co ij —
7. Is rather better to day but still incoherent and mischievous — Bowels have been moved —
10 Is now quiet & coherent in his conversation — is no longer mischievous — Is in good bodily health.
20. Is still keeping well — Walks out daily — Is quiet and retiring — Is very much afraid of excitement even by lengthened conversation.
31 — Is still continuing to improve walks out by himself — and occasionally works with the spade at turning & Attends the weekly concert and contributes his share of the evenings entertainment.
Nov 12. Is now greatly recovered — Has great diffidence in his own powers takes long walks in the country & to town by himself — Conducts himself with the utmost propriety —
Dec 6. Arrangements having been made for his leaving to day he was discharged

Cured

1863
Feby. 21 Readmitted today having been brought by two attendants from Edinburgh.
For the last twelve months he has resided in Paris but at the commencement of the present attack about eight days ago he left Paris, and came to Scotland without having any well defined object in view
His illness commenced with restlessness and depression of spirits.
On admission, he is very dull, taciturn and confused. Sits with his head leaning on his hand or walks about looking to the floor. He is mistrustful and states that he will be right when the ball opens.

Admitted 6. October 1862

1863		
Feby	24	It appears that he had been in a lunatic asylum in Paris a few months ago. The depression is beginning to wear off, he is still inclined to be taciturn but is quite coherent and reads occasionally.
March	15	So now almost convalescent, cheerful in disposition, amuses himself reading or walking within and beyond the precincts of the asylum.
"	31	Was this day dismissed and struck off as-

Cured

Thomas Prentice aet.

1832
Aetat 7. Was brought to the Asylum by an attendant who was sent for him –

On admission was found to be labouring under delirium tremens, for which he is said to have been treated without effect – He is said to have been ill for three weeks but has been intemperate for many months – His general character is said to be rather quiet and his disposition bashful – Is said to have been labouring under extreme depression of spirits – Has repeatedly threatened violence to others – & has broken furniture &c.

On admission was found to have his ancles injured by ligatures tied and in a state of ulceration.

Was in a tremulous and very restless state – Was put to bed immediately on admission in a room without any furniture but bedding –

℞ Tr Nordin ʒij
Tr Opii

8. Rested a little during the night. Bowels have been opened – Tolerating a good supply of food – Tremor has much increased – to such an extent that he seems to labour under a violent fit of ague – Respiration excessive – so patent the tremulousness that he cannot take a drink with his own hand – Lost sp. Vinum et Tr. opii urgen. ad somnum – Let him have beef tea and be constantly watched –

9 – Excessive tremor with spectral illusions – has had brief intervals of sleep. In very restless & is constantly pettings of bed – Respiration is very quick. Pulse weak and rapid – Cont. on

10. Passed a very restless night – During the day became violent & much excited – Took drunken with brandy & could with difficulty be kept in bed – The opium does not seem to have taken its usual effect in quieting excitement & producing sleep –

At 8 P.M. sunk into a state of complete prostration ~~w~~ from which he could not be rallied – He rapidly sunk and at 11 P.M.

Died

Admitted 7. October 1832

James Smith aet 50. Plumb

1832
Oct 11 — Was brought to the Asylum today by a neighbour Mr McGregor of the Pipe's Eye Tavern —

Was somewhat intemperate but for a few months has not been so — A gradual decay of the mental faculties has been observed for some months more especially of the faculty of memory

He has suffered from chronic irritation of the stomach for some months —

On admission did not seem to have any right understanding a comprehension where he was — Was facile in disposition — incoherent in conversation and generally seemed to be in an advanced stage of dementia —

14. This evening was served with a paper relating to the appointment of a Curator Bonis — does not seem to comprehend any thing about it — says that his wife in Kingston & his children all off of scarlet fever — His conversation is quite incoherent — Is apt to be irritable when opposed — Is generally quiet & easy tempered —

21. There is no improvement in his mental faculties — He rather seems to be getting more silly and demented —

31 — Symptoms of paralysis and loss of nervous and mental vigour becoming daily more apparent — Is seem incontinent of urine during the night Has had his head blistered without any apparent benefit.

Nov 11 — Continues unimproved either in mental or bodily condition — Incontinence of urine continues — Incoherence and delusions continue as marked as ever —

30 Is still quite incoherent on every subject. Mind seems to be quite gone. Takes his food well Incontinence of urine continues

Dec 31 — Is as incoherent as ever talks as if he were constantly engaged in his business. Does not seem to have any consciousness of his own state. Symptoms of General Paralysis are very pronounced

1833
Jany 23 — Was this day removed by his wife and discharged ~~Relieved~~

Relieved

Admitted 11 October 1852

Francis Stewart Bruce Ast.

1852
Octr 20. Was brought to the asylum today by an attendant who had been living with him at Innerleithen —

Has been at large for about four months previous to which time had been confined for 9 months in Laughton Hall asylum

It said to have made two attempts to throw himself into the Tweed — and on one occasion is said to have cut off of a razor which was taken from him with difficulty, and with which it was supposed he meditated doing himself injury — It in good bodily health.

21. It restless and excitable — It very talkative and constantly on the move. It silly and childish when conversation — expresses himself as satisfied with his present abode — It constantly speaking of the former asylum in which he was confined

25 — Restlessness continues — It constantly seeking for amusement — cannot settle at any employment or reading — ~~Mind~~ His ~~conversation~~ is rambling incoherent and incessant — It very meddlesome & troublesome to some of his fellow patients It in good health —

31. Continues much in the same state as at admission — Restlessness continues attended church today and conducted himself with propriety —

Nov 6 — Attended the vocal concert this evening during the first part of which he seemed to enjoy himself — turned his coat inside out — during the course of the evening put on a pair of spectacles over his hat over his eyes — remained walking at a rapid rate round the room, and would not speak to any one this singular conduct at once became a subject of remark to the rest of the patients & he was speedily removed to his gallery — & shortly after put to bed —

9. It up today & in his usual — It following fairly in his usual restless condition

11. Has been considerably excited today and has been writing foolish letters to his father and the Sheriff which he afterwards desired to be burnt —

17. Has had his bowels fairly moved for today with a dose of Infusion of senna — Has been getting much excited since last report — and between 10 & the clock P.M. — while in bed this evening suddenly became violent and excited — cursing & swearing and beating upon the door of his bedroom and disturbing the whole gallery —

Admitted 20 October 1852

1852
Nov 17 – He was taken down stairs & put into seclusion

18. Continues noisy and excited, cursing and refusing to take his food

19. Is now more composed and is able to be up and dressed and taken to another gallery –

20. Is allowed to return to his former gallery –

30 Is still very excitable & restless and is a considerable annoyance to some of his fellow patients.

Dec 27 Was noisy during a part of the night and was incontinent of urine – but is quiet and more composed this morning.

1853
Jany 31 – Has continued quiet and composed – Is childish in disposition – Weak and unstitched – Is at times dopped and morose, at others is cheerful and happy.

July 28. Has had no return of maniacal excitement – Cannot settle to do anything as yet – Is improving in his manners, tho still occasionally troublesome.

March 31 Is getting stout in body – & mental health is improving – Is still unstitched.

April 30 Is improving in many respects has more control over himself – Is left in pulsive though not yet fit to be entrusted with his liberty –

May 31 Continues to improve. Is in robust health. Shews at times considerable carelessness of conduct – but is able to control himself from any outburst of maniacal zeal & excitement –

Jun 30 Is daily improving and is cheered by the prospect of his liberation –

July 31 Continues to improve in all respects –

Aug 31 Applies himself with great constancy to compositing in the printing room and arrangements are now made for his removal

Sept 26 Was this day discharged

Cured

Stevenson William aet

1882
Nov 1 Was brought to the Asylum by his brother today —
Is said to have been insane since the 26th ult — to suffer from derangement of the digestive organs —
His present illness is characterized by depression of spirits and absence of mind — with occasional violence — After the attacks of excitement it is reported that he lies for a few minutes apparently paralysed & Death like —
Has had a similar insane —
Speaks of injuring himself —
Shortly after admission exhibited symptoms of violence & broke a pane of glass —
Refuses food — Imagines that there is poison in it — Tongue is white furred — Pulse is weak and intermittent — Bowels are costive
℞ P. Rhei ʒß
Cal — pilul stat —
2. Refuses food & resists being fed Has to be held while food is administered — Bowels open — Is weak — Let him be kept in bed
3. Has been kept in bed today and had a blister applied to the nape of the neck —
℞ Ol. Ric Co ʒj —
4. Is quiet and keeping his bed does not now resist taking food but requires to be fed — Is very absent and stupid — Does not pass a normal quantity of urine — Action of heart irregular — ps. intermitting —
5. Is quiet and takes his food himself — Urine scanty —
℞ — Liq. Pot — ʒij
Sp aeth Nitr ʒij
Aqua ℥vi —
Cap — Cochl — magn — ter in die
8. Lies quietly in bed Is stupid and absent — Takes his food — Let him have an enema — Urine scanty — a catheter passed into the bladder drew off a very small quantity
9 — Paludin intermittent — Bowels have been freely moved —
appe — Empl vesicat — lumb —
10 — ℞ — Sp Juniper — ʒ
Aqua aa ℥iv bis
Cyath vinos — ter in die
et cochl. Mim Bolus Jalap cum
ter in die —

Admitted November 1852

1852 Nov 11	Is more sensible. Is passing urine in greater abundance. Pulse is regular & without intermission — Cont.
30	Is still very stupid and irritable. Is wanting to get away — Takes his food well. Is occasionally restless during the night.
Dec 31	Is still stupid and irritable. Has made more than one attempt to get over the airing court wall by leaping from the water closet.
1853. March 28	Was this day discharged Relieved —

Daniel MacAulay aet

1852
Nov 6. Was brought to the Asylum from Rosneath by his brother and an attendant —

Was formerly a patient in this Asylum from 16 December 1847 to 18 March 1848. when he was dismissed cured —

Has been occasionally excited since his dismissal in 1848 — but has lately become worse. The original cause of his illness is said to have been an injury to the head. His articulation is much impaired and irregularly — being at intervals quite distinct

He entertains the delusion that people know his thoughts — that they laugh at him & the like

Has confessed that he had a strong temptation to jump out of the boat into the Clyde — He gave his brother his knife when going to see the sheep on his farm alone lest he might be tempted to cut his throat —

Gets very jealous with his farm servants —

Is elevated at times & sometimes disposed to late to bed in a depressed state of mind —

Stomach & bowels are out of order — R P Jalap Co ℥ij Stat

7. Rested well & feels rather better Bowels moved during the day — Attended church & conducted himself with propriety — Is variable Is restless — runs up & down & jumps

8. Was at the weekly concert in the reading room & expressed himself in terms of the highest satisfaction

10. Bowels are costive
R ol Ric Co ℥j — Stat

30 Has great difficulty in articulating — Is much given to jumping and running up and down the gallery — Takes his food well

Dec 4 Having become very violent jumping running up and down and attempting to strike, he was after some difficulty secured & put into seclusion

7. Has now become quiet and has been allowed to get out of seclusion

31 Has continued to keep quiet since last report

Admitted 6 November 1832

1833 July 2	Was this day discharged Relieved

Alexander Mitchell Junr. Manufacturer

for p. 95 act.

1852 Nov 8. read, but tumbled about the gallery. Is conducting himself in the way mentioned in previous reports.

11. There is no visible improvement in mental condition - He is now speaking only in whispers - His conduct at table is offensive - Hawking up mucus - Sits down upon his knees against many times saying prayers aloud when the rest are eating - His other peculiarities of manner & conduct continue the same.

14. Was again at church today and conducted himself as on the former occasion - Continues to speak in whisper. There is no improvement in mental state, manners or conduct -

18. Is now speaking aloud & his general behaviour is less offensive to those around him. Is spitting less - Lays himself flat upon the floor - Is spitting less frequently upon his hands. Hands are less cold & clammy -

30 Is not in any way improved in his mental state - Stamps with his heel & goes on with as many manoeuvres such as touching people with his knees & the like as formerly. Is at times excited and demands to be let at liberty.

Dec 31 Continues very much in the same state as described in last report.

1853 Jany 31 There is no improvement in mental state or habits. Delusions continue as strong as ever.

Feby 28 Still spits, touches those around him, lies down on the floor and shouts aloud - Is not improved in mental condition.

March 31 Peculiarities of conduct & delusions continue as before. Is in good health -

April 30 There is no improvement in mental state and no abatement in delusion - Slabbers and as offensive as ever -

May 31 Continues in the same state as described in preceding reports -

June 30 Is still addicted to the same peculiarities of conduct, & adheres to the delusions upon which they are founded. Health good

July 31 Throws tea & dishes when at table - Throws himself down flat on the floor & continues the practice of spitting at people, knocking off hats

Admitted 1 November 1832.

1833
Aug 31 — Is worse in despite of throwing himself down — Falls backwards & is in danger of hurting himself — other peculiarities & delusions continue as before —

Sept 30 — Is not improved in any respect since last report.

Oct 31st — Since last report, on account of increased excitement has a blister on his head & has urged to another fall during the day with an attendant to watch lest he should hurt himself by his falling backwards to which he says he does for exercise. Has now returned to his usual state —

Nov 30th — Since last report had again to be sent to another fall for two days for his falling backwards & also trying to trip up his fellow patients & others, from which a blow from one of the former did not wean him.

Dec 22d — Is in his usual state, writing letters to & wishing much to have a visit from his friends. Has in the meantime given up his gymnastics & other tricks.

1834
Jan 22d — Has of late been behaving much more decorously — much less attitudinizing. Is very anxious to get away. — Says he is well now.

Feby 20. — Continues quiet & on the whole well conducted. Is often very anxious to have a consultation with Dr Mackintosh about getting away or seeing his friends, & often says "I am not insane" & that he is enduring a great deal by staying here.

March 31. — Very anxious to see his friends. Does not now annoy the other patients as formerly — still his state is choice altogether in his speech, as if he intended having been insane at all. Reads a little but does not amuse himself otherwise.

April 14. — Has seen his sister twice lately & each time been anxious to get away with her. Habits as before.

May 15. — As unusual in his habits & as fantastic in his attitudes & speech as before. Very seldom says anything beyond "I should be away home" "You know very well that I am not mad, that this is no place for me to —

June 14. — Takes an interest in nothing except reading the Bible sometimes, writing a little occasionally to — Except repeating when to get home he seldom speaks. Sometimes has fits of spitting at or quarrelling with those near him &c.

July 14 — 10 days since had a fit of "trembling" for 2 or 3 days, injuring his nose in one of his falls, & but now in his usual state, constantly affirming that he is not insane. Points to Dis: V & 114 as the cause of his being here.

J. P. L. L.

Alexander MacDowall Writes as

for p 95.

1852
Nov 18 "with a grass park in all about 3
"Acres of ground and enclosed by
"a Brick wall. The rent is £80 pe
"annum, and with a power to Sub
"during the bathing season. I have
"fixed nothing till you and I go an
"see it.

"I have quite broke off my busi
"ness connection with this and have
"sold the good will of the business to
"Gibbin receiving £1500, and engag
"ing never to be concerned again in
"any professional business in Scotland
"My Engagement with Oliverson beg
"on 1. January next, my attendance
"to be from 10 till 6 and the first year
"I am to have £600 yearly, the second £6
"and the third £700. At the end of the
"time if all goes well I expect to be ad
"mitted a full Partner. From you I
"can conceal nothing, only keep your
"own Counsel" —

"There were no letters from you
"at the Glasgow Post office. I shall
"enquire again on my return to Glasgow
"which cannot be till my neice's funer
"If you write in direct course you can
"address to me here. After that to Glas
"gow and when I expect you to tell me
"whether I am to go to Gloucester or to meet
"you in London.

"With kisses to Lizzy and
"kindest regards to Big Lizzy; wishing
"all good things may attend you
"believe me ever —

"Your Sincerely attached
"Alexander.

30. Since writing the above has been
composing some very religious and
affectionate Epistles for some of his
fellowpatients — Is very Childish and
silly in his conduct among his fellow
patients —

Dec 31 Has been very sulky of late
principally on account of a more
strict supervision being exercised
upon his epistolary correspondence
excites discontent and gives high
offence to some of the most insane
of his fellowpatients —

1853
Jany. 31 Is very variable in temper
and disposition. Is at one time as
sweet and fawning as possible, while
at another he is equally insolent and
rude — Is easily cast down and readily
gives way to tears while on the other hand
he is as easily uplifted — He has no ob-

Admitted 24 March 1852.

1853
July 31 - gard to truth in his statements more especially about himself and his own affairs
Is a complete hypocrite in matters of religion - Is very deceitful - Proposes to go and stay at Portobello - though he has no intention of staying there - Writes papers in legal form for other patients, stating pleas of the most insane character as if they were quite good - Makes ridiculous presents to people calling upon him - Is much in the same state of mind as when he wrote the letter of 18 Nov 52 - and entertains similar delusions -

July 28. Has been in much trouble of late with certain of his fellow patients - Many of his weak points about women, long long postscripts to letters and such like things being known to them, when he gives offence which he is apt to do by his cool impudent way of speaking, he is very freely spoken to - certain prospects of being liberated have been held out to him by different parties who will not however undertake the responsibility of his safe keeping - This has given rise to much trouble - and disappointment.
Is very weak in mind and does not seem to be capable of forming a right judgment in regard to the present position of himself and his affairs -
Made the remark to one of his fellow patients who was advising him against writing so many foolish letters, that "he was better at present and chose it wising"

April 4 His Son in law Mr Alex Burell having come for the purpose of removing him he was this day discharged

Relieved

James Struthers act:

from vol XVI pa

Nov 12. 1832 — Has been put to bed today - Is in a very peculiar state, constantly saying 'It not me' - is very restless - Let his bowels be moved by an injection

18. — Is still in bed - Back of neck has been blistered & bowels have been freely moved - Is still talking and muttering a great deal to himself -

23 — Is now better and quieter and able to be out of bed -

Dec 31 — General health is now considerably better, than it has been for some time past

Jany 31 1833 — Is in a very imbecile state scarcely ever speaks - Is quite quiet stands where he is placed & will as more voluntarily or let down General health pretty good - Is still in continence of urine -

Feby 28. — Is in the same quiet and imbecile state - Can scarcely be got to walk or hoist himself in any way - Sits or stands with his head bent forward - Bowels rather sluggish -

March 31 — There is no change. Is in the same torpid and imbecile state Is stout and healthy in body - Incontinence of urine continues -

April 30 — Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports -

May 31 — Is as torpid, silent & immovable as before - Is full of delusions as to himself - Seldom speaks in an intelligible manner -

June 30 — Keeps quiet. Has to be moved about to his bed, to the table & to take exercise by the attendant. Would lie sit or stand in the same place of life to himself - Is stout & healthy looking -

July 31 — Is as torpid as ever - Incontinence of urine continues - General health is good

Aug 31 — There is no change or improvement in any respect since last report -

Sept 30 — Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports -

Oct. 30 — Is still in the same torpid condition, remaining where he is placed, gazing on vacancy, & speaking none.

Nov 24. 1854 — No change in any respect. -

Dec 27. — No change in mental or bodily state.
Has lately been put to a warmer bedroom, from probable cold

Admitted 30. October 1838

May 25.	Mental & bodily state unchanged
March 31.	Imbecility of mind continues as above. Circulation very languid. —
May 15.	No change in health & habits.
June 14	No apparent change in bodily or mental state.
July 14.	Continues to negatives as formerly —
Sept. 15.	Habits & habits as above. Only exercise any very evident sign of life is mid-time, & is forced by being taken from one gallery to another to bed &c.
Octr. 16.	Sink in hopeless **Lethargy** —
Oct. 15.	No change to be recorded.
Nov. 30th	This patient is in a very imbecile state he occasionally talks and mutters to himself, general health pretty good has to get an injection occasionally to open his bowels —
Dec. 31st	In like the same torpid condition can scarcely be got to walk to his bed at night, lies & stands with his head bent forward. bowels continues torpid
1855.	
January 31st	Continues quiet. has to be moved about to take exercise by the attendant his bodily health continues good bowels confined
February 28	In in every respect the same as in former reports
March 31st	There is no change in mental or bodily health since last reports
April 31st	In in all respects as described in foregoing reports
May 31st	In as torpid silent and unmovable as before,
June 31st	There is no change. In in the same torpid and inactive state. His bodily health continues good
July 31st	No change in health and habits takes his food ordinary well bowels continues torpid.
August 26th	In in every respect the same as in former reports —
Sept. 31st	In in the same quiet and imbecile state. Can scarcely be got to walk or heater himself in any way lies ~~and~~ stands with his head bent forward. Bowels sluggish. get a warm water enema every second night
October 27th	In in all respects as described in foregoing report
Nov. 17th	In still in the same torpid state. Bodily health is good
Dec. 31st	Continues in the same quiet torpid state, lies or stands with his head bent forward. He takes his food well. Get an injection every second night

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Peter Ronaldson aet 30.

from vol XVI p 29

1832

Oct 31 Delusions continue. Peculiarities of temper manner and conversation continue as before. Occupies himself a little occasionally in reading—

Nov 30. Is in his usual state both mentally and bodily—

Dec 31. Is conducting himself in a quiet manner — Has not had one of his irritable fits for some time

1833

Jany 31 Is occasionally irritable & labours under the same delusions as formerly — Is still addicted to the writing of eloquent —

July 28. There is little or no change — Mental hallucinations continue as before —

March 31 Is of a thin & emaciated habit of body — Is much addicted to improper habits —

April 30 Is not improved in mental condition — Delusions continue as before Is also irritable and easily offended —

May 31. Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports —

June 30 Is in his usual state. Is extremely vain of his poetical abilities — Cannot bear contradiction. Is very incoherent and full of delusions.

July 31 Is very vain & weak in him Is as full of delusions as ever. Is occasionally irritable but not violent. Bodily health continues good —

Aug 31 Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Sept 30 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily

Oct 30 Continues as usual intensely vain of his literary capabilities & somewhat apt to imagine that those addressing him wish to find fault with him ~~& than~~ but is tolerably healthy.

Oct 2nd Was this day removed to the East House.

Admitted 18 September 1849

Joseph Ewing Miller. ad.
from 10 Oct 1852

1852
Dec. 31 — Is quiet and taciturn. Is of a very obstinate and crossgrained disposition — General health is pretty fair —

1853
Jany 31 — Is still quite taciturn. Is apt to be violent and kick or strike the other patients —

July 28. — Continues quite taciturn — Disposed to kick and strike continues the same —

March 31 — Is of a thin and unhealthy aspect — Never speaks — laughs to himself — and attitudinizes a great deal —

April 30 — Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports:

May 31 — Is as silent as ever, and as much given to attitudes as before — propensity to kick continues the same

June 30. — Peculiarities of attitude & manner continue the same. Is still disposed to kick and strike. Is thin and of an unhealthy aspect.

July 31 — Is in all respects as described above.

Aug. 31 — Is occasionally indisposed to refuse his food. Never speaks — Is in his usual health

Sept. 30. — Is in his usual state both mental and bodily.

Oct. 31st — Is very cross — requiring to be chased by the attendants which operation he resists with considerable violence. Is addicted to masturbation. Takes his food well —

Nov. 24th — Continues in all respects as in preceding reports — cross + obstinate + unmanageable.

1854
Jan. 27 — No change in any respect.
Has of late been very filthy both by day + night; bedroom has been changed to another gallery + gets inmates frequently to amend his habits.

Feby 28. — On account of the inmates has been more cleanly of late, but habits otherwise unchanged.
Was tried with the Tk. Mus. Ferri but invariably refused to take it.

March 31. — No change in taciturn habits, suspicious looks, or obstinacy.

May 15. — Very little change in habits or appearance. If anything looks more lately his suspicious, abstracted + fierce.

June 14 — No particular change in state.

July 14. — Exclusive, + obstinately taciturn, but manageable. Will not however take medicine but gets Mr. Roberts as a proprietor in his soup or tea.

Aug. 15. — No change in habits.

Admitted 26 March 1850

Sept. 16. Continues as above - taciturn - & abstinate, apt to be slovenly, if not looked after. Very rarely gets his food & dresses himself as late - State taciturn, abstinate, & slovenly disposition.

Nov. 30. This patient is quiet taciturn. Is apt to be indecent to his fellow patients, bodily health good

Dec. 30. No Change in any respect since last reported appetite good bowels regular.

1855

January 29. Continues very quiet but is easily excited and when he thinks and threatens he never speaks to any of his fellow patients.
There is no change on bodily health

February 28. Continues in all respects as in foregoing report.

March 30. Is still very distant and quiet ~~in his manner~~. never speaks to any of his fellow patients, has still the same propensities to strike if crossed. bodily health continues good.

April 30. Continues in all respect as in former report

May 31. No Change observed in either bodily or mental health. takes his food well bowels regular.

June 30. Mind still continues very weak he is still disposed to be violent if crossed by any of his fellow patients. in other respects he is the same.

July 31. requires to be watched by the attendants and occasionally strikes them with considerable violence. takes his food well

August 25. No Change on either bodily or mental health.

September 30. There is no improvement on mental health. He is occasionally disposed to strike and threate
Bodily health is good at present he takes his food well. bowels regular.

October 30. Continues in all respect as described in foregoing report.

Nov. 17. Is in his usual state both mental and bodily as in foregoing reports.

Dec. 30. Is still disposed to strike and threat. He never speaks or associate with any of his fellow patients.

1856

January 30. There is no change either mentally or bodily since last reported.

Feby 29. No Change in any respect

March 31. Continues in the same state as described above

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William Robert Adair Art

from p 37

Dec 31. Is still in a very excitable state. Disposition is very amorous. Is at one time very despondent and at another gay.

1853 Jany 31 There is no improvement in any respect since last report.

July 28. Requires frequently to be put in seclusion. Is noisy, dirty & mischievous in his habits.

March 31 Is extremely addicted to personal abuse. Is very unsettled in his habits. Is at times violent and strikes. Is in good health.

April 30 Is not more composed mentally. Still requires to be secluded occasionally. Uses very vile language. Repeats the same things over and over. Health good.

May 31 Continues ~~much~~ in the same state as described in preceding reports.

June 30 There is no improvement in mental state. Is of a very lascivious disposition. Is in robust health. Is better of being restricted in smoking.

July 31 Is still occasionally put in seclusion, when he is violent and strikes. Is very mischievous and troublesome. Is in good health.

Aug 31 Is in his usual state. Is very excitable and full of delusions. General health excellent.

Septr 30 Is in all respects as described in preceding reports.

Oct. 30. Bodily health very good. Now as full of phantasies as ever, chiefly connected with the other sex; is generally good humoured but if contradicted is easily irritated & has occasionally been in seclusion for a short time for assaulting fellow-patients.

Nov 30 Is as flighty & full of vagaries as ever. At one time is quite pleased to stay here on condition that some little favour be granted him, and at another earnestly implores that he should murder him that he may get to heaven, to be free from all oppression.

1857 Jan 27 Continues to change his moods as much as ever. Says he was insane once but is not so now.

G. H. good.

Feb 28. Having been more quarrelsome than usual had a blister to nape of neck & recipient, & kept his bed for a day or two a week since. Is getting very stout in person, & is to be upon lower diet.

Admitted 29 June 1847.

March 31 Being very violent & quarrelsome has been for a day or two in bed.

April 3. Has had a blister on over scalp.

14. Is less quarrelsome & excitable past week.

May 15. Has on the whole been less quarrelsome & quieter since last report - but has a great dislike to a fellow-patient (Mr R. King) whom he can hardly be long beside, without striking him - Threw a shuttlecock at him the other day, on some slight provocation, & cut his lip. (See P. 115.)

Is very erotic & apt to be filthy in his talk

June 14. Still constantly wanting to get to this place or that - to have bought this or that thing - said wishes being usually extravagant & impossible to be realized. When disputed which he often is in a morning, he is abusive of the place, officers, &c - wishes he was hung, "what have I done - what crime have I committed that I should be in this bottomless pit, slaughter-house of hell" &c.

Is taking Sk Mur: Ferri. ter in die ~~ter~~ XX.

July 14. Is occasionally noisy & abusive but usually very good humoured, entreating to get off to a workhouse, stable &c - to enjoy a life of quietude -

Is in robust health.

Aug.st 15. Habits volatile, conversation incoherent & extravagant, principally relating to sensualities or grandeur he wishes to possess, or has possessed. Occasionally overjerous & abusive when in depressed spirits, but a little flattery usually brings him round.

Sept.r 16 No change in noisy, volatile habits.

Oct. 15. Unusually less noisy & less apt to be disposed & abusive within these few months & otherwise quite as absurd and extravagant as to his wishes &c -

Nov. 30th Is very noisy and often disposed to be violent. He lifts all the lids of soap which he sees in the bath room and puts them in his pocket. He takes his food well bowels regular - - -

Dec. 30th Is still noisy. He is very filthy in his habits at night. Plastering his room all over with his excrement. Continues to lift every thing that he gets his hands on. takes his food well. bowels regular -

1853

January 31st Had for the last few days to be kept in seclusion on account of his violence to the attendants and his fellow patients. He is still as noisy as ever - takes his food well bowels regular

February 28th Is not so violent as in former report. He is still filthy in his habits. in other respects he is much the same as when last reported. See page 117

Robert King act:

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Dec. 31 — Is in his usual state. Subject to frequent epileptic and nervous seizures —

1853 Aug 31 — Is still subject to fits and nervous twitchings — Is quite imbecile —

July 28. — Is very dangerous both before and after fits — strikes without any provocation or warning. Is stout and voracious in appetite

March 31 — occurrence of epileptic seizures is irregular — onset of attack is often sudden — Sometimes is preceded by irritability and violence —

April 31 — Is in the same state — Epileptic seizures and as frequent as ever.

May 31 — Is very weak in the mind. Is of a religious turn of mind. Reads his Bible very anxiously when well — Is apt to imagine that it is changed — that the words are changed and to insist on getting another bible

Jun 30 — Is in all respects as described in preceding reports.

July 31 — Requires occasionally to be put in occulsion — Is at times highly dangerous — Is very stout. Is voracious in appetite — Bowels sluggish —

Augt 31 — There is no improvement in any respect.

Septr 31 — Continues much in the same state as described in preceding reports.

Oct. 31st — Continues as before, having epileptic fits pretty frequently, after which he is more dull & stupid than usual to him. Gets violent if provoked —

Nov 16. — For last week has been more dull & stupid & irritable than usual, so that he has been confined to his room. Appears to be much troubled with spectres.

24. — Was now nearly recovered from his late attack, but is still dull & confined to his room.

1854 Jany. 27 — Was confined to his room as above stated till two days ago, but has now attained his usual degree of alertness. Generally has a fit every two or three days.

Feby 28. — Of late having been much more stupid & at the same time irritable, has been but few days out of his bed since last report. Is sometimes filthy in bed, when under medicine.

March 31 — For the last 2 or 3 weeks has been able to be among the other patients, & has indeed been so good to another poor fellow to put him out of the way of one (W. R. Adams) who is apt to strike him

Admitted 26 July 1851

May 15. Is quite nearly able to be up & among the other patients at all times except after fits, which have not been very frequent of late — & occasionally when he is morose, sulky & apt to scuffle with little or no provocation. Occasionally reads the Bible sings psalms &c. Very seldom speaks of anything except getting home, getting new clothes &c. Has since struck in violent fellow patient (W. R. Adair) thrown a spittoon at him a few days ago & cut his upper lip but not very severely. —

21. Very much troubled with nervous twitchings to-day & does not assist himself at breakfast. Complains also of a numbness feeling at his tongue.

27. In bed yesterday & too my attend a fit, the fall of which ecchymosed his eye.

31. Better again but had a fight with a fellow-patient (W. R. Adair) who has an illwill at him, in which W. R. A. was to blame. In fact they are never long together without quarrelling.

June 14. Keeping very well lately — quite hangs upon getting quantities of new clothes which he does not require. Without his best complains of a failing of memory in regard to words, numbers &c.

Sept. 15. Several fits of a days or two duration & stupidity or imbecility & quarrelsomeness since last report.

Yesterday & day before was in bed — very stupid & drowsy — & too my attend up, is not so well as usual.

Bowels tolerably free of late.

Sept. 16. As he was too lively, laughing & talking too much he has been in bed for 3 days & today is rather cross & irritable. Bowels open.

Oct. 15. He upon the whole been generally more stupid than usual since last report, hesitating greatly in his speech as a handicap to his understanding; & has been occasionally a day or two in bed. Is fond of reading his Bible — often asks for medicine — takes it all well, likes to get up at the rules of the House &c —

Nov. 20. Is at present confined to his bed — he is very stupid — takes epileptic fits almost every night — he is often very irritable before taking them. Takes his food well bowels regular

30. He is today out of bed. is very confused hesitates before answering questions. Had no fits for the last two days.

Dec. 20. Had a quarrel today with W. R. Adair and was going to fight. Continues to take fits very severe. He is in ordinary bodily health

1855 January 1. There is no improvement in any respect since last report. He occasionally misses a dict

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James Thomson ad-

1832
Nov 20. Has again become compound and is now able to be up and dress

Dec 3. Excitement having again come on he has been put into seclusion

12. Has again become quiet and is able to be out of his own apartment.

1833.
Jany 2 Has again become excited and is found to be put in seclusion

Feby 28 Is in a dull and desponding state of mind. Is full of delusions - Is thin and haggard

March 31 Is still very desponding Appetite is impaired - Imagines that he is the devil - That he is dying &c.

April 30 Continues much in the same state.

May 31 Is disposed to lie in bed Is in a very despondent state of mind

June 30 Is still much depressed and still complains of his stomach Get wine and brandy.

July 31 Is rather more cheerful and is looking better in health - Has now scarcely any maniacal & violent paroxysms —

Aug 31 - Is pretty cheerful, and takes his food better. Is looking much better -

Sept 30 Occasionally amuses himself with chess. reads the newspapers &c is altogether considerably better both mentally and bodily.

Oct. 30. For last few days has been more dull, indulging less in levity &c. & says that he does not feel so well. Hygiene & laxatives occasionally. Hat: Pil: Rhei Co: T. o.d.

Dec 16. Continues to behave very quietly & properly. Has an unhealthy appearance & complains of a pain of fulness about epigastrium. Has been taking Cod liver oil for some time & Ammon Mixture for the last few days. -

1852
Jany 27 Of late has complained very much of uneasiness at epigastrium, want of appetite, constipation &c, seems for from well. Is taking Cod liver oil, & pills with Rhubarb & Gentian &c -
Is at present quiet & about to retire - & gentlemanly in behaviour

Feby 28. Continues quiet & well conducted.
Of late complains of some pectoralgia, & pain in right shoulder. Bowels very costive.
Let him have bismuth & magnesia powders, & aloetic aperients

Admitted 17 September 1878

March 31. Suffers very much from want of appetite, constipation, pain in stomach, pain in joints & prolapsus ani, – this combination of diseases rendering it difficult to give medicines for one without aggravating the other.
So very taciturn & hardly ever stirs from his chair by the fire side.

May 15. Continues quiet & orderly –
Bowels are more regular lately & rheumatic & other pains much relieved, but state of the bowels are as great a great distress – & says that his state of mind is miserable from internal causes. does not stir from his gallery, & hardly from his seat, except at meal times. Very rarely speaks unless addressed, & then in a very subdued tone.
Appetite very poor – especially at dinner.

Nov 14. very much depressed, can hardly be got to take any medicine voluntarily. says he does not mind constipation, so long as he is free from pain. mournful about his state – "It cant last long" – the "almost lost hope" – lately however his bowels are more open, & he sums on the whole easier, & able to read a little occasionally.

July 14. He seems a good deal since last report, sometimes being apparently totally easy & able to read with some degree of comfort, at other times suffering from pains throughout his body & seemingly very uneasy altho' he never complains except when asked. So always taciturn.
Cannot be induced to take medicine or more stimulants than a pint of porter per diem. Takes his breakfast tolerably, but hardly any dinner except a little pudding & his porter.
So very thin & cachectic.

Sept. 15. So in a weakly state of body in deep depression of spirits. Complains of almost constant ~~epigastric~~ pain, rheumatic pain in shoulders &c, want of appetite & constipation. So very quiet & not complaining, but looks as if suffering acutely at times – but is occasionally able to read a good deal –

Septr. 16. No change to be noted – Seems occasionally to suffer about waist pains, & bowels are apt to be very costive –

Oct. 15. Still complaining of his pain, constipation &c – but for last week or two he has interested himself a good deal at chess, with some of his fellow-patients

Nov. 30. So very weak in body and very much depressed in mind. He often complains of great pain in all his bones, takes very little food, bowels inclined to be costive

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John Stuart act.

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1852
Nov 30 Continues as before full of the most outrageous delusions — Is giving to the most foul and obscene practices — His language is disgusting and blasphemous in the extreme.

Dec 20 Has had a severe attack of diarrhoea in consequence of gorging himself with fat meat. Collects meat in scraps of paper, and tries all sorts of plans that he may escape detection and get it into his room to eat during the night.

Diarrhoea stopped by a blank and laudanum enema.

1853
Jany 1. Has written a letter to the Gen signed "The Jesus" & in offering his services to her majesty.

July 28 Is less full of the delusion that he is the 'Jesus' or at least says less about it. Is more orderly & correct in his habits.

March 31 Continues to improve. Conducts himself in a more quiet and orderly manner — Scarcely ever alludes to his being the 'Jesus' — Is more composed and coherent.

April 30 Is now conducting himself with the utmost propriety — Reads & amuses himself in a rational manner —

May 26 Was this day discharged

Relieved

Admitted 23 January 1832

William D. Adair

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1855

March 31st Continues restless and noisy Was still the same practice of lifting every thing that he can put his hands on. His pockets has to be emptied four or five times during the day.
So dirty filthy in his habits
Often asking to get away to Dublin to take a life of parity
bodily health continues good.

April 31st So in every respect in the same state as described in preceding Reports.

May 31st So dirty very restless and noisy and often very abusive in his language, Has often to be put in seclusion for a few hours at a time, So dirty filthy in his habits both by day and night His bodily health continues good bowels regular

June 30th There is no improvement in any respect since last reported

July 31st So on the whole not so violent as he used to be, though he is dirty very noisy, he takes his food well. bowels regular.

August 23rd Since last report required to be put in seclusion occasionally. Continues noisy, dirty and rather mischievous in his habits. his bodily health continues good. Has of late been getting an injection at bed time to prevent him ~~and~~ from destroying his room during the night with his excrement

Sept. 30th So in his usual state
So often very excited and full of delusions. General health continues good

October 31st Since last report has been very much excited often tearing his bed at night He is also very filthy in his habits of late. he takes his food well

Nov. 17th So dirty very restless and excited has to be often secured in seclusion for the most part of the day He takes his food well bowels regular

Alexander Charles Aguilar

1832
Dec 29 towels - and now though he is an inordinate snuffer he has given up the use of handkerchiefs.

1833
January 5. In conversation this morning states that he had direct and special revelation from the almighty of the plot concocting between his mother and brother for his ruin - He also states that he offered to show this to his mother in black and white, but that she refused to see it and from that time set on Dr Marsden to pursue him like a bloodhound - states that his brother Walter is one of the most malicious and avaricious of men and that he has persecuted him all his days. At the time that he had revealed to him the plot concocted by his mother and brother he says that he had determined to cut and run, but that his affection for her prevented him.

25. This morning Mr A. obstructed so much in the performance of his duty that he had to come to Dr McGhie for advice and assistance - As he opened the door of the gallery Mr A. Rushed out towards Dr his door. He being asked to return to the gallery refused to do so, and began conducting himself in a violent and disorderly manner beating upon Dr his door. Some of the other patients taking the opportunity came out of the gallery and the disturbance threatening to increase, Dr M ordered the attendant to carry Mr A into the gallery - This he did notwithstanding the violent resistance of Mr A - The chaining of his room was then proceeded with.

February 28. Since last report has been conducting himself in the usual way, employing the most violent and outrageous language towards the medical officers and his relations - Brute, coward, blackguard are the mildest terms which he applies to these parties. In general his conduct is most excitable and frequently disorderly. His strange peculiarities such as not using handkerchiefs or towels - his constant dabbling in water, going about half dressed continue as before. His great excitability of temper is unabated.

March 31 - There is little or no change to report in the mental condition of this patient. His excitability and delusions continue as strong as ever. His language & conduct in reference to his relations and the medical officers is not at all moderated.

Admitted 25 March 1832

1833
April 30 Is constantly having paroxysms of great excitement and tearing – his language and conduct are of the most extravagant and outrageous description –

May 31 – Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

June 30 Is at times pretty composed – at other quite maniacal and excited – his ideas are of the most extravagant description – he assumes the most haughty attitudes – and imagines that he is the most illused of men.

July 31 Is very peculiar in all he does. Is full of suspicion and has the greatest antipathy to the medical officers – Is constantly asking the same questions, and when answered gets into great excitement –

Aug 31 Is not improving. Is constantly imagining that he is insulted and gets into great rages on the most trivial account. Is at times very haughty – Complains of sleeplessness.

Sept 30 Continues much in the same state as described above. Is as suspicious as ever – & most importunate.

Oct 31st Continues as above described. Seizes every opportunity to dilate at an interminable length on his wrongs, – his being brought here by a plot – after some one had tried to extract from him a secret, of which he never knew aught, of the hatred principle & conscience in all of the doctors individually in signing his certificate, of the cowardly & insulting way in which they treated him – snifflg at any of his enquiries as to why he was brought here, & whether he was D.C.B. turning off the rascally attendant who repeatedly put snuff in his beard. He quite well when he came but spirit broken now on seeing how he & many other same men are treated & housed in this house. Will take no denial that his statements or suppositions are correct, – constantly pressing the question "Don't you think so?" Only way Dr. has of pacifying him pretty excited by contradiction is to refuse to debate on any individual case of a person confined here, & merely to argue the question of the confinement of lunatics in or general prisons, – & supposing Mr. O's data to be correct.

Nov 24th Continues his importunate & incessant in his clamours & impatient of contradiction as heretofore. Keeps at every arrangement or detail of the establishment of the house, & wishes rules broken through for him. Wants to go to walk after dark to-day. He ~~wears stockings~~ carpet when he is going out. Very fastidious & says Oh! dear the house

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Robert Crawford set. White

1832 from p 98

Dec 15. Is quite quiet in his behaviour. Shuns general intercourse. Sits quietly musing or reading, except when out walking — Is improving in general health. Mind is still very weak.

31. Has been complaining of headache & pain in the face arising from a slight attack of cold.

Is much in the same state mentally as last reported.

1833

Jany 31 Is improving quite well both in mind and body —

July 25 Was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 7 September 1852

James Thomson

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1854

Dec. 30th Continues very desponding. Takes very little food except his breakfast. he is very much averse to take medicine. and to allow himself to be shaved

1853 January 28th Is sitting up for a few hours daily. he still complains of pain in all his bones. bodily health rather weak. does not take his food very well.

Feby 28th There is very little change on either bodily or mental health He is much inclined to lie in bed and often refuses to take his his porter and wine. bowels still continues sluggish

March 30th Is now almost daily in bed takes very little food except his breakfast. will not take any medicine. nor allow himself to be shaved. had no motion from his bowels for the last six days. I have ordered castor oil in his food

April 30th Has been up for a few days since last report. his mind still continues very weak. there is no improvement on bodily health.

May 30th Continues dull and despondency He is now daily confined to his bed. still objects very much to take medicine. or changed his linnen or be shaved. he takes his breakfast admirably well but takes very little dinner & tea.

June 30th Is in every respect the same as in former report

July 31st There is no marked improvement on mental health bodily health continues very weak. & he now objects to take any wine or brandy takes little food during the day except his breakfast. bowels costive I ℞. Resene 3ʒ

August 25th Continues much the same as in former report –
He is still in bed and often misses a dose. has a great aversion to take medicine

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James Davidson aet

1832 Nov 17. Was brought to the Asylum by five or six men —
Is said to have been ill for some weeks past.
On admission is found to be very much excited, professing to be Jesus Christ and to be able to work miracles.

