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1850, Without dates
& names.

My dear Dr Kitching

I write this in case you sh^d feel inclined to shew my letter to my ~~my~~ dear Son, and you can burn this,

It occurred to me that as 'in my opinion' he appeared happy to have me with him, and appeared to watch for my visit every morning, and was gratified whilst walking with me, it might be desirable I sh^d go over abt the 1st Decr and remain until Spring when his Mother w^d 'God willing' join me, I wrote to my dear Wife to that effect

and begged of her, my son and Daughter to think of it, and said, Sh'd it please God to enable me to act as I did when in York, it might be of use, they wrote to me saying, in their opinion Sh'd not

Now my dear Doctor, will you tell me what you w'd wish me to do, perhaps I am moved by selfishness, but, having the utmost reliance upon you, I feel that you will only consider my dear fellow and not, in the least, my feelings, whatever you decide shall be done. D I shall only add, Sh'd you say, come over, by Gods help, I shall act as I did and not infringe upon your rules more than I did, I know I'd not be too much with him without doing injury, he w'd tire of me.

5 Grenville Place
Hotwells
Clifton
Bristol
Green Miriam

Respected Friend
John Kitching

I should feel much obliged if show would favor me with thy opinion of the state of my dear sister Caroline and if any perceptible improvement has taken place in her mental capabilities I was led to hope from thy last communication that more vigour was

indicated and I trust
it has not diminished
I have written her a few
lines which she can reply
to at leisure and which
I would thank thee to have
conveyed to her

Awaiting thy answer
I am with much respect
thy friend
Miriam Green

4th day

John Kitchen

Governor York Retreat

Respd Friend

I write thank thee
to give me some infor-
mation relative to
your Establishment.

The reason of my
making enquiry is
I have a Son whose
mind has been affected
but is now much

better & ~~is now~~ has been on a visit for some weeks past —

It has been thought if he were placed at your Establishmt — for a short time under judicious treatment it might tend to his final recovery —

Thou wilt please inform me what preliminary steps will be necessary should you conclude to send him —

Waiting reply

I am

respectfully

Jno C Browne

Barton Landrake
near Devonport

J. Ketchum

Best Friend

Our Son is now at home with us his dis-
ease of mind appears
to have taken a favor-
able turn, most pro-
bably to us which
we are willing to hope
may be permanent

at all events it wd
not do to place him
at your Establishmt
at present —

Should it become
necessary we shall
avail ourselves of it —

Apologizing for
the trouble given thee

I am
respectfully
Jno C Browne

Barton
Landrake
Devonport

Being a Trustee
for my Cousin Edwd
Fox I shall feel
obliged if thou will
inform how he is at
this time & please
present our love
to him —

for one month which he
has passed very agreeable
to the Party & himself
thought from his last
letter we see he is
more excitable than in
the early part of his
visit — His time there
is up & I shall feel par
ticularly obliged to there
to get him there as early
as possible ——

Thine respectfully
Jno C Brown

Barton Landrake
C Dwonport
Brown J C

John Hitchen
Resp Friends

I wish to place my
Son in your Establishmt —
& wd say a 15/ p week
though wishing to have
it left open as I intend
to accompany him when
I could best judge —
His disease of mind
became apparent about
five months since
brought on mainly me,

believe by low diet together
with study —

At first his wan-
derings appeared on
extreme views on relig-
ious subjects latterly
his ideas have taken
an opposite direction
so as to call in question
friends principles &c
to which he has been
for several years
strongly attached

We placed him at
a private Establish-
ment for the insane
near us & has his
health became restored
his mind improved
so that after his
being there four
months there seemed
so little amiss with
him that it was conside-
red desirable to take
him to a friends house

Moss House 6th mo 27th
1850
Martindale Mrs

Dear Friend

The remainder of the clothing which I think required for my dear husband we intend forwarding per rail on 2nd day morning - Should any other articles be needed will thou please inform me - Most of this package of clothing have been at The Brook, and I should prefer that the day shirts now sent be in present use, and those which were sent with the patient reserved till needed -

Four of the night-shirts are very thick and had better not be used now — Four thinner new ones and one old one will do for present use —

Three pairs of drawers now sent, one pair of which (the newest) with the new ones sent in the lid of the portmanteau should be reserved — leaving four pr in use —

Six pairs of knitted yarn hose. Should four pairs be found sufficient to wear, reserve the 2 new pairs — They are not at all mended —

28th I have received thy letter containing the interesting parti=culars of my dear Husband and I am obliged for them. I have discovered this morning that some Collars have been left out of the parcel — Should they be required I can send them after —

I am respectfully

Thy friend

Mary Hy: Martindale.

Martindale Hy

Hints about the patients Clothing — &c.

G. Martindale has been used to wearing the thin flannel waist-coat at night in winter — The thick ones in the day — The new ones will not be required at present I believe —

Please to have only so many articles in the patients drawers are in constant use — Those articles in the lid of the Portmanteau are such as I think may be held in reserve —

Please to keep the older coats vests and browsers in use until done.

The cotton pocket handkerchiefs the patient has not been used to — but if he does not object to use them, it might be as well to let him — provided the cotton is not against the eruption on his face — Linen ones will be sent

Several more articles will be sent in the course of a week

Please return the Portmanteau by John Owen —

If any thing is needed which is not sent please say —

A few lines saying how my dear husband settles in a few days will much oblige - M. H. Martineau

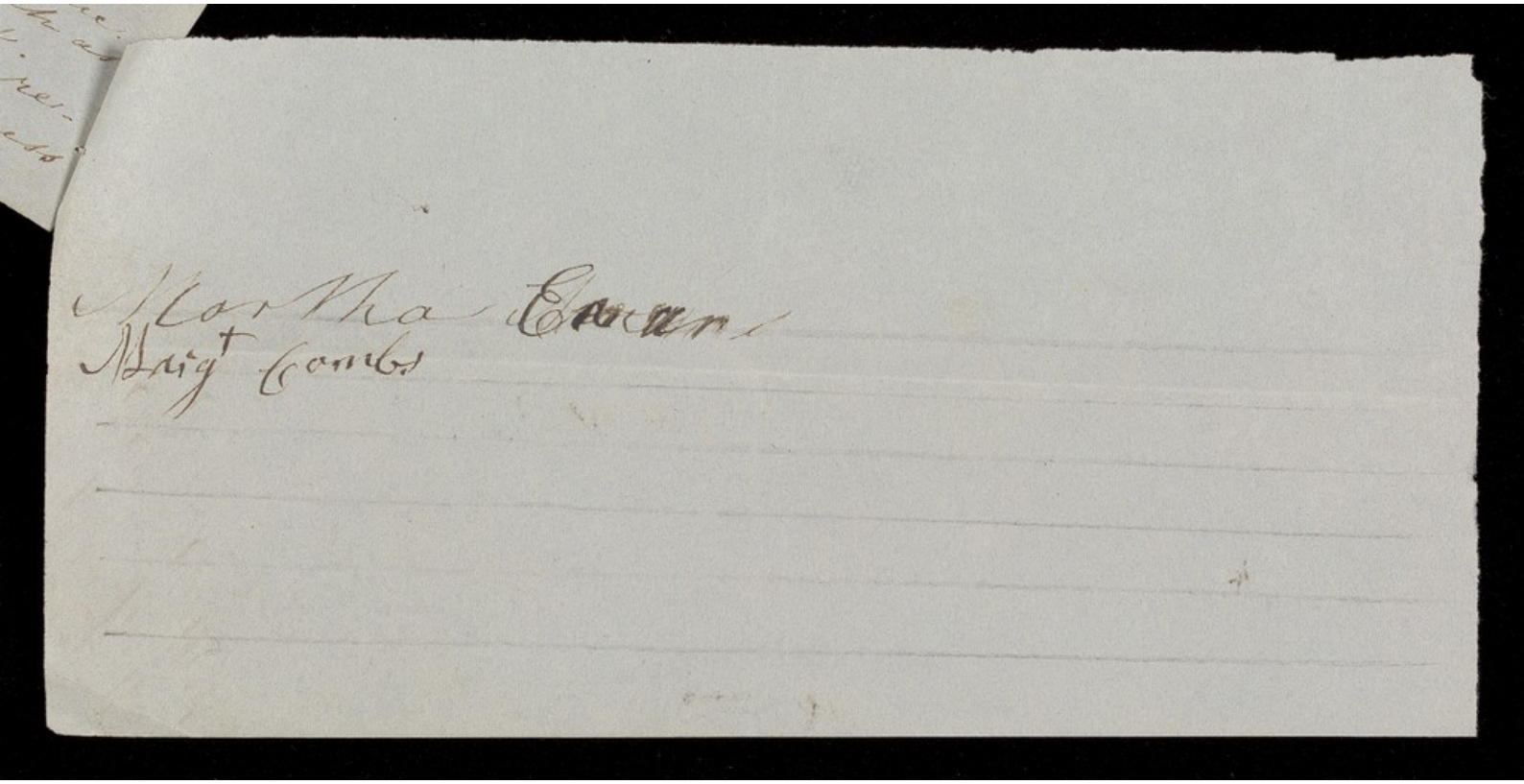
So much objection was made to informing the patient that he was going to the Retreat - that M. M. reluctantly did not tell him more than that he was going to York to see Catch Williams and remain in his care - But Thelma when they get to York the whole truth will told him -

Dear Friend

I Kitching Intimately acquainted as Stewart with the
working of this establishment from its formation to the present time,
recommending it to my special countenance and support an
tion to its claims, entertaining the hope that the suggestions we a
the relative thereto may be cordially adopted and carried
of these is that our table may be covered by means of the attenda

Martha Evans
Maig^t Combs

of pastry twice in the week inlaid with animals food or fruit according to the season, appetite, and convenience of the housekeeper and cook. the introduction of gooseberries foreign productions have been mentioned also, such as oranges, dates, figs, raisins, prunes, or french plums, commonly so called. We think the adoption of this outlay of money will promote the moral religious and pacific character of this company. We request thy Kindness in forwarding a reply to and remain respectfully thy Friends



Martha Evans
Maig^t Combs

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tion of gooseberries foreign [illegible]
oranges, dates, figs, [illegible]
We think the adopt[illegible]
ligious and pacific[illegible]
in forwarding a [illegible]

Rebs of
Evans Martha
Comles Mrs

Ardsville
Moore Co

Sir,

In reply to your note
this morning, I beg to say,
that we shall be prepared
to run John on Friday
next. Will you request
him to drop a line, to say
by what train we may
expect him, in order that
some one may meet him
on his arrival here. With
thanks for the kind & friendly
interest you have
manifested in the case,

and withdrawn to John
from us all. I am
Sir,

Respectfully yours

A C Moore

Tweeton St
Ardwick
Near Manchester

Tuesday Afternoon.

Dear friend I. Kitching 30 pavement 7th day 9mo

Please to send a nurse to Peel to
for Elizth Box who is in such a state that Dr Allen
has gone down to certify her - It will be needful to
send a printed form for E. A. to fill up, and as
he cannot stay there very long - perhaps thou will
kindly attend to the matter forthwith &

thy friend
Joseph Spence

P.S. I have seen C. Williams
& I. Rowntree and am acting
under their direction.

Spence Jos.

Luton
Brown R M

R. M. Brown will be obliged to J. Kilcheng to read the enclosed letter, and to send by return of post the needful papers or certificate –
Please to say whether it is desirable for an attendant to be

sent to St Albans
when it is decided
for the friend to be
removed to the Retreat
and any further
particulars –

Richard Marks Brown
Luton
Beds –

Charlesworth
Amelia
Ichen Mother

Mrs Charlesworth
14 King's Finsbury Square
London

Maria

Do thank dearest Maria for the beautiful little books. I injured my health so by not getting out of bed to strip when I had not strength. May Home directly

My precious Mamma

I love my precious Saviour very much, but am afraid of remaining long lest I sin against the infinite mercy, which daily surrounds us; so much the want of the prayers and blessings of home

I have my precious Bible upstairs and I must not have to get it out of my drawer dearest Mama

to save me from sinning
against my precious Savior,
& he never suffers his children
to perish. I long so much
to come home, I hope soon
shall, dearest Mamma.
I do not know & how to feel
contented, do let me
soon come home,
for I am terrified out of
my senses and I am
so very much afraid
of Mormonism and
do so very much fear
pain from it my
precious parents —
for I cannot trust in
God as I want, and
great flames in the
garden terrify me. —
Best love to dearest Mi.

Martindale My

Dear friend

A note received this morning from Wm Wood informs me of the arrival of the first half note - with the second half; I enclose two more papers requiring my dear Hy's signature - I shall be obliged if Wm Wood could have them cashed at the Union Bank York and after settling the ap

of £85. 5. 0 there will be
a balance in my favour
of £15. 7. 4 which it will
be less complex to me to
have returned — the odd
money in postage stamps
will do —
I hope that Henry is equal
to writing his name &
I should like to know
if the effort elicits any
remark from him —

Yours my friend truly

Thay Hy: Martindale.

Fisher Ft.

Dear Sir

I reject the mistake that has occurred respecting my direction I left my present address at the Retreat when I last called. but to prevent delay

I hey to forward
a duplicate
certificate wh
may be returned
to me at this place
after signature
I remain
Yrs faithfully
J. Fisher -

P.S. I have not
yet received the
former certificate

but may yet do so -

Hy: Beesley

30. I. 1850

Esteemed Friend
D H Tuke

I send herewith a Bankers Bill for £19.0.0 on account of Wycherley's Fund; it is the amount of his Dividends up to 10th Month last — as I act for W S under appointment of the Court of Chancery I must have a receipt for this payment on a Stamp —

I must request thee to ask the Medl Superintendent of the Retreat Dr Thitching to let me have without delay a Certificate embracing the points I have noted on the other sheet of this Note.

~~[illegible]~~ "The Lunatics Visitors Office"

requires twice in each year a report to be sent thro' the Committee of the Lunatic, and such report should be sent to their Office before the present Month expires; and I should have written for it but I obtained the Dividends only on seventh day afternoon.

Thy friend respectfully

Henry Beesley

Adderbury 28-1 Mo 1850

Wrycherley Stone's present residence —
What the state of his Bodily health has been during the
half year ending 31-12 Mo 1849 —
Has any change occurred in his mental state? —
If any change in the treatment has been found needful
mention it —

Add any special observations, if needful.

The Medical Attendant to sign his name Laddrey
to a simple Certificate on Paper embracing the
above points

1/14/50
Crooke's

My dear Sir,

Your last communication, having caused us considerable anxiety concerning our fair sister Bridget, we should be glad to learn from you that she is now recovering her health, as you seemed to have reason to hope she would do soon.

We wish it to be fully understood, that although we are quite convinced

that the dear sisters,
will receive the greatest
kindness and attention
from you, and all those
about her, yet, should
any serious illness occur,
we should not like to
deprive her, of the pleasure
of having some of her
own relatives with her;
and trust implicitly
to your informing us
on this subject.
We hope she received
some fruit which he
sent, thinking it would
be desirable for her to
have some; and begging
you to inform us, if there
is anything he could
send that would gratify
her, believe me,

Yours sincerely
A. Cooke

Grove Park
January 14th

her if you Alow Reason-able Expences

I am
yours Resp.
Chas Smith
Police Offin
Bishop Burton
Beverley

Bishop Burton
Jan 12/50
Smith

Sir/ I have not the Pleasure to know your name so you must Excuse me ~~me~~

A young Whoman Giving her name as Rachel Williamson Was found upon the Road near this place this morning and had been out all night

She was Brought to
me and I Consider it
my duty to take Care
of her untill I Commu-
-nicated with you as I
am Confident that she
has escaped from Some
Asylum or other and she
says that she Comes
from York the apers
to be a bout 19 or 20 years
of age; ~~the has on~~
She is Drest in a fany
Lins tarting Dress and
a Black ~~Cob~~ Cap a brown
& White Checket Apron
White Stockens marked
R - W - and Boots
2 no Bonnet or Cap on
if you have Lost
the same from your
Astablishment P - S to
Communicate to me By
Return of Post and say
What I am to Do With
her; as I Will have
to Remain With her
untill she be taken
a Way. I Can fetch

Dewsbury 1/14 - 1850
Brady W

Dr Sir
J H Tuke

It appears to us quite desirable that John Acomack should be readmitted into the Retreat — he has been for the some time in a very depressed state of mind, and those residing with him, hear him muttering threats of self destruction — if he can be at once admitted would the Retreat send a person to have the care of him to York — I am with the

Respd
Wm Brady

PS It is the wish of his mother that he should be removed —

Chesham 1/4/50
Knight L.

Respected Fred

By the request of Joseph White I take up my Pen to acknowledge the receipt of thy Letter informing him of the Affecting cause of his poor Dr Daughters Death which he feels very closely, he wishes me to say that he is not equal to travel such a distance at his advanced Age I dont think it would be adviseable for him to attempt it — when I. W wrote a few weeks since to enquire after his Daughter Amy Goldsmith, Betsy Johnson and Fanny Bunker we should

like to hear of them how they
are doo you see much change
in F. Bunker since shee has
been with you as a Relation
I should be pleasd to hear
as it is geting near past time
I must conclude in haste

And Remain Respectfully

J. Knight

Chetham 1/4 1850

Cloraft 28th January 1850
Caldebeck M

My dear Sir

Accept my best thanks for your kind letter which I recd yesterday, it has relieved my mind much to hear abt my dear son, I hope and believe, the Lord will enable me and the members of my family to wait with patience on his holy will, I feel perfect confidence in having him under your care, that you

will not allow my feelings
nor those of my family to
influence you in the least,
and that you will do
whatever you shall think
will conduce to his recovery
'under God' without reference
to expense, I have no money
to throw away, but shall
cheerfully find ample
funds for what you shall
require for him, I shant
press anything about his
clothes, nor say a word
to him on the subject, but
I fear he must want some,
in your kind hands I leave it.

I write to him by this
post but shant take
the least notice of his
not writing I think it
better not to annoy him
abt anything, I hope 'DV'
to return home on Saturday

Yours
very truly
[illegible]

John Ketchin

Enclosure

Bloomsbury Square
14 June 1850
Knight &

Sir

Re Thomson

We enclose the usual Affidavit of the Lunatic being alive which we will thank you to get sworn & returned to us by Thursday Morning to enable Mr Barrow the new Committee to receive the January dividends —

We remain Sir
Your obt. Sts
Emmet & Knight

The Superintendt of the Lc Asylum
Retreat - New York

Hull 24/1 mo: 1850.
Thompson Wm

Esteemed frd
Samuel Tuke —

ack [illegible]

As Executor to my late Uncle John Thompson of Harrogate, I remit Enclosed —

R.E. Notes £10 — B/K 07277 — Manchester 30/1/49
— & 5 — Z/C 79483 — " 27/1/49

Fifteen pounds, which I believe has been his usual half yearly payment for his daughter Marian Thompson in the Retreat. My Co-Executor & some other Relatives have proposed that we should endeavour to make some arrangement with the institution, by payment of a certain sum down, to undertake the Charge of her for life, in order that we may make a final division of his property, a certain part of which must otherwise remain invested on her acct to be divided at her decease — I would therefore ask whether the Committee can entertain such a proposal or not, and on what terms they would be likely to undertake the Trust.

I do not know whether I am correct in troubling thee with the remittance, but thou will perhaps kindly put it into its proper channel, & set me right for the future. Very Respy

W. Thompson

Addr. Jos Sanderson Esq

Resp Friend

Stockton 12/1 1850
Bennington Tn.

— Some time ago our Friend I Dearborn
wrote thee respecting Deborah Atkinson
who at that time shewed symptoms of derangement,
she is now in such a state that she cannot
remain at home with safety & comfort to the family
— If you can make room for her in the retreat
we shall be much obliged if thou can arrange
to send an attendant for her on 2nd or 3rd day
she will be paid for by Darlington monthly meeting
— a reply as early as thou can make arrange-
=ments will oblige

Thy Friend respectfully

W Bennington

No. 1

Chelmsford Jan 25th 1856

Holmes J.

Sir

I thought it well to inform you that Mr Hill has not yet got the certificates ready one surgeon has signed one, the other is going to visit D Richardson tomorrow & should he not fill up the certificate I intend coming home again by the Saturday night train I had great difficulty in finding the place the address being wrong leading me upwards of 12 miles another way it is Hills Freestead Hall near Rotherdon, What I can learn of the person I enquire him to be very different to what you suppose & I fear a little difficulty in bringing — I know not what I could have done otherwise than I have considering the interests of all parties

Believe me Your
Obedient Servant
J Holmes

John Ritchie Esqr
York

Preston Hall
nr Kelvedon. 1 Mo 19. 1850.
Hills Ft.

Dear Friend

My Brother in law Fra Harrison wrote to the retreat respecting a relation of his who it was thought would have to be placed under restraint & as it was thought best to try him at an asylum nearer home for a while, he was sent there where he remained about 7 Wks, and it was thought he was so much better as to be able to resume the management of his affairs again, but on leaving the asylum even on his journey home his delusions appeared to be as strong as ever and as he continues in this trying state it is now concluded to place him under the care of those connected with the retreat at York should the committee consent to take him into their establishment.

My friend John Candler new him well and was fully aware of his situation and wished me nearly two years ago to send him to the retreat but he got better although not free from the delusions which have haunted him for years. I also saw him a very short time before he sailed and informed me

he was quite sure we should learn to send him from home. and as thy letter being dated 11mo 11. 1849. requested information I now forward it. - the name & residence &c. is -

Daniel Richardson, Great Leighs nr Chelmsford aged about 45 years. Farmer. in moderate circumstances a member of the Society of Friends and I should from what I know of his circumstances feel justified in paying 20/- 0/0/0.

His delusions are varied. - he has an Idea he has done something by which Parties in London and indeed almost all Classes of Persons are in league against him, and soon come and take possession of all he is worth - & that he and all his friends wherever his name appears amongst their writings or have had any thing to do with or for him will be hung - that his hands & feet &c are all in a state of mortification. - that some one has concealed the body of a child in his house and he frequently examines the beds Closets &c to find it -

Indeed his delusions are so varied it would be difficult to describe them all -

I think I have stated sufficient to shew the

state of his Mind — he has said the razor will settle all and then we shall know all about the London Parties &c — when he allows his Mind to turn to Matters of Business he appears as rational and capable of managing his affairs as any one —

He has relations but his parents are both dead and hang neither Brother or Sister his home since the death of his Mother has been a very lonely one and not at all suited for his state of Mind.

Should the Committee consent to his coming to the retreat I hope those will furnish me with the Certificate to be filled up — with particulars of what Clothing &c it will be required to be sent with him — and I should hope a person might be sent from the retreat to accompany him as the distance & responsibility would be great — I will furnish thee with any further information if thou requests it.

With love I am thy Friend

Fras Hills

JORK
JA21
18.50
D

KEL[illegible]ON
J[illegible]
18[illegible]

p.p.d.

PAID
1 K
2[illegible]
18[illegible]

[illegible]VE DON

John Kitching
The Retreat
York
Yorkshire

Jno: Thompson
1. 26. 50.

Kendal 1st Mo 24th 50

Respd Friend
H. H. Tuke

We now enclose
their Betty Thompson's
Acct — 4. 12. 0. — which
please acknowledge —
An respectfy thy
fids
John Thompson & Co

R. O. Rawson
1. 21. 1850

65 Old Broad St
19 Jany 1850

Sir -

You are probably aware that since Dr. Rawson's death. I have been appointed the Committee for Mrs Charlotte Rawson, who is an inmate of your Establishment.

I have lately had forwarded me from Halifax your account. Which I have

that the sum of £145.8.5
is due on Mrs. Thomson's
a/c to Mich^s last. I am
desirous of discharging
this amount, & will feel
obliged by your informing
me if I can remit it
through your Bankers
London Agents.

This I shall be glad to do
shortly. & will thank you
to forward me the usual
Medical Certificates direct
when the proper time
arrives Yours
Robd Serv
Robd P Barrow

P.S. I shall further feel
obliged by your forwarding
me direct the amounts
that may be due. whether
quarterly or half yearly.
as you prefer
RPB

To the Secy of the
Retreat York

I wrights love to D H Tuke
and herewith encloses the half
note & a P O order for $1.1.3. for
which he requests an acknowledgmt
addressd G Danson Manchester

7/16/1850

J. Wright
1. 16. 1850

R.C. Barrow
24/1/50

Hants 2/6

65 Old Broad Street
24th. Jany 1850

Sir. Enclosed I beg to hand you my Draft for £145. 5. 5 on the London Joint Stock Bank. in name of my firm. The above is the balance owing on account of Messrs C. Hanson's maintenance to 30th Sept. last as per Bill sent me from Halifax. You will oblige me by forwarding a Stamped

Receipt — I make you the remittance direct according to your recommendation & beg to remain

Sir Your obedt Servt

Robt P Barrow

To Danl. H. Tuke
The Retreat
York

3 New Square
Lincoln's Inn
Mo. 25 1850

Dear Friend

D. H. Tuke

I annex a Dft.
on Williams & Co. for £17-3-3 the
amount due for maintenance of
Wm Rickman at the Retreat

& remain

Thine truly

Rickman Godlee

Re Godlee

1. 26. 50

Wm. Sparkes
1.22.50

Stamford Hill
nr. London
1 mo: 18/50.

Respected Frd.
D.H. Tuke

I enclose a cheque for £24.18 on acct. of my Daughter Mary Ann for Board & Expts. due 31st ult., and the rect. of which please acknowledge to

Thy affnd Frd.
Wm. Sparkes.

Please let my dear love be given to her

Bolton 1 mo: 26th 1850

Respd Friend

D H Luke

Herewith I forward a post office order in thy favor for £3-16/- the amount of charge for my wife at the Retreat as per account rendered -

thine respy

Saml Hodgkinson

Elizth Hodgkinson

1. 28. 1850

My: Nicholson
1. 28. 1850

Dear Friend
D. H. Tuke -

I enclose thee a Bill for the amount of my brother Jon^n. Nicholson's acct. £25. 11 - and I am obliged to thee, for kindly mentioning his state of health &c -

With kind regard
I am
Thy sincerest^r.
Mary Nicholson.

Daniel H Tuke

Hawgile Street
26th. of 1st. Mo. 1850 -

Cleeve Wt Bristol
1 Mo 19th 1850

Esteemed friend
Danl H. Tuke

I am about to inclose a Bill for ~~twenty~~ eighteen pounds to the Credit of James Hingston in account with the Retreat, the receipt of which please to acknowledge; informing me also the state of J Hingston health. I am with love thy sincere friend

Joseph Metford

P.S. I find that I have not, nor shall I have even when the last due, is paid, so much as 20£ in hand belonging to James Hingston; the money wch I send now is in advance: out of my own Stock. I hope 18£ will cover the year exps.

Jos Metford

1/19/50

Darlington 18 Jan 1850

Dear Sir

I am sorry your account got mislaid - it was only last night it had occurred to me I had not transmitted your ~~[illegible]~~ the amount I now enclose you a cheque value £29.15.2 the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge

I am with my affectionate regards to my sister
very faithfully yrs

Ira: Mcobwin

Fra: Newton

1. 22. 50.

Thos Newman
1/22/50

Worcester 21/1/1850

Dear Friend

I enclose my Cheque for
Twenty one Pounds ~~Eight~~ Five pence
as stated below remain

Thy Friend

Thomas Newman

		£	s	d
For Matilda Baker	stamps 3d.	6	17	5
Mary Stone		14	3	0
		£21	0	5

F. Fisher
16/1/1860

16th Jan. 1860.

Vicarage
Swaffham Bulbeck
nr. Newmarket

Sir

I beg to inform you that I have desired Messrs. Brindley & Co. to forward to the York City & County Bank the sum of thirty two pounds, eleven shillings and six pence. (£. 32 .. 11 .. 6). being the amount of Capt. A. Fisher's last quarterly bill. and made payable to you on application. An acknowledgment will oblige

Yrs faithfully
F. Fisher.

Chas Bragg
1/24/50.

N'Castle
Tyne 24/1st
50

Esteem^d Fr'd

Enclos^d I forward to thee Banker's Dft for 58.14. & post^ge Stmps - 5. - the amt. of your a/c against my Bro: John Hadwen - wh I shall be obliged by thy passing regularly to his Credt. - advis. me of rect.

My Bro: J. Priestman must have handed me the statemt & it has got laid aside - I sup-

pose it has not been pr. before
but how will readily see - if it has,

I am sincerely
thy frd -
Chas. Bragg -

To
Daniel A. Tuke
Retreat
York

Jno. Feltham

1/24/50

42 Lombard Street.

London 23/1mo 1850.

Dear Friend,

Dft. Take.

Inclosed thou will receive a Bkpt bill for £12-8-2 in thy favor ℔ of Ann Wallis, an acknowledgment will oblige, Thy friend

Jno Feltham

York 25/1mo 1850

Dear friend

D & A. Tuke

Annexed is Bank Cr on Leeds for £13. 1. 9 amount of Bill against Caleb Abell which thou will please to place to the Cr of his acct.

With love

thy friend

Wm Harvey

Wm Harvey
1. 28. 1850

"Letter & Spirit"
12mo
by R Vaughan



Dan'l A Tuke
York

Haverhill 1 Thu 29.50

Esteemed Frd.

Herewith I send the remaining halfnote to complete the one remitted a few days back which I trust thou will duly receive

Thy Frd sincerely
Chs. Kitching

J. H. Tuke

Chas Ritching
1. 31. 50

Haverhill
1 Mo: 24 - 1850

Esteemed Friend

Enclosed I send half a note in payment of a/c receiv^d & will forward the other part on receiving acknowledgment of this. The bal to please to carry forward to next qr.

Thy sincere fd.
Chs: Ketcheng

J. H. Tuke

Chas Hutchins

Dec 31. 50

Hitchin 17/1/50

John Ransom has herewith sent the Bankers Cheque for the quarters Charges for his son Joseph & which he hopes to be advised of coming safe to hand

To D H. Fuke

J Ransome
22/1/1850

W. F. Jones

3 mo 6. 1850

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose a draft for £22. 3-5. on account of Mr. George Lickell

Same Date

Yours faithfully

W. F. Jones

Greynfeyn

March 6 1850

Wm Manser
1mo 30. 1850

Hartford 1mo 28. 1850

Respected Friend

I have directed £55. to be placed to thy a/c with the York County Bank for Eliz. Johnsons Board &c at the Retreat, when received shall be obliged for a Receipt.

Thine sincerely
Wm Manser

D.H. Tuke

Doncaster

Doncaster 1st Mo 10th/50

Esteemed Friend
John Ketchen

I should feel obliged by thy procuring Cousin Wm Walker's signature to the two Deeds enclosed and returning them to me.

If suitable I should like to be very affectionately remembered to Cousin. and it would be a pleasure to hear of her gradual improvement.

Thy friend
Joseph Clark

Worcester Britannia Square
21st of 1st Mo - 1850
Stone Ky.

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching.

I have been waiting in expectation of hearing of and receiving some account of my wife Mr Stone: but on enquiry made of Thos. Newman the Worcester agent, I find he has an account of one Worcester patient, but no account of my wife. The why and the wherefore of this I am at a loss to know, and feel disappointed at not receiving after a three months silence some official account of her present condition I have paid over to Thos Newman to be remitted to the retreat on my wifes account for the current quarter

£14-3-0. viz: £13-13-0 for 13 weeks board &c and 10/- for washing but having no account of any other charge that may have arisen for clothing &c. I was not prepared for meeting such. Perhaps Thos or someone whose proper concern it may be will favour me with a line to explain, and at the same time say how Mary Stone is getting on. If she has any recollection of me, and continues to manifest any interest in me, Give my dear love to her. Tell her that my winter cough, and Asthmatic affection, confines me much indoors, and sometime since I have been near being quite laid up. I am a little relieved from my cough, but find every attempt at exertion makes my breathing painfully suffering.

