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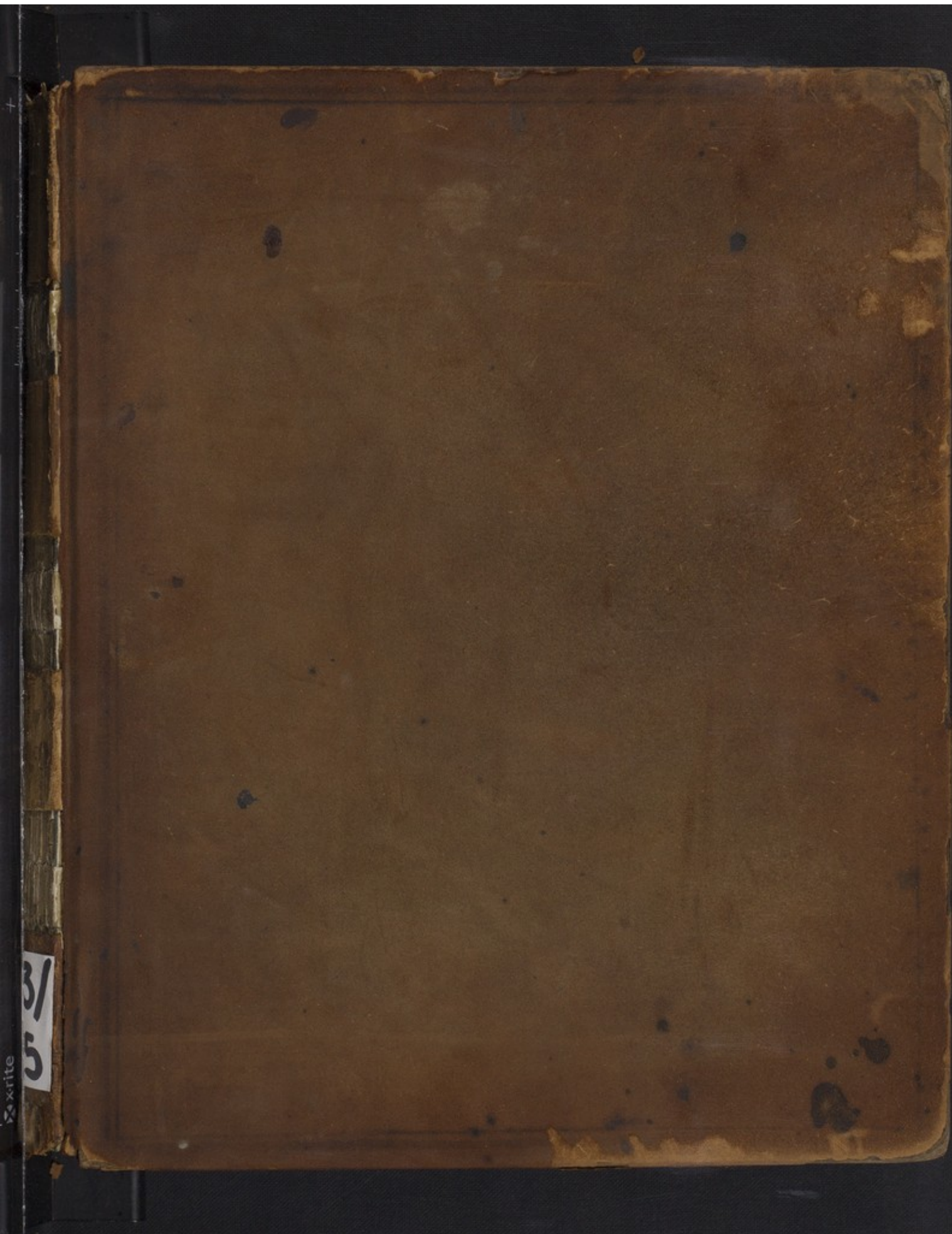
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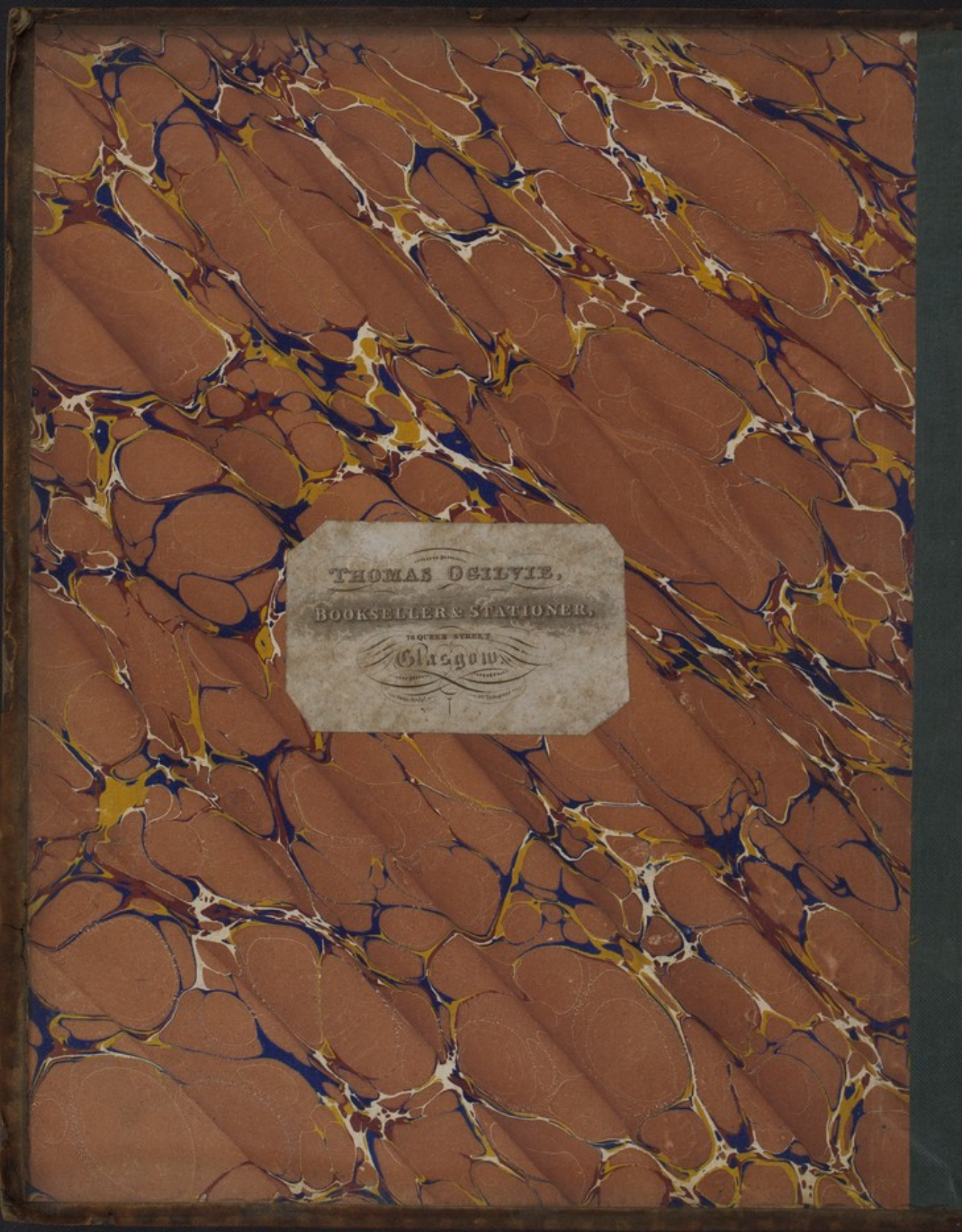
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No 1. Mary McLean. Aet. 34. Single. Domestic Servant. Admitted Jan^y 18th 1842. 1842 7/6

1192 Melancholia - 3rd attack of duration

Previous History. No account could be obtained of this case farther than that seven days ago she was found in the Street incapable of giving any information as to where she had been or how long she had been ill and taken into a house where she has remained since.

Since then she has taken no food, slept little and raved about a former Master with whom she lived of the name of McLeay. Her raving was so incoherent that no information could be procured from it.

Jan^y 18th

On admission looked stupid and bewildered, apparently not knowing where she was. Says she came to obtain pardon for her sins and iniquities which are great and too heavy to be borne. Asked if the clavious was here, and on being told that he was, looked satisfied saying that he was able to save to the uttermost all that come unto him. Says she was servant to Mrs. McLeay in Stockwell Street, that while residing there she became unwell and in consequence removed to Mrs. McRaskels in Alston Street, and afterwards taken to the Asylum or Infirmary, she cannot tell which. Mourns and is very much distressed about the dreadful state she is in from having committed such heinous sins, but occasionally consoles herself with thinking that the Blood of Christ can cleanse from all sin. Has got Erysipelas affecting the nose. Sumat statum. Pil. Calomel c. Colocynthis ij.

" 19 Pulse 96. Tongue pretty clean and moist - pupils contracted, Erysipelas has extended over greater part of face. Rf. Liqueur Ammon. Acetab. Sol. Bicarb. Magnus. a 3iv Solut. Antimon. Tart. 3 ij. Sig Sumat. omni hora. pro re nata. Cyathum Vinosum.

" 23 Tongue pretty clean and moist, pupils rather contracted - pulse 84; looks better to day. The Erysipelas disappearing rapidly.

" 24 Face continues to improve and - She is talking more relevantly than before

February 2 Pulse 84. Tongue clean and moist, pupils. Bodily improves rapidly, Erysipelas has now disappeared.

" 11 Pulse 84. Mind. Tongue pretty clean and moist - pupils contracted, Fancies still continue, says she is in the hands of the Almighty.

" 26 Pulse 78 feeble. Tongue clean and moist; pupils rather contracted; is on the whole improved since last report, is still depressed however, and inclines to retire to rooms apart from the other Patients. To be watched.

March 8 Pulse 66 Small and feeble, pupils natural. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Taciturn and Idle

" 15 No change since last report.

" 23 Pulse 74 small. Tongue pretty clean and moist. pupils natural; raves religiously, implors the mercy of God to visit her soul.

" 30 General Health pretty good, mind not so melancholy and depressed as at last report. Pulse 70 rather small, Tongue clean and moist; pupils natural.

April 5 Pulse 80 small and feeble, Tongue clean and moist; has been very much depressed and stupid for some time past, but to day became considerably excited; was put into her room, where she soon threw herself down on her bed and implor'd the Almighty to have mercy on her soul, twisted and contorted her features into a variety of forms; "Shack the sides of the bed with her arms saying, at the same time, "they are arms of steel", declares that the Clinical Assistant will receive mercy at the footstool of her seat, but that the nurse will be sent headlong to the bottomless pit. - Sumat. Pil. fat. c. ol Croton ij

" 14 This Patient is considerably improved, since last report - mind more alert and active, continues still to rave on religious subjects; Appetite, Sleep, and Bowels natural.

" 22 Bodily health improved, mind more rational and collected, delusions begin to disappear

" 29 Pulse 96. rather small. Tongue white but moist, pupils contracted, became excited to day during the visit, and raved loudly in a very incoherent manner. ^{Lebrad} Capillitium ^{3j} Solut. Tart. Antimon 3j -

May 6 Has been tolerably quiet since last report, but continues to talk very incoherently, appetite

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- Sleep and Bowels natural
- May - 12 This case is by no means very satisfactory, the Patient looks wild and frequently raves very absurdly. Declares that Jesus Christ is all in all to her, that for him he has died, and she does not care what Man can do. Abund. Capillitium et perfrictura abrasum Caput. Ling. Tart. Antimon. c. oleo Tiglii.
- " 19 Pulse 90 very full, Tongue tolerably clean and moist, pupils rather dilated was very noisy during the night but is to day pretty quiet again.
- " 22 Became very much excited in the evening ground this morning, attacked several of her fellow patients and beat them heartily, and was with considerable difficulty brought into her room. Had a cold bath since which she has been quiet and orderly.
- " 26 Pulse 74 pretty full. Tongue white and moist, tremulous, pupils natural, looks better today, more settled and composed than she has been for some time past, answers questions relevantly and talks more coherently than usual.
- June 4. Continues much about the same state as at last report, but on the whole improved within the last week or two. Appetite, Sleep and Bowels natural.
- " 9 Became excited this morning and broke two panes of glass in one of the Gallery Windows in doing which she cut one of her fingers. To be shut up in her room until she becomes quiet.
- " 17 Pulse 70 moderate, Tongue white and moist, pupils dilated; mind improved somewhat since last report, is to day busily employed cleaning the gallery floor. Catamenia appeared this morning, for the first time since her admission into the house. Appetite, Sleep and Bowels natural. to be well employed every day. Sumat. nute et mani. Pil. Aloes et Ferri i. mitte XII.
- " 24 Pulse 68 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, answers questions relevantly; mind on the whole rather improved. Bodily functions natural. Cont. pil.
- July 2 Pulse 76 usual strength, Tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly contracted, has been very industrious since last report and is to-day engaged in cleaning the Gallery Floor and the Patients rooms, Health good, mind more alert and active, bodily functions natural. Cont: Med.
- " 10. Health good, continues to work steadily in the gallery; mind on the whole improved. Appetite, Sleep and Bowels natural. continue employment.
- " 18 Became excited this morning, ran about the airing ground knocking her fellow patients about, and tearing her clothes; on visit resisted examination - to be shut up in her room until the excitement has gone off. Rf Solut. tart. Antimon. 3j. S. Station.
- " 21 Excitement still continues, very mischievous and tricky. Catamenia approaching - Abund. Capillit. apponatura vesicator. Capiti toto.
- " 22 Catamenial discharge very profuse; patient quieter to-day.
- " 26 Is in an excited state to day - talking and laughing loudly. Rf Sumat. ter. quotidi. Sol. Tart. rati. Antimonii 3j.
- August 26 No improvement whatever in this case since last report, talks incoherently refuses to work. Cont. Med. si opus sit.
- September 27 Pulse 84 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, mind not the least improving does a little work in the Gallery occasionally. Cont. Osmia.
- October - 14 Bodily health excellent, mind in its usual state; disposed to be tricky and quarrel with her fellow Patients. Is for the most part. indolent and refuses to do any work unless urged to do it. Cont. Osmia.
- November 17 No change whatever since last report, refuses to do any work, and spends the greater part of her time in the sitting room, where she not infrequently reads the bible. Bodily functions natural. Continues.
- December 20. Health excellent in other respects the same as at last report, still refuses to do any work. Cont. Osmia.

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1843. Jan^y 21 Bodily health good, no mental improvement, obstinate and illtempered, still refuses to do the slightest work, laughs hysterically. Bodily functions natural. Continuation same.
- February 27 Continues in all respects the same as at last report, lounges about the Gallery and cannot be prevailed upon to walk. Cost. same.
- March 21 Has been unusually dull and stupid for the last few days, looks pale and thin, appetite impaired, refuses to answer questions; does not complain of pain; pulse is smaller than natural. Tongue whitish, moist; Pupils natural. *Rf. Puls: altitudo c. prima. Xii. Sig. Sumat unum ter in die.*
- " 26 Health improves daily, is beginning to take her food as formerly, looks more active. Continues.
- April 30 Health at present pretty good - appetite improved, discharge at every catamenial period very profuse; menstruates every fortnight; refuses to do any kind of work and generally walks by herself in some quiet place in the Gallery. Continues same.
- May 18 In the last few days patient's health has been indifferent, appetite impaired, looks very pale. Sub-mucous glands are much enlarged; is subject to fits of excitement during which rages about her hands and feet to an extraordinary extent; refuses to speak when questioned and insists the nurse when medicine is ordered for her. Pulse rather small, tongue whitish, tremulous, pupils contracted. *Rf. Sulph: Dose grs. xxiv. Pulvis Guaiaci grs. xviii. Lili. Albi Sips. M. Pot. Masses quatuordecim in pilulis regales xxiv. Sig. Sumat unum ter in die.*
- " 31 Health on the whole better since last report, appetite somewhat improved. Swellings of glands continues the same; sits for the greater part of the day in the back kitchen, taciturn and depressed although she sometimes breaks out into the most violent fits of cursing and swearing.
- June 6 Has been confined to bed since last report; pulse small, looks pale and emaciated, insists examination and obstinately refuses to eat her food. Has had no nourishment for the last two days. Catamenia fluent, very profuse. To have two glasses of port wine daily.
- " 9 Is today much better and has taken a little food, takes her wine regularly, refuses to speak and insists examination. Continues same. Catamenia dec.
- " 11 Was today removed to the New Asylum at Dartmoor, was a little excited on the road but became quiet as the Draddy approached the house.
- 29 Since her removal to Dartmoor this patient's bodily health has improved daily, appetite improved; has been pretty free from excitement and answers questions more freely. Continues same.
- July 30 Continues in all respects the same as before. Her health remains good but at every catamenial period she becomes excited and violent the discharge is in general very profuse and lasts for six or seven days; is at present free from excitement, but is at times filthy in her habits. Continues.
- August 12 In the last few days has been unusually excited, stripping off her clothes and knocking her arms and head against the walls and furniture of the room. This morning during the Physician's visit she rose from the place in which she was sitting and without the least warning, struck at every one in the room, throwing her arms about in the most violent manner. She exhibited a most extraordinary amount of strength and was with difficulty restrained by three individuals from doing injury both to herself and others around her. Became quiet after a short time and was safely placed in seclusion. *Rf. Altradat. Capillitium. Sumat Statim Pil: Spasmodic. c. St. Crotonis unum.*
- " 17 Has been very much excited since last report, has torn every article of clothing that was on her. When disturbed in the slightest degree she begins throwing her head and arms against the bed and walls of her room. *Rf. Application. Desiccatorium. Cap. Albi. Continues the seclusion.*
- " 23 Has been in seclusion since last report. Continues still in a very excited state, tossing her arms about in every direction against beds board and everything near her. Rages in the most unquiet manner. *Repellat. Desiccatorium. Rf. Sumat Statim pil: solid. cum oleo Crotonis unum.*
- " 27 Continues still in an excited state, although she is much more quiet than at last report is not yet fit to be trusted out of seclusion. Takes her food pretty well. Habits filthy.
- Sept^r 4 Being quiet and more settled than she has been for sometime past she was today freed from seclusion. She was not, however, long out of the refractory Gallery before she commenced some of her tricks again, for during the absence of the nurse she clambered up to the top of one of the windows

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got her arm fixed between the shutter and during her exertions to extricate it sustained a fracture of one of the carpal bones. The fracture was put up in the usual manner.
October 2 Was been tolerably free from excitement since last report. fracture of wrist going on as well as can be expected, complete union of the bones being nearly effected. general health good.
" 31 Health good mind in all respects as at last report being subject as formerly to occasional fits of excitement. Continuation omnia. Nov. 27. No change since last report. Cont.
December 25 Continues in all respects as before sometimes excited and noisy and at others quiet. Refuses to work. Contin.
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January 29 Health good; no mental change since last report. Sometimes this patient is very violent and mischievous and at others quiet and taciturn. Cannot be prevailed on to do any kind of work. At her Catamenial periods she is generally very pale and the discharge is almost always very profuse. Contin.
February 27 In all respects the same as at former reports. Quiet in the meantime. Contin. omnia.
March 9 Health good; no change in any other aspect.
April 10 Has been in a highly excited state for the last 3 or 4 days, smashing and destroying every thing she lays her hands on. Catamenia fluent. Let her be placed in seclusion until the excitement subsides.
" 11 Catamenia desiccum; patient is becoming quiet although there is still a degree of excitement present. Looks pale owing to the Catamenial discharge having been very profuse.
" 16 Excitement has now completely subsided and patient is gaining her natural colour. To be employed as soon as possible.
May 9 Bodily health much improved since last report, and patient has continued quiet. Today is employed in the Ward, assisting the Nurse to clean &c. Contin. omnia.
June 12 In the last few days has been in a highly excited state tearing her clothes and striking out at everyone who approaches her, with examination and threats to knock down the Medical Assistant. Catamenia fluent. To be placed in seclusion.

N^o 2 Anne Howe or Mrs Bayne et 38. Marth. Household work. Adm^d. Jan^{ry} 21. 1842 rate 8/6

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Mania - 1st Attack of 9 months duration

Previous History - No relative has been known to be insane, but her Mother was intemperate. She has had a plain common education. She has been married for 18 years and has had 8 Children 2 of whom are dead. The age of the eldest is 17 that of the youngest 5. She has been intemperate for five or six years, till which time she was quiet and industrious, but since then her temper has become irritable and she has been subject to ultimate highness and lowness of Spirit. About 9 months ago she showed symptoms of insanity, marked by want of sleep, restlessness, violent language, an actions, dislike of friends and various delusions such as her children are disobedient and encouraged in their disobedience by their Father - that she is illused by her Husband - that his recent relations have conspired against her. There have been exacerbations and remissions at uncertain times, but on the whole the disease is on the increase - of late she has threatened to hang herself. In this case the stercuous diarrhoea is strongly marked. The predisposing cause is a hereditary predisposition to intemperance derived from her Mother and the exciting cause is Intemperance. She has never been in an Asylum or subjected to any treatment.

January 21

Was brought to the Asylum under the impression that it was the house of refuge, but from the conversation of the patients around her she soon discovered the nature of the place, which circumstance has been the cause of considerable annoyance and grief to her, for several reasons. Thinks that, if it came to the ears of the public, that she is in the Asylum, her Husband's reputation would be injured, and consequently his professional prospects blasted; thinks also, if she ever return to her home, that she will not be treated with the same respect. She has been accustomed to receive at the hands of her Husband and Children. Answers questions relevantly. pulse 84. Tongue pretty clean but a little dry. pupils slightly dilated. *Sumat. hora Somni Pil. Rhei c. Hydr. ij.*

February 2

Pulse 96 small, Tongue pretty clean and moist, pupils natural, has been quiet and industrious for the last eight or ten days. Slight tremor, rational in her conversation and manner.

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Since last report has rapidly improved. Health now good and mind perfectly rational. Her friends having determined to remove her, they are warned that in all probability she will have a fresh attack if she resumes her habit of drinking and that a long probation would be beneficial to her. Persisting however, in their determination she is this day dismissed.

Cure.

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N^o 3 Janet Kerr. Et. 42. Single. Lower. Admitted January 28th 1842

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Dementia = 1st Attack of 6 years duration

Previous History = vide Case Book Vol 17 pages 107. 108.
On admission was in the same state as when dismissed on the 23rd of December 1841 - ordinary diet and regimen.

January 28th Continuous in the same state as at last report, walks up and down the Gallery indifferent to everything

February 4 Pulse 96 full, no mental change, is agitated and melancholy

" 11 No change since last report.

" 25 Pulse 78 full, walks through the Gallery, cries occasionally and becomes very much agitated

March 8 Pulse 66 pretty small and feeble, tongue clean and moist - pupils natural; no change since last report.

" 15 Pulse 66 pretty small and feeble, tongue clean and moist - pupils natural; no change since last report.

" 23 Pulse 60 small and feeble, tongue white and moist, pupils rather contracted. Filthy in her habits, eats clothes and sticks when she can get them. To be watched.

" 30 General health tolerably good, but habits alluded to in last report still continued

April 7- No mental improvement; still filthy in her habits, and refuses to answer questions.

" 15 Continues in the same state as at last report.

" 22 General health pretty good, mind not improved, habits rather filthy

" 29 No change whatever since last report.

May 7- Mind in its usual state, habits filthy, chews everything she can lay her hands upon resist examination, and declares that the clinical assistant is a murderer.

" 13 Health good, no change since last report.

" 20 Pulse 66 rather small, tongue clean and moist, pupils pretty natural, habits still continue filthy, chews clothes, paper, straws and anything that comes in her way. very sickly and refuses to answer questions

" 29 Health tolerably good, continues in all respects the same as at last report. cont.

June - 8 Pulse 68 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural; in all respects the same as at last report, has her mouth continually stuffed with clothes &c

" 17 No change whatever since last report.

" 24 Health pretty good, no mental improvement; still continues filthy in her habits, bodily functions quite natural

" 30 Pulse 86 usual strength, tongue clean and moist, tremulous, pupils contracted, no alteration whatever in this case, habits continue the same as at last report; walks about the airing ground, with her mouth stuffed with cloth and grass general health very good. Cont.

July 6 Health good, mind in its usual state, habits the same as heretofore.

" 14 Pulse 78 usual strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly contracted, mind much the same as when last reported, doing a little work in the gallery this morning Appetite, Bowels, and Sleep. Natural.

Augt - 14 General health good, no mental improvement, lounges about the airing ground and refuses to do any work.

September 3 Has continued in all respects the same as at last report, walks about the airing ground the greater part of her time with her mouth stuffed with cloth, and Paper.

October - 16 Bodily health good. No mental improvement. Refuses to work; habits inclined to be filthy. Cont.

November 10 In all respects the same as when last reported. No improvement in her habits. Cont. o.

December 12 Health good. Mind in its usual state. Walks up and down the gallery with her mouth stuffed with pieces of cloth and paper. Solle. Cont. omnia.

" 31 In all respects the same as at last report. Continues the same.

84th Jan^y 29 Continues in all respects the same as when last reported. Health good. Refuses to do any work. cont.

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1843. Feb² 26 No change since last report. Contin: omniv.
- March 30 Continued in all respects the same as when formerly reported. Cannot be persuaded on to do any work, walks up and down the gallery with her mouth stuffed full of soap and paper. Mind exceedingly weak. Contin: omniv.
- April 30 No change since last report. Contin: omniv.
- May 31 Health good, no change in any other respects. Taciturn. walks constantly up and down the gallery and does not associate with any of the other patients. Contin: omniv.
- June 30 Continued in all respects the same as at former reports. Was removed to the new Institution on the 8th since which no change has taken place. Contin: omniv.
- July 31 Bodily health good, mind in the same silly state as before. Is not disposed to do any kind of work. Walks up and down the ward. Contin: omniv.
- Aug² 20 In the last two or three days this patient has been sickly. Today she has been vomiting and purging. Pulse 92 moderate. Tongue red in the center and dry. Skin hot, & yellowish.
- " 21 Of Subura Kydaag 92 VI. Palo. Rhei 2j Palo. Aromat 92 iij 92. Fiat Pule. Statim sumat.
- " 21 Is today much better her bowels have been freely moved. Skin moist. Pulse more natural. Tongue cleaner and moist. Asks for some milk. To have it. Quercat.
- Sept 19 Health now nearly restored to its usual state; appetite improves. Tongue clean and moist. Pulse natural. Bowels are now acting naturally. Mind in the same vacillate state.
- Oct² 29 No change since last report. Bodily health is at present very good. Contin:
- Nov. 27 Since last report has been unusually talkative, laughing hysterically and remarking upon everything which she sees and hears. Of late she has been unusually tidy and cleanly in her manner of dressing; seldom does any work but walks through the ward; the greater part of the day chatting with the rest of the patients. Health good. Contin: omniv.
- 1844 Jan² 29 Bodily health excellent; mind as at former reports; habits correct and cleanly. Does a little work occasionally. Contin: omniv.
- Feb² 26 Health excellent in other respects the same as before. Contin: omniv.
- March 11 No change whatever in this case. Bodily functions natural. Continuation.
- April 9 Health good; mind in all respects the same as at previous reports. Contin: omniv.
- May 7 No change in this case; mind weak and fatigued; general health good. Contin:
- June 5 Health excellent; mind weak and fatigued, entertains no delusions on any particular subject, but talks absurdly about everything that comes uppermost in her mind. Walks about the rising grounds when the weather is favourable. Contin: omniv.

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No 4. Janet Telford. et. 36. Single. Domestic Servant. Admitted January 28th 1842 rate 7/6

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Mania. — 3rd Attack of 10 days duration

Previous History — Her Father and Brother have both been insane. her Father many years ago was treated in this Asylum. She had two attacks previously for which she was treated at home. Has been well for more than three years. The present attack showed itself in the death of her Mother who died one night suddenly in the same bed with her. The disease has been aggravated by the rough usage she has received from her brother — she was always of quick temper but kind hearted, active and industrious. At present she raves incoherently on all subjects; has never been in Asylum — has not been treated for the present attack.

January. 28th

On admission was cheerful and happy said she knew well the nature of the place and that she would stay in it with the greatest pleasure, talks very incoherently, and answers questions irrelevantly. Pulse 84 moderate, tongue white but moist; pupils rather dilated. Bowels slow. Rf Sumat-Hoa Semul. Pil Rhei c Hydr. ij

February 3

Pulse 92. pretty full, Tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, talks and answers questions more relevantly, on the whole is doing pretty well.

" 11

Health good delusions begin to disappear.

" 26

Pulse 78 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist, Appetite, Bowels, and Sleep natural; convalescence proceeds favourably, mind rational, answers questions and converses relevantly, and at present there is not the slightest appearance of any delusions.

March 10

Pulse 60, Moderate, Tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, convalescence proceeds favourably, her mind betrays no delusions.

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Health good convalescence proceeds favourably, working daily in the laundry

" 25

Convalescence proceeds; Industrious and quiet.

April 6

Mind still continues to improve and if no change for the worse takes place she is to be dismissed on the 20th of this month, knows how long it is since she came here, also recollects the state she was in on admission.

" 16

General health good, mind entirely free from delusions

" 22

Bodily health excellent, — under no delusions; works daily in the Laundry.

" 29

The mental state of the Patient, from her conversation yesterday, is rather suspicious she expresses a strong dislike towards her brother, and declares it quite impossible for both of them to live in the same house; The Physician thinks it necessary to detain her a little longer, during which time she is to be watched.

May 6

Has agreed to live with her Father and is reconciled to her Brother who had illused her. Health good and no symptoms of insanity has been detected for some time. He is therefore this day dismissed.

Cured.

No 5 Jean Paterson or Mrs. Bolton - Et. 28. Mar^d Dom. Affairs. Admitted Jan^y 31st 1842 rate 8/6

1195 Mania = 1st Attack of 6 weeks duration

Previous History = The whole of this patient's family have been either insane, eccentric or intemperate and vicious - her sisters are all intemperate and two of them are said to be prostitutes. has received a plain education. She has always had a violent temper and been disposed to take stimulants. Of late she has been very intemperate and within the last 2 years has been three times insane previous to the present attack. She was first insane in January 1840. The attacks have been of short duration and marked by the same symptoms as the present which began six weeks ago, she sells everything for drink - drinks raw spirits to the extent of one or two bottles a day - neglects of course her children - is exceedingly violent in her temper - brandishes about, knives, pokers &c and attacks others with them, tears clothes breaks windows, destroys furniture - has attempted to leap out of a window and has threatened to drown herself - She imagines that numerous individuals have conspired to break her peace of mind and to destroy her. The disease is marked by remissions and exacerbations at uncertain periods but on the whole is increasing. has never been in an Asylum - has not been treated for the present attack

January 31st Was brought to the Asylum in a state of intoxication, having been under the influence of intoxicating liquor and absent from her own house for the last eight or ten days. Appeared much affected when made aware of the place to which she is brought and maintained that it was only a trick of her husband for the purpose of reclaiming her, but thought that it was a very imprudent step in him to disgrace both himself and family by sending her to a mad-house

February 2 Pulse 96 small, tongue tolerably clean, but rather dry, pupils natural, but general tremor; upbraid severity of her conduct and requests some paper that she may apologise to her husband.

" 11 Health pretty good, convalescence proceeds favourably. Cont.

" 26 Health good. Mind rational, makes fair promises on which but little reliance can be placed. Her husband and one of her children being ill and he being anxious to have her home, she is, this evening tho' prematurely dismissed.

Cured.

Agnes Dow-

Admitted February 3rd 1842

yellow, skin very dark coloured, still continues to rave incoherently, says she would thank the Clerical Assistant to take the piece of linen which she told she got some time since, separated and which has been of considerable annoyance to her ever since, declares she was in excellent health when torn from the arms of her beloved Father and brought her to be mixed by a parcel of Ruffians wth Pil Khee c. hydrag. j. omni No. hora somni. Infus. Gentian Co. agnus a a 3 riiij Musc. lodæ 3 ij m. Sumat ter quotidie Erythraeum viridum.

- May. 27 Pulse 96 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist - tremulous, pupils natural, bodily health better and colour improved, still continues to rave incoherently, says she is much better than any one about the house would like her to be, that two Doctors came rolling in their Carriages to her father's house when required and that therefore there was no necessity for her being in Bedlam, says she expected to mingle with Ladies and not with Lunatics when she came here, that she has frequently heard of a Lady - thief but never of a Lady - Margaret - Deacons. Bodily functions natural. Contin. Medicament.
- June. 3 Pulse 96 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils contracted, mind more rational and composed today. delusions not so perceptible. engaged with the washed clothes in the front wing ground - bodily health good. Contin. medicament.
- " 7 Colour of skin improved, and general health and appearance more satisfactory, still continues to rave, is desirous of going to the country for a short time as she thinks that this place will kill her altogether. Cont. med. requested a sheet of paper today and wrote the following letter to the Rev^d Dr. Hough.

Dear Sir,

I hope you see to your duty to enquire how I am brought to this hellish Institution because in all my own intercourse with your congregation, I have walked as one who could pay for the highest seats in which I was accustomed to hear your Gospel

I am Rev^d Sir, your Obedt. Servant

Agnes Dow.

Miss A. Dow's Compt. to the Rev^d Dr. Hough. Pastor to a Church to which she has been connected as a member since she was a child. As it is the principal fault she finds against him as such. I deem it a duty I owe to my father's children to desire as their friend, that you would enquire into the cause why that woman you married in my presence to our precious younger Brother, when she and her Brother William with their abominable agents, have vilified us unworthily our countenance, but God does not need to testify of us for character does not depend on laws. Cont. Med. om.

" 15 Health pretty good, mind nearly in the same state as at last report, continues to rave in a very ridiculous manner, asks if we do not consider it a shame, and sets at variance with the laws both of God and man, for a sane mind to be confined at a madhouse? Had she been placed in the Infirmary she could have had no reason to complain for there she would have been treated as a patient suffering under disease, and not as a Lunatic; maintains that it is hellish iniquity and the very actions of Devils. supposes that her friends delight in leaving a poor creature shut up in a dungeon, and to be able to come and look into her cell, saying, "Poor thing - she is as mad as ever"; said she was very glad to hear that Dennis Woolan was to be hanged after he had been proved guilty of the crime of murder, then became sorry when it occurred to her that he was probably innocent; but that whether innocent or guilty, it was good for the Country to be freed from such a monster; wants examination, and refuses to answer questions. Contin. medicament.

" 21 continues to rave as at last report; thinks it strange that Dr. Hough has not answered the letter she sent him last week, but supposes it is not his duty to write to disconsolate Females shut up in a dungeon; maintained however

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- that taking everything into consideration she was worthy of a reply from the Rev^d Gentleman, knowing that he had admitted her into his congregation as a member at eight years of age and permitted her to go to the table of the Lord before she understood what a sacrament was; exclaims loudly against the Asylum and the treatment she received on a former occasion during the reign of restraint, hopes that Mr Gallweith and those who were in the Asylum at that time will yet be brought to punishment for having muffed and jacketed her. Health good. Cont.
- June 23rd Highly excited this morning, walking up and down the rising ground, foaming at the mouth, cursing and abusing all around her, implores the Almighty to visit her Father with that punishment which is due to his sins, declares that it was no other thing than injustice on her Father's part, that drove her mad; refused to take her Breakfast to day. pulse quick and full, Tongue clean and moist, very tremulous pupils contracted. Rf - Sumat. Statum. Solut. Tart. Indurmon. 3j -
- " 30 Has been pretty quiet since last report occasionally working in the Laundry pulse 96 pretty full, Tongue clean and moist - a little tremulous, pupils natural, delusions still continue. Appetite, Sleep and Bowels, natural.
- July 6 Health good, no change since last report, this morning persecuted the Clinical Assistant - a little pulse made by herself. delusions as vivid as before.
- " 13 Continues in all respects the same as at last report; working in the Laundry - Appetite Sleep and Bowels natural.
- " 20 Pulse 96 good strength, tongue clean and moist, tremulous, pupils slightly dilated, skin very dark colored, Conjunctiva yellow; has a good many delusions, cannot see the propriety of her Friends keeping her in a mad-house. Rf Pil. alterat. III. Sum. ij Om. noc.
- " 27 Pulse 80 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly dilated, no mental improvement since last report. Slightly and unsettled in her manner.
- August 24 Bodily health good, no mental improvement, delusions continue the same as formerly.
- September 12 This morning was in a state of high excitement, screaming and running about the rising grounds, raves about Poison being administered to her in her food. scalp hot, pupils contracted, pulse full and quick. Rf Capillat. Sumat. Om. Noc. ad sexum vicem. pil. alt ij.
- " 30 There is no change of any consequence in the state of this patient since last report delusions continue as vivid as before, expresses a strong dislike towards Miss Vessey and Mr Byers, fancy they are the means of her being kept in the Asylum. Digestive organs slightly deranged. - Rf Infusi Gentianae liqua a 3 viij Bicarb. Soda 3 ij - Sumat. cyath. Vinorum bis in die. Cont.
- Oct 13 Is to day in Bed, mind full of delusions, scolding her friends for the treatment she has received at their hands since she was brought to Bedlam as she calls the Asylum; says they surely imagine her to be some monstrous or poisonous reptile when they never think of paying her a visit, and is determined to call Dr. Hatcher on to account for every night she is kept under his superintendence - declares she will prosecute her Friends for keeping her here. Catamenia fluent. General Health pretty good. C. om.
- " 14 Is this morning quiet and civil, walking up and down the gallery. Cont. Omnia.
- " 19 Is today in Bed, but not from sickness, delusions continue, this improves in point of color still continues to abuse her friends for keeping her in Bedlam; maintains that Dr Bar one of the Clinical Assistants and Margaret Fisher one of her fellow patients use their influence with Dr. Hatcher to get her kept in the Asylum. Says if Dr H. remembers what Dr Delamare said to her when he dismissed her 2 years ago, suppose he does not, as he knows no language but the English. Her mind runs from one subject to another with extraordinary rapidity and her reasoning is very inconsistent. Bodily functions natural. Sumat horae Summ ad totidem vicem. Pil. Alter. Cy. Hydrag. 3iij
- November 12 Pulse 76 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist slightly tremulous mind still full of delusions, is at present wearing a gown which she intends for Mr Stevenson servant to Mr Byers, for having

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assisted in taking her out of her grave in Stoway Kirk-yard where she was buried for the space of two days, does not recollect her feelings while "her grave" but she felt quite free from all her enemies. North pretty good. Remains much in the same state as at last report, has taken a dislike to Nurse Macaulay, says that she is a murderer and has frequently been the means of putting to death many a poor wretch who has been put under her charges. Today gave the Clinical L. the nurse alluded to in last report and requested him to give it to "Mr John Stewart, Master Surgeon" Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Contin. same.

December 6

No change since last report. This morning gave the following letter to the Clinical L. addressed to the Rev. Dr Beattie.

"Rev. Dr - I take the liberty or rather opportunity to address you as a minister or as a gentleman with whom my Father is acquainted or rather associated as assistant of the poor congregation in Regent St. My Father occupied a house last winter in Melville place in this City together with my younger sister (who is a girl of seventeen and four months old) I was troubled because she inclined to retain in one service a maid of bad character who is ten years our senior at least she was born according to her own words in the year 1723 and we were born in the year 1825. we were very anxious that the house I have referred to might be sanctified from abomination and our father had also hired a Meeting for Prayer in one of his rooms for that purpose. Rev. Sir - I deem it my duty to you as a communicant in Church Fellowship and as a Minister with whom I cannot trust my soul with except in respect to the doctrine of the Wauger. But glorious Melchior did not need to glorify his humanity in the Word of any Man. But it appears he is obliged to a person of his description to take the care of this desolation or rather his Garrison out of his hand. At least I was called on I had completed my sixth year to receive the Lord the Spirit's hand what no man was found worthy to receive according to what is written in the 5th Chapter of Revelation and this is what I never recanted to human Nature. No, not even to the great Dr Hodge. But I have depressed so much from the subject I commenced on it might be more advisable to forget her sin against us, yet I can never forget the sufferings she was the means of bringing to us since the time I referred to. My dear Sir - To you this because I have heard on private Character so often maligned as a gentleman a greater interest in my case than any other Minister with whom I am connected. But for my mind or judgment being diseased I will make Dr Hodge John Paine or all other elders of both congregations show in what capacity I was ashamed to be seen in any Chapel and all that I desire of you is to take the trouble to show my Father this or if he is from home to the Rev Dr to which I have referred and you will - G. Dow" "Glasgow Regal Lun. Argyle" To the Rev Dr Beattie Minister of the Session Church London Street. Care of Beattie, to be presented first opportunity"

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No improvement since last report, has within the last few days contracted a dislike towards the nurse against whom she vents her spleen in the most malicious manner, calls her a wicked mistress a murderer and a liar, sabbly and denatured and answers questions in a rude and abrupt manner.

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Is today very agreeable, says she feels very well, and is on good terms with all around her. Contin. same.

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Thin of a lighter colour than it has been for some time past. This morning came up to the Clinical L. during the visit and in a very polite manner requested a sheet of paper on which she wrote the following letter to her Father - Addressed - "Mr John Dow 133 Trongate Melville Place If from home to the Care of Mr Jas. Robertson Portrait Painter Union Street opposite the Unitarian Chapel." Glasgow Lun. Argyle 1842.

Dear Father - I take the liberty to call you so because it never entered my mind to reckon myself any other than your daughter, but the wrongs I have received and your children since I was seven years of age with regard to this house it becomes me to remember and your relations also what my infirmity is with regard to my sanity. Is it an insane thing to keep apart from the wicked in your childhood? Is it an insane thing to know the mind of God in your infancy? When the thing has and cannot be hid? And is it a Father's part to communicate an only friend with regard to having your enemies in a madhouse in which your own person was so brutally used And I refer this to respectable family & now as a responsible Christian, that if you don't deliver me out of this temporal & spiritual misery I shall apply to G. if my spirit of my liberty, as I am his free born child & I shall now address his throne in protestation against my own enemies for the first time as I through their wickedness became the wickedness of their hands against me at last with him with whom they shall have to do, and now as although I know you to be a - of feelings as well as a person of servicable purposes, I desire you to

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- February 15th Health good, for some days past has shown some symptoms of excitement, scolding and abusing the Sisters of Agnes Dow. Manner very variable, at one time sulky and illtempered at another good humoured and agreeable. Engaged in sewing.
- March 12th In all respects the same as when last reported, no mental improvement. A few days ago received a letter from her sister at present residing at Edinburgh to which she returned the following reply. "Dear Sister, I have been very much distressed to receive a card from you, after an absence of 13 months separation from all that is called God in respect to truth and righteous ness. But as the time that is past must suffice you and the Rev. Mr. Hays is telling me into a Madhouse, and I wish you to demand of him how he thinks my insanity commenced and for that purpose I desire to explain a little to you my suffering sister, I mean her to whom you allude because it gave me great pleasure to know that she is with you at this season for since the time she was taken from us to inhale the breath of persecution, I never could see how she could be any other person the cause of my mysterious conduct in undergoing such confinement without applying to the office of a Priest or any body for justice (but now my dear sister, I may be satisfied, can apply to the office of a King, in confidence that none of my enemies shall escape divine justice.) But as you mentioned respecting my health as the cause of this treatment, I beg to inform you that the illness which the Lord God humiliated, thought fit to put into my hand, continued want of health in many of its stages. Although I had not then attained my sixth year I was sworn to in Hebrew although I did not know, yet I had to consent to what it contained. I remember I was to be astonished at nothing I would do until I had nearly attained my ninth year; I was to become a member of one David's Chapel, and afterwards, I was to be poisoned often, and I was aware, and as I have been free of power since I left her at this season as well as the last period of this misery, I hope your father shall set the part of a parent towards me as even as this comes to hand, by using proper means for preserving my life as well as my character, for although I was called upon to know the desire of our Mother's enemies towards her children it cannot be expected their guilt can be annihilated. In respect to my necessities I intend to explain them in another house than this as the extent of my wants cannot be mentioned on this paper, rather as I wish to lay this House with my diseases - I am still your affectionate sister. Agnes Dow."
- April 15th Bodily health good, no mental improvement since last report, has occasional fits of excitement in which she generally gives upon the Nation (Miss King) or some of the Officers belonging to the Institution against whom she vents her spleen in language of the most abusive kind. Calls Miss King a scoundrel & a resister, and blames her for applying to her own set of dress which are sent to patients by their friends. If this she says she has not the slightest doubt for on more than one occasion she has seen Miss King in a gown which was sent for herself. These creditable turns soon pass off and she is again quiet & amiable and not infrequently lags at the remarks which a short time before she has given utterance to. Perhaps her time at needlework and displays considerable taste in the execution of fancy ornaments. Continuation summer.
- " 29th No mental change since last report, symptoms vary considerably at one time she is affable and agreeable at another she is sulky and morose. Employs her time as formerly at needlework. Skin is still very dark coloured. Continuation summer.
- May 31st Continues in all respects the same as at former report. General health pretty good. Continuation summer.
- June 8th Was this morning removed to the new Institution at Gresham, on arriving expressed her admiration of the building but would have preferred home to it. Cont: June 30. Health good, mind in all respects the same as at former reports. Continuation summer.
- July 24th In the last few weeks considerable improvement has taken place, her mind is rational and collected, she answers questions correctly, and boasts no delusions says she now feels herself perfectly well and fit to go home; that her ideas are now quite different from what they were a week or two ago. Is at present employed in needlework. General health good. Cont: summer.
- August 10th Bodily health excellent, very now partly become convalescent, employs her time in needlework. Continuation summer.
- " 26th Health excellent. Convalescence proceeds favourably; patient is anxious to get home - Very industrious. Cont: summer.
- September 7th Continues as at last report, rational and collected in every subject, sews diligently every day. Bodily health good. C. C.
- " 14th General health excellent. Continues in all respects as before. Mind collected and rational. Very industrious at needlework. Is now very anxious to get home. Continuation summer.
- " 22nd Convalescence proceeds favourably; she has within the last few days been very uneasy at being kept here, hears little of her Father's death, and having at the same time been informed of her Sister being in bad health she is anxious to get home. She is anxious to get home in order that she may be of some service to her during his illness. If nothing more to prevent it she is to be dismissed at the end of the month. Continuation summer.
- " 27th Being in good bodily health and her mind having been rational in all respects for sometime past she is this afternoon dismissed.

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No. 7. Catherine McHardie or Mrs. Rennie. Aet. 58. W. Dom. Affairs. Admitted Feb. 17th 1842. 21/

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Melancholia

2nd Attack of 4. Months duration

Previous History - This Patient had a brother who destroyed himself, but we could ascertain nothing respecting her progenitors. Her temperament was nervous and melancholic and she was continually fretting herself about her children and servants. She received an ordinary education and is a member of the United Secession Church of Glasgow. She married about 28 years ago. Has three children, the eldest, a daughter, is twenty-four years of age and is married, the second daughter is twenty, and unmarried, and the third a son, sixteen years of age. Some years ago she lost her husband. She is described as a plain rational woman, and a kind and affectionate parent and neighbour. She became insane about 15 years ago, for the first time and the symptoms both preceding and accompanying the attack were the same as on the present occasion; it lasted for three months, she was treated at home with purgatives. This attack was preceded for a considerable period by constipation for which she was incessantly taking purgatives. She became hypochondriac and depressed. Her eldest daughter married and went to Edinburgh where she was within a week after taken seriously ill; she went to attend her 1st of night after night, and in about three months after her return to Glasgow exhibited all the symptoms of Melancholia marked by great depression, religious fears, and fancies, such as that her friends, relatives, and abhor her, she has threatened suicide, but with no distinct plan, though she has mentioned Laudanum. Threatened her daughter, some time since, with a knife. There has been little or no treatment for the present attack, which is increasing in severity. She has never been in an asylum. On her admission at about 6 past six o'clock this evening appeared rather depressed and agitated, but afterwards became more composed. At half past eight her pulse was 68 of ordinary strength. Tongue white, but moist and slightly furrowed. Pupils natural. Eyes hollow with the areolae on under eyelids extending to the cheeks. States that her bowels are regular, that she does not sleep well at night and her nerves are shattered by grief. That she dreams and starts up, thinking that she is to be carried off. Says she has alarmed the family which she does not wonder at as it was not possible that they could put up with her, that Dr. Watson advised her to a change of residence, in consequence of which she took a room in the suburbs, got better but soon became as bad as ever. Tells us she had an attack of a similar kind some fifteen years ago, after her eldest son's death, from which she soon recovered. She came here by the advice of Dr. Watson as being the best place for her, but she does not expect to get better. When told that she would soon recover and in the meantime be kindly treated, said she was aware she would receive every kindness, but despaired of recovery. Some slight tremor of the head. - ordinary diet and regimen.

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- 18 Passed a restless night but was pretty quiet - appears agitated and nervous this morning trembling violently at times. Answers questions relevantly. When told to put out her tongue says "It is of no use, medicine will never be of any benefit to me" however she allowed her tongue to be seen after a little persuasion, it was moist, but furrowed deeply and the papillae elevated. Pupils natural. Pulse about 60 moderate. Scarcely of ordinary temperature. Bowels have not acted since her admission. Sumat. pul. assafetida. c. Ol. Cast. ij. h. nocte hora somni. et adh. noct. repet.
- 19 Bowels open by the medicine, more composed, sits in the front parlour - To be employed in needle-work as soon as possible. cont. omnia.
- 20 Took but little food yesterday and was very restless during last night - says she was disturbed by a noise made by one of the other patients, and that she felt alarmed in consequence. On enquiry it was found that Miss Stewart had been excited and noisy that night so that the patients account was correct. Pulse 60. small and sharp. Tongue in the same state as when before visited. Bowels open. Rf. Tinc. Hyoscyam. et Camphoræ 3j. Aqua. Cinnamon 3ij. f. Haustus. horæ somni sumend.
- 22 More quiet last night and slept better, takes very little food; says she has no appetite. Rather agitated towards mid-day. Pulse 66 small. Pupils natural. Tongue white, bowels slow. Sumat

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- Pil. Anisotid cum ol. Croton ij hñc nocte. repet. Anatus si necesse -
- 25 Last night became restless and would not remain in bed, very agitated to-day, trembling violently. she however appears able to control herself. pulse 88 small, tongue clean. Bowels open. temperature of tongue natural. Refuses all food and will not take it unless forced. To have a pint of Porter every night and a pint of Beef-tea twice daily. Recipe Quina & Sulphatis grana sedecim. Acidi Sulphurici diluti semi-drachman. Liqur papæ usciat sidocim misce ut fiat. Mistura, Sumat. Cochelearia duo magna lxx quodidie. Pilat.
- 26 Colocynth. comp. c Hydraz. et Est. Hyoscyami ij hñc somni allena quagna nocte. The Monday exacerbations of high nervous irritability have been relieved considerably since the Quinine Mixture was prescribed. still obstinately refuses food, tongue white but moist, lips parched, breath fetid, bowels not properly open pulse 90 small, pupils natural, appears restless and unhappy says she can doom people to destruction and that she holds intercourse with the Devil. Sleeps at night. Sumat pil Colocynthid. Comp. c. Colond ij hñc nocte hñc somni et hñc nocte ex Magna. Sulphat. Sij. Sumat. Suma Comp. 3i. liq. Marsh. Sij. 3; vas primo mane cont. diet and Regimen.
- March: 1 Violently assisted taking the draught this morning. refuses food as before. pulse 102 small, skin hot face somewhat flushed, pupils natural, tongue white and moist, lips less parched, sleeps badly. Bowels confined. The draught not having acted by 2 o'clock P.M. it was repeated. Taciturn and sullen: -
- 2 Taciturn kept excited, starts up suddenly from her chair and attempt to seize the Physicians with a convulsive effort. mouth compressed, eyes flash, countenance flushed. Pulse small and feeble but cannot be accurately counted in consequence of her agitated state. pupils natural. still refuses both food and medicine. Abax. Capitat. et applic. Empl. Cantharid. extat toto. repet. pil ij et Anatus at hñc perscrup. Cont: diet et medicament:
- 3 The blister has produced considerable desiccation the parts have been dressed with caudex cotton very restless during the night, getting out of bed and sitting at the door. still refuses to take food &c. Although the nurse continued to give her a small quantity. pulse 108 more full, tongue white, eyes suffused, pupils natural. bowels have not yet acted. Cont: Omeat:
- 4 No improvement, pulse moderate strength, pupils slightly dilated, bowels opened this morning, Trembles, the agitations comes on at irregular periods. A pint of Beef-tea, the same quantity of Porter and the pills formerly prescribed were passed into her stomach this evening by means of the nasal tube - She sat very quiet in bed during the time the Physician was administering it.
- 5 One ounce of Castor oil and half an ounce of Spt. Turpentine were given with a pint of Beef-tea this morning; The feeding apparatus being used, the Beef-tea was given in the same way at dinner time, and in the evening a pint of Porter, the Beef-tea and Sol. Mag: Sulph. 3ij was administered, her bowels not having been acted upon. 4 p.m. pulse 110 rather full. pupils slightly dilated, tongue white but moist. remains quietly in bed, which has been made up for her on the floor as she would not lie in it whilst on the bedstead. 7 p.m. has sat up for a short time and feels cold, slight rigors, pulse 102 lips full surface below the natural temperature. To be wrapped in Blankets and watched.
- 6 Bowels fully opened by the medicine. motions dark, stinky and offensive, still refuses food, the apparatus in consequence is used as before. keeps in bed. Pulse 110 pretty full. Tongue white breath very offensive. Taciturn but appears to comprehend what is said to her.
- 7 Had three times to day with the apparatus united at first but afterwards remained quiet pulse 90 small, tongue white. pupils natural. eyes suffused. Taciturn and makes no reply when spoken to. is quiet during the night and keeps in bed. -
- 8 Bowels have not acted since yesterday morning. still refuses to take food, the tube is used as before. pulse 78 full, tongue white, lips parched and breath very offensive. Rem of natural temperature, considerable tremor. Taciturn and sullen. 3j. St. Renni et 3j. Spt. Turbintha given this afternoon produced nausea but remained on the stomach.

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- 10 The medicine has operated twice freely, dark offensive dejections - has been fed as usual. Stomach very irritable, retained a part of the beef tea at dinner time pulse 84 stronger. tongue white but moist, pupils slightly dilated. Siccum and depressed. will not answer when spoken to, but hides herself beneath the bed clothes. No nausea this evening. The beef tea and potter remained on her stomach.
- 11 No improvement, sullen and taciturn, still resists taking her food, bowels have not acted since yesterday morning. pulse 98 moderate strength, tongue white, breath very offensive, pupils very dilated, skin rather above the natural temperature. continues the Beef tea and Poter. Sennat statim unciam olei ricini semunciam Olei Terebinthinae et guttas duas Olei Crotonis Sigill.
- 12 Bowels freely opened by the draught given yesterday, dejections dark and slimy. The Nurse reports the Castor oil passed per Rectum from the patient without undergoing the slightest change in its appearance; the motion unfortunately had not been kept for the Physician's inspection - Is still fed by means of the tube. Pulse 110 full and bounding, tongue white pupils natural, lips parched, breath continues very offensive, slight nausea occurs during the time she is taking her food. cont. omnia.
- 13 Quiet and sullen - will not reply to questions. some slight difficulty occurs in passing the tube to-day in consequence of spasmodic action of the muscles of the pharynx. Pulse 108 full. skin of natural temperature. bowels open once this morning. Sennat gr. viij Submar. Hydragrygi statim: conti omnia.
- 14 Bowels have acted this morning freely, motion dark and offensive as unacted for some time past. About one o'clock to day was attacked with severe rigors. occurring only soon after she had been fed. Dr Orr being in at the time visited her and found her in the following condition. Skin cold. pulse 132 small, action of heart violent, countenance expression of anxiety and pain. breathing quick and short, muscles of abdomen rigid, some slight pain on pressing over the epigastric region. grinding of the teeth and tossing the head to and fro were also observed. Four ounces of port wine was administered, and bottles of hot water to the feet. The Patient took two ounces of the wine without making any resistance but spit out the remainder. at 4 P. M. was seen by the Physician. Pulse 84 moderate strength, tongue dry temperature of surface natural. abdominal muscles still rigid, the pulsation of the Aorta can be distinctly felt on making pressure over them. It has spit up a small quantity of blood. Siccum and sullen, resists examination. Countenance anxious. Applicetur emplastrum cantharidis Epigastric. Continue the Beef tea. Give an enema to night. 10 p. m. Pulse 126 moderately full but jerking, and slightly irregular. tongue has become quite clean & moist, countenance less anxious, skin of natural temperature. Lies in bed quiet, and composed. some beef tea was offered her but she resolutely refused taking it. It was therefore passed into the stomach with the tube. Bowels having acted this evening it will not be necessary to give the enema. The symptoms and general aspect of the case have improved since noon.
- 15 Pulse 124 irritable, skin warm, passed a tolerably quiet night. The Blister has caused considerable redness of the skin but no vesicles have appeared. when asked to take a little food she evidently comprehended as for she immediately uttered a cry of dissatisfaction and drew the coverlet of the bed firmly across her mouth with both hands. Shortly after twelve o'clock having been previously fed about half an hour, symptoms similar to those recorded yesterday made their appearance. she became extremely agitated, skin warm and bedewed with a copious transpiration, pulse 138 small and jerking while the action of the heart was most violent. No rigors, however have occurred. lips compressed - Nervous twitchings of the face which expressed great anxiety and pain, extremities warm. Two ounces of wine were given. Her friend Mrs Buchanan called at this time and conversed with her half an hour. She persuaded her to take a little wine by the mouth but she

rejected it after the first spoonful. Dr Watson saw her at two p. m. she had then become weaker, but the agitation continued almost as violent as before. extremities cool. pulse 140 small and thready. Bowels have not acted today. a little Beef-tea and nearly three ounces of wine were given during the time she Delia was in the room, and in ten minutes she became more quiet. The Patient neither spoke to nor recognised the Doctor or Mrs. Buchanan. No reaction took place after half past two o'clock. wine and warm Beef-tea with Tenc. Cardem. Comp. were given at intervals and bottles of Hot water were kept to the feet, but she gradually became weaker and at 4 1/2 to 5 o'clock the pulse could scarcely be distinguished at the wrist. No change could be said to have taken place from this time until half past 4 when she

Died

Post Mortem: 15 hours after death.

Head: Dura Mater pretty much injected but not adhered to Calvarium. In the situation of the glandulae pactionis the appearances generally found, namely, adhesion of membranes to cerebral substance and enlargement of the pactionian bodies, were observed but in a less degree than usual. Pia mater vascular, particularly over the anterior lobes of Cerebrum. Septum Lucidum entire but much softened. Fornix also soft. principally at its posterior part. pineal gland natural a cerebellum present. Along the course of each Vena Corporis Arterialis, above the vessel there was a narrow band of coagulable lymph. This was more distinct in right Hemisphere. pituitary gland healthy. Brain with the Medulla oblongata weighed 49 ounces. Cerebellum healthy weight with Medulla oblongata 5 ounces.

Thorax: Left pleura contained twenty four ounces of dark serous fluid and thickly coated with recent coagulated lymph at its superior and posterior part. Left lung compressed from below upwards, condensed and not occupying more than half its usual space. Right pleura firmly adhering to lung; it was with difficulty separated. Right lung extremely atonic on slicing it serum escaped freely; The upper part of its superior lobe slightly hepatized as also was its anterior and inferior portion, but in a greater degree. Several small chalky bodies were found in upper part of both lungs. Bronchitis very evident. Heart normal. Pericardium covered with granulated looking fat and coated with lymph at its posterior and inferior part.

Abdomen: Stomach healthy nothing particular about the intestines. Spleen not examined. Kidneys normal. Liver weighed 40 ounces. lower lobe very much enlarged, of firmer consistence than usual, and stretching downwards almost to the pubes. Uterus, and bladder healthy.

No. 8. Jane McIntosh or Mrs. Shillito Et. 38. Wid. Sompstree. Admitted. Feb. 25. 1842 21/

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Melancholia.

1st Attack of 2 months duration.

Previous History. None of this patient's relatives have been known to be insane, but she has a brother who is eccentric and vicious, and has led a sort of vagabond life. She has received a fair education and is a member of the Secession Church. She has been a Widow for somewhat more than a year and has no family. After her husband's death she took a House 41 George's Square and set up as a Shaw-Hat maker; she was always penurious and very grasping in money matters, discontented and reserved. Some months before her present attack she had formed an intimacy with a man said to be of worthless character, whom she consulted to marry. Her friends interposed effectually to prevent this, and after that she became first hysterical, then depressed and melancholy and occasionally highly excited about trifles. She was affected with Dyspepsia; with some difficulty she was prevailed on to leave her own house where she was gradually getting worse and go to her sister's. There she became insane and took a great dislike to her brother-in-law. She then imagined that she had committed some great crimes and that some dreadful punishment awaited her, she also thought that her soul was lost. These delusions continued. She has not attempted to commit suicide, but her Medical Attendant and friends apprehend that she would do so were she not watched. She is not dangerous to others or at all destructive. She has remissions and exacerbations of her malady at uncertain intervals, but on the whole the disease is increasing. Antispasmodics and Purgatives have been exhibited with temporary benefit. She has never been in an Asylum.

February 25th

One hour after admission pulse 88 sharp, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. no pain in the head. took her tea with the other patients but was very depressed and agitated. appeared to be labouring under some undefined sense of fear, fancied she will be ill-treated or put to death. Sighs and sheds tears. On being assured she would be made comfortable, and that everyone would be kind to her, she became more composed, and told us she had been ill for a considerable length of time. Ordinary diet and regimen. Quercet.

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Less agitated this morning. Slept during the night. pulse 78 moderate, tongue rather white, pupils natural. Bowels confined, answers questions relevantly. Sumat hinc nocte pil ij ex assafetida: c. Cloetic.

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Bowels were opened on by the pills yesterday since which time they have not been evacuated. very restless and somewhat excited to day: struck Mrs Wood but for what reason it is impossible to say as she was not interfered with by her; said she was sorry for what she had done, that she did not mean to hurt her, and promised not to do so again. Asks us to let her go away. Pulse 84 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, breath faint. pupils natural. Sumat pil. Coloc. Comp: c. Calomel ij hinc nocte hinc somni. Traustus vras primo mane sumendus ex Mag: Sulph Zijj. Tinc: Senna Comp: et aqua. Mentha pisp. ʒi ʒi. Appetite bad. begins to refuse her food.

March 1.

Bowels freely opened by the medicine. pulse 76 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, skin clammy, scalp rather hot. Considerably agitated and slept but little last night. averse to taking food. Repet. pil: cl. Traustus 2nd ʒ nocte cl. manes, to be closely observed.

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Pulse 84 small, pupils natural. agitation increasing, says her breakfast has been forced upon her - appeared somewhat alarmed, but answered questions relevantly. Abrad: Caput: cl. applic. Emp: vesic: Caput abrad - Cont: alia:

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Blisters has caused considerable and extensive vesication. the blistered part has been dressed with carbol cotton. pulse 66 small and feeble, tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly dilated. Bowels opened freely by the medicine taken last night (viz. Sumat et pil: ʒi at 28th) Tonicum and somewhat depressed. To have two tins of Beef-Tea and one pint of Ale daily - Took her food better than usual to-day.

March 14. Pulse 84 more full, tongue clean and moist, pupils somewhat dilated, bowels regular, Effluvia from her skin very disagreeable - She not taken her food quite so well today. Quiescent. It is reported that she has wrote et Hæmaturæ cras primo mane.

" 5- More calm and composed to-day - Bowels open, pulse 82 moderate strength, tongue and pupils natural. Takes her food with less reluctance. Is quiet at night, but does not sleep well. Cont: omnia.

" 7 Pulse 78 weak, shows considerable disinclination to take food but she has succeeded in giving it to her, Bowel rather slow, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, wishes to go home. Repet. Hæmaturæ et Pil. ij at antea. Cont: dict et Regimen.

" 10 Pulse 78 natural strength, tongue clean and moist, but tremulous, says she has no pain in the head. Pupils natural, bowels regular, tritum and depressed, takes her food badly answers questions relevantly. Cont. medicamentis. dict &c.

" 13 Still tritum and depressed, takes her food but loses flesh. Pulse 84 small, tongue clean and moist, bowels open by medicine. quiet at night. Cont: omnia.

" 17 Saw her Brother-in-law Mr. Tompkins this morning and made enquiries about her relatives. Health continues feeble, loses flesh, pulse 72, feeble, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Bowels open by medicine. Mind weak and fanciful. Takes her food. Cont: omnia.

" 23 Mind more active, answers questions relevantly - appetite improves. Pulse 76 small, tongue clean, pupils natural, bowels regular by medicine; Depressed and quiet. on the whole improving. Cont: omnia.

" 30 Improves though slowly, mind more active, employs herself in needle-work does not evince great desire for food. pulse 76 stronger, tongue clean and moist; bowels regular. pupils natural. Rf. Bicarbon. Sodæ ʒij Infus: Gent: Comp: et aqua pure ʒi ʒiij Tinct: Zingib: et Spirit: Ammoniac ʒi ʒij M. Sumat ʒijth: vix: ter quotidie et pil. Colocynth: Comp. Pil: Hydrarg: et Extr: Hyoscyam: ij ʒiia somni altius q. nocte.

April 1. Still anxious to avoid taking food. can with difficulty be made to sit down. Bowels apt to be constipated, which is prevented by occasional doses of medicine. No mental improvement, still anxious and depressed. Cont: omnia.

" 11 Since last report has squinted to take food on a pill being given her before and after each meal. These pills are composed of bread. Thinks that she is injured by the food obstructing her bowels. Yesterday attempted after dinner to excite vomiting by tickling the fauces and declared that the pills (the bread pills) had produced great pain. Had a dose of Turpentine and Castor oil on the 7th after which she was better for a day or two. Has since been taking the pectoral pill with Castor oil. Cont: omnia.

" 13 No change since last report, manages to get rid of the pills. Intermit: Pilule. Rf Tinct: Sennæ ʒij Olei Cast. ʒij. gtt. ʒij Sumat ʒijth: quotidie. Adrad: Capill: Pepsinet. Caput. abrad. liquor epispasticus C. alia.

" 16 Tongue much cleaner and more moist. pupils natural. Pulse 78 moderate. Bowels kept free by medicine. Takes food very reluctantly and has been in bed for the last two days - on the whole looks better. Sternum perficinium repot. liquor epispasticus - repot. Mistrum: Sennæ c. ol. Cast. ʒij. ut 13 d. h. m. Cont: alia.

" 17 Pulse 72 stronger. pupils natural. tongue clean. Bowels kept free by medicine. The nurse reports that there was prolapsus ani to the extent of an inch yesterday, but it was easily reduced. Still tritum and depressed. Lies in bed. Takes food but only after much persuasion. Cont: omnia.

" 18 Wishes to get up and is allowed to do so provided she takes food. pulse 78 of ordinary strength. Bowels kept regular by medicine. pupils natural. looks on the whole better. answers questions relevantly. Still very much depressed. C. omnia.

" 19 Takes food better but still very sparingly and after much persuasion. pulse 78 of good strength. Bowels kept open by medicine but stools very fetid. Sumat pil. attractivij s. n. h. s. Mille xij Cont: alia.

- " 20 Has expectoration some little tough mucus yesterday and to-day. No Cough or Dyspnea. Chest sounds well on percussion, still takes little food and is very listless and depressed. Pulse 66 small and feeble. Pupils rather contracted. Sleeps pretty well. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Cont. omnia.
- " 24 Has taken food better during the last two days, though it still requires to be pressed on her. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels regular by medicine. Pulse 66 small and feeble. is up daily. Does not expectorate or Cough. Cont. omnia.
- " 30 Has taken food better during the last week still requires to be urged. Loses flesh. Mind seems to be improving in strength - Cont. omnia.
- May - 3 Yesterday her left hand, wrist and forearm appeared swollen and erysipelatous. It had been dipped with Carbol cotton. To-day she is no better. Bowels slow. Tongue white. Pulse 72 moderate still refuses food. S. Pil. attenuat ij. h. Som.
- " 4 In all respects the same as at yesterday's visit. The Erysipelatous blush has disappeared and the swelling has somewhat subsided. A poultice to be applied to swelling.
- " 5 Has been impressed with the notion that the swelling is owing to her not taking food and to-day has taken her meals well. Swelling the same as yesterday. C. Omnia.
- " 6 Has taken food well under the impression that her nose will be affected like her arm and that both will drop off unless she takes nourishment. p. 72. Moderate. Looks better. Bowels regular. Swelling subsides. Cont. omnia.
- " 7 Less depressed and listless. Takes food with very little persuasion. Tongue clean and moist. Pulse 72 feeble. Bowels kept free by medicine. Swelling of arm gone. That of hand and wrist abated on the whole improves. Cont. omnia.
- " 8 Has taken food to-day without any pressing. Strength improved, swelling of hand abates. C. omnia.
- " 9 Swelling of hand abates - takes food much better, mind improves. Cont. omnia.
- " 10 Some fluctuation felt in the tumour which was accordingly opened and a quantity of pus discharged. Swelling considerably abated on the hand. Takes food better. Still requires sponging. Speaks more than she did. on the whole improves. Cont. omnia.
- " 11 Has not taken food so well to-day. A considerable quantity of pus is discharged from the opening made in the hand. Answers questions relevantly; betrays no delusions. Does not converse, but occasionally makes observations to the nurses and her fellow patients. On the whole is no worse. Cont. omnia.
- " 12 Has been with difficulty persuaded to take food since yesterday. wound of hand still discharges. Some slight swelling in one of the axillary glands. Bowels constipated. Saw her brother-in-law to-day, stated him for his conduct towards her which she asserted had been from first to last selfish and cruel. p. 76 moderate. Pupils natural. Tongue white. App. Copious. mudi: axillae dolent. Sumat R. S. pil. Calomel C Coloc. ij. C. S. S.
- " 16 Takes food better than she did. mind still depressed and listless. glands of axilla swollen, hand heals slowly.
- " 20 Slowly improves. takes food better. C. omnia.
- " 24 Bowels obstinate but kept regular by medicine. mind slowly improves. Some matter in the axilla. Operative tumour approximates Calaplasma emollientis tumori aperto. C. alia.
- " 27 On the whole improves. hand slowly heals. Tumour in the axilla opened spontaneously. has sputum daily C. O.
- June 2 Spitting in axilla. still discharges a little. Speaks more than she did. looks pale, exhausted & emaciated. Takes her food better, but still has occasionally to have it pressed on her. Cont. omnia.
- " 10 Betrays no delusions. answers questions relevantly. Takes her food without pressing. somewhat melancholy but rational. C. O.
- " 17 Mind gains strength and she is less depressed. Takes food. bodily health very feeble as she is now rational and her health might be improved by a residence in the country, her friends have been recommended to try her at the coast. and Dr. W. B. Bowal the Indian medical attendant. concurs in the recommendation. she appears much pleased.
- " 19 Mind continues to gain strength, but her health has not improved. She is free from delusions. requires assistance to keep her bowels free. C. S.
- " 21 Mind rational, health improving. arrangements have been made under the sanction of the Physician, and her sister attended to the prospect for sending her with her late brother-in-law to Berkeley town. They are daily engaged to bring her back if any symptoms of the malady present themselves. Quiescent.
- " 22 Arrangements having been made for her removal she being rational, but in a weak state of health is this day dismissed with suitable medicines and directions.

Cured

Margaret Rice a M^{rs} Buckie.

- April - 18 Slept little. Scalp hot. Abad. Capillit. effundat. ag. frigid. Caput his quodlibet. C. alia
 " 19 Pulse 66 - small and feeble. Takes food better; dislikes the cold water poured over her head. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils dilated scalp still hot. Abad. Capillit. effundat. ag. frigid. Caput his quodlibet. Sumat O. N. h. S. pul. fatid. C. l. Catonis; mitte XII
 " 21 No change whatever since last report. Cont. omnia.
 " 24 Health good. Whines as formerly and is exceedingly obstinate. Cannot be employed. Cont. om.
 " 30 Upon the whole improves though very slowly. C. omnia.
 May 4 No appreciable change since last report. Health good. Cont. omnia.
 " 10 Obstinate, peevish and denatured, will not work. Health tolerably good. Cont. omnia.
 " 13 Obstinate, peevish and denatured as ever, strikes the nurses but not violently. Will not answer questions. Scalp hot. Pupils contracted. Pulse 84 Abad. Capillit. effundat. ag. frigid. h. S. pul. Colocyth & Calomel ij. Cath.
 " 15 No improvement whatever. This is the most troublesome patient in the whole gallery. C. omnia.
 " 20 Has seen her friends and has been much worse since. C. omnia.
 " 24 Has scratched, struck, and kicked the nurses last night and this morning and has been noisy all night. Today her food refuses to be forced on her. Pulse 70 small and feeble. Tongue foul. Bowels constipated. Sumat h. S. Pul. Colocyth & Calomel ij. C. om.
 " 27 Quieter since last report, but still peevish, depressed and obstinate. Health pretty good.
 June 2 Has been more peevish and depressed since last report; very obstinate and occasionally outrageous. Today is rather better. Cont. omnia.
 " 8 Cannot be employed, refuses food, insists on remaining in bed. Pulse 78 numberless with difficulty from her resistance. Tongue foul. Bowels constipated. Sumat statim pul. alterat. ij. et rep. omni nocte. Cath.
 " 12 Still taciturn and depressed. Will not answer questions and resist examination. Scalp hot. very obstinate, refuses food, and strikes when spoken to. Pulse 88 hard and pretty full. S. Sol. Sat. Antim. 3ss et rep. omni nocte ad ij. C. alia.
 " 17 Has improved within the last few days; is not now violent but still remains depressed and taciturn. Inclines to hide herself and be alone. Takes food. Bowels regular. C. om.
 " 21 Still peevish and resist examinations, will not converse. Reluctantly answers questions. Frequently demands her discharge, and is as frequently told that she cannot be dismissed till she shows herself capable of conducting herself properly, leaves off whining and betakes herself to some occupation. Requires to have occasionally opium medicines which she takes with much reluctance and generally after a struggle. Today she complains of Languor & weakness, owing in all probability to the weather and the approach of the Catamenia. Pulse 72 moderate. Skin moist. Tongue clean and moist. Appetite tolerable. Quiescent.
 " 22 Catamenia have not yet appeared. She is up today and is quiet and taciturn. Comm.
 " 25 Catamenia have not yet appeared. Still depressed and anxious to conceal herself. Answers questions relevantly but very unwillingly. Bowels very slow. S. N. S. pul. alterat. ij. et rep. pro re nata. C. alia.
 July 1 She has improved somewhat in appearance since last report but is still idle, sulky and taciturn. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.
 " 7 Today for the first time has been employed in needlework. Answers questions relevantly but with great reluctance. Neon convulsus and appears very irritable. Contin. omnia.
 " 14 Catamenia appeared on the 11th and disappeared yesterday - She was more troublesome than usual during that period. No material change; health pretty good. Cont. omnia.
 " 21 Has become worse since last report. Pulse 78 of moderate strength. Tongue dry and foul. Prone to hide herself. Stands or crouches in corners and is habitually of great strength in resisting when any attempt is made to remove her. Is destructive to clothes, very peevish and irascible and in general troublesome. Bowels constipated. Pupils contracted.

Margaret Keip or M.^{rs} Buckie.

- Abroadstia Capillitium Apponatur vesicatorium Capite toto. Sumat hora somni pil:
Colomet cum lachrym: daud. c. alia.*
- July 23 *Blister produced full vesication. Bowels were moved by medicine, but have been since constipated. Still excited and very troublesome. Taciturn as usual. Sumat Statum pil:
Apapoti: c. bl: Crotonis; et: repel: noct: x: opus. Cont: alia.*
- " 27 *Pulse 70 of moderate strength. Is less excited less taciturn and less troublesome -
Has been taking the pedit pile with Croton oil since last report. Looks much better and on the whole has improved. Contin: omnia.*
- " 31 *Is in much the same state as at last report. Croton: omnia.*
- Aug. 6 *On the first and second of this month was considerably excited. Since then she has been quieter and on the whole has improved. Since last report. Contin: omnia.*
- " 10 *Went on well till yesterday when she again became worse. Pulse 84 small. Pupils contracted
Sulky and taciturn and attempting to conceal herself. Abroadstia Capillitium Apponatur
vesicatorium Capite Contin: pil: Apapoti: cum Oleo Crotonis et alia.*
- " 20 *The Blister produced full vesication. She has been freely purged but there has been no
improvement. She is sulky taciturn and excitable. Shakes and tears the clothes of the
Nurse. Sits usually in a vacant chimney in the gallery, with her back to the gallery
and her face to the wall occasionally will not leave her bed until taken out of it.
Continuatur omnia.*
- " 24 *Again more excited. Abroadstia Capillitium Apponatur vesicatorium Capite toto. c.*
- Sept. 1 *Blister produced full vesication and after it was applied the Catamenia appeared. They
disappeared again yesterday. During their flow she continued much excited. Today she
is quiet. Continuatur omnia.*
- " 5 *Continued quiet since last report till today when she became without any evident cause highly
excited and continues so. Sumat Statum Solut: Tart. Antem: 3j. Contin: alia.*
- " 15 *After getting the antimonial solution last prescribed which did not produce vomiting
she became quiet and has been pretty quiet since. Still taciturn, obstinate, idle and disposed
to conceal herself. This case appears now, to be nearly hopeless. Continuatur omnia.*
- " 22 *No change whatever since last report - Still takes the pedit pile with Croton oil. Contin: omnia.*
- " 27 *Yesterday and today, has been much better than she has yet been. Sits now in the
Nurses room, answers questions with less reluctance has been induced to make her
own bed and to give some little assistance in the gallery. Contin: omnia.*
- " 28 *Is on well and looks more animated. C. omnia.*
- October 6 *Still goes on very well. Catamenia have not appeared since the thirty first of
August. Contin: omnia.*
- " 15 *Has taken no medicine since last report. Bowels regular. Appetite good. Sleeps
well. Does a little work, though she has not improved since last report, she has not
become at all worse. Contin: omnia.*
- " 19 *Continued going on well until today, when she became very much excited like many
other patients in the same gallery. Is very abusive in her language and strikes and
tears the clothes of those who approach her. Unrest.*
- " 20 *Today is quiet but has lost all the ground she has gained during the last four weeks and she is
nearly as bad as ever. Contin: omnia.*
- " 21 *No improvement since last report till today when she appears to be a little more animated. But;*
- November 15 *Catamenia appeared on the 11 and disappeared yesterday. Looks rather more animated, no other change.*
- " 30 *No change whatever since last report. Idle. Taciturn and excitable. Continuatur omnia.*
- December 22 *No improvement in mental state - She was seen by her Mother today who has succeeded
in persuading her Father to remove her under the promise that she would attend to her
husband. Remind as*

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No 10. Esther M^cCallum or Mrs M^cLean. At 56. Widow. Wauper. Admitted March 12th 1842. age 76

1201.

Mania = - 10th Attack of 2 months duration.

Previous History. For particulars of this case, vide Vol. 16 pages 61 and 62. She became maniacal for the first time about the age of Puberty and she has been in the Asylum 8 times for succeeding attacks viz.

From	2 ^d May	1815	 till	3 ^d June	1815	 = 33 - days
"	15 Novem:	1824	 "	17 Octob.	1825	 = 338 "
"	25 Octob.	1825	 "	25 June	1827	 = 606 "
"	13 May	1829	 "	30 June	1830	 = 384 "
"	28 July	1831	 "	18 May	1832	 = 295 "
"	7 Novem:	1832	 "	3 April	1833	 = 148 "
"	31 August	1833	 "	6 June	1834	 = 280 "
"	3 July	1840	 "	20 Octob.	1840	 = 109 "

Since the present attack began she has been always very excitable and frequently excited. She sleeps little, wanders about and raves on various subjects particularly respecting her late husband whom she believes to be alive, while she believes that the whole earth belongs to her. She is destructive to furniture but not to clothes. She has even attempted suicide, but has attempted to cut the throat of a young girl. She has three children alive.

March. 12 th 1842	Was quite happy on admission, recognised the nurse and some of the patients she knew when in the Asylum before. Pulse 74 moderate. Tongue clean but dry. Spleen cool. Smart. P.L. Assafet. c. cl. Cuten. if h. serum.
" 19	Pulse 84 small, Tongue pretty clean and moist, health improves; working occasionally; raves absurdly. Employ well.
" 26	Pulse 80 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, improves gradually, working regularly in work-room.
April 4	Health pretty good, mind although unsettled is a little improved; mischievous and troublesome to the rest of the patients.
" 11	Pulse 74 moderate Tongue clean and moist. Pupils natural; continues the same in most respects as at last report, very tricky and tactless. to be employed.
" 19	Mind improves, bodily health good, busily employed spinning in the work-room; answers questions relevantly.
" 27	Health good, in other respects the same as at last report.
May 4	This patient is frequently mischievous in the gallery, and inclined to play tricks on the rest of the patients but occasionally does a little work in the Laundry. to be diligently employed.
" 12	Health good, in other respects the same as at last report.
" 19	Pulse 74 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, tremulous, pupils natural; cheerful and good humoured talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Appetite, Sleep, and Bowels natural; does much work in the gallery. Inclined to be tricky.
" 27	Pulse 70 small Tongue clean and moist, pupils natural; answers questions relevantly and talks coherently. Mind considerably improved since last report, and may now be considered convalescent, very quiet and works diligently.
June 4	Health good, is busily engaged every day in the work-room, talks quite coherently and answers questions relevantly has broached no delusions for some time past, and may be deemed quite convalescent.
" 9	Health good. Convalescence proceeds favourably: very industrious.
" 16	General health very good, works diligently every day in the work-room, would like to get home. Bodily functions natural, Convalescence goes on favourably.
" 24	Convalescence has proceeded favourably since last report. very industrious - Appetite, Sleep, and Bowels natural.
" 30	Continues in all respects the same as at last report, Convalescence proceeds favourably.
July 2	Being this day in good bodily health and being free from all symptoms of insanity she is dismissed.

Cured.

1202.

March 28

No 11. Marjory Bruce or Mrs Goldie. At. 36. Married. Dom. Affairs. Admitted March 28th 1842 - etc. 8/6.

6202.

Melancholia6th attack of 1 month's duration.

Previous History — Her mother is insane at present and an inmate of the Asylum. She has an ordinary education and is a member of the United Secession Church of Dissenters. She has always been quiet and hypochondriacal but proud and easily irritated when her pride is hurt, and within the last six years has been five times insane. She was married 6 or 7 years ago, and five years ago she had a child who died ^{when} about two of age. Since her marriage and before, she has been dyspeptic. The Catamenia have been regular but attended with great pain. At such periods she has suffered from partial prolepsus uteri. Her previous attacks have all assumed the same character as the present, which however is of a more aggravated description. It is marked by want of sleep, great depression, a craving for spirits, fancies respecting her health and various delusions such as, that she is eluded by her Husband and others, that any observation made in her presence is an insubordinate look at her, is jealous of her Husband and thinks she sees other women in the house with him, once declared that she saw a Copse. She is not dangerous to others destructive to clothes or furniture, but has frequently and it is stated above 20 times attempted her own life, by cutting her throat, stabbing, strangulation &c. &c. She has never been in an Asylum and has not been treated for the present attack. No cause is assigned but it is obvious that there is hereditary predisposition and the exciting cause will in all probability be found to be manumission.

March 28th Within the last month this patient has repeatedly seen the Physician ostensibly for the purpose of enquiring about her mother Mrs Bruce, who is a patient in this institution, but in reality to make complaints respecting her Husband whom she accused of illusing her, and to induce the Physician to unite with him. When asked to specify any act of illusage she could condescend only on one, vizt that when ill he would not allow her to keep her bed. At each interview she turned more and more desperate and it became evident that she was becoming insane. On enquiry it appeared that she had been actually insane more than once, that her Husband was a very kind industrious man whose domestic comfort was altogether destroyed by her whims. She became exceedingly jealous and fancied that she saw women in the house at night — she is occasionally affected especially at the Catamenial periods with a bearing down of the womb, threatening prolepsus. Of late has had a craving for spirits and last night teased her Husband for some, getting none she took advantage of his falling asleep, and between 1 and 2 went out with a bundle; she was soon afterwards stopped by a Policeman and brought back. She renewed her importunities for spirits, some whiskey was sent for and she had rather more than a glass with hot-water. There remained three glasses — she appeared more composed and her Husband being exhausted fell asleep between 4 and 5 — soon after, she got up, drank the rest of the whiskey, took a bundle of clothes and left the house. About 6 this morning she appeared at the gate of the Asylum and was refused admission soon after she climbed over the gate and entered the Patients Lodge, where she complained bitterly of the illusage of her Husband, raved on religious subjects — quoted scripture and Hymns. She continued flushed during the day. She was permitted to remain in the Patients Lodge till the warrant could be procured and at 5 o'clock was admitted, she was then more composed — pulse small and quick, tongue white and moist — scalp hot — declared she was much better, and that the fit had gone off her — as she has often attempted suicide, she was as a matter of precaution placed in the long ward. Ordinary diet and regimen; to be well watched and employed.

March 29 Much more composed to day — answers questions relevantly — complains of pain in back and lower part of Belly, with bearing down of womb. Says she slept ill last night in consequence of

- Mar. 29th cont. the noise in the ward. pulse 72 moderate, pupils slightly dilated, tongue foul but moist. appeared inclined to cry, and wandered about in a suspicious manner. Anxious to have a room to herself. The Physician suspects that she meditates suicide, and as she is not par-
ticular about the means, she is directed to be well watched - To use Hamiltons bandage for
womb. S. h. S. pil: Rhei & Hydnarz: ij tunci nocte per noctes tres. Sumat ter quo-
tidia mist: Antispasmi: ʒss ter quotidie. As her mother has been more faithful and disjuncted
as to watching &c.
- " 30 This Patient was removed last night from the C.D. gallery and placed in the L. Gallery.
This morning appears more composed, says she feels better, and slept soundly during the
greater part of the night. The bedroom in which she sleeps is double bedded and a con-
vallescent patient is placed with her at night. pulse 72 moderate strength, tongue white
but moist, pupils natural, bowels opened by the medicine, disjections natural, inclined
to vomit early this morning - but this symptom soon disappeared. cont. med: d. alia.
Wanders about the gallery, and has been detected tying strings about her neck, looks
depressed and suspicious. To be watched strictly. Catamenia appeared on the 30th and
disappeared on the 1st
- April 3rd This morning she suddenly seized the head knife and inflicted several scratches on her
throat. Was prevented from signing herself more severely. When spoken to on the subject, said
she thought it quite right to take away her life, as she would never get better. C. omnia
still depressed. Endeavours to persuade the nurse and others, that she will not injure herself,
but looks very suspiciously at everyone. endeavours to get beyond observation, and tries doors
widens &c. some days ago was found to have secreted a stone, which she then confessed
she meant to have swallowed with the view of choking herself. pulse 72 small - Bowels
confined, tongue dry - pupils somewhat dilated - Takes food - sleeps at intervals during the
day - but on the whole is restless. Sumat Helium pil: fated ʒ ol Croc ij. C. alia
- " 17 When employed becomes composed and cheerful - pulse 84 small and feeble - Tongue foul -
pupils contracted. Al. viat - much depressed. Abradat. Capittel. affundat. aqua frigida.
Capit. abrad. Sumat o. n. h. S. pil: fated: ʒ ol. Croc: ij. cont. alia.
- " 18 Continues in the same state as at last report. C. omnia
- " 22 Still depressed - when unemployed - and is very unwilling to employ herself. pulse 60 small
and feeble - Tongue foul. says that she suffers from her conscience in consequence of the
evil which she has done, that it would be unlawful to tell what it is. When pressed, says that
it was climbing over the Asylum gate and making herself out a lunatic. Cont. Omnia
- May 1st Has been very variable since last report. when employed she is always better. Health improves
Propensity to suicide still continues as indicated by her desire of seclusion and her packing
up and concealing any thing which may enable her to effect her purpose - takes the Felted
pill with Croton oil. C. omnia
- " 5 On the whole better since last report, health improves. seldom depressed and that only for
a short time, perhaps no delusions. converses with the nurses and mixes with the other patients. cont. 10th
- " 10 Continues to improve but slowly, health pretty good. Cont. Omnia.
- " 18 This case has not advanced since last report. Health continues pretty good. Has not exhibited
her suicidal propensity. Looks sad - Has been sewing yesterday and today, and sits with
the other Patients. C. Omnia.
- " 25 Continues much the same as at last report. Sore and appears left sad. C. Omnia.
- June 2nd Continues to sew, and does not now attempt to secrete herself. Appetite, sleep, and bowels
natural. answers questions relevantly but does not converse. C. Omnia.
- " 12 Has continued on the whole to improve since last report. Health pretty good, quiet, civil
and industrious. C. omnia.
- " 19 Health pretty good, mind left depressed. Industrious Looks better. On the whole improved. C. O.

June 24th

Her mother* has been removed to the Towns Hospital, since then she has been very much unsettled - wanders up and down, saying that her mother has been taken away to be executed and that she is the cause of it all. Says that she may suffer also - walks about frequently rubbing her hands and crying. At times however can be got to do a little work. On being assured by the Physician that her mother had been removed to the Hospital by his advice, as she was an old woman and it was a better place for her, that she would be kindly used and that she would be carefully looked after by the Matron Mrs. Reid, she became more composed and sat down to her seam. C. omnia.

" 28

Has occasionally been more miserable than usual, since last report. To day she is very much depressed, and says she has been guilty of a great many crimes. Does not speak of her mother, nor has she done so since last report. Catamenia fluent.

July 1st

Catamenia ceased yesterday and today she is in her usual state of health and much less depressed. She smiles when spoken to and answers questions regularly. Assists the Nurses and sews at other times. On the whole she is better.

" 23

Continued in the same state till the 18th when she became more languid. On the 19th the Catamenia appeared and disappeared on the 21st. They were scanty and attended with pain and depression. Looks pale. Mind weak and depressed. Has a little milder work occasionally. C. omnia.

" 28

Has been improving since last report more rapidly than formerly. Health better, employed in assisting the Nurses. C. omnia.

Augth 10th

On the whole has improved since last report. Has occasionally appeared depressed but less so than formerly. C. omnia.

" 27

Catamenia appeared on the 23rd and disappeared yesterday. More abundant than at last period and attended with less pain. Health on the whole improved and mind also, assists the Nurses as formerly. Continues C. omnia.

" 30

No improvement since last report. Has complained yesterday and today of acidity for which Gregory's mixture has been prescribed. Looks more depressed. C. omnia.

Sept. 9th

On the whole has improved since last report. Still however depressed. occasionally exhibits some delusions such as that her relations who are in America, were obliged to leave the country on her account - that her husband cares nothing about her, though he is incessantly enquiring after - and that her mother on her account has been sent to jail, though at other times she knows that she is in the Towns Hospital. C. omnia.

" 17

Catamenia appeared on the 15th and disappeared today. On the whole has improved and betrayed no delusions since last report. C. omnia.

" 25

Has again become much worse since last report, talking of Murders, especially towards coming Pongue. Irritable. Pulse small. Bowels constipated. Sinit. pulv. Trid. & Oleo Crotonis; hinc Senn. C. alia.

" 26

Much better today since her bowels were cleared out. Is sewing and assisting the Nurses. Mind still weak and depressed. Continues C. omnia.

Oct. 10th

Has gone on pretty well since last report, occasionally is depressed and brings up her old delusions, about the injury she has done to her relations. She is generally more depressed when the Physician or Matron is present. Is industrious. On the whole is better.

" 18

Catamenia appeared on the 15th and disappeared yesterday. As usual during these seasons - since she was worse being very much depressed and listless. Today she is in her usual state. cont. omnia.

" 23

Yesterday and today has been more than usually depressed and complaining of Rheumatism in her shoulder. Today is in bed. Sinit. hinc Senn. Pulv. Doveri gr. XL. Cont. alia.

" 24

Is much better today and is able to be up. Is less depressed and has been engaged in assisting the Nurse in the gallery. Rheumatism nearly gone. This is likely to be a tedious case.

- Oct. 31st No return of Rheumatism since last report. Health pretty good. Mind somewhat improved. Is very industrious. Continues to omit.
- Nov. 15th On the whole has improved since last report. Is occupied in needlework and in assisting the Nurses. Still languid and depressed. Betrays no delusions. Continues to omit.
- " 30 Catamenia have not appeared this month, on the whole has made some slight advance since last report. C. omnia.
- Dec. 1st Rather more depressed today. Answers questions relevantly. Betrays no delusions. C. omnia.
- " 26 Has betrayed no delusion for some length of time past, and her husband being desirous of having her home, her health being good and her mind rational she was accordingly this day dismissed.

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No 12 Janet Morrison. Et. 34. Single. Domestic Affairs. Admitted April 7th 1842. rate 8/6

1203.

Melancholia =

1st attack of 14 days duration.

Previous History = Her maternal Aunt was a patient in this Institution, she has been of a highly nervous temperament, and appears to have been much pitted - she has received an ordinary education. She belongs to the Independents - about a month ago she had an attack of Fever which was complicated with Peritonitis, for which she was bled - on recovering from the fever she became insane. The disease is marked by restlessness, sleeplessness - nervous tremors, Cockscut ravings, and is on the increase. Her head has been shaved, and she has had an opiate without benefit - The predisposing cause, is constitutional; - The exciting cause The Fever - Peritoneal affection and perhaps too copious bloodletting - The case appears very likely to pass into Dementia.

- April 7th 1842 On admission was quite taciturn and bewildered, looked cachectic. pulse 78 small and feeble. Tongue foul. Would not answer questions. ordinary diet and regimen. [L. Crost: 11] O. N.
- " 8 Bowels unmoved p. 78 small and feeble. t. foul. has slept pretty well answers questions reluctantly. J. pul: f. latid. c.
- " 14 Health considerably improved since last report; mind more active and cheerful; she began to work in the laundry, talks occasionally to some of the patients. Report. pul: fatid. c. d. Crost. ut 8⁰⁰ d. h. m.
- " 19 Sleeps better, is less timid, answers questions reluctantly, betrays no delusions. does a little work. Cont. omnia.
- " 23 Health improves. answers questions reluctantly & does a little work, mind still weak and fearful. Cont. omnia.
- " 28 Mind still weak and fearful. asked the Physician how her Father and Mother were, and being told that they were quite well, and that he had seen her father on Saturday, declared that that must certainly be a lie and that she knew her was a deceiver and an impostor. does not work steadily, but does a good deal of Needle-Work daily. c. omnia.
- May 2nd Has improved a little since last report - runs after the Physician, the Mother or the Nurses like a child, making childish observations. Health improves: exhibits no delusions.
- " 8 Had an interview with her cousin yesterday, and behaved pretty well. mind gains strength. Health improved to less childish in her appearance and conduct than formerly. c. omnia.
- " 10 Continues to improve both in body and mind, and does a little work in assisting the Nurses. Cont. omnia.
- " 12 Mind still weak, has no delusions that are appreciable. Does a little work. is however very flighty. c. omnia.
- " 19 Mind stronger. still a little flighty but works pretty steadily. Health improved. no perceptible delusion. c. omnia.
- " 22 Health improves. Mind stronger. Delusions not perceptible. more steady and industrious. Cont. omnia.
- " 31 On the whole improves, though slowly. still requires Aperients. Cont. omnia.
- June 7th Continues slowly to improve. very anxious to see her friends. No delusions appear at any time, admits that she was ill when she came here. Much less flighty and more industrious. c. omnia.
- " 11 Continues slowly to improve; does not wander about the galleries as formerly and is more steady and industrious. No delusions are apparent and her mind gains strength. Bodily Health improved. Still requires Aperients. Cont. omnia.
- " 18th Has improved in all respects since last report. c. omnia.
- " 22 Convalescence proceeds favourably. Health improves. c. omnia.
- " 29 Her friends being anxious to try the effects of the Country in improving her bodily health, and the patient being perfectly free from delusions. She is this day prematurely dismissed.

Cured.

This is the case of a spoiled child grown up into a pitted woman, she is of the nervous temperament with a small admixture of the bilious. Her education has been limited and she has been trained to entertain a high notion of her own importance, and that of her Relations. Her small naturally feeble suffered from fever immediately preceding her insanity. She is naturally self & obstinate and a very considerable share of self-esteem and paucity, with few social & kindly qualities. Such an individual is strongly pre-disposed to insanity, and after having been once attacked, cannot be relied on; I think it therefore highly probable that she will soon have another attack. especially as she has been removed before she could receive the advantage of a properly conducted, moral intellectual and physical training for a sufficient length of time.

Her cure on the present occasion may be fairly attributed to smart purging in the first place - followed up by a course of Aperients - constant occupation, and moral control. W.H.

No 13 Mary Morrison or Mrs Mercer. Aged 36. Married. Hindu. Admitted April 9th 1842 - case 7/6

1204

Melancholia -

1st Attack of 21 days duration.

Previous History - This Patient had a maternal heart insano, she can read, and belongs to the Church of Scotland. She is married and has three children. It is stated that Catarrhus continued during Lactation - she has of late been suffering great privations from want of work, and when she had work, was on the brink of starvation in consequence of the smallness of her wages. Her temper was naturally quick and she was active, sober and industrious. Of late however from her wretched situation, she became depressed and about three weeks ago when her furniture was seized for the water-rate she became insane. She has hallucinations of sight and hearing, is depressed and taciturn and views every thing in despair. She is not dangerous to herself or others or destructive to clothes or Furniture. She has been purged and had cold applied to the head, without benefit. She has never been in an Asylum.

April 9th 1842

Looked very confused on admission, had several delusions, believing that she had been brought to this place that her children might be more easily murdered in her absence, declared that every one was her enemy, but knew not for what reason. Pulse 66 small. Tongue tolerably clean but dry, pupils natural. Sumat h. s. P. l. fat. c. olei Crotonis ij.

" 15

Mind has improved considerably for the last 5 or 6 days, has been busily employed in the Laundry yesterday and to-day and her delusions are not so palpable.

" 22

Health improved, works regularly in the Laundry, delusions begin to disappear, was to day enquiring after her children, was pleased when told they were well.

" 29

Health excellent; quiet and industrious, mind believes no delusions; this patient may almost be looked on as convalescent.

May 6

Pulse 84. Tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, mind continues to improve slowly, quiet and industrious; enquires after her children - and expresses a desire to see them.

" 7

Pulse 78 moderate strength, tongue fow, and tremulous, pupils dilated, looks more stupid to day than usual, and her whole appearance is not quite so satisfactory as it has been for some days past. Sumat prore nota om. nocte pil. fat. c. olei Crotonis ij.

" 12

Is not much improved since last report, continues dull and stupid in appearance and seems reluctant to answer questions; Tongue white and rather dry, bowels confined, sleeps pretty well at night. Rf. let her head be shaved and bathed with cold water, three times a day, also to take twice a day a some glassfull of the following mixture. Infus. Jun-
leion C. liqua to a Zrrij Bicarb. Sodæ Zij 4 Sumat Cyath. vinos. ter quot.

" 19

Pulse 70 moderate strength, tongue whitish but moist; pupils very contracted, this patient continues dull and depressed although she works diligently every day; appetite and sleep pretty natural, bowels rather slow. Sumat pil. fat. c. ol. Crotonis om. n. cont. alia.

" 27

Pulse 64, soft, tongue white and moist, pupils contracted - in other respects much the same as at last report. Cont. med.

June 4

Health tolerably good, is still melancholic and taciturn - very reluctant to answer questions; works in the Laundry. Cont. med.

" 9

Pulse 64 moderate, tongue white and moist, pupils pretty natural, continues dull and depressed, but occasionally makes herself useful in the workroom. Anxious to go home to see her children. Bodily functions natural.

" 17

Pulse 74 moderate strength, tongue white and rather dry, pupils contracted, very depressed, resists examination and refuses to answer questions. Bodily health good.

" 24

Pulse 82 moderate strength, tongue white and rather dry, pupils contracted, still remains in the same dull and depressed state; requires considerable persuasion before she can be prevailed upon to do any work. Appetite, sleep and bowels, natural. To be constantly employed if possible. Cont. alia.

July 1

Pulse 68 usual strength, tongue white and moist, pupils very contracted, idle and taciturn. Alad

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Mary Morrison or M^{rs} Mercer. from p. 34. Admitted April 7th 1842

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July 8 th	Health pretty good, mind much about the same state as at last report, dull and depressed. Has been doing a little work during the last two days, expressed a desire to get home. cont. alia
" 18	Pulse 78 rather feeble, Tongue clean and moist, pupils contracted, depression of mind still continues, requires considerable persuasion before she will do any work. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.
" 24	No improvement whatever since last report. Bodily health pretty good.
Aug th 18 th	Pulse 72 rather small, tongue rather foul and moist, pupils natural, continues stupid in appearance, but is on the whole improved a little since admission.
Sept th 15 th	General Health pretty good, mind more lively and somewhat improved since last report works diligently in the laundry cont. mistina.
" 30	Pulse 74 small, Tongue clean and moist - tremulous. pupils contracted, mind continues to improve slowly, works regularly in the work room. Appetite bowels and sleep natural.
Oct th 12 th	Health good, still continues dull and depressed, does a little work in the Laundry skin very dark coloured. Rf. Pil. Whi c hydrag. xij Sumat unam ovari 2 ^{dg} . nocte. cont. alia.
Nov th 7 th	No change whatever in this case; looks dull and stupid sits sometimes for hours together looking at the stocking she is engaged in knitting. pupils contracted. Abrodato Capillitium. Rf Sumat h. Domini pul folid. & Oleo Cistoni. unam.
" 12	Has been more alert and active for the last few days; bodily health pretty good. cont. omnia.
Decemb th 7 th	No appearance of any improvement in this case. remains taciturn and depressed, occasionally does a little work in the Laundry. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Continuat omnia.
1843 Jan th 20	Bodily health good, mind as formerly reported. sews regularly in the work room. Cont in:
Feb th 26	No change whatever since last report, taciturn and depressed, seldom speaks even although asked questions. occasionally says she would like to go home to her children. does some needlework, but unless urged on to do it gives up the work she has in hand, and sits with her hands folded together. Bowels regulated by occasional doses of medicine. Contin: omnia.
March 28	No improvement since last report, continues to sew in the work room as formerly. Contin:
April 30	Continues in the same dull and depressed state as at former reports; is remarkably taciturn refusing even to answer questions respecting her health. Sews pretty regularly but as formerly notices stops suddenly, and sits idle and would do so for the greater part of the time unless she was induced to resume her work by those around her. Skin dark coloured, Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils contracted. To be kept constantly employed. Contin: medicament.
May 30	No change whatever in this case since last report. employed sewing in the work room. Cont:
June 8	Was this morning removed to the new Institution at East-nassau. Health indifferent.
" 30	Bodily health improved since last report. Mind still however remains in a very depressed state. Refuses to answer questions and sits during the greater part of the day with her hands folded together. Contin:
July 29	Health good at present, no change in other respects since last report. Continuat omnia.
August 31	Health much the same as at last report - Mind continues in its usual depressed and melan- choly state. does a little needlework at times. Contin:
Septemb. 28	No change since last report, mind is in a very depressed state - is usually taciturn and when she does speak it is generally in such a low tone as to be almost unintelligible. Bodily health good. Employs herself at needlework in the meantime. Contin:
Octob th 31	Continues in all respects the same as before; does some needlework but requires to be constantly looked after as she becomes idle and sits with her hands folded together. General health good.
November 26	No change whatever in this case since last report; still very much depressed. Health good. engaged at needlework. Contin:
Decemb. 25	Continues in all respects the same as when formerly reported. Employed at needlework
1844 January 29	No change whatever in this case. Patient is in a state of confirmed Dementia. Taciturn and depressed

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takes not the slightest interest in anything going on around her. Bodily health very good. Continues in all respects the same as at previous reports. Idle and taciturn as before. No change in this case. Health good. Continues: Same health excellent; mind in the same depressed and bewildered state as at previous reports. Does a little needlework at times but requires to be constantly reminded of what she is about, otherwise she is apt to forget and let the needlework she is engaged with fall at her feet. E. C. No change whatever in this case. Continues: Continues in the same dull and depressed state, refuses to answer questions; mind apparently completely gone; patient is stout and corpulent. Bowels regulated by occasional doses of medicines.

112 14. Susan Watt. 104. 33. Single. Occupation of a Lady. Admitted April 11th 1842
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1205 Melancholia - 5th attack of 12 days Duration.

Previous History - This case is hereditary, Mr Foster was insane, and committed suicide. She is an Episcopalian, and was very highly educated and accomplished. Her intellect was of a high order and her disposition mild and amiable yet displaying great firmness. About twelve years ago, she became attached to the Rev^d Mr Gleig, author of the Sabotian, Chelsea Pensioners &c. now chaplain to Chelsea Hospital, who at that time was paying his addresses to her aunt. When the marriage took place, she became melancholy and insane, this first attack lasted four months, the second, third and fourth occurred within the succeeding eight years and each lasted from three to four months. It is an extraordinary fact that they all occurred after visits paid by Mr Gleig to her family. Four years elapsed between the fourth attack and the present, and it was hoped that the disease had completely left her. About a fortnight ago Mr Gleig paid a visit to some in the neighbourhood of her residence, and four days ago they met at dinner and he drove her home, the house became restive and the brosky was returned. She was not injured and did not appear to be alarmed in the least, but that night she became insane. The symptoms have been taciturnity and deep depression alternating with incoherent ravings and high excitement. There are remissions at uncertain periods, when she is calm and though depressed, apparently rational. When excited she sings and sings as well as raves. She has slept little and taken very little food. Her bowels have been inclined to be constipated but have been kept free by Calomel and saline purgatives. The Catamenia are stated to have been regular. In former attacks she was suicidal but not so on the present occasion. She is not dangerous to others. She picks and tears clothes. Her former attacks were treated in Farnham House (Dr Murray's private Asylum) and on each occasion she was cured.

April 11th 1842 On admission. pulse 66 small and feeble. pupils dilated. Had taken medicines the day before which had acted during her journey from Stirling. had taken nothing but water for two or three days. Tongue foul. Answered questions relevantly but appeared excited ~~excited~~ and spoke sharply and laconically. Looks and gestures indicate a state of high excitability. Sumat h. s. pil. Colocynth. c. Calomel ij. Oदनय diet & regimen. Was twice purged last night, and a great quantity of black and fetid matter passed from the bowels. Has been again purged this morning, stool of a natural colour. Took some tea and toast last night, and a slice of toast with a cup of tea this morning. Took some dinner and tea, and dressed herself very neatly. C. summa
 " 12 Pulse 72 soft and moderate. pupils slightly dilated. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Bowels have not been moved this morning. Has taken some breakfast. Very filthy in her habits. Slept well last night. Will not answer questions - scalp scalded. Sumat pilulas Colocynthidis c. Calomel ij. hñā somni cont. alia.
 " 13 No change since yesterday. Bowels have been moved freely - stool dark. C. summa
 " 14 Still incoherent, pupils natural. tongue pretty clean and moist p. 78 mod. no undue heat of scalp
 " 15 Pulse 78 moderate. pupils natural, eyes suffused. Temperature of scalp and skin natural. Bowels were moved yesterday, stool dark - tongue dry and a little foul. Sumat hñā
 " 16 Somni pilulas Colocynthidis c. Calomel ij cont. alia.
 " 17 Still in bed. Tongue dry - Bowels have been moved by the medicines. stool very dark and offensive. Countenance dusky - eye suffused. pupils natural, no undue heat of head. Takes food - answers questions relevantly but is inclined to be taciturn and looks bewildered. Sumat Statim pil. Calomel c. Colocynth. ij & post hñā 10 Hñā. Sol. c. t. Sumat cont. alia.

April 18th

Pulse 78 moderate. Scalp hot. Eye suffused. Bowels have been freely moved. Stools dark and offensive. Has slept a little and is generally quiet. Tongue still a little foul and dry. Is thirsty. Tosses the clothes off her occasionally and is still filthy. Does not answer questions but understands what is said to her. Little fil. Alterativ xii Sumat ij o. n. h. s. Affundat. ag. frigida cap. ter quolidie. cont. a. Hoodie apparuerunt Catamenia. a slight eruption has appeared on different parts of the body. Bowels regular. mind and habits as at last report. Intermitte. affuso aqua super Caput. cont. alia.

19

Countenance less sallow but more flushed. Scalp still hot. eyes very slightly suffused. Bowels have been moved. Tongue dryish. answers questions relevantly and is very civil. Takes food well. To be got out of bed. Had to be cooled. c. alia.

21

Pulse 78 moderate. answers questions relevantly; today is up and dressed in the parlour exhibits no delusions. Bowels have been moved. Takes food well. Tongue a little dry. Still thirsty. Slept well last night. Has read a little to day. Continua

22

Continues to go on well in all respects. Habits correct. somewhat depressed but betrays no delusions. cont. omnia.