18. Was much excited and very noisy during a great part of the night. This forenoon became so violent that it became necessary that two men should hold him to prevent him doing injury to himself. Raves incessantly — Gets no rest — Refuses to swallow food or medicine — Must be fed — Set his head be shaved and blistered —

19. Is rather more composed this morning; has had no sleep. Takes little food — Is still much excited —

20 Had no sleep during the night. Is rather quieter this morning —

21. Slept a little during the night. Is now quite quiet and in a great measure insensible Takes only a little beef tea and wine or brandy —

22. Is lying perfectly quiet and still. Is in a great measure insensible — both hands are very tender from being held while he was excited. Is taking very little nourishment — Seems to have difficulty in swallowing

24 At 1/4 past 12 this morning

Died

Admitted 18 November 1832

James Robertson act. 7 Hist

1852
Nov 25. Was brought to the Asylum this afternoon by his friends —

Was formerly a patient in this asylum from Jany 11 to Feby 23. 1850 when he was dismissed Cured.

The present attack is said to have been brought on by the intemperance of his wife. It is quite recent in its origin — It is characterized by considerable excitement, great talkativeness and restlessness —

26 In very restless, talking incessantly and quite incoherently. Imagines that he is very clever and tries to take from off the other patients —

27. Restlessness continues with considerable excitement. Bowels have been freely moved —

29. Excitement has so much increased that he requires to be put into seclusion. So taking little food.

30. After considerable coaxing has been induced to take his food

℞. Vin Rubri ℥iv — But he would eat excrement and drink urine if not prevented.

Decr 5. So still in seclusion, So quite incoherent and full of delusions. Imagines that his body is made of gold. So filthy and rubs himself over with excrement. Bowels moved by castor oil and enemata. cont

10. Excitement and incoherence continue and he is still in seclusion. So destructive of clothing — So very noisy. Delusions about gold in his head make him tear out some old teeth. cont

15 Delusions and excitement continue unabated — So still in seclusion — Takes his food well. Bowels require the occasional use of laxative medicine — cont

20. So still in seclusion. Does not seem to be improved in mental state — So still occasionally apt to put his excrement in his mouth.

31 — Excitement continues. So dirty destructive & noisy —

℞. Sol Sulph Morph ℥ij h.s.

1853
Jany 5. So now considerably improved and is able to be up and dressed — Mind is still very incoherent

℞. Castor. Sol oj.

12. Being still very mischievous and having been quarreling with another patient who is dangerous when interfered with, he received a sudden

Admitted 25 November 1832

1833
Jany 12 blows over the eye which caused a slight injury —

31 — Has again become so troublesome mischievous and excited as to require to be put into Seclusion —

Cont. Haust sed — h.s.

31 — Continues very noisy both by night and day — Is generally good humoured and in a hilarious state of mind, singing &c — cont.

Feby 7. Is still in Seclusion. Is exceedingly noisy both by night and day. Rubs his head and other parts of his body with his filth — cont.

15. Is still much excited, noisy and in Seclusion. Takes his food well. Requires a dose of Castor oil occasionally — cont.

22. Continues very noisy and hilarious both by night and day — And is still in Seclusion — Saw his wife yesterday and made an attempt to rush at her with his fists but was prevented —

March 15 Is much weaker. Excitement is incessant.

23 This day through mechanical exhaustion,

Died

Robert Gillespie aet. Merchant

1832
Dec 11 Was brought to the asylum this evening by an attendant who was sent for him –

Is said to have been insane for three weeks. Had an attack of influenza previously – Has hereditary predisposition his father having been in this asylum – Is supposed to have had a fit in Rothesay. An attack of dysentery is supposed to have been the exciting cause. Is taciturn eats very little. Refuses food and medicine. Imagines that he is lost for ever –

On admission expression of countenance is haggard and miserable in the extreme – Took a little buttered tea with great reluctance – Seemed to stand & walk with difficulty – Is taciturn – Set him to be put to bed and watched –

12. Is up and dressed today. Seems to be intensely miserable – Is obstinately refusing his food – Can only be got to take a little fluid food – Went in the water closet cried out as if in great pain – Muttered something about passing blood instead of urine – Urine is quite healthy & no blood – applied blister. Cap

13. Is still very miserable & refusing his food: takes nothing voluntarily – Was heard to mutter something about 'everlasting burnings' – Is very restless and will not lie in bed without being held – Is always sat up with

14. Is still restless, miserable and refusing to take his food – Is taciturn – Set him to be fed by the stomach pump – it has – M. Smith –

15. Slept some during the night and is keeping his bed today – Became worse in the afternoon – Was considerably oppressed – Is accelerated and very weak –

16. Became gradually worse during the night and at 4 o'clk this morning he

Died

Admitted 11 December 1832

John Waterston aet: Surg.

1852
Dec 30 Came to the Asylum today of his own accord from Perth.
Has been a patient on different occasions in this Asylum not less than Eight times.
The beginning of an attack is characterized by want of sleep. When this premonitory symptom appears he immediately repairs to the Asylum.
On admission seems to be pretty calm and collected.

31 Is more quiet and incoherent today. Is not very strict in proper in the use of language.

1853
Jany 4 Is still restless and incoherent in behaviour and language. Walks out occasionally. Hands are always hot and moist. Pl good.
Takes Pil Rhei 10 gr p.r.n.

8. Is more composed though still incoherent and full of delusions.

16. Is worse, and is more incoherent.

24 The accompanying document which is one of several of the same purport will sufficiently indicate his present state of mind. He labours under the delusion that there are trap doors & secret passages in the ceiling leading into his bedroom; by means of which people will get access to him and attempt to murder him. Is constantly speaking in an under tone about these secret machinations and of his own schemes for counteracting them. Gets under his bed during the night & puts things in the bed instead to deceive the people. Has outlandish dreams during the night against his imaginary foes & makes a considerable noise. Imagines he has destroyed a considerable number. Describes the most ridiculous schemes which he has laid to entrap them.

31 Has been moved to different bedrooms in the house to humour him in the idea that he will escape the plots of those who are conspiring against him.

Feby 15 Is now more rational and composed & his mind is less occupied with delusions. Takes regular exercise out of doors. Reads & seems to conducting himself with propriety.

22 Continues to improve. Is quite rational in conversation. Reads & plays billiards.

Admitted 30 December 1852

1853 March 29	Was this day discharged cured

Frederick Aitken aet

1853
Jany 14 Was this day transferred from the East to the West House.

Was declared to be insane at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal

Has been insane for a number of years — Labours under a natural defect or malformation of the urino-genital organs — The anterior wall of the bladder and the front of abdominal parietes corresponding are awanting. There is no natural receptacle for the urine, in place of which he has made an artificial one of gutta percha with a tube and reservoir in his boot. There is a glans penis but no penis — He has a scrotum and testicles — Dressed as a girl till about the age of puberty. Has the feelings appropriate to the male sex — Has long laboured under the delusions that his mistress was his mother — that he is the son of noble parents belonging to a foreign country. Was in the habit of going to meetings where foreigners were the present to see if he could recognize his parents — Imagines that he is subject to magnetic influences — He is of an ingenious turn of mind and has been engaged in constructing the model of a man of war —

20 — Is very quiet and well conducted — Thinks that he would have been better to have remained in Perl. House. There is a disagreeable odour of urine about his person.

31 — Many of the patients among whom he is placed being quiet and taciturn, complains that they exercise some injurious influence upon him. Let him be transferred to a more noisy gallery.

July 22 Requires to go to his bed during the day — Continues the irritability caused by the urine and the gutta percha instrument — The weakness of the part which is defective in the abdomen is productive of an appearance resembling ordinary hernia.

Complains of want of sleep.

March 31 Is very quiet and taciturn — Does speak to any one — answers when addressed — Is full of delusions about hypnotism and influences exercised upon him —

April 30 Continues much in the same state.

Admitted 28 December 1852

1853
April 30 — There is no change in mental state. Delusions are the same as before. General health good.

May 31 — Is in his usual state. Is quiet and taciturn —.

June 30 — There is no improvement in mental state. Health good —

July 31 — Is quiet and taciturn as usual. Is occasionally very stupid. Is always retired and peculiar.

Aug 31 — Is in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Sept 30 — Is very quiet and taciturn. Is at times very depressed and sometimes violent.

Oct. 31st — Continues very taciturn, but is occasionally noisy both by speech & knocking on the floor &c.

Nov. 24th — No change in conduct or habits. Addressed a letter lately to the Sheriff requesting his liberty, on the plea of sanity. Hesitates very much in answering a question or making a statement, shrugging & depressing his eyebrows frequently.

1854
Jan. 27 — Continues taciturn & well behaved as formerly. Denied lately that he was a foreigner. Appears in good bodily health.

Feb. 28. — Is taciturn as ever; almost never speaking unless directly addressed.

Occasionally walks slowly up & down the gallery (with a halt, occasioned by the wrinkle apparatus he is obliged to wear) but generally stands before the window or in a corner, his hands in his pockets, knitting & compressing his brows.

March 31. — This patient having addressed several letters to the Sheriff, the latter wished an account of his state of mind, in the examination for which Dr. S. elicited that he still believes that his reported parents are not really such, but that a gentleman whom he saw in the Sheriff's Chambers, soon after being brought to Gaol is probably his father, from the way in which he looked at him — that the unknown influences which afflict him are used by parties both in and out of the house; that he now knows their real nature — & that if he were out of this he could put a stop to them.

Habits continue as previously reported.

April 24. — Today, the door of the gallery happening to be open, the patient took up his hat & coat & slily got out to the lobby in an attempt to make off, merely crying in excuse "You know I want to get away"!

May 15. — Continues taciturn & solitary as heretofore.

June 15. — No change in any respect.

J. P. 23d

James Brown. aet.

1833
Jany 18 Was this day transferred from the East to the West House.
Was declared insane at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal
Has been insane for a great many years. Having written a letter to the Lord Provost on the subject of his delusions, his case came to be investigated before the Sheriff — His delusions are principally on the subject of people coming into his bedroom during the night; He also imagines that spirits, good or bad, get into his bowels, he fancies that men and people walking in subterranean passages under the street — Is very suspicious — Is of a quiet disposition
25. After usual sederunt the Sheriff this day granted warrants for his committal —
Febry 15. Continues in his usual health. Is constantly bringing up the subjects of his delusions, and offends some of his fellow patients by unjust suspicions and charges which he bring against them. Has a boil on his rest — Bowels regular
22. Is in good health — Delusions continue as before — Bowels moved by a dose of castor oil.
March 31 Is as full of delusions as ever Is quiet & cheerful for the most part and in good health.
April 30 Writes numerous letters to the Lord provost, Directors &c. Is most methodical — Keeps a book in which he enters all he gets. Bowels require the use of laxative medicine.
May 31 Is in all respects as de-scribed above.
June 30 Delusions continue as before They are very numerous and of the most ridiculous character — General health good.
July 31 Is in his usual state both mental and bodily —
Aug 31 There is no abatement in delusions. Is at times very irritable but is for the most part good humoured —
Septr 30 Is as much given to letter writing as ever. Delusions continue the same. General health good Bowels costive —
Octr 31st Continues to write letters, & annoys house-visitors &c by complaining of the

Admitted 8 January 1833.

injustice of his confinement here, the necessity for which is however constantly endeavoured to be kept by his frequent appearance to the "creatures" that exist in his imagination, & rummage thro' his books, room & during the night, his belief that certain individuals may by magic be personate others - &c

Oct. 24. Mind is as much as ever under the influence of delusions. Body health pretty good.

1852.

Jan. 17 Feby 28. Health & habits continue as above described.

Sometimes good humoured trifling to make himself amiable, at other very irritable & sharp on account of his being kept here; evinces at the directors, appears to be -

Talks freely on his delusions on all occasions, in fact is apt to prose about the imps that have such a deal to do with mens affairs, & crawl into his bowels &c - his fellow-patients & others getting into his mentalness &c.

Sometimes asks if it would be good for him to have to smoke tobacco, as it might drive away the imps. Is not certain however that the latter intend evil to him altho they are so much about him - it may be good.

March 31. Delusions continue as before.

Constipation in this patient increases in a very marked degree his fierce indignation at what he calls his infernal imprisonment here.

May 15. State of mind as formerly reported.

He has from paroxysms of rage of late - has commenced to take laxatives regularly so as to obviate constipation. -

" 17. Very, when a friend who was visiting him was leaving, managed to slip out at the door & began pacing towards the gate, but was without difficulty brought back by two attendants. Considerably excited about it, afterwards

June 12. No change in delusions or habits.

Requires occasional laxatives. Temper & irritation against those keeping him here are always most bitter when bowels are costive.

July 14. Delusions as strong as ever, & constantly brought into notice. For all his cut-ability on points connected with magic & necromancy such as his nocturnal visitors &c, he is ridiculously sceptical on scientific & other subjects.

Very costive, & attributes it to the imps.

Aug. 15. No change.

Sept. 3 Having had imps by mistake of the attendants (tho' it is likely to have been intentional on his part) been locked in the backing-press, he escaped, & this morning was of course found in "my house, Hugh Street, whither he had been to see that his books & house safe & "my housekeeper Mary Park" behaving herself - Behaved with childish levity when brought back again.

James Gibson ad:

1833
May 23. Arrived at the Asylum last this evening in charge of an attendant who went to meet him at the Broomielaw.

Has come of his own accord from London.

Has become much worse since he left in September. Is thin and much emaciated. Has all his old complaints in an aggravated form, sees the most horrid objects and has the most disagreeable sensations in his ears and about his head. Has left pupil is still more dilated than the right. His stomach and bowels are very much out of order. His pulse is calm and of moderate strength. Has had nothing all day. Will only take a cup of cocoa.

24. Was taken into town today to get certified. Is complaining very much of the conduct of his relatives and declares to see them. Is taking very little food.

R. Pulv Rhei gr. j
Cal. [illegible]

25. Bowels moved by the medicine. Is extremely desponding as to his state. Says he will never get better. Is taking little food.

26. Is in bed; seems to be asleep today. Is always asserting that he will never get better, which is quite true. Stomach is irritable and is averse to take food.

Apply Sinap. Epigastr. et Vesicat. Nocte.

27. Irritability of stomach continues and aversion to food. Pulse is calm and of moderate strength.

Apply Vesicat. Epigastr.

28. There is no improvement in any respect. Seems determined to die. Food swallowed comes up almost immediately. Complains of nervous pains through all parts of his body.

30. It is with difficulty that he can be got to take any thing.

31. Was got up today and was induced to take some food. Vomited a considerable portion of it. Says he never sleeps.

June 1. Was got out of Bed today and lay upon the sofa till [illegible]

Re-admitted 23 January 1833.

1833
Feby 2. Is in bed today and still vomiting almost everything he takes – Is very desponding – Takes nervous trembling or shakings, which cease when his mind is occupied or attention engaged –

Re applic vesicat. Epigastr –
℞ – Sol. Mur Morph – ʒij
Magnes ust. ℈ xv.
Hydr c cret – ℈ v – f. Pulv
Sum Stat. et repet – dein somnum
superven –

3. Rejects the powders almost as soon as taken – Vomits a thick glairy mucus tinged with blood

℞ – Mist creas – ℥xij –
Sum Cocht. magn – ʒiss ℥j hor –
Let him have beef tea, arrow root
Calf's foot jelly – or anything suitable
to which he may be disposed to take

5 – Irritability of stomach continues unabated

℞. Mist Acig. ℥ss
Aqua
Syrup. aa ʒj – Solve
Cap. ʒj omni 2da hora –

6. Stomach rejected both food and medicine. The only thing retained seems to be a little brandy & water – cont.

9. No measure adopted seems to have any effect in relieving the symptoms of irritability of stomach. Counterirritation externally & sedatives internally produce no alleviation – Acid symptoms are very distressing – Feels as if molten lead was poured into his throat – Sees the most horrid sights – P is calm though weak. There is no constitutional disturbance.

12. Is very obstinate – almost the only thing he will take is that with difficulty is brandy or beef tea & water – Rejects everything from the stomach – Complains of pains in all parts of the body – Is constantly asserting that he is dying and is angry when any hope is expressed of his recovery –

14. Does not improve in any respect. Counterirritation has been kept up over the stomach and abdomen without benefit. Urine healthy and of normal quantity – alvine evacuations scanty – Cont. –

16. Is evidently sinking – Is very weak and much emaciated. Takes little or no nourishment & does not retain it –

19 – Gradually sunk and died this morning at 5 A.M.

Died.

David Leech aet: 38. Sand Cyl

1853
Jany 29. Was brought to the Asylum today by an attendant who was sent to take charge of him

Has never been insane before the present attack. Has been unwell for about three weeks, but insanity only decidedly observed on the 25 Inst. Since the beginning of the present year, has, contrary to his usual habits been indulging in the use of alcoholic stimulants. Has been healed by purgatives and anodynes without good effect —

There were found in his pockets several papers such as the following

"Glasgow 29 Jany 1853
"Four months after date pay to my order the sum of Four Millions Stg
(Signed) "David Leech

On admission is found to much excited and very restless. Says he has paid the National Debt. Offers large sums of money to all and sundry. Is full of schemes for the erection of churches in all parts of the country — Is about to take upon himself the maintenance of all the paupers in the County — His mind seems to be overflowing with such like extravagant schemes —

The dorsum of left hand is considerably inflamed — This is said to have been caused by the efforts made to keep him in bed — He is accustomed [illegible]

After admission refused to take drink but took it readily on being fed by Dr McGhie —

30 Slept pretty well during the night Is still excited and delusions continue — Is very mischevious and requires to be constantly watched —

℞ P Jalap Co ʒ ij.
Cal gr iij sum stat.

31 — Is in his own room today as intercourse with the other patients and constantly talking to them on the subject of his delusions tends to excite him — Bowels are freely moved — Applic rosa — Mist —

July 1 — Blister rose well and passed a quieter night in consequence. Is still restless and constantly talking on the subject of his delusions —

℞ — Camphorae. fort. ℥j
Tinct Opii ℥j hor somn
Applic Empl — Camph. lb. Cap —

2 — Is in bed today and has an attendant to sit with him otherwise he would not stay in bed. Is very restless

Admitted 29 January 1853.

1853
July 4. Is still in bed. Stomach is irritable. Takes his food well. Delusions continue as before.
Applies Smaf. Eupeuch.
Cont on.

7. Is still in bed. Is taken up for a part of the day. Requires to be constantly watched. Is apt to be dirty. Bowels moved by enemata.
Cont on.

10. Continues restless and mischievous. Requires to be constantly watched. Is troubled with flatulence in stomach and bowels with occasional vomiting. Has a dose of castor oil or an enema occasionally.

15. Is still very restless and requires for the most part to be kept by himself. Is quite voracious in appetite.
Cont. Cervis. omitt L opii.

20. The inflammation of left hand having entirely subsided, and considerable swelling remaining, on examination distinct crepitation is felt in the metacarpal bone of the middle finger. The swelling is caused by the callus thrown out. Has never expressed any feeling of pain in the part. The hand was put up in
Zt. Gutta percha. Cont on.
By Sol Mur Morph ½ g.

21. Had removed the gutta percha this morning which was again put on.

22. Was seen by Dr Fleming today who recommended a splint in addition to the gutta percha in order that the perspiration might get more freely away. Cont

25. Was again contrived to pry the bandages removed from his hand. They were replaced and a man appointed to look constantly after him. Cont.

26. Did not sleep any during the night. An attendant sat up with him. His delusions this morning have assumed a more elevated character. He is not only the most wealthy person but he now professes to be God or equal with God. a the son of God.

March 31 Is still very excitable and full of delusion. Hand is quite better. Is very restless and requires to be constantly looked after.

April 30 Excitement and delusions continue as before. Is very mischievous.

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David Morris act 38: Hatter

1853
Feby 4. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by his wife and friends. Was insane four months ago. Has been insane on the present occasion for four weeks. Is depressed from want of success in business. Is occasionally intemperate. The most prominent symptom has been violent muscular tremor alternating with quietness and depression. Has occasional quiet intervals. Has attempted to cut his throat with a table knife, also to cut the veins at the bend of the arm. The cutting of the throat is the more recent attempt at suicide. His general health is good. Says he has not slept for a considerable time. ℞ Tr opii ʒij.
Sp. Hord. ℥ij. 2 S.

5 Slept some last night but is much depressed this morning.
Let him sleep in a dormitory.

8. Continues depressed. Is shy and retiring in manner. Is averse to go out. Bowels moved by laxative medicine. The wounds on the side of neck which is not deep is getting better.
Cont. Tr opii ʒij. h. s. in Sp Hordei.

15. Is much in the same state as described above. Depressed and silent. Says he had a chancre on the penis & thinks that an eruption on his chin is the result of syphilis.
℞ Inf Gent Co ℥j
Iod Pot ʒj. Solv
et Cap. ʒj. h. in die.

24. Is still depressed and fretting about the eruption on chin. Sleeps better. Wound on neck nearly well healed.

March 15 Is quiet and depressed. Seldom speaks except when addressed. Is in pretty good health. Wounds on arm and neck are now healed.
Cont.

31. There is little or no change in mental state since last report. Is still much depressed. Cont.

April 30. There is still little perceptible improvement. Continues dull and depressed. Is in good bodily health.

May 7. Was this day transferred to the East Asylum.

Admitted 4th February 1833.

William Ewing MacDougall

ae. 28.

1833 Feby 7. Was brought to the Asylum to-day by his relatives.
Has been in this Asylum on two former occasions.
Has been ill for about a month before admission. Was depressed previous to the present attack. The disease has been on the increase. One of his delusions has been that he was possessed of a devil. He has frequently threatened to commit suicide.
On admission is found to be much excited and talking quite incoherently. Ordered to be put into seclusion.

8. Is very noisy, maniacal and incoherent. Orders his head to be shaved and blistered.

10. Continues still much excited, noisy, violent and destructive. Bowels are freely moved by medicine.

18. Is now more composed and confined to bed. Requires to be constantly watched. Has an inflamed hand and an abscess is forming in his back.
R/ ol Jec Asell. ℥iv
Cochl. Magn. Ter in die.
1 pint of Porter and half Sea.

25. The abscess on back and also that which formed on dorsum of the hand having been opened they are both now rapidly healing and the inflammation has subsided. Cont.

March 1. Is continuing to improve in bodily health. Is still confined to bed & very capricious, full of fancies and delusions. Requires a considerable amount of nursing. Cont.

12. Is now able to be upon the top of his room. General health is improving. Mental state is still very unsettled. Cont.

19. Has been able to be up daily till today when his excitement was so great that he required to be put in seclusion. Cont.

20. Is up again today and more composed. Cont.

31. Has been much excited and noisy more especially in the dining room. Using much indecent language and taking off his clothes. Has again been put in seclusion.

April 5. Is now much more composed and able to be up room

Admitted 7 February 1833.

1833
April 21. Has again been much excited and become noisy and insulting in his language to the other patients and has been put in seclusion –

26. Has again become quiet and has been allowed to get up – So improving in bodily health –

May 1. Has again been so much excited as to require to be put in seclusion.

14 Has allowed to get up today and had an interview with his brother

16. This evening confessed to Dr Mack in track that he was the author of two attempts to set the house on fire one this morning and another yesterday – Gave as circumstantial detail of how he lighted the attendants took an opportunity – how usual attempts failed and how he so far succeeded on the two occasions – on the first by setting fire to a dirty sheet – & the second by pulling into another patients room at bed time and setting fire to the bed clothes and then shutting the door.

Set him he kept in seclusion

18. Has been excessively dirty hospitalizing his clothes and room with his own filth.

Jun 1. Has again been allowed to leave his room but has been placed under close surveillance –

6 Is again somewhat excited & has again been secluded –

30 Is still very unsettled and occasionally violent

July 25 Was this day removed by his brother and discharged

Relieved

John Scott M'Nair ad.

1833 July 19 - Was brought to the Asylum by an attendant who had charge of him -

It is said to have been ill for five weeks - For several months has been irritable and reserved. Was brought from London by an attendant. The cause of his illness is said to have been disappointment in business. Had an uncle who was insane. The prominent symptoms of this attack have been depression and obstinate taciturnity. Today has become excited and talkative - Has been stubborn all till today - His delusions have manifested in dislike to relatives, dread of being poisoned & in accusing relatives of having poisoned deceased friends -

Has had a bout of a fit - There were no convulsions - but became suddenly apparently insensible, & motionless -

On admission is excited and talks freely in an affected manner & in the style of Quakers -

20 Is talking freely today - Speaks as if he were possessed of supernatural power and knowledge - Tells those around him their characters. The characters which he gives of others is of an unfavourable kind for the most part -

22. Has had an attack similar to that which he had before admission. Is apparently without sense or motion. Attack ushered in by a cry - Let him be watched - Scalp hot - apply cold. Let him have an enema -

23. Is considerably better - Has consciousness and motion -

24 Is up and going about - Is very consequential & full of delusions both about himself and others -

28. Is still full of delusions and talking in the same affected way as before - Speaks as if he were possessed of the spirits. Ascribes his attacks to the operation of the spirit -

March 5. Is speaking lip affectedly. Has had an inflamed hand - An incision was made into it & poultices applied - Bowels kept free by laxative medicine.

Admitted 19th February 1883.

1883
March 10 Hand is getting better. Is variable in his mental condition — Delusions and self importance more prominent at one time than another.

15. Mental peculiarities continue much the same.

Bodily health seems good.

25. There is little change — Is less affected in his way of speaking than formerly —

31 — Continues as above. Is some days much more excited than on others.

April 15. Is in a more composed state of mind. Is less affected though still very highly conceited — Seems to imagine himself a most superior person.

31 Has been having interviews with his father and wife and does not seem to be so composed as formerly appeared to be very consequential and conceited —

May 7. Has for several days been much excited using the most outrageous and blasphemous language towards his relations and Jesus Christ. Imagines that he is superior to Jesus Christ + ~~has~~ states that those who trust in Christ, trust in a broken reed — Uses the most horrid language and imprecations. Is confined to his own room —

10 Is still confined to his own room. Is not quite so outrageous and blasphemous in his language — Had a catheter introduced on account of a stricture of urethra, the irritation of which caused him to have frequent calls to micturition — Has had a blister applied to his neck and been freely purged —

12 Has been allowed to get up. Is more composed. Is still full of the delusion that he is superior to Jesus Christ —

25 — Continues as self conceited and full of delusions as ever. Is not so outrageous in his language — but is proud and snarling —

June 6 Has again had a catheter introduced on account of his stricture and has had a ligature applied to the frenum of the glans penis

30 Is more composed and less arrogant in his pretensions —

July 31 Is keeping quiet and apparently free from delusions —

Aug 31 — Is apparently not quite well

Sept 7 Was not seen during the month

Released — to P. 175

John M. Allister ad.

1853
March 16. Was this day transferred from the East to the West House –
Is at present quiet – Is suffering from an affection of the chest. The upper part of the right side is dull on percussion – Has a copious expectoration with occasional haemoptysis –
31 Has on several occasions had spitting of blood – Pulse is calm and good. Has been blistered on the affected side
Takes Pil. Pl. opiat. one twice daily
April 15. Has not had a return of bloody expectoration – Has not quite so much cough – The affected part of the right lung appears circumscribed –
℞ Ol Jecur Aselli ℥ xvj
Cap – cochl. magn. ter in die
30 Continues free from haemoptysis, Cough considerably mitigated. Expectoration less –
May 31 Has had no return of haemoptysis. Is looking better – Is very quiet – Takes his food well. Bowels regular
June 30 Is still free from Haemoptysis. Cough and expectoration continue – Is improving in general health
July 31 Continues free from haemoptysis – Health improves. Has still some cough and expectoration.
Aug 31 Keeps pretty well in health. Is confined for the most part to the house. Is quiet and reads a good deal.
Sept. 30 Continues in the same state. No return of haemoptysis
Oct. 21st No more haemoptysis, but very seldom stirs out of doors. Reads a good deal.
Oct. 15th Is unchanged in habits &c –
1854
Jan. 27. Is quiet & well behaved. Is perfect bibliophilus, – but confesses that he forgets great part of what he does read so that many books he could begin to repeat immediately after finishing them.
Cannot intelligibly assist in conversation from his extreme deafness.
Feb. 28 No change in habits or health.
March 31. Continues to behave quietly with the utmost propriety; reads a good deal.
May 15. Continues quiet, inoffensive & rather weak-minded. Is troubled with a hemorrhoidal swelling.
June 14 Quiet & reading much as he usual. He once or twice has sat of doors in fine weather lately. Has a slight cough. Takes Cod Liver Oil.
July 14. Mind appears weak as before –
Cough aggravated lately by exposure to cold, but is cheerful & uncomplaining.

admitted 11 June 1851.

Sept 5. His parents being desirous to remove him to the country, he is today dismissed.

Relieved

Patrick or Peter Allan. ast

1833
March 17 Was brought to the asylum by Dr Macintosh & an attendant who went for him to Cattcart where he was boarded —

On admission is found to be paralytic and in a very dirty and uncomfortable condition, every thing about him giving forth an intolerable stench. Is quite helpless — passes stools and urine under — Clothes & bed. Urine constantly dribbling — Has a bronchocele

Let him be put to bed and dressed up with —

20. Requires to be constantly watched to prevent his falling or injuring himself. Is completely fatuous — Takes his food well & undergoing a course of purification and measures are being adopted to keep him as dry and clean as his condition will admit of. Bowels relieved by means of Enemata. Has a sacral bedsore on the right side

25. The measures adopted to keep him clean and dry and remove the stench have been very successful. Can now sit with the other patients without giving offence. Is much improved in appearance. Mind hopelessly fatuous — Bowels opened by Castor oil and enemata — cont

31 — Is improving in his power of walking — Articulation is very indistinct. Is generally in a happy and cheerful state of mind — Is able to go out in the carriage — cont

April 10 — Continues to do well. The contrivances applied keep him perfectly dry during the day & for the most part during the night — They consist of sponge and Vulcanized India Rubber. Bowels moved by castor oil —

20. Takes regular exercise in the carriage & walking — Is improving in appearance — Has an occasional tendency to diarrhoea — apparently the result of a superior diet to that which he has been accustomed to — checked by milk diet —

30. Is in his usual state. Is comfortable and happy — Is occasionally restless during the night. Is taking his food well —

May 10 — Continues as last reported.

By — of Rec Co —

June 30 Is much in the same state. Is very feeble & paralytic —

Admitted 17th March 1833.

1833 July	Has had a shock of paralysis - was quite insensible - and very weak. Blister & cold applied to the head with encouraging -
	Rallied but very weak -
Aug 31	Is now confined to bed and is very weak - Bedsores have appeared on sacrum and over trochanters - Is evidently sinking
Sept. 7.	Gradually became weaker & insensible and this day

Died

Captain Johnstone Napier. aet. 28

74th Highlanders.

1853 March 26. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by Dr Mackintosh and two attendants from Rowe.

It said to have had a severe fall from his horse on the steeple of Limerick about four years ago by which he was rendered insensible.

Suffers from a nervous motion in the head which he says he has had from boyhood – and affection which he also says his father had.

It appears from the numerous letters (vide Letter Book entitled Patients Letters I). written by him that he entertained delusions anterior to the time of his marriage in May 1852) – Having written numerous letters to his superior officers and others on the subject of his delusions, it was found necessary to hold a Board of Medical officers at Fermoy on the 15th November 1852, to examine and report on his state of health. The Board consisted of Thos. Atkinson MD. Staff Surgeon 1st Class President. & Surgeon Robertson MD 2d Battn 1st Royals & 2d Class Staff Surgeon Smith members. The following is a copy of the Proceedings.

"The Board having duly assembled proceeded to minutely and carefully examine into the state of health of Captn Napier 74th Regt. aged 28 years. Find that Captn Napier is of a studious habit and highly nervous temperament. From the papers laid before us together with the statement of the Asst Surgeon of the Depot, the Board is of opinion that he is morbidly sensitive to insult real or imaginary.

"Major Monkland commanding the Depot says that he knows him always to be an attentive and zealous officer. It was only in March last that he became so peculiarly irritable which increased upon his getting command of the Depot and shortly after his marriage.

"The Board are of opinion that he is not at present in a fit state to take any responsible

Admitted 26th March 1833.

"Command in his Depot, and do
"therefore recommend Captain
"Hopin for six months leave of
"absence so as to remove him
"for the present from the scene
"of his imaginary annoyance".

(Signed) J Atkinson
G Robytson
J S. Smith

(A True Copy)
(Signed) James Conolly
Capt. A.D.C.
Cork 7. February
1853.

From the date of the meeting of the Board to the time of his admission here, as may be seen from his letters, more especially those to Mr Lewis his father in law & to Capt. Mason R.N. their mutual friend, his delusions seem not to have in any degree left him. His sojourn among his friends away from the scene of his troubles does not appear to have relieved his mind - Contradiction on the part of Mr Lewis and Capt. Mason instead of diminishing seems rather to have strengthened the force of his delusions.

His delusions which can be seen in his letters, in extenso - are as follows.

1. As regards his wife - that she has been the victim of a conspiracy headed by her own father that innocently on her part & in an unknowing way, she was dishonoured before her marriage that she gave birth to a 7 months child in November. (vide Dr Drew's letter) - that she was and is insane. that she drugged him with opiates &c. that it is not safe for him either to be with or to write to her own father or family -

2. In regard to his wife's father and family - that they have been and are in a conspiracy against him. that his father in law has been guilty of horrid and unnatural crimes for which he deserves to be hanged - that he & Mrs Lewis were in the habit of using metaphorical language to convey to him by double entendre, the most disgusting

over

Captain Johnston Napier act 28
74th Highlanders

1833
March 26. insinuations — the particulars too numerous to mention here

3. In regard to his brother officers that they are in a conspiracy against him — Specify Surgeon Robinson & others

4 — In regard to other parties refers to them as also being concerned in the conspiracy but out specifying particularly who they are

5. In regard to Free Masonry — Imagines that this has something to do with the whole subject. Speaks vaguely & unintelligibly on this subject

On other and general subjects speaks in a coherent rational, and intelligent manner —

Arrived late, took tea, having his mugs examined and was ordered to bed —

27. Passed a comfortable night and went to chapel — Is apt to be affected to tears. Seems to deplore deeply from the sad delusions under which he labours —

28. Is determined to have a full examination of the whole matter before a Board and has written to Sir A Alison on the subject of his capture and detention here —

29. Has entered pretty fully in conversation on the subject of his delusions — Says he has not been in good health for some time has a bottle of sarsaparilla which he brought with him, which he takes as a remedy for secondary syphilis which he imagines he has that this malady has not come in the usual way but that he has been punctured and inoculated with the virus — Imagines that his wife without consent or fault on her part gives him Chloroform and opium during the night, and that while he is asleep she punctures and inoculates him — Says he has found these punctures in the morning & that afterwards he suffers from pains and eruptions on his body — Says that on one occasion she gave him corrosive sublimate, from which he suffered

Admitted 26th March 1853

1853 March 29 for two days and that he saved his life by taking the whole of Eggs — Infers all this from the way in which she handed him the cup —

Having applied to the Sheriff for a remit, it was granted and Drs Rainy and Jno Cooper were sent to examine and report which they accordingly did —

April 12 Having received an unfavourable report and it having been decided by the Sheriff that he was insane he has now determined to address the Secretary of State for the Home Department with a view to have his allegations inquired into. Takes Sarsaparilla with the view of counteracting a syphilitic taint with which he supposes he has been inoculated — Has occasional headaches. Is employed on a plan of Rinsale & an invention for the establishment of a communication between the guard and driver on Railways —

28. Wrote a letter to his uncle today in which he reiterates his delusions and charges against his father-in-law &c in stronger language than ever (Vide Letter)

29 Wrote again today to his uncle retracting all his charges and professing the most profound contrition for his unjust and wicked accusations against his father-in-law and others — (Vide Letters) —

May 5. Is much depressed on account of his conduct and delusions towards his wife, father-in-law &c apologizes to Dr McGill & Mr Aitly for an unjust suspicion against them of having drugged his beer — Has some diarrhoea —

6 Is complaining of headache — apple rescat — Rhub —
Ry. Tr opii ʒfs —

7 Had an involuntary fit of laughter when the blister was putting on — Is muttering with voices speaking to him.

8. Spoke today of various passages in the Psalms which he has marked with a pencil, which he considers to apply directly to his case — Voices continue. Does not rest well — Ry Tr opii ʒfs — h. s.

9. This morning was found to have attempted self destruction by means of a pair of scissors with which he inflicted 5 punctures in the neck & about 14 over the lower part of sternum and stomach. Says he did it in the early part of the night & that he was permitted by God to do it. There is some swelling over the stomach

Captain Johnston Rapin

1833
May 9. and considerable pain on pressure
Lost a small quantity of blood. There
is no vomiting and no emphysema
in the parts. Wounds do not seem to
have penetrated deeper than the
skin and cellular tissue —
Cold water dressing applied —
To have fluid food cold and in
small quantity —
Was visited by his wife & uncle. At
first professed to desire that the wound
would be fatal — afterward was
sorry and desired to live —
10. There is no constitutional dis-
turbance. So hungry and desirous
of strong diet — Pain & swelling
much decreased. Bowels not moved
By. Ol Rec Co 3 oz —
11. So allowed to have ordinary
diet today — So anxious to see a clergy-
man — Sits out of bed to pray — Heard
a voice yesterday after noon saying
that his wife was dead — So confused
and absent —
15. So still hearing voices which he
believes to be intimations from a higher
power — Continues to be watched night
and day. and every means have
been taken to have every thing removed
from his reach by which he could injure
himself.
20 So still hearing voices which
give him contradictory intimations —
Had an interview at his own desire with
Mr Millar of Glasgow Master Mason of
the Lodge of St Mark of which he is a
member —
25. On a recent occasion in an inter-
view with his wife intimated to his wife
that a voice had told him that he was not
loved by her for three years and a half and
on his knees he made a vow to that effect
after this he heard a voice telling him to
see her & he wrote to her to come and
see him again he heard a voice say
that if she came she would meet with a
great calamity — During a whole day
he was alternately praying that a spirit
messenger should be sent to warn her
with a letter not to come and counter-
manding the order — So still carefully
watched night and day —
31. Continues to be under pretty de-
cided surveillance — Voices continue more
or less — So more cheerful.
June 6. Lay down for the first time allowed
to be in his room without an attendant

Admitted 26th March 1833

1833 June 15 continues cheerful and seems improving in his general health. Does not wish past occurrences to be alluded to or the subject of his delusions revived. Having resisted the appointment of a curator bonis, a remit was made from the court of Sessions to the Sheriff of Lanarkshire to visit and examine him. He was accordingly visited by Sheriff Bell & Drs Rainy and Macfarlane.

30 Is very unwilling to have the subject of his delusions touched upon. Is morbidly suspicious and very apt to take offence. Is afraid of everything that may appear to militate against the idea which he entertains or wishes others to believe, that he is now quite well. Is very anxious to return to his wife. The Report of the Sheriff to the Court of Sessions was to the effect that he was incapable of managing his affairs.

He has got a seton put in the back of his neck —

July 19 In conversation with Dr Mackintosh maintained on several occasions the good grounds he had for entertaining what he himself in the end of April last considered to be delusions also that the voices were real voices which he heard and not morbid sensations — Is very guarded and extremely suspicious — The simplest expression on the part of others give rise to the most unfounded suspicions of others. Is at times very nervous and agitated

24 His suspicions are at present very strong in regard to his letters. Has launched his indignation against a fellow patient with whom he was walking on account of a simple question which he construed into insult. Is at times nervous agitated and excited. Declines to answer questions about the sensations which he has frequently complained of in his head. Is often morose absent and silent — In conversation his mind seems preoccupied and he will frequently repeat the same statement in the same language

30. When out walking, with another patient and attendant, seemed to be very curious about a well and pretended to sound its depth

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James Buchanan aet.

1833
April 5. Was brought to the Asylum this evening by his brother.

It said to have been considerably changed in character and disposition since the death of his wife before which event he is reported to have led a quiet and temperate life. Since that time he is said to have been much addicted to the use of strong drinks and illicit intercourse with the other sex. It is only within a month however that he has manifested maniacal symptoms accompanied with delusion.

He has himself written a full and elaborate account of his case which he has submitted to various parties and can be referred to (as well as a more succinct one in a letter to his father (vide Letters).

On 15 March was induced to leave Glasgow by a person of the name of Lyons who represented himself as a Lieutenant appointed to her Majesty's Cutter Skylark at Scarboro. This person borrowed money from him. They went to Edinbro. where they got into the company of loose women with whom they went to the theatre and afterwards stood in a house of ill fame all night. They then left Edinbro for York by Railway. Mr B having left his watch and chains with Mr Beattie Star Hotel for Ten Pounds. From York (at which place Lyons informed him that he was simply an officer of excise and had no friends and could not repay the money) they proceeded to Malton. Here he found that his funds were exhausted & proceeds (in his letter to his father) in the following terms "In addition to this difficulty I found that it was arranged that I should be looked upon with suspicion as one of the Swell Mob. and a large number of persons dressed as disguised officers brought to look at me. Every one in the Hotel were hilty and impudent and tried to render my position as annoying as possible. I called at the pretended Justice of Peace Office and asked an explanation but received nothing but insult and taunting language. Proud and enraged in a way a rather variety of ways difficult to describe. As a last resource I thought nothing but there would be to send a telegraph message to Mr Jas M'Henry aet

Admitted 5 April 1833

1833 April 6 "a remittance of Twenty Pounds to which I received an answer which I enclose but no cash. In the evening I sent another Impage more lengthened than the first but received no answer in that Impage I asked the loan of Ten pounds – I had Tea in the evening in a small back parlour which appeared to be constructed so that a large number of persons could both see and hear all that took place within it, here I was placed under the influence of powerful galvanic batteries and exciting gases and made to speak and sing for the purpose of amusing the rabble" – and so on in a similar strain – He was afterwards seized on the streets of York by the police of York with a knife in his hand, and committed to prison till his friends could be communicated with. His brother went and brought him to Glasgow where after some days, his delusions still continuing, he was brought here –

On admission is calm cheerful and composed, and makes himself quite at home.

16 Is quite at home with his fellow patients, and freely amuses himself amongst them by singing playing at billiards &c. Is also employed in completing the narrative of events that occurred to him previous to his coming here. Speaks freely on the subject about being attacked by means of galvanic batteries and gases previous to his coming here, in presence of his fellow patients.

20 Is in good health and spirits. Employs himself pretty constantly in writing, reading &c. Does not allude much to the subject of his delusions –

30 Has been busy along with some other patients in getting up a newspaper called the "Greatmount Gazette" of which he is the Editor. Is also employed about a Literary Society. Has some facility in versification and has some of his productions in print –

May 16. Is full of employments editorial and otherwise. Seldom speaks on the subject of his delusions – That he still believes that May and Irvine in fact is manifested by his desire to what he had before he came here, to make investigations regarding the persons implicated in them by means of a lawyer – Has set aside his former legal & medical advisers because they will not second his views – A notice of him appeared in respect of his Cousin York in the "North British Daily Mail" entitled "A Disorderly Character" –

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John Moore aet:

1853
April 6. Was brought to the asylum by an attendant who was sent for him.

The following is a statement of his condition for some days previous to his arrival here by the medical gentleman attending him.

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138 George St
Glasgow 6 April
1853.