Remember me kindly to thy wife and thy little ones and accept the kind regards of thy Friend

Sincerely

Henry Stone

interview.

I was quite rejoiced to have my dear Amelia's letter, the most satisfactory one that has been forwarded to us since she left home.

It is always a comfort to receive a letter from her, even when it does not give us favorable indications as her last did, of an improved state of mental health. May I request my affectionate regards to be given to Mr Whitton and accept my dear Sir the sincere esteem of your truly obliged friend

Elizabeth Charlesworth

14 King St. Finsbury Sqr Jan 2 1850
Charlesworth E

My dear Sir

I am sure that it would be a pleasure to you if I could convey with my warm thanks an adequate idea of the comfort your communication imparted to my dear husband & to myself and family. I hardly need say how great the trial is to us, as it regards the mental aberration of our dear Amelia; it is a living sorrow that accompanies us every where, pressing more or less, according to circumstances, and the greatest

alleviation under this heavy calamity is the sweet assurance that we have placed under those whose skill & kindness prompt them to give every attention, & adopt every measure that can soothe and meliorate the affliction which God has in his infinite wisdom seen fit she should labour under.

We could not but feel some regret that Dr Thurnam whose kindness to our dear child & ever ready willingness to meet & satisfy, our anxious enquiries should have left the Retreat, while the prompt friendly sympathy which gave us such early intelligence of our dear child's amendment, and that improvement hardly expected by us, after the previous amount we had received of her painful relapse after apparent gradual restoration, give us a confidence in your professional judgment, & friendly sympathy which alloys our regrets, & causes us to feel grateful that we may think of you not only as a valuable Physician to The Retreat, but as a friend on whose sympathy we can depend & in whose welfare we feel a lively interest. Should any thing bring you to London we shall hope for a personal

Chas Bratt

1mo 2.50

Respected Friend
D H Yates

Please forward to me by the End of this week the account due to the Retreat from Devenshire House Monthly Meeting for 18mo 2d Hurt & George Binns to the 31 of 12 Months Thy Friend

Charles Bratt

London 2 of 1 Mo 1850

P S it is desirable to have the Accounts ending 6 Mo & 12 Mo a day or two before Monthly Meeting in in the 1st & 7th Months

STOCKTON & DARLINGTON RAILWAY.

Company's Offices,

Darlington, January 1st, 1850.

No. 1462

I beg to hand you a Cheque for the amount of Interest due on Loan up to this date, for particulars of which see below.

The accompanying half-sheet must be signed by the party to whom the Interest is payable before it is presented for payment.

Requesting the favour of your acknowledgement,

I am yours respectfully,

THOS. MACNAY.

SECRETARY.

NAMES.	INTEREST.			INCOME TAX.			NET AMOUNT.		
Potter & Sandler to Credit of James Potter	22	10	.	.	13	1	21	16	11

The Manager of the Retreat, York

Thos Macnay
1 mo 1. 1850

H. Bowlby

Gt Yarmouth
1. 18. 50

Great Yarmouth
16th 1st mo 1850

Respected Friend
Dan'l H Tuke

I have ordered to the York City & County Bank £21.2.1 for payment of Lydia Nash's a/c at the Retreat.

I am pleased to see a charge for Excursions and shall gladly forward the cash for any such indulgence or even still more than has hitherto been charged should Lydias comfort (and the rules of the Retreat allow it) be increased in any way by such

an expenditure —

Thomas & David Nash desire to be remembered in love to their Sister

I am Thy Friend

A Boultez

Lisbourn 1/15/50
Colabeck Mr

Lisbourn 15th Jany 1850

Dr L

I have requested Mr Luke to give this to y, and desire to return y my sincere thanks for the message y sent thro' him relative to my dear Son, I wish to be as little troublesome to y as possible as I am sure your time must be much occupied, let a Fathers deep anxiety for a Son who is my dear to him must plead my

excuse, I wrote to my son yesterday, but I never ask him to write to me, I think it much better for him, and it will be more acceptable to me, to receive a letter from him, without any influence being exerted to induce him, the last letter he wrote to me was dated 5th Novr last, and if you wd have the great kindness to let me have a few lines, to say how he is, when you have leisure, I shall be most grateful to you,

the weather here, is very severe, I hope he has good and warm clothes; I shant say more on the subject as I have every confidence that you will not allow him to want for anything which you shall think 'under God' may be desirable for him to have, I shall most cheerfully acknowledge, and pay any expense you may think right to incur, Dear Sir, pray excuse the trouble I impose upon you

Yours sincerely

J. J. Holdbeck

at the inclosed address 'please God' untill the second of next Month, unless you desire me to go to York, and then I shall write and let you know.

I write by this post to my dear Son but have never hinted to him that I write to you nor mentioned the least abt seeing him

Y Myden S.
by Lty

W. Baldwin

Lisburn 22nd Jany 1850
Colebeck W.

My dear Sir

I am afraid you will consider me an unreasonable and very troublesome correspondent, I have no excuse to offer but that which I have already done and I trust you will consider

it sufficient, our anxiety
about my dear Son is
greater than I can describe
to you, still, it is my
anxious wish and Mrs
Coldbeeks as well as his
Brother and Sisters, that
our feelings should not
be at all consulted, only
what is for his advantage,
now my dear Sir, I wish

to ask you, do you think
it wd be desirable that
I shd go to York to see him,
if you do, how long shd
I remain there, in the event
of your wishing me to
go, I shall write to you
and mention the day
you may expect me 'DV'
I purpose leaving this
tomorrow and shall remain

Birmingham
1 Mo 9th 1850
Southall Thos

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching

I shall be obliged to thee for a little information respecting Joseph C. Bale a Patient at the Retreat, under the following circumstances. — A few years before his illness he insured his life in the Friends Provident Instn for £1000 and although his family ~~[illegible]~~ have been unable since his illness to continue the premiums they have been hitherto paid by the kindness of a relation & a few other friends, but his relation is

unwilling to continue the payment and it becomes needful to consider what can be done for the best under the circumstances — I believe it would help those who have to decide on the if they could have the opinion of Thyself & any other medical attendant of S. C. B as to the probability of his complaint continuing stationary or making progress and terminating his life — Of course nothing more than an opinion liable to error from unseen causes could be expected but I think there with me it is important the £1000 should not be lost if there is great probability that Joseph Bale's life will be much shortened by the complaint under which he is suffering and will be glad to render any assistance in thy power to forward this object or to enable his friends to decide for the best — It may be as well to state that he has made a will leaving the said sum to Trustees for the benefit of his wife & children —

Any suggestions which the consideration of this case may give rise to will be acceptable & oblige

Thy Friend Sincerely

Jno Southall

Clifton,
Monday 14 Jan/50
Bermuda Jas

Clifton

Dear Sir

I am daily in receipt of your communication the intelligence of the decease of Mary Bennell & I have informed the members of her family residing in this vicinity & it does not appear probable that any of her friends will be able to go to the funeral ; the inclemency of the season & other circumstances present obstacles. I am desired to say that if Mrs B had any lucid intervals or expressed anything indicating her knowledge of her approaching end or of hope in the promises, the family will be very glad to hear. In this case please address

Joseph Bennell
at Wedmore & Claypole's
Bristol

Dear Sir

Yr truly

Mr Whitby

Mr Kitching

1/4/50
Ellis P.

Dear Friend

We sent a small hamper
to our dear Charles last 7th
day by his cousins requesting
them to put it in charge of
a porter to forward and I
wrote a note to him hoping it
might induce him poor dear
fellow to acknowledge its
receipt but I for I asked
what he is unable to
perform — may I request
a few lines from thee

saying how he is, whether the hamper reached you safely and if he was capable of feeling any interest in it —

Our dear love to him & say if those please that we are well —

With kind regards I am respectfully thy Fd

Priscilla Ellis

Belgrave 1st mo 4th 1856

I record so lately of my dear afflicted sister thro' my sister Jane Priestman that I conclude she is much as she has long been

Lady Blackett
Tues 9.1850

Lady Blackett presents her Comp^ts to Mr Tuke & begs to inform him she has this day ordered her Banker Coutts to Pay to Miss Barnett & Co on account of the York Bank (for the Retreat) the sum of sixty six pounds thirteen Shillings & two pence on her Son Charles Blackett's account

£	s	d	
61	8	6	the 1/4 due for Board &c
3	4	8	for Disbursements
2	–	–	for the Servants attending on
66	13	2	her Son

Thorpe Lee
Chertsey
9th Jan 1850

Mr Ellis
Ans 1/29/1850

Belgrave 1/28. 1850

My dear Friend

Enclosed is a draft at 7 days value £42.18.8 which I think the two ass^ts of the Evans and Young Son Charles please to acknowledge their receipt

If Son Charles is less rational than he was some time back from dear Fellow with those grandsons dear loves to heiser

Yours
Ever sincerely
John Ellis

Mrs Roberts's compls to Mr Tuke, and she incloses the remaining halves of thirty pounds, which she hopes he will receive in due time. Mrs Roberts, hopes he will be candid in giving is opinion respecting Mrs Stansfield, as she is prepared for the worst. and the distance is too far her relations to see her often, it will also oblige Mrs R, if Mr T, will inform her how she is in six weeks. as it

appears along time only to hear quarterly.

Vence House,

Jany 18th/50.

E Robert

1.21.50

Manchester Jan.y 21, 1850

Mr. Dan G. H. Tuke

Sir,

Inclosed you have a Letter of Credit, Twenty Five Pounds, for my Cousin Ruth Heywood's Half Year's Board.

May I trouble you to say how she is, and give our kind regards to her.

Yours respectfully

Peter Roylance

Peter Roylance

1.22.60

Liskeard 1 Mo: 16: 1850.

Resp^d. Friend,

Above I send thee Dft £57:17:4. for half years Board &c. on account of my cousin Martha Rundell due to the Retreat & shall be obliged by thy acknowledging its receipt. —

I am
Thine sincerely
John Eliott

Danl. H. Fuke

Jno Eliott

1. 18. 50

Abm Fisher

1. 16. 1850

Scarlotter Jan 14th/50

Dear Sir

Inclosed I have the pleasure of forwarding you a draft for the amt of my Sister's acct. The report that you give of her state, is as good as I can reasonably expect to hear.

Yours sincerely,

D. H. Tuke Esqr

Abm Fisher.

Ann Heaton
16.1.50

Wellington Terrace Southport

16 January 1850

Mr. Tuke

Sir

Enclosed you will receive from my Mother a cheque upon Messrs Loyd Entwisle & Co, for Two pounds nineteen shillings & nine pence, which amount you will find balances the account. The bill is also enclosed, which my Mother will feel obliged by your returning with a receipt.

I remain

Sir

Yours truly

Ann Heaton.

Edwd Sewell

1. 18. 50

Yarmouth 16/1/1850

Dear Friend

I have including Emma Lacys account at the Retreat has been received and Barclays are directed to pay the same £0. 4. 8 to the York City & County Bank on thy account

I am thy Friend

Edward Sewell

Dan'l H. Tuke

York

Lady Blackett
1 mo 1. 50

Lady Blackett presents her Comp^s to Mr Tuke & begs he will inform her the amount of Disbursements on her Sons account, as she wishes to settle the whole sum by one Cheque which will safe trouble the Quarter being due for his Board &c. she also requests him to inform her the name of the Gentleman who succeeds Dr Thurnam at the Retreat in order that she may correspond with him concerning her Son Charles Blacketts health

Portman St
Portman Square
London
1st Jany 1850

Jas Bowden

Mo 7. 50

Houndsditch

1 m 5. 50

Dear Sir

Dear Tuke

I have this day paid to Barnett, House & Co for the Retreat per York City & Co Bank 84. 2. 2 as annexed.

Prime Truly

Jas Bowden

10 m: 11	By	Gibson & Co S. Burleigh	50. 3. 6
15	.	John Binns	12. 13. 5
22	.	J.B. Stevens	11. 9. 2
11 - 20	.	L Deane per S Cash	9. 16. 1
			£ 84. 2. 2

Respected Friend Leeds 1 Mo 3 1850

D H Lake

Enclosed have sent Thirty Pound which please to place to Martha Smiths and carry the balance forward I am much as I have been for some time Requiring Crutches to. Give my love to Martha acknowledge the receipt & Return

I remain thy Friend

Joshua Kaye

West Hall

Jos. Kaye

Mo 5.50

T Evans
1.16.50

"The Elms," 1/16. 1850
Hereford

Dear friend
D H Tuke

I have directed my Bankers to pay at Burnetts to the Credit of the York City & County Bank - for the Retreat £7.15.2 Jos: Stones a/c and I will thank thee to advise on the receipt - I am,

Sincerely thy frd
Thos Evans.

Geo. Fox
1 mo 12. 50

Hingsbridge 12/1 mo
1850

Dear Friend

I beg to enclose a Dft on Barclay & C for £14.1.9 Amt of my Nephew Edw Fox a/c @ the Retreat —

Our Bank Books being closed for the day is the reason of the Dft being dated for the 14th. Thine sincerely

George Fox

Danl H Tuke
York

Capt Murray
1.20.57

Douglas, Isle of Man
Janr. 19th. /50

Capt. Murray has enclosed an order on Messrs Masterman for £32-16-10 & will feel obliged by an acknowledgment of the same.

D. H. Duke Esqr.
York.

C. Reynolds
16. 1. 60

D H Tuke

Rochester 16th 1st Mo 1860

Esteemed Friend
D H Tuke

I have transmitted through the Bank here, to the York City & County Bank, the sum of £9.16.6 payable to thee, on behalf of my mother Deborah Reynolds. At thy convenience I should be obliged by thy handing the accompanying to Maria Whitton

Thy friend respectfully
Caroline Reynolds

Thos Norton
1.20.50

Grange Road. 19. 1mo 1850.

Esteemed Friend.

I am obliged by thy letter relative to Mary Ann Ward & have waited in the hope of arranging with regard to her return to town, which is not yet quite settled, but I look to about the middle of next week for this purpose & that a person will go down to come up with her. I conclude the journey may be accomplished in two days. as thou hast made no remark on the point, I apprehend a female, altho' unaccustomed to the care of those under similar circumstances, will be sufficient. If thou have any suggestion with regard to her travelling, I shall be

glad to receive it.

I feel sensibly the kind consideration of the Committee relative to the charge of Mary Ann's conveyance & wish to express my acknowledgments thereof, whether I have need to claim help from them or not, in this respect.

I am thy friend
Thos Northrop

On looking again at thy letter, I observe that thou hast noticed, so far as to mention the assistance of a "regular attendant," in accompanying our patient to town; but as it is in contrast to her being taken care of by any one who might happen to be coming up, my impression was as I have written on other side. if I hear nothing from thee, I intend to arrange as I have proposed.

EAST INDIA
DIVIDEND
124
BISHOPSGATE
CORNHILL

London January 16th 1850

Sir,

We beg to inform you that we have this day remitted the sum of £32. 11. 6 to your credit with the York City & County Bank, which will be at your disposal on receipt of this

This remittance is on account of Captain A. Fisher.

We remain
Sir
Your ob Servants
Windsor & Co

Mr Daniel H. Tuke
York

Grindlay & Co

1 mo 16.50

Keighley 16 Jan 1850

Sir

Inclosed you have

Dft 11 - 3 - 10 on Mr S Dang's

a/c which please acknowledge

per return and oblige

Yours Resp^y

Thomas Clapham

Rev C Clapham

1. 16. 50

Whitby 1mo. 14. 1850 —

Esteemed Friend

D. H. Locke

£6.18.8.

Above is a Chk. in payment of Hannah Saunders' quarterly acct. for the notice respecting whom I am obliged Be kind enough to acknowledge the rec.t to

Thine sincerely

Joseph Saunders

I. Sanders

1. 14. 50.

H Eggs
1. 15. 1850

No 1 A Bishopsgate St. within
London 1850 - 1 - 15th

Esteemed Friend

Thine of the 11th
received me this morning
via Norwich — in future
have the kindness to address
as above — a memoran-
dum on the account in
the Ledger will prevent
the recurrence of a similar
mis-direction. ——

This morning I

have ordered the amount
of the account £72.11.9
to be passed to the credit
of Retreat in usual course.

I remain

Very respectfully

Henry Aggs

Danl. H. Tuke –

Esteemed Friend

I herewith enclose one half of a Post paid Note intending the other half shall accompany the balance of the present, receipt hereof being acknowledged and please to say how my dear daughters

It appears by letter from my sons wife, that she has had a better account of her husband than there conveys. viz that he was much improved &c —

Sincerely thy friend

Isaac Wright

Please direct for me at

G Dawsons

Piccadilly

Manchester

15/1/50

J. Wright
1. 15. 1850

Mrs Roberts's compliments to Mr Tuke, and she incloses the halves of £30, the amount of Mrs Stansfields, account is £29-18-9, as it is so near thirty pounds she thinks it better to remit that sum, than to trouble him with a post Office order.

Fence House,

Wednesday morning

E. Roberts

1. 16. 50

Birmingham 7th Mo. 1850

Esteemed Friend
D. H. Tuke

I enclose two P. O. Orders
payable to thyself together - £ 12 - 3
being the amount of the accounts due
to the Retreat on Acct of Joseph Dale

Respectfully thy Friend
Richard Fowler Price

R. F. Bice
1. 15. 50

Jno Dymond
1. 14. 850

Devon & Cornwall Bank
Exeter 14/1mo 1850

Esteemed friend,

Enclosed I send thee Drafton Hanbury & Co for £9.5.7 for a half Years Board &c of Elgarnish at the Retreat to 12mo 31 last.

Please sign & return to me the enclosed Receipt.

Thine respectfully
Josh Lobb Dymond

D. W. Tuke
York

Dr Sir

I send an order on London for £45. which I shall feel obliged to you or Dr Stitching to acknowledge the receipt of, I write to the Dr and will thank you to give my note to him I feel very thankful for the mention you made of my dear Son

truly yrs

M Stitch

J. P. Caldbeck

1. 17. 57

Jos: Clark
1 mo 12. 1850

Doncaster 1st Mo 12th 1850

Esteemed Friend
D. H. Tuke

I enclose check £35.7—
on Cousin Ann Walker's
account.

An acknowledgment
in course will oblige

Thy Friend
Joseph C. Clark

Thos Norton
1st mo 9.50

Grange Road, 9. 1mo 1850.

Dear Friend.

It is unexpected to me to receive the conclusion the Committee has come to, relative to Mary Ann Ward, but as I doubt not they have grounds for their decision, I am not disposed to call it in question, altho' I have taken some pains to bring about an arrangement which would settle her, where I am satisfied

she would be well cared for.

My care now is, to get her up to town as soon as practicable & I should be glad if something offered suitably on this head. the expense of sending a person for the purpose, I shall be glad to avoid, but, unless some one offers with you, who was desirous, or had occasion to ~~be in~~ come to town, & thus lessen the charge of conveyance to & fro, there would be no advantage in one being provided at York.

I scarcely like to attrude to the last resort for her removal, supposing such a course would not be acceptable to the Committee, neither could I wish it, yet who is to provide the funds for bringing her here, besides myself, I do not see.

If thou cannot help in the matter or suggest any course respecting it, I shall be glad to hear from thee.

Yours thy friend

Thos Norton Jr

Bermondsey, London, 1 Feby 1850

Bevington Alfred

Dear Sir

I have paid to the banking house of Barnett Hoare & Co £30.16.3 to the credit of the Retreat Asylum with the York City & County Bk the same being the amount of H B Pickover's acct.

Will you be good enough to request Mr Ritching to address to me some two or three lines with his signature, respecting the health of my cousin H B Pickover, as it is requisite that I should forward such a document half yearly to the Lunatic's Visitors office in London

I am, dear Sir
Yours mo. respectfully
Alfred Bevington

Mr. D H Tuke

Alfred Bevington

June 2. 1850

Sunderland.
2mo 5th 1850 —
T Parkes M.A.

Respected Friend
John Kitching

I have to thank thee for the letter I received at Darlington this morning giving me the affecting intelligence of the decease of my dear Sister Mary Ann — The event

was quite unexpected
to myself as I had not
heard of her being unusually
(for her) unwell, and it
seems to have been equally
so to yourselves. I shall
make a point of being at
the funeral myself but
whether my Father or any
of my Sisters will be able to
be there is doubtful —

I see thou hast kindly
informed my Father
p same post.

I am
thy assured friend
I M Sparkes.

Thornton Park [illegible]

My Dearly beloved Husband Rochester

It being just about three weeks s[ince] I
wrote to thee, I thought I should m[ake]
address a few lines to thee again
hopeing they would meet thee in
good health it gave me grea[t]
to learn by the kindness of our fr[iend]
Irving that thou hadst not suff[ered]
my visit to see thee my endea[r]
& I hope will not do it has
solace to me being permitted to
company again and be assur[ed]
my love but being obliged to r[eturn]
cause me to leave thee, I have be[en]
ly since returning partly from
cold but am better of it now and
respects than I was Fare well my de[ar]
beloved Husband accept of my dearest
love and believe me ever to remain thy
sincerely attached and truly affectionate
Wife
Jane Porter

Ardurck 2/13/56
Moore Co.

Mr Ketching
Sir,

I received a letter from my brother John Polglase, which induces me to address a few lines to you. He states, that you desired him to write, in order to obtain a definite statement as to where he would be located in case of his discharge (not stating however, that the subject of his discharge had yet become one of medical discussion.) It struck me, that if his letter had been officially suggested, it would have been addressed to my brother William; who, as his only brother, is, of course his natural guardian; and

Mr Ketching
York

P.S. I thought it as well to leave my brother to my brother Jan Gregor personal. May I beg the favour of the being closed & handed to him.

would certainly expect that the person consulted, when it might be judged proper arrangements for Johns removal. I am somewhat at a loss how to answer Johns letter immediately, as he has requested, on account of not understanding clearly his present prospects- besides which, my brother William has interdicted my husbands interference respecting the arrangements at present in existence on behalf of my brother John. The affair, therefore, as a matter of business, must be referred to my brother William.

Perhaps you will, however, oblige me by dropping a line on receipt of this, just to say if there is a prospect of Johns speedy liberation, and good grounds to hope that his recovery may be permanent - as well as if he is now in a state to bear such an annoying personal application as would be required in business engagements generally.

I shall esteem as a favour a few lines in reply to the above, and am Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

A Moore

Twistock

Ardwick

Near Manchester

Dec. 18th 1850

Geo Goldsmith
June 2 - 1850

The Globe Office.
127. Strand. London.
1st Feby 1850.

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose Cheque for 28 £ with thanks you to acknowledge its receipt & address me as above I also would like to have your Physician's Report, since the Lord Mayor of York saw the Patient, as to her general health and also as to the Malady & if any Improvt.

Yours obedtly

Geo Goldsmith

London 11th Feby 1850.

Shaw Gabriel

I write to you under the auspices of my good
friend Mr. Samuel Gurney, respecting my eldest Daughter,
about 22 years of age whose mind has been disordered
for about 18 months. She has been for more than a year,
residing at Moorcroft House, Bucks, under the care of
Doctor Stillwell; and altho' we all agree she is much
better, & quite tranquil & tractable, yet from a
natural indolence, and aversion to steady occupation
her Mother & myself, are both inspired with the
fear, that permanent imbecility may supervene,
upon what we hope, is still nervous derangement,
unless more stringent measures are shortly
adopted, to induce exertion, than those that
have hitherto been pursued. Her health is now
very good, and we hope the state of her mind
has improved in the course of the last three
months, and the chief object in wishing to

remove Her, on the part of the Mother & myself, is to induce, or to force our Child to occupy Herself —

She is a good Musician, and we should wish Her to be allowed to play & sing; that having been a great resource for Her, whilst at Moorcrofts —

Have the goodness to inform me, whether there is a vacancy for a Patient, in your Establishment — if the Females are kept quite separate from the Male Patients — and what are the Expenses per week, month or quarter — it is at present an object, that they should not be heavy — Supposing that She were placed under your care, could you conveniently send a trusty Nurse or Person to convey her down to York — Yours faithfully

Gabriel Shaw
No 1 St Michaels Alley
Cornhill.

James Tuke Esquire
York

Stamford Hill
2nd. mo: 6. 1850.
(fourth day)
Sparkes Wm

Respected Frd.
John Kitching —

The unexpected and affecting account of the decease of my dear Daughter Mary Ann I duly recd. — It is felt to be an awful event, whilst it is cause for thankfulness on account of the poor Invalid, that it liberates her from her long protracted affliction; and we humbly trust she has been permitted to enter that state of Happiness, where no more suffering can be for ever felt.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the kind care and attention that I believe the dear Departed had always extended towards her whilst in the Retreat; and it appears astonishing her having struggled through so many years — I have been so poorly

for some little time past, that I believe it would be scarcely prudent for me to attempt to attend on the solemn occasion — But one of my Daughters from London means to be at the Retreat tomorrow, & I suppose she will be met there by her Brother John from Darlington; also probably her Brother & Sister Wilson from Sunderland, or one of them, but whether tomorrow or next morning is uncertain.

I remain

My obliged Friend

Wm Sparkes.

9th Feb. 1850.
Fisher

Dear Sir

I beg to send herewith, a life certificate. Also signed by my brother Capt. A. Fisher. and returned home; to make me to draw his pay for the last quarter

& I remain

Yours faithfully

J. Fisher.

Vicarage
Swaffham Bulbeck
Nr. Newmarket

Thirsk 2/11/50
Wilson Grace

Respected Friend,
John Kitching,

The account which my Brother brought on his last visit to York, of our dear Mary's health was such as to make us feel very desirous to receive further information, and had it not been from the fear of giving thee unnecessary trouble, and in the daily ex-pectation of hearing from

I am respectfully
thy Friend
Grace Wilson.

Grizzlefield House
near Thirsk
2nd Month 11th 1850.

thee, I should have written
ere this to inquire whether
any improvement had
taken place in my Sisters
health. We shall feel
much obliged for as early,
and particular an account
of her state of health as
is convenient to thee.
Dost thou think she appears
as comfortable as usual?
My Brother did not see
her when last at York,
thinking it might be
better for me to come
over if it seemed requisite.
Thou must excuse us if
our anxiety has led us to
think my dear Sisters
indisposition more serious
than is really the case,
tho' from her emaciated
state I fear our anxiety
is not groundless.

My dear Aunt
wishes to be remembered
to thee, as well as to
Maria Whitton, in
terms expressive of her
grateful sense of your
attention to the dear
object of our solicitude.

Thistle Green 2/8/50
Atkinson Sarah

Respected Friend

Not having had a letter from
thee since my Sister was under thy
care — we hope that thou wilt excuse
our anxious wish to have your (that
is the Doctors) opinion with regard to
her health and Spirits — her general health
has not been good for sometime past, tho'
always thoroughly understrains and often
did more than she should have done —

I remain with respect
Thy Friend
Sarah Atkinson

P.S. Do steer Abroad able
to attend the reading Meetings

Please direct — Benjn Atkinson
22 Thistle Green
Stockton on Tees

Please give dear love to from all ~~at home~~ the family
to Sister - if thou thinkest it suitable

Copy of the Official Reports made by the "Inspectors General" concerning the state and management of Bloomfield Retreat Dublin.

"February 6th 1850

Inspected the Retreat Asylum this day, and found it in its usual state of order and cleanliness, in fact, nothing can be more satisfactory than the general management of the Institution

Signed John Nugent, L.R.C.P.S.

"March 1st 1850

Inspected the Retreat Asylum this day, and have to express the greatest satisfaction with the admirable management of the Institution, particularly since the period of the appointment of the Superintendent Mr. Moss, who appears to devote all his energies to the care and treatment of the inmates, who I found under the most humane and judicious management. The House is altogether greatly improved, the new additions have afforded the greatest accommodation, the neatness of the Apartments, Ventilation, and mode of heating, &c, are all greatly to be praised

Signed Francis White M.D

Dublin 2/6 } 1,50
3/1 }

Inspectors General

Jon. Gillett
Feb 1. 1850

Banbury 31. 1. 1850

Dear Friend

I am requested by Jos. Lamb to forward thee the accompanying draft for £5. 18. 10 being in payment of the quarterly acct. for his son; thy acknowledgment of the rect. of the same will oblige

Thy friend respectfully
Jonathan Gillett

D H Tuke

Jas Midgley
2mo 13 / 1850

Wy
Rochdale
12/2 Mo. 1850.

Esteemed Friend
D H Tuke
Enclosed I send
half Notes — £10.
a post Office order 4.8.11
£ 14.8.11

for payment of
Saml. Hall Acct. 7.4.2
Geo. Hansen do. 7.4.9
£ 14.8.11

& on rect. of thy
Acknowledgment of this
I will send the other
Notes Respy
thy Friend
James Midgley

MAURITIUS
MAURITIUS

Arthur Brooke
13.II.50

Liverpool 13th Feby 1850

Mr Arthur Brooke begs to hand to
Mr Tate, the enclosed Bank Post Bill No
6.8881. of this date, in favor of Mr Tate duly
endorsed, amounting to £46.17.11, in
liquidation of Mrs B Brookes account
to 31st Decr 1849. which Mr Tate will oblige by
an acknowledgment of receipt of the same

To Mr Daniel H Tate
The Retreat.
York.

Hirosfield
2 . 4 . 1850

Temple Place.

Liverpool. 2 Mo 4 1850

Dear Friend

Daniel H Enke,

I enclose a post office order for £1.16.0 in payment of the balance owing on behalf of Eliza M Dickinson up to 3mo 31 1850. I presume there will be a quarter's board owing on a/c of Ann Lawton & Eleanor Dickinson respectively who were sent to the Retreat by our Monthly meeting. I have taken the Treasurership in hand so that accounts owing should now be sent to me instead of to my uncle James Crosfield as formerly

Thy sincere friend Jos Crosfield

Respected Friend

I am requested by my husband to forward by P Office orders ten pound 15/2 on account of Sister E Beakbane. I fear you will have thought it very long before being sent but we only got the account yesterday from Henry Beakbane

It is very pleasant to find Elizth is improving please give my dearlove to her & say if you think well / her brother Thomas has for some time been dangerously ill but is now we hope in a fair way for recovery

I am respectfully

Eliza Beakbane

Litherland 1mo 30. 58

P.S. please acknowledge receipt

Elizth B Eakhave

June 4 1850

Thos Fowler

Jun 2. 1850

London 2 Mar 2
1850

Dear H Tuke

Dear Friend

Enclosed I hand
thee a Cheque for £30-15-9
for Board of P. Wall
as per account sent
for which have the
Kindness to send me

Jno Yeardley
Dec 15. 49

Castleton Mills,
near Rochdale, 2nd Mo. 13th 1850.

Daniel N. Tuke
York —

Esteemed Friend,

I inclose Post O. Order
£. s. d.
value 7. 7. 9 the Amount of
Account due on behalf of my
Sister Sarah Yeardley at the Retreat
which please Acknowledge.

The improvement reported in
our dear Sister's health of body & mind
is very grateful to our feelings —
and we sincerely hope she may
be favored to continue improving
under the Divine Blessing — until
restored and capable of the enjoy
-ment of association with her
friends — I am sincerely thy friend
John Yeardley.

Thos. Firth

Aug 2 1850

Toothill

Huddersfield 2 Aug. 1850

Respected Friend

I have received an account of Mary Firths at the Retreat £32.15.10- the Disbursements as below seem £2.16.7- I have also inclosed a Bill in discharge Value Thirty two pounds 15s 4d payable to thyself which please do not forget to indorse

thy friend

Thos Firth

Mending 5/6
Dress maker 4/-
Drapery — 47/-
56.6

In acknowledging the Bill please say the State of Health of Ann Walker & Mary Firth

A years Subscription
to York Retreat from

W. L. Pryor

23 Broad St Buildings.

5 of 2 month 1850

W L Pryor

2mo 5, 50

P. Midgley

2. 16. 50

James Midgley here
encloses D F C Luke
the rem^n half notes
for ten pounds
to Balance T. Hall
& Geo Hansen A/ct
at Retreat

15/2 Mo 1850.