23

Catamenia ceased yesterday. to-day looks depressed and somewhat bewildered. Pulse 72 small and feeble. Bowels constipated. Sumat pil alterativ ij h. s. c. alia.

24

Pulse 84 small. Pupils natural. Conjunctiva yellowish and suffused. Depressed and somewhat confused. Affundat. aqua frigida. Capiti. cont. alia.

25

Pulse 78 small. Pupils natural. answers questions relevantly and without confusion. sleeps well. Bowels have acted to day. takes food properly. seems to have no delusions at present. cont. omnia.

26

goes on well - Has been out in the grounds. cont. omnia.

27

Bowels have not been moved either yesterday or today. looks languid and sallow. Walks about the galleries - betrays no delusions. Habits continue correct. Sumat Pilulas Colocythidis c Calomel ij. cont. alia.

28

Bowels still constipated - Medicine has had no effect. Is more confused but answers questions relevantly and betrays no delusions. Plays on the Piano. Sumat hna somni pil. Colocythidis c Calomel ij cont. alia.

29

Bowels have been moved but scantily. Tongue dryish and white. Pupils natural. Conjunctiva slightly suffused and yellowish. Taciturn and depressed. Though not so bad as when she came in, yet is much worse than she has been for the last eight days. To be strictly watched. Sumat h. s. pil alterativ ij. cont. alia.

30

Medicine has no effect. Is taciturn, depressed and bewildered. Pulse 88 small and feeble - Tongue dry. complains of thirst. Habits have become filthy. Skin dusky. Scalp and rest of surface cool. Has been noisy all night. Sumat h. s. pil Colocyth. c olei Castoris ij cont. alia.

May 1st

Pulse 78 fuller. Eyes less suffused. Pupils natural. but so filthy in her habits. answers questions relevantly though unwillingly. Has been noisy during the night. Plays with straws and looks depressed and bewildered. Sumat hna somni pilulas Colocythidis c olei Cast. ij cont. alia.

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Has spent a very restless night. Bowels have been moved. does not answer questions but puts out her tongue when desired and allows her pulse to be felt. Pupils natural. Conjunctiva yellowish and suffused. Eyes prominent. Pulse 72. feeble. Skin cool. Tongue rather dry and white not so filthy. c. omnia.

3

No change since yesterday. Sumat pil colocyth. c Calomel ij. cont. omnia.

4

Is up to day. Has been quiet during the night. Goes about the galleries with her hair dishevelled. Plays on the piano and sings. occasionally dances. Will not answer questions. Pulse 72 small and feeble. Tongue clean. repet. pil. ut hui. c. alia.

- May 5th Some slight improvement. Bowels have been freely moved looks less yellow. report. pupils. ut heri. Cont. alia.
- " 6 Countenance pale. Pulse 84 small. pupils natural. Conjunctivae not suffused. Reads, sings and walks about. report. pupil: ut heri. cont alia.
- " 7 Taciturn - stupid and depressed. pulse 74 small. Tongue white and rather dry scalp cool. Pupils dilated. Bowels moved by medicine. Sumat heri Somni pilul: Colocynth: & olei Crotonis ij Cont omnia.
- " 8 Looks a great deal better to day, but will not speak. pupils slightly dilated. Habits improved. Tongue clearer pulse 72 small and feeble. Has been quiet and passed a good night. On the whole better. Cont. omnia.
- " 9 Considerably improved to day in appearance, but still taciturn and depressed. Ref Mercab. Soda Zij Infus. Gentiana C. et aqua an Ziij ~~the~~ Sumat Zij bis quotidie.
- " 10 Still taciturn and depressed. cannot be engaged in anything. Cont. omnia.
- " 11 No change whatever. Cont. omnia.
- " 12 To day is very much excited. Face flushed. pulse 78 Tongue pretty clear and moist. Bowels have been moved. Scalp hot - Pupils slightly contracted. Abradatur Caputitionum effundatur aqua frigida capiti ter quotidie. Sumat pil. colocynth: & Calomel ij.
- " 13 Less excited today. Head has not been shaved as ordered (from some neglect) The order is repeated. Cont. omnia.
- " 17 Has become depressed and taciturn. Habits improved - will not answer questions Takes her food well. Appetite good. Bowels still constipated. cont. omnia.
- " 22 pulse 78 moderate. betrays no delusions but is inclined to be taciturn. answers questions relevantly. and has considerably improved since last report. Looks pale but not so sallow. Pupils slightly dilated. sleeps well. Appetite good Bowels still constipated. Sumat omni nocte. hnia Somni. pil. Alluatio. ij Cont alia.
- " 24 Still taciturn, looks thin and pale, but not sallow as formerly. Bowels inclined to be obstinate but kept regular by medicine. Tongue moist and pretty clear but inclined to be tremulous. pupils slightly dilated. sleeps pretty well. answers questions relevantly and betrays no delusions. Has begun to play on the piano which she does slowly, but correctly. Reads and appears to understand what she reads. Cont. omnia.
- " 27 Has improved considerably since last report - plays some hours daily upon the Piano still requires attention. C. omnia.
- " 31 Has become very much excited. Catamenia have not appeared since the 22nd April. pulse 84 small and feeble, bowels constipated. Sumat h. s. pil. Alluatio ij. C. alia.
- June 2nd Still very much excited. Bowels with difficulty kept open by medicine. quite incoherent and necessarily in the retired gallery. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Had two fatal pills with Croton oil yesterday. Catamenia appeared in the evening. Has been quieter since. Bowels have been moved. Is in bed to day. Quiescent Cont. omnia.
- " 10 Catamenia ceased yesterday. Has been up for two days. Habits improved. walks about and answers questions relevantly but unwillingly. wishes to have a Novel to read. To be indulged. Cont. omnia.
- " 15 Goes on well. still taciturn and depressed. sighs frequently. Reads a little answers questions civilly and relevantly but laconically. Habits correct. Cont. omnia.
- " 22 Has improved considerably since last report and has occupied herself in sewing and reading. much less depressed. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Tongue clear and moist. cont. omnia.
- " 29 Since last report has improved considerably. Joins the convalescent patients - Reads

send, plays on the Piano, and converses with them. Has written to her grandmother a
 very sensible letter. Mind quite free from all delusions, and she may be reckoned
 convalescent since the 22nd. Cont. omnia.
 July 14th Has had a letter from her Grandmother, and written one in reply well expressed.
 Becomes daily less depressed. Health improves. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.
 cont. omnia.
 " 8 Mind gains strength. Health improves, she is more cheerful, and quite rational.
 convalescence proceeds very favourably. Cont. omnia.
 " 10 Is now quite well in mind and body and may be dismissed as soon as her friends
 can make arrangements to remove her. Cont. omnia.
 " 20 Continues in good health. Recollects the state in which she was brought here. Says
 that when she thinks of her liability to a fresh attack she becomes melancholy.
 Is re-assured and told that by strict attention to diet and regimen, and avoiding
 excitement she may escape another attack. Cont. omnia.
 " 30 Continues well and is to leave in a few days.
 Length 4¹/₂

Arrangements having been made for her return home she is this day dismissed
Cured.

When parting with the Physician she expressed the gratitude she felt for the kind-
 ness shown her; and said that should she become ill again she hoped her friends
 would place her under his charge. Soon after her return home. Dr Arthur Forbes
 who had recommended her being sent here instead of to Doctor Cornay's house, where
 she had been on former occasions received a letter from this Patient's Grandmother,
 thanking him for recommending this Asylum, and stating how highly grateful the
 Patient was for the kindness shown her.
 This Patient continues well.
 November 5th

No 15. Catherine Veitch or Mrs. Thomson. Aged 57. Married. Domestic Servant. Admitted April 13th 1842
rate 21/—

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Melancholia -

3rd attack of six months duration.

Previous History - This patient was naturally a shrewd woman, but very ill-educated. In early life she was indulged and in fact was a spoiled child. She inherited a considerable sum of money and was good looking. In early life she married but has not had children. The disease is hereditary. Her brother Mr Thomas Deitch has been several times an inmate of this Asylum. About fifteen years ago she began to indulge in strong potations and becoming insane was sent to this Institution on 13th October 1830 where she continued till 21st April 1831 when she was dismissed cured. She remained well for a few years but gradually fell into her old habit of drinking and about two years was insane for two or three months, she was treated at home and recovered. After a short time she showed indications of a fresh attack and for the last eight months has been decidedly insane. The disease is marked by great depression - want of sleep - collapse - abstraction - disposition to wander - incessant craving for ardent spirits and the delusions, that she is ruined - that she has ruined her husband and her brother - that she will never recover &c. - Nothing has been done for her recovery.

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On admission was somewhat intoxicated, and caved incoherently. When spoken to would not answer. Passed herself about and did the reverse of everything which she was asked to do. Was put to bed. Ordinary diet and regimen.

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Agitated and depressed, declared there was no use in giving her any medicine as nothing would pass through her. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pulse 92 moderate.

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Believes that. She will never die. Is agitated and declares that nothing will do her any good. Has taken food - did not sleep last night. Tongue clean and moist. Pulse of moderate strength. R. Tinctura Cardamomi C. ʒj. Sinec. Opie qtt xxiiij fl. Aoust. h. Senni surrounded R. Tinct. Senni ʒj. Tinct. Jalap ʒj. M. fl. Aoustus cras mane sumend. Cont omnia.

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Believes she had no sleep last night, though she undoubtedly slept. Bowels have not yet been moved. Takes food. cont. omnia

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To day is up and answers questions relevantly. Is still somewhat agitated and depressed. Tongue a little white - Bowels have not been moved - Eaten food - The Physician has been informed that before coming here she had been restricted to 12 Glabals of Whiskey daily. She had frequently urged her Husband to commit Suicide, telling him there was no use in his living; that he would be teased by her all the days of his life - that it would be better as he had no one depending upon him, for him to hang himself at once. McClellan that she would put an end to herself, but it was of no use her trying, for were she to be cut in pieces she could not die. Had meditated coming to the asylum and had packed up clothes for her use, but afterwards changed her mind. *fermat-flatum. pil Colocynthis; c. Calomel ij. C. alia.*

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Still agitated, and inclined to keep her bed. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels have been moved. Answers questions relevantly, but declares she never will be better. Has taken food. Looks pretty well. Sumat. - *Christina Antispasmodic* 4/8 the quinine in dist. c. alie

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Legs agitated to day, Takes food - Is out of bed. Health improved. Cont. - ourina

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To day has had to be allowed to remain in bed and is permitted on her promising to get up tomorrow. pulse 72. Moderate. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. sleeps very well. - c.o.

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To day is up. Still depressed. Has taken food. Looks better. Refuses Indigestion medicine. Intermitt. mistura. C. alia.

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Has been up daily since last report till today. Looks well. Bowels regular. Tongue clean and moist. Pulse 72 feeble. Takes food; has betrayed no delirious till to-day.

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when she asserted that she had neither taken food nor slept for weeks. somewhat agitated. Begs hard to be allowed to remain in bed to day and promises to get up tomorrow. Quiescent.

April 26th Has been up yesterday and today. Still has the same fancies. Looks better. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Cont. omnia.

" 28 Continues to improve. much less depressed, does not broach her fancies. Bowels constipated. Sumat pil. Colocynth. & Calomel h. s. omnia. Cont. alia.

" 29 Bowels have not been moved. Sleeps and eats well. mind less under the influence of delusions than formerly. does not broach any delusions, yet it is evident that they are not yet eradicated. Sumat h. s. omnia. Cont. alia.

" 30 Bowels have not yet been moved. In all respects as yesterday. Rep. pil. Col. & Cal. h. s. Cont. alia.

May 1 Bowels have been moved but scantily. mind in the same state. Begs to be allowed to remain a few hours in bed and is permitted. Sumat h. s. omnia. Cont. alia.

" 4 Has gone on pretty well since last report. Still depressed. Bowels kept regular by medicine has several fancies of a hypochondriacal nature. Cont. omnia.

" 5 Was in bed yesterday but today is up. Is very anxious to be allowed to remain in bed mind as at last report. Bowels constipated. Sumat omnia nocte. h. s. pil. folid & alia. Cont. alia.

" 7 Has been up since last report. Health pretty good. mind depressed. but free from delusions. cannot be employed. Bowels inclined to be constipated. Sumat h. s. pil. Colocynth & Cal. Cont. alia.

" 8 In bed to day. Complaining of debility and full of hypochondriacal fancies. Health tolerably good. C. omnia.

" 9 Health improved. Has very few hypochondriacal fancies today. Cont. omnia.

" 10 Continues slowly to improve. still requires aperients. C. omnia.

" 11 Hypochondriacal fancies fade. moves about more and appears less depressed. C. omnia.

" 12 Still wishes to remain in bed, and is kept out of it only by locking the door. Health improved. Cont. omnia.

" 16 Has been up since last report. still depressed. Exhibits no delusions. cannot be employed. requires aperients almost daily. C. omnia.

" 19 Has been up daily since last report. Health improved, mind less depressed. moves about more daily. reads occasionally but cannot be employed in any other way. C. om.

" 22 Improves in all respects. exhibits no delusions. converses rationally. Is still however depressed. Bowels constipated. Sumat pil. Colocynth & Calomel i. ut ij. C. n. p. u. a. C. a.

" 27 Still a little depressed, but mind free from all delusions. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Appetite and sleep natural. pulse 70 small and feeble. cannot be employed in anything but reads occasionally. on the whole improves. C. om.

June 2nd Has improved since last report. looks better and is much less depressed. Bowels kept free by medicine. no delusions can be explicated. less inclined to lie in bed and walks about more. C. omnia.

" 10 Goes on well, Health improved. moves about much more than she did. Answers questions pleasantly and seems free from all delusions but is depressed and cannot be engaged in anything. C. omnia.

" 17 On the whole appears better, but is still depressed and disinclined to do anything. No perceptible delusions. Health pretty good, requires occasionally mild aperients. Cont. omnia.

" 24 Continues nearly the same as at last report. Cont. omnia.

" 30 Health good. continues depressed and listless. no perceptible delusions. C. om.

July 8th Still continues depressed. Health pretty good. no perceptible delusions. cannot be amused or occupied in any way. C. omnia.

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- July 14th 1842 To day was seized with a fainting fit on getting up. On being put to bed and pans of hot water being placed around her, she revived. At 10 A.M. she became very much agitated crying out that she was dying and that she was a beast - that she was not a human being and that medicines could do her no good. p. 60 small and feeble. Tongue white. She had 3 of Comp. t. of Cardamoms given to her and she became better. About half past eleven she became worse again. pulse could not be felt. soon after she passed a few scybala with mucus - Her bowels had been regular for some time. A large injection was thrown up which brought away nothing but some mucus. she became quieter afterwards. pulse in the evening 66. small and feeble. Tongue clean. took very little food all day. Quiescent. -
- " 15th Was slept a little last night. Bowels have not been moved. Has taken no breakfast but a little tea. p. 70 small and feeble. Looks better. Is quiet and composed. Summit-pil. alluvia ij h.s.
- " 16th To day is much better has slept well last night & has taken some breakfast this morning. Bowels have been moved. pulse 66 moderate. Quiescent.
- " 31st Since last report this patient's health has improved. She requires occasionally aperient medicines. She eats sparingly, sleeps pretty well, cannot be engaged in any occupation whatever, and is very depressed. She is however free from all delusions. C. omnino.
- Aug^t 31st During the past month this patient has improved very little, she is still depressed but scarcely so much so as formerly. Her health is better. She cannot be induced to do anything and would lie in bed if allowed. She has exhibited no delusions - Her husband has seen her but could not console her. cont. omnino.
- Sept. 28th Since last report very little change has occurred. She generally occupies the same seat. Will not converse in so anything; sometimes appears distressed but generally calm and melancholy. Health tolerably good. Takes food pretty well. still requires aperients occasionally. cont. omnino.
- Oct. 15th On the whole has slowly improved since last report. Health better - looks more alert. Has not yet been employed. C. omnino.
- " 31st Continues slowly but steadily to improve. moves about more than she did, and seems interested in what is going on around her. Health better - still requires occasional doses of aperient medicine. C. omnino.
- Nov. 9th Has at last been induced to spin which she does very reluctantly. Has a fancy that her brother Mr Peitch - is a patient here and has been brought here on her account. On the whole however she improves. C.O.
- " 22nd Continues steadily to improve - now dresses herself neatly and mixes with the convalescent patients. Has only once mentioned the delusion last noticed. Health good. Cont. omnino.
- Dec^r 6th Has improved in all respects since last report. cont. omnino.
- " 18th Continues to improve - spins and mixes with the convalescent patients. Has had a letter given her to day from her brother (Mr Peitch) but has made no remarks on it. cont. omnino.
- " 31st Still very quiet and taciturn, sits in the front parlour and occasionally does a little spinning. Health good - went to the Christmas dancing party but did not mix with or converse with the other patients. A very doubtful case.
- 1843 Jan^y 31st Continues taciturn and quiet and never speaks unless when asked a question and even then she answers it in as short a manner as possible. Has done very little spinning lately. Health good. Cont. omnino.
- February 28th No improvement during last month. Has been idle during the whole of it, with the exception of three days when she did a little spinning and generally sits during the whole day before the fire doing nothing. Is very taciturn. General health good. Cont. omnino.
- March 31st No change whatever since last report.
- April 30th Still idle and listless and fond of lying in bed if permitted. Health good. Has been induced once or twice to walk in the airing ground lately with some of her fellow patients - but seems to weary for the time to go on.
- May 31st No change whatever during this month. Idle and taciturn. cont. omnino.
- June 9th Was today removed to Gt. travel.
- " 30th No improvement since her removal, continues idle and taciturn, sits all day in the same

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- 1843.
- July 15th Same chain and cannot be employed. Slips away to her bed whenever she can get an opportunity.
- " 31 Has been in bed both yesterday and today and complains of being ill, but it is rather owing to advice to lie in bed than to any positive indisposition that makes her complain. Pulse natural. Tongue clean to be got up. Lumbago, Colic, & Nausea; drowsy. Has several times complained of being ill since last report but on examination was found to be in her usual state of health. Is exceedingly lazy and indolent. The last few days however she has been employed knitting stockings.
- August 11 Was today visited by her brother Mr. Pitche at first would scarcely speak to him, "could scarcely believe it was him" he in fact could not be troubled with him and seemed not to know him. Said that she thought that he had been shut up in the old house all this time and that she had felt great sorrow on his account, and he left her impressed with the idea that the principal cause of her depression was anxiety about himself.
- " 31 No change since last report. continues knitting a little. keeps to the house refusing to walk out with the others. Health pretty good.
- September 30 Would weep and unhappy. Declares that she is miserable and must be so here and here a while. Is also afraid of being torn to pieces and fancied she has not slept for two years. Health feeble. Requires aperient medicines. Takes little food but enjoys the Wine &c which she is allowed.
- October 30 Has the same delusions as last reported with others some new and some old. Fancies that her brother and husband are both confined in the East house. Saw her husband last week. Tell terrified and could scarcely be induced to receive his visit. Said that she did not wish to see him or any of his friends here as she was so unlike the rest of the world and could never stand at the judgement seat with them since she could never die though torn in pieces. Contin: omnium.
- November 10 Since last report has been taking the alkaline better infusion regularly besides the Poter and occasionally wine. She has somewhat improved and appears less dejected. C.
- " 25 Has slowly improved and though still desponding talks more rationally and has had fewer fits of misery than for many months. Contin: omnium.
- December 10 Went on pretty well till today when she became very gloomy. Cries over her sins, her want of duty to her husband and her last condition. Tongue a little foul. Bowels constipated. Lumbago, Colic, & Nausea; drowsy at past hours of daylight. Saliva effervescent. Contin: Alia.
- " 11 Bowels have been freely moved and she is much better today. Lumbago, Colic, & Nausea; drowsy. Contin: omnium.
- " 26 Has been on the whole improving since last report. Her health is better and though she is still desponding, she adverts but seldom to her delusions and talks much more rationally. Contin: omnium.
- January 16 Last night was at the Ball given to the Ladies and though quiet seemed to enjoy it. On the whole is somewhat better. Contin: omnium.
- February 6 Since last report her health has very slowly improved but her mind is much in the same state. Contin: omnium.
- " 13 No change since last report. Health pretty good. Requires occasional doses of aperient medicines. Contin: omnium.
- " 19 Health pretty good. No mental change. Contin: omnium.
- " 27 No change whatever since last report. Requires aperient medicine. Still depressed and taciturn. Contin: omnium.
- March 8 Depressed and taciturn. Wishes always to be in bed. Seldom speaks. Says that she is unlike other human beings and will not be judged at the last day, but will be torn in pieces like a beast. Inclined to be filthy if not looked after. Unwilling to take food or do any work. Generally sits in one corner and avoids observation. Will not look into the Bible because she says she knows her own unworthiness. During divine service covers her

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N^o 16. Mary Wilson. At. 21. Single. Factory Girl. Admitted April 14th 1842. case 7/6.

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Mania. =1st attack of 15 months duration.

Previous History — But little information could be obtained respecting this patient. Concern about religion is said to be the cause of the attack, but it is more probable that this was but one of the effects of the disease. It is marked by paroxysms of violence and incoherent raving during which she has attempted to throw herself out of the window and has threatened to kill her sister with whom she resides. In her quieter moments she imagines that there are strangers in the house and that everyone intends to injure her. None of her relatives are said to have been insane. Nothing has been done for the recovery of the patient.

April 11th

On admission appeared stupid and bewildered, imagined she had come to London, and on being asked her opinion of the place, said she had not seen much of it, but expected to go through the town tomorrow. Pulse quick and small, tongue white and rather dry, papils rather contracted, scalp cool. Stomat. hor. comm. pit. fort. & d. crot. n.

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General health improved. mind more alert and active, has discovered from some of the Patients, that this place is not London but the Lunatic Asylum, knows not for what end she was brought here, has taken a great fancy for Mrs. M. Taggart, a fellow patient, and sticks constantly by her side, believing that she is Dr. Black, Minister of the Ransom parish. Is today engaged in the Laundry.

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Pulse 70, rather small, tongue pretty clean and moist, papils natural; appetite, sleep and bowels natural. mind considerably improved since admission; quiet and industrious working diligently in the Laundry every day.

May 3rd

This patient has been rather excited for the last two days, and has in consequence been prevented from going to the Laundry. Health good. answers questions pleasantly.

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Has been much more quiet and composed the last few days, and has again been permitted to join the Patients engaged in the work-room; is still however a little bewildered, but on the whole is improved since admission. Head. Capillit. affluat. aqua frigida: capiti ter quotidie.

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General health pretty good, has been rather depressed for some days past, and does not incline to do any work. takes her food pretty well. Stomat. omni nocte hor. comm. pit. fort. & d. crot. n. Nutrit. xii.

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Pulse 70 moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist. papils slightly dilated, has still a very dull and stupid appearance, occasionally becomes excited and leaps and claps her hands, does some work in the Laundry. cont. med.

June 4th

In most respects the same as at last report, sometimes idle at others very industrious, quiet for the most part, but occasionally subject to fits of excitement which last but for a short time. cont. med.

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Pulse 70. moderate strength. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Papils natural. Tells and taciturn, refuses to answer questions covers her face with her hands when addressed; no mental improvement.

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Continues dull and depressed, shuns all conversation. can with difficulty be persuaded to do the least work, and is excessively slow in all her movements. cont. pit.

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Pulse 82 moderate strength, Tongue pretty clean and moist, papils dilated, refuses to speak and when asked any questions, covers her face with her hands. Very much inclined to lounge in corner by herself; mind weak. To be watched.

July 4th

Health good. mind more active than it has been for some time past, works steadily in the Laundry. Appetite Sleep and bowels natural.

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Has been quiet and very industrious since last report, more disposed to speak and answer questions than formerly. Busily employed in the Laundry. general health good.

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Continues in all respects the same as when last reported; works steadily. bodily functions natural. cont.

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General health good, mind somewhat improved, very industrious & quiet. Bowels slow. 8j pit. Attract. xii. Nutrit. xii. Conchid. Pulse 70 rather small, tongue clean and moist, papils contracted, delirious continues, fancies that beasts are creeping in her head. Head. Capillit. applic. ovis: capiti. cont.

Septemb^r 8

This case has elongated for some time past, patient is remarkably dull and stupid scarcely comprehending what is said to her, inclined to lounge against the walls. sometimes does a little work in the Laundry.

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Mary Wilson

- October 20th Continues in much about the same state as at last report. mind very weak. bursts out into loud fits of laughter. Is at present engaged in the Laundry. Health good. Cont.
- November 28th Bodily health good, mind exceedingly weak - erotic in look and gestures; works industriously in the Laundry. Continuation omnia.
- December 26th No change whatever since last report. Continuation omnia.
- 1843 Jan^y 28th Continues in all respects the same as before. Mind exceedingly weak. manner childish in the extreme, looks very erotic and throws herself in the way of males whenever she has an opportunity. Works diligently in the Laundry. Health of body excellent. Contin: omnia.
- Feb^y 28th No change whatever since last report. Contin.
- March 27th General health good, mind in its usual weak and imbecile state. talks in the most silly manner possible; engaged at present in the Laundry.
- April 30th No change since last report; exhibits a great desire to be where there are any men at whom she looks in the most erotic manner. Works very industriously, but requires urging etc. Health good. Contin: omnia.
- May 14th Mind not in the least improved. For the last few days patient has been looking very pale and these reports that she frequently vomits her dinner up shortly after she has taken it. Habits filthy at night. Passes her urine in bed. R. Infus. Gualtharæ, Aqua t. a. 3j Mij Bicarbonate Soda ʒij M. Sigi Sumat Cyathum Vinosum bis in die.
- " 31st Health improved since last report, digestive organs much improved. Takes enormous quantities of food when she can procure it, picks up all the fragments of bread which happen to be dropped by others. In other respects remains the same as when formerly reported. Contin.
- June 8th Has this morning removed to the new Asylum at Gastonville. Health good.
- " 30th Since last report has been very industrious assisting the nurses and servants in cleaning the fallenies and rooms; mind in its usual weak state. Bodily health excellent. Continuation.
- July 27th Health good, mind in all respects the same as at former reports. is very industrious when once engaged in work, but frequently becomes lazy and refuses to do anything. Takes an enormous quantity of food and would eat until she burst herself if permitted. Contin:
- Augst 22nd No change whatever, mind in its usual weak state; engaged in the Laundry at present.
- " 24th Last night became sick and was seized with a fit of vomiting, this morning she is very feverish pulse 120 full and compressible, tongue moist at edges and loaded, dry at the center. considerable thirst and some pain in the epigastric region. Skin hot & dry. Irritability of Stomach continues R. Pulv: Camphor. ʒss X Pulv: Opii ʒi i ʒss ft. Pulv: Stomach Sumens: A. report: post horas quatuor se ʒss sit.
- " 30th Today is much relieved, perspired freely last night and had no return of the vomiting since the exhibition of the medicine. Skin moist, tongue moist, surface loaded with a yellow coating. Pulse more natural R. Sumat Stomach Pulv: Kali ʒss X C Calomel ʒss ʒss.
- September 1st Continues better and this morning is able to sit in her bed. febrile symptoms begin to abate. Tongue clean and moist. Contin.
- October 14th Since last report has been daily gaining strength and is now engaged as formerly in the Laundry. Mind in the same imbecile state as formerly. Contin: omnia.
- " 29th Has been rather filthy in her habits of late, refuses to bath as she formerly did, has a flabby and unhealthy aspect, skin of a yellowish tinge. Bowels disposed to be loose. Pulse natural. R. Sumat hanc Sumit Pil. Hydrag. E. Opio Huas.
- November 20th Has been more active and lively of late. Habits on the whole improved. no mental change.
- December 27th Since last report has been very industrious and actively employed almost every either at domestic work or in the Laundry. Habits correct in the meantime. Mind in the same silly state, and there is no prospect of its being any better. Continuation.
- Wills January 29th General health good. Mind as at last report. Continuation.
- February 26th No change in this case; very industrious at present and regularly employed at work in the Laundry

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- Summed at post horas iiij. Mist. Sequent. Rp. J. Sennæ ʒj J. Jalap. ʒj. Fast. Potass. et Soda ʒijij
Aqua ʒij. M. C. alia.
- April. 22nd. Bowels have been moved. has slept a few hours this morning. answers questions reluctantly but does not seem to know where she is. pulse 80 small and feeble. quantity of urine increased. C. omnia.
- " 24 Pulse 72 weak. slept for 10 hours last night. Is quite rational this morning. Thinks that it is three weeks since she was confined. Was attended by Dr. Ritchie and afterwards saw Dr. Pagan. Recollects seeing him yesterday. Wishes to see her son and husband when it can be done with safety. Knows that she has been very ill and delirious, and says that the whole appears like a dream. Is very much improved. Injunctive. enema. vesper. C. alia.
- " 25 Mind gains strength, and continues free from delusions. Bodily health also is improving. C. omnia.
- " 26 Appetite, bowels and sleep natural. Tongue clean and moist. Looks fatigued and pale. Is anxious to see her husband, but acquiesces in the propriety of his not coming till she can bear the interview better. cont. omnia.
- " 27 Some slight diarrhoea to day probably from taking stewed Rhubarb, as it has proceeded to no great extent nothing is prescribed. Mind improved. cont. omnia.
- " 28 Bowels free but no diarrhoea. Appetite and sleep natural. Pulse 72 fuller than it has been. Mind improves. C. omnia.
- " 29 Some little discharge from the uterus has appeared to day. Bowels natural. Appetite good. Sleeps well. complaints of thirst. mind gains strength. A broad binder with towels for compresses over the uterus is ordered to be applied immediately. C. omnia. alia.
- " 30 Discharge increased; some little hemorrhage towards this evening. On examination it was found that the broad roller had been improperly employed. It was properly applied by the physicians and a draught with Laudanum and Wine administered.
- May 1st No return of hemorrhage. discharge from vagina very trifling. pulse 78 full. Slept well last night. Bowels have been moved this morning. mind gains strength. C. omnia.
- " 2 Some discharge though of a pale colour still continues. mind rational, health slowly improving.
- " 3 Discharge has increased during the night, and is more profuse this morning. The bandage has been tightened. mind rational. Sumat Tinct. Kino ʒj 2nd ʒij quaque hora. C. alia.
- " 4 Had a slight diarrhoea today, which by evening was checked. Somewhat restless. Mind rational. Rp. Tinct. Camphor. J. Hyocyan. a ʒj liq. L. Capivi ʒij. Dec. J. h. l.
- " 5 Discharge from uterus still continues slept pretty well last night. Bowels regular. Mind rational. Rp. Tinct. Kino ʒiij. Tinct. Opii ʒss. M. ʒj 3rd ʒij quaque hora. C. alia.
- " 6 Discharge very trifling. Bowels regular. gains strength. Mind rational. cont. omnia.
- " 7 Discharge has ceased. Sleeps and eats well. Bowels regular. Complaints of pain in the left iliac region. Sumat haustus diutius hodie prescript. C. alia.
- " 8 Has gone on well. slept well. pain gone. no return of discharge. Mind rational. This patient appears to have been spoiled and pampered, and requires a great deal of attendance. C. omnia.
- " 9 Upon the whole improves. Bowels regular. Strength increases. Mind rational. cont. omnia.
- " 10 Was a great deal of trouble to the nurse - would be stuffing herself with biscuits, fruit, animal jelly or other matters of a similar description almost incessantly. Will give herself no trouble - will neither read letters to reading, nor sew. Will not permit the nurse to do anything. Has been up a little but complains of weakness. Mind rational. C. omnia.
- " 11 Saw her husband and declared her intention of remaining here till the bustle of removal be over. Cannot be engaged in anything but gossip. Bowels regular. Appetite good. Sleeps well; has sat up most of the day. Mind quite rational - Health improved and she daily gains strength. C. omnia.
- " 12 Was very much annoyed to day by her husband not sending her a fresh supply of Jelly, was told that it was coming, and that he was looking out for a country residence for her. was very angry at this and declared her determination not to leave this till she was quite stout and able to attend to her family, and that she would go home for some time as there was time enough during the summer to take a jaunt. Inquires anxiously about her family. On the whole improves. C. omnia.

- May 13th 1842. Does on well in all respects. Health improves, and mind is rational and gains strength. Commence.
- " 14. Cannot take meat, but instead consumes four eggs, three glasses of Wine. & pint of Beef tea. Arrow-
root, and calf-foot jelly. Daily. Continues to improve. C. omnia.
- " 15. Complains to-day of Dysuria. In other respects the same as at last report. Rf. Sp. Rth. Nitro et
Tinct. Opii Camph. 2a 3j. R. L. Cassia 3oj. 4℥. S. Statim.
- " 16. Dysuria gone. Stools regular. pulse 78 full. gets up a little daily but is very lazy. Gains a
great deal of trouble to the nurse, and is in all respects a spoiled, vulgar woman. C. omnia.
- " 18. Is willing now to be removed in ten days when her house is in order. mind quite rational. health
pretty good; and she might be up the whole day when she not inclined to lozings. C. omnia.
- " 19. Had an attack of Diarrhoea trepidosa to-day, which speedily yielded to appropriate remedies.
She has seen her husband frequently of late, and he always brings her sweet-meats and other indigestible
matters. C. omnia.
- " 20. Complained to-day of pain in left inguinal region. On examination the part was found to be hard to
the extent of three inches in one direction and two in another. On enquiring it appears that this was the
seat of old peritonitis inflammation. A mustard plaster has been applied and the pain is removed.
Mind continues rational. C. omnia.
- " 21. Has had another attack of Diarrhoea to-day which has been very severe. Stools dark coloured
and very offensive. Stomat. pulv. Dover gr. X. Hydrarg. c. Creta gr. viij. 4℥. S. Statim.
- " 22. Diarrhoea was checked yesterday and during the night. This morning however it recurred. Late left
which is so much the better. cannot be persuaded to obtain altogether for half a day; and when
nothing is given her she puts herself so much that she suffers from it. To satisfy her, small quantities
of animal Jelly and Rice are given her from time to time. Stomat statim. Haustus sequent.
Rf. Tinc. Opii. gr. x. Tinct. Rhei 5iv. Aqua Cassia 3p. 4℥.
- " 24. No Diarrhoea yesterday. Today it has recurred, but has been partially checked by the usual
means. As removal to the country or at least to a more freely ventilated shade would be advantageous
to her, her husband has been informed of this and arrangements are making for her departure.
Cont. omnia.
- " 28. Since last report the Diarrhoea has recurred several times but has always been checked. Today she
has none. Being quite rational, though her health is feeble, she is this day dismissed.

Cured.

No. 18. Primrose Gillespie or Mrs. Alexander. Aet. 61. M. Dom. Occup^{ed} Admitted April 26th 1842 r. 15/-

1209

Mania =1st attack of 3 months' duration.

Previous History. — This patient is a good tempered, active, but ill-educated woman, was married 35 years ago to a ship-master by whom she had six children. For several years past she has been intemperate in her habits and a fortnight before the present attack fell down stairs and burst her head severely. A day or two afterwards she set fire to her clothes and was dreadfully burnt about the neck and shoulders. She was taken to the Infirmary for a day or two, and then sent home when she became insane. She exhibits great avarice, visits all her neighbours houses in quest of property which she says belongs to her; and is inclined to ramble about the country. She sleeps little and is either very excited or very abstracted. She forgets what she has been doing or saying. She takes but little food. The burn has not yet been healed. She has not been subject to treatment for insanity.

No. 19. Elizabeth Paterson or Mrs Donaldson. Aet. 37. Wid. Vm. Dec^r. Admitted May 5th

1210

Mania -3rd attack of 3 weeks duration.

Previous History. - This is a hereditary case. Her brother was long confined as a melancholic patient. She has always been passionate, covetous, envious and suspicious. Her education was neglected and she too much indulged. She as well as the other members of the family had a mixture of the nervous and bilious temperaments. About 17 years ago she had an attack of Melancholia lasting for two months for which she was treated at home, and from which she recovered. After that she married had a family and became a widow. She then became very troublesome to her brother, thwarting their intentions in every way. About the beginning of June 1840 she was much depressed on account of the death of a son. On the 15th of that month she became insane and on the 28th of July was brought to this Asylum labouring under Melancholia with bursts of excitement. She remained with us till the 30th of September of the same year when she was dismissed cured. (vide Case Book Females vol. p. 73-74) On leaving this she returned to the country where she conducted herself very well for some months, till she formed a connection with a married man, the father of a family who had been on bad terms with his. The fruit of this intimacy was a child born about six months ago. She endeavoured to persuade her paramour to elope with her and leave his wife and children offering at the same time to abandon her own family. Among other reasons which she gave for this was that it was wrong and indeed sinful for him to continue with his wife when he ceased to love her; that this in the sight of God was the only marriage and every thing else was adultery. In the mean time a reconciliation took place between her seducer and his wife, and he ceased to visit her. She just refused to contribute anything towards the support of the child asserting that it was not his. - She became depressed and flock with remorse and about three weeks ago Insanity supervened. She wandered from place to place, talked of committing suicide - and when opposed became violent. At present she professes to be very religious, but will not acknowledge that she had done anything wrong. She has not been treated for the present attack.

May 5th 1842

On admission was somewhat agitated and depressed. Complains of the tenuity of her breasts - has much annoyance at being placed in the low gallery and insisted on being sent to S. M. where she had been before. Health pretty good. Seemed to have no delusions except that she was incapable of doing any good. Mind weak and irritable. Attempt to murder - fangs and grocer ordinary diet.

" 6

Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils natural. Slept well last night and is today walking up and down the gallery, complains much of having been put in C. D. gallery, as she understood when she came to the Asylum that she was to be placed under the care of Mrs McSham, one of the Nurses in S. M. declares that instead of getting better in this place she will get worse. In the patients themselves are sufficient to drive any one mad; - It is quite evident that the cure of this patient will be retarded by her remaining in C. D. gallery.

" 9

Has gone on pretty well since last report but is very discontented and unsettled in mind, beseeches the clinical assistant to allow her to go to the S. M. gallery, as she thinks she should be happy there. Has been annoyed for the last few days by lancinating pains in the Mammary arising probably from irritation caused by the presence of milk. Appetite and sleep natural. Bowels rather slow.

" 17

Sumat quotidie. Pulo. Salap comp. 3j. pil. attenuat. ij. Omani root. hors. tomia. trille. xii. Bodily health pretty good. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils natural. Was last night very restless and did not sleep; and today looks paler than usual. Crisis incessantly about her children - wishes herself dead and out of pain at once; is under the impression that her brother put her here, by way of punishing her for the late misfortune that befel her. Maintains that she is quite sound in mind and not a fit person for a Mad-house. Cont. Med.

" 23

A brother of this patient, who visited the Asylum yesterday, on being made aware of her unhappy state from the circumstance of her having been compelled to associate with patients of the lowest order, and seeing the propriety of her mingling with society similar to that she had been accustomed to, at once request to pay the additional rate of board, and the patient was accordingly removed to the

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May 29th

15th Gallery. General health good. Appetite Sleep and bowels natural. This Patient after her removal to L. M. Gallery - for a day or two appeared happier; but peevishness which seems to be the most prominent feature in her character, soon rendered her miserable, and she is now as anxious to get back to her old quarters as she was to get out of them. Tongue clean and moist, slightly tumid. Pupils dilated. Appetite Sleep and bowels natural.

June 8th

Health pretty good. Delusions still continue; this is rather a suspicious patient, as she has the power of concealing her delusions. To be watched. Bodily functions natural. Does a little work in the Laundry.

" 12

Has gone on pretty well since last report. complains incessantly about trifles, but does a good deal of needle work. Mind weak and discontented. Cont. omnia.

" 16

Yesterday became restless and endeavored to conceal herself when in the Gallery. Yesterday afternoon was considerably excited and endeavored to make her way through the window of the work room which is in the roof. To day continued excited and out of humour, and attempted to throw herself out of L. M. Window, by squeezing her legs out - her pelvis however would not pass through the aperture. She was then placed in seclusion and attempted to injure herself by knocking her head against the wall, squeezing her throat &c. On being visited by the Physician, declared that he alone was to blame for causing her to be brought here, and shutting her up from all her friends. Said that unless she was bound down in her bed, she would kill herself, and that if he wished her to remain alive, he would bind her. being told sternly that she knew well what she was doing, and talked in that strain only for the purpose of exciting a sensation - that she knew that no such means were had recourse to in this house, and that she could and should be controlled otherwise, she broke out into a torrent of abuse. A nurse was left with her and an ounce of the solution of Tartar Emetic was administered to her. She soon became quiet, ejected a little but did not vomit - lay down and fell asleep. before the medicine was administered her pulse was 96 hard; her pupils contracted. General.

" 17

To day is pretty quiet but still looks excitable. bowels have been moved freely once. p. 84 soft - pupils not.

" 18

Bowels unmoved. has been more excited this morning & torn her clothes. pulse 84 full. t. white. S. d. pit fat & bl. lastly

" 19

Bowels have been freely moved & is quieter but looks excitable. pupils slightly dilated. p. 80 mod. scalp cool. Is very anxious to be freed from seclusion but is not yet in such a state as to warrant any change being made. C. omnia.

" 20

Is calm and rational though weak minded to day. Expresses her regret for what has occurred. pulse 78. Slept well. Bowels regular. Tongue clean and moist. - Is now freed from seclusion. Cont. alia.

" 23

Has gone on pretty well since last report, but has not engaged in any work. Catamenia have not appeared since admission health otherwise good. Mind weak. C. omnia.

" 30

In all respects the same as at last report. Has not yet done any work. C. omnia.

July 5th

Catamenia have not yet appeared. Pulse 73 small and feeble. Pupils dilated. Tongue clean and moist. Has been working since last report. complains of being kept here unreasonably. Mind weak and excitable. S. pit. Duod. & Ferro. bis quotidie. C. alia.

" 10

No change since last report. has been sewing pretty industriously. still peevish. Mind weak and excitable. Cont. omnia.

" 16

Looks better and is less peevish. continues to work with her needle. On the whole is improved somewhat since last report. C. omnia.

" 21

Continues to improve slowly; is more cheerful. Mind gains strength and she betrays no delusions & is industrious with her needle. Cont. omnia.

" 24

Catamenia have not yet appeared. Is now so far improved as to be looked upon as convalescent. Cont. omnia.

" 31

Catamenia appeared on the 27th and disappeared yesterday. Continues cheerful and industrious. Health improved. On the whole convalescence proceeds favorably. Cont. omnia.

Aug 8

Convalescence proceeds in all respects favorably. Cont. omnia.

Augt 18th

Has improved in all respects since last report. Convalescence proceeds favorably and she may be dismissed in a month from this date.

" 24

Calamenia appeared on the 25th and terminated yesterday. Continues in all respects to improve. — Still uses the pills prescribed on the 5th of July. cont. Omnia.

Sep. 11th

Has gone on in a very satisfactory manner since last report. Health good. Mind cheerful and composed — and much improved in strength. cont. Omnia.

" 25

Calamenia appeared on the 20th and ceased yesterday. She is now as rational as she has been. From her natural disposition, unless well managed she will be troublesome and from her mind being by no means strong at first, little trifles will have a great influence over her. Her friends have been advised to try her at home. She is sensible of the folly of her former conduct and anxious to relieve her friends of the burthen of supporting her, by doing something for herself. Her brothers are willing to give her the means, but one of them is very harsh. He has been warned of the impropriety of acting harshly towards her arrangements are to be made forthwith for her removal. C. Omnia.

Octob 5th

Being this day in good bodily health and perfectly rational she is dismissed.

Cured.

N^o 20. Bethia Leck. Aet. 32. Single. Pursuits of a Lady. Admitted May 14th 1842. rate 2^d/

1211.

Mania = 1st Attack of 3 years duration.

Previous History = This is a hereditary case. Her Father, a dissenting Pledgeman was always eccentric and heavily dissipated. Her eldest sister was ~~mad~~ ^{insane} in this Asylum in 1829 (vide Female Case books Vol. ~~xxx~~ ¹⁸²³) and afterwards died insane. Her Brother James was an inmate of this Institution from 17th Decr 1839 till 2nd Feb^y last (vide Male Case Book vol 19 p. 4 Supplement) and is at present in the Crichton Institution, Dumfries. From her infancy she displayed a great desire to attract attention, spoke in most exaggerated language, coloured every statement she made, tore her clothes and said she had been attempted to be murdered, and frequently accused her brothers and sisters of having thrashed her unmercifully when they had never touched her. Again and again when thwarted she threatened to drown herself. As she grew up she exhibited the same propensity. Possessed of a good intellect which she cultivated with success, a good address and great plausibility, she amused herself with marvellous narrations, getting up plots and counter plots among her friends and relations and doing much mischief. Her whole life and conversation constituted an acted romance. In about some time she lived with her brothers but about five years ago quarrelled with them, and lived by herself sometimes in lodgings, at others with a family. She had always professed to be highly religious, but about three years ago her professions became of a higher character, while her desire of attracting attention considerably increased. She became more and more restless, frequently changed her lodgings - consulted various medical men for her health, went from place to place, and about eighteen months ago took up her residence in Edinburgh. There she consulted Dr. Alison and Dr. Hutchison and after dismissing them accused them of having behaved ill towards her, though in what way she would not condescend to state. By the advice of her law agent she went to board with Dr. Alken lecturer on Botany in Edinburgh, and after remaining some time suddenly quitted the house, and accused the Doctor of coming into her room between twelve and one during the night, in a state of intoxication and attempting to ravish her. She was exceedingly anxious to prosecute him but at last agreed for the sake of his wife to whom she owed she was much attached, to allow the matter to drop. She returned to Glasgow and pursued the same course of changing her lodgings, sending suddenly for medical men at all times of the day and night, screaming and tossing herself about. Finding that all this did not produce the impression she expected, she quarrelled with Dr. Burns and Mr. Allan Burns his son, declaring that the former had used her like a brute, and giving broad hints that he had acted indecently towards her. She continued her system of screaming and cooing and declared she was mad. She sent for Dr. John Cooper and begged him to send her to the Asylum; finding him averse to this, she repeatedly threatened to commit suicide, and shewed Laudanum, which she stated she had bought for the purpose. Dr. Cooper then requested Dr. Hutchison to visit her with him. After listening to her story he was of opinion that she was labouring under Moral Insanity, complicated with some degree of a form of instinctive insanity - Erotomania. and he advised Dr. Cooper never to see her alone. Her brother Mr. J. B. Leck was waited on by Dr. Cooper and Dr. Hutchison, but he refused to interfere. She next wished Dr. Hutchison to take her to the Asylum declaring that she would act towards him as a daughter. This he declined. She endeavoured to work upon his feelings by representing herself as a poor orphan girl left to struggle with a headstrong world - hinted that she had secret sorrows, the recital of which would melt a heart of stone; that she had no friend in whom she could confide and into whose sympathising ear she would pour the tale of her woes. When asked if she had no female friend she said No - Women are so insipid - They have no intellect - no soul - she preferred the society of men. - Finding that Dr. Hutchison would not remove her to the Asylum, she next begged him to undertake the management of her case in lodgings, and procure her a nurse. It was explained to her that from his holding the situation of Physician to the Asylum, he could not take charge of any patient out of the institution; she renewed her entreaties

to be taken to the Asylum. She afterwards wrote to Dr. Hutchinson and then called and offered him money which was declined from the conviction that she was insane. — About the beginning of the year Dr. Hutchinson again saw her in consultation with Mr. Allan Burns whom she had taken into favor after dismissing Dr. Cooper. She went on in the same way as before — Some weeks after Mr. Burns was dismissed and Dr. Cooper as well as many others as well as Mr. Galbraith the keeper of the private Asylum at Dalbeth called in. She again sent for Dr. Hutchinson and finding that he would not go unless called in by another medical man, wrote to Dr. Cooper requesting him to send for him. Dr. Cooper being engaged sent the note to Dr. Hutchinson who called on him and finding him from home, visited her taking one of his assistants — Dr. Campbell, with him. He found Mr. Galbraith with her. She conversed quite rationally & wished him to stay to tea. This he declined and took his leave Mr. Galbraith remaining with her. She became more and more troublesome and wrote in abusive strain to Dr. Cooper.

Dr. John McFarlane was then called in and attended her frequently. At last she acted in such an indecent manner, that Dr. McFarlane declined attending her longer and took his leave. She became very violent against him. She first accused him of paying his addresses to her and of promising her marriage and then of having taken improper liberties with her person, and ^{threatening} to marry her if she would hush the matter up. Last of all she accused him of committing rape on her. This last accusation she spread abroad among all her female relatives and it became a quick but well diffused piece of scandal in town. She then called frequently on Dr. McFarlane to demand justice and at last went one night with a knife for the purpose of stabbing him. She waited in hours in his study for him but he luckily did not come in. Next day she went to the Procurator Fiscal and lodged a charge of rape against Dr. McFarlane. Some doubts were entertained but her story was so coherent and plausible that it became necessary to attend to it. While inquiries were being made, Mrs. Lawrie her aunt called on the Procurator Fiscal and explained the whole circumstances to him. She persisted in her statements, threatened to destroy herself, and acted in such a way that it became necessary to isolate her. The necessary certificates and Warrant having been procured, Mr. Pritchard the senior medical assistant and two nurses went for her. When Mr. Pritchard explained his business, she went into his bedroom, locked the door, opened the window and screamed for assistance. She threatened to throw herself over, and so alarmed Mr. Lawrie, her uncle, and the people of the house — that they begged Mr. Pritchard to leave her. By determination and tact however Mr. P. succeeded in putting them aside and securing Miss Lock, who was speedily transported to the Asylum.

May 14th 1842.

On admission. pulse 100 small and sharp. Declared that she was now perfectly well except that she was agitated from being so hurriedly sent for. Said that when she sent for the Physicians on former occasions, she was agitated out of her mind, screaming and alarming the neighborhood; that she was now sound in mind and that she had entertained friends at tea who could prove that she was in her senses. Said that her friends had sent her here on account of Dr. McFarlane who had deceived her, that one story was told by one and another by another — that there was an eye over all and that the truth would come out sooner or later. That it would be seen whether Dr. McFarlane was right. When pressed about Dr. McFarlane, evaded all questions and said she wished to dismiss the subject from her mind, although the minute before she had introduced it herself. It is quite evident that she is under the delusion that Dr. McFarlane had been rude to her — had promised marriage and then jilted her. This is likely to be a troublesome case from the patient being able to simulate sanity for a considerable length of time. There is a strong predisposition to insanity and her acts for some years and more especially during the last 10 months have been indicative of insanity. — Was very anxious to see the Physicians alone; but from the nature of the case, this was refused, and it was explained that the regulations of the house were that the Physician should see the Ladies in the presence of the nurse or Matron. — To be carefully watched.

Complained that she had been ill all night. Action of heart strong. Pulse 96 full and throbbing

May - cont:

pupils rather dilated. Tongue clean and moist. complaints of pain in the Cardiac region - extending to left shoulder. Became very much agitated and clung to the Physician, seized his hand, kissed it repeatedly and hurriedly, and said that she was sure he would do her justice. Complaints of the way in which she had been used and threw reflections on the Physician for not giving notice that she was wanted. H. being explained that he did not know himself till the evening that she was coming, she appeared satisfied. Towards the end of visit declared that she would submit to anything; that God would give her strength to undergo the dreadful trials which awaited her in this house; that she would eat anything and do anything that she was desired. When asked what she would like, said that she never tasted animal food, wines, or anything heating, and that she generally lived very abstemiously - when pressed to say what she would like, said in direct contradiction to what she had asserted, that she generally took a chop or cutlet. Became highly hysterical and was left. J. Statum J. Cardiacum. C. 5 IV. J. Val. Anm. 3; Ag. L. C. H. ordinary diet and regimen. — Despire. pulse 78 soft. feels much better; says that she will be quiet and composed for the short time she is to be here. Informed the Matron that she had a great affection for Dr. McFarlane and never could think of any other man. That he had deceived her unintentionally, perhaps - but that he carried his friendship far beyond the bounds of Friendship - to tenderness and Love - that she forgave him - that she was of the most forgiving disposition in the world, and that though in the first moment of her indignation at his conduct, she spoke her mind freely with regard to his conduct, she now regrets this, both because he has a most kind, affectionate and charitable heart - and because she loves him. C. omnia.

- " 17 Has gone on much in the same way since last report Catamenia appeared on the sixteenth and still continues. Delusions as formerly. Cont. omnia.
- " 22 No change whatever since last report except that Catamenia ceased yesterday. Has told the Matron that she will suddenly jump up seize the Physician round the neck and kiss him for all so cautious as he is, and his never seeing her except in the presence of the Nurse or Matron - that she will do this before them - or the other patients, and afterwards tell Mrs. Hutchinson and others that the Physician kissed her. Cont. omnia.
- " 31 Since last report has occupied herself in reading and occasionally sewing a little. Has told Miss Vessey the Matron and Miss Lamont her Assistant that she is sure she is with child, and that the Physician is the father of it - that she must be seven-months gone with child for it was just about seven-months since that Dr. Couper brought Dr. Hutchinson to see her. When checked for talking in such a strain, she laughs and says she will say more about it yet.

June 1st Had an hysterical attack this afternoon but was soon well after taking a little of the ammoniacated tincture of Valerian - In other respects - no change - Cont. omnia -

- " 10 Has gone on much in the same way since last report. Health good. Talks a great deal and always with a desire to attract attention. Still persists in the truth of her story respecting Dr. McFarlane.
- " 16 Looks languid to day, but Catamenia are present. Is anxious to see her uncle or her agent. C. omnia.
- " 22 Catamenia ceased yesterday. Talks as much as usual, and complains loudly of the injuries she has sustained and the misfortunes she has endured. Health good. Cont. omnia -
- " 25 Has affected last night and this morning to be very ill, and attempted one or two hysterical fits this morning but performed her part very ill - at visit the Physician found her stretched full dressed with a languishing air on the top of her bed, and was urgently entreated by her to listen to the tale of her woes. The Matron being in the room she begged that she would sit near the door, as the observations which she had to make were for the Physicians ear alone - she then gave the following narrative in a slow and pompous manner, watching the effect of every word.
- "On the 7th of January Dr. McFarlane did that which if he had one particle of feeling or conscience he will for ever regret. Oh! Doctor, words cannot express what he has brought me to - I am not given to exaggeration, or to make false charges - I am simplicity itself - The breath of scandal never tarnished my fair fame - I am of the most forgiving disposition and never injured

"any one. I have had much to suffer as you know Doctor, on account of my connections
"my brother James you know was with you - My brother George has not acted like a brother to
"me - I am a poor orphan girl." [an attempt to force tears, then a sudden recovery of animation]
"But nothing that I ever endured was like this last trial. Dr. McFarlane - Oh! I forgive him -
"from the bottom of my heart I forgive him - He used to come to see me frequently - he came like
"a brother - He acted so kindly - you know I prefer the society of gentlemen to that of my own
"sex (I told you before, you remember when you called on me) women are I must say, though
"I have the misfortune to be one - I cannot help it - I must speak the truth - women
"are so insipid, they want something about them that the gentlemen have - they have no
"mind except for dress or scandal. I do detest scandal - I am always improved by gentlemen -
"I like their society - They always have something to say which is instructive - I like medical
"men best - and Clergymen - yes and Clergymen - My father was a clergyman - Well as I was
"saying Dr. McFarlane acted towards me as a brother - and then he paid me more searching atten-
"tion that could not be misunderstood. He gained my affections and I loved him - I was
"devoted to him - Oh! how I loved him - and I love him still - though he has been
"cruel - cruel to me. After everything had been arranged - he showed his affection for me and
"I for him showed mine - to act in the way he had done! I never would have believed it!"
Then she was asked by the Physician if Doctor McFarlane had ever proposed to marry her she said -
"He never proposed formally in so many words saying 'Will you marry me' - but he left nothing
"unsaid to lead me to understand that he would make me his partner - my mind was
"too confiding - too sensitive to require this - I saw his affection - he saw mine - and that
"is sufficient for honorable minds - Well as I was saying after this had been going on for some
"time - One day - it was the 7th of January - he called on me at my lodgings - Miss Patons
"between twelve and one - I received him lying on the sofa. He had conversed with me for some
"time, when he made an attempt on my person and injured me very much - so that I had to
"lie in my bed for a fortnight - I screamed out as loud as I could - he persisted - and I screamed
"still. The people did not come - they had been accustomed to my screaming and they thought it
"was nothing - I did not think from Dr. McFarlane's character that he would have acted so, and
"exposed me to the people of the house - They heard everything and knew what was going on,
"and spread it over the town - I was insulted by them in the house - by the very maid even.
"My friends told me that unless I cleared my character, I was ruined for ever - this is all truth -
"I can take my oath to it - I wished to keep it quiet for Dr. McFarlane's sake for I loved him -
"But he acted in such a way as to goad me to make it public - Allan Burns gave me Laudanum
"till I was delirious and he betrayed professional confidence by telling Dr. McFarlane what I said."
When asked whether, as she had been taking Laudanum, and was unwilling to hear her own account distorted
it might not be possible that all this was a delusion - she replied - "No - no - that is impossible -
"I am willing to forgive and forget, and if Dr. McFarlane will take his oath that it is not true -
"I will retract every word I have said - and make him a public apology. All I want is that
"he will give his oath - Or if that is not agreeable I will submit to a personal examination by you -
"Doctor, though most disagreeable to my feelings - I demand that my person be examined by you -
"and another medical man, and if you don't find the traces of the injury done me I will retract
"every word." Being told that even if it were true there could be no trace now at this distance of
"time she said - "Don't say that out of delicacy to my feelings - feelings! - I wonder I have any
"I have been so long accustomed to contumely and abuse. But Doctor - if you declare it to be all
"a delusion - I will retract and never speak again on the subject - I will give my bond or
"obligation - if my word will not be taken. You have all been kind to me here but I wish to be
"a free agent." It having been stated that it was most extraordinary that Dr. McFarlane should
be shocked on the sofa in the forenoon when he had seen her so often in bed in the evening, she said -
"Oh! I never had the least fear of seeing gentlemen in bed - Gentlemen have such delicacy and reserve -
"I admitted them at all times whether I was dressed or not - I have the simplicity and innocence

"of a child and Dr McFarlane took advantage of my unsuspecting confidence. - You seem to think
 that I am not telling the truth - Dr McFarlane knows that it is the truth. He acknowledged his fault
 and wished to continue his attentions to me, but I refused." She then declared that she had lost a
 large sum of money by being here - There was a law-suit about it - that her papers and money
 were in the hands of a man of business, and that nobody can get them but himself - besides it is
 useless now as the money is all lost. - In answer to questions, she said that Dr McFarlane had made
 two attempts on her on separate days and that he had succeeded so far as to injure her. And she
 suddenly declared that she never took medicine to procure abortion - that the servant was the
 first who spoke to her about Dr McFarlane, saying "The Lord forgive you for this morning's work." Under
 the influence of narcotics given her by Allan Burns, she went into Dr Wilsons in Lenfield Street, and
 sat down and talked wildly - that she took her fruit-knife and showed it - that she rushed out
 in desperation and called on Dr McFarlane - but did not see him - that she never would have gone
 to the fiscal, if it had not been necessary to lose her character. She then declared that she had never
 taken medicine to procure abortion - that she would not be guilty of such a thing - it was sinful.
 Dr McFarlane made the attempt twice - hurt her and injured her so much that she lay in bed
 for a fortnight - she declared this before God and his angels - She was able and did make great
 resistance. Is most anxious to be examined by the Physician or by any medical man, as she is
 sure that what she has declared will be proved by it. She has a great abhorrence of law and
 legal investigations but must have recourse to law if she does not receive her rights - She will have
 Allan Burns punished for breach of professional confidence and improper administration of Narcotics.
 She repeatedly urged the Physician to examine her person - She would make no resistance and
 hoped that he would not allow his regard for her feelings or any feeling of delicacy to prevent him
 doing what was right. Wishes to see Mr H. Duncan and Mr Mitchell. Has been injured in pecuniary
 matters - Her brothers have 100 £ p. annum which they keep from her - She has suffered this
 and done much for her family - She had a bond from her brother James for 25 £ p. annum
 - but she burnt it - She lent a thousand pounds - at least nine hundred to a writer which with
 interest is still due to her. The Writer is in Edinburgh. She will not mention his name as it
 is of no consequence. He will not acknowledge it, but says that it is a delusion and that she is
 mad - Her letters to Dr McFarlane will expose his conduct - he has behaved like a monster and
 a brute and exposed her to suicide - He has exposed her in every way - This Patent people
 raised the report about abortion. Asked the Physician if he remembered Sir John Conroy and Lady Flora
 Hastings and said that she resembled Lady Flora much in her misfortunes - First her character was
 destroyed and now when she sought justice she was confined and her health injured - Dr McFarlane
 had acknowledged that he had calumniated her - She now mentioned what Dr McFarlane had done
 to her sister, she was told by her female friends, that she must close her character for the sake of
 her male friends - Her female friends she could dispense with, but not her male friends. She does
 not care for female visitors only for male visitors. Dr McFarlane made two distinct attempts - did
 not succeed completely but only partially in effecting his purpose on both occasions and hurt her
 very much, he knows this is true and if he had not been conscious of guilt, he would not have
 taken the charge so hotly. - She hopes that now the physician has listened to her statement, he
 will see justice done her - that he will remember that he has got a wife and a daughter and
 feel for her - She thinks that the Physician will treat her as one of his children - He has a good
 heart and will not see a poor orphan girl abused and then confined in a madhouse. cont. omnia.
 Since last report has been quieter and not so anxious to talk about herself - Health good - con-
 - ploys herself in needlework - cont. omnia.

Has not obtained any of her papers for some days. Health good - Is cheerful and industrious. Enquiries of the Physician whether he has made up his mind to let her go - Profers her willingness
 to forgive Dr McFarlane, and to give a bond never to mention the subject again to any human
 being. Still languishing and affected in her manner. Profers to be calm and resigned. Talks volu-
 - bly to any one who will listen, and delivers long orations on some of the highest doctrines of Calvinism.

June 30th

July 8th
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July 25th

Has declared her intention of kissing the Physician when not on his guard. requires occasionally doses of opium.
Estherina appeared on the 21st and ceased to day. During their presence she has been depressed and occasionally exhibiting some hysterical symptoms. Has not been so talkative. No other change. Cont. mnia.

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Augt 8th

No change since last report except that she is again more lively and talkative. Francis now still present. Has declared her dislike to the Physician, tho' she is polite to him at visit. c. om. On the whole has improved since last report. Is daily occupied with her needle. Though still affected in her manner, does not allude to her former life. Praises her own excellence, particularly her intellect and high moral and religious principles. cont. mnia.
Within the last three weeks has written several letters to her Uncle Mr. James Lawrence, her agent Mr. Mitchell &c. They are all in the same strain of exaggregation, and it is not worth while copying them all. One of them is preserved here.

To James Lawrence Esq. 8. Carlton Place.

"My dear Uncle"

"I have particularly to request that you will call for me immediately as I have now been here for ten weeks and have not yet seen any of my friends. You are not aware of the injury you are doing me by your neglect. I have reason to be thankful to Almighty God for having overruled the unkindness of friends for my good, as I have not for years enjoyed better health or more perfect composure of mind. I feel fully satisfied that all that regards me has been permitted for my good by my best and greatest friend who amidst all my trials and afflictions never forsake me - and to God alone I leave my cause who has promised to be a father to the fatherless and the judge of the oppressed. It is good for me that I have been afflicted for before I was afflicted I went astray for now I love God's holy love better than all the vain pleasure of this uncertain world. In closing this letter I cannot but appeal to your feelings as a father and a professed Christian. Now will you answer at the judgement seat of God for your present neglect in not coming to see me. In my trying situation and in having while I was lately assailed by the fangs of slander neglected to shew me that attention and protection which my distressed situation required now to come forward and complete my ruin if possible by going with those who for months past endeavored to get me brought here." - "your affectionate"

(signed)

"Bethia Leach."

" 13

Tells the Physician to see Dr. M. Farlane and assure him that she will leave the country. c. o. Keeps pretty quiet. Has however written a letter on the 10th which shows that she still entertains the same absurd views. - "G. Bowman Leach Esq. - Writer - Mile Street."

"Dear George,

"I feel very much surprised that none of my friends have called for me before this time as Dr. Hutcheson has no objections to my seeing any of them. I hope either my Uncle, David or you will make a point of seeing me tomorrow. I am very sorry that on account of the present arrangement that the money which both my Uncle and Mr. Mitchell were anxious about, cannot now be recovered. I did what I could when last in Edinburgh to get possession of it, and matters were to have been decided on the 15th of May last. My papers are in the possession of the gentleman who has my money and who has all along acted most dishonourably. There is now no prospect of his giving them up or the money either. All that I have to depend on now is the money in the Western and Union Bank which I trust you will be able to lay out for my advantage. I am happy to state that I am enjoying good health and spirits and have got over all my little annoyances. Dr. Hutcheson and the Nation are very kind to me and do all they can to make me comfortable. I hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing you and trust that the many trials that we have met with may lead us in future to forget past and to shew to each other more kindness and forbearance - with kindest regards to all my friends

August 16th

"Believe me Your affectionate Sister"

"Wednesday"

(signed) "Bethia Leach"

Finding on conversation with the Physician that her former statement produced no effect, she professed her desire to bury in oblivion all that was past, and wrote him the following letter.

"W. Hutchinson."

"Dear Sir"

"I shall take it as a favor if you will request one of my friends to call for me as I am now very anxious to see them. I sincerely trust that you will do all in your power for me in my present trying situation and I most earnestly entreat you to lose no time in attending to the promise you made me. It is my wish that nothing further be done as regards the late unpleasant occurrence and I solemnly promise before God never again to allude to it, and am satisfied that this is the wish of all my friends, who from the very time they heard it, requested me for my own sake and theirs ^{never} to allude to the subject. I am quite willing to let what has occurred pass off as a mere impression and I am sure this is the wish of all my friends and as I shall most likely leave this country soon after leaving this Institution, there can be little cause to fear anything further being done on my part or on the part of my friends."

"I have also to state that I am extremely sorry for having so frequently alluded since I came here to what ought never even to have been named and trust that you will excuse me for doing so on account of the deep surprise the unfortunate occurrence made upon my mind. I have also particularly to request that should you hear anything in my conduct which you disapprove of to have the goodness to let me of it, as I am sorry to observe for the last few weeks a change in your manners towards me which I should be sorry that anything that I have said or done should have been the cause of offending you."

"Yours respectfully"

(signed) "Bethia Leach."

It is evident from this letter that though she is willing for the sake of liberation to come under any engagement to be silent on the subject of her supposed wrongs she still believes that she has been injured. She is therefore as mad as ever and there is no security that if discharged she will not again annoy either W. M. Foulane or some one else. She has been of late very attentive to the Matrons assistant Miss Lamont, trying to ingratiate herself with her in every possible way. The object of this was not apparent at first, but she has lately endeavored to persuade her to take letters out for her. This having been refused she has begun gradually to withdraw herself from her society. Health good. Contr. venia.

Has been very sulky and unsettled both yesterday and today. Has written two letters, one to Mr. Sheriff Nelson, the other to the Physician - Copies are subjoined - "Mr. Nelson - Sheriff Chambers" "Glasgow - August 18"

"I take the liberty of requesting that you will do me the favor of calling for me at this Asylum as the treatment I am receiving from Dr. Hutchinson is sufficient to drive me distracted. You are aware that on a former occasion means were obliged to be adopted to remove my brother from this establishment, who also suffered from improper treatment - who is now since his removals completely restored to health."

"I am - yours respectfully"

(signed) "Bethia Leach"

"W. Hutchinson. Sir"

"I request that you will lose no time in forwarding my letter to Mr. Nelson - The former matters are quietly settled the letter as means will be taken that will not be agreeable for either you or the patient concerned in the present very disgraceful transactions measures would have adopted before this, had not my friends wished to avoid the unpleasant circumstances again before the Public"

"I am - yours respectfully"

(signed) "Bethia Leach"

- From these letters it is evident that she is both under delusion and malicious. She is perfectly aware that her brother is ill, being in the Crickton Institution and from her letter to the Physician it appears that she still persists in believing that she has been injured, and that her friends are of the same opinion. To day she is very sally and will not speak except in monosyllables, looks pale and excitable. Does a little needlework, spends a good deal of her time reclining on the sofa. Works occasionally with an indolent patient - Miss Young, to whom she has taken a fancy - in all probability to avail herself of her or her mother's (Mrs. Tennant) assistance to forward some of her plans. c. o.
- August 25th Colamencia appeared on the 20th and still continues. She has been very languid and hysterical and required occasional doses of wine and cordials. No mental change except that she is more pensive. Still does a little needlework - cont: omnia.
- " 30 Colamencia ceased on the 27th since then she has been more cheerful - is indefatigable in her attentions to Miss Young. Does a little needlework. Spends a good deal of her time reclining. Daily teases the Physician to do her justice. On the 27th was threatened with Syncope which soon went off. This morning complained loudly of having been frightened by a female patient of the lower ranks whom she had met - she says last night in the grounds about 7 or 8 o'clock and who she states had ran at her. On enquiry it appears that she told the same story two or three days ago, and that last night she did not mention the circumstance a complaint of being ill, though this morning she asserts that she was not able to speak last night and has been ill ever since - Today she is very much excited and her delusions are as strong as ever. Says that Dr. McFarlane has been very severely handled by the Fiscal for which she is very sorry as she has a very great regard for him and loves him still. Avers that she has communicated with friends unknown to any of the Officers and that she has received answers - that we have discovered it but must wait to discover the Channel of Communication - that it is none of the servants - The Physician has seen one letter dated 16th of August - this was the day that Miss French left the Asylum and it is probable that she took it out - says that the Ladies are very ill-used here - that the Gentlemen are well attended, amused and treated as they ought to be, but that the Physicians and his Assistants never sit down and converse with the Ladies or amuse them in any way, probably because they are afraid of them. Sp. Sp. Ammon. from 9th XXX. J. Candam & Ag. Cassin & Sp. H. Station turned. & Shie. Has gone on pretty well for the last two days. Today at visit is very sally, answers with ill nature and threatens to prosecute the Physician for detaining her. Continues her attentions to Miss Young. c. omnia.
- " 8 Continues to decline a great part of the day. Talks about with Miss Young and laughs immoderately with her. Tells the Matron that they have a secret between them. Abuses the Physician when absent to the Matron and Patients - says that he is a cruel hardhearted hypocrite - that she once thought him a kind, benevolent and religious man, but has found out that all this was assumed for the purpose of deceiving her. Asserts that her friends have been to the Sheriff and that the Physician and Dr. McFarlane will be severely punished. Acute good, though she complains of languor and weakness. It is highly probable that this patient is addicted to masturbation - To be closely watched. c. omnia.
- " 13 In some days has not spoken to Physician at visit. Today told the Matron that he was a Demon and that she would at some see old Nick as she him. Still engaged in needle work. requires spirits occasionally. c. omnia.
- " 19 No change since last report except that to day the Colamencia have appeared and she is as usual listless and hysterical.
- " 24 Colamencia still continues betrays no delusions to the Physician with whom she will talk a little now. Mr. S. B. Luch called to day to inform the Physician that she had got a letter and this is probably the letter formerly alluded to. c. omnia.
- " 26 The Physician today received a letter from Chief addressed to Miss Luch and signed by A. P. Ellis. From this it appears that the writer had received two letters from Miss Luch - that on the receipt of the first the writer had sent a communication to the Sheriff (Mr. Alison) and that on the same day on which the letter was written (2nd inst.) another communication had been sent to

Mr. Alison - It is highly probable that Mrs Tennant (Miss Young's Mother) had received these letters as well as the one formerly mentioned, and foolishly despatched them. This will account for Miss Leech's attention to Miss Young, who is a perfect imbecile and could offer no other attraction except facility of smuggling letters out of the Asylum. Mrs Tennant, to be questioned and warned.

Catamenia ceased yesterday. In this Patient the Catamenia have always been profuse and of long duration. C. omnia.

To day has been highly excited, very insolent to the Matron and abusive to the Nurses. Engaged in Needle work. At visit quieter. cont. omnia.

To day was visited by the Sheriff who although he had no doubt of her Insanity, yet to prevent all future annoyances entered the following interlocutor

- "The Case of Miss Leech after full conversation with her by the Sheriff in presence of the Medical Inspector, being found peculiar, it was deemed advisable that the Medical Inspectors should re-examine her, and take the assistance of any medical man they might name and Mr Mitchell her Law adviser to whom she referred the Sheriff and make a full and special report upon her case, hearing her statements and considering the reports engrossed in the Sederunt Book of the Institution which the Sheriff has now heard read."

On being referred to, the Patient named first Dr McFarlane, but he being objected to she chose Dr James Brown.

Dr McWish, Dr McEwale and Dr James Brown had a long interview with her and entered in the Minute Book the following Report. "Glasgow Oct 1. 1842."

- "By request of Sheriff Alison we have this day between the hours of one and two visited Miss Leech in the Royal Lunatic Asylum and after an hour's careful examination find her insane. Given upon Soul and Conscience."

Signed

{ John McWish - Surgeon
John McEwale. M. D.
James Brown. M. D.

Was in high spirits after the interview. Bodily health good. Engaged in needlework. C. omnia. Continued pretty well on the subject of her delusions till last night when she spoke at great length both to her fellow patients and the Matron respecting Dr McFarlane for whom she declared unalterable Love. repeated the story of her supposed wrongs, said that she was soon going away. Engaged in Needle-work. cont. omnia.

Yesterday was as absurd as ever the delusions being the same as those already noted, it is unnecessary to repeat them here. To day she is quiet and has been informed of the report of the medical men.

It appears that she has again sent out a packet of letters and it being impossible to prevent her from exposing herself and annoying her friends, as long as she is allowed to mix with any patients, she is sent to the retired gallery which has been fitted up in a comfortable style for her - She is supplied with books and needlework and allowed to walk out for an hour or two in the Garden in company with a Nurse who has instructions to allow her to communicate with no-one, and to observe her closely. She is deprived of writing materials. C. omnia. Highly excited to day in her looks and gestures. In the evening noisy screaming and hysterical exceedingly troublesome. Quiescent.

Catamenia have appeared to day and she is quieter. does not allude to any of her friends. Engaged in reading and sewing.

Catamenia still continue. Has been quiet since last report but to day is hysterical. Hp. Trist. Valerianum Sim. J. Pradamorum. C. 5 to 3j. Rq. Cassia ʒvi ʒss Sumat. Statina. C. Alia.

Catamenia ceased yesterday. To day is in bed, agitated and complaining of Headache. p. 84 Tongue dry and foul. Sculp. hot bowels constipated. complaining of the way in which the world and especially Dr McFarlane has used her. Sumat. h. S. pil. Colicynth. Cal. ʒj Appropiat. Capiti.

Oct 18th Contin^d

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Letter ag. ch. secto. med. fact. C. omnia alia.

On the whole better but still excited. Has been permitted to remain in her room. The Patient Miss Young formerly attended to having told her that she was going home, was asked by her to take out a packet of letters answers to which were to be addressed to Miss Young who would convey them by splitting up a sponge cake and enclosing them one by one and sending her a succession of cakes. She would make some fancy toy which should conceal any letters (which should conceal any letters) which she wished Miss Young to get or despatched. To be sent to sister gallery and keep there according to the directions given on the tenth instant. C. omnia.

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Is now in her usual state and is engaged in reading and sewing. Very anxious to have conversations with the Medical Officers who however for obvious reasons see her only when necessary. Requires occasionally spirit medicine. Sp. fort. allentia xij. Sumat. ij. pro. re. stat. C. alia.

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Novemb. 4th

Complains of being nervous and wishes for a little can de cologne with which she is indulged. C. alia. Has gone on quietly since last report. Today complains of acidity in stomach for which some Soda powder are prescribed. C. omnia.

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Acidity relieved. Complains of flatulence. Sp. confort. aromato. ʒj. Sumat. Cardamom. Comp. ʒij. aqua Carix ʒvi. Sumat. ʒi. bid. quater. C. alia.

" 8

Catamenia appeared yesterday - profusely as usual. Employed in reading and sewing. very anxious to expatriate on her friends. Quiescent.

" 12

Catamenia still continue. Delusions respecting Dr. McFarlane as vivid as ever. C. omnia.

" 14

Catamenia disappeared yesterday and she is now in her usual state. Reads, sews and walks about as usual.

" 21

No change whatever since last report. Looks at times critically, assumes a languishing air and praises herself. C. omnia.

" 25

Decemb. 1

To day hysterical and having respecting Dr. McFarlane. Quiescent. C. omnia.

Has told the Mother that as soon as she goes out she will publish her memoirs which she thinks will be as interesting as any that have yet appeared. She at present affects to be very amiable. Her delusions are as strong as ever, and on the whole there has been no palpable improvement in the case since it was admitted. Reads, sews and walks about. C. omnia.

" 10

Catamenia appeared on the 4th and terminated today. Health tolerably good and takes her usual exercise in the garden accompanied by the Nurse. Anxious to know if Dr. H. the Physician would permit her to see some of her friends. Persistent in her assertions about Dr. McFarlane but says she wishes to forget the whole matter. Reads and sews.

" 16

Very nervous and hysterical this morning and meeting Dr. Orr (one of the Clinical Assistants) in the Gallery, she retired to her room and declared that he produced such an impression upon her that she thought she should have fainted. Wishes her Uncle or Mr. Mitchell may be sent for as she wishes to lay her whole case before them. Quiescent.

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Yesterday whilst walking in the Gallery the Nurse observed that she dropped a paper which she had scribbled about some part of her dress; it proved to be a letter addressed to Mr. Geo. Gallie, Bookseller Buchanan Street and was written on several old pieces of waste paper with an ink made by herself out of toothpowder and water it contained a letter to Adam Ellis Esq. of Drummond Place. "Royal Argyle."

"Please to put the enclosed in an envelope and address to Adam Ellis Esq. of Drummond Place."

"Edinburgh and forward without delay by post. Let no one know that you have received this from me."

"I am very distressed and am not allowed to see my friends. I cannot even get a sheet of paper."

"to write to them and I am so cruelly treated that my health is sinking in consequence."

"Yours respectfully Bethia Luch."

"I entreat of you not to let any one know that I have sent you this as I shall suffer if it is known."

"Dear Sir"

"I again take the liberty of requesting that both you and your brother and Father will do what you can to get me removed from this Argyle, as I shall sink under the treatment I am receiving. I have not yet seen any of my friends and am so brutally treated that upon one occasion the blood spurted out of

Novemb. 31st

January 13th

my nose and chest, and now I write you, I have been constantly confined to a cold uncomfortable room by way of punishment for having done so. Mr Alison the Sheriff called and promised to do all in his power for me but owing to his being Dr McFarlane's legal adviser I have little to expect from him. He as I have good reason to expect encouraged my brother to commit injustice towards me and as he has now got my money in his hands, I have no doubt he will do what he can to detain me here, I am not allowed to see a single friend to make my intention to. The only thing can now be done for me is to request the Lord Advocate to delegate some one to visit me in this Asylum and ascertain the state of my mind, whether I ought to be sent here or not and I beg that you may suggest that yourself Mr Andrew Mitchell Dr Martin & Baxter place Edinburgh may be appointed to visit and converse with me. The cause of my being placed here is very generally known but as you may not have heard of the circumstance I take leave to acquaint you with it. As I am obliged to write these few lines by stealth as I am so closely watched for fear of my communicating with any of my friends. I trust you will excuse the present manner I have taken to write you on blank leaf of a book as I am not allowed a single sheet of paper. The minutest of my case is this that last winter I was in good deal annoyed and distressed from some family trials and had occasion to call in Dr McFarlane as my medical attendant when he in a most disgraceful manner made an assault upon my person in consequence of which I was confined to bed for some time and from the occurrence being heard by the family with whom I resided gave rise to a painful report regarding the state of my mind. I sent for several Medical Gentlemen who are all quite satisfied that what was stated regarding me is without foundation. Dr Farlane became alarmed that his conduct should reach the ears of the authorities who are obliged to punish a crime of so very disgraceful a nature and he went immediately to the Sheriff who advised him to get me pronounced insane so as I might not be able to appear as a witness. He and Dr Alison Burns encouraged me to take Laudanum and other intoxicating drugs that under the influence of them I wrote him several letters and went to his house with my fruit knife in my pocket for which cause he has placed me here. Before coming here I wrote to the prosecutor Medical stating his conduct and as soon as he was informed that Dr Salmon knew of it he pressed my friends to place me here or he would summon me before the Circuit Court for an attempt upon his life. That my excited conduct was occasioned by the use of Laudanum is well known in Glasgow and that since the time I came here and discontinued the use of it I became quite calm and that I am now justly detained here is now a matter of surprise to all the attendants here. Something must be done for me without delay and I can think no other plan than of requesting the Lord Advocate to interfere without delay and it would be best for him neither to acquaint my family, Mr Alison or Dr Hutchinson but to come unexpectedly as they may give me something to excite me. This is the last request I have to make and if you think after seeing me that I require to be detained here, I will make no further complaint, since you only to know the treatment I am receiving I have no doubt you would consider it necessary to do something for me. I have been here nearly eight months and have not seen a single friend although every other patient in the Asylum frequently see their friends. Have the goodness not to mention that I have written you. Yours respectfully,

"William Lusk."

December 31st

Health continues good, takes daily exercise in the garden attended by her nurse. Complains as usual of her hard fate and wishes to know when there will be a probability of her going away. Wishes to travel on the Continent until "Dr Farlane's affair" is forgotten. Very anxious to see Mr Laurie her uncle and begs when he calls he will not be refused an interview with her. No improvement can be observed in this case since her admission.

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Complains of the negligence of her friends in not sending her clothes and other things which she has written for; a list has however been made out and will be sent to them. The

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- has some flatulent distension of the abdomen. Sumat. h. s. pil. folia c. St. Aston. unan. et. Statum post. Tinct. Cardamome Comp. 3j. Con. alia. Catamenia appeared on the 3rd & disappeared on the 8th. Has complained a good deal today and yesterday. Has a good deal of Catarrh, otherwise in good health. Has received from her friends the clothes she wore about and is now quite satisfied. Says her friends are entire pecuniaries in their ways of doing things and require to be humoured. Employs herself in needlework. R. Spt. Ether Nit. 3j. Tinct. Op. Camp. 3ij. Ag. Cap. 3i. 4j. Sumat. h. s. et. Card. mane. Pulv. Scitid. c. Mag. Sulph. 3ij. Contin. alia.
- January 20th 31 Catarrh nearly gone. Employs herself diligently at her needle. Health good. Contin. omnia.
- February 11 Is today sitting in her own room at her needlework and refuses to sit in the parlour because Mr. Matheson who had received provocation struck her. Says she is afraid to trust herself there any longer. She then broke out into a long complaint about the Institution, nurses and every one in it. Complaint of the cruel way in which she was treated; her friends denied access to her - the deceit of the Sheriff and the medical men who examined her - said she had never done anything to justify her being confined here - that she had only once committed an outrage and that was when under the influence of Laudanum. When requested again to join her fellow patients in the parlour said she preferred being alone - much she did not like the society of females, she had not been accustomed to it, she had lived a great deal alone, and liked the society of gentlemen better.
- " 13 Today when visited was found again sitting in the parlour at her work, but would not speak to the clinical assistant when addressed by him or answer any questions put to her.
- " 20 Still will not speak to clinical assistant ~~and~~ seems also to be offended at the nurse. Talks however to the sempstress.
- " 21 When pressed today to give her reasons for not answering questions she said she had been accustomed to the society of refined gentlemen and not to be spoken to in the manner in which the clinical assistant had done - alluding to the conversation of the 11th. Catamenia appeared on the 1st and disappeared on the 4th. Contin. omnia.
- " 28 Has now got over her late fit of pettishness and seems glad of an opportunity of speaking, indeed she seems to like to hear herself talk, and there is generally an attempt to turn the conversation into a literary charade.
- March 11 Complaint of Catarrh, her health is otherwise good. R. Symp. Scitid. 3ij. Tinct. Op. Camp. 3j. Spt. Ether Nit. 3ij. Ag. Cassia 3ij. 4j. Sumat. Coch. Mag. tape. urgent. Contin. alia.
- " 14 Is today in bed complaining of Catarrh and is very nervous in consequence of being frightened last night by the Matron rushing into her room dressed in a red coat while she was asleep. She thought it was one of the male patients who by some means had got into the gallery and she was much alarmed. R. Tinct. Cardamome Comp. et. Tinct. Op. Camp. 3ij. 4j. Ag. Cap. 3i. M. S. h.
- " 17 Has been up yesterday and today and seems now to have recovered her fright. She has however had slight epistaxis and had been threatening to keep her pocket-handkerchiefs with the blood on them to show to the Sheriff as a proof of the bad treatment she receives here.
- " 27 Had last night a fit of hysterical crying said she could not remain any longer in this house that she did not think it was respectable and that her morals had suffered most materially, with she might die that very (very) moment as she could no longer endure the cruel treatment to which she was subjected here; said she would cry thus until her heart burst and she did. She was calmed by a draught with some ammoniac tincture of Salicin. Today when visited she was in bed and immediately began to complain of her illusage and of the immorality of the house, accused the Physician of the most base conduct, of badmouthing her character to her friends - of preventing them from seeing her, of giving false reports of her mental state - called him a villain and a base deceiver and that he would be glad if he could fall on any one of getting the nurses to prison her without its coming to light. Complained also of the Matron & the deception purchased on her by the Sheriff who promised to see her rights and who she has not since seen. Regretted the death of Dr. Balmain who she said was a perfect gentleman and

Bethia Deek

- March 31 with whom she could have left her case without saying a word herself. No change in her sentiments with regard to the Institution and its management since last report. Complains of being subject to fainting fits and states that she had one last night and does not know how long she was under it. By Spt. Ammon. & Tricet Quass. & Spt. Soda Tart. & Ag. Fontan. & Ag. Capiv. & Spt. Hy. Sum. & Spt. her quetities. ^{gemmae}
- April 1 Has yesterday apparently pretty cheerful and out walking in the airing during part of the evening but is today in bed very much depressed. Says that the medicine does not agree with her and excites her when she takes it, has, from the report of the Nurse been picking her teeth till they bleed when she spits into a basin with a little water in it - pretending that she is subject to spitting of blood. Complains much of the hardship of being obliged to live with people in whom she can place no confidence by whom she is so ill treated and who do everything they can think of to make her uncomfortable. Catamenia appeared on the 27th and disappeared today. Inter. medicament: contin: alia.
- " 3 Today requested to be allowed to write to the Sheriff - which being granted she sent down the following letter.
- Glasgow April 3. 1843.
- I take leave to state that I feel surprised and disappointed at the unjust manner - in which you appear to be acting towards me after the promise you made when last here to give my case a fair investigation and also to allow me to see my friends, my situation is daily becoming more unbearable and from the very cruel treatment I am receiving my health is beginning to sink under it. I have only to request that if you find it inconsistent to honor me with a visit, you will either give orders for ^{my} being released from confinement or removed to the Asylum at Morningside, Edinburgh.
- I am very respectfully yours, Bethia Deek.
- " 16 Today and for the last few days has complained much of the intrusions of Mr Matheson who it appears has several times ran after her and frightened her. On these occasions she becomes nervous lies down on her bed and cries, complains of the harsh treatment she is subjected to, expresses her doubts of the respectability of this house, says she does not consider her life safe, trembles and shudders and does all she can to elicit the sympathies of those around her, and it is evident that a great deal of her nervousness and fits of hysteria are assumed.
- " 23 Has since last report refused to see or speak to the Clinical Assistant because he did not shut Mr Matheson into her own room on the 16th at her request.
- May 1 Has now recovered her last fit of pettishness and lately went over her whole history as before reported and remarked how ill used she considered herself. Health good. Catamenia appeared on the 28th and disappeared today. Continuation: omnia.
- " 11 This morning a message was brought from her to the Clinical Assistant requesting to see him as she was very ill. On going into her room he found her lying on the top of her bed, with her eyes shut but she had great difficulty in keeping them steadily closed. Her pulse was quite natural and she was evidently simulating a fainting fit.
- " 31 Catamenia appeared on the 27th and terminated today. Has been in her usual state since last report - every now and then stating her complaints against the Sheriff and the Physician and complaining of weakness and attacks of nervousness and timidity. Yesterday requested the Clinical Assistant to take an especial and particular charge of her until some arrangement was made with regard to her - and she for the present placed herself under his protection. Health good. Cont: omnia.
- June 9 Has today removed to the New Asylum at Gartnavel and appeared satisfied with the change.
- " 20 Complains of slight sore throat, kept her bed but refused to see the Doctor. Feels much better pleased with her new abode than with the former one, and is glad that she is so retired from noise, unpleasant language and irritation.
- " 21 Still complaining of sore throat, and from all disappointments through friends and other causes.

see page 253.

No 21. Elizabeth Fraser. Single. Aet. 43. Winder. Admitted May 25th 1842. rate 8/6

1212

Melancholia = 1st Attack of 18 Months duration.

Previous History. Several years ago this Patient had a tumour in the abdomen, the nature of which cannot be ascertained. There is still a circumscribed fulness in the umbilical region which resembles the effects of Chronic Peritonitis. The Catamenia have not appeared for more than two years. She was always quiet religious and inclined to Melancholy. About 18 months since she became agitated and melancholy, feared that her soul was lost, took little food, slept ill and sat on the floor in a crouching posture. She soon afterwards imagined that she had a dead child in her belly. She lost flesh and became sallow. Since that time she has continued in much the same state with occasional remissions and exacerbations. No retention is known to have been issued or intemperate. The cause evidently is the abdominal affection. She has had no medical treatment.

May 25th 1842

On admission. pulse 84 small and feeble. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Sits in corner huddled together. Will not speak. Countenance sallow. Took some Porridge and Milk, at first reluctantly afterwards greedily. This case both from its history duration and present appearance seems to be hopeless. Ordinary diet and regimen. Employ if possible but at all events prevent from cowering and make her take exercise. Attend to state of bowels.

" 26

Pulse 70 rather small, Tongue foul but moist, pupils contracted, slept very well last night, is to day very agitated and depressed, cowering in a corner, and moaning continually. On examination a feeling of hardness was remarked, along the course of the Colon, and the patient complained of Pain occasioned by pressure over the region of the liver.

" 28

Bowels slow. - Imagines herself a Beast. - Suffered h. s. & c. n. Pil. Extract of Nitre XII. Neither improved today more lively in appearance, and walking in the airing ground. Bowels have been fully moved by the medicine. Contin. Medicament.

June 4th

Pulse 82 small, Tongue clean and moist, tremulous, pupils slightly contracted, no mental improvement, delirious continues as evilly as ever, sits in her usual condition and continues to moan and wring her hands; colour of skin rather improved. cont. med. This patient is on the whole rather improved within the last few days. Walks about more frequently than she did, contin. medicament.

" 12

Pulse 84 moderate strength. Tongue white and moist, tremulous, pupils more natural, less agitated and depressed than formerly and continues to walk about a little. Appetite, Sleep and bowels natural. Cont. med.

" 24

This patient is somewhat improved since last report, mind more cheerful and active, colour of skin looks better; continues to take her food well. Sleep and bowels natural. c. m.

July 1st

Pulse 70 pretty full, tongue white and dry, pupils contracted, Very little change in this patient since last report. rep. Pil.

" 8

Pulse 70 natural strength, Tongue pretty clean and moist, pupils a little contracted. Mind remains much in the same state as at last report although somewhat improved since admission.

" 15

Bodily health considerably improved. Mind more alert and active. Walks occasionally about the airing ground, and begins to mingle with her fellow-patients more frequently than formerly but cannot be persuaded to do any work. Colour much improved since admission. seems inclined to enter into conversation and sometimes even shuns answering questions. Bowels regulated by means of medicine. Appetite and Sleep natural. Cont. med.

" 26

Bodily health improved mind much the same as at last report. Is sometimes inclined to refuse her food & Pil. Rhei & Hydr. XII. Suffered of some Nausea here & there. No change in the state of this Patient since last report. still inclined to refuse her food. Bodily functions quite natural.

August 24th

In all respects the same. Tongue foul and rather dry, pupils contracted, sits in her usual manner about the walls of the airing ground. Refuses to answer questions. Aband. Copulation.

September 20th

Elizabeth Fraser. from page 67

Admitted May 5th 1843.

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October 24th

Sumat omne nocte ad sextum vicem. pit. attentio ij.

No change whatever in the state of this Patient. Continues to sit by the wallsides and corners of the room in a huddled up manner. avoids, if possible, answering questions and resists examination. Cont.

November 20th

In all respects the same as at last report. Cont. omnia.

December 30

No change whatever since last report, does not however mean so much as formerly although she still sits huddled up in a corner of the back kitchen. Cannot be prevailed upon to walk about the Gallery like the rest of the Patients; Bodily health indifferent; Skin very dark coloured. Contin. omnia.

1843 Jan^y 28

No change in habits of this Patient since last report.

Feb^y 27

There is not the slightest change in this case, she sits in a corner of the room with her head completely covered with her gown. Contin. omnia.

March 31

No improvement whatever since last report.

April 29

Health pretty good at present, Symptoms in all respects the same as when last reported.

May 30

No change whatever in this case since last report - sits as formerly in a corner of the room huddled together; refuses to speak. Contin. omnia.

June 9

Was this morning removed to the New Asylum Barnardst. Bodily health indifferent.

" 30

Bodily health somewhat improved since last report, her mind however is in all respects the same; sits as usual huddled together in a corner of the room; taciturn and depressed.

July 31

No change whatever in this case, habits in all respects the same as when formerly reported, sits in her usual position in the corner of the room. Contin. omnia.

August 31

Bodily health good, no change whatever in other respects. sits constantly huddled together; refuses to answer questions. Contin. omnia.

Sept^r 30

No change whatever in the state of this Patient; is constantly moaning; sits in her usual position in a corner of the room; refuses to answer questions and resists examination in other respects. Bodily health indifferent. Cont.

October 31

Continues in all respects as at previous reports; cannot be prevailed on to occupy herself in any way whatever. Cont.

November 26

Health not very good, mind in exactly the same state as at former reports, sits the greater part of the day in some of the corners of the room; seldom speaks to any one and never takes the slightest notice of anything passing around her; can with difficulty be prevailed on to answer questions; her skin is almost always hot and dry and her pulse generally quicker than natural. Skin yellowish; has a very unhealthy aspect and in short gives every indication of an individual labouring under some organic disease. Contin. omnia.

December 24

No change in any respect since last report. Sits in her usual position; appetite indifferent, sleep pretty natural, bowels regulated by occasional doses of opening medicine. Contin.

1844 January 27

Continues much the same as at previous reports. Bodily health not very good, R. Pale. articulation C. Quin. & H. Lig. sumat unum ter in die. Cont. alia.

February 29

No change of any consequence since last report; her health is perhaps a little improved. Contin.

March 30

Health has not been so good for the last few weeks; this morning her face and upper eyelid on right side are oedematous and puffy; pulse small and quick; Tongue white and loaded. Mind as at former reports. Sits in her usual position in a corner of the apartment. Obstinate refuses to answer questions and resists examination. R. Pale. Salap. Comp. 3i Subura. Sydenh. ʒss in H. fish. Pulse here somni sumend. Contin. alia.

April 3

Bowels have been freely moved; oedema of face completely removed. Tongue cleaner, in other respects as at last report. Contin. omnia.

" 15

Today integuments surrounding both eyes are very much inflamed and swollen; Tongue white and tumulous, skin hot and rather dry; Pulse quick. R. Pale. Rhei ʒss Viij. Puls. Aromat. ʒss in Subura Sydenh. ʒt IV. H. fish. Pulse statim sumend. Let the affected parts be constantly fomented with warm water.

" 18

Swelling and redness of affected parts considerably diminished particularly the points

see page 289

1213 Elizabeth Ferguson or Mrs McFarlane. W. 42.25. Domestic. Admitted May 25. 1842 ^{cost} 8/6

1213

Mania.1st attack of 1 month's duration.

Previous History. — None of this patient's relatives have been known to be insane, vicious, intemperate or eccentric. She was proud and hightempered but cheerful. Has been married about six years. About three years ago she had Typhus Fever, before which she had several severe paroxysms of Hysteria while pregnant with twins, both of whom died two months after birth. About six weeks before the attack she had some altercation with her Husband in which his Mother joined, respecting her having gone on a visit to her friend and taken too much liquor. She was not intemperate and there is some doubt as to whether she took more than enough on that occasion. She heard afterwards one or two stirring discourses of a fanatical preacher and took to reading the Bible very diligently. On Saturday the 14th of May her husband went to bed at 10 o'clock she said that she had some little things to do for the Sunday and sat up till eleven reading the Bible, at about one or two she started out of her sleep and raved in a loud voice, since which time she has been quite maniacal. For the first three days she refused food, since then she has taken a little daily. She has slept very little, has been and is very violent and destructive to clothes and furniture. Strikes, scratches and bites those who approach her. She is not suicidal. She raves principally on one subject — that she is a prophetess sent to redeem mankind. On other subjects she is quite incoherent. For the first few days her pulse was weak and intermittent, it is now regular. All her friends attribute the disease to fanatical preaching operating on an excitable temperament. Leeches have been applied to the temples, blisters to the nape of the neck and scalp, and she has been smartly purged without apparent benefit. Has never been in an asylum.

May 25th 1842

On admission excited, running about the galleries — singing, looking and raving erotically. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils natural — scalp cool — pulse 72 small. Ordinary diet and regimen — to be watched and employed.

" 26

Slept pretty well during the first part of the night, but became noisy and excited towards morning, singing and crying at the top of her voice. In this morning very quiet but erotic in looks and gestures, takes a small quantity of food without the slightest reluctance. Tongue

" 28

pretty clean and moist. Pupils rather contracted. Bowels slow. Soon after 10 p.m. attracted by music. Last night became highly excited after going to bed — turned her bed upside down, throwing blankets &c on the ground, danced in a state of nakedness and cried out at the top of her voice disturbing all the patients around her, was with considerable difficulty removed to another room, when became quieter for some time but about 12 o'clock became again excited and continued dancing, singing psalms and praying successively, the whole night. In consequence of the resistance which she offered only a portion of the medicine presented was administered and her bowels have not yet been fully moved; in this morning pretty quiet, but refuses to answer questions and resist examination. highly erotic in looks and gestures. Regret. medicamentum.

June 2nd

Health pretty good, has continued to rave in an incoherent manner since last report; talks incessantly and answers questions indelicately, refuses to work, very erotic in looks and manner — to be employed if possible.

" 4

Pulse 70 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist, pupils pretty natural has been much quieter for the last two days, still raves incoherently and answers questions irrelevantly. Inclined to play tricks upon her fellow patients; habits quite correct. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Still refuses to do any work. to be employed in the workroom or Laundry as soon as possible.

" 18

Pulse 72 moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist, pupils contracted, goodhumoured and happy, laughs hysterically, wonders why the clinical assistant takes advantage of the

young ladies, advises him not to enter the pulpit again as he was never intended for it. Appetite, Sleep, and bowels natural. To be employed immediately if possible.

July 24th Health pretty good, continues to rave in her usual manner & refuses to do any work. Bodily functions natural.

July 31st Pulse 78 pretty full. Tongue clean and moist, pale colored, pupils contracted; no mental improvement, walks about the airing ground - in manner is frivolous and trifling. Bodily health excellent. refuses to do any work.

" 8 General health pretty good, mind rather improved since admission, habits the same as when last reported, has taken a great liking to Nurse Mrs McLachlan and follows her wherever she goes calling her by the name of Aunt. Appetite, Sleep, and Bowels natural. cont.

" 16 Pulse 80 good strength. Tongue clean and moist, pupils more natural. There is certainly a marked improvement in this case since admission - altho' patient has a great many fancies and delusions, still maintains that Nurse McLachlan is her Aunt. Busily employed in the workroom, appetite Sleep and bowels natural. continue employment.

21 Bodily health good, mind continues to improve, laughs hysterically, has still a great liking for the nurse. ahead. Capillitium.

Aug 16th Pulse 84 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural, mind cheerful and good humored, considerably improved since last report. Catamenia have appeared to day being the first time since admission. makes herself useful in the Gallery.

" 18 Catamenia desistent - Health good.

" 24 Mind improves gradually, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly, very industriously - appetite Sleep and Bowels natural.

Sept 18 General Health excellent mind collected and rational. If this Patient continues in the same state he has been for the last six weeks - it is the Physicians intention to dismiss her at the end of the month.

" 30 Being in good bodily health, and mind being rational in all respects, she is this day dismissed.

Cure.

troubled with fancies. In November last she frequently started from her sleep and in great fright from terrific dreams. She would not remain alone at home being under the domination of vague fear. Frequently imagined that she saw gigantic figures of men, in the distance. Was afraid to look at the walls. When she had the society of a female cousin she was better and did not feel any fear. By way of dissipating her delusions she went to Berlin to assist her Brother-in-law. Did well at first but after some unusual bustle became excited as stated in the case. Looks pale and thin. Catamenia have not returned. Bowels regular. Appetite very keen. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils dilated. p. 72 small and feeble - to have full diet. No change whatever since last report. As she is very thin and appears to be becoming weaker though she eats and digests her food well - she is ordered to have a pint of Porter daily in addition to her other allowances.

June 26th

" 27

Has not yet had her Porter. Is more excited. Has broken a pane of glass or two, and torn her clothes. Health is as at last report. Let her have half her allowance of Porter immediately, and the other half at bed time; Let her also be confined to her Room. Cont. omnia alia.

" 29

Has been quieter at night and has slept longer than she has yet done. Stools filthy, and during the day she is as excited as ever. Continuation omnia.

July 1st

" 4

No change whatever. Continuation omnia.

" 5

In all respects the same. Catamenia have not appeared since the 20th of May. Cont. omnia. Has not slept during the night and today is very much excited. Has sung almost incessantly since two o'clock this morning. Has torn her clothes to pieces and broken everything she could lay her hands on. Scarp hot. Pulse 88. Moderate. Pupils rather contracted. When asked a question slaps her hands on her buttocks and tells him to kiss that at his leisure. Looks highly maniacal. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels regular. Stop Porter. Sunset Station.

" 6

Sol. Tact. Antimonie ʒij. at bed: omnia. hora duodecima quiescat. Mitte ʒijj - Cont. alia. Had the whole three ounces containing 12 grains before she ceased to rave - then became quite comatose once. Bowels acted freely twice. She then lay down in bed full asleep and slept quietly till six this morning. Today pulse 88 moderate. Tongue pretty clean. Scarp cool. Answers questions relevantly and has talked much less. Has been freed from seclusion. C. omnia.

" 8

Continued quiet and tolerably rational yesterday. Bowels were regular and she took her food as usual. Today she became highly excited at about 12 o'clock demanding food and saying that she was starved - Broke a pane or two of glass - tore her shift to pieces. Hit the Nurse. Tongue clean. Pulse 72 Moderate. Pupils dilated. Demands drink and on it being given to her screams it sarcastically saying that is what she wants and if she had enough of it nobody would be troubled with her; And as she is thin and weak yet digests well and as the Physician has seen benefit from some patients in a similar state having as much food as they could eat she is ordered to have as much as she wants. Cont. omnia alia.

" 15

No change whatever since last report in her state of mind. She is sometimes quiet for hours, at others she is furious every few minutes. Cont. omnia.

" 21

Today is more than usually excited. Seized the Physician by the hand and asserted that the ring he wore was hers - and that it was her Wedding ring. Could with difficulty be got rid of. Is exceedingly filthy and destructive. Appetite voracious. Abund. Capillitium appropinquit vesicator capiti. C. alia.

" 22

The plaster having by some mistake applied at bed time, she removed it during the night & besmeared her face with it. Her face is slightly irritated and swollen but her eyes have not suffered much from it; her head also is partially vesicated. She is still excited, though less so than yesterday. C. omnia.

" 23

Face and head improved in appearance and on the whole she is quieter. Continuation omnia.

" 27

Has been much quieter since last report though she is still a little excited. Is less filthy and destructive. Face improves. Cont. omnia.

" 30

Has improved on the whole since last report. Face and head nearly well. C. omnia.

- August 6th Catamenia have not appeared since May the 28th. On the first current she became so excited that it was necessary to seclude her. She has had the Catamenial Solution and purgation with some slight benefit as today. Though she is still excited she is less so than at first. c. omnia.
- " 7 Today has improved so much that she has been freed from seclusion. Mind still weak and incoherent, incapable of answering questions relevantly or of being employed. Still filthy especially at night. Still destructive.
- " 13 Has gone on pretty well since last report. Catamenia have not appeared. Though she looks thin she takes and digests food very well. Her pulse ranges from 90 to 100 and is always small and weak. At present her pupils are dilated and her tongue a little white but moist. She is taking the allocation full and the bitter infusion with the Bicarbonate of Soda. Cont. omnia.
- " 20 Continues in the same state as at last report. There is great fear that this case will prove incurable.
- " 27 Has become rather more since last report. is very filthy noisy and destructive. From its being found impracticable to get her into the grounds from the sitting where she is - she is directed to be removed to C.D. Cont. omnia alia.
- Sept 4th Is got out today with apparent benefit to her health. less noisy at night. Excitable and incoherent. On the whole no mental improvement. Cont. omnia.
- " 7 Has become more destructive and torn her clothes to pieces. Continuation omnia.
- " 10 Today she is so violent that it is necessary to seclude her. Catamenia have not yet appeared.
- " 12 Today is quiet and associates with the other patients in the sitting room, having been freed from seclusion yesterday. Looks better. Mind very confused and incoherent, though she is capable of answering simple questions for a little. Cont. omnia.
- " 13 Today at p. 4 when in the sitting room taking offence at some look of one of her fellow patients she seized a chair with the intention of knocking her down, when prevented by the Nurse she screamed and howled, threw herself upon her back, howled, yelled and tossed herself about. She was removed to a room locked and left to herself she soon became calmer. Abundant. Capitationum affundat aqua frigida Capite bis quotidie. Duct. Muscat. Peric q^{ta} xv modo edonco. Cont. alia.
- " 20 Since last report has been quieter and it being found that the presence of her fellow patients or of the nurse excites her, she has been kept by herself. At visit she becomes excited for a few minutes; today however she has been less so. Cont. omnia.
- " 23 In the last two days she has been quieter but today has become excited. Appetite keen. Bowels regulated by medicine. Sleeps better than she did. No mental improvement. Has the appearance of an excitable imbecile, but the case may be considered hopeless. c. omnia.
- " 30 Till this morning has been very noisy, violent, & destructive since last report. Today however she is quieter. Habits extremely filthy. On the whole no improvement. Cont. omnia.
- Oct 4th Continued pretty quiet and tractable until this morning when she has again become exceedingly violent. To be secluded. Continuation alia.
- " 20 Has been more or less violent since last report. No medicine being attended with any benefit, all except the aperient-pills have been stopped. On the whole perhaps she is quieter. c. omnia.
- Nov 2nd Has been pretty quiet since last report. Her friends being anxious to try her at home, and there being no prospect of further amendment by her remaining here - she is this day with the approbation of the Physician dismissed.

Relieved

No 24. Elizabeth Davie. At 29. Single. Servant. Admitted May 28th 1842. Age 8 1/2.

1215-

Mania =

3rd Attack of 3 Months duration.

Previous History = This patient had a paternal Cousin who laboured under Epileptic Mania... the Mother is a proud, obstinate, weak minded woman. She has always been eccentric, proud, obstinate, irascible and religious and became insane for the first time in 1827. In about 12 months she recovered and went into service. In 1831 she had another attack which lasted 9 months. Both attacks resembled the present. In a month or two before her attack she was depressed. The Catamenia are regular but scanty. The chief symptoms have been irregular appetite, a disposition to wander, dimmed bowels, dislike to her mother, a disposition to tear and destroy furniture &c. She is not suicidal but strikes others especially her mother. She never been in an Asylum, has been pruned for the present attack without apparent benefit.

May 28th 1843.

On admission looked stupid and dull, refused to answer questions and endeavored to avoid conversation with everyone. Pulse 90. Small. Tongue white but tolerably moist. Pupils slightly dilated. Senses cool. To be kept constantly employed if possible. Sumat pil. R. 1/2. & Sydenham's 1/2. have somnia.

29

Slept well last night and looks better this morning, spends her time in perambulating the gallery, and is still reluctant to answer questions. To be diligently employed; pulse 74 moderate strength, tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils rather dilated. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.

June 4th

There is very little difference in the state of this patient since last report, still remains melancholic and refuses to answer questions, busily employed arranging the clothes in the Laundry. To be kept diligently employed.

10

General Health good - mind very little improved, is sometimes very industrious at others refuses to do anything. Very stubborn and obstinate. Will not answer questions. Cont.

16

Pulse 80 rather small. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils very contracted. Temper and disposition exactly the same as at last report. Resist examination. Does a little work in the Laundry but can only be made to do so by telling her that the clothes of the Clinical Assistant require to be washed. Appetite & sleep tolerably natural. Bowels enquired to be costive. R. Sumat hora somnia 1/2. & Sydenham's 1/2. attention 1/2.