"I first visited Mr John Moore at his lodging 21 Richmond St on Friday the 1st instant. I was requested to see him by Mrs Margaret McColl. I am not aware that I ever saw him before. He was then in a state of great excitement. Without taking him to answer me at all satisfactorily as to the state of his health, he immediately commenced talking about the invasion of the French, then about Lord Palmerston and the good service he (Mr M) and a few other gentlemen of his acquaintance would render to the state, should they receive proper encouragement. He also spoke of some person that he together with others was looking after with a view to secure some money which did not justly belong to the party and afterwards to send him to Australia. He spoke of his intentions and prospects in relation to Rafell Mill. He told me he was just about to get married to the Barmaid in the North British Hotel and when I remarked that he required to consider the matter well before taking such an important step, he replied sharply, that it was not for any further consideration in the matter for he had made up his mind to it and he would have her. He proceeded rapidly with this discourse for it could hardly be called conversation evidently on the assumption that he was quite intelligible, whereas a great part of his statements could not possibly be understood without a great and particular knowledge of people and things which I had never heard of.

His strangely abrupt manner, his peculiar expression, his restlessness and obvious distress of mind, together with his vague incoherent, unintelligible unintelligible conversation, particularly his mysterious hints respecting his political importance and his own explicit information about his purpose of marriage satisfied me at once, that he was then in an unsound state of mind.

On Saturday the 2nd he continued much in the same condition. I saw him several times in the course of the

Admitted 6 April 1833

1833 April 6. day. He constantly manifested great anxiety about business without informing me what it was about. He always had a good many practis to see and he expected a number to call at his lodging. Between 7 & 8 O Clock P.M. he requested me immediately to send for professor Nicol as he wanted particularly to see him — Mrs M'Coll was present at the time and promised to do so and left the room as if for the purpose. He was pleased and thanked her. His Mother arrived at his lodging from [Renfrew] about 9 O Clock P.M. He was in the house when she came. He spoke to her privately a few minutes. He then wanted to go out again. His mother tried to dissuade him from it but he said he must go and he would go. I was in the house and the door had been previously locked by my direction. Finding that he could not get it opened and that an attempt was made by his Mother myself and some of the ladies in whose house he was lodged to keep him from getting away by guarding the door, he became extremely excited and furious. He threatened to knock me down, if I would not go from the door and lifting a heavy walking stick which he observed in the lobby, he flourished it repeatedly over my head. He asked the same part towards his Mother, and two of the other ladies. He was ultimately prevailed to go with a person to watch his movements. I saw him shortly afterwards in the North British Hotel and I accompanied him home. He did not then manifest the least resentment or ill feeling towards me.

On Sabbath he was very composed. He kept his bed all day. He conversed very intelligently on literary subjects. He said he felt much better. On Monday he was not quite so calm. His conversation was pretty correct — however so far as I had opportunity of hearing him, but he asked me if it was generally known in town that he was going to Kilsyth Mill

Information Received —

I am informed by the Misses M'Coll that Mr John Moon said on Monday last that he had that morning received a letter from Geo Hume M.P. relating to the business of the State. Also that he had 'smashed' a number of the Banks and that he intended smashing one of the Dundee Banks —

Geo Rendall M.D.

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Josiah Cot. æt: 58. Farmer

1883 April 11 Was brought to the Asylum today by his friends.

It said to have been insane for about a month. His disease has been characterized by depression with delusions - I imagines that he has committed great sins and is not worthy to live - that his children are dead - that his wife has deserted him &c

30 Has continued much in the same state since admission. Is generally better in the early part of the day - In the evening and during the night his delusions return in greater force and cause sleeplessness

By Sol Mon Morph 3½ P.S.

May 31 There is little change or improvement - Delusions continue to hold possession of his mind - Is very quiet - Bowels are rather costive -

June 30 Is occasionally more free from delusions - Is very anxious to get away - Imagines that his Children are kept from him - that his wife and friends are changed &c

July 11 His wife having determined to try him at home he was this day discharged

Relieved

Admitted 11 April 1833

Thomas Cathcartson ait:

1853
April 19 Was brought to the asylum by an attendant who was sent for him.
Has been ill for about a week. Has been much excited, noisy and violent. Imagines that currents of electricity are sent in all directions around him to his injury –
The cause of his present illness is supposed to have been, sitting up at night – and a slight fright upon him by his father's partner –
On admission is found to be much excited & quite incoherent – talking the most unintelligible nonsense about electricity –
20 In consequence of his great noise and excitement had to be put in seclusion –
24 Is still much excited and is for the most part secluded –
30 Excitement continues – Is very noisy – and talkative. Is still quite incoherent. Bowels costive –
May 15. There is no improvement. Is as noisy and incoherent as ever – and requires pretty constant seclusion
31 – Is as noisy and excited as ever. Is not able without injury to himself to mix with the other patients. Is kept by himself for the most part.
June 15 Continues much in the same state – Is excited and noisy. Is still incoherent and full of delusions – Is pale and exsanguious in appearance –
30 Is not improved – Is still very noisy and full of excitement
By Exposition of the S –
Chevers Lond of –
July 15 Is becoming more composed and rational – Is still occasionally noisy
31 Is much improved – Is now coherent and conducts himself quietly –
Aug 15 Is now quite quiet & rational.
31 Was this day removed by his father and discharged

Cured

Admitted 19 April 1833

Robert Smith act: Draper

1843
April 30 Was brought to the asylum to-day by 5 or 6 men, bound hand and foot with ropes.

Has only been ill on the present occasion for two or three days – Was formerly an inmate of this House from 28 Dec 1841 to 18 June 1842 when he was dismissed cured.

His present attack is characterized by excitement and violence with a determination to go to London to commence business on his own account.

Let him be put in seclusion

May 1. Is very irritable and quite incoherent. Is noisy and dirty.

5. Continues much the same takes his food well. Is very noisy Let his head be shaved and blistered

10 Excitement still continues with incoherence – His delusions are for the most part of a religious kind He prays sings & preaches very loudly.

15. Is still much the same: Excitement continues

20. Has been rather less excited for some days Has been able to be up and going about – Is still very irritable.

25. Was again required to be put in seclusion. being noisy and violent in his conduct.

31. Excitement still continues

June 30 Is still much excited. noisy and incoherent.

July 31 Is somewhat more composed and less noisy and incoherent –

Augt 31 Is much improved – Is conducting himself quietly. Is fairly coherent – Is getting stout.

Septr 30 Is now nearly well. Is quite quiet & rational –

30 Was this day removed by his sister and dismissed

Cured.

Admitted 30 April 1833.

John McNaughton aet:

1853
May 19 Was brought to the Asylum by Dr Mackintosh and Dr Fleming —
Has been insane for some months. Has been leading a debauched and dissipated life — Has been giving extensive orders for articles for which he has no use. Has been persisting in paying his addresses to a lady who will have nothing to say to him, buying jewellery &c
Has an imbecile child —

31 — After admission was very troublesome, tearing books and papers — Is most inveterate smoker. Is full of delusions. Imagines he is a Baronet and signs himself Sir John McNaughton. Proposes building houses, ships for australia &c.

Jun 30 Is in the same state of mind as at admission. Delusions continue. Sulkiness when provoked. Is generally very good humoured.

July 31 Continues in the same state mentally as at admission — Is stout and healthy. Is rather unsteady in gait.

Aug 31 Is very fond of playing at billiards and bowls. Delusions continue the same as before.

Septr 30 Is in good health. Mental state continues the same

Octr 31. Principal amusement is playing billiards, reading & smoking. Form extreme dropping in the lips but little in conversation. —

Nov. 23rd Is addicted to filthiness to a very inconvenient extent. Often writes letters to the Sheriff &c, & tries to get them conveyed by covert means. Some days ago had a slight perpetual sore, the result of want of cleanliness, which he supposes to be syphilitic, contracted from the dirt of the water-closet or by some such medium. —

1857 Jan 27. There is no change in habits or health.
Feb 28. Continues as in above report.
Is amorous, & for from honest in seeing up at billiards &c. & appropriates small articles without the least compunction. Seems to consider that great deference ought to be paid him now. Occasionally writes letters to the Sheriff &c —

Bodily health good.

March 31. Habits much as usual, only he has often been his gallery, where he sits in certain chair, intent on his reading, which is very multifarious, & smoking.

The following letter will show the state of his mind. The Mary McLachlan is an imaginary young woman.

Admitted 19th May 1833

5 paid to her in the establishment to be his cousin. He writes many letters to her & various other people, of late very similar in style & matter to the one given, - which is directed to -

"Mrs Mary Macmillan, Garthamel Castlemilk.

"Dear Lady, What says Mary Macmillan to my offer of £5 instead of £4 formerly offered as wages for Dorcas Kesper & Cook and Kitchen Maid; what says she to sleeping in the Kitchen bed, and locking herself in to prevent her being disturbed by any body when her & I go to Greenock, a Maid she is and a Maid she must continue, and no man must attempt to bring her to shame; should any offer to do so. I'd nobble them down and hand them over to the police and send them handcuffed to number one; or if it falls out in Greenock the same way I'll adopt & petition Sheriff Marshall to put them in Bridewell; send her up to the library when I will be waiting to hear what she says as to this letter to you. I have written a new letter of this days date, to my sister Charlie Dougall, which I send you for perusal; and if you approve of it, give it to Mary with postage stamp, sealing wax in Mr. Strachans room, and seal with Mary and the new letter or return I'll be to go with me to Miss Dalzell that I may be cured of Deafness and other things done good to my body which must not be written of - I am &c."

Has detailed to his fellow patients his being knighted by Queen Victoria who borrowed Prince Albert's sword for the purpose

14 Having complained of a singing in his ears for some days, his porter was stopped & a blister applied to nape of neck, but he assures it has been of no use but to torture him. -

Writes as usual. -

May 15. Writes as usual - Writes a good many letters to the same persons of a similar stamp with those mentioned above.

Occasionally grumbles at being kept here so long, his letters not being answered or any letter went not immediately attended to.

Often tells his fellow patients that he is going off at such a time, generally within 24 hours.

Is any mistake in his dealings at billiards he complains loud of the singing in his ears.

June 11. No change in habits of letter-writing &c.

July 14. Habit of smoking, sipping &c continues.

Looks more drowsy & dull of late. Says his gums bad.

J. P. - L.S.

Robert Geddes ult:

1833
May 22 Was brought to the Asylum by Dr McGhie and one of his friends.
Was formerly a patient here from the 6th July 1831. to May 12 1832 when he was dismissed cured.
Became suddenly unwell a few days ago when about to leave town by the Railway, when he has to return to his mother's house. He has had an epileptic fit and been much elevated – and could with difficulty be kept in bed –
On admission is pale, trembling and covered with a cold clammy perspiration.
23. Had two epileptic convulsions this morning in the latter of which he

Died

Admitted 22 May 1853.

Mr James Hunter aet.

1883 June 2. Was brought to the Asylum today by his brother and two attendants who were sent for him.

Has only been maniacal for a few days. The outbreak was sudden and violent. He made a great noise and attempted to get out at the window. He has also made two attempts at self strangulation.

He is quiet at intervals and the paroxysms of violence come on with great suddenness.

On admission is found to be pale thin and emaciated. Is said to have suffered much from dyspepsia. Vomited shortly after admission.

℞ Sol Mur Morph ʒij et
Cerevisiae ℞j h.s.
et repet in opus sic.

3. Passed a restless morning and second night. The attendant experienced some difficulty in keeping him in bed. After being taken up and dressed became violent, dashing his hands and body against chairs &c. Was immediately put in the padded room. Was found to have excoriated the knuckles of his hand. Requires two men to keep him in bed.

℞ Tart antim gr j
Sol Mur Morph ʒij.
Aqua ℞viij —
Cap cochlear magn. bis. hor.
Abrad capill. et applic
Vesicat. Cap et Sumat.

4. Still continues restless with sudden paroxysms, in which he attempts to bite himself and the attendants. Managed to fix his teeth in his right forearm. Has had the cold douche applied to the head with constant application of cold cloths.

℞ Sol Mur Morph ʒj.
Tart Antim grj ss h.s.
et rep. 4ª. 1ª h. donec Som sopat
℞. Nux C Cut gtt xxxvj
Dis in pulv. vi quam. cap. in nocte 3ª h.

5. Is still liable to paroxysms but not of so great violence. Pulse is still considerably accelerated skin warm.

applic Vesicat. Sumat.

Contin mx —

6. Is now much composed and slept well after one of the draughts prescribed above. Pulse is much reduced in frequency, and has had no paroxysms this morning —

Admitted 2 June 1833.

1833 June 8. Still raving. Now composed and again only one Man to watch him Night and day. Is quite quiet and seems prostrated in consequence of his previous excitement — omitt. m.

9. Continues quite quiet and says he feels better. Bowels not open

By Ol Ric Co 3ij.

10 Bowels have been moved twice still quiet.

30 Is now raving quite quiet, but is gloomy and depressed — Is thin and unhealthy looking. Let him have cod-liver oil & pint of Porter daily —

30 Is still very quiet and much depressed and labouring under delusion. Complains of pain in the left side of his chest.

Right side is not quite so clear as the left. Difference very slight. Has a phthisical appearance.

Aug 2. His friends having determined to remove him he was this day discharged

Relieved

Archibald Barr. aet:

1833 June 5. Was brought to the Asylum today by an attendant who was sent to wait upon him —

It said to have been ill for about five weeks — He was taken ill in Bath where he was established in business. In consequence of his illness, his father brought him to Glasgow. Anxiety about his business with deranged state of the bowels is stated to be the cause of his illness. His delusions are said to be various.

His excitement immediately before being brought was so great as to render it impossible for him to be kept longer at home.

On admission his conversation is quite incoherent and unintelligible. His eyes are bilious and injected. He is much excited —

At Bedtime had a great paroxysm of excitement when it took four men to hold him.

Was quiet during the night had two men, one on each side of him.

6 Ry. Lol Mun Morph 3j
Tart Antim 0 ss 4.5

6. Bowels have been freely moved by medicine. Is quite calm today but still incoherent.

Ry. Ugo c cuba pr r. Sum: die —

7. Keeps quiet for the most part is taking his food pretty well. — cont

9. There is little on the change. Is occasionally noisy. Is quite incoherent

11. Tongue is rather dry and fur accumulated. Is reported to have been noisy this morning —

15 Is quite incoherent and for the most part considerably excited — appl — Empl Lytta Nuchae —

Bowels kept open by medicine

25. Is still quite incoherent and excited — With himself and in dirty and disturbing habits. Takes his food well. Requires to be confined to his room for the most part —

30. Is much in the same state as before reported —

July 15 Is still excited and incoherent. Is able to be taken out to the airing court — R Cervis Lond oj. quot.

31. Is still excited and incoherent. With his bed during the night — Has no lucid moment — cont

Aug 31. Is more composed and feel better at night — Is still incoherent.

Admitted 5 June 1853.

1853
Sept. 30. Is for the most part quiet, and is occasionally more coherent. Is still full of delusions — General health good.

Oct. 30. Is generally quiet & occasionally can converse pretty rationally — altho' he still entertains a good many fallacious beliefs — Believes himself to be quite recovered & is very anxious to get out. Bodily health is good.

Nov. 26 Continues to improve.

Nov. 28 Continues well & rational, quiet & well behaved. Amuses himself with reading, billiards &c. Is in very robust bodily health.

28 Was this day dismissed

4 Cured. —

James Buchanan ast.

1833
May 31 — Has now by the advice of a fellow-patient thrown over his usual legal adviser and got another called Kennedy to write for him to parties in England concerning his adventures at Port and Malton.

June 9. — Stated to Dr Macintosh that he had the belief that his delusion was real, but that he wished to be convinced that they were not real if they were not so. But the delusions he says have lost hold upon his mind now than they had before.

10 — Complains of headache, evidently the result of excitement produced by his constant writing and consulting with his lawyer.

By Hanset Mgr. Zir —
with consent in the open air

11 — Bowels have been fairly moved
2 headache relieved.

12. — A petition having been drawn up by his legal adviser and presented to the Sheriff, and a deliverance having been given that an investigation into his case should be commenced to-morrow, and whereas it is maintained in the petition that the patient was not insane at the time of his admission, and also that he is not now insane, I deem it necessary this evening to have a conversation with the patient to satisfy myself as to his present mental state — in respect to the allegation that he was sane at the time of his admission, the written statement above referred to, the greater part of which was written immediately before his admission, and the concluding part some days after his admission, the conversation which he held with me on the subject of his delusions in presence of some of the other patients is sufficiently conclusive. For some weeks during which time was much employed in the editing and composing of the "Satirical Gazette" it was considered best to let the subject drop in the hope that it might in time altogether vanish, but the above mentioned proceeding, unhappily for the patient having been adopted, the whole subject has again been revived.

The state maintains in their totality all the statements contained in the paper above referred to, and maintains strongly that there is not sufficient internal evidence to justify medical men in certifying him to be insane, and further he maintains that though he is kept here for a twelve-

Admitted 5 April 1853.

1853
June 12 Month, he will stand to all that it contains – He asserts that he never was, & that he is not now, insane – and that if he ever was insane he is so now – On almost every other subject apart from his delusions he is shrewd and intelligent he is very much inclined to be satirical both in his conversation and letters. From this days examination I am fully satisfied either that his delusions have never in any degree abated in force or that they have now returned in all their original vivacity.

30 – Has been a good deal employed in getting up the second No. of the Gentleman's Gazette – Has been writing a sharp letter to his legal adviser who has been answering his letters & doing anything towards getting his case investigated. Has threatened if he does not immediately proceed that he will again apply to the Sheriff. Has a great amount of self-conceit and meddlesome interference, and is very much disposed to indulge in seditious writing and insolence towards others – So forward and overbearing in the highest degree.

July 31 Has now completely changed his tone – has written to the Sheriff to order his legal adviser to return to him all his papers –

Aug 31 So keeping well and free from excitement. Delusions latent

Sept 1 Was this day discharged

Relieved

John Moon aet:

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1843
April 6 On admission was considerably excited and demanded to see the Sheriff.

10 Is now considerably calmed down and is conducting himself quietly. Is of a sanguine turn of mind. The subjects alluded to in the previous foregoing communication have not been mentioned or spoken of to him.

20 Continues calm and composed. Does not refer to or converse upon the subject of his delusions, though it is believed that his mind is not yet altogether free of them —

30 Is employing himself in conjunction with some other gentlemen in getting up a literary club and newspaper. Is of a very lazy and indolent disposition and little inclined to active employment.

May 15. Continues free from excitement. Is much addicted to smoking and lounging in bed. Is wanting to get away. Does not seem to be quite free from his delusions —

31. Sleeps pretty well. Has read two papers in the literary club and employs himself on the newspaper.

June 30 Is very impatient to get away. Is now quite recovered

July 6. Afterwards from Dundas having come for the purpose of removing him he was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 6 April 1833.

John Guthrie act

from 184

1853
May 31 - Is still evidently labouring under delusions; this state of mind he for the most part endeavours to conceal though ineffectually. Says that all that is the matter with him is indigestion, and that he is quite able to engage in mercantile employment. Is frequently maniacal in the expression of his eye. Is very suspicious, shy and evidently afraid of betraying himself -

Jun 30 Continues much the same as before -

July 31 Is very nervous & suspicious in temper. Though at present exercising a considerable degree of control over himself. Is very far from being well

Aug 31 Delusions continue, tho only manifested incidently and at unguarded moments.

Sept 30 Is very impatient lately out, but is still far from being fit though able to exercise a considerable degree of self control

Oct 31st Continues much as in previous reports

Is now very conversable on general topics. -

Nov 28th Is impatient of contradiction & of his confinement here. Imagines his opinions on all points to be founded on just principles & to be perfectly correct.

Health pretty good, but requires a laxative pill occasionally, & an occasional purge.

1854
Jan 27. With the exception of occasional fits of gloominess arising at his being kept here - aggravated by his dyspeptic attacks, he generally is pleasant & joins in conversation cheerfully. Altho' extremely reserved when formerly requested to do so, he the other day - voluntarily offered to do some little literary work for the I.L.

Dyspepsia & constipation is rather his troublesome at present.

Feby 28 Is still extremely sensitive, & altho' he is generally very agreeable to the officials, he associates but little with his fellow-patients for several weeks, & has even taken his meals at a side-table, giving as an excuse the "nervous" character of a fellow-patient, who, for a filthy woman in that respect from coming much in contact with. The fact is however that the patient alluded to seems to be more likely to benefit Mr G. than the woman, & has a man of cultivated mind though proxy. They were very intimate for some time till this "split" took place.

Has had 2 blisters to nape of neck voluntarily

Readmitted 9 November 1853

March 31. He states to the fellow patient mentioned in last report, previous to the dismissal of the latter that there is, in his belief, a certain mysterious conjunction between the minds of different men, & that the minds of the rest of the patients in the same gallery depend as it were upon his, (Mr G's) & as he knows his is not strong enough to be a prop for so many to rest upon, he must associate but little with them or see the consequences. Believes that even by two men passing near each other there is a certain mutual reaction on either side.

Is occasionally rather morose, especially bowels are constipated.

Walks a great deal in the airing ground - is often out there an hour or two before breakfast. Loses sound of "getting among crickets" report, especially as he has seen his brother once or twice lately.

May 15. Lately by solicitation got leave to work in the garden all day, but as it was found that instead of employing himself rationally, he took a book & read almost constantly this privilege was stopped - merely out of spite as he with much bitterness states.

Is often pretty conversable & pleasant & occasionally joins in a game at cards with his fellow-patients - but at other times especially when troubled with indigestion or constipation is apt to be very morose sneering at the medical officials - their self-conceit - self-importance - ignorance - & chagrin to find every one mad to be.

Has a walk in the airing-court before breakfast every (dry) morning -

June 14. Is quite sometimes about not getting away. Says he is determined to publish in some journal, an account of the way in which he has been treated.

G. B. Good.

30 Has lately been more pleasant under the prospect of speedy dismissal, but still occasionally gives vent to his bile against the officials &c, & in a special against the fellow-patient (Mr J. S. Thomson) whom he supposes to have a lurking hatred of him (Mr G.) on account of the latter having become aware - but how, he does not state - of the former having cause to be jealous of his wife with a Glasgow medical man - the whole matter being probably a creation of Mr G's brain.

His friends came for him today, & as many circumstances, some of them double-edged, intimate him to be of unsound mind, he is dismissed

Relieved.

James Anderson ack.

from Vol XVI p.

1833 July 31	Continues to enjoy good health. Goes out almost daily and walks in the grounds when the weather permits.
Aug 31	He is in his usual state, quiet and taciturn & conducting himself with the utmost propriety.
Sept 30	There is no change in any respect since last report.
Oct 31.	Continues as in previous reports. Has a good deal of out door exercise.
Nov 23rd	He very quiet & well conducted. Seldom speaks unless he is questioned, when he answers rationally. Has regular carriage exercise every day & walks occasionally.
1834 Jan 27.	Continues to go through his usual routine habits. He is in very good health.
Feb 28.	No change in taciturnity, regularity or good health.
March 31	Methodical habits & taciturnity continue unchanged.
May 15.	Continues in his regular routine. He allowed to walk in the ground alone, but invariably paces backwards & forwards a certain part of the road (about 30 yds long) near the gate. Health of body good.
June 14.	In status quo.
July 14.	Continues as in above reports.
Aug. 15.	Habits & health as above. He always sits in the same position, erect, arms with his legs crossed & hence is almost constantly shifting the position of one or other of his feet when seated.
Sept 16.	Has many peculiarities of manner, all the more of them are peculiarly obtrusive as. The of his gloves is always pulled on only to half the thumb, the fingers hanging loose. He methodical & taciturn as before.
Oct 15.	No change in methodical, quiet habits, & taciturnity. Appears quite the wreck of all that was a normal mind.
Nov 28th	Continues very quiet. takes a good deal of exercise. bodily health continues good.
Dec 30th	Continues as in the above reports.
1835 January 28th	There is no marked change observed. Continues to walk in the grounds alone but invariable paces backwards and forwards a certain part of the road. There is no change on bodily health.
March 28th	No change.
April 30th	Continues in his regular habits.
May 31st	He very quiet never speaks unless spoken to. He daily goes out for a drive in the carriage along with another patient which he seems to enjoy very much. He takes his food well functions regular.

Admitted October 13 1847.

June 30. There is no change in any respect since last reported. appetite good bowels regular.

July 30. Continues in his regular routine lies always in the same posture and never speaks nor associate with any of his fellow patients takes his food well functions natural

August 25. So in every respect the same as in former reports.

Sept. 30. So in his usual state quiet and tractable and conducting himself with the utmost propriety.

October 31. So in the enjoyment of good bodily health. State of mind continues unchanged. Has regular evacuations

Nov. 17. So very quiet and well conducted in other respects is the same as in foregoing reports

Dec. 31. So in every respect as quiet and as regular in his habits as described in foregoing reports. He never speaks nor associate with any of his fellow patients. Bodily health good

1856 January 31. So in his usual state conducting himself with the utmost propriety

July 28. There is no change in any respect since last reported

April 30. Continues to enjoy good health goes out almost daily and walks in the grounds when the weather permits

May 30. Continues in the same way as described in previous reports

June 16. No change since last reported.

July 30. So in the enjoyment of good bodily health. goes out daily when the weather permits. takes his food well.

August 30. There is no change either mentally or bodily since last reported

Sept. 30. No change

October 27. Continues in the enjoyment of good bodily health. State of mind remains unchanged.

Dec. 31. No change whatever since last reported General health good

1857 February 28. So in his usual state, quiet and tractable and conducting himself with the greatest propriety

April 30. There is no change whatever since last reported

May 27. Since last reported has been rather restless and more confused. Constantly moving about the gallery and occasionally kneeling before the Chest. He has not been taking his food so well of late

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Archibald McRae. aet:

from Vol XII p 246

1833 May 31	Is quite childish in disposition. Is generally taciturn. Is occasionally frank and speaks a few sentences. Takes his food well. Functions regular.
June 30	Is frequently, as he says very happy at other times is sluggish and taciturn. Enjoys good health.
July 31	Is in his usual state of health. There is no improvement in his mental state. Is cleanly though rather untidy in his habits.
Aug 31	Is in all respects as described above.
Sept 30	No change or improvement in mental state. Is in good health.
Oct 31st	Continues in previous report. Speaks little & now, even when directly addressed.
Nov 23d	Remains unchanged in all respects.
Dec 4 Jan 1837	Is as above described. —
	Altho' he never speaks to any one unless spoken to, yet he occasionally returns monosyllabic answers to questions addressed to him. Indulges in many queer personal mannerisms while walking about.
	Had an attack of purging for one day about a fortnight since but is now in his usual healthy fair state of health.
Feby 28.	Taciturn & inoffensive as ever.
March 31.	Conducts himself quietly & harmlessly as heretofore.
May 15.	Walks the yard, & is perfectly & perhaps altogether by himself with his hands in his coat pockets. Is very taciturn but answers questions in a few syllables. Attends chapel & behaves with considerable propriety.
	Health good.
June 14.	Habits unchanged. Never speaks more than a few words in answer to any question, & does not interest himself in any thing.
	Lately discovered to be infested with head, body, & pubic lice which had in a few days infected some other patients, & after measures being taken, is in another yard to insure their eradication.
July 14.	Habits unchanged. Taciturn as ever. The other day said to D.S. "Do you know Dr McCall of (an Earlier name) - the first original unmask the letter I ever heard him make.
	This being now apparently free of parasites, he is again back to his former yard.
Aug 15.	Reticent, taciturn & indolent as ever.
Sept 16	Sometimes carries chairs to for the attendant. Otherwise has no employment or amusement, (hardly smoking).
Oct 15.	Very taciturn & reticent, but answers a simple question rationally.

Admitted June 24 1848.

Nov. 31st. Is at present very station. Never speaks but is oft muttering to himself in an inconsistent tone of voice. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. takes his food well bowels regular

Dec. 31st. 1848. Is in all respects as described above

January 31st Habits continues unchanged. he is a taciturn as ever. when asked any question gives a very indistinct answer. He never associate with any of his fellow patients.

Amuses himself by reading occasionally. He is rather careless about his dress. takes his food well. bowels regular.

Feby 28th. No change since last reported appetite good bowels regular

March 31st. No change or improvement in mental state. Is in good health

April 31st. Remains unchanged in all respects

May 31st Mind still continues very weak he is a quiet and distant as ever. He occasionally gives answers to question put to him bodily health continues good takes his food well. bowels regular

June 31st. Is in every respect the same as in former reports appetite good bowels regular

July 31st. No change since last reported on either bodily or mental health

August 25th. Is in his usual state of health There is no improvement on his mental state.

Sept. 31st. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. Never speaks more than a few words in answer to any question asked him He never speaks to any of his fellow patients. takes his food well bowels regular

October 31st. There is no change on either mental or bodily health In other respects he is the same as in foregoing reports

Nov. 17th. Habits continues unchanged — General health continues good takes his food well bowels regular

Dec. 31st. There is no improvement on mental health bodily health continues good. He never speaks more than a few words in answer to any question asked him He walks daily in the airing court and goes out occasionally in the omnibus

Oliver Barker cont from page 1

1833
Aug 31 Continues as before. Shouting and noising both during the day and night. Is in good health

Sept 30 Never speaks without any one expect it be to scream at them when he is spoken to. Is as noisy as ever

Oct 31st Continues in the same state, noisy as ever. Is not dangerous if not meddled with, in which case he is very irritable. — In good health.

Dec 31st Was this day transferred to Foot House

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Admitted 23 May 1839

James Anderson

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June 10th — Is still restless and confused. is not taking his food so well. He is still in the habit of kneeling before the Chair in the hall. He is very tractable. He has had getting the following medicine for the last few weeks.

℞ Liquor Mur. Ferri 3iv
Sulph Zinc ℘ x ℈ ii
Aquæ ℥ x ℥ ii ad 3 vi.

℞ A table spoonful three times a day

" 30th — Is on the whole not so restless and confused. He is taking his food better. Takes a good deal of exercise in the open air daily.

July 30th — Since last reported has on the whole been fairly well. Continues to take regular exercise in the open air daily. Takes his food eating well.

Sept. 29th — Is very quiet and well conducted, seldom speaks unless he is questioned. Takes regular exercise

October 30th — There is no change since last reported.

Dec. 29th 1858. — Is in every respect in much the same way as when last reported.

Janry 30th — Is in his usual state endeavoring himself with the greatest perfect

Febry 28th — Is at present in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is as taciturn and as methodical in his habits as ever.

March 30th — No change

April 28th — He is much the same state

May 30th — There is no change in any respect since last reported. Is daily taking regular exercise in the open air

June 30th — No Change since last reported.

Augt 2 — Since last report, had been much about his usual health. very quiet & taciturn & regular in his habits. last night took supper as usual & apparently enjoying his usual health, retired to bed. He was found dead in his bed this morning by his attendant. The clothes were unruffled, his countenance was calm & placid his knees slightly drawn up & his hands folded across his abdomen, his fingers being interlaced in his usual peculiar manner. There was every reason to believe that he

Died

calmly & without a struggle —

" 4 — Permission having been obtained from his nearest relatives to institute a post. M. examination as to the cause of death the following post mortem appearances were detected viz —

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David Blayte. ad

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1833

March 31 Continues in his usual state. Is always very incoherent and at times very irritable. Is sallow and unhealthy looking.

April 30. There is little or no change since last report. Will not allow himself to be interfered with. Is always speaking about the management of the house and people being allowed to come in to trouble him.

May 31. Is in his usual state. Is thin and unhealthy looking — cannot be induced to take medicine — Is very capricious about his food.

Jun 30 Is falling off in flesh and is not so robust in health as usual. Does not seem to suffer from any particular ailment.

July 18. Is confined to bed. Appetite has failed considerably — Is thin and emaciated in appearance. At his hand half tea & 2 glasses of sherry besides his part of porter daily.

Refuses to take medicine

28. Is still in bed. Bowels costive. Great difficulty in getting him to take medicine. Takes the following

P. Sudlitz j.

Selph Magnes 3ij. f. haust.

31. Is still in bed. Takes his food sparingly — Takes chiefly — Beef Sea puddings. Jags. Porter & Sherry.

Aug 15 Is gradually becoming weaker — Will scarcely take any thing. Is much emaciated.

23. Has been gradually sinking for some days & this day he

Died

Aug.

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Aug. 4 Post mortem appearances observed –

1 Examination of the Contents of the Cranium:

Dura Mater adhering in several places to the Subjacent membranes –

Arachnoid – thickened – whitened throughout & adhering in several places firmly to the brain –

Pia Mater very much injected – Choroid plexus much enlarged thickened & spongy –

The Sub Arachnoid Spaces were filled with fluid, so much so that little waves were produced by pressure on the brain. The ventricular fluid was likewise much increased –

The Bloodvessels on the Surface of the Brain were much Congested –

A Small Clot of Blood was found on the Respiratory tract –

The Substance of the Brain – Several portions of the Surface of the Convolutions softened – Cineritious matter considerably thickened & an apparent corresponding diminution of the white matter in the Convolutions. Substance of the brain much injected.

2 Examination of the Chest –

1st Pleura – old pleuritic adhesions in several places –

2nd Lungs so far as observed, healthy

3rd Heart & Large Bloodvessels – –

A Considerable quantity of fluid was found in the Pericardium & several bands of lymph were observed stretching across from the latter to the Substance of the heart – Heart large & flabby – Surface of Right ventricle loaded with fat – Left ventricle dilated & unequally hypertrophied – Section of walls showed muscular Substance to be pale giving evidence of fatty degeneration. Ventricle (left) filled with Clotted blood –

Mitral Valves & tubercles atheromatous deposit – the others valves healthy –

John Cameron

The preponderance of p. m. appearances in the head seemed to indicate death from Serous apoplexy & we reported accordingly –

Johnstone Napier at 28

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1833
July 30 when he was observed by another patient who asked what he was doing at the well. As this he was evidently offended and went into the House.

Aug. 1 To day asked an interview with Dr Mackintosh at which he stated that he was subjected to annoyance and insult before he came here, so there was a regular organized combination in this house for the same purpose. That it consisted of Dr McGhie and the patients with whom he was in the habit of conversing viz Messrs Aytoun Bruce & Buchanan. Did not specify any direct acts of insult or annoyance by these parties. Wished to have Dr Mackintosh's opinion of the matter this he promised to give him the following day.

2. To day called upon Dr M. to give his opinion of the matter stated the day before. He had prohibited Dr M. from speaking to the other patients about it. Dr M. stated the matter to Dr McGhie who denied having in any way either directly or indirectly either annoyed or insulted him. Dr M. accordingly stated to him that he believed his suspicions and allegations to be groundless.

31 Continues in the same state of mind. So morbidly suspicious and takes great offence at expressions used by others in conversation which has no reference to him but which he thinks is levelled at him by a sort of double entendre. Still believes that the voices he heard when he attempted to destroy himself were real voices. That he had good grounds for the ideas which he entertained in regard to his mother officers.

Sept. 30 Has still the same delusions in respect to expressions levelled at him by double entendre. So extremely suspicious and most easily offended on the most imaginary grounds.

Oct. 31st Roughly appears to be in better spirits since he has come acquainted with a monument for his. He misses from the asylum by his friends altho' still too ready to imagine he is slyly intended to hurt by expressions which in general conveys not perceived

Admitted 26th March 1833

on the shadow of such an intention.

Nov 5. With the consent of his relations, who cautioned the moment by jealousy that the sale of his Commission might be opposed — he was today dismissed. Relieved.

William Wallace at

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1853
May 31 — Is conducting himself quietly and with propriety and is rather depressed. General health is good —

June 30. — Is still quiet and composed and rather depressed. Less talkative and more given to reading

July 31 — Has much excited for some time and has required to be kept in seclusion. Association with others increases his excitement and gives rise to paroxysms of anger and noisy declamation.

Aug 31 — Is at present rather quiet and depressed — Is in good health

Sept 30 — Is in his usual state.

Is at present quiet — Delusions continue the same as before

Oct. 31 — Delusions on many subjects are rampant in his mind. Irritable if contradicted, but good-humouredly acquiesces if his statements are acquiesced in. — Bodily health excellent

Nov. 23rd — Since last report was to days in bed from disinclination & inability to walk about but is now in his usual bodily & mental condition.

1854
Jan. 27. — Has been about his usual, going about careless & good humoured as ever. Indulges in general flights of fancy about the future prospects & plans of himself & others, & dwells on all possible subjects.

G.H. very good.

Feby 28. — Continues as at last report good humoured & ridiculously talkative.

In good bodily health.

March 31. — Still careless & generally good humoured, forming the most curious combinations between persons he meets now & those he has met previously or heard or read of, founded on resemblance of name or persons &c —

May 15. — Continues irrelevantly careless & generally good-tempered, altho' he flies into paroxysms of rage if rudely contradicted but can be easily mollified by proper management. —

Bodily health pretty good.

June 14. — Indulges in the most extravagant flights of fancy with regard to his plans relative to the management of the house, the disposal of individuals, the Russian war &c &c — Is generally very good-humoured, & often shewed in his remarks. G.H. tolerable.

July 14. — No change in odd sayings or habits. Rather cross for 2 or 3 days back, possibly because he missed getting a talk with the Sheriff.

Sept. 15. — Full as ever of extravagant schemes about property & persons. Sticks fast to his cap, but is in hat, shirt, coat & clothing his embleme!

Admitted 16 July 1845

counts no prisoner. Makes strong remarks concerning
Health food.

Sept. 16. Has been considerably duller & less talkative
& fanciful ever since he was detected plotting
with Mr. McKinley to put the attempt into
"no occasion."

Oct. 15. State in the dull & complaining. If his confinement
long, the bad management of his affairs he laments,
but all in a very in coherent, fanciful way.

Nov. 30. Is at present a good deal excited
and noisy. He at present fancies
that he is an officer. He ornaments his
hat with feathers and bits of red
strings and cloth. His bodily health
continues good. bowels natural.

Dec. 30. Since last report is not so much
excited. He is at present good
humoured and says that he is on
receipt of ten rooms starting daily
as long as he is kept here.
He at present reads the newspapers
daily. bodily health good

1853.
January 30. Continues as in last report good
humoured and talkative.

Feby 28 Is at present good humoured but
is easily excited if contradicted
He is full of the most extravagant
delusions about himself and
others. general health good.

March 30. Is at present very much excited
both by day and night. He is
also inclined to be violent
This morning there was a pair
of drawers taken out of his room
stuffed full of bread and other
eatables. When asked what he
was going to do with it said
that he was preparing for a
winter campaign. When told that
he would require to part with it
he was very noisy.

April 30. Is now on the whole quieter than when
last reported. There is no abatement
in character of delusions general
health good.

May 30. There is no marked change since
last reported in either bodily or mental
health.

June 30. Is in his usual state. Eats a
great deal. His conversation is very
incoherent and full of the most
extravagant delusions. General
health good

July 30. There is no change on mental health
general health good.

August 25. Is in every respect the same as in
two former reports.

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1853
Aug 31 — Is in his usual state. Is quiet and depressed — Is in excellent health.

Sept 30 — Continues in all respects as described in foregoing reports.

Oct. 30th — Continues very quiet & well conducted. Is rather reserved. — Bodily health good.

Nov. 23d — No change in any respect.

1854
Jan. 27 — Continues unchanged. Very well-behaved, & fair form and manner. — G. H. Good.

Feb. 28 — No change in health or habits. Is civil quiet, diffident, & well-conducted.

March 31 — No change in habits. Is very diffident & hesitating in conversation. —

May 15 — Habits almost in no amusement except cards at an old time. Is very quiet & well-conducted.
G. H. robust

June 14 — No apparent change in any respect.

July 14 — The only pursuit he indulges in is an occasional game at bowls or cards. Quiet, & well-behaved.

Aug. 15 — No change in any good-humour & intellect habits. Is totally idle except an occasional game at cards or bowls. Appears contented. Health good.

Sept. 16 — Still simpleminded as above. Three days ago fell on the steps in the airing-court, & fractured the fibula of left leg at the lower third, which was put up & bandaged by Dr Lumsy. Does not take well with the confinement to his. Still comments with considerable acerbity upon his detention here — & instances Lumsey & another patient (Mr Ja. Spiller) as being quite fit to leave, & only kept men to keep up the funds of the house —

Oct. 15 — Simple-minded as before. Leg is now nearly well — & he again walking about a little.

November 20th — He is still same and is fully admitted to be ~~[illegible]~~ for months past, there is no change on either bodily ~~[illegible]~~ mental health

Dec. 26th — Is in his usual state. He is very civil and well behaved — general health continues good

1855
January 2d — Was today rather talkative. Spoke in no measured terms about his brother "said that it was not very like the treatment that one brother might expect from another. G. H. good.

February 20th — Is in his usual way, amuses himself at cards. Mind still continues weak.

March 16th — No apparent change in any respect.

April 26th — Continues much the same as in former reports.

Admitted 7th May 1854

May 31st There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report he talks rational on most subjects and avoids broaching his delusions takes his food well bowels regular

June 30th In the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is now getting very discontented at being kept here he annoys many evening in the bowling green along with the rest of the patients. He is very quiet and civil in conversation appetite good bowels regular

July 30th There is no change in health or habits. He is quiet civil and well conducted. takes his food well bowels natural

August 25th In in every respects the same as in former reports

Sept 30th His mind still continues very weak he is very excitable and often thrills some of his fellow patients.
His general health continues good appetite sleep and bowels regular

October 31st Continues in every respects as described in foregoing reports

Novr 17th In the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is still very irritable. A few days ago quarrelled with a fellow patient — and has to be transferred to another gallery. He takes his food well bowels natural

Decr 31st In very easy circumstances. Converses freely with his fellow patients. Seems at times to be considerable depression. Walks daily in the airing court. In the enjoyment of good bodily health

1856
January 31st Continues in the enjoyment of good bodily health. In very indolent in his habits In other respects is in the same state as in foregoing report.

Feby 29th His mental health continues in the same weak state. In conversation avoids broaching any of his delusions. He is as irritable as ever and often makes use of very abusive language towards some of his fellow patients. In in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

March 31st There is no marked change either mentally or bodily since last report

April 30th Since last report was removed to another gallery in consequence of constantly quarrelling with a fellow patient. Bodily health good

May 31st There is no change in any respect

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William M. Jones act 18
Clerk

1833
June 14 Was brought to the asylum by his Aunt and an attendant.

Has been ill for about a week – Is very pale and sanguine in appearance. Has been bled from the arm and had his head shaved – Has been very much excited – Cause of his illness is said to have been troubled and anxiety about his education for the Ministry –

His father was expected here on two occasions –

Let him have beef tea & port wine. Talks incoherently.

15 Is still much excited – Talks incoherently and quite incoherently. Is said to be addicted to mastubation. Let him have wine and beef tea.

17. Is still considerably excited talking incoherently – cont

25. Excitement has entirely subsided. Is now quiet and taciturn. Walks out. Is improving in appearance –

31 – Is very quiet and taciturn takes his food well with regular exercise & improving in his health.

July 10. Is still quiet and taciturn. Is taking his food well. Can scarcely be made to answer any question. Smiles in an imbecile manner when spoken to.

20. Continues much in the same way. Appetite very strong. Is gaining flesh rapidly –

31 Is as quiet and taciturn as ever. Seldom speaks or even answers when addressed. Appetite good. Health improving.

Aug 31 Is still taciturn. Reads a little. Sits in the most constrained and rigid position – scarcely moving a muscle for a considerable time. Is improving in health.

Sept 30 Is in the same state as described in the preceding report.

Oct. 23d Continued as before described – with the exception of voluntarily proposing two matches with short strokes at Dr McGhie's, from which coincided to my, when, upon some slight contradiction by the attendant, he suddenly became much excited, requiring his removal to another gallery & seclusion.