PAUL ESCUDIER

PAUL ESCUDIER

Wm Nainby

2nd 15

Bethnal Green
London 2nd Mo: 15th 1850

Esteemed Friend,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of thy note of the 11th Ultº, accompanying my Mothers Co: Account, up to the close of last year, & enclosed I beg leave to hand thee a Bank Post Bill No. H. 5074 for £14.17.7 for the amount thereof,

I remain

Very truly thine

Wm Nainby

Dear Sr. H. Tuke
Retreat
York

CANSELL
1849

M A Crouch
2-23.

Earlt 20th - 2nd Mo. 1850

Esteemed Frd -
D H Lake

Enclosed is a check for seven pounds three shillings due from M A Crouch to the Retreat

Thy assured frd -
John Brown

W. Farrand
Mos 19.

Southampton
2mo 19. 1850

Respd Friend
D H Tuke

Enclosed I forward thee a Bank Draft £10..3..1 in payment of the quarters account for my Daughter Lucy please give our dear love to her and tell her we shall be glad to hear from her when she feels inclined to write –

I remain
Thine respectfully
W Farrand

Jno Charlesworth
Jany 15. 1850

14 Kings Street
Finsbury Sqr.
Feb: 15.
1850

My dear friend

I have this day paid with the Bank of Barnet House & Co 29 to 6 s 9 d being the amount of the account due to the Retreat. I am sorry I was not able to pay it sooner.
When you have intelligence of its safe arrival, I shall be obliged by an acknowledgment.
We were obliged by your kind information of the improved

State of Amelia's health.

Will you do us the favour to mention, again the name of the Gentleman, to whom you referred before, in Charter House Square, as the intended husband of your sister?

Mrs Charlesworth writes in kindest regards to yourself & all the members of your family.

I am
your faithful & obliged friend
J. Charlesworth

Mo Baker
June 15

Dr. Tuke
York
Resp. Friend

I beg to [illegible]
their Bankers Dft —
£14.2.5 — amt. of my
dear Daughters ap. rec.d —
12-31-1849 — which please
ack.e in Course —

I am respectfully
Tobias Baker

Mistor. 2/15 — 1850 —

Castleton Mills 7/25/50
Yearsley Yo.

Castleton Mills,
near Rochdale, 2nd Mo. 25th 1850.

John Kitching
York—

Esteemed Friend;

I am oblised by thy kind Note respecting Sister; it is gratifying to us to hear an improved account of her health—

Sickness and other circumstances has prevented us writing to her during the last Month— I have written her a few lines by this Post—

With respect to her future prospects if her health will admit— I do not know of anything different to her returning to Scarboro'—and resuming her En—

gagement with Rachel Pond.—
Ann desires her love to Eliz.ª Kitchin
and thyself also to be remembered
to the Children —

I am thy sincere friend
John Yeardley —

Nottingham
2nd Nov: 12th
Payne 1850 Hy
Recd

My dear Friend

We are under the necessity of again putting our Toe Robert under thy care, please therefore to receive him into the retreat immediately and obtain certificates from 2 Surgeons as before. I send him under the care of 2 poor Police as before for he is a dangerous lunatic.

Since Monday
[illegible]
[illegible]

Please inform me
what the expenses
are, and to sure
to keep a vigilant
eye upon him. He
must not be allowed
any shorty drink.
Hoping to hear from
them soon I remain
My sincere Friend
Henry Pague.
M. D.

Six months before I left the Dublin Retreat I was allowed a key to go out where I pleased by myself, to go to the Royal Society's museum Sculpture room & anywhere else I could obtain information & entertainment. Next monday will be the Regular committee day of the York Retreat & I would be much obliged if the Superintendents would sanction with his approbation & lay before the Committee my wish to be allowed the use of keys to go to York by myself & to have it arranged that I might go to the Philosophical Society's museum & grounds: and also be allowed to read &c. at the great Library S.t Leonards place I would esteem it a favor: & the Superintendents may be assured if such privileges are allowed me that I will make a careful use of them, & I would then feel that I was not as I now am totally secluded from general Society. Some years ago Samuel Tuke & Thomas Allis both told me that they had no objection to have my name taken off the

Retreat books as a patient but still to remain at the Retreat York: but the arrangement I now solicit might be carried into effect without my name at present being removed from the books.

Caleb. Abell.

York Retreat.
Feb. 14th. 1850.

Retreat 2/14/50
Abele Caleb

Chichester 4th of 2 month 1850

Friend

Respected Friend,

John Pitching,

As it is nearly three months since receiving thy last account of my beloved Husband, I shall feel greatly obliged if thou will at thy earliest convenience inform me of his present state of health and whether much alteration in any respect has taken place since thou last wrote,

If not infringing on rules

I should ~~esteem~~ indeed es-
teem it a great favour, if thy
valuable time would admit
of thy sending at shorter inter-
vals than has now elapsed
if only a very few lines to tell
me ~~of~~ my dearest Husbands'
state, Allow me to remain
respectfully Thy friend
Martha Binns.

To John Ritchie

Nottingham
2nd mo: 23rd
Payne 1850
Hy

Respected Friend

As we are very anxious to hear some tidings of our dear son, I hope thou will excuse me for requesting a few lines from thee informing us how he appears in regard to his health, and if he seems to be, at all, comfortable in his present position. We shall leave it

to thy discretion to tell him, or not, that thou hast heard from us. I expect thou wouldst duly receive the document, fill'd up properly, which I returned on the 17th. As early a reply, as will suit thy convenience, will much oblige thy sincere Friend

Henry Payne.

once wore anything, there
was an end to all difficulty,
may the Lord bless my
dear Lis prays

Yours most gratefully

M. Mallock

Lisbonne 20th Feby 1850
Calabeck Mr

Many thanks to my
dear Lis, for your
letter recd this morns.
it is as favourable as
we cd expect for we
are aware that it will
'in all human probability'
require a long time to
restore my dear Lons health,
our gracious God is all
sufficient and, as the
means he is pleased to use,

I feel perfect confidence
that you will do every thing
in your power for him,
do not be prevented by
expense, for doing what
you may 'under God' consider
beneficial for him,
most cheerfully will I
pay any thing necessary.
please God, I shall write
to him on Monday and
I think it might be well
to remove the apprehension

he labours under of being
removed from your house,
at least as far as I can,
with great caution, I shall
allude to it, when I was
travelling with him,
he had as strong objections
to any thing new being
purchased for him, I
sometimes took some
part of his clothing and
got the Tailor to make
for him, and when he

N

Bethnal Green

London 2nd Mo. 15th 1850

Namly Wm

Respected Friend,

I shall be obliged by thy handing the enclosed note to Danl. H. Tuke; it contains a Bank Post Bill for the amount due by me to the Retreat, on account of my Mother Sarah Kainby.

I look forward to becoming known personally to thee during the approaching Summer, mean time, having heard indirectly through my Aunt, that my Mother, is, or has been not

CANSELL 1849

not quite so well of late, I shall esteem it a favour, if thou wilt, at thy convenience, send me a few lines respecting her —

Perhaps thou wilt kindly take an opportunity of saying to her, with my dear love, that we are all tolerably well at present —

If my friend Dr. Thurmann be still in York, I should wish to be kindly remembered to him —

I am,

Very respectfully thine

John Kitching
Retreat
York

Wm Nainby

Lisbrom 26th March 1850
Caldbeck Mr

Many, Many thanks
to y my dear Sir for y
kind letter, rec'd this
morns. and I trust we
are all here, thankful
to Almighty God for his
great mercy to my very
dear Son and to us all,
we consider his consenting
to have the music master,
is favourable and feel
quite satisfied that y will
adopt every means in y

Nottingham a.
2nd mo: 16
Paynetty 1850

Dear Friend

I am sorry I regarded filling up the enclosed Form which I hope thou will find correct. It will be satisfactory to hear from thee again soon to inform us how our Son Robert conducts himself. We earnestly wish he

would engage him-
self in some useful
occupation, for his
abilities are good,
especially as a
Mechanic. He often
talked of the pleasure
he should derive from
living in the Country.
My wife joins me
in best respects to Mrs
and Mrs Wife and
with our very dear
love to Robert I remain
Mrs sincere friend
Henry Pogue.

Lisburn 15th Feby 1850
Caldbeck Mr

My dear Sir

Your kindness upon former occasions, and the intense anxiety I, Mr Caldbeck, my son and daughter feel, to hear abt my dear son, induces me to hope you will

let me hear from you and say how he is, I think I mentioned to you before that he is not aware of my writing to you.

He is in the hands of our gracious God, and I feel satisfied that you will do every thing in your power for him, and that you will let him have every thing you shall consider conducive to his restoration. I am aware, your time must be much occupied and I shd not give you this trouble if I shd abstain from doing so.

Yours Mr
very truly
W. Maldock

To Dr Hutchins

Prestes Hall & Kelvedon
2 Mo 7. 1850
~~Hills Sht~~

Esteemed Friend
John Ritching

I have delayed writing longer than I intended in order to furnish thee with the particulars thou wished to have and also to get the clothes &c ready for forwarding which I shall most likely send on 7th day

I find on inquiry that the Grandfather of my relative was very singular & excentric that his Sister married a friend of the name of Hicks and died insane - also a daughter of the Sister was in the same state - so that the disease may be traced very clearly. ~~on the~~ I was truly glad to hear that he arrived safe & I shall never forget his leaving home — I should be glad to be remembered with Dove to him in which my Wife unites — and could he be induced

to write to me I should be glad to hear from him —

When he left home for the Asylum at Haddonne it was with great difficulty that they could get him to say much about the delusions which at Home continually haunted him - his attention or mind dwelt more upon the cruelty of taking him from his home and consequently annoyed him from dwelling upon them whether such is now the case or not - should like to be informed —

To get at his delusions often sitting quietly with him and condoling with him as to his trials and what he has had to go through he will generally converse in a low tone of the delusions - sitting quietly by him assuring by a nod or otherwise he will continue for a length of time to converse upon them —

I merely mention this as strangers have found a very great difficulty of clearing any thing from him.

I now conclude with love

& remain

Thy sincere Friend

Thos Hills

YORK
FE 8
1850
D

KELVE
FE 7
1850

John Kitching
The Retreat
York





Morton
Morton 22nd Feby 1850
Clapham Ph

Sir

I feel obliged by your communication respecting Mr John Davy. and if you think I should come over to see him will do so. but hope he will be better as warm weather is coming on a line at your convenience will be a favour I am Sir
Yours Resy
Thomas Clapham

Mr. John Kitchin

York

Bristol Feb 14/50
Polyglase Mn

Dear Sir,

I enclose a letter received from my brother but as I have not heard of the probability of his leaving except from him-self I have not noticed it in my reply to him — he appears much better & reasonable but from former experience of the difficulty of managing him I should think him under much better care than he can get elsewhere, where he now is, as long as he can be legally detained — It would be very difficult to know what employment he would be fit for or to get any one to take him & unless engaged in some way he would no doubt soon get worse —

Were he likely to leave I could not propose his coming to Bristol having too vivid a remembrance of his

former attacks & of their effects on my nerves from which I have never fully recovered —

I fear if he went to Manchester he would soon be for coming on to Bristol & that his sister there would not be able to manage him — he was very restless & roving after his last recovery & after going up to Scotland went to Sex as much against the wish of his friends & stayed but a short time there —— You will excuse my going into these particulars but as the question of his leaving would perhaps depend partly on the circumstances he would be placed in I thought it best to name as much as this — although not having heard that he is likely to do so I have no reason to suppose it is contemplated but from what he himself says Robt. Willmot tells me he saw him a few weeks since & found him reasonable but considered him not in a fit state to encounter with the difficulties of life which I suppose is about the case —

Respectfully yours

Wm. Poyglase

Nottingham 2. mo. 26 3 hs.
1850

Dear Friend Payne Hy.

I feel much obliged to thee for thy very interesting and satisfactory account of your dear Robert and sought also to express my very grateful acknowledgments for thy kindness in procuring a letter from him to his Mother unopened.

It will afford us very
great pleasure to re-
ceive further communi-
cations from thee res-
pecting our Robert, who,
we hope, will so conduct
himself as to evince
gratitude for the great
care and attention he
meets with at thy
hands.

With very dear love
to Robert and best res-
pects to thee and to thy
wife in which all here
unite I remain thy
obliged and sincere friend
Henry Parsons.

Worcester Britannia Square
27th of 2nd Month/50
Note HG.

Edeemed Friend.

I have taken my pen not because I have much to say, but to thank thee for thy kind Intimations respecting my poor dear suffering wife. Notwithstanding thy description of her almost insensate State I feel that I could like to see her one more alive; but my own feeble health, together with the distance, and yet chilly state of the weather, (after keeping close indoors,) it appears a risk on my account, the prudent mode-

taking of which is at present very questionable. Feeling a confidence that her comforts are better secured where she is, than could possibly have been the case had she been at home, I feel thankful that she is, where she is, and hope and trust that those her kind attendants will be rewarded with that peace and satisfaction that arises from their labours, tending at once to her relief and mine.

Thou mentioned in thy letter about quarter day the balance of £3 due to me as being probably forgotten. Thy children it seems have been visitors too, and a source of pleasure to my poor wife, and to hear of any thing that gave her pleasure has been indeed a pleasure to me, I should like thy wife to buy something for the children as a keepsake for M. Stone with that balance. I trust thy little ones have felt a pleasure in visiting M. Stone and that trifle may prolong their pleasure and which they will accept from me as a little thank offering for their kind visits to M. Stone.

With my kind remembrance to thy wife

I remain thy

Friend sincerely

Henry Stone

Preston Hall 2 Nov 15. 1850

No Kelvedon

Hills Frd

Dear Friend.

My letter of the 6th Inst did not arrive till after I wrote my last letter to thee - I have written to my Cousin a letter in general terms on business thinking it might interest him - have made no allusion to his affliction believing it would be best to have a reply from him which would perhaps open the way for it -

I have forwarded the Box with Clothes & shall be glad to hear of their safe arrival did not send him any shoes, those at home not being worth sending. He had better have a pair of new ones - I have written to say as much to him -

I am aware the time is short yet I should like to be informed thy opinion as regards my Cousin mental state as I feel very anxious about him

I have a letter of John Candler written about a year ago the last I recend from him, which I enclose in this, coming from one who was so well qualified to give an opinion was a great help to me as to the course to be pursued in this trying case - I have marked the latter part of it - I should wished to have it returned to again --

I now conclude with love

& remain

thy sincere friend

H. W. Hills

We quite hope that, by being kept from strong drink he may become more comfortable. In the mean time he will require most vigilant attention.

My wife and Sacy unite with me in best respects to thee and I remain

thy sincere Friend

Henry Payne.

P.S. I write a letter to thee last night which will be delivered to thee by the Police man. I expected he would have been sent to York last night.

Nottingham 2nd mo: 12th 1850

Payne 49

My dear Friend

I write to appriz thee that we have been under the necessity of coming to the conclusion to place our Son Robert again under thy care, for which purpose, it is arranged for him to leave Nottingham to morrow morning at 8 O'clock, by Train, in charge of 2 Nottingham Police Constables, who

are instructed to ~~deliver~~ accompany him to the retreat, and to deliver him under they care. One of the Policemen accompanied him about this time 4 years to Darnall Hall. Thou wilt see a great alteration in our Son, who seems inclined to imitate one of the military profession. He has occasioned us much trouble of late, staying out all night & getting intoxicated, which renders him violent in the extreme. Thou maynt easily obtain certificates from Colet Williams and some others, to certify as to his insanity; for, no doubt, he is a most dangerous lunatic. The Policemen are far wished with money to defray the expenses of the Journey to York; and, as early as ~~thou~~ thou canst, please inform me what I shall have to pay for the care &c. our Son Robert may require. He ought not to be allowed any kind of strong drink.

Darley

Darley Feb 25 /50

Francis J.

Sir

Monday morning by the return of the first post since I recved your note with regard to Cusin Theaker I think him perfectly right at your place But he seems Incling to come to see us, and we should be glad to see him if you would be so kind as let him come a-week or two, he Jenerly stops very quitely for that time then his mind begins to wander then we think it better for him to return we require nothing for his Bord, Only he loves a good Cup of tea and you can furnish him with that if you please

Yours Truly Jos.h Farnis

Chesterfield

Chesterfield 25/2mo 1850.
Bingham Wm

Respd fd.

Please furnish me pr return with the blank form if you have it for the admission of patients & with such information as may be needful as to terms &c — the application is made in behalf of a person (male) not a member & of respectable family

Respy Wm Bingham

Stockton

Stockton 11th of 2nd mo/50

Atkinson S.

Respected Friend

We are much obliged to thee for writing so soon after thou got mine — we had not received Cousin James' last letter when I wrote or would not have given thee the trouble of writing. If thou shouldst think it suitable please give dear & the inclosed Note —

I remain with respect

Thy friend

S Atkinson

N.B. Shall feel grateful for a letter at any time

Glaster

Glóster 3mo 31 - 1850

Sessions Jesse

Dear Friend

As my sister wished to hear how her husband arrived at York she was rather disappointed at there being no letter this morning. - She seems very anxious about him - if therefore on the arrival of this note no letter from you should have been dispatched, - I should feel obliged by your letting my sister know how he bore the journey & how he appeared to settle in. - Her address will be "John Fowler, London Road, Gloucester" "D. F."

I am thy friend sincerely

Jesse Sessions

Manchester.
2 mo. 3rd. 1850

Esteemed Friend
Walton Isaac

Not having heard
from thee since I left
York, we have been
very uneasy concerning
my father. if thou could
make it convenient to
let us know how he
is going on we would
be much obliged and weather
there is any hopes of his
recovery Please send word
weather you got his box
safe or not & I left my

umberellow Please to take
care of it, sono more at
present from thy sincere
friend.

Isaac Walton.

Direct for. S. A. Walton
Confectioner
63 Peter St.
Manchester

York Febuary 9th 1850

My dear Brother

Mr Kitching who I believe I told you has succeeded Dr Thurnam as Superintendant desires me to write to enquire particularly where I am to go to when I am discharged from the Retreat - I met all the Medical men yesterday and they wished to obtain definite particulars on the subject As the Committee will meet in a week from next Monday that is in 9 days from this - I should be glad if you would write as soon as you can I am obliged to you for the Newspapers - We had a very heavy fall of snow - a short time ago but the weather is now very much milder - We had a runaway Slave lecturing in York a few weeks since I went one evening to hear him

With love to yourself & Sarah

I remain, Your affte Brother

John Kitchen

York 2/9/50
Polglase Mo

Mr. John Kitchin
Retreat
York

8/a

YORK
FEB 15
1850
B

Chertsey
2/6/50

Lady Blackett presents her comp. to Dr Kitchen & will be very much obliged if he will send her a few lines to give her some account of her son Charles Blackett. Lady B wishes to know if his general health is good & if he has had any attacks of violence lately, she also wishes to know the view Dr Kitchen takes of her sons case

Thorpe Lee
Chertsey
Feb 6th 1850

Steeton nr Keighley

Feby 23rd 1860

Clapham Josh

Sir

I was sorry to hear from my brother yesterday of Mrs Davy been unwell, please write to me stating his complaint and how he is getting on, as his friends at Steeton as well as myself feel very Anxious on his acct, an answer at your most early opportunity will much oblige

Yrs respectfully

Joshua Clapham

London 2/15/50
Gurney Same

Respected Friend

John Vitchery

My Friend

Gabriel Shaw has shewn to me thy letter to him respecting his daughter.

I had apprehended that the charge for such a case was £105 Per Ann. — and as my Friend is of limited circumstances

I trouble thee with this to
enquire whether under the
recommendation of a subscriber
or on any other ground she
can be taken in for the sum
I have mentioned

Thy affd Friend
Sam Gurney

London June 16 1850

Moresby Hall
1 March
1850.
Late Jane

Sir,

Be pleased to inform Mr. John Treacy in the manner you think best that his mother breathed her last this morning about one o'clock. So peacefully in her sleep as not immediately to be perceived by those watching.

She had been ill
a very short
time having
been out at
Church on Sun-
-day last.
Her son Mathew
& her Sisters were
with her. They
will one of them
write to him-
-self as soon as
the present
hurry is over.

I am
your Obedt. Sr.
Jane Tate.

Moresby Hale
3d March
Tate Lane

Dear Sir

My Sisters & I would be extremely obliged if you would write a line to inform us how Mr. I Treacy behaves on this mournful occasion, & what effect it has had upon him.

With respect, I am
Your Obedt. St.
Jane Tate.

Please address
Miss Tate
Moresby Hale
Whitehaven.

Chief Constables Office.
Hull 4th March 1850

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 27th ult. I beg to inform you that no person answering the description of Robt. Payne has been at the Garrison at this place, nor has he been seen by any of the Police in this Borough.

I am

Sir,

Your Obdt. Servt.

H. Mac. Manus
Chief Constable

Wm. A Ritching
The Friends Retreat
York

Thos Allen
respects
I. C. Browne

3. 12. 1850

Liskeard 3rd mo 9th – 1850.

Dear Friend,
D. H. Tuke,

In reply to thine of yesterday, enquiring about J. C. Browne, I may inform thee that he is a Farmer & Member of this Mo. Mtg. residing at Landrake abo.t ten miles from hence. He has four or five Sons & a good Farm, but like others of that class, he is feeling just now rather severely the depression of prices, & therefore would be glad to have his Son admitted on as easy terms as may be. The Latter has for a year or two past been growing more & more eccentric, till at length, 6 or 8 mos ago, he

became decidedly insane.
He is said to be rather better
of late. Formerly he was
very scrupulous, made more
religious profession than
many, & had perhaps too
good an opinion of himself,
now he has thrown off the
views of Friends, goes into
an opposite extreme, & says
he wants no other religion
than philosophy, &c. &c.
He has practised in Drawing
&c. as an Engineer~~in~~ & is
said to possess good abilities
. I hope you will be able to
receive him, as it is not
suitable for him to be at his
Father's house, & proper
treatment may tend to
restore him.

Shouldst thou have occasion
to write again, I shall feel
obliged by thy mentioning
particularly how my poor
Relative Martha Rundell
is in body & mind; as the
formal report sent half yearly
does not convey as much as
her aged Parent is anxious
to hear.

With kind regards

Thy sincere Friend

I hope thy
dear Father
improves.

J. Allen

Manchester 3/14/50
Moore A.E.

Mr Ritching

Sir

I should not have allowed your very friendly note to remain so long unacknowledged, but that I have been in daily expectation, ever since its receipt, of hearing from my brother William, without whose concurrence we are unable to act in the case of my brother John. We were in hopes, that, if we undertook the personal care of John, (of which William is much afraid,) till some

adequate and suitable employ-
ment could be found for him,
my brother William, who is
the only one of us able to
meet the present pecuni-
ary requirement, would
have proposed doing
so - but I now begin to be
puzzled by his silence,
& thought I should like at least
then to express our inclination to
do what we could. I should
have written to John Lilewin,
but feared lest my letter
should do mischief, by being
suggestive of more than
we might be able to accomplish.
We may yet hear to the point
from William, in which
case I may be glad to trou-
ble you with a few lines
again.

I am Sir, with thanks
for your obliging and
candid letter,
yours respectfully

A. E. Moore

Tiverton St
Ardwick
Near Manchester
March 14th 1850.

Dear friend

Saml Tuke

In the case of our J D Beamish respecting which my Brother John King wrote to thee yesterday, the medical man attending him is now anxious that no time should be lost in placing him under proper care. Once during last night he became rather violent and the doctor fears that altho he is again very quiet, there may be an increasing tendency that way.

He has therefore requested us to enquire (without waiting thy reply to my Brothers letter) whether, in case a vacancy exists you could at once despatch a suitable person to take charge of him to York —

I am respectfully
thy sincere frd
W D King

Sudbury 20/3/50

Sudbury 3/20/50
King W.D.

Friar's Green
Sudbury 25/3/50
King W D.

Respected Fd

Jno Kitching

I did not think to enquire of your Messenger if it were customary for you to inform the friends of a patient of his safe arrival and how he appeared after the journey. Poor Rachel Beamish would of course very thankfully receive such information. if thou wouldst kindly forward it

If thou thinks proper to enclose it to my care I will see that she has it Thine respectfully

W D King

Mch 16/50
Manchester
Moore AE

My dear Brother,

I was truly gratified by the expression of your kind sentiments respecting John, as conveyed in Emily's letter; and trust we are all prepared to act in unison with your view of the matter — regarding it to be an experiment for John's good. We shall be quite happy to undertake the personal care of the poor fellow, on his liberation from his long imprisonment: only, as the wharf cottage is now in other occupation, we shall be obliged to get a lodging for him near it — somewhere between the wharf and our residence, so that either will be readily accessible. With regard to employment, the object of which is mere occupation, it may be furnished almost unlimitedly in a business resembling that of the Sick & Burial Society. There are, for instance, little matters, such as paying sick allowances, now undertaken without remuneration by the collectors,

which would furnish John with employment, air & exercise
some of the members living out of town in pleasant, rural
districts. This might be varied by his acting occasionally
at the wharf as an overlooker of the men there, in Mr Moore's
absence. I suppose the idea of taking Mr Moore's place, as
a sort of commander, will not be unpleasing to him.
The counting-house is commodious, & in the wharf,
which is a square & airy one; where, when he
seems tired of more moveable employment,
he may have as much leisure for reading &c.
as may appear to be good for him. Indeed,
if the fitness of concurrent circumstances, in
reference to matters which have been made the
subject of prayer, may be viewed as providential
ones, I think those of the present crisis, in relation
to John, may be judged to be so. I should say,
that some time ago, when John's being located in Man-
chester was first suggested, Mr Moore hoped he might
be able to furnish him with the means of doing some-
thing for himself; as in undertaking the coal-business,
he was obliged to lessen his labour in other matters.
That employment he was then obliged to give into
other hands; but should anything present after a while,
of which John should seem capable, undoubtedly

Mr Moore would be glad to give him a preference. He
has always evinced a most kind concern for John,
and I should imagine John is prepared to view
Mr Moore as his friend. I am sorry to hear of
Sarah's illness — had been wondering why I did not
hear from her or Mary — love to them both & to
Emily from us all — Thank E. for her letter. I hope
her eye will be benefited by rest. Excuse haste.

Your affectionate Sister

A. Moore



Sir Marcus Isham

Lessing here as much leisure for reading &c.
as may appear to be good for him. Indeed,
if the fitness of concurrent circumstances, in
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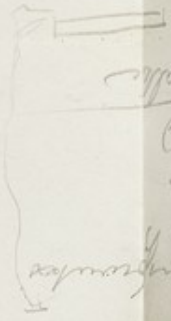
Nottm 18/III/50 -

Dear friend

Kitching - the Bill for — Thornely now in the Retreat was placed in my hands & I have misplaced it. I do not remember the extras; but inclose a P.O.O. for the regular quarterage £2:12:0 it is made payable to "John Kitching at P.O. York" —

I inclose an Engraving of Broom House - with kind regards to your family I am your friend Booth Eddison

Booth Eddison
June 17. 1880





Jas Fletcher 26 — Masons Saddler 15 or 16 years — at Brown's Brooks Parties 15/6 week — Not accustomed to house work — Is not acquainted with the work at the Retreat willing to do any kind of work — Can read & write — Church — Good health — Not a teetotaller

George Milner 18 — farmers at Lessons Patterton — can read & write — 3 years — Scholar at Abbotsford — assisted by Butler — ~~can read & write~~ Not a teetotaller — Church — Does not know the kind of employment — Has drive a good deal —

8th & board

Honesty
Truth
Morals —



Drawn by Eliza B. Eddison. Engraved by Stevenson & Co. Nottingham

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Castleton Mills

Castleton Mills,
near Rochdale, 3rd Mo. 18th 1850.

Yearsley J.

Esteemed Friend
Jno Ketching

From what thou
said in thy last kind note
respecting our dear Sarah
we conclude, that if she has
continued nicely since then
the time is not far distant
when thou would think it
proper for her to be removed
and we think it would be better
for her to come here for a
while previous to returning
to Scarborough. if this meets
thy views will thou kindly

drop us a line ~~in a~~ post or two and I will endeavour to be at York the early part of next week and either bring her home with me or adopt any other plan which thou mayst think best - with thou give my dear love to her and tell her I should have written her ere now but I have been so closely occupied with attending upon an Invalid Cousin of mine, that I have not been able, and now that she has just left me I find many things to attend to - we are all in better health than when my J.G. wrote last and all unite in dear love to her - Sister Ann often speaks of your dear children and is much interested in hearing of them - My J.G. wishes to unite with me in love to thyself & Wife I remain thy sincere friend

Agnes Geardley -

Jesse Sessions
3mo 19. 1850

ALBION WHARF, SOUTHGATE STREET DOCK,

Gloucester, 3mo 18 1850

Esteem'd Frd
D. H. Tuke

Enclosed I hand thee a draft at 7 days date for £ 8. 10. 10 the amount of demands against the Mo. Mg of Gloster on a/c of Alice Hughes.

I should have replied to thine of 13th before, but as the medical men did not consider the bodily health of the individual alluded to sufficiently established as to risk a removal I left it for a few days. It is a member of our Society & will I expect be recommended by the Mo. Mg. —

The mental disease has come on from a severe attack of Rheumatic Fever - at the same time I fear there has been rather a tendency to it in-deperently - and reverses of a pecuniary kind have much troubled him for some time before his illness. —

Thou dost not state what further particulars thou wishes - but as I expect some steps must be taken immediately thou will be kind enough to write me per return & I will forward every information required. Thine sincerely

Jesse Sepuis

P.S. Thou will I suppose send the printed papers thou referred to. —

Jesse Sessions
3. 24. 1850

Glostes 3 mo 24. 1850

Respt Friend

In reply to thine of 22d. —
we have no one here we could
send with the invalid that would
be suitable. — If convenient
to you we thought of his going
next 6th day morning the 29th inst.
and thought you could let the person
you send come here 4th day evening
and be with him one clear day before
they go — if you cannot spare him
for that time, we must do as
well as we can, in which case the
attendant could not come before 5th
day evening. — We think the arrangement
proposed by us to be preferred if not
very inconvenient to you — as the patient
would be glad a little acquainted with
his intended companion before setting
off. — But I presume I should hear
from thee again before you send him.

I believe the name of the patient has not yet been mentioned to thee — he is a brother in law of mine, John Fowler, of this place — and I sincerely hope under your kind care he will soon recover.

Some allusion has been made to him, by his medical attendant, as to his going to the Retreat if it should be thought needful — and he said he "should like to go — it was a nice quiet place — he had had two aunts there" &c — I hope he will continue in the same willing state of mind to the time of leaving.

Hoping to hear again I am

thine reply

Jesse Simons.

P.S. If thou sent me the name of the attendant I would try & meet him, if I knew the train he came by — or if not met he had better come to my house first — at the Spa, Glóster. —

Geo Goldsmith
3 mo 25. 1850

London
25th March 1850

Sir,

I beg to enclose Cheque for £25 on a/c and will thank you to acknowledge its receipt. — I would like to have a letter from your Surgeon as to the present state of the Patients bodily as well mental Health and if there is any chance of a recovery, or if there are any lucid intervals

Yours Sincerely
Geo: Goldsmith

C. Mills

Castleton Mills,

near Rochdale, 3rd Mo. 25th 1850

Geardley J

Esteemed Friend

Jno' Kitching

Thy note of the 21st was duly received for which we are much obliged. I did not intend being at York before fifth day - but having to be near Wakefield tomorrow it is concluded for me to proceed on to York in the evening - but I do not wish to inconvenience you in any way by coming so early in the week.

I am not limited for a day or two that thou need not hasten the

preparations for dear Sarahs departure more than is suit=able or agreable - Will thou give our dear love to her and tell her that I hope to see her sometime on 4th day - -

We are all sorry to hear that your dear Children have been so ill but hope they are now nicely improving.