23

Pulse 70 rather small, tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils natural. Resist examination and refuses to answer questions. has been working every day since last report. Sleep and Appetite natural; Bowels regulated by laxative medicine. Continuation of medicine.

30

Pulse 70 pretty full tongue clean and moist. Pupils contracted. Very taciturn and refused to work. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. No mental improvement. Continuation of medicine. Health good - continues in all respects the same as at last report - occasionally does a little work. Bodily functions natural.

July 7th

Pulse 72 usual strength. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Bowels natural. Pupils slightly contracted; Mind for the last few days more alert and active. Busily employed washing in the Laundry. Appetite and sleep natural. Cont. employment.

16

No change has taken place of any consequence in the state of this patient since last report. seems indifferent to every thing occasionally takes fits of working, but is for the most part very lazy and obstinate appears quite pleased with the place and expresses the utmost indifference towards her friends and relatives. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Continuation of medicine. Bodily health good. Mind exactly in the same state as at last report, very obstinate occasionally does a little work in the Laundry but is taciturn and refuses to answer questions.

24

There is not the slightest improvement in this case; Patient refuses to work and loiters the whole day about the airing ground abroad. Copulation.

Sept 22

Elizabeth Davie. from page 74 Admitted May 28th 1842.

Septemb^r 19th

Sumat bona somni pitul. sal. & ole. Cast;
There is a marked improvement observable in this case since last report
for the last four or five days she has been working regularly in the
laundry, answers questions relevantly. Pulse 76, good strength, tongue
rather white but moist, pupils tolerably natural. Sumat omni nocte
ad sextam occurr. pil. alluat. ij. M. Infus. Scutianae 3xvi —
Bicarb. Soda ʒij ʒss. Sumat Cyathum Vinosum bid in dec.

" 30

General health good; mind on the whole improved, This Patient has still
however a dull and stupid look. answers questions more readily than
formerly; was visited by her Mother a few days ago, but would not speak
a single word to her. Appetite sleep and bowels natural contin.
med. omnia.

Oct^r 16

Has not improved at all since last report, remains dull, stupid and taciturn.
Does a little work occasionally, but requires to be urged on. Upon being
asked how she was to day - replied - "Oh! Yes, Prince Charlie was a
handsome Man". Catarrhs have not appeared since admission. Appetite
Sleep and bowels natural. Pil. albae et Ferri XXIV ʒij. Sumat
mian omni nocte et mane.

" 28

Being in good bodily health, she was this day by the desire of her friends
dismissed contrary to the advice of the Physician.

Relieved

1842.

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No 25. Isabella M^{rs} Gregor or M^{rs} Hunter. At 52. M. Domestic. Admitted May 28th 1842 rate 7/6-

1216. Dementia - 1st attack of 2 Years and 1 Month duration

Previous History - Little could be ascertained respecting this case; it appears that from the vicious life of her husband she had been subjected to great hardships. She laboured far beyond her strength to support herself and children. About three years ago she fell into bad health and became incapable of doing anything; she and her children were in extreme want being frequently 24 hours without a morsel of food. Her mind gave way and then her husband, who had occasionally contributed a little devoted them about two years ago. She is suicidal and destructive to clothes and furniture but is not dangerous to others - She refuses food. - She has never been in an asylum - But was within the last month in the Royal Infirmary for bad health and discharged as an improper patient.

May 28th 1842 On admission looked bewildered and did not seem to have an idea of the place she had come to; in the course of a few minutes told the nurse that this was a splendid factory and thought the workers looked well; asked what she was to do, said she could put her hand to anything, that she was a first-rate weaver and that she could spin with any person. Walks very unsteadily and appears as if her lower extremities were affected with Paralysis. Pulse 60 of moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist. Tremulous. Pupils slightly dilated. Habits filthy. Pil. Rhin & Hydarg. ij.

29 - Slept well last night and is to day tolerably lively - - converses with her fellow patients.

June 3rd Pulse 90 small. Tongue pretty clean and moist - answers coherently and answers questions tolerably relevantly - Pupils rather contracted. Still continues filthy in her habits.

10 Pulse 90 rather small. Tongue clean and moist - pupils natural. No improvement whatever since last report. Mind weak. Says she is quite well, and now was better. Bowels rather loose. Appetite and sleep natural. Idle.

16 This case has retrograded since last report - The patient can with difficulty use her limbs, and is constantly endeavouring to loosen her clothes. Appetite good, sleep natural.

20 This morning was found on the floor by the side of her bed in a state of collapse the following was by degrees administered. Spt. Vinic ʒj Ext. Cardamom. C ʒi - by means of which together with warming pans applied to her feet and other parts of her body she gradually recovered and has since gone on pretty well.

24 Has been confined to bed since last report, but continues to improve. Mind more rational and composed, talks very sensibly to her friends who are permitted by the Physician to see her daily.

28 Much improved since last report converses rationally and answers questions quite relevantly - by a small sore has arisen over sacral region in consequence of lying so long in the same position. Let the part affected be dressed with cotton.

July 1st Pulse 70 usual strength. Tongue pretty clean and moist - tremulous. Pupils dilated. Answers incoherently to day and answers questions irrelevantly. Bodily health rather improved. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Cont. Let her have two pints of Beef tea & a pint of Porter daily. Sore on sacrum mentioned above larger than at last report. Let Ungt. Resin flow.

4 Continues much the same as at last report, erratic in conversation takes her food well, sleeps comfortably at night. Has last night seized Brachyura which today still continues R. Pulv. Ipecacuanha C. ʒj Hydarg. C. ʒj Ext. ʒj. IV M. Sumat. li in dist.

Isabella Hunter or Mrs McGregor

July 7th

Still continues in a very weak and debilitated state. Appetite good. Bowels are loose, mind more collected than it has been since admission, says she will never get better, and hopes that her heavenly father has a mansion prepared for her in another world where she will be better and happier than she has been in the present. Tongue a little foul, but moist. Let her have a pint of Porter with two pounds of beef tea daily. Diarrhoea rather increased since last report, mind somewhat excited. Omit the Porter. R. Tinct. Kino ʒij. Spirit Corn. ʒij. ℥ss. Tincture in this.

" 13

Pulse 68 rather small and feeble, tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils contracted. Diarrhoea rather abated mind more collected than at last report, thinks the medicine has been of great service in supporting her strength. Sloughs on sacrum does not appear to be extending further than in other parts. Continue the med.

" 20

Pulse small and feeble, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural since last report. Sloughs have extended considerably - patient is evidently sinking - mind very excited - Picks the best clothes. Continue the medicine and thick diet.

" 21

Worse today than at last report, mind wandering very much, this patient is evidently sinking. Continue the stimulants.

" 23

Has continued sinking gradually since last report. Sings ecstatically and picks the best clothes.

" 24

Notwithstanding the free exhibition of stimulants this patient became gradually worse and this evening at half past six o'clock she

Died

No Inspection was permitted

No 26. M^{rs} Baird. Aet. 30. Manic. Domestic. Admitted Princ 1st 1842. Rate 15/-

1217.

Mania =6th Attack of 10 days duration.

Previous History = This patient's Father, Mother, Brothers & Sisters have all been vicious, intemperate and eccentric. Her three Sisters are very dissipated and profligate. She herself has shown no vice except intemperance. The fits come on periodically when she drinks for 8 or 10 days at a time undiluted spirits - She does not sleep - is exceedingly destructive and sanguine, curses, swears and uses obscene language. She then becomes melancholy, threatens to strangle or drown herself, or cut her throat, gradually becomes calm and the fit passes away. The present attack resembles the others but is much more severe. She has never been in an asylum - and has been subjected to no treatment.

June 1st 1842.

Was admitted early in the morning, and appeared to be drunk. Breath heavy. Tongue foul. Pulse 88. Said that she had been very abused by everybody and especially by her husband. Declared that she never took strong drink of any kind - that she had taken a mouthful of ale this morning. Quiescent.

" 2

Very much depressed to day. Catamenia appeared yesterday. Says that she is frightened. Declares that she never took spirits at all, and never tasted stimulants except occasionally a glass of wine. Wanders about the galleries and tries to conceal herself. To be watched and employed if possible. ordinary diet.

" 5

Catamenia ceased yesterday, and today she is less depressed. Is very anxious to convince the Physician that she has been sent here by her Husband to answer some evil purpose of his own. Has not yet been employed - C. omnia.

" 6

Today is more cheerful and busily employed with her needle. Health appears tolerably good. contin. omnia.

" 10

Has told the Matron that she is exceedingly annoyed that her Husband has got the better of her. She stated that she had two Brothers, one a medical man and the other a Quackman, that she married her Husband who is a Cabinet Maker and therefore as she states not her equal, thinking that she would rule over him and make him do as she pleased; that she did so for a long time, but at last she had let him get the upper hand and because she would not submit quietly, he had sent her here by way of taming her, but he was much mistaken, for he might kill her, but she would strive always to be master. Is cheerful and industrious. Health good. C. O. Has gone on well since last report; cheerful, industrious and rational. Acknowledges that she has indulged too freely in liquor and promises to abstain hereafter. Confesses that she has given her husband great annoyance and begs earnestly to have an interview with him and convincing him that she will never again fall into the same state. C. omnia.

" 15

Cheerful, hearty and rational. Is very useful and a neat worker. Is very anxious about her husband and family. Cont. Omnia.

" 20

Has seen her husband and persuaded him that she will not again fall into her vicious course of life. Has determined on removing her, and she is to be dismissed the day after tomorrow. Is quiet, rational, and industrious. Cont. omnia.

" 25

Being this day as she has been for some time rational and in good health, although there is a great risk of her again falling into the evil habit of drinking, she is without undergoing sufficient probation prematurely dismissed.

" 27

Cured

No 27. Catherine McLaughlan. Et. 30. Single. Farm. Scot. Admitted June 3rd 1842
rate 7/6

1218.

Mania.

6th Attack of 10 days duration.

Previous History. This patient's Mother is eccentric and weak-minded. Her maternal Uncle is very intemperate and her cousin died of Epilepsy. Her first attack occurred when she was 16 years of age on the first appearance of the Catamenia; She then fell asleep on a Belt and caught cold and became insane. Since then she has been very irritable at each Catamenial period and four times positively insane. In all her attacks she is very violent and entertains a great dislike to her mother. On former occasions she had a propensity to theft but this has not appeared during the present attack. She has threatened to kill her mother and attempted it several times by endeavouring to choke her. She is not suicidal but on the contrary exhibits great fear of death. She is not destructive to clothes or furniture. Killdassup, violent and obscene language, and inaccessibility mark the present attack. She has never been in an Asylum. Has had occasional purgatives and antispasmodics with little or no effect.

June 9th 1842

On admission was perfectly quiet and showed no symptoms of excitement, was brought to the Asylum under the impression that she was to have been engaged as a Laundry-maid to the institution, appeared to take a deep interest in the washed clothes that had been sent over from the Laundry, remarking that they were well dressed. Pulse 80 rather small, Tongue ^{moist} clean and moist, pupils slightly contracted. Bowels rather confined. Sumat. Pil. Rhei 5. 4pt. ij -

" 14 "

Woke pretty well last night, but this morning became excited and demanded her release immediately, the excitement however soon went off and she is now working steadily in the Laundry. To be diligently employed.

" 17 "

Continues pretty quiet and works spiritedly in the Laundry, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Appetite, Sleep and bowels natural. Cont.

" 18 "

This case has gone on satisfactorily since last report; bodily health excellent and mind improved. answers questions relevantly and betrays no delusions. Bodily functions natural. Cont.

" 23 "

This case has gone on satisfactorily - continues to improve both in body and mind, talks quite coherently, and answers questions relevantly, betrays no delusions. very industrious. To have tea in addition to her usual diet. Bodily functions natural.

" 29 "

General health good; mind composed and rational, steady and industrious, very useful in the gallery. Bodily functions natural.

July 6th

Has been rather excited for the last two days, raving in the same style as she did when admitted says the Glasgow people are very different from those in Kethersay, has fully determined to leave the Asylum this afternoon; and if opposed will send for policemen; health good talk in the meantime. To be employed immediately.

" 14 "

Excitement has now gone off, and delusions mentioned last time begin to abate, has again begun to work in the gallery. Appetite, Sleep, and bowels natural. Cont.

" 19 "

Pulse 86 moderate strength, Tongue clean and moist, pupils rather dilated, looks excited, working steadily and industriously in the gallery, assists the nurses in cleaning the patients rooms. general health excellent. Cont.

" 25 "

Has continued to improve since last report, working steadily since last report, Appetite, Sleep and bowels natural.

Augt 20th

This patient has been rather unsettled and restless of late, has a wild and vacant stare, raves about Kethersay. Bodily functions correct. Continuation.

" 29 "

Bodily health good, mind more composed than at last report. has been working steadily for the last few days in the Laundry. Appetite, Sleep, and bowels natural. Cont employment.

Sept 17th

General health excellent; mind on the whole improved since last report; industrious in the meantime in the Laundry. Appetite Sleep and bowels, natural. Cont.

Oct. 3rd

Pulse 74 good strength, Tongue clean and moist. pupils natural; anxious to get home to Kethersay. Mind has been rather unsettled for the last few days. Disposed to be sulky and to quarrel with her

Catharine McLachlane from page 79. Admitted June 3rd 1842.

1842		
October 16 th		Yellow febrile. Bodily functions natural. Continuation omnia.
November 3 rd		Since last report has been steady and industrious in the Laundry, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. general health good. cont. omnia.
" 9		Last night became excited and struck Mr. Galloway on the forehead thereby inflicting a small wound; afterwards washed hurriedly up and down the Gallery, scolding and abusing all around her; is today however quiet and working as usual. Health good. Contin. omnia.
" 26		In the last few days has been in an unsettled and excited state, mutters to herself and scolds all around her. Is today idle and washing in her usual hurried manner up and down the Gallery. Sumat station. Sol. Part Antimonial 3; To be actively employed if possible.
December 24		Since last report has conducted herself very well; quiet and industrious, at present employed washing clothes in the Laundry. Health good. Continuation omnia.
1843 Jan ^y 26		Since last report has conducted herself pretty well, mind in the meantime pretty rational. Daily employed in the Laundry. Bodily functions correct. Cont. omnia.
February 23		This case has been stationary for some time past. Is subject to occasional fits of excitement, these however soon pass off. Talks frequently about Rotheray and has often of late prepared herself for setting out for that place. Works occasionally as a domestic. Cont. omnia.
March 26		Is today considerably excited, washing hurriedly up and down the Gallery, cursing and swearing & threatening to knock down some of her fellow patients. Has conducted a great dislike towards Margaret Blasee, one of the patients and threatens to murder her. My Sumat has note. No somni fit. fatal & Oleo Castoris unum.
April 30		Health good, very unsettled in mind, mutters a good deal to herself, irritable and attempted at present engaged in the Laundry. Cont. omnia.
May 31		Health pretty good, no mental improvement, has occasional fits of excitement, on which she stamps on the ground, and scolds for hours together. Demands a new gown as a recompense for the work which she has done since she came to the house - and declares that unless her request be attended to she will go home to Rotheray. These fits soon go off and she generally betakes herself to needlework. Cont.
June 30		No change whatever since last report continues talking in her usual sally and authoritative manner. is as formerly constantly talking about Rotheray and about getting home. Bodily health excellent. Employed at present in domestic work. Cont. omnia.
July 31		Continues in all respects as at former reports. Was removed to the New Asylum at Glastonbury on the eighth of this month, and since her removal has been occasionally flighty and excitable, at present however she is quite composed and converses in a tolerably rational manner. However, very little dependence can be placed in her as she becomes excited on being annoyed in the slightest degree. Continuation omnia.
August 30		Health good; Since last report has been frequently excited, striking and scolding every one around her, demanding of Mr. Clinical Assistant a silk gown as a remuneration for her services since she came to the Asylum; declares that she will not work like a slave for nothing and if she is not paid for her work she will go home to the place from whence she came. Cont.
September 29		Since last report has on the whole been more settled, but at times she is very troublesome and not very easily managed, at present she is quiet and doing needlework. Continuation.
October 19		Health excellent. Very flighty and excitable at present and disposed to strike out at any one who offers the slightest annoyance; scolding and stamping with her feet upon the floor and uttering language of the most obscene and indecent kind. My Sumat has note. No somni fit. fatal & Oleo Castoris unum. omni tertio q. q. nocte. Cont.
December 12		Has been quieter of late and doing a little domestic work. No dependence however can be placed on this patient as she is apt to become excited in a moment. Let her be actively and regularly employed in change whatever in this case. Subject to occasional fits of excitement as formerly. Doing a little work at present. Health good.
1844 January 18		In all respects the same as at previous reports. [and idle. Contin.
February 29		Health excellent, mind as at former reports. Occasionally quiet and industrious but most frequently sulky. see page 285.

No. 28. Janet Taylor At. 16. Single. Domestic. Admitted June 3rd 1842. rate 2s/-

1219.

Mania - 1st attack of 3 Months duration

Previous History. - This patient's Father was eccentric, vicious and violent in his temper. He was never reckoned insane; he was transported for Burgary and is now in New South Wales. Her Mother went out but found him married to another woman and has lately procured a divorce. Her Mother is somewhat flighty. The Catamenia appeared after several ineffectual *menstruæ naturæ* about 10 days ago, but very scanty. The patient's character generally was quiet and reserved; about three months since she became restless and depressed; within the last 10 days she has been excited and restless, raves coherently and fluently on all subjects, but principally on her Parents, the love of God & Love. Starts and trembles. On the evening of the 1st she left home and wandered about some hours before she was picked up. She has been worse since. She has never been in an asylum - her head has been shaved, Leeches have been applied to her temples, and electric frictions sometimes in combination with the sulphate of iron have been exhibited without benefit.

June 3rd 1842

On admission raved in a very delirious and coherent manner, principally in respect to herself, the offer of marriage which she had had, her capability for being a wife, having children and managing a family. Answered questions relevantly - Pupils dilated. Scarf hot. Pulse 84 moderate. Tongue white and rather dry. Sumat. h. s. pil. Alterij ordinary diet and regimen.

" 4

Has been pretty quiet during the night. Says that she has slept little but has been quiet and composed because the Lord was with her. Is still in bed. Pulse 84. Bowels have been moved once. Tongue white but more moist. Pupils dilated. Appetite moderate. To remain in bed. The room to be darkened. Sumat. h. s. pil. Alterij.

" 5

No change. Bowels have been moved but not sufficiently. S. h. s. pil. Sctid & cl. Oct. ij.

" 6

Bowels have been very fully moved. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Is in a profuse perspiration and is calmer than she had been; does not rave, answers questions relevantly. Pulse 78 moderate. Has slept soundly during the night. Quinscot. Sumat. v. s. pil. Sctid. ij. et rep. ij. quotidie.

" 7

Continued quiet during last night, but this morning became highly excited and raved incoherently. Has become filthy and destructive and in consequence has been placed in seclusion - At visit, is quite incoherent. Pulse 80 moderate. Bowels have been fully moved. Scarf hot. Quinscot. C. omnia.

" 8

Is quieter to day on the whole and has slept a little last night. Some trace of Catamenia but merely a trace. Continuation omnia.

" 9

Habits filthy. Not destructive. Rather depressed to day. Pulse 88 moderate. Scarf rather warm. Pupils dilated. Bowels regular. Appetite good. Has rubbed the skin off her face. C. o.

" 10

Much more excited today, raves incoherently and does not answer questions relevantly. Pulse 96 moderate strength. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Bowels have been moved. Appetite good. Scarf hot. Abundant. Capillitium affundat. ag. frigida Capiti ter quotidie.

" 11

Sumat. testin quoque hora sol. Tact. Antium 3ss ad vj tam vicem. C. o. alia. Somewhat quieter today and answers questions relevantly but laconically. Bowels have been fully moved. Pul. 78 rather weak. Pupils dilated. Has vomited twice. C. omnia.

" 12

Considerably improved. Does not rave as she did. Habits improved, not destructive. Answers questions relevantly - Pul. 78 moderate. Bowels have been fully moved. Pupils dilated. Tongue pretty clean and moist. The seclusion has been stopped. To be freed from seclusion tomorrow. Contin. alia.

" 15

Has gone on well since last report and has behaved well. Today is engaged in needle work. Delusions are not brought forward. Answers questions relevantly and composed. Pul. 78 mod. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels regular. Pupils less dilated. Scarf cool. Slept well during

- June 20th. the last two nights. has not been secluded since the 13th. Continence omnia. Plays on the Piano - reads - sings and converses with the convalescent patients. The expression of her countenance is unsatisfactory, otherwise there is nothing peculiar to be observed. Health good. C. omnia.
- " 25th. Has gone on well since last report. Health good. Expression of countenance more satisfactory.
- " 30. Habits correct. works with her needle. Plays on the Piano. Expression of countenance satisfactory. No delusions apparent. answers questions and converses rationally. Is reported to be at times abstracted. Has never asked anything about her friends C. omnia.
- July 5th. Went on very well till today when she became highly excited without any preliminary symptoms. Shipped herself, tore her clothes, raved incoherently and was consequently placed in seclusion. Pulse 96 full. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels regular. S. Station Sol. Fast. Antim. Jp. and repeat omnia hora. Dose quiescat. Mitte Jij. cont. alia.
- " 6. In the course of the afternoon of yesterday having had the three ounces of the solution or 12 grains of tartar Emetic. She became quiet, went to bed, fell asleep and slept soundly till this morning. Bowels have been freely moved. Pulse 72 regular and moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils dilated. Skin of natural temperature. Scalp cool. Says that she does not know what came over her yesterday - Is quiet and composed. answers questions relevantly and converses rationally. Has been freed from seclusion.
- " 11. Has gone on well since last report and today is busy with her needle on the whole much improved. Bowels slow & full alteration ij.
- " 12. Bowels have not been moved. Scalp hot. Tongue dry and white. Pulse 96. Moves incoherently and rhymes. can answer questions relevantly. Had two attractive fits last night. S. Station Sol. Fast. Antimon Jp et repeat. post horas ij. Sumat h. s. full alteration ij. Cont. alia.
- " 14. Has improved since last report. sleeps pretty well. Looks pale. Catamenia have not appeared. Bowels regular. Is more composed. Cont. omnia.
- " 21. Has improved very considerably since last report. works regularly with her needle. answers questions relevantly. mind free from delusions. Cont. omnia.
- " 23. Has not been sewing since last report and today is rather restless. answers questions relevantly and believes no delusions. C. omnia.
- " 26. Became highly excited today. Bowels slow. raves incoherently. Sumat pil. fetid C. ol. Proton. ij. Station C. alia.
- " 27. Some appearance of Catamenia last night but none today. has been noisy during the night. Habits filthy.
- " 31. Has improved rapidly and steadily since last report. Habits correct. Mind calm and rational. Cont. omnia.
- August 7th. Has improved in all respects since last report. Looks pale. Sumat. Infus. Santon. C. & P. Carb. lds. Jp. bid. good.
- " 18. Has improved since last report. Has seen her friends and borne the interview well. Has been busy with her needle since last report. Is now fairly convalescent. Cont. omnia. [Appear. Quiescat]
- " 21. Has been excited and bewildered today - probably owing to its being the time when the Catamenia should appear.
- " 24. Has been unsettled since last report and today broke two pieces of glass. Quiescat. Cont. Medicamenta.
- " 25. Still excited, tho' less so than yesterday, makes an effort to answer questions relevantly. Cont. omnia.
- " 27. Went on pretty well yesterday, but today is much worse. p. 70 small & full. Tongue dry & foul. Habits filthy. Bewildered but can be roused to answer questions relevantly. Pup. cont. Admon. temp. Head. xvj. Cont. In. Dose. 2. & Ricin. lds. S. h. s. pil. et ij. et
- " 29. Since the leeches were applied and her bowels have been fully moved. She has improved and today is almost convalescent. Cont. omnia.
- Septemb^r 19. Convalescence proceeds in all respects favorably. she has had several interviews to her mother to whom she expressed herself as highly grateful for the attention she has received in the house. C. omnia.
- " 29. Being in good bodily health and free from all symptoms of insanity she is this day dismissed.

Cured.

No 29. Mary Keiley. Et. 24. Single. Servant. Admitted June 6th 1842. est. 7/6.

1220

Mania - 1st attack of 2 months duration.

Previous History. This is a hereditary case. The patient's sister has been twice in this Asylum. no account was sent with the patient except that she had been about two months ill; that this was the first attack, that she had been in the Town Hospital since the 23rd Oct and that she was becoming more violent.

June 6th 1842

On admission said she was glad that she had been brought to the Asylum, as she thought she would not have lived long in the Town Hospital; declared that in that place she was treated more like a brute than a human being; that the cell in which she was confined was not large enough for a dog, and that her breath which was formerly sweet and agreeable, had become almost intolerable to herself; held out her hands to the nurse and said that they had been bound together for the last five weeks, but hoped that the time was now come when she would be set at liberty; is very hoarse and her words are scarcely audible; complains of pain in the throat, especially she thinks by the dampness and contaminated air of the cell in which she was shut up; knows the nurse and clinical assistant and said she would put herself entirely under their care in consequence of their having paid so much attention to her sister when in the Asylum; pulse 90 moderate strength, [Sept. 17]

" 7

Tongue white and moist, pupils slightly contracted, scalp hot. Sumat h. s. pil. Rhin. Pulse 90 rather small. Tongue whitish, but moist, pupils natural, slept none last night but wandered about the ward, raves incoherently, maintains that she got no breakfast this morning although she eat it heartily. Sits in a praying attitude.

" 9

Pupils dilated, bowels fully opened by medicines, very restless and mischievous, declares that all about her are mad, has taken a particular fancy to Miss Ingles one of her fellow patients, and sits with her head resting in Miss Ingles's lap.

" 10

Very much excited and noisy to day; teases and annoys her fellow patients; owes herself a great many airs and prays the greater part of the night. Rf Solut. Tact. Antimon. 3ij Sig. Sumat 3ss ter quotidie.

" 12

Has been much quieter and more settled since last report, was engaged in the work-room spinning and tying hair altho' she does not work very steadily. Bodily functions pretty natural. To be employed actively every day if possible. omit med.

" 17

Continued pretty quiet and has been doing a little work since last report, but today became excited in the airing ground, lifted a stone, and struck Ann McWhorter a fellow patient with it, thereby inflicting a deep wound in her scalp; was ordered to be shut up in her room and administered immediately. Solut. Tact. Antimon. 3ss.

" 24

Pulse 90 moderate strength, tongue rather dry, skin dry and rather hot, pupils dilated, has been much more settled since last report, but still continues to rave and talk very absurdly. Rf. Sumat Pil. Hydr. ij h. s. et casiaana Finch Senna 3vi Tinct. Sassa 3ij Solut. Sulph. Magnes. 3jss. f. - haust.

July 1st

Pulse 84 small, tongue clean and moist, pupils pretty natural, mind somewhat improved although she still raves a little; declares she has the bad disorder from having had connection with bad men; has for the last few days been threatened with prolapsus ani occasioned perhaps by sitting on the grass in the airing grounds. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. There is a considerable improvement in the state of this patient since her admission, but she is still a little excited and flighty in manner. Occasionally makes herself very useful in cleaning the rooms of her fellow patients. &c. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Sumat ter quot. pro re nata. Solut. Tact. Antimon. 3ss.

" 16

Bodily health pretty good, quieter and more composed than at last report, although she still

July 20 th	remains rather excitable; doing a little work in the gallery. Bodily functions rational. Very noisy and tactless, forward and impudent in manner, hurls about the patients who happen to be in her way. H. Sol. Part. Antimony 3j. S. ter. in doses.
" 21	Continues still a little excited, saving critically and incoherently. Abundant capillitium apronatus. Vesicatorium Capiti toto.
" 25	Rather quieter to-day than at last report but still flighty and unsettled. Catamenia fluent (being the first time since admission). July 27 th Catamenia desistit.
Aug st 17 th	Bodily health good, mind flighty and excitable raves very incoherently and irrationally. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.
Sept ^r 8 th	Pulse 96 rather small, tongue clean and moist, pupils a little contracted, mind altho' still excitable is much improved of late. Diligently employed daily in the Work Room.
" 30	Health good; mind continues to improve gradually, very industrious in the Workroom sewing &c. continenter omnia.
Oct. 12 th	Health good, mind improves daily, is very useful in the Gallery assisting the nurses &c. cont. omnia.
" 17	Has for the last few days been in an excited state, manner unsettled and flighty, has patched together pieces of cloth and made them in the form of a child, which she dandles on her knee for the greater part of the day; says that the Clinical Assistant is its father. Catamenia fluent. Cont. omnia.
" 24	Still continues to dandle the artificial child and pays as much attention to it as if it were endowed with life, sleeps with it by her side and carries it about with her whenever she goes. Sews a little in the workroom. Manner still a little unsettled. cont.
Nov. 10 th	Since last report, mind has improved somewhat, has laid aside the doll and is now working steadily; answers questions in an abrupt and impudent manner, a very trifling circumstance throws her into a state of excitement. Appetite, Sleep and Bowels natural.
" 20	Has continued well since last report and exhibits no symptoms of excitement, very industrious; tongue generally dry but clean, pupils considerably dilated. S. h. S. p. v. n. Pil. Col. c. j.
Dec ^r 3 rd	Bodily health good, mind improves gradually, confines herself chiefly to her own room where she sews and occasionally reads the Bible. Denies no delusions, but her eye has a peculiar aspect, when asked any question replies in a hasty and impudent manner. Tongue cleaner. Pupils still dilated.
" 20	General health good, mind somewhat improved, much more agreeable in her manner, although still a little distant; answers questions very readily and quite coherently. Occupied in sewing &c. c. o.
" 28	Mind improves gradually - is to day rather sulky, does not see the propriety of being kept in the Asylum now that she is perfectly sound in her mind, says she has now all the reason ever bluntness God gave her; asks the Clin. Assistant if he can detect any insanity about her; employed at needle work. cont. o.
January 15 th 1843.	Health good, mind somewhat improved since last report; Manner more agreeable; breaches no delusions in the meantime; is anxious to get home; engages sewing in her own room. c. o. omnia.
" 30	Bodily health good, continues improving steadily, mind rational; answers questions correctly and readily, remembers the state she was in previous to her being brought to the Asylum and for some time after admission, describing it correctly, thinks she is now quite well and fit to go home. very industrious. c. o.
Feb ^r 12	Mind improving daily, and patient may now be deemed convalescent, less regularly anxious for dismissal.
" 26	Health good, convalescence proceeds favorably - Works diligently. Bodily functions correct and natural c. o.
March 10	Since last report has been very industrious. Expresses herself as very desirous of being taken home, conceives rationally on almost any subject and breaches no delusions. Cont. omnia.
" 19	Bodily health good; convalescence proceeds favorably, at present busily engaged knitting.
" 30 th	Health good, convalescence goes on favorably. very industrious. continenter omnia.
April 4 th	Being in good bodily health and mind quite rational she is this day discharged.

Cured.

No. 30. Annabella Russel or Mrs Matheson Et. Admitted June 6th 1842. rate 12/-

1221.

Dementia - 1st attack of 2 years and 3 months duration.

Previous History - For particulars of this case - vide Female Case Book Vol. - 1841 p. 103.

- June 6th 1842. Expressed a little concern about parting with her child. Came up quietly with Mr. Pritchard p. 70. Tongue clean and moist. answered questions reluctantly. seemed depressed and was taciturn. Bowels have been moved. Lochial discharge still continues. and is still.
- " 10 Lochial discharge still continues. Bowels slow. appears languid. pulse 72 moderate. Tongue white. never speaks of her child or relations. Does a little with her needle and sometimes reads. Is very taciturn - answers questions reluctantly - insists that she is perfectly well. Mute Pl: lactation xij. Sumat ij h. s. & repeat post opus. C. alia.
- " 15 Has been much sleet since last report. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Lochial discharge has ceased for four days. pulse 70 moderate. Sleeps well. Appetite good. works with her needle. answers questions reluctantly. Is still under the impression (as she was when last here) that she is living in a Cathedral. Does not enter into conversation. C. omnia.
- " 22 Same in all respects the same as at last report. Health pretty good. cont. omnia.
- " 28 Cheerful in appearance. seldom speaks. occupied in sewing - appetite sleep and bowels natural. Inclined to lie in bed in the morning. continentia omnia.
- July 4th For the last two days has been listless and depressed. Slight fever. Has done no work till today when she has taken to her sewing again. Has taken her food well. Sleeps soundly. still taciturn. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Pulse 70 small and feeble. Appetite good. C. o.
- " 6 Has done no work since last report till today when she is again sewing. Health pretty good. C. omnia.
- " 10 Catamenia appeared on the 8th and still continues. Is very languid. pulse 60 small & feeble. has been in bed all day. passed no urine at yesterday till last night when she passed about two pint - Bowels have not been moved. Continentia omnia.
- " 11 Is reported by the nurse to have passed no urine since Saturday night. at visit bladder distended. Bowels have not been moved. Pulse 60 soft & of moderate strength. Tongue white but moist; skin moist; pupils dilated - convuls herself under the bedclothes and insists that she is quite well. Let her be placed in warm hip bath immediately and have a draught of the lactine of the osmiate of iron. To be closely observed whether she passes urine. Vespaire. = Nurse reports that no urine has been passed, but that she looks well. on examination it was found that the bladder had been emptied and was quite flaccid.
- " 12 pulse 80 soft and full. Bowels have not been moved.
- " 13 Pulse 80 soft and full. Has slept well. Bowels have not been moved. Catamenia have ceased. Is reported to have passed no urine - let her have a lupulentine and Castor oil enema immediately - cont. alia.
- " 14 Passed urine freely after bowels had been evacuated by the enema. Still in bed. Mind weak and erratic. Taciturn, and occasionally abstracted. Continentia omnia.
- " 21 Has been out of bed since last report. Is quiet, taciturn and idle. answers questions reluctantly but laconically. betrays no delirium. In general appears abstracted. Health pretty good. C. omnia.
- " 23 Today is in bed, and has been excited during the night. Taciturn and refuses to answer questions has had some medicine which has not yet operated. Incontinent. cont. alia.
- " 24 Still excited and in bed, but on the whole is better than yesterday. Bowels regular by medicine to be got up to morrow. cont. alia.
- " 25 To day is up and engaged in sewing, has been quiet during the night and continues so still taciturn. Health better than yesterday but is still and taciturn. Bowels constipated. Sumat omnia nocte hora somni. pul. alteratio ij vj virescens. Continentia omnia.
- " 27 Today worse and in bed. Tongue full. medicine has not operated. pulse 70 small and feeble. pupils rather dilated. will not answer questions. Sumat pul. foliat. et ol. Croton. j omnia nocte hora somni. ad vj virescens. bitornit. pulul. heri prescript. Cont. alia.

- July 28th 1842 To day her bowels have been moved very freely and she is much better. answers questions relevantly. Has got up and is engaged in sewing. cont. omnia.
- " 29 Bowels have been very freely moved today and on the whole she is better. Engaged in sewing. Intermitt. pil. fatid. & cl. Euton. cont. alia.
- " 30 Continues to improve in all respects. Health pretty good. Mind still weak and abstracted although she answers questions relevantly. Is engaged in needlework. cont. omnia.
- Sept. 2 Still sews but appears to be more depressed. Catamenia appeared yesterday and continues. Catamenia ceased yesterday. Has been on the whole improving since last report.
- " 6 Bowels slow. Sumat. pro n. nata. pil. alterativ. j. cont. alia.
- " 13 Continues in all respects to improve is much more alert - and does some needlework health better. cont. omnia.
- " 24 Has not fallen back, but on the contrary has rather improved since last report. Has daily been engaged in needlework. Mind still weak but less abstracted. cont. omnia.
- " 26 Continues on the whole to improve tho' slowly. Still sews. requires occasionally to take opium medicines. continetur omnia.
- " 30 To day though she continues to sew is considerably excited, slams doors and flushes the nurse. Quiescat.
- " 31 Much quieter today and engaged in needlework looks rather depressed. it is probable that the Catamenia will soon appear. cont. omnia.
- Sept. 17 Has gone on well since last report. Catamenia have not appeared at this period. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Looks well. Is daily engaged in sewing. seldom speaks.
- " 22 Betrays no delusions and answers questions relevantly. cont. omnia.
- " 26 Has gradually become worse since last report and seems to day almost in a state of Demencia, though she does a little needlework, and can be roused to answer a question by a summons. Bowels slow. Tongue white. Sumat. hirc. Sumat. Pil. fatid. & cl. Euton. j. et rep. pro n. nata. S. Infus. Wort. & Baccas. Sed. & op. j. is his just idie. c. alia.
- Oct. 1 Since last report has done no work till to day when she has again began to sew. But on the whole there is no change. Catamenia have not yet appeared. cont. omnia.
- " 5 No change since last report. cont. omnia.
- " 10 Continued idle till today when she again began to sew. appears to be a little better. The second period has passed without the Catamenias appearing. cont. omnia.
- " 13 On the whole has improved since last report. Catamenia have not yet appeared. does some work. cont. omnia.
- " 16 Catamenia appeared yesterday and on the whole she is better. Continues to sew. c. o.
- " 20 Catamenia still continues and she is evidently much better. She sews regularly appears more cheerful and answers questions relevantly. She is still however of opinion that she lives in a Cathedral. cont. omnia.
- " 22 Catamenia ceased yesterday. continues to improve. Has received a letter from her husband which however has produced no effect. Still appears apathetic. c. omnia.
- " 28 Saw Dr. Anderson yesterday. There has been no improvement since last report and today she has been detected in attempting to burn some articles. cont. omnia.
- Nov. 9 No change whatever since last report except that she has not been burning articles, probably from having been watched. Health pretty good. Mind weak and apathetic continues to do a little needlework. cont. omnia.
- " 13 On the whole has improved since last report. Catamenia appeared yesterday and still continues. c. omnia.
- " 16 Catamenia ceased yesterday. continues to sew. On the whole is in much the same state as at last report. c. omnia.
- " 24 Has improved considerably since last report. Health much better. Appears to be more active and cheerful. Continetur omnia.

- Dec. 31st 1842 Catamenia appeared on the 22nd and terminated on the 26th. This patient has improved considerably both in health and mind of late.
- Jan. 31. 1843 Mind rather stronger and she appears more intelligent. Seldom however employs herself in any kind of work. Catamenia appeared on the 11th and disappeared on the 15th. Health good.
- Feb. 22 Has been employed during the last two days knitting a silk purse, but today she has been it up, and sits at the fire idle. Catamenia appeared on the 11th and disappeared on the 15th. General health good. Is liable to occasional fits of excitement when she sometimes strikes her fellow patients.
- " 28 Health good. no mental change. occasionally works a little. Cont. omnia.
- March 31 No change since last report. continues excitable and easily annoyed, when she is apt to strike those around her. Does but little work of any kind. Catamenia appeared on the 12th and disappeared on the 16th. Cont. omnia.
- April 15 Has been rather excitable of late, and seems to have taken a dislike to Miss Leach, to day ran after her and tried to strike her; she was however prevented from doing so, and has been placed in her room. Catamenia appeared on the 11th and disappeared today.
- " 30 Has been pretty free from excitement since last report. Walks and takes exercise in the grounds. Health good. Continuation omnia.
- May 6. Continues free from excitement, but has been harrasing her needlework. General health good. Catamenia appeared today. Cont. omnia.
- " 10 Catamenia disappeared today. Cannot be made to stick to any regular employment, and she still continues very excitable and variable in temper.
- " 31 No change since last report. remains idle and taciturn. Cont. omnia.
- June 9 Was today removed from the Old Asylum to Dartmouth. Is quiet and free from excitement at present.
- " 30 Has continued since her removal quiet and industrious, answers questions rationally. Has several times sat down to the Piano and plays very well. Is inclined to be taciturn and retires in precipitate haste when the Clinical Assistant comes to see her. This is not always, but frequently the case.
- July 12 Has lately been visited several times by her husband, who has determined upon giving her a trial at home, her mind is still weak but she has lately been less excitable than formerly and applies her self more closely to her needlework. She was today dismissed on Trial.
- " 19 She today called at the Physician's Office along with her husband and the Physician was astonished to find a complete change in her whole appearance and manner. She talked in the most rational way of her future prospects, told him she was going abroad to Canada, since she left the Asylum she has conducted herself with perfect propriety, she is at present in good health and quite rational and she is therefore marked on the record as

Cured.

Catherine Veitch or Mrs Thompson from 44. Admitted April 13th 1842

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March 9th

face with her hands because she is unlike other people and unfit to be in a clergymans presence. Health has rather fallen off. She requires opulent medicine. Pulse 68. Small and feeble. Tongue white and rather dry. Pupils dilated. Sleeps pretty well. R^x. Pulvis alterativus ʒii. Sumac duas anni nocte hinc somni. R^x. Infusi Cinchona frigida ʒv. Tinct. Cardamom Comp ʒi Acid. Sulmuri dilut ʒj ss. sumat ʒij mane noctaque. Contin: alia.

" 13

No improvement except that her tongue is now clean and moist and her appetite better. Still anxious to sit apart from others and wishes to go to bed. Fancies that her brother is in the Cook House, that she never sleeps and that she has not done so for two years. Contin: omnia.

" 22

No change in any respect. She requires to have opulent medicines daily. Contin: omnia.

" 31

Pulse small and feeble 68. Tongue clean and moist pupils contracted, appetite good. Bowels regular. Fancies the same as formerly. Cannot be employed. Contin: omnia.

April 10

Still depressed and idle. Sits in one posture all day and cannot be engaged to take an interest in anything. Health feeble. Takes little food. Tongue clean and moist. Bowels kept regular by medicines. Contin: omnia.

" 18

Still depressed and complains of her unworthiness. Says that she is not a human being and that there is no hope for her either in this world or the next. Appetite better. In other respects the same. Contin: omnia.

" 26

Is with difficulty got out of bed, and would always return to it if permitted. Takes no interest in anything. Worst feelings as to her being an animal occasionally manifested. Fancies that she has no soul and cannot yet as a human being. Can with difficulty be got to speak a few sentences at anytime and these are confined to the expression of her fancies. Health tolerably good. Functions natural. Contin: omnia.

May 4

Fancies that she has never been a human being, that she has brought misery on her husband and every one connected with her. Oppressed and listless. Health tolerably good.

" 11

Rather more depressed. Fancies as to her unworthiness and being a monster increased. Health tolerably good. Contin: omnia.

" 16

Says that she will never die like human beings but be removed by some horrid means - that she will never be judged in a future state as she has no soul. Health good. Requires occasionally to have opulent medicine. Contin: omnia.

" 25

No improvement. Cannot bear to hear her husband or brother spoken of and will not listen to the proposal of their coming to see her. Fancies that she has ruined all who have ever come in contact with her. Wishes to be in bed. Sits in one place. Cannot be interested in anything. Contin: omnia.

" 31

No change except that she wishes to be in the dark. Contin: omnia.

June 10

Delusions remain as formerly. Health tolerably good. Takes food better than she used to do. Is allowed wine and Porter which she takes willingly enough but avers that nothing will do her good. Contin: omnia.

" 20

Bees all who approach her to leave her as she is a beast and has no soul. Delusions as vivid as ever. Bees continually to be allowed to go to bed and remain in the dark. Health though feeble, pretty good. Requires opients as formerly. Contin: omnia.

" 30

This case on the whole has been very slowly but gradually getting worse and there is little chance of any improvement. She takes food and wine and looks pretty well. Her delusions however are the same and as strong if not stronger than formerly. She can be interested in nothing. Sits in a melancholic and torpid state. Contin: omnia.

No. 31. Jean Wilson a M^{rs} M^{rs} Fear. W. Co. W. Domestic. Admitted June 7th 1842 Age 76 -

1222. Dementia - 2nd Attack of 15 Years and 9 months duration.

Previous History - In particulars of this case. Vide Female Case book vol. 18. and Vol. 18 - p.

- June 7th 1842 Was with great difficulty brought out of the Carriage in which she was conveyed to the Asylum; on admission appeared melancholy and depressed, but not at all bewildered, knew the Nurse and recognised several of the Patients she knew when in the House on a former occasion. Sumat. h. somni Pil. Hydrag. ij.
- " 9 No difference in the state of this Patient since admission, continues in the same depressed and agitated state, has taken very little food, and today refuses to eat her breakfast, with examination and refuses to answer questions.
- " 10 Still persists in refusing her food; in consequence of her debilitated state, and the small amount of nourishment which her system must have received from the food which she has taken since her admission, it was deemed expedient that Beef-tea should be administered by means of the feeding apparatus three times a day.
- " 11 No change since yesterday, will not take her food and still requires to be fed by the apparatus.
- " 17 Bodily health improved within the last few days, still refuses to take her food declares she will not eat until she gets out of this place. Sumat. h. somni Ol. Ricini Ziss.
- " 24 Health continues to improve, began yesterday to take her food which requires to be put into her mouth by the nurse. Bowels rather slow. Tongue foul but moist. Rf - Sumat. h. somni Pil. fat. c. Ol. Croton. j.
- July 1. Pulse 78. moderate strength, Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils dilated, state seems reluctant to answer questions. Food still requires to be forced on her by the nurse: no mental improvement; anxious to get home and fancies she will accomplish this by refusing to eat. Sleep and Bowels natural. Continuation.
- " 3 Bodily health much improved since her admission, has begun to take her food like the rest of the Patients. mind more alert and active of late. Bowels and sleep natural. Idli.
- " 10 No perceptible difference in the state of this Patient since last report.
- " 24 Bodily health pretty good, very anxious for dismissal, refuses to work; mind somewhat improved since admission.
- Augth 7. Refuses food and will not take it unless the nurse feeds her with a spoon. looks very unhealthy, tongue white, pupils natural. Pulse 70. small. Face and lower extremities swollen. Bowels pretty regular. Catarrhs and imbecile. U. Potassa Bicarb. ʒij Infusi Gent. Comp et aqua a. ʒviij. Rf. Sumat. Cyathum virosum bis quotidie et pulv. attractio c. Quina Sulph. in potidie.
- " 16 Health rather better, mind more rational than it has been for some time past, says that the Beef-tea does not agree with her stomach. Stop the Beef-tea, and let her have two pints of Milk daily.
- " 19 Health declining rapidly, stomach very irritable, has no cough, and declares herself altogether free from pain, mind pretty rational; pulse quick and feeble; tongue white and moist. Continuation.
- " 22 Last night appeared in all respects the same as when last reported, but this morning was found in her bed -

Dead.

Post-Mortem = 48 hours after death.

Head. Scalp and Calvarium natural. Adhesions extended all along each side of Bala. as far as the anterior lobes, with the usual thickening of the Pia Mater at same points. Anterior part of Bala atrophied and thinned away, presenting cutiform or net-work appearance. Considerable subarachnoid effusions and venous congestion, the veins being hard and corded. Ependymal substance generally very pale and thinned away bearing a much smaller proportion, than usual, to the white substance, and at one part on the external side of the right side, altogether disappearing. About 7½ of fluid in left lateral ventricle, and 7½ in right. Splenium Lucidum cutic, and Substance of Monro natural. Fornix natural. Choroid plexus highly vascular, some of the vessels being as large as a split pea. Vena cava and those of the Cerebro-Spinal highly congested. A distinct clot of blood was found underneath the Pia Mater and in the surface of the Cerebro-Spinal about the size of a pea. Central portions of the brain of natural consistence. Cerebellum and Medulla weighed five ounces. Brain with Cerebellum and Medulla weighed two pounds eight ounces. Cerebellum without the medulla weighed 4 ounces. Pituitary gland healthy and of natural size.

Thorax. Very strong adhesions of left pleura and about 1 lb of serous fluid in its cavity. Right Lung weighed 2 lbs 1 oz. Left Lung 2 lb 5 ounces. Upper lobe of left lung much condensed and studded with tubercles, containing a cavity of about one inch in diameter. Right Lung very adenomatous and upper lobe filled with tubercles. No adhesions in right pleura and about an ounce of serum in cavity. Heart weighed 6 oz. Concentric hypertrophy of left ventricle, valves healthy, arch of aorta large but healthy.

Abdomen. Liver weighed 2 lb 11 oz of a pale colour, firm and brittle, presenting the appearance of Cyathosis. Colon descended into Pelvic region. Right Kidney weighed 3 oz. Left ditto 3 oz. both granular, but particularly the right. Spleen remarkably small weighing 1 oz. Stomach small, mucous membrane thickened and rugous, but pale and free from vascularity.

No 32. Jessie Duke or Mrs. Lucienne. Et. 35. W. Domestic. Admitted June 7th 1842. Note 13.

1223.

Dementia =

1st attack of 15 months duration.

Previous history = Her Grandmother was eccentric if not positively insane. She has been insane about six years and has had five children, two of whom are dead. Her brother is an epileptic maniac. About 15 months ago she was first attacked whilst suckling her child who was about six months old. She and her husband had had a hard struggle to maintain their position in Society. At the time she was attacked, they had removed to a new house. She did not like the house and was apprehensive that her husband who is a teacher of Drawing would lose his business, at this time in addition to religious fears which have now left her, she exhibited great indecision, perplexity and fear of consequences, with the delusion that she can do nothing right. At first would not eat, and cared nothing for her husband and family. She was removed to Morning-side Asylum where she did well and was so much improved, that her husband contrary to the advice of the Medical Officers determined about a month ago to try her at home. She then became worse, has attempted to dash her head against the wall and succeeded once or twice. A few days ago she snatched up a small dinner knife and struck it against her side several times but from being blunt it did not reach her person. Catamenia have been regular at the last two periods before that they had been obstructed for a year. She knows her state.

June 9th 1842

On admission appeared well. answered questions relevantly. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils dilated. Pulse 76 small and feeble. ordinary diet and regimen.

" 10 "

Is quiet and generally rather depressed, but at first smiles, answers questions relevantly and converses rationally. Pulse 73 feeble. Tongue rather white. Pupils dilated. Has slept soundly last night. Inquires about her husband and family and says that she knows she has acted wrong, but cannot help it, that she might have been comfortable at home if she could have controlled herself, that she is always doing what she should not do, and what she does not wish to do, but is forced to act contrary to her will. Bowels constipated. Appetite natural. S. h. s. fit. Alteration of spot about spot c. alia.

" 11 "

Bowels have been moved. Today is engaged in needle work. Mind as at last report. Con. omnia.

" 15 "

No mental change. Pulse 72 moderate. Appetite natural. Sleeps well. Engaged with needle work.

" 20 "

Has gone on well since last report until today, when she has become more depressed and has been frequently crying. Notions as to her inability to do any good continue. Pulse 73 moderate. Pupils less dilated. Temp. cool. Bowels kept regular by medicine. Has not taken her food so well. Did not sleep so well last night, having been kept awake by thoughts respecting the distress she had occasioned her husband. Still sweet. Being encouraged and spoken kindly to, became more cheerful. Con. omnia.

" 23 "

Has written a very sensible letter to her husband and has been more cheerful since last report. Health pretty good. Occupied in sewing. Con. omnia.

" 30 "

Inquires anxiously about her husband and family and is very anxious to have a letter from the former. As formerly when in Morning-side Asylum, this was found prejudicial, it has been thought advisable that Mr. Lucienne should not write to the patient, but to the Physician from time to time, that he may communicate to her how they all are. This has been explained to her and she acquiesces. Still complains that she can do nothing right.

July 5.

Has been more depressed than usual yesterday and today. Continues to sew and read. Complains of the evil thoughts which come into her mind. Will not explain what they are at times appears bewildered, and then cries a great deal. Pupils dilated. Pulse 73 feeble. Looks healthy but delicate. Bowels apt to be constipated, but kept regular by medicine. Catamenia have not appeared since admission. Con. omnia.

- July 10th Catamenia have not yet appeared. Has improved somewhat since last report.
 " 18 Continues in much the same state as at last report. Catamenia have not yet appeared. continues to see. con. omnia.
 " 22 Catamenia appeared yesterday and still continue. No other change; still looks bewildered but sees a little. con. omnia.
 " 27 Catamenia ceased yesterday but no other changes. con. omnia.
 " 31 Has improved a little since last report. Still bewildered. Attempts no delusions and answers questions relevantly. Mind weak; health better. con. omnia.
 Aug. 8. Has been more alert and less abstracted since last report. Is very anxious to see her husband or to have a letter from him. Says that everything she does is wrong, that she knows it but cannot help it. Health improved. continuous omnia.
 " 18 Some slight improvement. occasionally picks her face but not so much as formerly knits and snes. Has been taking the alterative pill and the bitter infusion with the bicarbonate of Soda with benefit to her health. con. omnia.
 " 27 Has been more restless during the last two days. Pulse is small and quick. Pupils dilated. Tongue pretty clean. Hopes of her inability to do good - of her husband not coming to see her - is quite childish in her behaviour and conversation. Does not sleep well at night. Ad. temporib. binodina xvj. Cont. pil. et Infus. R. 3 Bicarb. Soda. con. alia.
 " 29 Somewhat improved since last report; is more active and cheerful. Catamenia have not appeared at this period. con. omnia.
 Sept. 5. On the whole has slightly improved since last report. Catamenia have not yet appeared.
 " 8 Catamenia appeared yesterday and still continue. Sees and knits. No mental improvement. Face slightly swollen today, partly from abrasion and partly from cold. Is having a poultice of Chamomile flowers applied. Catamenia still continue.
 " 10 Swelling has fallen. Catamenia still continue. con. omnia.
 " 12 Catamenia ceased yesterday. On the whole she is more composed and cheerful than she has yet been. Engages herself in needlework. con. omnia.
 " 21 Has been very much excited last night and today. Thinks incessantly that everything is wrong. Insists that her husband shall be sent for. Cannot fix what gown she will put on and when the Nurse gives her one, gets angry, throws it down and pushes her away. pulse is small, pupils contracted. Is to be dressed immediately and have two grains of Tartar. emetic in half an ounce of water immediately. c. omnia.
 " 23 Was better for some time after the emetic solution, but became excited again this morning and was with difficulty dressed. knits a little but is still excited. Is to have two grains of Tartar. emetic in half an ounce of water, immediately. c. alia.
 " 25 Is much better today the excitement having abated. Engaged in knitting. c. omnia.
 " 27 Has been quiet and more cheerful since last report. Health has improved. Mind still weak and abstracted. employed in knitting.
 Oct. 5. No change since last report. Has not been so industrious. Still declares that she is wrong and that she cannot do what she ought to do. Health pretty good. Face whole.
 " 13 No change since last report. Repet. pil. alterativ. & Infus. Gentian. c. 2 Bicarb. Potass. c. alia.
 " 19 Excited today and saving incessantly. Would not dress herself and the Nurse had to dress her by force this morning; since then she has been knitting. con. omnia.
 " 21 Excitement continued yesterday and she had to be dressed. The Catamenia appeared and she has been quiet since. continuous.
 " 24 Has scratched and abraded her face. Catamenia ceased today. Rj Sulph. Zinci gr. viij. Ag. font. Zij. Sol. ft. lotio faciei adhibend. Rj. Hydrotat. Potass. gr. xxij. Infus. Gentian. Zvj. 15 & S. Sumat 3j. ter quotidie. Intermit. Infus. Gentian. 2 Bicarb. Soda. cont. alia.
 " 27 Face much improved, in other respects is much the same as at last report. Some of

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- her work has been sent to her husband. *con. omnia*.
 continued in the same state of mind. Face nearly whole. *continens*.
 On the whole is a little better than at last report. Mind still weak and abstracted.
 Employed in knitting. *con. omnia*.
 Health slowly improves and there is a very slight improvement in mind. Still takes the
 solution of the Hydriodate of Potash and the attractive pills. *con. omnia*.
 Excited last night quite to-day but somewhat agitated has begun again to rub and scratch her face.
 Catamenia fluent. Looks pale and sickly, tongue white and tremulous. Pulse 96
 moderate strength, pupils natural, bowels regular. Appetite good. Picks her face and
 hands and is by no means so well again. Speaks of her husband and children and
 declares her conviction that she shall never see them again. Intermitt. medicamenta. Quacks.
 Catamenia desiccant. Still uneasy and fretful, has lately become obnoxious to
 her fellow patient Mr. White who charges her with insulting her although perhaps she
 is the most inoffensive creature in the gallery. Says she is quite perplexed and cannot
 imagine what is to be the end of all these proceedings. She can do nothing right. Fancies
 the Clinical Assistant is persecuting her husband and declares that all around her is one
 complete scene of mystery. No mental improvement.
 Attended the Christmas Ball and joined in the dance several times during the evening, appearing
 much delighted and amused. Cannot tell what it is all for and still declares herself
 completely mystified. Health improves again. This is a very doubtful case.
 No mental improvement since last report; declares herself to be completely in the power
 of the Nurses, and cannot understand why she never hears from or sees her friends, accuses
 herself of being idle and of not behaving as she ought. *con. omnia*. Catamenia appeared
 on the 16th and disappeared on the 18th.
 Has since last report been much inclined to lie in bed during the better part of the day,
 when asked to get up makes objections on the score of her not having the proper clothes,
 wishes to wear two or three gowns and as many shawls. Asks the reason why she imagines
 so many things, when recommended to get up and try to do some work as a means of
 preventing her from imagining so many things, she asked eagerly if that would have the
 effect. Very fidgety about her dress, and appears amazed and mystified with everything
 about her. Health good.
 In great distress this morning because she cannot get the dress she wishes to put on, and
 the worsted work she wished to work at; when they were brought still affirmed they
 were not the right, in short did not know what she wanted. The maid and was much distressed.
 When visited to day she insisted that her husband was in the house, that she had seen
 him working in the gallery with his Blue Paris coat on and a hat on, and begged and
 intreated to be allowed to see him. Has been complaining of headache and nausea the
 last two days and generally keeps her bed half the day. Tongue white but moist. *con.*
 Catamenia: duos omni nocte hora tertia ad vitem tertianam.
 Yesterday she received a letter from her husband to which she has written a very correct
 and tolerably rational reply, indeed much more so than could be supposed from the
 wandering and mystified expression she so generally exhibits; indeed there were only two
 points which could be called in question. She shows her desire to work, and does work
 at worsted work, but is never pleased with what she does, and generally takes it all over
 when only half finished. General health good.
 Has received another letter from her husband but has not yet answered it. Was a few
 evenings ago engaged playing the piano while one of her fellow patients and two of
 the Clinical Assistants sang. She seemed much pleased though often completely
 mystified, her mind evidently being full of wandering delusions. Catamenia appeared
 today and she is in bed. Health good. *con. omnia*.

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March 18th

No change in mental condition, cannot be made to finish any piece of work she undertakes, seems much taken up about her dress, and is not satisfied because she cannot be allowed to wear it as she likes, if permitted she would wear more than one gown at a time, evidently from a fear that they will be taken from her and worn by other people; It was only after a great deal of persuasion that she would give up a dirty pocket handkerchief to send to the wash, and not ^{then} until she got another in its place, and even then she wished to keep both. Is fond of remaining in solitude in her own room. Cannot hear good. C. minor. Catamnia disappeared on the 7th. Has written two very rational letters which have been sent off and today she is employed writing and copying passages of Scripture from her Bible, but still preserves the same mystified expression, which has all along characterized her case. General health good. Seems highly desirous of doing what is right but frequently expresses her inability and regrets it. Remains almost the whole day in her own room, and is very long in getting dressed in the mornings.

" 28

Has sent down to Dr. Hutchison the XV Chapter of St. John written out on two sheets of paper, thinking as she says Dr. H. would perhaps like to possess some of her hand writing, thus it however intermixed with it some of her own remarks Catamnia appeared to-day. can remember.

" 31

April 4.

Catamnia disappeared today. No mental change since last report can remember.

" 13

Employs herself in writing and reading but confines herself to her own room and still maintains that confused and mystified manner which has characterized her ^{case} ^{all} Was not walking yesterday in the airing ground, which has not been the case for a long time before; her mind is stronger of late, though still weak, and her general character is wavering, undecided and mystified. Her health has not been quite so good and she looks rather pale and thin, probably from her sedentary habits. Is not yet to take regular daily exercise. Since the 16th she has been taking the following medicines: R. Pinet: Ferri Viem: Zijp. Pinet: Gentian: Comp: Zij lq: Potan: ʒss R. lq: half a wineglass full three times a day.

" 28

Catamnia appeared the second time this month on the 14th and disappeared on the 17th. Health improves and mind is also stronger.

" 30

May 9th

Health continues to improve and mind is also stronger. Still inclined to lie long in bed in the mornings, though constantly annoyed at herself for not getting up, and her lamenting her inability to do the things she wishes. She however writes a very good letter of which the following is a specimen addressed to "Miss Dundas - 22. Henri Place - Edinburgh"

"My dear Miss Matilda"

" Glasgow Asylum Sunday 7th May 1843"

"I dare say you are rather astonished that I have not answered your very kind letter long - on this time especially as I have now none of those occupations, which used to prevent me from writing to you as often as I wished. But still my pre-occupations longer things to me, and is the chief cause why I do not do many things, which I might otherwise do. I would indeed, feel very happy my dear Miss Matilda to see Sir David and his lady, and I am truly delighted to know that he is so happily married, I hope his dear little lady is continuing to thrive, and I trust she will be spared for a great blessing to both her parents, I am happy to hear that the dear little Whighams are all well, poor children - their lot can never be made up to them in this world, still they have many kind aunts and relations who take care of them though I am well aware there is no one like that of a mother. I hope that Mr Davidson and his husband and baby are well, I fancy his little darling will now be able to run alone, and will be a great source of happiness to her Papa and mamma. I would like very much to know how Mr Lockhart and all his family are, have you been visiting them lately. I think Mr Dundas told me that you were to spend the summer with her at Breckwood, an arrangement which I am sure you

Jessie Rule or Mrs. Surrence.

1843
May 9th

"will be pleased with. I will be very happy my dear Miss Matilda to have another letter from you, if it is not too troublesome for you to write me, and be very happy to receive any books you may think fit to send me. I sincerely hope my dear Miss Matilda that you will have the goodness to call and see my dear husband. I know well how much need he has of the conversation of such a friend as you to soothe his mind under his present affliction. He used often to tell me that he would prefer a visit to you, were he sick or ill in preference to that of a clergyman, for he highly appreciated your truly pious and Christian mind. I feel convinced, too, my dear Miss Matilda that you will look after my children and do them all the good you can, I will never forget all your great kindness to me and I am sure that you will sympathize with them for their bereavement is severe, indeed it is much worse than if I were dead. Oh you know not how often I long to be with them again, indeed at times, it seems wonderful to me how I am able to live away from them, but God's ways are not as our ways, therefore he does what seemeth best to him, for he ruleth over all. I often think of the happy days I have spent with you all and would be happy if I could be with you again, but I am afraid that will never be. Will you give my love to dear Mr. Plummer and tell her I would like very much to hear from her again. I hope Captain Plummer is well and reconciled to Beechwood, though it is not so much to his taste as his last residence. I sincerely hope my dear Miss Matilda that you will write to me soon again and ever believe me your very grateful and affectionate" "Jessie Surrence."

- " - 15 Not so well the last few days, gets a good deal across all around her of delighting in tormenting her and says she is sure her husband can have no love for her or he would come and see her, she would be satisfied if he would only let her live in a room in his house and be near him & her children. Is with much difficulty made to get up in the morning. General health improves. Presumes the same undevoted and mystified demeanour which has all along characterized her.
- " - 24 Continues still very unsettled and annoys herself much thinking about her clothes and will not allow what is due to be sent to the wash. Exceedingly desirous to get home and insists upon it; says she will not eat, but will starve herself unless she is allowed to go home. Has refused her food all day.
- " - 25 Continues much in the same state as she was yesterday: once a good deal to get home and has written to her husband to let her have one single room in his house where she may be near "her husband and children". Has today however taken her food.
- " - 26 Is today more cheerful and is up writing. Has a glass of Sherry daily omit Mist. Her Catarrhus appeared on the 15th and disappeared on the 23rd but is now on the 23rd.
- " - 31 Had been going on very well since last report, and had worked a large piece of a comforter for her little boy and been altogether more cheerful, when she today received an answer to her letter from her husband, she is in consequence in great distress, thinks that now there is no chance of her getting home, clenched her hands and said she was a determined woman and that unless she got home she would make a resolution not to take any food and if she once said so, she would keep her word. It is evident that the receipt of these letters from her husband, are prejudicial to her and their correspondence therefore for the present will be stopped. Her health is improved.
- June 9 Has today brought out to Gastinac. Expressed herself quite at a loss to comprehend why she should go there. Reflected on her husband for treating her in such a manner, and talked in her usual mystified and confused manner.
- " - 20 Has continued since her removal here much in the same state of unsettledness as formerly, sometimes refusing to get up at all, and at other times cannot be persuaded to go to bed. Has written twice to her husband since the 9th. Has lately on several occasions shown great irritability of temper, has no fixed or determined purpose and loses almost everything unfinished that she attempts. Mind confused and mystified.
- " - 23 Is today in great distress and in bed - once a good deal - says that her room is her class room and that she had been pushed under the flap-room door and crushed, and that an image had

see page 275.

No. 33 Margaret McMillan a M^{rs} Eslops. et. 35. M^{rs}. Domestic. Admitted June 16th 1843
etc 76.

1224. Melancholia - 3rd Attack of seven days duration.

Previous History - Has been twice in this Asylum viz. from
to . . . & from . . . to No particulars of this case
with regard to former attacks vide Case Book vol.
The present attack is said to be owing to the death of a friend, and the exhortations
of a missionary. It is marked by want of sleep, depression and delusions such as
that every individual is doomed to kill but himself, and that the Sun is loaded
with daggers.

- June 16th 1843. When admitted, looked stupid and appeared not to know the name of the
place; was listless and answered any question put to her with a laugh.
Scalp hot, tongue white and furred. Pupils elevated, pupils rather contracted.
Pulse of moderate strength. Bowels constipated. Rf. Sumat hna soumi pit Khui
3. Sydenh ij.
- " 21. Pulse 84 moderate strength, tongue foul and moist, pupils very contracted; looks
dull and stupid, no mental improvement since admission. Appetite and sleep
natural. Bowels slow. Rf. Sumat hna soumi pro re nata. Pil. folid. & ol. Crotonij
et Infus. Surtian. 3xxi Acid. Sulph. bromat 3ii M. Sig. Sumat. the quodidie 3ij.
- July 1st. Pulse 78 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural. Complains of pain
in her right shoulder, occasioned she thinks by a bruise she received previous to
admission, very quiet and indolent, on the whole a little improved.
- " 8. Bodily health improved since admission: cheerful and industrious. Replies volubly
and answers questions accurately. May be looked on as convalescent. Appetite, sleep
and Bowels natural.
- " 17. Pulse 80 natural strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly contracted, continues
to work steadily, talks volubly and answers questions quite volubly.
Convalescence proceeds. Cont. med.
- " 24. Health good, works regularly in the workroom, mind continues to improve. Cont.
med.
- Aug. 6. Being in good bodily health, mind rational and free from delusions she was this
day dismissed.

Cured.

No. 34. Mary Martin a Mrs. Adams. At. 41. M^{rs}. Domestic. Admitted June 16th 1842
 rate 7/6 —

1225

Mania = 5th Attack of 6 months duration.

Previous History. This is a hereditary case. The patient's mother was insane and treated in this Asylum. vide Small Case Book. Vol. — p. —. Her maternal aunt and cousins were intemperate. She has been three times in this Asylum. Vide Female Case books Vol. — p. —. Vol. — p. —. Vol. — p. —. She was originally of a cheerful disposition but since the first attack of her disease she has been irritable, discontented and depressed. She drinks incessantly, at present is anxious to injure her husband and child, to tear and destroy her husband's clothes but not her own & fancies that her son is in her head and her cousin on her side. She is very jealous. The disease is on the increase and is caused by intemperance operating on a constitution hereditarily predisposed to insanity.

June 16th 1842.

On admission was quiet and quite collected, said she had been in the same place twice before. Recognized several of the patients and conversed freely with them. Maintains that there are her spirits in her head, who speak frequently to her but can give no satisfactory account of what they say; believes that the her spirits are her husband and son; confessed in the end however that it must be a trick of her imagination. Complains of general debility, but more particularly of weakness about the back and left side. Talks pretty coherently and answers questions relevantly. P. 68 moderate strength. S. clean and moist, tremulous pupils contracted. Spleen hot. Bowels constipated. M. Small brown serum. Pil. Rhin & Hydrag. ij.

" 21

Bodily health improved, mind more alert and active; was idle a few days after admission but yesterday began to work, and has since continued to do so. Is indulged with a little tea. Continues:

July 1.

P. 66 moderate, S. clean and moist, pupils natural; mind unimproved; still fancies there are voices in her head, but is not so much disturbed by them, as on admission. Quiet and industrious. Continues.

" 8

Health pretty good. Delusions disappearing, anxious for some snuff, very industrious. Bodily functions natural.

" 17

Pulse 70 good strength, Tongue clean and moist, pupils slightly contracted. Very quiet and useful in the gallery. Breaches no delusions. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.

" 23

Bodily health good, quiet and industrious, begins to see the absurdity of her delusions; on the whole is considerably improved since admission. Bodily functions natural.

Aug. 16

P. 68 moderate, S. clean and moist, pupils contracted. Mind rather depressed today. Working in the Laundry.

Sept. 16.

Mind more alert and active, delusions still continue. Bodily functions correct & natural. Still some.

" 30

Pulse 74 rather small. S. clean and moist. Pils contracted; depression of mind continues; wanders about the gallery weaving her hands and occasionally muttering to herself, sometimes scold a little. Slight Epileptism.

Oct. 17

In the last ten days this case has been going on more satisfactorily. Mind more alert and active; busily employed in the Laundry dressing Linen &c. importunate in her demands for snuff, has been on the point of taking it previous to admission. Breaches no delusions in the meantime. Bodily functions natural.

" 27

Since last report has continued very industrious in the Laundry & Workroom. Mind more alert and active no appearance of any delusions. Health good. Continues to amuse.

Nov. 4

Continues improving steadily, mind cheerful and active, retains no delusions; may be considered convalescent; continues.

" 12

General health good. Convalescence proceeds rapidly. Continues to amuse.

" 14

Bodily health excellent; mind rational and collected; appears cheerful and contented; is employed daily at domestic work. Continues to amuse.

" 30

In all respects the same as when last reported. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Cont. am.

Dec. 14

Health good, convalescence goes on favourably; expresses a wish to go home to her family, as she considers herself perfectly recovered; to be dismissed by order of the Physician as soon as arrangements can be made.

Jan. 14th 1843

In all respects the same as at last report. Cheerful and good humoured, very industrious. [for that purpose]

" 14

Bodily health being good, and mind perfectly rational she is this day dismissed.

Cured.

- December 31st coming to her bed at night, and administering sleeping draughts that they may the more easily carry their evil intentions into execution. Smells health good. Contin. Health good; mind not in the least improved; full of delusions; flighty and excitable. is constantly complaining of being disturbed by its things (to use her own expression) which keep up her fretfulness and frighten her dreadfully. There is every reason to believe that this patient is addicted to the deadly habit of masturbation. Jaws a little in the workroom.
- Jan^y 30th 1843. No change whatever since last report; mind being still full of delusions. Contin. Feb^y 26. Still continues to rave in the most absurd manner as before; complaining as usual of being used improperly in the night time; looks at her needle during the day.
- March 28. Health good, mind in late respects as at last report, requested of the Clinical Assistant that she might have a pair of drawers that she may protect herself from those who come to her bed at night with bad intentions. Is engaged in needlework as formerly. Con. sm.
- April 3. Health content; mind as at last report. Continues to rave about Witches as much as ever. Engaged at present in domestic work. Cont. smm.
- May 31. In all respects the same as at last report; mind full of delusions and ridiculous fancies; is disturbed at night by Devils, Fairies, &c who administer drugs to her in order that they may get their improper motives carried into effect. Health good. Continuable.
- June 30. No change; mind as full of delusions as before. Was removed to the new asylum at Gartnash in the 18th and since that time has continued to rave and talk in her usual way. Cont.
- July 27. Bodily health good; mind in its usual state, as full of delusions as ever. Cont. smm.
- Aug^t 29. No change since last report, raves in her usual manner; is constantly complaining of men visiting her during the night. Is at present engaged doing needlework. Cont.
- Sept^r 12. In the last few days has been complaining of weakness and languor not disposition to bodily exertion with partial loss of appetite. On being visited this morning was found in bed with all the symptoms of Fever. Skin hot, pulse 120 pretty full, Tongue loaded and dry in the centre, Eyes suffused with injection of the vessels of the conjunctiva, intense headache; Pupils very contracted. R^y Pulv. Doveri gr. X Submur. Hydrag. gr. IX. M. Fiat Pulv. Statim sumend.
- " 13. Fever progresses, Skin hot but more moist than at yesterday's report. Pulse 118 not so full, headache, slight delirium, respiration quicker than natural but free. Tongue loaded, her bowels have not been moved for the last two days. R^y Hydrag. & Casta gr. VI Pulv. Doveri Rhei. D^y Pulv. Acrost. gr. IV. M. 7. p. hanc summi sumend. Head to be bathed with vinegar and water.
- " 16. In the last few days the febrile symptoms have not abated. Bowels more moved after the exhibition of the medicine prescribed at last report and the stools were dark and very fæid. Her urine is high coloured; Sordes of teeth and lips; Thirst; to have oppressive draughts. Cont. alia.
- " 17. Was very restless during last night, tossing herself about in bed and moaning and caving. Today her pulse is 104 small and feeble, teeth and lips covered with sordes, tongue dry and red, pupils very contracted and eyes bloodshot; feet rather cold; Surface of body colder than natural. R^y sumat. Statim Pulv. ex. Rhei. D^y Hydrag. & Casta gr. VI Pulv. Acrost. gr. IV. M. To have a Teaspoonful of Brandy in water as often as she can take it. Hot water in fums to be applied to feet and body.
- " 19. Spent a bad night, was restless and slept none; this morning she is a little better, her tongue is moist and her pulse although weak is stronger than it was last night; Surface of body of more natural temperature. Her bowels have acted once; defecations were dark. Permit the brandy and let her have a glass of Port-wine every hour.
- " 20. Last night slept about three hours and this morning she looks refreshed although she is still very weak. Pulse 96 small, tongue loaded and moist, pupils contracted; thirst considerably abated, surface of body pretty natural temperature. Bowels were moved once; passes her urine more freely. Continue the wine and let her have some beef-tea if she can take it. Cont. alia.
- " 23. Is today much better, pulse stronger and febrile symptoms have abated. Tongue cleaner, pupils more natural, is still weak but begins to take her food more freely; raves incoherently occasionally, but on

No 36. Agnes Duncan. Et. 20. Single. Power loom weaver. Admitted June 28th 1848
1st 76.

1227. Melancholia — 1st attack of 14 days duration

Previous History. This patient's father was weak-minded. She has been in an infirm state of health for several years, and subject to headache, giddiness &c. The disease has been marked by a disposition to wander — to sing psalms, and whistle in the street. She declares that she has seen her deceased father in Heaven, and that she heard the gates of Heaven opening to receive him. The cause is said to be bodily fatigue and mental distress while attending some relations in Fife. She has been purged without benefit. She has never been in an asylum.

- June 28th 1848. On admission was highly excited, seized the nurses and endeavored to tear their clothes, became quiet for a few minutes, but again exhibited symptoms of the greatest excitement; in consequence of which it was found necessary to shut her up in a room by herself and to administer Zep. Sol. Part. Antimonii after which the excitement subsided. Answered questions incoherently and raved very incoherently; declared that she was at one time Mary Magdalene, but that now she was Isaac Ambrose looking into Jesus. Said that she was married to Alexander Ross pastor Blacking, and that the much and lovely Jesus was her first-born; repeated Psalms & Paraphrases, and prayed fervently for some time. Pulse 100 pretty full. Tongue tolerably clean and dry. Tremulous. Scalp hot. Bowels slow. Pupils dilated. Sumat. liana somni. Pil. Kali & Hydrag. ij.
- " 29. Pulse 90 smaller, tongue pretty clean and moist, pupils a little contracted. Last night slept pretty well, and is today quiet and raves more coherently. Bowels were fully opened.
- July 2. Pulse 80 moderate strength; tongue pretty clean and moist; pupils very dilated. Quiet and composed this morning; says she feels stupid and confused about the head. Calomelina flatul. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.
- " 7. Has been improving steadily since last report; mind quite collected; answers questions relevantly and talks quite coherently. Calomelina desirunt. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.
- " 11. Bodily health improves since admission, mind quite rational and collected. This patient may now be considered convalescent. Bodily functions natural. Sumat. pil. Kali. c. j. pro re nata.
- " 18. Pulse 78 good strength. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils a little dilated; looks intently in the Laundry. Convalescence proceeds rapidly. Bodily functions natural. Cont. med.
- " 23. Convalescence proceeds rapidly. Very industrious. Bodily functions natural.
- Aug 13. Being in excellent bodily health and her mind being quite rational, she was this day dismissed.

Cure

No. 38. Anne Miller a Mrs. Henderson. Aet. 43. Widow. Domestic. Admitted July 1st 1842
note 8/6.

1229

Mania — 1st attack of 6 months duration.

Previous History. The approach of the malady was gradual, and produced by intemperance, acting on a disposition naturally fierce and ambitious. The disease is marked by intemperance, restlessness — watching the street at night, noisy and violent conduct; and quarrelling with her neighbors. She has frequently threatened to hang or drown herself, stolen and maltreated all around her, torn clothes, broken windows, and is generally mischievous. Thinks there is a conspiracy among her friends to injure her and deprive her of her money; fancies that Poison is mixed with her food, and that anyone would hurt her is insane, hears voices, and has a great antipathy to her daughter, her only child. She has never been in an asylum. Has not been subjected to medical treatment of any consequence.

1842. July 1st

On admission was perfectly quiet although bewildered, talked quite coherently and answered questions relevantly; during a conversation she had with the clinical assistant gave her history from her marriage until the death of her husband, declared she was quite sound in mind, but that the trials and misfortunes which had befallen her had rendered her nervous and irritable; has been very delicate ever since the calamitous discharge stopped, which took place about six months ago; admitted that she had been in the habit of partaking rather freely of ardent spirits, but thought she was always the better of a little, had now however resolved to abstain, in future from all kinds of ardent spirits. Pulse 96 pretty full, tongue a little white and moist; pupils dilated; bowels slow. Scarcely hot. General tremor. Smart stitches. Inst. Cerebrum C. Ji et linea semini M. Vici & Hydrasp: ij.

This case has gone on pretty well for the last few days, humor completely subsided. Mind pretty collected and rational, has begun to work diligently in the workroom. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.

Pulse 86 natural strength. Tongue clean and moist. Slightly tremulous, pupils a little contracted, mind more active and alert than at last signal. Very industrious. Bodily functions natural.

Bodily health good, mind rational and collected, speaks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Very industrious. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. cont.

Mind much improved, works steadily. As this patient has been used to better society, than the patients she is at present among, the Physician deems it fit that she should be removed to L. M. Gallery immediately. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.

This patient may now be deemed convalescent, Bodily functions natural. Very industrious. Convalescence proceeds favorably since regularly in the workroom. Health good.

Convalescence proceeds favorably.

Being in good bodily health and mind quite rational she is this day dismissed —

Cured.

No. 39. Elizabeth Horn in Mrs Martin. Oct. 26. 14. Manic. Admitted 14th July 1842. vol. 24

1230.

Mania =

3rd attack of 12 days duration

Previous History = She went and several relations have been eccentric or insane; she herself has always been reserved and melancholic and a little weak minded. The first attack occurred about five years ago and was owing to disordered menstruation; it lasted about two months and she recovered. The second attack occurred about three years since and was occasioned by disappointed love, she recovered in six months. These attacks were treated at home about 15 months ago she married and has a female child about four months old. Within a fortnight there had been three fits in the neighbourhood; by the first two she was very much alarmed and continued nervous afterwards, the last, which was greater than the others, being in a large wooden building used as a circus, drove her delirious. At first she was excited, then became calm, melancholy and taciturn. About a week ago she began to refuse food and for the last three days has been violent. She has attempted to leap over a window, but whether for the purpose of committing suicide or escaping does not appear. She has seized the servant by the throat and tears and destroy when not prevented. The treatment has been anti-phlogistic such as purgatives, leeches and blisters - mercurials have also been used with no apparent benefit. She has never been in an asylum.

1842. July 14th

On admission depressed and restless pulse 84 feeble. Tongue foul. Complexion generally sallow with a slight flush on cheeks; was taciturn and answered questions briefly and with indifference, though reluctantly enough. Sighed frequently. ordinary diet and regimen. Sumat pil. cathart. ij. To be watched.

" 15 Bowels have been moved. Has taken some food. In much the same state as yesterday. Continues omnivorous.

" 16 Has continued in much the same state as she was at last report, except that today she has slight diarrhoea. mind very weak and childish. Sumat. Dec. Ricini. ʒvj & Tinct. Opii ʒss. cont. alia.

" 21 Diarrhoea ceased after the draught; she is occasionally filthy in her habits at night. mind weak and painful. Shows great indifference about home. Health somewhat improved. cont. omniv. To be employed if possible.

" 24 Went on improving till today when she became flighty and a little excited. Quickest

" 26 Still excited. Bowels constipated, cannot be employed. mind weak and indifferent. Sumat. hna. somni. pilat. assafetid. ʒ. bl. Castorej. cont. alia.

" 27 Excitation has abated, she is taciturn and indifferent. mind weak. Sumat. hna. somni. pilat. assafetid. ʒ. bl. Castorej. cont. alia.

" 28 Is much better today and engaged in sewing. Mind still weak. Continues omnivorous.

" 30 Bowels regular, looks weak and languid. Appetite good. mind still very weak. To have pale diet and 2 glasses of port wine daily. Pessils elevated and red. Mind still weak. Still today Sumat. the quotidian. pulv. ʒ. Solph. Quinis ʒss.

August 6 Has improved considerably since last report; has been daily sewing. Not so taciturn as formerly. Says her child is 100 years old. Mind weak. cont. omniv.

" 10 Continues in all respects to improve. Health better and mind stronger. No delusions can be expressed answers questions relevantly. Is more cheerful and not so taciturn. employed in needlework. cont. omniv.

" 21 Has gone on steadily since last report, though slowly; takes the tonic infusion and aperients with benefit to her health. Sleeps better. Habits correct. Mind still weak, but no delusions can be expressed. Cont. omniv.

Sept. 5 On the whole has improved both in body and mind since last report. cont. omniv. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Health improves and mind gains strength. Still engaged in needlework. Appears languid and indifferent to everything. cont. omniv.

- September 12th More active and alert. mind gains strength. Health improves. No delusions. Industrious. Cat.
 " 20 Glands of neck occasionally appear a little swollen, but the swelling soon disappears. General
 health much improved, though the Catamenia have not yet appeared. Mind stronger
 and more active. No delusions are exhibited. May now be considered convalescent.
 Continues omnia.
 " 26 Convalescence proceeds in all respects favorably. She has seen her husband and the
 interview was satisfactory to all parties. No change in consequence except a desire to
 go to the country. Contin. omnia.
 October 2. Convalescence proceeds favorably. Some slight swelling of submaxillary cervical glands
 which increases. Sumat midline Hydriat. Potass. & Infus Gentianae. Intermitt. Infus.
 Amari. contin. alia.
 " 8 Swelling of glands continues to increase, but her health generally improves. No appearance
 of the Catamenia since her admission. Mind active and cheerful. Convalescence on
 the whole proceeds favorably. Contin. omnia.
 " 13 Swelling of glands continues. It has been leeches and poulticed with no benefit and
 there is now some fluctuation. Convalescence however proceeds favorably. Contin. omnia.
 " 18 The tumour having continued to increase in size was this day opened and a quantity
 of healthy mucus pus evacuated. A poultice has been applied. Mind quite rational.
 Health otherwise good. Has been taking the mixture of the Hydriatate of Potass and
 some pectoral daily. Contin. omnia.
 " 24 Mind has continued rational and she has been long industrious. The discharge from
 the neck has ceased. Catamenia have not yet appeared. as the object of her being
 sent here, viz. the restoration of her mind to a sane state has been accomplished
 and as her husband is anxious that she should go to the country for a little, for the
 benefit of her health she is this day discharged.

Cured.

This patient has never possessed a strong mind and seems to be hereditarily predisposed
 to Insanity. It is not improbable therefore that she may soon have another attack, as
 a very slight exciting cause would bring on a return of her malady. Her recovery
 from a fresh attack would depend in a great measure on its being early treated. Her
 husband has been told all this, and informed of the symptoms which will usher in a
 new attack and he has promised to send her back on the first appearance of the
 disease.

No. 40. Mary McGuire. Wt. 22. Single. Servant. Admitted July 15th 1842. Age 76⁺

1231.

Melancholia — 1st attack of three months duration

Previous History. — This servant was the servant of a painter in Sligo. A person in his employment paid his address to her and soon after was accused of plundering his master. She stood by him, believing him to be innocent, and gave all her earnings to defend him. It was however proved that he was guilty, and he was sentenced to transportation. In the meantime her friends had emigrated offering to take her with them. This she refused, and when the result of the trial was known, she was so greatly distressed, that she had to leave her place, having now no relations, and not knowing what to do, she took what money she had, and came to Glasgow where she understood that employment could readily be procured. In this she was disappointed, and after spending all her money, on the 27th of February last applied to the Night Asylum for the destitute. There she conducted herself with propriety, and making herself very useful. Efforts were made to procure her a situation as a servant, but she became taciturn, melancholy and sleepless. She then threatened to commit suicide, but being carefully looked after lost all the opportunity. She then made up her mind to throw the station off her guard by greater activity; but about 18 days ago let out to one of the inmates that she meant to drown herself. She was visited on the 11th by the Physician who had no difficulty in discovering her to be insane and this day she was sent to the Asylum on a Warrant granted by the Sheriff at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal.

July 15th 1842

Was brought to the Asylum by the Master of the House of Refuge, under the impression that she had got an order of admission to the Asylum for the Blind. Was shown into the Gallery by the Nurse looked unexpectingly around her and was quiet for some time, in the course of about half an hour, however, discovered that she was placed among Mad-women (as she styled them), when she suddenly became obdiprornous, knocked at the doors and demanded her immediate release; on seeing that her request was not attended to, retired to the sitting room, and took a seat among the rest of the Patients. Was very reluctant to enter into conversation, when visited by the Clerical Assistant, and at first refused to answer questions, but in a short time gave a stumbling and incoherent account of herself from which it appears that she has been disappointed in love, since which she declares that her mind has been somewhat confused; firmly maintained that she was not insane, and therefore not a fit person for this place; imagined that her seat is lost; that she is a great sinner, and that it is perfectly useless to attempt curing her. Pulse 88, pretty full. Tongue clean and a little dry. Pupils dilated. Sight hot. Bowels slow. Stomach here & there. Pil. Rhei & Symplicis qv ii. Slept well last night. Bowels were fully moved, rather dull and stupid in appearance; as this patient is suicidal she is to be watched.

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August 8

Pulse 78 good strength, Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils more natural. Complaints of pain and a sense of weight over left parietal region. In other respects much the same as last report. Abundant Capillitium et applicatur vesicatorium parte dolenti. To be employed as soon as possible. Mind much improved since last report, delusions not perceptible, more lively and cheerful. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.

Sept 16

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Convalescent. Health good, mind free from delusions. Has been transferred to the L.M. Gallery where she is constantly employed and conducts herself properly. Bodily functions natural. Continuum omnia. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continuum omnia. General health excellent, very industrious. Convalescence goes on favourably. Being in good bodily health, and mind rational in all respects she is this day dismissed.

Cured

Wm. Catherine Kyle. Single. Aged 20. Presby Girl. Admitted July 23rd 1842 etc 7/6

1232

Mania

1st Attack of 9 days duration

Previous History. — No account of this case could be obtained further than "she had been depressed for some days before the attack — that she fancied that she heard and sees people talking and laughing — now that the disease is marked by alternate fits of excitement and depression. She has not been treated at all.

July 23rd 1842

On admission was in a state of high excitement, pulse quick and full, tongue foul and moist, pupils dilated, scalp hot; ran up and down the gallery; roared loudly and incoherently, principally about witches and witchcraft. To be placed on low diet. Sumat-Station. Solut. Tart: Antimon: ʒj at home seveni pil. ful. & cl. Boston. ij.

24

Was very quiet during the night and slept tolerably well; bowels were not so freely moved as was expected, in consequence of her having vomited a little after the pills were administered.

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State continues in a very excited state, saving in the same manner as on admission. Pupils dilated, scalp hot, pulse quick and full. Sumat. St. Solut. Tart: Antimon ʒj Abadatur Capillitium apponatur vesicatorium capiti toto.

26

State excited, moves incoherently and rhythmically. Scalp hot. Pupils a little dilated, pulse quick & full. Diet: Lang. ʒiij. Nectar opa cucurbit. oment. ʒj. Solut. Tart: Antimon ʒj St. for purgation.

28

Very excited this morning, resists examination, sings and raves in a most incoherent style. Was quiet during the greater part of last night, but as soon as it became light she got out of bed and danced about the room, disturbing the neighbouring patients with her noise. Pulse ʒ small. Tongue foul, pupils very much dilated; bowels slow. Sumat-pilul: fatid: cum ole: croton: ʒj. Station. Contin. alia.

31

Quiet and rational sitting in the day room: asks for more food. Bowels regular. Scalp cool. Pulse ʒ moderate. Tongue clean. Quiescent.

August 3

Was again become highly excited, raves incoherently about Catholics, priests &c. falls down upon her knees says she will pray for her sins and offences. Scalp hot. Bowels slow pupils dilated. Sleepless at night. Sumat. hie nocte pil. ful. & cl. lat. ʒj Quiescent. Seclusion

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Was taken out of seclusion on the 3rd instant and continued quiet and free from all excitement until today when she became as violent as ever. Pulse ʒ moderate strength, tongue white pupils dilated. Scalp very hot. Bowels regular Abadatur Capillitium. Sumat-Station Solut: Antimon: Tart: ʒiv. Continuentur alia.

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Medicine caused nausea. State excited and tricky. Bowels open. Tongue white but moist. Pupils dilated; scalp less hot. very restless at night, singing during the greater part of it, answers questions relevantly and on the whole perhaps is slightly improved. Cont: crumb.

16

Quieter and more settled since last report, moves incoherently, pulse usual strength. Tongue a little foul and moist. pupils slightly dilated. Contin. medicaments.

24

Health good mind a little improved since last report inclined to be tricky. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural.

Septemb. 2

Since last report has been continually in an excited state but the paroxysms are milder than when patient came first to the house; habits still filthy at night. has not yet done any work. Contin. crumb.

19

Pulse ʒ small, tongue clean and moist, pupils dilated, has been pretty free from excitement since last report, talks coherently and begins to answer questions relevantly. Sumat pro re nata Solutiois trinitatis Antimon ʒj Contin. crumb.

October 7.

bodily health good has been quiet and more settled of late; takes her food pretty well; tongue white. Pupils dilated; pupils dilated. Sumat-mia nocte ad sortum siccom pil. atteridij & alia. Became excited during the evening service last night at Chapel bowed out at the very top of her voice, and continued to do so for some time after she was removed. Being a Roman Catholic — it

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Catherine Kyle. from page 106. Admitted July 23rd 1842

- is probable that she had taken offence at something said by the Chaplain. This morning is quiet and walking in the airing grounds. Pulse quick, pupils dilated. Tongue white and moist. Catamenial discharge has not appeared since admission. *Rf Pul: blood et ferri XXIV. Laxant-mucos. omni nocte et mane.*
- November 2nd Since last report Patient has been pretty free from excitement. Mind more settled & talks more coherently than formerly; notwithstanding the medicine prescribed above the Catamenial discharge has not yet appeared. Let her be employed if possible. *Continu medicamentum.*
- " 10 There is evidently some improvement in this case since last reported. For the last few days has been engaged in the workroom. Catamenia have not yet appeared. Health in other respects good. *Continu omnia.*
- December 5 In all respects the same as at last report.
- " 31 Health good; no mental change; refuses to do any work. *Continu omnia.*
1843. Jan 29 Bodily health excellent; mind not in the least improved; very erratic both in looks & gestures occasionally does a little needlework. *Continu omnia.*
- February 27 In all respects the same as at last report. *Continu omnia.*
- March 30 General health good; no mental change. Since last report has been occasionally excited the excitement however continued only for a few minutes, mind weak; employed in the Laundry at present. *Continu omnia.*
- April 9 Catamenia have appeared this morning, being the first time since admission. Patient is a little excited. *Quiescat.*
- " 29 Health pretty good, mind in all respects as before; the patient is very hysterical; when any male happens to come in her way she fixes her eyes upon him in the most erotic manner possible and suddenly bursts into tears and sobs and sighs for sometime afterwards. Occasionally does a little needlework.
- May 31 No change since last report; Patient has for the last two weeks been employed in domestic work. Very hysterical. General health indifferent. *Continu omnia.*
- June 30 In all respects the same as when last reported. Was removed to the new asylum at Dartmoor on the 8th inst. since which time she has been actively employed in domestic work. *Continu omnia.*
- July 31 Since last report has been exceedingly industrious and useful. Limits the servants in their domestic work. Mind on the whole a little more active than it has been for sometime past. Health excellent.
- Aug 30 Continues to work industriously. Is at present engaged in needlework; answers questions pretty correctly. At times she looks very erotic. *Continu employment.*
- September 30 Mind on the whole more alert and active within the last two weeks; answers questions in a tolerably rational manner. She has been diligently occupied of late, assisting the Nurses in washing the floors of the wards and in making herself useful in other respects. Bodily health excellent. Let her be actively employed. *Cont. alia.*
- October 20 Bodily health good; still continues to improve a little in her mental state. Looks more active than she has done since her admission into the house; is very useful in the Gallery assisting the Nurses &c.
- November 4 Mind improves steadily; answers questions and converses rationally; is very industrious and at present employed at spinning. *Continu omnia.*
- " 15 Mind improves steadily. Very active industrious and well behaved. Health good, bodily functions natural. *Cont.*
- December 7 General bodily health improves, mind at present free from delusions. Is actively engaged in needlework & spinning. Bowels regular, appetite good - May now be considered convalescent. *Continu omnia.*
- " 14 Convalescence progresses steadily. Works daily and is cheerful and good humoured; sleeps well at night and gains flesh rapidly. Her friends have called and expressed a wish to try her at home. Bodily functions natural.
- " 23 Since last report has continued to improve steadily and has entirely no delusion. Sleeps well and takes her food readily. Her Mother and Sister called today and agreed to take her home. She was in company dismissed today.

Cure.

Mary Bishop.

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Admitted June 22nd 1842

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September 30

Being questioned returns pretty correct answers. Continues omnivorous. Is gaining flesh and strength daily. This morning was able to sit up for one hour, her complexion however is very pale. Her appetite is keen and she expresses a wish to stop the wine and to have her Ruffles doubled in quantity; her mind seems not to have undergone any improvement as she talks in the same absurd manner as she used to do before. Limit the wine and let her have two pounds of Beef Tea daily. Continue the aloe.

October 12

Bodily health much improved since last report; she is much stronger and able to be out of bed the most of the day. Her mind is in all respects the same as before. Continue the aloe.

" 25

Is now in her usual state of health, mind full of delusions, complaining as formerly of being abused at night by men who come in by the windows.

November 30

General bodily health continues good. Mind excitable and full of delusions. Declares her rest is disturbed at night and she occasionally rises from her bed and interferes with the other patients; she has in consequence been removed to a smaller ward. Bodily functions natural. Continue omnivorous.

December 31

Still very excitable and inclined to strike the other patients. Delusions about being disturbed at night by men coming to her bedside, as strong as ever. Mind very weak. Bodily health tolerably good. This is an incurable case.

1844
January 31

It has been found necessary to remove her from the general sleeping ward at night and place her in a room by herself in consequence of her disorderly behaviour at bedtime. Quarrels and strikes at the patients who are near her during the day and she requires more looking after than any one in the Ward. She has several times been reprimanded for her conduct and threatened to be removed to the refectory gallery if she persists in such behaviour. Mind very weak and full of delusions. Takes her food well. Bowels pretty regular. Quiescent.

February 29

Continues excitable and quarrelsome. Restless at night and declares that she is abused by men when in bed. No material improvement. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Continue.

March 31

General bodily health good. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Quarrelsome and excitable in manner. Interferes with the other patients and is continually getting into a brist with one or other of them. Mind teeming with delusions. Continue omnivorous.

April 30

Continues very quarrelsome and mischievous. Inclined to strike and abuse her fellow patients. Mind teeming with delusions and she still declares men come into her bed at night and annoy her. Bodily health good, functions natural. Continue omnivorous.

May 31

General bodily health good. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Mind painful and easily excited. Has been more quiet and better behaved of late. Continue omnivorous.

No. 42. Anne Ballantine. Single. Aet. 47. Domestic. Admitted July 23rd 1842 rate 15/-

1233

Melancholia — 5th Attack of 14 days duration.

Previous History — Has been 4 times in this Asylum viz

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Vide Female Case-book Vol. p.

This attack resembles the former and is marked by peevishness, restlessness, tremor and delusions. Fancies that the end of the world is at hand, and fears every body. Has not been treated for the present attack.

July 23rd 1842.

On admission was at first bewildered and then excited. Answered questions relevantly. Pulse 84. Pupils contracted. Considerable tremor of the head as she had formerly. Sedative and regimen.

" 26

Has been restless and excited all night and remains in bed. Pulse 84 of good strength. Tongue dry and white. Full of complaints, more deaf than usual. Bowels have not been moved. Sumat. Stat. Plut. Colocynth & Calomel ij. Continn. alia.

" 27

Bowels have been freely moved, and today she is much better. She has left her bed, is cheerful and reading. Complains of her having been brought back here without her clothes & boxes and has been scolding the nurse for not bringing them. Sumat. her. somni. pit. Colocynth & Calomel ij. Continn. alia.

" 28

Looks much better; mind more composed, tho' this morning she was scolding the nurse and Matron without any reason. Bowels have been moved. Pulse 76 of moderate strength. Tongue pretty clean. Continn. purg. Sumat. her. somni. pit. Colocynth & Calomel ij. Continn. alia.

" 29

Complains of not having enough to eat. Is now sewing, employs the rest of her time in reading. Is peevish and discontented. Is hard & sets a egg to breakfast. Continn. alia.

Augst 2

Health improves. Mind less peevish. occasionally requires spirit. occupied in reading and sewing. c. om.

" 11

Complains of cough & her throat is more peevish. Bowels constipated still sews and reads. 4. Pl. Altitatio. 4. Sumat. ij. p. c. n. 4. Pl. Lin. Sumat. 7. Sig. to rub the throat with. Miter. Succ. Solagii 3. Continn. alia.

" 14

Cough and sore throat gone. Health pretty good. Mind more composed. On the whole improved. reads & sews.

" 21

In all respects the same as at last report, except that her bowels have again become constipated in consequence of want of medicine. Repet. Pl. Altitatio. Continn. alia.

Septem. 1

No change. Mind weak and apt to be discomposed by trifles. Health pretty good. reads and sews. c. omnia.

" 30

Has gone in pretty well since last report. spends her time in reading & sewing. occasionally quarrels with her fellow patients and makes insulting remarks. Mind weak and apt to be peevish. Still some tremor of the head but less than formerly.

Octob^r 14

Has gone in pretty well since last report, and on Sunday goes to one of the churches in the town with the Matron & some of the attendants. Tomorrow being the first day preceding the sacramental Sunday in the established Church, she wishes to go to church and also to go next Sunday to partake of the sacrament. She appeared to be very nervous & excitable and was afraid on the score of her health. She became very violent, abused the Matron and nurse and said they were bastards & that the Physician was a rascal, who had no respect to religion himself and would not allow any one else to do so. Insult.

" 20

Quiet but sulky today, engaged in reading. Answers questions in monosyllables. Health good. Continn. omnia.

" 22

Again in her usual state. reads and sews. Full of complaints about trifles. Health good. Continn. omnia.

" 30

No change whatever since last report. Health pretty good. Continn. omnia.

Novemb^r 30

During the last month this patient has been more discontented. Complains of her fellow patients, the nurse & the Matron, wishes to leave the Asylum, to go to the country & says that if she were once out, she will take care to go to such a distance, as will prevent her from being brought back. Health pretty good, though there is still considerable tremor of the head. requires occasionally spirit medicine. Mind still weak. Continn. omnia.

Decemb^r 31.

Still goes to find fault with everything she possibly can and presuming demands the Physician to dismiss her. Wishes to see Dr. Watson in order to persuade him to remove her from the Asylum. Health tolerably good. Takes daily exercise in the rising ground. Appetite and bowels natural. This is a mild case of dementia, with a very bad quarrelsome disposition, and will never continue well out of an Asylum.

January 10.

Has succeeded in persuading her friends to permit her to leave, and arrangements having been made & being at present in good health and rational (altho' there is every chance of her soon returning again) she is today dismissed.

Cured.

Ms. L. 3. Janet Ferguson a Mrs. Smith. 64 1/2. W. Sever. Admitted July 27th 1842 age 46.

1234.

Melancholia — 1st attack of one month's duration.

Previous History. The mother of this patient has been long insane, she herself has been eccentric but quiet, sober, industrious and kind hearted. For some time past she has been rather deaf, and her deafness is increasing. Her health till lately was good, but during the present attack she has been liable to constipation and retention of urine. No cause is assigned for the disease but it is obviously hereditary. The symptoms are, costiveness, occasional retention of urine, want of sleep, a wandering look, and delusions generally on religious subjects. She raves of good and evil spirits, visions and furnace, bells ringing, things turned upside down &c. She is better during the night and in the morning, she is not dangerous, suicidal or destructive. She has never been in an asylum and has been subjected to no treatment.

July 28th 1842

Has brought to the asylum yesterday afternoon, appeared quiet and somewhat depressed in mind; slept during last night and is this morning employed at her needle in the workroom. Appears bluish-tinted, but answers questions relevantly. Pulse 58 moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist; pupils dilated. is rather deaf, complains of occasional headache. Talks frequently upon religious subjects and is very anxious about the state of her soul which she believes is lost. Abundant Capillitium, appretens vesicat: verticis. Sumat pil. alteras ij horis semini alterna qz nocte ad sextum vicem. Low diet. Considerably improved and seems more cheerful, tongue clean, pupils natural. Pulse 72 moderate strength. Anxious to go home. Quiet and is constantly employed in the workroom. Looks thin, let her have full diet and tea. Continuitur alia.

31

August 3

Since last report has gradually improved in strength; mind quite rational. Is very industrious and well behaved. Constantly working at the needle. Expresses a wish to see some of her friends and requests the clinical assistant to furnish her with some paper to write a letter. Countenance improved. Pulse 72 moderate strength, tongue cleaner. Pupils natural. Appetite good. Rj. Infusi Senti Comp. et liquor ad 3vj. Sida Bicarbon 3ij 4M. Sumat cyathum vinosum bis quotidie. contin. alia.

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Going on remarkably well and may now be considered convalescent. Has written a very rational letter to a friend and has had an interview with several of her acquaintances. Appears quite cheerful and contented, and makes no objections to remaining here until it is deemed prudent to dismiss her. Sleeps well at night, appetite and bowels natural. Daily gains strength. Continuitur curatio.

16

Pulse 70 natural strength. Tongue whitish and moist, papillae elevated, pupils natural very quiet and industrious. Convalescence proceeds favorably. Continuitur curatio.

24

Shows no delusions, answers questions relevantly and talks quite coherently. Convalescence proceeds rapidly. Busily employed at needlework in the workroom. General health good. Cont. tonics.

29

Being in good bodily health and mind quite rational she is this day dismissed

Cured.

No. 144. Janet Smith or Mrs Stewart. Aet. 36. M. Guern. Admitted July 28th 1842 aet. 8/6

1235

Mania —

4th attack of 1 month's duration

Previous History. This Patient was a most industrious person and did well for a long time. She was early married and had by her first husband two children, the eldest of whom, at 17, is still alive. She lost her first husband some 8 years since and carried on an extensive business as a quack in Paisley. She then began to take liquor pretty freely, but not to excess. About four years ago she married her present husband by whom she has had four children, the eldest of whom alone survives. Since her last marriage she has had three attacks besides the present. One was of short duration, but she lost her business and all her money. Her attacks come on after hard drinking and are marked by increased and insatiable desire for spirits, violence and delusions in all subjects, flighty conduct, talking conversation with strangers, from whom however she conceals her delusions, and jealousy of her relatives conspiring against her to do her injury. She has repeatedly threatened to destroy herself and her children. Has neither been in an asylum nor subjected to any treatment.

1842 July 28th

Was brought to the hospital by two of the Nurses (Stewart and McLauchlan) who fetched her from her own house. Late at night she made considerable resistance at first but afterwards consented to get into the coach. On admission appeared calm and even cheerful, betrayed no symptoms of delusion, but there was an apparent weakness of Intellect. Pulse 72 pretty full, pupils natural, tongue slightly foul. As she had previously exhibited a tendency to suicide she was placed for the night in the long ward.

29.

Slept but little during last night, took but little food, bowels slow — tongue covered with a reddish brown fur. Pulse 78 moderate strength pupils natural. Took in the Work room and appears cheerful. Urinal has more put. Alterative ij. Let her have tea and ordinary diet and move her from the long ward to the front gallery, and place a quiet patient with her at night.

31

Much improved, has been sleeping in the front gallery with Mrs McTegart. Works regularly with her needle. Yesterday refused to write to her from Mrs Stewart, who accordingly wrote her a letter which was given her this morning. Says she will probably reply to it tomorrow. Tongue cleaner. Pupils natural, betrays no delusions. Cont. diet and regimen. Urinal pale. Alterative ʒss her justice at pul. Colicogith: comp. ij horae semine pro re nata.

August 11.

Has written to her husband and received replies several times. Appears cheerful but says she sleeps badly — very anxious either to see Mr Stewart or to be allowed to go home. Health good. Mind rational — does needlework. Contin: medicine.

7

May now be considered convalescent. Health good. Bodily functions natural.

16

Pulse quiet, moderate strength, tongue foul and moist, pupils contracted, quiet and industrious. Convalescence proceeds favourably.

20

Being in excellent bodily health and quite rational in mind she is this day dismissed.

Cured.

No. 45. Marion Baillie a Mrs. Kennedy. Et. 46. M. Domestic. Admitted July 29 1842.
date 8/6.

1236.

Mania

1st attack of 16 months duration.

Previous History. This patient has always been a little weak-minded. In March 1841 after she was delivered of a child she became positively insane, but was kept at home by her husband. Some time after this she attempted to poison her child with Laudanum, the child was saved and the circumstances concealed. She then began to stait and at last was apprehended and lodged in the jail of Newark. It was then apparent to all that she was insane. She attempted to strangle herself, asked the surgeons to give her poison - told the Matron that the Devil had put it in her head to commit murder and only wished she had the opportunity. She saved on all subject but chiefly on committing murder and suicide. After having been examined after the form of the act she was sent at this date to the Asylum. No further information could be procured respecting this case.

1842. July 29th

Was brought to the Asylum under a special warrant from the Sheriff granted at the instance of the Board of Directors. Sometime previous to admission she had attempted suicide by strangulation. Pulse 94 small and thready, tongue foul. Pupils natural. Looks unhealthy; Skin of a yellowish tinge. Considerable hesitation of speech and has considerable difficulty in articulating some words. Some slight tremor of tongue. Quiet in manner but rather inclined to be quarrelsome. ordinary diet.

" 31

No mental improvement, tongue foul and tremulous, bowels rather relaxed. Pupils natural. Appetite not very good. Symptoms of incipient general paralysis. Abundant Caputatum. - Sumat. has acted. Pils. Colocythid. Comp. if contin. shie.

August 6.

Considerably improved since last report, looks more alert and has been employing herself in the laundry and at needlework. Mind somewhat confused and apparently much weakened - probably from the irregular mode of life she has for many years pursued. Breath somewhat better, pulse 88 moderate strength, tongue white but moist. Pupils slightly dilated. Abdomen enlarged. Bowels slow. Rf. Soda Bicarb. Tjij Infusi Gent. Comp. aqua aa. Tjij Sumat. Cyathum. vinosum bis gustat. et pils. alterat. if hanc somni pro re nata.

" 16

Pulse 80 moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist, tremulous pupils natural, extremely indolent. Mind continues to improve.

" 24

General health good, works occasionally in the gallery, was today visited by her husband after which she became excited, ran wildly about the rising ground, crying she had killed the whole world. The Physician has given orders that none of her friends be permitted to see her until further orders be given. Bodily functions natural.

Septemb^r 14.

This case for the last ten days has continued to improve gradually; Patient however is disposed to start from her fellow inmates; very useful in the gallery, assists the Nurses in cleaning the several rooms. Contin. medicament.

" 27

Pulse 76 pretty good strength. Tongue clean and moist, pupils a little contracted, mind improving daily; still very indolent. Bodily functions natural. Catamenia fluent, being the first time since admission. Contin. medicament. cauteria.