Nov. 4 Still remains in seclusion, altho' he has been to a slight extent quieter for a day or two back. His health is now previous to outbreak, & has been a prisoner since. Talks much, very incoherently, but more from gamesome than destructive. –

Admitted 10 June 1853

Nov. 26. Very little variation. Still in seclusion.
Nov. 23rd. Is still in seclusion being considerably excited, & talking a great deal of nonsense, the insanity himself to be the Czar of Russia, giving orders as such &c &c. — Is not falling off much in appearance or bodily health.
1852 Dec. 12. Continues as in last report — very little change if any — exact with exceptions himself to become great one or other. Is much emaciated, but takes his food well & bowels are pretty regular. Behaved with considerable decorum during an interview with his mother lately.
Was very destructive of that latterly, he has had on locked some no boots & mittens &c as invariably very dirty, besmearing himself & his room with filth. Sits although at night —
Feby. 13. Considerable improvement these 3 or 4 days rejected by, was able to be up & dressed being tolerably calm & rational, but got excited towards evening, & today is in seclusion again
28. Tho' still mostly in seclusion is upon the whole rather improved last month, but very obstinate & irritable, & occasionally noisy & very irrational.
Is reported as addicted to masturbation.
March 31. Continued more or less unwell & irrational & restless, & within the last two days has become very taciturn, obstinate & needs nourishment.
April 4 Not taking his food so well these two days. Slight attack of diarrhoea 3 nights ago.
Still taciturn & very determined.
Has a little on nape of neck today.
5 Has been very silent & stiff & almost immobile, & his friends having thought of removing him home, came here to day, but he got excited & talkative after being dressed & brought to them, so they dismissed the thought at present.
12. Up till today continued very taciturn & generally lay quite still & hardly ever spoke, but appears rather better in other respects.
14 Much improved these few days & able to be up & good deal dressed, & more orderly in the night. Shows no question readily & is more docile.
18 Again sulky, silent, filthy & indocile — striking the attendants & resisting management several times today. Confined to his room.
19. Still lies quiet, & puts to a want of power of motion to the limbs.
21. Rather more docile today & yesterday.

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James Alexander

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1853 July 7. Was brought back to the asylum this day by his brother in law Mr Cooper.

Since his discharge has been conducting himself much in the same way as while in the asylum. But having threatened to commit suicide, his recommittal was found necessary —

31. Is enjoying good health and is conducting himself much in the same way that he did before

Aug 31 Is in his usual state of good health. His delusions continue the same as before

Sept 30 There is no change in mental or bodily state since last report.

Oct. 31st Continues as in previous reports. —

Nov. 23d. Continues wayward & eccentric in his habits. Indulges in an unmeaning laugh, with & without cause. Is very fond of the newspapers & occasionally plays on the accordeon that stands in the gallery.

1857 Jan 2th Is very changeable, & sometimes can be got blind by really valuable aid at the concerts, but another no entreaties can prevail on him to attend them.

There is no change in his habits.

Feb. 10. Asked Dr S. to try if he "roused" him with his magnetic machine, & told him that he was as clever as him (Dr S) & would perhaps show him that, if these things continued.

Habits & habits as in previous reports.

March 31 Satirical, unreasonable habits continue. The same

May 15. No change in habits or delusions —

Frequently asks "How's the electricity my Dr. G.H. good.

June 14. No change in manner or health.

July 14. Often puts his thumb to his nose, & makes an impertinent remark, when he sees an official man looking at him.

Aug 15. Continues as in above reports.

Sept. 16. Frequent allusions to the "falsome" & the "rosings" before. Takes every opportunity of making grimaces at & abusing the medical officers. — A rather reclusive.

Oct. 15. Talks & dilates in about "the magnetic" continues as above.

Nov. 20th There is no marked change observed since last reported —

Dec. 24th Had a good deal excited today fought with another patient in the airing court and got his head cut. Swore that we were trying to kill him, but said that we could not do it, he's in the enjoyment of good health.

Readmitted 7 July 1853.

1853

January 31st He is very suspicious, seldom or ever answers questions civilly. talks a great deal to himself. does not associate with the other patients. stops up his ears that he may not hear the voices of these devils as he calls ~~them~~ them which annoy him

Febry 28th Is often violent in his conduct. and very insulting in his language. laughs loudly to himself. bodily health good

March 28th There is no marked improvement has still the same delusions

April 30th No change since last report appetite good bowels regular.

May 31st Continues very suspicious. thinks that he is kept here to undergo the utmost punishment of the law as he says for throwing a person in to the Canal. continues to fill up his ears with cotton and occasionally his nose, to keep out the devils which he says that is often annoying him

June 30th Has still the same delusions. avoids company in contact with any of his fellow patients He is very bad natured and disrespectful in his language to all that he comes in contact with He seldom or ever sits in the saloon but walks backwards and forwards in the gallery. takes his food well bowels regular

July 30th Is in every respect at the same as when last reported.

August 30th There is no marked change on either bodily or mental health appetite good bowels regular.

Sept. 30th Is still very much annoyed with magnetic machines

He still labours under the delusion that he is kept here to be hanged In other respects is the same as in former reports.

He takes his food well. bowels regular

October 31st Is very suspicious.

Has still the same delusions General health continues good

Nov. 17th There is no marked change on either mental or bodily health since last report –

Decr 30th Delusion are as strong as ever in other respect is the same as ever

1856

Febry 29th No change

March 31st Is in every respect the same as in former reports

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Andrew Smith aet

Boot maker

1833 July 31 — Was brought to the Asylum today by Dr Nothin and an attendant from Partick —

Was insane some years ago and was for about two years in a private asylum.

Has been insane for

His principal delusion is that he is the Origin of evil. He is intensely miserable and takes no interest in anything — Sullen and lethargic looking in appearance —

Takes his food well and bowels are regular — Has been taking cod-liver oil X

31 — There has been little or no change since admission. He is sent out to the garden to work — Continues to take cod liver oil

Aug 31 — Is as despondent and full of delusion as ever — Still walks a good deal and works in the garden. His urine is found to contain excess of lime & phosphates in great abundance

Sept 30 — Continues much in the same state. Is still much depressed —

Oct 31st — Continues in the same state of depression walking about with his hands in his pockets, & his head sunk on his breast as if in meditation or some grievous subject. Avoids conversation as much as possible. Reads now nor amuses himself. — Is of a thin habit, & sallow complexion.

Nov 25. — Has for some days back laboured under diarrhoea, necessitating milk diet & astringents, — & is now somewhat relieved. — Is miserable as above reported.

Dec 22nd — Continues as intensely miserable as ever, & affirms that drugs are of no benefit to him & that he sleeps none. Has very peculiar ideas on psychology. —

1854 Jan 27th — Mind is apparently unchanged — Is occasionally troubled with a pimpled eruption disposed strolling over tibia, which is relieved by a little extra rest in bed, & local application of opiates.

Feb 28. — Mental & bodily state as in previous reports. —

March 12. — This evening when in bed in his room, was groaning & crying "murder" & appeared uneasy until his attendant went into the room when he accounted for his exclamation by the "stats" he had been in.

21. — Being confined to his bed with an attack of catarrh with headache, stated & increased moaning, said he was not a human

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being like us, that he knows he is condemned to eternal woe but cannot believe that the good God would create even one being for that end &c –

April 26. Told my wife that he & others are more than human that the world has undergone some change – & insists that Dr S. & those around him are all merely acting a part, & not in their real characters, but attempting to deceive him.

May 15. Has of late been working 5 or 6 hours a-day at a relief in marble of the head of Christ, which he has completed in first rate style. Occasionally draws the heads of the attendants &c – these being the only employments he ever loves.

When asked how he is &c. always speaks as if it were of no use speaking to him about any ailment or trying to benefit him –

Has an opiate every night –

Complains of frequent nocturnal micturition, but says a glass of beer at dinner has relieved it. Believes it to be connected with prostatic disease. –

24. Of late walking in the airing-court, which formerly marked but seldom, but is not more sociable.

27. Had slight hæmoptysis yesterday, probably with much stooping & confinement at work. No return of it, nor pain of chest or cough.

June 12. Walks a great deal in airing-court now, partly in exercise, & because he says he does not feel inclined to work at all just now.

No return of hæmoptysis –

17. Complaining of rheumatic pain & cautions to avoid cold, said it would be of no avail for him to speak, whatever effect it might have on others in like circumstances.

July 8. When asked how he is, says the inquirer is "just mocking him".

14. The other night a patient having been noisy, Dr S. was asked if he had disturbed him, & looking up with the nearest approach to indignation he appears capable of, he said "Nothing human can disturb me".

No more cough, pain of chest, or hæmoptysis. Is again employed in sculpture for several hours every day. –

28. His friends being anxious for his removal he was told by the visitors

Relieved.

Samuel Pollock aet
White

1833
Aug 10 Was brought from Newcastle by Dr D. Mackintosh & an attend[ant]
Has been in confinement in a private lunatic asylum in England for about two years
Is at present in the last stage of general paralysis.
Is dirty incontinent & very destructive. Bolts his food and pa[cks] everything he can get into his mou[th]
Is very unsteady upon his legs.
15 Is dirty and destructive. Tumbles. Is bedding up and down and is noisy during the night
Is taken out for a walk daily by an attendant.
20 Requires to get his food from an attendant to prevent choking himself. Bowels and moved by in[jections] - Is always happy and im[agines] that he is the most wealthy of men - that he is Lord Chancellor
30 Is very dirty and constantly wets himself. Is taken out daily to walk. Has to be constantly watched and attended on -
Sept 10 Continues in the same helpless and uncomfortable con[dition] - Delusions and all of a hap[py] and magnificent description.
24. This evening about 10 o'cl[ock] became suddenly affected with sev[ere] pain in the lower part of the abdo[men] with cramps - He was put into a warm hip bath and hot fomentation applied. with small doses of opium and brandy given internally -
25 Abdomen hard & tense. There is some emphysema in the right groin - Continued brandy and opium -
Became gradually weaker and in the afternoon

Died -

Post Mortem - The ventricles and pia mater were found gorged with serum -
In the lower part of abdomen there were found old adhesions with the traces of recent inflammation of the Peritoneum -

Admitted 10 August 1833

Thomas Adair cont:

from p 38

July 31 – Is in his usual state both mental and bodily. Is at times very excitable and is apt to strike. Has an inveterate propensity to destroy flies –

Aug 31 Is much in the same state

Sept 30 Is at present in good health.

Sept 30 There is no change in any respect.

Oct 31st Is in general very quiet & well-behaved, walking about & shaking hands with every one he meets who will permit him.

Dec 31st 28th 1854 Sept 27. No change in any respect.

Continues as above described. Almost impossible to make out any word that he says – except "yes" & "no" altho' he often pretends to mutter in one's ear. Is of an amiable disposition. When asked to sign his name generally does so "Thos Rhd Adair – Royal Horse Blue" or in some such way.

Is thin but in pretty good health.

Feby 28. Was in doubt to keep his bed for one day lately – tho' unwillingly – as he seemed much. His queer way of gesticulating & muttering seemed to indicate something abnormal in the abdomen, but with great mountain. Habits of hand shaking, muttering, pilferings &c continue as above.

Very seldom goes out into the mining-court of late.

March 31. Health & habits much as ptd.

May 15. Handshaking – amicable. Restless habits as before. Appears to speak more frequently & plainly than heretofore but more than a few words at a time. Has a good deal of waggery in his composition – now signs his name as a "Doctor in the Inland Revenue Service" & confessed yesterday it was a "joke" when pressed to sign. Left pretty fair.

June 1st Continues fantastic & fidgetty as formerly.

July 1st. Backward in habits. Had recently a small abscess in scrotum easily & now there is a small superficial edge of left testis opened.

Aug 1st 15. ~~Not quite same amount, tractability & good humour~~ Continues as above.

Sept 16. No particular change. Killing flies at a great rate for some time back. Is fond & does not like the interference with, & a fellow-patient (N.R. Adair) having interrupted him lately in the pursuit above-named, he very roughly & deservedly knocked him down.

Altho' he generally jabbers unintelligible word or two, yet appears to have the power of speaking well enough when he feels inclined.

Is thin & easily fatigued & by no means in robust health

Admitted 19 March 1833

Sept 30. Habits as before. Is apt to be restless & cheerful getting up & sitting down again, & clapping his hands with his hand &c – but is generally easily managed.

Novr 30. In his usual state both mentally and bodily. He is occasionally excited but not to such an extent that he requires Seclusion. He takes his food well; bowels natural –

Decr 30. No marked change on either bodily or mental health – appetite good

1835 January 30. He is restless and constantly muttering to himself in an inconsistent tone of voice. often runs to every person and shakes hands with them. he takes his food well

February 28. Is at times considerable excited and noisy. but is not so apt to strike as he used to be.
His language is for the most part unintelligable. Is at present in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

March 30. Is in every respect the same as in former reports, appetite good. bowels regular –

April 30. Continues as in foregoing reports Mind still very weak. Bodily health good

May 30. In his usual state of bodily health. Mind very weak.
Is occasionally noisy. and when excited two days ago struck a fellow patient takes his food well bowels regular

June 30. There is no marked change observed in either bodily or mental health. takes his food well bowels regular

July 28. Continues in every respect as in foregoing reports –

August 25. There is no marked change. He now amuses himself killing flies at a great rate and when found fault with gets excited and is apt to strike. bodily health good bowels regular.

Sept 30. General health continues good There is no improvement on his mind. He is occasionally very restless. takes his food well

October 31. There is no marked change observed since last report

Novr 17. No change on either mental or bodily health –

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David Leech aet 38.

from p 125

1853 May 9. In a fit of excitement when attempting to strike the attendant and to force himself into the attendants room - fell and dislocated the Clavicle at its scapular end. On examination the end of the bone projected but and was quite moveable - It was easily replaced and a figure of 8 bandage applied in the usual way -

So violently restless and requires a man to watch him night and day -

15. The bandages were removed and it was put up in sticking plaster bandages by Dr Fleming - as more likely to keep the parts in position but the patient soon slipped them off -

20 The arm has now been put up with gutta percha and the parts are kept in right position - It was found impossible to keep them right by any other means -

Still requires to be constantly watched -

June 15. Dislocation is now nearly recovered from - the parts have been kept in excellent position -

July 15. Is now quite recovered from the dislocation. Mind is still weak but he is not now so restless - Delusions are diminishing in intensity

31. Has lost delusion now and is conducting himself with greater propriety

Is very fond of playing at bowls and imagines that he is always the best player.

Aug 31 Is much improved in many respects - Mind is still very weak though much relieved from the extravagant delusions which he formerly entertained -

Sept 30 Has elected himself into the office of Editor of the Gartnavel Gazette - and is allowed to have the nominal Editorship -

Nov. 31st Altho' his mind now appears to be free from delusion, he imagines himself to be possessed of first-rate abilities, notwithstanding that his remarks are generally very commonplace, or he hits any effort by no means exceedingly miserable.

Dec. 23d Continues as before, simple minded - is contented to stay here during the winter until his affairs are arranged.

Admitted 29 January 1833

1837
Jan 29th. All his proceedings are found by a want of suspicion, vanity, & a very unsatisfactory waste of energy.
Still sleeps in the parlour with the attendant beside him, altho' his dyspnœa is now pretty gone — apparently from a nervous timidity at sleeping in a room by himself. —
Ext. good.

28. Mental state as above reported.
Suffered considerably from dyspnœa at present.

March 31 No dyspnœa of late. Mind is very weak, his state is short, & vacillation prevails.

May 15. The bad attack of dyspnœa since last report, but is now in his usual health. Mind continues very weak, & he is the butt of many jokes, often brought upon himself by his overweening vanity leading him to dress as if he were perfect at every game & pursuit, altho' such may be far from the case.
So talking a good deal about going away now, & was highly gratified lately by a service which he supposed to be given entirely as a mark of respect, to him as departing Editor of the C. Gazette. —

19. Getting more & more absorbed in his fancies — Wants U.S. to defend of him McArthur (the steward) to go to Texas with him as Ex-President — is to get a pony & pony-chaise, go to earn £1000 to raise a "monument to Tobacco." Altho' his billiard-playing powers are daily failing, he believes & asserts he is the best player in the house.

31. Talk is going with the navy & seem to be weakened from his past energy. The Turko-Russian war is to last 10 years, then there is to be a peace-congress & no more war &c.

24. Altho' quieter down to my knowledge lower than ever — & the Choice of the Holy Ghost is to buy Farnwell out of his fortune £1000 a year & be admiral. Had a wife bye & out of force family.

27. Kept to bed, say, & dance sometimes unnecessarily, ordering quantities of tobacco for his future ship, waiting off for a situation as person to begin with recommending himself & talents in the most ridiculous style.

31. Still full of projects. Is much oppressed by constipation, says he is persuaded is not getting found (which has stopped to all first now) — weeps to —

June 6. ~~This morning~~ Yesterday was found in the morning with numerous shirt-collars round his neck, book-hook twisted in his hair, & floor covered with boots, boxes, shirts, phials &c &c. — He removed into Ward 4 in another gallery, & is now quiet & contented.

14. Still in exclusion, most extravagant ideas of his attainments — occasionally filthy & destructive. Fits bled a good deal some days ago.
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George Reid act

from p. 81

1853
Aug 31. Is still very anxious to get a-
way – Delusions continue the
same in character and are as
strong as ever.

Sept 30 Is in all respects as described
in foregoing reports.

Oct. 31st. Except upon the subject of his peculiar
delusions, possesses his good mental powers,
& has the gift of composure always assigned to
(for the G.S.) to a considerable extent. Is
rather inactive when contradicted. –

Oct 23. Of late has repeated his and for the second
time the plea that he must be out by
1st of Jan.y next, or he will have a
medical inquiry instituted.

1854
Jan.y 27th. The monomania has been about getting
out extended a fortnight since, & he is
now getting along in his usual way.
Is in better spirits than on any past occ.n having
been one at a party given by the Lady Sup.t
to the M. assistants & 2 or 3 gentleman-
patients.

28th. Has since last report suffered from a slight
attack of bronchitis, which is now almost
gone, – during its continuance was rather
more argumentative & irascible.

March 31. A good deal of talk just now about getting
away, as is usual about the end of the quar-
ter.

May 15. Habits unchanged. Has a walk in the airing-
court before breakfast. but not again during
the day, except occasionally in the
grounds with the other gentleman.
Dr. S. has sometimes of late observed him
drawing the edge of his right forefinger across
his front teeth repeatedly as a convenient
is commenced, very probably to communicate
some signal made by the former.

June 14. Health & habits as usual. As it approaches
the end of the quarter he again talks of
"leaving this place, Sir". The pillowy is an
extract from a letter dated June 12 to
a relation – (David Bell Esq.) "I say that
I have a claim on Mr Sterling that he set-
tles £ 1000 on any lady that will take
me for a husband, & for a card that he
wrote 20 years ago about a squabble at
Wick makes me a member of the western
clubs. Now the medical gentlemen say this
derangement & insanity. I certainly did
not hear Mr Sterling make this statement
but I have my evidence, & had I a good
lawyer, he would settle the whole matter
5 minutes by bringing the case into the Sheriff
court & summoning Mr Sterling as a witness.

July 14. About the beginning of the month a slight attack of
tormenting as usual about "getting my liberty, Sir," but

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as usual, nothing came of it.
No change in habits.

Augt. 15. Habits as before. Has written several letters lately detailing the proceedings about his wager with Mr Shirley, about the "brick card" &c.
Lately wrote a letter complaining to Dr Mackintosh of some eye being conveyed to him by some appearance on a certain card (ten of hearts) in a new pack sent to the gallery, but Dr S. could discover no difference in it from any other, on which Mr M. got laughed at in triumph at his own superior information, but did not deign to give a key to the riddle.

16. Said "tonight the plea of his sanity is a mere farce in regard to your keeping me here" – Wrote thus in a letter to one of the directors dated 1st "The medical officers of this institution will now be able to settle it" – i.e. his liberation" for thus make my liberty to depend on marrying a lady named Maxwell, that I have seen the Almighty God that I will marry and that I will be carried out of the asylum in my Coffin soon."

Septr. 16. Amusing himself a good deal with chess recently, occasionally plays billiards, altho' he professes to have a great contempt for all such "unprofitable waste of time" Occasionally in chalks in rubbing his teeth he is alone

Oct. 15. Lately state to Dr S. that recently about his suspicions confirmed him, that he could see through Dr Mackintosh's private mind perfectly, & that when he came up to him putting his hand across his chin – so – he could easily discern it thus (putting his chin the wrong way.)
Spends his time in reading, playing billiards & chess.
Has no disease of stands lately

Nov. 18th. This patient seems to be in the enjoyment of good bodily health. avoids broaching any delusions. in conversation speaks in a loud and authoritative tone. Continues to spend his time in reading and playing at billiards

27th. He occasionally amuses himself with chess. he is very cheerful. bodily health continues good

Decr. 29th. No change since last report

1853. January 30th. Walks every morning in the airing court before breakfast. ~~if he should be amusing~~ ~~off plays~~ billiards. but professes ~~to~~ have a great contempt for such prodigal waste of time. General health continues good

Feby 16th. Health and habits as usual

March 20th. He is very anxious to get away – he is in other respects much the same

William Higinbotham ad:

1853
Feby 28. Is constantly imagining that he is injured or insulted and becomes very morose and irritable — which is generally the prelude to a paroxysm of excitement.

March 31 Continues much in the same state. Is as irritable as ever. Requires to be soothed. Cannot bear contradiction — General health good.

April 30 Is occasionally in very good humour — but very soon falls into a state of gloomy morose silence from the uncomfortable delusions that take possession of his mind.

May 31 Is much in the same state. Is very changeable — when all smiles and satisfaction or the reverse.

Jun 30 Keeps pretty well at present has more control over himself & is keeping quiet and manageable

July 31 Continues quiet & for the most part good humoured — Is in excellent health.

Augt 31 Walks always on the same track in the airing court. Is shy & proud — seldom enters into conversation. Takes a great deal of exercise. Delusions continue —

Septr 30 Keeps pretty well — Is frequently morose & highly irritable but does not break out into paroxysms as before

Octr 31st Continues as above. Is very proud, reserved & averse to conversation.

Novr 30. Attitude enters pretty fully into general conversation & expresses pretty accurate views on many points. Has occasional paroxysms of violence, abuse in & obscene language, which he is obliged to be put to bed.

1854
Jan. 7th Had a fit of vomiting to day — caused by obstinacy.

27th Continues as in previous reports.

Feby 1st Having behaved with violence & obscenity, tearing down his clothes & exposing his person on several occasions, he was necessarily removed to seclusion in another gallery.

27. Having for some time been behaving with propriety & wishing to get back to his own gallery he was yesterday to and found that last attack appeared partly to depend on indigestion & non-elimination of bile.

March 31. For last 10 days rather morose again, but quiet.

14 Rather more good-tempered just now.

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May 14 Fluctuates a good in regard to temper & sociability – but on the whole has behaved well of late – but occasionally as if by impulse gives utterance to some wild notion if at a late source when the Lady Superintendent's health was proposed he started up & said she had got a present of a knife to cut her throat; behaved well during the rest of the evening.

Oct. pretty good.

June 14 So in his usual state, having had one slight attack of excitement & insubordination since last report, which a purgation & temporary removal to another gallery soon subdued

July 14. Since last report, more sulky & secluseive, but no outbreak.

Sept. 15. Generally quiet & civil since last report, especially since admission into the same gallery of a new patient (Mr M. C. Cross) with whom he has fraternized to a great extent, & appears altogether more agreeable since –

Sept. 16. Has absurd ideas upon many subjects. So with seclusive & paughty in his manners, but has no outbreak of late.

Oct. 15. Continues to spend most of his time walking rapidly up & down the gallery, or in the airing-court, with his hands in his pockets, – seldom conversing with his fellow patients. No outbreak of late.

Nov. 15. This morning he became very excited and broke some dishes. Said that he would cut the attendant's throat if he had a knife. Was to be put into seclusion

18. Is now quiet, and out of seclusion refuses to take a walk in the airing Court. Now spends the most of the day in walking up and down the gallery takes his food well bowels regular

Dec. 20. Is occasionally very much excited often sets violent if contradicted by any of his fellow patients. General health good

1833. January 10. "He thinks that the Medical Officers are conspiring against him. he is very proud and hauty in his manner seldom speaks to the rest of the patients Continues to enjoy good bodily health

Feby 10. There is no marked change since last reported

March 20. Had to be secluded today on account of violence towards another patient threatens to put some one out of existence if they will interfere with him

23. Is out of seclusion today. refuses to go back to his former gallery. General health continues good

April 16. Is conducting himself better of late takes a great deal of exercise in the airing Court.

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William Stimpson aet:

1833
Sept. 5 Was brought to the asylum by his attendants and his wife.
Has been ill for several weeks chiefly in consequence of failure in business as an hotel keeper.
Has been much depressed and confused in his mind – Did not sleep – Has been taking little or no food for some time – Imagines that he has no right to take anything that every thing belongs to his creditors
6 Is kept in bed – Is weak and pr. 110 – his bowels involuntarily voided in bed – Stench most offensive
7 Was very dirty this morning. Effluvia of his dejections most offensive – Get brandy opium tinct & milk
12. Diarrhoea still continues smell not so offensive – get opium catechu & milk diet –
15. Has still frequent calls to go to stool without effect –
Admin. suppository –
20 Is better though still dejections are fluid & unhealthy but not so frequent –
30 Is able to be up – Is still occasionally troubled with diarrhoea – Mental state is better. Is still depressed –
Oct. 31st The diarrhoea has now left him. He has been getting gradually stronger both in mind & body. Is still rather depressed in spirits but amuses himself by reading –
Nov. 4th Having to my attend leave to get out to attend the funeral of a son lately deceased, his friends have come to the determination to keep him at home, as that he is now dismissed.

Relieved –

4 Three days after dismissal, committed Suicide. –

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William Higinbotham
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1833.

May 30. Since last report has conducted himself very well and is to day in very good humour and talkative. Still refuses to go back to his former gallery on account as he says that he would not get on well with the rest of the patients there. His bodily health continues good. Eates his food well bowels regular.

June 30. Continues to conduct himself well. He was a few days ago at his own request transferred to a quiet gallery. Since his transference he is very cheerful and talkative general health continues good

July 30. About two days ago got rather bulky. and would not go out to take his usual exercise in the airing court but walking at a rapid pace backwards and forwards in the gallery. and occasionally talking to himself. His bodily health continues good

August 30. For the last few days he is more cheerful. especially since he had a visit from a friend a few days ago. He now goes daily out to the airing court to take his usual exercise His general health continues good.

Sept. 30. Since last report is tolerable. Cheerful he is daily walking about in the airing Court. Some of the patients that sleeps in the same room with him complains that he often during the night speaks in his sleep about cutting throats and at the other patients request. he took a room to himself. His bodily health continues good

October 31st Is at present rather bulky. but has had no outbreaks.
General health good. bowels regular

Nov. 17th Is still rather bulky and does not walk so much in the airing Court Bodily health good. functions natural

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John May Welsh aet: advocate

1833
Sept 9. Was brought to the Asylum today by two attendants.
Was only been ill for two days. So much excited and talks incessantly. Runs from one subject to another with the greatest rapidity and talks quite incoherently.
10 Was restless and excited during the night, and is the same this morning. Talks incessantly and in the most incoherent manner. Bowels rather costive
By P Rhei gr xxx
1 Cal gr iij —
11 Has become so excited and violent as to require to be put in seclusion. So taking little food
By Cerevis Lond oij —
15. Is still much excited and has talked himself quite hoarse. Pr quick & weak — tongue dry & furred
By Hyd c creta gr iv bis die
20 — So taking his food better & still much excited and in seclusion —
30 So rather more composed but is still quite incoherent —
Oct 3rd. Has been but little out of seclusion since last report. Very incoherent in his conversation (?) & very seldom answers questions rationally. Requires an enema of warm water every night & occasional purgatives. — So addicted to masturbation —
Nov 30. Continues still as at last report. Is manical as ever. ~~Habits~~ the same.
Dec 12. As in last report. The abscess is forming in right axilla. No improvement mentally.
23rd Has for last 3 days been in general quiet, & sometimes able in a manner to answer simple questions, which hitherto he was not. Complains of weakness, his a good deal, is very much emaciated. Has an enema 2 oz of water. So not taking his food or porter so well for some days back
1837 Jan 27th Since last report has been taking S.R. Mur. Fmi 2 or 3 times a day (MXV) & is on the whole much quieter & taking his food better. Still very irrational & in seclusion. —
Feby 28. Excepting occasional fluctuations there is no change in the patients symptoms. G. H. rather improved.
Mar 31st 21. Has for some days been able to be dressed & among his fellow-patients almost daily, but is apt to get excited after usual hours.
Conversation still very incoherent & rambling.
31. Night before last, for the first time desired

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not his bed.
Is generally up the most of every day & out in the airing-court.
Conversation rather less rambling.

April 2. A slight attack of diarrhœa to-day which is now checked.
(On the 24th ultimo confessed to having been "little deranged")
A few days ago while talking in his usual incoherent manner to Dr S. in the airing-court a portical patient (C. Robertson) came up & recited a piece of verse more than usually absurd, he Dr said - "Sounds very well" & as soon as the other patient walked off - "but not much common sense, - just chickens & eggs!!"

14 Is improving in rationality & in the cleanliness of his nocturnal habits & being now quite quiet, has been removed to a less noisy gallery. Amuses himself with reading occasionally, but is restless, anxious to be off to the war &c.

16. Noisy during the night & again removed to his former gallery today. Talking a great deal & considerably excited.

19. Has not the bed these two nights. Still excited, & talkative.

25. Is improving but variable & talking nonsense.

May 15. Has for some time been removed to a quieter gallery during the day. Keeping bed dry. Is much more quiet & rational in conduct, well-behaved during the day & quiet during the night. Amuses himself with reading & books. Walks in the airing-court regularly. Appetite good & bowels regular.

18. Was today visited by his mother & sister & husband with quietness & decorum. Rambling & flighty in speech & action. Interlards his discourse with "I say" & "I said" often & unkindly.

Jun 8. Still flighty, imaginative & occasionally noisy at night. Is quite having been excited by the sitting-room of a fellow patient (Mr Moffat) he felt very depressed & cold, weeping & no sleep after going to bed, "When can I get away? I'm wasting time & youth here" but next morning & since, is good-humoured & cheerful as ever. Mind appears to be getting stronger, altho' there is still a great amount of flightiness, part of which is said to be natural to him.

Health excellent.

July 12. Mind appears to have formed a considerable degree of stability of late. Is much less flighty & fanciful, not so talkative but slightly subject to excitement. By desire of friends he is discharged

Relieved.

Colin Pearson at Schoolmaster

1833 Sept 12. Was brought to the Asylum by two policemen after ten o'clock at night.

On admission was seen by Drs Macintosh & McGhie who had a long conversation with him - in which he detailed various events & circumstances of recent occurrence.

States that he has been the victim of a widely ramified conspiracy - that a series of articles impugning his moral character have been appearing in a Glasgow newspaper - that the statements in the newspapers are groundless & that he has raised an action of damages against the Editor and against the people with who he had been lodging -

States that he has got little or no sleep for the last six weeks in consequence of the above mentioned articles that he went to the police office today in consequence of an account book which had gone missing - that he was detained in the office all day till he was brought here & that he laboured under much excitement in the police office - as well as at his brother's house on Sunday when he proposed to make champagne in an analogous way to that in which according to his idea blood made sodden into wine by a chemical process -

States that he intended to get married tomorrow in the High Church by Principal Macfarlan & that he requested the Lord Provost and Magistrates to be present.

Entered into a detailed account of certain peculiarities of religious belief too numerous to mention

Denies that he ever took drink to excess or that he was ever guilty of any improprieties with the servant girl whom he now proposes to marry.

States that after the vacation he went to travel on the Continent but could find no rest or satisfaction in anything till he saw this girl to whom he at once offered marriage.

Asked to have a powerful sleeping draught.

R Sol Mur Morph ℥j. hs.

13. Had an excellent night's rest and feels much better today -

℞ Decoct Hyos ℥iv - stat -

(Repet Hemat. h. s.) -

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1833
Sept. 14 Feels much better for the thorough evacuation of his bowels – had a good night's rest –

18. Has been taking an active part in the business of the Printing office – correcting and writing for the 'Gaol Gazette' –

24 Is anxious to get away – Seems to enjoy himself in the society of the other patients – Plays chess, billiards &c.

Admits that he laboured under temporary insanity at the time he was brought here but now thinks himself quite well and fit to be at large.

30 Is much employed in the printing office – Is quite calm and collected

Oct. 7. His Mother having paid him a long visit and being satisfied that he was now as sane as ever he was, wrote an order to allow him to go away as soon as he desired – He was accordingly discharged

Cured

John McTagart ad:

1833 Septr 21 Was brought to the asylum by an attendant who was sent to take care of him.

Has been labouring under an attack of delirium tremens on admission has still a considerable degree of tremor and is seeing spectral objects

℞ Tr opii ʒj
Sp Vin gall ℥ij — Hot sup - Tr opii gtt 40 hour down somewhat

22 Is perspiring freely & is still tremulous and seeing spectral objects - Let him be constantly watched

24 Is now recovered from delirium tremens and is able to be up -

29 Having now quite recovered he was this day discharged

Cured

Admitted 21 September 1863

Simon Stewart act

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1833 Sept. 30	While in bed attempted to strike another patient, and dislocated his humerus backward – It was easily reduced.
Oct. 31st	Continues as the entry in previous report.
Dec. 2nd	Was this day transferred to East Hall
1861 January 20	Mind weak. Disposition solitary and irritable. He walks about the gallery laughing and muttering to himself. If interfered with he becomes angry and very abusive. He is very fickle, often making requests and then contradicting them in a short time afterwards. He often says that he is different from Hugh Patterson. Bodily health tolerable.
March 20	No change
May 14	This morning Medical assistant was called to see him and found him complaining of intense pain in his right shoulder. On examination the head of the humerus was found to be dislocated into the axilla. It was immediately reduced. He says that it came out in bed and that he has dislocation of the same shoulder before
August 18	No change
Oct. 18	No change
Dec. 15	No change
1862 January 18	Peculiarities of manner + conduct remained unchanged. Bodily health good.
March 20	No change
April 19	No change
May 20	Mind continues weak. Patient still continues to ask absurd unmeaning questions. He is unsocial in his habits and taciturn. Bodily health good.
June 18	No change
August 10	No change
Sept. 15	There is no change in his mental condition nor in his habits.
Oct. 10	No change
Nov. 12	No change
Dec. 14	Continues irritable, unsocial incoherent and weak-minded.
1863. Jany 12	There is no alteration in his mental peculiarities or habits.
March 20	His mind continues very weak and his habits peculiar. General health good.
May 19	Neither mental nor bodily change
July 15	He is incoherent and silly in conversation. He has a habit of asking silly questions often relative to some supposed injury or derangement of health.

Admitted 23 May 1849

1863

September 8 — He again has sustained dislocation of right shoulder, as to how it happened he can give no account. It was reduced easily and the arm suspended in the usual manner.

November 19 — Mind continues weak, conversation childish and incoherent, habits degraded, he being occasionally caught masturbating.

December 19 — At times he is rather excited and walks about hastily, rubbing his hands and laughing and talking to himself.

1864

January 20 — There is no improvement nor change in his mental state since last report was made. General health good.

March 19 — Continues weak minded, incoherent delusive and degraded in his habits. He often talks and laughs when he is by himself.

May 26 — Neither mental nor bodily change since last report.

July 15 — Is never employed industrially nor at amusement, does not associate with the others and strikes readily if encroached upon.

August 25 — There is no mental change since last report and his general health is good.

1865

January 4 — Appears to be unchanged in his mental state since the date of last report. His bodily health is tolerably good.

April 20 — The weakness of mind persists, he is very delusive, irritable, and childish; when any one happens to touch or come against him accidentally he imagines he has been injured and represses a wish to have some doctor from town to see him; he is never occupied except some times he writes a very childish letter to some nobleman.

July 7 — Is as weak-minded, irritable, and delusive as ever; he strikes very readily. Bodily health ordinary.

October 12 — Continues incoherent, very childish extremely irritable and delusive.

1866

January 14 — Mental state unchanged, continues very weak; often asks silly question, such as when some other patient is going to leave and saying at the same time that he intends leaving with him, next day he retracts what he has said and says he does not want to leave the asylum. Bodily health good.

April 1 — His mental character is unchanged. Often he writes childish irrelevant letters to his relatives addressing them to Germany or some foreign country.

July 30 — Thinks his life is in danger and wishes all protection. Bodily health good. Has a practice of taking up his food and chewing it over again.

October 10 — No apparent change.

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John Christie, act

1833
Aug 31 — Is in good health. Has numerous delusions about his being the heir of princely and ducal properties about inventions of balloons & steam boats &c

Sept 30 — Delusions continue unchanged. Is in excellent health. Is quiet and conducts himself with proper propriety.

Oct 31st — Is very quiet & orderly in his behaviour walks a good deal in the Ward-court. Reads none but commonest pretty freely. His delusions are as strong as ever.

Nov 6th — Delusions continue as strong as before. Abstains from reading, on account of a supposed effect it wants have on his "patients". General health good.

1834
Feb 28th — Behaves with propriety & is very quiet. G. H. good.

Feb 28 — No change in health or habits.

March 31 — Quiet & well-behaved, seldom speaking unless directly addressed.

May 15 — Orderly & quiet as usual.

The letter of which the following is a copy will show the tenor of his thoughts

"Saltmarket (near Glasgow) 27th April, 1834

To the Director of Patents London.

Sir, wants you be pleased to inform me by letter if you have received (about 12 mos. ago & at Exhibition) from Mr Cook (of Mess. Wright & Cook) Engineer, Glasgow, Invention by me in sketches & models, drawn & made by him, of an aerial Locomotive & Engine Balloon & the inventions & improvements in machinery which I communicated by Masonic (I being a natural Feature & he in my feature) & which I believe would be accurately received by Mr Cook. I make this enquiry from you as I have not yet had Mr Cook's acknowledgement of having received them though I may safely say the Locomotive, at least, has succeeded from what my eyes lead me to believe by the appearances on the Horizon and at hour visits. I am

Sir, yours, most respectfully
(Signed) John Christie."

June 14 — Delusions & habits as above. He written another letter similar to the above, since last report. Has to-day written a letter to various Law-Officers about some change his ideas have undergone about the "hieroship" matter.

July 14 — No particular change.

23 — His brother visits him to-day, & ~~the~~ patient states in his presence that he understood from his brother - naming time & place (his brother of course denied the) that he was heir to the Portuguese Princes, suspects now that he is mistaken

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has written to the Court of Chancery complaining that he must have been mistaken, - & "of course that is undone". Said also that he had invented a machine for accurately travelling & after writing to Mr Cock about it, believed that he had seen or the foreign evidence of it, - when told that it had not been promulgated to the world, he said "Then I could not have seen it & that also is undone". -

May 15 Reclusive & totally like as before. Sits & walks by himself, speaking to none except he is addressed: - when walking pushes his coat back over his shoulders in a peculiar manner.
Health appears good.

Sept. 16. Secretive, reclusive, & totally like as heretofore.
19. Fraught leave off on a visit of a few days to his brother. Mr's full permission having previously been obtained. When told that he must come back here willingly, he at first demurred a little, but then acquiesced thus - "Oh! of course, if that is the decree of the Court of Session".
Oct. 15. - Came back safely from his visit, & expressed himself as pleased with it, but does not communicate on that more than on any other subject. — Habits as before - Health good.

Nov. 20. He is very distant in his manner. does not associate much with the other patients. He seems to be in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

Dec. 16. He is in every respect much the same as in former reports.
23. Tonight went off on a visit of a few days to his brother. before leaving gave a promise that he would come back willingly.

1883
January 20. Came back safely from his visit. expresses himself pleased with it. there is no change in habits general health good

February 17. Seldom or ever speaks unless addressed. when in the airing court walks by himself. when walking pushes his coat back over his shoulders. appetite good bowels regular

March 6. Continues to conduct himself well. habits are as formerly -
29. There is no marked change observed

April 20. Avoids broaching any delusion (to D. S.) though it is quite evident that his mind is occupied with his former delusion. Habits as formerly - general health good

May 30. Is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He seldom associates with any of his fellow patients. In other respects is the same as in former reports

June 30. Since last report has been away spending a few weeks with his brother. Came back safely and is very much delighted with his trip.

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John Waddell ad:

1853 Sept 22 Was brought to the Asylum to day from Cumberland, handcuffed with a policeman & 5 or 6 other men.

Has only been affected with maniacal symptoms for a few days. So said to have had fits – & be quite unmanageable –

On being brought in, would not stand or walk – had to be carried in and put to bed.

P. 110. Small & weak –

23. Is now composed to day but is rollicks and tumbling about his bed and bedding

R of Rec Co 31

Abrd Cap – it appears Rec. to Cap.

30 Is now much better and sensible – So able to go about the house and work at his usual employment

Oct 18. By desire of his relations was this day dismissed

Cured. –

Nov. 10 Was this day transferred from the E.H. to which he had been recommitted on the 1st of Nov. –

— 18 Complains of a sense with dyspepsia, which has been alleviated by Sinapisms & a blister. Is very much depressed in spirits.

Oct. 6 Dyspnoea being still unrelieved, a blister has again applied to chest, & has employed friction with Tartar Emetic ointment with some benefit. So very quiet.

23d Does not now complain of dyspnoea; & his health is pretty good. Evinced some cunning in replying to some questions as to his recovery of an iron hinge, which he is stated to have formerly laboured in. Is quiet & well conducted, & attended chapel last Sabbath.

1854 Jan. 27th Since last report has continued well-behaved. Is very taciturn & hardly answers questions addressed to him –

30th Was this day dismissed

Relieved.

Admitted 22 September 1855

John Christie from page 165.

1855
July 30th Continues to take a good deal of exercise. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health
He has of late occasionally spoken about the obliquity of his brother Rupert's mind and when there is nothing the matter with him.
His bodily health continues good
Secretion natural
August 30th He is in excellent bodily health
A few days ago entered freely into the subject of his delusions about inventions and improvements on machinery
He conducts himself well. Secretion natural
Sept. 30th There is no change observed since last report on either mental or bodily health
October 26th He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. State of mind remains unchanged
He was today at the request of his brother allowed to go and spend a few months with his mother at Bradley House.
Nov. 30th Returned a few days ago from Bradley House where he was visiting his mother. On his return was in very good spirits
There is no change in the character of his delusions, bodily health good
1856
January 30th Was again visiting his mother at the end of December last year. He returned a few weeks ago to the asylum alone. Shortly after his return he was very anxious to know when he would be allowed to leave the asylum altogether.
His delusions continues as strong as ever
Bodily health good
Feby 29th There is no change in character of delusions. In other respects is in the same state as in forgoing reports
March 30th He is in every respect the same as described in forgoing reports
April 30th Delusions continues unchanged. is in the enjoyment of good bodily health.
May 30th Since last report was again visiting his mother and returned to the asylum alone
Bodily health good
June 16th There is no change either mentally or bodily

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James Robertson Act

1853
Sept 23 Was brought to the Asylum to day by his friends —
Has been ill for more than a year. Is labouring under general paralysis — Is quite tremulous and unsteady. Is quiet & taciturn —

Oct 5 Has kept quite quiet and very taciturn since admission. Takes his food well. Bowels regular.

Oct 31st Present state of depression was primarily caused by ~~[illegible]~~ failure in business. The pupil is more dilated than the other. Bowels costive & requires purgatives — Seems bewildered on a question being asked at him, but answers on his general rational altho' occasional formed or delusive beliefs. Walks in airing-courts, but reads very little. —

Nov 25. Sometimes sees Spectra — & ideas are often confused. Has occasional fits of giddiness causing him sometimes to fall down. Bowels costive.

Dec 2nd Was this day transferred to East House
↓ no great change in state having taken place

Admitted 29 September 1833

John Eaton Reid Ætat: 30.

1853
Nov.r 1st. Was told he brought to the asylum by his friends, coming voluntarily as he knew by a promise that a residence here of 5 or 6 months did him good in 1850, when he had an attack similar to the present.

Since his discharge in July 1850, has been quite well, until within the last few days when he has been considerably excited & incoherent, imagining himself to be

but has manifested a good deal of cunning in concealing his delusion from visitors &c. The festivities & preparing his marriage, which was to have taken place to morrow are supposed to have caused his present attack.