With love to thyself and Elizth Kitching in which my Husband wishes to unite I am

thy sincere Friend

Agnes Yeardley -

York March 26
1850

Dear Sir — I have this afternoon received the enclosed estimate from Wal[illegible] for heating the Stone room &c I think it is reasonable —

The water works people are doing nothing not withstanding their faithful promises —

Yours truly
J. A. Pritchitt

Mr Kilching

Iron Work required for the alteration
of the Hot Water Pipes at the Retreat.

39 feet of New Pipe 2 Inch bore
2 New Ice Pipes
Iron Cement for the Joints
A New Air Pipe
Workman fixing. —

I offer to execute the above for the
Sum of 3 . 15 . 0.

John Walker

York
March 1850.

Walker's Estimate

25

Jun 1850

Nottm 27/III/50

Dear friend

I inclose P.O.O. 15/9. the bal. due on Thos Thornely's a/c. made payable to Daniel H Tuke — York.

I send also an Engraving of Broom House Private Asylum — nawd I am the principal proprietor — I think we are progressing satisfactorily we have had 6 ladies & 6 gentlemen admitted, two of the former restored & continue well — the other ten remain & one ready to return well —

With kind regards to your family circle I am sincerely

Your friend

Booth Eddison

To Danl H. Tuke

Booth Eddison
June 27
1850

E Beakbane
21/III/50



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I Tuke
Retreat
near
York

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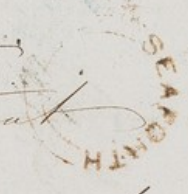



Esteemed Friend
I Tuke

We feel anxious to know how Sister E B is perhaps than wilt kindly inform us when convenient with dearlove to her

I am thy friend
E Beakbane

Litherland
3 mo 20 - 60

Respected Fd

J Stitching

Uncertain whether you would wait the return of the enclos'd circular we forward it with answers to the questions bearing upon the present case.

The patient remains tolerably quiet but becomes rather increasingly strong willd, and difficult to manage — His medical attendant is very desirous he may be placed under suitable care with as little delay as possible

My last letter would inform you that we found a difficulty in looking to any person here to accompany him down

In great haste (to be in time for post)

Thy sincere Fd

W D King

23/3/50

3/23/50
King WCD

Esteemed Friend
John Hitching

I received a few lines from my dearly beloved Husband's ~~Late~~ Father's Trustee ~~informing~~ ~~of~~ Darlington (Cus W Robson) of whom our Draperies are got, naming that my J Pds yearly new suit would reach the Retreat on 3rd day next, it has been the practice for me to write informing J Thurnam when that would be the case & J. T. kindly wrote saying they had reached in course back to me as cousin W R. likes to know of the Parcel having reached you & lets me have the pleasure of receiving the account as by that means I heard more frequently how my dear Husband was continuing, there will I believe be the needful Cloth &c. for two pair of Trowsers to the suit as I was informed when last at York it was desireable that should be through the great change in my afflicted Partners habits the Cloathes are made up by the Tailor that you employ pleased do be kind enough to see that they are made a com-

fortably & easy fit the expences of their
going what ever it is & their making &c,
are set down to my dear J.P.s account to the
Trustees as is other expences are I mean
I trust thou wile not think me tedious
it being the first time I have written to
thee relative to them makes me more
particular than I otherwise would —
and now dear F. wind thou has not writ
ten to me this month as usual and I be
leave to day it will be a fortnight since
the 11th of this month which was the ~~the~~
months end, ~~I believe~~ I did intend to wait
the whole month longer if I could but
this circumstance occurring I thought
thou would forgive my naming it to thee
I wile own J.W. called one first day
a while before the right time of my hear
ing from thee, and just said he had been
to the Retreat & had seen my kind friend
M Whitly who ~~sa~~ said my J.P. was
the same but it is not to me like havi
ing a few lines from the Medical Friend

residing there hoping thy Wife family & selv
are in good health believe me to remain
very respectfully thy obliged friend
Jane S Porter

P.S. Please excuse so many mis-
takes as I am but very poorly
at present

Park Row
Stockton 24th " 1850.


STOCKTON
MAR
John Hutchings
Retreat
near
York

Sudbury 12/3 mo 1850
King St.

Dear Friend

A friend living with us for many years has within the last two weeks shown very decided symptoms of despondency and within a day or two of insanity, and his medical attendant earnestly recommends his immediate removal to be placed under suitable care – He is a middle aged man, more of very bright faculties, but made himself useful – Will thou be so kind

as to inform me if
there is room at the
present time for him
to be admitted into
the Retreat, and if
so to forward a form
to fill up for him —
Also to state the expence
of such a party - [illegible]
trifling property - having
a wife & one little boy -

Also any instructions
relative to his removal -
he conducted by the
Train will be the
readiest mode —

I am thy sincere frd
John King

Charlbury 3/6/50
Harold Deb

Charlbury 3/6/50

Esteemed Friend

I am very anxious
to know how my dear
husband is getting on
& feel a hope although the
last was so unfavorable
as I have not heard again
that he may be improving
I should feel greatly obliged
if thou could send me a
few lines stating how he is
& may I ask thee how he

received my note & if he
ever alludes or makes
any enquiry respecting myself
children his home &c &c
the trial is as thou mayst
suppose a very severe &
close one & causes me
great anxiety grief &c &c
my husband has been from a
child I believe accustomed
to stimulants & has often said
if when ill he was allow'd
to get too low he should not
be able to rally, I do not presume
to dictate or to say whether
stimulants are proper or im-
proper in his case of course

I cannot judge but from
the great weakness he had
after the sickness has induced
me to say thus much which
I hope will be excused
If proper I should like my
very dear love to be given
to him & to say how sorry
I am to hear of his increased
illness &c Hoping to receive
a more favorable account
that thou will excuse my
thus troubling thee I am
sincerly thy Friend
Deborah Fowler

Bristol March 20 - 1850

Dear Sir

I should have replied earlier to your favor but was only yesterday enabled to do so

Respecting any plan that can be proposed to make it desirable to make trial of my Brother's release from York as far as am concerned I have not nerve enough to take in any way the personal care of him in Bristol I should be very timid at his being in this neighborhood & at the same time if thought prudent to liberate him I am willing to maintain him if he would be willing to live at a distance until he may be able to obtain a situation to make this unnecessary — My Sisters reply as to her plans for his employment I enclose — you will observe the employment is without pay, but being such help as Mr. Moore requires — whether this would make it less desirable in his case as lacking the main stimulus to exertion (remuneration) you can best judge — At the same time it is improbable that any one would engage him in any responsible & lucrative situation after so many years cessation from business — My Sisters idea would be that he should board with them & have a sleeping room in the neighborhood, but

there not be able to lodge him appears undesirable — She does not state that the Counting house employment at Mr Moore's Wharf is to attend to whatever may be necessary in connexion with the Coal trade which Mr M. carries on in a small way in addition to his superintendance of a Benefit Society ——

I have given all particulars to guide your judgment as to the suitability of the thing as a commencement —

It is rather of importance to know whether Solon wrote in case the plan was approved but himself inclined to settle at Manchester in his employment as on former occasions he was very restless & unsteady — Although at first the prospect of his liberation must induce him to think well of any plan that promised him liberty, unless it meets his views & inclinations as an occupation until his friends think it best to find him something else, his going to Manchester may only prove a stepping stone to his going beyond the reach of any of his relatives ——

Do not enlarge but at your convenience give your opinion of the matter before any thing decisive is resolved on. will oblige ——

I suppose it would not be possible to make an experiment at Manchester without his actual discharge from the control of the Retreat so that if it was found injurious he could be speedily returned

I am

respectfully yours

Wm Douglas

Bristol 3/20/50.
Polglase Wm

BRISTOL
MR21
1850

YORK
MR22
1850
B

Wm Polglase Whitchurch
Retreat
Gorse

To the Committee of Retreat

Lydia Nash wants to be redeemed from Retreat. to go among her own relations whenever she has tried to unkindle sympathy in the Doctor or M. W. for herself she has not succeeded. and wishes very much ability to gain it from you by thus troubling you — considering (as she has done for years) it very unjust keeping her as a person who knows not what she wants or should have rendered unto her

Retreat 18th of 3rd Mo 1850.

Release 3/18/50.
Nath Lydia

No 1 St Michaels Alley
Cornhill, 14 March 1850.
Shaw Gabriel

Sir,

I have to apologize for not having thanked you, for the concession made at the instance of Mr. Gurney, in favor of a young Lady, I was desirous of placing in the Retreat. And for not having informed you, that owing to the distance, and the expence attending visits, the young Lady's Mother, was very much opposed to her going to York – Every thing we have heard of the Retreat, induces the Parties interested in the young Lady,

to wish that York was not so distant from London.

Yours faithfully

Gabriel Shaw

To the Superintendent
of the Retreat
near
York

Dear Sir,

I was much obliged by your early reply to my enquiries, & which I have communicated to my friend, who now informs me that the young Lady for whom those enquiries were made is now with her mother in the South of England & will probably be placed in some establishment there.

Yours truly,
J. O. Hatfield Turner.

Cauklow March 8th 1850.

Cauklow 3/8/50
Lumen J H.

Clorafh, Rathfarnham
4 March 1850
Colebeck Ho

My dear L.

Your letter and one from my dear Son was sent to me here, thi' morns, accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in writing to me, it is a great comfort to me to hear from you and I feel the almost confidence that you will 'under God' do everything in your power for my poor fellow, I am disposed to consider it

not unfavourable that his thoughts are somewhat turned into another direction, and trust that our gracious God will support him and us all thro' his illness, wd it be too much to ask you to write me one or two lines by return of post, directed here, if you will be so kind, it will indeed be a great gratification to me, I fear trespassing too much upon you, but really I am unable to restrain myself - I write to my dear Son by this post and have told him I will 'DV' write again on Thursday next, but I have not told him I am writing to you, please God, I shall leave this for Liburn on next Saturday, but shall receive your letter if sent by return

God bless you my dear Sir

Yours truly

[illegible]

Aadenbury 3/14/50
Beesley Hy

D H Tuke

Esteemed Friend

I have thy note this morning respecting the old debt due on account of Wrycherley Stone. I cannot just now go into particulars respecting it, but will reply more fully at the earliest time I can; and I think it probable that a little delay will enable me to speak to Henry Stone (late Henry Junior) on the subject — The Father is deceased; Edward failed long since, and after a long delay has obtained a situation in some Railway Office; Henry has long been most exemplary in dutiful attention to his Father & Mother, and I consider their

almost entire support for years, as well as furnishing a Home for his two Sisters, one of whom has lost nearly all her little property: he will do all he can for the family, but I often fear the pressure is too much for his means. I hope I shall be able to consult my dear Friend J Algillett, who like me is well acquainted with family circumstances in this case —

My letter to thee a year or two since related only to the sadly increasing debt on account of Wrycherley in later years — I hoped the Family had paid up the Interest on the £100, altho' I was aware some few years since that it pressed uncomfortably on the present Henry Stone.

Thine truly

Henry Beesley

Adderbury 14-3 Mo 1850

D H Tuke

R Marsh

Zuro 17.50

London 15/2/50

Respected Friend

I herewith send the remaining half cents and trust it will arrive safe to hand

I am thine respectfully

Jam^s. Marsh

Gloucester 3mo 17 1850.

Esteemed Friend
D. H. Tuke.

The friends here are desirous of knowing the terms on which a patient can be admitted to the Retreat who has no resources of his own, and also what course should be pursued for his admission whether any further is required than the medical Certificates.—

I am also requested to enquire whether you have a person at liberty who could be sent here at any moment to convey him to your institution and to stay a day or two here should it be necessary, before the individual's health is established sufficiently

Jurie Sessions
3mo 12. 50

to be removed. — The friend has been ill for several weeks with Rheumatic Fever & tho' recovering from that, ~~he has a~~ it has now settled into a decided case of insanity of the hypochondriacal kind & his medical attendants recommend his removal immediately his health will admit & thought a man from your institution to be with him a day or two before removal would be desirable.

Thy answer by return of post will oblige

thy assured friend

Jesse Sessions

Hull 12/5/50

Respected Friend

D. H. Luke

I herewith send the half of a five pound note shall feel obliged by the acknowledgement of the receipt of it to 45 Holborn Hill and will send the other half which will complete the payment of 28 – 0 – 4 to a/c of H P Myer

I am thine very respectfully

Samuel Marsh

Wm C Marsh

Jan 14. 50

18/50

John Kitching Otley 3rd mo 5
Theaker Sh Dr

Yesterday Whitley of Otley sent me a post Office order for 8/- if thou would have the goodness to waite upon them at the Office stake the money or employ somebody else should be much obliged by so doing for I can get it when I return I got well forward into the Forest Yesterday

Thine Affectionately
Thos. Theaker

Nottingham
3rd mo. 5th

Dear Friend Payne Ty 1850

We have had 3 letters from our Robert since his escape to Newhile, and from the unsatisfactory contents, I write to say that it is highly probable he will be obliged to return to the Retreat where we wish to have him received again should it be necessary of which I intend to apprize thee. It appears he has not received his box, and we do not know whether it has been sent or not from York. The direction was Robert Payne Eliz^th Payne
Newhile Hall
near Wath upon Dearne.

Robert has made enquiry
at the Wath, and Swinton
Stations without success.
Please therefore inform
us whom the Box was
sent and when it is likely
to be found. Our Son
seems very unsettled.
and talks of going for a
soldier.
All have write with
me in love to Mrs & to
Mrs wife and S
Remain
Thy sincere Friend
Henry Pagner.

Please be kind enough to inform us how Mr. Davy is getting on; was sorry to hear so unfavourable an account by William Slack but hope by this time he will be a little better; an answer &c. return will Oblige

Yrs respectfully

Joshua Clapham

Stutton Keighley

March 5th 1850

3/5/50

Clapham Park

Lubwen 23rd March 1850
Caldbeck Wn

My dear Sir

The anxiety under which I labour on account of my dear son will not suffer me to abstain from being 'I fear' too troublesome to you in begging the favour of a few lines,

I have written to him twice every week since

I received his letter, but
he is not aware from me
that I can write to you, as I
have considered it better
not to tell him, I hope
dear Sir, you will not
allow him to want for
any thing you may think
desirable for him, under
God, I leave him in your
hands, in the full persuasion
you will do every thing in your
power. Do pardon me; if
you could know what my
feelings are, you would

be aware that I cannot help
being troublesome to you

I my dear Sir
very truly
W. Holdeck

To Dr Hotchkiss

Stetton Keighley
March 11th 1850
Clapham Sat.

W. Slack and I went over to Morton this morning to see my brother respecting Jno. Davy's interment we think it will be best to bring him to their own burying ground; if it be convenient for you to come or send a person with him, shall feel obliged if not will send a person for him: should like him to be at Keighley on Thursday next; you can arraing about the coffin and also a box to in-close the same, also be kind enough to send an acp. of the expences to bro-ther and he will remit the same.

an answer pr. return will oblige

Yrs respectly
Jos.a Clapham

see over

P.S. We should like him to be
taken to the Old Rodney Inn
Church St. Keighley

Camberwell. 3rd Mo 3. 50.

Bale Eliza

To John Kitchin

Esteemed Friend

Not having heard for some time any particulars of my Husband Josh C Bale I should feel much obliged by thy informing me whether any material change has taken place in him since from last had him under thy Medical care —

Thy affectionate Friend

Eliza Bale

Thy address

"Eliza Bale
3 Victoria Place
Camberwell New Rd
Surrey"

I remain
with much respect
Thy sincere friend
Henry Payne.

Nottingham
3rd mo 10th
1850

Dear Friend Payne Hs

We have had another unsatisfactory letter from our Robert dated the 8th who, according to the contents of thy letter dated the 6th, was directed to go to the Wath Station for his box, which, it appears, he did, but without success. We fear the box may have been

sent to another place
of the same name, of
which there are two not
very far from York.
We have written to the
manager of the Goods de-
partment at York, whose
name is Bailey, to in-
form him the Box had not
arrived, as directed, and
requested him to make
enquiry... respecting it.
We shall also think
the to send some
one to the Station at
York to ascertain if the
Box was forwarded
to Wath, upon, ~~Station~~
Dearne, Station near
Swinton.

The full direction
is Robert Payne
Eligth Payne
Newhile
near Wath upon Dearne.
To be left at the Station
Wath upon Dearne near Swinton, con-
tile called for.

Esteemed Friend

Jno Pritching

I have rec'd 2 letters from my relative and I am fearful from the tenor of them there is not much improvement. Thou wilt perhaps shortly write me giving me a few particulars — I have enclosed in ~~it~~ this a letter for him — thou wilt also receive one sent him from a friend and relation of his from America this will be forwarded by Thos Gopsile —

I am with love

Thy Friend

Ella Hills

P Hale
w Kelvedon
3 Mo 8. 1850

Kelvedon 3/8/50
Hills Frd.



John Kitching
Retreat
York

Stanford Rivers
Romford
Essex

3 Mo 15 1850
Dix Robt

Respd Frd

Having heard by my Brother in law J Ringer that my Sister Hannah Ringer was very ill if thee would drop me a line by return of Post it would very much oblige me and her Anxious Sister

I am thy
friend
Robt Dix

to John Kitching

St Hornsditch London

Jan. 10. 1850

Bowden Jr

Dr Sir

Dear Tuke,

As annexed I have paid to the a/c at Barnett & Co per York City & Co Bank £38. 3. 2

Mine Sincerely,

Jo Bowden

Dr. York Retreat in ap with James Bowden Cr.

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Fairfield 4/1/50
Martindale Mg

Dear friend
John Kitching
I have been several days longer in returning the paper of questions back to York than I expected to be when I was there. –
Will thou please send me any other papers which are requisite to be filled up, and inform me, if thou art able to do so, when it is likely there will be a vacancy? –

Several of the last questions have been answered by the Owners of the Institution where my dear husband now is - and, I think he does not entertain any more favourable opinion of his case. I hope his removal to the Retreat may have a beneficial influence upon the disorder, and I do feel very desirous that the change be made as soon as it can be.

Can be.

Hoping to hear soon from thee Dear

My friend.

Respectfully

Mary A. Martindale.

Richmond.

6th mo 1st 1850

Address to me. Fairfield.

Fairfield 4th mo 18th
1850.
Martindale Mo

Dear friend

John Ritching

I may now inform thee that it seems decided that my dear Husband & John Owen & my bro:-in-law Joseph Kirk will leave L'pool by train at 1/4 to 11 A.M.

and expect to arrive
at York at 50 minutes
past 2 P.M. — on 7th day
Thos Owen is the owner
of the Assylum where
poor Henry has been
4 months, and as
he has never been at
the Retreat, should he
be inclined and have
time perhaps he will
like to see through
Your institution —
With Love
Jamsby Frd
M. H. Martindale.

Fairfield 4th mo 5th
1850-

Martindale Mr

Dear friend

Thy note of yesterday has come to hand this morning and I thought I had best inform thee that the certificate has been omitted.

It is a relief to me to find that my dear husband can so

I am respectfully
thy friend
M. H. Martindale

soon he admitted —
will thou please say
whether Cousin J. H. Bugg
is likely to get the
Retreat — and if not,
whether Henry's Coffin
room will be ready
from the day room —
Respecting the time of
making the Change.
I think in about 10 Days
or so — But this I cant
at present fully fix.
as it must a little
depend upon when
my Brother in Law
J. Firth and Mrs Firth
can accompany poor
Henry —
I phoned also Mr. to
know if the Guardis'
payment is expected
when the patient is
admitted ? —

Fairfield 4/12/50
Martindale Mg

Dear Friend
John Ketching
I duly received
thy note with the en-
closures - And it may
be as well for me to
inform thee, that it
does not seem probable
we can effect the re-
moval of my dear
husband to the Retreat-

until seventh day
in next week —
I intend to inform
thee by what train
when the day draws
near —

I am respectfully
Thy friend
H. Hy: Martindale.

Fairfield
4th mo 12th 1850. —

will kindly remember to write me soon when he has seen a little more of my poor Henry —

I am thy sincere
fred
Mary Hy: Martindale.

Moss House Rochdale
4th mo 25th 50.
Martindale Mr

Dear friend

In my letter of the 23rd I omitted to request thee to direct to me to this place until I apprize thee of my having left —
I should like to know that my long communication has reached thy hands.
The parcel containing some

more Clothing I intend
to forward by rail on
7th or 2nd day -
The thick flannel vest
which my dear husband
had on when he went
has lost its fellow - it
not having come back
from The Brook - Does thou
think it needful to procure
another like it - to wear
with it - if not, he should
not wear a thick one, one
week and a thinner another
but give up the thick one
for the summer - will
thou say ~~to~~ soon and I
will provide accordingly -
Has my dear Henry much
sleep at night - and does
the attendant keep much
or entirely with him -
How does he like the
Charge? - does he make
any remark - Has he
recognized I. H. Bragg?
and is he inclined to as-
sociate with the other
patients - I hope that
our friend Colet Williams

A Paynes respects to
Jr Wood and is much
obliged by his favor,
enclosing £30-0-0 - the
Annuity due to her, and
her Sister S Fearne
from the Actuat York

Thos. Arch.m Tadcaster
April 3rd/50

Thos Arch 4/3/50
D. Payne
Rct £30

Mining Office
Swansea 4/12. 1850.

D. H. Tuke Bath Hy

Dear Friend,

Wm Sibbering is again very unwell & our medical adviser thinks we had better be prepared with the needful documents to fill up in case it should be necessary to send him to the retreat again - Wilt thou have the kindness to send some to me - Please say when

then writest how my
poor sister is — I will
write her account in
a few days —

Thy Sincere Friend
Henry Bath

Manchester
4 mo 23: 1850

Respected Friend

I duly received thine of yesterday relating to James Walton, and am requested to say in reply there is no doubt but an eligible Guarantee a Guarantee may be obtained for the Payment of this Bond. Edward Binyon has consented to join another Friend for this purpose, and before this letter is posted hope to be able to get another.

And if it is thought desirable no time should be lost in getting bond to Court I shall be obliged by thy

transmitting the needful
Documents without Delay.
I shall have to make fur
ther enquiry whether he
can be furnished with
the Recommendation of
a Donor —

P.S. I may now inform
thee that 3 other Friends are
willing to become guaran
tees in addition to E Bin
yon, viz Thos Binyon
Jos Rooke, & George Dawe
I enclose herewith the
Des Certificates
and remain respectfully
thy Friend
Geo Dawson

Manchester 4/23/50
Dawson Ct.

Wm Wood
the Retreat
York

Reputed Friend

As I am expecting James Walton to go to York in the morning I thought I would take the opportunity to enquire of thee if there be not a vacancy on account of the £200 Annuity of our Quarterly meeting —

And as an Agent I should hope there would be no objection to furnish me with a List of Donors —

Should there be a vacancy as above I shall be obliged by thy informing me to whom I may make application

5th Day the Paper for
Signature has reached
me, and I hope to forward
it & Beares Isaac Walton
if the Medical Men
can be met with —
if not by first Post
as I W has been worse
and it is important
he should be got off
In haste
Thy Friend sincerely
Geo Dawson

Halifax 1st Apl 1860
Alexander & Hammerton

Dear Sir

We sincerely beg pardon for having given you additional trouble in the matter of Mrs Thomson latterly but assure you that it has arisen out of the appointment of the New Committee who has not yet got fairly to work, - he is now called upon to send in his account of the state of Mind & Body of the Lunatic to enable him to do which we will thank you to send us your report

We are Dear Sir
Yours truly
Alexander & Hammerton

Dr Thurnham
Retreat
York

Halifax 4th Oct 1850
Alexander & H.

Dr Sir

Re Mrs Thomson

We are truly sorry to give you so much trouble in this matter but as the Comrs require the Certificate to embrace both the bodily and mental state of the Lunatic we enclose you one which will answer better than the one sent by you if you will have the kindness to sign & return it to

Mr Ritchie Esq
Ethicate
York

Dr Sir
Your obt Servts
Alexander & Hammerton

R. C. Barron

London
65 Old Broad Street
9th April 1856

Sir. I have this Morning had forwarded me from Messrs. Alexander & Hammond of Halifax. Mr. Kitching's report as to the health of Mrs Charlotte Thomson to the 5th Instt.

I have ~~me~~ on two occasions requested that the usual Medical Certificates may be sent to me direct as Committee & I have again to call your

attention
to this Matter.

If you will forward me here the amount due on Mrs. Thomson's account to the 25th. March. I will, as Committee, take an early opportunity of discharging it.

I am Sir
Your obed Servt
Robd P Barron

To the Secy of the
Retreat York

Lady Blackett presents her Comp.ts to Dr. Hitchins & thanks him for his note of the 14th March enclosing a Letter written by her Son to Col Arthur which she has not forwarded to him, as she believes her Son was under a delusion at the time he wrote it

Lady Blackett has this day ordered her Bankers (Coutts) to pay the sum of £1..8..6 to be paid to Messrs Barnett Hoare & Co. Bankers Lombard St. "to the credit of the Retreat with the York City & County Bank." on account of her Son Charles Blackett

Thorpe Lee
Chertsey
1st April 1850

Thorpe Lee 4/1/50

Blacket Lady.

Stating that an ~~remittance~~ order had been made for payment of £61.8.6.

Cirencester

Cirencester 4 Apl 1850
Brown Thos C

Dear Friend

~~D. H. Hack~~ Tuke

I have ordered Fifteen Pounds to be paid as usual + on account of my sister Sarah

Please acknowledge the Vest & say how she is

Thine here

Thos C Brown

"Sarah Brown's" A/c

D H Tuke

+ To the York City & Co Bank

Friars Sugar Refinery
Bristol 4mo 3rd 1850

Respected Friend,

The parties interested would feel obliged by thy forwarding as soon as possible to Jno Withy*, the acting trustee under my late fathers Will, a bill of thy demand against the estate on account of my deceased Sister Mary Wernwell — The want of this document is the only obstacle to a winding up of the affair — Should any after charge be made against the retreat on her account there would be no difficulty whatever in the settlement thereof

I am
thy assured friend
J Wernwell

* at Counter Slip Sugar House

Bristol 4 M. 3, 50

Benwell J.

In reference to a/c of the late M Benwell

25. Chuck St. Spitalfields
London
April 16 1850

Goode J.R.

Sir

May I trouble you to inform me whether you have a vacancy for a Private Patient who is a friend of mine suffering under Ordinary Mania of a short duration. Please also send me a Circular of your Charges, that I may select from the different Clases you might have under your treatment, the amount which his relatives can afford to pay for his maintenance

Waiting your Reply

I am Sir Your Obt Servt

J. R. Goode

Clifton.

Clifton 13 April 1850
Wesley Jr.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of yesterday I have to report that immediately upon the discharge of the Retreat a/c I paid the balance over to the Family as directed by the Will of Late John Benwell

As however it is quite clear that this sum of 2.12.0 is due to the Institution, (though it did not occur to me at the time I paid the a/c,) I have seen Sir Benwell (Brother of deceased) & with him left your letter. I doubt not you will hear from him in a few days

Yrs truly
Jas Wesley

Shell Wood

whether he is better than he was when he went? or whether he is now in a fit state to be at liberty? or whether you think he soon will be? by informing me of these will greatly oblige

Very truly yrs.—

W. Treacy

Richmond Hill
near Whitehaven

Richmond Hill
April 12th 1850
Treacy Wm

Dr. Hitching

Dr. Sir.

Enclosed is a letter I received some time ago from my brother John. It seems to me to be written in a very hasty & perhaps exaggerated way. I even doubt myself whether it is not wholly unfounded in which case it is quite possible that he might imagine things that are

not really existing. It would give all his friends & myself very great pleasure to be able to set him at liberty. were he in a fit state. but before taking such an important step, it is at the same time quite necessary to be prudent & act with caution for he has already been confined before in an establishment of the same description at Burnspee. but some time after he was liberated he broke out in the same violent way in which he was before entering & remained in that state till he was sent to the "Retreat". I would feel Exceedingly obliged to you if you would write informing me of his state. Whether it is your opinion that he really is in an unsound state of mind? or what are his peculiarities?

Henry
Whitefields
10 April 1880
Pryor Arthur

Sir,

I should be obliged
by your sending
me a line stating
if "Jesse Dickels"
is still an inmate
of your Asylum &
if so in what state
of health he is in

I write this as
Trustee under the
will of Saml. Tickell
deceased from which
he derives his
income — Perhaps
you could oblige
me with a printed
form of your terms
as well — I am sir
Yr obed Sert
Arthur Pozzo

The Manager
of the Retreat

tinuing in confinement.
I remain
Sir
Yours respectfully
Emily Polglase.

Tiverton Street
Ardwick
Manchester.
Apr. 13/50

Polglase Emily

Sir/

My Sister's engagements preventing her writing by to-day's post, she requests me to reply to your letter. She is not able to adopt your suggestion of John's lodging in her house, but would provide a bed-room for him as near this as possible. I believe you are aware that John would board with my Sister, and would accompany Mr Moore daily into town to his place of

business. We are aware of the desirableness of circumstances as pleasant and easy as possible, but we hope that, as John may be free from anxiety respecting his maintenance while unable to obtain it by his own exertions, his liberty may not be injurious to him. When last in Bristol boarding with us John had a lodging at a short distance from us without any unpleasant result. His disorder returned while in a situation on the rail-way quite out of our reach, the responsibility of board, lodging &c, all devolving on himself. We do not wish to be accessory to his removal from the Retreat, if his present condition makes you apprehensive of danger in submitting him to the arrangements proposed, and shall feel satisfied with the judgment of the committee respecting his case. My Brother William has much personal fear of him, which I believe greatly tends to bias his judgment towards his con-

in the open air. He seemed pretty well generally whilst here. he has now to work hard for the College. A few days previous to his coming here I had been in London where I staid abt a wk, during which time Saml. arrived in Town - we all spent a 1st day together at Enfield, a very unusual occurrence. I am now left again to my former solitude. I am glad to find thy family improved in health by the change of air. My dr little girl is well & has enjoyed many a play with her Uncle A. She much wants society, I wish thy dr little E. could pay her a visit, they would be nice companions. Will thou hand the enclosed note?

I am with love thy affecte Bro

Chs: Kitching

Haverhill
4 Mo 29. 1859
Kitching Chs

My dear Brother

Thy note of the 26th & 27th ult. enclosing a letter &c from my dr F. came to hand this morning & which I am very glad to receive, as I cannot but think they evince some little advances towards a conquest over that utter inability, which some time back seemed to prevail, of turning her attention to, & accomplishing any little performance either in writing or working. I hope she will endeavor to persevere in fixing her attention

to various pursuits of amusement & pass-time, which I doubt not wd be of service to her.
I shd be glad of the promised sketch, it has been a task unperformed for a very long time. Want of resolution is still very apparent, & the frequent change of purpose shews too clearly that her poor mind is still the abode of much disease, but dost thou not think there is some improvement visible since I was there? I cannot divest myself of the idea that some change has taken place — if so perhaps it may lead to some marked & decided improvement, but I am afraid to indulge any sanguine hope. The ~~[illegible]~~ note enclosed in thine & addressed to "M. Marriage" I suppose is to be forwarded. I think it a much better performance than the one addressed to me the week before.
I shall be obliged if thou wilt address me a line from time to time & at no great interval between, informing me what thou thinks of her state.

Perhaps thou art not aware that Bro. Alfred has been paying me a visit he left this morning, & has spent little more than 2 wks here, which I hope he will not find altogether loss of time, as I trust it has been of some service to his health, having taken a good deal of exercise

Rochester
Pa Pa

Rochester 4 of 5 Month /50
Reynolds Car

Esteemed Friend
John Ketching

I gratefully appreciate thy kind attention in giving me such early information of my dear mothers serious symptoms. and am induced to avail myself of the opportunity of a post to London to night, which I should not under ordinary circumstances. I write with the especial object of saying that it is much my desire and I believe would be that of

the family generally that I might see her agreeable mutability, and intend to hold myself in readiness to go directly upon receiving a summons, if it should seem to you right, who are with her. I do not apprehend they will reach Lee before having written a second time, but hope then will kindly favour me with a reply to this.