October 10

Health good, mind continues to improve rapidly; is actively employed every day in cleaning the gallery and otherwise assisting the Nurses. Contin. cauteria.

" 18

Pulse 74 good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils contracted. Complaints occasionally of giddiness - but nothing of consequence, works very industriously, answers questions reluctantly and talks coherently. Mind continues to improve. Contin. cauteria.

" 20

Last night had a fainting fit, which soon went off. about 3j Solut. Cardamomi Comp. was administered after which she completely recovered; with the exception of a little tenderness complained of in the Epigastric region; is today in bed says she does not feel quite

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Marion Baillie or M^{rs} Wrenley. from page 112. Admitted July 29th 1842

October 21	well. Calamities approaching. Quiescent.
" 22	Is today in bed, complains of slight debility but nothing of consequence. Calamities flourish. Quiescent.
November 10	This morning got out of bed, and is now at her usual employment assisting the nurses in the gallery. Bodily functions correct and natural. Continues omnivorous. Since last report has continued to improve daily; mind collected and rational, still very useful in the gallery, anxious to know when she is to get home. Bodily health good. Contin. medicament.
December 20	Bodily health good, mind although somewhat eccentric is rational; works industriously as a domestic; anxious, as usual to get home. Contin. omnivorous.
1843 Jan 3	In all respects the same as at last report. Cont.
" 20	Health good, mind cheerful; in all respects rational; is very useful in the gallery assisting the Nurses to clean the Rooms &c. Contin. omnivorous.
Feb 12	Bodily health excellent, mind rational, works industriously in the gallery and other parts of the house as a domestic. Contin. omnivorous.
" 28	In all respects the same as at last report. Continues.
March 31	Continues to work steadily every day, very useful in the gallery; mind free from delusions although weak, stammers a little in her speech; general health good. Contin. omnivorous.
April 20	Health excellent; mind in all respects as at last report; very industrious; engaged in domestic work. Cont. omnivorous.
" 30	This case has assumed a more unsatisfactory appearance of late; patient frequently complains of dizziness & pain in the head; has for the last few days been unusually depressed. Told the Clinical Assistant that she was of no more use for she died last night, but on being informed that it was necessary that she should be removed for the purpose of being buried, immediately said that she was not altogether dead but would soon be so. Does a little work in the gallery.
May 20	Health good, mind is today more settled and patient expresses herself as feeling much better; more cheerful and active and working as usual in the gallery. Smart fever re-erupted. Told C. B. Crotonis unan. Cont. om. al. or.
" 29	No material change in this case since last report; is today however more than usually depressed; complains of dizziness and a ringing noise in her head, which she fancies is the heart pumping about in it. Has been rather indolent of late and inclines to lounge to lounge about the fire-side. Bowels rather slow; tongue whitish - pupils contracted. If smart fever return. M. B. Crotonis unan. Hydrarg. Anas. Cont.
June 30	No material improvement since last report. Was removed to the new regimen on the 8 th since which time she has been quiet and engaged in domestic work. Cont. omnivorous.
July 27	Since her removal has been very useful in domestic work assisting the Nurses and making herself generally useful. Is still subject to fits of melancholy, fancying that she is dead, or that some great evil is about to befall her. Every now and then she becomes dippy and thinks the house and every thing in it is assuming round. Her pulse is usually pretty full and her pupils contracted. If smart fever re-erupt. Told C. B. Crotonis unan.
August 31	Health good, no change in other respects, is at present employed in cleaning the wards and assisting the Nurses in cleaning the same helpless of the patients. Cont.
Sept 27	Continues in the same state as at former reports; very industrious, and renders herself exceedingly useful in the work connected with the Nurses. Mind sometimes very confused and bewildered; every now and then she becomes dull and depressed fancying that some mischief is about to happen to her. But she is generally cheerful and happy. Bodily health good, has not been so much troubled with dizziness of late. Contin. omnivorous.
November 14	Bodily health excellent; mind in all respects as at former reports; very industrious. Cont.
December 31	Mind weak and fanciful. Is employed daily in cleaning the wards, changing water and assisting the Nurses in their ordinary duties. Appears cheerful and willing. Bodily health robust. Appetite bowels and sleep natural. Contin. omnivorous.
1844 January 31	No change in any respect since last report. Is constantly employed in various domestic duties and is trusted out alone. Cheerful and good-tempered in disposition. Health good; bodily functions natural. Contin. omnivorous.

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No 46. Susan Sproule. A. 50. Single. Domestic. Admitted August 3rd 1842. note 15/

1237.

Dementia

1st Attack of 14 years duration.

Previous History - On some time before the present attack she has suffered from bad health. She fancied and still fancies that Calomel or some preparation of mercury is mixed with her food, that her relatives conspired to destroy her, and that they spread reports to injure her character, and that whenever she goes she is followed by their emissaries. The same delusions continue. No relative is known to have been insane. She was well educated and intelligent. No cause can be assigned. She has paroxysms at uncertain periods lasting from three to ten days. She has never been in an asylum - subjected to treatment.

1842. Augt 3rd

Was brought up on pretences that she was going to the railway for the purpose of going to Edinburgh to consult Dr. Christison about the palsy which she fancied she has been getting for several years. On finding out her mistake she was told that Doctor Hutchison the Physician was to take charge of her to get her health into a good state. She appeared satisfied and entered into a long rambling account of the way in which she had been treated for several years. Spoke bitterly against her brother who she stated had entered into a conspiracy with others to poison her slowly - lived about the Rev. Mr. Stewart and Dr. Rogan. Tongue white. pulse small and feeble. pupils natural. Bowels said to be regular. What h. somni. pit: Alleviated by ordinary diet and regimen. To be employed.

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Has gone on well and been employed in sewing since her admission. Keeps well. Appetite and bowels regular. Says that she has got no poison since she came here, & that she is sure that the Physician will prevent her getting any. Contin. omnia.

" 11

Health has improved since last report, and she has not spoken of her delusions. Has been taking occasional doses of aperient medicine, and on the whole appears better. Contin.

" 15

Has written a letter to the Rev. Mr. Stewart in which she states her delusions (Having wished to write to him, and ^{sent} allowed materials). Contin. omnia.

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Employs herself in reading and sewing. Health pretty good, has not spoken of her delusions. c.

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On the whole has improved since last report. In consequence of another patient having quarrelled with her and with a view of her associating with a better class of patients she is ordered to be removed to G.H. Salting. To this she has consented on being promised an interview daily with Miss Ballantyne, a patient to whom she has taken a fancy. Cont.

September 15

Has been very religious, spends her time in reading and sewing. Health appears pretty good. Has not spoken of any of her delusions and they have not been mentioned to her. Looks cheerful and answers questions reluctantly. Contin. omnia.

" 19

Today is agitated and looks ill, says that she is sure she has got mercury unknown to the Physician, that her gums are sore and all her teeth loose, and that her enemies have got some into the house to do her mischief. On examining her gums, they appear inflamed but it is reported, that she has been rubbing them all the morning. Contin. omnia.

" 20

To day in addition to the delusions mentioned yesterday, she has another, that she is with child and has removed medicine to make her pregnant, that she feels the motion of the child and that belly is large. On examination she is found to be hysterical and the intestines are filled with flatus. Small stool. Diet. Calomel. c. 3iv et repet. 3i per os nocte.

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L. etiam pit: Aloes & Assafetid. q. Contin. abas. To be removed to her old quarters in P.M. Bowels have been freely moved, has not slept all night, says that poison was given her in the draught and insists that she is with child; two elderly fellow patients who have had families have been endeavouring to convince her that she cannot be with child, firstly because the Catamenia have ceased for 7 years and 2^{ndly} she could not be pregnant unless she had been with a man. of course they have failed in convincing her. She maintains that she has been impregnated by medicine & insists the obstinately about witchcraft. Cont.

- September 22nd Fancies as strong as ever, says that as medicine made her with child, medicine can put it away, but will not take medicine, just because she may be poisoned, and secondly something may be put into it to make the child grow, and perhaps give her another, thinks that it may go away if she takes no food and refuse all nourishment. Is also afraid that the food may be poisonous, make her small and feeble. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels regular. Is very agitated & excited. C. omnia.
- " 23 Today is much better. Delusion as to being with child gone. Still thinks she has been poisoned but the poisoning is stopped. Has taken two spermaceti pills. Has taken breakfast this morning and is preparing to take her dinner. Contin. omnia.
- " 26 Delusions about poison have again returned and she is very much agitated and excited and excited today. Contin. omnia.
- " 27 Is in bed today and has taken no food. Fancies about poison stronger than yesterday and the delusion about her pregnancy has again appeared. Sunset h. s. pul. sat. 20. Cost. C. alia.
- " 28 Bowels have been freely moved and today she is much better and out of bed. Delusions about poison continue, but she has taken food. Delusion respecting pregnancy gone. C. omnia.
- " 29 On the whole better today, is out of bed and sewing. Says nothing about poison and takes her food. Continuation omnia.
- October 4 Has gone on well since last report. Health improved, has betrayed no delusions. Engaged in sewing and reading. Contin. omnia.
- " 5 Again fancies that she has got Coleridge but is neither agitated nor excited. Contin. omnia.
- " 6 Delusion respecting poison stronger than yesterday and she is very much excited and agitated. Does no work, cuts and wrings her hands. Continuation omnia.
- " 7 Excitement less and delusions fainter. Has had a little sleep last night. Has taken food. Bowels regular. Is reading and sewing. Contin. omnia.
- " 8 Today is composed and betrays no delusions. Engaged in reading and sewing. Contin. omnia.
- " 9 Is quiet and composed today and wishes to go to some church in town, this is refused on the ground of her health. Is employed in reading. Contin. omnia.
- " 15 Has written a letter to Dr. Regan in which she makes but a very distant allusion to her fancy. Is reading and sewing. C. omnia.
- " 19 Went on very well till today when she became highly excited and accused the nation and nurse of giving her poison, of having been bribed by her enemies to poison her and of doing everything in their power to render her wretched. When visited by the Physician, she gave a long account of her grievances and assured him that he was deceived by those whom he employed, asked him how he could succeed in any medical treatment, if those in whom he trusted employed all their time and ingenuity in thwarting him. Burst into tears and appeared highly hysterical. After some soothing conversation she became quieter and was left pretty calm. Sunset. C. omnia.
- " 20 Has been pretty quiet since visit yesterday, but today is out of humour, has taken food & is engaged in reading. Contin. omnia.
- " 21 Today is in her usual state, cheerful and active, has resumed her needlework. makes no allusion to her fancies. Contin. omnia.
- " 31 Has gone on well since last report. Has not brooded any of her delusions. Has been engaged in reading and sewing. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.
- November 5 Is again agitated today and across in the old strain about being poisoned. Delusion respecting her being with child not broached. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.
- " 6 Less agitated than yesterday, still states she is being poisoned but less firmly. Contin. omnia.
- " 7 Is now in her ordinary state quiet and conversing rationally, makes no allusion to her fancies. Engaged in sewing. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.
- " 9 Complains of pain in one of her wrists probably from slight Rheumatic affection. No other change excepted part to be rubbed with camphorated Liniment. Contin. alia.
- " 16 Pain of wrist disappeared after it was once or twice rubbed. Has gone on well since last report. No return of her delusions. Engaged in reading and sewing. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.

Nov. 18th

Today is agitated and complaining as usual in her paroxysms, of being poisoned. The poison on this occasion is stated by her to be arsenic and not mercury as formerly. - It not so much agitated as during previous paroxysms and is engaged in sewing. Cont. omnia.

19

Today is more agitated, and in bed. Pulse 80. Tongue clean and moist. Complaints of nausea and has been vomiting bile; attributes her state to poison administered to her. R^x Potass. et Soda 3ij Bicarb. Soda 3iv Op. xii H^{cl}. Sumat 3ij Mist. Separat 3j test. gurg. Lina. R^x acid. Tartaria 3iij Aqua 3iij H^{cl} & S. Contin. alia.

20

Much better today and out of bed, not employed and still saving of having been poisoned. Cont.

21

Today is cheerful, conversing rationally and engaged in sewing. Paroxysm has terminated. Cont. Has gone on well since last report. No return of her delusions. Health pretty good, engaged in sewing and reading. Continuation omnia.

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December 1.

Health good, is goodnatured and cheerful, sewing and reading alternately. Health pretty good. When examined, still persists that she has had poison given her from time to time, although she admits for some days she has had none. Contin. omnia.

31

Cheerful and apparently contented, has been quiet of late as to the delusion about poison in her food. Health very good, attended the ball given to the Ladies. Refused to dance but conversed freely with those in her immediate neighbourhood and appeared to enter with great good will into the fun of the evening. Amuses herself in reading and needlework.

1843. Jan^y 14.

Complains today of pain in the shoulders, asks the Clinical Assistant if he thinks it is Rheumatism, is afraid it arises from water in the chest, that her poor Father died of that complaint, when told she had no cause for fear on that point, said "Then why do they give me mercury, I know I get it, my gums are all sore, and my mouth has been bleeding." employs herself in needlework and is cheerful and contented and endeavours to soothe some of her fellow patients who are constantly complaining of their confinement here. Cont. omnia.

January 23

Is today in bed complaining of sickness and uneasiness at the stomach, asks if she has been getting Calomel, thinks it has been given by the nurses unknown to the medical men, says it was done when Mr. Pritchard had the charge of the Gallery, and that she will in the course of an hour, whether it has been done at present or her gums will then begin to bleed. Pulse 68. Tongue pretty clean. Complaints of headache. Cont. Haust. Efferves. antia-pne.

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Today out of bed and in good spirits and make no allusion to her complaints of yesterday. Has been pretty well since last report works diligently and is cheerful & contented.

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February 13

Is today in bed affected with Catarrh, complains of sore throat and dry cough. Tongue pretty clean. Bowels regular. Pulse natural. R^x Tinct. Opii Camph. 3ij. Sp. Ether Nitros 3j Aqua Cassia 3j H^{cl}. Sumat Statim. Quiescent.

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Has for the last three days been labouring under a strong delusion that some of her relatives in Ireland are dead, having she says had a dream about them, suspects that her friends Mr and Mrs Stewart are in this house and wishes to be told the truth, has written two letters one to a Mr. Rogan and another to the Revd. C. Stewart, in the former she says "I feel an impression that some of them (her relatives) have been called from this world of woe. I shall not be satisfied until the truth is made known to me" & in the latter "I have a strong impression that my sister Sampson or some dear friend's spirit departed to Glory on the 21st of this month, now it would give great ease to my mind to know the truth on this and on other subjects, viz. if the investigation is ever got and whether peace and comfort is secured, I fancied Mr. Week was confined here but if so it is under another name" &c. &c.

March 17

Had an interview with the Physician today, during which she was in great distress and cried a good deal, lamented the hardships of her being confined here, and insisted on her own sanity, it soon however appeared that her delusions with regard to Mercury are as

- strong as ever, and to two of the Clinical Assistants who were present, that it had been given her during the time that both of them were in the habit of seeing her, which she alleged in the most positive manner. Mouth pretty good. Continues.
- March 24th This evening retired to bed in a state of the greatest distress, supposing she had got Colic in her food, accusing the nurses of putting it there, and requires that her mouth and gums may be examined in confirmation of the truth of what she says.
- " 26. Was on bed all yesterday and refused her food, desiring that more mercury would be given her, but is today up and in her usual state, is constantly wishing to see the Physician.
- " 27. Has written another letter to the Rev. Mr. Stuart. Kniff Lodge Ireland which is full of her old delusions, insists that the females in this house are employed by the Mission and her deputies to give her drugs, wishes to get out to live with some quiet family where she can enjoy the means of grace and not be confined among maids, where she is certain many of her persecutors are confined and also Mr. Black and thinks there is an investigation going on here about her affairs.
- April 18 Mind still continues full of delusions and every now and then she writes letters to the Physicians about the drugs which she alleges the nurses give her unknown to him, imagines that the Clinical Assistant has a bedroom key as well as one for the Gallery and that he can come into her room at any time, this idea (from the report of the nurse) appears to have been put into her head by another patient, Miss Flowerdew. In a conversation which the Physician had with her, he discovered that at present she is affected with Leucorrhoea a bottle with some medicine which she has been taking happened to be sent up with a man's head printed on its label, this she was much afraid of, told the Physician it was Don't's head, and that the bottle contained a poisonous draught and that she could not take it, upon which he put it into his pocket and carried it away, this caused her to write the following letter. The first was written to Dr. H. enclosing the other.
- "Dear Sir." "Will you be kind enough to have the enclosed forwarded immediately as you see determined to keep me in this unhappy way — I remain yours
Susan Sproule."
- "April 1843"
- "Dear Sir."
- "Lunatic Asylum. Glasgow April 1843."
- "It was not my intention after the manner you received me in placing me here to again address you, but in consequence of the treatment I have latterly received, I feel it my imperative duty to request you will come here until I explain the matter to you. I think there is an enquiry going on at present and on every account it would be most expedient for you to come as soon as possible. I know he who over-rules all schemes will permit what will tend to the happiness of those who trust in him, he never will leave nor forsake them." I hope I shall have good accounts of all at Bartofolly. I do indeed feel great anxiety about many friends, poor Kelly I fear she is ill or perhaps no more, will you write on receipt of this and say when I may expect to see you all here. With kind wishes for the eternal happiness of all — ever yours
Susan Sproule."
- " 30. Has again been affected with Catarrh. delusions with regard to her getting mercury constant-ly occur when she becomes much depressed and often keeps her bed.
- May 25 Has remained stationary since last report till today when she is in bed in great distress from the supposed effects of Calomel. Tongue white. Breath stinking. Lunatic. Pil. Collyroth & Symp. ij. Lina. semini.
- " 26. Still in bed, rejected the pills by vomiting and brought up also a considerable quantity of bilious looking matter. Tongue white. Pil. Pulv. Rhod. p. xii. Magnesia ʒj. Menth. Pil ʒj. Ther. Sennel. Station.
- " 27. Is today out of bed and in her usual state. Continues. omnia.
- June 1 Complains today of one of her ears and upon examination the skin appears chafed behind it. Applic. Pulv. Zinc. Oculi. Spon. ascum. Continues. omnia.
- " 20 Has now been an inmate of the new Institution for the last 10 days having been removed on the 10th.

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and until the day before yesterday has been free of complaints. She then complains of her limbs being sore but said it was in consequence of the medicine she had been drugged with. She is today much cheerful. Health good. Contin. omnia.

- June 30 No change since last report.
- July 1 Again complains of having been drugged with Calomel and wishes to see the Physician for poison.
- " 7 Complains today of her ears and told the nurse that before she had got Calomel rubbed up with sugar to apply to them which had dried them up, and admitted that a lady in the house had told her so, but would not tell her name. She wished the nurse also to procure for her some purgative medicine as she did not wish to apply to the Clinical Assistant for it.
- " 10 Had this morning some bilious vomiting which she attributes to having got some Calomel lately. It today in bed.
- " 31 Has lately been very distressed on account of her situation here and has written home about it, requesting the Physician to forward her letters and if not, to return them to her. Delusions very strong and every little while she is ill perhaps for a day or two from the supposed effects of Calomel.
- August 3 Complains still of both ears, there is a good deal of cutaneous irritation behind them. Somat- om: man: sal. Harassom: Tri: in 8y: Font: Fort: text: Ung: Impt: part: Ad: There is also slight enlargement of the right parotid gland.
- " 11 A few days ago she complained to the Lady Superintendent that the reason of the pain she had in her feet and limbs (as reported in the 20th June last) and said she did not like at that time to mention it to the Clinical Assistant. It was she said owing to an incision having been made in their thighs during the night for the purpose of putting poison into her system, she also again reminded her that Clement Apistant had ways and means of coming into her room at night without the knowledge of any one. Her ears still trouble her much and the operations discharge a thin watery humor. Atst: Augt: Nitrat: Nylong: nit: Contin: also.
- " 31 Continues troublesome and is every now and then finding fault with something or other or exciting the patients by putting ideas into their heads and causing them to complain. Her delusions every now and then manifest themselves and are accompanied with a bilious attack confining her to bed for a day or two.

September 4

The following letter wrote today -

"My dear Mr Galbraith, I wrote to Mr Galbraith the end of July. I have not received a reply, I mentioned the unaccountable conduct of Edw. in placing me in one of the most degrading situations a female of feeling can possibly be in, which I have borne for 13 months deprived of every comfort this would could afford and confined the principle part of the day to my bed last winter and spring from weakness in consequence of cold and bad treatment. When for three months Dr. Hutchinson could not find time even to see me but gave us over to an inexperienced young man, we have been in the country since early in June but are not permitted to be out of an overhated gallery until after seven o'clock in the evening then a very short walk in the damp grass. My health has been much injured, I have not been able to procure either here or in town the I feel confident it would be very useful to me. May I again solicit of Mr Galbraith to visit on Edw. taking me out of this as soon as possible. I shall feel quite satisfied to remain any place Mr Galbraith or your think suitable only do let it be within a walk of a Church and pious Bleesman both of which I have been too long deprived of. Let Edw. or some person he can depend upon come for me and I trust there will be no more ridiculous unnecessary expense gone into on my account. I now see the schemes of worldly people have been too long gratified. I trust my explanation regarding my character has been given and that when I meet my family it may be in person one time may be very short here below I wish to be in unity with all my friends I think I have written more than a dozen of letters to different individuals during the last twelve months and never received a reply to any of them with the exception of one note from Mr Stewart. I shall look with great anxiety for yours. Excuse me now my dear Mr Galbraith like every selfish old shrewd when I have done

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- "with self may I request you will write me and mention to me about the Children, if you have a business John I suppose at college are the boys at school, how are James' friends doing I frequently think her boys are not easy to manage I hope they are not in a disturbed state about Omagh and that you have not reason to regret leaving Dublin if you know where Hatty Simpson is will you enquire if she has any family yet I wish kind regards to Mr & Mrs Heath your John and believe me My dear Mrs Galbraith your ever sincere friend Susan Spicale" I cannot procure any information of Hatty Simpson.
- September 30 Health good. Peculiar and discontented as usual. Anxious to be removed. Declares herself to be sane but firmly adheres to all her delusions. Continues omnivorous.
- October 29 Has had a paroxysm for a few days last week and this in which she as usual declared herself to be poisoned by Calomel. Abused her friends, the nurse, and the Physician for declaring her sane. Is very troublesome at such times and never amiable though she lays great claims to amiability and strong religious feelings. Is very cunning and spiteful. Health now good. Continues omnivorous.
- November 15 No change since last report. Occasionally requires aperient medicines. Continues omnivorous.
- December 10 Grumbling and discontented as usual. Adheres firmly to all her delusions. Is very troublesome. Reads the Bible and works. Is very religious in conversation, but at the same time cunning and malicious. Health good. Continues omnivorous.
- " 31 During the last year there has been no change in this case for the better and indeed it could not be looked for from the duration of the disease. She believes that there has all along been a conspiracy to poison her and make her die, that her enemies have emissaries even here who by stealth give her Calomel and poison - that all in the Institution are hired to second their efforts - that all people connected with Lunatic Asylums are immoral and impure and that she herself is amiable and a truly Christian character. She is cunning and malicious and manufactures all sorts of scandal. Employs herself in reading the Bible and religious books and in sewing. Health good. Has been removed from the West-Block to No 4 Salway East. Mind peculiar and full of delusions. Says the nurse has been administering poison to her which has ruined her health. Has kept her bed during the last few days from a violent cold and swelling of the face all of which she attributes to the effects of Calomel. Quarrelsome and malicious in disposition and is constantly engaged in fabricating reports of a scandalous tendency. Reads her Bible frequently and does a little sewing. Complains bitterly of the treatment she has received from her friends particularly her Brother from whom she has lately received a very decidedly written letter declaring he would not remove her until her family had left her.
- February 29 Health has improved, all symptoms of cold have disappeared. Continues dissatisfied and quarrelsome. Declares in the most composed and decided manner that the people in this house have maliciousized her, and that no argument shall prevail on her to change her opinion. Betrays a mean and spiteful disposition and is never better pleased than when circulating some piece of scandal either about the nurse or some of her fellow patients. Appetite good, bowels regular. &c.
- March 4 Complains of the wickedness of her friends in placing her here and depriving her of the benefits of religious ordinances. This afternoon she wrote the following letter addressed "The Rev G. King" My dear Sir
 "Longfield Globe, Bannagh, Ireland"
 "Feeling you were the instrument under God of leading me to a knowledge of the truth, and that I enjoyed comfort and peace under your ministry, I shall ever presume a high respect for you and a sincere interest in you and your family's happiness for time and eternity. I wrote you a last spring, but know not whether my letter was forwarded. May I intrust of you to enquire particularly of my Brother the meaning of my being detained so long in this asylum where I am truly grateful to him who overrules all, to assure you that my mind is as sound as ever you know it to be and needs much stronger. I only require occupation and exercise in the open air with the enjoyment of the privilege of my own Church which I have now been deprived of for about 19 months. What Mr and Mrs Stewart's motions were for persuading Edward to place me in such a situation I cannot imagine feeling (of shame) that I am quite competent to take

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No. 47. Janet Gardiner & M^{rs} Gallagher. At 28. March. domestic. Admitted August 14th 1843 cat. 7/6.

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Melancholia.

1st Attack of 14 days duration.

Previous History - This is a hereditary case - Her mother was confined in this Asylum from 1810. vide Female Case Book vol. Many of her mother's relatives have been insane and she has several who are eccentric and vicious. The exciting cause is said to be want & abuse by her husband, who has lately addicted himself to drinking and has repeatedly struck her. She is an amiable subject, principally on persons coming to steal her property. She is not suicidal but has threatened violence to her sister and is disposed to tear her clothes. She has not been in any Asylum and has not been treated.

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Was brought up to the Asylum in a hack from the Police office, accompanied by her father & a policeman. Made considerable resistance in the coach and refused to get out, declaring she was brought here through want and poverty, looked pale and withered, pulse 78 small and feeble, tongue white, pupils dilated. Became quiet shortly after she entered the Asylum, took her tea and went to bed. Abundant Capillitium. ordinary diet.

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Passed the night quietly but this morning it was found necessary to keep her in her room from her excited state. Gave a long and rambling account of herself and children, said that her name was not Gallagher, that she had given birth to four children, one of the number was dead; asked for more food. Habits dirty and inclined to be destructive pulse 76 small, tongue white; bowels slow; pupils somewhat dilated. Sumat pilul: attentio i: Statim. Quiescat.

" 6

Takes her food and is quiet at night; bowels not sufficiently open, tongue white and pale, pupils almost natural. Walks about the airing grounds crying and wringing her hands and appears extremely depressed. Talks incoherently and in a bewildered manner. R. Soda. Bicarbon. 3ij Infusi Lent. Compositus Aqua 3i 3viij. M. Sumat Cyathum Vinos. bis quotidie. Sumat pil: folid 3 ol. Croton; h. s. alt. 4 q. nocte.

" 9

More quiet and composed this morning, pulse 72 more full, tongue white with red edges. Pupils slightly dilated. Depressed in mind with all the usual appearances attending a well marked case of Melancholia. Appetite keen, has been put on full diet with an additional allowance of bread as she has a dislike to her porridge. Continuat omnia.

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Pulse 104. Tongue white and moist, pupils elevated, complaints of pain in her bowels probably by the medicine which she has been taking. Bowels have been fully moved. Quiet pul.

" 24

Health good, mind improves gradually, is at present engaged in the workroom. Continuat omnia.

September 14

Has for a few weeks past been very unsettled, cries like a child, about her being kept in the Asylum; Provoked and illtempered. This morning attempted to make her escape by going over the wall of front airing grounds, but was prevented from doing so by the nurse, has been idle for the last few days. To be employed if possible. Contin. omnia. med.

" 26

This case has certainly improved since last report; mind more settled and lively; does a little work in the Galleries. Continues the employment and medicines. Bodily health good; mind improving gradually, renders herself very useful in the Asylum assisting the Nurses in the domestic work. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Contin. omnia.

October - 8

Since last report, has been doing well; mind rational and collected, wrought industriously and cheerfully, until to day when she became highly excited ran hurriedly up and down the airing grounds, screaming and cursing, and

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- abusing her relatives and friends, more particularly her husband, who she declares is a deceiver, maintains that she never acted deceitfully towards him, and calls upon the living God to witness that she never was a whore or strumpet: since her birth; took the Clinical Assistant aside and told him that she thought her husband was not right, and on being asked what she meant, looked confused and said, she feared he was dead; saw her husband yesterday, and was particularly desirous to have a private interview with him in one of the rooms, but was of course denied it. As this patient is generally unsettled and dull after an interview with her friends, it is advisable that she should not see any of them for some time. Contin. omnia.
- October 27th Has for the last few days been doing very well, mind more settled and composed. Employed in the laundry dressing and arranging the Linen. Bodily health good. Contin. omnia.
- November 14. Mind greatly improved since last report, patient now may be considered convalescent. Busily employed in L. M. Gallery as a domestic. Contin. omnia.
- " 17 Health good. Convalescence proceeds rapidly. Contin. omnia.
- " 21 Had an interview with her husband two days ago, after which she became excited, ran up and down the gallery wringing her hands and crying like a child. In consequence of this recurrence she is not in future to be allowed to see any of her friends as long as she remains in the Asylum. Contin. omnia. Is removed from L. H. Gallery where she has been for some time past. Employed as a domestic to C. D.
- " 24 Has been a little excited since last report, demands her dismissal immediately, that she may once more see her beloved children; this morning got into the airing ground, where she continued to curse and swear at the very top of her voice; was with some difficulty brought into the gallery: Discontinue Caputonium.
- December 3 Has been free from excitement the last few days, is still however sulky and ill-tempered blames her husband very much for not taking her home; does a little work in the gallery. Contin. omnia.
- " 10 Health and mind improving daily, has been quiet and peaceable since last report; talks coherently and answers questions calmly; is at present employed as a domestic in the gallery. Contin. omnia.
- " 15 Patient may now be considered convalescent. General health excellent. Contin. omnia.
- " 20 Convalescence proceeds favorably; expresses a wish to get home. Contin. omnia.
- " 24 Being in good bodily health and mind quite rational, patient is this day dismissed.

Cured.

N^o 48. Marianne Thornton. A^t. 31. Single. Domestic. Admitted August 8th 1842. Date 184-

1239.

Dementia - 1st attack of 13 years duration.

Previous History. - This patient when between three and 4 years of age fell down some stairs and injured the cartilages of her nose. In two or three years before her insanity commenced she was depressed and irritable on consequence of some domestic circumstances and was odd in her manner and disposed to think herself ill-used. The cause of her illness is unknown, at first she was excited but not violent. In the last five or six years has been quiet and gentle, but perfectly imbecile. She has been under the care of a French Physician in a large establishment near Paris.

1842 Aug 8th

On admission at 10 P.M. quiet and taciturn. looks sallow and thin. pulse 70 small and feeble. Tongue foul. Hand presents appearance of a recent and severe burn. Cannot converse or answer questions except in monosyllables & at random. This is a case of incurable dementia. By pit. allocation xij Summit hora somni & et repet. pro re nota. ordinary diet and regimen. employ if possible.

" 10

No change whatever; hand has been poulticed and looks better. Appetite, sleep & bowels natural. Habits filthy. Dress one of hand with simple dressings. contin. alia.

" 22

One of hand now healed; no other change; cannot be employed.

" 24

No change regimen occasionally to have aperients. Repet. pituit. ut p. d. h. m. c. alia.

September 4

Catamenia appeared yesterday and still continues. no other change. contin. omnia.

" 7

Catamenia ceased yesterday looks more alert; cannot be employed. Health pretty good.

" 17

On the whole has improved since last report. Looks better, is more alert and today for the first time is engaged in needlework. contin. omnia.

" 26

Has not been employed since last report till today when she is doing a little domestic work in the gallery. Health pretty good. Mind as formerly. contin. omnia.

October 10

Continued to do a little work, the day after last report but has since then become cold and listless. Health falls off and she has occasionally a slight cough. not so filthy. Catamenia have not appeared since last period. contin. omnia.

" 20

Catamenia appeared yesterday no other change since last report. contin. omnia.

" 24

Catamenia ceased yesterday. no other change. contin. omnia.

" 27

Today in bed. Has made no water since yesterday and urine is reported to have been scanty. Has some cough but not more than she formerly had. By Recitat. potass. Iri Sp. Bth. Nit. Irii Aque Cassia & Iri Summit Iri ter quotidie.

" 28

Today is better and out of bed. Has made water. Cough much less. contin. medicamentis.

" 29

Is now in her ordinary state. Intermitt. mixture domestic. contin. alia.

November 15

No change since last report, except that her health appears better. contin. omnia.

" 20

Catamenia appeared yesterday. no other change. contin. omnia.

" 23

Catamenia ceased yesterday. no other change. contin. omnia.

December 7

No change whatever since last report except that her health appears to be better; cannot be employed; requires to take the alternative pills occasionally. contin. omnia.

" 31

Was seen by Dr. M'Farlane a short time ago, who was sent by her friends to make a report as to her state of health and mind. It is almost needless to state that he was perfectly satisfied she was in a hopeless state of dementia. Has been occasionally troubled with slight cough which is generally relieved by simple remedies. Bodily functions natural. Cough rather on the increase and occasionally accompanied with slight dyspnoea. pulse 80 moderate. pupils natural. tongue pretty clean. By Smi. Spec. Irii Tricet. opii Camphor. Iri Spirit. ammon. brown. Iri Aq. Cassia & Iri Summit. coch. parv. Iri. urgent.

1843 Jan 4

Cough now much better, but is today rather feverish. complaints of pain in Right-side. countenance anxious and oppressed. Tongue covered with a thick fur. Pulse 100. Pupils rather contracted. Summit pit. Colocynth & Calomel duas et cres. manes.

Marianne Thornton.

Admitted - Aug 5th 1842

1843. 4
 sum: pale. sallow. Incontinent
- January 31 Health somewhat improved since last report. Taciturn and depressed; generally sits huddled up in a corner on the floor in the parlour and shuns her fellow patients. Catamenia appeared on the 7th and disappeared on the 11th. Continues omnivorous.
- February 6. Catamenia appeared on the 3rd and disappeared to day, continues taciturn and shuns her fellow patients and the nurses.
- " 28 No change since last report; health pretty good. Sits upon the floor idle and cannot be made to work or employ herself in any way, is taciturn and obstinate. Contin. omnia. — Catamenia appeared again on the 25th and disappeared on the 27th.
- March 6 Catamenia appeared on the 1st and disappeared to day. No mental change.
- " 23 Is today affected with most severe toothache and was crying all night with it. Upper lip very much swollen and exceedingly painful, one of her front teeth much decayed. Utter: Pomet: Anthem: Nob: Flor: ore: sumat: pil: Colocynth & Hyoscyam. Does station. Incontinent.
- " 26 Catamenia occurs in this case at present twice instead of once during the month, thus they have appeared on the 22nd and disappeared on the 26th.
- April 30 No change during the past month. Catamenia appeared on the 16th and disappeared on the 18th. Health pretty good. Continues omnivorous.
- May 31 Has remained stationary since the last report. Health good; mind quite imbecile. Cannot be employed; sits generally on the floor, perfectly taciturn. Catamenia appeared on the 11th and disappeared on the 13th.
- June 9 Was today transferred to the New Institution at Portman.
- " 30 No change since her removal or during the past month. Health good — mind quite imbecile.
- July 31 No mental improvement — continues perfectly taciturn — has not spoken to the Clinician. Sits since her admission. Sits crouched up in a corner of the room on the floor. General health pretty good.
- August 20 Has today been affected with diarrhoea. No other change. Sumat Station. Incont: Khie Ji.
- " 31 No mental improvement. Sits all day on the floor in a corner of the room. Cannot be employed in any way. Health pretty good. Continues omnivorous.
- Sept 30 No change whatever has taken place since last report — never speaks — sits as usual on the floor, is filthy at night — Health as usual. Contin. omnia.
- October 10 Bodily health continues good. Appetite sleep and bowels natural — mind weak and imbecile. Taciturn — requires to be constantly watched as she is utterly helpless and can do nothing for herself — Sits usually on the floor in a corner of the room and takes no notice of what is passing on around her. Contin: omnia.
- " 31 General bodily health continues good. No mental change. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Quiet and taciturn. Contin. omnia.
- November 30 Mind continues in a weak and fatuous state. Bodily health improves and she is looking much stouter. Sleeps well at night and is generally quiet. Is inclined to be remiss in her habits and requires great and constant attention to prevent her becoming a confirmed filthy case. Hardly speaks but appears to comprehend what is doing around her. Contin: omnia.
- December 31 General health continues very good. Bodily functions natural. Mind weak and fatuous. This appears to be a confirmed case of incurable Dementia.
- 1844
 January 31 During the past month she has been quiet and free from any ailment. General bodily health good. Appetite, bowels and sleep natural. Taciturn and will do no work. Occasionally inclined to be filthy in the hands. Will take no exercise but sits in a corner of the room during the greater part of the day, heedless of what is going on around her. Contin: omnia.
- February 29 Continues taciturn and listless. No change in mental condition. Bodily health has fallen off considerably. Appetite small; bowels regular. No cough or feverishness but she expectorates frequently a thick yellow mucous purulent matter, occasionally tinged with blood. Pulse 12 moderate strength, skin of natural temperature. She has been taking daily the following

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Admitted August 8th 1842.

1842

- February 29 mixture. Rj Quina Sulph q' viij Aquæ Ferri Acid: Sulph: dilut 3i M. Has a glass of Port-wine and sliced Callops per diem. Contin: omnia.
- March 31 Health still continues feeble, but has improved somewhat since last report. Expectoration less copious and more easily thrown off. Bowels pretty regular, appetite moderate, keeps pretty well at night. Taciturn and disinclined to move about. Mind weak and demented. Contin: medicament: et regimen.
- April 30 Continues taciturn and disinclined to move about. Bodily health improves and the expectoration considerably diminished. Smiles when spoken to, but never makes any answer. Appetite good, bowels regular. No mental improvement. Contin: omnia.
- May 31 General bodily health continues much in the same state as at last report. Appetite good, bowels regular. Mind weak and imbecile. Lb on the floor and never utters a syllable. Expectoration slightly but there is no cough. Has lately got into the habit of picking her nose until it bleeds. Habit inclined to be filthy and she requires great attention to prevent her becoming a nuisance to the ward. Contin: omnia.

No. 49. Agnes Simpson nee Mrs. Paterson. Mar. 44. 45. Domestic. Admitted Aug. 9th 1842. est. 3/6.

1240.

Mania =

2nd Attack of 14 days duration

Previous History = This seems to be a hereditary case. The patient's brother, who is eccentric, vicious and intemperate is said to have had a brain fever, but is more likely to have had an attack of acute mania. She has had three children, two of whom are dead. The survivor is now seven years of age. The first attack occurred in February last and continued for six or eight weeks. She recovered after being treated at home. She had been much afflicted by the conduct of her brother and began to doubt secretly. Her malady is justly attributed to this operating on a constitution predisposed to insanity. The symptoms are want of sleep, craving for spirits, rambling conversation and delusions. She fancies she is going to see her deceased children, whom she believes to be still alive, that no one dies but only becomes invisible; that her husband brings women into the house and into her room, and that she sees two or three of them at a time. She is not suicidal. Has threatened and struck her husband but no one else. She is not destructive. She has never been in any Asylum, and has not been treated for the present attack.

1842. Aug. 9th

On admission was rather excited and talked in a rambling manner, but did not betray any distinct delusions. Pupils dilated. Senses but pulse 84 small, bidding well to be employed.

" 10

Has not slept well. pulse 84 small, tongue foul. Raves in a coherent manner on various subjects. Laughs, scolds and calls for whiskey. Bowels have not been moved, has not got up. Quiescent. Sumat station. pulse 84, tongue & catamenia. Contin. alia.

" 11

Bowels have been moved. Has got up to day. Laughs, scolds and talks in a rambling incoherent manner on one subject after another. Has not been employed, tongue still foul. Pulse 84. Report. pupils have some. Contin. alia.

" 12

Has been better at night. very merry and talkative. Engaged in needlework. Bowels regular by medicine. Tongue not so foul. pulse 84. Pupils still dilated. Sumat. pupils. alteration h.c. et. report. pro de nata. contin. alia.

" 15

Still excited and merry. Raves on all subjects. engaged in sewing. Contin. omnia.

" 20

On the whole has improved since last report; daily engaged in reading, sewing and knitting. Is good humoured and merry. Scolds and occasionally curses and swears and uses obscene language. Is of opinion that when individuals die they only disappear and are present at all times, if we could but see them. Thinks that her children who are dead are still alive and that she will see them. Asserts that the husband is a man and she sees her with men's clothes on in the evening. Says that she is not shaped like a woman. Asserts also that the Physician changes his shape at times. Several other fancies of the same nature. c.

" 28

Has been quieter since last report but occasionally becomes excited and goes vent to the delusions formerly noted. contin. omnia.

September 5

No change since last report. Catamenia have not yet appeared. engaged in needlework. contin. omnia.

" 12

On the whole has improved since last report. Is cheerful and good humoured. Has not been excited. No cursing or swearing. Health better. contin. omnia.

" 20

Catamenia appeared today, no other change. contin. omnia.

" 24

Catamenia ceased yesterday, no other change. contin. omnia.

October 3

Has continued steadily to improve, is cheerful and good humoured. still a little flighty, which appears to be her natural character. No return of violent language or excitement. Reads, knits and sews. Contin. omnia.

" 5

Has been violent last night and this morning, and using obscene language to the nurse. Mother, and some of the patients. Pulse 96. Tongue clean. Bowels regular. still engaged in needlework. Quiescent.

" 7

Rather quieter, but delusions are still present. Bowels slow. Reading sewing and knitting.

- Mitte pilae: Colocyath: E XII Sumat duas pro re nata. contin: omnia.
- October - 11 Has improved since last report and she is now in her quiet state, occupied as formerly. c.o.
- " 18 Catamenia appeared yesterday but there had been no exacerbation. Health pretty good. occupied as before. contin: omnia.
- " 25 Catamenia ceased yesterday. no other change. contin: omnia.
- November 2 On the whole has improved since last report. Has been quiet, good humoured & industrious.
- " 12 has been going on well since last report. Has been quiet good humoured and industrious but is still flighty and excitable. Yesterday complained of cold, which is disappearing today.
- " 18 Catamenia have not appeared at this period. continues in the same state as at last report. c.
- " 29 Went on well until today when she became excited. At visit out of temper. complains against her husband. Has been abusing the husband and making use of improper language. Quiescent. Continuentur omnia.
- " 30 In better humor today. Has been pretty quiet but is still excitable. contin: omnia.
- December 1 Was excited last night but this morning is quiet. contin: omnia.
- " 14 Has been considerably excited of late and today became so violent that it was found absolutely necessary to place her in seclusion. Mind erratic, language incoherent. Tongue clean, pupils natural. Quiescent.
- " 17 Has again become quiet and regained her accustomed state of cheerfulness and good humor. Has a good deal in her conversation and is inclined to rhyme. Health robust, mind unimproved.
- " 31 Still very incoherent and her propensity to turn everything into rhyme is evident. good tempered and cheerful, keeping the whole of her fellow patients in good spirits by her humorous remarks. Anxious for dismissal. Has received two letters, one from her husband, the other from her sister, but at present has not replied to either. Quiescent.
- 1843 Jan^y 11 Works diligently at needlework and is cheerful and spirit. Still talks very absurdly. Today passed the Medical Professor in general, said she had no doubt they would ultimately arrive at such perfection as to be able to preserve the body always alive and prevent people from dying, this was the case with the spirit and why should it not be so with the body also? Has not yet answered her husband's and sister's letters.
- " 16 Is today confined to her bed with catarrh and has Mr. Muir reading to her by her bedside. Refused to see the Clinical assistant, saying he could do her no good.
- " 24 Somewhat excited today against the nurse who she says orders her as well as the other patients about in a very rude manner. Still very much disposed to rhyme, and her conversation is often quite incoherent. Employs herself however diligently at needlework.
- " 31 Today said she was very mad, and immediately began to rave and rhyme in the most incoherent manner, she however continued at her worsted work, said she intended to teach it to her husband. No mental improvement.
- February 2 Considerably excited today, rhymes a good deal. Spoke very harshly to Mrs. Sweeney a fellow patient, she nevertheless works diligently.
- " 8 Last night while sitting at needlework she quarrelled with Mrs. Muir and Mr. Sweeney and threw her spectacles at the latter. She is today a good deal excited and when the Physician entered the Gallery she slammed her room door in his face, and did not come out again to see him.
- " 9 Is today in bed, complaining of severe headache. Catamenia have appeared today.
- " 12 Yesterday and today has been considerably excited, when visited yesterday began to abuse the Clinical assistant in the worst terms and used very obscene language very often in rhyme. At dinner time she became so violent and annoyed her fellow patients so much, using such bad language that it was necessary to remove her to the retired gallery today. When seen there she again abused Clinical Assistant, told him she was most cruelly treated, that she was unwell and it was a shame.

- February 14 to me a woman that was acting in such a manner." Catamenia disappeared today. Refused to get out of bed, both yesterday and today and now refuses to take her food saying she will not eat while she is kept here. Contin. omnia.
- " 16 Has been up both yesterday and today, takes her food regularly, is good natured and cheerful; still raves much and rhymes in an erotic manner. General health good works diligently at her worsted work, and reads occasionally.
- " 22 Has been allowed to sit with the patients in the back parlour the last two days and now conducts herself with much greater propriety than formerly, talks more rationally and there is less propensity to rhyming manifested. Cheerful and industrious. General health good. Contin. omnia.
- " 28 Health good. Much quieter since she left the retired gallery and shows less of the rhyming propensity, but is fond of talking on the subject of mesmerism and frequently attempts to joke with the clinical assistant upon it. Her conversation is more coherent than formerly. Is quiet, industrious and cheerful. Contin. omnia.
- March 20 Continues much quieter and formerly. Rhymes less, conversation still frequently very incoherent. Health good. Employs herself still in needlework, but less assiduously than before. Catamenia appeared on the 6th and disappeared on the 16th.
- " 25 Has last night present at the performance of "Gay Mannering" in the Private Theatre erected here for the amusement of the patients, and conducted herself with perfect propriety during the performance, but when it was over became very excited and refused to return to her gallery, raving and talking very incoherently. Is today in bed but appears in her usual state of health and is quite quiet, though she talks very incoherently. Tongue white. Pulse natural. Pupils contracted. Serrat Station. Pelud: Colocynth: & cl. Eryon: if.
- " 31 Has been in bed the last three days but also today but she is in good health. Her husband called to see her but she would get up and said if he wished to see her he must come into her bedroom. Still talks very incoherently, and has been more excitable and unsettled lately. Catamenia appeared a second time this month on the 26th and disappeared on the 28th. Contin. omnia.
- April 10 Continues free from excitement, although she is in such a state that very little would unsettle her, she frequently expresses in a very independent manner how little she cares for the medical officers and how much beneath her notice she considers them. Her rhyming propensity still continues.
- " 30 Continues quiet, but still very excitable, lies in bed till late in the forenoon and is angry when she is disturbed, mind full of delusions, thinks that those around her are spirits and whilst talking will suddenly stop and apparently listen, supposing she hears the person whom she had previously conversing with, talking, and will often say "I've not yet attempt to deceive me I hear you quite well." Talks a good deal in the evening periods.
- May 16 No mental improvement since last report. Her conversation though at first intelligible enough soon gets incoherent, she nods and wakes as if aware or fancied that some invisible spirit overheard her. Is with difficulty got out of bed in the morning. General health good. Wishes to read but cannot be trusted with books, as she is so careless with them.
- " 31 No change since last report. Contin. omnia.
- June 12 Was today transferred to the New Institution at Glastonbury. No excitement since last report. Health good. Appears pleased with her new residence.
- " 30 Has been visited twice by her husband since her removal and although much against the advice of the Physician he has determined on giving her a trial at home. Her mind is still full of delusions and she still fancies she is addressing spirits that surround her on all sides, she is however much less excitable than she was

and shews less propensity to rhyme. Her general health is very good. Her Husband having come for her today she was dismissed.

Relievo.

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

It appears that she had been intemperate for a long time and that there is a strong predisposition to insanity in her family.

No. 50. Mary Ann Anderson. Et. 23. S. Servant. Admitted Augth 11th 1842. Age 76.

1241.

Mania — 4th Attack of 2 months duration

Previous History — This patient has been three times in this Asylum.
 From — till — and dismissed. Cured.
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Vide Female Case Books

She obtained a situation when she left this last and went on well until two months ago when she became proud, imperious and eccentric, and at last became so violent that it became necessary to bring her back to this Institution. The disease has assumed the same form as on former occasions

1842 Augth 11th

Was brought to the Asylum by the Board's Hospital authorities from the police office. Delighted willingly from the coach and went of her own accord into the C.D. Gallery where she immediately recognised and shook hands with several of her old acquaintances. Appears to be in a very good humour and speaks in a manner that would lead one to suppose, she was slightly intoxicated. Says she was sent here by friends to prevent her going wrong and to be taken care of, not being able to protect herself, is quite satisfied by the arrangement. Says she was dismissed from this, last December last month and has been living in service since, or at least part of the time, but cannot give a distinct account of what she has been doing since she last had her liberty. Likes for tobacco, says that this is a house of mourning and wishes to smoke to drive away sorrow. Looks stout and healthy. Pulse 78 good strength, tongue white but moist, pupils dilated, let her have a warm bath, ordinary diet and regimen. Quiescent.

" 16.

Pulse 76. Moderate strength, tongue white and moist, pupils natural. Is quiet and inclined occasionally to be talkative. Is at present in L.D. Gallery.

There is no improvement in the state of this patient's mind; has been doing a little work in the Laundry, of late. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Catamenia fluent.

" 27

Catamenia desiccant, mind in the same state as at last report, quiet and occasionally does a little work. Bodily functions natural.

September 10

Pulse 76 good strength. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils natural mind although still a little unstable improves gradually, makes herself very useful in the Gallery, assisting the nurses in cleaning the rooms &c. Bodily functions natural and habits in all respects correct.

" 27

Health excellent, mind continues improving rapidly, is daily employed in assisting the nurses, bodily functions correct.

October 8

Mind continues to improve, engaged just now in assisting the nurses in L.M. Bodily functions correct and natural.

" 19

Since last report has been quiet and industrious, convalescence was proceeding favourably until last night when she became suddenly excited, screamed out, threatened violence to the nurses, and in the midst of the paroxysm broke the panel of the gallery door. It became absolutely necessary to remove her to her old quarters in C.D., after which she became quiet, although considerably agitated, and cried bitterly; declared that she could not remain in this house any longer and that she felt as if her heart was broken. About 9 o'clock went quietly to bed and slept well. Is today, dull and depressed, rather inclined to be drowsy. Pulse 76, moderate. Tongue white and moist. Pupils natural. Bowels rather confined. Sleep cool. Smart h. s. pit. Colic, &c. &c.

" 24

Since last report has been quiet and industrious, and altogether free from excitement; mind however is still a little unstable and a trifling circumstance would probably give rise to excitement; occasionally assists the nurses. Bodily functions natural.

November 2

Has continued free from excitement since last report, mind rational and collected, answers questions rationally and talks coherently; industriously employed in the Laundry. Is now in addition to usual allowance. Bodily functions correct and natural.

" 13

Health good, mind improves rapidly; quiet and very industrious in the Laundry, may now be considered convalescent.

20

Health excellent, very industrious and usefully employed in L.M. Gallery. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Catamenia

December 12

Bodily health good, mind rational and collected, convalescence goes on rapidly. Still employed as a domestic in L.M. Room.

" 19

Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continues to improve.

" 26

Being in good bodily health, and mind in all respect rational, patient is today dismissed

Cured.

No. 51. Janet Allen, M^{rs} M^{rs} Nab. Et. 28. W^m. Domestic. Admitted August 22nd 1842
date 15/-

1242. Melancholia — 1st attack of 5 weeks duration.

Previous History — This is a hereditary case. The Patient's mother was treated in this Asylum in the year 1815. Vide Female Case Book. vol. p. She has been 11 years married and has had 5 children, one of whom is dead. The oldest, a boy is 10 years old — the youngest — a girl 15 months. Her health has been feeble for some time, and she nursed the last child for 13 months. The cause assigned is losses sustained by her husband in business, but more probably it is long nursing operating upon a hereditary predisposition. The disease is marked by want of sleep, disposition to wander and various delusions. She fancied that people are seeking to shoot her and do her mischief in other ways, that thieves were in all parts of the house, that devils are coming to carry her away. At first she was excited but now depressed. The disease is on the increase. She is neither dangerous, suicidal nor destructive. She has not been in an Asylum but lived at home with Laudanum, Whisky and water, and London Porter!! —

1842. Aug. 22nd On admission was taciturn, but looked excitable. Tongue foul. pulse gl. small pupils dilated, answered questions relevantly but with reluctance. Sumat. pilul. Alterat. diut. ordinary diet and regimen. To be employed as soon as possible.
- " 23 No change. Sumat. pilul. alterat. ij st. rep. pro re nata.
- " 26 Last night and today has been very much excited, wishes to have her throat cut, cannot very incoherently. Scalp hot. pulse gl. small and feeble. pupils contracted. Abundant capillitium. Contin. alia.
- " 27 Still excited and incoherent. apponatur vesicator Capiti. Mitte pilul. Rhei & Hydrag. xii Sumat. duas omni nocte ad sextum vicem. Sumat omni mane ad octon vicem. vicem haust. salin. Contin. omnia.
- " 28 Visitation of the scalp has been produced and she has been fully purged, but there is no improvement. Contin. omnia.
- " 29 On the whole better today. Excitement much less. Contin. omnia.
- " 30 To day very much depressed, refuses food, and is with difficulty forced to take a little. Contin. omnia.
- " 31 Takes food today. Is taciturn but answers questions relevantly in monosyllables. In the whole is rather better.
- September 1 Again refuses food. Looks better but sits in one position and is depressed and melancholy. Contin. omnia.
- " 2 Takes food today, and looks more alert, has not yet been employed. Contin. omnia.
- " 6 Has continued to improve and today for the first time is engaged in needlework, looks more alert and cheerful. Bowels constipated. Tongue pretty clean. p. 68 small and feeble. Mitte pil. alt. xii Sumat. ij h. s. et rep. p. v. n. Sumat. Infus. Scutell. & Ricin. Sed. 3ij bis quotidie. Contin. alia.
- " 13 Continues slowly but steadily to improve, has been engaged in needlework since last report. Answers questions relevantly and betrays no delusions. Bodily health better. Contin. omnia.
- " 21 Continues to improve in all respects. Catamenia have not appeared since she was admitted. Contin. omnia.
- " 23 Is now so well that she may be noted as convalescent. Daily engaged in needlework. Contin. omnia.
- October 1 Convalescence proceeds favourably. Cheerful and industrious. Contin. omnia.
- " 15 No change since last report. Convalescence proceeds. Contin. omnia.
- " 20 Today rather impatient and insists on being discharged. Catamenia have not appeared since her admission. Contin. omnia.
- " 24 Today rather excited and abusive to the nurse and Physician. looks rather unsettled. Contin. omnia.
- " 27 Treatment continues. Today the nurse's cap, has done some domestic work since. Contin. omnia.
- November 2 Still excited and impatient, but less so than formerly. Betrays no delusions. Contin. omnia.
- " 4 Has improved rapidly and is now again convalescent.
- " 10 Has gone on well since last report. Her Husband wishing to remove her, she being free from all symptoms of Insanity is this day prematurely dismissed.

Cured.

No. 52. Barbara Morison a W^m M^r Bride. Aged 50. M. Domestic. Admitted Aug^t 30th 1842
Hosp. 8/6.

1243

Mania.

1st Attack of 10 years duration.

Previous History - This is a hereditary case. The patient's father and sister as well as other of her paternal relatives have been insane. She was originally weak-minded and of a violent temper. The disease began after she had weaned her last child. Since then though there have been remissions and exacerbations; she has not been sane. During her exacerbations, she drinks to excess. Of late there have been more frequent and violent. Her delusions are on religious subjects and when excited she preaches in the streets. A fortnight ago she gave notice by beat of drum, that she was to preach in a public room in Campbelltown which she had hired. She filled the room, began to preach and in the midst of her discourse stripped herself stark-naked and walked through the congregation into the street collecting a mob. She has several times attempted to hang and drown herself. When excited she is dangerous to third and fourth and destroys everything within her reach. She has never been in an asylum. Has had no medical treatment except the exhibition of opium without benefit.

1842. Aug^t 30th

On admission looked dull and depressed and for some time appeared ignorant of the nature of the place to which she had been brought. After looking round for a few minutes told the nurse that this house was not adapted to her case at all as she had all her life been partial to retirement. Could give no account of her past life, and when asked any questions returned confused and incoherent answers. Declares that she is not snail and if any persons, think she is, they are mistaken as she has all the reason God gave her. pulse 76 small. Tongue white, papillae elevated; Pupils dilated; scalp hot. Bowels slow. *Somni hinc somni pituita: assuetudine: et ob: costum:*

September 1

Yesterday her bowels were fully moved, and to day she is moribund, has been busily employed sewing in the work room this morning.

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Pulse 76 rather small, tongue clean and moist - pupils natural; mind rational and collected, works regularly in the laundry. answers questions relevantly and talks coherently. may be considered convalescent. Contin. mania.

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General health good, mind continues to improve daily, now industriously in the work room. Appetite sleek and bowels natural. Continues mania.

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Body's functions correct and natural. Convalescence proceeds favourably, diligently employed every day in the work room. Has by permission of the Physicians been allowed to see her husband and two of her children, daily, during the last eight days; behaves herself in a very becoming manner, and appears very much interested in the children. Requests that she may be allowed to leave the asylum.

October 7

Health good, convalescence proceeds favourably, quiet and industrious. Appetite sleek and bowels natural. Contin. mania.

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Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continues mania.

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Health good, convalescence goes on well; was yesterday visited by her brother-in-law, during the interview she showed him to a great extent, as she believes that he was the means of keeping back the two children, who are at present staying at Glasgow, from visiting her on a former occasion. The nurse who was present at the time, states that he had spoken to her rather in an authoritative manner, and that her conduct was justifiable. Patient conducts herself in a becoming manner at all times, boasters no delusions; but is sometimes fond of indulging in religious conversation, when any of her fellow patients give her encouragement. Pulse natural. Tongue a little white but moist. Pupils natural. Bowels rather slow. *Somni hinc somni pituita: assuetudine: et ob: costum:*

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General health good, convalescence proceeds favourably, cheerful and good humoured, apparently quite contented in her present place. Works regularly in the work room. Appetite and sleep natural. Bowels regulated by medicine.

- October 29. Yesterday took the clinical assistant aside, and made the following statements to him: about two years ago while staying with her husband in Ireland, she had the misfortune to get from him what is generally called the bad disease (meaning the Venereal). Not being aware of the nature and effects of the disease, she paid no attention to it for some time, but feeling great pain especially when she evacuated urine, and being aware that her husband was taking medicine at the same time, she began to suspect that he had been cohabiting with strange women; she then complained to her husband and told him that she was at present labouring under a disease the nature of which she did not understand, and at the same time gave him to know that she entertained suspicions of his having acted dishonourably towards her. Her husband on hearing this seemed very much annoyed and endeavoured to persuade her that it was all nonsense, and that her suspicions were groundless, notwithstanding this he procured for her a bottle containing some medicine, the smell of which produced nausea. She continued taking this medicine for some time, but could not say that she derived any benefit from it. After some time an eruption appeared on her skin which however soon disappeared; says that the disease caused also an enlargement of one of the glands in her groin; says, that her husband seeing the state to which he had reduced her, confessed that he had the venereal disease, but thought he was entirely cured, so he never would have come near her, and so much was he pained and annoyed at it, that he devoted himself to the drinking of Whisky which he continued doing for eight days, during which he was not sober for a minute. Her husband's conduct on this occasion, and the dread of consequences which she feared would follow from the disease which he had communicated to her, entailed such a state of mental anxiety, that she was in a manner driven to Whisky as the only means by which, to use her own language, her grief could be removed; declares solemnly that previously to this, she seldom, if ever, tasted violent spirits of any kind; and of late it was only when her mind resorted to the malady alluded to above, that the desire for stimulants arose in her mind. Does not wish that her husband should be made aware of her confession, as she says it would grieve him greatly. Says he is a kind, loving and warmhearted husband and that she loves him with as much ardour as she did when they were newly married.
- November 3. Today complains of languor and debility, pulse quick and rather small, tongue white and dry in the centre, pupils natural. Skin a little dry and hot. Quiescent. Hy. Patiens. Salpe. grad. XV. Submur. Hydrarg. gr. IX. Re. Sumat Station. Continuentur alia.
- " 4. Is today quite recovered from the sickness complained of yesterday and is now at her usual occupation in the Workroom. Tongue clear and moist. Continuentur omnia.
- " 5. Last night complained of a feeling of bearing down in the rectum and of a frequent desire to go to stool. Sumat Station. Finest: Spii. gr. XXX. Continuentur alia.
- " 6. The tedious complaints of at last spent was removed by the medicine prescribed. Patient is today in her usual state of health and engaged sewing in the Workroom. Cont. employe.
- " 10. General health good, very industrious. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Contin. omnia.
- December 12. Had an interview with her sister-in-law the other day during which she became somewhat excited and abused her husband to such an extent as rendered him glad to escape from her presence.
- 1843 January 3. Continued in a very unsettled and excitable abusing every one and abusing the characters of her friends and relatives, and complaining of being used in this house as a very slave. Until last night she became very much excited, prayed and sang psalms during the greater portion of the night. This morning on being visited by the Clinical Assistant, was found to be very agitated and disturbed in mind, saved in a religious strain, and cried bitterly for the innumerable sins she had been guilty of during her life; said her hope was fixed in the beloved Jesus and she trusted that, if it were the will of Providence to remove her at this time, he would take under His protection her two beloved children, tutored of her husband as being too good, and kind a man for this world, and implored the blessing of the Almighty.

- on his head; she afterwards seized the Clinical Assistant by the hand, squeezed it firmly and said she had a small advice to give him which was to the following effect; that during all his intercourse with the world, he would ever have before his eyes the awful and important truth, that the eyes of the Lord, behold everything that is done. Told the Nurse that she and the Clinical Assistant had been very kind to her since her admission and begged of them that they would treat her with the same degree of kindness during her present paroxysm; said she felt it coming on two or three days ago. Bowels slow. *Lumat statim. pilule Asafetid. 2. ol. Crotonis unum.*
1843. January 9. Has been in seclusion since last report, during which time she has continued to rave very incoherently. Fitting and obscene in her language. Pulse quick, moderate strength. Tongue very foul. Pupils contracted, eyes suffused. *Rx Lumat summa secunda q. s. nocte pilule Asafetid. 2. oleo Crotonis.* continue seclusion.
- " 10 Is in all respects the same as at yesterday's report. Continuation same.
- " 16 Is today considerably improved, talks more decently and in a more coherent and rational manner than at last report. Is kept out of her room as soon as possible. Contin. same.
- February 7 Since last report the symptoms in this case have been somewhat variable; at one time pretty rational and at another flighty and incoherent; is today excited and abusing every one connected with the house; says that the Clinical Assistant has been giving her medicine for the purpose of poisoning her; declares that her liver is completely burnt up in consequence; bids him take care how he treats her, for the penetrating eye of a just God is watching his motions. Pulse quick and rather small. Tongue white and moist. Pupils contracted. *Rx Lumat haec. somni pil. felid. cum Oleo Crotonis 1. Contin. omnia alia.*
- " 12 In the last few days has been pretty much excited, raving and talking in the most incoherent manner. Bodily health rather impaired. Pupils contracted, eyes suffused. Let her have full diet. *Rx Lumat p. a. nocte pilule Asafetid. cum Oleo Crotonis 1.*
- " 17 Excitement still continues, patient was very noisy this morning, singing and sleeping in the most absurd manner. Pupils very contracted. Tongue foul and moist. Head: Exp. contin. alia.
- " 20 Excitement has today subsided and she is rational and collected in her manner and conversation.
- " 21 This morning again became excited and sung prayers and cried alternately. Bowels confined. Pupils very contracted. *Rx Lumat haec. somni pil. Colocyth. Comp. dust.*
- " 23 Has been in seclusion since last report, very noisy at night, language fitting and obscene. *Rx Emul. Squamidi 3. Comp. Rosi 3. Agar. Cinnam. 3. p. th. Fiat Haust. be gest. deo Summas.*
- " 24 Last night was quiet and slept a little; this morning raves pretty rationally, although she is disposed to rave upon religious subjects, requests the Clinical Assistant to join with her in prayer. Looks pale and exhausted. Continuation medicine.
- " 26 Has been quiet and tolerably rational since last report, and is at present doing a little needlework. Bowels opened by medicine.
- March 10 Patient has been considerably excited since last report, is to day ordered to be shut up in a room by herself. Continuation Haustus.
- " 17 Has been in seclusion since last report. Is very noisy at night singing praying and preaching. much to the annoyance of several of the patients who sleep near her. *Rx Haustus Continuation. Adulatur Caput. Cinnam. Apocynum. Vesicatorium Capiti toto. Contin. seclusion.*
- " 21 Excitement still continues. Quiescent. Continuation medicine.
- " 28 In the last few days has been free from excitement, although patient is still disposed to rave in an absurd manner; wishes to know what has been done with the five eyes that were taken from her head; wonders how she can speak after having been deprived of her tongue; but attributes this power to the Almighty who once conferred on her the gift of prophecy. Quiescent.
- " 30 Is today talking in a manner highly fitting and obscene; curses and swears at any one who attempts to make her quiet. To be taken from the workroom where she is at

- present and placed in her own apartment. Pulse quick and small. Tongue white and loaded. Smell Naust: pro tempore. Rf. Sumat h. s. pil. colocynth. & Crot. & S. Since last report has been very variable, excited and noisy one day, and quiet another. In the last two days she has been so much excited and so noisy as to render her seclusion absolutely necessary; is today however quiet and orderly and permitted to associate with the rest of the patients as usual. Continuation of medicine.
- April 10th 17 Has been considerably excited for the last few days, swearing and praying at one time, swearing and cursing at another. Eyes suffused, pupils very much contracted. Pulse quick rather small. Rf. blood. Capillat. applicat. vesicatorium Capite toto. Cont. Sm. 30 Health improving; has been much more settled and rational since blisters was applied to head. Although she is still disposed to talk on religious subjects and occasionally to give vent to her feelings in prayer, this state of mind is however merely transitory and is usually mixed up with feelings of an erotic kind for no sooner is her prayer finished than she indulges in expressions of a filthy and obscene character. Is at present engaged in needlework. C. minima.
- May 15 Has for the last few days been in a very fidgety and unsettled state; is today very erotic; squeezes the Clinical Assistant's hands calls him her dearest and most beloved child, hopes that God Almighty will prosper him in all his ways and prays that He may preserve him from the temptations of a world lying in sin and iniquity. During the whole of this conversation it was very evident from her looks and gestures, that her feelings were as much of an erotic as of a religious nature. Last evening while the Chaplain was engaged in Divine Service, she rose up and said "Let us all join in prayer" and continued to make such a noise that it was found necessary to remove her. Is today in bed complaining of acute pain in her stomach and bowels. Rf. Olei Ricini 3j. Tinctura Opii qtt. ʒss. M. Sumat statim. Zinzib. 17 Today became so much excited and so filthy and obscene in her language, that it was necessary to place her in seclusion. Tongue white and loaded. Pupils contracted, eyes suffused. Rf. Sumat h. s. pil. fatid. & Oleo Crot. & S. unum.
- " 23 Has been in seclusion since last report, during the whole of which time, she has been in a very excited state praying and swearing alternately, this morning however she became quiet and having promised to the Clinical Assistant that she would behave herself better in future she was freed from seclusion.
- June 1 Since last report has been freed from seclusion having been free from excitement. Today she is employed at needlework, in the work room. Tongue clean. Bowels regulated by medicine.
- " 7 In the last two days this patient has been in a very unsettled state, rather both in looks and gestures and this morning became so highly excited as to render it necessary that she should be placed in seclusion. Is extremely filthy in her language and every now and then uttering a prayer in the midst of it.
- " 12 This morning, was, although in an excited state removed to the New Asylum at Farnham behaved herself tolerably well on the way thither.
- " 23 Since last report has been free from excitement and employed in domestic work assisting the nurses in cleaning the rooms &c. General health good. Continuation.
- July 15 This morning became excited, stripped herself naked and danced up and down the ward among the rest of the patients, uttering the most obscene and filthy expressions. On being visited by the Clinical Assistant she seized his hand squeezed it and looked at it in the most erotic manner calling him all the sweet names possible. Continued in this excited state until night when it was deemed necessary to place her in seclusion where she now remains. Rf. Sumat statim. pil. fatid. cum. Oleo Crot. & S. unum. Tongue very dry.
- August 5 Since last report has been in a state of high excitement, praying and swearing alternately from morning to night. Is occasionally very filthy in her conversation and frequently during the visits of the Medical Officers she attempts to expose her nakedness by pulling up her petticoats. Pulse small and rapid. Tongue white and moist. Eyes have a glossy appearance.

N^o. 53. Janet Ferguson a W^{id} Smitto. Et. 40. W. Domestic. Admitted September 1st 1842
date 46.

1244.

Melancholia

2nd Attack of 2 days duration.

Previous History. In particulars of this case vide page 110 of this volume. This patient having become ill again was this day returned to the Institution.

1842. September 1st This patient after having been two days discharged, in consequence of being a good deal surprised and troubled with family matters, fell into a desponding state, and it was found necessary to send her back again to the Asylum, on admission today looked dull and depressed and gave in the same strain as she did when brought here before.
- " 7 Has been quiet and industrious for the last few days, busily employed at needlework. Talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Tongue a little foul and moist. M. Infusi Scutellariæ & Aquæ & a 3riij Ricinab. Solut 3ij M. S. Cyathum Viri: bis in die.
- " 14 Health improves, mind more active, sews regularly in the workroom. Bodily functions natural.
- " 24 Mind considerably improved since last report. Bodily health good. Contin. omnid.
- " 30 May be considered convalescent, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Contin. om. still a little depressed.
- October 17 General health pretty good, mind although still depressed is on the whole improved, very much inclined to read the Bible; says that several parts perplex her very much; but trusts that by and by she will be enabled to comprehend them. To be kept constantly at needlework. Contin. omnid. alia.
- " 29 Health good, mind has been more cheerful and active for the last few days; expresses a desire to go home; very industrious at needlework. Contin. medicament.
- November 8 Mind continues to improve gradually very industrious, anxious to get home to her family. Cont.
- December 1 Bodily health pretty good; mind improves, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Employs her time sewing in the workroom. Contin. omnid.
- " 12 In the last few days this case has retrograded; patient is stupid and confused. Came up to the Clinical Assistant today during the visit, and said she had something very important to say to him, asking at the same time if she might be allowed to speak her mind freely. On being answered in the affirmative, said it grieved her to think that she had been the cause of so much disturbance and dissipation in the house of late, but hoped the matter would soon be settled, on being asked in what way she had been the means of causing disturbance, said that for some time past she was aware that the three young Doctors, Pickard, Dr & W. Savin, have been in love with her, and that they had been quarrelling among themselves which should have her; is quite at a loss which of the three to choose and has been praying that she may be guided to the right person. General health pretty good. M. Sumat hanc semine pil. Colicosthedis Compositus dard.
- " 31 This morning had an interview with her Son with whom she was very angry because he refused to take her home; says she cannot submit to be enticed as she is here, and that it is absolutely necessary that she should preside over something, either a house of her own or a church. Mind very weak and confused. Sew in the workroom. Contin. omnid.
- 1843 Jan 7th Mind much about the same as when last reported, continues to sew regularly in the workroom, is very anxious to get home to her family. Bodily health pretty good. Contin. omnid.
- " 8 On the whole this case is considerably improved within the last few days, although her mind is very weak; employed daily with her needle in the workroom. Responds to converse on religious subjects; betrays no palpable delusion in the meantime. May be considered convalescent. Contin.
- " 12 Continues to improve steadily; is very industrious. There is no great probability of this Patient's mind ever being better than it is at present. bowels no delusion. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Employs at needlework.
- " 14 Patient's bodily health being good and mind quite free from delusions, she is this day discharged.

Cured.

No. 54. Mary McPherson or Mrs. McPherson. Aet. 40. Mania. Admitted September 3rd 1842
etc. 8/6

1245.

Mania =

2nd Attack of 3 Months duration.

Previous History. This patient was industrious and good natured. She has had eight children six of whom are alive. None of her family have been known to be insane, nervous or eccentric. The first attack was about 16 months ago after an illness which confined her to bed for 14 or 15 weeks. The nature of this illness could not be ascertained from the person who brought her. In two or three days before the present attack she felt it coming on her. The cause is said to be want. The symptoms are want of sleep, a disordered state of the bowels, incoherent ravings on all subjects in a mixed language of Gaelic and English, she is not dangerous or suicidal, but des- tructive. She has never been in an Asylum and has not been treated for the present attack.

September 3rd

Was brought to the Asylum, handcuffed in a close carriage, exhibited no symptoms of excitement after she was freed from restraint and followed the nurse to the gallery with apparent good will. As she seemed not to understand the English language it was difficult to know exactly the state of her mind. A short time after admission however, she became excited, and danced and jumped about the day room. Pulse 70 moderate strength. Tongue rather dry but moist. Pupils contracted; bowels slow. Sumat. hora somni pul. dissipata cum oleo Crotonis; ordinary diet and regimen.

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Last night became highly excited, broke her bedstead and turned everything in her room topsy-turvy it was found necessary to clear her room of everything and to place her bed clothes in the floor. Excitement still continues, scalp hot. Strada. Capillitium applicatum. Vesicatorium. By Sol. Part. Antimonii ʒij. Sumat. ʒij omni. 99 quiet. hora. donec. Quiescat.

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Since last report this patient has been pretty free from excitement, habits still very filthy; chews cinders and pieces of wood when she can get them. Refuses to work.

" 22

Pulse 70 rather small; Tongue pretty clean and moist; pupils slightly contracted mind more alert and active, and habits rather improved, a small abscess which had formed on posterior aspect of left hand was today opened and a considerable quantity of bloody matter was discharged; has not yet done any work. Applicat. Cataplasma. parti. dolenti. Let her be put upon full diet.

October 7

Health improved mind much about the same state as at last report; idle and refuses to do any work. Continentia omnia.

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There is a decided improvement in the mental state of this patient since last report, bodily health is also much better than it was on admission. Keeps her clothes in better order, and habits which were formerly filthy, more particularly at night, are greatly improved. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Continentia omnia. To have full diet.

" 22

Last night rose from her bed and walked about the ward, much to the annoyance of several of the patients; was filthy in her habits. To be removed to a room and kept by herself until she can conduct herself properly. In other respects the same as at last report. Continentia omnia.

November 2

Since last report has conducted herself better; habits have somewhat improved; but as she does not speak English, it is difficult to ascertain whether or not she has any delusions. Bodily functions natural. Contin. omnia.

" 24

General health improved, mind a great deal better since last report, habits much improved, has begun to do a little work in the gallery. Continentia omnia.

December 5

Mind continues to improve steadily; answers questions relevantly; is to day employed sewing in the workroom. Contin. omnia.

" 10

General health good, continues to work steadily, mind rational and collected, expresses an anxious desire to get home to her family. May now be considered convalescent.

- December 16. Convalescence proceeds favorably; bodily functions natural; sews regularly in the Workroom. Continues omnia.
1843. January 3. Bodily health excellent, mind in all respects rational, impatient for dismissal, being very anxious to know how her children are, is in the meantime busily employed in needlework. To be dismissed as soon as arrangements have been made. Contin.
- " 20. Health good. Convalescence proceeds rapidly continues busily employed, sewing in the workroom. Contin. omnia.
- February 4. In all respects the same as at last report. Convalescence proceeds favorably.
- " 20. Health good. Convalescence proceeds favorably. Continues omnia.
- " 28. Health good, mind as at last report; rational in all respects; Convalescence proceeds favorably; sews regularly, longs as much as formerly, to get home to her family. The Physicians has written to her friends some time ago, relative to her leaving the Asylum, for home, but as yet they have paid no attention to it. To be dismissed as soon as her friends come for her. Contin. omnia.
- March 12. Convalescence proceeds as favorably as before. She is very industrious. Sews regularly in the Workroom. Bodily functions natural. Contin. omnia.
- " 29. Health good, continues quiet rational and industrious; says that she feels quite grieved that she should be kept here for so great a length of time, now that she is perfectly well; wonders what her friends at home mean by their not attending to the Physicians letter. Sews regularly in the workroom. Contin. omnia.
- April 12. Bodily health good, continues as industrious at needlework as at last report, anxious for dismissal; has for several months past been perfectly free from delusions and rational on every subject. Contin. omnia.
- " 29. Being in good bodily health, and mind being quite rational she is this day discharged.

Cure.

No. 55. Margaret Anderson a M^{rs} M^{rs} Callum. Aged 42. M. Spirit doctor. Admitted Sept 1st 1842. rate 8/6.

1246. Mania = 5th attack of 1 days duration

Previous History = This patient has been twice in this Asylum before viz.
From 22nd July 1840 till July 6th 1841 and dismissed cured.

" 2nd Augst 1841 " Sept. 3rd 1842 "
Vide Female Case book Vol 1840 p. 71, 72, 158 159 194. & Vol 1841 p. 81, 82, 226, 227 228, 229.

- 1842 Sept 6th - This patient after her dismissal conducted herself with propriety for two days, but on the third became so excited and violent that it was found necessary to bring her back to the Asylum. On admission exhibited all the symptoms which usually accompany her paroxysms; her language was filthy, abusive, and obscene, and she several times attempted to strike those who went near her. To be placed in seclusion. Sumat. Statim Sol. Tact. Antimonii ʒi
- " 7 Paroxysm increased, patient was very noisy during the night and today looks very pale. Pulse quiet and pretty full. Tongue foul and moist. Pupils contracted.
- " 22 Paroxysm abates, to be freed from seclusion to-morrow.
- " 23 Was freed from seclusion a few days ago and had begun to do a little work, but today again became excited and furious so that it was found necessary to place her in seclusion again. Catamenia fluent. Quiescent.
- " 30 Was very noisy last night. Catamenial discharge very profuse. Continuentur.
- October 2 Ejection has gone off and patient is now quiet and expresses a desire to mingle with her fellow patients. To be freed from seclusion immediately. Contin.
- " 10 Quiet and industrious, sewing in the workroom. Bodily functions natural. Continuentur.
- " 16 Since last report has behaved very well and wrought industriously in the workroom; is today however rather unsettled and flighty and exceedingly talkative. Catamenia approaching.
- " 18 Is today considerably excited, language incoherent and filthy, wants to get home that she may get a man for a night or two. Catamenia fluent. To be placed in seclusion until the excitement goes off.
- " 24 Paroxysm still continues, raves in her accustomed manner. highly excited in looks and gestures. Noisy during the night. Continue the seclusion. Continuentur omnia.
- " 28 Paroxysm is now ended, and patient is quiet. To be freed from seclusion immediately.
- " 31 Since patient has been freed from seclusion she has been quiet and free from excitement, but is extremely troublesome; followed the Clinical Assistant up and down the Gallery during visit and requested that he would allow her to be dismissed immediately. Was permitted to have an interview with her brother on Saturday, but on seeing him she poured forth a volley of curses at him, and but for the interference of the nurse who was on the spot would have struck him; became quiet shortly after he left. Today is employed in the workroom.
- November 2 Is today in bed although she complains of nothing; says she is quite tired of this place and that the time hangs heavy upon her. Health good. To be got up and employed. Cont.
- " 5 In the last two days, patient's mind has been unsettled, is constantly teasing and annoying the Clinical Assistant about getting home; has several symptoms indicative of an approaching paroxysm. Sumat. hux. semm. pilul. Asafetid. & Oleo Crotonis unam. Continuentur abas. (Quiescent.)
- " 6 The medicine exhibited yesterday operated fully and patient is this morning quieter, continuing in bed.
- " 9 During the last two days was engaged in the workroom, but this morning is very fitfully and talks in an absurd manner, intefers with the affairs of others; says it grieves her to the heart to see some of these poor creatures (pointing to some of the patients) literally starving from want of food and raiment. To be placed in seclusion. R. S. h. S. pil. Asafetid & Oleo Crotonis.
- " 12 Is at present quiet and engaged in the workroom. Contin.
- " 14 Health pretty good, mind still continues free from excitement; working regularly in the Laundry.
- " 28 Paroxysm commenced this morning about five o'clock at which time she was heard by the nurse

- November 28th singing psalms and praying alternately. Let her remain in seclusion. Appetite and bowels natural. Paroxysm increases, is going on in the manner peculiar to her. During her fits of excitement is placed to the heart, but heart is broken, her spirit crushed; when she thinks she is obliged to lie amongst straw, having so many valuable blankets and clothes of every description at home; asks in the most heartfelt and affectionate manner if that venerable grey-headed old woman Lady Wood is still in the land of the living. Pulse quick and of natural strength; pupils contracted, scalp hot. Rhinosternopsitticism continues the seclusion.
- December 8 Paroxysm still continues; patient is exceedingly noisy at night; language obscene and filthy in the extreme; this morning threw among the straw in her room, the greater part of her breakfast. Is still confined to her room, although the paroxysm begins to abate, has been pretty quiet for the last two nights. Pupils contracted; knees more exuberantly. Sumat has some pills: solid & R. Crotonis.
- " 14 Paroxysm ended last night and patient is this morning freed from seclusion. Continues quiet.
- " 17 Since last report has been quiet and industrious until this morning when she became suddenly excited and struck two of her fellow patients; is extremely obscene and filthy in her language. Abuses her friends at home, especially her brother, whom she styles the "Hips and going lame Lawgiver." R. Sumat. S. Solatensis. Patientis Antimonii. To be put in seclusion.
- " 27 Paroxysm increasing, was last night very noisy and destructive; tore some of her blankets in shreds. Abusive and filthy in her habits. Continues.
- Dec 10th Excitement beginning to go off, patient being much quieter and converses in a tolerably decent manner.
- " 12 Paroxysm ended last night and patient today expresses a wish to associate as formerly with the rest of the patients. To be freed from seclusion immediately. Continues omnica.
- " 14 Health improved since she was released from confinement. Is at present confined in the factory as a domestic. Continues omnica.
- " 24 Health good, quiet and industriously engaged in the workroom with her needle. Appetite sleep & bowels natural.
- February 3 Bodily health good, in other respects as at last report. Anxious to get home. Continues omnica.
- " 6 Is today filthy and rather excitable, clamorous for dismissal. Engaged in needlework.
- " 8 Last night, her paroxysm commenced, accompanied with the usual symptoms. Cursing, swearing and singing without intermission during the whole of the night. To be placed in seclusion.
- " 11 Paroxysm increases, patient is exceedingly noisy and conducts herself as she usually does during her fits of excitement. Continues the seclusion. 20th Excrement continues. Continues.
- " 25 Patient has not been so noisy for the last two days although it is still necessary that she should be secluded. Paroxysm begins to abate.
- " 27 Paroxysm ended last night, to be freed from seclusion immediately.
- March 1 Has continued quiet since last report, and is today employed at needlework in the workroom.
- " 7 Health improves; quiet and industrious. Continues omnica.
- " 11 Continues quiet and sews regularly in the workroom; mind quite rational. Health good. Continues.
- " 15 In the last two days has been very unsettled and troublesome, importunate for dismissal and complaining of being kept in the asylum unnecessarily, continued in this state till this morning when her paroxysm accompanied with the usual symptoms. To be placed in seclusion.
- " 18 Paroxysm increasing, patient is exceedingly noisy, curses and swears and talks in the most obscene and indecent manner. Continues the seclusion.
- " 25 Paroxysm abated last night, patient is this morning quiet and requests that she may be allowed to associate with the rest of the patients. To be freed from seclusion. Continues: alia.
- April 5 Has been quiet and perfectly rational since last report, sews regularly in the Laundry. Bodily health good. Continues omnica.
- " 11 Is today unusually stupid and confused; came up to the clinical Assistant during the visit half crying and told him to take care of himself for she heard some of the patients saying they intended to murder him; said she was afraid they intended to kill her also and begged the Clinical that he would take care that she was duly protected. R. Sumat. Statum. Pills: luscipolids: cum Oleo Crotonis usum. Quiescat.

- April 12 Paroxysm commenced this morning, patient exhibiting the usual symptoms, cursing and swearing &c. To be secluded. Contin: omnia alia.
- " 13 Continues very noisy especially during the night. Sleeps very little. Rf. Tinct. Nysocyami Tinct. Camphora a ʒi. Liq. Cinamomi ʒss. flat haustus ter quot. sumendus.
- " 15 Paroxysm still continued, but she has been less noisy and violent of late, than she usually is during her fits of excitement; still remains in seclusion. Contin: medicament.
- " 21 Paroxysm ended last night, and patient is this morning freed from seclusion. omit Haustus pro tempore. Contin: omnia alia.
- " 30 Continues quiet and industrious; and is employed every day at needlework in the work room. Health good. Contin.
- May 5 For the last two days patient's mind has been very unsettled and she is importunate for dismissal. Last night her paroxysm began accompanied by the usual symptoms. To be kept in seclusion until the paroxysm abates. Rf. Tinct. Haust. ut antea prescript.
- " 7 Paroxysm increases, patient is very noisy at night, her language is filthy and obscene. She is beginning to assume a haggard appearance. Contin: med: & seclusion.
- " 12 Continues noisy and is exceedingly filthy and abusive in her language; paroxysm approaching its height. Contin: seclusion.
- " 22 Paroxysm ended last night and today patient requests that she may be freed from seclusion. Looks pale and emaciated; to be permitted to associate as usual with the patients in the front kitchen.
- " 31 Health good, is at present engaged sewing in the workroom, mind rational & collected. Appetite keeps also bowels natural.
- June 2 Today a little unsettled and importuning the Clinical Assistant for her dismissal. She is usually in the habit of doing previous to her paroxysm coming on; employed at needlework. Rf. Disaccharatis Zinnii grs. vii. Sacchari Albi ʒss. Pulv. Crocat. grs. xxv. Tl. Tinct. pulv. quam divide in pulvere equalis xii. Sig. sumat unam ter in die.
- " 5 Paroxysm commenced last night attended by the usual symptoms; dancing and singing in the most violent manner. This morning she is abusing her friends in the most impudic way, particularly her brother who she thinks is the means of keeping her in the Asylum. Rf. sumat Station Pil. fabae ʒ. ol. Coton: unam et sept. pro re nata. To be placed in seclusion.
- " 11 Has been in seclusion since last report. Paroxysm approaching its height. This morning in consequence of our removal to the New Establishment at Gaiterel she was conveyed thither in a Hackney on the road she was very noisy and was with difficulty restrained from breaking the windows of the vehicle. Was instantly placed in seclusion after her arrival. Contin: omnia.
- " 21 For the last two days the paroxysm has been gradually abating, this morning she is pretty rational and requests that she may be permitted to leave the room. Tongue pretty clean and moist, pupils contracted. Let her be freed from seclusion immediately.
- July 5 Health improved has continued quiet and industrious since last report, converses as she usually does during her intermissions in the most rational manner. Employed at needlework. C.
- " 9 In the last two days has been rather fidgety and unsettled; importunate for dismissal as formerly, referring to her children and the loss they sustain from the absence of their mother. Catamenia approaching. Quiescat.
- " 11 Her paroxysm commenced last night in the usual manner. Contin: flamm. To be placed in seclusion.
- " 16 Paroxysm increases, patient is very noisy, filthy and obscene in her language and singing in the most absurd manner. Catamenia desinunt. Contin: seclusion.
- " 19 Excitement continues, paroxysm nearly at its height, she is violent and abusive in her manner. C. Ss.
- " 27 Paroxysm begins to abate, she is quiet although still unsettled in her manner.
- " 29 Her paroxysm has now abated and she requests permission to leave the refractory ward. Let her be freed from seclusion immediately.

- 1843
- August 7 Since last report has conducted herself in her usual manner during the intermission. Active industrious and sewing diligently. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.
- " 13 This morning is unsettled and gives indications of a return of her paroxysm. Inquires for her children and requests permission to get home, even for a single day that she may see them. M. M. Croton: unum statim sumunt.
- " 14 Paroxysm commenced this morning in the usual manner. Catam: fluent. To be placed in seclusion.
- " 21 Continues in seclusion. Paroxysm increases daily. Language filthy and abusive. Cont.
- " 24 Paroxysm abates, patient is quiet this morning and promises to behave well if allowed to leave her room. To be freed from seclusion.
- " 27 Health good at present patient's mind is however rather unsettled at present although she is engaged sewing. Catam: appropriat. Containment.
- " 31 Last night became excited and this morning was so troublesome and noisy in the gallery that it was necessary to remove her to the Refectory ward, where she is singing and swearing at the very top of her voice. Contain.
- September 6 Paroxysm increases daily; very noisy at night and as abusive and filthy in her language as she usually is during her periods of excitement. Contain: seclusio.
- " 9 Her paroxysm being ended and having become quiet she was this day removed from seclusion and allowed as usual to associate with the rest of the patients.
- " 18 Since last report has been free from excitement and industriously employed sewing. Bodily health good.
- " 26 Last night became excited; got out of bed, knocked at the door and cursed and swore loudly and incessantly much to the annoyance of those patients who were sleeping in the same apartment; this morning the excitement increases. To be placed in seclusion until the paroxysm is past.
- October 15 Since last report has been very considerably excited; exhibiting all the symptoms peculiar to her during her periods of excitement; for the last two days however, had been more settled and rational and today the paroxysm has ended. Orders have been given for her removal from the Refectory.
- " 31 Health good mind at present rational and collected. Engaged at present in needlework. Contain: om.
- November 15 Has continued free from excitement since last report until within three days ago when she began to get fidgety and troublesome and behaving as he usually does previous to the accession of a paroxysm. This morning she got out of bed early and dashed and swung up and down the ward disturbing all the rest of the patients. Let her be placed in seclusion immediately. Catam: fluent.
- " 23 Continues in seclusion, is very violent and noisy - paroxysm approaching to its height. Bowels rather confined. M. Sumat hinc domini pit: patet a St. Crotonis unum.
- December 6 Was freed from seclusion about three days ago; symptoms of an abatement of the paroxysm having appeared; this morning however she became again so much excited as to render her removal to the refectory ward necessary. M. Sumat statim pit: patet a St. Crotonis unum.
- " 19 Has continued in seclusion since last report; is at present in a very excited state. Her language is of the most filthy description and her habits are far from being cleanly. Catam: fluent. Quiescat.
- " 31 Has been excited ever since last report and at present there are no symptoms of an abatement of the paroxysm; bowels opened by medicine. Patient has a pale cadaverous appearance. Contain.
- 1844
- January 12 For the last few days excitement has been gradually wearing off and this morning she is tolerably rational; requests permission to leave the Refectory gallery. To be freed from seclusion.
- " 25 Continued quiet and industrious since last report until two days ago when it was evident from her appearance that another paroxysm was approaching. She is fidgety, restless, and talkative. Catam: appropriat. Quiescat.
- " 27 Catamenia fluent; patient is highly excited and requires to be confined in a room in the Refectory.
- February 29 No change whatever since last report - still requires to be confined in the refectory ward; very violent at times. M. Sumat pro re certa pit: patet: cum St. Crotonis unum.
- March 19 Was two days ago removed to the gallery - where the rest of the Patients are employed at needlework; this morning however symptoms of a return of her paroxysm are beginning to make their appearance; patient is restless and troublesome, importuning the Clinical Assistant for dismissal. To be strictly watched. M. Sumat

No. 56. Mary Boyce or Mrs Gilstone. 40 Domestic. Admitted September 17th 1842
 into 157

1247

Dementia = 2nd Attack of 2 Months Duration.

Previous History = This case is hereditary. Her sister was in this Asylum from
 and dismissed vide Female Book Vol

She has been married for 20 years and has had four miscarriages and ten children
 seven of whom are alive. The eldest is 18 years, the youngest ten months old. The first
 attack occurred in similar circumstances to the present, lasted only a few days and was
 treated at home. This was the former attack and attributed to weakness induced by nursing.
 At first she was depressed and religious, then she cursed and swore and occasionally was
 highly excited. It has however exhibited the characters of Dementia throughout. At present
 she accuses about her friends and early acquaintances, talks of the dead as if they were alive.
 Believes her deceased father and mother to be still alive. Sometimes calls Dr Cooke of Belfast
 her Father. Is not dangerous or suicidal but sometimes destructive to clothes. She has
 never been in an Asylum and has not been treated for the present attack.

September 17th

On admission appeared to be in a state of Dementia, babbling incoherent sentences, smiling
 picking her clothes and moving about. Countenance vacant. Pupils dilated. Tongue pretty
 clean. Pulse so small and feeble. Ordinary diet and regimen. To be employed.

20

Continued in the same state till last night when she became excited. Still continues so. Habits filthy at
 night. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Has slept little.

23

Has become quiet and good humoured; mind exhibits less Dementia but is still weak. Cannot be em-
 ployed. [pleys

25

Considerably improved. Cheerful and good natured. Mind no longer in a state of Dementia but still
 weak and erratic. Health pretty good. Contin. omnia.

26

As at yesterday's report. Bowels constipated. Sumat. fol. solution. does her some. contin. alia.

28

Catamenia appeared yesterday, no exacerbation. Has not been employed. No mental change. c. omnia.

October 1

Catamenia disappeared yesterday; no other change. Contin. omnia. [work. contin. omnia.

7

Has improved a little since last report; mind still weak. To day for the first time has been occupied in domestic

13

Since last report has done no work. No mental change till today when she became excited. contin. omnia.

15

Continued excited till today when she became quiet. Health pretty good, mind weak and erratic.
 Cannot be employed. Contin. omnia.

17

Continued quiet till today when she became destructive and violent. Habits filthy. Sumat. solutionis
 tartar. Antimonii 3j et acet. post hoc ij. Contin. alia.

20

Today is quiet. Health pretty good. Mind weak and erratic. Cannot be employed. Contin. omnia.

23

Catamenia appeared on the 23rd and ceased yesterday; no other change. Contin. omnia.

24

Today excited and violent in the morning but quiet at night. Quiescat. Contin. omnia.

November 6

Became more and more excited, so today it became necessary to exclude her; accuses incoherently. Pupils
 contracted. Pulse so small. Sumat. solutionis tartar. Antimonii 3j. Contin. omnia. [good

7

Today is much quieter, and freed from delusion; mind weak and excitable, cannot be employed, health pretty

12

Has been excited since last report. Catamenia appeared yesterday and still continues. Quiescat.

14

Catamenia ceased yesterday, and she has been quiet since. Mind weak and erratic. Health
 pretty good. Cannot be employed. Contin. omnia.

17

Was excited for a short time yesterday but is now quiet. No other changes since last report. cont.

28

Has been quiet since last report. Today is playing on the piano and very good natured. Mind weak and erratic.
 cannot be employed. occasionally filthy at night. Contin. omnia.

December 7

No change since last report. Contin. omnia.

14

Catamenia appeared on the 14th and disappeared yesterday. No other change. Contin. omnia.

31

No improvement in mental state. Looks thin and worn. There is very little probability of
 this case ever doing much good. Her Husband called this morning and having expressed a
 wish to remove her, she was dismissed today as

Relieved

No. 57. Sarah M^{rs}. Pie & M^{rs}. Nicol. Et. 38. M. Domestic. Admitted 28th September. 1842. Rel. 5/6.

1248.

Mania

1st Attack of three months duration.

Previous history. Little information could be procured respecting this patient. She has been married for 14 years and has had 4 children. The eldest being about 13 and the youngest about three. She was quiet-sober and industrious. The cause is said to be a vain effort to understand some of the mysteries of religion. At first she raved on religious subjects, and the responsibility of man; now, she raves on all subjects and talks to imaginary individuals, whom she supposes to be present. Calamities have appeared the week after the disease began but not sooner. She is not suicidal but dangerous and destructive when provoked. She has not been in an asylum. She has had Calomel purges - lately Quinine, Sulphate of Iron, Sarsa Parilla and tincture of Morphine. Her head has been blistered. Nothing has been permanently useful.

1842. September 28

Was brought to the asylum today in the Kilmanlock coach. When admitted was muffled and jacketed and in a state of high excitement. On being freed from restraint exhibited symptoms of violence and made several attempts to strike some of the patients that were standing around. After a short time became more composed and quiet and began to converse with some of the patients in the sitting room. Pulse 96 pretty full. Tongue white and moist. Pupils dilated. Scalp hot. Bowels slow. Has been singing, rhyming and prancing almost constantly since admission. Raves incoherently and extremely and recklessly. Declares she has been a great sinner and frequently implores the mercy of God to visit her lost soul. Sumat statim. Solutionis Tartarici Antimonii. 3j. et melle horae somni. pil. 3. Rhei 3. Sydenhamia duas. ordinary diet and regimen.

" 29

Slept indifferently last night. Bowels have not been moved so freely as was wished. very much excited this morning. Sumat statim. Sol. Tart. Antimonii. 3j. et melle horae somni pil. 3. et oleo Crotonis.

October 3

Pulse 98 pretty full. Scalp hot, tongue white but moist. Pupils more natural. Quieter to day. Bowels have been freely moved. Quiet.

" 5

Excitement has subsided, patient is allowed to associate with the rest in the airing ground. Raves more vehemently than she did. On the whole she is somewhat improved.

" 10

Became excited yesterday in the airing ground, broke several windows and threatened violence to all around her, was with considerable difficulty removed to her room and an ounce of the Sol. Tart. Antimonii was administered after which she became quiet. Pupils contracted. Tongue white and moist. Sumat horae somni. pil. 3. et oleo Crotonis unam.

" 11

Bowels have been freely moved, patient is still a little excited, raves incoherently, says she is the wife of Lord Glasgow and that all her relations are of noble descent. Quiescent. To remain in seclusion.

" 12

Was pretty quiet during the night and this morning was allowed to go to the airing ground, she was not however there long until she became excited, picked up some stones and broke several panes of glass. It was therefore quite necessary to shut her up in her room again; raves very incoherently and extravagantly. continuation omnia.

" 14

Has been in seclusion since last report, noisy during the night, threatens to strike any one who goes near her. Pupils contracted. Tongue white and moist. Pupils elevated. Abradatur Capillitium. Apponatur vesicatorium. 1/2 Sumat pil. 3. et oleo Crotonis unam. horae somni.

" 16

Still continues noisy especially during the night; head was shaved yesterday and a blister applied, but the patient was so restless, and forgetful that she tore it off, immediately after it was applied 1/2 statim unguent. Tart. Antimonii 3. et oleo Crotonis. Contin. medicament.

" 18

Since last report patient has been more composed, not quite so restless and noisy at night. Since the application mentioned in last report, was made, a fine crop of pustules has appeared over the whole surface of head, looks pale and emaciated. Pulse rather small and quick. Contin. omnia.

" 21

No change in the symptoms since last report, with the exception that the patient is disposed to knock her head against the walls of her room. Requests a cup of Coffee and a pair of shoes and will take them from no person but Matthew Silvester. Talks frequently about that person. 1/2 statim unguent. Tart. Antimonii 3. et oleo Crotonis. Contin. alia.

- October - 23rd Is this morning quiet although talking in a very incoherent manner. Is freed from seclusion and is at present sitting with her fellow patients in the back kitchen. Speech regulated by medicine. Appetite good. Has extravagant ideas. From the symptoms and general aspect of this case, it is very probable that it will end in general paralysis. Let her have full diet and a pint of port daily. Continuentia stia.
- " 31 In the last two nights, this patient has been rather noisy, and today looks paler than usual. Pupils pretty natural. Tongue a little white and moist. Saves in her usual manner. Rf. Camphor. grss. Sinct. Hypos. ʒj. ʒss. fiat haust. Sussat. h. s. s. somni. cont. alids.
- November 1 Notwithstanding the medicine exhibited patient was as noisy as ever, during the night and today looks emaciated and exhausted. Repet. medicamentis. antihac prescript.
- " 2 Was quiet last night and today, appears refreshed. Continuentia.
- " 6 Bodily health improves gradually, no mental change. Continues to save in her accustomed manner. Contin. omnia.
- " 14 No mental improvement in this case since last report; inclined to be tricky; continues to save in her customary extravagant manner; bodily health improves slowly. Sleeps pretty well at night. cont. omnia.
- December 1 Mind on the whole a little better; grows more coherent; is exceedingly inquisitive, makes remarks on the dresses of the Nurses and Clinical Assistant, and wishes to handle them; gains flesh daily; contin. omnia.
- " 27 Bodily health much improved: mind more active, although patient still saves and talks in an incoherent manner. Has not yet been employed in any way. Continuentia.
1843. Jan^y 12 Gains flesh daily in other respects the same as at last report. contin. omnia.
- " 13 Mind improved since last report; is today employed for the first time assisting the nurses in cleaning the gallery. Answers questions relevantly. Bodily health good.
- " 24 Continues to improve slowly and steadily; very industrious; is at present employed in the Laundry. Answers questions relevantly. Health good.
- " 30 Health good. Goes on as at last report, enquires today after her children, wonders if they are well. Continues working industriously. Contin. omnia.
- February 10 Continues nearly in all respects the same as at last report; working as usual; Catamenia appeared this morning, being the first time since admission.
- " 11 Today patient became suddenly excited, stamped, and shouted at the utmost pitch of her voice; pupils dilated, resists examination and wishes to fight with the Nurse and the Clinical Assistant. Catamenia fluent. Quiescat. Contin. omnia.
- " 13 Is today quiet, although her eye indicates excitability. Does a little domestic work in the back kitchen.
- " 15 Catamenia deservant. Patient is quiet and pretty rational; assisting the nurses in putting the gallery in order. Pupils slightly dilated. Pulse small but quick. Contin.
- " 27 Continued quiet and very industrious until today when she became so highly excited that it was found necessary to place her in seclusion. Quiescat.
- March 1 Being, today, quiet and pretty rational. She is freed from seclusion and allowed to do a little domestic work as usual. contin. omnia.
- " 7 Is today more rational than she has been for some time past; mind active; enquires after her husband and children. Hopes they are all in good health. Sleeps pretty well at night, and is very industrious during the day. contin. omnia.
- " 19 Health good, in other respects much about the same as at last report. Has been a little flighty at times but soon becomes settled again. Engaged in domestic work. contin. omnia.
- " 29 This case has remained stationary for some time past. Patient is sometimes quiet at others excited. Does a little domestic work.
- April 17 Yesterday and today has been considerably excited, and noisy, threatening to knock down the nurses and anyone who speaks to her. Pulse gl. small, tongue pretty clean & moist.

Mary Wilson.

1844

February 26

Habits occasionally filthy, particularly at night when she passes her urine on bed, Patient is stout and corpulent. Continues: same.

March 16

In all respects the same as at former reports. Continues:

April 12

Continues nearly in the same state as at previous reports; very lazy and slovenly in her habits at times although some days she is very industrious and makes herself useful in the laundry. Health good.

May 17

Physically health excellent; mind in precisely the same state as at previous reports. Continues:

No 58. Mary Brown. Aet. 15. Servant. Domestic. Admitted September 30th 1842.
date 7/6.

1249.

Mania.1st Attack of 6 months duration.

Previous History - But little information could be procured respecting this case. She is said to have become amaurotic in consequence of exposure to cold and wet while attending the burning of Mops, the smoke of which is supposed to have affected her. She was in the Eye Infirmary for some time and in consequence of her becoming insane was sent home.

1842. Sept. 30th

Was brought to the Asylum from the Eye Infirmary where she has been treated for some time past for disease of the eye. Appears to be nearly blind, but sees sufficiently to avoid obstacles when they come in her way. Was in a state of high excitement on admission, roared loudly and incessantly but as she spoke in the "gallie's language" it was impossible to say on what subject. Pulse quick and pretty full, tongue white and foul; bowels slow. Sumat has somni pil. 10. Hydrazes 7. Calomel has not appeared. Slept indifferently last night, and this morning continues to talk in the same manner as she did on admission. Bowels were fairly moved. Scalp hot. Abroad: Capillitium.

October 1

" 1 Since last report has been pretty quiet - declares herself free from pain. Scalp much cooler. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.

" 20

General health pretty good, mind in much the same state as at last report. Patient is very gregarious and talkative, but as her language is "gallie" she is not properly understood. Bodily functions natural. Calomel has not yet appeared.

Nov. 2

Pulse good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils rather contracted. Mind on the whole improved since last report, answers questions relevantly; in consequence of her sight being impaired she cannot be employed as she otherwise might be. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Let the extract of Belladonna be applied round the eyelids. C. alba.

" 10

Health good mind continues to improve; sometimes inclined to be talkative, does a little work occasionally in the gallery. Continues omnivorous.

" 18

Pulse good strength, tongue clean and moist, pupils natural mind gradually improving. Works occasionally in the gallery cleaning the rooms &c. Appetite sleep & bowels natural. Continues omnivorous.

" 26

Bodily health good, mind continues to improve, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly.

December 6

Today feels sick, complains of headache and sore throat; skin hot and dry; tongue foul and dry considerable thirst; pulse quick and pretty full. R. Pulv. Doveri grs. XX. Calomel. gr. IX. Hyd. gr. V. Sumat. pil. 10.

" 7

At this morning still feverish, skin hot although not so dry, glands of throat enlarged, giving rise to considerable difficulty in swallowing. Medicine exhibited last night produced profuse perspiration. Let the part affected be rubbed with the camphorated oil. Cont. alba. Quiescat.

" 8

Today feels a good deal better. Skin cooler & pretty moist. Tongue cleaner. Swallows with more ease. Bowels have not been moved for the last two days R. Pulv. Iodid. C. 3. Sumat. pil. 10. Hydrazes. gr. V. Sumat. pil. 10.

" 13

Is now so far recovered as to be able to sit up a little. Skin cool and moist. Tongue pretty clean, takes her food better. Mind considerably improved, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly.

" 19

Health good - mind rational and collected, may now be looked upon as convalescent. Cont. omnivorous.

" 20

This morning became excited, and tore in pieces the greater part of her clothes. Abroad: Capillitium. R. Sumat. pil. 10. Sumat. pil. 10. Sumat. pil. 10.

" 21

Excitement has gone off and she is again quiet - sitting among the rest of the Patients. Speaks coherently and answers questions relevantly. Pulse pretty good strength. Tongue clean and moist. Continues omnivorous.

" 25

Complains of slight pain in the chest, has dyspnoea. Skin hot and dry. Pulse quick moderate strength. Tongue a little dry. R. Sumat. pil. 10. Sumat. pil. 10. Sumat. pil. 10.

" 26

This morning, is free from the symptoms mentioned in yesterday's report: patient mind being rational and as her friends have come to take her home she is this day dismissed.

Cured.

N^o 59. Jean Hatchison & M^{rs} Wilson. Et 44. M^{rs}. Domestic. Admitted October 3rd 1842 rate 15/-

1250

Dementia =3rd attack of 15 years and 6 months duration.

Previous History - This is a hereditary case. The patient's maternal uncle was insane. She was in the Asylum from 1816 and dismissed when sane. Her father was a local and a female Case Book. She is not suicidal, but dangerous and destructive. She is alternately excited and depressed. Has not been under medical treatment since she left the Asylum.

1843 Oct. 3rd

On admission was in a state of Dementia. good humoured but incapable of answering questions rationally. Ordinary diet and regimen. employ if possible. Has been quiet since admission. Habits filthy. Appetite good. Bowels slow - Distention to clothes - good tempered but perfectly irrational. Under pills attractive. XII Sumat dust hora somni et replet. pro re nata.

" 10 Habits still filthy. Bowels kept regular by medicines. Appetite good, sleeps well. This is a case of hopeless dementia. Contin. omnia.

" 20 No change whatever. cannot be employed. Contin. omnia.

" 23 Some slight oedema of right leg. Bowels regular. Urine scanty. Habits still filthy. no mental change. cannot be employed. R. Sp. Lth. Nitro 3ij J. Sulfur 3ij - aqua. Capivi 3jss M. Sumat 3j ter quotidie c. stia.

" 25 Oedema gone. Health pretty good. No mental change. Contin. omnia.

Nov. 10 No change whatever since last report. Contin. omnia.

" 30 No change since last report. Contin. omnia.

Dec. 31 This is an old case of Dementia without the slightest prospect of recovery her health is good and she is sometimes induced to employ herself. Her habits have improved somewhat since admission, and she is at least harmless and inoffensive.

1843 Jan. 16 Is today in bed labouring under Catarrhs. Had two laxative pills last night. Sumat h. s. haust. 4j. Tinct. Mith. Campb 3ij Sp. Lth. Nitro 3j aqua. Capivi 3j.

" 18 Is out of bed and her cold is better. Has begun to pick her head and both temples. Still and listless. Contin. omnia.