Answers questions readily with considerable hesitation, as if fearful of committing himself, a frequent of the necessary answers is slightly incoherent, composes to a degree of memory & expression of ideas, & laughs to himself when there is no apparent reason for such a proceeding.

Eyes wild & injected. P. 100.

Has his powers altered said to have been very active

Ext: Pulv: Rhei 3ss
Calomel: grs iii.

Nov.r 3d. Morning acts well, but his manner is little changed. Prisoner of his delusions has not escaped him. Says he feels more comfortable & collected.

Nov.r 4th. Excited & restless manner, wildness of eye & apparent confusion of thought still continue. Still laughs without apparent cause. Symptoms being rather aggravated for two days, a blister has been applied to nape of neck. Complains of shiplessness. & to prevent constipation, has Pil: Colocy: Co: daily. —

17th. Having lately on several occasions opened with bottles of swearing & abuse on various parties & threatening to strike, without assigned provocation, his paroxysms of rage however only lasting for a short time) was today obliged to be removed to another gallery.

22nd. He had no outbreaks since his removal to No 1. till this day, when Dr S. having examined his side, of a stitch in which, he was complaining, was telling the attendant if it continued to apply mustard, Mr R. came up behind the former, & let fly a blow at his head, which however only hit his hat, & threatened to repeat it. His appearance in such cases is very wild & maniacal, but he soon calms down. The stitch was apparently unnoticed & is now gone. He has Ol: Jecoris Aselli ℥ss for his die

Admitted 1st Nov. 1853.

1853
Dec. 31st. An abscess formed in cellular tissue near anus which broke some days ago & is now in process of filling up.

1852
Jan. 20th. Left this voluntarily for 2 or 3 days & returning much better was shifted into another gallery. Said to my "a STOP must be put to this - this law must not continue such in England as to let this go on in Scotland" or words to that effect - no remark having been previously made in his presence to elicit such an observation.

27th. Is still occasionally subject to violent outbursts without adequate cause, & is very apt to come into collision with his fellow-patients.

Told my struck one of the E.H. patients who assists in the gallery, without provocation, & on the fellow patient saying the latter was not to blame, E.E.K. first struck him, & then seizing an earthen table knife (it was just before dinner) said he would cut his throat, & threatened to throw it at him.

Latitude amounted to No. 1.

Gets a dose of sulphate of magnesia once a day, to regulate the bowels.

Feby 3. Told my on the medical assistant going into the gallery, this patient came suddenly up to him & opened a volley of abuse on him, on account of his not being allowed any tobacco, altho' he has originally been told that it is for the present strictly prohibited.

9. When Dr S. was standing in the airing court talking to one of the patients Mr K. came up behind him stealthily & as he thought unperceived, & made an attempt - almost successful - to knock the pipe out of Dr S's mouth. When, a few minutes afterwards asked to apologize for such conduct he instead began to blaspheme & abuse Dr S. & accordingly had an hour or two of seclusion to prevent a repetition.

18. Was in bed most of the day not feeling so well, & the piles threatening to return.

He has been taking cod liver oil for several weeks.

28. No sudden attacks of rage for several days & looks calmer. Has 2 pennyfuls of tobacco a day.

Bowels regular.

March 7. Got up in a fury as the attendant brought his dinner being taken to the gallery in which he slept, swearing at & abusing him in a very loud tone, on account of not getting enough tobacco.

31 No more paroxysms of rage since last report, & for 10 days he has been in a similar gallery in the daytime. Is rational, quiet & conversable & amuses himself with billiards & amongst his fellow-patients. - He had a slight epileptic attack, which left him.

M.P. 201.

Mr Francis Ingram Thomson Pt.

1853.
Oct. 31st. Continues as in previous reports. very self-important - imagining he has a sort of charge in the Gallery - & vicinity no doubt in to put away. - Complains of some rheumatic pains in head. —

Nov.

Dec. 1st. Continues as in previous reports.
1853 Jan. 31st. No change -
Takes great interest in musical rumours occasionally held. —
Complains much of rheumatic pains.

Dec.

Feb. 28. He still continues as in above reports.
March 31. No change.
Is of late walking out, & playing bowls with children. - not so indolent as formerly, principally on account of an intimacy between him & a fellow patient (Mr Chas. Brown) who is active in habit.
Willing undertakes any little commission that enhances his importance among the patients.

1853
January

June 14th. No change in health or habits.
July 15. Indolent habits, & complacent manner of speaking with any body of any importance in this institution (so long as they happen to be present)
Continue as before.

Sept. 16. No change to be recorded - One or two slight attacks of indigestion lately.
Oct. 15. Health & habits as above.

Dec. 31st This patient is in the enjoyment of good health. He is very self important. Seems to have no intimation to leave this institution.
1853 -
July 28th. Is in every respect the same as when last reported. He takes a great deal of exercise daily. General health good.
April 30th No change in any. He is in the enjoyment of good health.
June 30th. No Change.
Takes a great interest in telling about the state of the rest of the patients in the same gallery with him.
July 24th. For the last few days he complains of rheumatic pains in his joints in other respects he is as usual -
August 30th. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is very officious fair and flattering but not to be depended on
Sept. 30th Is in every respect the same as in foregoing report.
October Is very contented seems no desire to leave the asylum.
He takes a great deal of exercise
Bodily health is good
premitions Natural

Admitted 2nd September 1852.

Nov. 17th He believes or wishes to make others believe that he has put a stop of Change here. and often expresses an opinion about the Delusions of his fellow patients
His bodily health is good

Dec. 31st Walks daily about the grounds He has not of late been complaining of any rheumatic pains in his back
A few days ago requested that he have porter instead of whisky which request was complied with
He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

1856 January 9th Do in every respect the same as mentioned in forgoing reports –
He was this day discharged Cured

Cured

Revd. A. S. Patterson at:

1853
Oct. 11th. Was today brought to the asylum by Dr. Mackintosh who had gone to Spain for him at bottom of the patient's illness of somewhat affection.

The origin of the present which is the first attack, is shrouded in considerable obscurity from the fact of his having for some time past been in Gibraltar, whither he had been sent by the Free Church authorities, & where, during very warm weather he had been labouring assiduously in a ministerial capacity.

Having set out on his homeward route through Spain, his friends in Britain first became aware of a change in his mental state from the receipt of several very strange letters.

He believed that he heard the voices of various Free Church Ministers addressing him, as well as of others menacing him with some great evil, so that he felt himself impelled on various occasions to speak aloud on the subject in different places, & to keep some diligence & travel on foot a distance of 20 miles &c.

He was found by Dr M. who had been sent out by his friends here, at Bayos under the care of the civil authorities, having previously inflicted by the delusion that he is the greatest of sinners attempted self-destruction by pistols, & by a knife, the cicatrice of the wound made by the latter being still visible on his throat.

He was, furthermore brought home, & on admission is found still to labour under his delusions - that some great evil menaces him, that he has committed some unpardonable sin &c.

Oct. 20th. He has several times had recourse to his head, occasional doses of Ipecacuan, & for the last 3 nights an opiate at bedtime. Still continues under the influence of his delusion belief, & very suspicious & conceives that those he comes in contact with, i.e. the medical officers, the attendants & his fellow-patients know more about him than they will confess to. Sleeps badly. Has an attendant with him during the night. Bowels regular. Takes his food tolerably well. Walks out of doors once or twice a day, has occasional carriage exercise, & reads a little, but cannot be induced to employ his mind on any literary undertaking.

Admitted 11th October 1853

Dec. 1 Since last report takes much less of his delusions & acknowledges he is somewhat better as he thinks has about them; but is still to some extent under their influence. Engages himself a good deal in writing & studying now. Walks daily. So takes Hydriodate of Potass for twice daily & has an opiate at night as he complains much of sleeplessness. –

23rd Has since last report been again more depressed in spirits, & has been dry-capped & bathed on the entire capitis; is now improved in that respect. So still very shy & has com with Dr Sol: Mun: Worth: on. Walks out generally twice daily, to which however he is averse, as well as to the tonic & other medicines. Since the 15th has given up the Hyd: Potass: & been taking Sh Mun: Ferri.

Jan. 16th Has been in general pretty cheerful since last report, & sleeping better. On the evening of the 2nd had, by the advice of Dr Kaney & Pagan a warm shower bath, since which he has not been sleeping so well, & appears he is quite nervous & shaky from it.

Still takes the Sh: Mun: Ferri.

Has a blister on nape of neck to-day. –

Feby. 1st This morning told Dr S. that when the mental movement began to pain some ground among the attendants he thought it had some connection with his Spanish business, as also when he he saw a Spanish Grammar to lying in one of the waiting-rooms, asked Dr S. if he had not seen him making such and such observations about his (Rev. A. S. P.'s) being in some great danger &c. Said that he knew he had done many things inconsistent with the Christian Character, but had never wilfully done aught against the Spanish nation &c. Has not got over his delusions yet.

28. General health much better of late sleeping better &c. & appears to dwell upon his fears much less than formerly.

Has no stimulants nor malt now.

March 7th After he has not yet quite got rid of his delusions, yet as he himself is anxious & his medical attendants are willing, that he should be tried out of this, he was this day sent home to Pelaygar, with his attendant being discharged

Relieved.

James Kippen, æt: 71.

1853.
Oct. 6th. Was led my admitted into the asylum.
Altho' the patient was never treated for insanity before yet he has for long been subject to fits of excitement, occurring almost annually. Has had at least 3 full courses since the present attack which is attributed to "severe family bereavement, losses in business & the trial" & is of 10 months' duration, has been characterized by want of appetite, extreme restlessness, and themes of claims & great instability of temper. Believes that his relations wish to deprive him of his rights & that he is entitled to a large sum of money.
Was previous to the attack in excellent health & only fond of stimulants after symptoms of derangement appeared.
There has been at least one lucid interval of 24 hours duration.
Nov. 30th. Very little change since admission. So irrelevant & annoying in his conversation, so wasteful & impatient of contradiction.
Occasionally requires to be kept for a day or two in bed to let him calm down.
Dec. 22. Still talkative & impatient of contradiction or inattention to his incoherencies.
So in the habit - especially when in a state of greater irritation than usual of giving utterance to a volley of exaggerated sarcasm - & giving no time to answer it - starting out of the parlor to take a turn down the passage & then returning to the charge, & repeating this over & over again.
So poisonous in his flattery if he is humoured & quite the reverse when any wholesome restraint is imposed.
With all his nonsense makes many shrewd remarks, & is rather an adept at apropos nicknames.
Led my first provoked & then struck an inoffensive fellow patient (Mr J. Nolan) & if not prevented, an encounter would have ensued.

1854
Jany. 7th. So very noisy & talking loudly altho' he has for the last 5 days.
Requires an occasional purgative
18 owing to incontinence of urine. Appropriated his night lies for the last few days been taking small doses

Admitted 8th October 1853.

of Mr. Cantland; which has improved the appetite.

25. No improvement in this patient. Is pretty quiet & reasonable when in bed for a day or two, which is occasionally necessary but when among his fellow-patients is apt to get obstreperous, so it is impossible to give in to all his dictates, or even listen to his long-winded incoherent story.

Sept 28. He since last report seems as before alternately confined to, & out of, bed for 2 or 3 days at a time. Perhaps is on the whole more quiet & less dictatorial latterly when among his fellow patients.

Bodily health fair.

March 8. Very much improved during the last week or two. Is now constantly out of bed & amongst his fellow patients in the gallery, & out in the airing court on fine days.

Much more quiet & rational in conversation. Very fond both of getting & administering flattery.

He has been on several different days rather morbid & melancholy, but is on the whole pretty equable.

April 14. Upto after dinner one of the comforts since last report was a little irritable, but soon calmed down & is now pretty equable.

May 14. In regard to facilities of spirits he fluctuates considerably since last report.

Was for some days obliged to be kept in another gallery, as he was talking incoherently, vaunting his own powers, accusing various of his fellow-patients of trying to malign him &c. & crying & praying he during the night.

He for some days been much quieter & able to mix with the patients in his former gallery & the ward chapel to & my.

24. Talkative & rather dictatorial & self-sufficient but not any excitable or noisy just now.

31. Walked out in promenade today & much pleased with the liberty & position. Keeping quiet.

June 8. He excited for two days upto being after with Mrs Mapleson, giving up at the slightest contradiction, abusing & for the women, writes stuff for some fancied insult, - says (Mrs S.) he a d-d old blackguard & he wants not to see so long & hears voices firing at him during the night &c.

12. Had a day of melancholy & despondency upto last part of excitement, but is now again equable & more placed, when bowels are kept free by laxatives.

July 14. He had two alternations of quiet & good humour with talkative irritability since last report. Is rather depressed.

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I Ames Rew, Ot. 27.

Oct. 21st. Was ~~to my home~~ pmd from the E. H. where he has been since date of admission.
Patient got a severe kick from a horse on the head about 12 years ago –
For about 3 years, patient has evinced great violence of temper, & homicidal tendency, having repeatedly attempted to injure his mother & sister, – & this irritability & irritability of temper is stated to be increasing.

Nov. 11 Since last report patient has generally been quiet & inoffensive, incessant in his ~~[illegible]~~ for snuff & tobacco which he takes every opportunity of indulging in, & to both of which he appears to have been a great slave.
Now reads for other men amuses himself. General health good.

Dec. 6. Continues in state quo, & idle & quiet in no amusement. Answers questions rationally & unhesitatingly. Is self-willed. Health good.

23d. Was this morning barricaded the inside of his bedroom door with his bedstead (which has since been removed) & his threats that he would certainly be "stung-up" if anything happened to him from not being able to fasten himself in, & from his suspicious manner of looking at the window &c – there is reason to suppose that he fears an attack of some kind. Had slight vacillation of bad temper on his relations at the separate visits stately, telling him that he would probably be here for some time longer still. Bodily health good.

1874 Jan. 27. Sometimes points out texts in the prophetic books, which he assumes to bear upon his case, the conduct of the officials &c – but without a shadow of reason.
Confesses to believing himself to be the great person in the world.
Confesses to be quite contented here & appears to go, but gets very impatient when his friends call & tell him they are not to take him away immediately.
E. H. very good. Is getting stout.

Feb. 28. Mental state much improved. Says he is as happy as a king, but yet wishes to get home &c –
Bodily health good.

March 31 Bodily health very good, but mind very unsettled. Intensely fond of snuff & tobacco. Laughs a good deal to himself & at the gross & scandalous of the other patients. Says he is as happy as a king here, but is always pressing his friends at their visits to remove him, & altho' generally good natured, sometimes gets into a rage on refusal.

Admitted 23rd September, 1853.

May 15.	as lazy & childish in habit & speech as heretofore.
June 14	Imbecile & non-composed yesterday ~~that~~ he thinks he is "not sound in the head." occasionally importunate that he should go home, promising heaven to the person pitied if he is let go, & threatening hell in the other case. E. H. Good.
20.	No change in any respect, but his friends being anxious that he should have a trial at home, he is this day discharged

Relieved.

Revd. John Henderson, Ætat. 54.

1853
Nov. 4th. Was today brought to the asylum by an attendant & his friend.

One of his brothers died in a private asylum. Present, which is his first attack, which at least of 8 months duration, was preceded by more than ordinary depression of spirits & irritability of temper. It is chiefly characterized by very violent occasional fits of rage, weakness of mental power & great misery, supposed to depend partly on his belief that he has become poverty stricken, & that his friends have no affection for him, both of which suppositions are contrary to the real facts of the case. He frequently attempts self-violence by laudanum, strangling & a knife.

He had two slight attacks of paralysis of left side of body, which have left him with powers of articulation so impaired as to render it almost impossible for a stranger to understand him at all; but so far as one can by patching from his language, signs & tones his mind appears to be weakened & in a state of great dejection.

His symptoms have indeed the relief in his medical attendants that amelioration is in progress, - & he is also free to have symptoms of renal disease.

Bowels open. - Lets him be written, & bolts

Dec. 6th. Had a week ago an attack of diarrhœa of several days duration, treated by Chalk Mixture, Catechu & Opium, followed by Costiveness which have been regulated by Pil Rhei Co. - So very tractable in spirits, being occasionally cheerful & happy, at other times gloomy & apt to weep. Has had several attacks of epistaxis at varying intervals & without apparent external cause. Bodily movements are unsteady & spasmodic so inarticulate as to render him dispeptic of comprehension. Walks out once or twice daily. Is apt to wet the floor during the night.

23rd " Continues as before but more generally good humoured

1854 Has had only one attack of epistaxis since last report.

Jan. 18th. For 3 days has been more dull & fretful altho' he strenuously denies being worse; for last two nights has wet the bed.

24 The prospect of a blister & the application of a little croton oil liniment to nape of neck at date of last report, had a good effect, & was about his usual cheerfulness when he was very anxious to go home forgetful, & impatient of contradiction.

27th. So in his usual state; is not getting out of doors

Admitted 4th November, 1853.

1854	Memory has of late failed very much, asks the names of persons he sees every day over & over again. Knows ~~the day of the week~~ & hour of the day is to.
	Nutrition appears good & in spirits; on day is pretty cheerful & apparently content — the next morbid & miserable.
	Bowels regular.
March 31.	Very little change. Bodily health as formerly. Spirits tolerable, bowels regular and muscular motions considerably paralysed, but is able to walk out. Mind & memory very weak. Generally cheerful, but sometimes is very irritable & occasionally keeps kept him.
May 14.	On the whole has got more paralytic & feeble in mind. Hardly ever attempts to converse now & power of articulate speech appears lost. Still gets a walk in the grounds every day. Is generally pretty cheerful & contented with little attention & commonplace observation but on occasional days wears a sour look & is very irritable.
	Bowels regular & appetite tolerable.
	Sleeps well.
June 13.	Mind & body have been gradually getting weaker, tho' still able to totter about, is very feeble. Can hardly make out a word he says now. Generally cheerful however.
	This morning was discovered to have had an attack of hemorrhage in the night, but there has been little more of it today.
	To be sat up with tonight & have brandy & toddy. —
24	Continued to be occasionally troubled with purging, & was mostly kept in bed; mind & body being very weak. Took his food tolerably well.
	His friends being anxious to have him under their own care, he is this day dismissed

Released.

John Scott McNair aet. from p. 127.

1853.

Sept. 26. Was too my was written in such a state as to necessitate exclusion in the apartment provided so as to prevent the possibility of his injuring himself by his very violent & eccentric motion.

Having felt premonitory symptoms was mentally disorder for some days back & being brought here again.

Oct. 30th Has had no blisters on head, & been fairly purged & is now much improved in mental & bodily state.

Nov. 11. Has for some days past been so well as to be removed into another gallery. Talks rationally & cheerfully. Complains of uneasy feeling in spine. General health pretty good.

26th From uneasy feelings threatening a relapse, had a blister on his head some days ago, & feels relieved.

Is in bed today on account of catarrh.

Dec. 3rd Today has had a blister to nape of neck.

9th A cotton was today inserted in nape of neck, working forward to which kept him rather depressed in spirits for 2 days previously.

1854 Jan. 4 Continues quiet & rational, occasionally complaining of pain & compression of head, spending a day or two in bed occasionally. — Bodily health pretty good. —

27th The excitement of taking part in a concert about 3 weeks since having been detrimental to him, he has been prevented in joining in such things since, & is keeping pretty equable in spirits. G.H. good.

Feby. 28. Mental state is pretty equable & satisfactory.

Occasionally complains of headache, & sometimes of acidity of stomach, but otherwise is in good health, bodily, & is fairly stout. —

March 31. Is pretty well & equable in mind.
G.H. good.

April 11. As he & his friends are anxious that he should now get a trial, & he has hitherto kept well, he is this day discharged

Cured.

Re Admitted September 26th 1853.

John Ashby Anderson Ot 24

1853
Oct. 6th — Was too my brought to the Asylum by Dr McLeod from Glasgow. –
Patient's paternal mother was for many years insane, & has mother has had occasional attacks.
In March 1851 had an attack, from following great emaciation & exhaustion increase of his naturally impetuous disposition, & excitement as to necessitate his confinement in Langholm Institution, where he has remained ever since, being occasionally very studious & rational in his conversation at other times listless & taciturn, occasionally violent & destructive; sometimes refusing his food & otherwise showing a suicidal tendency. Is stated to have spoken more for the last 3 months, & is said to be very susceptible, to any allusion to an uncle who died in 1850 to whom he was much attached.

Nov. 1st — Ever since his admission he has conducted himself with the utmost propriety & kindness to those with whom he comes in contact. Is very seldom unemployed; amusing himself with billiards, reading & drawing – at which he is very expert. Is quite conversable on general – literary – or scientific subjects – has hitherto shown no symptom of any delusion; is slightly anxious to review. – General health good. Never goes out of doors, has objected to seeing the only friend who has called since he came. –

Oct. 6th — Occupies most of his time with reading drawing & occasionally music. Has not yet been out of doors. Has shown great irritability on several occasions. Bodily health good.

1854
Jan. 27th — Is very seldom out of his gallery, & still objects to going out of doors, or seeing a friend who has called. Is rather more reserved now than usual for last few weeks. Writes a great deal & occasionally plays upon flute &c. –

Feby 28. — No change since last report, nor has he been out of his gallery, in the billiard-room &c, since then. –

March 31. — Since last report has been almost constantly up in the library, billiard-room & painting room & prior much engaged with billiards, & for the last 10 days putting in type Shakespeare's Tempest with an introduction by himself. Has been considerably more sociable & conversable of late than previously, but still occasionally very irritable.

Admitted 8th October 1853.

May 15. Still extremely assiduous at the Tempest = which progresses rapidly. Except to go to the Painting-Office never quits his gallery.

Is on the whole improved in sociable qualities - & less irritable in temper - more inclined to be cheerful in general; - but does not do with much contradiction or coercion. -

Nov 4 On being refused to get upstairs to library because by its being sabbath & no attendant there, he got into a great rage - first at the attendant & then at Dr S. said he could not get peace & solitude in his own room as "condemnation room" was written on the door (which is the fact, probably done by some former patient, with a hard pencil) - & Dr S. denying that it was he or "the buffer that dirt him" who did it, - he said it was more likely to be his old enemies at a distance who had done so & refused to try a change of bedroom.

13. Only kept his new bedroom for one night, & next day seemed somewhat ashamed of having given such a reason for wishing it changed, & has never alluded to it since.

For a trivial reason connected with his pride, which is the predominant passion in his mind, he has given up painting, having finished the "Tempest" with notes & in a very short time, & now devotes himself to reading & billiards

Is at present, & more especially since the "burst" above mentioned, is very friendly & conversational with Dr S. but has no intimacy with any of his fellow-patients.

So far as can be judged seems much averse to meeting with the maid (the only female with whom he can come in contact) or mentioning a female name.

Says his health is excellent & never was in the least impaired by his habits of never going out &c - but confesses to an occasional headache.

July 14. Is improving in sociability with Dr S & thro' the patients he meets in the billiard-room. Has form a trifling difficulty in getting an article he required - from his painting for Shakespeare - after finishing the Tempest, & is now writing manuscript notes on several other plays of Shakespeare. Occasionally plays billiards, & when he is likely to lose a game, he fairly gives way to his bitterness of soul, plays sulkily, mutters to himself, swears at his partner & yet seems angry with great obstinacy that a betting at such a trivial game is not worth being made about. Whether in other matters, such as on his book disappearing - affect him in a similar manner.

J. P. L. L.

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1853
Nov. 16 Since last report has continued in the same state – bodily health very good – So quiet & good-humoured, pleasant & easily pleased.

Oct. 22. Remains as in former reports.

1854
Jany. 17th Quiet, good-humoured & pleasant as usual. About 24 hrs. had a fit of vomiting & purging, confining him to bed for 2 or 3 days – & was very weakness for a few days thereafter, was easily excited to anger, has now resumed his usual pretty agreeable spirits.

May 20th Continues in the same easy, good-humoured, pleasant course & habits.
S.H. pretty fair.

March 31. No change in health or habits.

May 16th. Continues in robust, easy, & pretty agreeable temperament. Seldom reads or amuses himself, except occasionally at cards or bowls. –

June 13. State of mind & body unchanged. –

Aug. 15. No change in health or habits.

Sept 16. Continues in robust, simple-minded & contented as above reported. Altho' his friends cannot permit making some stir as to giving him a trial out of doors, he himself is by no means in a hurry thereanent.

Oct 15. No change worthy of note.

9 November So quiet and well behaved. takes his food well. is easily pleased. bowels regular

Dec. 9

Dec. 7th There is no marked change observed since last reported appetite sleep and bowels regular

1855
Jan. 29th No Change since last reported

January 20 Continues much the same

February 16th Is occasionally very confused in his manner. wanders about the passing and lifts every thing out of its proper place. his bodily health continues good

28th Is at present rather cheerful and contented often speaks about going to Campbelltown in the summer for a few weeks and invites the Medical Superintendent to go along with him

March 16th A short time ago patient was visited by a Dr. Paterson from Hobart at the request of Mr. S. friends for to ascertain whether it would be advisable to remove him from the Asylum. after this visit he was more absent in his mind than usual

31st He is now cheerful and contented he has no desire to leave the institution. He reads very little but amuses himself playing at cards with the rest of the patients. general health good

Admitted Dec. 2nd 1844

April 28. Continues in every respect much the same as when last reported. He takes his food well. bowels regular.

May 28. Is cheerful and contented. He is every evening playing at bowls and takes a great interest in the game. His general health is good. takes his food well bowels regular –

June 30. Continues cheerful and contented in other respect is the same as in former reports –

July 30. There is no change in health or habits. Continues to amuse himself at Cards and bowls takes his food well. bowels natural.

August 18. There is no marked change on either bodily or mental health since last reported –
He this morning at the request of his brother left the asylum for a few weeks accompanied with an attendant

Sept. 1st He today returned from Pemphrettan where he had been visiting his friends since the 18th of last month.
He seems to be very much delighted with his trip and the attendant states that patient conducted himself well during the time that he was away.
Bodily health. food functions natural

October 4th Continues very cheerful and passe natural. Takes a good deal of exercise in the airing court daily and amuses himself at cards.
His bodily health is good
Functions natural

Nov. 7th Is in every respect the same as in former report. appetite sleep and bowels natural –

Dec. 30th Is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is very cheerful takes a good deal of exercise in the airing court. Continues to amuse himself

1856 at Cards, Functions natural –

January 30. Is in every respect much the same as described in foregoing reports appetite good, bowels regular

February 28. Continues in the enjoyment of good bodily health. There is no marked change on his mental. He never reads, he spends his time in walking in the airing court. and playing at Cards

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Simon Smith Ætat. 23

1853
Nov. 15th. Was this day transferred from the E. Hyde where he was admitted on Oct. 29th 1853.

Patient has always been extremely fond of temperance & slightly eccentric, & at school was called "Simple Simon". At 17 years of age after quarrelling papers, clothes & fighting rid of the money in some unknown manner, for he was not then intemperate, he enlisted & was for several years in India, serving in the artillery.

He is naturally quiet & inoffensive, but inclined to be melancholy, & subject to fits of intemperance since coming home from India months ago. Had an attack of delirium tremens about 8 mos ago.

Has for the last fortnight been labouring under the fear of devils talent upon his chest.

Never had any relatives insane, so far as known.

S.H. Good.

Has been quiet & melancholic in the L. House.

30. Is quiet & apparently convalescent, but comatose in general. Talks with propriety; confesses to a belief that he is given over to the power of the Great Enemy, which, via he says has for some days oppressed him more than usual. Is indolent.

Bowels apt to be constipated.

Dec. 7 Has had a slight ophthalmia, quickly subdued by a purgative & a solution of Nit. Argent. locally.

30. Is very sleepless thus an opiate every night. Is melancholy from the oppression of his delusions; says he connects with the christ & diabolic designs - a fellow patient (Wm. Alexander) who is in the habit of muttering to himself & uttering into one another fits of laughter, as both do of crying & talking during the night - their bedrooms being contiguous. No reasoning can dispel the idea of the connection. Cannot collect his thoughts sufficiently to read even for a short time, but converses in good deal with several of his fellow patients.

1854
Jany. 25. Continues very much as at last report - sleeplessness & harbouring the delusions mentioned above.

Bowels rather constipated.

Feby 28. Has improved somewhat in last 10 days. Is sleeping better seems more cheerful but still apt to be moody. S.H. Good.

March 31. Continues much as before, - comfortable but gloomy, - objects to attending concerts, chapel &c.

May 14. Since last report has improved considerably. Is indolent & good natured; - Is more cheerful & has been once or twice at chapel &c. Occasionally reads & plays bowls.

Wrote a rational letter to his sister lately, expressing desire to get out & do something.

Admitted October 29th 1853.

June 13.	Continues to behave with great propriety & has of late broached no delusions - is very good natured - & occasionally reads & plays cards, bowls &c - but appears very imbecile.
July 1.	Having for a good many weeks behaved with great propriety, & the mind being apparently free of delusions altho' still under the influence of an imbecile material to him, & perhaps fostered by his previous life & the habits of this place he is this day discharged

Cured.

Andrew Young Æt 34.

1853
Nov. 11th. Was sent by hospital to the Asylum by his friends.

Patient's first attack this is, has for some time past been a merchant in Belfast, twenty by success beyond his expectations is supposed by his relations to have had at least a share in causing the insanity. For two months he has been labouring under considerable excitement & delusions, gradually increasing. Has been ordering large quantities of various kinds of goods for the Australian market, - & talking a great deal of an engine he supposes himself to have invented, capable of taking a vessel to Australia in 15 minutes; believes he has made £50000, & that he has come over to Scotland to buy Dundyvan.

On admission, speaks freely of his plans & delusions, is pale & thin; - pulse quick & small. Put him to bed & gave him nourishment.

17th. Ever since admission has continued in the same incoherent state & strength has been gradually failing notwithstanding the administration of nourishment & stimulants, in quantity.

Urine at one time escapes involuntarily, at another requires to be drawn off by the catheter.

Bowels are only to be moved by purgatives & enemata combined.

His former medical attendant states that 3 years ago he had slight hæmoptysis - that then the stethoscope detected signs of congestion - or consolidation in the apex of right lung - Has at present some cough & has spat up a little blood. Stethoscope fails in making out respiratory murmur clearly in apices of both lungs, especially the right one. & then the vocal resonance is much increased.

18th. During this day, strength has been gradually going; at times almost pulseless altho he has got large quantities of wine, port &c. Is averse to taking nourishment.

Towards evening became moribund, & at 7½ P.M.

Died.

Admitted Novr. 11th 1855.

John Gibson Ae: 45.

1853
Nov. 25th. Was this evening brought to the asylum by a man who has been attending on him.

Has for a considerable period been addicted to intemperance, to much so in August last, that he has almost been unable to attend to his business of watchmaking; & his friends have occasionally been obliged to get in a man to watch him.

68 Man.

Is naturally of quiet & retiring habits. Has been indulging to such an extent for some days before admission, that he has lost all sense of what natural (or what unnatural) is. Wished to get out of window last night. Is very timid, apprehensive and very timid, weeping without cause.

Bowels said to be regular & appetite good. Pulse full & accelerated.

Let him be put to bed. —

27 Appears of a quiet & timid disposition. Is now coherent & rational in conversation.

Dec. 8th. Was this day transferred to the Lock House.

Admitted November 25th 1853.

James Steele — From page 177

1856
March 22nd

There is no change either mentally or bodily. This patient was today removed from this Asylum by his brother and nephew, and his legal advisers, to Camphelltown to live there with his sister on trial.
On the 1st April patient's nephew told Dr MacNiven in the Religious Institution rooms, that patient behaved well at Camphelltown since his removal from the asylum, he also stated that the patient was not to be brought back and that his name was to be struck off the books.
The brother of the patient, who is barely being legally advised not to give a written order for his removal declined to give back to the Physician Superintendent —
He was dismissed relieved on the 22nd March 1856

Relieved

James Patrick aet 18 Kirkintilloch

1853.
Oct 2nd. We this day transferred from the Boat House where he has been since admission in such a maniacal state as to require seclusion.
The present attack which is the first his of 6 days standing. Ph admission was supposed to be caused by intense study, & was preceded by depression of spirits of some weeks duration. It has been characterized by violent excitement.
On being brought to the W. H. has somewhat quieted down since admission, but is noisy incoherent & incapable of answering questions.

Oct 10 Considerably less noisy but still acts & speaks irrationally - So occasionally taciturn. Still in exclusion. Regimen purgatives.

24th Some improvement. Is scarcely ever noisy, generally taciturn & cannot be allowed to remain among the other patients even for a short time without being under the immediate charge of an attendant, as he is apt to be mischievous so that with the exception of a short time daily, he is still in exclusion. Occasionally shouts "Hurrah for Kilmarnock" (his native place) &c - Had an unhealthy looking wound over middle of right tibia, apparently produced by a blow of a blunt-pointed stick or something of the sort - which has had poultices & then water dressing applied & is now much better.

1854 Jany 27th Still in exclusion. Is taciturn when alone, but when taken out into the gallery, soon becomes mischievous & noisy. Is quiet during night.
Gets enemata & laxatives occasionally. Takes his food well.
Wound on leg is now better.

Feby 28th Mental state is unimproved. Fluctuates between stubborn taciturnity & incoherent talking, threats & blasphemy.
Regimen castor oil every 2 or 3 days to open bowels. -

March 29th Has been taciturn, except occasionally when out in the airing ground which he has been daily for few weeks, - for last week or two.
These two days has appeared to labour under a want of power, as well as pain or motion in limbs, especially the leg, & has lain constantly in bed. Appetite good. Not no pain or pressure in abdomen, & respiration apparently free. Will not answer questions.

Admitted November 4th 1853.

April 1st. Rather better & able to walk a little & took his food yesterday & took my visit this morning, but as his father had come to see him, it was thought advisable that he should be removed & he is accordingly dismissed

Relieved.

Robert Johnston, Simpson Ct.

1853.
Nov. 30 — We tonight brought to the Asylum by his friends.

It states to have been for at least a year labouring under mental aberration to such an extent as to incapacitate him from practising his profession. So very incoherent in his language & behaviour, resisting the taking off of his clothes.

Dec. 6th — His mid-diurnal & nocturnal habits same found to be such as to necessitate his being removed to another gallery two days after his mission.

So constantly on foot to be doing about, & appropriately the clothes he of other patients. Conversation is very incoherent & incoherent, & filled with allusions to the shaving water. Cannot bear contradiction & is always answering observations not addressed to him. Yesterday had to blister applied to keep off neck.

Dec. 2nd — Very little change in habits or health. Requires an enema every second night to keep his bowels open & improve his habits.

1854
May 27th — Habits of appropriating great-coats &c & answering questions not addressed to him, intermittently - still continue. So very irritable when interfered with.

An attempt was made to get him to pick oakum as being most akin to his mending yarn to which he was accustomed previous to coming here, but with very partial success.

Still has the enema every second night. Gen. good.

On the 7th Inst. struck one of the attendants on the head with a plate, & one morning about the same time pitched the materials for his enema out at the room door, dashed out & attacked a fellow-patient. Such ebullitions are by no means uncommon.

May 28. — Having become still more troublesome & interfering, & it being difficult to find any suitable occupation for him he has lately been kept a good deal in bed, or in fine weather out in the airing-court, as no attendable degree of vigilance can prevent him otherwise getting into collisions with his fellow-patients, from his habits of appropriation &c.

Had slight diarrhoea for 2-3 days a week ago, his bowels have now returned to their normal costive condition. —

Was today transferred to the E. House.

No change in habits.

Admitted November 30th. 1853.

James Calder, Farmer Ætt. 28.

1853.

Oct. 3rd. Was today transferred from the Exam. House, previous to his admission into which he had for 18 mos: been subject to occasional attacks, in which he was fierce & restless, wishing to fight out & knocking about, being in the intervals depressed in spirits. No assignable cause existing. He fancies people have plotting mischief against him.

On admission to E.H. was bound hand & foot, & on restraint being removed was not violent but restless, trying to make his escape when not watched for some weeks to. & continued unsettled & unemployed till his removal to W.H.

22nd. So very taciturn, & objects to being spoken with, will not answer questions tho' they are passed occasionally through Evidence. Sons in no amusement, but generally walks up & down the gallery with his hat on & hands in his pockets occasionally muttering & smiling to himself & sometimes kneeling in the middle of the gallery & elsewhere apparently in prayer.

Bodily health is robust.

1854

March 25th. Continues unchanged since last report. Expresses no particular wish to get away, tho' his mother who lately visited him, occasionally says, whether he is to remain.

E.H. excellent.

July 28th. Habits continue as above.

For part of this month was affected with diarrhœa, which being slight, & as he would not voluntarily take medicine, was allowed to pass, & soon disappeared; he is now in his usual good health.

Nov. 31. Hardly ever speaks to any one, but walks about, generally with his coat off & his trousers turned up singing psalms occasionally praying, or standing for a few minutes at the wall.

So, in robust health.

April 24. Very little if any change for the better having taken place, & his relations being desirous that he should be tried at home, he was this day dismissed

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Relieved.

Admitted February 26th. 1853.

Wm Smith, Gent. Ætat 39.

Oct. 8th Was this afternoon brought to the asylum by his medical attendant & brother in law.

The patient has for a considerable period been prone to the abuse of spirits, causing an attack of Delirium Tremens about four months since.

Present attack, also caused by intemperance is of 10 days duration, & is stated to be characterized by irritability & violence if opposed - contrary to his mild & amiable manners naturally "sleeplessness, want of appetite, incoherence &c".

So stated to have made some unsuccessful attempts upon his own life by means of a knife - & to have broken some panes of glass two days since.

So quiet & tractable.

17 Since admission has been very coherent in thought & expression, & at times apparently sensy. Does not seem to understand when he is altho' he has been frequently told. So constantly wandering about, opening doors, entering apartments he has no necessity to go into &c.

Has got two glasses of whisky & last two nights one glass, with 3ss Mur: Morph Solut: in each. Appears somewhat improved today. Has had bloater on night of week.

21 So still getting 1 glass of whisky at bedtime with 3ss Sol: Mur: Morph: & recommend perseverance.

Spoken to today & appears much less confused & inclined to wander, & is able to talk pretty rationally, but wonders why he was brought here for a mere "whisky-fever" of which he has now recovered, & is anxious to get home.

1854 Jany. 10th Mind is still improved since last report. Has had diarrhœa for 10 days, for which has been taking Lauro chloralum mixture, & for two nights has had an enema of starch & opium at bedtime, with little benefit.

17th Diarrhœa still continues. He is now taking Gallic acid & opium.

20th No improvement, & is getting much weaker. Let him have pills with nitras argenti & opium.

24th On going into his room this morning patient was found by the att. and not lying on the floor, very cold & pale, having got bewildered on leaving bed to answer nature's call.

Mind is very unsettled, but having got friendly he has recovered a good deal of his strength.

Admitted December 6th 1853.

25th Wandering in his conversation which is very indistinct. Wishes to get out of bed, & is now sitting up with during the night.

27th Purging not quite so frequent these two days, but perspires a great deal & is very feeble. Appetite is pretty good & he takes a good deal of soup, milk &c. with brandy occasionally.
Urine was drawn off by catheter last night & this morning. —
A good deal of muscular twitching & picking with hands &c.

Feby 7th Altho' the purging is not now excessive, patient is extremely weak & mental faculties affected. Perspires a great deal. Generally passes fæces & urine in bed.
Ordered Sulphuric ether, Ammonia & Spirits.

13th Altho' the appetite kept up well, the system gradually became weaker, & the purging having been for two days more frequent he gradually sank, & a fatal change being observed about 8 3/4 P.M. he tranquilized at 9 1/4 P.M.

Died.

Henry Ritchie Urquhart. ætat 43.

1853.

Dec. 10th. Was this afternoon brought to the Asylum by his friends.

Patient is stated to have been for a considerable period subject to alternations of elevation & depression of spirits, with former state believing his wife to be his greatest enemy, in the latter confiding in him as the best of women & wives.

Has "given utterance to the expression that but for his children he might have committed a great sin.

On admission appears quiet & collected, & says that the only reason for his having been brought here, is his having written to his mother a letter in which he rashly expressed in strong terms that his feelings were depressed, by reverses in business.

Dec. 21st. Since admission has behaved with great quietness & propriety, amusing himself with reading, walking in the airing court & conversation. Appears to be in better depressed spirits on account of the reason above mentioned, but gives evidence of no mental delusion. Bodily health is good.

1854 May 27th. Continues to behave with the utmost propriety. General health good.

July 28th. Behaves rationally & with decorum. So quiet & good-humoured, simple in his tastes.

Is in fair bodily health.

March 10th. Having kept free from delusion & in the mental depression, apparently his was this day discharged

Cured.

Admitted, December 10th 1853.

Archibald Patterson, Ct 26.

1853. Oct 11th Was this morning brought to the asylum by his relations, his hands being pinioned.

Patient, whose first attack this is, is stated to have been crazed 3 or 4 weeks since with a strong feeling of religious concern, creating a dark melancholy, which lasted till 3 or 4 days ago, when he suddenly became very violent, singing, whistling, & dancing, in which state he has continued ever since, getting very short & snatches of sleep. Has evinced great cunning in trying to attain any of his purposes.

On admission is rather quiet, but excitement is extreme, & he continues to sing, dance &c at intervals.

Bowels have been confined.

Let him have castor oil & be secluded.

13th Bowels were relieved by the oil but noisy excitement continues as before. Attacked one of the attendants on his entering the apartment, & at another time contrived to break the grating from the heating aperture, which must have required a great exertion of strength, & was discovered on the door being next opened standing with a piece of the grating in each hand ready to attack. Having previously by means of them cut & torn out a piece of the boarding of the wall near the window. Was chased & removed into another room.

18th Since last report has been gradually settling down becoming quieter & more manageable, & as he now evinces no propensity to violence or noise, is to be allowed to mix with the other patients in the gallery.

21st Continues to improve, mixing with the other patients, answering questions rationally & willingly, eating & sleeping well. Sometimes indulges in fantastic bodily manœuvres.

1853 Aug 27th Has for some time been in another gallery, & altho' he still occasionally indulges in a few irrational antics, yet he is gradually improving.

When asked why he was brought here, he says he supposes it was something about religion.

J. H. my God.

Sept 28th Was set to work well. So daily employed in the printing-office - plays billiards &c. Talks rationally & behaves correctly - but is still apt to become slightly flustered by excitement. In excellent bodily health

Admitted, December 11th 1853.

April 1st Although he was quite recovered & his friends wished him to leave at the end of his quarter, yet he wished to stay one week or two longer, & then went away to my with perfect manifestness — being dismissed

Cured.

Archibald Edmonstone, Ætat 67.

1853 Oct. 12th Was today brought to the Asylum by his friends.

He states as family had "impulse acting on the heart", to have been subject to occasional hepatic attacks, & to have had slight paralysis 3 or 4 years ago.

For many years he dislikes any freely in intoxicating liquors, but for 6 or 8 months has had a positive dislike to them & is now very abstinent.

About 4 mos: ago he believing he has committed the unpardonable sin, which idea has gradually increased until from weeks back he believes the devil has absolute power over him in the regulation of his speech & actions, & that he himself has no control over his conduct. Sometimes designates the devil "the Railway King" & "Dublin Bob", & is impelled to strike violently on the stomach & on the head, so as to require restraint.

At the commencement of his illness 4 mos: ago, attempted to cut his throat.

Has been constantly watched to prevent his striking himself.

Oct. 18th Since admission has had an attendant constantly beside him but for the last few days has not to my extent attempted to strike himself. Has a tolerably sleep of 2 or 3 hours, & takes his food pretty well. Bowels have been kept open by occasional doses of Blue Colocynth Pill & Castor oil.

When questioned states he is "not sick at all", & gives vent freely to his idea that the devil has absolute power on him & others, & indeed causes very accidental sound & motion &c.