Thy friend
respectfully & obliged
Caroline Reynolds

Castleton Mills
4 mo: 29 - 1850.
Yeardley Agnes.

Esteemed Friend
Jno. Ritching

In consideration of thy kind attention to our dear Sister Sarah of which she often speaks in grateful terms I feel that it is due to thee to be informd of her welfare, and am truly thankful to be able to say that since coming here she has gradualey improved and seems to gain strength almost every day - her appetite is good and she rests well - so that she is able to use considerable exertion both out of doors and in the house with-

=out suffering from it - her re=
=turn to Scarboro' seems at present
uncertain as our friend Rachel
Proud is very ill, and reduced to
such a state of extreme weakness
that we fear her going might be
attended with a risk to both parties, but as it
is desirable that R.P. should have
some one with her in addition
to her servants it is concluded
for me to go - and I intend to leave
home tomorrow I shall then be
able to form an opinion as to
the propriety of dear S returning
at all if R.P. should rally again for
a while - - I hope Elizabeth
Kitching and thyself are well and
that your dear children are quite
recovered from their recent attack
of illness - Ann often speaks of them
and was concerned to hear of their
being so poorly - she is in good
health and wd send her love if she
knew of my writing - my J.Y. has
been an Invalid for these weeks
he is now somewhat better tho'
not strong - but I hope he will
continue to improve as the weather
gets warmer - Will thou remem=
=ber us kindly to Maria Whitten
and her daughter - there is a
small amount due to the Retreat
from us, we should be glad to have
it sent in - in order that it may
be discharged - With love to E.K.
and thyself in which my J.Y. and
Sister wish to unite I remain
thy sincere friend

Agnes Yeardley -

Rochester

Rochester 25 of 4 Mo 1856
Reynolds Car

Esteemed Friend

John Kitching

Though I fully depend on thy engagement to inform me, if any particular change takes place in my dear mother, I feel most satisfied to request thou wilt kindly give me a little account of her, it is so long since her family heard of her, not having received the bill for the Quarter, on which occasions we have a brief report, but I think thou wilt be able to enter into our feelings, in wishing occasionally

to hear more circumstantially of a dear, and late affectionate parent; any little incident of whom would interest us. I would write to her if it would be likely to interest her, if thou wilt mention it, and whether she could be induced or has mental power to write a few lines to me. Wilt thou mention if there is an increase of bodily or mental weakness: and whether the great despondency is the same. I hope she continues to take an interest in reading and walking in the beautiful grounds; it would be very satisfactory to hear she gave less trouble respecting her food. My dear love to her with my aunt's her own sister, and wilt thou give my kind love to Maria Whitton, who I have reason to believe is a kind and sympathizing friend to my dear mother which is a comfort to me, and the confidence I feel in the general kind care of her is a great alleviation.

Thy friend respectfully

Caroline Reynolds

sister Jane — all are well
With love I remain
thy friend sincerely
Priscilla Ellis —

4 mo 18th —

John Ketchiny
Retreat —

4/18/50
Ellis Pris

Esteemed Fd —

The return of our poor dear Charles birthday has again induced me to ~~attempt~~ address a few lines to him, so by if it will elicit a reply — If he is unable to comply with the request will thou be so very

kind as to inform me whether
he did read my note
or make any remarks
upon it — also how
he is upon the whole
whether you can induce
him to take any part
in his garden or in
the enjoyments of the

late fine weather by walk
ing out — please also to
mention how my dear
sister has borne this
long cold winter —
If our cousin J Ransom
can enter into the informa
tion please with my love
say his uncle James and
Aunt Susanna lodged
here last as well as his

Cheadsey 4/19/50
Blackett Lady

Lady Blackett presents her comp^{ts} to Dr Kitching, & is happy to find from her Sister Mr^{s} Pemberton who saw her son Charles a few days since that she found him much better than she expected & that he received her with affection. Lady B^{t} is very glad to hear her son takes walks in the Country & wishes him to have any thing he wishes for that is consistant with the rules of the establishment. if Pocket money is allowed she wishes him to have some. 5^{s} at once would be sufficient he may wish to make little purchases at York & the shops

might amuse him. it may not be the custom of the Establishment to advance money to Patients in which case Lady B would send a Draft for any sum her son may require, he is remarkably musical & when in his senses would have enjoyed the music of the Cathedral but at present it might not be advisable

Lady Blackett will be much obliged to Dr Stitching to send her a line to say how her Son is going on once every month she also begs to say that her Sister was much pleased with everything she saw at the Retreat & found her Nephew as comfortable as circumstances will admit

Thorpe Lea
Chertsey
19th April 1850

Fence house
4/24/50
Roberts &

Mrs and the Misses Roberts's
compliments to Mrs Tuke, and
would feel greatly obliged by
hers informing them the
state of Mrs Stansfield's
health and mental condition.
Fence House
April 24th

Leibourne 24 April 1850

My dear L. Calabeck Wr

Your most welcome letter was rec'd this morning; for wh I thank y most sincerely; I know y must have many arduous duties to discharge and therefore it is with pain I trespass upon y

We all agree in thinking y letter as favourable as we cd expect; and I trust, feel thankful

to Almighty God for
enabling you to write so
to us, of course all
idea of going over
to York is given up,
and my very dear Son
has no idea that I ever
write to you, the weather
is now improving, and
I trust and believe you
will have my thing done
for him which you shall
consider right, without
considering expenses,
I shall meet cheerfully

pay it; don't let him
want for anything, or
any excursions or attendance
necessary, may the Lord
bless you my dear Son
ever thy

[illegible]

Respected friend

Regret to inform
thee that Mary Ann
Tilney is in that state
of mind as to render it
desirable that she should
return to the Retreat &
shall feel obliged by thy
sending me the needful
forms for her introduction

I remain
thine respectfully
James Marriage
Chelmsford
4mo 4. 1850

Chelmsford 4/4/50
Marriage Lic.

Ballinamore
4, 18th 50-
Green Mill Cam

Respected Friend
John Kitching

I should feel much obliged if thou could favor me with some information of the present state of my dear sister Caroline Green, as she did not reply to my last note to her, I have not been able to gain any intelligence for some months, I am

quite unacquainted with the rules and regulations of the Retreat, & am not aware how I could procure them, if thou would have the kindness to inform me, & could send me a printed statement it would afford me much satisfaction, hoping that thou will excuse my troubling thee with this request.

I am respectfully
thy friend
Miriam Green

hamper of sundry articles & perhaps dear Mrs Whitton would kindly name any thing that might afford the dear child pleasure without bringing home too vividly before her.

I am just recovering after a long confinement from an attack of Bronchitis, & if my Doctor permits I am going, they say, what change of air will effect. A good report from you (if such you are able to give) will I think accelerate my absence amendment. This may occasion some delay in sending a parcel but your letter will be immediately forwarded to me. With our united kind Regards Believe me sincerely Yr friend Elizabeth Charlesworth

11 King St. Tewkesbury Sgr.
April 11th
Charlesworth Eliz

My dear Sir

If I have been slow in availing myself of your kind offer, it has not arisen from any want of appreciating your kindness, or from not attaching much value to your communications, but rather from a fear of intruding on your time when so many claims must present themselves requiring your attention: but as I have begun to feel somewhat impatient

and a longing desire for your report of my dear Amelia
I take up my pen with confidence
having the assurance that I am addressing one on whose sympathy
& candour I can fully rely
A day does not pass in which my dear child is not thought of
& earnestly do we pray if it is in accordance with the will of infinite Love & Wisdom, she may be restored to us. It is only the confidence that we have in his Truth & faithfulness, that enables us to go cheerfully forward attending to the duties that daily present themselves, without murmuring & without despondency; still there are periods when the remembrance of what was her early promise, placed by the side of what she is now, casts its shadow over us, but I try to banish these thoughts, in a grateful sense of that mercy which has enabled us to place her where we feel the surest comfort that she has the best medical skill & every indulgence that her state admits of.

If my dear Sir you think her in a state to be gratified by a few presents from home, I should have much satisfaction in sending her a small

Sudbury 9/4/50

King L.

Ev'd Friend

We do not wish to give needless trouble to thee respecting our poor Fd I D Beamish, but his poor wife feels so much anxiety to hear again of her present situation that I trust thou will excuse my writing to request a line or two for her satisfaction —

It may be desirable that she should know how often you are in the practice of writing to the relatives of such as are placed under your care, which I think would have

a quieting effect for the future —

I am with love

Thy fd J King

Bristol 4/7/50
Polglase Mr

Dear Sir

Since writing you some of our friends have thought that it might be desirable were I to run up to York see John, when I could go more minutely than by letter into the circumstances in which he would be placed were he discharged, as well as into other matters likely to result from his liberation — If you think my visit would enable you to judge better respecting him from more full knowledge of his prospects I would on receipt of reply Pretium run up say on Wednesday

If from what you may learn from particulars in my last you may have judged it best for him not to leave at present

in that case my coming
may be useless —
Esteeming your reply
& return.

Remain
Respectfully
Wm Polglase

Bristol Ap 7/50

Respected friend
John Titcking

I write to apprize
thee that it is probable
mary Ann Tilney will
reach The Retreat tomor-
row or on fifth day.-
If this note be posted from
London thou mayst con-
clude that she is on her
way with her husband
Thine respectfully
James Marriage

Chelmsford
4mo 16. 1850

Chelmsford 4/16/50
Marriage Ds.

the continuation of disease & who will alleviate in His own best time.

This uncertain weather has detained me at home, so I had the comfort of receiving your letter immediately. I am better though still suffering from difficulty in breathing. With very kind regards.

I am Mydear Sir
Yours very sincerely
Elizabeth Charlesworth

14 Kingth. Tensbury Sqr.
April 15th 50
Charlesworth
Elizh

Mydear Sir

I must intrude on you, & indulge myself by sending a few lines to thank you for your kind promptness in writing, and for entering so fully into a mother's feelings. Your letter will be read again and

again, and with the
grateful feelings of one
who can, and does
appreciate the judgment
and tender consideration
of your letter: indeed you
are often remembered by me
at a Throne of Grace,
& I feel certain that the
Lord will reward those
whose tender care administers
to the comfort of those
who cannot ask for
themselves. May this
best of Blessings rest upon
you.

When a period arrives
that you judge a few
little presents may be sent
without injury and
with real pleasure to
your patient, I shall have
a melancholy pleasure
in arranging a parcel
for my dear child.

I shall patiently
wait knowing who appoints

Sheffield

Sheffield April 15. 1850

Sykes Jr.

Sir

I shall be obliged by your acquainting me in course of Post, if you have a vacancy for a Male Patient, & upon what Terms —

I am Sir

Yours respectfully

John Sykes Jr.

— " —

Dr. Kitching

in my opinion he
has gained or lost
ground since I
left him in England
and what hope you
have of his recovery
I hardly know what
I write and therefore
must conclude

Yours dear Sir
very truly

M. Caldbeck

Lisburn
Lisburn 20 April 1850
Caldbeck M

My dear Sir

I know you have
very much business
to engage your attention
and therefore would
not trespass upon
you if my feelings
for a very dear son
would permit me
but as I have not heard
anything of him since

Gloucester 19/4/50
Fowler Deb.

Respected Friend
J Ketching

I have been hoping
to hear for some days
past some intelligence
respecting my dear brothers
as I wished my brother
to request a few lines
in two or three days, as
I feel very anxious to know
how he is getting on &
should feel much obliged

if thou would send me
a few lines stating if
his bodily health &c is at
all improving & he
gaining strength & what
is thy opinion of him
I intend sending with
this a few lines to him
which I of course must
leave to thy judgment
whether to give him or
not. I hope it may not
be improper for him to
receive it, but if thou
concludes it will be best
not please return it me
the anxiety nattural in
such a case will I hope
be a sufficient apology
for my thus troubling
thee I am respectfully
thy friend
D Fowler

Melchet
John Fowler
London Road
Gloucester

7 Chester 4/15 1857

Beakbane Hy.

Respected Friend

I will thank thee to inform my sister E Beakbane of the decease of her brother Thomas, which event took place at about 2 o Clock on first day morning the 14th Inst, he had Brather a lingering illness ac= =companied by great suffering the doctors thought his heart was affected in consequence of his breathing being so very laborious, his stomach was also affected towards the commencement

of his illness, he for
several weeks vomiting
allmost incessantly,
the disease at last
attained a dropsical
form, his limbs and
body swelling enormously,
his limbs and back being
punctured, there was
for several days a
discharge of about
six quarts of water, this
operation gave him relief
for a time, but the water
increasing in his body
the doctors came to the

determination to tap him
as the only chance of
saving his life, they
drew a considerable
quantity of water from him
but he gradually sank
after the operation, until
death in a very few
days closed the scene,
during his illness he often
spoke very feelingly of
his sister Elizabeth, his
attachment to her was
very strong, and the love
her brother dearly, I know
well she will feel his
loss deeply, with those

broach to her the subject
of her dear brothers death
as feelingly and cautiously
as possible, lest it may
have an injurious effect
on my dear sisters mind
We were glad to hear
of Elizabeths mental health
being so much improved
we hope this improvement
continues, please tell
her we shall be glad
if she will come and
reside with us, we have
lately removed to Chester
and have taken a pretty
Cottage situated on the banks
of the Dee, the garden

sloping down rather
precepitously to the
edge of the river, the
prospect is a most
beautifull one, wood
water and mountain
composing the scenery
gaily painted pleasure
boats gliding on the
stream add much to
the liveliness of the scene
these particulars I should
not have named, if
I had not known
the effect that lively
scenery has on a
malady such as my
sister has been afflicted with

We shall be glad
to hear from thee
respecting my visit,
and if she would
also write us, as
to her views regarding
coming to us — I am
sorry to trouble
thee with so long
a letter, but the
subject of it will be
so mournfully interesting
to my dear sister I am

P.S. direct
Boughton
Chester

Thos Trew
Beakbane

John Kitching

West Sterling
4/29. 50.
Rogers J.

Respected Friend
John Kitching

At the time I received thy letter announcing my Sister's serious indisposition, I was suffering from the effect of a rather severe accident having been just previously thrown from my sig by which my right shoulder was dislocated - I mention this in order

as I hope to satisfactorily account for the otherwise apparent neglect in not before thanking thee for that as well as thy last letter conveying the pleasing intelligence that my Sister was again convalescent.

I shall feel obliged by thy presenting the enclosed note to my sister.

I have not therein alluded to what has occurred to me as I thought it better to avoid causing her any anxiety.

My arm remains weak, but, I am thankful to say it does not now cause me pain & that I am nearly recovered.

Remain
Thine Sincerely
J. Kinsey.

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your prompt reply to my note

I intend leaving here on Thursday morning & as the train arrives late at York I suppose it will be Friday morning before I shall be able to do myself the pleasure of seeing you —

meantime

Yours

Respectfully

William Polglase

April 7 - 1856

4/7/50
Polglase Mr

Remitted £30. 4/2/50

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Payne 20

D Paynes Respects to
Danl F. Tuke, and
will be much obliged
if he will be so kind
as to send her the
Retreat Annuity, also
her Sister S Fearnes.

April 1st /50

Thos Jr Archer Sadcaister

Thap Arch 4/150
D. Payne
relative to
payment of Annuity

York 13th of 4mo 1850.

(1) To the Committee of the Retreat.

I understand that a question came before you at the last Committee respecting the use of the carriage belonging to the Institution; and whether any other kind of ~~chaise~~ vehicle could be made more efficient in promoting the comfort of the patients: As I believe the subject is likely to be named at your next meeting I am desirous of submitting to you a few thoughts which have been long before me, not equally on this question but on the whole subject of the moral manage-ment of our patients.

Ever since I became connected with the Retreat and interested in the welfare of its inmates, I have been strongly impressed with the conviction that the monotony which prevails within its walls, is one of the greatest impediments to its curative treatment; and though my earlier impressions on the subject have been modified by subsequent observation, and I cannot now entertain the opinion that there are ~~not a very few~~ patients to whom that monotony may be beneficial and at any rate to whom ~~a forced or strongly urged dyet of~~ continued systems of forced or strongly

urged action would be decidedly unfavourable, my impression remains the same that the extent to which monotony prevails in our and in most other establishments for the insane, is a great evil. We are not to assume when we read the Reports of great entertainments or theatrical exhibitions within the walls of an asylum, in which the patients are the actors, that the remedy has been found and the evil removed. These great and very occasional efforts to occupy and amuse the patients even if no objection could be taken to their character, are very transient in their pleasurable effects. and if not followed up by any corresponding efforts to please, may probably only induce a stronger feeling of restlessness and discomfort under the requisite restraints

What we want in Asylums is not (except in a few cases) the violent excitement of pleasurable feelings, but the engagement of the mind in the pursuit of some rational object in which it can feel an interest or in which, without much painful effort, it can be induced to engage. Dr Beddoes said that all exciting pleasures are debilitating. The philosophy of human comfort for those who are in a state of health, does not lead us to seek it amidst scenes of exciting

pleasures, but rather in the walks of quiet industry and domestic endearments. and when sickness interferes with active toil, the greatest amount of satisfaction will be derived from the kindly looks and words and attentions of friends & relatives: and by the use of measures likely to promote the restoration of health -

The comparison between the circumstances of parties in a healthy condition of mind with those who are insane, can only be made with many modifications or exceptions; but there are great principles of action and mental influence in which the sane and insane may be said to be one. The patient whose perverted judgment spurns the kindness of his nearest friends, will be fully sensible of any act of sympathy or consideration for his condition when placed under restraint and though wordy professions might be distasteful, he will appreciate the expression of real kindness in the voice & manner of his attendant. The root of all successful moral treatment is to be found in that real sympathy which induces an unselfish course of action on the part of those who have the charge of the insane; and it was this feature of character combined with a calm masculine reason which constituted the greatness of George Jepson in

in that department.

If the insane be thus, notwithstanding his disease, within the range of the kindly influences of human nature, he is hardly less susceptible of other influences operating through his understanding & bodily feelings. Even a superficial observation of the aspect and conduct of the insane when watching any transaction of interest or engaged in endeavouring to ~~engage~~ attain an object will convince us that they are to a very large extent subject to the same influences as the sane. Such considerations have ~~influenced the directors of~~ been the foundation of moral treatment at the Retreat from its rise ~~foundation~~ common to the present time. ~~but it is impossible for any who have not almost lived in an Institution of this kind, or who have not closely watched its progress to understand how difficult it is to maintain a steady healthy active course of procedure in the carrying out of means for the proper engagement of the patients in some useful or pleasant exercise.~~

The recital of all the experiments we have made and abandoned ~~in the Retreat~~ would be too long a narrative for this occasion; but I will just remind you that when

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Dr Delarive visited the Institution in 1797 the year after its opening, he found the superintendent earnestly engaged in endeavouring to promote the active employment of the patients both in and out of doors. At a later period I know that George Jepson thought it impracticable with the class of patients he then had to carry out any systematic course of employment but he was careful to avail himself of any opportunities to direct individual patients to some pleasant or useful pursuit and was eminently successful in several of his experiments. Agricultural labour has been of late years carried on to some extent and I believe with decided advantage among the men patients chiefly of the incurable class But it is far from providing a general remedy for the evil which exists within our walls. The long country walks which the patients are and always have been in the practice of taking are no doubt serviceable, but if they are to be judged of by the appearance of pleasure when you happen to see them on the road, or their expression of it when they return, the ~~pleasure~~ enjoyment they afford would I believe be not very highly estimated. They want

what we all want to make a walk pleasant; an object - Even the old lady or gentleman who lives to preserve health and who ~~takes~~ paces every day so many times over the accustomed path, has an object (whether worthy of living for or not) which occupies the mind: the maintaining of the uniformity of his course supplying a constant object of interest - So sedulous is nature in providing us in almost all circumstances (when her course is uninterrupted by force) with the sources of gratification Nor perhaps is it absolutely ~~necessary~~ excluded from the walls of any asylum, still less from such an one as ours: but the objects of pursuit are so limited that the patient is rarely drawn out of the unhealthy moods of his own mind, but more frequently finds his chief pleasure in a perpetual reiteration of his diseased thoughts.

But it may with be asked, can we change or divert these unhappy tendencies which have sprung up probably among the healthy engagements of life? I answer we cannot do this in an absolute sense, but relatively we may - The disease is an entity of which we do not know the seat with any degree of precision, but we do know a great deal about its habits & the things which influence it. We know there are few so lost in their own bewilder

ments as not to be attracted by novelties, & capable of having their curiosity excited. Incidents are frequently occurring among the patients which for the time make one hopeful of the remedial means at our disposal — & which ought to forbid despair. I am reminded here of a circumstance which interested me much more than 30 years ago - A patient who had been a little farmer in one of our Yorkshire dales had fallen into a low way & become a hypochondriac — George Jepson endeavoured to find means to divert his thoughts, but was very unsuccessful till it happened that in a field immediately adjoining the Institution's property & now possessed by it, were some Ewes, just dropping their lambs and requiring care - It was just the thing to interest the poor man, and the Superintendent at once availing himself of it obtained for him from the owner the care of his little flock — The result was that so long as the office continued he attended to it from morning to night — his megrims were forgotten — and before it was quite Ended he might almost have been

reported recovered - But the cure lasted no longer than the particular means which had been so happily ~~influential for the time~~ effected. Walking & gardening failed to supply the particular interest of the Ewes & lambs and as he had fallen into his present state whilst in the midst of his own rural occupations such efforts as the Institution could supply were not likely to have any peculiar charms -

It has long struck me that in such & in many other cases we might advantageously keep up more than we do the genuine idea of our establishment, that ~~it is~~ a hospital for the treatment of mental affections, which at least we believe to be at least intimately connected with the state of the body - I have often wished that we could avail ourselves of the benefits both thro' the body & mind which are derived by many invalids from a temporary residence at some of our watering places - but I well know how great are the practical difficulties, not to say dangers, of such an experiment. For several years I have come to the conclusion that the object we are seeking might in a considerable degree be attained by giving a similarity to our Institution in several of its features to the character of a modern hydropathic Establishment.

Those medical men who most strongly

object to the exclusive claims of water as a healing agent, would freely accord to it an important place in the art, & if it were compatible with private practice would probably avail themselves of it to a much greater extent than they do. I would not ~~propose~~ exclude the use of drugs, or in any way interfere with the exercise of the skill of my profession but, whether quite ~~consistent~~ or not, I would place the patients generally more or less under the operation of a systematic course of water ~~treatment~~ — and quite as much under a system of exercise as of water ~~application~~. Walks before breakfast as well as in the other parts of the day ~~should be taken~~ particular instructions given to each patient as to the quantity of water he should take and the ablutions he should perform within a specified time.

A visit of a few days to a hydropathic establishment would suggest more practical hints as to ~~the adaptation~~ whether any & what parts of the system are adapted to our circumstances — ~~and as to the part of it most likely to be useful to us~~ — than any description which I could give. Its great recommendation I take to be that it gives an object of attention & of exertion — something to do for the sake of health — which in some cases may properly be called a medical means — in others a hygienic one, and in some perhaps not more than an inoffensive one — which is a good word to speak for anything

in the character of medicine, not directly useful

The supply of water which we are likely to have shortly makes such a project as is here given, practicable for the first time. Many years ago we had a plan for greatly increasing the means of bathing in the establishment which we were obliged to abandon from the want of sufficient water. Now we can have it taken with great facility to every part of the house or grounds. A pipe might be pleasantly taken into the middle of the Old Mill Hill which will perhaps ere long have a snug hut upon it, enclosing a Camera Obscura as well as the sanitary waters. Whether the men as well as the women should come to the Hill to drink and whether any ~~enlargement~~ extension of walks through the grounds should be made — with many other matters of detail — need not be considered till you have concluded whether to entertain the proposition or not. If it have any feasibility in your view, I would suggest that in the first place you call the attention of our Superintendent ~~you place the full consideration of the~~ to the subject & desire him to confer upon it with our visiting Med. Officers ~~matter in the hands of your Superintendent~~

I know few persons from their knowledge

and skill, equally capable of carrying out such an experiment as our Supt. if it accorded with his judgment; and if it does not, or on any account he cannot enter into it with zeal, I am persuaded we had better not profess to make the attempt—

With respect to the carriage I would just observe, if we assimilate ourselves in any considerable degree to the character of a modern Sanitary establishment, we shall doubtless want riding as well as walking variety for our patients, at least for the females, but I doubt whether in that case anything less than a two horse carriage adapted to a good days excursion would answer the desired purpose

Saml. Tuke.

The alterations in red ink were suggested by S T after my letter & marks of my folly merely had been copied into the book—

1850
4 Mo-15.
Lie from L. Luke
to Conn.

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Manchester
4 mo 21: 1850

Esteemed Frd
Saml. Tuke
Dawson G.

I am requested on behalf of the Friends of James Walton to inform thee he has recently had a relapse of his mental affection and it is thought best for him to go to the Retreat

It appears to be a kind of religious excitement and he has had little rest or deep for the last 2 Weeks — He is not a Member of our Society and his Friends are not

If this patient be readmitted some friend must be responsible for payment by a clear agreement — If he was recommended before at 4 p. perhaps the same party will re-recommend If he was at 8 p. there will I presume be no objection if there be room — J. L. is not a member It is not usual for meetings to recommend any but members — Perhaps they can find a private subscriber in Lancash or elsewhere The Comt. has been consulted — S. T.

We will write answer this note —

in Circumstances I fear
to contribute much to
wards his Board &c.
Cannot then inform me
of a Subscriber who wd
be entitled to send
him on the lowest terms?
as a subscription will
most likely have to be
raised on his account —
I am aware that he
left the Retreat last
in an irregular man
ner, but hope this will
not disqualify him
for admission —

Dr White has seen
him and signed a pa
per which states that
J Walton is a proper ob
ject, and it is the inten
tion of the family to have
a Certificate from
another medical man
An early reply
will oblige
thy sincere Friend
Geo Dawson

4/22
Replied to
[illegible]

Respected Fr.d

In Withy having distributed the funds appertaining to my late Sister Mary Kenwell, and received his release from the trusteeship - has handed me thy letter of the 12th Inst. -

The error therein referred to, will be rectified by the enclosed Post office order - which is made payable to thyself — An acknowledgement addressed to me, will oblige

thy friend J Kenwell

Stapleton Road
Bristol
4/20 1850

Answered 4/22 Mrs.

Bristol 4/20/50
Bennett J. &
with P O Orders 54/-
Bal^e. of late M B's a/c

Toothill,
Toothill
Huddersfield 4 Mo. 30. 1850
Firth Sht.

Respected Friend Mill remittance

Please advise me of the safe receipt of a draft - Value Thirteen pounds - seven shillings and sixpence - to account of One quarters Board in advance for Mary Firth

mo: respectfully thy friend

Thos. Firth

Acknowledged
5/1 Mo

To Wm Wood
Retreat
York

Resp^d Friend

J Kitching

Enclosed thou wilt receive post Office order for £10-3-4 - from Eliza Beakbane for Eliz^th Beakbane's board. I am resp^ly thy

Friend

R Beakbane

Chester 4-30-1850

Acknowledged

5/1 Mr

Chester 4/30/50
Beaklane R.
with remittance

39	8	10
4	6	4
	1	10½
13	4	17 – ½

R. L. Ford's respects to his friend W. Wood & thanks him for the 2nd halves of the 20th in notes - for E. W. Horner's annuity due from York Retreat —

Lond 23rd April 1850

Wm Wood
Secretary
The Retreat
to York

Leeds 20th April 1850

R. L. Ford thanks Wm Wood for the halves of notes of the value of £20. on a/c of E.W. Horner's army from the Retreat & will be further obliged by the receipt of the 2nd halves.

Wm Wood
The Retreat
York

pd

Sent
4/22
Mr

Leeds 4/20/50
Fora R L
£ 20 ~~[illegible]~~
Horner's Army.

Leeds 17th April 1850.

R. L. Ford will thank Daml. H. Tuke to send him the usual annuity of £20 due to Edwd. Whitelock Horner from the York Retreat on the 1st instt.

Daniel H. Tuke
The Retreat
York

pd

4, 19,
Remitted
1st halves of Notes
Mr.

Leeds 4, 17, 50.

From R. L.

Home's Away.

No. 1.

Retreat
Retreat April 17th 1850.
Abele Cabel

Sir,

An eyewitness has just informed me that he has seen Miss Maria Tuke go thro' the ceremony of a Quaker marriage at York meeting house. I am very glad of it, as it brings the matter to a conclusion by convincing me as I mentioned in I think the last paper I gave you, that if she married she could not be the high spirited Friend or Quaker maiden I was seeking, & whom I will yet obtain; if she had been such she would have come up & spoken to me on one of the many occasions when she came out to see you. I once mentioned in one of my communications that I was not sure I could recognise Miss Maria Tuke without an introduction if I met her, as I had but one conversation with her for a few minutes when I accidentally met her in the Retreat garden when walking with Mrs Candler; & that I opened the matter again after her return from the South altho' I was aware of her engagement with Mr. Tyler for the reasons I stated in my communication my previous letters communications &c. having been accepted & retained. And now I distinctly state that the last song that I sent her was not composed for her, she was neither the theme, nor the inspiration of it. The end of last June a young lady arrived on a visit at the Retreat I met her in the garden & having had a previous introduction spoke to her & reminded her of a pleasant walk we had had on a previous visit one morning before breakfast, & mentioned my frequently thinking of it, she replied she very well remembered it; & the following morning as I hoped & expected altho' I did not ask she came out & spent nearly an hour with me. We conversed on various subjects & amongst others on the curious fact discovered in Botanical science "Inoculation" that is that by gently

removing with a Camel hair pencil the pollen from the anthers or male part of the flower & laying it on the pistil or female organ of plants of the same genus but different species new & beautiful varieties were propagated from the seeds. After she had gone in to breakfast the impression made on me by the young lady's beauty & attractions the courtesy & interest with which she entered into the subject without evincing any underbred or vulgar mock modesty & her telling me she well remembred our previous sweet morning walk so raised my feelings & sensibilities that naming her after the noble & elegant plant which we had been examining together Campanula persicifolia the Peach-leaved Bell-flower I composed the somewhat warm & voluptuous song alluded to, & not chusing to give it to her clandestinely I offered it to her before a relative who from not acting with the propriety & delicacy due in my opinion to a young lady & from some ungraciousness shewn me by the lady herself subsequently I never gave it to her, nor did any one ever see it except the pencil copy I sent sealed to Miss Tuke in which I simply changed the heading & substituted Lilium album or White Lily for Cam. pers. & Maria for X — the verses are exactly verbatim. On my word & honor as a gentleman of one of the most ancient families in the British dominions this is the true history of the Song which I have by me with original name & date.

You may shew this letter to Mrs Tyler, & also to your father who has fallen from his high estate & seat at the top of York Friends meeting to the bottom, for want of faith in that Power that could & would have sustained him, but that is no reason she should fancy he must fall lower he has sunk low enough already. And I will give a copy of it to Mrs Whitten the matron who kindly procures me anything I may want that I ask her for, & I will also enclose her a copy of the Song with the original date & flower name & she may shew it to the Superintendent & anyone else she thinks proper.

Mr Daniel Tuke. — I remain &c. &c Caleb Abell.

Newburn Stat

Darlington 30 April 1850
with remittance.

Dear Sir

I enclose you a cheque value £29.5.6 on account of my sister - the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge. I beg to be affectionately remembered to my sister &

Remain
Faithful Yrs
Wm: Newburn

Acknowledged
5/1 Mm.

Spring Dale,
near Huddersfield, 4 Mo. 30, 1850.
Fisher & Son

William Wood,
Secretary,
Retreat,
near York.