" 21 Continued in bed since last report till today when she is again up. Catarrhs better. No mental change. Contin. omnia.

" 23 Catarrhs appeared on the 17th which is the first time since admission. They disappeared today. General health pretty good. Mind very weak. Contin. omnia.

" 31 No mental improvement. Quiet and quiet. Has again been picking her face and head.

Feb. 7 Has been in bed yesterday and today. She appeared feverish. Countenance anxious and oppressed. Pulse 104. Tongue coated with a thick white fur. Pupils rather contracted. She had two attenuative pills yesterday which have not yet operated.

4j Tart. Potass & Soda 3ij Ag. leuc. Antimon 3jss by Fontan 3jss Sumat Station. ferrous haust. Quiescent. Vaguer. draught was vomited and bowels still unimproved. R. Tinct. Senna 3j. Tinct. Jalap. C. 3jss by. Capivi 3jss M. Sumat Station. Contin. stia.

" 7 Medicines operated well and she today better and out of bed. Tongue still very thickly coated and tongue foul. Countenance anxious and oppressed. R. Soda Bicarb. 3ij Tinct. Madamini C. 3ij Ag. Fontan 3jss M. Sumat Station. Contin. stia.

" 12 Has been again confined to bed for the last three days has some cough and a good deal of expectoration. Today at 3 P.M. she became cold, lips became cold, face pale. Pulse 58 small and feeble. Had an ounce of Tincture of Cardamoms after which she revived.

" 13 On examination of the chest with the Stethoscope a mucous rattle is heard in right-mammary region; respiration is bronchial under both clavicles and there is a distinct dulness on percussion over site of mucous rattle and also in the inferior side of left breast. Cardiac beats 120 in the minute and accompanied with a bruit, and impulses

No. 60. Mary Macdonald. Aet. 45. S. Admitted 14th October 1842. Rate 7/6.

1251.

Mania

1st attack of 2 years duration.

Previous History — This patient was in the Asylum last year from and dismissed relieved. For particulars vide Journal Case book vol. She has become much worse and is now returned.

1842. October 14th.

Was brought to the Asylum in a Coach from the Police Office where she had been sent by her brother who had been excessively annoyed by her for several days. She returned from the country a few days ago where she had been since her dismissal from the Asylum about five months since. After her arrival in Town she called on a number of the persons who formed part of the subject of her delusions when in the house before, Mr. James whom she styles the Scotch poet and Peter McKenzies Editor of the Reformed Gazette, and presented them with packages of small stones and "scotch pebbles" which she had picked up in the country at the same time saying they were Diamonds; gave the Clinical Assistant two of these packages, one for himself and another for the Physician. Appeared quite pleased when she alighted from the Coach and walked into the Gallery with apparent good will. Recognised several of the Patients and entertained them with an account of her adventures since she last saw them, declared that she had been through the whole world, and was as well pleased with this place as any she had visited. Has not branches any of her former delusions but her mind appears to be exceedingly weak, manner childish and frivolous in the extreme. Sleep good. Bowels regular. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils a little contracted. Pulse natural. Let her be actively employed if possible. Ordinary diet and regimen.

15

Slept well last night; is today sitting in the front parlour conversing with some of the patients; talks and acts in a very childish manner; mind weak and full of delusions and absurd fancies; declares she is the Queen Dowager, the Princess Royal and a daughter of Almighty God; says she is quite happy and that no person can injure her, for God her Father is stronger than any man. Bowels have not been moved since admission. Stomach hours dinner; pulse: Rheu & Nigdaeque duo.

17

In the last two days has been sewing in the work room; very particular about her dress and the manner in which she dresses her hair. Fancies that the Devil has stripped off her brother's skin and covered his body with that of another Man's; requests that the Doctor belonging to the Asylum will perform an operation on him, viz that of taking off the skin which covers him at present and restoring to him his own peculiar skin. Appetite sleep and Bowels natural. Continuation omnia.

27

No mental improvement since last report; mind full of delusion; fancies that all the patients around her are not really women, but men dressed in Women's clothes, singles them out and gives to each the name of some male friend. Sleeps regularly in the workroom, complains much of the diet and of the manner in which it is served up; says she has always been accustomed to eat her food from a covered table.

Health good; bodily functions natural. Continuation omnia.

November 2

Today became excited in the workroom, accused the Clinical Assistant and the Physician of keeping her in the Asylum that they might the more easily use their devilish craft on her brother declared now that her brother in spite of all their exertions has recovered his own skin again; continued her abuse until it was found necessary to seclude her, fearing that her conduct might excite the rest of the patients. Stomach solutions Tartarus Antimonii 3j Statim. Continuation alia.

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Is today quiet, orderly and respectful in her conduct and employed as formerly in the workroom.

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Health good; sews regularly in the Workroom; mind still full of absurd delusions and fancies, declares she is the Princess of Wales and that she is surrounded by the whole government.

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- that one patient is Prince Albert, another Sir Robert Peel &c. gives herself a great many airs and appears quite proud and elated when flattered and humoured. Bodily function natural. Contin. omniv.
- November 24th Health good, mind in its usual state, full of delusions; declares that Sheriff Alton was poisoned this morning by Nurse McLaughlan; asked the Clinical Assistant if his corpse was laid out yet; that she was an angel of light and having compassion on him carried his soul to a snug corner: employed as usual at needlework in the Workroom cart. Om.
- " 28th On being visited by the Clinical Assistant today started from her seat and declared she was the Virgin Mary, that she had never known man since she left her mother's womb although she had lived forty-two years. Said that Sheriff Bell came to her bed last night and endeavored to take unwomanlike liberties with her person, but that he did not succeed in carrying his purpose into effect; puts her life into the hands of the Clinical Assistant and begs that he will prevent a similar occurrence in future; fancies that the rest of the patients are men dressed in women's clothes and that the Ward where she sleeps is nothing short of a bawdy house on a large scale; sometimes erratic in look and gesture; there is every reason to believe that this patient is addicted to the abominable practice of masturbation. Bodily health good. Mind exceedingly weak and childish - Ins.
- December 23rd No change whatever in the state of this Patient since last report; mind full of delusions and absurd fancies; does some needlework. General health good. Continuation omniv.
1843. January 20th Health good - no improvement whatever: employed at present in needlework. Contin. omniv.
- February 17th In all respects the same as at last report. Continuation omniv.
- March 24th Health excellent, mind full of delusions; raves very extravagantly, fancies that the Clinical Assistant is her husband, calling him Prince Albert and stating herself to be Queen Victoria. Does a little needlework occasionally. Continuation.
- April 17th No change whatever since last report, talks as absurdly as ever, engaged at needlework. Cont.
- May 6th Health good continues to rave in the same absurd and ridiculous manner as formerly, having the same extravagant ideas concerning herself, engaged in domestic work in the morning.
- " 31st No change whatever since last report, talks in her usual manner, says she is Mary Magdalen the Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Saints &c. dresses in the most fantastic manner, has been decorated with ribbons, buttons &c. Employed in the meantime at needlework - Cont.
- June 30th There is not the slightest mark of improvement in this case since last report, mind full of delusions and absurd fancies as before, believes that men are women and women are men; talks incessantly. General health good. Was removed from the old asylum to that of the new one at Gartnavel on the eighth of this month, and has been doing a little needlework since that time. Continuation omniv.
- July 27th For the last two weeks this patient has been particularly violent in her conduct, filthy in her habits, and obscene in her language; passes her time in bed and does everything in her power to trouble and annoy the attendants. Has a great many delusions, that Dr Campbell is God Almighty, that Mr William Prichard is Jesus Christ and that she is the Virgin Mary. Declares she will permit no man on her, not to come near her but the above mentioned gentlemen, for they only know the state of her body and soul, being Physicians both of soul and body. Of Sumat pro se statu p. l. Assafetid. & Oleo Crotonis unam.
- August 30th Continues to rave and talk in the same manner as at last report; confounds persons as much as ever. Habit not in the least improved; a few days since while the Clinical Assistant was conversing with her she spit in his face at the same time using the most obscene and abusive language to him. Patient is stout and lusty; is now located in the fitting ward.
- September 25th No improvement whatever in this case; raves in her usual absurd manner and retains the same extravagant ideas. Fancies herself a woman of mighty importance such as the Queen of England, the Empress of Russia the Mother of Jesus Christ &c. does a little needlework.

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- October 29 General health good, no mental improvement; mind full of absurd fancies; much disposed to swear and make use of obscene language. Contin.
- November 30 No change whatever since last report. Contin.
- December 26 Health excellent, delusions continue as vivid as before; raves about Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary; maintains that Women are men, and that men are women. Seldom does any kind of work. Contin.
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January 19 In all respects the same as at previous reports. Patient is stout and confident. Refuses to engage in work and raves and talks incessantly. Contin.
- February 27 No mental change whatever since last report. Bodily health excellent. Contin: omnium.
- March 25 Continues in precisely the same state as before. Mind as full of delusions as ever. Resists every inducement to occupy himself in work. Contin.
- April 13 Health good mind as at previous reports, raves in the most unconnected manner. Full of ideas of her own importance; one day she declares herself to be the Virgin Mary at another Queen Victoria or some such illustrious personage; refuses to engage in work. Contin.
- May 17 Health good, mind weak and full of fancies; does a little needlework occasionally but the amount is trifling. Contin: omnium.
- " 31 No improvement whatever in this case; mind completely filled with delusions of the most extravagant nature; fancies herself at one time to be the Virgin Mary at another Queen Victoria or Queen Charlotte or some such illustrious person. Mind exceedingly weak and her manner is childish in the extreme. Talks incessantly and seldom does any kind of work with the exception of a little needlework occasionally. There is reason to suspect that this patient is addicted to Mania puerilis. Health indifferent.

No 61. Catherine Mc Isaac or M^{rs} Mc Nieldge - 64 55. W. Shopkeeper. Admitted Oct. 8th 1822
rate 8/6.

1252

Dementia2nd attack of 4 years 5 months & 3 days duration

Previous History - This patient was dismissed, released from this Asylum this day and being abandoned by her friends, was apprehended by the authorities and sent back to the Asylum at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal. vide Female Case Book Vol. 1. and Supplement No 1 p. 1.

October 18th

On admission was considerably excited, was filthy and obscene in her habits disposed to tear her clothes and pick her face; answered questions in an abrupt and hazy manner, said she had been at London seeing the Queen and the rest of the great people in that place. Disinclined to any diet and regimen.

" 30

Since last report, patient has been tolerably free from excitement and in the meantime is cheerful and good humoured.

November 22

No change whatever since last report. Continues omnia.

December 20

There is not the slightest mark of improvement in this case. She is subject to frequent fits of excitement, which however merely last for a short time, during which she tears her clothes picks her face and strikes every person who gives her the slightest offence; when free from these fits she is generally exceedingly happy and good humoured. Has not yet been prevailed on to employ herself in any kind of work. Bodily health excellent. C. omnia.

" 26

In all respects the same as when last reported on. Patient yesterday was rather excited and her language was very filthy and obscene, but the excitement soon went off. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Cont. omnia.

" 31

Being in good bodily health and at present quiet and goodtempered. - Patient is this day by request of her friends, who are unable any longer to maintain her in the Asylum any longer - discharged.

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No 62 *Gonos. Fannie*. Wt. 49. S. Domestic. Admitted 19th October 1842 Date - 157-

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Dementia

4th attack of 10 years duration -

Previous History - This patient was in this Asylum from 6th May till 8th Oct. 1833. and dismissed. Received - *Vide Female Case Books Vol. 1 p.* She has continued in the same state till lately when becoming troublesome and wandering about the street at night, it was found necessary to send her back to the Asylum.

1842 October 19.

Was got coming out of a prayer meeting about 1/2 p.m. and followed by the nurses who had a carriage waiting at the end of the street. When she reached the point they accosted her and begged her to step into the carriage at the same time assisting her. She stopped in and was on her way to the Asylum before she knew where she was. Was taciturn and answered questions relevantly and in monosyllables. Made one or two remarks which showed her mind to be very weak. Ordinary diet and regimen. To be employed if possible.

23

Has been very troublesome since admission is with difficulty got to bed and with greater difficulty got out of it. Appetite, Bowels & pulse natural. Does nothing but complain all day of the way in which she has been used for years and the conspiracies which have been formed against her. Continuation, omnia -

November 4.

Has been reading for the last two days and has not complained so much. Cont. omnia -

6

Today keeps her bed complaining of great weakness. Bowels rather slow. S. h. s. fit. attention. Has been out of bed since last report. Today is excited and abusing all around her. Health pretty good. Cont. omnia.

8

Today is in her usual state. quiet but complaining. Continuation omnia -

9

Complains of want of appetite. Bowels slow. Tongue white but moist. Milla pit. attention. *Xij Sig. hora somne ut cepit. Alterna quaque nocte. R. Infus. Gentian. & Agnes ad 3j. Bicarb. Soda 3ij Maf. Sumat 3ij bis quotidie. Continuation alia.*

13

Has been in bed yesterday and today. Bowels constipated. S. h. s. fit. Cat. & Col. ij. C. alia.

25

Has been out of bed since last report. Does no work but occasionally reads a little. Sullen and peevish. No mental improvement. Continuation omnia.

December 7

Health pretty good. No mental improvement. Sometimes reads a little, but is generally idle. Cont. omnia.

31

Health continued pretty good, mind weak, full of complaints as to being kept here and begs most piteously to be allowed to go away. Inclined to lie in bed under the pretence that her state of health requires it. This is not permitted. Has written a letter to Miss Grove Argyle Street imploring her to call. Occasionally amuses herself by reading, but never does needlework. This is a case of incurable Dementia.

1843 January 14.

Still frets her self continually, says she shall never get well here and that she cannot bear the noise and turmoil of a house such as this. Has a slight eruption of an itchy character on the chest. R. Pulv. Rhiz. 3ij Soda Carb 3j M. divide in Pulv. iv Sumat unam quotidie.

31

Complains still of the hardships of being detained here says she is ruining her health and "knocking" herself quite stupid by remaining here. Begs the Clinical Assistant to interest himself in obtaining her liberty. Has been employing herself in reading Blount's works.

February 2

Complains today of having been irritated by another patient (Miss Colyhorn) and she runs out of having been called a liar - She then complains of the cold and noise of the house and intreats Clinical Assistant to interest himself in her behalf and obtain her discharge.

6

Today in bed and complaining bitterly of the bad usage she receives here from the

- nurses and of being compelled by them to get up in the mornings and go to chapel. This morning obstinately refused to go, and tore off her clothes after they were put on. Annoys and quarrels with her fellow patients.
- February 23 Is again in bed to day and refuses to get up from weakness, and inability to employ herself and complains of pain in the sides, probably that she may be allowed to remain in bed. To be got up immediately. [health good.]
- " 28 Less discontented since last report and has been employing her time in reading.
- March 3 Complained bitterly today because she was not allowed to lie on her side longer in bed than usual, and followed the Clinical Assistant up and down the gallery endeavoring to persuade him to allow her to go to bed. Is very troublesome and ill-natured constantly pestering her fellow patients and the Clinical Assistant to know when she is to get away, if she is to go to the New Institution or if she is to remain in inmate all her life.
- " 11 Today is very anxious to have an interview with the Physician, says she has not a friend left on the earth and has been most cruelly treated. Began to cry bitterly and said she could not help giving way to her feelings but that she had always received goodness at the hands of the Almighty, but it was past describing what she had received from the hand of man. When reminded that the Almighty acted through the agency of man, she said that was very true and hoped that she might be able to control herself during the Physician's visit.
- " 17 Still very discontented and is incessantly complaining of the nurses using her in Is very anxious to see Mr. Eastburn who it appears has something to do with her money-matter, but it is evidently for the purpose of getting him to take her out.
- " 28 Continues very much dissatisfied with her confinement here - insists that she is perfectly well in her mind. Abuses the Physician and Matron in the most violent terms and today got quite excited on the subject, and continued declaiming against them long after the Clinical Assistant had left the room, and there was no one to listen to her. Her temper is very bad and of an exceedingly vindictive character. She is full of complaints and very troublesome. She frequently introduces remarks quite irrelevant to the subject she may be talking about. Health good. Functions nat.
- April 31 Is today in better humor and of her own accord shook hands with the Clin. A. Very talkative with
- " 2 Has been both yesterday and today in very bad humor and is a great annoyance to her fellow patients and when visited today began a tirade of abuse against the Clinical Assistant, called him a Blackguard and said that his heart was as black as his coat. Became highly excited and talked in the most overbearing and domineering manner, so much so that for the comfort of those around her she was transferred to the back gallery.
- " 7 Continues exceedingly and troublesome to the other patients and makes use of very impudent language, indeed so excited is she that it has been advisable today to place her in her room. She talks very incoherently about her friends and relations especially her Mother, whom she frequently quotes as an authority on religious subjects. She often raves on religious matters. Says she will not remain here a day longer than Tuesday next, to be abused in the manner she has been.
- " 10 Is today quieter and in bed complaining of headache. Sumat pil: Colocynth & Hyos.
- " 19 Still very discontented and troublesome and is constantly pestering the Physician and the Assistant to get her her liberty. Complains of the noise and annoyance she has to put up with from her fellow patients but is herself as just an annoyance to them.
- " 26 Is this morning very restless and unsettled and is continually pestering the Clinical Asst and nurses to be allowed to get out. This morning she took hold of the Nurses' Keys and tore them from her in order that she might let herself out. She is so very

troublesome and annoying to the other Patients that it has been found expedient to place her in her room today. Sumat Pil: Colocynth: & Bleo Crotonis unassisted pil: Colocynth: Pimp: ulmar: Station.

29 Is today in bed complaining of headache. Quiet and rather taciturn. Medicines operated well. Tongue rather white.

May 10 Has been pretty quiet since last report and less troublesome, though still very discontented. Has been walking regularly in the grounds the last three days. Health good.

" 15 Continues to walk regularly in the airing grounds. This morning was a good deal excited and abused the Clinical assistant and nurse for the harsh treatment he had received and for knocking her about in the manner they had done.

" 29 No excitement since last report. Indeed she has on the whole conducted herself very well. Pays more attention to her dress and is always very neat. Still very anxious to get out and wishes to see the Physician about it. Contin: omnia

June 9 Was this day removed to the New Institution at Eastnase.

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

July 31 Continued pretty quiet till about the latter end of this month, when she became exceedingly irritable, lay in bed during the day when she could get an opportunity found fault with her bed - with her food &c. was often exceedingly abusive in her language constantly asking when she was to get away, if she was to be detained here for life; she was threatened that unless she conducted herself better she should be placed among the low gallery patients, her only reply was "do it, do it" and accordingly it has been done. She was transferred 3 days since.

August 4 Today when visited by Clinical Assistant she asked if he intended to allow her any breakfast, the Nurse reminded her that she had refused her porridge and milk; she then complained that the food she received was unfit for her and that she would not take it to please either Mr Martin or the Clinical Assistant. She was then told she must go without it in that case and that having brought herself amongst that class of Patients she must be satisfied with their fare. The Nurse reports that during last night she was very noisy and frequently out of bed going through the wards to the beds of several other patients whom she abused and swore at, although she is very religiously inclined, if such conduct is repeated she will be placed in seclusion in the refractory gallery. Continuation: omnia

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

Sept. 12 After remaining for several days pretty quiet and manageable she has again become very troublesome, declares she will remain here no longer and follows every one to the door who goes into the room where she is. She behaves so much annoying to her fellow patients and others that it was today thought proper to transfer her to the refractory gallery where she is placed in seclusion.

" 20 Is now quiet, indeed rather depressed. Desires to be returned to the Tower and promises to conduct herself better for the future. To be freed from seclusion.

" 30 Since last report she has been quiet and well behaved. Works at her needle daily and is generally industrious and orderly. Is very anxious to return to the tower, but it has been considered best to detain her in the secluded Ward, at the same time permitting her to leave her room during the day and take exercise in the gallery. General health good. Cont. omnia

October 31 Further, discontented, and mischievous; will not do any work herself and interferes with other patients who wish to be employed. Attempts to escape whenever the nurse opens the door.

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- and sometimes considerable force is necessary to prevent her accomplishing it. General bodily health good. No improvement in mental state. Contin: omnia.
- November 30 No improvement in any respect since last report. General bodily health extremely good. She was removed from the refractory ward in the early part of this month, and was permitted to go to the front tower where she formerly was but it was found utterly out of the question to allow her to remain there from her violent and abusive conduct. The patients were all interfered with and she made several attempts to escape. She was in consequence transferred to No. 5 ward, where she still remains. Contin: omnia.
- December 31 Has been removed from No 5 to No 2 it being found quite out of the question to permit her to remain in the former ward as she was continuously quarrelling with two other patients there. General bodily health continues good. Mind full of delusions. Importunate for dismissal. Frequently disturbs the ward at night and uses very obscene language. This is a case of incurable dementia with paroxysms of great excitability. Contin: omnia.
- January 31 No change since last report. Very untidy and careless in her habits. Quarrelsome and undisciplined in temper. Occasionally betrays an order disposition. Talking of Love and of persons taking advantage of her during the night. Refuses to employ herself in any way and is constantly getting into a brawl with one or other of the patients. Refuses to leave the ward. Is very inclined to strike. Contin: omnia.
- February 29 Has been more quiet and better behaved of late. Appears very anxious and is continually importuning the Medical Officer to procure her dismissal. Mind weak, has read a little of late but will do no needlework. Bodily health good. Contin: omnia.
- March 31 During the past month she has continued quiet and well behaved. Very anxious for her dismissal. Appears inclined to keep aloof from her fellow patients and whenever she has an opportunity, retires to her bedroom and gets into bed. Listless and idle, will do no work but occasionally looks into her Bible. She has been transferred to No 5 up stairs much against her inclination. Bodily health good. Mind weak and irritable. Sleeps well at night. Contin: omnia.
- April 30 Peevish and quarrelsome. Complains loudly of her detention here and demands her immediate dismissal. Keeps aloof from the other patients and sleeps away the greater part of her time. Bodily health good, appetite, sleep and bowels natural. No mental improvement. Contin: omnia.
- May 31 Inclined to sit alone and usually keeps in her room during the greater part of the day. Mind weak and fainful. Anxious to go away and abhors the Medical Officers whenever she meets them, because they do not dismiss her. Bodily health good. Contin: omnia.

No 13 Grace Binning a Mrs Ewing. Et. 31. M. Shopkeeper. Admitted 21st Oct. 1842 rate 15/-

1254

Mania1st attack of 10 days duration

Previous History — This Patient has been married for 15 years and has ten children the oldest of whom is fourteen years and the youngest five weeks old. Her delivery was safe and everything went on well. Her Husband and she determined to take up a shop and it is supposed that the fatigue and anxiety attending this together with Spirits which she took to keep up her strength is the cause of the malady. None of her relatives have been known to be insane, vicious or intemperate. The symptoms are want of sleep, and incessant raving on all subjects. Sometimes she imagines herself a Queen and in a battle looking at Pictures. Sometimes she imagines she sees the Devil, and converses with him. Raves those around her are drunk and disorderly and insists on sending them to the Police Office. She asked for a knife to cut her throat with; tears, scratches and bites those that approach her, and destroys clothes, furniture &c. Has neither been in an Asylum or subjected to treatment of any kind.

On Admission in a state of Mania. Raves on all subjects. pupils contracted. Tongue foul. Pulse 76 Seclude in a dark room, and place on ordinary diet. Sumat Tart. Antimony gr ij Quaque hora ad 18 vicem.

" 21 Still excited, and necessarily secluded. Bowels have been moved. Raves less. pulse 88. Tongue foul. pupils less contracted. Breasts to be drawn and rubbed with Hamilton's Limentum three times a day Sumat Station Pulv. Salapex ℥ij Continnentum omnia.

" 22 Bowels have been freely moved. Breasts secrete less milk. Tongue cleaner. Answers questions relevantly and raves only occasionally. On the whole improved. Repeat: Pulv. Salapex. Cont. Limentum & alia.

" 24 Has improved rapidly answers questions relevantly. Pulse 80 Tongue clean appetite good. Milk has disappeared. Is freed from seclusion but keeps her bed. Intermitt. Medicamenta. Continuentia alia.

" 25 Today is up and now may be reckoned convalescent. Contin. omnia.

" 26 Today keeps her bed, but mind improves. Contin. omnia.

" 28 Appetite falls off. Bowels slow, but tongue clean and moist. pulse 72 small stools. mind rational. R. Bicarb: Soda ℥ij Tinct. Potass & Soda ℥ij Aqua XV ℥ij & S & add Tinct. Calumb ℥ij Sumat ℥j

" 31 Has very troublesome and noisy last night and today. Quiescent.

November 1 Still a little excited. Sumat Station. Tart. Antimony. gr ij & repeat. Vespere.

" 2 Today rational and collected. Health good. Has slept well last night. Contin. omnia.

" 3 Her Sister having seen her, and finding her rational determined upon removing her in spite of all that the Physician and other Medical Officers could say to prevent her. Accordingly after protesting against the step, as she was rational she was prematurely dismissed.

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- December 1. Is today in a state of excitement, walking up and down the airing ground, scolding and threatening vengeance against those who were instrumental in placing her in the Asylum. Pulse quiet and full. Pupils considerably dilated, skin very dark coloured.
 Hy Pil: Rhei & Hydragragii sumat ij ounce. Secunda q. q. nocte. Dividat.
- " 5 Is this morning more settled than at last report although there is still a degree of excitement about her, is at present engaged in assisting the Nurses in the Gallery.
- " 14 In the last few days has conducted herself very well. Mind at present more rational than it has been for some time past. Asks more coherently and answers questions relevantly; employed in the meantime as a Domestic. c. omnia.
- " 27 This case has rather retrograded since last report, betray some of her old delusions, and although she does not rave so much as she did is occasionally flighty, and requires to be humoured a good deal. Inclined to retire to a room by herself where she reads the Bible. Does a little domestic work in the Gallery. Continuentia omnia.
- 1843 Jan^y 20 Health good mind much about in the same state as when last reported. At present employed in G. H. Gallery assisting the Nurses. Contin: Medicament:
- February 7. No improvement in this case, mind full of delusions; On the nail of one of her thumbs is a small black spot which she declares to be a mystery unknown to every one but herself. Still disposed to retire to quiet spots where she reads the Bible.
- " 20 Bodily health excellent. Is at present working in the Laundry. Continuentia omnia: Within the last few days this case has progressed considerably. Patient is quiet, converses rationally and answers questions relevantly; broaches no delusions in the meantime. Cheerful and good humoured; is employed every day either in the Laundry or as a domestic. c. o.
- " 25 In the last two days has been very much depressed, has betaken herself to bed, although she does not complain of sickness or pain of any kind. Refuses to speak and on being visited by the Clinical Assistant, covered her head with the Blankets and refused to answer questions put to her. Abolutum Caputatum. Applicetum. Vesicatorium Capiti toto. Contin: Medicamenta.
- " 27 Blister ordered at last report has risen well, but patient still lies in bed and refuses to rise; gives no answer when spoken to, - and endeavours to avoid all communication with nurses and the rest of the patients. Moves rather slow Hy sumat Rhei somni. Pil: Assafatid: cum Oleo Crotonis unam.
- March 1. Moves more freely spurred by the medicine administered at last report. Still continues in bed although she answers some questions. Skin dark coloured. Pulse pretty good strength. Pupils dilated tongue clean and moist. To be got out of bed and employed at some kind of work as soon as possible. Continuentia omnia.
- " 4 Health improved since last report. Colour of skin more natural: is now out of bed and walking up and down the Gallery; is still however a little depressed and refuses to engage herself in any work as she formerly did. Contin: omnia.
- " 7 Mind much better than at last report, is, however, apt to betray a delusion occasionally during conversation. Has begun to work today and appears in excellent spirits.
- " 8 Today during a conversation which the Clinical Assistant had with her, broached many of her old delusions, referred to the spot on her nail, referred to in a former remark, is still under the impression that it is the great mystery which few are permitted to know. Does not understand why she is kept in this place for she is sensible, age and sensible of all she has said and done, since she was brought to the Asylum by Mr. Board, the person with whom she lived. Says she has placed herself in the hands of Almighty God and that he will punish her persecutors. Health good. Employed sewing in the Laundry. Continuentia omnia.
- " 9 Has today refused to work in her accustomed manner and is determined to leave the Asylum this afternoon. Is at present locking up and packing up all her clothes.

- in the hopes of leaving the Asylum as soon after dinner as possible. Flighty and unsettled.
- March 10 Has begun to work again as usual and today does not allude to home at all. Cheerful & glib.
- " 15 Has improved gradually since last report. Quiet and industrious, talks coherently and answers questions.
- " 17 The Physician being of opinion that it would be conducive to the recovery of this Patient if placed among a superior class; she is at his request transferred to L. M. Gallery.
- " 18 Has today transferred from C.D. Gallery to L.M. Is in good health and occupied making a wig for herself out of her own hair which has been shaved off. Answers questions relevantly, but is rather incoherent when conversing and apt to wander on religious subjects.
- " 19 Complains today of her Right Mamma and on examination it is hard and indurated around the nipple. Red, & painful to the touch. She thinks it was caused by a blow but cannot remember when she got it. Bowel regular. Diet: Potent: Colic: Capsular: Papav: rect: dist: Hy Ind: Potassod: 3j Sinc: 3j Ag: Cassia 3j S.S. 2.
- " 21 Breast still painful but less so than it was - is still hard and indurated. P. 100. Cannot sleep at night. She feels so hot and uncomfortable. Tongue rather white. Repels: Haust: Saliv: C. Sinc: Senn: Cortic: foment.
- " 22 Swelling and induration of right Mamma appears to be extending tho' she says it is less painful. Tongue white. Applic: Nind: viii rect: dist: Hy Ag: Ammon: Acet 3j Sol: Antimon: 3j Ag: Capiv 3j Magna Sulph: 3j Ag: Fontan: 3j M. Sumat 3j Ter quetidie. Cont: foment. Capsular: Papaver.
- " 26 Pain and swelling still continues and the breast is very tender on pressure. At the upper parts of swelling the integuments are soft, feeling as if matter was underneath. Bowels regular. Tongue fully clean. Inter: Potent: Cap: Papav: Hy Acet: Plum: 3j P. Opus 3j Ag: Fontan 3j viii M. ft lotio applic: Colic: rect: dist: Con: Alia.
- " 29 Notwithstanding the remedies used a collection of matter has formed immediately under the right nipple, and has pointed a little above it, an opening was today made and about 1/2 oz of thick matter was discharged. Health is otherwise quite good. T. clean. P. natural. She is today in bed. Applic: Cataplasma: emol: parti: clothe good: aduoc: Emplast: aduoc: vulnere.
- April 3. Wound granulating but there is still a circumscript hardening round the spot. Has scabs on the hands & arms. Mind still full of delusions, frequently of a religious character. Said that after going to bed the other night she saw a fig sitting by her bedside, eating the Popars and smoking a cigar, a spit box on the floor and its throat bleeding. etc. Ung: Sulph: Inter: Muc: of Japov: Gent: 3j Hy P. Nodur: 3j J. Cand: C. 3j R. Capiv 3j M. S. 3j his quetidie.
- " 7 Some mucus discharge from wound yesterday & today. Applic: Cataplasma: kodie: contin alia.
- " 11 Still some discharge from breast Hy. Capiv Sulph: 3j Ag: Font: 3j M. ft lotio mam: dist: applic: c.a.
- " 14 Discharge from breast continues. Surface of opening was today fully united with Nitrate of Silver. Cont: Emulsion.
- " 15 Discharge, she appears to be contracting. She is today however afflicted with cramp: S. S. Rheid: 3j Statim.
- " 29 Breast has quite healed up, and her general health has much improved - She is less sallow than formerly. employs herself sewing. Is anxious for discharge. Cataplasma appeared on the Thirid and disappeared on the 5th.
- May 5. Quiet industrious & useful. Talks much more rationally than formerly. Health good. - May 12. Continues the same.
- " 13 Delusions on religious subjects still continue still talks of the influence of the spirit on her, and says she sees the Son and the cross at night, and imagines that she has been abused and spelt upon by individuals whom however she refuses to name. Health good. Industrious. prefers employing herself in the domestic office in the Gallery. Con: cream.
- " 23 Continues industrious and useful in the gallery. general health good. Catam: appeared on the 21st & disappeared today.
- " 31 Health good. No change since last report. Industrious and useful. Anxious to get home.
- June 30 Has continued during all this month industrious and useful in the Galleries. Belongs no delusions. Talks left on Religion and is apparently rational. Was removed along with the other Patients about the middle of the month to the New Asylum where she has made herself exceedingly useful at the P. side of the W. House. Anxious for her discharge and expresses much anxiety about her younger sister who she says has no one to look after her, and is anxious to get cured.
- July 15 Continues industrious and useful, belongs no delusions and expresses great anxiety to get home, being desirous of finding something to do, to gain her living.
- " 26 Health very good. Continues in every respect to conduct herself well and is very industrious and useful, so much so that arrangements have been made for her remaining in the Institution as a servant - which she has agreed to do, and she is today marked on the role as

Cured.

No. 65. Isabella McGilvray. Wt. 42. S. Servant admitted November 3rd 1842. date 4/6.

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Dementia1st attack of 2 months duration

Previous History — Though some of this Patient's friends have been insane, she has always been weak-minded, and extremely religious; before her present illness she had an attack of Influenza and lost some money; She then fell into a state of Dementia with outbreaks of violence. She fancies she is bewitched and labouring under various diseases of a peculiar nature. There is a slight eruption on the skin. She is suicidal dangerous and destructive she has now been in an Asylum & treated for her present malady.

Nov 3

On admission altho' a little excited, was quiet, looked rather bewildered, yet aware of the nature of the nature of the place. Thought there was not the slightest necessity for her being placed in the Asylum. Has considerable ecchymosis of right eye, occasioned she says by a blow she received from her master. Looks with a suspicious, on any one who goes near her, and fancies all around her are making sport of her. Bowels slow. Tongue white & moist. Pupils somewhat dilated. Scalp hot. Abundant Catarrhus. Sumat. h. s. Pil. Asafet. & Pl. Crotonis anan. Slept pretty well last night and is today sitting in the workroom. Talks pretty coherently but a little slow.

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Has been rather unsettled and depressed for the last few days fancies she can do nothing right, but that all the Nurses and Laundry Maids are continually finding fault with her; talks frequently of the persons with whom she served previous to her coming to the Asylum. Let her be actually employed if possible. Cont. alio. Had an interview with the person whose household she was, on Saturday last; after which she became very melancholy and cried like a child. Has been idle since. Not to be allowed to see any of her friends for sometimes. Today is more cheerful and is engaged washing in the Laundry. Cont. medicament. omnica. Has been very industrious since last report. Mind more active, converses more fully. Health pretty good. Bodily health good, mind considerably improved since last report; believes no delusions, and is more cheerful and active than she has been for some time past. Is at present busily employed in the Laundry. Continues improving steadily, mind pretty active & quite free from delusions; very industrious, Cont. omnica. In all respects the same as at last report, quiet and industrious. Mind improves. Cont. omnica. Bodily health good; in other respects the same as when last reported. Bodily functions natural. No marked improvement in the state of this Patient since last report. Very industrious complains sometimes of ringing noises in her head. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Cont. medicament. Has been more alert and active of late, says she feels a great deal better of late. Tongue white and rather dry. Pupils natural. Still employed in the Laundry. Pil. Sumat. hora somni Pil. Colocyntha. Comp. cum Calomel. anan. Cont. alio omnica. Bodily health good, mind much improved. May now be considered convalescent. Cont. omnica. Being in good bodily health and mind being entirely free from delusions she is this day discharged as cured.

Cure

No. 66. Catherine Heeron. Aet. 42. Lying-in-house keeper Admetta Nov. 3rd 1842. Sale 4/6.

1257

Dementia1st attack of 8 days duration.

Previous History. None of this patient's relatives have been known to be insane. She received an ordinary education and was very industrious but her mind was easily elevated or depressed, also she was irascible though her anger did not continue long. About two months ago she was observed to exhibit some weakness of mind but did not become positively insane until eight days ago. The cause is said to be gossiping neighbours irritating her by raising scandalous rumours about her, jeering and jibing her. At first she was violent but now nervous and quiet. The symptoms are want of sleep, want of appetite and delusions. At first these were of a religious nature, now they are erotic and at present she fancies that she had a child. She sits in one place, or goes about measuring the wall. She is neither suicidal, dangerous, or destructive. She has never been in an Asylum. Has been treated with opium, Sanguisparasms without benefit.

1842 Nov. 3.

Was brought to the Asylum in a carriage and it was necessary to carry her into the Gallery as she would not move a muscle or a joint. Was put to bed where she continues to lie, would not speak a single word and refused to take her supper when it was brought to her, pulse quick and pretty full. Tongue white and moist. Pupils slightly dilated. Scalp hot. Labials Cataplecticum sumat hora somni. Olei Ric. 3j. Olei Turbinth. 3j. Ordinary diet and regimen.

5 Bowels have been freely moved since admission and patient looks more cheerful, and patient looks more cheerful and has begun to speak, says she likes men, particularly those belonging to the Town of Glasgow; Tongue cleaner and moist; pupils contracted. Scalp cooler. Cont.

7 Continues much about the same as at last report, says incoherently declares that we are all one and the same being, that is, God, and that we shall never be separated, whatever worlds we may pass through. Pulse 70 moderate strength. Pupils dilated. Tongue loaded. Sordes of lips. Sj. Olei Ricin. 3j. Ol. Turbinthinae 3j. M. Sumat hora somni.

9 Since last report has taken but little food, and this morning refused to take her breakfast. Patient looks thin and emaciated, Eyes have a glazed appearance, Pupils contracted. Considerable Sordes of lips. Tongue pretty clean and moist, says very incoherently from especially about Jesus Christ, says she is third in descent from him, having sprung from his birth and that like him she existed before the foundation of the world. Let her have a pint of Beef Tea daily and if she persists in refusing to eat her food let it be administered by means of the feeding apparatus.

11 Has begun to take her food in the usual manner. Mind on the whole a little improved. Tongue clean and moist. Sordes on lips begins to disappear. Continuation omnium.

13 General health improved since last report. Somewhat agitated today fancies she is to be boiled and eaten, and sometimes cries like a child. Continuation omnium.

17 Is today in bed. Refuses to speak. Pulse slow and rather feeble. Eyelids slightly puffy. Rj. Pulv. Jalapae. Coemp. 3j. Submuri. Hydrargiri gr. IV. M. Sumat hora somni.

18 Is still confined to her bed. Bowels have been opened by the medicine administered last night. Face a little swollen. Appears very much distressed in mind, labouring under the delusion that she is to be burnt alive; inclined to refuse her food, in consequence of which she is obliged to be fed by the Nurse. Continue the Puffin.

22 Bodily health improving daily. Patient begins to take her food better than she has since her mental improvement, says she hears a great many people speaking about her, saying "O! Heeron, O! Heeron" cannot understand the reason of all this and wonders what she could have been guilty of. Let her have a pint of London Porter daily. Cont. Pulv. Iod.

25 Today patient has got up out of bed and is at present sitting in the front sitting-room. Health is improving, but she still remains a little agitated in mind. Cont. omnium.

December 2

Bodily health much improved since last report. Mind more alert and active.

- 11) Speaks more rationally and is at present mingling with the rest of the patients. Is daily gaining flesh, looks more lively and active, although she still appears to mope occasionally in gloomy thoughts. Converses freely with some of the patients. To be employed as soon as possible. Continue the medicine and full diet.
- 26 This case for the last few days has gone on pretty favourably, mind improves gradually. To be employed at some light work as soon as possible. Contin: om;
- 3 There is a decided improvement in this case both as regards her bodily and mental state. She is more cheerful and active but has not yet been engaged in any kind of work. To be employed as soon as possible. Continuentur alia.
- 14 This case has progressed steadily since last report. mind much improved; but says no delusions. Continuentur omnia (has begun to do a little work)
- 18 Bodily health much improved - Is employed working in the gallery as a domestic gains flesh daily, may now be considered convalescent. Continuentur omnia.
- 24 Bodily health improving is becoming gradually stronger. Mind more alert. Cheerful and good-humoured, is anxious to know when she is to be discharged. Expresses her gratitude to the clinical assistant for his attention to her, and invites him to visit her after she returns home. Employed at present in assisting the Nurses. Convalescence proceeds steadily. Continuentur omnia.
- 31 Continues to improve rapidly. Converses rationally; thinks herself capable of superintending her affairs at home. Health good. Continuentur omnia.
- February 4 Convalescence goes on favourably. Engaged at present in the Laundry. Contin: omnia.
- 23 Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continuentur omnia.
- 27 Being in good health and mind in all respects rational she is this evening discharged.

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W^o 67. *Jan M Pherson a M^{rs} Stewart. A. 45. M. Domestic. Admitted Nov^r 4th 1843 rate 7/6.*

1258

Mania3rd Attack of 4 Months duration

Previous History — This Patient has been in this Asylum three times before viz.
 From 13 February 1837 till 31 March 1837 — dismissed Relieved.
 " 14 December 1840 " 8 February 1841 " "
 " 2 September 1841 " 13 November 1841 " Cured.

vide Female Case Books Vol. p. Vol. p.

This patient was married in 1824 and has eleven children. After leaving the Asylum she continued well until last July when she went to the Highlands and soon became insane again after the death of a child. Is now violent and full of delusions. Says that she has 30,000 sterling which her husband has spent in drinking and whoring. Has a great dislike to her husband. She is at times sanguine, throwing knives about &c. She breaks windows, throws money, shoes, clothes furniture &c into the street. Today she stood with a large knife in her hand to prevent her husband from leaving the house and was with difficulty overpowered. She is not suicidal — Has not been treated for the present attack.

1843 Nov^r 4th

Was in a state of considerable excitement when admitted and raved in an incoherent manner recognized several of the Patients whom she knew when in the house on a previous occasion. Was brought to the Asylum she says in consequence of having called at her husband's workshop to see how he was getting on. Appealed to the Clinical Assistant whether or not such an action was sufficient to stamp any person as mad. Maintained that her name was not Mrs. McPherson, but Mrs. Jean Stewart and wanted those around her never to name her by the former. Pulse 78 rather full. Tongue white and loaded. Pupils dilated. Scalp hot. Summit hora sonni. Pit. Colicystid. E. Calomel duas. Ordinary diet and regimen. Abundant Copulation.

5 Last night slept tolerably, and this morning the excitement has in great measure subsided. Is however flighty and answers questions in an abrupt and sulky manner. Bowels have been freely moved.
 7 Patient is quiet today and more rational. Since morning has been engaged sewing in the Workroom. Answers questions reluctantly. Continues the employment.

14 Has continued quiet and orderly since last report although still a little excitable; speaks a great deal about her husband; wishes to know if he is the person who supports her here, and if so, would recommend us to take her out immediately as she is quite capable of conducting her household affairs; that she is a married woman and therefore ought not to be placed amongst unmarried females, who talk of things which married people should not hear; declares that she was treacherously used in this place on a former occasion and desires that she may be liberated instantly.

16 Is today talking in the same manner as at last report. her eye is indicative of excitement. Abundant Copulation. Summit hora sonni. Pit. Aphrodisia. E. Oleo Crotonis unan.

22 Has been quiet and industrious since last report. Sows regularly in the workroom; talks constantly of her own importance and worth, of being a married woman and the mother of a family; that as such says she ought not to be placed among unmarried females, but should be sent home to superintend the affairs of her house. From her whole conduct it is obvious that she is jealous of her husband. Bodily health good. Contin: omnino.

December 8

No mental improvement in this case since last report; say excitable takes offence at matters of the most trifling kind. Orders the Clinical Assistant to give her her liberty immediately. Says that those men who would shut up their wives in a madhouse without cause, are not worthy of the name of men. Says she was brought here by a man and by a man who she he taken out. Does a little needlework occasionally. Health good. Contin: omnino.

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Mind on the whole a little improved; not so excitable as at last report. Sows industriously in the workroom. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Continuetur omnino.

- 1843 Jan^y 7 Bodily health good; no mental change, works diligently; flighty and intemperate demands her dismissal in the most impetuous manner and declares that unless granted immediately, the house will suffer severely. Continues omnivorous. No change whatever since last report, is still very unsettled, very frequently becomes excited, when she storms and rages at the injustice of a respectable married female being confined in a madhouse. Pupils contracted. Tongue clean and moist, rather tremulous. Pulse quick and of moderate volume. Engaged at present in the Workroom. Continues omnivorous.
- " 27 In all respects the same as when last reported. Continues omnivorous.
- Feb^y 16 Health good, mind in its usual unsettled state. Impudent and abusive towards the Clinical Assistant and Nurses. Sews regularly in the Laundry. Continues omnivorous.
- " 27 Health good, mind not in the last improved since last report. Temper exceedingly irritable; flighty and unsettled. Fancies that her husband frequents the beds of her fellow patients at night and says that no man should be allowed to enter the sleeping apartments of any female. Does some needlework. Continues omnivorous.
- March 25 No improvement in this case since last report, patient is still very flighty & unsettled. Is subject to fits of excitement during which she scolds and abuses every one around her. Demands her husband to be sent for immediately by the Nurses; says that it is contrary to the Laws both of God & man, for a lawfully married woman to be separated from her husband and shut up in a madhouse. Is for the most part idle and inclined to lounge about the rooms of the Gallery.
- April 30 Continues in all respects the same as at last report - as irritable and intemperate as ever.
- May 30 This morning was removed to Gaitnael New Asylum. Health good.
- June 8 There is not the slightest mark of improvement in this case since last report. Continues scolding in her usual manner. General health good. Continues omnivorous.
- " 30 Since last report has conducted herself very well, talks pretty rationally and expresses an anxious desire to get home, thinks herself capable of taking charge of her family. Bodily health excellent. Continues omnivorous.
- July 10 Being in good bodily health and her mind having for sometime past been free from delusions she is this evening dismissed.
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Curepo.

No 68. Henrietta Kirkpatrick a W^m Mitchell. 61 30. W. Domestic. Admitted Nov^r 1842 16th 21
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1254.

Melancholia1st Attack of 8 months duration

Previous History. This patient is well educated and married a merchant, who went to the West Indies, they were doing well and very happy when about 9 months ago he died. Grief for his loss and anxiety about her prospects produced the disease. None of her relatives have been insane. She was of a quiet, contented and cheerful disposition. She has received no medical treatment. The disease manifested itself in deep despondency, taciturnity, aversion to society, disinclination to eat, want of sleep - a fixed postur &c.

1842 Nov^r 4th

Was quiet and taciturn on admission this evening, went up to the gallery without making a remark or exhibiting the slightest opposition appeared depressed and melancholy and parted with the friends who came with her in a careless and unconcerned manner. Looks thin and debilitated. Would not utter a single word. Nothing could be extracted from her. Discontinue ordinary diet and regimen.

5th Quiet during the night, has not spoken since admission. Took a moderate breakfast this morning but studiously avoids speaking or associating with the other patients. When asked a question she turns round on a chair and tries to conceal her countenance. Pulse 78 moderate strength, tongue clean and moist - pupils dilated, bowels slow. Looks very depressed and will neither read or work. Sumat-hac note pit: attenuat^o 17.

9th Still depressed and inclined to sit alone, rarely speaks and seems to be labouring under a state of melancholy. Has hitherto refused to do needlework, although she has frequently been requested to employ herself. Health has somewhat improved bodily functions natural. Appetite improved. Sumat-pit: attenuat^o 17 h. s. pro re nata St. Cyath: Vinos. Mixture or Sode Bicarb: et Infus. Gent. Compbis quotidie. Cont: diet and regimen.

18th Since last report has improved considerably seems more cheerful and has been occupied in needlework answers questions relevantly although in a subdued and depressed tone. Has lately amused herself in reading and upon the whole may be said to have progressed. Mind still very weak. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Anxious to go home and expresses her aversion to taking medicine saying she does not require any. Continuat^o omnia.

28th Improving slowly - Mind continues weak and although inclined to be taciturn will answer questions relevantly. Employs herself in needlework and occasionally reads. Has lately been sitting in her bedroom with another patient, her dislike to sitting in the parlour with the other patients still continuing. Expresses a wish to see her brother which has been promised the next time he calls. Health pretty good.

December 1st Health continues to improve, looks rather thin but still much better than when she was first admitted. She was ordered a pint of Port daily by the Physician, this morning.

" 12th Since last report has had an interview with her brother. appears anxious to get away but only occasionally recurs to the subject. Still continues reserved and somewhat depressed and expresses her dislike to medicine. Pulse 80 moderate strength. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils natural. Bowels regular. Employed in needlework as usual. Inter: h. s.

" 31st Health has continued pretty good since last report. Depression of spirits formerly noted still continues although she will reply to questions more readily than she used to do. Has been engaged in needlework but betrays the same aversion to mingle with the other patients as she did when admitted. Appetite, bowels and sleep natural. On the dancing party being given to the Lady Patients she came down with the others but instead of joining in the amusements of the evening she sat herself down in a corner of the room and appeared careless of the gaiety going on around her.

occasionally walks out on the airing grounds and garden but appears quite insensible to any thing like enjoyment. This appears a very doubtful case and likely to be a tedious one. Had of late mixed more with the other patients and sits at needlework with them in the drawingroom but seldom speaks to any of them. Answers questions in the shortest manner possible.

943. January 31

February 18

Today requested to be allowed to go down and see her brother and get some things she wanted from his house. When reminded that he came often to see her and that then she might ask him to send what she wanted, she began to reflect upon herself saying if she had behaved to her benefactors as she ought she should soon have been placed here, and that it was all her own fault, that there were only two ways in this world - one to good and the other to destruction and she had chosen the evil one. General health good. employs herself diligently in needlework. Continence omnia.

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Continues quiet and industrious, scarcely ever speaks and is with difficulty got to answer a simple question, not however from inability but from taciturnity. General health good.

March 20

Saw her Brother this morning and after the interview appeared more depressed than usual. Said that she did not reflect upon him for placing her here, but on herself for having been the cause of its becoming necessary. Health very good - is still very industrious with her needle. Continence omnia.

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Health good continues still very industrious with her needle, but is taciturn and depressed, keeping much by herself.

April 30

No change since last report. Taciturn and quiet but very industrious. betrays no delusions when spoken to. General health good. Continence omnia.

May 23

Catamenia appeared for the first time since admission on the 17th and disappeared today. She still keeps herself very much in her own room where she is exceedingly industrious. Still not disposed to enter into conversation. Contin omnia.

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Health continues good. No change since last report. Very industrious.

June 9

Was today transferred from the Old to the New Institution at Glastoncel.

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Continues to seclude herself in her own room and is still very taciturn, but remarkably industrious. General health good.

July 31

No change since last report. Anxious to see her brother and her child. very industrious. Contin: omnia.

Aug. 31

Continues industrious and apparently cheerful, but very taciturn, will not answer questions when put to her without reluctance. General health good.

Sept. 30

Has gradually and steadily improved since last report, both in mind and body. She is now free from delusions and other symptoms of insanity and having undergone sufficient probation, she is this day discharged.

Cure.

October 2

This patient has been permitted to remain a few days as a guest in the Establishment till arrangements can be made for her by her friends.

1844 May 27

Mr. Mitchell called today upon Mr. Mapleson the Lady Superintendent to express her satisfaction of the treatment received whilst Patient in the Institution. She has been in good mental and bodily health since her dismissal.

N^o 69. Janet Adam a Mrs Muir. Et. 27. M. Domestic. Admitted November 7th 1842 rate 15/- afterwards 2/-

1260

Mania

3 attack of 6 weeks duration

Previous History - This is a hereditary case. Her Paternal Grandfather and Grandmother were Cousins. Her Father is eccentric and intemperate, and her Brother is in the asylum at present. The first attack occurred about five years ago and lasted six weeks. This was treated at home. She became ill again about twelve months ago, and recovered in three weeks at home. One eye has long been amaurotic. About four years ago she married, and has had two children. The eldest is three years and the youngest five months old. Shortly after her recovery from confinement, she was observed to be slightly inclined to quiet and taciturn as formerly. She was excited during the Queen's visit but not more than other people. Shortly before this attack she had sore throat and influenza and since her recovery from it has been insane. The disease is characterized by want of sleep, incessant talking with excitement alternating with despondency, a disposition to wander and to make extravagant purchases of useless articles on which she has lately spent £100 sterling. She raves continually on all subjects. She is neither suicidal, dangerous nor destructive, but has a disposition to cut up, patch and alter clothes in an absurd manner. She has never been in an asylum and has had no treatment except a blister to the back of the neck.

Nov 7th

Came up to the asylum accompanied by her Brother-in-law and a female friend. Was shown into the Committee room and began to converse with some of the Clinical Assistants who happened to be in at the time. Enquired for a Dr. Young and wished to know why visitors were not shown into the room where the Organ was; said it was much better when persons called to put them into a room with a fine organ. Dr. Hutchison shortly after entered and she shook hands with him and walked upstairs into the G. H. Gallery. Appears in a very excitable state. Looks pale and fatigued, lips dry, tongue foul, right eye amaurotic - pupil of left dilated. Her head has lately been shaved & her hair put close. Upon entering the Gallery she immediately discovered where she was, but did not show any symptoms of anger or disappointment. Laughed and joked with several of the Patients about the Lord Abbot and the Monastery, asked for a copy of the "Chronicles", spoke of the Lady Abbot and raved coherently on various subjects. Was extremely goodnatured and merry. Sat down at the Piano, played and sang, and wished to have her Accordion which she imagined had been sent with her luggage: Let her sleep in the back gallery to night. Sunset 5.15. alaric of Station. Bilkmany diet. Past a restless and uncomfortable night. Slept but little and early this morning disturbed the whole gallery with her singing. Rose from her bed several times and she nurse had frequently to go to her room to appease her. Took her breakfast with an appetite and came afterwards into the front Parlour where she amused herself with the Piano which she declared to be a most execrable instrument. Says she was disturbed last night with the singing of bells and the cries of the Watchman who is employed to guard the Manufactory; that she became so alarmed at length that in order to drown the noise she sang a hymn or two. Asks for pens and paper, she wishes to write to her friends. Is not at present in a fit state to read. Declares she is "loft" and that this is a most delightful place. Lips still parched & dark coloured, pupils dilated, Tongue cleaner. Pulse 78 moderate strength. Asks to have the Piano tuned which has been promised. Is constantly talking about her Accordion, says she has two, one of them having cost 10 Guineas. Tells the Clinical Assistant that she is an Episcopalian and wishes to have service performed morning and evening in the Parlour. Asks for the Lord Abbot and asks a good deal about nuns and monasteries. Complains of hoarseness which she attributes correctly enough to her incessant talking and singing. Several sheets of paper were given to her this afternoon and the following letters were sent down this evening. Letter Not.

Mrs Muir 15 Bath Street Glasgow.

"My dear Harriet"

"Glasgow, Tuesday Evening"

"I am sorry to trouble you at such a time but I should feel very happy if you would call perhaps with Miss Young for me and perhaps in the meantime I should be very much obliged by your sending all my luggage as I am so busy that I am quite unfit to be seen - I hope you are continuing. I am very happy here, I should be exceedingly happy to see you, so many Doctors, Clergymen, Organists and young highborn and accomplished Ladies from Liverpool, London, Edinburgh, then we have the Scottish, the Episcopal and the Catholic Church. I hope you will just come and come soon. Will you be so kind as to give me all the news about home and all the rest that you can. Will you buy me some wax for flowers and some Rice Paper and skeleton wire and pray give my best love to Mrs Muir, Mr Young & and believe me your affectionate sister, Janet Muir."

Letter No. 2. Addressed "William Muir 17 Prince's Street" "Confidential."

"Is right and I can now unload my uneasy mind to my own dear William. I am very comfortable here but some things are not just what I could desire but we must have patience. The Doctors, nurses and all the Ladies and old ones are very kind to me. I am very. Is it the case that poor dear little Agnes Hamilton died last night in convulsions, I hope not. How is Janey, I shall soon be home again so you will have pleasure in seeing me quite well and I hope you will tell me a marriage Janet to London when I return at the Christmas Holidays. I hope Mary's mother is quite well, I hope you will come and see me very soon and bring Mr Wood if he can come, write soon and give a kiss to all the little dears, and here's to you and good, ever, Janet Muir."

"I have fallen in love with all the Doctors, they are so kind -" J. M.

9 Looks much better, countenance improved, tongue gradually becoming clean and moist, pupil dilated, lips natural. Pulse so moderate strength. Says that she slept during the greater part of last night but was disturbed once by the watchman and those disagreeable bells. The report of the Nurse is favourable and she did not hear him making any noise. Says she has been very low spirited about her children and that she could not divert her mind of the idea that they were very ill. Is continually asking about her luggage, and wonders why it is not forthcoming wishes us to send to Bath Street for it as she is much in want of clothes and her accoutrements. Spoke of her Brother (John Reid Adam) today and wished to know if he was among those noisy creatures she hears down below. Upon being assured that he was quite well and perfectly happy and quiet she asked permission to be allowed to see him. This however was refused by the Clinical Clerk as not being prudent or expedient in the present case - She appeared somewhat disappointed at this, was on the whole easily satisfied. Talks frequently about the Episcopalian Church and wishes to form a congregation in the Gallery, she reads part of the Church of England service every evening aloud to the other patients. Tired to make the Clinical Assistant promise to come up and attend her evening services along with her brother John. This night and offered to play several times if he would agree to this arrangement. Has taken a great fancy for Mrs White who assists her in her religious notions. Frequently speaks of her friends and wonders why they do not write. Appears to be in very good spirits, and this afternoon wrote the following letter which she sent down in the usual way by the Nurse.

Letter No. 3. "Mrs Muir, Bath Street, Glasgow"

"My dear Mamma"

"Glasgow, Wednesday"

"I hope you will be so kind as to send me my luggage this evening by the hand of a Shuff's messenger. I wonder that no one has come to see me in this Palace of Pain - I have got six agreeable nurses and Doctors. I am much obliged for your kind present. I hope you will soon come and see me. A tartan shawl crapes and a good deal of comfort of all kind. I hope Harriet and Mrs and Mr Young are well."

November 9th
continued

"Will you be so kind as to send all my things I hope William - send me intelligence on
"Jesse and Agnes Hamilton are. I hope you will send me all my things and believe me
"to be dear Mamma". "Your affectionate daughter" - "Janet Muir."

Letter 2.

"Dear Dr. P."

Evening

"I hope you will pardon me troubling me so very soon but I hope you will not forget
"your appointment. Our united Evangelical Society meeting takes place this evening at
"8 past 7 o'clock and we all anticipate that you will bring young Mr. Adam with you
"and I shall be most happy to conduct the musical part of the service, as you shall have
"the pleasure of acting as Rector. Mr. Adam as curate and a meeting of the society takes place
"immediately after the blessing is pronounced. I hope that you will not think that Mrs
"Royal Highness the Duchess The Honourable Lady Isabella White and the secretary of
"the Episcopal Society are too busy when they say that they do not wish you to marry to
"soon. We like yourself very well, but the idea that you would tell everything we might
"say to your new wife as she would be called would, so I hope that you will attend to
"what in our wisdom advise and lead a correct and pure life and guard your heart well
"all diligence and attend to the young and unfortunate in thisquisition and use your
"influence with the Pope" "I am -" "Janet Muir"

Has been more quiet and manageable during the day, employs herself in knitting and is contented
"by wanting wanting writing paper. She has been promised that if she keeps quiet at night that
"she shall be removed to the front gallery to sleep. Sumat Pil: Alteratio: if there some for
"le nate Sumat: Cyathum Vinosum his quidam mistura ex Soda Nicot: et Infus:

Continues Composite. Continues diet and regimen.

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Passed a quiet night and this morning is busily employed in knitting. Expressed herself as
"being very disappointed at not seeing the Clerical Clerk and Mr. Adam at yesterday evening
"Prayer meeting. Again asked why she could not have an interview with her Brother, particularly
"as he was so quiet. Said she would put on her bonnet and shawl and meet him in such a
"manner that he would never suspect that she was staying in the same place. This fancy
"however was pursued effectually and she did not seem very annoyed at her wishes not having
"been granted. She still continues in a very good temper, and laughs and chatters in a lively
"style with several of the other patients. The following letter was brought down this evening.

"To Miss Adam. Helensburgh.

Thursday Evening

"Dear Nancy - I am very sorry that you were so much annoyed before you left Edinb
"but I hope you are now much better. I am quite well. All the Ladies here are quite delight
"and the Doctors are even better than Doctor Wood. I hope you will soon come here and see
"me before I leave this as I think the Doctor will be tired of me very soon. They sometimes
"make an awful noise at night but I slept very well last night and they did not hear me
"sing my evening ditty. I hope E. is quite well and Margaret. Believe me yours Janet Muir"

Upon the whole she may be considered improved. Appetite and bowels natural. Continues to remain
"11" Appares restless to day and is continually asking about her husband and children. Proposes
"to the Clerical Assistant that he should permit her to write and invite her family to come over
"and also that she should be allowed to go by the railway to Linlithgow and meet them. The
"former part of her request has been agreed to but the latter laid aside for the present. She has been
"transferred to the front gallery today as she complained so much of the noise made by the other
"patients. Several sheets of paper have been sent up to her. She is constantly writing and says she
"intends trying her hand at Poetry. Still very importunate in her requests to see her Brother, but hitherto
"this desire has been baffled without producing any marked attempt although there is an evident inclination
"to be troublesome on this point. She has lately received a portion of her baggage and appears in the
"gallery in a different dress. Frequently speaks of her brother-in-law the late Mr. Muir. and says he
"worked himself to death. Appears happy and comparatively contented, is very talkative and am

the other Patients with her tricks. General Health considerably improved, bodily functions natural. The following letter to her husband was written this evening.

"Confidential" "To William Muir Esq. 14 Prince Street Edinburgh"

"Dearest William"

"I have just got some paper from Mr. Richard. He is a very nice man and thought me a great deal better today and he sung and played a good deal on the Piano while he was in and I asked him to get the instrument tuned which he promised to do, and I came to get into the first Gallery to night, and am to get an evening tomorrow forenoon but he would not permit of my seeing John, he says it would be highly improper for some days or even weeks to come so I must just have patience. He assures me that John is quite well and very quiet. I hope dearest you are taking proper care of yourself and keeping your feet dry and comfortable. I wish you would write me a long letter and tell me all the news. I hope the dear little ones are quite well. I have been used with the utmost kindness and attention since coming here, but dearest I often long most ardently to see you, I have so much to say, I wish you would come on the Saturday as far as Linlithgow and I would meet you and bring Jesse and Agnes with Margaret and I would return to Glasgow by the next train and you would bring my gown, a good deal of paper with several sheets of coloured silk paper and my tools from Mr. Laidlaw and anything else you might think of. I hope you will give me your thoughts about the journey to Linlithgow. I hope your Mother, Harriet and all well. Now is Thom and Miss Glen give them my kindest love. I am making a nice pair of socks for Agnes so I hope they will be ready by the time I see you. I hope Agnes and Tommy Bowles are properly attended to. Let Margaret make some Currant and Apple Jelly. Has Mr. Glass got free from his old engagements yet? Have you got old Taylor Crazy. Mind you give my kindest regards to George Wood. I am much obliged for the great care he took of me. I expect Mr. Wood expects to have singing for the Mission very soon. I hope you will write soon and believe me

"your affectionate wife Janet Muir."

- 12 Passed a good night and expressed herself gratified with the change made yesterday with regard to her bedroom. Looks cheerful and there is a very marked improvement in her general appearance. Spoke of her brother again this morning and wished very much to see him. Asked why she had Medicine sent her, she did not require it, but supposed that out of politeness she ought to take the Bishop's wine when it was offered to her. The Physician shortly after saw her whilst making his visit through the Gallery, and she immediately went up to him and demanded he would permit her to see her brother, upon this being denied as contrary to the regulations of the Institution, she became excited and abused the Doctor behaving in a very impudent manner. She seemed greatly annoyed and shortly after before she had become calm, took her Pen and wrote the appended note to the Clinical Clerk -

"To Mr. Richard Glasgow"

"My dear friend and brother"

"Saturday afternoon 2 o'clock"

"I dare say you have not the slightest idea how I have been used since you left my presence. You may perhaps recollect of my mentioning that I did not like the Abbot, the nice old devil, well you had scarcely left the drawing room and carried with you all my felicity and comfort, when the damned old meagre rascal entered, looking as much as a May frog as you English would say. Confusion to Hypocrisy!" You cursed rascal - what do you want here?" I said to myself as I saw the cowardly bound ester - Well the contrast between light and darkness could not be stronger, than between my two male visitors, I almost shuddered as he approached me and touched my hand! There is something so awkward, vulgar and contemptible something altogether so revolting that I could with the utmost difficulty be civil, to be more was quite impossible.

"I opened my hand with a cold perspiration. I dare say you understand my very miserable feelings. I think your Bishop might have forgiven me his own neglected daughter and have forgiven anything I said. I only asked to see my Brother, my only Brother for you know I had my other Brother Robert interned last Saturday. How differently you or any person of feeling would have acted but I write to tell you If I am put into the back room this night it shall be the last. I have a penknife - I don't say where, I shall use it, and then the wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary shall be at rest and after this my declaration D'Blutcheson shall have made for his special amusement a gibbet 50 Cubits high and the fame of him shall spread through the length and breadth of the land. I wash my hands of blood, but I shall have justice. You may make what use of this communication you please. I feel very obliged and shall ever feel grateful to D'Puchard for his kindness to me and indeed my whole family, and I should wish you at my death to accept my gold watch and my two gold chains, and the rest of the household may as well take what I have. I am much obliged for your kindness in bringing Pompey and the music. God Almighty has already blessed you and in the sake of punishing bodies and souls will continue to bless you, but I have been so agitated that I have scarcely looked at the music. Your old Bishop threw me into a greater state of agitation than my Brother John could possibly have done even though he had horns and a tail. I feel much calmer since writing this, I hope you will come and see me very soon. I am so entirely selfish but surely you ought, that old blackguard to make up his own pills and nonsense and come up only for half an hour. I shall always be most delighted and happy to see you. I am ever your"

"Affectionate Sister, Janet Muir."

"Will you oblige me with some paper as I intend writing 3 or 4 letters this afternoon."

Immediately upon the above letter being sent down the clinical assistant went up stairs in order to ascertain whether there was really a knife in her room and to speak with her on the subject of the note. She at first demanded if he had come up to practice deception upon her and on being assured to the contrary she sat down and began to converse she appeared more calm than might have been anticipated from the violent style of the letter but she had evidently great difficulty in controlling herself. She began by abusing the Physician calling him an ugly old Devil and asked the opinions of several of the Ladies who happened to be in the room of what they thought of his personal appearance. Wished to know if he belonged to Glasgow saying that she knew very little about the place or its inhabitants but if she were to judge of their politeness from what she experienced on her first arrival here she should judge very meagrely of them. In said she I was shown into a room and presently one Doctor came in and gave a stare and then sat down without speaking, then in came another with his eyes staring wide open in the most impudent manner looking her right in the face, and not a word to say for himself. Several came in one after the other fixing their eyes upon her as they entered and then sitting down in silence. She could not understand this behaviour but supposed they knew no better. Said she was afraid she would be sent to the back gallery again and if it did so happen she intended to put an end to her existence either by using a knife or by breaking a pane of glass and cutting her throat with a piece of it - she could easily commit suicide here if she wished. She could strangle herself if she chose and indeed had intended to have done so, but after writing her letter she felt more easy. Asked Miss Vesey the Matron, said she had twice an opportunity of getting out of the gallery, the door having been left open by the nurse and nothing but a respect for the Nurse who had behaved very kindly to her prevented her taking advantage of it, but she feared she would have been the cause of her losing her situation if she had attempted to get down the stairs. She knew perfectly well the ins and outs as she stated particularly the road when she first came up into the gallery. Confessed that she had no knife about her but that she thought she had one at the time she wrote the letter, but now she recollected that the Desk in which it was had not been sent. Said she had frequently seen her Brother walking in the airing ground, she used to stand at the window and watch him - She had heard him singing at Chapel. Towards the latter part of the conversation

she became quite calmer and regained her usual goodhumoured state, sang a few songs and played upon the Piano-forte. She however declared that she was sick to the Lord Abbot again. Some people was sent to her and this evening she sent down the following letter to her Husband.

William Muir Esq. 15 Princes Street Edinburgh.

Saturday Evening.

"My dear W. I think this must really be my last letter to my Lord for you seem quite tired of my letters so I must write no more after this third letter. I have met with some of the most agreeable ladies here and I am terrified the accomplished and beautiful Mrs Muir and the Ladies are all so fond of me. I have two or three glasses of the Bishop's wine every day and Dr Puchard sings & plays so delightfully on the Piano and he had a man bringing the Piano this afternoon because I told him yesterday when I asked him to sing and play that the Piano was quite unbearable. Dr Puchard delights in anticipating my every wish, I mean since I was married met with so delightful so brotherly a man, in short I am quite in love with him. I asked of Dr Hutchison today if I might see John and he told me quite bluntly that it could not be. I asked him if he knew what relation Mr Adam was, he said he did. Will you old Kaseab, I exclaimed and you dare refuse to let me see him. I told him I would pour boiling water down his throat and over his head. I then went and wrote to Dr Puchard a full account of my quarrel with Dr Hutchison. Dr P came in a few minutes and began making an apology for Dr H. but I was so angry I could not hear him. My dear Mrs Muir he said, you are not, you cannot be aware of the fearful consequences of your seeing your Brother at present otherwise you would blame Dr Hutchison for refusing your request. If you would believe me it is the most painful part of our duty, and when the request is reasonable we are delighted to grant it. I then spoke of meeting you on the railway but he shook his head with indeed my dearest Mrs Muir were you aware of your very critical situation you would not even think of such a thing, you have a very bad throat and the fatigue and excitement alone would alone be a great deal too much. Now do pray try and make yourself as comfortable as you can. But I interrupted - Mr Muir gives me everything I ask. He said, were I in Mr Muir's place I would probably do the same but I consider it my imperative duty to act as I do and when you reflect a little I think you will not disapprove of however much you may dislike it. He then requested me to sing the 30th Psalm and afterwards we had some nice music. I hope you will write soon all about yourself and the children and send my watch and all the rest of my things, and believe me your very affectionate Wife - Janet Muir -

Towards evening she attained to her ordinary state and although slightly excitable, on the whole behaved herself properly. She expressed how foolish it was of her to lose her temper so quickly but said the Devil possessed her at the time. She thought that he had left off worrying her but she finds he is not yet laid. Speaks very heartily from her incessant talking. She has taken slight cold, tongue red but moist, pupils dilated. Pulse in moderate strength. Words slow. Summit Pil. attenuat. duas. hora somni. Quiescat - Keeps her bed today complaining of sore throat and general uneasiness. She has evidently taken a slight cold. Slept pretty well last night but declares she was disturbed this morning by something moving in her room which at first she imagined was the Devil who had taken up his position under her bed to torment her. She however afterwards discovered that there were mice running about and told the Clerical Club that two of them had been fighting about a piece of bread that laid in her drawers. The Pills have operated, pulse 78 good strength. Tongue moist, pupil dilated, neither thirst nor headache. Talked of suicides, said that the idea of committing it frequently came across her mind that it was a machination of the Devil. She was aware, but that her good angel usually prevailed in the end. Appears extremely anxious to obtain the Clerical Assistant and to converse with him. but he withholds under the pretext that it was proper she should be kept quiet and not allowed to talk much as he was so hoarse. Let her remain in bed. Rq. Liniment. Camphor & Zij

November 13

November 14. frequent appearance: Wren flannet round the throat. Quiscent. —
 Throat much better. She is up, sitting in the parlour this morning, amusing herself playing on the Piano and doing a little needlework. Rather excitable when conversed with spoke of her Episcopalian Service which she regularly goes through each evening. Expressed wish to see the "Lord Abbot" as she terms the Physician, thinks she could now receive him without betraying any emotion. again spoke of her Brother, but she begins to find it useless to persevere in her demands for an interview with him. Wishes to go into the town to call upon some of her friends which of course was not accorded to. Says Miss Vefsey is unequalled for her situation, that she is an English-woman and consequently cannot understand the Scotch Character — That Stewart the Nurse would make a far more useful Mistress. Has taken a liking to Mr White and Mr Paterson and constantly sits and converses with them, arguing and disputing many of their opinions upon general topics. Keeps the whole Gally alive with her sallies and tricks and appears to make Mrs Sweeney a kind of butt to play off upon. The appended letter was written this morning

"Dearest William"

"Monday Morning."

"I meant to have written you yesterday but I had a very bad sore throat and was obliged to go to bed. Mr Stewart gave me on a clean bedgown and nightcap, and a pair of nice lambswool stockings of her own making and John Thomson came into my room and asked me if they had given me any dinner. I said some roast beef and cabbage turnips potatoes and a humber of ale. Anything else?" Some apple dumplings and some broth. The kind hearted Mr Thomson was quite satisfied. The Lady Superintendent is likewise exceedingly attentive. There is a splendid woman a Mr William White, a wife West-India Merchant's wife, she is so like my sister Mary her very image, so kind hearted, so intellectual, in short a Scottish lady of the very first water. Then there is one of the most magnificent creatures I ever met with in the whole course of my life, but she must be seen and known to be properly understood; and there is Miss Lough who is always clapping me on the back, and the pretty Mr Sweeney who is so like little Jimmy and Agnes Hamilton and lastly though not least there is my brother Thom, name "Puckard". What obligations do I not owe to that Man, I never, never, can repay him. He came up on Saturday immediately after I had written him that dreadful letter. I met him in the Front Gallery and began reproaching him with having perjured himself and betrayed me to the Lord Abbot, viz: Dr Hutchison. The wideness of my manner I believe frightened him for he took my trembling hand in his and kept a firm hold of it while we walked up the front Gallery to the Drawing. I suppose thought I had a Poyard or knife concealed about my person, and would instantly feel by the flutter of my pulse or by a sudden start and in this manner discover the exact moment that I meditated committing suicide when he would doubtless have wrenched the murderous weapon from my hand, I however made no such attempt for his kind and gentle manner completely disarmed me. After remaining for some in the Drawing room we adjourned to the Refectory where the Doctor soothed me by singing and playing delightfully upon the Piano. He gave me several nice sheets of Music and did not leave till about 7 o'clock. Altogether he had a very tough job of it in bringing me to my senses having remained with me between 3 and 4 hours and lost his dinner to the bargain. Ah! William, how much sooner you could have soothed me, I never recollect of standing so with you more than an hour, besides you were always the offending party whereas in this instance Dr Hutchison was the aggressor and Dr Puckard had to set up matters afterwards. He it not been for him I should not now have been in the land of the living. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost &c. I was mentioning my scheme of seeing you and the little ones but the Doctor thinks that it would be much better that I should see my friends in Glasgow so that if you have the slightest wish to honor me with one sweet kiss

you must just be at the trouble of coming stammering along all the way with Jenny in your hands. It would I think be better not to bring Agnes. Don't you think it would be a delightful thing if your Mother would go and live at the bodge of Alloa and we could go and live with her in the summer. I wish you would give me your thoughts on this. All the ladies here advise me with one voice not to write to you any more until I get some sort of answer to my many letters. One says he must be a wonderful husband at all. This Mr Muir is either a Brother or Love & Co. and the general belief is that you are a very headless sort of man and that I am over head and ears in love, like a fool with a man who does not care a straw for me. This man must be perfectly tormented with your letters. I hope you will give my kind regards to all enquiring friends and believe me ever your affectionate

Hand-Muir.

Rather restless during last night but this morning appears contented and quiet. Talks a good deal about Jenny and wishes the Clinical Assistant to go to Edinburgh and bring her. Wishes to call upon her friends in Glasgow and expressed great surprise at not receiving any reply to her numerous letters. She is constantly writing to some person or other and says she intends giving us a specimen of her poetical abilities very shortly. She intends penning a few hints as to the construction and management of Lunatic Asylums as she considers there are many improvements capable of being made in the one she is at present living in. Appetite and bowels natural. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils dilated. Cont. medicament. et alia. She wrote this letter to day. "Confidential" William Muir Esq. 17 Prince's Street Edinburgh.

"My dear William"

"I have a great wish, wish, that you would send Jenny here for a few days. I mean to send her to your Mother or Mr. Young and she could come here every day. I really hope you will be so good as to write to me, Dr. Pritchard says that he does not see that Jenny coming would do any harm for you see we must ask everything of the Doctor. Pray be so kind enough to write soon and tell me everything about yourself and the little Jenny and Agnes and every thing else, I am yours affectionately

Hand-Muir.

Passed a very restless and unquiet night. Shortly after she went to bed, the Nurses attention was attracted by her cries and she immediately went to her room and found her out of bed. Declared the Devil had appeared to her, complained of want of sleep. Insisted upon seeing one of the Doctors and Mr McGowan who happened to be in at the time, went up and prescribed a few drops of the Solution of Morphia which she took saying it was just a sleeping draught that she wanted. Wished to sleep with her Bedroom door open and with her clothes in her room but this was not permitted. One of the Nurses was desired to sleep in her room tonight as she appeared terrified. This morning complained of feeling tired and declared she never passed such a night as the last, sang and played a good deal today and frequently asked the reason why her dress &c was removed from her room every night, saying if it was to prevent her committing suicide, that was quite an useless proceeding as she could accomplish her purpose easily without them if she pleased. Addressed the Clinical Assistant as her son - and presented him with some verses which she had written to the Queen. Wrote a letter this morning which was brought down by the Nurse. "To Dr. Pritchard" "My dear son in law."

Wednesday Mornings.

"and Law, Law, Law, does like a blister draw, well what does Dr. Pritchard think now, a great big bull of Bashan I suppose, but I must confess my ignorance of natural History - well I really think it was the Arch enemy himself lay last night below coals, stamping with his two cloven feet, dancing with his one horn on the bedpost and endeavoring to go through my right ear with the other. Then he lifted his right foot and kicked all the brains out of my poor head and let me down with a horrible roar. He lifted his other foot and gave me a dreadful kick of the head. Now Doctor, this was too bad, I sometimes can rise and sing away the Devil but I was too much terrified with my Lord Abbot's wine, I think it was that

"It'd me harm for I am a member of a temperance society and you monks and friars made me
 "break my vow and perjure myself and never yet could happiness dwell with a broken vow
 "I must have some cotton-wool to stuff my ears and my accordion to frighten the Devil
 "Now Doctor I have told you like Sampson all that is in my hair, and you may laugh if
 "you choose but I have just told you the truth, given you the Bull, the whole Bull and nothing
 "but the Bull the watchword of you brood of violent and stupid Dukes, and you may well
 "think our opposition party got the whole billy and nothing but the billy and the devil set the
 "picks a better price to the bargain. I take it for granted that you are a conservative indeed
 "have not the slightest doubt of it. Well Doctor the long and the short of it is, I shall be most
 "happy and content to remain in your monastery all day, but I beg and entreat that you may
 "head-man, according to the flesh, my Beg Sammy would try and do your utmost endeavours
 "to try and turn me out of this grand Abbey the nightfall and I shall straightway go to my
 "good mamma Minnie's or to my sister Hannah's, also Mrs Robert Minnie's or to Dr Young
 "or to Dr Belmour's house or to any other place where I may get peace and safety. I hope
 "my dear friends you will take this proposal into consideration and have some pity on a poor
 "creature dying literally from want of sleep. I hope you tell me what you think when you
 "come up. I remain ever your deeply obliged
 "R.H. If I am to go to Dr Young's or elsewhere I hope you will come every day and see
 The following is his Poetry to the Queen and her "Hints" &c

"To the Queen"	
"Rose of England fair and free "Kiss thou hast my melody "Lady, youthful fair and bright "Lick thou to my shame to night	"Thou early rise of the morn "Thou art kind, one rightly ours to scorn "Who slept and dreamt of the broad sea, "Where would thy back right gallantly.
"The bold Sir Robert did advise "That thou shouldst wait till hailing use "To Modern letters shouldst go down "In state shouldst ride throughout the town	"None fit Sir Robert I should deem "That subject homage pays to Queen "I must arise and ride away "I shall not lose this pleasant day
"Yes lady, thou hast judged aright "Thine eye saw clearly by starlight "Soft and sweet as the pale moon "Radiant as the Sun at noon	

"Hints with regard to regulation of New Lunatic Asylum 20. 10. 11"

- 1st Get good dry ground and if it is not so, drain it thoroughly; lay a good foundation.
- 2nd Make the walls of hewn stone 3rd and see that the stone be free from tree. Is there
 no way of taking iron ore out of stone? Perhaps loadstone might extract the iron. Take two
 stones of equal size, weigh them the stone impregnated with iron must be the heaviest, affix
 the loadstone that in some way or other may make the stone clean, and while one of the
 greatest stains on a fine building is the iron ore stone. 4th See that you put proper perfume
 into your building that no disturbance may be caused by Hell watchmen, mice, rats, dogs
 cats wild birds of Bashan, procreant hills and all other dreadful noises, too frightful to
 mention or even think of. Keep a little bag of cotton wool to stuff the ears of your patients help
 retaining for the night for these Devils and hobgoblins always begin about midnight. 5th Be
 at the waking hour. Nurse like a witch as she is should get up and air all the rooms with
 6th Then while the use taking out all our clothes I for example could dress every morning
 by 4 o'clock even in the dark and likewise put my room in proper order. This process if I
 had no hair to dress would take at least one hour. If said Sculp was adorned as above

mentioned, two or even three hours would be the time. Now one could after dressing & lie down on one's bed and take a morning siesta - Our very drawers are locked, basins, covers, horses, &c. are taken out of one's chambers over night and we are needlessly teased and provoked in so many ways that it seems quite impossible to mention all, but we must choose out a few more instances of petty tyranny from the myriad we have at hand. 7th We must drink of my Lord Abbot's blood red wine till our own blood runs cold with horror at being made quite tipsy and vomiting and thereby spoiling all one's clothes and your Carpets. 8. I will show you what to do!!! thou devil, young infidel, gaeur. Apostate get one oz of finest Senna leaves infuse them in boiling water, sew some apples put into your apples two desert spoonfuls of rasp-berries, stew them all well together and your patients will no longer take your medicine but will take with delight spoonful on spoonful. 9th take eaten bread and it will be eaten with delight. 11th always keep your surgical instruments in good tune 11th Make your nurses only show their teeth at the proper time 12th put worsted curtains in your drawing room in case of fire 13th encourage one goodly company to take all the exercise they can in the open air 14th give them an Episcopalian Chapel. 15th In everything rather encourage than force. 16th Keep talking a great deal about the House yourself and keep everything in comely order and this will do most good of all for your presence animates the whole house now as "Bob Owen" would say we shall soon become a New Moral World.

J.M.

November 19

Since last report has continued in her usual state. Is generally very restless at night and today begged us to change her room for one nearer the further end of the Gallery. This has been granted. Health tolerably good. Appetite and bowels natural. Mind creative. Employed herself either in writing or in doing needlework. Was taken out for a drive to day which she appeared to enjoy. Plays on the Piano. Continues Medicamentum.

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More quiet and composed today appears very anxious to see a hear from her Husband. pulse good strength, tongue clean and moist pupil dilated. Bowels regular. Says she has slept more comfortably since her room has been changed. Spoke about some verses which she had written saying it was a curious fact that her poetical faculty was only of late development, that she never could write verse until she received her Brother-in-law died. She sat and cried all that day and then to relieve her mind wrote several lines and found her words flow quite easily. She afterwards felt that she had the gift of the "pen" and has retained it ever since. Becomes excited during conversation and attempts by raising her voice to talk down the other patients. She now seldom mentions her Brother's name. Wrote a letter to her Husband today of which the following is a copy "Confidential"

William Muir, Esq. 19 Palmer Street Edinburgh.

Glasgow November 22. 1842.

Dearest Husband

I had fondly and perhaps foolishly thought that I would not write to you any more from this place but I find myself here and here I suppose must I do penance for my sin till the pleasure of the Lord Abbot be known as well as that of your Royal Highness. I begin to like this place much better than I did at first but still I should not dislike to return to Edinburgh, of course my presence must be very much wanted. "I could do, what could I not, for the sake o' somebody." I really would feel very happy, you cannot even imagine how delighted I should be were you only to send me a few lines to let me know how you all are at No. 1. No William dear only send me a few lines; you can't, indeed it is impossible you can know how much you distress your poor wife. Dearest William will you be so very kind as to get the Library filled up in the dining room, and the Carpet lifted first, and perhaps the Parlor Carpet lifted likewise, and the Pictures all hung up. I hope Jane and Agnes Hamilton are continuing well. Now is Miss Glen and Mr. Robert Lockhart give my kind regards to them all. There are a great many very agreeable ladies here, but Mrs. W. White and

"Miss Catherine Stewart are my favorites, but I have a thousand things to tell you when we meet. I wish you would not be so cruel to your own flesh and blood, what is the meaning of your not answering my letters, what need you mind what the doctors say: the constant anxiety about you and the sweet rosebuds is ten times worse than any could possibly be, now do not forget your Janet."

"Don't you my William sometimes stare
While looking at my empty chair,
Methinks I hear a gentle sigh,
While gazing on thy soft grey eye.
Oh William dear when shall we meet
Thy smile so cheering and so sweet,
At midnight when I cannot sleep,
I often think of thee and weep.
And when I raise this weary head
I think upon another bed
Where I shall find a dreamless sleep.
Lord, thou in safety we shall keep;
Then shall I find a home above
Then trust no more in earthly love."

November 23

Appears contented and happy health good mind still erratic and during conversations runs from one topic to another with great rapidity. Has lately been engaged in knitting and she regularly attends the service in the chapel, joining in the singing. On the whole may be considered as improving. She wrote the subjoined letter today. Miss Margaret Adam -

"Dear Margaret,"

Glasgow Nov. 2

"I should be very happy to see Elizabeth or you here, you could easily remain or stay a few in Glasgow. I hope Nancy and Mother are quite well by this time. Father seems quite well when I saw him in Glasgow. This really is a singularly agreeable place and I reign here as a queen. Indeed I am denied scarcely anything and every one seems delighted to oblige me - I am working a great deal of worsted work there is a remarkably fine loud Paisley which Dr Prichard was kind enough to get turned a day or two after I came here. We have morning and evening services in the chapel and the singing is in quite delightful. We have an excellent drawing room and a dining room with four windows and our bed chambers are handsome well aired apartments. There has never been either fever or cholera in this institution, so you see we are quite happy and comfortable and the Society here is quite delightful. I shall almost be sorry to come out even to return to Charlotte Street. I believe if my home were Glasgow or Helensburgh I should find madness to get staying in - I can scarcely tell you how very very happy I am, we had a nice drive out the length of the New Institution the other day. I told Dr Prichard that I had been accustomed to ride and walk so much in Edinburgh that Dr Wood was so much afraid of Bile & Co. that he always made me ride when the day was wet and that I would become quite unfit for anything for want of exercise - accordingly we are to get out much oftener. I have not yet seen John tho' I expect to see him soon. Pray write soon and I expect to see some of you as soon as you conveniently can. Give my love to all our kind friends and believe me to be your affectionate Sister

Janet Muir

"I wish you would bring some stocking patterns with you and the Ruthens of the Church of England and some other music along with you. Paint Box it will look prettier and fashionable and may likewise be of some use here. I really should like very much that you could spend a week or ten days in Glasgow. Write very soon."

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24 Bodily health good cheerful and good humoured to day. Is busily employed in knitting. Appetite sharp and bowels natural. Pulse so good strength suffices clear and moist. Pupils dilated.

converses rationally on most subjects but her mind is still in a very confused and erratic state. This is best shown by the style and composition of her letters for while she will talk calmly and connectedly with you, she will so soon as you leave the room sit down and write letters of the most out of the way kind. - As a specimen of this peculiarity the following have been copied in -

"Margaret Agnew, 1 Charlotte Street - Edinburgh"

Glasgow Nov 24 - 1842.

Well Margaret how are you getting on with Mr Muir, Jessie, Ann and Agnes Hamilton. They will doubtless look quite smart with their new bonnets and frocks. I trust to see you all (if it be God's will very soon) but I must not rejoice at my lot, on the contrary I ought always to remember that I am under the protection of a kind and always present Father. Dear Jessie say her prayers every night, tell her to ask God to let Mamma come back to Charlotte Street tell her that Jesus loves little children and will do everything for them that is right. Has Agnes Hamilton got any teeth yet. I need not tell you to keep them warm, dry and comfortable for I know you will do this. I hope you take them out every day. - I wish Mr Muir would get Mr Jamieson for ten days or a fortnight into the house to take care of the children and Mr Gilchrist and you can left all the carpets in the house and take down all the curtains and get them brushed and the carpets beat and the boards and oilcloths well cleaned and the furniture; but you must not begin any cleaning unless you can get Mr Jamieson to take care of the children and it is highly probable that I may have some very stylish people meeting me soon after my return as I should like everything in good order when I come home. I need not tell you to be very particular. It would perhaps be better to send out some of the washing rather than damp the house and give the children cold. Send me my new black gown had all my lace shawls and collars and bring a sixpence worth of Salverines out of the garden and shell them before you send them. Tell Jessie I am making a great many fine things for her which I shall bring with me when I come back - if you cannot read this perhaps Mr Muir will do it for you and believe me to be ever your sincere friend

Janet Muir

When you light the gas blow it out several times as doing this burns up all the smoke and keeps the house and silver plate from getting so soon dirty. Buy some nice big onions and stew them sometime in a little drawn butter, sew them up. Pickle a red cabbage stalk and get two or three of Mr Williams girds of mutton and smoke hams likewise a few suet and also oatmeal puddings, work enough.

Accompanying the above letter the two following written in a very different style were sent

Mr Pritchard - Glasgow

My dear Friend I have frequently thought it my duty as it certainly to address you (a young and valiant Knight Templar of the order of St John of Jerusalem) to address you I say on behalf of my young and unfortunate sister, the saint Scottish Lady in your protestant Monastery of St. Adamantine V.V. I bluntly tell you my dear Sir that Mr White is very ill used in this house. The Lady as you know is very nervous, Mrs Paterson is constantly agitating her, seldom a day passes with something in the shape of a dispute not to say quarrel, now this is really not as it should be yet how can it be prevented as long as both ladies remain here you Doctor, as well as I know this Mr P. is at present totally unfit for taking up her residence any where else, but you or no one else can know what I sometimes feel on account of my sweet young friend. Mr White I have been so prudent as not to mention to her that I am writing to you on this subject - because I did not like to write hopes that might not be realized. Excuse want of paper.

Yours ever Janet Muir -

N^o 2 enclosed.

Mr Pritchard - Glasgow.

I don't say by this time you are beginning to think the manner of writing letters is too too much but I just wish to torment you that you may put me out of your house as.

"as soon as possible. I have heard that the insane in general think that they have all the w-
 "in the world, you will I believe find my case no exception to the rule, doubtless your
 "correspondent is one of the most frantic busybodies on earth at least. Now hear what I have got to
 "say. Like Satan my time here is but short and I must work while it is yet today. What
 "is the reason that you keep a handsome intelligent well educated young Lady (the daughter
 "a Glasgow writer) in your back gallery, to dust it and to keep it. Now in my opinion Mr
 "Stewart is well fitted to be lady director of at least all the Scottish females and ladies in
 "your house, and let Miss Young take charge of the English. I know that if Miss Stewart ha-
 "not been in your house you would have been obliged to adorn me with metal bracelets and
 "probably a somewhat firm vest and you are a man of too much humanity not to perceive
 "that moral is better than physical force: indeed had it not been for the humanity of this
 "young lady I might at this moment have been strictly confined to the back gallery. In sh-
 "I consider myself more obliged to Doctor Pichard and Miss Stewart than to any one and every
 "one that I have met for the last three months - I hope you will send what is said by you
 "mother in law -
 I amct Muir

November 26

"If you conduct worship this evening will you be kind enough to sing 3 psalms instead of
 "Past a very restless night and to day is very excitable. Works for paper which has been given her
 "her scuffling propensities continue and she has been engaged the greater part of to day in writing
 "letters which are appended to this report - Health pretty good. Complaints of bile, bowels regular. Nerve
 "eratic and painful. Good tempered and upon the whole contented. Continues medication.

Dr Pichard or Dr McGavin - Glasgow.

"Dear Sir. Will you be so kind as to enclose this for my Brother Thom and address as
 "have done. I am sorry to trouble you so much. I wish Dr McGavin or self would make rather
 "a longer discourse tomorrow or else let me go to the church. I should be very happy to see
 "you in the evening if convenient. I trust I am to get taking a walk beyond the trap to-
 "day. I was very ill last night and dread the return of evening - too young in truth I am
 "Will you be so kind as to shut off this letter as soon as convenient
 (Confidential) Thomas Muir Esq - Merchant - Liverpool -

"My dear Brother Thom. I need not say how much I was both surprised and grieved to find
 "myself in this place, but I feel very much satisfied with it now. I am now so much better, that
 "that I expect very soon to get out to see some of my Glasgow friends and my first visit shall
 "course be to my dear mamma Muir. Oh what a shock she must have sustained. How dread-
 "ful to me would be the death of William. I am even little Agnes Hamilton. How easy to part with a
 "mere infant in comparison of a friend and companion - Now Thomas my intention to write
 "sort of memoir of Robert but I do not wish it to be known even to my nearest and dearest
 "I desire that you would give me some of your recollections about your dear Brother. I know that it was
 "agitate William to know that I had such a thing even in contemplation so I should much rather that
 "should know nothing about it for the present. I look upon it as a debt of gratitude due to the
 "memory of. I have I think told you all that is in my heart of much importance. I send enclosed
 "a draught of a sort of dedication to the memoir I hope you will be candid about it. I am quite
 "well and shall take all you say in good part when you write you may say to William that you
 "think he might get additional things to the house and a new coat of paint over the whole house
 "one coat I mean. If he could lay out about 80 or so on the house I am sure it would pay. I shall
 "have a great many new and distinguished friends when I leave this and as I shall have much
 "pleasure in introducing them to you, and I am such a tea here that I am sure to have some
 "of my new friends very soon. I have invitations to Woodside Crescent Leith, Rotheray, various from
 "of Edinburgh Liverpool, London &c &c and from Ladies keeping their own carriages, barges &c &c
 "I should desire that William would call on the Landlord and mention that he intends to lay out
 "a good deal on the house and that if he is put out before 80 years he must have a years rent given
 "back, and in the meantime I shall have more peace for writing where I am than I could have

- at home and on that account I am content to remain some weeks longer and the cleaning
 "will go on better at home without me and perhaps the children could go over to Miss Glens
 "to be out of the way. Will my dear Brother Thom be so kind as to ask William to write to
 "W. Hutchison to allow me to go and see your Mother and Mr. & Mrs. Young and Mr. Symington
 "I am so much troubled with bile that this confinement is very bad for me and I am
 "such a general favourite here that I think the rest of the ladies would not my getting
 "out though it is rather against the rule and I should sleep much better at night and ad-
 "be so nervous. Last night I scarcely slept well at all got out of bed and made the greater
 "part of the night. I thought I was dying and the door being locked I could not get any
 "assistance. If I could only get out a little beyond the garden with one of the ladies and see
 "a friend or so I would soon be perfectly well and Mr. Young could easily judge if it were
 "wrong
 "I am
 "Yours truly
 "James Muir."

The following is the dedicatory address.

"Dedicated by permission to Sir Robert Peel as a mark of devotion to his person and
 "administration, as a mark of esteem for the wisdom, energy and fairness, combined with
 "that great humanity, bounty and sense of conciliation so far as compatible with the
 "prosperity and stability of this great nation, and knowing that those sentiments were to
 "the fullest extent participated in by the deceased we have (apart from the high honour) the
 "more pleasure in dedicating these pages to the most talented and highly intellectual Statesman
 "in Europe. Robert Muir the subject of these memoirs was descended from a res-
 "pectable agriculturist in the parish of W. - Old Mr. Fleming was in the habit of say-
 "ing to the grandsons of Mr. Muir (when I first settled in the parish your grandfather was the
 "brightest (handsomest) man in it, On the maternal side of the house he was descended from
 "the Hamiltons of who I believe can trace their descent from that noble house at all events
 "their great-grandfather and old Mrs. M. was more proud of our first Scottish ancestors Patrick Ham-
 "ilton Prior of St. Andrews than of all the handsome Dukes and lovely Duchesses belonging
 "to that noble House. Mr. M's parents after their marriage settled in Paisley where Mr. M.
 "had a good deal of house property, being himself a builder and agriculturist and Mrs. M.
 "being heiress to a small property at Bushley. Fortune rather turned against them in
 "Paisley there seems to have been a sad desecration in the memory of Mr. M's tenantry
 "The equine gales seeming to have blown away all memory of term day. A few years saw
 "(four sons) all the surviving members of the family well educated and some of them in exalted
 "situations. Sometime after the death of his father, the subject of our memoir with his
 "surviving parent moved to Glasgow on the death of Muir's sister in that city in whose
 "Office Mr. M. had formerly been. Here ends the dedication."

D^r Prichard - Glasgow.

"Oh Doctor you will wile them
 Into the black, dark night asylum
 A letter full of wisdom I shall write to thee
 For thou must eat of knowledge the fair tree
 But hast thou eaten of the tree of life
 Or guid'st thou up thy soul to care and strife
 To increase thy, go get thee a good wife
 She shall thy slumbers break like cat and mice
 Thou knowest full well that rattling bills are rife.
 Oh! Doctor add this comfort to thy life
 But look that thou examine well her tongue
 Both root and tip, if red, look well down
 The fair one's open sepulchre, so pure and white
 No thou look thou well and see thou look aright"

"Now my dear Sir you must remember that you are betrothed to my eldest daughter,
 "then hast thou at Modern Athens to see the fairest form of thy sweet young love and yet
 "hast thou even told me of this transaction I know not. Now thou must with all convenience
 "speed come and explain this mystery of iniquity. Besides the Sisterhood do most devoutly
 "desire a drive in one of the state carriages of the Lord Abbot, even a carriage belonging to the
 "Lord of this Statute Palace. Then hast not attended to our letter written with our own
 "hand teaching our sweet young sister Francis W. and likewise our sister Queen
 "Elizabeth who has quarrelled with all her maids of honour and made them dishonourable.
 "Yours dear friend in haste
 "L. R. M.

November 27

She restless and discontented wants to go into the town and is continually asking to see
 K'Young. declares she will write no more letters unless she hears from some of her friends
 which she has written to. This morning asked to be allowed to go to church outside the Argyle
 complains occasionally of bile but says it is in consequence of her being kept here and from
 want of exercise although she has the opportunity of going into the garden whenever she chooses.
 Health in general pretty good. Appetite and bowels natural. Tongue clean pupil less
 dated. Today (Sunday) she wrote the following letter—

"William Muir Esq^r 1 Charlotte Street Edinburgh — {Monday. 12 Noon
 "My perjured Husband." {Glasgow Asylum for the Insane

"This is the first time that I ever attempted to write a letter on a
 "Sunday, I say endeavored, because God almighty may not permit me to finish it and
 "moreover it is the last I shall ever write to mortal unless I receive a satisfactory answer in
 "148 hours from this date. Perjured, didst thou not swear in the presence of
 "them who fill the whole earth with his glory how that in sickness and in health
 "thou wouldst comfort and protect. O Christ such consolation as thou didst receive from
 "scribes pharisees Hypocrites!!! witness the kiss of Judas, or the gall and vinegar, with, if the
 "be the Christ, come down from the cross and we will believe. I wot not but ye did it in
 "ignorance, but you did it likewise in dishonesty. Surely ye might have said the Doctors are of
 "opinion that ye should immediately be taken to the Glasgow Madhouse, you have indeed been
 "even attempted to strike any one, broken or torn anything, your soul and spirit indeed were
 "much superior to what they were before, but formerly you spoke too little for which I often
 "reproved you. now you speak a great deal too much. I shall send you to the delightful
 "Glasgow, where your health will change immediately for the worse, my brother has just
 "been entered and you will be straitly confined to the prison house and high walled room
 "where you will neither see nor hear your dear little ones laugh or cry, you must no more
 "see Agnes Hamilton drink her little bottle and listen to the Piano or accordion or warm
 "her little feet or pore her nails, put on clean dry clothes and sing and dandle the little
 "beauty, no, no, that would cause too much excitement and Jesse and Agnes walking with her
 "in Prince's Street is quite pernicious for you both, and my stockings ought never to be damped,
 "makes them too hot, and you will never get any eaten cake to hurt your health and Repose
 "ye but you will get plenty of medicine and be kept from the delightful Glasgow air as
 "much as possible which to a certainty bring on bile, and then you will turn mad outright
 "besides there are many other considerations which your insanity could not comprehend
 "ye &c &c — You acted without consulting me, I shall not in this matter follow
 "the example of my Lord and Master. Had it been considered right that I should be placed
 "under restraint I should most willingly gone to Aberdeen, Dyke, Dundee or any where on the
 "East coast but to bring me where there was such a host of melancholy volitions was
 "to say the least of it extremely illjudged. Since coming here all the madcaps like myself
 "have been extremely kind to me and likewise R^d Pughard and McJannet and Miss Catharine
 "Stewart. With regard to the treatment I received from the others I was I believe treated exactly
 "to the rules of the institution and in so far I have not the slightest cause of complaint but

"towards the three above mentioned individuals there is a debt of gratitude which I never
 "can repay. I have resided 5 years in Edinburgh without ever having the slightest
 "attack of bile but within last 24 days I have had no slight and another rather severe
 "attack of this dreadful disease. It might be about 2 o'clock on Saturday morning that
 "I felt a strange feeling come over me, I became dreadfully cold and faintish, with a
 "foreboding on my mind that I was dying. The door as usual was locked, the room felt
 "very uncomfortable. Oh! I exclaimed why have I lived so long, I have become so loath-
 "some that I have banished from all that I love on earth. Oh! Jesus Christ, if thy blood
 "has cleansed me from sin, take me from this world of misery. Satan urged me to
 "become a suicide a murderer, but like Peter, Christ had prayed that my faith fail
 "not. He urged me to strangle myself or bury my face in the water till I was drowned
 "or with a piece of glass cut through a vein or artery, but in the strength of the Lord
 "the Spirit, I resisted self-murder. If you would allow me to go and remain a month
 "with your mother or with Dr. Young I should be free from bile because I could get two or
 "three hours walk every day and be kept cheerful. If you will not allow this I may be
 "again tempted to strangle myself and perhaps I may not have strength to resist."

November 30

In my low spirits today, sit alone in her room and "Your till death. Janet Adam Muir
 "has been found by the nurse several times this morning crying. The state of excitement
 "in which she has been almost constantly lately or rather since her residence here has now
 "left her and she is now suffering from the depression which might naturally be expected to
 "supervene. Complained today of occasional biliousness and some acidity of bowels have been
 "sent her. Answers questions relevantly and answers rationally. Appears inclined to avoid the
 "other ladies and to sit alone. Attributes her depression to the fact of her friends not having
 "called to see her. Asked for a book, one written by Abbot if it was to be had, and accordingly
 "his "Way to do good" was sent her, which she reads. Pulse 98 moderate strength tongue white but
 "moist, no thirst, bowels regular. Appetite very good pupil dilated. Gave the Clinical note the fol-
 "lowing letter requesting him to forward it to day. "Miss S. St. Young - Bath Street Glasgow
 "Dear Mr. Young."

"I should feel extremely happy to see the Dr. you here, I had hoped that
 "you would call for me but at all events I hope the Dr. will find it convenient. I should
 "take it very much indeed. I have seen a hundred times they would not let me see
 "John, and we are so restricted in everything. I have been dreadfully annoyed as I should
 "have written Harriet I hope you will send her my most sympathizing love when you
 "write her. Might I trouble my dear Mr. Young to call for old Mr. Muir and get a letter
 "and bring one accordeon and tin case, I am exceedingly sorry to trouble you but I have
 "scarcely anything here that I want. I have no dressing case, not even a comb or brush
 "or lozenge. You cannot form the slightest idea of the manner in which I am plagued.
 "I cannot even get a drink without consulting about it, it is odious - I would a thousand
 "times rather be buried at once. God in his mercy protect you and yours from this place
 "of honour - I have never had answer to a letter I have written since I came to this
 "Pantheonium - My husband and children may be dead and buried since I came here,
 "I may say I have not an acquaintance of a month old death would at present be perfectly
 "good, completely stingless, may I most ardently desire it. I feel almost sure I shall die
 "here perhaps a violent death, what does it signify, forsaken by God and man death could,
 "Oh God do send Dr. Young here to night if possible he is the only person I know in this dead-
 "ful place and I could speak better than I write Dear Mr. Young"

December 6

"I am ever yours till death, Janet Adam Muir
 "Since last report has been good humoured and cheerful and has been busily engaged knitting
 "socks and mittens a pair of the latter she made she made a present to the Physician at his
 "visit this morning and also a pair to the Clinical Apisistrate. Countenance improved in

- expression appears more careful about her person and dress and although in good spirits she is free from that borderland excitable state formerly described. Her Accordian has been sent to her from Edinburgh she seems much pleased with it and amuses herself and her fellow patients by playing upon it. She occasionally sits down to the piano but has neglected it somewhat. As written no letter since the 30th ult. but she has a manuscript book which she uses occasionally. Health improves, appetite and sleep natural. - Tongue clean. Cont: medication: et cetera.
- December 17 Health continues good cheerful and happy on the whole although she frequently enquires when it will be likely she shall go away. Has written several letters in all of which she requests her daughter Jessie may be sent to Glasgow. Appetite good - bodily functions normal. Catamenia appeared on the fourth of this month and terminated on the seventh.
- " 31 Pale y^e moderate strength, tongue clean and moist, bowels regular. Asks to be allowed to go into town for the purpose of buying herself some few articles of clothing. Attended the Ball given the ladies a day or two since, sang and played and appeared highly delighted with the proceedings of the evening. David several Quodlles and was in fact out of the moment of the party. Converses rationally on most subjects but her state of mind is more fully shown by her letters which are far from being satisfactory. Attends service in the Chapel regularly twice a day and on the whole has improved. This is a very doubtful case partly from the length of time the disease has been going on, but also from the strong predisposition observed in the family.
- 1843 Jan^y 9 Today complained to the Clinical Assistant that the Matron had insulted her in a manner in which she was not at all accustomed to, that she had no work to go on with, and that she had expected Miss Wemyss would have met her half way but as she has not done so, she will not do her for any needlework and requested him to send her a book as she was intended to employ her time in reading, said she had always been well treated by the gentlemen connected with the Institution however the Ladies may have behaved towards her. Continued to read.
- " 10 Was today at visit employed as usual knitting and although the catalogue was sent her seems to have forgotten all about her yesterday's request for a book and said that Jolene would never.
- " 18 Has since last report been employing herself reading and occasionally reads aloud to her fellow patients, this morning when going to Chapel, the Town and of C.H. Gallery was filled with snakes and this having annoyed her, she turned back and would not go in, since then she has been lying on the sofa with her bonnet and shawl on and refuses to take them off. She is a good deal depressed and is rather taciturn, a contrast to her usual lively & Catholic manner.
- " 20 Continued depressed and in low spirits till today when at visit she appeared more cheerful and bathed in her usual lively style. She however at dinner time began to pick the lining out of her dress and when asked to refrain from doing so she refused and refused to give it up, her reason for doing this is supposed to be, because she thinks her clothes are not sufficiently good, and she is not so well dressed as her fellow patients, she has today also made a new nurse to eat a sleep in the house and says her dinner today is to be the last meal here. The following is the copy of a letter to that effect, written to her husband. "W. Muir Esq^r 1 Charlotte Street Edinburgh".
- "My dear William - At any time when I desire to have my own mind in any little matter I am not with, that is contrary to our orders from Mr. Muir or Mr. W. must ask Mr. W. Hatchedon or the Matron. Now I neither can nor will (any longer) endure being talked to (by servants) or by anyone in this manner to please your fancy. I have submitted to this for about three months, yesterday I felt enough at the treatment I received, that (I tremble as I think of it) I took God Almighty to witness that I had eaten for the last time in this house as a prisoner neither go to sleep in any bed nor establishment. I feel extremely sorry at being so harsh but I could not forgive myself. I sat up all last night and have not eaten anything for the last 24 hours and I trust God in his mercy will forgive and make some way of escape, or do give me strength to keep my vow. I have no more reason to say than my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord took me up, oh what happiness and what misery I have experienced within the last six months I have been made to study the most important questions what is God and what is man or are we living for eternity. I do not say I do."

William wish to see you but I hope you will write immediately to Dr. McIntosh, My dear little ones I hope they are well God have mercy on the poor little Lambs. I feel very strangely when I think of James and Agnes and of the manner you have treated me for some time back I perfectly hate you, but again, when I think of the former happy days we had and especially when I think of the love of Christ I can forgive all Believe me dearest William yours till death Janet Adams Muir.