Was able with support to take a turn in the airing court today. –

1854 Jan. 27th Has upon the whole improved since last report. So in better bodily health, & his delusions are not brought so prominently forward. Attributes many of his actions such as occasional fits of frowning &c – to the devil. Takes his food heartily, but occasionally he gets far too much, & is quite accumulated. Never makes any attempt to hurt himself now.

Has generally a Colocynth Pill every night to keep the bowels open, but more cautiously just now as he has once or twice been inclined to purge in the last two days.

Feb. 4th Met mother this morning, crying, shaking his head, & complaining of the devil's power over him.

7 Says today that it is God & not the devil

Admitted December 12th, 1853.

that prompts his meaning, talking to himself &c.
Is very cunning & apt to conceal his real thoughts.
Bowels inclined to be costive.

28. Less restless & sleeping better the last 2 or 3 nights. So apt to hoard the appointments of his attendant being out of the way to strip off his clothes even so early as breakfast time.
State complains of feeling himself crammed with food, having a load in his bowels &c.
Moans, talks to himself, sways his body to and fro on the chair &c.
State very much improved. Convalescent.

March 8. Says that the Lord forms all his actions, & on being told that the Lord would not make him wet the floor instead of making water in the urinal pot up in a rage & wish have thrown the bible at the head of a doctor.

31. Less apt to get out of bed at night, but still if not closely watched addicted to take off his clothes in the day time.
Moans &c. saying that the devil makes him do it.
Does constipate now & occasionally has had slight attacks of diarrhœa.
Appetite good.

April 14. Habits continued as before. —

May 16. State addicted to pacing & getting out of bed in the night, & taking off his clothes in the day-time if not watched. So averse to walking out, or indeed to any exertion.
Has a fancy which only by his own urgent solicitation, which he repeats every morning. Says his bodily health is quite well, but his mind is uneasy. So inattentive & contradictory. On occasional occasions has denied that he had any remembrance of persons, meeting him, with whom he had formerly been intimate.
Sleeps, on the whole, better. & bowels are regular.
Appetite tolerably good.

21. Lately offered D.D. £1000 to open the door for him & carry him on his back to Stirling. Says Satan is still troubling him fearfully.

31 Wants to be poisoned to get rid of Satan.
The discoloration of his hands from want of circulatory power — our his attendant doing blame him much, & desirous of people to tell his to sever in perpetuo.

June 13. Denies his mechanism & hallucination attacks is stubborn & lately in a slight struggle with an attendant for his fear marked by a stick he was walking, said he was struck forcibly.
Rather has addicted to stripping himself.

July 14. Had fall of fancies. Convalescence which broke in the top of the person in apoplectic fits giving him castor oil; says his burst his heart, that he has got no food for some days. When not off dress, walks in his disposition & will not eat flesh.

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Charles Chesney Bruce, Oct: 16.

1857.

Mch. 13 Was brought to the asylum this evening by his tutor.

Patient's mother was in this house for some months previous to September last, & he himself had an attack similar to the present lasting from April to August 1853, supervening upon an attack of Scarlatina, since which time he has taken no interest in his former pursuits, & seems not be able to fix his mind so as to settle to his studies.

The present attack commenced 7 days ago & has been characterized by fretfulness, sleeplessness, & constant incoherent talking. So quite manageable.

Bowels have been very costive but takes his food well.

Can only be silent for a few seconds when he is ordered to hold his tongue, or when his attention is strongly aroused. Returns incorrect answers to questions. Says his brother, formerly a patient here who is in reality quite well "is in heaven" &c.

24. Incessant talking still continues, & of the same disjointed nature (e.g. on the word rather being mentioned - "rather - spell it - r-a-t-h-e-r, - Christmas-cracking - pig it is - go on again &c") so as considerably to annoy his fellow-patients, but is quite manageable except in these respects.

Has not slept on several nights.

Has had a blister to scalp - laxatives - & tinct. ac opiata at bed-time.

Apl. 2nd Not talking quite so incessantly, but as incoherently. Not slept but nightly still.

8. For last 3 or 4 nights bed has been dry, & as he is quiet at night, he now sleeps in his own gallery.

Occasionally requires laxatives still.

28. Since last report has been quite quiet during the night, & generally does not speak much during the day, except when addressed but still occasionally talkative & restless.

Returns ready, but generally incorrect or nonsensical answers to questions.

Bowels regular & G.H. good.

March 31. Has totally become very taciturn, not speaking unless quickly addressed, & then answering questions in the most absurd manner, is quite hemiplegic & paralytic.

Seems to be a waste of tissue in exhausting paralysis put on Linimentum Pod Liver oil, & wine.

Bowels less costive than usual.

14. Appears to be very feeble bodily than he has been for some time past, more cheerful occasionally smiling, answering questions rather more readily &c.

At times gives very droll incoherent answers to questions - says he one point there is something

Admitted January 13th 1857.

wrong with the brain &c —

May 14 Since last report has been very taciturn hardly ever speaking a word, even in answer to questions — but appears to see all that may be going on around him. Very seldom smiles. Has a knack of walking backwards from any one addressing him, & even at other times. Hands generally very cold — & bowels inclined to be costive. Is very docile.

Looks affectionately at his brother (F. S. Bennett) & the other day went up to him — looked all round his head into his eyes, opened his mouth & looked at the roof of it as if to see what was wrong.

Has two glasses of port wine daily, & takes cod liver oil & Quinine. —

17. Improved this last day was animated in appearance, smiles more readily & sometimes speaking a word or two.

19. In answering questions pretty readily. To day & appears much better, was round the grounds.

Mar 13. Has gradually & steadily improved since date of last report & now walks out at least one or two days, talks readily, rows sometimes, is quiet well behaved & cheerful, altho' deficient.

Functions regular.

July 14. Still improving. Quite rational & sensible. Speaks but little unless directly addressed. Rows but little & has no particular pursuit. Saunters about the library & billiard room a good deal, & walks out in the grounds.

Sept. 30. —

Aug 3 Has been for some time quiet, civil & rational, & is this day discharged

Cured.

Robert Mitchell Æt. 37.

1854
Jany. 14th. Was today brought to the asylum by his brother.

None of patient's relations are known to have been insane, eccentric, vicious or intemperate. His head has been injured, & no cause can be assigned for the present affection.

He first became insane 7 or 8 years ago, & was then a twelvemonth in St Dennys Asylum, from which he was removed on account of bodily ill-health, & has since been at home, near Campbellton, occasionally during well-marked remission employed at harvest & other work.

Disease is marked by heat & uncalled for change from high to low spirits, & by his wandering in conversation, employing himself trivial & destructive occupations, such as picking up bits of paper - sticks &c to tear, break & burn. Is apt to strike when offended.

Was previously quiet, - pious & rather bookish.

Is in pretty good bodily health, but rather subject to costiveness.

Pr admission is docile, but mind cannot be in an intricate state.

24. Conducts himself with propriety - & generally lies at full length on a bedstead neither cares when tearing up pieces of paper into little bits. Says he is quite well when asked, but generally when spoken to mutters over a lot of unintelligible jargon, possibly Gaelic.

Is perhaps moved & peaceable.

Bodily health good.

Feby 24. Continues to go on in the same intellectual & childish way.

J. H. Ford.

March 30th Imbecile good natured harmless as ever.

April 17th No change.

Was today transferred to the E. House.

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A. C. Gilbie.

from P. 118

1853
Nov 24. when he has immediately been occupied cheerfully in conversation & otherwise.

1857
Sat 27. I write up having a slight febricular attack he has lain in bed almost constantly since. Got up however & attended the ball given to the E.H. patients — last week.

Often asserts he has very bad nights, that his health is irretrievably ruined by Dr Macintosh, against whom he utters the most bitter invectives, & even fearful curses as on the morning after the E.H. ball, under the reaction after the previous night.

He repeatedly asserts that, when he was brought here, he was "perfectly happy, contented & prosperous", that for some time after his coming he regarded it a joke unluckily — & again that at first he wants not have left altho' he had to do so, as he wishes to do so legally & openly. —

There is positively "no end" to his long-winded sophistical accusations of his brother, & the medical men who have had a hand in his being brought & detained here — & his defences of himself from the imputation of insanity. However to Dr S. he has never touched upon, or attempted to defend his strange conduct in running about at night &c &c at Malvern. He speaks of the notable letter to his mother (see ante) as a joke! —

E.H. pretty fair.

May 2. In a bitter humour tonight, which probably has to a slight quarrel with a fellow-patient but as no official was present the details were not arrived at. Very irritable for some time afterwards.

28. Since last report has been keeping his bed a good deal, having had a pain-bad for about a week, & generally feeling indisposed to be up much after being in bed for some days.

Still retains his habit of walking about & falling in his brown shirt slippers & trousers his shirts tucked up, & washing his face ceremonially at the sink, but not dressing it. The latter habit he accounts for by saying that after he comes here he wants not get water to wash, in his bedroom.

Has two pints of porter daily.

March 31. In the last two or three days has generally been out of bed, & more conversable (or general) & cheerful than hitherto. Has frequently

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states that he was quite happy & contented before coming here, that he wants not, either at first or now leave from any illegally or improperly submitted to he kicked out" initiate legally admitted.

Recently stated to a fellow patient lately admitted (Mr Cowan) that unmentionables with him on his going on like a madman, wandering about without stockings or coat, sleeping without a shirt, constantly talking about his Chair &c. - Most altho' quite well when he was brought here he has been driven mad by the treatment he has received. -

Has two bottles of porter per diem.

14. Since last report, from the influence of several strangers into the gallery, & their being the reason he has been out of bed more than usual, & once or twice had his coat on, but no stockings yet.

Confessed to one of the new patients, who told him if he wished to get out he should not behave like a madman, in his delusions and to the proprietors of Houses to that he had been driven mad by the cruelties he has suffered, & often states that he is going mad from his suffering that were suppose he got out into the world, the thought of what he has passed through would drive him to the madhouse.

May 14. Has recently improved somewhat in conduct, very seldom appearing without his coat, & wishing boots instead of slippers - Still adheres to his practice of washing (not flying) his nose instead of wiping it.

Is much more sociable & talks less of his "Chair" than formerly.

G. H. good. - Shows complaints as to this.

16. More pleasant, companionable & jocular than for a long time back, but cant be induced to walk out &c. -

24. Swearing against his "enemies" three 3 days, but not very bitterly.

31. Told my wife with due precautions tale of his mothers death which happened very recently - almost fainted - then left - nothing to live for now - in her, your life &c. - & then his grief settled down into more than usually bitter invectives against those devils his brothers & Dr. &c. - says the poor man never was friendly to his mother & now he has killed her &c. -

June 13. Has been once or twice for a few minutes in the billiard-room & dining-room lately - having had a draught H.S. at time of his mothers death, will not want it nightly now but as a precaution against his anxiety only. Sets the V.S. Murr: Morph: Filthy habits unchanged

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Revd James McKinlay. from 1857.

1857 Jan 27 Since last report, the only difference observable is occasional fluctuations in the degree of violence evinced by him. Occasionally requires an hour or two in seclusion.
Has had a trial of two different fallings from the mr he is in, but it was found impossible to let him remain in either, from the way in which he annoyed & disturbed the other patients.
Has of late been much given to letter writing, which he has been allowed freely to indulge in as a sort of safety-valve. Has been writing at least 5 or 6 letters daily to the directors of the asylum, medical men, ministers, crowned heads &c & even twice to the pope, & the last so pressing very amicable sentiments. In these epistles he generally dilates upon his own merits, the injustice of his confinement here, & the enormous cruelties exercised by the attendants & officials to the patients - more particularly himself.
Confesses that he has deceived - when taxed by him as he had lost all hope for eternity, but that now no man dare impugn his sanity, & he knows he is saved by the blood of Christ. Asserts that he is the chief servant of God on earth, & that it is his bounden duty to thunder forth his declamations as he does.
Stated to his brother-in-law (Revd Stevenson) in a late interview, as also in several letters, that he is by the law of God, divorced from his wife, as previous to their marriage she was an Episcopalian.
Is thin, but enjoys tolerable health.

Feby 9th Has for the last two days affain had a trial in another falling, but kindness seems to have no good effect on the violent habits of this patient, for in that short time he has repeatedly behaved in such a way as to render it entirely out of the question that he should continue there longer.
As a specimen, & by no means an isolated one of Mr McK's style, we may state what occurred to-day. Having got a trial in a quiet falling by his earnest supplications to Dr McKatchie, his violence, instead of being lessened by this forbearance, seemed only to be aggravated. On occasion of an argument on a trivial question with Dr S. Mr McK's violence became excessive - he called Dr S. a puppy - a liar - a devil - & on being remonstrated with & told that such language did not become a minister of Christ &c, he only got more impetuous & poured forth a whole torrent of the most virulent & foul abuse - finishing with - "you suck the devil's a-e" or an

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equivalent expression. Dr S. then left the gallery & discovered that the noise of his exasperation which was in his loudest tone, had been audible upstairs in the billiard-room. — Some hours afterwards the patient came up to Dr S. who was walking up the gallery, arm in arm & conversing with another patient & interrupted the conversation by his stopping to Dr S. some meaning remarks with one or two of the less offensive epithets above quoted. The other gentleman merely said "If you had Mr Stirling to deal with, you would soon be in No 1." - alluding to the refractory gallery - when Mr McK spread a torrent of abuse on his fellow-patient, - which the somewhat choleric nature of the latter could not brook - so he gave Mr McK a slight shaking with his hand on his neck (the violence or nature of the action not amounting to anything like "throttling") & told him he had better not say that again to him. They were immediately separated & no mischief ensued. Mr McK repeated attempted to initate the other gentleman to violence, but has now been removed to his former gallery, as totally unfit to associate with his quieter fellow-patients after repeated trials. — He was, previous to this crisis in unusually high health, as he had been allowed to get upstairs by Dr Mack. It seemed that all that was necessary was to keep up a show of calmness in his presence, - as Dr S. had the will but not the power to return him to No 1. The latter having merely hinted at such a step in a former part of the day, but not put it into execution, although it would have been, on casual consideration perfectly justifiable.

18th He for the last 36 hours been in seclusion, & is for my fearfully violent. Let him have a blister on his scalp.

22d. He last 8 - 9 days has been out of seclusion & comparatively calmness, but still very excitable.

March 31. He has plunged into bitterness comparatively calmness & intense violence of speech & gesture since last report, having been part of the time in seclusion.

Says now Dr S. is a Spirit from the earth that he inspires on those who wish to serve Christ.

Having got leave from Sheriff (Substitute) Smith as a last resort to send him to many letters as he likes, he has taken advantage of that liberty to the full extent by sending him generally one, sometimes several, every day. —

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Andrew Hodge. page 13.

1857
Feby 28. Delusions, habits & health continue as in previous reports.

March 31. Continues to go on in his usual way. To home visitors he generally says "I'm here since for 18 or twenty years. I came for life, originally for the Hielan's, I want to get home & to the Hielan's to be cured of my complaint - bowl pain & bloody piles - offer bribes if he may get tobacco to smoke then if will drive away the piles &c.

May 1st. No doubt bettles habits as before.
Is constantly asking "Is there no word o' an gettin' awa' hame to the Hielan'" "Can you no gies onything for these bowl pains & bloody piles - pills or tobacco" Wants snuff ordinarily if allowed, but gets no tobacco for some days.
Says that "fa lap to fit, fa head to heal" he filled with pains "bowl wi' wo" "come fa compawrents" which have only to be cheated by a prick with a pin &c. & that he has "piles" within him, is especially he hears "no drin' meade o' wo" the fire of the Geordie Almond, a patient who died here 18 mos ago, having been a resident for many years.

June 13. State of mind & body apparently unchanged.

Aug. 15. No change. Regularly asks upon stepping into the carriage of a morning, if he is "to get awa' hame". Of late at the attendants instigation has been accustomed to make himself useful, bringing & removing the dishes at meal-hours &c & seems to like it.

Sept. 16. No change worthy of note.

Oct. 15. Ate alone - so very attentive - indeed so handy he got to taste animal food, so much fond of potter dishes. Says mortification is best for the piles.

Nov. 30. This patient is very indolent in his habits, he lies in bed till breakfast time every morning. He is very anxious to get away says "I will never get better of these bowl pain as long as I am here" General health good. bowels regular

Dec. 30. Mind still continues very weak, has still the same delusions general health good

1858
Jany 30. Bodily health continues good, but delusions continue as strong and fixed as ever. Asks occasionally for medicine to relieve these bowl pains.

Admitted 18th November 1851.

February 28th. Is in the same state as previously reported. Still says that he is constantly annoyed with these bone pains and bloody fractures. Is in good bodily health.

March 28th. There is no marked change on either bodily or mental health since last reported

April 30th. Continues very inactive. There is no change on character of delusions. bodily health continues good.

May 30th. Is in every respect the same as in former reports.

June 30th. State of mind and body continues unchanged

July 30th. There is no improvement on mental health. Delusion continues as fixed as ever. bodily health continues good. takes his food well. bowels regular

August 30. Is in his usual state. he occasionally goes out to play at bowels in the evening General health continues good.

Sept. 30th. Is in his usual state. Is still afflicted with the heart in his inside and the boring pains and bloody fractures. Is in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

October 30th. Is in his usual health. No improvement on mental state. Delusions as before

Nov. 17th. Is in good bodily health

Dec. 30th. Delusions are as strong as ever. Is in every respect the same as described in foregoing report

1856 Appetite & digestion bowels regular

January 30th. There is no change on character of delusions. He is very inactive in his habits. He is very anxious to get away. In conversation yesterday said that there was a very large animal in his inside which was constantly annoying him

He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

March 30th. Is in every respect the same as described when last reported

April 30th. Delusion continues as fixed as ever Bodily health good

May 31st. No marked change since last reported either bodily or mentally

June 16th No change

July 30th. Is in all respects the same both mentally and bodily as described in foregoing reports

Sept. 30th. No change

Thomas Holmes

from P. 57.

1854
Sept 16. Since last report has 3 or 4 days in bed but has now regained his usual spirits & activity, altho' still taciturn.

March 31. Is going on in his usual routine, but has been obstinately taciturn since last report, tho once or twice unwound away for chapel, contrary to his usual custom.

May 14. Has spoken a few words several times since last report. but still very taciturn.

June 13. As taciturn & methodical as ever.

Oct 13/15. Also in late reports. A few days ago followed Dr S. aside & jabbered rapidly for a minute or two to him - saying that he might as well speak a little when necessary as be altogether silent - & then gave a few details & the peculiarities he had remarked in the conduct of a fellow-patient (Mr McPatty)

Sept 16. Taciturn still & methodical as ever.

Oct 15. For last 2 or 3 weeks his time very communicative giving scraps of past asylum experience, & moral advice - rattling over the words, & rattling by his speech both true position & his peculiar phraseology such as to that that it is very difficult to follow him - altho' he confesses to his own "demented mind", yet he is very stationary & positive in his own opinions & ideas.

November 21. At present seldom or never speaks. Continues to perform his usual routine of duties such as setting the dishes for meals removing them, getting up early in the morning to ventilate the parlour and to perform other light duties

Dec. 20. Is of late more communicative. Upon very capricious comes out every now & two or three times. Continues to perform his usual sanitary measures. His general health continues good

1855.
January 20. Continues in his usual. Stands in the same spot when in the sitting room. Conducts himself with great propriety and regularity

Feby 20. Is at present very taciturn. but continues to perform his usual duties. general health continues good

March 30. There is no change in any respect mental or bodily since last report.

April 30. Much the same in every respect as in former reports.

May 30. Continues as taciturn and methodical as ever. He never speaks. and performs his usual routine of duties such as ventilating the saloon. He takes his food well bowels regular

Continued July 3rd 1886.

June 28. For the last two days is confined to bed. he will not speak or answer any questions regarding his health. He has taken no food today. I have one pint of beef tea

" 30. Is little confined to his bed will not take any food unless forced to do so by the attendant he will not speak or do anything that he is bid to do.

July 10. Since last report has become rather restless both by day and night. he struggles very much with the attendant for to get out of bed and stand rather on the floor. still refuses his food and struggles very much with the attendants when they are feeding him. his bowels has not been opened for the last two days. head feels hot. I have on drop of Croton oil. and a blister to nape of neck.

" 15. Is not so restless as who last reported. though he often makes attempts to get out of bed. still persists in not taking his food has two pints of beefteas and a pint of porter daily

" 21st Still confined to bed. took one pint of beefteas today without the assistance of the attendant he never speaks nor complains of any pain. bowels confined by Dr. Croton's pill

" 27. Is today rather stupid. and refusing to take his food. his head is very hot. Has for the last two day been voiding his urine in bed. I have a blister to the nape of his neck. and to continue porter and beefteas

" 31st Is now keeping his bed day. but has still to be lat up with during the night. Continues to refuse to take his food himself. bowels were freely opened yesterday with medicine

August 5. Still confined to bed. when shifting his bed clothes today it was observed that there is a large carbuncle over left scapula with several small openings discharging thin matter. there was a free incision made into it. and a linseed meal poultice applied. still refuses to take his food himself.

E. Morris Is Cape 201

Robert Cowan æt. 27.

1852.
March 21. Was to night brought to the Asylum by his wife & brother.

He for some time been subject to fits of intemperance, the present being of 3 or 4 days duration - is stated to have been taking at least a bottle of spirits per diem.

Is said also, even when sober, to have a false notion that his father-in-law has been very unkind & unjust to him.

On admission is not intoxicated, but very nervous at the idea of coming into an asylum.

Has lost the sight of one eye entirely from an accident occurring in boyhood.

His imbecile cousin-german (J. McC. Stirling) is at present a patient here.

Let him have a glass of whisky with 30 Pk: Mur: Morph: 3 tes q.q. hora. ad somnum.

22. As his stomach refused to retain the spirits, he had pint of Opium, last night & slept pretty well.

Is bad coated & more comfortable this morning.

States that his fits of intemperance have partly been induced by his disagreement with his wife's friends, that he has to find fault with his brother-in-law for treating his wife & himself with great disconsideration & rudeness whilst they were staying with his father-in-law, & that the latter was much to blame for not only not checking but even aiding & abetting the former in such conduct.

April 1. Is quiet & well-conducted, but is grumbling about his shutters being kept shut at night &c.

Lies on the sofa the most of the day, fell usually reading - & complains of having nothing to do here; also complains of not being able to sleep in the former part of the night but objects to adopting the recommendation to use caution, as he says the morning is the only time he gets any sleep.

14. Is inquisitive, overbearing & discontented with the house. Accuses his friends of cruelty in having sent him here &c. Says it is of no use as he has as great a dislike at his former behaviour as he wants home all the he stopped a century. Does not often look out as he says his spirits are not good enough. Is long &c.

24. More than usually querulous, restless & discontented today - & occasionally raving at his situation &c.

A similar fit at its climax on this day fortnight

A Knutter March 21st 1852.

May 16. Appears rather more contented since last report, & is trying to give up chewing tobacco, as it is thought prejudicial to him. But is generally selfish, overbearing, suspicious & inclined to double-dealing.

Writes very frequently to his wife, & is anxious about the coming of her letter. Complains of his not coming out more often to see him &c

S. H. pretty good. Takes Quinine.

June 5. Is naturally perverse, selfish, & deceitful.

He has been generally free of a day or two since last report. But is now pretty squabble in spirits, liable to be upset, however, by the slightest misfortune.

Says he'll take the pledge "for no man" as it is not necessary for the sake of him who can abstain, but that he is determined for the future only to indulge to the moderate extent required by ordinary social habits, & seems to fall into his former errors. As he has been pushing his friends to remove him to which they have at last consented he is to be dismissed

Cured.

Robert Moffat No. 23.

1852
March 25th. Was this afternoon brought to the Asylum by his father.

He for a month has been labouring under extreme religious depression, accompanied with dyspepsia & constipation. Is apt to bolt his food unmasticated - & he prevented as much as possible.

Character & conduct was previously highly honourable & correct.

Believes that his sins are unpardonable, & that his ~~part~~ closing his duty has hastened the approach of certain great judgments impending over ~~the~~ the earth.

Says that his conscience is offended in his being made to obey men rather than God, in walking out, taking medicine &c.

Has not attempted suicide but has said that it would be better for him to die, as thereby his soul would be saved.

On at first objected to staying here but on being shown that it is supposed to be for his advantage by friends, is resigned to try it.

April 1. Is very quiet & subject to absence of mind - a considerable time often elapses between the question put to him & his answer to it.

Speaks freely of his spiritual despair &c. Said he would have been better at home as he was not frantic altho' his mind was unsettled but afterwards confessed that he was obstinate & unmanageable at home.

Frequently "changes his mind" for no evident reason.

Is prevented as much as possible from bolting his food.

As he is troubled with hemorrhoids, has sulphur & magnesia as a laxative.

On both the Sabbaths he has been here, apt rising in the morning to go to chapel, has read on the time came.

14th. Is of late looking more cheerful & less absent, & he also appears better.

Is regularly out in the airing-courts, but when in the house, does not read much, or otherwise amuse himself. -

May 14. Appears a little improved of late - less absent & more communicable. Does not often sit, but hangs about on his feet, reading the Pilgrim's Progress, or the New Testament, or walks in the night. Walks in the airing-courts but only with reluctance, & when turned in his attempts to come in before the proper time or otherwise thwarted, clenches his teeth & looks very bitter.

Admitted March 25th 1854.

May 14 Previous to his coming here had been employed busily in an office, & setting up very late studying & writing articles on educational subjects for popular Journals &c. - Confesses that trying to improve on Watts' "Improvement of the Mind," upset him - asserts he is getting no better, opposed to the medicines he gets (Quinine & Iron - & Cod Liver oil) & asks for something to purify his blood, which he says must be very far wrong, as he feels a creeping all over him, as if all his body had turned into "worms or animalculæ".

Very variable in the quantity he eats, & objects to constraint in any way in this respect.

24. Has with great difficulty & pain forced himself to take his breakfast for some days past, - regards it as a matter of conscience & altho' he does not enter into particulars as to the grounds of his refusing it, he says "no man's conscience ought to be forced" &c.

31. Taking breakfast more readily, spoke to the Chaplain on Sabbath after sermon about the "conscience" part of it, but for no encouragement. Very obstinate.

June 6 Rather less gloomy & abstracted.

13. As obstinate & apparently abstracted as ever. Wrote a few days ago a great many unfinished copies of a letter to his brother of which the following is copied from one of the longest, the words in all being as nearly as possible the same says he could not write one to please him - "Eastwood June 10th 1854

My dear James, This is a most wretched place to live in. No one can continue here a day with safety to his soul, & I know not how long I may be spared to prepare for my latter end. --- No person I am acquainted was ever improved for coming here. The keepers are as ignorant as they can possibly be of insane complaints of every description. The sole study of the officials from the highest to the lowest seems to be to destroy every vestige of conscience. The asylum is a parcel of demons. Many of them indeed might have been Catherine's saints.

26. Talking more of late & less bitterly, but still always hinting at his being "stolen" to be brought here - says that all "accused" of being insane ought to have a public trial by proper persons. Dreams on religious subjects appear to be rather increased & language much more co-

July 14. Now affable, & talking more readily on various subjects, has always inclined to take a paradoxical view of any subject. Sometimes incoherent or sight-seeing lunatics &c, but on the whole more pleasant, clear & sensible.

To P. 220.

James McCaffert Brown. ætat: 27.

1854
March 24 Was ~~left~~ by brought to the asylum by a person who has been with him for some time.

He is a dissipate & intemperate life & is stated to have been insane for 11 days, believing that conspiracies have been formed against him &c, & for the purpose of executing the attacks to be made on him has carried a large knife or knives.

None of his relations have been insane

So in good bodily health, but face is very high coloured apparently from acne or cacoethes — of some other thing.

30. So very quiet & communicative. Well-pleased with the place & does not object to its restrictions. Passions & temper appear to be naturally, increased in force by too much of his own way & pocket-money & of dissipation, & of a nervous, fun-and-easy disposition.

Tells Dr J. the story in detail, & voluntarily, the morning about there having been a conspiracy among porters, boatmen, tavernkeepers, &c &c as Rosemeath where he has taken been living, to steal from him & conceal too things, which however he recovered. Tells graphically of his lying awake a whole night with a large clasp-knife open in his hand, going through the thick-cover, ready to defend himself from the attack he expected the men on him by their porters &c, whom he thought he heard outside the house answering the "hens" of the old man who kept the house, & whom he appears to have kept in a state of mortal fear for at least that night by his shouts & exclamations of defiance &c. He states that he was thoroughly exhausted before morning, & knelt down & prayed that if it was the will of God he might be speedily removed to a Lunatic asylum.

April 1. So of active habits & gets up as soon in the morning as his room-door is opened. Occupies himself very much with billiards, but does not seem to care much for reading &c.

14. Attire at first he objected to being guarded by an attendant, now walks out three a day, & amuses himself otherwise by billiards, reading &c.

So very amorous & addicted to coarse language.

Not tempered & is easily roused by slight contradiction or restraint. —

Health good.

May 14 So fond of walking out, bowls, & billiards. Has erotic tendencies & uses very coarse lang-

Admitted March 29th 1852.

rage on the least contradiction.
Very seldom alludes to the "dog" story lately, but still asserts that he had no delusions on that subject.

Eat is good - & colour of face is improving under the regimen here, & a direction of Phrenology.

Mar 13. Still walks out a great deal - & plays bowls & billiards - reads but seldom.
Intensely amative & takes every opportunity meeting females - making eyes &c. to the patients - rolling under the Lady's Division &c. Has in friendly unfortunate temper - getting into a rage at the merest trifles - of having gone into his bedroom one day some weeks ago, no attendant happening to be at hand for a few minutes to let him out, his patience was soon exhausted & he attempted - almost successfully - to break open the door with his foot, having on very stout non-shod boots. Of course he saw nothing unusual in such conduct, when remonstrated with on the subject. Altho' constantly using the strongest coarsest language himself, he immediately flies up on anything being said that may have even the slightest bearing on any of his peculiarities or opinions.
Having taken offence at some imaginary insult, has not spoken to, or taken any notice of Dr S. for 100 days past.

25. Has for some time been allowed to walk in the grounds, into town &c. on parole. Altho' the medical assistant has kept as possible after and upon entering with the patients present, either personally or by deputy, yet the latter has on several occasions fallen into the most commonplace rage, & almost, some at threatened him (Dr S) with personal castigation at some future period for his trying to ride rough-shod over him." On that occasion his fury is intense, & the morning for some fancied insult, which was explained away, he was & confessed himself to be on the point of striking Dr S. in the gallery.
He was dismissed this day, & is accordingly to be registered as

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Relieved.

Francis Stuart Bruce Ct. 19.

1852
April 3rd. Today came to the asylum accompanied by his tutor, having determined to come here, in old contrary to his parents' wish, in order that he might have plenty of exercise & medical advice. –
Looks thin & says he has not felt very well; appears to have been studying too hard. –

14. Takes cod liver oil, iodine & quinine.
Is very gentlemanlike & quiet in demeanour & affectionate to his brother (C.C. Bruce).
Walks out alone & shut in bitter to a good deal, but is cheerfully to his parents.

May 2. Has of late been more & more manifesting symptoms of jealousy against any & all of those around him & connected with him – especially today against his aunts for having interfered with him out of Lo which should have been his at his majority. Often he is jealous of his father not doing him justice, & again of his fellow-patients wishing to make him uncomfortable to him.

5. Was rather better on the 3rd but is worse than ever today.
Told the Phys.n & Sup.t that any of his aunts had wished him to be with them.

6. Still more restless & jealous today – Had for medicine for constipation has bowels not rest till he had had an enema which relieved his bowels. Thinks he is ill-treated by every one, is constantly relating his mighty finances (which are in reality trifles, & often hypothetical) & jumping from one subject to another in the most unconnected manner.

10. Still worse for last 3 days & has been sleeping in the parlour with an attendant beside him, on account of his visions; thinks he hears people trying to come in at the door & window, feels them pulling his hair &c – at night, so that he sleeps but little & by his constant questions & restlessness prevents his companion also from sleeping.
He had a bleister on nape of neck with best effect.

13. Fear of various evils still continues so restless & unsettled. Had Hanks Opiat: last night & slept pretty well.

14. Slept badly last night – So attributing a good deal to my – & occasionally instead of speech indulges in pantomime, giving frivolous reasons for his conduct. Expostulated on & over again for conduct regarding me & expresses his fears of the officials & others & the reputed he assured to the contrary. –

17 Sleeping much better these 2 last nights & is much improved otherwise; more frightened & more confident in himself & others.

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19. Slept well last night, is much more settled. but tonight is crying about some equivocations he has been guilty of in a coming here. thinks his tendency to lying is incurable &c.

21. Very "unhappy" have to listen to speak above breath. still rubbing about his "his" here & formerly.

22. Slightly better but still occasionally uses cigars for speech. wishes to speak a few minutes & chlorate upon some new film, wishes to get home ten pounds &c. Notice note to Dr. in which he said he had committed some great crime the nature of which he wants communicated viva voce &c.

27. Rather less whimsical & timid.

31. So whimsical & occasionally makes apologies about nothings. considerable want of circulation. & great restlessness, & was all up with on 28th. Has a Draught H.S. & is sleeping rather better again.

June 4. Fantastical & apologetic. hearing voices calling him hither. seeing former acquaintances &c in airing. counts among the patients.

5. Much worse. Spread Draught for last 3 nights, & threatening, flourishing sticks, & hands & grasping those near him; occasionally taciturn. During last night talking, & has washed the floor of dormitory with contents of chamber-pots, & dried it with his stockings &c.

13. Still worse. had an abortive attempt of suicide 3 days since which rose well and disarm by putting his feet before those walking past &c. taciturn & sometimes very cancy. Suddenly against his former affability & politeness for an hour or two last night but ~~not~~ very worse than ever, very impertinent & several times threatening to strike &c. so cut down to another fallen.

26. Still sulky, fantastic, generally rather taciturn & insolent, especially to Dr S. occasionally walks here & simply, up & round one, but never strikes.

July 4. Quiet, but when asked a question says "Go to hell" or something similar, while they be about to be tased by voices about Dr S's "big bottle Soap" &c. Lately took another patient's soap for his water the former then happened to be a dose of croton oil which purged him but only beneficially.

14. Has written a letter to the Sheriff that his late insult was violent to him, but is very much better more polite & affable within these 3 days, altho' still occasionally touches on the "big bottle soap" & spots of pot. towards his bed-place.

23. Three paroxysms & less violent, but still fanciful & rather morose.

25. Rather more affable. Speaks of Death to himself.

Rev. John McCarter

1854 from p. 82.

March 31 From a letter to his wife — "In fact he (Schechitsch) cares not one fig about any abuse he receives or noise he makes on the part of his scurvy Smyrnian & Executioners, while similar noise & abuse from me are revenged by the Electric batteries in ways you know thoroughly, & become the pretext for all changes & shifting which he has it in his power to make. In fact I cannot get writing upon a letter without immediate vengeance being taken for my presumption."

From a letter to a former friend — a Clergyman — "I have been here for 4 years & a quarter bound & gagged in the most secret & savage manner in the land & by the hand of the stranger — by those tools of scurvy Executioners." "Dr Kibber of Pempsit has his own pen as a scurvy assassin." "It might be supposed from the other threats of this fiend that it is something more than a scurvy house of Execution for me alone — as of other days — "a mere monkey tool of wrath" "an atrocious misnomer for a lie, but such is its only real character, whatever be its pretensions about ministering to the mind diseased."

While writing such things as these, he has for the last few days been very moroseness & sullen, & often indulged in outbursts of the most filthy & violent abuse, (in especial before a house-visitor 2 days ago) against the medical officers, from which it may be heard among other things, that he believes that they by Electric batteries draw the semen from him &c.

His vocabulary of abuse is the most copious that can well be conceived, & often the most bawdy. —

April 14. He for some days been working in the garden by his own requests.

May 13. Very rarely speaks to the medical officers of late, but very frequently at them, & in terms far from elect — upbraiding them as executioners &c &c.

Writing many letters lately trying to hasten his removal, & in them makes frequent allusions to the "batteries", "romping" &c as above, often couched in disgusting language.

So very mercurial, & so full of "wants" was he quite down lately. wrote to my & D. K. apologizing for an (unwittingly) false accusation he had made against the latter.

20. Bitter to my & against a fellow-patient (Stewart) for his "snarling at him" (which is quite imaginary) "He as respectful as ever if he is not shuffled to another talking" Much excited about the

Admitted 26th November 1847.

27. Office now placid & good-natured. Sent at work daily. Amusing himself in Library too.

Mar 4. Inveighing against the medical officers for their treatment of him in the most fearful & disgusting obscene language.

13. Rather quieter these few days. Walks out daily in fine weather, & occasionally walks round the grounds.

The following is a copy of Clause XIII (out of XXI) of a memorial to the General assembly of the Presbyterian church of Ireland dated May 31st.

"That memorialist has learned from his avengers much that is astounding, viz: that the whole course of time had reference to him alone, & that he alone of all is a perishy but conscious that whatever on the truth of such revelations they have no bearing on the question of his incarceration, being refusable to another than that of a fellow creature on earth."

26. He continues generally quiet if left alone, but occasionally will come from his room, where he spends a good deal of his time in solitude, & pour forth bursts of the most rabid & foul-mouthed abuse on the medical officers for the supposed torments he supposes they inflict on him.

28. As he has been for many months continually pestering his wife & brother to remove him to some asylum in his "own country" where he will not be exposed to the "horrors he has to endure here" an agent of theirs came down to remove him to an asylum near Dublin, & he is accordingly discharged

Relieved.

George Spencer ætat 21.

1857.
April 7th Was this afternoon brought to the asylum by his friends.
This is the first attack & the complaint is not hereditary.
Patient had fever from 3 years ago, & has been in delicate health ever since, especially for the last 4 years, during which he has been almost constantly under medical treatment for a cardiac disease, & died very of three months duration about a year ago.
Is naturally affectionate & amiable, quiet & agreeable in spirits.
Seldom or never drinks. Has attended church for some months, & passed religion a good deal upon him previous to the present attack which is about 3½ weeks duration, he having for a week previously been very much engaged in studying the Bible.
The disease has been characterized by duplicity, obstinacy, & occasional irritability especially to relatives, & whom he takes dislike to entertains ideas of Satan, & imagines that those wishing to him for his health are doing him harm by keeping him in a house where has no pleasure or profit.
He has tried to get at the window several times during the night, apparently for the purpose of getting out, - & has once tried to choke one of his sisters.
Has once wished the gas pipe torn down without assigning a reason. -
He has had several fits, apparently cataleptic, from the description.
8 Was quiet during the night.
Is very thin & delicate looking. Takes his food tolerably well.
Has hardly spoken since he came in, but when addressed, merely directs an inquiring look at the speaker.
10. Bowels acted during the night, after an enema, at bed time.
Had a "fit" yesterday afternoon.
11. Sleeping more than usual this morning, but still very taciturn.
Had another fit this afternoon & when recovering out of it, appeared semi-cataleptic, by fixed motionless, limbs remaining in the position where placed, for some time, the tendons contracting on the approach of a foreign body, this not mobile (?) something natural: at the usual time of an hour or so, got up & took tea, & by night lay on the sofa for a considerable time, breathing hard, pulse full & quick, face flushed & slightly convulsed, hands moving as if in pain, this debate

Admitted April 7th 1854.

but rate acute.

14. No mar of the fits, has been out daily, altho' occasionally unwilling to walk.
Answers questions more readily for a day or two but often inaccurately.
So strumous, has excoriation on his neck. –

May. 13 Has gradually improved since last report & now answers questions pretty intelligently in general. When a question is addressed to him he moves for a second or two, & then with a sort of start answers it. Is very docile.
Walks regularly in the airing court, & from the first has attached himself to another very taciturn, gouty epileptic patient (Mr. C. L. Brown) & when both are out together they constantly walk arm-in-arm never speaking to each other, nor to any one else.
C. H. is improving. Takes Cod Liver oil.

24. Extravasation of limbs having much increased, has for 2 days been in bed taking diuretics &c & is now somewhat better – never complains – is very docile & good tempered. So fancifull – imagines that another patient (Mr Holcombe) stands at the wall as a permanent &c.

27. Swelling diminishing. When asked what he meditates so constantly on – says "he has too much to think about".

June 13. Swelling of late much abated – is able to be out of bed the most of the day – takes Digitalis still & makes much water – had a slight attack of diarrhœa a week ago.
Has had 2 doses of Gray powder which acted well. – Annoyed that he was not – from his weak health – allowed to go to Chapel on Sunday, – asked Mr S. suddenly lately "Do you think is a Roman Catholic as good as a Presbyterian?"

18 Got Chapel for my, went up among the lady's bible-class who he thought was his sister – & afterwards went to shake to another whom he supposed to be an old woman he formerly knew.

July 14. He accompanied us to Church since last report & behaved himself with great propriety. Is tractable & very subject to mania but will not readily tell us what he ruminates so much. Mind is evidently very weak, & he is apt to giggle.

Aug. 11 Also thinks still that his limbs swollen, but is not confined to bed all day, walks in airing-court &c & never complains, having a singularly good disposition.
Little change – Simple-minded & contented. Is perhaps better more acute since last report.

Sept. 16 Functions tolerably regular. Urine not albuminous.
Simple-minded & rather inactive in habits & habits. G. H. tolerably good now.

30. Is flabby & rather inactive, but G. H. pretty good.
Continues simple-minded & fanciful.

Oct. Go to Alleyn's chemicals. Received.

Andrew Hamilton et 50.

1854.

April 10th. Was this morning brought to the asylum by his son &c.

Some weeks ago had a bilious attack, from which he has been slowly recovering, convalescence in the mean time being the supposed cause of the present attack, which is the first, his not being naturally so naturally temperately given, appetite good.

The attack which was preceded by about 3 days of instability, is of 5 days duration & both in commencing yesterday afternoon previous to ship) characterized by slipshoddiness, restlessness, & a variety of whimsical projects, with varying delusions about what he has taken, the three witnesses, a supposed connection he has with the Russian power &c.

He has not been violent, but has occasionally thrown small missiles at those attempting to restrain him.

On admission, appeared rational & seemed broached the idea of giving the Med. Officer at an official appointment in Russia, whenever he should produce his diploma, but that he could not wait long him &c.

Has been mostly bowels with purgatives being subject to constipation & hæmorrhoids. –

Readily made acquaintance with the other patients, detailing his plans to them &c. Was rather taken one of a pack of cards with which the gentlemen now amusing themselves in the airing-court pavilion.

14. From his restlessness &c has been kept in bed since admission. Has had purgatives & a blister to head.

Delusions continue.

Appetite bad. –

21. Has been gradually quieting down & is able to mix with the other patients now.

26. Still improving, & pretty rational in his conversation & conduct, but still excitable. Saw his son today & bore it pretty well.

(C. H. improved.) – Composed to his son voluntarily that he had laboured under delusion as to being the Admiral to whom he came but had now got over those.

May 1. Last night was noisy & annoyed his fellow-patients considerably especially those sleeping in the same dormitory.

Today has put on two shirts, two pairs of drawers &c – & is much excited, talking in a tone of mystery about a plot having been formed to steal clothes &c.

6. So very much improved now & composes his late excitement, but is still a little

Admitted April 11th 1852.

fanciful & mysterious.

13. Has not been at work for last few days & confined to his bed, but seems rather clearer today. Bowels apt to be constipated, & is generally better after a day in bed & a purgative.

15. Away for my pot or a blister on account of increased excitement, & it being thought unnecessary to watch him, it was after a time discovered to be missing, & he was found to have chewed a part of it (altho much less than was at first supposed - many fragments of it being found about his clothes) He had an emetic, & got demulcents & for general tone such as cream, eggs &c. - & the effects appear to be confined to his mouth & the upper part of his throat.