Respected Friend,

I have received thy accounts this morning, but which are not quite intelligible — In my last remittance, I overpaid the accounts £4. 18. 10 — The accounts just received commence with a Debit balance of £6. 5. 9 — which appears owing & thy having omitted to give the particulars of John's quarter 12 Mo. 31 1849 — I shall therefore be obliged by thy sending a corrected account, giving both quarters for John, the same way as Maria's is made out, and then from the total, deducting the £4. 18. 10 overpaid last time; the result will no doubt be the same, but it shews the account more correctly, and explicitly — as it is, I have to guess at, or presume upon the first quarter in John's account.

It appears from thy communication, that there are changes in the management of the Institution, which I was not aware of. Have Dr. Thurnam, and Daniel H. Tuke both left, and is John Kitching now the Superintendent, in the place of Dr. Thurnam? Please excuse these inquiries, and awaiting the favour of thy early reply,

I remain, thy friend,
Edward Fisher.

Replied 10 5 Mo.

Moss House 5/3/50
Martindale Ch

Dear friend

I thought I should like to see if a note from me would induce any remarks or conversation from my dear Henry and shall be obliged by my giving the enclosed to him - It is written as if to a child -

any remarks or even
expression of face I
shall be glad to
have from them when
thou next writes -
Please give my love
to Caleb Williams &
say that I have received
his letter and feel
obliged for his and
thy kindness in writing

I have never written
to my dear husband
before since his illness

I am thy affectionate -
Fred
Mary Hy: Martindale

Wp House 5th mo 3rd 50.

4 Boys Hill Terrace
Cheltenham
5 Mo. 13. 1850.
Martindale Nich.

Dear Friend
Jno Kitching

At the request of our daughter in Law, Mary Martindale my wife is just addressing a newspaper for our Son Henry Martindale now under your roof, with the view of ascertaining whether he will recognize her hand writing and if so what Effect it may produce & which thou wilt perhaps be kind Enough to convey in a few lines addressed

Either to his wife at her father
at Moss house W Rochdale
or to us at our present
abode -

We have felt some-
-what discouraged in the
apprehension that since
his arrival at the Retreat
he seemed to have less con-
-ciousness of his situation than
he appeared to be in the case on his
Way from L'Oval to York
or for sometime previous to his
removal -

The newspaper will be
forwarded to this part -

If suitable we should
like our dear Love to
our Son in which his Sister
who is with us wishes to
unite -

Ever affy thy fd
Nichs Martindale

to be more acquainted with in helping thee to conversation interesting to the poor patient. I should be glad to aid thee to it - if I can -

I am sincerely thy fd

M. Hy Martindale

Moss House 5th mo 10th 1850.
Martindale (My)

Dear friend

I am obliged for thine which I received two days ago. Does thou think any efforts of mine in writing to my H. M. will be of use to him? - In the note I sent him I particularly wished him to write to me, and to tell me how he was - intimating that then I would write again. The amount I gave him of my own father was not a very good one - It was difficult & painful to write to him in the condition I know him to be in. And I fear his mind was not equal to gather the little I did say - If I write again. I intend

to leave it for thee to close, that
thou may be able to see his
capacity better.
In writing to his family a few
days ago, I requested them to
send poor Hy: a Lpool newspaper
and that his mother should direct
it — Perhaps he may recognize
her hand-writing
I much fear to trouble thee with
so many trifling wishes of mine
but I thought these little matters
would furnish thee with subjects
on which I know my dear Hy:
would be interested were he
capable —
Fairfield is not call'd "new"
altho' the houses which comprize
it are all of very recent erection.
There is much correctness of idea
in calling it new — The house
and garden were both new
and the latter very much
uniformed when we went to
live there.
Can Hy: think pleasingly
now of his father & bro:
when at The Brook he uniformly
thought some sort of ill of them
Do his ideas shew that he
feels himself very important
and is he nice in his food?
wanting turtle soup &c. —
I apprehend Myself &
C. Williams will deem it
too soon for me to see dr.
Hy: to his benefit — and
I do not desire it — unless
you think it might do good.
Should any thing occur to
thee which thou wouldst like

glad to hear of the Patient's Welfare but regret the death of Deb: Reynolds —

I was sorry not to find time to copy the Bal: Sheet into the Journal & thus close the Year's account — but hope it will not give them much additional trouble.

Hoping thou art well & feeling quite settled in thy post & with kind remembrances to I. Kitching & fam^y — and M & E Whitten — also I H Bragg —

I remain
Thine very truly
D. H. Luke

P.S. Invited Writing to I. Kitching pretty soon

37 Charterho Sq
London
5 mo 7. 150.
Luke D H.

Dear Fr^d —

In answer to thine just rec^d — I may reply that the a/c as it stands in the Ledger was observed by me when it was too late to make the proper alteration. I did

mention it to
then but from
making no
written memoran
dum. "no doubt
it escaped the
memory —

My Statement of
the a/c will be
quite correct.
— the a/c of the
Ledger will be

rectified during
this Dr. by entering
the difference as
an overcharge
in the "Patients
Work" a/c — as
in several instances
wh. then will see
— but ~~charging~~ deduct
ing the Bd. in Adv
a/c as it shd have
been done last
Dr. — Yours

Charleston 5/1/50
Sessions 1/Dec.

Respected Friend
John Hutchins

I enclose a few lines to my brother John Fowler in answer to his letter in which I have endeavoured to say nothing that will tend unpleasantly to excite him but I must leave it to thy discretion to give or withhold it as thou thinks best and at thy leisure it would be pleasant to me just to know how he receives it (if thou thinks it best for him to have it) as also whether any improvement on the last account. I have at times my doubts whether he will ever be restored to us again as before

with love and obliged
for thy kindness

I remain thy friend

Robert Stevenson

5, Barge Yard Bucklersbury,

London, 31 May 1850.

Sir

Greenhill, Fry & Co

We beg to submit for your inspection a sample of our improved Bedding Protector.

This Sheeting is quite impervious to water, grease, acids, or other fluids—*has* no effluvium whatever—*can be sponged and rubbed dry immediately: It is, therefore, well adapted for the preservation of Bedding under all circumstances, but more especially in Surgical and Medical cases, and can be advantageously employed for operators' or nurses' aprons. It is calculated to supersede every description of Oilskin, on account of superior softness, pliancy and durability—not being subject to crack or shrivel, and requiring no other care than the avoidance of punctures.*

It may be cleansed with soap in the ordinary manner, *and is not affected by* boiling water.

It has been extensively patronized by Her Majesty's Honorable Board of Ordnance, for Hospital purposes, and many of the leading Hospitals, Infirmaries, Asylums and Union Workhouses, in the Metropolis and elsewhere, with complete success.

It would be a valuable addition to a camp equipage, *affording* a perfect protection from damp soil *or* atmospheric vapours, *and is in no way influenced by* either extreme heat or cold.

Referring you to the accompanying certificate from Dr. Henry Davies and Mr. Benjn. Brookes, of the British Lying-In Hospital for Married Women, Endell Street, Long Acre,

We remain,

Sir

Your obedient Servants,

GREENHILL, FRY & Co.

(COPY.)

British Lying-In Hospital for Married Women,
Endell Street, Long Acre.

1*st. March*, 1850.

The Bedding Protector has been in use at this Hospital for several months past, and is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is intended.

(Signed) { HENRY DAVIES, M.D.
BENJ^N. BROOKES, Surgeon.



J. Kitching Esq
"Friends Retreat"
York

To the Governor of the Friends'
Retreat —
Ditchford &
Rastrick
5/17/81

Sir,

I have a Brother who is unfortunately labouring under insanity, and has been for the last twelvemonths an inmate of the Gate Helmsley Retreat. I am anxious to try if a change of residence (and perhaps treatment) would be of any service to him — Of course the Surn was furnished with the requisite certificates

at the time that he was
taken to his Retreat —
I shall feel much obliged
if you will write to inform
me what are your terms
and what certificates will
be required previously to
your receiving him; if
those given to Mr Gunn
will be satisfactory. —
Your early answer will
oblige,

Yours respectfully,
Chas Pitchforth

Eastwick
Nr Hailsham } May 17th 1851 —

Stoke Newington 5/12.

Browett Cashe

Respected Friend

I should feel much obliged if thou wouldst inform me whether any but members of our Society are received at the Retreat whether there is at present any vacancy - and what are the terms for a Patient -- The unfortunate Gentleman - on whose behalf I write is now in a private Asylum - but I believe they think it would be better - and more comfortable to the feelings of his friends if they could

get him into the Retreat — I should be glad of an early answer if convenient and remain

Thine respectfully

Catherine Browett

Church St

Stoke Newington

Mr London

Hitchin

Hitchin May 1 – 50
Foster Oswald

Sir

I feel sure some trifling error has crept into your accts I therefore enclose them ~~accts~~ for your correction –

I have just recd yr acct of bill delivered I have had no bill of the kind nor did I

know that Mr A Foster was indebted to you; some time after she left the institution, you forwarded me the acct of £1..13..0 due to you, which I paid as you will observe, and of course I concluded the whole was settled no acct of 7/10 due to the Retreat has been forwarded to me before the present one

I shall be obliged by your returning me the acct of £1-13-0 with vouchers and

Bey to remain

Your obt Ser

Oswald Foster

Replied to 5/3 [illegible]

address) Wiswell Shaye
near Whalley
Lancashire
5 mo 22 1850.
Thwaite Mo.
with ½ note

Respd fr
Wood

Enclose first
half of Ten pounds B.S. note
on Margaret Thwaite's &c
to 3-31 1850 £11-5-10 as
furnished by thee. I
have removed recently
to a short distance from
Blackburn (address as above)
Second half note I purpose
to send [illegible] Ballam P.O. order
on receipt of thy acknowledgment
of first herewith. I remain
respectfully thy friend
John Thwaite

Acknowledged 5/23 [illegible]

5 Mo. 24th 1850.

Respd Frd
Wm Wood

(Wiswell near Whalley Lancashire)

I enclose second half Sen Pound & Bk Note and Post order for £1.5.10 completing payment on account of Margaret Inwaite to 3/31 1850.

I am sorry to say that in place of a surplus as heretofore — this year's income is considerably minus the 9 — owing to the serious depreciation in L. & Yorkshire Railway Divids — the Trustee has therefore to make up the amount — instead of handing over to the Institution a surplus. I remain respectfully

Thy Friend

John Inwaite

Acknowledge 5/25 1850

Mswell 5/25/50
Thwaite Pro
with 2d ½ wt & P O

Stockton 5/26/50

Rector Jane

Esteemed Friend

I Ritchey.

I do feel greatly obliged for thy very kind communication received this morning I had again got very anxious as it was pas[sed] thy usual time and being really very unwell from a severe attack of the Shingles my spirits get overset and I feel quite [illegible] of relatives almost at least of one whose loss can not now be estimated by any but myself I feel sorry that for my dear Husband may take harm from his exposure to the heat but perhaps my

[illegible] York

[illegible] Rector

[illegible] Hastings

[illegible] Jane

[illegible] Rector

[illegible] York

dear J P's extreem languor
of circulation may make
the warmth not so greatly
oppressive as we would
think when stouter I rem
ember hearing how partic-
ularly careful for his state
of mind my afflicted Partner
was of keeping in the shade
I am very thankful their
is still a little interest
remains in the London Plates
it was on their account I
sent the Paper at the first
but feared it too might
be unavailing as all my
efforts seem to be in my
endeavour to administer
any solace to one I so dearly
love the Paper is in the
house and has inadvertantly
missed through my being
poorly it shall accompany
this I am uneasy fo[illegible]
my dear Husband [illegible]
be in want of Muff which
is such an amusement
to him that I fear my J P.
will be uncomfortable
that I thought thou wouldst
let some be got and placed
to his account with the Trus
tees — trusting thou will
excuse the badness of my
hand writing as it is with much painful wife
and the freedom
of my writing at all with
my mind love to thy Wife &
self believe me very re
spectfully thy greatly obliged
Friend
Jane [illegible]

Stockton 25th of
6th mo 1850.

Kendal May 27th 1850

Esteemed Friend John Kitchen

I am obliged by thy Kind Letter of ye 26th & have retd. ye certe. signed as directed; & any parrs. which I might have stated, if I have omd. them, you will be able to fill up fully as well as I can do. — My loing place in ye Retreat, will, I conclude, be the same as before (£52 m.) pann. — The Money for his Clothing & Pocket Money which was recommended, — appears to have been quite sufficient; and I suppose will be so in the Retreat: — However this has always been left to your management; — you know that the means are very limited.

I wish to return thee my grateful acknt. of thy kindness in going for my poor Boy — on such short notice, & at so late an Hour in the Evening. — Ann Cartwright informed me he has been more excited than usual; & I immr. wrote to him; — not hearing again from her or her Husband, I was in hopes he had settled down again, as I heard nothing more (from any one) untill I received thy Kind Letter — I am Thy affec. Friend

Geo. Braithwaite

YORK
MY28
1850
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John Kitching
Medical superintendant
Retreat
York

KENDAL
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Kendal 5/27/50
Braithwaite

Barrow R.P.
(C. Thompson Esq.)

London
London 65 Old Broad St.
1 May 1850

Sir

Enclosed. I beg to hand you my Draft on the London Joint Stock Bk for £74.0.1. being the amount due to the Retreat to 31 March on account of Mrs P. Thomson

For this sum I will thank you to send me a Receipt.

With regard to the half Yearly Certificate sent to

Messrs Alexander & Hammerton
"by their express directions"
I can only say I never gave
them any authority whatever
to apply for it: & in all future
communications regarding
Mrs Thomson I have very
particularly to request that
I may be addressed direct
as Committee —

I shall feel obliged by
your naming this to the
Superintendant & beg to
remain Yrs

Your obed Servt
Robd P Barrow

To Wm Wood Esq
Secy Retreat York

Acknowledged
5/2 Mr

Halifax 6th May 1850

Sir

Your correspondent Mr Barrow is the new committee of the person and Estate of Charlotte Thomson as well as her son in law and appears desirous of conducting the matter on economical terms and, doth business himself instead of doing it by attorney

We are
respectfully
Alexander Hammerton

Mr Wood
Retreat
York

Halefax 5/6/50
Alexander & H.

Lond on 5/3/50
Barrow R.P.

London
65 Old Broad Street
3d May 1850

To the Superintendant
of the Retreat
York.

Sir

On the 9th Ulto I wrote
to the Secy of the Retreat
on the Subject of the Medical
Certificates which I had
requested might be sent
me direct instead of through
Mess Alexander & Hamilton
In that letter I requested
that the amount due for

Mrs C Thomson's board
&c. might be sent to me
as I wished to discharge it
This account I received
from the Secy on the 11th Ulto
I am much surprised
to receive a letter this Morg
from Mess. Alexander & H.
handing me the enclosed.
I never authorized their
applying for it & if they did
ask for it. I think the best
reply would have been, that
the account had already
been forwarded to me.
I really must enquire
of you, whether in regard
to Mrs Thomson, for whom
I am acting as Committee
my requests are to be
considered subordinate to
those of Mess. Alexander & H.?
I beg, once more, very
distinctly to state, that they
have received no authority
whatever from me to apply,
either for Medical Certificates
or accounts. In future
I hope matters will be
put on their right footing
Your early reply will
oblige Sr Your obed Servt
Robt P Barron

Stanford Rivers
Romford
Essex
5th Mo 3 1850

Respd Friend

I have this morning had the
Bill from the Retreat on H Rings
account forwarded to me and am quite
surprised at its contents being Charged
at the Rate of Two Pounds Per week
The Arrangement made was to pay
one Pound Per week which was accepted
by the Institution I am sorry to find
you have been informed and that
very wrongly upon what you thought
good Authority that H Rings Income
was £150 Per Year

At the time arrangements were made for H Ringer to become an inmate in the Institution regard was had to her Pecuniary ability to pay such amount as her circumstances would afford

I trust you will make a bill consistent with that arrangement and forward to me when the Amount shall be remitted in any way you advise

I am

Respectfully

R B Dy

to The Trustees on the Committee


POSTAGE
ONE PENNY
YORK
MY 4
1850
D
OMFORD
MY 30
1850
A
John Kitchino
Retreat
York

Stamford Rivers
5/3/50
Dick Robb

Chelmsford
Chelmsford
5/20/50.
Harrison Frs.

Dear Francis

I thought I should like to drop thee a line to say that Saml Tilney was in my shop on seventh day and was saying that he met with F H's wife from Lyons Hall who was telling him that they heard from D R every week and that F H wanted to go down to see him and was enquiring

whether Saml was likely
to ~~go~~ be going shortly as
she would like F H
to go with him for it
was such a long distance
she did not like the idea
of F's going alone —
Now I leave it for thy
consideration whether it
would not be worth
while for thee to write
to the Doctor and request
him to detain the letters
~~as well~~ and also not to

admit any one to
see him without the
permission from ~~of~~ those parties
that sent him ~~I~~ for
one do think that such
a step would be for
his benefit ultimately

Sarah is nicely she has
had a few friends who have
been Teaing down the
Garden this afternoon
she does not know of my
writing or most likely would
send her love — With love
to self & wife in which mine
unites ; Thy affec Brother
Francis Harrison

Lilling 5 mo 30

Esteemed Friend Cartwright Ann

Thos Braithwaite

told my Husband that he should send an account to one of my Daughters of the things that he wanted to have sent to him to the Retreat, would thou be so kind as inform me what he is in want of: as we shall most likely be at York on 7th day. We should like to know how he is and what his relations have fixt on concerning staying at the Retreat. Dost thou think he will soon be better? I had a letter from his Sister yesterday she said

they should be glad for him
to come back when he was re-
covered, we are wishful to have
him again when it is suitable
and will use a little more
restriction when needful requires
it. Thomas seemed better
on sixth day to that we had
no idea of him taking
off so soon again he has
generally seemed comfortable
when he has been with us
indeed it has been our
endeavour to make him
so altho' he perhaps may not
view it so now —

I am,

Thy sincere friend

Ann Backhouse.

I have written to my
Son today but he does
not know I ever write
to you

Clorash, Rathfarnham
May 20th 1850
Calabeck W

My dear Sir

I have only the
excuse to offer for troubling
you, which I have often
made, and I fear I shall
wear out your kindness
by my importunity, my
anxiety about my very
dear Son is intense and
therefore hope you will

let me have a few lines
addressed to Lisburn.
whither I purpose returning
to 'please God' on next
Wednesday, to say how he
is and if you think you
it probable you will
permit me and his
Mother to see him in
some time, as I said before,
do not take our feelings
into consideration, it is
what you shall consider
desirable for him, that
is only to be looked to,
I shant say more than
to request you will not
allow him to want for
anything you consider
necessary for him,
does the attendant continue
to sleep in his room,
I hope he does

Yours my dear Sir
very truly
W. Holdbeck

John Kitcheng

Rochester
Rochester 22 of 5 Month 1850
Reynolds Co.

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching

Not knowing the precise date of the birth of my late dear mother I have applied to the Registrar of our Meeting, who gave me the particulars of which the following is a copy

Deborah Harnault daughter of Robert & Mary Harnault of Stroud Kent born 15 of 6 Month 1773

Do ——— married to George Reynolds of Rochester 11 of 6 Month 1799

Extracted from the Registers of the

Society of Friends of the Quarterly
Meeting of Kent

Wm Tatum Registrar

Copy

My dear mother went to the
Retreat in the 5th Month of 1846
and as she had not then passed
her 73rd year. I have some recd.
section of having just down her
age at 72.

I have felt a little regret that
I did not visit the Grave after it was
closed, but I have believed
it right to discourage the
feeling, and rather contemplate her
as having come through
the many trials of her very
tribulated pilgrimage, and
we may I think reverently
believe for ever at rest in
the Redeemer's Kingdom
With feelings of regard &
obligation for the kind
attention to the dear departed
one I subscribe

Thy friend sincerely
Caroline Reynolds

I should like to be kindly
remembered to Wm Wood

Nottingham 5th mo. 1st

Payne Hy 1850

My dear Friend

I now write to inform thee that our Robert has this day become so very violent and outrageous that we have placed him under the care of the Police and he is at the Station at this time when the Mayor of this Town has granted permission for him to remain until his removal to the Retreat and for that pur-

the care of one person only in his journey to York and it was for that reason he was sent before on 2 different occasions to be placed under they care in the custody of 2 Police men.

Hoping there may be no delay in sending for our Robert I remain

Thy sincere Friend

Henry Payne.

pass — I hope thou will
send one or two persons
capable of talking care
of our Patient in his
Journey to the retreat.
He has been here rather
more than a month and
has given us much uneasi-
ness and caused us great
regret that he succeeded
in escaping from thy cus-
tody. He made his way to
Newhill after his escape
and his relatives there
not knowing he had
been sent to the Retreat

had not very great occasion
to find fauce with him: ~~but~~
but the letters he wrote
to his mother clearly indi-
cated he was not fit to be
at large. We will have
his cloaths ready packed
up early tomorrow and
I trust that no time
will be lost in bringing
him back to the Retreat.
It is possible the person
who before attended him
might persuade him to
return with him, but
it will not be prudent
for him to be placid under

Glasgow 5th Mo. 11th 1850
Nainby Wm

Respected Friend,

Fully expecting that circumstances will permit me to spend a few hours in York, about 5th or 6th day next, I shall be obliged if thou wilt inform my Mother (that is if it be quite desirable for me to see her) of my hoped for visit. Please give my dear love to her, I say I am well.

If Dr Thomason be still

CANSELL 1849

still in York, it will give me much pleasure to meet him —

If thou will kindly favour me with a line in reply, addressed "Post Office" "Newcastle upon Tyne", I shall find it —

Thanking thee for thy communication received some time ago, I remain

Very truly thine

Wm Hainsby

John Kitchen
Retreat
York

Little London. Chichester. 11th of 5th 1850
Binns Mar.

Respected Friend
John Kirkling,

I shall feel much obliged by thy favouring me with a little informating respecting my beloved husband's present condition, it is now a little over the three months since receiving thy last account, I shall esteem it a great kindness if thou wilt state

whether the symptoms have
undergone any change, and
if his health continues much
as when thou last wrote, if
his articulation remains much
as it was, or does he in any
way attempt to amuse himself.
Although I scarcely expect
an improved account, still,
the least remark concerning
my endeared husband, will
be deeply interesting to, and
thankfully received by,
Thy obliged friend,
Martha Binns.

Nottingham 5th mo: 12th
1850

Payne Hy.

My dear Friend

We are apprehensive that not very favorable reports can be transmitted to us concerning our Son Robert, notwithstanding which my wife as well as myself begin to feel anxious to hear some particulars relating to him and we shall feel much obliged to

then to send us a few
lines giving us my opi-
nion of him and in-
forming us how he is
in regard to his bodily
health, also if he be
in want of any Clothing.
Hoping to hear from Her
soon I remain with
our united regard
to Her and our dear
Love to Robert, my
sincere Friend
Henry Payne

Swansea
Mining Office
Swansea 5/16 1850.
Bath Mary.

John Kitching
Dear Friend

I duly rec^d:
thy favor with the docu=
=ments for my brother
in law Wm Sibbering, but
when they arrived he was
so much better as not
to need them - & I trust
he will not -

Thy account of
my dear Sister was more
full & more satisfactory

than I had ever received
before — With love
Thy Sincere Friend
Henry Bath

Todmorden.
5/20/50
Hanson Game

Dear Friend,
John Kitchen
York.

Mother wishing me to make enquiry of some friend, as to the state of health of my brother George Hanson, and as to his condition of mind too: thought I would address a few lines to thee for that purpose. 'Tis now better than 2 mos. since we heard of him, so may we are rather anxious to hear something further before long.

A few lines would oblige
Sincerely thy friend
Sam. Hanson.

Address.
Samuel Hanson
Groce
Jedmorden

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contain such matter
as I think may interest
him, and I shall continue
to write as usual, give
them to him as you shall
see fit, I must leave
this 'please God' for Dublin
on Thursday next, for
about a week

May God bless
you my dear Sir
very truly
W. Caldbeck

Leibourn 24th May 1850
Caldbeck Mr

My dear Sir

I arrived here yesterday
and this day, I recd your
letter of the 22nd Mr Caldbeck
had recd yours of the 15th in
my absence, but did not tell
me of it untill this morning,
our very dear son is in the
Lords hands and I feel persuaded
you 'as his instrument' will
do every thing in your power
for my poor fellow, my
dear Sir, I hope you will excuse
me for repeating what I have
before said; that he may have
every thing you shall consider

desirable for him and not
to consider that I limit y
in expence, y may suppose
our affliction has been
increased by y communication
but it is always desirable
to be made acquainted with
the true state of the case,
I feel that our gracious
God will give us grace
to bow to his will and
enable us to do our duty
by our dear Son, and I
trust I am thankful to
him for enabling me to
put my trust entirely in
him, and I feel that he will
ultimately restore our
my dear Son to us,

I am my unwilling
to trespass too much
upon y kindness, never
was a Son dearer to his
Parents and Brother and
Sister, and any time
y shall have the great
goodness to write, if it were
only one line, most
gratefully shall we feel, I am
add no more, as to giving
my letters to him, do put
as y feel right, they only

My wife inclines to
the opinion that
Robert is not at
present in need
of the Clothes he
wishes us to send.
~~My wife~~ The unites
with me in sincere
regards to him &
& them &
I remain
My sincere Friend
Henry Payne

P. S.
We think it best for
Robert not to know
I have written to Mrs

Nottingham
5th mo. 21st
My dear Friend Payne Hy 1850

I think it proper to
appriage thee that our
Robert sent a letter a
few days since to his mo-
ther asking her for his new
Suit of Clothes, some cigars
and besides other articles
a Key which he brought
with him from York &
which it is supposed gives
access and egress to the
premises of the Retreat.
He also asks to be allowed
a shilling a week to
enable to buy oranges.

He also requests that his
large knife and scissors
his pencil &c may be sent
in a Parcel directed to
him. We have thought
it best not to comply
with his request, but as
he says he wants the
shilling a week to
buy gloves and oranges
& we will think there
to allow him those in-
dulgences if it appears
to them to be suitable
to do so. As to the

Key he asks for, no
doubt he wants it
to enable him to
make his escape,
and as that might
be attended with
serious consequences
we will thank there
to apprize his attendants
what, we suppose,
he is meditating.
We will think there
to inform us if may
send his clothes
directed to him as
he requests.

ALBION WHARF, SOUTHGATE STREET DOCK,

Gloucester, 5mo 27 1850

Dear Friend Sessions Jesse

J Kitching

I feel obliged by thy note respecting my poor brother in law's health, and had not been without my fears as to the probability of an unfavourable change sooner or later taking place, as he ~~he~~ did not seem to get on as one could have hoped. — My dear sister is now with her relations in Oxfordshire and I have forwarded thy letter to her, which she will not get till tomorrow. — Thy letter of today will come to me, but should thou find it needful to write again on 3rd day, would thou be kind enough to write to my sister direct as it

would reach her a day earlier.
Her address will be, "D Fowler,
Robert Sepions, Charlbury,
Oxfordshire." — If a change for
the worse, I should be glad if
not troubling this too much, to
have a line as well. — Thine
of yesterday did not say how is
mind was — if in a state to
receive it — we should like to
have our love to be given to him.

Thy sincere fd.

Jesse Sepions.

Respected Friend

I have this day forwarded a deal Box with clothing for my wife & shall feel obliged by being informed of its safe arrival, - and also of the state of her health as I have heard nothing of her since I left her, at which I feel surprise

I wish pay early attention to the Bill delivered

I remain

Thine Respectfully

Saml Tilley

Chelmsford 5mo 15
1850

Chelmsford 5/15/50
Zelney Same

Lion & Key 48 High Stre

Hull May 18th 1850

Mc Pherson

Sir

a friend of mine wishes to place ~~a fre~~ a Leady patient under your care & shall feel obledged to know your tearms pr week she has been in a Asylum for some years & her relations wishes to remove her

your reply will much obledge

Sir

your obedt Servt

J McPherson



To
The Superintendant
of the Friends—
Retreat
York

Note. 5/27/50
Payne Hy

John Kitching.

Nottingham
5th mo: 27th
1850

Dear Friend

We have concluded to comply with our Roberts request of sending him a suit of Clothes and I write to acknowledge the receipt of thy favour of the 22nd. In the same parcel thou will find the key which appears to be the one that was missing. We quite approve of thy arrangements and will thank thee to have oranges brought for ~~the~~ him when he may want them.

I have, when he was at
home, always been anx-
ious for him to eat an
abundant quantity of them,
for I consider them a
very wholesome fruit.
We quite agree with them
in thinking it best for him
to have no money at his
own disposal.
My wife has sent
a few lines to Robert: we
shall be glad to hear
of the safe arrival of
the Parcel.
My wife unites with me
in kind regards & I remain
Very sincere Friend
Henry Payne.

Vine Mer Bishopgate Street
5 Mo 30 1850 -

Dear friend

I have just received thy letter enclosed with one from Fras Harrisson which I have read and find thereby that it his intention to visit Cousin Daniel without thy previous knowledge thought it best to return it thee as there is no time to lose . . from the terror of the letter it is quite certain that with the views he entertains of my Cousin health an altogether unsuitable for him to receive I would have seen him but time will not permit I really think it undesirable he should

have an interview without
~~his~~ thy opinion of the situation of
my Cousin's mind and I think if
fully stated him ~~I think~~ would
tend to convince him of the
impropriety of writing letters to him
of such nature under his present
circumstances —

I have not time to write
more at present hope thou wilt
return the letter enclosed and
Innum thy sincere friend

in Haste

Jas Hills

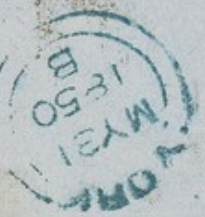
my Brother John Harrisson received a
letter about a fortnight since
from D.R. which for incoherence of
Language was the worst letter
we have yet received —

London 5/30/50
Hiles Strs.



p/p

John Kitching
"The Retreat"
York





I saw tonight's bove to Jno
Ketching & encloses a Dft for the
Quarter's Bill — in acknowledgmt
of recd of which he would be obliged
to him for a little particular ap of
his daughter, at J K's leisure —
he has understood there is some
improvement in his son, is it so? —
is much concerned You have had
so much trouble from Mrs' wife.
Am myself unwill with influenza
My Bro Jno's if living is at the
point of death — is it needful to
let them know it? —

Haverhill Cottage
9/5/50

Acknowledged
5/10 Mrs



Bolton
Haverhill, 5/9/50
Wright Isaac
With remittance

John Kitchener
Un Retreat
York

YORK
MY 10
1850
B

POSTAGE

Prested Hall
Wrelvedon 5 Mo 22 1860 -

Estimed Friend
Jno Kitchey

I herewith forward ther a letter of credit for the amount of the Bill as forwarded from thee some short time since - - I have not written to my Relative since my return from York I received a message from him by I Tilney in which he complained so much to him of my cruelty toward him and stating that he would never again write to me that I thought it best to refrain from writing to him for a while hoping it would induce him to write me I expect his not writing me is in consequence of the letters he receives from F Harrison of Lyon Hall with whom it appears by the enclosed letter he keeps up a regular correspondence how far it is to his real benefit thou art of course the best judge having received the letter thought it best to forward it - I shall be inward glad to hear a further improvement in my D Cousin and hope to hear from him soon and from thyself as to his State with Dr love to my Cousin thyself & Wife

I am thine truly J M A Fritsch


YORK
MY23
1850
D
POSTAGE
ONE PENNY
COGGES
John Kitching
"The Retreat"
York
MY22
1850
Resta Hall 5/22/50
Hills Ave

Sprwick 21/5/1850

Respd friend

I enclose a note for G. Hope, Castlegate - with whom I have an account requesting him to pay £3. 10. 6 the Balance due to the Retreat on acct of the late R. Cuchin

Our Monthly Meeting has not yet received the Notification of her death & burial - Wilt thou please request the Clerk of York Mo. Mg or the friend who has charge of the document, to forward it to me

Acknowledged 5/24 [illegible]

Thy fd respy

W H Alexander

Ipswich 5/24/50
Alexander H.