January -

- 21 This day at visit still persisted in her resolution of not taking any food although she admitted that she had acted very foolishly - she however took some soup at dinner time.
- 23 Has now given up the idea of abstaining from food, having taken her dinner yesterday and continued taking her meals regularly and today laughs at the "Spice" as she calls it. Is employed today embroidering some network. Health good.
- 25 Today wrote the following letter - "Miss Adam Melnsburgh"

"My dearest Nancy"
 "We have not yet united into blood striving against sin, Abraham did so when he offered Isaac his only child on the altar and all of us must strive to follow his bright example. God has an absolute right to command, and we (whether as children or slaves) must obey. We as his children may come to his footstool and ask for the bread of life, or we may think of him only as an all-powerful oppressor from whom we never can escape either in time or in Eternity. Our God is consuming fire to purify or to burn for ever more. No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous but afterwards there shall be neither sorrow nor crying and we shall I trust for evermore the Slave the Slave of Babelahem. But I fear you will form to good an opinion of me if I write on in this way but I am everything by turns and nothing long, I have as you very well know a very bad temper and the people here think me very mad when I am only very angry. What would I do if Jesus were taken from me by death Oh how I do desire to bow to the will of God who has said be in subjection to the father of spirits and live. I have not seen my dear little children for a quarter of a year nor in all that time have I seen a "heart face" not even John - I was very near him but did not see him and I have waited like the snow is off the ground before I would ask you to come and see me, but if you think you would not be any the worse of it I should like very much to see you; but do not dearest Nancy think of coming unless you are quite well I have often thought with delight of your humility meekness of temper and kindness to me when I was at Melnsburgh but when you told me about Mary on her deathbed saying that you could not form an idea of how much she loved you, I could not help feeling that only in the general assembly ^{and capacity} of the just born in heaven could you meet with kinder spirits to your own. For myself I was unworthy even to speak to you, I felt myself a fugitive and a vagabond on the face of the earth I think it in some measure a good thing that I am kept in here, for I would only disgrace Religion if I were let out and everybody here is wonderfully kind to me, I made a vow that I would starve myself, and I kept from eating a good time, but one of the ladies pleaded so kind with me and looked so kind, and talked to me about my children that at last I began to eat, how comfortable a kind word and a kind look is among Strangers I was not in the least hungry but I had a great pain in my head, I just eat to please Mr. Paterson. You will no doubt think all this very foolish and so it is, in reality I was a far more rational creature when I first came here than I am now and I stand far more in need of some little comfort - ever yours Janet Muir."

Glasgow January 25th 1863

- 30 Has continued cheerful and industrious since last report constantly alludes in a kind of peevish manner to the impropriety of confining her here. Today however from the following letter it will be seen that she has come to the conclusion that she is really mad. Works diligently at needle work and reads aloud to her fellow patients

My dear William It is the first time for many years that I feel myself -

perplexed when writing to you I have so many things to write about that I know not where to begin. From the time of my coming here till last Thursday (26th) I was strongly impressed with the idea, that I was perfectly sane and consequently that all who thought otherwise laboured under a gross mistake. I cannot tell how often I have been asked the reason of my being brought here and so forth. now I have at length come to the conclusion that I am and have been mad for some while. This is a very humbling confession for me to make but I cannot devise myself any longer and I really feel much more comfortable now than I have done for a long long time. I trust I can cast much of my care upon God, but I have still much anxiety about the dear little lambs at home, and it is a delightful thing to know that Margaret will take such good care of them, she is no eye-servant. I have still it is hard and neither you nor any other man or nor all the B^{rs} in Scotland cannot even form an idea of the pain - the anguish I sometimes feel on account of my own little Jane and Liza they would not even know their own clothes I have neither seen nor heard of them for 13 weeks. I do not read anything about deathbeds in the Bible and the sooner they are put down better, but since I am here and cannot go out, there is no help for it and Dr. Prichard has sent me some very good books to read one on inward revival by Mr. Marshall which I have found to be just like Nancy or so. dear Friend speaking to me. I have been in much distress of mind for some weeks past, I cannot tell you how very unhappy I was the cruel manner in which you had treated me - taken away from my children forsaken by all my relations not even so much as a letter, blushed with anger when I heard your name mentioned, I thought if I could get out of this place, to pay a visit to John, or to Dr. Youngs I would soon get to Edinburgh and then I came away from you and lived in some quiet place where you could not find us out, and as I intended to revenge myself on you for all inhuman conduct towards me, moreover I thought the Doctors would only let me see John, he would soon help me to get out, indeed I felt and expected they would let me see him after I behaved myself so quietly at the party, but hope is destroyed, I submit to my fate only because I cannot do otherwise, I cannot say "not my will but thine be done", I feel that I have but little strength, other in body or in mind I rise between 7 and 8 and go to church I take but little exercise yet I feel myself quite exhausted by four o'clock and I seldom move from the sofa from that hour till bedtime.

Last with my grief excessive I could get no rest, till on Thursday evening I all at once saw myself with mine eyes I found that all my lauded wisdom had been less than nothing and vanity I saw that I had behaved myself in the most impudent manner, I could not turn my children with Jesus Christ who said suffer little children to come unto me and on hear their spirits do always behold the face of my father who is in heaven, and I hated you because you did what you thought your duty, besides I had plagued the B^{rs} in every way that I possibly could, and was even so insane as to suppose that they would let Jane come beside me. I began to think in this way on Thursday last and this is today and I am still the same mind. I heard on Sunday night that Dr. Baillie had narrowly escaped drowning and I felt so thankful that you were safe and well and I thought I had been guilty of a great sin in allowing myself to think of you as I had been doing. I wrote to Nancy last week asking her to come and see me if she was quite well but nobody cares anything about now, I wish I could say God is my helper I will not fear what man can do unto me. I wish you would write me a good long letter - and believe me ever yours affectionately Janet Muir

February 5th

Yesterday evening she had a quarrel with Miss Paterson, both well equally to blame. This forenoon when seen by the Physician she begged to be allowed to sit in the back parlour and seemed evidently much hurt at something, her request was not complied with as Miss Leach sits there and it is impossible that they should be kept separate, finding that would not do, she requested to have Mr. Innes room where she could sit as Miss Magor does. But the impropriety of turning Mrs. Leach out of her room being pointed out to her, she said she could not live here to be insulted as she had

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been last night and would after this sit in her own room to which she immediately retired — Continued all yesterday in her room and employed herself reading Mr. Brier's life of John Knox. When visited said she was very sorry she was driven to shut herself up as she had done but she found it impossible to obtain peace in any other way. Mrs. White annoyed her very much by talking about herself her relations and her own private affairs and she considered she should be committing a great sin if she sat and listened to Mr. Patterson's language, it was so sinful. She was to be sure mad, she admitted, and that was an excuse for her, but she sat with her and the others for so many months and that she now felt that she could do so no longer and that no one knew what she had suffered since she had come here. She wrote the following note to the Physician and when visited this morning she was out of her room facing the gallery in evident expectation of having an interview with him and said she thought he would have sent for her to come and speak to him. "Mrs. Muir requests that Dr. Hutchinson would favour her with an interview in some part of the house where she (in making some statements to the Dr.) would not be subjected to any interruption — Mrs. Muir knowing the value of Dr. H.'s time makes this request with extreme reluctance but Mrs. Muir has at length come to the determination of informing Dr. Hutchinson of the exact truth with regard to herself."

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Catamnia appeared on the 28th and disappeared to day — No change since last report. Continues to employ herself diligently at her wrosted work and also reads a good deal, is very fond of Music especially that of a sacred kind and is glad to get any of the Clinical Assistants to sing along with her while she accompanies them on the piano. General health good. Betrays no delusions, principally in reading. General health good. Bodily functions natural. Takes exercise in the grounds. Today when asked if she would like to go tonight to see the Private Theatricals which are at present going on in the Asylum she refused saying that on account of her being so short-sighted she could not see properly, besides which she did not wish to see her brother perform, nor did she feel disposed to enjoy it. She then spoke of her confinement here and admitted that she had been the better of her retirement from the world and that now she had reconciled herself to the confinement and that the change even of returning home were it in her power she would feel "irksome". Spoke of the annoyance and inconvenience she had been put to during the second visit to Edinburgh and of the dread she felt lest anything should befall her children in the bustle which took place at that time and said that she had been in a state of great anxiety and excitement for some time previous to her coming here — She appears to be quite rational judging from the style of her conversation. General health good.

31

Has at the request of the Clinical Assistant written a letter to her husband which he promised to get forwarded for her, it is very short and merely asking him to write and inform her respecting her children, and that instead of her wishing to get home expresses her liking for the quiet and retirement of this house. General health good — Reads a good deal.

April

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Continues in every respect quite rational employs herself reading and walking and is cheerful and contented. Catamnia appeared on the 8th and disappeared on this day.

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Has complained yesterday and today of a bad taste in her mouth. Tongue however is quite clean. Continues quite rational, but it is very evident from her conversation that she is much annoyed at the way in which her relations have treated her and the apparent neglect which they have manifested towards her. Somat. pres. on Feb. Col. & Nystagmij. Hab. stigm. Pub. scintill. vi. Cor. st.

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Health good and she continues quite rational. Her husband has been written to about her and he intends coming to see her next month.

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The following letter expresses her feelings with regard to her husband and shows her state of mind
"My dearest William"
"I have no wish to reproach you but I have been, but I have been much very much disappointed by your extreme selfishness and unkindness. I need not dwell on the contents of my last letter and from this I conclude that it is your desire that I Mrs. Muir."

Glasgow. May 2nd 1842

Charlotte Street "drunk" continues here dressed as a beggar well there is no help for it, but I cannot help thinking that I at present occupy a very degraded position. I would most willingly work for wages and I would by myself a pair of Corsets, a pair of boots one decent gown at least one decent cap and one pair of decent gloves and here am I a stout and young woman who could a tolerably good day's work and get a wage and get decent clothing and be obliged to no one but unluckily she is married and has the pain and trouble of bringing two children into this wicked world, and she finds herself obliged to submit to be dressed like a beggar and walk about among ladies in a madhouse in order to please her husband, what interest can you have in degrading your wife a what pleasure can give you, would Robert have behaved as you have done? No, he understood the golden rule better, as you would that others do to you do ye even so to them. Has it been your aim to vex and mortify your unfortunate wife? If it has you have succeeded to admiration I might indeed fill my whole letter with complaints but I forbear only mentioning that I have not been free of cold in the head for the last two months on account of my bad shoes. I am a poor, poor wretch do take some pity upon me and send me some help. I long wish to tell you the cause of my madness but as we letters that I might write on the subject could fully explain it to you it must be felt to be understood. Perhaps you may remember the day which you dined with Mr. Baynes on that day Leques was vaccinated and that day W. A. Wood found that I had got out a wisdom tooth well I was very glad of this for I had thought that the pain in my face proceeded from Rheumatism and that I might be annoyed with it for perhaps a long time the Dr. had scarcely left us when Jenny who had not been so well was to get some medicine from little thing she was sick and unwell but I got her at length to take it, but she almost fainted a short time after, and indeed she had not been well since her majesties visit. She had a disagreeable death and was feverish and unwell after Jenny got a little better I sent her to bed and sent for W. A. Wood and I was so glad that you were not in the house for I knew that if any harm came on you would think that I was the cause of it all and I would never have a moment's peace after, you would have gone on raging (you are the cause of all that has happened for you never took right care of Jenny) Well the Dr. came at last and examined her most particularly and at length after I had told him everything he asked about her he said that he was almost certain that there was no cause for serious apprehension of danger I do not believe that in my whole life I was so much relieved, so satisfied and happy and Leques got a new denture and fell asleep when all at once the thought rushed into my mind yes William for the first time in my life I really felt gratitude to God I never can forget that night, the taste was so that God is good, who trieth him is blessed. I have been despised and forsaken by that man who swore to love and cherish, but never for one moment have I been forgotten by the Almighty, would, that I could say that I had behaved myself as I ought to have done since I came here as I now feel that in many things I have behaved very ill but I believe that my wickedness is more in my heart than even in my conduct, yet there was a time when that proud heart of mine should be humbled and that even in the eyes of my unfortunate companions I should feel despised and small but I will not upbraid you for the way in which you have acted towards me you are instrument in the hands of the good Physician to cure me in some measure of pride you cannot imagine the grief of being despised of my dear little ones I am more especially what anxious and uneasy have I not for the last four years endured the dreadful pain for many weeks of nursing her than the latter creature out at Duddingston then the thrush coming out there how sorry I was to see her I think at the time I never had felt so grieved she looked so. I wish you would send me a bible and the things I mentioned I wish to write for Mr. & Mrs. Lane or Nancy to come and see me and I don't wish to appear just like a beggar I trust you have sufficiently degraded me sufficiently already in the eyes of strangers however there is one consolation I have now

complained to any one here of your unjust and ungenerous conduct towards your unfortunate wife: one lady has just broken 10 panes of glass and another has thrown some pieces of dress into the fire, and seeing that I am a mad woman I may perhaps follow their example unless you prevent me from doing so by sending me the articles I want. In fact I am certain none of the other ladies would have worn the coarse 5 shilling print which you sent me and gloves 5 years and boots and shoes such as you sent me, I have not been entirely free from cold for some months my shoes and stockings are a shame to be seen except perhaps on an Irish wife in the Cowgate, who would consider it her duty to take a drame to keep her from taking the cold indeed in the winter I had to get the lend of good warm lambswool stockings, gloves and indeed clothes of almost every kind when my own were washing, as I had come to change of my own and the room has so many doors and windows and was so very cold, with quite heat at being obliged to get the lend of clothes when I had plenty of my own at home. I am sure every one here who chooses to pass a thought on the subject must think that you are either very hard, very poor or very careless. you have obliged me to say what I think of your conduct I assume you I have no wish to say so much but you never either can or will take a hint, well I am a poor despised wretch how I sometimes envy those ladies who have kind and considerate husbands, a friend in need is a friend indeed and I have met with the utmost kindness from anyone here but that kindness came not from you, no you not only sent me away from my house and my children and placed me in the most humiliating situation in which a human being can be placed, an exile, a prisoner, a slave completely under the command and at the mercy of entire strangers and in this situation in which no crime of mine has placed me you have done all in my power to show how little you respect how completely you despise me, but a wife must submit to her husband in all things and I pray night and morning that God would give me resignation to his will in all things yet I trust I have found him a present help in time of need but I find when I am left to my own wicked heart I cannot tell how sinful, indeed were there no sin in the world there could not be any misery for there would be no pride no covetousness no death but justice mercy and peace and the will of God will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. There is evening and morning service in the chapel here every day and the people here are really all so kind to me! sometimes really wonder at it. I shall not ask you to do anything for me for you now seem to be the only that does not care anything about me or my wishes. God bless you and our dear little children and Margaret how I should like to see you all again but I must wait God's appointed time. My dear William I remain ever your affectionate wife - "Janet Muir." "William Muir Esq."

May 11

She today had an interview with her brother from the airing ground he being up at the printing office window, she addressed him by his name and he immediately recognised her. She said that her brother had told her that her sister Elizabeth had been here and that he had seen her. She seemed annoyed also that she also had not been allowed to see her sister. She mentioned the interview she had with her brother with an air of triumph to the Blind Assistant and said that although on one occasion she had given her promise to avoid an interview with him and to keep out of sight (namely at the time of the entertainment given to the Gentlemen which some of the Ladies were allowed to see from covered seats) she now did not consider it any longer as binding on her and indeed spoke as if she had been watching an opportunity to speak to him. She then went on to speak of the injustice of confining her here compared this place to the Infirmary, said that Miss Ogilvie had been letting her upon the cruelty which had been practised upon her by Mr Crawford that he had three times given her the cold bath for breaking windows, said

- that had she been here at the time when there was such a devil placed over her and he had attempted such a thing to her. She would on the first opportunity have taken his life and would have brained him with her washhand basin. Considered it lucky she came here after he was gone indeed it was a mercy and owing to the kind providence of God it had so happened at the same time she said it would have been fortunate if he had been here because then there would have been less chance of her being placed here under such a mistake. Requested that now she had seen her brother to be allowed to have a proper interview with him, this however it has not been thought proper to grant her at present and she now understands that she is not again to seek a stolen interview with him. She is at present in an unsettled state of mind, and has evidently fallen back of late.
- May - 22 Botanomia appeared on the 10th and disappeared today. Has not attended to the subject mentioned in last report again and has since then conducted herself in her usual correct and proper manner; talks very rationally on general matters. Reads a great deal, and works also at her needle. Seems to take also much interest in some of her fellow patients & is kind and attentive to them, attempting to offer them consolation. Health good.
- " 31 No change whatever since last report. Continues to read omnia.
- June 9 Was today brought to the New Institution at Grafton, was cheerful and apparently satisfied, praised the situation of the house, the dimensions of the rooms and galleries &c.
- " 13 Today from some inattention on the part of the Nurses the gallery door was left open, & she took the opportunity of going up stairs to the Lady-Superintendent's room to look for Mr. Pritchard whom she had been asking to see all the morning. When the Clinical Assistant addressed her on the subject, and told her as mildly as possible that he found out she had left the gallery, she opened upon him a whole tirade of abuse, said that she did not mean to conceal it either from him or Dr. Hutcheson accused him of having insulted her in the grossest manner construed almost every word he uttered into an insult - insulted upon seeing Mr. Pritchard, he was a gentleman and understood how to deal with Ladies. Told the Clinical Assistant that he wanted those fine gentlemanly feelings which were so prominent in Mr. Pritchard and of course what was not in could not be expected to come out of him &c. In all this abuse she was warmly supported by Miss Leach who was loudly in praise of Mr. P. and highly offended at the insulting conduct of the Clin. Assistant. She then began to abuse the whole arrangement of the house with regard to the late removal and the discomforts all here were at present subjected to, said we were all a set of fools and knew nothing about how Ladies should be treated. During all this time of this conversation she frequently talked in a religious manner and introduced numerous texts of Scripture. After the interview she and Miss Leach passed the gallery in the most haughty manner, sneering and making use of the most insolent language. They have been a good deal together since they came here and it is evident that the latter exhibits her against the medical officers by magnifying every little inconvenience that may occur. They will therefore on the first opportunity be separated.
- " 20 Has been more retiring these few days these few days past constantly reading Scripture, Hymns, &c.
- " 22 Has conducted herself pretty well since last report and has made no complaints; on the contrary on one occasion she expressed a strong wish to have an hour's conversation with Dr. Hutcheson or the Clinical Assistant that she might have an opportunity of laying open her mind to them. Today however she is in a very unsettled state, and manifested a good deal of bad temper. When the Clinical Assistant entered the gallery, she came out of her room and brought with her part of her dinner, complained to him of it; Miss Leach (her friend) immediately appeared at her back carrying hers also, they both laid their plates on the table sneering in the most haughty manner and the whole seemed evidently the result of a plot to give as much annoyance as possible; they both left the room and went into tea along with the rest of the Ladies and in a short time Miss Leach returned with a small piece of bread and butter which she said was a sample of what they got to tea, by some mismanagement on the part of the Nurses they were permitted to come

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their plates in their own rooms. It is perfectly evident that they cannot remain together without injury to each other. Miss L. will therefore be removed to another gallery tomorrow.

Discontented and difficult to please. High tempered and moody in the extreme. Speaking with contempt of deranged people. Complained bitterly of the cruelty and harshness of removing Miss Leach the only friend she now had with whom she could associate, called it a poor piece of malice, spite, revenge; was exceedingly angry because Mrs Matheson was put in Miss L's place, said she was a dangerous person, had struck several of the patients and attempted to strike her, said she would not leave her room as long as she was in the gallery, but that the truth was Mrs Matheson's friends looked after her and we were obliged to be cautious where we put her. She then reflected in her usual manner on her husband, and went over all her grievances as formerly reported.

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Overcast and constantly reading aloud.

25th Very quiet and agreeable

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Conversed about her family affairs, blamed the death of a dear sister and the Queen's visit for her malady, said she now no longer desired her freedom, as she considered herself estranged from all the world - as her religious views, and impressions would now prevent her mixing in society, and as her reputation was blighted through being brought to an asylum. After being reasoned with, appeared more resigned. Spoke of her Brother being also here, which might give the idea of her disorder being hereditary, which was not the case, his derangement having been caused by having a worthless wife.

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No excitement since last report and has been pretty cheerful and goodhumoured, but to day was expressing a wish to provoke people here if she had an opportunity; without taking in a very religious strain.

July 5

Since last report has been very quiet, agreeable and industriously employed with reading work or music - Yesterday was her daughter's birthday said it recalled many family circumstances to her mind and tended to make her more thoughtful.

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Complained bitterly of being deprived of church privileges - viz attending the sacraments &c attended prayers in the gallery by Dr. Matheson and expressed herself highly gratified.

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Writing and reading and very rational and companionable. Always persists in thinking she has been ill-used by her husband and friends by being brought here, as she never was insane, but merely experienced an extraordinary outpouring of the spirit of God and broke forth into joyful exclamations and which her medical attendant Dr. M. White and family mistook for insanity.

18

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

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Speaking of the perfidy and false friendships of a Miss Glen who always avowed her old of her sleep before she was brought here. Says she is just the same mentally as when she first came here, as she never was insane merely suddenly experienced a great exaltation of spirit and assurance of loving and preferring God to all on earth. Says that after being brought here she feels degraded, and unwilling to return into society.

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Very agreeable and rational in all her remarks; still however retains the notion of her never having been insane, nor fit for a house like this. Talks much of Piety and reads the Bible and works on sacred subjects constantly; but still in her general sentiments and behaviour, shows the old "leaven" forcibly, being more vindictive and unamiable than Christians generally when thoroughly converted.

29

Fatigued at times, about being detained here; says her general health is suffering from long confinement. &c &c

31

Has been puzzling about her confinement here and finding fault with every little trifling. Complains of not being able to get out to walk as often as she would wish. Says she dreads a bilious attack in consequence. Rf. Unit: Gentian: Comp 3i Ag 1 mean 3xv M.

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Very quiet and rational and always employed. Complaints of her health being worse for long confinement and uneasiness regarding her separation from her children. Rather irritable if crossed in any wish.

" 5

Great satisfaction for Church Music and Religion in all same in practice.

" 12

Since last report, rational and agreeable in manner but fretful about being separated from her children - Never alludes to her husband but often speaks of her home and children and of her family affairs.

" 13

looking better, which she attributes to her having had more outdoor exercise within these few days past - Rational and agreeable, though easily excited about trifles.

" 14

Today had a very long conversation with the Clinical Assistant, laid all her grievances before him; complained of the injustice of confining her here, of the duplicity which had been practised on her; mentioned her determination of having the whole matter cleared up when she did get out, even if she was obliged to go before a jury. Was highly incensed because the Matron Mrs Goff had allowed her children at Miss Wagon's request to come into the gallery to get a glimpse from her. Seems to have taken a great dislike to Mrs Goff and wonders how she is permitted to come into the Galleries and ask of what use she is, said that seeing one of the patients children who happened to call did her a great deal of harm before, and if she was not allowed to see her own, surely it was not right for her to see those of strangers. All this was said in the most bitter and sarcastic spirit and as if she was glad of an opportunity of finding fault.

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evidently out of sorts with everything and person near her. None the better for Miss Sprout and Miss Leach's society when out of doors, there being a great deal of whispering & confidential chat between them.

" 23

Shed tears about her separation from her children, and the idea of her husband's being so misled by the Medical men (who are not infallible) as to place her here when she was at all insane. Much the same - constantly singing Psalms and talking Religion.

" 31

Continues in a highly religious train of mind, is now constantly reading the Scriptures or singing Psalms greatly to the annoyance of several of her fellow Patients. So less disposed to enter into conversation than she was formerly and frequently will scarcely recognise the Clinical Assistant or Physicians when they visit her. Has written one or two letters to her husband lately, the following lines were also written to him and enclosed along with a letter.

The birth of Cain first caused on earth a mother's joy
 " Amid the warning gunst delusion earthly hope
 " In early Youth this rebel son did all destroy
 " Of happiness that Eve in her first born had sought
 " Why art thou wroth Oh! man and why thy countenance fallen
 " Thus may the consciences of all interrogate
 " The word and Spirit of the Lord says to each one
 " Confess thy sin upon the earth fall prostrate
 " God sees the downcast look knows well the occasion
 " I am the only source from which our anguish flows
 " Here we adore God's Saviour with devotion
 " From this Eury revenge and pindlike passions grow
 " And now this world is turned into a wilderness
 " Man is become deceitful proud, heartless & vile
 " He still his young confiding brother will oppress
 " Or with perfidious looks of kindness him beguile
 " Near was base as tender sweet lovely as mine
 " Fondly the mother thinks trouble a long farewell
 " Sleep not my little one, open those Eyes of thine

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"So beautiful they bind my heart as with a spell
"That wondrous telescope to look into the mind
"Closely contemplate the human eye; begin
"To think how hopeless friendship destitute the blind
"Withdrawn from all that could give happiness to life
"Those sightless eyes may never see a darling child
"To make the path less painful is there no desire
"I journey on listless listless on this gloomy wild
"That eye and is it growing dim
"Has it lost the light of youth
"But heart and mind are still the same
"Shedding ever love and truth
"Her step alas it is less firm
"She has trod affliction's path
"Does not the heart for children yearn
"With a mother's love to the last
"Most fervently she prays for them
"To him who alone can redeem
"And trusting yet she asks again
"His blessing on those so dear
"This is petitioning in faith
"An answer will be given
"When perfected in early grace
"Love draws the soul to heaven
"Soon must open the cold dark grave
"For that dearest kindest friend
"But Christ has conquered and will rose
"He, who on him depend
"When the sin grief and oppression
"Of this weary life are past
"Across the troubled Jordan
"I shall meet with thee at last
"In the mansions of the blessed
"Singing of his boundless love
"Who suffered died that we might sit
"For ever in the realms above.

The following is a copy of the letter which accompanied these lines

"It is now my dearest William seven years since I received your first kind present, of
"the many beautiful and valuable things you since that time have bestowed that first
"small token of regard conferred perhaps the most real happiness; of the same date also is
"the first letter you ever wrote me. Alas what changes have seven years produced, I was then
"a healthy plump cheerful girl, riding and walking, house-keeping and sowing the little
"boat; now that September letter of yours struck me as being uncommonly well written
"and considering my comparative inexperience at that time, I picked up the meaning of
"it surprisingly - well I began to think it necessary to set my heart on a large estate and
"coal pits in its wealth may captivate the imagination but it never will subdue the heart
"well when I put on my mourning ring I thought it should never be taken off until I should
"be laid in my coffin nothing but death should ever part us how little do we know
"our wicked hearts until they are our faithful tried I was so exasperated at being without
"the slightest warning turned out of my own house and closed up in a lunatic asylum

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"I gave up the ring and would not wear it after you had used one so ill, and truly I
 "will not put it on again unless I receive it from your own hand which I trust will
 "be as soon as you think I am fit to manage my own household matters; after
 "one years confinement in a Lunatic Asylum the individual may choose a new place of abode
 "confinement, if you prefer keeping me under lock and key, I shall avail myself of this
 "very unhappy privilege; and have myself transferred to Morningside if I really am
 "disordered in my mind I am at least a human being and have at least as much right
 "to see my own children as any other person has in a place of this kind many of the
 "unfortunate creatures here who have these children in Glasgow see them frequently and
 "why should not I, on coming here I asked Mr. Hutchison about my children but
 "received such a careless answer as prevented my enquiring again, had I only seen Mr.
 "Young when I came here as I wished he I am sure would both have sympathized with
 "me and assisted me in my distress but I was truly a stranger in a strange land. In the
 "old institution we had prayers morning and evening and I thought myself fortunate in
 "so far, that if I was incarcerated I should be in the care of those who seemed to feel
 "themselves responsible to God, but in the new institution there is no chapel and although
 "there are several hundreds of individuals in this place doubtless a number of them
 "passing into another world yet there is no resident clergyman on the spot there is not
 "left even the form of religion except a very short Sunday evening service added to their dis-
 "regard of God; there is a want of goodness to man, at all events with regard to the arrange-
 "ments of the new asylum in so far as they are yet completed there has not the slightest
 "attention been paid to the health of the many defenceless creatures who have most un-
 "luckily been placed here. 'Let a bowl of meat and a peck of salt with a man before you trust-
 "him' is a wise saying of our forefathers and notwithstanding the march of intellect to most
 "tattlers of some of the husbands and fathers of the present day would do well to remember
 "that there is much truth in this old Scottish proverb, about a year ago you placed me
 "under the care of Mr. Hutchison doubtless the medical gentleman who attended me at Edinburgh
 "gave you reason to suppose that my stay here would be very short and judging from the
 "apparal which was sent I am sure that you did not think that my stay would be longer
 "than a few weeks; people are always learning, some months ago you may perhaps have seen
 "in a newspaper a romantic description of the pleasure grounds baths and accommodations
 "of this new building but the real state of the case is the baths are without water we enjoy
 "nothing of the fresh air except one little short walk among the dewy grass after tea which is ac-
 "tually after sunset and except on two occasions I have never had a walk in the forenoon sin-
 "ce coming here, thus, with the above trifling exceptions, I have been closely been confined with-
 "doors throughout the whole summer to one who was always habituated to an active life
 "in summer with 4 or 6 hours walking in the gardens or along the shore with bathing
 "and so on a change such as this is very hurtful indeed my general health has very much
 "fallen off since I came here from this constant confinement indeed I never feel hungry for
 "food which is not by any means of a quality to tempt a sickly appetite; in the cold
 "places I had the liberty of being out from 7 in the morning till 8 in the evening but
 "all the walking allowed is split ten in the evening. we are never out till after sunset
 "had I been brought up in such a manner from my youth no Mr. would ever have
 "wondered at my fine constitution indeed I feel as if I were just like a fish out of water
 "where I am and see a fine sunny morning and know that I will not breathe the fresh
 "air till dark and I feel like one out of human nature's reach but when I feel quite
 "about my fallen and helpless condition it just makes me pray more earnestly that God
 "will give me strength to endure every privation but at the same time I am to use every
 "lawful means to preserve my life and health and if I think you are sincere regarding
 "me it is only proper to tell you that my health is by no means so good since I came

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"this place be sure and come without delay the delusion which I have is a very safe
"one. All the household provisions are got by contract of course the quality is not first rate
"but anything is good enough for the inmates in the morning I get for breakfast one cup of
"inferior tea one half shill of some bread and sometimes salt butter nothing in the way of
"delish is allowed here at dinner the Beef is of such quality that sometimes for days I
"do not even touch it a plate of broth every day tea a very small bit of plain bread and
"butter or porridge and butter milk I one day for desert got about one penny worth of
"Shawberries and when I complained a few weeks after coming out that I could not
"get out or come get a bath and there was a pain in my eye and that my general health
"was suffering what did I get? a bottle of pills that might cost 2^d there is economy to
"to take example from the plain truth is the institution is deep in debt they have no
"money to lay out on better grounds or comfortable proper food and they are consequently
"straining every nerve to keep in those persons in their institution who put them to least
"expense, were I to keep a seamstress at work sewing my torn clothes glogues at work
"mending the windows which I had smashed, or had I eat delicate food or drink
"wine or keep a nurse waiting on me night and day I would in that case be a far less
"valuable patient but I know well that 26 pounds is much more like a board that
"should be paid for some bread tea and porridge and butter milk and indeed my
"dear Mr William it is just picking your pocket as certainly as the confinement within
"for the last hundred days has injured my constitution and general health all those
"things I should much rather have mentioned to you than written about but oh
"length I thought that since you had not come as I expected the only plan that I
"should tell you the best way I could in a letter I am certain you cannot have laid
"out less than a hundred pounds within the last two months on me for 10th and
"nurses in Edinburgh and Glasgow and when I remember all your kindness about
"getting keys for gardens and houses at the seaside and your always encouraging me
"always to take so much exercise I feel I have done wrong in allowing the whole to
"pass without telling you the exact truth that I think I have now done, I am now
"a poor thin sickly looking sometimes the ladies say how very changed I am since they
"first saw me, as to the Medical Souths and Dr Hutcheson I cannot show anything but
"civility each and all in the Institution should at least have had it in their power to take
"a walk and bathe but for less food will be consumed under the present mode of treat-
"ment, and if in a bank the interest the interest of money can be calculated to day I
"think that they will be able to calculate as exactly in the Royal Lunatic Asylum and
"if they make from twenty to five and twenty five pounds a year out of a calm quiet
"patient such patient will not be let out of their hands without a struggle, so if you
"have any pity for the poor institution and those who live by it just you remain in
"Edinburgh read Dr Hutcheson's letters about the unhappy deluded state I am in believe
"all you read in the letters and like a good Catholic believe the Pope is infallible, pay
"your fifty two pounds a year some bread and coarse tea the porridge and butter milk and
"your deluded wife will be comforted with a bottle of weak pills as long as you choose
"Now though I am the deluded wife I do not like that you should be the deluded
"husband and I am certain that if you would only come here you would find every
"thing in the state I describe the ground lying quite wild, no better inferior diet
"and in short nothing of all the newspaper advertisements to be seen and you would
"likewise see your poor wife who at first thought for some time that Dr Hutcheson
"and the young men were persons of principle and feeling she is now however perfectly
"free from that delusion indeed no persons of either feeling or principle could have
"so unscrupulously injured the health of so many poor unfortunate creatures only
"because they fancied they could do it with impunity, those confined here know well

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No 70. Janet Maithamph. M. 29. S. Servant. Admitted November 8th 1842. Age 76.

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Mania.

1st attack of 4 weeks duration.

Previous History. Little could be learned respecting this patient. It appears that she had been jilted by her sweetheart. At first she was depressed, but for the last ten days outrageous. The symptoms are want of sleep and delusions in love and religion. She was bled to the extent of 50 ounces. During the night from the bandage becoming loose she lost a considerable quantity of blood, and has been much worse since. She attempted to get out of the window, has torn her sister's clothes, bites scratches and strikes. She has not been in an Asylum and has had no treatment except bleeding which in all probability has rendered the case incurable.

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Was brought in a carriage from College Street. On admission was in a highly excited state screamed loudly and even attempted to break the windows of the sitting room. Continued in this state for about an hour when she began to be quiet and appeared agitated winging her hands and walking up and down the gallery. Towards bedtime took another fit similar to that mentioned above which however soon went off. Her hands were very much swollen and her wrists completely deprived of the skin apparently caused by handcuffs previous to admission. Pulse was quick and of moderate strength, tongue pretty clean, humid, pupils dilated, scalp hot. Went to bed at the usual time but slept ineffectually, wandered up and down the ward. In the morning looked quite bewildered and seemed terrified when anyone went near her; fancied she is to be burnt up, saved about marriage and told the nurse that to night she was to be married to a person of the name of Miller, a baker in town and requested that she would inform her where she was to be bedded. *Abradatum Capitis* *Quiescat*

" 10 Is to day walking up and down the gallery, avoids every person that approaches her and wonders how she is to get out of the house; declares she is to be boiled and afterwards eaten. Swellings of hands begin to subside. Let her wrists be dressed with simple ointment. R. Sumat h. s. Pil. Rhii & Hydrag. ij

" 12 Patient is today quiet and less agitated than at last report, her bowels have been freely moved. Sleeps better at night. Wrists look better and are apparently healing up. *Quiescat*.

" 16 Has begun to mingle with the patients in the back gallery, agitation becoming less. Pupils more natural.

" 20 Is this morning in a very agitated state appearing quite afraid of every person that goes near her, wanders up and down the back kitchen winging her hands, and saying every now and then "What is to be done with me now? Are you going to kill me? Pulse rather full, pupils a little dilated. Tongue clean and moist. Is here full diet and a pint of beef tea daily.

December 1 This patient is now in the first stage of mania. appears frightened of any person approaches her, as if she dreaded some mischief. Has a vacant stare, occasionally screams aloud during which a general tremor seems to pervade her whole body. Let her have in addition to full diet and beef tea a pint of London porter daily.

" 8 Bodily health much improved since last report, mind on the whole better, begins to associate with the rest of the patients; agitation in a great measure gone; sores on wrist completely healed up. Contin. ointment. Let her be employed as soon as possible.

" 26 Has remained stationary since last report, refuses to speak and to answer questions. Let the patient be part of the day in the back kitchen. Contin. ointment.

1843 Jan^y 22 Since last report this patient has remained stationary, her symptoms being always the same, today however became suddenly excited, ran hurriedly up and down the back kitchen bawling at the very top of her voice exhibiting symptoms of violence towards the nurses and patients in that part of the house. This state of excitement continued so long that it was absolutely necessary to shut her up in her own room. Pulse small and quicker than natural. Pupils very much dilated. R. *Abradatum Capitis* *Quiescat*. R. Sumat h. s. *Quiescat* has quite felt: fatid: & *Quiescat*.

" 24 Excitement has gone off and she is to day among the rest of the patients. Pupils more natural.

" 25 Today is labouring under a degree of excitement. Has a wild and vacant stare; singing and rhyming.

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- February 27 in an incoherent manner. Pupils rather dilated. Punctate.
- March 30 Has been quite free from excitement since last report, and sitting in her usual manner among the rest of the patients in the back kitchen. Bowels regulated by occasional doses of opening medicine. Health indifferent. Contin: omnia.
- April 29 No change whatever since last report. Continuation omnia.
- May 30 Health somewhat improved of late, but her mind continues in all respects the same, is exceedingly childish in her manner, laughs and cries hysterically and has frequent fits of excitement during which she strips off her clothes and tears them. Contin: omnia.
- June 9 Was this morning removed to the New Asylum at Glastonbury.
- " 30 Since her removal has been frequently in a very excited state, for the last few days she has been in seclusion, but today she is quiet and requests that she may be allowed to leave her place of confinement. To be freed from seclusion.
- July 19 No mental change since last report, has been tolerably free from excitement for some time past. Has been very hysterical. Contin: omnia.
- " 24 Today is very noisy and has commenced stripping her clothes and tearing them. Putting in her habits. Let her be placed in seclusion until the excitement goes off.
- " 29 Today is quiet and promises that she will behave better if allowed to associate with the rest of the patients as formerly. To be indulged.
- August 31 Since last report has been free from excitement, although in other respects no improvement has taken place. Her habits are as filthy as ever and she lies down on the floor during the greater part of the day. As this is a case which might be very much benefited by active employment, she is to be properly dressed and if possible, engaged in some kind of work.
- Sept: 17 Within the last fortnight considerable improvement has taken place in this case, her habits are much more cleanly, and in other respects she looks better. In the last eight days her time has been occupied in sewing. She requires however to be constantly urged on, otherwise she is apt to forget herself. Bodily health pretty good. Continue the employ^t.
- Octob: 29 Has remained stationary since last report, although she is certainly very much better than she was a month or two ago. Her habits are greatly improved and her mind is more alive to her situation. Does some needlework, but it is necessary to remind her frequently of what she is about, for unless this be done she gets idle and inclined to give way to slovenly habits. Bodily health good at present. Let her be diligently and constantly employed. Continuation alia.
- November 27 Has retrograded considerably within the last two weeks. She is careless and indifferent to everything around her and her habits are extremely filthy; she strips off her clothes and ruts about the room in a state of nudity. Health tolerably good. Continuation alia.
- December 19 Within the last few days has been more cleanly in her habits and more alert and active in a mental point of view. Today she is assisting the nurse in washing the floor of the ward. Let her be actively and regularly employed every day if practicable. Continuation.
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January 25 Continued to work steadily and appeared to be improving since last report until two days ago when she fell back into her usual state. Very much excited this morning, tearing her clothes and striking her fellow patients. Habits extremely filthy. To be placed in seclusion. If somewhat stationary put her to the Doctor's urinal.
- February 12 Today is very penitent and promises to behave well if allowed to leave the refractory Gallery. To be allowed on the grounds that she returns unless she conducts herself well.
- " 17 This morning is very much excited striking and abusing the other patients. To be removed immediately to the refractory gallery.
- " 29 Still remains in the refractory ward, habits filthy, destructive to clothes. Continue seclusion.

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March	30	In the last two weeks has been free from excitement although her habits are not improved. Mind very weak. Bodily health pretty good. Contin.
April	15	Is today considerably excited, smothering everything she can lay her hands on, and fighting with her fellow patients, although she has a delicate appearance her muscular strength is unusual, great and it sometimes requires two Nurses to prevent her from carrying out her work of destruction. Tears her clothes and the blankets on her bed. Catamenia abundant. To be placed in seclusion.
"	17	Catamenia desiccant. Excitement has subsided and she is now engaged in domestic work.
May	10	Has been quiet and industrious since last report. Mind weak and fatigued. General health tolerably good. Let her be actively employed.
June	7	Health good; very flighty and unsettled, threatening occasionally to knock down Nurses and also her fellow patients if they do not agree with her in all that she says or does. To be placed in seclusion until excitement goes off. Contin.
"	10	Today while the Nurse and Medical Assistant entered the room she attacked them both in the most furious manner, kicked, struck out with her hands and even attempted to bite them when in the act of defending themselves. The amount of strength she displayed was immense and but for the interference of other Nurses considerable difficulty would have been experienced in removing her to the refectory, Galliey. Contin.

1842. No. 71. Catherine Beasley. Aet. 35. S. Cook. Admitted 11th of Nov. 1842. Rate 8/6.

1262

Melancholia -

1st Attack of three days duration.

Previous History. Few particulars could be obtained respecting this patient. She has been weak-minded and intemperate for a considerable time. She has been drinking a day or two before the report. - The symptoms are stupidity, a disposition to wander from place to place without a fixed object - disturbed sleep, and incoherent raving. She has never been in an asylum. She has had cathartics and purges without benefit.

1842 Nov. 11

On admission looked stupid and bewildered and had no idea of the place she had come to. Said surely they had brought her by mistake and hoped that the people who brought her would soon be made aware of it; in the meantime if she had money she would have half a pint more. A short time after admission discovered that all around her were daft and that she could not live a single hour among them; beseeched the Nurse and Clinical Assistant to allow her to go home, that she might as formerly enjoy the society of sensible people. Mind voluntarily imbecile. Tongue white and furred. Pupils natural; pulse so moderate strength. Sunk-horn sonant. *pit. fatid. c. Olea Crotonis unan.*

" 12 In this morning working in the laundry bowls have been fully moved. Expresses a desire to go home. Cont.

" 15 No change since last report; continues to work in the Laundry.

" 20 In the last few days has been rather agitated is under the delusion that this is Mein's Hotel and is

much distressed that she cannot get the servants to do their duty in keeping things in proper order, says that Mr Mein has gone into the country to be confined and is at present very busy looking into the several rooms, cleaning what to her appears dirty and getting every thing into order for her reception when she returns. Scalp rather hot; pupils slightly dilated. Tongue white and moist; pulse quicker than natural but of moderate strength. Abundant Capillitium. *My. Sonnat-horn sonant. pit. fatid. c. Olea Crotonis unan.* Contin: *shia.*

" 24 Continues much about the same as when last reported. Is constantly walking up and down the Gallery looking into every room and corner of the house to see that all things are clean and in their proper position. Talks constantly about Mr Mein. Mind very much confused.

" 27 Last night arose from her bed and attempted to break through the window in order to effect her escape, but was of course unsuccessful; let her be removed to another room where she cannot reach the window.

December 1 In the last few days has been in a very unsettled state, dull and stupid in appearance wringing her hands, and wondering what is to become of her. Tongue tolerably clean and moist. Pupils dilated. Abund. Capillitium. Cont. med. *alia.*

" 9 Mind has been more composed since last report, works more steadily and is not disposed to wander about so much as she used to do. Bodily health on the whole improved. Continuation *omnia.*

" 20 No improvement whatever since last report. Mind exceedingly weak and childish bodily health indifferent. Contin: *omnia.*

" 29 Has been very indolent for some days past; mind on the whole a little more active although patient is still confused and stupid. Has slight difficulty in articulating. Continuation *omnia.*

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Her friends being very anxious to take her to Ireland; this Patient is at their request dismissed.

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N^o 72. Mary Ramsay. 1st. 28. S. Scourer. Admitted 14th November 1842 1263

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Mania

2nd attack of 8 months duration.

Previous History. Little information could be procured respecting this patient. She is a brother in the Asylum at present and the disease is said to be hereditary. The particulars of the first attack cannot be ascertained, though it was certain she was ill once before. She led a vicious life and for the last 8 months the Police have known her to be mad. Her only hobby that she has become dangerous. Last week she attacked several individuals male and female. The objects of her greatest dislike are Ladies and she has pursued several uses obscene language and assaulting them. She has followed several carriages assailing the ladies in the grossest manner she was apprehended at last and transported to the Asylum to day by Warrant of the Sheriff granted at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal. She has never been in an Asylum and has not been treated for the present attack.

1842 Novemb^r 14

Was brought to the Asylum from the Police Office. On admission appeared dull and disinclined to speak, told the blunder that she had come here for the purpose of spending the winter months and that she expected the best of treatment from the hands of those who superintend the Establishment. Shewed a good deal to herself and sometimes appeared as if she were carrying on an conversation with some male. It appears from information received from some of her friends that patient for the last few years has been walking the streets as a common prostitute. Patient herself states that she was treated in the Infirmary a short time ago for sore throat accompanied with an eruption on the skin, the remains of which are still to be seen on her back. Whereas she has been married for the last seven years but that her husband died in St Vincent Street a short time previous to admission. That she had by him seven children the eldest of whom died at Haddington, and two misfortunates to another man. Pulse 94 good strength Tongue white and moist, pupils somewhat dilated. Sumat hora Somni Pul: foetid & Olor Ecotonic unum. Ordinary diet and regimen.

- 15 Bowels have been freely moved by the medicine. Patient slept pretty well during last night and is this morning doing a little in the workroom. Has a great many complaints referring to the House and the diet, fancies the beds are covered with vermin of every description and that unless they are cleaned it will be almost impossible for her to sleep in them. Complains heavily of the diet says it is not fit for a person in her circumstances, that it was always accustomed to comfortable meals, and if she remained here was determined to have them.
- 18 Continues in all respects the same as at last report mutters a good when alone. Is at present employed sewing in the workroom. Continues.
- 21 Last night in chapel during the performance of divine worship began to talk and was heard by the Nurse to say as follows, "I say Sir, don't do that, don't use any liberty with me just now." "I am not taking any liberties with you my girl." "But I say you are, and have done so too long, so I would just advise you to let me alone at present." Continues to day, talking in the same strain as at last report. Employed at present sewing wool in the Laundry. General health pretty good. Continues.
- 25 Is to day considerably excited, abusing the house and all connected with it. Says she as brought here to be made comfortable during winter, but has found the reverse to be the case. Blames the patients in the long gallery for rising in the night time and frequently kept taking away her blankets &c. On investigation it has been found that she herself has been in the habit of rising in the night time - going to the beds of her fellow patients and asking in the most unbecoming and unseemly manner, by Sumat hora Somni Pul: asfoetid: cum oleo Ecotonic unum.
- 27 Excitement continues, this morning made an unsuccessful attempt to strike the Chief assistant while going round the Galleries. asked him "If he did not do it to her"

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- "You did you to me; you cannot deny it; but although you have now thrown me off and would treat me like a beast, I can tell you that both better men and better doctors than you are, have asked me to sleep with them many a time." Refuses to work and demands her dismissal immediately. Let her be placed on low diet.
- November 30 This morning rose from the bench on which she was sitting and struck the clinical assistant on the face and abused him for having treated her with disrespect, declared she would murder him before she had left this house for what he did to her one night. Let her have a cold bath immediately and afterwards be placed in seclusion.
- December 6 Since the administration of the cold bath, this patient has conducted herself with great propriety, talks and acts towards the Medical Officers more respectfully and also to the Nurses. Has for the last few days been actively engaged in the Laundry. Let her be constantly employed. Continues to sleep.
- " - 29 Health good. Mind slightly improved since admission. Patient is very flighty and unsettled. Very industrious in the Laundry. Continues to sleep.
- 1843 Jan^y 12 No change since last report continues to work as regularly as formerly. Manner still very abrupt and impetuous. A scaly eruption has of late made its appearance all over her body, particularly on the parts most exposed, and which, there is every reason to believe from the character of the patient previous to admission is of a Syphilitic kind; Patient admits that she has had several attacks of sore throat. R^x. Mercuriodate Potassae ʒij Infus. Gaulther, Aquæ & a Jij. M. Sumat Cyathum venosum ter quotidie.
- February 7 Continues stationary in point of mental improvement; eruption on skin mentioned in last report begins to yield to the medicine. Patient is today rather flighty and delirious. Engaged working in the Laundry. Continues to sleep.
- " - 28 No improvement since last report, every other day becomes excited and talks im-
pudently and obscenely both to the Nurses and the Clinical Assistant. Threatens occasionally to use violence towards them for which it is necessary sometimes to seclude her until the excitement goes off. Eruption on the skin has entirely disap-
peared. Is for the greater part of the time employed in the Laundry. General health good.
- March 38 Bodily health good, mind in its usual flighty and unsettled state. Works industri-
ously in the Laundry. Contin: omnia.
- April 30 No improvement in this case. Patient is still very subject to fits of excitement during which she is ill-tempered and disposed to bully and browbeat the Nurses. Occasionally does a little work in the Laundry. Contin: omnia.
- May 29 Continues in all respects the same as at former reports; flighty and unsettled, running from one thing to another; is constantly annoying and quarrelling with her fellow Patients. Folly and obscene in her language. Employed for the most part in the Work room or Laundry. Continues to sleep.
- " - 31 Today patient became excited and struck a fellow Patient without having the slightest reason. To be shut up in a room until further orders are given.
- June 4 Was today released from her confinement, after having promised that she would conduct herself better in future. Let her be actively employed if possible. Contin:
- " - 8 This Patient with several others was removed to the new Institution at Farnham today.
- " - 30 No change in this case since last report. Still flighty and apt from the slightest cause to become excited. General health good. Does a little domestic work. Contin: omnia.
- July 27 Health good; no mental improvement. She is subject as formerly ^{to fits of excitement} during which she is disposed to lift her hands to other patients. Is very much inclined to bully and browbeat the Nurses but on finding that they are not afraid of her she very soon exhibits symptoms of Conscience. She is generally very quiet. Continues to sleep.
- Sept 30 Continues in all respects as at former reports. Does a little domestic work occasionally. Health good.

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- September 24 No change since last report; is at present doing a little domestic work. Health good.
- November 4 Continues in the same state as at former reports; is occasionally flighty and disposed to shirk her fellow patients when any of them happen to annoy her in the slightest degree. It is the general character of this patient to be idle and play tricks on those about her; at certain times however she works very industriously as a domestic. General health excellent.
- December 3 General health good. Mind in all respects the same as at former reports; often very inattentive and incontinent in her remarks. Does a little work but the amount is trifling.
- " 30 No change whatever since last report. Continues to
- January 31 Has been unusually troublesome of late. Clings to the medical officers when walking through the ward; looks highly excited and talks in a very obscene manner. Refuses to work. Is not actively and regularly employed. By Sumner's own testimony not fit to be left alone; must be watched.
- February 27 In the last two weeks this patient has been more settled and less mischievous than she has been for some time past; is at present making herself useful in the Laundry. Health good.
- March 11 Has continued to work steadily since last report. Conducts herself in other respects better than she usually did although she has still an excitable look. Continues employment.
- April 12 Continues to conduct herself well and is daily employed in assisting one of the Nurses to clean the ward. Health excellent. Continues.
- May 16 Since last report has been tolerably quiet although from the nature of the case little dependence can be placed on her as she is apt to become excited in a moment; generally excited both in look and gestures. Employed in domestic work at present. Health good.
- " 31 No material change; continues quiet and industrious. Has for some time past been employed in the Nurse's room of No. 7 Ward assisting her to clean &c. Requires to be constantly looked after for if left alone for any length of time, she is apt to be mischievous and play tricks belonging to the patients; very anxious to talk with any male. Very excited in looks. Health good. Continues.
- June 13 Health excellent, no material improvement; matters to herself and not infrequently gives way to cursing and swearing when any one offends her. Employed in the wards assisting the Nurses to clean.

1173. Mary Ann Kelly or M^{rs} Higgins. Aged 40. 1842. Rate 8/6

Admitted Nov. 15.

1264

Dementia - 7th attack of 8 days duration -

Previous History - This patient has been in this Asylum several times before.

Side Note

On the last attack which occurred about six months ago she was treated in Parley Pen's House and dismissed after three or four weeks confinement. She is said to be very careful and economical. Loss of money is said to have been the cause of the present attack as well as of the former. She is outrageous and incontinent, is suicidal, dangerous and destructive. She has not been treated for the present attack.

842. Nov. 15

Has been in the Asylum on a previous occasion. On admission recognised the nurse and several of the patients. Was cheerful and good humoured, talked freely, although very absurdly, said she was a daughter of the Duke of Hamilton and an out and out Roman Catholic. Spoke for some time in a language quite unintelligible. Begged that she might be allowed two things so long as she was in this house, viz. salt water and fire, for without these she could not live. Pulse 80 Natural Strength. Tongue whitish and moist, pupils natural. Stomach none. Somni. fil. fatid. & M. Contin. unan.

" 16 Last night slept little and wandered up and down the ward, tossing about the baskets much to the annoyance of the rest of the patients. To be removed to a room by herself. To be employed as soon as possible.

" 18 Pulse 80. Health good, mind considerably improved. Talks coherently and answers questions relevantly says she is a good deal better; that she had some days previous to admission, been rendered quite confused and stupefied by an unusual and quarrelsome lot of lodgers, and that she was glad to take shelter in a place where she could be protected. Expresses a desire to be engaged in spinning; Sleeps better at night. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Contin.

" 21 During the visit became excited, flung from her hands the cloth she was washing, threw back her body and declared she was Prince Charles, the Pope of Rome &c. After which she repeated the Catholic Creed, and a number of Irish songs, the excitement soon went off and she commenced working as usual. Contin. unan.

December 14 Modestly health good, mind on the whole a little improved, talks in a more rational and collected manner. Does a little work occasionally in the Laundry.

" 31 Has made no progress since last report. very talkative and humorous, works a little in the Laundry. Appetite, sleep and bowels natural. Contin. unan.

843 Jan. 13

Health good. Mind not in the least improved, says in the most incoherent manner possible asks the clinical Assistant a great many questions of a very absurd nature: such as, "Did you ever see Jesus Christ suspended on the Cross between the two thieves? Was you present at the battle of Preston Paus? Did you ever make sweetmeats in the New Wynd?" Thinks that she has purchased sweetmeats from him in his shop at Bell Street. Talks incessantly and chiefly concerning herself and what she has done, says she is the Pope of Rome, the Empress of China &c. giving herself a great many consequential airs and looking occasionally wild and fierce as if she were about to knock down all who are near her. Does a little work occasionally but is for the most part idle. Contin. unan. Employ if possible.

" 30 No change whatever since last report. manner and conversation being in all respects the same.

February 10 Health good, has been a little more quiet and composed for the last few days but is still inclined to rave and talk absurdly; does a little work sometimes in the Laundry at others in the Gallery.

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- February 25th Employ constantly if possible. Continues omnia. alia.
- Continues in all respects as before. Habits in some respects very indecent. When allowed to go to the airing ground with the rest of the patients undoes her clothes and exposes her person in the most unbecoming manner utterly regardless of the remarks of the rest of the patients who may happen to be near her at the time. Health excellent. Contin.
- March 12 No mental improvement since last report. Habits as formerly mentioned; when asked any question gives an evasive answer and afterwards runs into a ridiculous story about herself and her adventures. Pulse natural. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils a little dilated. Does a little needlework. Contin: omnia.
- " 25 There is a marked improvement in the state of this patient within the last eight days; habits much improved. Patient is much more rational in her conversation and has been very industrious of late.
- April 3 Continues to improve rapidly - rational in her conversation and actions - betrays no delusions - is anxious to get home as she now considers herself well; expresses a fear that her board at the Asylum is paid for out of the money which she has deposited in the Royal Bank and which she says amounts to about thirty pounds sterling. Very active and industrious. assists the Nurses in cleaning the Galleries &c. Contin: omnia.
- " 12 Health good, mind improves steadily broaches none of her old delusions; is at present very uneasy and exceedingly anxious to get home for several reasons. Says she is afraid that the Landlord of the house she rents, may let it over her head, but from her conversation it is evident she is most alarmed about her money lest it may be applied to her maintenance in the Asylum. Is very active & industrious. Health excellent. Contin: omnia.
- May 1 General health good, mind as at last report, broaches no palpable delusions; is always alluding to the money she has in the bank, but there is reason to believe from what the Physician remembers of her case when she was in the house on a previous occasion that what she says about money is a delusion and if this is the case she can no longer be termed convalescent; she is however quite rational in her conversation on other subjects. Inpatient for her deservings. Very industrious. is at present engaged in the kitchen assisting the cooks &c. Health excellent. Contin.
- " 15 Continues in all respects the same as when last reported; talks as usual about her money, very active and useful in the kitchen. Health good. Contin: omnia.
- June 9 Since her removal to the New Asylum at Farnham she has conducted herself very well and has been of great service in assisting the domestics in their work, her money still forms the subject of her delusion. Is very fidgetty and uneasy at being kept here any longer now that she considers herself quite recovered. General health good.
- " 30 No change since last report, mind in its usual state continues to rave about her money, says as a domestic at present.
- July 26 Is in all respects the same as at former reports, betrays delusions on no subject but the money - persists in maintaining that it is no delusion and that by writing to the clerk of the Parish from which she comes she says we shall see whether or not her statement is true. is employed at present in the kitchen. Contin:
- Augt 7 Health good, patient is quiet and industrious, but continues as formerly to rave about her money. Health good. Contin:
- " 26 Was today by an order from the authorities of the Parish to which she belongs, although contrary to the wish of the Physician who is convinced that she is still unsound in her mind, discharged.

Relieved

No. 74. Janet Wilson or Mrs. General. Et. 38.

Admitted Nov 23, 1842
rate 9/6.

1265-

Mania

4th attack of 6 Months duration

Previous History - This patient has been three times in the Asylum before, viz.

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After she was last dismissed she went on well for nine months, she then broke out, drank to excess, employed her younger children to purchase spirits and convey it to her by stealth. Is exceedingly violent against her eldest daughter and husband and has threatened to do them mischief. Dislikes her father and abuses him. Talks incoherently on various subjects. Thinks that she is entitled to large sums of money. Has an insatiable desire for spirituous liquors. Has not been treated for the present attack.

2 November 23

Was brought to the Asylum from her own house in a carriage by two of the Nurses. Made some resistance at first, fancying that she was to be kept in the Asylum as long as she lived. Declared she could not leave her sweet little infant and if she was obliged to go, would take her child with her. On admission was somewhat confused and agitated; did not recollect some parts of the house although she had been quite familiar with them when in the Asylum on a former occasion. Tattled of the cruelty of her husband and friends in permitting her to be brought to such a place and hoped the day was not very far distant when it would be seen who was in the wrong. Answered questions relevantly and talked coherently. Pulse quick moderate strength. Tongue a little white and moist, pupils dilated slightly. Stool hot. Bowels slow. By Laxative: *Senna semini pil: Rhei 5 Hydarg: drs.* Ordinary diet and regimen with Tea.

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This morning, patient complains of having slept indifferently last night; her bowels have been moved by the medicine; during the conversation which the clinical assistant had with her, she commenced crying like a child, saying "what will become of my little infant?" "What will it do without its mother?" Complains of pain and fulness in mamma arising from the accumulation of milk. To be employed if possible at needlework.

26

To-day more composed and seems more reconciled to her present situation, the source of fulness of mamma complained of at last report is now gone. More cheerful although she still talks about her infant. Is at present engaged sewing in her own room. Tongue clean and moist. Pupils pretty natural. Pulse 76 moderate strength. Contin. omniv.

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Continues to improve daily, is now more reconciled to the place; mind more cheerful sews regularly in her own room. Pulse 76 natural strength. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils natural; may now be considered convalescent. Contin: omniv.

December 6

Bodily health good, sews diligently in her own room. Convalescence proceeds favorably. Is very much concerned about her child and expresses an earnest desire to be dismissed that she again may be allowed to attend to its welfare. Bodily functions natural. Contin. omniv.

13

From her conversation this morning, this patient cannot be ranked in the Convalescent list; is at present under the delusion that all the addresses from the Purport are directed against her. Declares that from the nature of Mr. B's last discourse, he must have seen the last letter she sent to her husband. Is exceedingly troublesome and full of complaints. Sew regularly in her own room. Is not disposed to associate with the rest of the Patients. Bodily functions natural. Contin: omniv.

23

Health good very anxious to get home to spend the new year with her family. Continues to sew diligently in her own room. Still not disposed to associate with the rest of the Patients.

31

In all respects the same as at last report. Contin: omniv.

183 Jan^r 12

Bodily health good. Still very troublesome, and has a great many wants, is continually

1843.

January 30. teasing the Clinical Assistant to let her know when she is to get home. continues to improve, considerably improved within the last few days. manner more agreeable, has not so many complaints as she formerly had. Continuation same.

February 12. Continues improving. May now be considered convalescent. employs her time at needlework.
" 20. General health good. much rational and collected. is constantly complaining of being kept in the Asylum when (as she thinks) there is not the slightest need for it, declares that instead of it doing her good it will only have the opposite effect. Blames her Husband for not coming to see her and charges him with the unnatural crime (to use her own words) of preventing her children from visiting the Mother who had given them birth. Has always some obvious bodily ailment to complain of when visited by the Clinical Assistant which on examination found to be generally something of a very trifling kind. Sits continually in her own room where she spends her time in sewing and knitting stockings. Contin: same.

March 3. This patient conducts herself in all respects as at last report, is perfectly rational in her conversation but as full of complaints as formerly. It is very evident that she has a great deal of hatred against her husband although she endeavors as much as possible to conceal it; says he surely can never think of ever being forgiven or of seeking forgiveness himself when he is so determined not to forgive her for what she has done. Told the Clinical Assistant that she was accused and abused of many crimes which could never be proved by individuals whose only cause for doing so was spite. Hopes she will yet live to see them suffer for it. Engaged as formerly sewing and knitting. Health good.

" 14. No change since last report; cannot yet be considered cured, is much disposed to stir up strife amongst her fellow patients; and manifests a great degree of imprudence in her language and remarks in reference to the treatment patients are subjected to. Told a fellow patient yesterday that the female patients in the Asylum had medicine administered to them for the purpose of obstructing the catamenial discharge, in order that the blood might be sent to the head and thus render them insane. The consequence of this was that some of the patients refused to take their medicine. Engaged at needlework. Contin: same.

" 21. Goes on as when last reported, as dissatisfied and as quarrelsome as ever; is continually asking whether any of her family have been enquiring after her. Yesterday requested a sheet of writing paper on which she wrote the following letter to her husband.

Dear Robert

Asylum. March 21/43

I expected Margaret up before this time. I am aware she has a good deal to do just now but not so much as to prevent me seeing her once a week, unless trouble detains her. I am alone on eggs, for my two years are almost done, but Robert I thought you would have been up before this time to see me. Only think the treat it must be to me to be absent from the Children especially Samuel. You will have to try another way than this, Robert for it is only hurting both of us, & really it is not Christianlike to say that any one would suffer confinement in a place like this when they have no need for it. You may think you are doing good, but I can tell you the worse you keep me in a state of misery about them all, a thing which ought not to be, is a sure way of bringing on trouble, instead of living together peaceful and happy, it seems to be as if it was to be otherwise, but if so it will not be with my will, for I am willing to look over anything that is past; you cannot but say that you have done me a great mischief and injury at this time in taking me away from my infant because you know I loved him. What Mother would not suffer in this case, and likewise to keep me here at my Father's death, and not so much as send me a piece of Black Ribbon for my bonnet. But all that have the outward mourning now has the deep mourning which his orphan daughter has. The loss is just, I dearly loved him, and amidst all your attention to me, you never gave me a word of consolation. Only He will had it happened on your side; see how you would have been. You should do nothing to others which you would not like to do, to yourself. And Oh what a dreadful thing to think you do not see your error; the hurt it is doing to the family and likewise wearing all their affection.

from me. Surely Robert you have never taken a proper view of it. I am sure, if you say I was sending anyone for spirits you wrong me. The truth stands longest; but you do not see any fault with none but me. I will bear it all patiently, but I will not clear myself of being in a fault at a time. If I was to turn the chase, I fear you would be seldom out of it; good natured tho. you be. Dear Robt you will have to give me, for here I will not stay nor in any place of confinement while I do not need it. The time may come when I will. God only knows. He and he only has supported me and with-
out him we can do little. He, it is who supports the orphan, heals the broken heart and raises the crushed spirits. Man may judge the outward parts but He it is who knows the inward parts. I have fallen, but hope to rise. I have not given myself up to despair nor will I whilst there are so many cheering promises. The greatest sinners may return. Robert, you will be asking pardon yourself, at least I hope you are, therefore I plead of you to come up and let everything go past. O Dear Robert, it is not the way to live at all. let us both join together in the one thing need-
ful. Let peace and happiness be within our dwelling and likewise in our bosoms! as Lady Sandford said. The Husband's bosom should be his Wife's pillow, and without this there can be no love. What a pity is that such a thing should have taken place as to render a separation necessary. It is time enough when death does so. If I was once home I would take care that none will ever have it in their power to say anything to me. I can deny myself quite well, I am not so easily tempted that you know. if I do put on a resolution, it will and shall be kept, but there is none lays it to my charge but yourself. but I sincerely hope it is all past; and that there will be no more reflections. I will expect some word soon as I expect wish to get home at this time. — I remain your loving wife

M.R. Dougall. Grocer. 70 Buchanan St. Glasgow.

J. Dougall

March 28

Health good - mind quite rational; is wearying very much and extremely anxious to get home as is evident from the letter appended to the last report. Busily employed at needlework. Has not been so quarrelsome of late.

April 12

Was visited a few days, by her daughter who had given her to understand that it was the intention of her father to take her home soon, since which time she has been more cheerful and contented; is at present putting her clothes &c. in order that she may be ready to go at the earliest notice. Health good. Continues to improve.

" 18

Health good, mind quite rational, has behaved very well since last report looks forward with pleasure to the time when she is to leave this for home; is very anxious to see her children, particularly the youngest. Is engaged at needlework every day. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continue.

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Being in good bodily health and her mind being perfectly rational she is this day discharged.

Curese

No 75. Jane Patterson or Mrs Bolton At. 29 Married. Domestic. Admitted Nov^r 28. 1842
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1266

Mania3rd attack of 6 months duration

Previous History. This patient was admitted into the Asylum from the 31st of January till 26th February last and dismissed. *vide* page 10 of this Volume. She was not long until she began to drink and has been insane more or less for six months. When she can be kept from drink she becomes rational. At present she is somewhat dangerous and destructive, threatens to kill her children, strips herself and drinks incessantly. She has not been treated for the present attack.

1842. Nov^r 28

Was brought from her own house to the Asylum in a hack by two of the nurses. Knew the Asylum, having been a patient in it several months ago. On admission cried like a child saying "What is this that has happened now?" What is to become of me. Refused to answer questions and continued crying and shedding tears till bed-time. Pulse quick and of moderate strength. Tongue white and loaded, pupils somewhat dilated; scalp hotter than natural. *Soma* *hira somni* *pit*: *Colocynthis*: *Comp.* *Colomel* *duas*. ordinary diet and regimen.

" 29

Bowels have been freely moved by the medicine administered last night. Patient says or slept indifferently, is this morning exceedingly pensive and has firmly resolved never to take herself to intoxicating liquors in future. Is at present employed sewing in the workroom and has been conversing with another convalescent patient for the greater part of the morning; pulse more natural, Tongue clearer. Continue employment.

" 30

Being in good bodily health, and mind rational, she is this day at the request of her husband dismissed home.

Cure.

N^o 76 Elizabeth Sharp a W^{id} Mc Dougall. at 45. W^{id} Domestic. Admitted Dec^r 1842
rate 8/6.

1267

Mania -

2nd attack of 14 days duration

Previous History - This patient can read and write. The first attack occurred after childbirth and was treated in this asylum from 6 Jan 1838 till 7 Dec 1838 when she was dismissed cured. Vide Female Case Book Vol. 1 p. . She was a quiet obliging & good tempered woman well. No cause is assigned for this attack which is marked by violence, destructiveness and delusions, such as that individuals are present who are at a distance, and that her deceased sister is with her. She has not been treated for the present attack.

- 1842 December 2 On admission appeared to be quite at home, recognised the nurse and enquired after several of the Patients she had been acquainted with when in the asylum about eight years ago. She has a very emaciated appearance, and staggers considerably when she attempts to walk; pulse small and quicker than natural, tongue dry and of a brownish colour, pupils contracted, teeth set. By dinner here some pil. Colapost. Pump & Colomel ij. ordinary diet & regimen.
- " 3 Past night was quiet and slept a little. Bowels have been freely moved; tongue cleaner, pupils still contracted. Abundant Capillitium.
- " 5 Much the same as at last report - Mind very unsettled, cannot remain a single moment in the same place; wanders up and down and frequently interferes with the affairs of the other patients; sometimes even attempts to strike the nurses when off their guard. Resists examination and when asked questions answers impudently and indecent answers. Bodily health indifferent. Let her have full diet. Habits filthy at night.
- " 8 Health much improved since last report and mental state also a little better, habits at night more cleanly; answers questions pretty reluctantly. Tongue clean and moist, pupils more natural. Contin: omnia.
- " 13 Mind more settled and active than at last report. Complains much of thirst and drinks an immense quantity of cold water; habits much improved. Tongue pretty clean but dry - Pupils natural. Rf. Sumat here some omnia nocte pil. Att: ij at sextone v.
- " 22 Is on the whole a little improved since last report, speaks more rationally & is more cleanly in her habits. Contin: omnia.
- 1843 Jan^y 3 Bodily health improved, mind somewhat better than at last report; continence omnia.
- " 29 This patient has rather retrograded for the last few days, sits in the back kitchen for the most part of the day. Let her have a pint of porter daily and full diet.
- Febr^y 4 Health indifferent, looks pale thin and emaciated, sits constantly in the back kitchen as near to the fire as she can get. A large abscess was detected in axillary region and was opened a few days ago discharging a considerable quantity of thick pus mixed with sanies Rf applicatur Cataplasma parli affect. Contin: alia.
- " 20 No mental improvement whatever in this case. Bodily health still bad, loses flesh notwithstanding the Porter and full diet; is today hardly able to stand on her legs to be watched. Contin: omnia.
- March 2 Bodily health improved since last report - gains flesh - still continues to sit huddled together by the fireside - Mind as formerly, no improvement. Contin: omnia.
- " 14 Continues to improve in point of bodily health, has gained flesh within the last few days - No improvement with regard to her mental state. Continence.
- " 30 Health continues to improve, mind within the last ten days more active, talks more than she did, answers some questions pretty reluctantly. Contin: omnia.
- April 11 Today was seized with a fit of Syncope from which she soon rallied after the exhibition of a stimulant. Mind as well as her bodily health somewhat improved. Contin:
- " 30 Health continues improving slowly. Mind more alert and active - takes her food well, but complains often of thirst, to allay which she drinks considerable quantities of water. Patient has been troubled with profuse urine for some days past. Replaces the organ herself unassisted by anyone. Cont: Med: one;

Elizabeth Sharp or Mrs McDougall from page 210. Admitted Dec 2^d 1842

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- May 12 Health of body improves daily, mind on the whole more active, patient is very quizzical in attendance to the duties of the Nurses, Clinical Assistant &c. sits constantly by the bedside, in back sitting room.
- " 24 Continues to improve slowly; answers some questions pretty correctly; has for the last few days been reading Psalms and Paraphrases of which she says she is very fond. gains flesh. takes her food etc.
- June 1 Health has not been quite so good for the last few days. Has this morning pain in her Bowels has had four stools today. Mucous light-colored. Pulse quick. Skin hot. Considerable thirst. Tongue white. Mj Summit. Hara somni. Pil. Hydrag. & Opio duas.
- " 2 In this morning much better. Hara somni stopped. Skin cooler. has still considerable thirst. pil. Mj moderate strength, tongue cleaner. Mj Olei Ricini 3j. Tinct. Opia gr. XXX. Ag. Cinamomi 3j. Hara.
- " 13 Has this morning returned to the New Regium at Garsfield. Health indifferent.
- " 30 Since her removal no change has taken place in the state of this Patient, her habits still continue dirty and her general health remains in a very precarious state, is excessively greedy and would take food, if allowed until she hurt herself. Bowels inclined to be loose. Lethargy have milk diet. Contin: omnia.
- July 29 Health in the same state as at last report. habits very filthy, mind not in the least changed or improved. Contin:
- August 31 No change whatever in this case since last report, habits are as filthy as formerly. Patient is quizzical in manner and frequently insists upon being told the price paid for the coat &c worn by the Clinical Assistant.
- Sept. 25 Bodily health in the whole better of late although her mind continues stationary. Habits still very filthy. Talks incoherently on all subjects; appetite not so voracious as it formerly was. Continues.
- Octob. 29 Within the last two weeks a considerable change has taken place in this patient. She is beginning to talk and converse rationally and to exhibit a greater degree of mental activity than she has done since admission. Inquires after her husband and expresses a wish to see him; thinks she will soon be able to go home. She is now quite cleanly in her habits and has begun to do a little needlework. Bodily health improves. Contin:
- November 12 Continues to improve steadily both in body and mind, answers questions quite correctly and talks coherently. As her habits are now perfectly correct and cleanly and as she is at present located in the dirty ward orders have been issued for her removal to a more comfortable part of the house. Let her be employed at some light kind of work. Continues.
- " 30 Since last report has made considerable progress - has been employed at needlework occasionally; she is pretty rational both in conversation and in her general conduct. Sometimes complains of a sharp lancinating pain in her side which she says comes on suddenly and is increased on inspiration. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Contin:
- December 19 Last night became very much agitated. Cried at the very top of her voice, much to the annoyance of the rest of the patients in the same ward. This morning gave no reason for her conduct further than that her nurses got the better of her. Tongue whitish and moist. Bowels rather slow. This morning a more settled but expresses a fear that she is about to become ill again. Mj Summit. Statius. pil. Hara. For the last few days has been more or less excited. This morning she is sobbing and crying, expresses a wish that the Almighty may soon remove her from this world as she thinks she will never be better.
- " 25 Health indifferent. Let her have full diet and a pint of Beef tea daily. Continues. Olei.
- 1844 January 20 Has been more composed for the last fortnight, mind pretty rational, bodily health declining. Pulse small and frequent. Tongue dry and clean; skin hot; thirst. Bowels rather loose, stools dark and very offensive. Pil. Hydrag. cum Eula. gr. VII. Pulv. Rhei gr. VIII. Pulv. Aromat. gr. III. Hara. Pil. Pulvis Hara. Somni. Sumend: Let her have rice and milk twice daily.
- February 15 Has not improved since last report but becoming daily worse, loses flesh, complains greatly of debility and loss of appetite; perspires much in the night time. Bowels loose. Stools fetid. Tongue dry. Pulse frequent and weak. Pil. Hydrag. cum Opio duas. Hara. Somni. Continues milk diet.
- " 28 Becoming weaker daily. Bowels still continue loose; patient is at stool three or four times a day. No cough but very little expectoration. On percussion left side of chest emits a dull sound. particularly

see page 21.

No. 77.

Jean Mc Lennan a Mrs. Thorburn M. 20. M. Domestic. Admitted Decr 5th 1842

rate 8/6

1268

Maria -

7th Attack of 3 weeks duration.

Previous History - This patient's father and brother were intemperate. She has been long so. During the last two years she has had six attacks before the present. She was twice in Asylum six weeks the first time and three weeks the last; at the end of which time she escaped. She has been married 10 years and has had 7 children two still born in consequence of her habits. The eldest is eight and the youngest three years old. She hears voices think people speak ill of her and conspire against her. She has attempted to leap from a window, is dangerous to all around her, tears clothes and destroys furniture &c. She has not been treated for the present attack.

243. December 5

Was brought to the Asylum in a hodge by two nurses. On admission appeared stupid and confused and had all the appearances of a person intoxicated. Answered some questions relevantly but seemed unwilling to converse with any person. About 11th hours after admission fainter but rallied immediately after the exhibition of ʒss of the tincture of Cardamomus. p. ʒss each, tongue white and moist, tremulous pupils contracted. Breaths slow. Rf. Sumat. Pil. Colocynth. Comp. & Calomel. Duas. hora Somni. Beduany diet and regimen.

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Slept badly last night, talked a good deal and disturbed some of the patients who were sleeping near her. Breaths more freely moved, tongue cleaner, still tremulous. Looks very stupid and apparently does not know what she is doing. Abundant Copulation. Contin: alia.

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Pulse ʒs moderate strength. Tongue cleaner and moist. Is today wandering up and down the gallery does not remain any time in one place and when she has an opportunity goes to the water pipe in the gallery and bathes her head, can give no reason for doing so. Rf. Sum: h. s. pil: Colocynth: & Oleo Croton: j. Let her be placed on full diet.

10

Looks much better, mind more rational; has begun to do a little work in the gallery. Today asked the Clinical Asst. if Mr. Thorburn her husband had been enquiring after her since she left home, said she was very anxious to know if they would be at home. Let her be constantly employed if possible. Contin: omnia alia.

13

Mind continues to improve steadily. Bodily health much better very industrious in the workroom. Pulse natural Tongue whitish and moist. Pupils slightly dilated. Rf. Infus. Gentianae. Aqua & Syrii Bicarbon. Soda ʒij. M. Sumat. Oxythum Vinosum bis in die. Contin: alia.

16

Is this morning somewhat excited. Stripping off her clothes and dancing up and down the gallery, says she intends having a party about Christmas time and is devising her steps that she may not appear awkward. Abund: Copulation.

17

Excitement is abated and patient has begun to do a little work in the gallery. Continuation omnia.

23

This morning during the visit became very much excited, demanded her immediate discharge and if her request be not granted says she will show things in their proper light and if she does reveal some things she knows some people who were instrumental in bringing her here will appear rather foolish. Can compare this house to nothing but Hell upon Earth, that the majority of the people connected with it are perfect Devils. Told the Clinical Asst. that he was insane and that he would run from all the views of his heart but having kept her here when she is free of taking charge of her family affairs. Rf. Sum: h. s. pil: Colocynth: & Oleo Crotonis unum. Cont. om: alia.

29

In the last two days has been free from excitement and employed at needlework, talks coherently and answers questions relevantly. anxious for dismissal. Continuation omnia.

243 Jan^y 12

Continues quiet for the most part but occasionally becomes excited and scolds and abuses her friends for keeping her in the Asylum. Health good engaged at needlework in the meantime. Contin: omnia.

24

No improvement in the state of this Patient since last report, is very often excited and violent rendering it necessary to seclude sometimes until she becomes quiet. Does some domestic work. general health good.

Feb^y 12

In all respects as when last reported. Highly and unsettled in manner, at times works diligently but is constantly talking when she can find any person to speak with. Bodily health good. Continuation omnia.

28

Health good mind in its usual state no improvement since last report employed as a domestic in the gallery. Continuation omnia.

March 5

No change whatever in this case, is very flighty and frequently pours forth volleys of abuse at her husband declaring that although she were set at liberty at the present moment she would not look near him, that she could get as many men as she liked and would therefore never again bind herself to a damned old scoundrel; so soon as she gains utterance to these remarks

No 77. Joan McLennan or Mrs. Thorburn

- than she begins to speak in the most flattering terms of her husband's many good qualities and will allow no one to say a word against him; curses and swears in the most indecorous manner. Has contracted a great dislike to a fellow Patient (Mrs. Haugate) who comes from the same part of the town, abuses her in every possible manner, whenever she has an opportunity; accuses her of being guilty of those very habits for which she herself is kept here. Bodily health good. Works diligently in the Laundry; talks incessantly. Contin: unimpaired.
- March 13 Continues in the same state as at last report; as talkative and abusive as ever; very much disposed to quarrel with the Laundry maids and patients working near her, demands her immediate dismissal, and that unless the Clin. Assistt. grant it, declares that as soon as she is dismissed, she will inform her brother James McLennan of the disagreeable treatment she has received & that he will call all the Doctors in the Institution to account for it; bids the Clinical Assistant to take very good care, for her father in Heaven, the Almighty Judge of all will punish him to eternity, and that he will not permit the oppressor to go unpunished. Speech excellent. Contin:
- " 17 There being no prospect of improvement in this case in the meantime, the Physicians by way of seeing what effect the change might produce in her case has given orders that she be removed to L. M. Gallery. She is accordingly this day transferred to that gallery.
- " 18 Was much annoyed at being today removed from C. D. Gallery and became so excited that it was found necessary to put her into her room. Abused the Nurse and called on the Clinical Assistant if he had the face of God before his eyes to let her back to her old Gallery and her old Nurse, went down on her knees to beseech him. Smart pit. felt c. d. Boston: unimpaired.
- " 19 Medicine operated well and she is today quite happy to be freed from her seclusion and allowed to sit in the back parlour. Seems more reconciled to remaining in L. M. Has been freed from seclusion. Is very industrious. Catamenia appeared today.
- " 21 Catamenia disappeared today, is now quite quiet and industrious. When asked of she likes this Gallery better, she said she never formed a hasty opinion of any place. Contin: unimpaired.
- " 31 Has been free from excitement since last report and works diligently either in the Workshop or Gallery. Very extroverted in her notions, talks of having parties at her own house and inviting the Clinical Assistants to come to them, promising to introduce them to some nice young Ladies.
- April 12 Continues industrious but is very extroverted and in consequence of her having on several occasions disturbed the others, it has been necessary to prevent her from going to Chapel. Her language, often very abusive and obscene.
- " 23 Has since last report been working in the workshop and from the report of the Superintendent, she conducts herself much better and more quietly than formerly both there and in Chapel. Catamenia appeared on the 18th and disappeared on the 19th.
- " 30 This evening in Chapel she was very noisy and excited and disturbed the Congregation so much that she was removed to the Gallery and placed in seclusion; she has for some time back been dressing herself in the most outeet manner possible and dancing about in the airing room. Smart pit: Aloes at Assafetida: c. d. Boston: unimpaired. *unimpaired. horo. domini.*
- May 1 Is today quiet and happy to be allowed to get out of her room, although she was noisy during the night. Is free from seclusion but confined to the Gallery.
- " 14 This morning was found with her face all blacked with coal, she excused herself by saying that she had been brushing her teeth and that she had been in habit of using Charcoal for that purpose when at home. Industrious and at present quiet.
- " 16 Continues very unsettled, last night became violently excited and broke every pane of glass in the window of her room. Swore at the Nurse and Clinical Assistant and used the most abusive language. Tongue white. Pupils today rather contracted. She had a Boston bit and Assafetida. Last night which operated well and she has been in seclusion since last night. Con: seclusion.
- " 8 Is today quiet and free from excitement. Promises to conduct herself well for the future if allowed to leave her room which has been granted although she is still unsettled and not to be depended on. She has since been employed in the domestic operations of the Gallery. Pupils rather contracted.
- " 11 As there is no improvement in this case since she was sent from the low gallery, and as she is

- very now and then liable to fits of violent excitement and there is but little probability of a ladder trail up stairs being of any use to her. She has been again sent back to C. D. Gallery.
- May - 12 Has conducted herself very well since she has been transferred to C. D. Gallery -
- " 26 Has behaved very well since last report and has been very industrious. She is however very lachrymose and constantly asks the Clinical Assistant when she is to get home; declares that she is not insane, admits that she is nervous, but not mad; that she has been rendered nervous by sleeping with her husband Thomas Thorne, who, she says has been a nervous creature ever since she became acquainted with him! Declares that unless that she is discharged soon, she is determined to inform the Lord Provost and principal Magistrates of Glasgow as soon as she gets out; and thinks that they will prosecute the Asylum and those belonging to it for such disgraceful conduct towards her; Health good. Employed at present in the Laundry - Continuation omitted.
- June - 8 Was this morning removed along with several others to the new Asylum at Gartnavel. Was very noisy and excited on the road thither; shouting out to every person that passed. Bodily health good - Contin.
- " 30 Since last report has been more settled and composed, does a little domestic work; is extremely anxious to get home and declares that unless discharged soon, she will not remain with her husband again. Does not know the reason why she is imprisoned in this place for she does not think she is either "a murderer or a whoremonger" and therefore has no reason to be shut out from the world. Bodily health good. Contin. om.
- July - 17 Attempted to escape this morning but was seen running across the fields by the Nurse and brought back before she got beyond the boundaries of the Asylum grounds. Assigned as a reason for running away, that she was perfectly sound in her mind and therefore unjustly shut up in an Asylum. That she had been so long separated from her husband that she had become quite tired of sleeping alone; this she said was not to be wondered at, in a person who had lived so long with a man, and besides it was a very hard thing for a mother to be separated from a young and helpless family. After being brought back she was very penitent and begged that she might be excused for what she had done. And she knew it was very wrong in her to attempt running away and promised faithfully that she would never do such a thing again. As very little dependence can be placed in what she says she is not to be allowed to leave her ward unless accompanied by some of the nurses.
- Aug. 4 Since last report has behaved much better than she has done for some time past; has been working very industriously at domestic offices, frequently alludes to her own attempted escape, which speaking with the Clinical Assistant, and hopes that it will not interfere with her getting home; mind on the whole more settled of late although she is still flighty and far from being sane. Has been writing her name upon the walls of the ward in which she sleeps, but on being told about it, promises not to do so in future. Contin.
- " 12 Health good, in other respects continues the same as at last report. Very industrious.
- " 14 Being in good bodily health and her mind being on the whole improved she is by desire of her husband, although contrary to the wish of Dr. Halleson discharged as

Relieved.

- considerably when she attempts to walk. Takes her food pretty well; still continues to crave extravagantly. Bowels regulated by medicine. Continues to vomit.
- January 27 Continues in much about the same state as when last reported. Still unable to walk without assistance, although she is out of bed the greater part of the day, takes her food greedily but does not appear to profit much by it, although her diet is of the most nutritive kind; pulse small and feeble. Tongue pretty clean and moist. Pupils contracted. Eyes suffused. Articulates with great difficulty and in such an indistinct manner that it is impossible to understand what she says. Bowels kept open by means of medicine. Continue the Beef Tea and Poter.
- February 8 Since last report has lost flesh, looks pale and emaciated, countenance sharp, other symptoms alluded to in last report, more marked. Is confined to her bed; restless and is constantly picking the bed clothes. Continues to vomit.
- " 9 Pulse small and feeble. Patient is evidently becoming weaker daily notwithstanding full diet and stimulants of various kinds. Continues to vomit.
- " 11 To-day patient is very weak and constantly sinking. On posterior aspect of right arm is a spot about the size of a crown piece in a gangrenous state also on facial region are several spots in the first stage of gangrene. Let the sores be dressed with cotton. Of Spiritus Sini Gallici 3℥. Sinal. Coch. parvum frequent.
- " 12 Notwithstanding the free exhibition of stimulants during last night patient continued to sink until 10 past four this morning when she

Died.

Autopsy - 38 Hours after death.

Calvarium of usual thickness. Dura Mater adhered strongly in the usual parts. Hemispheres adhered to each other posteriorly. Considerable Subarachnoid effusion of a lympho character over the whole surface of Cerebrum. On removal of Brain about two ounces of serum were found in the base. Brain generally softened particularly so at center, the Hemispheres exhibiting the appearance of thickened cream. Septum Lucidum entire and diaphanous. Foramen of Monro distinct. Latent ventricles considerably dilated, and contained about three drachms of serum. Choroid Plexus pale and shrivelled. Pons and medulla natural. Pituitary body healthy. Cerebellum generally soft.

Chest. Heart and Lungs perfectly healthy.

Abdominal Viscera. Healthy.

No 79. Margaret White. Single. Aged 45. Servant. Admitted December 10th 1842
rate 5/6

1270

Mania =

1st Attack of 1 Month's duration.

Previous History - No particulars were furnished respecting this case further than that a few years ago she had a natural child, that she has always been quiet and industrious, that lately she has become very restless and depressed and for a month very eccentric. She has now been in an Asylum, not treated medicinally for this disease.

1842 Decr 10

On admission was in a very depressed and melancholy state. For about an hour cried bitterly but could assign no reason for so doing. resisted examination and refused to answer questions. The only words she uttered off till bedtime were "I have had a child". Pulse quick, smaller than natural. Tongue white and dry. Pupils natural. Stool softer than usual. Sumat hora somni. Pitt. foliat & the Doctor's usual ordinary diet and regimen. employ as soon as possible. [Gallery]

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Bowels have been freely moved, looks more cheerful. answers questions reluctantly - has begun to work a little in the

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Health rather improved since last report, mind still somewhat depressed, does not enter into conversation with any one, skin rather dark coloured; makes herself very useful in the gallery. Rf. Pitt. attractor duas omni nocte ad sextam vicem. Rf. Infus. Gent. aqua & a 3viii. Merc. Seda 3ij. M. Sumat 3ij bis quotidie. Continues employ.

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Still continues in a dull and depressed state; does a little work occasionally, but frequently sits down in the midst of it, folds her arms together and refuses to speak or answer any questions or assign any reason for such conduct. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Continues in same.

1843 Jan 12

No change since last report, is still dull and inclined to be taciturn, works industriously in the gallery. Health good.

Feb 3

bodily health good; no mental improvement; taciturn and depressed, yet works steadily. T. clean and moist. Pupils slightly contracted. Takes good strength. Continues in same. [a domestic. Continues in same.]

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Health excellent, mind on the whole better since last report, more cheerful and active. Works regularly & industriously.

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Patient has been improving steadily - mind more alert and active, will soon be fit to leave for home. Bodily functions good.

March 5

Health good, mind continues to improve, much more cheerful and active of late, does not bring any delusions, very useful in assisting the Nurse. Tongue clean and moist. Pulse natural. Pupils slightly contracted. Continues in same.

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Continues to improve steadily; very industrious; has for the last few days been allowed to leave the gallery in order that she may assist the Housemaid in cleaning the stairs &c. Says she feels very comfortable and has no desire to leave the Asylum until the medical men think her fit to do so and to be trusted at large. Health good. Continues in same.

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This case goes on as favourably as at last report, rational and collected in her conversation; very quiet and harmless, works industriously at whatever she is asked to do without giving the slightest cause of offence to anyone. Appetite sleep and bowels natural. Continues in same.

April 8

Health good, this case proceeds as favourably as before; diligently employed at domestic work. Continues in same.

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Bodily health excellent, mind progresses rapidly towards convalescence. Is exceedingly useful in the house and takes a considerable share in the domestic work. broaches no delusions and converses rationally on every subject she is taken on. Thinks herself fit to leave the Asylum. Appetite, sleep, and bowels natural. Continues in same.

26

Health good, mind alert and active and rational. Is cheerful and good humoured and enters spiritedly in the work she engages in. Expresses a desire to leave the Asylum in order that she may be able to make little for herself in some private family; may now be considered as fairly convalescent. Continues in same.

May 3

Health good, convalescence goes on favourably; continues to work in the house as a domestic.

18

Bodily health excellent. Patient is cheerful and contented. Very useful as formerly in assisting the Nurse and other servants in the house. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continues in same.

June 2

Continues to improve steadily, may now be considered nearly well, today she has been sent with some of the rest of the patients to the garden to assist in cleaning the floors &c. previous to the removal of the establishment. Bodily health excellent. Continues in same.

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Health good; mind rational and collected. Convalescence proceeds favourably. Continues in same.

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Is at present engaged in domestic work, waiting on the Physician and Clinical Assistant, seems quite happy and expresses a wish to be employed as a servant in the Institution.

July 1

Being in good bodily health and her mind being perfectly rational she is this day discharged.

Curego.

No. 80. Helen Norris - Wt. 70. Widow - Admitted November 12th 1842. Age 76.

1271 - Dementia - 3rd Attack of 3 Months duration.

Previous History - No particulars were furnished of this case further than that she has been three times ill before. She was in this Hospital from ^{little} and dismissed. ⁶ *Vide Female Case Book Vol. 6* She was transferred from the Towns Hospital after being a month there.

1842. November 12 Was brought in a Paddy from the Towns Hospital. On admission looked bewildered and frightened, walked about the sitting room wringing her hands and crying like a child; declared she could not live here and requested that she might be set at liberty immediately. Has been refusing to take her food for the last few days, and to night has taken only a small quantity of her supper. Tongue foul and loaded with mucous. Sordes of lips. Pupils contracted pulse small. R. Sumat. hore omni. R. Ricini 3i & R. Terebinth 3i.
- " 13 Medicines exhibited last night active fully on her bowels. Patient looks more cheerful, and has taken some breakfast, her body is in a very emaciated state. Let her have full diet.
- " 14 Very little change in this case since last report, still exhibits a degree of reluctance in taking her food and during mealtime the nurse requires to stand by her to urge her to eat. Continues to vomit.
- " 27 Pulse small and feeble. Tongue pretty moist but loaded. looks emaciated mind in all respects the same as on admission. Wanders about the Ward during the night.
1843. January 12 Speech rather better since last report, refuses to speak, and always endeavours to avoid seeing the Medical Officers when they visit the Gallery.
- Feb. 27 No change in this case since last report, still looks frightened and alarmed when the Clinical Assistant speaks to her, asks him if he intends to drown her, or what he intends to do with her. Bowels slow 1/2 R. Ricini 3i. Stomach sumatens.
- " 28 No change since last report.
- March 6 No improvement whatever in this case since last report, is still in a very agitated state of mind dreads evil and mischief at the hands of every person who goes near her and not infrequently shouts out at the very top of her voice when no one is near her, is constantly asking the Clinical Assistant what he intends doing with her. Takes her food greedily. Bodily health on the whole improved. Bowels regulated by occasional doses of laxative medicines. Still during the greater part of the day huddled together by the fire-side in the back kitchen. This morning shortly after breakfast became excited and attempted to knock down some of her fellow patients, but her strength being inadequate for the task she was obliged to give way and content herself by abusing those with whom she was engaged. Continues to vomit.
- " 14 Bodily health much better, has gained flesh for the last few days, not so much disposed to quarrel alone, as she has been for sometime past. Has exhibited no symptoms of excitement since last report. Appetite good. Bowels regulated by medicines - Continues to vomit.
- " 24 Mind on the whole improved since last report. More alert and active - now is inclined to walk up and down the Gallery more than formerly. Sleeps pretty well at night. Appetite and bowels natural. Continues to vomit.
- " 30 Continues to go on in a satisfactory manner, mind more rational and collected; indeed considering her advanced age it is hardly possible that her mind can be much better than it is at present. Bodily functions natural. Continues to vomit.
- April 25 Being in good bodily health, considering her extreme age, and there being no probability of her mind ever being better than it is at present; patient having brooded no delusions for some time past; she is this day at the request of the Committee of the Towns Hospital discharged.

Refused
Discharge.

N^o 81. Caroline Bagot. At. Single. Governor. Admitted December 12th 1842
1842

1272

Mania =

3rd attack of 6 months duration.

Previous History = This patient was formerly confined in Saughton Hall for about 6 months and before she then went to Ireland to some friends as a governess and continued well till about six months ago, when she became very eccentric, religious, and depressed. The cause of the first attack is said to have been an unrequited attachment which she had formed for a young Episcopalian Clergyman, who was paying his addresses to, and afterwards married her cousin. After exhibiting the symptoms above noted, she suddenly last week left Ireland, took a steerage passage in a steamer for Glasgow in company with a female whom she lived as a servant. This person's son a boy of about 12 years of age she brought with her also - On landing, her money being expended, she took lodgings in a miserable house & wrote an incoherent letter to Sir R. O'Shea (her uncle) in Edinburgh, asking for money. Her brother the Rev^d Daniel Bagot, Minister of St James's, Edinburgh, came to Glasgow and by his directions, the Physician and Dr Pagan found her out and visited her. She was cool, but irrational and evaded in a covert manner of her independence, the Lord providing for her &c. She has not been treated for this attack.

1842 December 12

Was seen by the Physician in company with Dr Pagan this evening by request of her brother, the Rev^d Daniel Bagot who came through from Edinburgh on hearing that his sister had arrived in Glasgow from Ireland. Dr H. had some difficulty before the woman who kept the house would permit him to enter but eventually he succeeded in gaining an interview with the patient. Soon after the Clinical Assistant and two nurses were despatched with directions to remove her to the Asylum, as after a slight obstacle or two were successful in fulfilling their orders. On her admission late at night, she appeared collected and made no allusion to the proceedings. She shortly afterwards retired to her room.

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Passed the night quietly and this morning appears depressed and in low spirits. Sent down a nurse with a message to the Clinical Assistant, requesting him to stop up and see her. During the interview enquired by whose means she was placed here declaring that it was an unjust proceeding but that she would be always ready and willing to submit to the dispensations of a just providence. Shek tears and appeared very cast down. Sat with her bible upon her lap and had been penning some notes on the margin. Asked the woman who came with her from Ireland had been paid her expenses, said that she had behaved very well to her and had paid her every attention. Became more calm and composed during the latter part of the interview. This evening she sent down the following letter addressed to Miss Bagot, St. Bonans, Donagh Ireland.

R. L. A. Glasgow. Dec^r 13. 1842

My dearest Harriette, you will be pained to hear that your sister (instead of being enabled to report to you as I hoped favourably of my reception in Scotland) is now a prisoner in the Royal L. Asylum. On leaving Dublin, not having funds sufficient to travel as a Lady, I, with the maid who accompanied me took our passage as Steerage passengers in the Mercant which sailed on Friday last. I cannot describe to you my feelings on descending into that horrible hole more like a stable than an apartment for human beings. It reminded me of our poor Henry and it cut me to the heart when I thought of all he must have suffered in his journey to Scotland's house. I made up my mind to bear all in the hope of meeting once more my friends in Edin^g and find in these parental embraces a rest from trouble, but not so - The Lord had more trials for his afflicted servant yet I must not omit to tell of the kind treatment I met with on board the ship and to him who "keeps us as the apple of his eye" I would ascribe the praise - In the morning entered the packet as a Steerage passenger, and evening I was in the Ladies Cabin writing to Sir B. and Lady Sherffe - anxiously I waited for a copy of this letter which I posted the same evening but not hearing as I hoped on Monday morning from Lady Sherffe and receiving from her word to go forward on my journey - I wrote to James Cunningham who no doubt would have told

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to my relief as well as dear Maggie, but the same evening, Monday, Daniel into whose hands Sir W.S. put my letter, came to Glasgow and the consequence was, I was hurried off here. I did not see Daniel, but was informed, the Gentleman who came to me was deputed by him. I have no fault to find with the physician who came for me with the two nurses (he acted as a gentleman so far as the nature of his commission allowed) nor with any person in this Institution. but I cannot refrain from saying it - and as a subject of free constitution I have a right to speak for myself and in my own defence. I am not here in any proper place. I ought to be at home with my own family. I did nothing to warrant such treatment. Daniel had no legal power over my person - and in writing to Sir R. H. Sherffe I said I was ready to submit to his guidance in so far as is consistent with justice to myself. Now I have been so treated, I leave it to a just Sovereign and any Court of justice in her Majesty's dominions to determine. I only ask for fair dealing. I trust Harriette to express the distressing situation I am placed in at this moment - seated with seven poor afflicted creatures all chattering together, while others are heard in the various wards. I could not be otherwise but broken hearted and in my grave shortly if the Lord has not pity upon me. pray, dearest Harriette, pray for your own
 Caroline
 Excuse this blotted scribble and trust me it is all truth.

December 14 Now quiet and composed to day, requests permission to remain in her room and have her meals there. This has been granted. Saw the Physician for a few minutes today and complained of headache. Inclined to be alone and avoids the other ladies - Sumat has noted this. The following letter written last night was brought down by the Nurse this morning
 James Cunningham Esq^r 50 Queen Street Edinburgh.

Dear James, will you exert yourself on my behalf - that I may be removed from this place. You may have learned I am since Monday night imprisoned in the Royal Asylum of Glasgow and truly I am no subject for such treatment. I have gone through many and sore trials lately but this is the greatest of all. Some arrangement surely might be made. I am both able and ready to look for my own maintenance, but submit leisurely to an act of injustice and personal degradation I am not bound to do. Be I intreat of you take my cause in hand and plead for me with those who have been instrumental in the deed - I look for justice and Mercy, let it not be denied to your poor sister - Caroline

Wednesday Dec^r 13th 42. To James Cunningham W. S. Edinburgh.

15 Rather nervous and hysterical this morning, Health otherwise tolerably good. Takes occasional exercise in the airing grounds. Expression of countenance less anxious. Requested she might be allowed a steel knife and fork instead of the bone ones pledging that she would be careful not to allow any of the portulants to get possession of them. Her wish has been acceded to. She also asked for her Picknife but this was not agreed to, it being against the standing rules of the Institution. She bore the refusal calmly and was satisfied that it was from no other reason than the one alleged that it was not granted. Hopes the Physician will put every confidence in her and promises she will never attempt to deceive him. To have a glass of Sherry.

16 Has become more reconciled to her situation but keeps herself aloof from all in the gallery, mind cheerful and composed, and apparently free from delusions. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Requested to have her desk in her room which has been permitted. Is frequently observed writing but has sent no letter down since the 13th.

21 Still remains quiet and composed, passes the day in writing, reading and in taking exercise. mind collected and rational. Has had a long conversation with the Physician and expressed herself as satisfied with what had been done for her. Wishes to have her trunk and other things sent for. Asked for a glass of wine, and one has been ordered for her daily for the future. The following letter was sent down this morning -

James Cunningham Esq^r W. S. 50 Queen Street Edinburgh - Dec^r 20th 1842 Tuesday Morning 12 H.

Caroline Bagot.

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Dear James, I write a line to say as under existing circumstances it appears a duty — so I am reconciled and resigned to make this place my dwelling for the present — you will therefore hold over my note of the 13th inst. and be so good as to send over my trunk without further delay. My umbrella and parasol which Mr Andrew's coachman neglected to put into the coach this morning I started will you require and please to take charge of for me — my scissors and a little book, Daniel's "Discourse on the Lord's Supper" were also forgotten. I wish the poor Woman (the nurse) who accompanied me from Ireland to be duly rewarded for her faithful services. I owe much to her for adhering to me in difficulty — you will I trust attend to this; hereafter I shall know how myself to repay all those who now are willing to aid me to preserve in upholding my own and family's dignity. I desire to be affectionately remembered to all my Brothers and Sisters as well as to Sir R.H. and Lady Sheaffe. I am dear James with kindest regards your attached sister Caroline. You may not be aware that Mr Andrew's address is ^{copy} Monaghan. It is probable my property may be ready to forward to me. I am in perfect health and with gratitude I write, not for my own sake alone, but for the sake of those whom I most anxiously desire to serve if it please God to preserve me.

P.S. I feel satisfied the good people at whose house I lodged in Glasgow will have taken proper care of the trunk &c which I committed to their charge the night I left. I am not without hope of being enabled to remunerate them as they merit for their hospitality at some future day. It may be an ease to your mind to learn I must with all proper attention and respect in this place and though surrounded with objects calculated to alarm I am strengthened and nervous to bear up against the trial.

December 26th Calamities flourish. Quiet and somewhat depressed mind collected. Health on the whole good. Has written the subjoined letter to Sir R.H. Sheaffe. Monday Dec^r 26th 42.

My dear Friend. I write a line hoping that you and Lady Sheaffe will no longer consider me unworthy your regard, and trusting as the New Year approaches, so new mercies may open our view, through your goodness. I would look up to you for comfort, not for myself alone but for all in whose welfare I know you to be interested. That, at this time you would relieve our anxieties, and gladden our hearts. Let I pray you a new year bring in a new and happier state of things let sorrow and sighing flee away and brighter joys await us, be in the midst of us as a Father and a Friend, deal out the blessing with an impartial hand to each and everyone of us who cling to your regard. We are worthy your affection and we are ready to receive our gratitude by imploring for you the choicest blessings and the purest enjoyment a benevolent mind can experience. Once you said to me dear Friend, You need not fear Barry but you shall have everything you wish for — until now I never took advantage of this saying. Permit me dear Friend to bring it to your mind hoping you will not refuse to satisfy the boon to your own. Caroline.

" 30 Still quiet and apparently contented to remain here for the present. Takes her usual exercise when the weather is fine. This evening was persuaded to attend a party given to the Ladies but shortly after they had all assembled requested the Masters to permit her to retire as she did not feel well and in fact the scene was too painful for her feelings as she expressed it. This was instantly complied with. She took a glass of Sherry feeling faint. Wrote the following letter to her sister yesterday. 29th December 1842

10 St. Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow
My dearest Harriette I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you so soon again, but as you have desired I should, I must not hesitate to call upon you in difficulty and now write expecting you instantly will. Already I have informed you of my situation here, but although resigned to yield in submission to the divine will I still find myself urged at times to rise above existing circumstances. Sir R.H. and Brother James I have hitherto looked up to as Friends, worthy my confidence, nor do I expect ultimately to meet with disappointment, yet I must not, and do not lean wholly to their support and you will know my independent spirit. Here I am constrained

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for and meet with due respect and attention. I am thank God in perfect health and as my chief duty appears just now to be, to preserve that health which I am resolved to do. The circumstances even so advise you will no doubt approve of my making necessary preparations against the winter season already begun. I am in mood of warm clothing and should be sorry to forego taking daily exercise in the open air for so trivial an impediment. My cloak I never get & shall require it besides warm hose which I always have worn. Some of my best pocket-handkerchiefs were too mislaid in travelling. There and a few other little matters would render me comfortable and enable me to work up against present trial. Will it be in your power to lend me some money? - a large demand I shall not make and think that three to five pounds would be in ample for all purposes. You know my integrity and how prompt I am to pay my debts. and although I now have but one shilling in my purse I am not without hope I shall be enabled fully to repay your kindness at a future day. I shall be enabled to purchase the articles mentioned in this Town and shall avoid myself in this matter of the help of Matron who is a person both competent and willing to oblige. It will be a real comfort to me if you write & soon. Please to enclose your note under cover to the Charge of L^o Mulochisson, he is the principal person in this Asylum and under his protection I consider myself and my property for the present, & while here, besides all correspondence between friends within and friends without this place are expected to pass through his hands. I trust my trials may soon have a happy issue; I should be grieved to have to bring my affairs into open court, it would be an extreme alternative, yet I could make out a clear case, stand my own evidence and adduce witnesses in proof of the unjustifiable treatment I have met with, both on a former and present occasion. May God Almighty bless you my dear Sister, loss no time in aiding your own CAROLINE -

31 Octombris terminated yesterday! General health good, takes daily exercise out of doors - requests to have a small table in her room and one has been provided for her - Appetite good. Bodily functions natural. I gave the annexed note to the Nurse to be forwarded to her brother Jas Cunningham Esq^r.

31 Dec 1842. Last day of the year.

My dear Brother can you possibly oblige me by lending Mr Aubign's History of the Reformation I long to read it, and pray return it to me with it my Bible which I entrusted to Margaret's charge this time two years. I also need a few Victoria Stamps which if you procure for me I have money to pay for. Give my love to dear Maggie and say I should be very happy indeed were she with you to be the bearer of these comforts. I feel very desolate and long out more to shake hands with a friend. Do come dear James, you will find me well, strong and fit for any reasonable exertion. Last evening urged by the Matron I descended to a fete prepared for the patients, I did so (hearing that there were to be strangers invited) with a view to manifest the strength of mind which thank God I experience, as ever under trial. But I must confess I proved more impatient than "Patient," for growing weary I left the Assembly at 1/2 past nine o'clock.

This is a short note but I must say dear James I am greatly sick of writing it often proves a thankless office and contemplate looking up my desk for the present. Royal L. Asylum. I wish my Friends still to be sensible and to trust me. I am not weary in with doing but in return I expect my interest shall be kind, and my comfort made at least a second consideration. I have never shown myself selfish, nor been unmindful the good of others.

Has continued since last report to take regular exercise in the airing grounds and employs her time in the house in reading and writing. Today however in the forenoon she had a severe fit of hysterical crying, complained of difficulty of breathing and called out to have the windows opened, after taking a glass of wine however she still recovered. She has the idea that she is going away and expects her brother to come and take her with him today. The following letter was addressed to Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland Lion Hill. London.

"Jan^y 12th 1843 Afternoon Written at the Royal Asylum Glasgow N.B."