19 Some surface of lips & whole of tongue denuded & now sound with excoriation. Considerable swelling of tonsils &c - giving rise to great difficulty of swallowing & speaking but there are no positive symptoms, nor pain or pressure on oesophagus or stomach. His own account, which is probably true, is, that, having been restricted from the use of tobacco, & having got a little snuff in a paper from a fellow patient, he chewed the blister under the impression that it was the paper of snuff & would do instead of tobacco &c.

21. Excited yesterday morning, dirty & vociferative, talking nonsense &c. but soon quieted down. At blister yesterday on nape of neck, rose well.

24 Still irritable & sleeping bad by in general.

27. occasionally, as last night excited & noisy &c. but up out of bed these few days - mouth better & taking common food again.

31. Ill in bed again for some days as indeed the troublesome - boats not keep it, got out & broke a chest of drawers &c. - always & tell some mysterious stories which have no end - & interlarded with - "You'll not believe me" &c

Jan 13. Was shifted to another gallery where he still is but has for some time quieted down, & asks keeps himself cleanly, the canvas dress is not now necessary. Is getting pretty rational - Ap: good. & sleeps pretty well.
Now slight attacks of purging since last report, - transitory.

Feby 6. At the new township asylum is not kept in bed during the forenoon, & is occasionally noisy at night. -

8. Rather more excited, dancing singing but conscious he's not so right in the head.

14. Becoming much calmer again, - but still easily flurried, & not strong in purpose nor coherent in speech. Generally very good humoured, & cheerful, & grateful. Functions regular.

To P. 218.

Wm Colton Reid

from 1166.

1852
April 14. Continues to improve, both in mental & bodily health. Is quiet & rational; & walks out often.

Says that he forgets great part of what took place for the first few months of his stay here, & wonders what could have been the matter. Has commenced to draw as an amusement.

Was very anxious to get away from here about the time of last report, but was easily persuaded by his friends & advised to stay here for a month or two longer.

May 12. Mind has been gradually gaining strength since last report, but is occasionally inclined to be dull, altho' to no great extent. Joins in billiards, bowls, walking etc. Draws a good deal. Does not read much.

Only yesterday or two ago that the anal abscess had seemed healed up properly, but was still swollen & occasionally painful & discharging a little. Operation was at some distance to right of middle line & by the probe the sinus was found to be about an inch & half deep stretching towards the anus & very superficial. Mind was a good deal depressed when told that it had better be laid open to let it heal thoroughly, which operation Dr Cooper performed yesterday & he. S.L.R. is still in bed.

June 1. Sinus which was opened, is now nearly healed up & G.H. is pretty fair, altho' he occasionally complains of acidity of stomach, & that his sleep does not seem to refresh him as it should do.

Is now quite rational on all subjects, quiet & well behaved, but is very apt to be depressed in mind & despondent about trifles. At other times is cheerful & happy. But on the whole mind is not so equable as it ought to be.

His friends having for some time had it in contemplation to remove him to the country as soon as the abscess permits, he is to be dismissed.

Cured.

Admitted 1st November 1853.

Thomas Holmes

1853. From page 193

August 11th. Is still confined to bed. Has for the last few days been taking his food himself. He is now keeping himself very quiet. Still refuses to speak or answer questions. The Carbuncle on left scapula is doing well. bowels confined. Urine and urch of ol Castorei -

" 15th. For the last five days is on the whole improving. he now takes an ordinary quantity of food daily. The Carbuncle is almost well. Bowels regular -

" 19th. Today got out of bed of his own accord and was sitting in the parlour at the usual hour. He now takes his food well. bowels regular - - -

" 25th. Is now daily up and walking about. and commenced to perform his usual routine of duties. He also speaks occasionally. takes his food well. bowels natural.

Sept. 31st. Since last report bodily health has very much improved. He is daily going about and performing his usual routine of duties. as sentinel to the Lodging room. regulating the Clock and putting the dishes on the table at each meal -
He takes his food well. bowels natural.

October 31st. Is for the last few days rather communicative. but it is very difficult to follow him.
His bodily health continues good -

Nov. 17th. Has again become very taciturn. he is as methodical as ever -
General health good. functions natural -

Dec. 31st. Is as methodical as ever. Continues to perform his usual routine of duties. He has been for the last two days rather communicative. Bodily health good.

1856
January 30th. Is in every respect the same as mentioned in foregoing report.

March 30th. Continues in every respect the same as in foregoing report.

May 30th. No change mentally. Bodily health good.

June 16th. Is in his usual way both mental and bodily.

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Thomas Fleming Ætat. 43.

1857.
April 19th. Was this morning between 8 & 9 A.M. brought from the Highland Asylum by a Servant & an attendant.

Some of his relations have been known to be insane & this is his first attack.

He an Inland Revenue officer at Fortrose. has been implicated along with other officers of the district in some transaction necessitating an official inquiry into their conduct. This is supposed to have been the cause of his disease, as soon after he was variable in spirits & occasionally unhappy & depressed, for the last three weeks he believed that he had made an attempt at suicide & thereby destroyed the oesophagus & windpipe, & consequently he can be induced to take but little food. So quiet but obstinate.

Bowels have been constipated.

Has been treated by cold to the head, & blisters to the nape of the neck, & purgatives when he could be induced to take them.

He emaciated & pale & extremely anxious in appearance, & suspicious of every one & their actions. -

25. So very obstinate restless & suspicious. Appears to sleep but little during the night. Requires 4 or 5 persons to feed him, altho' he occasionally takes his food himself, but very cautiously. Appears rather to be falling off in flesh. Bowels are opened by enemata.

Was tried out of bed among the other patients, but it was found best to keep him in his room, altho' he is hardly ever in bed but walks about the apartment.

Has his head shaved & blistered for my.

Speaks in a very indistinct & mysterious way about his delusions, says he refuses the food because it can do him no good &c.

30. Still refusing his food as before, & bowels only acting by enemata.

Head is full of fancies - talks mysteriously about spells, - says his breath is spoiling every body, that the food he gets is human flesh, - offers to take some other kind which is not at hand at the time - appears disgusted with his food &c. - Asked if a chair was brought him tonight - says it's all wrong.

May 6. Delusions as rivetted as ever. He now in a strong convalescent state in a warm room - keeps almost constantly on his feet.

A dose of Hyoscyam: & Cuta failed to act a few days ago, & enemata are still necessary, for a drop of Croton oil has operated too. Has occasionally Sol: Mur: Morph: ℥ss, which appears to have but little effect.

Admitted April 19th 1857.

Mar. 6. Appears to be getting thinner & pale altho' he has arrow root, tapioca & beef tea once a day, with a pint of porter & two glasses of brandy.

13. Is not getting stronger, & fat (as well as hard) to a less extent) & much swollen. Is always discovered standing in his room. Bowels inclined to be very free & loose now but is still obstinate as regards time, & objects to the attendants' doctoring the bed clothes as he may have arranged, or disarranged them to. Speaks but little, except to interest his "friends" & desires to be left out his tongue when asked. Does not make so much water now as for some time, often no micturition while the quantity was large. Urine was drawn off by the catheter on the 10th. He has of a week been getting (in his food) Bicarbonate of Pot. ½ oz in day & latterly Chlorate of Pot. do: which has been keeping bowels fairly open. Last night took his supper & today his breakfast with his own hands, which is but rarely the case.

27. Up getting up & down in sitting room. Constantly asking "what is all this for?" he obstinate & wilful. Seems always perplexed & in a maze. Brother called to see him & saw him. Was like his brother. Came & got quite not be him to.

Takes his food well. Bowels very obstinate.

Mar. 13. Up & about among the other patients regularly now. Mind on the whole appears a little clearer. Takes his food regularly. Says altho' he was at home he would not see his friends as he used to see them. Taciturn & inactive. Hesitates in speech & action. Requires strong purgatives still.

16. Most resistance to purgatives & enemata. Says that neither of them can do good as they cannot get at the bowels.

20. Says his bed feels green & that he is not that same as he was before. Can hardly be got to give an assent to anything, suspicious & hesitates in every action.

July 4. Says "I should not have been here - look at them (pointing to his hands - which appear all right) that is all the for I be -

16. Hesitates in every word & action & belief. Appears not sure of anything. Is constantly picking his nose, or the skin at the tips of his fingers. Bitterly resistant to enemata, which he absolutely requires, nor will he take physic. Takes his food tolerably. Saw his wife & recently born child yesterday & composed to both being his. Far appears rather less doubtful of late.

Aug 15. Little if any improvement. Is frequently out for an hour or two in the garden but works little or none. Stands near the door, wanting out to get home. Follows patients coming up & speaking "Change" him to his purposes.

Was apt to get out of bed & stand behind door, but not so since Clothier left hence him. Has enemata regularly.

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John Hamilton Rattray æt. 39.

1853.
April 24th. Was sent to my hospital from Rothesay - where he had been staying for some time - by an attendant.

Has from infancy been subject to fits, at first supervening upon hooping-cough & of a merely nervous character, but latterly epileptic - the intervals having lately increased from a fortnight to 5 or 6 weeks.

Has for some time been under the idea that his complaint, which he confesses to have weakened the "functions of memory" but not of mind, incapacitates him from getting possession of the death of the present owner his grandaunt of the estate of Downie-park (Mr Mackintosh) & which he affirms he is heir of entail. Has various other delusions & his mind is weak on general subjects.

On being told this morning that he was to be removed (to an asylum, not being mentioned) by the attendant &c - he had what he calls a "forced fit" & he manifests great reluctance to his removal giving the attendant a severe blow on the nose &c.

Has lately believed himself to be so ill as to necessitate his lying almost constantly in bed, refusing to be shaved &c.

On admission, is sullen & silent, eyes red & has not been shaved for some time.

25. Has since admission behaved quietly - & having hitherto slept in a dark room, beseeches that he may have one when the sun may be admitted to his death-bed &c. Talks freely about the entail story - as above - asserts that it was very wrong of the doctors to keep from him the knowledge that his fits were all along epileptic - which he believes they knew - says that the doctors know & he knew when he will die, & he asserts that he has told previously so as to be prepared for it, - speaks in a resigned tone of his loss of the estate, his short lease of life - affirms he is constantly getting worse, that it cannot last long & occasionally manifests considerable reluctance to get out of bed in the morning &c. Connects the "House of Rattray" with his other delusions & says they caused him to be brought here. Hesitates in speaking as from want of ideas.

Being inclined to be stout & plethoric, has been, & is, upon rather low diet.

Appetite good - Bowels regular. -

May 1. Some persons being in conversation outside the parlour door, stopped them to speak of his unlucky habits, which he says were one of the accusations reported against him when he "is as clearly as the disease permits."

So apt to prose about his stories.

39. Admitted April 20th 1857.

May 7. Having the morning said more distinctly & emphatically than he usually does that he was not so well he was allowed to keep his bed, but got up to dinner, & in the afternoon (but not at first in the presence of any accredited spectator) had a convulsion again lasting about a quarter of an hour, foaming at the mouth &c. - Had slightly cut his nose & brow in the fall, & was confused for some time afterwards, but by bed time was again as clear as usual.

12. Going on as usual. - Limit when not spoken to - never reading a amusing himself except occasionally by conversation, & then generally on his favourite subjects. So anxious to point out much as he thinks he cannot walk without weakening his already exhausted frame (!) very much.

When detailing "his case" is very touchy under any symptom of derision or incredulity. -

Still good general health. -

21 Wants not so well as usual to-day - as he feels giddy on looking in certain directions &c. not so well as usual. Bls open, tongue clean, appe. good. P. 96.

27. At little excited last night & too by about a notice of Cousin Tom's being disappointed.

June 8. Says he does not feel so well to-day - is a little flushed & eyes injected.

13. Very cross this morning - said he believed a certain patient (Jas. Nichol) to be a spy placed by Dr Macpentosh to watch the others &c. Has had no fit since last reports, notwithstanding his frequent threats &c.

15. Much more tractable low since he got the document about referred to, & too by and by got up as his attendant for constantly "hoping" him (according to orders, of course) - struck out at him & had to be forcibly restrained from violence by several men; was in a temper sufficient even at Dr M. &c. - said he should not be him that we wanted to bring on a fit &c.

26. At day or two since, again got into fury at his attendant & had to be removed to hd 1 for a short time, when he soon got quietened, kept &c. Quiter since but still excitable & tardum.

July 6. Has got his attendant changed this now staying quietly in bed. Says he doesn't want to speak to the officials, when asked how he is &c.

8. Was got out of bed & shaved & subsequently persuaded to walk, by a show of force & a threat of compulsion. When out, his laziness or the pain so hope

14 On 11th was again shaved after a threat of compulsion. Has now up & dressed, but has not ventured out.

Functions regular, & no fit recently. -

25. Still sulky & in bed. Shaved by a show of force yesterday. Rarely speaks now to his attendant, & threatens to throw chamber pots at him to-day. -

J. P. 25/7.

Revd. James McKinley Form 8. 191.

1852
May 15 Has been generally kept in his room except when he is out in the gallery to have a smoke, or when he walks in the dining-room, at an hour when the majority of the prisoners are in-doors. Reads a good deal, is studying Hebrew &c. Writes about 3 letters a day (at present) to Sheriff Smith, who promised to receive all addressed to him, but there is reason to believe that he has been in these letters to other parties.
So upon the whole much quieter within the last month, said usually very seldom past now in his "thunderings" as he calls them, but his denunciations of the cruelty & tyranny exercised by the officials here are quite as decided in their tone. Says that he may be tyrannized over just now, as he is in the minority, but doubts not God will prolong his life & shorten the days of his oppressors so that he may be enabled to get vengeance on them. Wishes to get the law to eject Dr Mackintosh from his post for cruelty & want of medical skill & has written to the Sheriff to interdict the house visitor who was here last week from coming again, because he had promised to come back & speak longer to him (McK.) ere he left the house, & did not do so for want of time.
As a specimen of the cruelty he denounces, he asserts that the life of a phthisical patient who is now mostly confined to bed has been shortened by our oppressors by making him sleep for one night in a dormitory which he asserts was woefully overcrowded & endangered the lives of all the occupants (this was from sudden want of room).
S.H. is pretty good - altho he is thin -
Has voluntarily given up his cane. -
24. These few days has been more given the invectives against & denouncing the medical officers &c - & occasionally declaims in his own room.
31. Again launching invectives against & sending accusatory letters to the medical officers &c.
June 12. Was at church on Sabbath for the first time for many mos: & behaved with propriety. Has been declaiming loudly in his own room today. says there is no injustice in the world which he believes the medical officers incapable of.
26. Occasional declamation in his room of late altho his windows are fastened up to within a few inches of the top, yet he asserts that he has lately had conversation with the people of a house, at least a mile distant (!) They tell him that their name is Paterson. - don't advise any strictly to trust, & will hardly believe all that he says of the cruelty of the officials here &c.

Admitted July 22nd 1850.

July 14. Quiet for the calm of late, except on special occasions, such as the recent visit of the Sheriff, when after a quarter of an hour's conversation with him about the injustice of his detention made he wished to have the meeting prolonged, for insults against Mr. Kinton, threatened to prosecute the Sheriff if he did not get his dismissal &c.
Says he is determined to bear & expose us, altho' the struggle should last 10 years.
Is at fr. an hour a day in the grounds daily, & has lately been allowed a similar time in the printing-room flat, where he has been employed putting into type some hymns of his own composition, which altho' exceedingly tame & vain of the return of Nykpul, he consents an equal to Cowper's &c.
Says he never yet met a man of any profession who had an intellect equal to his, or an equal amount of information upon any subject.
Has actually been commitly tryin to persuade a patient who is soon to leave, that nothing can be more meritorious than conveying out letters from patients unknown to the officials.

25. Tolerably calm of late - but at the last contradiction comes to irritate him into their decay his anathemata against the medical officers.

29. Having committed a misdemeanour in the printing office, he is interdicted from it, & is accordingly busy above in - calling Dr. S. a dog, in the manger - a liar - a tyrant - a devil &c, & prays against him.

Aug. 5. Is in the tranquil for an hour or two in the garden daily. Declaiming in his room a good deal.

15. In his usual state, tolerably calm & industriously writing letters to the Sheriff &c at times, & readily bursting into declamatory speeches against the medical officers. Attends chapel.
So then, but in tolerable health.

Sept. 11. Tolerably quiet since last report, tho' still down declaims in his room - but, succeeds to get a copy of the laws regarding asylums, as his case they have all been broken through here. So very cunning. Lately got another patient (Mr. Wallace) to join with him in a plan to break the attendant into a room & - but their hopes were checked in the bud, by the proper protection taking the precaution measure of giving Mr. McK. a short time in his room.
Works in the garden daily. Enjoys fair health.

Oct. 8. Has kept on the whole quiet but is getting into more decrepit.

Oct. 15. Getting worse since last report - more apt to threaten &c but his passions are strong against all & everything who may have to say, point out, contrary to his extreme views. Still perfectly rational in appearance & articulate enough in his philippics, which he pours out when alone in his room, as well as when amongst others &c -

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William McInnes from P. 152.

1857
April 22. Continues more docile.
An abscess - probably originating in a blow - had formed over olecranon process of left arm & was discharging for some time. Considerable erysipelatous inflammation was extended on radial side of arm yesterday & incisions made which have relieved it. Dr Thom had opened the sinuous abscess today - & warm fomentations are kept round the limb.

23. Staff for some days back that this is a malingerer that he is a liar & rogue in the extreme while having his arm dressed; it is looking well - he is very careful of it, but very fanciful, - filthy at wit. -

May 6. His been improving very much for the last week mentally. Is quiet & well behaved, & now cleanly in habits.
Arm is very much better. Is now mixing with his fellow patients.

15. Has for the last week been in a quiet gallery by day & night.
Is well conducted & was at chapel yesterday. Converses rationally - but is still fanciful begging for sweetmeats - drinks in the carriage &c - Has written some rational letters.
Had a sore a little below right knee-joint, which is suppurating still & impedes his walking very much.
Appetite & pretty fair. Is getting stouter.

25. Still considerable room for improvement. Is indolent, self-indulgent, & fanciful.
G.H. much improved. Appetite very good. His friends having resolved to take him to the coast, he was this day removed being discharged

Relieved.

Edward Marshall ætat 44 admd July 6th 1852.

1852 July 6. Was this morning brought to the Asylum by his friends. The case is not hereditary, & this is a first attack of 2 or 3 weeks duration, said to be caused by "a liquor excitement" & preceded by a little nervous excitement. He has been restless & sleepless, supposes himself, like an evangelist, to be much of a ranger during the last 3 &c.

He states to be subject to no particular bodily disorder, & to have had his head "injured by a fall when a boy".

Appetite tolerable, bowels regular.

July 10. He slightly irritable if meddled with but behaves with propriety, occasionally muttering to himself, but seldom speaking to others unless directly addressed. He claims the officials to be former friends, & supposes some of the members of his family to be in the establishment to-day.

" Was this my transferred to the Back House.

William Young. Ad. 64.

1852
May 20. Was brought accompanied to the Asylum by his wife & medical attendant.
This is a first attack & the disease is not hereditary.
Months ago the patient had an attack of shingles, lasting for a week or two, ever since which he has laboured under great depression of spirits restlessness & sleplessness & said more than once to have thoughts of suicide. He has no specific delusion. Has long been troubled with constipation requiring daily strong & frequent aloetic & other purgatives, & occasional indigestion, for which he is at present treated.
On admission was a restless suspicious look. Does not seem to place full confidence in any one, says he is not sure if his wife will come for him & see him as she has promised, & if she has much put him here to get rid of him. Complains of coldness altho' he is well clothed. Looks thin & weak-looking. Objects to opiates as he says they only constipate him, without inducing sleep.
24 Restless at night, does not sleep much, & gets out of his bounce the attendant to ascertain some trivial question. Complains that he gets too much food here, morning acidity, & that he can't take so much urine (4 pints per diem) - that the great quantities of medicine he gets (K. Bicarb occasionally & a mixture with Quinine & Iron three times a day) produces all his abnormal sensations. Is quite hopeless, wonders what is to be the end of it all - he might not to be here, - the board is not paid - so he suspects his affairs are wrong &c.
27. Sleeping tolerably rather better - mind occasionally wandering & occasionally threatening, to make him take his food which is mixed with wine. Means all conspired to oppose him. Stomach &c is stuffed up with the food taken intestines are as firm as threads - wishes to be sent to the stables as the board is not paid &c. Each new incident finds a new foreboding. Still taking the mixture & occasional laxatives.
31. Delusions & occasional obstinacy continues. Is worst when out in the carriage, & imagines the attendant to be having gone out &c.
"Nerves in shattered - weakness immense, - is to be turned out &c.
June 4. Says he eats 20 times the quantity of food he used to take. That he lies up in his bonds the medicine altho' of common power not being able to make them act properly.
"Will I be allowed to sleep here tonight" again & again

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11. Filled upon proceedings as usual as ever. Says he's all against him - don't understand his complaint &c. Eats far too much food (a moderate diet) more strong medicine than any patient ever got or will get (M. Lobel. pt. 7 P.R. which now acts pretty heavily - & M. Jecris elsewhere) & cannot stand it.
Had a blister on nape of neck two days ago which rose well. Complains much of it - not like any blister he ever heard of - will never heal - the wounds to come on afterwards he got 3 nights ago. Dressed the ulcer present but will let him pull the cummerbund by-bye &c &c.

13. So sleeping tolerably & on the whole rather better in bodily health, but to my seems more disappointed & restless - perhaps owing to his not having been out of doors lately as he hopes from the blister had written to -.

18. Perhaps less restless, but as peevishly & vex on trivial as ever. While "fretting" the other day on night lately by getting up, speaking to him &c he confessed it was merely lest the doctors should suppose that he had slept well.

21. Got up the chimney happened to smoke a little, & he was not to be convinced that it was not done to get so much more easy to get him from his apartment.

26. Had on a blister near nape two days ago & was quite sure that it was only bad painful on account of opinion given internally & being applied to it, but that the pain is accumulating & will all be felt with redoubled force by & bye - "is soon to be put out of his misery"

July 6. Quite sceptical of the sincerity or good intentions of the official & his wife &c on any one point.

8. When asked how he is says his feeling worse & worse, that he's all wrong &c - but the only definite complaint he makes is of an uneasiness in his abdomen & that appears to be only occasional. Says he eats more & takes more physic than all the people in the establishment put together that all nature is forming & the worse gets changing on his account. So contradictory & perplexed.

14. Of late generally hangs upon the great quantity of food & medicine he takes, that he only lets the latter shot more & not any, that only thing is far too good for him, that he has got much worse since he came here &c.
Has a hot appears to be a habit of dragging his left leg, but sometimes it seems like incipient paralysis. Says he has no weakness with it. Has had a warm bath once or twice, & generally sleeps worse on the night immediately succeeding it, but better afterwards. In the whole appears of late he listless & distracted, & occasionally somewhat interested in matters foreign to himself & his ailments, - & takes his food & rather better.

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James Latta. Æt: 23.

1852.
May 30 Came today to the asylum with his father & sister-in-law.

Patient was previously a steady, regular, middle-aged young man till within the last 3 mo: when he has given himself up to moderate indulgence in liquor. His temper has become irritable & his spirits depressed. For some time back has been constantly in a half-fuddled condition, inactive & irritable, unable to refrain from spirits, of which he has latterly been taking from half to a whole bottle per day.

He for some days been very anxious to be brought out here to stay & reform, which he cannot do otherwise.

On admission has a muddled stupid look. Appe: pretty good. Bowels constipated.

31. He had a glass of whisky with 3ss Sol: Mur: Morph: 3iss of hour since admission. Slept two hours last night. P 100. Very tremulous. Vomited in the morning but that relieved by a blister to stomach. Ordered to have 2 gr: of Solid opium every 2 hours till he sleeps. Had an enema which acted well. Has taken bath: has been principal - apologizing for something he had done when admitted &c.

June 1. Got large & frequent doses of whisky & laudanum for a day or two - was very fractious, thought he had committed some crime, that it was reported that he had committed sodomy with an old woman &c.

He slept a great deal last night & today. It is now calm & collected. He perspired very much.

He gonorrhœa.

8. He still 2 gr. of Opium H.S. but no alcohol. Is collected, contented, good-natured.

13. For some time rational quiet, cheerful. Is compliant & obliging. Gonorrhœa has left by usual weak kite: syringe injections. A chancre on prepuce discovered some days ago, being treated by black wash & Hyd: c Creta internally.

July 14. Behaves with great propriety & judicious good-humour.

Gonorrhœa returned slightly but has again disappeared by the use of an astringent injection.

19. Was this day dismissed

Cured.

Admitted May 30th 1852.

Wm Young. Admitted May 20th 1852.
from N. Col.

1852 July 19 Raving with calm in the wish than formerly. Appears to be rather less entirely engrossed in himself & his ailments &c. but still desires that he be an Inmate permanently of good conduct in. — The manner the attendant discovered him pushing bread into his mouth a table-knife (wooden pattern) in time to prevent him from injuring himself.

It being thought advisable that he should have a change of scene he was sent off today with an attendant to the country.

31. Returned today for a short time. Has been of late more energetic in the refusal of his food — & not often given improved since he left this on the 19th.

So: today he was discharged.

Relieved.

1854. Nov 6th Was today brought to the asylum from a hotel in Glasgow by two attendants who had some difficulty in inducing him to get into the carriage.
Has for years been very prosperous in business as a lawyer, so as to purchase several estates &c.
For some weeks back a change of manner & conduct has been observed. Has been irritable in temper, hurried in speech & action & wasteful in expenditure. Has been using Champagne freely & inciting his friends to do the like, it being cheaper & better than whisky. Has been constantly driving about in cabs &c - running from place to place, calling 2 or 3 times in a day at some shops in town where he had no particular business. One of his sons had a penchant for the navy & he has been hungering him about with him previous to his leaving as a mid-shipman, altho' it is by no means certain that he has got an appointment for him. Has been 4 times down at Rosneath where his family have been staying, within a very short time, always in a great hurry posting off again in few words as if on important business. Twice missed his luggage (through his own haste in getting into the train &c) at Paisley on one of these occasions, he got out, offered £20 for a special engine back to Glasgow to look for it; he had however to wait for the regular train (owing to there being no spare engine at Paisley) & on his return placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer (Mr Lamont) for prosecution, writing out several large pages of articles said to comprise the missing luggage, amongst others 3 gold watches &c &c which were all the time at home. Had his little pet at Strathaven with him, tho' thought that a certain lady whom they had met, had promised her a phaeton & pair. Has a determination to go to London & stay for 10 days, tho' he is known to have no business there at present. Has lately spent a considerable sum of money.
On admission, eye is wild & manner excited & rather impressive. In the course of a conversation with Dr McK. in the evening, derogatory from the worth of the opinion of his medical adviser (Dr Thos Watson) on the score of his being a drunkard & card player, which is supposed not to be the case.
7. Much better today - Slept well (having had 3ss opii h.s.) & appears calm. Broaches no delusion in conversation but

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with a letter to his wife in which he states that he had been waited upon by a deputation of the ladies here, who had presented him with a trumpet & a bouquet &c.

12. Has continued calm, well-behaved, complaisant & gentlemanlike since soon after his admission, & has in conversation touched no delusion.

His wife having determined to take him away, he is this day dismissed

Relieved.

Thomas Fleming Admitted April 4th 1854. from P. Col.

1852. Sept. 6. Constantly keeping about near the door, trying to get out — asking "Can I not get out?" "Why can I not get out?" &c.

Sept. 7. No improvement of late — but hesitation in speech & action — does not now appear so much resistance to the measures as he did, — but is still as anxious to be moving about whether he is out of doors — Health appears rather less anxious than formerly & G.H. tolerably good.

Was this day by their friends, dismissed

Relieved.

Readmitted Oct. 4th 1854.

1852 Oct. 4. No improvement in him since dismissal; as stubborn & unmanageable as ever. Appearance rather improved & bowels free.

15. Continues very much as before dismissal. Constantly stands near the door & himself when addressed, that he wants to get out by out, & tries to force his way through it — so obstinate & self-willed. Will not commence nor employ himself, nor even walk about with any show of alacrity. Stands in one place, picking his fingers. Thinks he has been put here by some plot. So any incommunication — Appetite good. No costiveness.

31. No improvement.

Nov. 28th. Continues to stand constantly beside the door. And whenever the door is opened trying to force his way out, takes two attendants to put on and off his clothes.

Dec. 20 No Change

1853 Jany. 20 Constantly at the door, and asking "Can I not get out?"

July 1st Was this day transferred to the East House

Richard Cross.

from P. 4 b.

1854
June 14 Now walks out upon only ~~twice~~ at any. No change in habits or humour
July 14 Habits as formerly recorded.
Aug 14 No change to be recorded
Sept. 14 Exclusive, irritable or low. Walks out daily.
Oct 14. No change in habits or health
Nov. 20. Continues very irritable never speaks or associates with the other patients when inserted this morning. desires the Medical assistant to go to "Hell."
Dec. 20. So irritable as ever, in other respects as formerly.
1855
January 20 When out walking if he should happen to ring the bell twice when he comes to the door leaves most fearfully when the door is opened to him general health good
February 16. There is no marked change observed walks daily round the grounds with an attendant.
March 20. No change in habits or health.
April 16. Much the same as in former reports.
26. Today spoke rather pleasant to the Medical assistant on going in to ask him what kind of pills he was wanting from his attendant who requested to write down the name of the swore that he would not do it. general health good
May 20. So in his usual state fancy it is a damned shame the way he is used. When addressed by any of the Medical officers rushes upon them with a volley of curses. but does not use any violence - general health continues good.
June 30. A few days ago was confined to his bed. when Dr. Mott prescribed some medicine ~~for~~ which he refused to take till four of the attendants went in & his cousin and threatened to remove him to another gallery. he then took the medicine but swore at a fearful rate at the treatment that he was getting here - bodily health good
July 31st. So in his usual state. never speaks nor associate with any of his fellow patients he spends the whole day reading and looking out at his sitting room window the tables his food well sometimes natural.

August 25. Was a few days ago visited by Dr. Lawrie from Hadfow and who spoke to by the Dr. fell in to a great passion in other respect he is the same as in former reports.

Sept. 20th He walks occasionally round the grounds.
He is as irritable as ever. and gets very excited when visited by any of the medical officers
His general health continues good
Sometimes natural

October 30th. So in every respect the same as in foregoing reports.

Nov. 17th. So in his usual state. walks out daily. Reads a little
So in good health.

Decr. 30th. So always very irritable. So in excellent bodily health. He occasionally complains of being disturbed during the night with noises. He takes regular exercise in the grounds. Takes his food well

1856
January 30th So as irritable as ever. never speaks or associate with any of his fellow patients. Bodily health good

Feby 29th. So in every respect the same both mentally and bodily as in foregoing report.

March 30th Continues as distant and irritable as ever. If he should ask for anything and if it is not given to him at the moment, gets into a great passion at his attendant and makes use of any threatening language. Bodily health continues good

April 30th. So in every respect the same as described in foregoing report

May 30th There is no change in habits or health since last reported

June 16th No Change in any respect.

July 30th There is no marked change either mentally or bodily since last reported. He takes his food well. Bowels regular

August 30th No Change

Sept. 30th. So as irritable as ever. since last reported he struck his attendant without any provocation
His general health continues good

Walter Baird æt. 38.

1854
June 10. Was brought to the Asylum from Rothesay by his friends, in a strait-jacket.
He is still at present in a private asylum, very destructive & malicious.
This is a first attack of 3 mo: duration, and is supposed to be caused by his extreme devotedness to his business (or that of a pavillion) he has for years back been at work early & late in a confined little packe-hole.
It is said to have been ushered with "stomach complaint" & was in the habit of taking frequent & powerful laxatives. Was not intemperate.
Complaint has been characterized by a hard violent manner, & great obstinacy, wilfulness & irritability under contradiction. Has threatened violence, & "attempt to use the razor". Has violent for 8 days past.
On the strait-jacket being removed convinced no violence, but looks hard, & talked in an excited manner, of the very simple manner which he had evidently been treated, complains of bruises from knocks on various parts of body, hoarseness from compression of the larynx &c. - Complained much of some of the medical men of Rothesay & Glasgow, using coarse language in reference to them.
Thin & haggard in appearance. -
25. Still a good deal hurried in manner, boastful of his powers as a workman &c, communication about family & money matters & past own particular as to the truth of his statements, - irritable if contradicted & apt to insult & threaten his fellow-patient, so that he has been removed to another gallery.
Bowels have been freely moved by laxatives & he has begun to taste the Hl: Scenes with the & Stud & Summer Matters.
July 4. From his interfering, volatile & sometimes malicious habits he has been mostly in seclusion, & being naturally active, is often destructive, tearing up his mattress &c. - Occasionally soils himself with his excrement.
Is hurried in speech, very irritable if contradicted, indulges in the most luxuriant fascinations as to his extraordinary abilities in many respects, the greatness of his friends &c. &c. to hurry this place &c. - So very violent & raving in speech & gesticulation vociferously if allowed.
13. Little change, but perhaps if anything rather more calm & less irritable. In running to elude an attendant a week ago, fell & cut his eyebrow but not very severely. Diarrhœa on the 10th & 11th, now better. Appetite & tongue
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20. Great incoherence & rapidity of thought. When irritated, inclined to be violent. So filthy & destructive. Boastful of his own mighty powers & skill

Admitted June 20th 1854.

	Tries up his mattress to make two balloons to pass down the room to stay him all night – Was dressed separately with Pain without he.
25.	Noisy, abusive, destructive & violent proposed stuffing the stuffing he had torn from his mattress, with sugar, for some purpose or other – imagines himself to be making splendid panoramas & pictures with his saliva on the floor.
Sept. 3.	Indulges in extravagant self-praise & abuse of others – offer to strike if crossed.
7.	Silly & noisy – not perhaps so violent but as non-musical, constantly on the move making paintings, lace, freemasons &c.
15.	Very noisy during 2 nights, but quiet during last two. So now employed making diamonds – then on diamonds in his food, clothes &c.
15.	Rather quieter but still fale of fancies & easily irritated by the supposed insults he gets from the attendants &c. He says he has a menagerie of all the animals he knows of, which are great trouble in the dark when the door of his room is shut. Bowels tolerably free, appetite good & appearance perhaps rather fresher. Still takes cod liver oil & steel mixture twice a day.
Sept. 16.	So generally noisy, fretty & destructive. Tears up his mattresses, dabbles with his urine on the floor – & is always "making drawings" he is. Generally good humoured but easily irritated & sometimes inclined to be violent, & when out of the gallery, needs to be constantly watched, from his mind being on the position, & active, prying nature. Takes his medicines willingly. Has enema every 2nd night.
22.	No change for the better – Continues noisy, fretty, destructive & irritable –
4	Is to be sent Upward to East House.

C. A. C. Ogilvie. from 1490.

1857
June 26. Very little word of tyranny to get out. So very ready to pick out & weigh almost the petty thoughts & of one of his fellow patients (Mr McCaughton) & make numerous quantities of tea, in fact, all he can get. - says there is far too little supplied to the gallery & has two pints of water a day, & is apt to help them up & have a "blow out" generally on Sabbaths, when he is often most acrimonious.

July 4. So very anxious to know if Dr K. had seen his brother Sir John L. who recently at London, but says he'll never ask him directly.

8. This morning characterizing Dr K. as "incarnation of a fiend" "a devil" & describes him as "grinning in scorn & triumph at his (Mr O's) misery" as much as to say "I have had you so low in my power & now your mother, your only friend, is dead."

14 On the 10th informed that there is a purpose of cleaning out his room, & he returned to the old system of intemperation - for the tyranny & "devil ish cruelty" he is forced to suffer here. Dr K. wants to move him off & if he does not let him alone now, there is no saying what he "may be led to do to others or himself," alluding in the plainest terms to murder & suicide. "I was quite happy without a cent & with plenty of friends when I came here - my wicked brother" (this man he applies to both of these relations) "was only anxious of the case with which I made friends wherever I went to." Very fidgetty & bitter for some days but is again rather calmer.

X Complained of headache for some days. Will not want his (homoeopathic) night draught.

20. He was slightly swollen & has worn a handkerchief wrapped round his head for some days.

25. Constantly on the move, especially at present during the cleaning season, - walking quickly from parlour to bath-room, thence to bed-room, a workmen &c. always ready to pick a fault with the arrangements especially with those necessary in an asylum, as indicating this to be a prison - a hell &c.

28. Very anxious for whisky on account of being terribly disturbed by "this awful brother" to which however he does not appear to dislike very much. Separates at great length upon having used all his efforts to get to live in peace, & that successfully excepting some temporary annoyances from "that damned brother" & others - "to be brought to this hell upon earth, & even if I get out of this, my health & peace of mind gone, my friends scattered, & my money lost - through being brought here, what can I do."

Aug. 15 Upon the whole far least patronizing, totally cheerful & pleasant, ready to converse on what he saw abroad &c, & rather less apt to rail at his "infernal enemies" &c.

X

Sept. 16. Continuing to the ably chaplain of late, & generally walking out in the grounds every day or two. In the house, mostly in his shirt-sleeves & slippers - running backwards & forwards to the sink to wash his nose &c. Takes occasional to be interested in the war, & discusses the plans & proceedings of the belligerent powers with gusto - & at present intent on examining the practical details of photography.

When visiting to get a walk &c - generally chooses a time when he knows it will be most difficult of accomplishment, from a concourse of attendants & officers; - indeed in most matters he appears to act on the principle of giving as much trouble to officials &c as possible.

Sept. 29. Sept. after breakfast, refused, for some trivial reason, to go to bed, - for which both the attendants, sent for D.S., went about brandishing a clothes-brush, screaming he wants to see the first man who tries to put him to bed, utterings fearful imprecations & abuse against Dr. MacIntosh &c, but after about 20 minutes remonstrance & a little catechu & opium & relieve some chamber & compelled to the calmed down & went quietly to bed. During this scene his expression has the of intense maniacal fury & his threats & language were of the most extreme & unmanageable description.

Oct. 15. No more explosions since last report - but threats upon the war-news - seizes every opportunity for abusing Dr. M. - his brother Sall who have received his complaint here - & appear to try to put the officials & attendants as much trouble in all respects as possible. - Peculiarities of dress - & cleanliness - (or rather filthiness) continue for the most part as before & need not be detailed.

Oct. 28 About 5 o'clock this morning have a quiet row in his room, roused the attendants, sent for D.S. - has gone downstairs in his room dress, & his whole purpose appears to be to get to the water closet, as he persists in this in spite of his being to use a night-stool, - & to detail some of his manifold peculiarities as to the attendants' management of him &c -

November 16. This morning he insisted that his bed room door should be left open during the night when told that his request could not be complied with, he got excited and said he was conspiring against him.

Nov. 25. In conversation with D.S. about his (Mr. O.) case he became much excited and swore that Dr. MacIntosh haunted him for the last 20 years and that he is sure that Dr. Mac has notes in his books about him since that time.

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David Leech

from 157.

1882
June 11. Says his pater thinks God intends to make the latter equal to him — is to get £40,000 to start a company for bringing through Australia to get job — gives as a reason for having divided his room, that there were crowds of blasphemous people going the wrong way & he had to turn them back.

26. Sometimes chuffier & noisier during the night. Generally filthy every morning. Appetite good. Singing a good deal — getting my want on a string of hymns thus — "Sin Branded - Sin Mrs Duplicate"

July 4. Very incoherent talking incessantly "Sin so so" "Gone so so" the one day in Lord's arms quite fagged out & down-up & appears to forget the events of the noisy ones; on the latter says he's quite happy, but on the former confesses he's not as he should be, that he has been ill to — apt to try to strike blindly out, only on one day.

8. Now "is" "They say I am to be"

14 Very little change. An alternation of noisy & quiet, dull days. On the former he seems to be filthier & more incoherent & drivelling, on the latter more & more rational.
Walks round & round his room, saying he goes round the globe —

20. Rounds are kept open by a laceration — appetite tolerable occasionally chuffing & appears fatigued for last few days & talking utter nonsense, but to-day appears more calm & sometimes more coherent in speech.

Aug. 3. — No improvement, — drivelling incoherently, filthy & occasionally noisy, but quite manageable. Sometimes a transient glimpse of consciousness, such as recognizing a name &c.

15. No improvement. Talks incoherent nonsense, often merely repeating the words addressed to him sometimes taciturn & more rarely noisy & worse. Appears to sleep tolerably. Wet on morning 2nd night. Makes water on the floor & dabbles with his hands in it.
To some tonic has been taking the Liquor Bichloride Hydrarg: — Has a pint of Porter daily.

20. Still raving incoherently & occasionally repeating words addressed to him, but tone is not quite so dull idiotic & formulary.
Some symptoms of salivation — so the mercury stopped.

Sept. 16. No improvement — mostly dull & depressed, taciturn & stupid — looking — occasionally weeping — sometimes excited, talking incoherently & apt to strike at times.
No slight attack of diarrhoea some days ago — esp: tolerably good.

24. Very generally dull & stupid — occasionally talkative & gesticulating — speaking absurd incoherent nonsense.

Oct. 15. He has almost constantly dull, depressed & taciturn since last report, for the most part lying very quiet in bed, with the exception of an hour or two daily at the fireside, but

generally with an unmeaning, idiotic stare – very seldom uttering a word of them independently. Very rarely appears to fix, grasp, & strike, & then not with great violence. appears to collect quantities of saliva in his mouth at times.

4 Appr: generally good. Has had one or two slight attacks of diarrhœa since last report.

31 No change for the better. Very seldom can be got to speak a word or two, & then quite incoherently & nonsensically.

Nov. 10. Is at present in a very weak state both bodily and mentally. his conversation is quite unintelligable He does not seem to know any person He takes his food ordinary well bowels regular –

" 24. He seems to be very restless during the night. In the morning he looks very fatigued and exhausted He now says that he is the Saviour bodily health much impaired takes his food ordinary well bowels confined. & have an injection

Dec. 4. Is up for a few hours daily sitting beside the fire in the parlour Mind completely gone. talks in an incoherent manner. bodily health very weak. takes his food ordinary well. bowels inclined to be costive & have an injection

" 14. There is very little change observed on either bodily or mental health He has very extravagant delusions about himself. he at one time says that he is the Saviour and at other times that he is Queen and Lady. He continues to take his food ordinary well

" 24. Mind and body continues very much impaired. talks very incoherent is for a few hours daily sitting up ~~in~~ beside the parlour fire His appetite still continues good

1855. January 3. Is for the last few days talking a great deal to himself. He is very exhausted after such exertion. his appetite continues good. bowels regular. – – – – – – – –

" 14. Since last report had a rather severe attack of diarrhœa. he was put on milk diet. and had five grains of acid fallic every four hours. He is at present so much reduced that he is confined to his bed. He had no return of the lossness since the 13th inst.

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Samuel Lawrence

from 1.56.

July 14. Continues imbecile & indolent as ever.

July 15. Indolent, slovenly, & taciturn. Never speaks unless addressed. When he answers are as short as possible. His meaning has eye & drooping gait. No particular change. Sometimes hums to himself in fits of unprovoked laughter. Never speaks unless addressed, & then answers in the most stolid imbecile manner.

Sept 16. No change.

Sept 15. No day ago had a fit of restlessness with inclination to strike. Was a day or two in bed, but is again in his usual imbecile, taciturn state.

Nov. 20. Yesterday patient let fire to his clothes by putting a lighted tobacco pipe in his pocket, when he has no tobacco he becomes restless and inclined to be violent. Seldom or ever speaks unless addressed.

30. Has been kept in his room for the last few days in order to wean him from tobacco.

Dec. 20. The confinement in his room, had no effect in arresting his desire for tobacco, has to be changed to another gallery to prevent him breaking windows.

1853. January 16. Since his tobacco was stopped, is very restless and irritable. walks up and down the gallery, talking incoherently to himself. appetite good bowels costive Rp. Decoct Jalap & ℞ Calomel pr ℞

February 7. Is of late rather quieter though he occasionally becomes restless when he has no tobacco. Never speaks to any of his fellow patients. and when spoken to gives short answers.