Southampton, 5, 21, 50
Farrand W.
Mth Pft.

Southampton
5 mo 21. 1850

Respt friend
W. Wood

Enclosed I forward thee a Bank Draft for £7.. 15.– in payment of the last quarters account for Board &c of my Daughter Lucy who I am glad to learn continues to enjoy good health I shall be obliged by the Matron providing her with such articles at all times as she may consider Lucy stands in need of and at any time if she is of opinion a little pocket

money would be of service to
her, she would probably be
so kind as to let her have it
please to give our dear love to
Lucy and tell her I intend
writing to her in the course
of a few days

I remain
thine respectfully
W Farrand

Acknowledged
5/23 [illegible]

99. 3 4

Sudbury 5/15/50
Andrews G.W.

54
40

Sudbury May 15. 1850.

Sir

I beg to inform you that I have this day directed my Bankers Mess Oakes Brown & Co. to pay to your Credit with the York City and County Bank £90. 14. 4 the Amount due on my Sister's Account, and when received I shall be obliged by your acknowledging the payment.

I am sorry to leave from

my Brother who has lately visited the Retreat, that our poor Sister has been so much out of health and that She has suffered so great a loss of her teeth, which must add to her affliction.

The report in your letter of the 31st Ultimo, and the previous reports have led me to hope that her bodily health continued good. I shall be greatly obliged by your informing me at all times of any change in her State of health, as you can believe the State of our much affected Sister, is the subject of our ever anxious thought.

I remain
Yours faithfully
Geo Wm Anderson

Replied to 5/17 MW.
Acknowledged payment 5/23 MW.

Richmond Hill. W. haven

May 21. 50.

Mr Wood.

Dr Sir.

Enclosed is a bill on London for. £38. 2. 11. - for board &c as per a/c rendered for Mr Jno Treacy. -

Will you kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Yrs very truly

H Treacy

Acknowledged 5/23 [illegible]

Richmond Hill
Wharen, 5/22/50
Treacy Wm.
Nith Dft

Dear Friend

Jno Kitching

Herewith I send thee a Bank Post Bill for £26 - 14 - 5 being the amount of the following accts which our Mo Meeting directed me yesterday to pay and I sends this to thee as I am not quite certain of the friends name that sent the accts not having them with me which please acknowledge

Thy friend sincerely

Joseph Foth

	£	s	d
Jas Morley's acct	19	13	4
Am Anderton's acct	9	2	9
Jno Aumack	6	18	4
	£26	14	5

Acknowledged 5/22/50 [illegible]

Huddersfield 5/21/50
Fish Id
Mfr Dept.

90.5.8

Esteemed friend
Dan. H. Tuke

Eleeve Wt. Bristol
5 Mo. 3d. 1850

I have this morning received the account of James Hingston with the Retreat: a short note accompanied the account signed by M'Wood Secretary; but as I have mostly corresponded with thyself since the departure of John Candler I prefer doing so on the present occasion.

In the first month 1849 I remitted 30 pounds (at twice) to the Retreat on account of Jas. Hingston, which remittance paid up all arrears and left a Balance in our favour and I then hoped and expected, that the income arising from James Hingston property would be equal to his maintenance at the Retreat; the annual cost of which was for many years covered by about fifteen pounds pannon. The account now sent includes Disbursements, to an amount far beyond what has been usual and is greater than his income has ever been, and to the extent of which only, I am accountable. I cannot therefore pay, from any Balance in my hand the required quarters board in advance; nor shall I receive any money

on James Hingstons account untill next year when his rent about 22£ p annm will I hope be applicable to his use I think it needful take thus explicit that the case may be fully understood by your Committee

I am with kind regard thy friend

Joseph Metford

Replied to 5/7 [illegible]

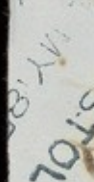
Cleve, 5/3/50.
Metford Jd

Daniel H. Fuke
Retreat
near York

POSTAGE ONE PENNY
MAY 5 1850 B
BRISTOL MAY 8
CLEVE
POST 30













Newcastle Tyne Dec. 2, 1858

Resp. Friend

Sencloso Bill £15.12

On a/c of Margt. Coombes wh. please acknowledge whilst

Yr. Reply

J. Pruchnau Jr.

N. Wood
York

Acknowledged
5/3
[illegible]

Newcastle, 5/2/50
Riesmann J.

with remittance

John Ransom has enclosed a draft for the £ 14.5.6 on acc. of his son Joseph Ransom & will be glad to be advised of its safe arrival. He has also enclosed a few lines for his son from whom he would be glad to receive a letter when inclined to write

Hitchin 2/5/50

Hitchin 5/2/50.
Ransom Jno
Withremittance
W. Wood

Whitby 5mo. 2 1880

Wm Wood

Above I send a Chk amt £6.15.6
in payment of Sanders's quarterly acct. for
the notes respecting whom I am obliged
to acknowledge the rect. to
Thine sincerely
Joseph Sanders

Acknowledged
5/3 Mw

Whitly 5/2/50
Sanders Jos —
With remittance

Resp^d Friend

Stockton 2/5 1850
Benington Mrs
with remittance

Inclose Check for Deborah
Atkinsons Board &c in the Utrech

Thy friend respectfully

W Benington

Acknowledged
5/3 Mrs


YORK
MY 31
1850
4
STOCKTON
POSTAGE
John Hutchinson
Retreat
near York

Liverpool, May 1st 1850

Mr. John Ritching.

the Retreat.

Sir.

In receipt of your letter of 29th Inst. I now beg to hand you Bank post Bill No. C. 6873 of this date £52.19.4 with Endorsement, in liquidation of Miss B. C. account to 30th Ultr. which please acknowledge.

I am Sir

Yours most truly

Arthur Cooke

Acknowledged 5/3 Mr.

Liverpool 5/1/50
Crooke Arthur
With remittance

Worcester.

Worcester Britannia Square
1st of 5th Mo - 1850.
Stone Henry.

Respected Friend
Mr Wood -

I pay over to day on Ap of Mary Stone, To Thomas Newman Agent to the York Retreat at Worcester. £17. 8. 0 the Balance due as the Bill sent, and 6/3 an old Balance due to J Kitching (the latter sum please to hand over to J Kitching) making together — £17 - 14 - 3 - and am

Respectfully thine
Henry Stone

Replied to
5/2
Mr.

Amersham UNION.
Frederick Charsley, Clerk,
The Board Meet on Tuesday in alternate Weeks at 10 o'Clock.
Next Meeting. 184

Amersham.
1 May 1850
Charsley Fred.k

With remittance

Sir,

I enclose Cheque for £19.2.7. the amount of your account, for which please to send stamped receipt

Yours obt Sr

Frederick Charsley

Acknowledged
5/3 Mr.

Rev Ward &
Secy
The Retreat

Lisbon 1st May 1850

Acknowledged 5/3 Mr

My dear Sir

This morning's post bt me the acct for my dear Son and your kind message to say he is rather better

I trust I am thankful to our gracious God for his great mercy, and to you my dear Sir, his humble instrument, I know you will do all in your power for my dear fellow and feel persuaded that a blessing will attend your efforts, I can only say, have the goodness to let him have every thing you consider desirable for him, without regard to the expense, I send this order payable to you as I do not give the christian name of Mr Wood to my Banker will you have the goodness to tell Mr Wood my reason for not sending it to him.

Yours my dear Sir
Very truly Muldleck

To John Kitching Esq

Lisburn 5/3/50

Calabeck Mrs

With remittance

Morton

Morton. 1 May 1850

Clapham Jhs

with Dft. £8.15.8.

Sir

Inclosed you have Dft. 8.15.8. on the Late John Davy's a/c. which please acknowledge & oblige Yours Resp.y

Thomas Clapham

Acknowledged

5/2 Mr

(Susannah Charley's &c)

Liverpool 5 Mo 1. 1850.

Esteemed Friend Crosfield. E.
With remittance.

Thine of the 29th is to hand

We enclose bill 87.4.1 which please acknowledge & receipt the account.

I remain thy friend

Edward Crosfield

Acknowledged
5/2 Mrs.

Doncaster 5th Mo 2d 1850

Respected Friend
M. Wood

I inclose Check £35.13.9
to cover Cousin Ann
Walker's account for Quarter
in advance. which please
to acknowledge in course

Thy friend
Joseph Clark

Acknowledge
5/4 Mo

Dorcaster 5/2/50
Clark Jd
With remittance

Fort place Bermondsey
London 2 May 1850.
Bevington Alfred

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours enclosing H. B. Peckover's account, but before I can take any measures towards getting the money for its payment from the office of the Accountant General, I must trouble some one of your Establishment to furnish me with an affidavit sworn (or affirmed) before a master extraordinary in Chancery, that the said Henry Busley Peckover was alive on the 31 March & that he is now living.

And early in July I shall be obliged by Mr. Kitching sending me a short certificate as before signed by himself in reference to the state of his health.

The property from which H B Peckover's income arises is under the care of the Court of Chancery, and the offices connected with it are extremely particular in their forms, & unless you comply exactly with their regulations they give you a deal of trouble.

The

The two documents just refered to are each wanted half yearly. The one ~~is~~ signed by the medical attendant in January & July for the satisfaction of the "Lunacies Visitors office" — and the affidavit the enable the "Committee" to get payment from the accountant General, in April & October

I am, dear Sir

Yours mo. respectfully

Alfred Pevington

Mr. W. Wood

Sudbury 5/2/50
King J.

Sudbury 2/5/50

Esd. Frd

I received the Quarter's Ass respecting J D Beamish, which I will pay when next in London, not knowing who are your Bankers.

It is satisfactory to find he continues improving — his wife inclines to write him a few lines, which if suitable thou canst hand to him —

It is of course a difficult matter to form a judgment as to the ultimate result in any case — but hoping he may so improve as to be fit to come home again, we shall endeavour not to fill up the place he fill'd in our

establishment for the present;
I suppose to ask the opinion
entertained by the superintendant
as to the time it may
require, would be a query
he would scarcely feel com-
-petent to answer

Am respy
for J W D King
J King

J D B may be informed that
his friends often enquire
after him - my love to him -

Replied
57 MW

Marw 31. 2. 10
Pr 13. 12. 8
44. 15. 6
50
5. 4. 6

Spring Dale,
Near Huddersfield, 5 Mo. 3, 1850

William Wood,
Secretary,
Retreat,
near York.

Respected Friend,

I am much obliged by thy note of yesterday, and the information it contains. Enclosed herein, thou wilt receive a Bank of England note, value £50 — to pay the two accounts together £44. 15. 6, leaving a balance of £5. 4. 6 towards the next half year, the receipt of which please acknowledge accordingly in course — and give our dear love to my Sister & Brother, of whose health we are glad to receive a favourable report.

I remain, thine truly,
Edward Fisher.

Acknowledged 5/4 Mm W

B/England, Manchester 20 Jan. 1849 — X/O 46828. (signed) L Dennis — £50.

Springdale 5/3/50
Fisher Edwd
with remittance

6. Dorset Place
Dorset Square
London –

Sir

I have this day requested Messrs. Grindlay & Co, to forward to the York City & County Bank the sum of forty four pounds three shillings and nine pence – made payable to yourself – in payment of Capt. A. Fisher's last account

I also enclose herewith the usual certificate to be signed by him, & returned to me – I shall feel obliged by an acknowledgment of the above £. 44. 3. 9. when received; & remain

Yrs. faithfully
J. Fisher –

Certificate returned 5/7 Mr W.

Payment acknowledged 5/18

4th May. 1850.

London 5/6/50
Fisher Fr.

Scatoller, Keswick

May 3rd 1850.

Sir,

Inclosed I have the pleasure of forwarding a draft for £58.. 18.. 7., the amt. of my sister's (Elizabeth Fisher's) Quarter's acct.

Acknowledged 5/6 Mr.

& remain, Sir,

"454" Your Obedt. Servt.

Abm. Fisher.

M. Wood Esqr.

Keswick 5/3/50.
Hesher Abm
with remittance

Colchester 3 mo 5
1850

Dear Friend

Wm Wood

On Application at the York City & County Bank in due course thou may receive Seven Pounds 10/3 on Joseph Sewell's Account for Board &c. we are glad to hear a favorable account of him & Tell him his Brother & Sister Wm & Martha Cross desire their love to him. with love

Thy Friend
Wm. Cross.

Acknowledge
5/11 mo

Colchester 5/3/50
Cross Mrs -
Notice of payment
thro by C & C Bk.

York. 5/4/50
Watson Shepley
Re. D. G. Garrett

See memo
on other side
Mr.

York May 2d
1850

Dear Sir

The Master in Lunacy cannot understand how 8/ a week makes up the sum due for Garritt and he requires an Affirmation of the sum now due Please therefore let me have a Copy of the Account & if convenient call or send the proper person to morrow or next day after 11 to make the Affirmation

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Shepley Watson
Dr W Gray

Dr Tuke Esq
Retreat York.

made out the a/c from
1835 to 3 Mo 31, 50
& left it with S.W.

M.J.

5/4/50

Frenchay near
Bristol 5 mo 6. 1850.

Respected Friend
W. Woods

By some mistake thine of the 30th ult° only reached me yesterday, or I would have answer^d earlier. — I now enclose a Cash Dft for £62.18.11 which with £2.10.0 Annty due from the Retreat will settle the A/c for my Sister E. C. Fuckett to 6 mo 30. — I am obliged for the information annex^d to the A/c — & waiting thy acknowledgement of the Dft enclosed —

remain respectfully

Francis Fuckett

Acknowledge^d
5/7 MW.

Bristol, 5/9/50

Tucker St.

With remittance

Sudbury

Sudbury May 6. 1860
Andrews Gt

Sir

I have received your letter with the Amount due for my Sister, and as I have for some time past paid the Amount due to the amount of the Tube to the York City County Bank, and I do not know whether my future payments should be made in the same way I shall be obliged by your

informing me to what account
and to what Bank the payment
shall be made and on hearing
from you I will order the same.

Sincerely yours, obliged

Geo Ambrose

Replied to
5/8 [illegible]

Respected Friend

Wm Wood

Enclosed thou wilt receive a Post Off Order for Twd pounds 16/- on Elizabeth Boxes a/c as per Statement sent

Thine respectfully

Leonard West

Acknowledged 5/7 Mo W

Hull 5th mo 6th 1850

Hull, 5/6/50
West L
with PO Oran.

Capt. Murray presents his compliments to Mr. Wood, & encloses an order on Messrs. Masterman in payment of the account, & will feel obliged by it's being returned to him receipted —

Douglas, Isle of Man
May 6th 1850 —

Acknowledged
5/8/50
Mr

Douglas 5/6/50
Murray Capt
Lith Remittance

Leicester 5 mo/18. 50.

Mr. W. Wood

I enclose the balance of my Father's account in postage stamps; in replying, please to state the amount of each of the accts.

I am
Very respectfully thine
Alfred Ellis

Acknowledged
5/20 [illegible]

Leicester 5/18/50
Ellis Alfred
Mth Pstg Labels.

Respected friend

D H Tuke

I herewith enclose the amount of Bill sent, am glad to be informed that my dear Sister is in her usual health. – respectfully thy friend

Rebn Woodville

Thornsby 5th mo 4th – 50

Dft sent to D. H. Tuke for Enarmt receipt of it acknowledged to R. W. Mr

579

Thornley 5/7/50
Woodville Rebk
Mich Dtts.

Mrs Roberts's compliments to
Mr Wood, and she incloses
the halves of twenty five pounds,
towards the amount of
Mrs Stansfields, account, and
the remaining halves, and
a post office order, shall
be sent as soon, as the
inclosed is acknowledged.
Fence House,
Monday morning.

Acknowledged
5/7 1.50 WW

Burley 5/7/150
- Roberts Co
1/2 Inches.

Folkstone 5th Mo 7th 1850

Respected Friend

I write to say I have duly received the two acts of A Elgar, and have to day paid the sum of £9 " 12 " 10 d into our Bank to be forwarded to the York and County Bank in thy name on her act. Thou canst call for it in a few days, afterwards thou canst receipt the enclosed, and return it to me with a stamp. Do for the £5 " 4 " — d. In the intrim

Believe me with respects
thy Frd
Richd Marsh

Acknowledged
5/11 [illegible]

PS The above is paid in my name
Richd Marsh for J Wood.

Folkstone 5/7/50
Marsh Rich^d
notice of payment
through by C & C Bk.



YORK
MY 8
1850
D

I Wood
Secretary to the Retreat
York
Cee

Worcester 7/5/1850

Respt.d Friend
D H Tuke

Enclos'd is my Cheque
for Twenty four Pounds 1/7 —
as pstatement at foot —
with kind regards, I remain

Thy Friend
Thomas Newman

		s	d
To J. Kitchen from Henry Stone		6	3
H. Stone on acc.t of his Wife		17	8 0
Matilda Baker		6	7 4
	£	24	1 7

Acknowledged
5/10/50 [illegible]

Worcester 5/7/50
Newman & Co
with Dft.

Haverhill
5 Mo. 9. 1850

Respec^d. Friend
W^m. Wood,

Herewith Senclose a P. O. order for 3.7.4 in payment of a/c receiv^d, which Strust thou wilt duly receive, & which please acknowledge to

thy fr^d. respectfully
Chs: Kitching

Acknowledged,
5/11 [illegible]

Haverhill 5/9/50
Ketching Cld
with PO Order

Nathan Gillett's respects to
W. Wood and at the request
of Jos.h Lamb of Sibford he
sends herewith a Dft for
£6.12.9, being in payment
of the quarter's a/c for his son
Wm. An acknowledgment of
the rect. of the same will
oblige.

Banbury
10/5/50

Acknowledged
5/11 MW

Banbury 5/10/50
Gillett S.
With Dft.

Hook Norton 13th Sept 1850

Enclosed is a Bill for £15.17.3
on A Coles account which I
hope will arrive safe,

Please give our love to her
and inform her we are all
pretty well except Mother Coles
she has been poorly of late.

respectfully

Wm Minchin

Acknowledged
5/15 Sept

Hook Norton 5/13/58
Minchin Wm
With Remittance.

Kingsbridge 5/13/50
Fox Edwd.
With Dft.

Kingsbridge 13/5 mo 1850

Mr Wood
Sy of the Retreat
York

Respd Friend

I beg to enclose a Dft on Barclay &c for £12.5.5 Amt of the acct sent for my nephew Edward Fox — I conclude that if your Medical Superintendant could perceive any advantage likely to result from a change in this poor young man's position — or by his

trying the effects of
a residence in one of our
Colonies. That he could
hunt as much - Some
disorders of the mind are
aggravated by continued
confinement without
sufficient scope for intellectual
exertion - I am aware that
poor Edward was sometime
singular in his habits - before
the disease shewed itself in
a decided manner - & that
there is often some hope of
recovery when it is sudden
in its attacks - he was
a youth possessing good
powers - & perhaps made too
much of in some quarters
& what he was thrown away
for his family & friends -

I am Dear truly

George Fox

Leicester 5/13/50.
Ellis Alfred
Mth Dft.

Evans Mar 16. 16. 2
Ellis Ch 20. 15 – 10
37. 12
Dft
£37. 2. –
Mr

Leicester 5 mo 13.

Wood.

I enclose a draft at seven days, for the amount of your account against my Father; which please acknowledge, and at the same time state the present health of my brother Charles, and aunt Martha Evans. Thou

would also oblige me by
mentioning John Fowler
of Gloucester, whose case
I know something of, and
feel interested in.

I am
very respectfully thine
Alfred Ellis.

Belgrave
in Leicester

Acknowledged
5/15 [illegible]

Ms Kings Street
Finsbury Sqre
May 13.
1852
Charlesworth Mc
with D ft.

My dear friend

On the 8th of this month I paid to Messrs Hoare Barnett & Co. £ 28..3..10 to be forwarded to you through the York Bank. When it is received I shall be obliged by an acknowledgment;

We propose to call as soon as possible on your sister but Mrs Charlesworth has

been for a long time confined
to her chamber by illness &
Maria is not present
not well.

I am
your faithful friend
J. Charlesworth

– Replied to
stating an error
£28.3.10 instead of £28.10.3
Amt of D&F correct
5/15 [illegible]

the Kings Street
Finishers Sq.re
May 16.
1856
Charlesworth Mo.

Dear Sir

I forwarded the
last remittance on the 8th
to 28..10..3 in the name of
Mr. D. H. Take as usual on
the 8th of this month through
Messrs Hoare & Co.
I also wrote to him by Post
and I am inclined to
think I made a
mistake in that letter
as to the amount paid
inserting 28..3..10 instead
of 28..10..3 Will you do
me the favour to acknowledge
the money and inform

me whether all is right?

I was not aware of Mr. Take having left the Institution

I am
yours very truly
J. Charlesworth

Shall spend my letter again to say that I have just now received yours & am glad to find that all is right

Fence Hs. 5/14/50
Burnley
Roberts Mary
With remittance

Dear Sir,

I inclose you the
Calves of £25-0 and a post
office order, to the amount
of £4-09, not knowing your
name in full, I desired the
order to be made payable
to Mr. Wood, but that could not
be granted, so the bearer of
my note for it arranged for
it to be made payable
to John Wood, so you will

please to remember when you apply for it, as they would refuse to pay it, if you give your name, for I presume John will not be your name, but you will oblige me by informing me ~~your~~ when you write.

Mother & Sisters, join me in love to my Sister Stansfield, accept our kind respects, yourself.

I remain,

Respectfully

Mary Roberts,

Vence House

May 9th

Miss Roberts's compli^s to Mr. Wood, and she is glad to acknowledge his note to her Mother, which she received this morning.

Vence House,

May 14th

Acknowledged 5/15 W.W.

Dear friend

On looking over John Harris's bill it occurred to us from the amount of the tailor's bill that you had got him some new clothes - perhaps thou may not be aware that we have hitherto furnished them from home and should like to do so in future except shoes and hats and some other small wares if it be no inconvenience to you his shirts & stockings are made in our own family and we should like to know when he is in want perhaps when acknowledging the receipt thou wilt be kind enough to explain

thy friend with love

Thos. Walker

Ullock Nr Cockermouth 5/14 -

Acknowledged 5/16 [illegible]

Ullock, 5/14/50
Walker Hd
Tuth POO.

Vendue 5th Mo 15th 1850

Respd Friend

D. H. Tuke

We now enclose thee P. Order 3. 10. 8 for Betty Thompson which please acknowledge

Are very respectfy.

John Thompson & Co

Acknowledged 5/15 Mr.

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Kendall 5/15/50
Thompson & Co
With remittance.

Bristol 17th/5th 1850

Wm Wood.
York.
Resp.t Friend

Enclosed I hand thee. Bankers Bill. value £10. 15. 10 – amt. of my Daughters Ass – as undo – which please acknowl.e with requesting to be kindly remembered to ~~you~~ her

I am respectfully
John Baker

Acknowledged
5/18 [illegible]

Bristol 5/17/50
Baker Jr.
Mth D Jr

Cork 18/5 mo 1850

Dear friend

Willm Wood

The annexed Letter of Cr on Leeds is for the Bill against Caleb Abell lately furnished by thee for the Retreat. — Be so Kind as to let me know of its getting safely to hand

truly thy friend

Willm Harvey

Acknowledge
5/20 Mth.

Cork 5/18/50
Harvey Mr
with remittance.



Willm Wood
York.

YORK
MY 20
1850
B

OH
MY 18
50

Norfolk 13th June 1850
Caldbeck Wm

Many thanks to my
dear Sir for your letter
which Greet yesterday, I
do indeed feel very grateful
to you for it, it has pleased
the Lord to lay a heavy
hand on my dear Son
and on all his family, thro'
him, but still he has dealt
mercifully by us, and I feel
assured will still do so, but
it may be a considerable
time before he shall see

fit to restore my dear fellows health.

I feel assured that you my dear Sir, as his humble instrument, will do every thing in your power for my dear fellow, and that you will not allow him to want for anything you may consider necessary, and that you will allow him to be visited by me and his Mother or Brother when you shall be of opinion it may be of use to him, we do not wish our feelings to be at all consulted, only what may under Gods blessing conduce to his peace of mind, and whenever you shall take the trouble to write me a few lines to Lisburn I shall be most grateful for them

God bless you my dear Sir

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

Moss House 7-mo 11th 1850.
Martindale My

Dear friend

John Pitching

I wish to inform thee that I am likely to be at Fairfield again on 5th day evening - so that if thou waites me not before 5th day will thou please direct there -

Please give my love to Maria Whitten and I am obliged for her letter -

I hope thou will have some more favourable report to

My note is longer than I expected - but I hope thou will excuse me and I am thy sincere frd

M. Hy: Martindale.

give of my poor Hy's nights
and the excitement —
The weather has been of a
variable sort, and I think
is trying to many.
Does Henry frequently ride
out with you — and how
does he manage with the
reins &c. Any little inci-
dents — ever so little, will
be, and are, most welcome.
Does Henry like his attendant
and is he an elderly or
young man —? and is he
new in the institution, or
not — I hope there have
been no fits since those
at The Brook —? —
Resputing my poor note
to my dear H. I hope those
will be able to remark
its amplance and hord:
Does those think him
quite incapable of writing —
Perhaps if unable to write
a note he might direct
a newspaper to me —
When at The Brook he filled
two note sheets, but his ideas were quite
or nearly incomprehensible —
yet I thought I could a little
trace the train of thought —

Newcastle June 29. 1850.
on Tyne,

Dear Sir Embleton &c

Will you have the Kindness
to inform me at your
earliest convenience whether
you receive lady patients
into the Retreat, & if so on
what terms, perhaps you
will do me the favour to
send the last years Report
& any other papers that

You may think necessary
for conveying the requisite
information for the subject
of the Retreat.

I am dear Sir
Your obedient Servt
Dennis Embleton
M.D.

J. Thurnam Esqr M.D
The Retreat
York.

Camborne

Dec. 1st 1850

Budge Mc.

My dear Friend

I hope I shall not unsuitably intrude on thee by afew lines respecting our friend Joseph Tangye; had I supposed that either James Backhouse or Joseph Rowntree were at home I would have addressed my note of enquiry to one of them — Joseph Tangye is again unwell; perhaps much in the same state as when he left Cornwall for York — if Friends should conclude on the propriety of his again becoming an inmate

at the Retreat, might he be re-
ceived there on the same terms
as formerly, & would there be
any objection to his working in
the garden or on the grounds
of the Institution, when in cir-
cumstances to do so? I shall
be glad to hear of an improved
state of Thy health when an
answer to my inquiry reaches
me — With love, believe me to
remain Thy sincere friend

Jn Budge

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Bristol 6/29/56
Polglase Wm

Dear Sir

Since receipt of your note I have handed John's Resignation to Joseph Fry he thinks it doubtful whether he shall present it to the Monthly meeting, but expressed a wish to hear from you respecting him you were kind enough to propose addressing a line on the subject I should esteem it a favor your doing so, to Joseph Fry, Union St, Bristol

I told him I thought John had a morbid dislike to Friends not improbably connected with his being confined at York & that

did not imagine his resignation
arose from any change
in religious views —

I remain
truly yours
Wm Polglase

Bristol June 29 - 1850

Cloraft

Rathfarnham

8 June 1850

Caldbeck Wm

My dear Sir

May I hope I ill
4 cure me for repeating
a few lines to say how
my dear Son is I have
been here for some time
and hope to return home
[illegible] on the 15th indeed I
am greatly distressed, do pray
pardon me for troubling you

I my dear Sir very truly

M Caldbeck

Bristol June 7. 1850

Dear Sir

From the kind interest you have shewn in my brothers welfare I know you will excuse my troubling you with the enclosed letter rec^d from my sister at Manchester — it appears pretty clear to my mind that he will soon be off from their care as he manifests precisely the same restlessness as on former occasions, or perhaps even more — within a week of his reaching Manchester he wrote that he did not think it healthy brushed me to get a situation for him at some seaport it seems now that he will not do what employ may be found him & as he is totally unfit to confine his attention to any thing for long a stranger with whom he must keep steadily at his work would not humour him in this particular he has also sent me his resignation to hand to the Friends I enclose copy — I believe this is a step as he thinks to prevent his return to York as he was

continually writing me that he was not a friend & wished to be sent to a County asylum — I shall delay sending his resignation untill I hear from you & it may be necessary to trouble you to address a line as to his mental state to one of the overseers here whose name I will give you after ~~[illegible]~~ hearing you although I suppose they hardly would accept it —

I trust you will excuse my thus troubling you & shall be glad at your convenience to receive a line on the subject as to how it will be best to act respecting him —

I fear he will be selling his watch again & going off as he imagines to get employment —

With your reply shall be glad of the enclosed letters — in haste

Remain

truly yours

W. Poylan

Cam Hill
Wm Huddersfield
6/6 50

Twith Jos^h

Esteem Fd
Jno Kitching

Two weeks ago I sent a Bank Post Bill for £20 odd to the on acct of three patients at the retreat who are paid for by Pontefract non mutiny and I have not yet received any answer I shall feel obliged by thy informing me per return of post whether it has come to hand or not

Thy friend sincerely
Joseph Firth

P.S. I should also be glad if thou could give me an improved acct of my Brother in law Henry Martindale


YORK
JU 9
1850
B
ONE PENNY
John Kitching
Friends Retreat
York
DENBY-DALE
HUDD
1850

Charlbury 6/14/50
Fowler Debr

Charlbury 14/6/50

Esteemed Friend

I intend leaving this place for Gloucester on third day next the 18th & should have been pleased to have heard how my dear husband was getting on before I leave, & hope I am not deceived in hoping that as I have not heard for the last week he may

in some degree be im-
-proved in his health,
indeed I had quite hoped
when he left home that
he would ere this have
been considerably improved
both bodily & mentally & it
is a very great trial to
receive such poor accounts
of his state, if thou
shouldst not write till
after the 16th please address
me at Gloucester as it
is rather more than a

days post to Cheerlbury
& it would not get here till
after I had left —
Much hoping that I shall
be favored to receive a
more satisfactory account
of the state of my dear
husband I am thy sincere
friend Deborah Fowler

My address will be
John Fowler
London Road
Gloucester

Has he much appetite or does
he appear to relish his food at all?

Cambome
6 Mo. 10th 1850

Esteemed Friend Budge Pho

In reply to thine of the 7th Inst I think it best to inform thee, that since I wrote Saml Tuke respecting Joseph Tangye, a situation has offered for him in this neighbourhood, and which his friends hope may afford the relief which they desire for him — should we however be disappointed in this respect, in all probability thou wilt hear from us again — respectfully thy friend

J. N. Budge

John Kitching

Sudbury 6/7/50
King Co.

Esteem'd Friend

I may inform thee that our friend D Beaman reach'd home safely this morning by the Train — and appears comfortable — He was met in London by a friend acquainted with him, living at Sudbury who informed me that he evinced some excitement when he got within a few miles of home, but was generally very comfortable & cheerful — Whenever thou forwards the account of Edmund, intended for him, I will remit the amount — Thy friend

John Haig

Sudbury 24/6/50

Esteemed Sir- King St.

Owing to the late alteration in the delivery of letters, Mine was not recieved till this morning. I am pleas'd to find that J D Beamish is thought sufficiently recovered to return home — Not having had any experience in such cases, I do not know whether he needs any friend to accompany him home, or only to meet him in London: As we know nothing about the Trains leaving York, we must request to be informed when he leaves,

and what time he will be likely to reach London — his Wife may probably go to meet him, and accompany him home —

With respect to the rate of weekly charge, I wish to leave it to you, as it will not be needful now to procure any recommendation As I before stated he is not in a situation to have paid £ struck for a continuance — but the time being short, it is not of so much consequence.