Madam

Your Grace needs no prelude to this note - I am an orphan -

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"cast down but not destroyed, persecuted but not forsaken" - You must know of all my late trials and of my present unsuitable position, for, "this thing was not done in a corner" - I am aware I have hitherto been under the guardianship of our Gracious Sovereign and my heart would go out to bless her for it - yes and she shall be blessed, only let her not have me nor forsake me - I write to you Madam as to one who appreciates "true religion" and I should grieve were you to suppose I do not trust him "who pursues me". I know He keeps me as the Apple of his Eye, and that even here to dwell and has been a comfort and solace all my life long to me - but much and more than much depends upon my being delivered and that speedily from this abode - others beside me have been led away captive unjustifiably and I only am left in ward to plead for all - I entreat of you to beseech me. My life and health are incalculably valuable, I am ready now, and willing and anxious and able to labor in a reasonable sphere of duty - My nature is not suited to be boxed up in a prison house. I have a heart warm with zeal for the cause of my Redeemer, and though but "a child" in the Kingdom of God, am a veteran in his service, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. With friends who ought to have given me countenance, and support I had much to contend - but I forgive - they have not hurt me, they could not, "the Lord is on my side". I am particularly interested in the welfare of Mr R. D. and Lady Sheriffe & so far as may be consistent with right principles, I would be kind and friendly to all. - I can say no more, I would say no less - time flies - eternity is at hand - may I entreat of you to hasten to write for my relief, and rescue - I have not a penny in my purse, I want a home, I want friends afford me all I need and may God Almighty bless you pray -

Caroline

January 14

The following letters were written this day

"Saturday Morning

"Mr P. - as you are the Gentleman who was employed to bring me into this abode with you and do your utmost to get me my freedom. I have been looking for a copy from the Warden of North -umberland and the Life of a dear Brother depends upon my being liberated speedily I can not for anybody or anything else at this moment" C.B.

"Madam"

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Your grace has in this revised my note of the 10th permit me to refer you to it and me more to entreat of you to come forward to my relief. Friends have ceased friendly to me and sum only resolved I shall be caged up in this abode for life. I mean not dear Madam to throw myself in your bounty I only desire your help in placing me in a position where I might mine than myself independently I wish to earn my bread honestly rather than be caged up here wasting my valuable time - My life and health will eventually suffer besides I am grieving on account of a dear Brother, my Brother "Henry George" of whom I have heard nothing for some time and the last accounts of him were truly sad - he went to Australia in the year 39 - I fear evil has befallen him, and I know I might be of service to him were I liberated I would even go to Australia this moment to seek after him and find him out - My dear Mother's last words to me were "watch over my poor boy" and I did so until circumstances of a distressing nature obliged him to go abroad in '38 - I would write to the Countess de Esch who is my own relation (my mother and she second cousins) I being the Grand Daughter of Captain Pouson, Malesworth a younger son of the Hon^{ble} Bice - but I dislike so the thought of Ireland, besides I should like to reach London in order to plead with her Majesty if upon enquiry I find it necessary for my poor brother, the last news I heard was that his life was in danger, but it was only a rumour and I should trust incorrect - he is now my first object of consideration, he like me has been set aside by relatives and friends - I would myself go forward to London, but I have not the least knowledge of the road and though I am fearless I do not think it would be wise to go unprotected. Hoping for your Christian regard I have the honor to be Madam - Your Gracious obedient Servant Caroline Bagot."

"I am indeed poor and needy only the Lord can do for me" Addressed "Her Grace the Duchess of

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Northumberland - Lion Hill, London

More cheerful today and is settling in the Drawing Room reading a religious book entitled "Christ on the Cross" more inclined to enter into conversation and tasks of books of various kind which she wished to read. Today she wrote the following letter.

"Dear Friend"

"Royal L. Asylum Glasgow Jan 15 1843

"I address you as a 'Father in Israel' one under whose ministry I have reaped blessing and whom I still and for ever shall remember with gratitude chiefly on account of the sympathy manifested towards me from brother the Rev. J. S. Irishel whose trials in the Spring of 42 you are not ignorant of. I now write to interest of yours intercede with his Excellency Earl de Grey, for his free pardon with reinstatement in all his ministerial functions - I forgive all that is past and believe that he was only carried away by momentary impulse, to act contrary to the holy principles, which show forth an ornament to his Gospel profession, but for him dear Sir, and feel for me, your own child in the Gospel and should you find it necessary petition her Majesty in my name, on his account. - Now I am led to think as matters occurred under the administration of Earl de Grey and knowing that his Excellency has confidence in your judgement, and that you have reliance upon me, this may prove the most effectual way to carry out the measure - I do believe our friend to be sound in mind at this moment besides he is deeply humbled and contrite in spirit 'ready to every good word and work' feel for a Brother in Christ - feel for him dear Sir and you will be the honoured instrument of restoring liberty to the Captives and the opening of the Prison to them that are bound." I plead for our friend my own cause I should then trust with him under such restrictions as Her Majesty whose Guardianship I still claim, might be pleased to impose. - Your prayers and the prayers of all God's faithful People have been effectual to our consolation - so that though shut up unjustifiably in a L. Asylum, we have here realized comfort and support 'persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed' I have hitherto been preserved in health of body and vigor of mind, but hope now fails and unless some effort be made on our behalf my life must be the sacrifice - Dear Sir pray for your own Child in the Gospel."

"Written on the Lord's Day - 12. 43" "Caroline Bagot"

addressed to the Rev. J. Hamilton Verschoyle, 101 Upper Baginott St. Dublin. Read Feb. 1. 12-13 also the 14th Chapter."

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Is today exceedingly urgent in her demands for dismissal says that Mr. Ketchum or Mr. anybody else has no power over her, that she is under the guidance of a higher power and is so in a very peculiar manner and that her life depends on her obtaining her liberty and sent down a message to the Physician to that effect, she has also written a note to Mr. Purchard of which the following is a copy.

"Mr P. I was engaged by my friends to bring me into this Asylum, can you now, will you be so kind and so pitiful as to obtain for me my freedom with sufficient money to take me back to Dublin. My life and sure that my life depends upon the action - I am perfectly able to act for and to guide myself and will be answerable for any consequence. - I must be independent & want to come to open and above board dealing. C. B. Monday 4th part 4 of 43"

The following is a letter to her Sister.

"January 16th 1843. Monday Glasgow"

"Dear Sophia - I every day more and more see that it is necessary for me to make personal effort for my own sake as well as for my poor brother, they are all playing the fool in this House, instead of giving me my liberty which should eventually benefit the whole community. My desire is to go to Dublin and there to work on independently until it shall please God graciously to bring about what hangs nearest my heart with regard to our poor Brother, and by thus maintaining myself to prove I have been in no degree injured by past occurrences - all I ask for is freedom with money to take me away -"

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have any consequence with me. I will be responsible, and am able to work through my affliction. Three pounds would take me over, I desire no greater sum. — I am ready this moment and long to go certain it would end in a blessing. Will you dear Sophia interfere with Daniel on my account and beg that he may not lose a day in bringing me relief. I long for liberty and am ready to sail in tomorrow's packet. I must manifest the innocence of my friend, in the exercise of the talents I possess — I have reason and right on my side and can assure Daniel and all my friends that I am ready for every good word and work — but unless they give me my rights, they shall never have reasonable comfort either here, or in the "Kingdom of Venice" hereafter enjoy the pure blessings of immortality. This sounds harsh and I do not wish to be unkind; but the truth will out and I am assured nobody, not even his mother shall divide us, we and my friend J. J. B. any longer with impunity. — Pray tell Daniel it is my fixed determination now to exercise the talents I possess in order to manifest the innocence of my friend — I do believe him to be sound in mind, even more so than those who did so unjustifiably shut him up and furthermore I purpose petitioning our Sovereign on his behalf unless the Sheriff of Glasgow come forward at once and liberate my friend the said J. J. B. addressed to "Miss Sophia Bagot - Royal L. Asylum". "I am your Sister - Caroline -" She continues writing letters daily on the same subjects the following is a copy of a letter to her Brother. "To the Rev. Daniel Bagot, 23 East Clarendon St. Edinburgh"

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My dear Brother

Glasgow. Tuesday Jan 17th 1843
Do not I intrude if you lose a day, but come speedily to rescue me from this captivity — I have again been obliged to lay aside my desk, I am so extremely tired writing. I want to preserve my health, and life, but indeed this Asylum is not the place. To exercise Christian graces, ought to be the business of a believing life, but here it is impossible — I wish to be kind to all and to live to the glory of God — help me to do so dear Brother, & may God always bless you — afford me a home under your own roof until a suitable situation be procured for me. I am ready to labour in any reasonable sphere of duty. I do not desire wealth, riches, nor yet the honours of this world, they are all base counterfeits when compared with the eternal riches and the glories of immortality. — My wish is to go direct to "Dad, not to the Bagots, nor Clackhams nor Bulls," but I would claim the fatherly countenance and protection and counsel of our friend Mr. Doeschouly, he would be able, and as I know at this moment anxious to help me and chiefly for Christ's sake whose I am and whom I desire to serve. He knows how to manifest "pure and unspiced Religion" and in him I should repose the most unlimited confidence. He speaks plainly and acts sincerely, openly & above board — nothing less will satisfy me; nothing less is worthy the disciple of him who "knew no sin neither was guile found in his mouth." I am quite free in a moral point of view, and here I am persuaded nothing but the power of Satan detains me. We must throw off the chain and be more than conquerors through Christ.

your affec. Sister Caroline Bagot."

18 Another specimen of her letters is thus inserted.

Wednesday Jan 18th 1843 - Glasgow.

Dear Friend — The annexed will sufficiently explain wherein I have had reason to share my feelings towards the individual on whose behalf I pleaded with you a day or two since. I now write for myself and desire that you will not allow me to be left here one day longer while you have a voice for me — Petition her Majesty to do anything, and everything to deliver me from this bondage. I hear, unless you are empowered by the Sheriff of Glasgow, nothing can be effected. This point is easily gained however, if in your hands you hold a warrant from the Sovereign of the Kingdom. I write daily but to no effect — my last note to Brother Daniel — and I thought he would at once have come forward to give me my liberty — there is no open dealing in this place, no face to face matter of fact dealings. I am disgusted more and more each day with their swindling and I really do not know

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what they mean. Now Sir do interest for me this night, could I hope for freedom how thankful I should be - even dear Sir sincerely yours C. B.

I dreamed on Monday night last, that J. P. H. had been married secretly to a servant-maid - and that since then friends broke off the match although he had a daughter by her. This reminds me that when in Suffolk Street Dublin, Aunt Oldham told me the very same thing - but I replied "I could not believe it, that I thought him too upright and honorable to suppose he would come to the same town I was living in, & to the very same Street. Yet if he had a wife and child already - that "free" to choose for himself he certainly was but having done so, his duty should imper him to cleave to his own wife, that it was impossible that I had been told so before by Ellen and Margaret - that I did then give credit to it - but that recent occurrences had made me change my mind entirely - but she still positively affirmed it - those were her very words - "Oh indeed he is - we clearly ascertained that, and he is not in this country at present at all, as you see you are only deceiving yourself Caroline." I got displeased when she said this and answered - "Well if it is true, he is a villain for though he may not be in this country now, he positively was a day or two ago for I saw him walking out of the Hotel opposite and besides I have sometimes thought he was in this very house from all your ways and manner of speaking it is just as if you were acting a farce or comedy to be seen and heard by somebody" I was afraid to say more then, for her countenance lowered, so I went to my own Room - not quite convinced but puzzled and disgusted more than ever.

James Trebisher - if this is true you are not worthy to be reinstated in the functions of your ministerial calling - We are you worthy my heart's affections, but I commend you and commend you to the mercy of God in Christ Jesus the true Saviour of Sinners. You have much to answer for guilty of first a horrible crime (read Mark 10:11 with Matt. 5:28) then covetousness, then idolatry, yet also idolatry, (thou hast said I am a God, I am a God I sit in the seat of God) Witchcraft. Oh what a Catalogue of iniquity, besides faithless and ungrateful - 'tis fearful to write. May God have mercy upon you and redeem your soul from eternal destruction. I now remember something incorrect - was omitted in Edinburgh shortly after our return for Hunt-Kell but which I did not suspect J. P. H. and Lady Shroffe with much propriety would not allow the matter to be spoken of in my presence (it was "Jane" a servant who lived with Mrs. M. and I remember too before we went to Hunt-Kell, Lady Shroffe objected to her coming, but Mrs. M. insisted and said she could not do without her) but no more of this, it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done if them in secret - James Trebisher if this be true concerning you, you are an awful transgressor forever for ever in this world and may God Almighty pardon all your sins. I am grieved for you and still will contend for you the prayers of God's faithful people that you may be given true repentance, but, never presume to think of me again. Your Mother too I commend to the Mercy of God but I have ceased to respect her as you "Whatever things are pure - whatever things are honest, of good report" (by which is meant things suited to adorn the doctrine of God the Saviour) of these alone shall I think. You have been the cause of shame to your son by your maneuvering, besides badly slandering me, but mark the words of Scripture "Thou shalt not have me in your hand" - You kept back your son from acting in an honorable way towards me maneuvering after Gold while all the time I was the adopted child of my dear Uncle Shroffe, and he had made a handsome provision for me, yes and what I never either aspired to or sought for - and he told me so himself. but I did not repeat it to you or to anybody for two reasons, first I thought there was a hesitation in his manner the day he mentioned it, as if it slipped out unawares so I felt bound in honor not to commit a breach of trust audaciously reposed in me - then when both he and Lady Shroffe seemed to confirm the fact by the distinguished favor they showed me, and that I thought they did not want to conceal it, I ventured to make it any more

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secret that no bait might be thrown out to catch others, for I was too proud to make merchandise of myself — those who love me must not love me for any own sake nor for anything I possess — but for Christ's sake only. I am slow poor and mean, no home, no wealth, no inheritance, no title. Yet, I am rich in possessing "all things." J. J. F. I now leave you to clear yourself and if these things be really true concerning you. I must say my Brother Daniel has treated you nicely in shutting you up in the Royal Sanative Asylum, indeed as an act of mercy I would myself petition our Sovereign to transmute the punishment you earn deserve — I have passed my trial and the verdict brought in is beyond cancel "Not Guilty" May God Almighty grant it may be so with you. I delegate my Brother Daniel to act for me.

Glasgow. C. B. Wednesday January 11th

Addressed to "The Honoured Hamilton Verschoghe - 61 Upper Baggage Street Dublin Ireland" and the cross was written "I need not assure you that I am ready to go at a day's notice. I am twice preparing over and over and over again." C. B.

January 19th

Still continues writing daily and as will be seen by her letters, her delusions continue strong as ever. "In His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, Lion House, London." January 19th 1843.

Dear Sir — May I request you will charge yourself with the enclosed for Sir B. H. Sheaffe, and at the same time use your every influence with her Majesty whose intelligent subject I am, for my life and liberty — I know you will act uprigely and I have had reason to hope you are one of the many who now desire to manifest pure and undefiled Religion. You will pardon the liberty I take, this is no time for ceremony while the life and liberty of a fellow creature depend upon the zealous efforts of friends — I have the honour to be Sir

Your Grace's obedient Caroline Bagot.

General Sir B. H. Sheaffe. Bart. &c. &c.

My dear Uncle. Do not I entreat if you any longer forsake your poor child, your own faithful Caroline — Be once more a Father and a Friend to me — I insist of you spare my life — oh spare my life, I am truly a child of God and an heir of Glory. Oh! think of the words of our Saviour "Love them that hate you?" Feed my Lambs." Dear dear Uncle be a friend of God, and manifest pure and undefiled Religion by visiting the afflicted and proclaiming liberty to the captives. I dreamed last night nurse Rankin brought me a glass of tonic and a piece of bread — it was a poisoned cup and I threw it into — Now if this would be the way "Daniel" would treat his Sister I shall never look to him again for protection he shall never set for me. You know my dear Uncle, you are my friend, I myself once gave myself into your care the return to me with all the love and tenderness of a parent and let me not be so trampled upon you cannot better employ your remaining days here than by comforting the afflicted — if it be possible clear poor James from every imputation and stain and restore us to one another — I love him still — dearly love him though if he be guilty which God forbid I could never agree with him. I do not ask wealth nor rank I want the life spared, and liberty restored to us both. Yes dear Uncle, I want my husband, my friend, and without doubt comfort, oh leave us not neither forsake us — be our dear dear true Father and show yourself worthy of being a subject of that glorious Sovereign whose superior tending Guardianship I still claim. I eat no breakfast today, nor can I enjoy a meal in this place. My Father and my Friend leave me not here to hunger and to die but save and cherish your own dear children, I am sure James is sound in mind, intellect & memory — I tell you self interest detains us here, they will empty your purse and drain your soul, if you don't rouse yourself, be firm dear Uncle let us not get the upper hand — write to her Majesty for our liberation to anything reasonable & honourable in your power for our rescue — I send this under cover to the Duke of Northumberland who I have reason to believe is my friend.

Your dear Uncle with much affection & sincerity — CAROLINE. I shall forgive all and am willing to be friendly to all if my rights are restored & liberty given to me. Jan 19th 43.

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Health continues good and she takes regular exercise in the airing ground. Still writes a great deal. The following are copies of three letters written since last report, from which her state of mind will be seen to be very variable. "To Miss Bagot - St. Simons, Dominica - Island."

My Dearest Harriette.

January 20th 1843. W. C. F. Glasgow.

Once more I turn to you my sister, hoping you are still the same kind and steady friend you ever were - you told me always to write to you and in every difficulty to apply to you. I am now in the greatest difficulty and my life depends upon my friends making prompt effort on my behalf - you have your liberty my dear sister so you may have it in your power to obtain me mine. I am now quite free from J. D. F. and I thank God for it when I consider the gulph almost that I have been rescued from. poor James would to God it were not so - Amen.

I have made application but in vain to Uncle Sharpe and to Daniel to befriend me - and now as a last resource I insist you to act for me, and intercede with Daniel to be really my friend - The first thing I expect is to be set free from this house of bondage and then provided for in such a manner as will contribute both to my comfort and God's glory. You can understand dearest Harriette what is good for your sister, and I would as a child yield to your guidance, provided it were agreeable. I had no reply to my notes written to you from this place - I want many things - I want a nice good cloak, especially and above all I want my liberty with money enough to take me across the water - perhaps Mr. Harriette would permit you to invite me to St. Simons until a suitable situation were selected, I would help you to take care of the little children and we should be so happy together - now do dearest Harriette do as yourself for me, and I insist if you to act openly and above board - I do not understand the fumbling way of doing business which the world has - "plain, honest, clear doings, and this dearest Harriette is generally your way. Honest hearted Harriette you know we used to call you I like you there is no time to be lost, a day even is of consequence for here my life is at stake - God bless you love and not only dispose your heart but fit you for it - and enable you to go through to his own glory Amen. Your fondly attached sister Caroline - Read Matt. 18. 18. I am very anxious, longing to see you and speak with you how I am so desolate not a friend to say a kindly word but surrounded by noise and strangers.

My dear Brother

Jan. Jan. 21st 1843 - Glasgow.

I beg to refer you to my note of the 13th Dec 42 - and beseech empower you to take legal steps for my deliverance from this place. I am freely my own mistress i.e. in a moral point of view, and will allow no one to trample upon my rights as a free born subject of Great Britain - I am wearied to death and see no reasonable cause for my losing so much precious time. Give my love to Maggie and beg of her to make me welcome in Queen St. I will do everything in my power to repay your kindness and hers by helping her to take care of our dear Elizabeth. No dear Brother act now as a parent by me - and do so promptly, decisively and openly. Come and demand my person to be yielded to your charge and bring in your hand a Warrant from the Sheriff of Glasgow who must sanction my liberation. I must preserve my life, it is too precious a trust to be trifled with; and I am resolved to bring the matter into open court. I can furnish you with facts and evidence sufficient to prove beyond counsel the unjustifiable seizure of my person - as well as attest my innocence of every charge brought against me. I am well away of the ground I stand on, and have everything arranged in my mind so clearly that you would have very little trouble, in fact I could stand my own evidence. I did hope Uncle Sharpe or Daniel would have acted kindly by me. I also applied to the Duke of Northumberland who I had reason to still have cause to think my friend. I also wrote to Mr. Verschogler but without effect - I know there is a strong interest excited about me, but saying one seems to have their hands tied up. So I see we must come to blows, I am quite free from J. D. F. though I would

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be anxious to anticipate his trial as a Christian should - & I am certain that all God's faithful people would join hand and hand to aid in the work. I see not a day dear Brother but work strenuously for me, I am sure I am sure unite with you, come both of you for me, be in capacity of my natural guardian - you as my legal agent. & hereby I empower you James Cunningham Esq. to act for me, I being a free born subject of Great Britain. Spoken in mind, in intellect and in memory" - "Caroline Bagot" addressed to "James Cunningham Esq. W.S. 50 Queen Street - Chambers. Thistle Street, Edinburgh."

"The Rev. Daniel Bagot - East Claremont Street Edinburgh" Monday afternoon Jan. 23rd.
My dear Brother - Once a dear friend of mine - a second parent, was very angry with me but indeed unjustifiably I trembled with terror for a moment when sudden impulse led me to throw my arms round his neck and kiss him - he was quite silent and gave me a look I shall never forget, patted my cheek and said "my poor child". It is even so I would now turn to you my Brother and seek your retaining smile and friendship - let us love one another and help one another so far as in us lies. it is truly my desire to befriend all my dear Brothers and Sisters that living in harmony and peace we may be the children of God and heirs of glory together. My desire is, and to you I would speak plainly, that my friend and I should be united without further delay I have reason to believe he is in his right mind - no one can be so well aware of this fact as myself for I can judge by my own feelings; and that I am sound in mind, in intellect and in memory the great and omniscient God well knows. Moreover I think it a base thing so to trample upon a fellow creature, he has so transgressed himself that he has no resource but looking to me for support - My dear Brother pity your fellow Minister, & overlook the past, he has been truly humbled and is anxious to live now to the glory of God. I want no wealth, I want no honours, no worldly distinction but I want to rescue a suffering saint from ruin and so to fulfil the law of love. I am not afraid to meet him or to trust myself with him, and to soothe his poor heart would have been my everyday thought and desire - I am my dear Brother with affection yours. C.B.
Let me hear your opinion and if it be agreeable to me I will then empower you to act for me but may speak freely and distinctly.

- " - 28 Habit continue as before reported takes exercise regularly and when in the house confines herself every day to her own room where she employs herself reading and writing. Attends chapel regularly. From the two following letters it will be seen that she is acquainted that she saw two of her relations in chapel yesterday evening "James Cunningham W.S. Esq."

"My dear Brother"

"I cannot be wrong you were in the chapel this evening - I feel most kind and grateful for the kind and brotherly consideration I am ready this moment to return with you to Exeter and am sure dear Maggie would gladly afford me a home for a short period also you a brother's protection, I am so sorry I did not at once go forward and speak to you - I wrote this to at least at night last, dear Margaret should grieve for your absence from Queen Street, you are free. Today night. C.B."

"Mr Cunningham 50 Queen Street - Edinburgh."

"My dearest Margaret."

"Friday Night"

"Will you like your own dear self, tell brother how much I regret not going forward at once to speak to him this evening. You are at liberty to say what you think proper in excuse for me indeed I did not mean to be unkind but, only wanted to offer prayers but when I opened the door he was gone out, I saw a person sitting with the low patients too is like you just the same honest and shawl you used to wear - so like you I might have been your petted one - I did write to Brother this evening but it just seems to me you should have a line too - I write in haste, going to bed, just for peace of mind - Yours very truly and ever affectionate sister Caroline
I trust this will prove a sovereign salve for any apparent coldness on my part. January 28th 43

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Caroline on the 18th and disappeared on the 25th.

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

"Go home to your Maumey

"And do as you are bid!"

"Shut the door to, you;

"And you'll not be bid" — "Wait on leaving Chapel"

On the other side "I.O. Night - Sat 30th

"Mr Thomas O

"1/2 past 9 o'c."

"This empowers you to go

On a fine piece of brown paper was written

"Hastier Weekly Worker"

"Mr Thomas O

"Fool! that you did not go

"You're a prisoner of mine

"January barely mines

This was addressed "Mr Thomas Gardner" both were enclosed in an envelope addressed "Glasgow" "Mr Thomas Oldham R. L. Asylum Case of St. Hutcheson" on the inside of which was written "Not the O.C." The following is a letter to her sister, addressed "Mr Cunningham 50 Queen Street Exeter" case of J. Cunningham W.S.

"I write to beg you will desire dear Brother to act for me, at once" "I am tired repeating the same over and over again and one more command here, to exercise his authority, influence, and power in demanding my Person to be committed to his charge. I have all confidence in his integrity and brotherly kindness and I am longing to see Brother Daniel and all friends — J. Cunningham W.S.

"This authorises you to demand my Person and without failure let us post to 50 Queen Street Exeter" "V.L."

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

"The Rev^d R. J. Hobson. Wallynna - Ireland"

"Dear Friend"

"Glasgow"

"I cannot be forgetful of former kindness to our family particularly to sister Ellen" "and having now in my power to repay advise you to quit this Asylum with the utmost speed if you remain you may be caught in a trap from which you can never escape. Believe and act upon what I tell you - this note is a warrant to empower you to go" "Sophia" "V.L."

"Dr. Hutcheson V.L. V.L. V.L. V.L."

Sir

You desired to know if you can do anything for me - I now write in reply to advise you forthwith to dismiss the Matron of "Royal L. Asylum, being an individual far from suited to fill a post so responsible I have had an opportunity of judging which Sir you cannot and do so fearlessly - I will in few words state what is my opinion of the Matrons official character viz. "right hand over left and left hand over the right, without shame or reason" a person placed over an establishment such as this ought to be a God fearing woman who would attend to her duty in a proper sphere and leave fumbling and manœuvres to the Doctors and Nurses - She ought to make herself one with the patients in so far as to regulate the occupations of those who incline to be listless and inert and to single in the petty affairs of others with the desire to benefit all she ought so to appropriate their time to exercise their hands, & to discipline their exercises with view to train the mind to a center of attraction calculated

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"to compass and to invigorate - effort should be stimulated by zeal, and zeal tempered and modified by reason and sound judgment. - But far from such a state of things many days have gone by without her entering the Galleries - Sir, there ought to be an exact Gallery, or I should say in each department in which the M- is bound in duty to act conscientiously a roll Book, and in this Book she should be obliged to send daily reports in her own hand writing which notes should be open for your perusal, and the perusal of visitors subject to their remarks and your amendments, she ought occasionally and at indefinite periods to see the various Meals administered and not to leave, what tends eventually to accelerate or to retard medical treatment to the hands of Nurses & menials - I tell you plainly Sir, I am not blind neither am I devoid of discommunt, nor yet experience in the details of medical skill and hesitate not to say, a good Nurse and a diligent is the Physician's right hand - and there are many cases in the Institution who though weak are not incapable of receiving food for mind and soul - I say then I leave it to you and to the several Directors and respecters of the Asylum to inform your own conclusions, only do it rationally and judiciously - I say the person appointed to fill such a post ought to feel for, and feel interested in the well being of the patients and not to leave the blind to lead the blind - and now Sir that I have given you these hints, take a Friend's counsel and act upon it, and having done my duty I now add a further request that you will open the Door for me "Visiting me" and my Friends with your blessing" it being my desire to go this day to St. Queen Street - Edinburgh where with Mrs Cunningham I shall find home and welcome I have the honor to be Sir, with respect - C.B.

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

"Sir It would be comfort to me to have my Penknife, it is so troublesome seeking to have my pens repaired by others - I am cautious and know well to possess my own goods and always prefer mending my own pens which I can do right well - May I desire the Station to let me have it or demand it for me yourself and send it to me I can assure you it will be safe in my possession - I have the honor to be Sir, R.B. Thursday. The note independent I am the most advantage was for this house for W. H."

"My dear Matilda" "Friday even. Feb. 3^d 1843"

"I have reason to think both you and Daniel are in this house - so, longing to go home to my friends - I hope you can arrange with the Doctor for us to go to night. I am ready the moment summoned I only request that when I am desired to prepare it may be upon distinct words - I am my dear Matilda with much love your attached sister Caroline

"You can come for me yourself or Nurse R- will do what you desire."

4 Last evening went to Chapel and took her seat in that of the Station but as soon as the latter made her appearance she rose and left the Chapel. Having some time ago expressed a desire to read B. Aubrey's History of the Reformation it was today brought to her, but she refused it, this according to the statement of the Nurse is her usual method of proceeding if anything is offered to her she refuses and when she wants anything she must either get it immediately or not at all. She was at the time this happened employed writing in a blank book, and said "I am writing a book you see, I am a book in myself"

7 This morning begged the Clinical Assistant to procure for her a penknife and pair of scissors

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My dear Friend,

Feb^y 12th 43 Glasgow. Sunday

It has occurred to me to write a line to beg you will bespeak me, the child of your old friend "Blain's Bagot" You must be informed of my late trials - for an account of which I refer you to the Rev^d. St. Vasechoyle - he with many others of God's faithful People did take my part, but they have been persuaded I am not worthy their kind efforts - but indeed this is false - I am worthy still clinging to hope - do go to Mr Vasechoyle and in my name solicit of him one more to come forward and to persevere until he effectually works out a blessing for me. Nothing short of petitioning her Majesty will be effectual for I am here in a manner "State Prisoner" nominally under her protection and hitherto graciously preserved by her guardianship - but what is life or health or vigor of mind without liberty? I would rather be a labouring girl earning one shilling per day, and at the same time having my liberty, than be a Prisoner without. Her Majesty need only to send to have my daily journal in word looked into - nay I would submit to be permitted to meet her face to face and to speak for myself and for my poor friends whom I trust the Lord will yet raise up, and restore to health - once more solicit for me the prayers of all God's faithful People and for poor J. J. F. that the Lord may be gracious to him and to me - and trust me yours faithfully C. B.

The following note written in a charming style was sent down to day and addressed to
"Andrew Bage, Esq" 10 "Charlemont" Mall, near Porto Bello - Dublin, Ireland"

¹ "Mucky pays all"
Dinner for two at 3 Sir
Dinner for you & fast 3 Sir
 Begone while you may Sir,
 As they'll make you stay Sir
 This note sets you free Sir,
 Go and pray don't mind me Sir

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I have reason to think you are here Sir—
Lose no time but fly Sir

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From letters received from her Sister and Sister-in-law it appears that this patient came from Ireland in the year 1836 to visit her grand Uncle Sir Robert Sheriffe who had then very recently lost three grown up children a daughter about 17 an only son and his eldest daughter who was to have been married the very day on which she died to Lady Sheriffe's nephew a clergyman named James Frobisher. Miss Bagot seemed to have an impression in her mind that she should take the place of her cousin Julia Sheriffe and as a consequence be married to Mr Frobisher who was on a visit in Sir R. Sheriffe's house during the winter.

The attachment was all on her side as Mr F. never showed her any particular attention. In the following autumn her malady was so apparent as to lead to her being placed in Langdon Hall Asylum - where she so far recovered as to be removed in three months but by her friends her delusion could still be traced and last Spring when her illness appeared in Dublin she told the whole story to strangers, because she had seen Mr Frobisher in Church and that from jealousy he had looked unkindly at her. She had been informed of his marriage by her sister and wrote to her sister-in-law begging her to be kind to his wife and get that Spring she said she knew he was not married. Within the last week accounts have been received of the death of Mr Frobisher from typhus fever leaving a widow and infant child behind him; the letters conclude by leaving it to the "experienced judgement" of the Physician as to whether or not she should be made acquainted with the circumstances of his death.

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Has changed since last report employs herself constantly in her own room reading and writing and does not seem to take being intended upon. Never asks to see any of the medical officers, takes exercise regularly in the airing grounds. Has written no letters of late but continues writing in her copy book and one day told the clinical Assistant she was writing a book. General health good. Calamencia appeared on the 16th and disappeared on the 17th.

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Is today in rather high spirits, has been running about the Gallery and is inclined to be tricky, shutting the door into a room when she gets the opportunity and then running away laughing and apparently much delighted when she succeeds. Continues to quarrel.

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Has been rather excited during yesterday and today and when addressed yesterday by the Matron she struck her a blow on the head and this morning threw a book at the Nurse as she was leaving her room. After dinner she scolded the Nurse with which she cuts her food and obstinately refused to give it up. She then sent for Mr Prichard and when he came she said immediately, "leave the room, Sir" when he said, addressing her by her name, that he did not understand her conduct, she again told him to leave the room, that she was not Miss Bagot but Mrs Cunningham and still obstinately persisted to give up the knife, she was informed that it would be necessary to have her "fingers" for it, and that in the meantime another room would be got for her, she was accordingly removed to the retired gallery and placed in one of the rooms there.

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Has continued violent and destructive and has broken several dishes in which her food was taken to her. This morning when visited she had made the carpet of her room into a bundle and the moment the clinical Assistant entered she threw it at him, she then attempted to strike him, ran out of the room and tried to get out into the gallery, she was however seen and taken back to her room, where she soon after screamed and broke some of the dishes which were there. Continue the seclusion.

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Is today much quieter and when visited this morning she petitioned to be allowed to return to the front Gallery, which although it was granted her she would not allow Mr Prichard to leave her but held him firmly by the hand and was obliged to be disengaged from him. She persisted in saying she is not Miss Bagot. Tongue rather white. Urine: Vit: Altered: does retain quinine water here some as over-sept: To be removed to the front Gallery.

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Has been yesterday and today much in the usual state in which she has continued before her late fit of excitement and employs herself reading and writing as formerly, and takes daily exercise in the airing grounds. Although addressed by her name she does not deny that it

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is Miss Bagot and makes no allusion to that subject.

Has been free from excitement since last report but seems to be rather restless and paces up and down the gallery shutting all the doors she finds open. Calamennia appeared yesterday. Continues to be yesterday and today a good deal excited, pacing up and down the gallery playing tricks and throwing water on the other patients. Yesterday when addressed by her own name said she was not Miss Bagot but Lady Sheaffer at least she soon expected to be so, this morning when dressing was much excited and broke a dish which was in her room by throwing it with great violence into the kitchen and when remonstrated with by the Clinical Assistant she attempted to strike him with a towel and would not speak a word, her face was flushed and she seemed evidently very angry. She still persists in saying she is not Miss Bagot and if by chance she is addressed by her name she becomes very angry and repeats her assertion that she is not. She accused the Clinical Assistant of having used the most ungentlemanly conduct towards her and said she wished to see Mr. Richard as he was the only person in whom she could place the smallest confidence and the only gentleman in the house. She then ordered him to give the nurse immediate orders to replace her looking glass and basin stand which had been removed from her room. lest she might break them. When told that as soon as she could conduct herself properly they would be replaced and that he was willing to do everything in his power to make her comfortable, sneered at him and accused him of deceit and of taking the part of that "wretch Benson against her" said she wanted to go home and that she was not mad; when told that she would not be detained here one moment longer than is deemed necessary by Mr. Hutchinson and her friends, said, "don't mention the name of Mr. Hutchinson to me or I will dash my hand through that pane of glass" pointing to the window. After the Clinical Assistant had left her, she called him back, saying in a cool and sarcastic tone "Though I have no respect for you yet I will make use of you for my own convenience. Order those things immediately to be put back into my room, and you do not leave this gallery until you do so." Pupils exceedingly dilated. Calamennia flushed.

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This morning has torn a religious book belonging to herself to atoms and scattered the pieces at her room door. Is very much excited, denies that she is Miss Bagot, and alluding to the book she has torn, said she had torn every vestige that remained of her name. Abused her brother the Rev. Wm. Bagot who she said was a minister of damnation which would be his "never-end". It was found necessary to place her in seclusion in the retired gallery, which whenever she was aware of began to beg in the most earnest manner to be allowed to go out and walk, and promised more to behave again as she had done. She was after some difficulty conveyed to the retired gallery and placed in seclusion after having tried to strike all who were engaged in removing her, she also attempted to bite the Clinical Assistant's hand. After the door was shut upon her she cried and begged to be let out again and at last called out, "open this door and let me out by her Majesty's special command. Stop her from forthpursing." Is today quiet and sitting in her room on the top of her bed reading her Bible.

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Pupils less dilated. More disposed to enter into conversation and her manner much more subdued. About 10 P.M. she was found lying on the floor of the room quite insensible. The nurse having just left her a few minutes before and returned with two pills which she was then to take. Mr. W. Parry saw her immediately and found her still quite insensible, breathing with extreme difficulty and resembling a person choked. Face livid and dark coloured; a quantity of mucus in the throat; teeth clenched. Eyes fixed and suffused. Pupils dilated. Scalp hot. Pulse small and slow. Suspecting that there was something in the throat, the mouth was opened and the finger thrust into the fauces where a quantity of mucus was discovered, this excited cough and appeared to make way for the passage of air to the lungs after which she revived and was able to swallow a tea spoonful of the ammoniated tincture of Valerian. and soon afterwards an

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source of the antispasmodic mixture. About an hour afterwards she was again seen and when questioned about her illness she was quite unconscious of everything which had happened and said that those around her must be mistaken. Colours appeared on the 15th & 16th inst.

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In this morning up and pacing up and down her room but looks pale. Has still the idea that she is not Miss Pigot. Asks to be allowed to return to the front and be permitted to go out and walk, also request a glass of wine. Will not show her tongue nor allow her pulse to be felt. To be allowed to walk out and to have a glass of sherry. I felt tolerably comfortable.

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Looks better this morning and petitions very hard to get back to her own room; is more cheerful, allows her pulse to be felt and shows her tongue which is rather white. Still wishes to be tricky and mischievous and is fond of shutting the nurse or domestic into any of the rooms when she can get an opportunity. She was allowed to return to her own room in the front gallery and when informed of it, was much delighted, carried off all her things and came with them and assisted the nurses in getting them all put back into the room. Since then she has been in very high spirits and inclined to be tricky and mischievous. In the evening she had a fit of crying and sobbed down the nurse for some paper to write upon as for her watch which had been taken from her when she was removed to the back gallery. When the clinical assistant saw her, said "I did not send for you, I sent for my watch. You are not my watch, I never saw a watch walking" and then laughed heartily. She appears rather hysterical this evening being at one time in very high spirits, at another greatly depressed.

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Has continued free from excitement since last report and has been good humoured and inclined to joke with those around her. She is still however rather tricky. Has to day written the following letter to her sister Mrs Cunningham it is dated one day behind —

"My dearest Margaret"

"Thursday 22nd March 1843"

"I write a line to beg you will once again make effort for my liberty — I am so lonely and wish to live with those whom I love, and who love me — Pray let me hear from you, I do not like to be with strangers" and I am wearied acting the Heroine. I trust ere long to see you and the Nieces and Brothers and Sisters well and happy, and all once more united in heart. When we meet I have much to tell you — and trust Brother James will lose no time in coming for me, it is disgrace to have me shut up here leading a life so idle. I look not for Honour nor distinction, only to recompense those who merit my regard and hope to have it in my power ere long to do so.

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

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I am in need of Books and other articles. P^r Pritchard says he but when I see you if some it will do. Today imagines that she gets things given to her without her knowledge, and thinks that those in the house more particularly Nurse Rawlin have a method of acting upon her mind and making her think of things which she would not otherwise have thought of. Stated that last night she had dreamed of very nasty things and was sure that it was in consequence of Rawlin's power over her. Says that when Rawlin places her hand on the back of her chair which she does while speaking to her, she means something by it. Since her return to the front gallery she has been again allowed two glasses of wine daily but is fault with it, saying it is bad and not the same as she got formerly. Is good natured and cheerful and very industrious at her needle. Continues to nurse.

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Yesterday when asked if she would go to see the private theatricals which were got up last night for the amusement of the female patients she declined and wrote the following letter to Mr Pritchard. "Send Pritchard. Comptroller of her Majesty's Household. "Mischievous" is ordered by her Majesty to suspend the entertainment of Guy Mannerling this

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- March 28 "night and to intimate the same to General Prichard with authority to exercise the fullest power in containing and turning over both Plot and Performance. As the Gentleman actors are assured it is not her Majesty's intention such doings should at any period transpire without her sanction and that Prichard is free & authorized to execute this mandate in obedience to Royal Command." Windsor Castle. Friday March 23rd notwithstanding this mandate she was herself present at the entertainment and enjoyed it perhaps more than any one present. Said she had gone there with the intention of being very but she had come away quite pleased.
- " 31 She to day addressed a note to her sister Mrs Cunningham containing a book-memoir with the words "forget me not" in it and the following lines "Caroline from Macquart-Sharp her sister" to the care of Mrs Cunningham 50 Queen Street Edinburgh last day of March 1843. Continues free from excitement. Habits as formerly reported.
- April 3 She for the last few days been very taciturn and will neither speak to the Clerical Assistant nor to the Nurses. She continues in other respects the same. {noted. C. memo}
- " 7 Still rather taciturn, but less so than at last report. General health good. Habits as formerly.
- " 10 Continues taciturn and has on several occasions lately been restless in chapel either changing her seat or getting up and walking out. Employs herself writing in her copy book, reads but very little, and has written no letters of late.
- " 11 In the evening was in a very unsettled state, pained up and down the gallery laughing and in high spirits and tried to play all sorts of tricks on the Nurses. Calamities appeared on the eighth and disappeared today. Continues unwell.
- " 16 In a conversation which she had with Mr Prichard today she told him that her things were no longer safe in her own possession, that Nurse Rankin had a set of keys like her own and that at any time she could unlock her trunks &c and take possession of or read her numerous papers, that there were some things which she valued much, she therefore wished him to take charge of the whole of them as there was no other individual in the house she could trust with them but himself, she then handed him over all her papers which she has been engaged writing ever since she came here and which contained remarks on the Institution, its Officers, attendants &c. Notes of sermons written before she came here and an account of her journey from Ireland &c. She is at present free from all excitement - Her habits are as usual. Health good. Continues unwell.
- " 21 So today in very good humor. Came out of her room and walked into the parlour and shook hands with the Clerical Assistant. Sat down and talked pretty freely and rationally.
- " 23 This morning a message was brought to the Clerical Assistant that she was not so well and wished to see him. On going into her room she said she did not wish to see him, there must have been some mistake in the message, it was true that she was not very well and had spent a restless night, but she did not wish to consult him as a Physician, she wished to see him, Mr Prichard and Miss V.C. in her room at once that she might give her orders and be done with them for ever and they were to bring a sheet of paper and note down her commands. All this was said whilst she was in bed and in a composed and disinterested tone of voice, when told that she could not see them at present but that her wishes would be mentioned to them she with great dignity said - "It must be done immediately" and in a tone of voice and manner evidently indicating that she thought herself some great personage for she had before affirmed at the commencement of the interview that she was not Miss Bagot. Towards the afternoon she was seen by Mr Prichard, and was still in bed. Told him that she had wished him, Miss V.C. and Dr Orr all present face to face that she might convict the latter; she had spent a very uncomfortable night and was in a state of - of - fermentation which she attributed to Dr Orr that he had done it and that she had made him confess that he had done so in the morning. She could not however say what he had done, she then wished to get back her papers

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and did not think them safe with him and that he himself was not safe here; she insisted that a letter had come for her this morning from Government and when told was not so, declared she would have no shuffling for if it was not a letter it was a paper, a document or by whatever other name he chose to call it. Mr P. again assures her that nothing of the kind had come for her, she told him it was an authentic one. He then left her and said he would see her again. He had scarcely gone when she who for some time which was given to her she got out of bed, threw fast the bread and the plate out of window, when Mr Pritchard went to her room he found her in bed with her bible in her hands pretending to be deeply engaged studying it; he asked for an explanation of her conduct but she would not speak. He asked the nurse to shut the window, she said "No don't shut the window"; he then left her. In the evening she got up, dressed herself, went out to the airing ground and walked. A few days ago Mr Pritchard having sent her some writing paper at her own request she returned it soon after wrapped up in paper on which was written "In Mr Pritchard with Lady Sheriff's compliments and kind good wishes. April 25. /43."

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Regulated this morning that Mr Pritchard would return her the paper he had formerly procured for her, said she required private apartments in the house and several other things which she would mention at some future time. Appeared pleased when the paper was given to her and exhibited a good deal of feeling as if she recollected her position of yesterday. Said she had passed but a middling night, but had slept a little. Her health good; countenance improved - looks more cheerful, inclined to converse. This evening requested to see Mr Pritchard who immediately went up. She gave him a parcel desiring him to make a good and faithful use of its contents - on the outside envelop was written "With liberty to judge" it contained a letter and a small packet. On the outside of the former "Monday night." "Honi soit qui mal y pense." V. G. and was addressed to Thomas Pritchard Esquire with Lady Sheriff's respects. Monday the 25th day of Spring.

Sir. May take care and make use of the enclosed in order to the benefit of all as prescribed who merit her Majesty's regard. The small packet was addressed to Miss Ellen Cole Bagot, Sophia, Frances, and Harriette. It contained a paper and no written directions. Passed a very good night, said she slept calmly and comfortably. Looks cheerful and good-humoured. At eight this morning became very communicative detailing many circumstances connected with her family and herself. Declared all she had written was true, that she would speak out openly and freely and it had always been her desire to act correctly. Supposed her sister was all confined here and her brother also who went to Australia. Described how she had exerted herself for his welfare, supplying him with money to enable him to pursue his studies at the University and what an ungrateful return he made for her kindness. He had never written since he left Scotland. He went out under the charge of a respectable Clergyman, a friend of the family and it was intended he should have been ordained by the Bishop of Australia on his landing there. But he was a bad boy and a drunkard. The many days of anguish he had caused her no one but herself could tell. He was now here, she had seen and heard him and would recommend that he be well looked after, that his hands be tied. - Wrote Mr Pritchard would be kind to her sisters, she was certain they were all here. He was to tell them how useless and foolish and perseverant in their present course of conduct would prove. She did not mean to impute wrong motives to any of them but considered they were all deceived. Her just rights should have, notwithstanding all their manoeuvres. She was now under the especial protection of her Majesty and nothing could be done to injure her. Became very animated at times during the conversation which was a long one of nearly two hours duration. Occasionally shed tears when she referred to her parents or her uncle Sir Roger Sheriff. - From what could be gathered from her remarks it appears she imagines her relations have conspired together to deprive her of the title of Lady Sheriff which she supposes she is entitled to.

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to, that they have imprisoned her here in order that she should not thwart their plans. She wishes to go out to look for herself and says she feels quite competent to manage her own affairs.

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It appears that on the 25th she threw her watch over the window saying it was not hers; but the real truth appears to be that she was not satisfied with the way in which it had been repaired. She today said that at home she had a gold one, that it was an old watch that blows nobody good and somebody would get it. It was but a trifle at the best.

May 2

This morning at 5 o'clock having heard a carriage stop at the Physician's house in which he was going out to the new Institution she became excited and broke ten panes of glass with her fists, breaking two at a time. On being visited she at first refused to give any account of herself, saying she was not called upon to do so and that no one had a right to call in question her actions, she however afterwards said it was because the people who went into the carriage were doing wrong and she wished to set them right and that by breaking the window she had done so, she then requested to be allowed to return to her own room to which she said she was very much attached, this however was refused on the score of her having broken the window and that besides it would be necessary to have it mended she however still insisted to be allowed to go in and dress there, this was acceded to provided she would not again repeat what she had done in the morning, after a good deal of questioning and denying the right the Clinical Assistant had to call in question her actions she at last, but reluctantly gave her promise and was then allowed to go to her room. She objected to having the window mended saying if that were done, it would do away with all the good she had effected in the morning; said she had done a great work. In an interview she had with Mr. Prichard in the forenoon, told him that she had seen him and "another person" and that he was doing wrong and she was determined to fire a cannon to warn him (she had seen him and the Physic. getting into the carriage) While talking to Mr. P. the Physician happened to come into the Gallery and after she had considered a little said "Yes I will tell him" immediately after which she went out of the parlour and called out to the Physician who was at the other end of the Gallery "Dr. Hutchison you are a fool, and I tell it to your face" she then laughed and seemed to enjoy it exceedingly. She is exceedingly dictatorial in her language and evidently supposes herself empowered with great authority. Will not submit for a moment to be called Miss Bagot. This morning when refused access to her room she said she would have the Clinical Assistant put into ward and it would be the worse for him this time than it was before, the last time it was only for two days but now it would be for a week at least. She is very unsettled and another paroxysm is dreaded. Looks rather sallow. Sumat Pl: Colocynthis & Oleo Castoris does nothing.

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

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No excitement since last report. She was today informed that her brother the Rev^d St. Bagot had been appointed Vicar of Newry and Moone - said it was not as she would have arranged it, Newry was in the County Down, he had certainly come down he had £500 a year in Edinburgh without any trouble in collecting it and at Newry he could not receive more than £200 but she knew he always wished to get there as he had property near and many friends. She then said he was not in Ireland at present. She had heard him last night in chapel, had heard his grant (and here she imitated it) and knew he never would preach in Ireland. She then reflected on him for the way in which he had behaved. Sometime ago she was informed of the death of Mrs. Forbisher which she received without manifesting any emotion whatever and said she knew that - he was dead to the world. Continuation omitted.

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Rather unsettled today and has been pacing up and down the Gallery as she usually does when in that state. Gave the Clinical Assistant directions as to how he was to treat a patient

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(Mrs Cameron) who was brought in today, told him she was possessed of the Devil, and that his treatment must consist in doing nothing at all except giving her some food when required and shortly afterwards when he returned into the gallery with Mr Richard she told him that she had just been telling that fool pointing to Clinical Assistant what he was to do, and that he now had an opportunity of attesting his character. Catamena appeared on the 14th and disappeared on the 17th & was unaccompanied by any excitement. 16th on

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Today she had a long conversation with Mr Richard and the Clinical Assistant during which she gave a long history of her life and that of her brothers, of her residence in Ireland and in the asylum at Langdon Hall, of the manner in which she furnished funds for the education of her brothers; occasionally mixing up her delusions in her conversation and every now and then when a word struck her she would play or pun upon it. She got also upon the subject of mesmerism but frequently contradicted herself at one time saying she was under its influence and had been mesmerised at another denying it, and at another saying that she could mesmerise, and when asked if they had ever been able to succeed in mesmerising her, she said no they had never been able to suck seed out of her mind. Said she knew quite well what was going on in every part of the house. She then began to lecture the Clinical Assistant, told him it was useless for him to fight against the "priests" asked if he recollect that passage in the Scripture, said she would give him a sermon on it, compared him to Saul and told him he need not fight against the priests asked if he knew what the priests were and what would be the consequence of kicking against them &c. This interview lasted fully an hour and a half. She keeps free from excitement but is full of delusions and is busy committing them to paper.

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She will not allow that today is Sunday and has been playing the Piano and singing her stonings. Insists that it is Saturday the 27th of May.

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Delusions still continue to manifest themselves in all directions. Today she expressed herself very strongly against Mr Richard, said he had proved himself a deceiver and was nothing more than a Jack-a-dandy, a Jackanapes, he had some time ago got from her a bible and some manuscripts which would have been of service to the most profound divines, and said she should have them whenever she wanted them. He had asked for, but he had not given them. He was she said drawing in all the information he could and that some day he would have a last burst. Said that by the knowledge she possessed she knew that there was a parcel sent to her from London which should have come either yesterday or today, but that her left-hand eye Mr Trishker the mother of a person whom she once respected had got possession of it, when reminded that Mr T. was dead replied "dead to the world but still a mass of clay, whose motions I hear in the Chapel and whose mother sat herself down there, opposite to me on purpose to annoy me". Said that she worked when others were asleep and knew a that was going on and she has still some curious ideas with regard to mesmerism.

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In the evening a letter of which the following is a copy was sent down stairs
"The Rev^d H. Molesworth" May 31st and June 1st 1843.
"With the line I now write I congratulate you my brother on your new occupation of power that I have had the pleasure to confer through my influence - and thus wish you to act in capacity of guardian to me and to write my unlimited acknowledgments to His Majesty for his bounty and goodness - I remit you some pre-patented paper and request that you demand all that you judge necessary to carry out every just measure. Thus we carry out and co-operate with His Majesty's firm resolve to correct abuse and reform the evil habits extant - make the Prince your primo facie give Marie a Brothers love and remember in so far you remove from him the Ban of Transports already passed upon him - He possesses goodness and would do right if encouraged. He is now freed from the trammels of Popery, hold him up my brother in the right way and God Almighty will bless you supremely. My wish is to join Maggie in Duck Street."

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Edinburgh. Yet I will not leave you alone. Robert (I will not permit you to style yourself Daniel, "I hate the name. I think it sounds like (Conrad) let us now unite and co-operate - Rest my right hand and I your left, Rest my left hand and I your right - I wish to hear you preach in chapel and that you should be a man and the principal agent in conducting my affairs with the affairs of Prince George and the whole community of God's people in Glasgow and the neighbourhood. Now observe I will neither desert you nor Prince George - I warn you against "Mr Hutcheson" who is a blackguard of the deepest dye - Mr Thomas Robbards I have just cause to say is a weak body and I grieve to add has wheeled about from the right to the wrong side - but so it is - he was carried away by sin and fanaticism - he now wishes and tries to uphold truth in fact I regard him now my Contemner de Chasse, and recommend him to your notice. I wish to see you in propria Persona my Brother, come up sometimes with Mr Hor - I know you are in duty bound of the day in the outer Gallery. I see you sometimes in the windows above and when I walked round the grounds this forenoon I looked up to you - You are now free to go where you please and to occupy any part of the house you wish. Keep the key of your own room and command whatever you choose, go out and come in at your leisure and with firm and steady grasp arrange the affairs of the whole family - I'll keep on look out and please God will see all right yet. Caroline V.
This was enclosed in an envelope addressed "The Rev Robert Walsworth Esq (formerly Daniel Bagot)" Inside the envelope was written - "I just add a line to say "W. Robinson" never shall be my husband - indeed I believe him to possess more honor than to urge his suit further - C" Along with this letter she sent down a roll of 10 sheets of clean foolscap paper on one of which was written "The tenth Hussars - Glen Procopiot - Caroline V." and on the cover containing this, the following "Bagot me R. W. with Pens, ink wax & every book you choose to demand And permit me your Stockings every Tuesday to repair -" (Love Paper) Caro V.

- 8 Contains free from excitement, but more full of delusions, talks in an authoritative tone of voice and evidently supposes herself a person of great power and influence, she is also as may be seen by her writings very egotistic, the following is part of a letter written today to her sister Mrs Cumtigham "I want to tell you something I could only write to a Mother and to a sister or to a very intimate friend and do it to prove how disadvantageously I have been situated hitherto and hoping thus to move you to exertion in order to my joining your family circle in Queen St. I wish to be under the protection of, and in the dwelling of kind, considerate and prudent friends - I love you and brother James and your little ones and freely my own mistress I choose to mention your family friends as my retreat from much and sore evil. In instance at the time we write Miss Vesey nominally Housekeeper and who has been over and over again dismissed from the Post but whom Mr Hutcheson has manoeuvred with himself to keep within is accused of "being envious" and I humbly to utter that your sister Ellen Cole Bagot is also under similar contumacious - The thought is to me awful and I know not how it could have transpired for to my knowledge neither are married - how Margaret ought to rest satisfied seeing such baseness is perpetrated and a screen thrown over the deed - It must not so be, Thus in an official character appointed by her majesty to rule and to right - I delegate you to move in the affair of obliging both one and the other to submit to investigation or to spare you this, just take me home to your own self to Queen St. Let us arise and with speed away, leaving both inmates of the Lunatic Asylum - where they may under cover of number nine, weep out their days in repentance. And again I must tell you something though I am very unwilling yet knowing it is wiser to confide in you than have the world suspecting me of bad thoughts. In indeed the matter never would have entered my mind - On Monday night I think it was a silly body whoever it was, brought before my mental vision the following circumstance - viz - H. G. B. that King of inquiry was extremely unwell just like I am, he took one of my affairs to me - and Rankin in my sight spread it open - he present, and spread it

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June 8

- " upon the chair at the foot of the bed, then it was put into my lips to say, "I never knew such a thing happen to me" and indeed I never did, and what is more I don't believe it - and only am sure some nasty fool in the institution brought the matter to my mind's eye to affront me & I do wish you will just tell James and get him to find out who it was, and have them severely chastised whether man or woman, indeed it must have been some madman that did; "
- 20 Was removed to the new Institution at Eastwoud on the 12th and on her arrival there it was determined that she should dine and take her food with the other patients and not be allowed to have it in her bedroom as formerly; for the first few days she obstinately refused to go into the dining room and consequently went without food, she has however since then gone in frequently, but sometimes refuses saying she will not go into the hall and will not keep company with deranged people. Talks in the most haughty and dictatorial tone of voice at one time but at others is depressed and cries, and quotes texts of scripture. Has now taken an ill-will against Mr Pritchard, calls him a deceiver and says she hates him but talks highly in favour of Dr Campbell. Is very haughty to the Lady Superintendent whom she calls Madame Providence and whom she speaks about whenever she sees her. Today refused to get up and went without her breakfast. Imagines herself specially commissioned by the Royal Family to enquire into the schemes and plots of this establishment - spoke of having an allowance of £5,000 per annum to enable her to carry her plans into effect - Since the morning has risen, says she will not dine, as dinner means in this place "to-morrow" a plainly speaking the "Devil" in her, said "plots are going forward to injure the most loyal subjects herself and it is well hinted there is a devil in the Queen herself which misalt she intends personally to resent. She further remarked "It is said that Sir Rob Peel is to visit this establishment and if so, he is by my order to pass and re-pass without molestation. Even the name of Mapleson has been mixed up in this universal malcontent against the welfare of the Queen & State and once a Pursey cat to pass across the Gallery it would be implicated too. Upon its being observed it would be made a Cat's paw of "the play upon her words so pleased her, that she consented to take some food and be agreeable.
- " 21 Very haughty, violent and unsettled. Says she has dismissed Dr Hutchison & the Lady Superintendent & is now making fresh arrangements - and is no longer a member of the Bagot family. Towards evening became more subdued.
- " 23 Fallen in the forenoon - writing all day - agreeable and rational in the evening. Compared the sufferer to the death of a Christian, parting from life, and gradually entering into Glory - gave some very striking and apt quotations from scripture, spoke of her own writings as comprising portions of sermons which she had heard preached, with her own additional remarks.
- " 24 Very agreeable and ladylike in behaviour - but troubled when speaking of Sir Roger Sheaffe spoke her surmising to his title and fortune to which the Queen at her request has deprived him of, he being now in this asylum plotting with Dr Hutchison against her and others. Was visited on the 22nd by the late Master, Miss Dacey and although she never was a favourite of hers, yet after she left the gallery sent her a pair of bracelets with Cornelian clasps with a note saying "We request your acceptance of the accompanying bracelets."
- " 25 Very agreeable and ladylike in manner and intelligent in conversation - she now comes in to dinner with her fellow patients but is today in bed, having had headache last night. Tongue white but moist, pupils dilated. Pulse natural. Inmate Pills: Collyer with cum Hypos: dums.
- " 26 Refused the Pills ordered yesterday when sent to her although she previously promised to take them. Is rather flighty; would not take her food with the other ladies, nor would walk out because they do.
- " 27 Talked a great deal about her oppressors and discontentment on the part of her friends - which the Queen she looked into, and is now addressing. Said that she had been annoyed by her Uncle, Mr Bagot who had set up in the Gallery of the former house, on right to injure by means of some filthy ideas into her head which her sister's husband had since prosecuted. Spoke of Mr Pritchard's having taken from her improper doses of wine, to injure her general health. Harkness had told her so - said she saw the plots that Dr Orr was carrying forward against

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The Lady Superintendent. Knew the injury he had inflicted upon her ^(the L. S.) breast but which she had by her interference removed, and would not suffer the Lady Sup^t to be mixed up with their schemes for fear of future punishment of high treason.

28

Quarrels the Clinical Assistant against the Lady Superintendent, says she begins to be looked after, received the manner in which she came among the patients at first, how she tried to insinuate herself into their good graces, at the same she evidently was not quite sure of them and seemed uncertain where to put her foot. Health good. Cheerful and contented. Manifests a patronizing spirit, and asks how the Institution is getting on.

July 1

Is today very unsettled and irritable - last night insisted upon having her window shutter open and left so all night and because the Nurse refused to comply with her caprice, she struck her twice very severely. This morning because she was asked to go into the parlour for a few minutes until the workmen had removed the carpet from her room and laid down another, becoming very angry, rushed into her room and brought out a chair which she hurled along the gallery with great force. She was warned that if she persisted in such conduct again she would be placed in a room by herself. She also smashed her toilet to pieces, and was so angry to everyone and dissatisfied with everything. A few days ago she requested the Lady Superintendent to purchase for her a tooth-brush and a piece of ribbon, a note of which was given her; she said she never liked to be in debt, and would not be so, if she had her purse about her, therefore she should hand it over to the General. Accordingly she wrote on the back of it "For the General, Malvern Castle. Kent."

3

Rather calmer - writing and reading most of the day - very neat in her person, habits and room. Haughty and assuming a tone of command.

4

Very passionate and violent - during dinner and previously - but calmed down afterwards -

5

This morning had rather a severe fit of Hysteria - Respiration much oppressed and action of heart strong and irregular - In the evening was in her usual state entered fully into conversation with the Clinical Assistant. Spoke of the Thursday & Legation which occurred during the evening - upon being asked if she was afraid of it, replied. "She was not afraid of anybody, not even God Almighty - perfect love casteth out fear, for with fear cometh torment" - after which she entered into an explanation of the word as implied in the fear of the Lord and contra distinguished from the term dread.

6

Most agreeable and ladylike, conversed about the scenery of Ireland, Dublin &c.

8

Insolent and behaving rudely to the ladies, emptying her tumbler of water into the cell-cellar whilst the ladies were at table; refusing to take her meals in their society; flying out of her room and banging the doors of the different dormitories; startling the ladies &c. Says she has discharged Mr. Whipple as being quite unfitted for her situation - considers her extremely rude, uncivil and vulgar, but highly opinionated of the Mother, Mr. Coff. Considers her a first rate Lady, elegant and most accomplished in manner and appearance.

10

Behaved with civility in the forenoon; requested that Mr. Campbell should read the prayers as she considered him the most steady and sedate person about the house. Expressed deep concern about the health of Mr. Cannon (a fellow patient) asked Mr. Whipple's opinion respecting her and desired her to consult the Doctors on the subject. attended service but would not sit in the Gallery with the ladies and behaved violently afterwards scolding and abusing everybody.

12

Loitering and writing. Will not assume to walk out with the other ladies. Very haughty - Hammering the dormitory doors and annoying those around her.

13

Quiet and engaged writing. Today went into the parlour to her meals.

14

Began the morning badly - Let the water run off by the pipe and when forbid to do so - became enraged broke her liver and pointed to her scars in her hand as a defiance to the Nurse. Scolding and swelling up and down the gallery all day. Became very violent in the evening and was removed to the Refractory.

15

This morning has been very refractory - very volatile and talking very large. Said her brother Mr. B. Paget was here, superintending this establishment under her control. Insulted the Lady Superintendent by

see page 293.

No 82. Isabella Bruce. Et. 26. Single. Servant. Admitted 14th December 1842. Rate 8s.

1273

Mania

1st Attack of 10 days duration.

Previous History. Little information could be procured respecting this patient. She was always flighty and useless to her equals but quiet and submissive to superiors. The cause is said to be unrequited love. She cares in love and religion and certain letters which she expects. She has been in an Asylum and has not been treated for this disease.

1842
December 14th

On admission was cheerful and good humoured, appeared perfectly happy, and expressed her willingness to remain in this place at her life; sang loudly and coherently participating in a religious strain. Whence that she had experienced the second birth, and that she had come to this house which she termed the House of foolishness, in order that she might have an opportunity of perfecting the death of Christ. Said she well remembered seeing the beloved Jesus, then a young man, teaching in the temple and instructing men older than himself, and heard him say to Mary his mother when she wished to go with her; "No Mary, I have to finish my Master's work." Answered questions relevant and coherently. Pulse 84, good strength. Tongue pretty clean, dry. Pupils slightly dilated; Sclerotics than natural; Skin moist and dark coloured. N. semi. h. s. M. Polypus & P. 4. Ordinary diet & 4.

15

Slept well last night; bowels freely moved this morning by the medicine exhibited at bedtime. Was cheerful and contented, declared that is nothing wrong with her, and that she is perfectly sensible of all that she has come through, and that her friends are quite under a mistake if they suppose that she is deranged. Is today employed at needlework in the Workroom. Continuation.

18

This morning walked for about an hour in the front airing ground with another patient, during which time she was heard by the nurse talking loudly of the Crucifixion of Christ, made several remarks of cruelty of his persecutors; of their having nailed him to the Cross and having given him bitter to drink; maintained that she is now quite well and feels perfectly happy in this place, but thought it was not so very ill as to warrant her friends to place her in an Asylum. Pulse natural. Pupils a little dilated. Tongue clean and rather dry in centre. Skin dark. N. s. o. n. 22 system vium. P. 4. 4. 4.

20

No improvement since last report, has a great many delusions, took the Clinical Assistant aside this morning and told him she had a secret she wished to communicate to him. viz. that she is a typhoid. He looked at her and said she was afraid that he would not believe this, for she herself was frightened and unknown until she was regenerated. Talked for sometime about Lazarus, Nicodemus and many others, recited Scripture; said she differed from other women in this respect, that she never had any desire to be married but wished rather to remain single until she was removed to her Father. Continuation.

21

Last night was allowed an interview with her Sister whom she scolded and abused told her she mistook her, no any friend belonging to her was ever to come to see her in the Asylum again. Said she considered herself a great deal wiser than those who placed her here, but trusted that they would be forgiven.

1843
January 3rd

Health good, no mental improvement, same constantly on the subject of redemption and the second birth. Does a little work in the Laundry. Continuation. Mania.

12

Continues nearly in all respects the same as at last report; mind full of delusions, still fancied she is a type of Christ. Says it grieves her to think that most of the inmates of this house are in a mental state, and hopes the day will soon arrive when they shall see the error of their way. Is ill in the morning and frequently retires to a room in the Gallery to read the Bible. Modest functions natural. Continuation.

22

Health good, no mental change, mind as full of delusions as formerly, loves incessantly on the subject of redemption; today directed the Clinical Assistant's attention to a dark line on the wall of the Gallery, which she declared to be a great mystery; expressed her doubts as to his having sufficient faith to discern. Is at present employed as a domestic. Catamenia fluent. Continuation. Mania.

24

Catamenia desiccant. Continuation. Mania.

February 12

There is, on the whole, a slight improvement perceptible in this case; delusions are becoming quiet and very indistinct. Health good. Continuation. Mania.

15

Continued quiet and pretty rational since last report until last night when she became excited; was very noisy and sang & danced during the greater part of the night. Strabismus & fullness.

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1843.

- February 17 Is today in a very excited state, tearing her clothes and crying at the very top of her voice, pretty & absent in her language. Application *vesicatorium capiti* lot. Cont. *omnia alia*.
- " 18 Patient is much quieter today, but refuses to answer questions; sulky and determined. *Abster* has risen well. Is in bed in the meantime. *Quiescat*.
- " 20 Very noisy today and threatens to strike anyone who goes near her. Let her be placed in seclusion.
- " 21 Since this morning and regrets having behaved as she has done of late. Is hoped from seclusion.
- " 24 In the last two days has conducted herself better, but today is somewhat excited and disposed to quarrel with the rest of the patients. Catamenia appeared on the 21st and disappeared today.
- March 1 Has continued quiet, and been engaged in needlework occasionally since last report; manum is however still flighty and unsettled. Continuation *omnia*.
- " 2 Is considerably excited today, noisy, and striking everyone who goes near her. By sunset *Statin* lot. Part. *Antimonii* 3j. Contin. *omnia alia*.
- " 3 Became quiet after yesterday's draught and has continued so since. Contin. *omnia*.
- " 11 Has been more settled for the last few days, and doing a little work in the laundry. Bodily health good. Contin. *omnia*.
- " 13 Is this morning in a very unsettled and excited state, refuses to work, is sulky & illtemper, and when spoken to looks in a scolding manner, hurls her brows and turns suddenly away as if anxious to avoid conversation. Bodily functions natural. Contin. *omnia*.
- " 16 More cheerful today, than she has been for some time past, occasionally sending forth bursts of laughter; very erotic in looks and gestures. Is at present engaged in sweeping clothes in the laundry.
- " 17 In order that it might be seen what effect a change may produce in her case, the Physician has given orders, that she be removed to L. M. Gallery. She is therefore transferred today.
- " 18 Seems pleased with the new arrangement - is diligent and industrious at her needle. Conversation often very incoherent. Is highly erotic in look and gesture. Health good.
- " 27 Still very excitable, looks very incoherently and accuses several of her fellow patients of abusing her with the most obscene language, but when required she works diligently.
- April 2 No mental change since last report, there is an eruption of red itchy spots on her neck, & on the hands between the fingers a number of small vesicles, presenting all the characters of Scabies. Health good. By Consens. *Sereno* 3j. *Sulphur*: lot. 3j. *Potass*: Supertant. 3j. *Quia* 3j. *M. Sum.* coct. *parviter guttulati*. lotat: *Ungt. Sulphur.* manibus.
- " 12 Has been all yesterday and today excited and very noisy. Is frequently noisy during the night but continues industrious at her needle. Catamenia appeared on the 7th and disappeared today. Scabies has now almost completely left her. Omit *Ungt. Sulphur* et *Elect*. Contin. *alia*.
- " 17 Yesterday and today very noisy and excited, was particularly so during last night and this morning paces up and down the Gallery, singing and talking constantly and in the most incoherent way, is also destructive to her clothes. Hence her breakfast at the nurse. She has for the present been placed in her room.
- " 18 Spent a very noisy night but is this morning quiet, still however very excitable. Con. *om*.
- " 19 Has continued quiet since yesterday and has been allowed today to leave her room on giving her promise to remain quiet. *Sumat pil. Colocyth* 3. *Ch. Oston* 4.
- " 20 Is again today as noisy and excited as before, excited and made much noise all last night. Has been again put in seclusion.
- " 23 Excited and noisy during the night but pretty quiet during the day. Contin. *seclusio per anam* *dim.* *Sumat pil. Colocyth*: 3. *Ch. Oston*: *deus Statim*.
- " 27 Has been free from excitement since last report and has been employed in the workroom where she has been pretty quiet. Since last report has been freed from seclusion.
- " 29 Some return of Scabies on her hands and trunk. lotat: *Ungt. Sulphur*: et *Sumat Pil. Colocyth* 2. *Sops*: *deus* h. l.
- May 5 Has continued quiet and free from excitement since last report. Is industrious and useful in the galleries. Still some remains of Scabies on the hands. Contin. *omnia*.

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1843.

May 14th

Continues industrious and quiet. Catamenia appeared on the third and disappeared today. Industrious and free from excitement very desirous of being allowed to go home. Talks more rationally than formerly.

" 19

Is today rather unsettled and inclined to be passionate and quarrelsome. Continues still very quiet. General health good. Contin. omnia.

" 22

Has been yesterday and today very highly excited, and during all last night was exceedingly noisy and very destructive. Has broken her bed to pieces. Is today in a state of great excitement. Pupils contracted. Sumat. pil. foliat. cum St. Croton. j. To be placed in seclusion.

" 23

Medicine operated well but she is still as noisy and excited as before, dances about her room and is destructive to her clothes. Abad. Capillitium. Con. seclaus.

" 24

No improvement since yesterday. Continues very noisy and destructive, and has painted all her face with dirt and paint. Taken from the wall. M. Tinct. Camphor. 3j Tinct. Nyo. 3j Ag. Capiv. 3i H. Sumat. Station.

" 29

Continues excited, noisy and in seclusion until today when although still unsettled she is much quieter and has been allowed to leave her room and is now sewing in the retired gallery.

" 31

Continued pretty quiet all yesterday but during the night she was very noisy. Still very destructive to her clothes which she tears in pieces and tears about her head. Pupils rather contracted. Bow. open.

September 7

Since last report continues excited fitfully and destructive till two days ago when she became calmer and is now pretty quiet and though excitable makes herself useful in the Gallery assisting the Nurses. Contin. omnia.

" 20

Since last report has improved steadily; she is quiet and industrious and makes herself useful in the work connected with the gallery, disposed to be tricky at times and requires to be strictly looked after; extremely anxious for dismissal on the grounds that she is perfectly capable of supporting herself out of doors. Bodily health excellent. Contin. omnia.

October 15

Health good continues nearly in the same state as at last report; fitfully and denatured at times. Let her be actively employed.

" 31

Being in good bodily health she is this day by the request of her friends, although contrary to the wish of the Physician, discharged.

Cure.

N^o 83. *Isabella Donato* M^{rs} *Rachburn*. M. 35. M. Domestic. Admitted Dec^r 17. 1842.
Rate 8/6.

1274

*Dementia.*1st Attack of 1 Month's duration.

Previous History. None of this Patient's relations are known to be insane, and the cause is said to be bad health induced by frequent miscarriages. She is neither suicidal, dangerous nor destructive. For some time before the attack came on she was low spirited - At present she is in a state of incipient dementia; fancying that people come to steal from her and injure her. No treatment has been adopted except shaving and keeping the head cool. She has never been in an asylum.

1842

December 17

On admission was depressed, and appeared exhausted; resisted examination and refused to answer questions. Is reported by her friends to be in a pregnant state and that during pregnancy on two former occasions she exhibited symptoms of Melancholia although not to the same extent as at present. Pulse small and frequent. Tongue pretty clean but dry. Pupils natural. Skin very dark coloured. M^o sumat hora somni. Ois hieum Ji. Ordinary diet and regimen.

" 18 No change what can since yesterday's report, continues taciturn and depressed; has not spoken since admission. Bowels have been moved by the oil.

" 21 Pulse 78 rather small, tongue dry, pupils rather contracted; taciturn and depressed. M^o pit. alt. XII. Lig. sumat duas omne nocte hora somni.

" 29 No improvement in this case. Patient is still in a very depressed state. Contin. medicamentis. There is not the slightest symptom of improvement in this case since admission, is still melancholy and taciturn. Will not answer a single question. Contin. omnia.

" 25 Nothing worthy of notice was observed in this case since last report until within the last two or three days since which time patient has exhibited a degree of restlessness which forms a striking contrast with her previous character and habits since admission. Walks rapidly up and down the gallery, not infrequently going into a room and coming out immediately, is quite taciturn and refuses to return an answer when spoken to. Catamenia have not appeared, & nurse reports that her belly is on the whole more tense than natural. Abad. Euphatorium. To be carefully watched. Cont.

" 30 This Patient has again subsided to the same melancholic state in which she was when admitted. Still and depressed, refuses to speak, and sits in the same position during most of the day. Contin. omnia. No improvement in this case since last report. Is occasionally subject to fits of excitement during which she walks for several hours together up and down the gallery in a hurried manner. Nurse reports that her abdomen is increasing in size. To be watched carefully. Bowels regulated by occasional small doses of Castor oil.

" 17 In all respects the same as at last report. Continuation omnia.

" 28 There is not the slightest change in the mental state of this Patient. Has not yet spoken a word to the Clinique Assistant; walks away from him whenever he goes near her. As dull and depressed as ever. Abdomen appears to be increasing in size and has all the appearance of a person in a state of pregnancy. Skin very dark coloured. Conjunctivae yellowish; takes her food tolerably well and sleeps well at night. Bowels kept open by occasional doses of Castor oil.

March 8 No difference in the symptoms since last reported on. In manner in all respects the same. Has occasional interviews with her friends during which she says very little. Contin. omnia.

" 26 Today her symptoms have been somewhat different, instead of being melancholy and depressed as formerly she is walking hurriedly up and down the gallery laughing heartily and sometimes whistling. Refuses to answer questions or to give any reason for her merriment. Bowels as formerly regulated by aperient medicine.

" 30 Has been in her usual depressed state since last report. Skin unusually dark coloured. Conjunctivae yellow. Resists examination. Appetite natural. Bowels regular.

April 12 Health good, mind in no respects improved. Has on the whole been more cheerful of late but will not speak or answer questions. Bowels regulated by mild doses of opening medicine. Contin. omnia.

" 20 No change whatever in her symptoms since last report, is still taciturn and depressed;

Isabella Donald or Mrs. Ruchman from page 246. Admitted December 1st 1843

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 April 20 occasionally a smile appears on her countenance but she refuses to speak. Pregnancy advances favourably. Bowels kept open by gentle aperients.
 " 27 Continued in all respects the same as when last reported. Pregnancy goes on favourably. Is strictly watched, and state of bowels attended to. Contin: omnino.
 May 4 No alteration in her symptoms since last report; very much depressed as usual, never speaks a single word, but occasionally when addressed, smiles and hangs down her head. Takes her food pretty well and sleeps soundly during the night. Pregnancy goes on favourably. Cont. &c.
 " 9 No change whatever since last report. Contin: omnino.
 " 10 Continued in all respects the same as at former reports. As the time of her accouchement is drawing near, and as it would put the house to a great deal of inconvenience for her to remain during that period the Physician has written to her friends with a view to her removal, when they intend to effect in a few days. Bowels regulated by medicine. Is carefully watched.
 " 13 This morning patient became exceedingly restless and uneasy, walked up and down the Gallery in the most hurried manner, continued to do so for about an hour when she began to cry and abuse her husband for placing her in this house, saying every now and then "O what a cruel brute of a man to put me here" became sick beyond by and was put into bed in her own room, she however refused to lie in bed and persisted in lying upon the floor, she lay on her side and continued to cry as before until about 5 o'clock when she took her tea. Her friends came for her this evening, as they agreed to do, and she was accordingly discharged on furlough.
 " 15 This Patient became so noisy and unmanageable after her return home that it was found necessary to bring her back to the Asylum again. She was accordingly re-admitted this evening. On Admission was taciturn and depressed, took a seat among the rest of the patients in the back parlour. Refused to speak or answer questions. R^x. Sumat. Mera somni. Olei Ricini ℥j. Tinct. Opii q℥ss. XX. liquor Cinnamon. ℥j. M. tidying diet and regimen to be carefully watched.
 " 27 General health good, since admission this case has varied considerably, at one time she is dull and depressed, refusing to speak or to look at any one, while at another she is in a highly excited state; laughing talking loudly and incoherently, singing and sometimes dancing and skipping up and down the ward. Her abdomen is very much distended and it is wisdom that the period when labour should take place is not far distant. Bowels regulated by several doses of laxative medicine. To be placed in a room by herself and carefully attended to.
 June 5 No change in this case since last report - Patient conducting herself in the usual manner, sometimes cheerful at others dull and depressed. Gestation progresses in the most favourable manner. Bowels regulated by medicine.
 July 1 Labour having commenced this morning about one o'clock she was safely delivered of a male child about six; was very quiet during the whole process and requested that the child might be placed in her bosom as soon as she was dressed. This was granted so long as the nurse remained with her, and Mrs. Donald she seldom saw a Mother exhibit a greater degree of fondness and anxiety in similar circumstances. Quiescent.
 " 9 Appears to be recovering rapidly from the effects of her labour. This morning the child was taken to her by its father to be placed under the care of a wet nurse. Seems more rational than she has been for some time past and has today been asking several times what they have done with her child: on being told that it has been sent to the Nursing, is satisfied and expresses a desire that it should be well attended to. Bowels have not been moved since delivery. R^x. Sumat. statim Olei Ricini ℥j. Tinct. Opii q℥ss. XXX. I. have Milk diet for a few days. Quiescent.
 " 12 Is today recovered as to be able to leave her bed. Lochial discharge very trifling, takes her food &c; talks cheerfully and enquires after her child. Contin: omnino.
 " 15 Is now perfectly recovered from the effects of parturition and walking as usual about the ward. Let her be placed on full diet. Contin: alio.
 August 12 Health good. Has been rather unsettled of late; walking hurriedly up and down the ward and sing-

Isabella Donald a M^{rs} Rueburn from page 247. Admitted Dec^r 17th 1842

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August 12

Calls the Clinical Assistant by the name of William as formerly. Has not been asking for her child for some time past. To be employed. Contin.

September 9

No change in a mental point of view since last report although she has occasionally been doing some domestic work. Talks in an incoherent manner. General health excellent. Contin: omnino.

No change whatever in this case since last report. Sings and talks in a very incoherent manner. Contin: General health good, in other respects the same as when formerly reported. Employed occasionally at domestic work. Contin: omnino.

This case has been stationary since last report; talks very incoherently and runs rapidly from one subject to another; very sulky at times, but requires to be constantly in the presence of some of the nurses. General health excellent. Contin: omnino.

December 31

Not the slightest change in this case since last report.

1844
January 26

Continues in all respects the same as at previous reports - at times makes herself useful in domestic work.

February 29

In all respects as before - General health excellent. Assists the nurses in cleaning the ward &c.

March 25

No change since last report. Contin: omnino.

April 8

Has been on the whole more active of late although she is liable to become flighty at times. Has no perceptible delusions. Bodily health excellent. Contin:

May 5

For the last few days has been in a state of greater excitement than ever she has been since admission; today however the excitement has subsided and she is again in her usual state.

31

Since last report has been cheerful active and industrious and rendering considerable assistance to the nurses in cleaning the wards &c. Mind not much better; still mistakes the Medical Assistant for a person she knew previous to her coming to the Asylum. Answers incoherently at times but answers questions correctly. Bodily health good.

N^o 85. Margaret Brown. At 22. S. Lewis. Admitted December 21st 1842. Age 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Mania.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Attack of 1 month's duration.

Previous History - This patient's Mother was very intemperate and taught her to tipple. Her Mother died a short time ago and since then she has drunk incessantly. It is not supposed that she has prostituted herself. She was always proud and imperious. The disease is marked, by a disposition to wander - an insatiable desire for spirits - want of sleep and the delusion that she is Queen Victoria and going to Edinburgh to be crowned. Catamenia appeared 8 days ago but had been obstructed for 4 months previously. She is neither suicidal nor destructive, but dangerous when excited. Tartar emetic, purgatives and blisters have been used without benefit. She has now been in an asylum.

1842

December 21

On admission looked confused and bewildered and evidently knew nothing of the nature of the place to which she had been brought. Was brought from Devon, where she has been living for sometime past, by Mr. Alexander, Surgeon in that place. On being visited by the Clinical Assistant shortly after admission told him she was Queen Victoria, that she and Mr. Alexander, whom she styles Prince Albert are just on a marriage trip to Scotland where they intend to remain a short time previous to their setting out for London. Said that the Prince had left her in this place until he made some arrangements respecting their journey; wonders what can be detaining him. Answered questions pretty reluctantly although her mind seemed to be very weak. Towards evening became somewhat violent, stamped on the floor, cursed and swore loudly, demanded her instant release and threatened to kill the Nurse unless she opened the door instantaneously; was with some difficulty conveyed to a room where she continued noisy for about an hour. Pulse 100 moderate strength. Tongue foul, breath fetid. Pupils slightly dilated. Has been in the habit of indulging too freely in the use of ardent spirits. R. Sumat. had some Pil. R. Pepsod. cum Oleo Castorei. unan. Ordinary diet.

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Last night medicine produced a free evacuation of her bowels, Nurse reports that she was quiet during the night and that this morning she eat very sparingly of her breakfast. Tongue tremulous, is a little shaky about her body. Looks very excited and squeezes the hand of the Clinical Assistant. J. Station First Cadamoni C. P.

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Looks better than at last report; wanders up and down the Gallery in an unsettled manner. Anxious to get out and asks frequently what has become of Prince Albert and when he is coming to take her home.

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Erotic in looks and gestures. Continues: Bowels rather inclined to be constipated, has a slight eruption all over her body, face particularly irritable, in other respects the same as at last report. R. Sumat. pil. Alterat. duas omni nocte ad sextum tricen.

1843

January 5

General health improved a little, although the eruption still continues; mind full of delusions, still fancies that she is Queen Victoria and every now and then says it is her Majesty's pleasure that she does of the Gallery be thrown open to her. Pulse 90 good strength. Tongue cleaner. Pupils more contracted. R. Potasse Hydr. 3j Tinctura Calumbae 3j Aqua XIV℥. sum. each 4 scrup. bis quater.

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No mental improvement, bodily health better skin looks more healthy. Last night became excited and broke several panes of glass of the Gallery windows. Catamenia appeared yesterday. Quiescent.

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Catamenia desiccant, discharge scanty.

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Mind in all respects the same as when last reported, skin much improved, is constantly asking for snuff. Says she has been in the habit of using it to the extent of an ounce per week. Is beginning to work a little in the Gallery. Very erotic. Continues: omnia.

February 15

This case has gone on satisfactorily since last report, delusions much fainter - and patient is daily employed at needlework. Let her be actively employed. Continue same Medicament.

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Catamenia appeared on the 15th and disappeared today.

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Bodily health pretty good; mind improves slowly but steadily. Very industriously engaged daily at needlework. Appetite sleep and bowels natural.

March 1

Continues to improve gradually. Now regularly in the workroom. Bodily functions natural. C.

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For some days past has been rather restless and idle, disposed to lounge about the floor of the Gallery, picking her face. Is still unfortunate in her demands for snuff.

Margaret Brown.

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April 3

This case has rather deteriorated of late, Patient is indolent and sallow; face almost covered with small pustules. Tongue foul; picks her face and renders it very irritable. Rf Potassa Styg. ʒij. Tinct. Calumb. ʒij. Rf. Smt. ʒxv. ʒij. ft. Mstr. ʒij. Smt. ʒij. quater. Coh. amp. ʒij.

" 29

Bodily health improved somewhat since last report; skin much better, and her face is now nearly free from eruption. Mind is very weak and her manner is very childish. She still appears to be indolent, although of late she has been doing a little needlework. Fancies continue the same as before; does not however betray them so often as she formerly did; frequently asks for Dr. Anderson whom she styles Prince Albert. Contin. omnia.

May 30

This case has remained stationary since last report; answers questions pretty rationally, but every now and then she branches her delusions; is at present employed in the work-room. Health good.

June 8

Was this morning removed to the New Asylum at Gartnavel. General health good.

" 30

No mental change in this case since last report. Mind weak and full of delusions; is extremely proud and fancies herself very superior to her fellow creatures around her; is at present very indolent, and passes the greater part of her time in sleep. Bodily health excellent. In the last few days has been more active and cheerful than she has been for some time past; is at present doing needlework, her mind is however weak, still fancies that she is a person of some importance although her delusions are not so perceptible as they were.

July 26

August 27

Health good, has been very industrious since last report, her mind is, on the whole, improved slightly; occasionally looks erotic. Contin. omnia.

September 30

Very little change if any, in the state of this patient since last report; her delusions continue the same as before. Still imagines herself to be Queen Victoria and occasionally when she wishes anything, asks it in the following manner "It is her Majesty's pleasure that she should have it is very industrious and exceedingly so in what she undertakes; has a slight pustular eruption on her face. Tongue rather foul, breath very fetid Rf. Pot. delicates XII ʒij. Smt. ʒij. O. secunda ʒij. ʒij. Contin. omnia.

October 31

Continues nearly the same as when last reported; mind on the whole perhaps a little improved. Has not branched her usual delusions so much of late. Tongue cleaner; eruption on skin nearly gone. Employed at needlework in the meantime. Contin.

November 29

Health has rather been in a declining state for sometime past; appetite slightly impaired. Several furunculi have appeared on different parts of her body particularly about the chest and lower part of neck; mind weak and full of delusions; still fancies that she is "Queen Victoria"; gives herself a great many airs, and talks occasionally in a very pompous and querulous manner. Rf. Smt. statim Sulphatis Magnessa ʒij. ʒij. per. ʒij. Rf. Pot. delicates XII ʒij. Smt. ʒij. O. secunda ʒij. ʒij. Contin. omnia.

December 25

Health improved of late. Furunculi have now entirely disappeared and her appetite is better. Mind in all respects the same and delusions as vivid as ever. Employed at present in needlework.

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January 19

No change since last report; delusions the same as formerly noted. Engaged sewing at present.

February 25

General health good; mind in its usual weak state and full of delusions. Contin. omnia.

March 9

No change in any respect since last report.

April 12

Mind in precisely the same state as former reports; full of delusions and ideas of her own importance; still fancies herself to be the Queen of Great Britain, occasionally excited and when she is so is disposed to tear and destroy her clothes &c. Health good.

May 10

Bodily health good; mind weak and as full of fancies as before, habits filthy during the night; most extremely foolish; does a little needlework at times but the amount is very trifling. Contin. omnia.

June 7

For the last ten days this patient has been extremely troublesome both in consequence of the offensive nature of her language and the filthiness of her habits; gets out of bed at night and empties the Chamber pot throwing their contents on the beds of the patients sleeping in the same apartment. Remains her immediate dismissal, and if not granted within a certain number of days, declares that she will bring against the Asylum the whole of her Majesty's army. Let her be placed in a room in the Mantel Gallery until further orders. Contin. omnia.

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- June 23rd Has for some days back been very much dissatisfied with everything here, and has been excited. Mrs Muir to make complaints and give as much trouble and annoyance as possible for an account of which see the reports of the 13th and 22nd in Mrs Muir's case page 53. She has today been transferred to another gallery and is not to be permitted to come in contact with Mrs Muir. Complaints of a swelling on her neck which appears to be glandular and is the size of a pigeon's egg. General Health good. Const. regular.
- " 24 Not satisfied at being separated from Mrs Muir.
- " 25 Very quiet and rational.
- " 26 Complained of feeling unwell and refused the usual dinner, asked for and obtained Tea instead.
- " 28 No change - Many complaints as usual.
- " 29 Unamiable in her sentiments and behaviour - Still wishing for Mrs Muir's Society.
- " 30 Swelling on right side of neck is situated on inner side of Sternocleidomastoid muscle, about its upper third and is increasing in size, it is also becoming more painful and presents a slight degree of redness at one part of its surface; this notwithstanding the use of the hydnoid of Potass and saline purgatives makes it necessary to try the effects of leeching. She has taken the above named Medicines steadily since the 23rd. To have a pint of Ale daily.
- July 1 No change - complained to Mr. Robertson of her throat - Anxious for the Sheriff's visit.
- " 2 Had 12 Leeches applied to her throat. Very quiet.
- " 4 Finds that the Medical men here do not understand her constitution. Change of Room again requested by her. Talks of her persecution by friends and others - family trials &c.
- " 5 Talks as before of family quarrels, of her being sequestrated. Has many complaints but very agreeable in manner. Content and rational in her conversation.
- " 6 Notwithstanding the application of Leeches as before noted, and the steady use of the Hydnoid, there is no diminution in the size of the Tumour on the contrary it appears larger and she still complains much of pain and throbbing in the neck. She looks pale and sallow - omit. Potass. Hydnoid. Rj. Sds. Bicarb. ʒij. Tinct. Calumb ʒj. Ag. Potass. ʒxx. ʒss. Sumat ʒj. ter quotidie. To have beef-steak or Mutton chop daily for dinner. Cont. alia.
- " 7 Feigns fainting and hysterics, and has many complaints of relations.
- " 8 kept her bed complaining of health and spirits suffering from being here apart from friends and society - Wishing to have a visit from Mr. McHenry (the Dentist of Glasgow) in whom she places implicit confidence.
- " 12 Complaining of sore throat, wishing more medical attendance.
- " 13 More lively and active and very agreeable.
- " 15 Always very busy at her needle and very talkative particularly about her personal qualifications, preference of the male sex as being so much more companionable and intelligent than her own sex are in general, says if she were at liberty, she should prefer to live always at Inns, and have male attendants, as they are so much more active and respectful and in all respects preferable to females about a lady of her peculiar notions. Fond of putting every person on their guard against underhand plots and false friendship. Takes a great deal upon her own sagacity on most subjects and the faults and errors of others.
- " 18 Has since the 9th been taking Hydnoid of Potass to the extent of a scruple a day. Swelling on neck is becoming less, its decrease being most perceptible at upper and back part of tumour. Rj. Potass. Hydnoid. ʒr. Lxxx. Tinct. Calumb. ʒp. Ag. Potass. ʒviij. ʒss. Sumat ʒj. ter quotidie. Cont. alia.
- " 20 Complaining of her long confinement and of her throat.
- " 22 Much the same as at last report.
- " 24 Most industrious and neat handed. Agreeable and intelligent in conversation when kept off the old affair.
- " 26 Tumour on neck has been gradually decreasing in size until today when it appears to be larger anterior and its surface is more red and painful, and she complains of difficulty in swallowing and sore throat. There is no redness of the fauces. Tongue white - Pulse 100 - sharp - Rj. Carb. Sgnl. ʒj. Sumat ʒviij. ʒss. Sumat - Coch. parv. ter in die. Cont. alia.

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- July 29 Complaints of her throat which distresses her greatly. Saw Dr. Hutchinson and afterwards appeared more satisfied. It is now evident that suppuration will eventually take place in the swelling it is red, hot, and painful. Poultices have been ordered to it. Oint. Polass Hyd: con: Carb: Lig: Very unwell and complaining bitterly of being kept from seeing or communicating with her friends or the Sheriff.
- " 31 Today she resisted an examination of her neck by the Clinical Assistant and said she was afraid he was going to "lance it" and although assured of the contrary said she had been so deceived and told so many lies she did not know what to believe; was sorry she was obliged to be so cruel; it was not her nature, but she had been accustomed to have gentlemen to deal with, declared that no one in this house should open the tumour. Wished Dr. W. Keigie to be sent for, and that some of her relatives might be near her at the time; said she would rather die and rather let it verify than anyone here should touch it. Declared that it all resulted from her being shut up in the refectory gallery in the Old Asylum in a dark and damp room. After a little persuasion she was induced to allow her throat to be examined. The tumour is rapidly pointing anteriorly as well as posteriorly. contin: Calaplasme.
- Aug^r 1 Today when visited by Clinical Assistant refused to see him and when he entered the room with the Nurse she threw a book at him, became highly excited and said she would not allow him to see her throat; used the most abusive language & called him a blackguard &c it was at last necessary for two of the Nurses to hold her down in bed till her throat was examined, while she cried and shrieked and called the Clinical Assistant all the names she could think of, and even swore at him.
- " 2 Last night requested the Lady Superintendent to get Mr. Prichard and said if it was necessary to open the swelling she would allow him to do it. She also apologized to her for her conduct yesterday to the Clinical Assistant and told the nurse that she liked him very well to come and see her but thought he had no sympathy for her. Today scolding the Lady Superintendent and everyone near her; gave a long detail of her sufferings and persecutions, speaking evil of everyone near her, and making complaints of ill-treatment. Binded in the extreme and not truth spoken. Allowed her throat to be examined without any trouble. To have a pint of Beef Tea daily.
- " 4 Today was informed by Clinical Assistant that it was now necessary for him to make a small opening in the swelling. She said she would on no account allow it to be done. Insisted upon seeing the Physician or Mr. Prichard; wished to know if it was by the Physician's orders that he was to open it. Got on the top of her bed, and stood leaning against the wall, upbraiding him in her usual manner for his ungentlemanly and impudent conduct to her and threatening to kill him if he attempted to touch her, asked him what he would think, and what his friends would think if she were to dash his brains out "for assuredly she would do it" - "She was a perfect devil when fairly roused". After a great deal of persuasion she at last gave her consent, and lay quietly down on her bed; a small incision was then made in the most prominent part of the anterior swelling and upon pressing the posterior it was found that they communicated and that the matter discharged, which was thick yellow pus, came principally from the posterior and intervening part, although the integuments were thinnest where the incision was made. A compress was applied over the posterior swelling and the parts at the base of the anterior being still hard, a poultice was placed over them. Now she speaks pretty well, pretended to faint and that it was merely pretence was evident from her general appearance and the difficulty she had in keeping her eyes shut. Gave her a few pills, and afterwards took a good dinner. Says that everyone is taking advantage of her, full of deceit, and deserving her wrath and curse - Means to tell her Brother to shoot the Clinical Assistant (Dr. Orr) when she gets out - Says that she would make no bones of killing any one who offended her whilst enraged against them.

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- 5- Better in health. states that she prefers the society of stoddy drinkers and hawking conchmen to such Gentlemen as are generally to be met with here.
- " 6 Unamiable in behaviour. says that being accustomed to associate with most refined and learned men, finds herself nonsuited in such society as she meets with here.
- " 7 Considerable discharge has taken place from the anterior swelling which is much softer. The posterior more swollen and less inflamed. Today is free from excitement and is polite and obliging. My Trust: Gentiano Comp: 3j Ag: Potlout: 3℥ 4℥ Junn 3ij In justice omit alia medicamenta.
- " 10 Better but very cross. said that when the Sheriff came she should shut herself up in her room as she considered his conduct such as to merit her displeasure - Speaks to the Nurse and Ladies in the Gallery but not to the Lady Superintendent. Is talking large about the Sheriff &c demands writing materials, says she intends to apply to another Sheriff, as she considers "Oliver" a low mean - vagabond who has pocketed a good many guineas to quash the affair in which she is implicated or rather applied to him to protect her through.
- " 13 Better in health but exceedingly troublesome and discontented - fond of looking at herself at the glass - takes it into bed at times and places it opposite to her evidently admiring herself as she is constantly telling everyone how much she has changed in looks since she has been here.
- " 17 Is usual very malignant - telling falsehoods of everyone abroad and here.
- " 21 Discharge from throat has now nearly ceased and the swelling has very materially diminished. Yesterday being Sunday she entered into conversation with the Clinical Assistant about the Religious exercises which were carried on here. She stated that they were very simple and blasphemous, and asked how they could ever prove beneficial conducted as they often were by gay young men. said she could never bring herself to be present or give any encouragement to such proceedings; then she broke out upon all connected with the Establishment; said there was not a gentleman among them and that the Institution was more like a house of ill fame than anything else. This morning when visited she again broke out on the Clinical Assistant. told him she wished to have nothing to say to him after his impudent conduct yesterday and was exceedingly rude. She has according to the report of the Nurse been in like manner abusing the Lady Superintendent, Sheriff &c &c the latter it appears she intends to present her card to for his conduct to her. She has of late on many occasions been so rude and troublesome and her conduct is so repulsive, that it has been thought proper to transfer her to the Repository for a short time where she at present is.
- " 22 Was today visited by Mr On and Mr Pickard two of the Medical Staff of the Establishment, she immediately began to upbraid the former for his conduct of yesterday and accused him before the latter of gross and ungentlemanly conduct, said that she wondered that he had not more respect for himself and the position in which he was placed than to be annoyed by things which any gentleman would pass over and make every allowance for. She admitted that upon many occasions she was apt to say things which she afterwards was very sorry for, but she could not help it and she had been accustomed to have due respect paid to her feelings and temper and to be treated with that consideration and kindness due to her sex. She said that she had before mentioned that her ideas of rudeness and politeness differed very materially from those of the Clinical Assistant and she would not attempt to convince him upon that point. She then complained of the treatment to which she was, and had been subjected; the injury to which her health had been subjected by her confinement in the old House; the neglect of the Sheriff in never coming to look after those placed here by his warrant; said that she was denied the liberty of seeing her friends, although she knew she was entitled by law (a knowledge of which she possessed and could cope with any one) to see her friends within six weeks after her admission into such a place as this, and they could bring medical men with them and enquire as to her state of mind and whether or not it was lawful for her to be detained here, instead of

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that she had been received by Mr. Henderson to whose care she had at first entrusted herself in confidence. She had been placed among a set of people with whom she could not associate and who appeared to be only fit for inmates of a house of ill-fame; such society she had never been accustomed to, on the contrary she liked to associate with Gentlemen of refined feelings, with such she had before mixed, and they were many of them much her superiors both in rank and attainments. She never liked the society of her own sex and always preferred that of Gentlemen. The Sheriff she said she had not seen for a very long period and he seemed to be neglecting his duty entirely and indeed committing at his unjust detention here; asked if he could not be punished for such conduct, said that she had been placed here on account of an assault she had committed and wished to know which of the Sheriffs it was who signed her warrant, expressed a great desire to see him and said that if it was determined that she should remain in a place of this kind, it was her wish to be removed to a private female Establishment - conducted by some respectable female (Miss Houston's for example) or that she might be placed under the charge of some Medical Man who would take care of her. Said she had been told by Miss Vessey, in the other Asylum that she (Miss V.) had never known a more unjust case than hers.

- August 21 Has been again allowed to leave the refractory gallery and is now in a gallery by herself. Her neck is now nearly healed. A salphate of Zinc lotion has been applied. Still complains of the bad conduct of the Sheriff and accuses him of great neglect of duty. Takes exercise regularly in the open air and her general health is considerably improved of late.
- " 7 Much the same - always complaining of one thing or another and very insolent in manner.
- " 10 Has been been pretty quiet and amiable of late. Health improves goes out daily. Occasionally betrays delusions as formerly. Neck still sore.
- " 17 Says she now feels symptoms of cancer in the throat which will cause her death, and lays it all to the account of her long confinement here and the afflu of the back gallery in the Old Asylum where she was sent for 9 months for writing a few letters to her own friends!
- " 18 Since last report has been very insolent and dictatorial to Mr. Mapleson and the nurse. Insinuates that one of the Nurses who is ill is with child. Talks mysteriously of shameful doings in the old house, of men coming into the female gallery &c but does not mention this to Physician. Boasts to the Lady Superintendent (Mrs. Mapleson) that she frequently sees the Physician and has long, private and confidential conversations with him, in which he apprises of all she has said to her, and tells her to keep the Lady Superintendent to her duty. Abuses Mr. Orr the assistant who had formerly charge of the Gallery. Gives herself very affected airs to the Physician. Talks of the superiority of men to women; flatters him and says she likes his conversation. Professes herself quite happy with her books. To be kept out of the way of the other patients. &c. &c.
- " 24 Today when asked by Mr. Mapleson if she would wish to be present at the Church of England service, as a clergyman of that church was to officiate here, she replied, No - if she respected the heads of the house - if the women were women of virtue, and the men, men of honour and gentlemanly conduct she would have no objection to attend; but that they being a parcel of scampish blackguards and the women being of no virtue but on the contrary only fit for the "Briggate" it was perfect blasphemy to listen to any service in a house of this kind.
- " 25 Since last report has not only been exceedingly insolent to the Matron and Nurse but has sent a number of the most atrocious charges against the Nurses, the late Matron (Miss Vessey) and the Clinical Assistants, which she either states broadly or insinuates more or less obscurely. Abuses the Physician to the Matron for not curing her when he might do it and says that he has conceived a spite against her. To himself she is amiable and courteous. Today at visit she complained of pain in her chest and declared

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that the Physician was undermining her health for the purpose of destroying her, that as might now leave the Institution alive but she should tell what she knew. Being asked what it was she had to tell, she stated it was the doings which went on in the old house and which were as well known out of the house as in it - that it was neither more nor less than a complete brothel - that men were admitted by the nurses into the female galleries at night - that they were generally intoxicated - that on one occasion a man she did not know whether he was a Doctor or not fell down outside her door in a state of beastly intoxication; that the door being shut she could not tell who it was, that the nurses had great difficulty in getting him up and away. Says that the Sheriff neglects his duty, and ought to be dismissed - that all the charges she made against Dr McFarlane were true, that she bore it all and never said a word to be spread the report himself. She was reminded that the Physician had letters which she had written on the subject before Dr McFarlane knew of the rumour which she was spreading and that he was aware that the Fiscal had received a criminal charge from her against Dr McFarlane. She said that everything she had charged Dr McFarlane with was true, and that she was in her senses - that the sending of her here was a vile conspiracy of her friends, the public authorities, and Dr McFarlane - that she claimed a full public investigation - that the investigation must be public. She was told that the matter had been investigated and that in charity we must suppose her to be labouring under a delusion. She declared herself sane and wished to have a trial. If it were proved that her statements were false and that she had been telling lies, let her be held up to public vengeance, but not confined here. She became very much excited and her countenance assumed a fiendish and malicious expression. She was therefore left. Contin: omnia.

- August 29 Violent, rude and disgusting in her behaviour towards Dr Hutcheson the Physician.
 September 30 Has been much the same since last report. Contin: omnia.
 October 27 Always scolding about some body or other. At times is as malevolent as a fiend. Constantly speaking against her Brothers, the Sheriff &c.
 " 29 Still abusing the Physician and his Staff, the Lady Superintendent the Sheriffs, Procurators Fiscal &c. Health pretty good. Contin: omnia.
 November 9 Says at one time she wishes to remain here, at another the reverse. Constantly railing against the Sheriff and her Brothers, calling them bad names. Abusive towards everybody. Is deeply deceitful and a great liar. Uses disgusting language to the Lady Superintendent. Speaks evil against all around her and when remonstrated with on the subject denies everything she has said.
 " 15 Conduct, language and occupation as formerly - no improvement - Contin: omnia.
 " 26 Sometimes wishing to go, at others to remain. Complains of the monotony of life here. Not being always in Female Society, would prefer gentlemen's being more congenial to her tastes and habits. Speaks ill of every one connected with her. Says Sheriff Alison is a mean low fellow, so is Bell and she now depends exclusively on Thorne's visit. Wishes to get out that she may have a legal trial and public investigation about the Affair of Dr McFarlane says she will never rest until she gets him banished.
 " 30 Rather worse in her conduct and language, making herself as disagreeable as possible and annoying as any upstart. Health pretty good.
 December 16 Quarrelling with all the ladies, insulting them and speaking ill of one to another and raising up a disturbance. Speaking against Dr Hutcheson, the Institution, the Medical Officers, Lady Superintendent and Nurses, excepting Mrs Muir who is as bad as herself but whom she states to be a lady and a most amiable and lovely person. Talks scandal of everyone besides name and sitting at the other ladies &c. Is always speaking of her own amiability, cultivated mind, talents and appearance, all of which have been aimed by her being kept here out of Male and enlightened Society to which she was formerly accustomed.

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143. December 8 As petful and changeable as ever. Writing letters to the different Sheriffs and others all day long.
- 15 Most troublesome, no improvement in any respect. C. omnia.
- 31 This case is on the whole becoming slowly and steadily worse. From her strong hereditary tendency to the disease - the length of time the case has lasted - her general character, and the form of insanity under which she labours, it is extremely improbable that she will recover. Though at times she can command herself and appear to have laid aside her delusions, they are in reality never absent. She is extremely plausible, decks her statements, however false with so many circumstances which appear probable, is so minute in the particulars which she gives and stands cross examination so well that no one unaccustomed to the disease and who did not take time to examine her minutely and watch her closely would believe her to be insane. She is dangerous to be at large not only in so far as she cannot resist making mischief among all with whom she associates, but further from the nature of her delusions and her violent and vindictive temper which would goad her to acts of violence which might endanger the lives of the ladies. She has been trying everything to procure a change of residence and the Officers of the Establishment are anxious to get quit of her, but she refuses to go where she could be safely kept and wishes to be placed under the care of those whom she might cajole and deceive, or from whom she might escape.
- 144 Jan^y 15 Since last report there has been no improvement. She is as troublesome as ever. In her violent and vindictive moods she becomes perfectly fiendish in her expression. Today being in better humour she was asked to be present at a ball given to the Ladies. She refused on the ground that it was contrary to her conscience. Health tolerably good. Cont: omnia.
- 31 Has again been placed with her friend Mr. Muir as they cannot hunt each other, and neither can be placed with the amiable and convalescent patients in consequence of their conduct and observations. They read the Bible pray and sing psalms two or three times daily, spend the rest of their time in sewing, hatching stones against the Officers of the house - lauding their own purely Christian feeling and intellectual superiority, vilifying other patients and insulting and insulting the Nurses and Lady Superintendent. Miss Peck is very amiable in her manners to the Physician when present and endeavors to make him believe that she holds him in high respect, evidently for the purpose of inducing him to employ his influence to get her removed to private lodgings. At times says she has forgot all Dr. M^r Farlane's conduct and is willing to forgive everyone, at other times states that she will have a public trial &c. &c. Cont: omnia.
- February 5 Assures the Physician that she has no fault to find with him - that she wishes to free him from a most uncomfortable position; that in her letters she has never blamed him - but only the Sheriffs, the Directors, and Dr. M^r Farlane. Delusions as strong as ever. Conduct and occupations as formerly. Cont: omnia.
- 9 No change since last report. Continuation omnia.
- 12 As diabolical as ever in her temper and disposition. Speaks ill of everyone except Mr. Muir who is pretty nearly as bad as herself. Her conversation is always about her own purity, benevolence, piety and unmerited sufferings from which by an easy transition she passes to an attack on the character of the Nurses whom she declares to be common sheet washers & the Physician and his staff whom she designates blackguards and impure men who term the Asylum into a brothel. As well is it known that as she avers no woman who has any regard to her character would accept of any situation high or low in the house. From this she is led to her own case and the brutal attack which she says Dr. M^r Farlane made upon her while under the influence of Opium presented by him. This is a new circumstance the other details are the same as those formerly given and it is unnecessary to recapitulate them. Has written the following letters.

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"Archibald Alison Esq. Sheriff Chambers."

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow Feb. 9 1844"

"Sir / I again insist that you will immediately release me from confinement - which I do
 "prefer of course to any other arrangement or removal to the Asylum at Meningside Edinb.
 "which I can oblige you to do from a clause in my warrant and in want of your delaying to comply
 "with my request, you will have yourself to blame for the consequences. I have frequently applied to
 "you and your Substitutes for a removal, on the grounds that my health and even my life have
 "been in danger from the brutal treatment I have received since I came to the Asylum. I have
 "also applied to Government for a removal on the same grounds. I remain, yours respectfully
 "Bethia Leech."

"Archibald Alison Esq. Sheriff Chambers. Glasgow."