26. Continues much the same as in former reports.

March 16. Today had to be secluded for a few hours, on account of being very restless and disposed to be violent. General health as usual.

28. Is at present in his usual way.

April 11. There is no marked improvement observed in his mental health he is as irritable as ever.

29. No change.

May 30. Is occasionally excited, but is generally quiet and harmless especially if he has tobacco if not he is very apt to smash windows and do other mischief. His general health continues good. takes his food well bowels regular.

June 20. There is no improvement in his mental condition since last reported. General health good.

July 24th. He today very untidy. and talking to himself. had to be secluded to prevent him doing any mischief. His bodily health continues good takes his food well. bowels generally regular.

August 25th. He at present quiet and rather torpid. he is inclined to sleep on the forms in the gallery.
There is no improvement on mental health. bodily health continues good

Septbr 30th. Was been very irritable and very apt to strike of late
He still is very much addicted to self pollution
He very indolent in his habits
Never speaks nor associates with any of his fellow patients
He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health

Octbr 30th. Continues as indolent as ever never speaks. unless addressed. In other respect in the same as in foregoing reports

Novr 17th. He in every respects the same as when last reported.

Decr 30th. He very indolent in his habits -
He is very much addicted to self pollution - He is also occasionally excitable and when he is very apt to strike - He is in the enjoyment of ordinary bodily health.

1856
January 30th. He has a great craving for tobacco and when he has not any he is very untidy and irritable and talking to himself when in this state if any person should speak to him he immediately strikes them. bodily health good.

March 30th. Since last report there is no improvement mentally. in other respects is in the same state as in forgoing reports

April 30th. There is no change either mentally or bodily since last reported

May 30th. A few days ago had to be secluded on account of being very much excited and violent. He is now out of seclusion and in his usual way.

June 16th. Continues much the same as in former report

July 30th. Is occasionally very noisy. untidy and irritable. He is as indolent in our habits as ever. In other respects there is no change.

August 30th. There is no particular change since last reported. Takes his food well - Bowels requires an occasional dose of purgative medicine

Alexander Nisbet Æt 29

1847 Aug 22nd Was this day transferred from the East to the West House.

Patient who has always been weak-minded, & now harbours the delusion that he is a martyr, is an apostle of the Lord &c – is stated to have been found "on Sabbath last" threatening to throw himself over the window, to attack others with his hands & knives. Had previously for 2 or 3 months confined himself to his room, & had no communication with his sister & the servant in the house with him.

Sept 9. Has been quiet & well-behaved. Is indolent, & imbecile in look & conversation.

Says his father left nearly £7,000 between himself & sister – that he was for 2 or 3 years in a banker's office as clerk at one time, but of late had intended to commence a country life, & had been so busy with study, that he had time for no other ~~[illegible]~~ employment – besides the desk did not agree with his constitution.

Says that the head of the house bore him implacable hatred to him (evidence of which however, he does not condescend upon) – must have been one of a "plot", & so he always resisted the manner in which his sister tyrannized over & dictated to him, he believes her "stratagem" was at the bottom of it all.

When he became suspicious that he was to be sent to an asylum, he ran off to one of the Clyde watering-places ( ), & was there arrested by the coast guard, having in his possession a pistol & balls &c for the purpose of resisting the myrmidons of the asylum, whom he supposed his captors to be.

Has told his fellow-patients that he is an apostle. Is thin, haggard, & aged-looking (was marked in the Lieuner as ætat. 40, his appearance having probably been taken as evidence)

Sept 15. Cod-liver oil having been prescribed for him, he a few days ago got excited when it was offered to him, resisted, & had to be coerced into taking it – said he was the best judge of what was good for him – ought not to be here at all – is an apostle of God – knowing for his licence through many visions he has had – & ought to be out of doors at his work &c –

– now submits peaceably to take the cod-liver oil. Lounges about in total idleness.

Sept 16 Imbecile, inoffensive demeanour. Has no employment or amusement.

Says his father left property to the amount of £6,000. Is sure the head of the house tried to poison him, thus compelling him to cook his food in his bedroom for some time – & that he then attacked him with a knife, but from his manner of telling, these attempts are evidently the offspring of his paranoiac fears. – S.H. fair

Admitted July 31st 1854.

Oct 2. Positively objects to going to church - (but afterwards went) - because it is denied by some men that he is an apostle.

15. Careless, unheedy, & totally idle. Takes no interest in anything that goes on around him. Continues on various matters of the most childish description.

4 General health good. Bowels regular.

November 11th. This patient is very quiet and well behaved. In conversation today he said that he was an apostle and that the end of the world is at hand. He is very anxious to get away saying that there is nothing the matter with him & bad people would let him alone. He seems to be in the enjoyment of good bodily health takes his food well. bowels inclined to be costive & have a colocynth pill at bed time

" 30th. Continues quiet. Has still the same delusions about being an apostle and says that he has visions at night in his bed room. His general health continues good.

Dec 16th. So in his usual state. cannot be convinced but what he is an apostle. In conversation today (with Dr. L.) he said that his friends were trying to poison him. especially a maid that was in the house. and that he was compelled to cook his own food in his bed room. and that she even attacked him with a knife. His bodily health continues good. takes his food well

" 30th. There is no marked improvement in either bodily or mental health since last reported.

1855 - January 11th. Has still the same delusions and notions about himself. He has for the last few days given up using tobacco saying that he was commanded to give it up. by one of the visions that he had seen in his room last night. General health good.

" 30th. So in his usual state. there is no abatement in character of delusions

Feby 28th. There is no improvement in either bodily or mental health since last reported.

March 11th. Has still the same delusions as in former reports. He is very anxious to get away. General health continues good

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James Watt. Æt. 57.

1857
Aug. 8. Was today brought to the Asylum by his friends.
He for the last 10 or 11 years has been subject to recurrent mania, being in the intervals quite rational. & the approach of a paroxysm has been indicated by increasing volubility & restlessness, ending in incoherent talking & violence.
So at present in a state of weakness succeeding to an attack of 7 weeks duration. He has subjected to a great variety of treatment at various times.
– Bowels require a colocynth Pill every night.
– So quiet & not inclined to speak unless addressed, but civil & rational.
15. Continues quiet & tolerably comfortable. Walks & drives out daily. Sleeps well & is accustomed to go early to bed & rise late. Reads the newspapers, periodicals &c. & appears contented with this place.
Motions regular. P. generally about 60 – but sometimes as high as 84.–
Sept. 5 Continued quiet, well-behaved & rational till today. In the morning he began to talk nonsensically, & this increased till evening, & by bedtime he was swearing, execrating, using obscene & filthy language. Probably taken an aperient in his condition. So to-night is in the padded room.
11. Continues, maniacal, generally noisy, & using filthy language, & sometimes violent & apt to strike all those near him. Taking his food pretty well – & lies generally on his mattress, but apt to tear his sheets especially during the night.
16. Still noisy & incoherent – & apt to be violent. Bowels apt to be constipated – Not taking his food quite so well for some days. Has a pint of porter daily.
21. Taking food better – but was so violent & destructive, altho' still quite incoherent.
22. This evening a short remission of greater calmness, during which he asked about several of the policemen in the gallery where he first was – but soon relapsed into incoherence.
24. Continues much calmer, & not violent or destructive.
28. These two days rather depressed, but quite calm & tolerably rational.
Nov. 2. A little talkative yesterday morning & evening but was quite calm & quiet – dressed & apartment to former gallery. Complains of weakness – Appears state confused in mind & occasionally nonsensical.
15. He considerably improved both in strength of body & mind since last report – So now rational & quiet – amusing himself with

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4	Nothing to report. Walks out twice daily.
31	Continues quiet & rational, altho' more appears to be rather weak. – Says he does not sleep very well, altho' he is out walking in the grounds a great deal, – but health otherwise appears excellent
Nov. 10th	He at present quiet and in the enjoyment of good bodily health. He is daily out walking or driving in the carriage. He takes his food well. bowels requires a Colocynth pill daily. . . .
" 20th	Continues quiet and rational in conversation. He says that he does not sleep very well at night though he is constantly in the open air during the day. He takes his food well bowels regular.
" 24th	For the last two has become more confused and apt to wander in conversation. Today he became very restless and talkative and depressed to be violent so much so that he had to be removed from his own room to the padded room at 1. P. M. He is giving vent to very obscene and filthy language
" 26th	Continues noisy and using filthy language. He is apt to think all that goes near him. Has to wear a Canvas dress to prevent him tearing his shirts. He takes his food well. bowels open during the night.
Dec. 1st	He still noisy and incoherent Has not needed any wine for the last twenty four hours. when introducing the Catheter struggled very much. and was making use of very abusive language. takes his food well. bowels regular.
" 6th	Continues noisy and violent to all that comes near him. He still uses very filthy language. continues to take his food ordinary well. functions natural
11th	Continues in every respect the same as in two former reports
17th	He not so noisy today though he still makes use of very obscene language Has still the strong dress on. He takes his food ordinary well. bowels costive Have gave him a half ounce of the phosphate of soda – He holds very little wine
" 21st	Since last report is on the whole getting quieter. Today he allowed his pulse to be felt which is at 100 appetite continues good function natural

Y. Hall & Page

William Charles Eves. Æt 31

1862
May 9th Was today transferred from the East to the West Home.
Has a brother insane.
So stated to have received a great mental shock in 1846 & seem to have been the same since, - reclusive & sedentary in habits, having a dread of becoming an inmate of an asylum, & more latterly dyspepsia & weak health have incapacitated him for his former employment, that of a bank-clerk - He had Chancery business for 2 seasons. Has for some time had a fancy that some person was constantly following him about the streets, & for a fortnight before admission he seemed to be more depressed than usual. A week before admission set fire to a considerable quantity of gunpowder, for the purpose of self destruction, producing an extensive burn, but not any scars burn on face & neck which is now rapidly healing - So quiet, civil & rational in conversation.
Bowels sluggish.
12. During last night has been under great terror & knocked loudly on his bedroom-floor, under the impression that he heard a roaring as of a tiger or lion, under the floor - never heard any such noises before - appears to labour under a vague apprehension of some evil - thinks some of the patients look with strange eyes on him - asks if there is any thing peculiar in his appearance - thinks he is he has been for long a solitary but always a strictly moral man, given to his ease - is afraid that his mother will not come to see him on Monday as she has promised in a letter, that she will not see him if she does come so.
- While in the East Home had reason to think that he is troubled both by spermatorrhœa
15. No return of his principal terrors which he now confesses to have been the creatures of his own brain. Slept well these two nights
So civil & rational in conversation, but appears timid & often hesitates.
Appears indolent & inclined to lie on his bed a good deal during the day-time, but walks in the airing-court & converses with his fellow-patients freely & fully cheerfully.
So quite happy at having seen his mother yesterday.
Says then might have been 1/2 a pound of the gunpowder, which had been lying past in a trunk for a considerable time, that under a "fit of depression" which he cannot account for he took it out & ignited it with a lucifer

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20. Continues rational. So in Mind – feels on his for some time after each meal; says he has tried to break it off unsuccessfully.
Reads with a worn or pleasing eyes, & spends a great deal of his time walking in gallery or airing-court, conversing with his fellow patients
Seems to be of an apprehensive, amiable disposition. –

Sept 6. No more of his timid fancies. Says that for 10 days he has slept better than for a long time on coming here.

16. Was disturbed another night or two ago, but cannot, fearing that some of his friends were ill &c – but has regained his spirits & confidence again.

Oct 2 Is apt to have a sleepless night after taking food too much in the evening, & is then more fanciful, apt to suppose his mother ill, because she has not come out to

15. Keeping pretty well – So amiable, but in Mind, simple-minded, & apt to be fanciful – Spends most of his time lounging in bed, or walking in the court or gallery conversing with his fellow-patients. Hardly ever reads any, keeping the blame on his eyes being so weak &c –
Functions tolerably regular.

29. These two days has been very fanciful & filled with vague fears of some calamity – Now he thinks that his mother is probably ill of cholera, & again that a cancerous tumour is in process of formation in cicatrix of the burn on top of stomach, & that he or a fellow-patient is in danger of death – So constantly sending for Dr S. to tell him about some such matter – So very abstracted & will sit for minutes without speaking a word, gazing on vacancy. Sleeping very badly.

31. Is rather less fanciful, but still apt to be abstracted, & fanciful of supposititious dangers. Bowels rather costive.

November 2nd This patient is very restless and seems to be under some apprehension of coming calamity. He is full of delusions. such as being his brother in his bed room during the night. and says he is certain that his brother is also a patient in the asylum. Cannot be convinced that such is not the case. bowels are generally costive

3rd. This morning patient insists that his whiskers had been cut of during the night by some person or other who was in his room during the night. Will not be convinced that such is not the case. He never speaks to any of the other patients. S. H. Adams

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J. H. Rattray. from P. 203.

1857
Sept. 3 Still in bed & not desiring to notice the medical officers.
To day struck out at attendant, & as usual called him a damned brute. No persuasion at shaving time which operation required to be done.
15. For several days has been up, dressed, & out of doors, but speaking to none. This only accomplished by a show of force. Some days ago after being fairly mastered by attendants, he abjectly said he would never do so again" alluding to his resistance.
Functions regular. No epileptic fit has occurred.
Sept. 6 Still sullen, stubborn & only shaved under a show of force.
To day had a quarrel with a female attendant for some point of discipline, & being necessarily overpowered, as he hesitates at no violence, he quickly gave in, begged pardon apparently, would never again go against rules of the establishment &c. & by his own choice walked round the grounds, which he had not done for a considerable time before.
16. Since last report continues his self-willed walking out twice a day. Still says he is very weak, is put to bed &c.
G.H. tolerably good.
Oct. 15. Exclusive & sulky as ever, but no outbreak lately. Walks out once or twice daily, but associates with no one. Has no employment or amusement. Sits in his room alone, often looking out of window.
Went to chapel to day for the first time for some months.
Nov. 10. Is at present very bulky and will not rise out of bed, saying that he has only a few days to live. He seems to be in the enjoyment of good bodily health. takes his food well functions natural.
" 24. Is up today and dressed but refuses to go out. Complained today about being very much annoyed with vermin during the night. which he says is destroying his body.
" 31. Has been prevailed upon to go out for the last two or three days to take a walk round the grounds. bodily health is good. bowels regular.
Dec. 28. Has again become rather cross and inclined to lie in his bed. Keeps quiet unless spoken to about getting out of bed. when he makes use occasionally of abusive language. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health

1853

January 4th He is little inclined to lie in his bed. Saying there is no use for him to lie for he is to die in a few days, and cannot be convinced to the contrary
His bodily health continues good. takes his food well bowels regular.

" 28th Since the 10th has been out of bed. and is now taking a walk daily around the ground.
Still says that he is very weak and that he is going to die &c.
General health good — — —

February 1st Continues tolerable cheerful and is walking out daily. He still maintains that he is to die soon and say that he is dead that every person knowing it as well as himself. In other respects he is the same as in former report.

" 28th So going on as usual never reading or amusing himself except occasionally by conversation — and then he is relating on his favourite topic "My Case"
So in good general health.

March 28th Today had a quarrel with his attendant. will not rise out of his bed. when asked this morning how he was said "Thank God I am getting worse every day" He was allowed to lie in his bed today. takes his food well. bowels regular — —

" 31st So today in a great rage on account of being requested to get out of bed, said that he is certain that the most of the officials in the house are paid by his relations to torture him.

April 28th So for the last ten days tolerable quiet but does not speak to any one. and immediately after coming in from his walk. is inclined to go to bed if allowed to do so
takes his food well. bowels regular

May 28th There is very little change observed in either bodily or mental health since last reported.

June 30th Since last report had occasional words with his attendant and the medical officers. but he is at present tolerable cheerful and talkative takes his food well. bowels regular
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Andrew Hamilton from P. Co.

1852

July 20. Considerably calmer & with less hurry & confusion of thought & speech. Contented & obedient.

25. For 2 days has been mysterious & confused. During last night has torn sheets in strips & wound them round arms, but apologized for it this morning.

29. Rather better, but occasionally still hardly speak, says his integrity oppresses him, & relates by-gone peccadilloes, with much minuteness & circumlocution.

Aug. 13. Thinks hill he is darkly yet, though admitting a relation of mine.

15. Little change for last 10 days. Mind often confused, & is apt to be incessantly explanatory & prosy, dilating on passages of Scripture. When unconnected with to do my about Mind & lay his hands on religious doctrines &c. Said he took read something else, & blamed too much study of Com of B & H and Laws books recently for his being here at all, by confusing his mind. — Is generally contented & manageable.

Functions tolerably regular.

Sept. 6. Was lately from a good deal in bed being more irritable & confused in mind.

16. Has improved during last week. Much less confused in ideas. More rational, but anxious to get home. Is quite manageable.

Was much gratified by seeing his son Thos, stays some calm whilst with him.

Bowels apt to be costive. Appetite good.

21. Much less confused & irritable.

28. Still improving, talking more rational & composed. & looks for an hour or two very pleasant in the garden. Is removed to a quieter gallery.

Oct 7. Still improving.

15. Occasionally rather more flighty & confused since last report.

E.H. Pr.

Alex. Nisbet

1853 From page 214

March 30. So in his usual state.
He enters freely into the subject of his delusions. He still maintains that he has communication at night with dead relations and friends. Continues very anxious to leave the asylum. takes his food well bowels regular.

April 26. His mind still continues very weak. No abatement in character of delusions. often tells some of his fellow patients that the end of the world is at hand and say that he is often told so during the night.
General health continues good takes his food well bowels natural

May 31. Since last report continues in every respect the same appetite good bowels regular.

June 28. There is no improvement on mental health. delusions continues as fixed as ever. bodily health continues good

July 31. So in every respect the same as in former reports - appetite good bowels regular.

August 28. There is no marked change on either bodily or mental health since last reported — — —

Septr. 30. He still labours under the delusion that he is an apostle and often tells some of his fellow patients that the world will be at an end in a few days.
He is in the enjoyment of ordinary bodily health. Bowels inclined to be costive. takes a Colocynth pill occasionally

Octbr. 30. So very quiet. There is no abatement in character of delusions In other respects in the same as in former reports

Novr. 17. There is no improvement on either mental or bodily health since former report.

Decr. 30. There is no change on character of delusions. In other respect is in the same state as described in forgoing reports

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F. S. Bruce. from C 197.

1854
Sept. 3 Of late generally civil & well behaved, & little talky to my Chiefs about his brother going to (Dr. Bruce) & he being left him.

4 Quite civil & manageable - but idle. Appearance more healthy. Functions regular.

10 For last few days has been getting tricky, mischievous & boisterous occasionally in his last convalescence.
Having got a slight reproof from Dr. S. last night he cuddling for comfort & buried on him to treat of vicious & oaths, - & told my attendant talky towards him.

20. Fair temp with the female inmates - So mischievous, mischievous & occasionally moroseness at Chapel were he last during great part of the service, stuck a pipe in his mouth at one time, & talked semi audibly repeatedly. Other days "Go to hell" or something similar was heard used by Dr. S.

Sept. 6 So tolerably rational altho' very childish in his conversation - his very tricky & troublesome to his fellow-patients he. So fond of talking about the women, fancies patients he amuses himself with fellows, walking with. Sometimes uses bad language.
Face is somewhat puffy in appearance.
Functions regular.

16. Continues tricky & erotic. So constantly asking questions often of the most childish nature.
So in bed today with headache.

Oct. 15. Still improving - & is now rational in conversation, but yet childish in questions & apt to be mischievous. So flighty & cannot settle to any particular study or pursuit.
So pretty stout

Nov. 15. This patient has been in the country for the last few weeks, was brought back yesterday on account of his friends not being able to keep him at home: Mind is still very weak, but he is in the enjoyment of ordinary bodily health

Dec. 20. He is very restless and tricky, constantly asking very childish questions.

1855.
January 20. Continues much the same as in former reports.

Febry 20. Of late is very civil and well behaved, amuses himself at Chess and Billiards, general health continues good

March 20. So at present tolerable rational, altho occasionally very childish in his conversation. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health.

April 20. For the last few days he goes out to work in the grounds. He is very cheerful on account of having prospects

April 2d. of leaving the asylum in the month of
June. General health continues good
May 10th. so tolerable rational at present though
very childish in his conversation
he is very tricky and troublesome
to his fellow patients. He is very
fond of talking about the female
patients in the work House -
His bodily health continues
good. bowels regular - - -
" 26th. Since last report he is conducting
himself well but is still fond
of asking a number of foolish
questions. He is in the enjoyment
of good bodily health.
June 1st. In every respect the same
as when last reported. He was
today dismissed from the asylum

Dismissed

Robert Moffat from P. 195.

1852
July 24 Still to fight sporadically. but is much clearer in expressing himself & has less hesitation. Still speaks bitterly against the establishment & system, but more communicative. Still thinks he has nothing in the world to live for, & says that the reason would have induced him to commit suicide before coming in here, only he was afraid. Is very dogmatic & conceits of his own superior knowledge, & gets irritable if contradicted.

Aug 3 The officials here do not know their duty, he wants rather be in Bridewell.

15. So slowly but gradually improving in clearness of idea, & apprehility & vision tolerably comfortable. Says that conversation he feels to be the best thing for clearing his head. Still however occasionally rails against the establishment & the officials - generally but not personally - health tolerably good.

Sept 16 Continued to improve - mind gradually falling more clear, & at the prospect of going home soon was much more contented with his stay here. No bitter remarks about the Institution or its officials lately. Has recently been playing chess a great deal. His friends having resolved to remove him, he is today dismissed

Cured.

David Leech

1853. From page 212.

January 24. Since last report has been almost daily confined to his bed. Mind still continues very weak. Had a return of the looseness today again. to continue the Milk diet. and to have the following medicine four times a day. Acid Sulphuric fort ... and an opiat injection after every loose motion

" 31. Has still one or two loose motions during the day. bodily health is getting very weak He takes his food pretty well Milk diet to be continued to omit the previous medicine and to have four drams of acet Plumbi three times a day. opiat injections to be continued

Feby 8. Continues very weak. has still one loose motion during the day. bodily health is getting very weak he is unable to lie in any position but on his back and consequently there is a bed sore over sacrum. to have a cushion put under him to relieve the pressure of the sore. and to have a linseed meal poultice with charcoal applied to it

" 15. Notwithstanding the poultices and the treatment the bed sore continues to increase and almost extends all over the sacrum. looseness still continues. He takes his food ordinary well

" 20. He is uxedently sinking fast. Since last report the front of left leg has broke out into a large sore and other prominent parts of his body. He continues to take his food ordinary well. bed sore over sacrum has very much increased Has still one or two motions during the day. C. Monroe —

" 25. Looseness still continues. he is getting weaker and weak daily. sores on body is looking very bad today. he took a few beefteas and rice and milk today

March 1. Since last report gradually sunk and expired at twenty five minutes to 11. A. M.

Died

Archibald E. Monnstone. pon. P. 167.

1852
Dec: 15. Dislikes very much to go out to walk & keeps possibly when in sight of any of the "doctors" to prove his great weakness.
Sometimes states "that the demned woman has poisoned him & got nothing to eat to-day". Hope he is to die soon – has always been a sincere Christian &c –
Fell about a fortnight ago, & bruised his cheek which is still slightly discoloured.
Functions tolerably regular.
Sept. 16. No change to be noted – To-day as usual declared he had got no food now going for "at least 8 or 10 days". Bl. pur. Obj. pres.
Oct. 15. Imbecile & fanciful as before – Complains of want of food, & refusing Castor oil from "that bile woman upstairs" &c.
Appears as formerly under general paralysis.
Had a fall to-day & bruised his left eyebrow, producing very considerable swelling. –
Obj: pres. No opinion.
Nov. 16th Continues much the same in regard to bodily health. He is full of delusions & says that he is to be the King of Scotland & to be called Dr. E. Monnstone. but to be called in future Sir A. E.
Dec. 16th He is not fond of going out to walk on account as he says of his weakness complains that he is not getting any food. Appetite good bowels natural
1855
January 16th Today declared that there is a woman on the top of the house who puts sand in his eyes after he goes to bed. and as usual declares that he has not got any food for days. bowels regular. appetite good.
Febry 26th Continues much the same as when last reported
March 26th No Change
April 26th Has still the same delusions. "Complains of great heat in his body" offers to make the medical assistant a gun and to procure him a carriage and horses. there is no change on bodily health.
May 16th There is no improvement in mental health. He has still the same delusion about a woman being on the top of the house putting sand in his eyes. and making his body very hot. His breathing is a good deal affected at present. but he will not submit to his chest being blistered. he takes his food well. bowels regular –
" 30th No change in mental health for a few days after last report. he allows a mustard

Sinapis to be put to his chest. which relieved his breathing very much.
He is almost daily going out for a walk takes his food well breeds natural — —

June 20th. Mind still continues very weak. Has still the same delusion about the woman that sings on the top of the House. and says that he is a "Baronet" but has still the idea that he is the King of Scotland. appetite continues good.

July 16th. Is at present not much inclined to get out to walk says that he is very weak. and declares that he never gets any food for days at a time. and when told that he was seen take his breakfast this morning said "it was all eaten up with that devil of a woman above" Bodily health continues fairly good

" 31st. Dislikes very much to go out to walk. and lets on that he is very lame when in sight of any of the doctors. to prove his inability to walk
He is in the enjoyment of ordinary bodily health takes his food well

August 25th. Is of late very seldom going out to walk around the grounds but he is taken daily out to the airing court. he has still the same delusions.

September 30th. His fading mind is constantly occupied with his delusions — One of them is that there is a woman on the top of the House who is constantly putting hand in to his eye he also laboring under the delusion that he is the "King of Scotland" and other times that he is a "Baronet"
His bodily health continues fairly good
He is very peevish, complains of want of food. and says that he gets most abominable medicine from that evil woman up above
He is of late very seldom going out
There is very little change on his bodily health.

Oct. 30th. There is no marked change in his health
He is constantly complaining of great heat when being in his room. and is constantly on the watch to get to the water pipes for to get water to put out the fire. He is on the whole failing off in his bodily health

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J. A. McPherson. Jan. 1. 176

1852

Aug. 15 No change in habits. Still devotes the whole of his time to writing notes on Shakespeare's Plays, with an occasional game at billiards.
Now notices the Physicians departure not — never speaks to two of the other doctors since some quarrel he had with them a good many weeks ago.
Never uses any of the little politenesses of common language, such as "thank you" "Good morning" &c. & hardly ever asks a favour even of those he is most intimate with, unless he believes he has a right to order it.
Will not see his Curator bonis. says "he has done his best to damn me".
Appears more irritable to day than previous days, scowling at the body-keeper & looking down &c.

Sept. 16. Still busy on his notes on Shakespeare. He under a determination not to "bear" any more reason unreason.
Never speaks to the attendants mentioned above, altho' sometimes rather familiar with others in that capacity.
Is either very conversable or taciturn.

25. Not conversable as before but a good.

28. Some mistake having occurred so that he had no special night-shirt these two nights, he got up in a fage about it & on, as if he had been alone intentionally to hurt him — but soon calmed down into usual state —

Oct. 14. Butcher & Swappick these two days, supposing Dr. S. was trying to recall him to habits pinched his notes on Shakespeare, he forgot for the first time he was staying by chess —

15. He is perhaps rather more affable than he usually is.

31. Is again busily engaged in printing Shakespeare, having commenced to "Hamlet" 10 days ago.

Nov. 14. There is no change observed, is busily engaged in printing and writing

30. Of late seldom speaks to the medical officers. he is easily excited, continues busily writing in the Library, bodily health continues good

Dec. 20. There is no marked change in his habits. the least thing puts him into a passion, and thinks that we are all trying to annoy him. continues to enjoy good bodily health

1853 January 10. No change since last reported

20. No more irritable today, and lowering at the attendants often insults them. He has given up the printing for the last few days but continues to write.

Feby 10. No change in habits. has not printed any since last report. Spends the whole day in writing. Notes from Shakspeare

1855.
Feby 10th. plays and other works is in better humour than when last reported
28th. Continues much the same
March 8th. Since last report he has been employed in letting types and writing articles for the Fortnightly Gazette which was printed today for the first time for months. he is very cheerful and conversable since he commenced this periodical. he has also taken on himself to be the Editor of it
15th. He is more cheerful and conversable than he used to be. Continues employed at the Gazette which is printed weekly
29th. On Tuesday after the paper is printed he spends the whole evening along with another patient practising music also on Saturday morning from 10. A. M. till 12. P. M.
April 16th. Continues to conduct the Gazette as formerly. he is getting more cheerful and contented. general health good
26th. This morning was very irritable on account of finding an error in the Gazette after a number of copies had been thrown off he broke at one of the medical officers for not returning the proof sheet that was sent to him in time. general health continues good
May 10th. Continues to conduct the Gazette as formerly. He has occasional storms with the patient that works along with him in the printing office. He is very easily put in to a passion especially if there is any error in the gazett
He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. takes his food well
" 30th. Occupies the whole of his time at the gazett. He has never gone out of these limits since he came into this asylum. He is as irritable as ever. general health good
June 20th. Is at present very conversable and pleasant. He is very much put about if there should be a mistake pointed out to him in an article which he is sorting weekly for the gazett "On Literary Blunders"
July 16th. Since the 8th inst. the Gazette has been stopped by has now taken in hand to print Dr. Kirkwood's testimonials without any assistance from any of the other patients.
He continues in the enjoyment of good bodily health

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James Kippen from C172

1852,

May

Aug.r 15. On the whole tolerably calm & contented during this month, but is very easily excited by any thing that touches upon his dignity or self-respect & when so excited rails at the Superintendent, & at the place, says he should not be here, that he has been subject to excitement all his life &c. Health tolerably good.

Jun

Sept.r 15. On the whole since last report has kept very calm with no outbursts of excitement, & appears tolerably contented, although he sometimes writes to his wife & complaining bitterly of his detention here. Health good. Habits regular.

Oct.r 2. Had kept very quiet in speech & behaviour, but knows well that he should be insane & says he believes that he should be so, he is rather loquacious & much disappointed since.

7. Still tolerably calm.

15. These two days been talkative, boastful & excitable. Disparaging those who oppose him & apt to be abusive to his fellow-patients. Health pretty fair.

31. In his usual self-complacent state. Rather talkative & boastful, but pretty rational & quite manageable.

Nov.r 26. So very discontented and excited today he is very anxious to get away from the Asylum and complaining bitterly of the treatment he is receiving from Dr. McP. and others. Bodily health continues good.

Dec.r 26. On the whole of late he is rather quieter than usual: but when opposed he is very abusive in his language towards his fellow Patients.

1853

January 26. So in every respect much the same as when last reported.

February 8. He is very restless and quarrelsome this morning on account of some of his fellow patients telling him that his son was calling on Dr. Mackintosh without his knowledge, accuses the Medical officers for not allowing him to see his son when he was at the Asylum. He will not believe that his son was not here. is in ordinary bodily health.

28. So more tolerable quiet and cheerful he is very talkative and boastful but on the whole very easily managed.

March 10. Bodily health continues good. Mind still very weak. bowels costive & sleep

30. There is no marked change in either bodily or mental health since last report. appetite good bowels regular.

April 28. Mind still continues weak. He has of late commenced to write his own history, and takes great pride in allowing his fellow patients to read it. Bodily health good.

May 18. He is still occupied in writing his own history. He is at present very cheerful and talkative. He is not now so easily excited as he used to be.
General health continues good.

June 18. For the last month is tolerable quiet and contented. He has been pretty up writing his history. He amuses himself with reading and playing at billiards.
His general health continues good

July 21st Since last report was allowed to walk round the grounds but he abused the privilege and when spoken to about it got very excited and boastful. He wrote several letters to his Son commanding him to take him home and maintaining that he should not be kept here. He takes his food well bowels regular

" 30. Has again become quiet and contented. His general health continues good. takes his food well bowels regular

August 4th Today is rather talkative boastful and excitable. Disparaging those who oppose him. and apt to be abusive in his language to one of his fellow patients (Mr. G Reed)
Bodily health good

" 16th So still rather boastful and talkative apt to make use of very abusive language towards some of his fellow patients. He is also very clamorous about being kept here maintains that there is nothing the matter with him
General health good. bowels regular

" 30. Since last report has quieted down and is on the whole very contented. He is at present writing his Better life and seems to take great delight in allowing his fellow patients to read it
Bodily health good. Bowels regular.

Sept. 30. So on the whole very cheerful and contented since last reported. but is very apt to be very abusive in his language towards his fellow patients. General health good

October 24th Has again another bout out with another patient and made use of very abusive language. He was told by the attendant that he would be under the necessity of separating him from the other patient if he would not conduct himself better. He then became quieter and seemed not to like the idea of leaving his present gallery.
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Frederick Atkin. por 0122.

1852
Sept. 14. Taciturn as ever. Sometimes asks if he is to go away or if there are any letters for him to.
Stands for a length of time in one position, his hands in his pockets & eyes fixed, as in middle station, rarely sits, except at meals.
Sept. 14. No change worthy of note.
Sept. 15. Still very taciturn & continues. Wrote a short & rather urgent letter to the Sheriff lately asking for his discharge.
Nov. 30. He is very quiet and violent in his manner seldom or never speaks. Never sits with the other patients in the gallery. There is no change on bodily health.
Dec. 20. He is very taciturn, almost never speaks unless directly addressed. He hesitates very much in answering question.
1853 Bodily health continues good.
January 10. There is no improvement on mental state. Has still the same delusions in regard to his parents. He takes his food well. bowels regular.
" 30. Continues as taciturn as ever often asks where is he to get away. or if there is any letters for him. His general health continues good.
February 20. Continues quiet never speaks to any one. but answers questions when addressed in a hesitating manner. He is full of delusions about influences exercised upon him. His general health continues good. takes his food well.
March 10. So in all respects as described in foregoing reports.
" 30. Continues quiet. So always retired and peculiar in his manner. General health good.
April 20. There is no marked improvement on either mental or bodily health. Has still the same delusion about mesmerism. in other respects he is the same as in foregoing reports. appetite good.
May 10. Continues a taciturn as ever he never speaks nor associates with the rest of the patients in the gallery. He is generally sitting in a corner by himself with his hands in his trousers pockets, and when he walks he walks occasioned by the appearance which he wears. General health good.

June 18th. Continues as solitary in his habits as ever. in other respect is the same as when last reported.

July 4th. To day is confined to his bed complaining of weakness. which he says is brought on by the bad treatment which he is subjected to here. but will not tell who is doing in bad treatment. but says he is put on he takes his food well

" 30th. Aft being on day in bed he got up. and has since been going about in his usual way
In other respects he is the same as in former reports

August 25th. So in all respects as described in forgoing reports
General health good.

Sept. 30th. So as solitary as ever in his habits
He often complains that the other patients is constantly hooting and jeering him when in the gallery. He occasionally threatens violence to some of them if they should happen to pass to near him in the gallery. and often tells the medical officer that he is a Citizen of Glasgow and that he must be protected from any violence as long as he is kept in this House.
He is general health is good. takes his food well. Bowels regular
By. Pill Colocynth 4

October 31st. Continues in ~~much~~ the same state as in forgoing reports
So full of delusions about mesmerism and other influences exercised upon him
He is in the enjoyment of robust bodily health

Nov. 17th. There is no change on mental state
Delusions are the same as before
General health continues good

Dec. 30th. So as solitary in his habits as ever. He still complains of his fellow patients annoying him when in the gallery. by their passing to near him as if they should look at him. He is in the enjoyment of good bodily health. takes his food well

1856
January 31st. There is no change either mentally or bodily since last reported.

Feby 29th. Continues quiet. is very taciturn He never speaks now accessible with any of his fellow patients
General health good. Bowels regular

March 31st. No change since last reported
April 30th. Much the same.

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1854
Feby 15. Appears more dull of late, reads & writes less, sleeps more.
Visited by his brother-in-law lately - Appeared glad to see him, altho he has often called him a "damned scoundrel" heretofore, & was highly delighted with 3 oranges he got from him, one of which - altho not in general any preferer - he gave to Dr S. & told him to take the other two "home to the Doctor". Soon after asked him to see if his "mistress" would let him have the carriage into town to see about some account - & go to miss Vallery, but never mentioned such a matter next time he saw Dr S.
Memory seems to be very much impaired.
Sept. 16. Seems to be getting more & more imbecile, his mind filled with foolish fancies on all subjects. So constantly supposing that articles which he never possessed, have been stolen from him, sometimes by his fellow-patients, at other times by supposititious persons.
Walks out in the airing court - reads a great deal, not being particular as to the kind of book he may be pursuing.
S.H. Tolerably good.
Oct. 15 No particular change to be observed. So gay, mirthful, commodious, & fanciful - hitherto manifested.
Nov. 28. This patient continues very quiet. His mind is very weak.
He would sit the whole day in the parlour and walk about if he was allowed to do so.
He takes his food well. bowels regular.
Dec. 16. Continues very weak in mind. Has of late occasionally been voiding his urine in his trousers, & he seems unconscious in his bowels during the day. He continues in the enjoyment of ordinary bodily health.
" 30. He still voids his urine in his trousers. He was put on the following medicines since the 11th Inst. Liquor Potassæ ℞ & three times a day. His mind still continues very weak. takes his food well. bowels regular.
1855
January 16. He gradually getting more and more imbecile. His mind is full with foolish fancies on all subjects. Still continues to wet his trousers. He takes his food well. bowels regular.
Feby 1. For the last three days this patient has been confined to his bed on account of the great irritation of his system arising from

voiding his urine in his trousers.
The Catheter has of late been introduced
three times a day with very little effect
His mind still continues in the same
weak state. His bodily health is on the
whole not so good as when last reported
July 14th He still confined to his bed.
Two days ago the attendant reported
that there was a yellow discharge from
the patient's prepuce.
He was today visited by Dr Fleming who
said that patient has chronic inflammation
of the mucous membrane of the bladder
and he prescribed Copaiba with
equal palafine.
And the following liniment to be
applied to excoriated parts namely
Ol. olivæ of spe with aqua. and order
he continue to take his food ordinarily
well bowels regular.
" 28th He has been visited twice since
by Dr Fleming and he recommends the
same treatment to be continued
the discharge from urethra is decreasing
the other excoriated parts are not
any worse. His bodily health is
on the whole failing. C. Omnia
He continues to take his food
ordinarily well. Bowels regular.
" 28th Urethral discharged is diminishing
there is no marked improvement on
the other sores on his back and
testicles for the last eight days
urine is very albuminous. To have a
small dose of sulphuric acid daily
There is no improvement in bodily
health. He takes his food ordinarily
well. C. Omnia
March 18th He still confined to his bed
discharge from urethra has now
ceased. The other sores on the
whole getting better. His bodily
health is no worse. The Catheter
is still introduced thrice daily.
He takes his food ordinarily well
" 28th His bodily health is on the whole
better. The sores on the back and
testicles are nearly well. He was
for the last few days out of bed
for a few hours. His mind
still continues in the same weak
state. He takes his food
very well. Bowels regular
The Catheter is introduced thrice
daily. The sores are still
dressed with the same liniment
as formerly.

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Alexander Mitchell from P. 69.

1854 Sept. 15. Of late inclined to add the letter S to words not requiring it. eg. "I'm not me are doctors"! Has a bad habit of trying to spit on or near those passing, for which he is apt to get a striking approof from prescribed fellow-patients.

X Occasionally knocks his head against the wall etc, but less violently. Gives no reason for such procedure - says he must do it.

Sept. 16 Since last report, had for some days to be under strict surveillance, from his propensity to knock his head, to trip up those passing him &c. but is again tolerably calm. Sometimes however spits on those near him, followed up by an exclamation of exposure & an apology as he "can't not help it". Is fantastic in his motions & looks, & frequently says "I wish I'd get away"

Oct. 15. Attack as had a fit of tumbling against walls or the floor &c. & had to be kept in bed for a day or two - still addicted to the same habit & likes exposure, & says he must do it because he is here, wants not do it if he was out &c. Habits & health otherwise unchanged.

Nov. 28. Has at present to be constantly watched by an attendant. He has another fit of tumbling on the floor and against the walls, persists in saying that he must do it because he is here, but would not do it if he was out &c.

29. Continues to tumble. Head to be shaved and blistered

Dec. 10. Since blister was applied is not tumbling so much." Often says "I am not insane doctor" "it was cruel of you to shave my head" "I wish to get away" because I am not insane"

30. ~~Is~~ At present tolerable calm. Had no tumbling fits of late. Sometimes throws he spits on those near him. Often gets some rebuke from some of his fellow patients

1855 January 10. Today had another fit of tumbling says that he cannot help it. He is very fantastic in his motions and looks

20. Since last report is rather quieter and better behaved than formerly. Had no more tumbling fits. Mind still continues very weak.

February 20. There is no marked mental improvement observed. He is still very anxious to get away. Maintains there is nothing the matter with him takes his food well. Bowels costive

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March 18. Is in every respect the same as in former reports. General health continues good.

March 30th Since last report had great fit of tumbling his head was shaved and blistered on the 18th since then he is now quiet and has not tumbled any since his bodily health continues good so on the whole pretty quiet at present. He is very much addicted to put the letters to words not requiring it. such as. "I am not insane doctors."

April 28th His general health is good. So in every respect much the same as in former reports appetite good bowels costive By Dr. Nelson 3j of Castors Oil

May 28th

June 16th There is no improvement on mental health. he had a visit from his father at the end of last month. and after his father left. he took a few grains of flap because he was not allowed to leave with him. Bodily health is good takes his food well bowels regular.

July 30th Since last report has conducted himself pretty well till within the last few days when he had another fit of tumbling on the floor and against the doors. takes his food well. functions regular.

August 16th Since last report has to be under much surveillance when going up and down stairs. and when walking in the airing court. to prevent him injuring himself. His general health continues good.

Sept. 16th Has been in seclusion for a few days since last report to prevent him injuring himself. This morning between 7 and 8. he got rid of the attendants keys and escaped from the House by the airing court door. there was an attendant just after him when it was found out that he escaped

" 11th at half past eight this morning patient was brought back by the attendant. The attendant reported that he found patient in a Cousins House on platform and that he objected very much to come back maintaining to his friends that he was a sane man

" 16th Since last report patient had to be kept almost constantly in the padded room on account of throwing himself on the ground and bruising his head against the walls and doors. He takes his food well. bowels regular

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John McCall Stirling. from P. 46.

1852
Sept. 16. Continues imbecile, & inactive as before — occasionally reads a little. Is out of bed the greater part of the day now, but never converses with his fellow-patients, sits in a corner by himself — almost never looking up — being busy to himself. No change in his respect.

Oct. 16 Was visited by his sister from Dundee, Mrs Ogilvie, but showed no interest in her or her news. When asked if he wished him to come back soon, he said "Oh! you may look in if again passing".

Nov. 16. So in every respect the same as in foregoing reports. Mental health continues very weak. Bodily health continues good.

Dec. 28. Continues very quiet, never speaks to any of his fellow patients. Amuses himself by reading and walking. State of mind remains unchanged.

1853
Bodily health good.

Jany 16. There is no change in either mental or bodily health since last reported. He is almost constantly muttering to himself. Appetite good, bowels regular.

Febry 28. No change since last report, in either bodily or mental health.

March 31. Much the same in every respect. Appetite good, bowels natural.

April 31. Mental state is without improvement. He continues very quiet, often speaking to himself in a low tone of voice. He never speaks nor associates with any of his fellow patients.
He is offensive in his habits occasionally.
General health good.

May 31. Mental and bodily health remains unchanged since last reported.

June 31. So in every respect the same as in previous reports. Appetite good, bowels natural.

July 31. No improvement or any other change worth mentioning. His general health is pretty good. At present takes his food well.

August 16. So in all respects as described in foregoing reports. General health good.

Sept. 30. So very taciturn. Occasionally reads a little. He never converses with any of his fellow patients. Sits in a corner by himself.

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