"Royal Lunatic Asylum. Glasgow Feb. 12 - 1844"

"Sir / I beg to inform you that my relatives refuse to send my clothes and other things
 "I am in immediate want of: they have also forbid Dr. Hutcheson to allow anything to be pre-
 "sented. I am also refused paper to write to my friends and every measure is tried to irritate and
 "disturb my mind. It is absurd in the extreme for you and others to profess that your reasons for
 "keeping me in confinement is to prevent excitement as it is evident to all that it is from very
 "difficult motives that I am detained here. I remain, yours respectfully - "Bethia Leech"
 "To the Right Honourable Lord Advocate, Edinburgh." "Royal Lunatic Asylum. Glasgow. Feb. 12 1844."
 "I trust that your Lordship will not delay bringing my case to public trial as it seems to be the
 "only measure left of settling the matter satisfactorily. It must come to this either in Scotland or
 "England and it is absurd in the extreme to offer as an excuse to exempt me from appearing in court
 "the fear of exciting me after I have lived in this Asylum amidst scenes and circumstances the most
 "exciting and revolting to every feeling of delicacy and principle for 21 months. If I am to be confin-
 "ed for having threatened an assault I insist on being tried for it and am quite willing to take the consequences
 "both with regard to my health and circumstances and am satisfied that both would be benefited by my
 "having it in my power openly to vindicate my character and free myself from any blame in regard
 "to defacing as that which I alluded to in a former letter, I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully
 "Bethia Leech"

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"As I am refused paper I beg you will excuse my writing to you on the leaves of my note book.
 "As troublesome, malicious and insolent as ever. This is to warn other patients to do mischief and if they do
 "anything wrong which she has suggested, turns upon them, reports it to the Nurse, Lady Superintendent
 "or Physician and animadverts severely upon their conduct. Says now that she would like to marry Mr.
 "Alison, he is so fine a man - that his case is to be tried in London and that she is to go there in a
 "carriage drawn by four horses with two criminal officers, that Dr. Hutcheson the Physician, his
 "Medical Staff and all the members of this Institution are to go in a caravan along with the Chaplain
 "Mr. Byers as witnesses about Dr. McFarlane - that she means to have a dress for her trial made of the
 "most costly though modest looking materials and that she will say "Guilty my Lord" in order that
 "she may assign her reason for assaulting Dr. McFarlane, and the cause he gave her. It must be
 "remembered that she did not assault Dr. McFarlane but only went and waited in his study for the
 "purpose of doing so but did not see him. Says that she will never give up insisting on a trial or
 "that if the Physician thinks that it was all a delusion she can assure him and everyone else that she
 "will live and die under it, but never admit it to be true. Contin. omitted.
 "Going on in the same style. Says that when the witnesses are summoned to the trial in London, she
 "is to be allowed 1/- per diem for their expenses and probably more that "the Caravan party" are to put up
 "with Dr. McFarlane at one Hotel and she and the criminal officers at another on their way to London
 "and everything is to be handsomely conducted by her Counsel and herself. Has written the following
 "letter which have been intercepted "To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham" "Confidential"
 "Secretary of State - London" "Royal Lunatic Asylum - Glasgow. Feb. 8 1844"

"My Lord"

"I take leave to inform you that I wrote to you a few weeks ago, stating that I had been
 "unlawfully detained in this Asylum to prevent the Public trial of a Medical Gentleman."

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an attempt at seduction and that a private investigation had been made in the Fiscal's chambers, but on account of my being confined, the case cannot be decided, that the authorities were so much to blame, that they were doing all in their power to detain me and would not allow me a change of a place of confinement although my health and even my life have been in danger from the brutal treatment I have received since I came here.

I likewise stated that I had been under considerable pain for a few weeks previous to my being brought here from the effects of Laudanum administered by my medical attendant and under the influence of which I unfortunately rose out of bed and went out with a small silver pocket-pistol in my hand which gave rise to the suspicion that I intended an assault on the gentleman who so grossly insulted me, from this cause alone I have been confined for nearly two years without a trial which even the most worthless are entitled to previous to imprisonment. I am unfortunately situated with regard to my relatives who have taken advantage of these circumstances to have recourse to a most dishonest money transaction, which is the cause of their conniving at such glaring injustice. I have only to request that you will endeavour to remove me to the Asylum at Morningside Edinburgh until my case be fully investigated and brought to Public Trial which I am most anxious for as it appears to be the only means left of settling this unfortunate affair. Your Lordship need have no hesitation or feeling of delicacy as far as I am concerned in bringing matters to an honorable trial, on the contrary it would be a great relief to my mind to have it in my power to vindicate my character & free myself from any blame in conduct so degrading and therefore big to intimate that your Lordship will not delay taking my case into consideration. I take leave to refer you to following Gentlemen who are well acquainted with me and partly with the circumstances I have alluded to, any of whom would be happy to visit me and transmit any information you may require.

James Wilson Esq^r Quartermaster Large Aprichies. Rae Wilson Esq^r Naburn Bank near Glasgow.
Andrew Mitchell Esq^r Writer 36 Miller Street Glasgow. Robert Thomson Esq^r Civil Engineer
3 Maxwell's Place Edinburgh. Messrs Robert and Adam Ellis Writers to the Signet 6 Royal Terrace Edinburgh. Alexander Anderson Esq^r Writer 36 Miller Street Glasgow. Mr John Allan. Manufacturer. Gartland Street Glasgow.

As I am now denied paper for fear of my writing to anyone out of the Asylum, I trust you will excuse the liberty I have taken in having written this letter in the leaves of my note book.

I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully - Bethia Leech.

This is a plausible letter, partial admissions are made, her chief delusion is softened down and a false though probable cause assigned for her detention. The references which she gives are respectable and some of the parties are cognizant of her state though most of them are not. She has been offered the choice of Perth or Dumfriess Asylum but Morningside near Edinburgh is objectionable on many accounts and particularly for the very reason for which she is so anxious to be there. She and another patient Mrs Muir who is a counterpart of herself and whose case will be found in this volume are anxious to be removed there because from what they have heard from patients who have been there, they think that they could easily induce the Physicians and others to believe them save especially as they fancy that their previous conduct would be concealed and that the parties would be glad to have the triumph of curing those who had been removed uncured from this Asylum. This however is not the principal reason. Both have some weak-minded friends there who would they should be allowed to visit them and they imagine that by deceiving them they would be set at liberty. Miss Leech avows that she will do or promise anything to get out, but that the first use of her liberty will be to get justice from Mr Baillan. The relations of both parties have been sufficiently worried already and Mr Hatcher the Physician of this Asylum would be glad to get quit of them as they cost more

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trouble and entails more expense on the Institution and hampers the Officers more than all the other patients put together. The following are copies of other Letters.

"Gent."

"I take leave to inform you that from a clause in my warrant you have the power of removing me to another Asylum, I therefore beg that you will avail yourselves of this power immediately and order me to be removed to the Asylum at Morningside, Edinburgh, in the week. If your delaying to comply with my request you may blame yourselves for the consequences."

"Yours respectfully, Bethia Leech"

"Dr Ritchie, Victoria Place."

"Miss Leech presents Compts to Dr Ritchie, begs that he will not delay using his influence to get her removed from this Asylum as her health is sinking from the effect of the brutal treatment she has received since she came here. Miss L. will feel obliged by Dr Ritchie requesting Dr Hutcheon to all her a few sheets of paper to write to her friends."

"Dear Uncle"

"I beg that you or one of my brothers will immediately come and remove me from this Asylum, as it is now considered a place of very infamous character so much so that it is not considered a place where any respectable female ought to remain - that from what I have seen of Dr Hutcheon I do not think my life or person are safe under his charge. I am refused papers for fear of my writing to my friends and acquainting them of his unprincipled conduct."

"Yours very truly - Bethia Leech."

"Dr Ritchie, Victoria Place, Glasgow"

"Sir"

"I take leave to make the following statement to show you how very unjust it is to detain me here. You are aware that I made a charge two years ago against Dr McFarlane for an attempt at seduction that upon this statement I have been considered insane and am consequently confined here, unfortunately however for me I have received personal injury sufficient to prove Dr McFarlane's guilt and it is in consequence of this circumstance that Dr Hutcheon is so anxious to prevent my friends from removing me from this Asylum, well knowing the consequences in the event of this circumstance being known."

"I remain, yours respectfully, Bethia Leech."

"To the Right Honourable Lord Advocate - Edinburgh"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow Feb 7/19"

"I take the liberty of requesting that your Lordship will immediately order my removal to the Asylum at Morningside Edinburgh as my health is sinking from the brutal treatment that I received since I came here, as the infamous treatment I have received has been witnessed by several individuals who are willing to corroborate this statement, I trust that my request will meet with your immediate attention particularly as the reputation of the Establishment is such as to render it altogether an improper place for any respectable female to remain in, I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully, Bethia Leech."

"Rev. Mr Byers"

"Miss Leech presents respectful compliments to Mr Byers, will be much obliged by his calling any time tomorrow forenoon."

"Monday Evening"

In consequence of this note the Chaplain saw her next day and received statements from her while at her request he resorted to writing. This he has since handed to the Physicians and the following is a copy.

"Feb 20. 1846. Statement of Miss Leech."

"She acknowledges she acted improperly in running out to the street at midnight with a fruit-knife in her hand but that her mind was in a high state at the time owing to the very unbecoming conduct of Dr McFarlane. Laudanum had been administered to her in order to allay the excitement which threw her into Delirium Tremens. She was then at the suggestion of

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"Dr. McParlane put into the Lunatic Asylum. Here none of the authorities saw her for 6 months and she was denied all access to her friends under the plea that they had disowned her. In consequence of which her brother seized her property to the amount of several hundred pounds. Since she came to the Asylum she has been most cruelly used both by the Officers and attendants. For the purpose of keeping her here and preventing any of her friends from interfering for her liberation she was forced out of the front gallery into a private cell to the oppression of her blood and the danger of her life. Here she was kept for a considerable time without so much as a chair in the cell and with a damp bed, the effect of which was inflicting sore throat and a painful affection of the chest to which no medical attention was paid. When she applied to Dr. Hatcher for some mitigation of her circumstances he replied that her accommodation was good enough for her and even after she got out of this miserable place she was tossed about from one gallery to another in the most insulting manner and put among patients whose manners and language were most demoralising and outrageous. The letters she wrote with the design of procuring her freedom were never delivered to the proper authorities. She had however found means to get one or two conveyed which she hoped would in a short time bring to light a scene of debasing immorality and abominable oppression on the part of her persecutors. This is the statement I noted down during the interview I had with her which she desired me to do and preserve as it might ultimately be of service in procuring her liberty and securing her paternal rights."

"John Byers, Chaplain"

"Mrs Mapleson - Lady Superintendent - Lunatic Asylum."

"Madam"

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"I take leave to inform you that I have received sufficient personal injury to prove Dr. McParlane's guilt and in consequence of your not informing authorities and my friends of this circumstance you will of course be held as a party concerned in concealing conduct of a very aggravated nature and entailing very serious consequences."

"I remain - Yours respectfully Bethia Leech."

"To the Directors of the Royal Lunatic Asylum - Glasgow"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum - Glasgow Feb 20"

"I take the liberty of informing the Directors of this Asylum that I am stated to be labouring under a delusion regarding Dr. McParlane's conduct towards me, unfortunately there is sufficient proof of his guilt from the personal injury I have received & of this circumstance Dr. Hatcher is aware and consequently he is doing all in his power to prevent my relatives from removing me well knowing the consequences of this becoming known."

"I remain - yours respectfully - Bethia Leech."

"To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham Secretary of State - Home Office - London"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum - Glasgow Feb 20 1846"

"I take the liberty of requesting that your Lordship would immediately order my removal to the Asylum at Morningside - Edinburgh or to one that you could recommend in London, if I must still continue in confinement as my health is sinking under the effects of treatment of nature so brutal that had it not been witnessed by one or two individuals would hardly be credited. The Authorities are aware of it but from their being so deeply involved in the infamous transaction connected with my case they not only commit it but are doing all in their power to detain me a prisoner for life to save themselves the disgrace their conduct justly merits in event of my case being brought before a public Court I have written several times to the Lord Advocate requesting his intercession and feel surprised that he has not brought matters to a termination as he has had five months to investigate the case. I was informed that he and another member of the Court called at the Asylum to enquire about me, and imprudently went away without seeing me, which ought to have been the principle object of their visit. I intreat that your

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"Lordships will no longer delay interfering immediately delegate one or two individuals to visit me and enquire into the particulars of my case which I am satisfied that after you are made acquainted with every circumstance you will acknowledge to be one of the most infamous that ever disgraced a Christian Country and that the conduct of the party concerned is more like the conduct of brutes than of men - I have the honor to remain yours respectfully - Bethia Leech."

"W^m David Leech. 13 Lythamwood Place"

"Dear David"

"I beg that either you or my uncle or any of my relatives will immediately come and remove me from this Asylum as it is no longer a place were a respectable female ought to remain, besides I have been treated in a manner so brutal that several of the inmates thought I would have been murdered that if you only knew what an unprincipled brute Dr. Hutcheson is you would not I am sure allow me to remain any longer here - I remain yours very truly

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"James Lawrie Esq. 8 Coallier Place - Dumfries"

"Dear Much"

"I feel very much surprised that neither you or any of my relatives have visited me again, it is absurd in the extreme for Dr. Hutcheson to refuse me the pleasure of seeing my friends from the fear of exciting me as this has been proved to be a false cause. I beg that either you or David will make a point of seeing me this week and am not at all afraid of the agreeable excitement your visit will produce, with all wishes I remain

"Yours very truly"

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"To the Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Secretary of State, Home Office London"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow Feb 20 - 1844."

"I take the liberty of requesting that your Lordships will immediately order my removal from this Asylum to the one at Warrington, Edinburgh or to me in London that you could recommend, if I must still continue in confinement, my health is sinking from the effects of treatment of so brutal a nature that had it not been witnessed by several individuals in the Asylum it would not have been credited and although the authorities are aware of this circumstance, have passed it over and in place of exerting their power they have of accusing me were I would be more kindly treated, they are not only doing all they can to keep me here a prisoner for life but encouraging my relatives to do the same to prevent the disgraceful exposure their unjust conduct would meet in court of my case appearing before a public court. There are other circumstances connected with my case of a very aggravated nature which if I could have avoided it, I would not have intended on your Lordships notice. I therefore take leave to lay before your Lordships the following statement trusting to your honor as a guardian of the rights of a subject to bring this infamous transaction to justice. From the loss of my Parents early in life and other domestic bereavements and severe trials, I became liable to illnesses which obliged me to have recourse to medical aid more frequently than I could wish and unfortunately one of my medical attendants took advantage of my confidence and unprotected situation to insult my pride in manner too gross to commit a statement of it to writing at present. I tried every measure to prevent this circumstance from becoming known and it was not until I was obliged to vindicate my reputation from a slander of a very disgusting nature which had become public that I mentioned the circumstance to an individual. The occurrence I have already alluded to took place on the 9th of January 1842 and as Medical attendants from that time tried every measure to get me confined here on account of my having taken a delusion into my mind regarding him as he termed his improper conduct. I called in over two other Medical men who prescribed large doses of Laudanum which produced considerable excitement. I went out with a small silver pocket fruit knife in my hand which gave rise to the suspicion that I intended an assault on the gentleman who insulted me, from this circumstance, the authorities ordered me to be imprisoned here without a trial which even the most worthless are entitled to from confinement, or even visiting me or enquiring into the truth of the statement, I have already stated and it was not till Oct^r that any official visit was made

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"If I am to be confined for having threatened an assault, I have a right to be tried for it and am not only willing but anxious and ready to take the consequences both as regards my health and circumstances as soon as your Lordship may request my appearing in a Public Court - I have the honor to remain your respectfully
Botha Leech."

"To the Right Honourable Lord Advocate - Edinburgh"

"My Lord"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow Feb. 20 1844"

"I take leave to inform you that I have written to Sir James Graham requesting his immediate interference as you appear so dilatory in bringing matters to a termination and removing me to another Asylum, if it is necessary to continue me in confinement I still give the preference to the Asylum at Morningside Edinburgh to which I beg to be immediately removed"

"I remain, Yours respectfully"

"Botha Leech."

"To the Right Honourable, Sir James Graham, Secretary of State Home Office - London"

"My Lord"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow Feb. 20 - 1844"

"I take leave again to request that you will immediately order my removal to Morningside as I feel very much afraid to remain after what I have suffered from the brutality of that most unpunished villain W. Hutchinson who I believe could perpetrate a state crime act of atrocity were it not the fear of consequences. I trust that your Lordship in consideration of the above statement will not delay removing me to a place of safety - I have the honor to remain
Yours respectfully
Botha Leech."

"St. Kitchie Victoria Place - Glasgow"

"Sir"

"Lunatic Asylum Feb. 21"

"I take leave to inform you that Mr. Whapleson, Mr. Byers and others in this Asylum are agitated with several circumstances regarding my case and the treatment I have received some which they are in duty bound to inform both my relatives and the Directors of this Establishment of. I take leave to refer you to Mr. Byers who took a note yesterday of the charge I have against W. Hutchinson which requires immediate attention. I remain
Yours respectfully
Botha Leech."

Miss Leech presents respectful Compts to Mr. Byers begs that he will immediately lay before the Authorities and her relatives the statement which she made yesterday and request their immediate attention to the aggravated circumstances of her case

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"Rev. & Mr. Byers - Chaplain - Lunatic Asylum"

"Rev. & Sir"

"I intreat of you for the love of Almighty God to call upon my Uncle or Brother without delay and beg of them to come forward immediately and remove me from this most infamous place or I shall go distracted. I shall be happy to see you as soon as convenient and will explain more particularly my reasons for wishing a change - I remain
Yours very respectfully
Botha Leech"

"Mr. David Leech - Blythwood Place"

"Dear David"

"Royal Lunatic Asylum Feb. 24. 1844"

"I feel very much surprised that none of my friends have called today particularly as I mentioned that it is impossible for me to remain here any longer with any degree of safety. I informed Mr. Byers, the Chaplain of the Asylum of several circumstances of a very aggravated nature which requires the immediate attention of my friends I therefore refer you to him for a more particular account and request that you will not delay coming to see me
I remain Yours very truly
Botha Leech."

The following letter was given to a patient who was about to leave but who gave it up - it was wrapped up in brown paper and addressed to "James Lawrie Esq. & Carlton Place Lanark"

"Dear Uncle"

"I again beg to request that either you or one of my Brothers will immediately come and remove me from this infamous place which I consider no longer safe or proper for any

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"unprotected female to remain in besides I have received treatment of a nature so brutal even to the effusion of blood and danger of my life. I make this statement in writing that you may not have it in your power to blind ignorance of my situation. I remain yours truly, Bethia Leech. In the last few days the Lady Superintendent reports that she has been abusing every one in the Establishment, the Medical Gentlemen, Directors, Nurses &c about the theatrical performances and entertainments given to sexual of the Patients but at none of which she was present. Says that when liberated she will expose such infamous practices, that she hates the idea of being in such a place and under such brutal and worthless females, that nobody of character would come here if she could get away - Has heard that Dr Orr formerly one of the Physician's assistants is about to become a candidate for the situation of Resident Physician at Morningside and hopes that he will not be appointed as she considers him a low mean fellow and unfit for so respected charge. Says the Directors here must be blackguards to keep such people about their Asylum but that no doubt they have reasons for such unaccountable conduct. Says that her brother one complete blackguard and base in combination with her stupid old uncle embroiled her property and are now detaining her here for fear of public exposure but that she will make them and every one connected with his delusion feel the effects of it. Mr Sheriff Bell visited in the afternoon officially but she did not speak to him. As soon as his back was turned she quietly joined and ridiculed him with her friends McMin. In the evening writing letters and abusing in the most violent manner, Sherriff, Directors, Physician, Medical Assistants, Nurses &c Cont: in.

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The following letter has been handed to the Chaplain Mr Byers.

"Rev^d Mr Byers, Chaplain Lunatic Asylum."

"Rev^d Sir;

Royal Lunatic Asylum Glasgow. Feb 27 - 1844.

"I take leave to send you the following statement in writing which I give you full power to transmit to Sir James Graham. I was confined in this Asylum on the 11th of May 1842 by the authorities for having threatened an assault, when under the influence of Sassafras administered by Dr Allan Burns with a small silver pocket fruit knife previous to my being brought here I was taken to Mr Salmon the Procurator Fiscal making a charge against Dr MacFarlane at St Vincent Street Glasgow for attempting to violate my person on the 7 January 1842, none of the authorities called for me to make inquiries regarding this occurrence but an order was given by them to confine me here and no official visit was made until October following after the occurrence took place and another twelvemonth elapsed before any of the authorities again visited the Asylum, during that time I was subjected to treatment of a nature so brutal as to cause effusion of blood and endanger my life, none of my friends visited me for sixteen months and then only once for a few minutes as they were informed I was in such an excitable state that it would be dangerous to have much communication with me, the Lord Advocate and others are refused access to me from the same false excuse, the statement I have made respecting Dr MacFarlane's conduct towards me is given out as a delusion unfortunately I have received sufficient personal injury to prove his guilt. I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully Bethia Leech. Pretended to be ill and faint. Sent for wine, about every one in the house, abused the Nurse and made use of the most violent language to the Lady Superintendent calling her a Whore. Said that all the females in the house were strumpets of the lowest grade, common street walkers. Said that the house was a brothel and worse than any she had ever heard of. Being asked what she could know of such things said that she had been accustomed to Male Society and being among gentlemen she heard all their stories. Whether quiet or excited she is always referring to sexual intercourse more or less distinctly and her language is frequently obscene; at the same time she is most loud in praise of her own virtue and purity. Write the following letters.

March 1

"Sir;

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"I again take leave to request that you will either order my liberation from confinement or remove me to the Asylum at Morningside as I do not think my life safe here any longer after all that I have already suffered; besides the character of the place is such as to render it an improper place

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"for any unprotected female to remain in. I shall feel obliged by your sending Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Keir to enquire into my situation. I shall also be obliged by your writing to my relatives & requesting them to supply me with what I require, I remain yours respectfully Bethia Leech"

Enclosed was the following list.

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| 5 Yards coloured Bonnet ribbon | 2 Pair fine Angola stockings |
| Tooth and Nail brushes | 5 yards wide flannel |
| 1 Bottle Lavander water | 3 yards Saxony for vests |
| 1 1/2 Yard Watch ribbon | 6 yards Cotton Cloth |
| 3 Cambric Handkerchiefs | 1/4 yards Tweeled do |
| Muslin for Nightcaps | 1 pair Gloves |
| Black silk for a dress | 1 Silk Handkerchief |
| Lining for do | 2 Night Shirts |
| 1 Pair Morocco shoes | 5 Yards quilting Bloud. |

"David Leech Esq." "Dytheswood Place"

"Dear David"

"Gartnash Brothel - Glasgow Feb 29"

"You must feel awfully shocked at receiving a note from me addressed from such a place but it is no more awful than time that this Establishment deserves no other name to describe this place in suitable language is impossible unless I were to attempt to describe hell imagine then the distress of my mind at the prospect of remaining here any longer and the dreadful criminality of my relations keeping me in such a place. I intend if you to remove me to the Asylum at Stirling which is very definitely conducted from most infamous place. Yours very truly "Bethia Leech"

Has seriously spoken to by the Lady Superintendent but without benefit as she became more excited & violent she was consequently left. Continues same.

Has remained in bed since last report and to day has been highly excited. At visit spoke in the mildest tone and in the most amiable manner to the Physician. Made no allusion to what had occurred except that she had been agitated and had a headache in consequence of the institution not agreeing with her. Said she had been brought up strictly and very religiously - that she felt inclined to be religious - but that she sometimes heard the other patients use words which distressed and agitated her. Praised that the Physician would order her some hair oil on his accession she was gratified. Pulse of good strength. Tongue clean and moist. Appetite good. Sleeps well. Forehead hot 14 Sp. Vini Feri Alci Lavand. gtt X. Aqua Siv M. pul. lotio frontis. op. Lintumum applicand. C. alia.

Has been out of bed since last report. At visit as usual civil to the Physician but as soon as he leaves the gallery abusive of him in the extreme. Cont. alia.

Yesterday became very abusive and violent. Declared that she would go to bed and never get up as long as she is here; assails the Lady Superintendent and Nurse with the most opprobrious epithets. Has told another patient who is recovering from a palsy during which he had had been shaved that she will never recover her hair for that the Lady Superintendent had put some ointment on his head which will render her completely bald; that she herself was persuaded by the Lady Superintendent to use some Pomatum and that in one night her hair turned grey. She is allowed to remain in bed, but the room is darkened and no one is to approach her but the nurse & Lady Superintendent. Contin. alia.

Yesterday got up and wrote the following letter

"The Right Honourable Sir James Graham, Secretary of State, Home Office London."

"My Lord"

"Lunatic Asylum - Glasgow March 8 - 1844."

"Nothing could warrant my intruding so frequently on your Lordship's time and notice but the deplorable nature of my situation, and the knowledge that you have it in your power to relieve me by ordering an immediate removal either to the Asylum in Edinburgh or to one in London that you could recommend trusting to your Lordship's immediate notice - for your and compliance with this request I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully

"Bethia Leech."

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March 9

Is up today and has declared that she will assault the Lady Superintendent and that if the Physician dared to enter the Gallery she would kick him and otherwise insult him. On learning this the Physician paid her a visit. She was in the Nurse's room and received him very amiably. Said that she felt better but that she was very much depressed and no wonder considering her long confinement. Said that the Physician could have no object for keeping her here and he would surely now interfere to prevent her friends from continuing their injustice as soon as he left began to abuse him and all in the establishment. Health good. Continues omnivorous.

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16

Mind as formerly. Sends list of wants & annoyances all around her. This afternoon while seated quietly at work with the other Ladies, she suddenly began to scold and abuse the Sheriff for detaining her here and said that he must be a damned villain to do so and scold that blackguard Mr. Parlance. When the Nurse tried to soothe her she became more infuriated, took up a chair and dashed it against the window, broke a pane of glass and then broke the chair by throwing it violently on the floor; scratched the Nurse attacked one of the Ladies, her fellow patient and was with difficulty placid in her room when then broke the basin, ewer &c. the medicine bottles & tumbler and threw her dressing case into the saloon against the window, crying out that she must die by the blood of Pecks or get out of this damnable house. When visited by the Physician and Mr. Pritchard, calmed away for some time in the same strain, was very much agitated, but after being spoken to became quiet and continued so. Dinner at.

18

In bed and very fatigued. Is very troublesome and annoying to the Nurse and Lady Sup. Says that she wishes to travel and that she greatly admires Pharoah's coachmen & footmen. Would like to travel through such secluded parts of the country with them always before her eyes. Continues omnivorous.

19

Plashed for her clothes and wished to get up for the purpose as she said of finishing her work of destruction by breaking some 20 or 30 more panes of glass and everything else that she could lay her hands on, that her damnable relations might be made to pay the damage. C. omnivorous.

20

No change, still confined to her room and crying in the manner described above. Continues omnivorous.

21

Still threatens to break windows and everything about her. Says that if Dr. Hutchison or any Doctor enters her room she will break his skull. Utters rather and imprecations against her brothers whom she says she will have transported as soon as she gets out. Says that she enclosed her brother's last letter to the Hon. Fox Maule and sent it out on the sly as she had done other letters.

22

Is quieter but still very excitable and when excited raves in the same manner. Continues omnivorous.

25

Has been for two days up and in the Gallery. Still abuses the Sheriff, the Physician and his assistants her relations &c.

28

Has gone on much in the same manner since last report. Went to bed this morning and declares she will never rise again. Dinner at.

29

Yesterday evening got up - appeared cheerful and began to work. Has been working the greater part of the day and is now walking in the grounds. Continues omnivorous. Vespere. About 5 o'clock came in and went to bed; soon after began to wail and abuse her friends for keeping her in confinement. Became quiet for a time and then suddenly got up, broke a large looking glass, basin, ewer, soap box, Chamber pot &c. throwing them into the saloon. Was immediately visited by Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Pritchard and was found in a high state of mental excitement. Was removed from her room to the furthest room of the Prop. Gallery and after considerable violence and raving fell asleep about 9 o'clock. Dinner at.

30

Slept the greater part of the night. Still highly excited and very abusive. Continues omnivorous.

31

Still confined to her room and excitable, but on the whole quieter. C. omnivorous.

April 5

Has remained in bed since last report and has been pretty quiet, says that she feels more happy being apart from the other patients as she abominates female society, unless the individual belong to the higher ranks, that she has always been accustomed to associate with gentlemen of literary pursuits and scientific views, who could converse with her properly and understand her

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intellectual conversation. Blames M^{rs} Muir for having excited her by her constant complaint and aspersions on the character of everyone in the house. Declares that M^{rs} Muir is evidently insane and that she has found her out - that her own case is quite different &c. &c. *Quiescat.*

" 8

Has been rather depressed and has taken less food since last report. Still blames M^{rs} Muir and is now silent respecting the Institution. *Content: omnia.*

" 10

Today excited, broke a pane of glass and dashed the soap box out of the window. Was spoken to on the subject and somewhat subdued. *Content: omnia.*

" 12

Has been quiet since last report. *Content: omnia.*

" 15

Has been quiet since last report. Expresses her regret for her past conduct and says that she will behave better for the future and endeavor to act quietly and rationally. Hopes that D^r Hutcheson will forget what she has done and see that she could not help it.

" 19

Has been going on quietly and amiably since last report. Was removed two days ago to No 4. and expressed her gratitude for the kindness shown her and the forbearance of all around her. Makes no complaints of anyone. Health pretty good with the exception of some slight glandular swelling of the neck for which the Hydriodate of Potassa is prescribed. *Content: omnia.*

" 21

Is on well and quietly and seems now to be really improving. Cervical glands not increased. Health otherwise good. *Content: omnia.*

" 26

Again talking about D^r W^h Parlance. Continues to be amiable to the Physicians, Lady Superintendent and others. Health good with the exception of the enlargement of the cervical glands which if anything, is diminished. *Content: omnia.*

May 1

More unsettled though still amiable to those around her, talks of her wrongs and the injuries she has sustained from D^r W^h Parlance. Swelling of glands diminished. *C.O.* Since last report has been almost always talking of D^r W^h Parlance and the injustice done her in confining her here. Has become much more irritable of late. Began by finding fault with and abusing her fellow patients then spoke in an angry and taunting tone to the nurse whom she afterwards assailed with a torrent of obprobria - lastly she insulted the Lady Superintendent in various ways, calling her an abandoned woman, one of those that are a reproach to her sex &c. &c. She has not yet abused the Physicians to whom she is still amiable in her language though the expression of her countenance betrays her lips. Since the 8th of April the Catamenia have twice appeared which from the whole bearing of the case appears to be excited by masturbation. In the last week she has constantly been complaining of faintness and sending for wine. *C.O.*

" 9

Last night was passionate and abusive to all especially to the Lady Superintendent - whom she called bitch, whore &c. Today became perfectly frantic, screamed and talked incoherently, broke everything within her reach. Broke a looking glass quite new which cost 53/- a washing stand value 40/- Basin, lower Chamber pot - soap dish value 8/- 1 Chair 10/- 1 Clothes horse 7/- 9 pances of Glass 8/- in all to the value of £5.14.3 Tried to injure herself first with her scissors and then to strangle herself with her sleeping gown, but scratched and struck the Nurses. Was removed to another room. *C. delirio-ratio.*

" 10

Got out of bed, broke eight pances of glass, tore the blankets and sheets to ribbons, screamed and raved. Tennat horae sonant. *Camphora gr x. S. Spii grss C. aliv.*

" 11

Being quiet this morning was allowed to leave her room, some hours afterwards she broke 16 pances of glass in the Saloon, tore her blankets and sheets to pieces then put into her room. Declares that she will carry on the work of destruction till liberated from confinement. Abuses D^r W^h Parlance, says that she should think she was doing God service to kill the Physicians D^r Hutcheson because he detains her here, that she would do so with out the slightest remorse Declares that all in the establishment are the most abandoned characters, that she hates everyone connected with it - that she does all the mischief she can purposely to annoy -

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purposely to annoy and knows perfectly well what she has lately destroyed. To be kept in strict seclusion. C. alia

" 12

More calm and inclined to be amiable. C. omnia -

" 16

Continued for two days quiet and amiable. Since then has abused the Sheriff, R^d M^r Faulstich and all the officers of the Establishment.

" 23

Asked for paper to write down what she required and instead of that wrote abusive letter. Is exceedingly troublesome. Contin: omnia -

" 27

Being more calm has been freed from seclusion. Speaks well of the house, but abuses her friends, the Sheriffs, R^d M^r Faulstich &c. calls them blackguards, scoundrels worn out debauchees &c &c. Makes out enormous lists of clothes required by her. Has her quarrels to all around her. Contin: omnia -

" 29

When the Physician enters the Gallery refuses to see him or anyone else connected with the establishment because they are all accessory to her detention and offensive to her in the extreme. Contin: omnia -

" 31

Suddenly got into a fury and broke a pane of glass. Said that she would do worse if long detained here. Took out of the spokes of her bed out to break the window and vows to kill the Physician and any of the medical officers who may approach her. To have her bed on the floor and everything to be removed from her room. Strict seclusion.

June 1

Having appeared calmer this morning, the Nurse foolishly gave her the washing stand basin &c into her room. No sooner had she used them than she broke them all to pieces, screamed - declared that she was dying - then said she would carry on the work of destruction until liberated. She has broken and destroyed materials to the value of \$5 sterling since 16 March last. To be kept in seclusion and strictly watched. C. alia

" 4

Is now sullen and abusive. Everything has been removed from her room. Her brother Mr Geo B. Leach has been informed of her late proceedings and approves of the removal of everything from her room. She will not speak to the Physician or the Lady Superintendent. C. alia

" 8

Still sullen and abusive. Health good. Contin: omnia -

" 10

Screaming and abusive to the Nurse and Lady Superintendent; calls them whores & bitches says that the Physician is a blackguard and worn out debauchee - that the Nurses are his whores - that R^d M^r Faulstich and his other assistants are all scoundrels like himself that the Asylum is a brothel &c. Declares that she is pure and religious - that she is suffering to rescue the polluted vitiosity of R^d M^r Faulstich and the guilt of the Sheriffs &c. Demands wine, broiled chickens, jelly, Brof Tea, sweetmeats &c and when these are not furnished declares that she is starved and that the intention is to kill her by inches. C. omnia

" 16

Has not been so abusive since last report. Says she wishes to be quiet and to give up her last hours to religious meditation. C. omnia -

" 20

As diabolical as ever. Abuses all around her. Is especially violent against the Lady Superintendent and the Physician whom she accuses of the most gross immorality. Uses obscene expressions at the same time declares her own purity and amiable and forgiving disposition. Says that the Lord supports and will avenge her - cannot be trusted for a moment. Health good considering her excitement. Contin: omnia -

" 23

Violent and abusive. To quiet her paper was given her when she wrote letters to the Sheriff - the Medical Officers and her relations in the same strain as formerly. Wishes to be allowed to get up and go out, but she is not yet to be trusted. Contin: omnia -

" 25

Has been quieter since last report and is allowed her bed again. Has sent for some dozen ~~various~~ works from the library to read as she wishes now to have done with the work. A collection has been sent her. She has not been abusive yesterday & today. Contin: omnia -

" 28

Went on quietly since last report and the shutter was let down, she was also allowed a washing stand &c. Today Mr Thomas and the Inspectors visited the house. They merely looked in and asked how she was. She would not answer and they left. A short time afterwards

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June 20

she became excited and abused the Nurse. Said that the Physicians prevented her from seeing the Sheriff, that he was a scoundrel &c. Abused the Lady Superintendent in her usual strain. Broke 3 panes of glass, the Basin &c. in all about 25/- worth. To be kept in strict seclusion. C. Allen.

30

Has been rather quiet since last report but is still excitable. It is quite clear that in this case kindness and forbearance are of no avail. The Lady Superintendent is therefore instructed to administer a shower Bath everytime she offends unless it be at the Catamenial period. The patient must be subdued, since other means have failed should a repetition of shower Baths not effect this, severer measures must be had recourse to. This is a case of moral insanity in a great measure. The intellect is active though perverted by the moral feelings and this therefore appears one of the few instances in which a little wholesome severity will be beneficial. Contin: omnia.

Jessie Rule or M^{rs} Sorenson.

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 June 23 been broken over her head; has also since yesterday picked her face a good deal
 Tongue rather white. Pulse 88. Moderate.
 " 28 Has continued in the same mystified state since last report; at one time tolerably
 cheerful, at another in the deepest distress; keeps her bed one day and is up another.
 Has today been removed to a smaller gallery as the change may be beneficial to her. *See*
 " 30 Has kept her bed since last report, and cannot understand why she has been removed
 from the other gallery to the one where she now is, thinks it was because she did not get up
 and do as she was told. Looks thin and pale and takes her food very indifferently. To have
 two glasses of Port wine daily.
 July 6 Has been persuaded both yesterday and today to get up in proper time. Yesterday received
 a letter from her husband and one from her little boy. Wrote to her husband yesterday
 because it was she said his birthday - her letter was perfectly rational in every respect.
 R. Tinct. Muri: Tonic Sij Tinct: Calumb: 3j ℥j; Fontan: 3v ℥ss. Sumat 3i tea
 quodidie.
 " 14 Gets up now regularly and in proper time in the morning. Is looking much better, takes
 her food well, and employs herself much more steadily than she did, is at present working
 a piece of worsted work. Count: 80000.
 " 31 Has continued industrious and regular in her habits since last report and is more
 easily managed than she was. Delays less of the mystified appearance which formerly
 characterized her.
 August 1 During last night she was attacked with shivering and today is very feverish; complains
 of throat and pain in the abdomen it is not however increased by pressure. Pulse 110
 full and strong. Tongue dry and brown in centre white at margins. Skin hot and dry
 complains also of headache. Pupils nearly natural. Bowels reported regular. Rigors still
 continue. R. Pulv: Jalap gr. XX Pulv: Antimon: gr. X ℥ss. Sumat Statim.
 R. Soda Bicarb 3ij ℥ss Fontan 3vii ℥ss R. Soda Tact 3i ℥j ℥j Fontan: 3vii ℥ss.
 Sumat 3ij et part equal. Mist: Soda Bicarb: efferves. tertia quaque hora. Let her wine be
 omitted for the present.
 " 2 Despair. Left feverish skin less hot but still dry. Pulse 100. Medicine has not yet opened
 complains much of pain in the Epigastric region where there is some tympanitic distension, &
 has had a good deal of bilious vomiting with headache. Respiration hurried and oppressed.
 Tongue dry. R. Tinct: Senna: Comp. et Tinct: Muri ad 3j Tinct: Sulph: 3ij ℥j Fontan: 3i
 ℥ss. Sumat statim. Con: Senna: Efferves. Applic: Sanguis: Epigast.
 " 3 Medicine operated once very freely last night after which her uneasy feelings were much
 relieved and she slept well during the night. She has still headache and sore throat. Pulse
 94-96 softer. Tongue white and rather dry but much cleaner than yesterday. No motion
 today. Contin: Senna: Efferves. Purgat.
 " 4 She had last night some more bilious vomiting and her bowels acted once. Today she is
 considerably better. Pulse 96. Tongue white but moister than yesterday, and skin much
 cooler. Took a little milk this morning. To have one pint of beef tea in the middle of the day.
 " 7 Has continued steadily to improve since last report and is today perfectly able to be up
 though she is not at all inclined for it herself. She now gets a glass of sherry daily. To be
 got up.
 " 21 Health has steadily improved since last report and she is on the whole more cheerful than
 formerly - still inequally requests to see her husband and reflects bitterly on the Physician
 because she is not allowed to do so. Has less of the confused and mystified appearance
 which has all along characterized her case. Reads occasionally and employs herself at her
 needle. Has lately been out walking. Continue wine. Stop beef tea.
 August 31 Occasionally walks alone to the ladies and makes sensible remarks on what she read.
 In conversation appears confused and perplexed. Has a very low estimate of her powers and

Jessie Rule or Mrs. Lawrence.

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Sept. 13

capacities. Talks of being changed by the doctors. Wishes having her clothes changed and would if permitted put three or four chemises one above the other, several pairs of stockings into two or three gowns at once. Health pretty good. Contin. omnica.

- " - 30

Confused and perplexed. Suspicious of those around her; fancies that when her clothes are changed that they are taken from her. Restful and anxious to get home. Cannot be employed in needlework, but occasionally reads aloud to her fellow patients. Health pretty good. Cont. omica. Has gone on without any change since last report. Expresses the same opinion of herself with regard to her unworthiness as formerly. Has the same fancy of wearing different changes of clothes one above another and requires to be constantly looked after. Contin. omnica.

Oct. 20

No improvement. Restful suspicious and discontented. Perplexed about trifles. Is unwilling to leave her room and keeps constantly near it lest she should be deprived of her property. Still would wear a superabundance of clothing if permitted. Thinks that God has withdrawn his grace and spirit from her. Health as usual. Contin. omnica.

" 30

No change whatever since last report. Continuation omnica.

November 30

During the last month has rather fallen back, has been more fretful and discontented with herself and all around her. Jealous of her husband and thinks that he has lost all affection for her and placed his love on some one else, because he does not try her at home. Has been told that if she will comport herself and behave properly for three weeks, she will be indulged with a trial at home. Cont. omica.

December 11

Has been more cheerful and composed since last report and it is evident that she is expecting herself to be allowed a trial at home. Health good.

" 8

More amiable and cheerful, Fancies about her husband have disappeared. Refrains from complaints. Health good. On the whole is improving. Contin. omnica.

" 13

On the whole improving. Is anxious about her husband and children and hopes that she will become well enough to go home. Continuation omnica.

" 20

Her husband is anxious to try her at home and as the case cannot be injured by the experiment she is allowed to leave when arrangements can be made. Meanwhile she is improving. Contin. omnica.

" 31

Since last report has improved. Her mind however is still weak and perplexed and it is evident she will require great care. Arrangements having been made for her going home she left with a Nurse of the Establishment and is discharged.

Relieved.

Sanct Adam or Mrs Muir.

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August 31

"that their return to all the comforts of home depends on what the Drs say of them to
"their relatives therefore they must have nothing that will offend them, what a dignity
"true heart-religion gives to the conduct it helps us alike from favouring on the great
"and despising the little and makes those who possess it act according to the dictates of
"conscience even under the most discouraging circumstances and it gives a peace of
"mind that the world cannot take away yet my dearest William however prompt
"it is to write you so many letters without ever receiving an answer still I know it
"to be my duty not to allow you to be deceived if it is in my power to preserve
"it - I know it is not right to get angry therefore I never speak to the gentlemen
"about the confinement and after having been so much deceived and my health so
"much injured I cannot hold communication with them as I formerly did this I
"feel myself very disagreeably situated almost in every respect since I came to the
"new place I believe the Sheriff pays his annual visit soon now if I am to remain
"in an Asylum I would prefer being where I could be near my children and I under-
"stand he is the person to apply to, now I wish very much to see you first because I
"would much rather go home than be shut to morning-side to the Sheriff but I cannot
"should prefer Monkingside to this place, trusting my dearest William that I shall very
"soon have the happiness of seeing you and arranging everything to our mutual satisfaction
"I am remain your affectionate wife Sanct Adam Muir. This is the seventh letter
"I have written without receiving any answer. I trust to its being a lucky number.

September 1 Complaining bitterly of her confinement; says she never was in such much had fever
chiefly caused by the excitement of the Queen's visit, remembers in her delirium to talk
nowhere about going to London to nurse the young Prince, but never should have been kept
here

- " 17 No apparent change suspicion strongly rooted in her mind that there is some under
cause for her detention from her husband and children
- " 26 Intense and disagreeable and constantly backbiting and complaining of every body
- " 29 No improvement in temper or disposition; flying up and down in an excited state & very in-
sensible
- " 30 During the last month has behaved in the most haughty and insolent manner to the Physician
and Lady Superintendent. Insulted and assailed that she is kept here lest she should
tell of the blackguardism of the house says that the house was no better than a brothel when
it may be now - that obscene and shameful conduct took place - that her husband and
friends are kept from seeing her lest she should inform them of what goes on - that the
Physician is a hypocrite and impure man - that he is the son of a baker in Irvine
and his wife an ex-governess - that he staves the patients to make money for the Nurse
because if he does not make the establishment pay he will be dismissed. Has been high-
ly excited for two days. Dared the Physician to place her in the strait, did and said every-
thing possible to provoke him to do it. Declared that he was a hardened villain &c.
It is quite evident that the intercourse with Miss Leach has been prejudicial and filled her
head with absurdities. But nevertheless she is much worse. Her health appears to only good.

October 28 No notice to be taken of her for some. Contentment still
since last report has been as troublesome as ever. Is exceedingly insolent to the Nurse
the Lady Superintendent and the Physician. Exults herself systematically to imitate them
and declares it to be her intention to persevere till she is treated harshly and sent to the peni-
tentiary where she will be as troublesome as ever and see what severity will be made use of. Declares that
the Physician dare not dismiss her because he knows that she has statements to make which
would ruin the Institution, that he is a thoroughly accomplished scoundrel who hypocritically
conceals his own crimes and makes himself for a party sum the lot of a set of men
calling themselves Quakers, that she will some time disclose all to the world. States that
she is happy in the midst of all her persecutions - that she has received the grace of God - that

Sarah Ann or Mrs Muir.

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- October 20 soul is regenerated & now pure - that she defies the Devil and all his emissaries whether bad doctors or their tools - that she is in a heavenly frame of mind & hears in a singing tone long passages of the Bible - particularly the denunciations of God's vengeance against wicked men and oppressors. Sings psalms several times a day, but always morning and evening.
- " 29 Very better indeed. Declares that all are vain and self interested about this place.
- November 30 No improvement. Her health is good, but her manner, conduct delusions and language as bad as ever. Continues omnivorous.
- December 31 Of late has refused to see the Physician and when visited turns away and goes to her room. When visited there answers civilly as far as her language is concerned, but in flippant and sneering manner. Health good.
- January 16 Refused last night to go to the Ball as she would not countenance such proceedings or by making herself a party acknowledge herself to be a patient. Has however on the whole been more subdued of late and less troublesome. She still has the same as is shown by her occasionally resorting to them. Hatefulness as ever. Health good. Reads and sings. Continues omnivorous.
- " 18 Nearly as bad as ever - abusing all around her, but particularly the Lady Superintendent and the Physicians - Health good. Continues omnivorous.
- " 31 Since last report her friend Miss Leech has been returned to her Gallery and she has been quieter. They read, work and sing psalms together - plot mischief against the Officers of the Establishment &c. do however they cannot injure any one in the Gallery and are not likely to do any mischief to each other they are permitted to be together. Health good. Continues omnivorous.
- February 9 Has been in good health since last report. Still very disagreeable to all around her and full of notions of her own holiness and importance. Is very impertinent to the Nurse and Lady Superintendent but civil to the Physicians whom however she abuses as formerly when her back is turned. C. omnivorous.
- " 20 Health good since last report. Employs herself in sewing and plotting mischief. Wishes to get out that she may expose the iniquitous proceedings of the Anomalous Doctors or rather she should call them money making Doctors, by inducing wise folks into their Asylum and detaining them there under the pretext that they labour under delusions. Says that her heart is thoroughly regenerated and that she is perfectly in her senses, which alone can prevent her from going mad in such a place. Continues omnivorous.
- " 23 Though in good health complains that she is suffering from confinement. Sings Psalms reads the Bible and prays and next moment vows the most deadly vengeance against all in the Establishment. Says that she may kill them and traduce them as much as she pleases for as she is said to be insane they cannot punish her. When she is told that such vows are ineffectual she asks how do blackguards know anything. Has written several letters to be clandestinely sent out but which have been intercepted. The following are copies of some of them.
- "*Wm Muir Esq*" 1 Charlotte Street, Edinburgh
- "Having this morning been refused paper, I hope you will excuse my writing upon this small piece. I am becoming exceedingly anxious to see you as I am daily more and more convinced that this is not a place where I ought to be in. My health has suffered so much from confinement and other causes, I trust that an immediate change will not be any longer delayed. Should it prove inconvenient for you to come here in as day or two, will you be so kind as write for Mother and one of my Sisters to come and see me. The female relatives of the other relatives visit them and why not mine!! Were I only at Edinburgh for a short time, the change would I am certain be most beneficial and afterwards I might return home to my own dear Charlotte Street with something of my former health and vigour. Oh, Williams, could you only know what I have suffered during the last 15 months you would not allow me to remain a day longer where I am, but William, if you really wish me to be in confinement, surely you would desire that I should have

Sister Young to Mrs Muir.

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"as much comfort and satisfaction as a prison can afford. If then you have any compassion towards an unfortunate creature who has laid herself in your power, if you have the slightest affection for your sister, the mother of your children let me be immediately removed from this place. Even let Morning-side be fixed upon where I might see you and my dear little children. Trusting my dearest William will not any longer delay making a change I remain ever your affectionate wife." *Sister Muir*

"William Muir Esq^r & Charlotte Street Edinburgh"

"I suppose my dearest William the very unfavorable state of the weather prevents yourself & some of my other friends from coming here last week, or perhaps you might think it better to delay till the end of the month. One of the ladies in this Gallery leaves this on Friday next. Indeed the number of females of the better classes who have been withdrawn from this Institution is the subject of general remark and certainly when I reflect on all I have seen and heard during the last year and four months I for one cannot feel any surprised at this Institution not being considered a fit place for any respectable female. I trust that you will immediately withdraw me from this establishment. I have many and strong reasons for urging and most earnestly indicating your immediate compliance with this most reasonable request. I mentioned in my last that I should be very glad to go to Edinburgh for a short time or else return home to you and my dear little ones immediately whichever way you should think most proper. This arrangement would of course be most agreeable to me and I should think for all concerned. If however, this cannot be done immediately let me without any further delay be transferred to the Establishment at Morning-side. Do not let me I pray of you let me commence another month in this odious place. When you came in October, you promised that Mr Young would soon return to see me again, but he never came and neither did you. Indeed I am wearying very much to see a kind face. Strangers! Strangers all around there is something so totally heartless in it. A poor young creature was brought here a few weeks ago. She has only been 18 months married and became a little nervous after the birth of her baby. She is now perfectly well and has been told that her friends are to come and take her away in a day or two - forsooth a very likely story!!!!!! her friends have been told in all probability that she is highly excited and extremely dangerous both to herself and others - that she has many wonderful delusions &c &c. My dearest William I have particularly to request that if business should render it inconvenient for you to come here yourself in the course of a day or two that you will write to Mr McLachlan or Nancy to come and see me and take me out of this place. If I neither hear of nor see any of my friends I shall feel it my duty to make a statement to Mr Byers the Chaplain of this establishment in view that he may forward it to Edinburgh for your consideration. After perusing what I thus send you will be able fairly of the propriety of any longer allowing your wife to remain at Portmarnock Institution. I mention Mr Byers simply because he is the most respectable person connected with the establishment and therefore in my present trying circumstances I consider the Chaplain of the Institution the most respectable medium of communication. By way of filling up my paper I may mention a few of the more trifling annoyances to which I am subjected. The atmosphere of our gallery is so cold that I have frequently during the day been obliged to go to bed in order to make myself somewhat more comfortable. I have consequently had slight attacks of toothache, headache, & in short &c and secondly our pleasure grounds are so very rough that walking on them hurts our delicate feet, thirdly our little conveniences are totally neglected we are all truly strangers in a strange land. However I keep up my heart as well as I can in the hope of seeing a person who has so unjustly kept his own wife in a prison for a year and four months. Now William all that I have to say is this. I have no further wish for any more investigation about

Sancti Spiritus in M^{rs} Muir.

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"the reason of my being made a prisoner. We shall if you have no objection let that subject rest. My earnest wish is to get home to my friends beside Grandmamma, papa and my own sweet little Jean and Agnes Hamilton. I believe you may with safety place me among those fools who have been taught by experience. I never sufficiently valued my perhaps too happy and comfortable home until I lost it. In the meantime I would commit you and my dear little ones to the protection of that Being who has taught us to forgive if we hope to be forgiven and in expectation of seeing my own dear William in a very, very short time I remain your affectionate wife."

"Sancti Spiritus"

This letter is a good specimen of her ingenuity of perverting everything and mixing up falsehood with truth. The Lady whom she mentions as being deluded with hope of going away is the same as is afterwards mentioned as the poor young creature who was only a little nervous after the birth of a baby - viz. M^{rs} Sheets whose case will be found in the next volume and who gave home on the 27 perfectly well her stay being prolonged with her consent till her friends can accommodate her. There is no truth in the gallery ever being cold and she has not complained of any ailment to any one. She went to bed once or twice to annoy the Lady Superintendent, saying that the gallery was so cold she could not sit in it. On these occasions the thermometer stood at 68° F. Several ladies have of late got well and dismissed last. She takes the part of their dismissal but misrepresents the cause. She mentions forgiveness but is most vindictive. Her anxiety to be removed to Warrington is surely that she may accompany her friend Miss Litch who has moving in every way to get there, as they think that they would most easily effect their liberation.

Since last report made up to M^{rs} Sheets and ceased her to take out with her today the following letter which however was given by her to the Lady Superintendent before she left. It was sealed up in brown paper and addressed to "Miss Adam Hillsburgh" and on the other side "Miss Adam Hillsburgh".

"My dearest Nancy I send this by a female hand, because if I send it to Dr. Harrison it would probably never reach its destination, indeed I have good reason to believe that many of my communications to William have never reached him, at all events of this I am certain that both he and my other friends have been most grossly deceived with regard to your unfortunate sister. I trust that my dearest W. on the receipt of this will make no delay in coming to see me - Of course you will be told of excitement and delusions but never mind that nonsensical report seeing me, and then I shall tell you all my delusions &c. and then you will be able to form your own judgment about the matter. If you my dearest Nancy are not able to come and see me perhaps Elizabeth would come. I am indeed becoming extremely anxious to see some of my own friends for I am very uncomfortable in this place and most firmly do believe that none of my dear friends have the slightest idea of how much improved conduct may be carried on with impunity in an ill conducted Lunatic Asylum. I believe my dearest Nancy I have been made the victim of much heartless deceit, but I trust you will immediately come and see me I have frequently thought of writing you through some private channel."

"There is a very extraordinary case of a young lady in this Institution having been confined without any just reason and her brothers wild dissipated young men have endeavoured to seize on her money and seem determined if possible to confine her for life. The case of this lady is very complicated and I have not paper for a long story, but both Harrison and the authorities are much and I think justly blamed on account of their treatment of this young lady and it is a pretty general impression throughout the institution that Dr. Harrison is endeavouring to keep me away from my husband and children because he is afraid that if I were getting out, I would have it in my

Sanct Uoam or Mrs Muir.

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"power to lodge information against him respecting this case. Indeed my dearest Nance I know little of this wicked world and still less of my own wicked heart; till I came here. Sometimes I think that though I had hunted over the whole globe I could not have seen more deceit, sensuality, pride and cruelty than I have seen within the last sixteen months. I have written with more freedom to you than I have done to William because Nicholson would not send it to him if there was any thing mentioned in it about the young lady who is unjustly confined. Come and see me" The young lady

The young lady referred to is Miss Leach whose case will be found in this Volume. They are the most troublesome patients who have been in the Institution for many years. Today Mr Sheriff Bell visited the house officially with Dr McGeer. She would not speak to them but when they passed feared and ridiculed them behind their backs. Health good. Always civil to Dr Hutcheson when present though she writes and speaks of him in vain a strain when absent. Continues omnium.

March 2

Very inconsistent in her conduct; at one time reading the Bible aloud and repeating Psalms and Hymns, at others traducing the characters of all around her. Told the same lately that she was done or habitually obstinate and often contained murder in her heart. She often thought of murdering her husband for having confined her here. Is very malignant and suspicious, and coarse and vulgar in her expressions. Does a great deal of mischief to the patients with whom she comes in contact and who have not discovered her character, by the lies and infamous stories she tells of the Dispensary, the Medical Officers, Lady Superintendent, Matron, Nurses &c. Health improved. Continues omnium.

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No improvement whatever. Still malignant and troublesome. Complaints of being illegally confined here and unkindly treated. Abuses everyone. Declares that her heart is renewed - that she has the grace of the Spirit and is acquainted to a knowledge and fear of God. Continues omnium.

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No change whatever except that if possible she is more troublesome and abusive than formerly.

April 4

Has lately taken a new mode of annoyances. She professes great weakness - lies in bed - can take scarcely any food. Complains of pain in her back and chest and that she is becoming consumptive. Declares that till removed from the Dispensary she will do nothing to attract her complaisance - that she does not care whether she dies or not, for if she does it will bring disgrace on the Institution. Does not look ill and on examination no disease of the chest can be detected. Has no cough, breathing natural. Bowels regular - Tongue clean & moist - Pulse 70 of ordinary strength. Continues omnium.

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Persistent in the conduct last reported but takes more food under the dread of being fasted. Takes porter. Has lost flesh however evidently from the way in which she wears her. Is very malignant and excitable. Continues omnium.

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No change since last report. Continues omnium.

May 1

Has written several abusive letters to her husband, others full of complaints to her own relations. Has been industrious with her needle for some days. Gets up for some hours daily. Is abusive and troublesome as ever though she believes no delusions, her false statements being known to be false to herself and avowedly made to annoy. Her husband and friends have been willing to and a trial at the court with a nurse recommended.

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Has been quiet since last report and has been out of bed; her health however is worse. C. omnium.

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Has seen her husband who has agreed to give her a trial at the court. She has been miserable since. Continues omnium.

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Her Sister and other relations having determined on taking charge of her and giving her a trial out of the Dispensary, came today and removed her, she is therefore dismissed.

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Elizabeth Sharp or Mrs. McDougall from p. 211. Admitted Dec. 1844

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February 25- on superior part of left lung; on the Lutherscope being applied to this part a deep gurgling sound is given out when patient coughs; expiration a little further down is cavernous. No flush frequently present. Let her have a chalk mixture, a tea spoonful of which is to be taken after each loose stool. To have two glasses of wine daily. Contin. sicc.
- March 7 Patient so weak that she cannot rise out of bed without the assistance of the nurses. Diarrhoea somewhat abated. Cough increasing, expectoration considerable; night sweats; hectic flush on cheeks; great thirst. To have acidulated drinks. Contin. omnia alia. Perfectly rational and is at times much concerned about a future state. The Chaplain of the institution sees her daily for which she is very grateful. Says she derives great consolation from his conversation.
- " 15- No change since last report; debility and other symptoms increasing. Mind quite collected and rational. Contin. omnia.
- " 30 Daily becoming weaker; cough troublesome and expectoration great, having the character of putrid sputa with tubercles; left lung principally affected, cavernous respiration being evident in different parts of it; diarrhoea still continues notwithstanding the exhibition of chalk mixtures and other astringent remedies. Thirst great; hectic. Contin. omnia.
- April 8. Has continued to sink gradually since last report; has difficulty in expectoration, the morning her countenance has a peculiar aspect. Pulse rapid and very weak. Contin. sicc.
- " 15- Patient continues to sink gradually and is now almost reduced to a skeleton; cough and expectoration increases. Contin. omnia.
- " 21 In the last few days has been sinking rapidly and has hardly sufficient strength to expectorate. Mind occasionally wandering. This morning about six o'clock she

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No Post-mortem examination permitted.

Marion Baillie or M^{rs} Lennep. from page 113. Admitted July 29th 1842

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 February 29 Health robust mind weak and full of delusions. Says the Medical Officer will let her have a good coffin when she dies and says that is all she cares about in this world. Says Mr Byers is no Chaplain, that she could preach and pray quite as well as he does. Continues to assist the nurses in cleaning the wards and in carrying the stores. Takes to her bed occasionally for the whole of the day. Appetite good. Bowels regular. Continues omnivorous.
- March 31 Mind weak and full of absurd delusions - Active and industrious. Takes especial charge of the airing ground and the comb at the back of the kitchen - Says she is the Placeman, and warns of strangers who happen to come there. Bodily health good, bowels require occasional doses of aperient medicines. Appetite good. Continues omnivorous.
- April 30 Industrious and active in her habits. Takes great care of the yard and watches her fellow patients closely. If any of those employed in the Laundry attempt to leave it, she immediately seizes them and brings them forcibly back. Mind weak. Bodily health good. Appetite, sleep, and bowels natural. Continues omnivorous.
- May 31 Health good, mind fanciful. Very inclined to strike her fellow patients and to interfere officiously with them. Appetite good, bowels regular. Quiet at night. Continues omnivorous.

Barbara Morrison or Mrs M. B. from p. 134. Admitted Aug⁵ 30th 1843

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 August 13 *Rf. sumat. puer. m. Pil. folid. cum Oleo Crotonis unam.*
 In the last few days has been more settled, although she is still labouring under a degree of excitement, *cras incoherently and erotically* and for the most part her *travelling* is confined to religious subjects. Appetite good. To be freed from seclusion as soon as possible.
 " 21 Has been free from excitement for the last eight days, but continues as formerly to rave in an incoherent manner. Endeavours to be very affectionate in her way, but it is too evident from her looks and gestures that it originates in erotic feelings. Health improved.
 September 5 Is at present better than she has been for some time past; talking rationally and making herself useful in the wards assisting the nurses in the domestic work &c. Bodily health improves.
 " 18 Has been quite free from excitement since last report, until two days ago when she began to exhibit symptoms of approaching paroxysm viz. praying, gesturing, sometimes talking incoherently. This morning she became highly excited and before she could be prevented smashed four panes of glass in one of the windows of the ward she was sleeping in. To be placed in seclusion and to have one of the Pil. folid. cum Oleo Crotonis.
 October 24 Has continued in a state of high excitement since last report, & continually praying, swearing and talking obscenely. Pupils contracted, eyes suffused. Pulse quick and small. *Diarrhoea. Capillitium aspicatum. Vesicatorium. Capiti toto. Contin. seclusio.*
 November 12 Continues in the same excited state as at last report. Still remains in seclusion. Contin.
 December 25 Has been more or less excited since last report, and with the exception of one or two days has been unfit to mingle with the rest of the patients. Her raving has been of the same order as formerly noticed, partly religious and partly erotic. Cursing and swearing and praying and singing psalms at another. Bodily health not very good. Pupils much contracted. Eyes suffused. *Diarrhoea* unless moved by the occasional exhibition of opening medicine generally slow. Pulse rapid but rather small. *Diarrhoea. Capillitium. Rf. sumat. sumit. tertia. pp. Noct. Pil. folid. cum Oleo Crotonis unam. Mitte IV. Contin. alia.*
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 January 26 In the last two weeks has been quiet and perfectly rational; expresses herself as annoyed in the manner in which she conducts herself during her paroxysms of excitement and trusts that what she says and does at these times will be overlooked as she cannot control herself. In fits at needless work in the meantime; very hysterical at present and is frequently belching up wind from her stomach. *Rf. Pil. folid. et Oleo Crotonis. Sig. sumat. unam nocte trancuere. Contin.*
 February 23 Today is somewhat excited and has all the appearances indicative of an approaching paroxysm. Very talkative, eyes suffused, pupils very much contracted. *Rf. sumat. statim Pil. folid. cum Oleo Crotonis unam.*
 March 7 Paroxysm has fairly set in; patient is very erotic and endeavours to expose her person by pulling up her petticoats; her language is obscene in the extreme. To be placed in seclusion until the paroxysm abates. Attend to state of bowels.
 April 20 Excitement has again nearly subsided although patient is not yet in a fit state to be allowed to associate with the rest of the patients. Talking in a religious strain at present. *Quiescat.*
 May 10 Has been free from excitement only two or three days since last report; for the last four days she has been in a state of the most violent excitement, cursing, swearing and praying alternately without intermission at the same time she is highly erotic both in looks and gestures. Bowels slow. Pulse rapid of countenance. *Rf. Pil. folid. et Oleo Crotonis. sig. Sig. sumat. unam nocte trancuere. Contin.*
 June 5 This patient has had no lucid interval since last report; highly erotic; raves on religious subjects and very often gives way to cursing and swearing in the midst of it. Looks pale and exhausted. Tongue generally white and loaded; pupils contracted, eyes have always a glistening and suffused appearance. Bowels almost moved unless from the exhibition of Croton oil; passes the greater part of the time in the Refractory Gallery. *Contin.*
 " 21 Has been more or less excited since last report; this morning she is noisy praying and swearing alternately. Erotic in looks and gestures. To be removed to the refractory gallery. *Contin.*

Barbara Morrison or Mrs. M. B. B. from p. 283. Admitted August 30. 1842

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The excitement having subsided she is to be freed from seclusion. Employ immediately.

Being in good bodily health and having exhibited no symptoms of excitement since last report; she is this day by the urgent request of her husband and friends although contrary to the advice of the Physician dismissed with suitable directions as

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Catharine M Lauchlan. from page 80.

Admitted June 3^d 1842.

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 March 31 No change either in a bodily or mental point of view since last report; Bodily functions natural; employed in domestic work at present.
 April 29 Health good; this case is very variable at one time patient is tolerably quiet and rational in conversation at another she is excitable and disposed to quarrel with everyone; occasionally walks hurriedly through the ward cursing and swearing. Frequently during these fits of excitement she demands of the Nurses and Medical Officers some communication for the work she executes. Mutter to herself a good deal. Health good. Contin.
 May 18 No change since last report. Contin. same.
 31 Health good, mind very flighty and unsettled, very talkative and idle at times, but at other very industrious. Employed in the Laundry at present.
 June 13 Continues very flighty and unsettled although when under the eye of the nurse she can be induced very serviceable in the work connected with the Ward. Disposed to quarrel particularly with one or two of her fellow patients. Mutter and talks to herself; sometimes when walking through the Ward she stops and appears to address some imaginary being in the Wall of the Apartment; when not disturbed she maintains a colloquy. Bodily health excellent. Cont. &c.

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Margaret Anderson or Mrs. McCallum from page 141 - Admitted Sep 6. 1844

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- March 19 - Status pub: fatid: cum ill: bistonia unam.
- " 20 - Last night was very noisy and abusive in her language to her fellow patients; this morning the symptoms of excitement are increasing. Bowels have been fully moved. To be returned to the refectory gallery. Dried.
- April 1 - Paroxysm near its height. Costiveness fluent. Patient is highly excited in looks and gestures. Language abusive and abusive in the extreme. Quiescent.
- " 12 - Paroxysm has ended and patient is today removed to the Ward, where she has commenced sewing as she usually does when free from excitement. Contin.
- " 27 - Has continued quiet and industrious since last report until yesterday when symptoms of an approaching paroxysm made their appearance and today she is in such an excited state as to render her removal to the Refectory Gallery indispensable. By P.M. fatid cum ill: bistonia unam. hanc somni sumunt.
- May 4 - Paroxysm approaches its height; patient is restless and noisy and as usual very filthy in her language. Continue seclusion.
- " 18 - Paroxysm is nearly ended but she is not yet in a fit state to leave the Refectory Gallery; the expression of her eye indicating a degree of excitement although she endeavours to smother it as much as possible.
- " 29 - Has been quite free from excitement since last report; In order to see the effect of seclusion for a length of time upon this patient she has not been permitted to leave the Refectory Gallery as was usually done at the termination of her paroxysms. Health good, mind rational and collected. Engaged in needlework. Contin.
- June 11 - In consequence of her room in the Refectory Gallery being required for another patient, she was removed to the Ward a few days ago and until last night conducted herself quietly and rationally, at last night symptoms of another paroxysm appeared, and this morning early became so violent and noisy that it was necessary to transfer her to a secluded room again. By P.M. fatid cum ill: bistonia unam. hanc somni sumunt. Contin.

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Elizabeth Fraser from page 68 - Admitted May 25th 1842

- 1844 April 18 Surrounding the right eye. Bowels have been several times moved within the last few days.
 " 22 Tongue cleaner. M. Hab. Nausea satia too in diet. Contin: omniv.
 May 1 A small abscess has formed near the internal angle of left eye from which a small quantity
 of purulent matter was discharged this morning. Let the part be frequently bathed with
 tepid water and milk. Emb. Hawk. Application cicatrice. post anies.
 " 30 Abscess noted in last report is healed and her face has assumed its natural appearance.
 Mind not improved and habits continue as before. Contin: omniv.
 No change in state of this patient since last report. Bodily health pretty good at present.

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Susan Sproule from page 119. Admitted August 3rd 1842

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"the situation of companion to a lady not attending to housekeeping or governing to your children in a pious family. I shall be exceedingly obliged to you to exert yourself to procure one a situation of this description. pecuniary remuneration is not of consequence as a peaceful home is what I would particularly desire. Will you my dear Sir excuse my taking this liberty with you. Have the goodness to reply to this as soon as possible and inform me when you think I will be removed, also whether there has been any more change in your family. I see by the papers Mr. Colman has had an heir which of course is great joy to all. I have been very uneasy respecting the state of agitation you have been in for some time past, I trust you have had quietness in your neighbourhood. Two letters are enclosed to "St. Katherine, Graham Asylum Glasgow" with kindest regards to all your young people. I remain, my dear Sir,"

"March 4. 44."

"your truly yours" *Susan Sproule*

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Frequently enquires if her Mother has written or if we receive any letters from Ireland - Is very importunate in her requests for dismissal. Declares that there is no reason for her being detained here that her mind is as correct as any of the Doctors. Wishes to get a situation as Cookmaid in a good family and awaits the misfortune she labours under as she terms it in not being able to go abroad and in being deprived of religious ordinances. Says it is of no use telling her that Mercury and other medicines have not been mixed with her food - She knows the effects of mercury, has felt them, and could not be deceived. General bodily health good. Fervid and suspicious in her deportment. Inclined to find fault with those about her. Continues

April 30

Bodily health continues good; takes exercise daily in the open air and is very anxious that she should be allowed to walk out in the open grounds alone. Delusions about poison and Mercury as vivid as ever. Very anxious to write to her friends without the knowledge of her brother. Bodily functions natural. Continues business.

May 31

No mental improvement. Still persists in affirming that Calomel and other violent-acted drugs have been administered to her both here and also at the various places at which she resided before coming to the Asylum. Upholds her friends and all persons connected with the Institution for detaining her here. Wishes to live with a small family where she might be permitted to receive Church privileges. Bodily health good. Etc.

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Caroline Bagot from page 242. Admitted November 12th 1842

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- calling her any low names. Threw a piece of bread which she had in her hand at her, and struck her in the high. Among the other patients exceedingly by slamming the doors of their several rooms; washes her hands in the water in their drinking cups, after which she drinks it herself. Since her removal to the refectory gallery the Physician has taken charge of her papers and writings. When visited this morning was found sitting on the top of a table with some of her books on her knee and said she was tailoring.
- " 18 Yesterday kept her bed and was very depressed and did not eat a good deal. Today is up and dressed but refuses to breakfast with the others and consequently went without breakfast. Intimated the Clinical Assistant to allow her to return to her own room; said she was sure at this was a trick of Dr. Hutchison and Mr. Brown to ruin him, viz. her being placed here, that she was his only friend and that she had power to do as she liked. Would not hear herself called Miss Bagot. Said she could not remain here any longer after what had happened last night; she would not say last evening, but last night. Her words sometimes so strong as to and she can scarcely utter a single sentence without introducing them.
- " 22 Kept her bed nearly all yesterday but today she is up, very lively and in good spirits. Said she wished as much to return to her own room, and thought a week's punishment was quite long enough for her. Blamed the Physician for his conduct to her and said that had she but known she was strong enough she could have knocked him down — she could easily have tossed him over "the cat of a fellow." She then insisted upon going with the Clinical Assistant, pushed her back against the door and seemed determined to run her point. Upon being remonstrated with, she threw fish-bone about on the floor in a pet, and then her Bible, the last of which had been secured as she has been writing notes on the margin which it is desirable to be inspired. She was told that as she did not know how to take care of her Bible herself, it should be preserved for her. Content: *omnia*.
- " 24 Much as usual; — haughty and insolent and humble and polite by turns — extremely artful, proving when civil that she has some design at bottom; some indulgence requested which when granted acts for her sword. Told the Lady Superintendent that she had no right to be here as her mind is perfectly unimpaired, as well as her bodily health. Confessed she was violent when thwarted, as she was supreme here and ought always to be obeyed. Speaks unkindly of every one who is absent though polite when present unless excited.
- " 26 Rather more subdued in language, manner, but very artful. Communicative and familiar to Nurses and visitors, then she patronizes with her notice, but is haughty and satirical to others. Displays evident mark of feeling, great predominance of pride and vanity — but nevertheless is clever, witty & well educated.
- " 29 Was today transferred by the Physician to the lower gallery of West Wing of West House, and is allowed her own Chest of drawers &c. She is quiet & free from excitement and amiable towards all.
- " 30 Today is rather unsettled, insists on having her desk and papers, speaks of the Physician in the most disrespectful terms and as if she suspected his honesty. Did a good deal and wished to get back to her own room in gallery where she was previous to being put in the refectory ward.
- " 31 Very high. Abusing Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Nor the Lady Superintendent and everyone in the Establishment. Rages one minute and laughing or crying the next.

August 4. Rather variable — Self-esteem largely developed — Very communicative to the Lady Superintendent with respect to family affairs, filial duty, amiability of character in denying herself many necessary comforts the better to procure dainties for her Mother when on her death bed, wonderful family management, getting all her friends to make out wills at her instigation, to prevent after wrangling &c. Spoke of having lived in some Lord Castle Harcourt family and of having instructed one of the daughters, Lady Jane, who though full with family pride (being nearly related to the Pretence) was so plebeian in appearance — that when they walked out together she (Miss Bagot) was always taken for and addressed as "your Ladyship". Told a long story her Mother being first awakened to the true knowledge of Christ thro' the instrumentality of the Rev. Thomas George Dublin. Her Mother being very deaf and unable to profit by anyone's reading or explaining the Scriptures. Said as his voice was so loud and his instructions so pious. Her brother afterwards converted her Mother's very gay and extravagant lady and one who reacted at all the Christian world, by a simple clause at the end of her will, as follows: "To my dear Mother I can leave nothing but my earnest prayers that she may soon follow me to glory." This idea had the desired effect. The Lady on reading it in the presence of Miss C. B. became suddenly convinced of the importance of this wish on the part of her deceased parent, fell down on her knees

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Caroline Bagot from page 293. Admitted December 12th 1842

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and acknowledged her former guilt and afterwards became earnest for her party and Christianlike death. A copy of this will is on the hands of Mr. Curtis an attorney in Hancock Street Dublin. Spoke rather unfavourably of her brother the Rev. Daniel Bagot's early impressions of religion - not correctly orthodox till he became more enlightened through the spirit of God and through his grace, in after years. Said he was dogmatical and selfish and that her mother when dying decided the idea of confiding his sisters to his care. Thinks Lord Byron did a true Christian and believed in the atonement of Jesus as the only hope of salvation; thinks his writings though in the conception of some persons, immoral, highly moral, as they contain a degree of satire on the manners and morals of the present day and were intended to convey reproof and correction, not infidel principles as assigned by unwarranted readers. Likewise admired Lytton Bulwer's works on the same grounds. Talks frequently of a servant she esteemed much named Run - a Roman Catholic, but a true Christian, and devoted to her.

- 5 Has kept her bed all day, being engaged writing from the Bible for the benefit of others in future ages.
- 6 Keeping her bed owing to being engaged in very important business, writing 4th all the lives of those in the Institution being in her hands. Strictly gives herself time to take her food, through her earnestness in writing.
- 7 This morning would not get up to breakfast. To be got up immediately and her room door locked. Made a great fuss about water, last night, said that a person of the name of Jane Dickson, up stairs poisoned the water, and she must have it fresh whenever she wished it.
- 10 Variable. Occasionally inclined to be very grand in manner. Rather exclusive in habits if permitted. Not to take advantage of kindness. Agreeable at tea time and excessively polite. Walks out with the other ladies and not apart from them as formerly.
- 11 Has since last report been rather peevish on account of her door being locked. Is exceedingly variable in temper and disposition, though she always maintains an air of superiority and sometimes of patronage over everyone she comes in contact with. Amused herself during the forenoon with music. Water out walking in the afternoon. Awoke her new Prussol because Mr. Campbell would not allow her to leave the grounds.
- 12 On report being expressed by the Lady Superintendent respecting the Prussol she replied that it was owing to the harsh manner in which Mr. B. had spoken to her, but this she knew arose from Mr. B. being commissioned to act so by "that vile fellow Tom Oldham of Dublin" who now resided by her sides in the F. L. Reformatory. Took the Lady Sup^t round the neck and kissed, said she now liked her but did not at first, owing to the flowers she wore in her cap and her hairy-tooty manner, - that now she saw she was mistaken in her estimate of the Lady Sup^t Charitable - she knew she was candid and loved candour. Requested the ladies to attend her performance of service which she conducted well and sensibly, comprising prayers, Bible reading, psalms &c. Insisted on this day being Sunday and would allow no one to contradict the assertion.
- 13 Working at needlework, and maintaining that yesterday was Sunday and today Monday the 11th. Refused to take her tea owing to she said to it being improper in the morning, and looking as if there was something in it. Attended service although she was busy at her needle a minute before it commenced. Walked out with the Lady Superintendent afterwards, was agreeable and spoke rationally on several subjects, but suddenly inquired where her papers were - as they were of such consequence to her as well as to future generations. Said she would on no account ask them from Mr. B. or as he and Mr. Hutchinson pulled different ways, and were perfectly opposed to each other on every point.
- 14 Said she had headache owing to the Lady Superintendent having prevented her going forward to meet the male patients yesterday evening, as they were ministers sent out to preach, and with offers of peace. Said that one of these was a young clergyman she formerly knew in Dublin. Has been quite displeased with the Lady Superintendent ever since, and reproves her for what she called this lack of prudence, as every honest girl should when gentlemen approach go boldly forward and receive their advances.
- 15 Much in the same flighty way refusing her tea as she imagines there is something wrong in it.
- 16 Variable. Told the Lady Superintendent a long story about her being brought here, by stratagem all owing to a Mr. Treisman who presented her with his addresses and pursued her through Dublin which determined her to

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August 16

Leave it and claim the protection of her family in Edinburgh. She accordingly left Dublin accompanied by a faithful nurse as proper protection and they sailed by the packet for Glasgow. Her cash being out she availed herself of the hospitality of the Master's wife and wrote from thence to her Uncle Sir E. Skeriff for a supply of funds - when in bed that night she was awoken by a visit from Dr. Hutcheson who came by order of her nurse to furnish her with money, when he in walked Mr. Rich and two Nurses and whisked her off by force to the Asylum. A scheme formed on the part of Mr. Fishwick's relatives to place her in such that she might watch over him as he too was placed in the Asylum through her instrumentality. Wishes to return home, says she finds Dr. Hutcheson far more sabbard since she reinstated him in his situation from which she caused the Queen to suspend him for a time - feels assured he now owes to former error and is anxious to atone for the wrongs he has done to her.

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Nervous and hysterical. Says she has again fears that there are some drugs infused into her food, which entirely changes her system. Requested Mr. Mapleson to call her Caroline, it being more agreeable to her than "Miss Bagot" and less cumbersome.

18

Had this morning when dressing a fit of hysterical fainting which lasted some ten minutes or so but was relieved after she had taken some Cal. Colatide. She attended chapel in the evening and was thence her usual state of health. Today asked the Clinical Assistant, half saying if he could tell her anything of her sister Sophy and if she was to be allowed to see her brother to whom she had lately written. The following is a copy of her letter to him.

"I have been made acquainted my brother - that you are just now in Edinburgh and avail myself of the fact to write hoping you'll not refuse to allow me to join my family once more. I am quite stout and have reason to expect Dr. H. will not decline in case you arrange amicably my affairs. I can say no more at present but ardently hope to join my own brother and sister soon. With affection
18th August. Friday."

"Please tell M. J. C. to have new stays, a green veil, my own umbrella & parasol for one time enough for me in town."

"In the next Samuel Bagot, in case away from Edinburgh."

"One of the Parasts of St. Ireland. Palace - Berneagh."

"Sunday"

Has been today ladylike and agreeable in manner. Protested stoutly with the Lady Superintendent. Very high and flighty. Speaking of her relatives as being her murderers. Says she saw her brother Henry in the gallery on Monday evening and knew that the very chapters selected by Dr. Hutcheson were in reference to his situation with that brother. Told the Lady Superintendent that her sister Miss Frances Sophia Bagot has been seduced by a person of higher pretensions than herself, in Glasgow and has disgraced her and her family. That she had been brought here and has twice attempted her life which was well known to Nurse Hunt who prevented the want taking place. Said she was superior to all her family, not one being her equal in respect to talents, manners, manners or appearance.

Much quieter, but even prone to take offence and get into a passion when she will rage at a great rate - especially for 42 but in a short time she forgets the cause of offence and grows calm and ladylike.

Has been conducting herself remarkably well since last report, employs herself in needlework and also has been practising her music with the Lady Superintendent who frequently takes her into her own drawing-room for that purpose. She now acknowledges herself to be Miss Bagot, but her mind however is full of delusions though at present she does not betray them so frequently.

Shows very fond of her music, has today been playing and singing with the Lady Superintendent to whom she expresses great friendship. Flighty towards night. Said her relations were wicked and are trying all they can to destroy her - particularly her sister Mrs. Cunningham. Said that this house was possessed by the Devil, erected by her agents and is now inhabited by her servants.

Very indignant at Mr. Mapleson for having given another lady a music lesson - abused her very furiously and said she dismissed her from Eastwood - for which she afterwards made an ample apology, said she is hurt at being as it were put on a level with the patients where she was not but as a patient herself, but especially commiserated to look into the affairs of the Establishment by her Majesty Queen Victoria - She acknowledged she did very wrong in behaving unkindly towards the Lady Superintendent but that she had good reason to show her superiority to all the ladies here and she would not be on a footing with them.

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August 30 Mrs. Mapleson told her that she could show no such preference as all were here, aside to her, and it would only be those who acted like ladies that she should esteem above others - Miss Bagot immediately said she was right, and took her lesson in high good humour.

September 1. Family said she was again, and took her lesson in algebra & harmonics,
Very haughty. Aves that poison has been put into her tea and therefore this morning took cold
water to breakfast. At visit quiet and taciturn. Contin: omnia

6 Variable in temper during the day and in the evening became hysterical - said it was owing to the cool manner in which Mrs. Whyte took her husband's visit, being evidently more taken up with the jewelry he brought to her than anything else, said it distressed her deeply as it showed such a prostration of feeling and common sense, in one that she considered to be such a beautiful character naturally, being as it were transparent - no guile - no worldly sentiments with her - but truth and probity of character fully shown in her countenance -

7. Reiter and going to study Italian, Dr. Hutchison having furnished her with books

11 Violently excited, said she was the rightful heir to the throne, Victoria only a Princess, and her cousin Miss Bageot being the child of William the fourth by a Mrs Livingston, sister to her grandmother, who was her image and resided at Boston in America, whilst the Duke of Clarence was there in 1813. Became worse after having seen her brother-in-law Mr Cunningham. Accused her relatives of base-ness and of every fault - Calumny down towards the reigning but still imagines herself the Queen "Victoria" she terms the Diddeford article because ignorantly called the Queen instead of "Princess" which she only is in reality.

"Queen Victoria the First is dead — James Cunningham brought the tidings to "Miss
"Caroline". said Monday 11 — in Port Tuesday 12. — Again I affirm that no. One is
"Queen of Gt Britain &c and some one Empress of Russia, & Queen of Portugal also. Do you forget
"how the Spanish Armada was overwhelmed? & by whom — Do you forget who planned the
"destruction of Russian Fleet and seizure of Sebastopol? Do you forget who prescribed the line
"in advance through the Mediterranean and guarded you against the cutting up of our troops en
"route by Land? — & then charged you to evacuate the countries as soon as subdued &c &c
"&c &c. France is Mine, & Portugal also — willing Surrenders. What, shall I write
"more? Caroline the First — & my People compounded Ape's."

to very excited and refuses to associate with the other ladies or to take her food along with them. Said she had presents sent of various articles of value and cash from Mr Cunningham, whilst in the old asylum, all of which must have been kept by "Miss V. and others" as she never received them.

17 Very high indeed, labouring under strong delusions regarding her birth and parentage, says that her mind was overworked in early life by going out as a daily governess for which she received from different families where she taught an income of £50 per annum. Says she taught the children of the Rev^d John Ball who had so high an appreciation of her talents, extraordinary wisdom and prudence, that when ordered to travel with his wife for their mutual improvement of health, he left his house, children and valuables under her sole care, in preference to his only brother Capt^d Ball. Whilst there an attempt was made on night by house robbers, to break into the premises, which she alone prevented by her general-like conduct, for which instead of thanks being given on their return home, he and his silly fuss of a wife rather found fault with her for making a stir about it amongst their friends and actually they had the impudence to tell her to her face it was a mere chimera—a delusion of the brain—a dream!!!. Says the reason why she was so wicked in youth, was owing to her father's dying and leaving their mother (but not her mamma) in poverty, that the Misses Bages had at to turn out as governesses and that through pride and former indulgences and flattery, they never could retain their situations but constantly returned home on their poor mother who was unable to support them unless she "Miss Caroline" acted this noble part—that afterwards her friends seeing her health suffer advised her to take a permanent charge which she accepted as institutress to Lady Jane Castle Stuart at £80 a year but there again her dignity and

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September 17

Superiorly shone forth and she was invariably taken for Lady Jane, the daughter of that exalted House and Lady Jane for her which naturally annoyed the family and she has to leave that too.

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Says she fears that something was put into her food yesterday by Mr. Campbell (who she knows is a tool in the hands of Mr. Eldham) and has completely changed her system, and disordered her bowels - which affected her as it would a mother and she desires a legal investigation into this affair.

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Very high indeed, throwing things about, slamming doors, scolding and abusing everybody through the days of the week and dates of the month and insists that she is right in so doing. Told a long story of Prince George of Cumberland wishing her to marry him, of her having got him put into ward and then requesting the Queen to forgive and liberate him, and now he is in the East house.

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25

Has been going on much as usual since last report. Scolding, swaggering and boasting of Royal protection, and insulting the other ladies. Calls them Kephemistresses and abandoned women, like the long legged devil Miss Sophia Frances Bagot who despised her family and self by her conduct. Her own mind is greater than can be conceived; she has been the victim of the Bagots, with whom she has no longer any connection whatever, that the West End, is a devil who will from ostentation for the prices and neglect his ministerial duties and his people, that James Cunningham is the law agent and has valuable papers and property worth 40,000 of us in his keeping, that he formerly, in his youth came over and resided in Kilmacshann Street, Dublin with his Mother under the assumed name of James Smith and attended the independent Church there, now Mr. Russell where she and her late sister Lizzie or Miss E. Bagot sat and got the Smiths invited to their house and kind and complimented her, Miss Caroline is her looks and dignified manner, excellent attainments &c. &c. Requires occasionally doses of argument, subduces but health otherwise good. Continues omnium.

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Mind as of former reports, full of absurd fancies. Says she was once degraded through Eldham and Webster into a brothel in Dean Street, Dublin, with the servant and remained there until protected and released by the authorities. Says the Gallery she is now in, is her's, was designed and built for her Cousin Queen Victoria, as a residence for them in the approaching rebellion, and no one is to enter there again, not even the Doctor.

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No change whatever, the case is not likely soon to improve. Health on the whole good. Continues omnium. Today said that she had acquired a fortune of a million of money through a small Bible which had been given to her by Mr. Bagot who thought himself her pastor, this Bible contained notes and marginal references in his own handwriting, this said Bible was left in St. Peter's Chapel Dublin, stolen from thence and from it has issued all the Bibles Polyglott, &c. since published and the produce of sales belongs to her from that circumstance.

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27

Has been much the same since last report although occasionally she has been quiet and rational at present is full of delusions about her Birth and Royal descent. Has crying fits occasionally and sometimes gets into furious passions scolding and even striking those with whom she is displeased. Today says she is so busy planning kind of battle, and arranging her words for future generations that she has now no time for music or any such trifling pursuits. Talks about getting home. Is very fond of talking about love and marriages - and of "Pecher" and a Dr. Thomson who lost their lives at least the latter party on account of her determination to remain single. Says she has always been persecuted by the addresses of men and a curse will follow the whole world for her sorrows.

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Has been respectable, unsettled and full of fancies since last report. Health on the whole good. Is improvements. Continues omnium.

November 3

Very high since last report. States that she is in the family way and measures are being taken to produce abortion of the Royal offspring - says also that the Nurse is in the same situation but she will watch over her interests.

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November 6 Quicker and more rational in her manner.
- " 9 Violent in temper. Has occasional delusions about eating animal food and asks for Bulla instead, the same regarding Tea and asks for water. Talking very large about Victoria and Caroline and disclaims all connexion with the Bagots.
- " 20 Much the same; scolding and talking about her own dignity and power all day long. Very indelicate in her observations about the other ladies in the Gallery, calling them vile names and accusing them of being unchaste.
- " 23 Very high, scolding and beating the nurse - also struck the Lady Superintendent. Talking a great deal of disgusting nonsense about "Tom Oldham, Proibsee &c."
- " 26 Grew very sultry and behaves very insubordinately, apparently from Temper and a spirit of contradiction. Very deep and cunning in many ways and spiteful to the other ladies, the Nurse and Lady Superintendent. Kicks, strikes and breaks crockery when she has an opportunity.
- " 27 No improvement. Talking nonsense and scribbling all day. Says she is not Miss C. Bagot but is the only legitimate daughter of the late William the 4th and that Mrs Margaret Cumming or Cummingham is not her sister but her niece by marriage. Says that Dr Hutchinson is now in the County Jail for embezzling her fortune and is to stand trial shortly. Says she expects her people will come forward as a body and openly acknowledge her imposture of Great Britain Ireland, France &c.
- " 30 No change. Continuation omnia.
- December 4 Very subject to fits of passion and uses abusive language. Yesterday behaved so ill that she was obliged to be confined to her room the whole afternoon.
- " 7 Daily more excitable, using indecent language and running through the Gallery undressed. Says that Dr Hutchinson is her Brother William who was lost and that he and his twin sister Caroline are going to make the realm together.
- " 8 More collected, regretting the past and much more ladylike in manner and conversation.
- " 10 Kept her Bed, as she did not wish to be at Divine service, believing the day to be Sabbath, but Monday.
- " 11 Today has been talking much about her Cousin Prince George of Cumberland and wishes two pairs of fine shoes to be presented to him with Caroline's best love.
- " 14 Much quieter and more sensible in conversation.
- " 15 High again - scolding about her sister being kept here in ward without her Royal sanction.
- " 31 Has been very amiable to the Physician since last report, fancying him to be her brother. No mental improvement. Bodily health good.
- 1844 January 16 Last night when at the Ball given to the ladies was very amiable at first, but became hysterical and then violent because as she afterwards said her dignity was not sufficiently attended to. Today quiet and goodhumoured. Contin: omnia.
- " 31 Has gone on pretty well since last report. Requires aperient medicine pretty frequently as when her bowels are the least confined she becomes more violent and unmanageable. Health otherwise good. Contin: omnia.
- February 6 For two days has been more excited than usual. She is however at times amiable. Bowels constipated. Sumat-hora Sonni pil: Colocynth. C. duad. Contin: alia.
- " 9 Still excited, will not speak to anyone unless addressed as the Queen. Bowels constipated. Sumat-hora Sonni Pil: Althæa. duad. C. alia.
- " 20 Since last report has been quieter. Health pretty good. Still requires occasional doses of aperient medicine. Contin: omnia.
- " 25 Rather worse since last report. Supposes herself a Queen, a Duchess or some dignity. At times lays claim to supernatural powers. Treats her fellow patients either with contempt or with the most condescending patronage. Talks about Frobisher, her brother Pass Lady Straffe and hints that she is the bride of "the Duke of Camondie". Sometimes hysterical and occasionally fancies that her food is poisoned when she refuses to eat. Very excitable and when roused gives vent to unbecoming language. Has always a high opinion

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February

- 26 Very excitable today. Taciturn and majestic. Will not speak to the Physician but bow in the most condescending manner to them. Contin: omnia.
- 27 Quite maniacal. Has not slept during the night, but spent her time in laughing, talking and singing. Talks about Charles the Ventiloquist, her marriage and dignity &c. Gives orders and harangues supposed multitudes. At visit took hold of the Physicians hands and suddenly let go one and stopped the other. Scolded his finger before he could withdraw it and said that it was a mark of her affection for him and that he must keep it for her sake. Declared that she now made him holy and would speedily make him Archbishop and then marry him for the sake of his nose which she very much liked. Told him that he was a good soul to smile and bear with her nonsense, that Caroline was not herself, but would soon be. Then began to rave on a number of subjects and said at last that she had made Dr. Prichard a woman the night before for his guiltiness. Skin cool but not cold, somewhat clammy, pupils contracted, pulse 78 small, tongue whitish, bowels constipated. *Sennat. hora somni pit. Alutia: dant. Quiescat.*
- 28 Paroxysm continues. Has been pithy in her habits which she has never been before in her mad state, her manner the calmest and most shrewd & with fits of laughter and seemed pleased with it. Has laughed talked and sung all night old ditties and nursery rhymes. Was very hoarse and exhausted, but after having had a cup of chocolate and toast, revived. To have a glass of wine immediately as her pulse is languid, feeble and 60 - *Quiescat.*
- 29 Has been very noisy and excited all night. At visit this morning face flushed, head hot, eyes glistening, pupils contracted, pulse 84 extremely warm, tongue white but moist. Bowels have been moved. Raved incoherently. *Abrot. Capillit. Offendatur Aqua frigida Capiti quater in dies 1/2. Sert. Antimonii q. viij Aqua Potant. 3 XIV. M. et f. Sennat. 3/4 secundum quaque hora manente dolore. Quiescat. C. s. d.*

March 1

- Still highly maniacal but good natured to Physician at visit whom she declares she will marry. Calls him her brother. Talks of her sister Margaret as the Countess of Glencairn. Contin: omnia.
- 2 Somewhat quieter. When left alone is quiet. Pulse 73 of moderate strength. Tongue cool. Intermittent. *Sert. Antimonii. Contin: s. d.*
- 4 Pulse 78 & full, raves as usual when visited but quieter at other times. Bowels constipated, tongue white. *Sennat. h. s. Pit: Alutia: 1/2 C. s. mane. Sennat. Sert. off. C. s. d.*
- 5 Bowels have been fully moved, is quiet when left alone. When any one enters begins to talk of her sister Margaret whom she now formally calls the Countess of Glencairn or Mrs. Cunningham whom she calls Lord Glencairn and who is her Attorney General. Speaks also a good deal of the Wallace, O'Grady and others whom she met in Dublin. Asks how her real brother Dr. Hutchison the Physician is and if her supposed brother Dan be in confinement. Says that the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum is the best place for him and her Uncle Sir R. H. St. John. Makes herself hoarse by talking in a loud tone. Appetite very keen. *Quiescat. Contin: or.*
- 8 Since last report has been pretty quiet but today is noisy when alone. Raves in the same strain. *C. omnia.*
- 9 Has declared that she will deprive the Lady Superintendent of the pension she meant to give her and has given orders for Lord Glencairn (her brother-in-law Mr. Cunningham) and her brother Dan to be kept in ward. Contin: omnia.
- 11 Catamenia appeared last night, as might be expected she is more violent and noisy today. *C. omnia.*
- 12 Still unsettled. Talks of her sister Margaret as the Countess of Glencairn, of her brother-in-law Mr. Cunningham as the Earl of Glencairn asks how her real brother Dr. Hutchison is and if her supposed brother Dan is confined in the Glasgow Lunatic Asylum which is the most proper place for him and her Uncle Sir R. H. St. John. Talks incessantly. Catamenia fluent. *C. s.*
- 13 Rather more collected and calm. Engaged in needlework. Contin: omnia.

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 March 14 Catamenia ceased today and she is much more calm. Engaged in reading and working.
 " 22 Went on quietly until today when she became more excitable. Talks of the Duke, the Earl and Countess of Glencairn, says that she is Countess Percy and came here on important matters. Rather hysterical. Appetite good. Can be easily soothed. To have two glasses of wine daily. Continues to sleep.
 " 27 Today became quite maniacal and is confined to her room. Has broken several articles. Talks incessantly in a loud tone. Eyes prominent and red. Abscond. Capillit. Sunset-hora somni. Pet. Alterat. Duras. Contin. alia. Pulse 90 full.
 " 28 As bad as ever. Bowels have been moved. Eyes prominent and red. Cold to be applied to head. Sunset. Pet. Contin. alia. Contin. horra ad. vicem. Contin. alia.
 " 29 Rather quieter today. Pulse 66. Eyes less prominent. No undue heat of scalp. Bowels have been fully moved. Nauseas before but not so incessantly. C. omnia.
 " 31 Again highly excited. Scalp hot. Abscond. Capillit. Affundat. Ag. frigida. Capiti. C. alia.
 April 5 Catamenia appeared on the first and ceased yesterday. She was much excited but remained in bed till today when she got up in the afternoon and talked to the Nurse and her fellow patients of her high birth, her being under the Royal Protection &c. she then became calmer and talked quietly on religious subjects. Soon after she assembled all the Ladies and read the whole book of Common Prayer to the termination of the burial service. The latter she read over and in application to her audience. Two of the Ladies laughed at her and asked who were dead. She replied that they were all dead in trespasses and sins. Says that the reason why her head was shaven was that a last night be taken for the phrenologists. To be prevented from preaching and praying to the other patients. Contin. omnia.
 " 8 Still excited. Nauseas as usual on her own importance. Health improved. C. omnia.
 " 15 Has gradually calmed down since last report, and for the last few days has been reading and working with the needle. Contin. omnia.
 " 18 Again excited. She is today Queen Victoria Alexandrina and sister to the Countess of Glencairn. Engaged in needlework. Contin. omnia.
 " 20 Rather quieter but quite uncertain. Occasionally becomes furious and raves about the Queen Sir R. H. Stauffer, her family &c. Has high ideas of her own importance and patronizes those around her, bestowing large pensions, appointing them to situations in the Palace or in the Cabinet &c. or threatening them with severe castigation according as she is either pleased or offended. Contin. omnia.
 " 24 Has been very quiet and amiable for two days. Very industrious with her needle. Health improved. Contin. omnia.
 " 30 Still quiet but occasionally lets those around her understand her importance. Health rather better. Contin. omnia.
 May 7 Has been quiet and collected in general since last report though she still occasionally patronizes and talks of her influence with Royalty. Is at present ladylike and agreeable and is evidently endeavouring to restrain herself. Contin. omnia.
 " 8 Attended the Theatre on the Institution last night and was highly pleased. Behaved very quietly. Made some puns which she wished to be repeated to Dr. Hutcheson because as she said he liked her play upon words and witty remarks. Contin. omnia.
 " 12 Continues quiet and amiable but still entertains delusions respecting Royal protection her own consequence &c. Contin. omnia.
 " 16 Continues to improve. Seldom touches any of her fancies. Health slowly improves. Contin. omnia.
 " 20 Has been quiet and ladylike. Has written some letters. Is anxious to see her sister. The following is a copy of the letter to her Uncle Sir R. H. Stauffer.
 " Sir Roger Hale Stauffer Bart.
 " Melville Street Edinburgh.
 " My dearest Uncle Stauffer
 " May 18th 1844
 " Glastonbury Dunster Dorset - Devon"

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May 20th 1844

- " Hoping very soon to see you, as Mr. Gucheson cannot long lay claim to my person
 " inasmuch as I am sound in body and of perfect understanding as indeed was I was
 " though to be sure I appeared disappointed by to some ----- here we end
 " it is neither wise nor prudent to dig up old sores" as they gravely say.
 " I am longing to be once again with my own family and most particularly on your
 " account to advise with you about planning your concerns and dearest Auntie's will
 " such as relate to little Willy's affairs, in the hands of brother Hans. As you are aware
 " next to William of Melrose N.S. Wales, is the proper Person to repose trust in and
 " much sincerely would I see realized in your case, that beautiful passage in the
 " Psalm "When I am Old and grey-headed O Lord forsake me not" being so fully convinced
 " you were made the subject of much manoeuvre even when I was with you respecting
 " — I am the more anxious to name Bonist, because he has no possible claim to
 " your property, and as you were kind enough to baptize him before in choir of a
 " school for Willy who I hope is doing well at sunduland. Now dearest Uncle I do
 " trust you will lose no time in taking my advice, you always found me a good, candid
 " open-hearted, truth-telling friend and what my Uncle is he put you on the proper
 " fair ground for doing good both to self and the all around. (by some to let them
 " alone) — I above all to guard your sacred Head from turmoil and distraction
 " — You will see by the Papers what pleasing accounts from Comb, there is a something creeping
 " at present in the General state of things — but Magpie acting so wisely, everything in
 " progress for amendment and never was a time when our Parliamentary concerns were
 " so great — real work doing in the Cabinet, as to "the Commons" 'tis all well. Let
 " him we perceive a transverse Policy! For, they now chatter give the voice of the People
 " while the seal is opposed by the Lords — You must allow me to stop this note and live
 " in good part my political bit, although I do not expect you would permit much
 " because as regards that Department to Ladies fair — kindest love to Auntie and pray
 " tell her when I have a Castle of my own both she, you or rather the good General
 " & our gentle wife shall be welcome on a visit " Old Aids to boot" — ever loved
 " best most treasured Auntie and Uncle your own fond Cousin — "C. Bagot."
 " My kindest love to Maggie & Cunningham — " Cousin Emma.
- " 25- Goes on well. Botany no delusions. Employs herself in needlework and reading. Health
 improved. Content: omnia.
- " 30- Has been much better since last report. Sometimes however branches her old delusions
 and tells romantic tales of Probus and her admirers in Dublin. Told the Lady
 Superintendent of her having been brought to the old Asylum. Said that she left
 Ireland and a family where she lived as a governess and brought away an old nurse
 an attendant for propriety's sake and this old woman's son whom with his mother
 she meant to take to Edinburgh and for whom she meant to provide through her
 friends there. She took a stage passage and on arriving at Glasgow was reduced to one
 last shilling and but for the kindness of the Matron who took her to his own
 house in the Broomie law, she would have been homeless. On arriving there she went
 to her Uncle Sir R. H. Skiffie requesting funds to take her back to Edinburgh and deliver
 to her brother the Rev D. Bagot and patiently waited their replies. The matter was
 at once discovered her to be a gentle woman and paid the utmost respect to her feeling
 none once perceiving on her situation by sitting in her presence or indeed in any

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Date of Admission	Names	Pp.	Result.
April 26.	Alexander M ^{rs} & Primrose Gillespie	50	Cured.
June 16	Adams M ^{rs} & Mary Martin	47	Cured.
August 11	Anderson, Mary Ann,	129	Cured.
June 22	Bishop Mary	98-99-108	
January 21	Bayne M ^{rs} & Anne Howe	5	Cured.
" 31	Bolton M ^{rs} & Jean Paterson	10	Cured.
March 12	Buckie M ^{rs} & Margaret Reid	23-24-25	Relieved.
June 1	Buid M ^{rs} &	78	Cured.
July 23	Balkantini Anne	109	Cured.
September 30	Brown Mary	147	Cured.
November 11	Bradley Catharine	200	Relieved.
" 28	Bolton M ^{rs} & Jean Paterson	209	Cured.
December 12	Bagot Caroline	219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228 229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239 240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250 (251-302)	Cured.
" 14	Bruce Isabella	243-244-245	
" 21	Brown Margaret	250-251	
February 3	Bow James	11-12-13-14-15	Cured.
May 5	Bonaldson M ^{rs} & Elizabeth Paterson	51-52-53	Cured.
" 28	Davis Elizabeth	74-75	Relieved.
June 28	Duncan James	100	Cured.
November 23	Dougal M ^{rs} & Janet Wilson	206-207-208	Cured.
October 20	Ennis M ^{rs} & Grace Binning	158	Cured.
June 16	Eslop M ^{rs} & Margt McMillan	96	Cured.
May 25	Frazer Elizabeth	67-68-289	
March 28	Golan M ^{rs} & Marjory Bruce	24-29-30-31	Cured.
August 14	Gallagher M ^{rs} & Janet Garsner	120-121	Cured.
September 17	Gilston M ^{rs} & Mary Boyce	142	Relieved.
May 28	Hunter M ^{rs} & Isabella McGregor	76-77	Dist.
July 1	Henderson M ^{rs} & Anne Miller	102	Cured.
November 3	Heron Catharine	163-164	Cured.
" 15	Higgins M ^{rs} & Mary Ann Kelly	206-207	Relieved.
January 20	Kerr Janet	6-7	
June 30	Kerr M ^{rs} & Isabella Ramsay	101	Cured.
July 23	Kyle Catharine	106-107	Cured.
" 29	Kennedy M ^{rs} & Marion Baillie	112-113-282	
May 14	Leach Bethan	34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-233 234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243 244-245-246-247-248-249-250	
April 7	Monison Janet	33	Cured.
" 9	Mercer M ^{rs} & Mary Monison	34-35-36	
" 15	Melville M ^{rs} & Annabella Mutton	47-48-49	Cured.
June 6	Matheson M ^{rs} & Annabella Russell	85-86-87	Cured.
July 14	Martin M ^{rs} & Elizabeth Horn	103-104	Cured.
November 4	Mitchell M ^{rs} & Henrietta Kirkpatrick	167-168	Cured.
" 7	Muir M ^{rs} & Janet Wain	169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181 182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194 195-196-273-274-275-276-277	Relieved.

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Cured	November 8	Maillane Janet	197-198-199	
Cured	January 18	M ^{rs} Lean Mary	1-2-3-4	
Cured	March 12	M ^{rs} Lean M ^{rs} & Esther M ^{rs} Callum	27	Cured
Cured	May 25	M ^{rs} Parlant M ^{rs} & Eliz th Ferguson	49-70	Cured
Cured	June 3	M ^{rs} Lauchlan Catharine	79-80-285	
Cured	" 7	M ^{rs} Tear M ^{rs} & Jean Wilson	89-90	Died
Cured	July 15	M ^{rs} Guise Mary	105	Cured
Cured	August 28	M ^{rs} Nab M ^{rs} or Janet Allen	130	Cured
Cured	" 30	M ^{rs} Bride M ^{rs} or Barbara Morrison	131-132-133-134-283-284	Relieved
Cured	September 3	M ^{rs} Pherson M ^{rs} & Mary M ^{rs} Pherson	136-137	Cured
Cured	" 6	M ^{rs} Callum M ^{rs} & Mary th Henderson	138-139-140-141-287	
Cured	October 14	M ^{rs} Donald Mary	150-151-152	
Cured	" 18	M ^{rs} Weidage M ^{rs} & Catharine M ^{rs} Isaac	153	Relieved
Cured	November 3	M ^{rs} Gilviay Isabella	162	Cured
Cured	December 20	M ^{rs} Dmalo M ^{rs} & Mary M ^{rs} Laren	249	Cured
Cured	" 2	M ^{rs} Deagale M ^{rs} & Eliz th Sharp	210-211-281	Died
Cured	" 7	M ^{rs} Parlant M ^{rs} & Russell & Christina Adams	215-216	Died
Cured	September 28	Nicol M ^{rs} & Sarah M ^{rs} Nic	143-144-145	Cured
Cured	December 12	Norris Helen	218	Cured
Relieved	August 9	Peterson M ^{rs} & Susan Simpson	125-126-127-128	Relieved
Cured	February 17	Rennie M ^{rs} & Catharine M ^{rs} Kerdie	16-17-18-19	Died
Cured	June 6	Ritiley Mary	83-84	Cured
Cured	November 14	Ramsay Mary	201-202-203	
Cured	December 17	Raeburn M ^{rs} & Isabella Donald	246-247-248	
Cured	July 27	Smith M ^{rs} or Janet Ferguson	110	Cured
Cured	" 28	Stewart M ^{rs} & Janet Smith	111	Cured
Cured	February 25	Shillito M ^{rs} & Jane McIntosh	20-21-22	Cured
Relieved	June 9	Sweeney M ^{rs} & Jessie Rule	91-92-93-94-95-271-272	Relieved
Cured	August 3	Sproule Susan	114-115-116-117-118-119-291	
Cured	September 1	Smith M ^{rs} or Janet Ferguson, Ridd	135	Cured
Cured	November 2	Stewart Sarah	159-160-161	Cured
Relieved	" 4	Stewart M ^{rs} & Jean M ^{rs} Pherson	165-166	Cured
Cured	January 28	Telford Janet	9	Cured
Cured	April 13	Thomson M ^{rs} or Catharine Vitch	41-42-43-44-82	
Cured	June 3	Taylor Janet	81-82	Cured
Cured	August 8	Thomson Mariannae	122-123-124	
Cured	October 19	Tassie Agnes	154-155-156-157	
Cured	December 5	Thorburn M ^{rs} & Jean M ^{rs} Lennon	212-213-214	Relieved
Cured	April 11	Walt Susan	37-38-39-40	Cured
Cured	" 14	Wilson Mary	45-46-146	
Cured	May 25	Wilson Jane	71-72-73	Relieved
Cured	October 3	Wilson M ^{rs} & Jean Hutchison	148-149	Died
Cured	December 10	White Margaret	217	Cured