His travelling expences you will please pay and charge in his acct — Owing to the probability of my absence upon this reaches York, I cannot fix any day for his leaving — but it is quite immaterial if we are advised of the time you conclude on —

Yrs sincerely
J King

Manchester
6th Mo. 28 - 1850
Wyalton Isaac

Respected Friend,

I Take the liberty of writing again to thee respecting my father hoping that he is still improving in body & mind. Please to let as know how he is as the family are very uneasy as they have not had a line from him since he left home. I conclude with all our love. to him.

I am Thy Sincere

Well Wisher,

J Walton

164 Deansgate.

Closaft 28 June 1880
Caldebeck Mr
My dear

I cannot but believe
you will consider me
unreasonable but indeed
I abstain from troubling
you as much as my
feelings for my very dear
son will permit, may
I ask you to write me, if
but two or three lines about
him to say how he is

Pray, do not allow him
to want for anything you
may consider desirable

for him how gladly
sh^d I and any of his dear
family obey a call to
visit him but our
feelings must not be
considered do you think
of any thing which I c^d do
which might be desirable
for him He is in the
Lords hands and to him
we must look may he
bless the means we use
to his recovery do my

dear Sir excuse me I know
you will kindly make any
allowance for my intense
anxiety I hope to be
here for a week my
property is here situate
which brings me so often
here God bless
Yours my dear Sir
Mrs of Sinclair
Maldrick

Sudbury 12/6/50
King Jr.

Esteem'd fr'd

Thy letter of the 10th is received — the amount thou mentions was paid by me on a/c of I D Beamish being the amount of the Account sent some weeks ago —

I have subsequently received a letter stating its being a mistake that only 4/. ~~&~~ week was charg'd for him — this being received in London during the Yearly meeting was postponed answering, and has not since engaged attention —

I knew not the regulations respecting patients — but if there is any mistake I am quite willing to rectify it —

I mentioned I D B being many years in my service and he has saved a little property during the time, but not equal to

pay the double amount without leaving his wife and boy unprovided for in great measure. but in this case they must be assisted —

As I hope he may soon be well enough to return home from the account, I have had of his progress to recovery, it makes the amount of less moment than if it was likely to be a lengthen'd case — I will leave it to thy decision, and the next remittance can settle the same —

I am Thy frd
J King

Our Love to JDB —
Also his wife's —

Stanford
Stanford Rivers
6 Mo 6 1850
Dix Robt.

Respd Frnds

I have seen Joseph Rountree and explained to him the way in which Hannah Ringers Income is derived viz from Land and money Invested in Government Securities and the total amount of that Income is Fifty Eight Pounds 8/11 you will now see the facts before you which will I hope convince the Committe that Two Guineas Per week is incompatible with H Ringers Pecuniary means

I am
Respectfully
Robt Dix

to the Committe

Broomfield 6 m 24
1850
Nr Chelmsford
Gopsill T.

Dear friend
I Kitchen

I shall be obliged to thee to let our friend D Richardson have the enclosed Note — and if it would not be too much trouble I shall feel very much obliged if thee would write either to F Hills or myself and say what thee think of the state of his mind

With love
Thy friend T Gopsill

out for the benefit of their health. I suppose they will have returned before this, & I hope benefitted by the change. I have not heard from Hull for a considerable time; suppose our dr Parents have not yet gone to Enfield, whither I believe they have had intention of visiting. I shall not expect them to return without affording me a little of their company in my solitude here. I am rather expecting to be in London shortly, & perhaps at Enfield, where there was some talk of my dr S.A. spending a little time during her vacation, but I know not how it will be. With dr love to self, Sister & little ones

I remain thy affectn Bro

Chs: Kitching

Haverhill

6mo 22. 1850

Kitching Chs.

My dear Brother

Having received the enclosed this morning from a Cousin of my dr. F's in Essex, I enclose it, & shall be obliged by thy sealing it, & handing it to her, with my dr love & also that of our dr S.A.

I had hoped I shd have receivd a few lines from thee before this, but need not say, have been

disappointed; it is nearly 2 months
since she dropped me a line,
My last being dated 4 Dec 26 - 27.
I do not wish to encroach
too much, or more than is agreeable
on thy invaluable time
which is doubtless occupied by
important engagements, on the
discharge of the responsible duties
connected with thy weighty and
interesting charge, yet how will
easily imagine that I must feel
much anxiety, & that this anxiety
prompts the desire to hear, even
tho' there may not be any marked
improvement, or any particular
change for to notice or report.

I do not think of
writing to my Dear wife now, not
knowing what thy opinion is, as to
the propriety of a cattle pregnant
intercourse tho' that medium
perhaps thou will inform me
whether thou think'st advisable
for her correspondence more frequently
with her, or whether she expresses
a desire to hear from me, oftener
I should not like to do it, if it
excited her unduly, on the other
hand I would not refrain, so as
to excite her anxiety on that acct.
Had she progressed with the
promised sketch, & does she settle
better, to needlework, or any other
source of employment or amusement?

I shall be obliged by a few lines
with as many particulars as thou
canst furnish, at thy earliest
convenience

I think last time
I wrote thy family were

Frenchay – 6/4 mo. 1850

Respected friend

As we have annually to obtain a certificate that my sister E C. Tuckett is still living in order to receive her dividend from the Government Fonline, I enclose a form, the first half of which is to be signed by the Minister of the parish (or in his absence as painted out at the head) and which I shall be obliged to procure & to return to me at the first Convenient opportunity within the current month – I am aware my sister is not always sufficiently well, for it to be desirable to ask the Clergyman to visit her, but I believe he has hitherto been quite willing to do so when asked by D. T.

The giving such certificates is required by the Government of parochial ministers, altho it is supposed that the party will call upon him. We shall be glad to receive from thee a report of Esther's present state – I hope to learn she has passed thro the Cold weather without suffering from it – a fire in her Chamber in former winters has appeared to render her more comfortable, & induce sleep & quiet.

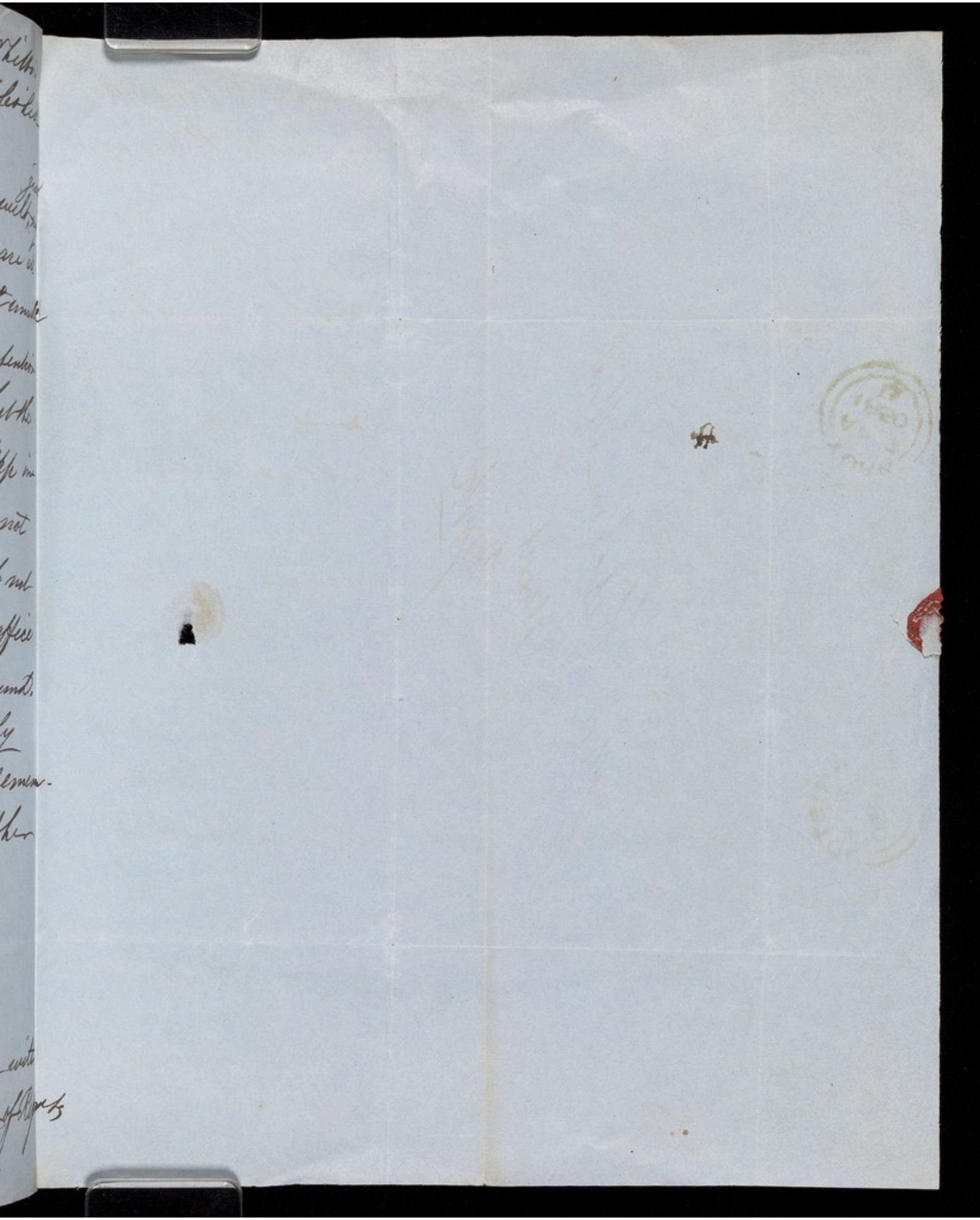
We have not unfrequently heard of her thro E. Wilson, whose own health will I hope become so reestablished as to enable her to return to Frenchay.

Should Esther be at her best, perhaps than will you give my wife's & my love to her, & inform her her brother & we are all now pretty well — my brother Henry has been quite unwell but is now much better. It was fully my intention to visit the Retreat in the 10th month, but the unexpected decease of thy valued Aunt E. Shipp induced me to defer it — I hope the summer will not advance very far without my doing so — I do not know if our friend Daniel Tuke yet retains his office in the Institution or whether a successor has been found.

We shall be glad to hear of the welfare of thy family — My wife joins me in a message of kind remembrance to thy Wife & self — also to Maria Wilson & her daughter — Thy sincere friend

Philip D. Tuckett

P.S. Should Daniel Tuke be still among you with thee acknowledge for me the receipt of a number of Reports which I enquired after & which I am obliged









John Kitchen M.S.
Retreat
nr York.

Kenchay 6/4/50
Tucker Philip

Manchester.

6th mo. 4th 1850

Respected Friend,

not having heard from York concerning my father, but once since he came there I thought it my duty to write again, If thou would write a few lines to let us know how he is we should be much obliged, as the family are getting very uneasy concerning him.

Thy well wisher,

Isaac Walton

164 Deansgate,

Manchester

Manchester 6/4/50
Wallace & Isaac

Respect'd Frd/
Dr Kitching

Enclosed is a Dft for Five Pds which please place to the Credt of Ann Hooper Watson's acct which please acknowledge the Rect — and at the same time please inform us what state of health our dear daughter is at present in — and should also like to know how our Son in Law (Joseph Catchpool Bale) is & what thy opinion of him is; if I am not troubling thee too much

I remain thy assured Frd

Henry Watson

12 South Place
Camberwell New Road
6 month 3rd 1850

Camberwell 6/3/50
Watson H.J

Respected friend

W Wood

I herewith send Post Office orders for 7. 7. 10 on behalf of my brother Henry which please place to his a/ct & acknowledge if proper give my love to him & say we are all well. I am

Salford
6/11/50

Respectfully
W Burns

Acknowledged 6/12 [illegible]

Salford, 6/11/50
J Binns Wm
With POOs

Boston 6 mo: 1st 1850

Respd Friend
Wm Wood

Herewith I forward
a post office order for £3-0-6
for Board &c for Eliz.h Hodgkinson,
I have delayed remitting hoping
to have come over to see my
wife before this, but hitherto
I have been prevented, and do
not yet see how soon I can
come —

Thine respy
Sam.l Hodgkinson

Acknowledged
6/3 Mo

- Bolton 6/1/50
Hodgkins on Saw
Mill P.O.O.

Georgetown June 11. 1856

Sir

Herewith you will receive a draft upon the London & Westminster Bank for the sum of £17.3.00 on account of Mr. George Tickell

I am Sir

Your Humble Servt.

W. T. Jones

Mr. Sherwood

Acknowledged
6/12
[illegible]

Gwynfynno 6/11/50
Jones W. S.
Mich. Dft.

Dear Luke

Dear friend

Enclosed I hand Cheque for £15-6-0 the amount of Bill for Board &c for Freedom Wall — for which have the kindness to send me a receipt

I am Yours Sincerely

Thos Fowler

Acknowledged 6/10 Sept.

Prince Street London

6 Mo 8 — 1850

London, 6/8/50.
Fowler Thos.
With Chg.

Whinfellhall 24 of 6 Mo
Nr. Cockermouth. 1850

Dear Fd.

W Wood

I enclose draft on Glyn & Co. for £7.5.1 the amt. due from Pardshaw Mo. Meeting to York Retreat on a/c. of John Hudson for the half year ending 3 Mo 31. the receipt of wh. please acknowledge

Wilson Robinson Jr.

Acknowledged
6/26/50
Mr.

Whinfell Hall
1/24/50
Robinson Wilson
Lech Dft.

Respected friend

I am sorry that the amount of £3.14.9 which the enclosed P.O. order conveys has not been sooner remitted

I have written a few lines to my wife and am glad to hear that she is somewhat improved.

I remain
Thine Respectfully
Saml. Tilney
Chelmsford 6/26. 1850

Acknowledge
W. M.

Chelmsford 6/26/50
Tilney Lane
Mch. $00.

Malton 6/20/50
Tewell Abn

Malton 6 Mo 20 1850

Dear Friend
Wm Wood

If my memory serves me right I noticed whilst examining the Acts at the Retreat — that the average cost of Flour during the past Year was 40/1/4 per Sack — on conversing with Wm Hurtley on the subject since my return he informed me that the average price during the Year from 6 Mo 49 — to 6 Mo 50 —

which they had charged the
~~[illegible]~~ Yeoman Normal School
at York was 31/6 3/4 the
quality but seconds the
same he says as my fam
ily is supplied with if
so it is very good now
the difference (if I am cor
rect in the average charge
to the retreat 40/7 1/4) is so
great that I thought it
worth the consideration
of the Committee & if
their inclines I have no
objection to this note
being laid before them

I am the Friend

Mr Sewell

Dewsbury 5/19/50

Respected Friend
Wm Wood

Expect my son
John Awmack will require
some woollen cloathing,
Will thou be so kind as
procure what is necessary?
and thou will oblige
Thy Fd
Respectfully
R Awmack

Dewsbury 6/19/50
Awmack Rache

The Kings Street
Finsbury
June 3d.
1850

My dear friend

I enclose a letter to the Committee, which I shall be obliged if you will read & (if you approve) seal up & present to them for me.
I can truly say that

Hour

whatever I have said
comes from my heart
for I do deeply feel the
kindness in anticipating
the sharp affliction,
which it has pleased
God to send to me & my family

Believe me
your Obliged & faithful
friend
J. Charlesworth

Mrs Charlesworth is in
the Country for her health.

To the Committee of the
Direction of the Retreat

14 King's Street
Finsbury Square
June 3d 1850

Gentlemen

Having presented a Petition to you
requesting of you the favour of a reduction in the
case of my daughter Amelia Charlesworth, on
the ground of pecuniary circumstances detailed
in my letter to Mr. Tuke, and having received,
through Mr Tuke, the information that you
have kindly taken the case into consideration
and have resolved under the circumstances
of the case to reduce the terms from £2. 2. 0
to 30s per week, I request permission to
acknowledge with sincere thankfulness
your great kindness in granting me
this favour. The present attack
is the fourth in the course of eight years
and it has now continued two years

and six months.

I wish at the same time to assure you that I am deeply sensible of the great advantages which she has enjoyed in the Retreat, and of much kindness shewn to her on the part of those, who have had the management of the Institution, during the various periods of her being an inmate of the Retreat.

I am

Gentlemen

Your obliged and respectful
servant

John Charlesworth.

To the Committee
of Directors of
the Retreat
near York

London 6/3/50
Charlesworth Ex.

Coventry.

Coventry 7th mo. 27th
Cash Md. 50.

Esteemed Friend
Samuel Tuke,

In the absence
of my Parents from home
& I have no doubt with
their full consent I apply
to thee for some rules
and information respect-
ing the Retreat for the
Insane. A most melan-
choly instance has lately
come under our notice,

Remain
Thine respectfully
M. A. Cash.

one of the largest commercial men in town. He has within the last 3 weeks been made a bankrupt. His wife is now deprived of reason & the doctors advise an immediate removal to an Asylum. In the difficulty of selection we have been applied to our family being known to the distressed one & as they are particularly anxious for kindness & economy be offered to obtain information re. opening this Institution. An immediate answer would greatly oblige as they are hastening matters to a speedy conclusion.

The Patient is not a member of our Society

Chelmsford. 7/9/50
Harrison Fred

Sir

It is now five weeks since I received a letter from you advising me to delay my visit to my Cousin D Richardson and having had no communication from you I feel anxious to know how he is, I have inclosed a letter to him which

I hope you will be
kind enough to give
him it

I remain
Yours Truly
Francis Hampson

Lyons Hall
July 9th. 1850

Fairfield 7/17/50
Martindale Mary

Dear friend
John Kitching

I believe I did not inform thee when I was at York that I was likely to return pretty immediately home - So will thou please address to me here - How did my dear Husband seem after I left - Was any enquiry made after me - or any remark on the shortness of my stay - Have I left a still pleasing impress in poor Henry's views ~~of~~ - or has he been

angry with me in any
degree - Did he make any
remarks to C. Williams of my
having been there? -

Altho' I know that thou canst
indeed have little to tell me
yet any information respecting
poor dear Henry is gratefully
received by me - as also
by Henry's own family, who
always look to having
an opportunity of seeing thy
notes -

Thou mayest inform Henry
that we got well to Moss
House - and that I came to
Fairfield last evening accom-
-panied by my sister R. R.
Also present my dear love to
him - Give my love to
Maria Whitten, and I am
obliged much for his and
thy kindness -

To my Cousin J. H. Pfaff
will thou please remem-
-ber me kindly -

I am sincerely thy frd

Mary H. Martindale

Fairfield 7th mo 17th 1850.

Moss House 7th mo 9th 50.
Martindale My

Dear friend

I think I should inform thee that I am thinking of going to York next sixth day - Some little uncertainty attends. So that if I do not make my appearance by fine or six oilk wile thou please write me as usual - addressing me here. — Whether I have an interview or not with my dear Henry on this occasion

I wish to leave to thine and Caleb Williams better judgement -

I feel much obliged for thy candid reports of my dear husband's state -

The result must be left in his hands who has seen best to send this affliction, and resignation endeavoured after on my part -

I am thy obliged frd

Mary Ly: Martindale

Hanfield 7/2/50
Martindale My

Dear Friend

As day after days passes and I do not receive any letter from thee to say how my poor Henry is. I cannot forbear longer telling thee that the weekly letters are always anxiously looked for by me - and now several mornings have passed without any, my anxiety is not lessened altho' I may conclude that if there was any particular change thou wouldst let me

P.S. Will Henry have any recollection that this day (by the day of the week) a year ago his little girl died - about noon on the 3rd of 7th mo 49 -
I shall be obliged by thy saying -

know without delay –
My engagements I will know
are very numerous – and I
will endeavour to be patient –
and wait – Was there
any remark made by my
dear husband when he re-
-ceived my last note, some
weeks ago – and does that
excited state of dislike to
his being in an Assylum
continue? – Does it extend
to sullenness to those around
him – Is he ever cheerful and
happy feeling in himself? –
If thou thinks it suitable give
my dear love to him, and
tell him I intend to come
to see him soon –
I understood through my
Bro: J. Firth that C. Williams
had a poor opinion of my
poor dear Henry's case –

Jam My obliged fr'd.

Mary Hy: Martindale.

Fairfield
5th mo 2nd 1850 –

over

Adderbury 7/19/50

Esteemed Friend Beesley Hy

Wilt thou be so kind as to forward to me a Certificate as respects the general state of Wrychesley Stone, mental and bodily, during the half Year ending 30th of 6 Month, & just note whether any change has taken place in his treatment, or any other information if need be? The Chancery Lunatic's Visitors Board requires such Certificate to be sent to their Office in the 7 Month

and the 1st Month of each Ye

The Certificate to be signed by

thee as Medical Superintendent

I hope in a few days to

reply to a Letter I had

a long time since from our

Friend D H Tuke

with kind regards

Thy Friend

Henry Beesley

Adderbury 19-7 Mo 1850

Litchfield 7/22/50
Beakbane Eliza

Esteemed Friend

I have this morning
rec a letter from Jl Beakbane
saying if thou thought it
best he would gladly go over
to York for Eliz, but he
wished I would first write,
and request thou wouldst
be kind enough to say whether
thou thought it needful,
or whether it would be prudent
for her to come alone.
I shall be truly glad to see
her for a few weeks & she
can then decide on
her future residence,

It is a great comfort to us she is able to return and whenever she decides to remain all will be done that can to keep her mind peaceful.

Henry Beakbane will be very glad to have her at his house if she inclines, he wished me to say this, but of course I expect her to visit me first. Perhaps thou will kindly write respecting her being met, and should that not seem needful the time she will reach Liverpool we will meet her there but I expect thou will deem it needful for her to have company all the way. With love to her I remain Thy friend

Respectfully
Eliza Beakbane

Sutherland
7 mo 22. 50

Chichester

Chichester 14 of 7 mo 1850

Binns Martha

Respected Friend

John Ritching

I trust thou
will excuse my troubling
thee before the usual time
of writing, As our dear
children are at home for their
vacation it will afford us
much satisfaction to have a
little information of the state
of their beloved Papa before
they return to school, For
thy favour of last 5th the month

I am truely obliged, it is a con-
solation in our painful separa-
tion, to feel assured my dearest
George is placed under very
kind, and efficient care,
With respects I am
Thy obliged friend
Martha Binns

Litherland 7/27/50
Beakbane Eliza

Respected Friend

I received thy letter this morning and either Henry or Edward Beakbane will no doubt meet Elizth at Manchester. — I only rec^d the account of EBs board &c yesterday, it having been forwarded to H B, & supposing some one would go to York for her we concluded to settle all at that time

perhaps it will now be
best to wait until
we see dear E V G & then
forward all due to thee
which shall be attended
to as soon as possible
after her arrival.
Wilt thou please give
my love to her & say we
shall be much pleased
to see her,

I am respectfully
Thy friend
Eliza Beakbane

Litherland
7mo 27. 50

Nottingham 7th m: 10th

Payne Hy. 1850

My dear Friend

I feel obliged to thee for thy prompt attention to my request, and also for supplying our Tow Robert with a new Hat. As to the sovereign for a musical instrument, we think it best for him not, at present, to be possessed of so much money, which seems also not necessary

because Robert has at
home what is call it
a Cornopian, and if he
could not have an oppor-
tunity of disposing fit
for money, we, will, with
my approbation send it,
and leave it to my own
discretion to ~~consult~~ consult
Robert whether he wishes
to have it sent to ~~with~~ him
or not. My wife unites
with me in love to him
and with our very dear
love to Robert I remain
My sincere friend
Henry Payne

Prested Hall 7 Mo 8. 1850

Hills St

Dear Friend

I feel truly sorry to hear from thee so poor an account of my afflicted relative and am very fearful now whether his malady has not obtained so great a hold upon him as not to give way to any medical treatment thou will find as my poor cousin puts confidence in thee that he will be more communicative to thee of his delusions than has been the case and by quietly sitting with and seem to hold with him in the belief of his sorrows that the state of his mind will be developed - I have always found it so with him.

I have one great consolation in this heavy trial and great responsibility to, in the belief that the steps I have taken in sending him under thy care (and indeed in all previous steps taken by me) have been undertaken solely for his benefit whether they may be crowned with success or not

Tho' Hopsile the friend who wrote thee is one deeply interested in his welfare any communication I receive from thee is shewn him and the same would be the case with him to me so thou canst write as thou art inclined

If thou canst persuade my dear Cousin to write I should be glad to receive a few lines from him as we might renew our correspondence again and which has been stopped by my sheering thee his letters when at York

I enclose a letter recd from him written to my brother in law J Hannem it is the most unsatisfactory one we have received —

Be kind enough to write to me as often as thou finds time from thy numerous engagements and in kind remembrance to thee & wife and my dear relatives

I can subscribe myself thy sincere friend

I have written an account of our proceedings to OK which I enclose

[illegible]

Clorath, Rathfarnham
8 July 1850
Calabeck Wm

Accept my sincere thanks, my dear Sir, for your kind letter wh^t Ind^d on Saturday, I trust I feel grateful to our gracious God for enabling y^e to give me a more favourable account of my my dear Son than ye former letters contained, I feel assured that ye will do my thing in your power for him and that our blessed Lord will bless y^e

efforts, in his own good time,
and way, we must be patient,
and wait upon him, and I feel
he will give us grace to do so,
he alone can heal, I shall
conclude with again expressing
a conviction that you will
do any thing I consider right
for my dear son without
considering expense, and that
I will 'when I have leisure'
occasionally do me the very
great favour to write me
a few lines at him God
bless I thy dear Sir
Prays you very sincerely
Malthus

Gloucester 7th mo 6 1850
Fowler Debb

Esteemed Friend

I feel exceedingly obliged by thy early information of a little improvement in the state of my dear husband & most sincerely do I hope it may be allowed to be permanent I wish not to build too much upon it, yet at the same time cannot help feeling a little encouraged

after receiving so many accounts to the contrary. I have written a few lines to him by our friend Bowly who is just going being at York & will call to see him I hope it may not be improper for him to receive them, if it is he can bring them to me. I must of course leave them to thy judgement the protracted illness of my dear husband is a very severe & close trial but I hope to be kept from repining too much at the dispensations of Him who ordereth all things & who I hope in his own time may be pleased to remove the affliction

I am thy sincerely
Deborah Fowler

West Harling
7th Month 13th 1850.
Ringer Jr.

Respected Friend
John Kitching,

I recently
received a note from my
sister H. Ringer, requesting me
to supply her with some cash.
After giving the subject my
best consideration, I replied
that I had concluded it would
be better to forward some to

thee for her use.

Now enclose £5. I really felt quite at a loss to know what best to do in this matter, and therefore must ask thee to excuse me for thus troubling thee.

Jane,

Thine most respectfully

J. Ridger.

25. Crouch Street
Colchester
25. July 1850.

Scott C.

Sir,

I should be much
obliged to you if you
would kindly inform
me the terms for
patients in your Retreat.
The friends of a
clergyman whose
income is extremely
limited are anxious

to place him in
some Asylum where
he may have the
kindness and attention
requisite in such
a trying state at as little
expense as possible
they have an idea
that in the York retreat
there are different
according to the
circumstances of
of the parties and
the comforts required
An early answer
would oblige, Sir,
Your &
C Scott.

My address is
Miss Scott
25 Crouch Street
Colchester
Essex

West Harling
7/26. 50.
Ringer J.

Respected Friend
S. Kitching,

Allow me to acknowledge the recpt of thy note of the 5th inst & to thank thee for thy kind attention relative to the cash sent for my sister H. Ringer's use. It gives me great pleasure to receive

Remain,
Thine most respectfully
S. Ringer.

such an improved account of her general health.

I have thought much of thy requesting me, to "furnish thee with any information which may throw light upon your means of coming to a correct conclusion", in the case, and after having personally consulted members of the family, (particularly my Uncle Thos Ringer who signed the certificate,) we have concluded that it will be more expedient & satisfactory to refer thee to H.W. Bailey, who, has for many years been the valued friend and medical attendant of our family circle, & allows me to say, that he will undertake to supply thee with professional or general information, in answer to any inquiry addressed, H.W. Bailey Surgeon, Thetford, Norfolk.

Nottingham 7th Mo. 8th
1850

My dear Friend Payne H.G.

A considerable time having elapsed since hearing of our dear Robert, I hope thou will excuse me for requesting a few times from thee as early as convenient to inform us of the

state of his health and
if he conducts him-
self to thy satisfac-
tion, he has returned
us answer to his Mo-
thers last letter, and
as that was written
several weeks back,
we begin to be anxious
to hear of him.
My wife joins me in
love to thee & I remain
thy sincere friend H. Payne

West Starling
10th Month 7th 1850.

Respected Friend
John Kitching,

Several weeks have elapsed since thee requested some information from me as to the situation in which Hannah Ringer would probably be placed on leaving the Retreat. Thee have it seems supposed the subject had

to those unacquainted with this distressing case; but, we judging from the painful experience of past years quite despair of being able in any way to influence or guide her in future. It has been thought requisite that an interview should take place between thee, and some members of the family - perhaps an engagement may summon thee to London if such is likely to be the case I should feel particularly obliged by thy informing me

escaped my memory, but such I assure thee was not the case, & I very much fear it is too indelibly engraven thereon ever to be forgotten.

I think of the future with such dread that I feel quite at a loss to act or speak on the subject, and that has been the true cause of the delay.

I hope it is not thought likely that I shall again find her a permanent home, no consideration shall ever induce me to undertake such responsibility decided practical improvement must be afforded before I'd even consent to receive her as a visitor & the several members of the family I have consulted have likewise come to the same determination.

Thee most kindly & considerately entertain the opinion that it would be very advantageous to H.R. "if she could be placed where she would receive the kind notice and oversight of her friends & family" this must appear reasonable and proper to

of thy intention and I would accompanied by another member of the family meet thee at any time and place appointed.

I am

Thine very sincerely,

S. Klinger.

Lisburn

Wed. July 21-

Calabeck Quay

Dear Sir

In the absence of my husband I opened your letter to him, & now hasten to answer it & say that I am quite sure he would approve of our dear son going to Scarboro' for a week or longer should you think it would in the least benefit him; there is indeed

nothing his father would not do that could at all conduce to his recovery. I am truly thankful to find the accounts so much more favourable than they have been for some time past. I am aware that this deep affliction is sent for some good, and that when it has accomplished that that was intended, it will be with=drawn by that merciful & loving Father who doth not willingly afflict or grieve his children.

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Amy Caldbeck.

to be done, I feel assured you
will tell me, and I shall be
guided by you, I wish him
to have my thing you may think
right, and every recreation and
amusement which you think
may be of use to him. he is
in the hands of the Lord who
alone can heal him, let you
as his instrument will I
am sure do all in your power,

I write to him by this
post, let he does not know
I write to you, God bless you
my dear Sir
my thing
W. Waldbeck

Lisburn July 27. 1850
Lisburn
Caldbeck Mr

I have not any apology
to offer you my dear Sir
for trespassing on your valuable
time, beyond what I have
so often tendered to you, the
very great anxiety felt by
me and my family on account
of my dear Son is the only
excuse I have. when you do
me the great kindness to write
to me, will you be so good as
to tell me, does he read the
letters I send him, does he
read the papers, how does he
spend his time, and does
the attendant sleep in his

room, I must be sure,
& if attended with any
additional charge, I shall
cheerfully pay it. I fear
his clothes must be in
a sad plight,

I must now see
the great error I committed
when I was with him, in
endeavouring to force him
to take an interest in
that was occurring around
us, & I was often impatient
with him & it was repug-
nant to him that if he
did not exert himself, it
would probably break me
down, & I dare say the
recollection of these things
have suggested to him the
those feelings mentioned in
some of your former letters,
that I did, was the effect of
great anxiety & affection
for him the poor fellow, I
now feel I acted very wrong
by him, my anxious desire
is that nothing shall be taken
into your consideration that
that shall under God's blessing
may conduce to his restoration,
& if there is any change,
or anything I can do, which
I may consider desirable

Bolton

Bolton 7th mo. 4th 1850
Hodgenson Same

Respd. Friend
John Kitching

I have arranged to come over to see my wife on 7th day next if nothing arises to prevent.

H. E. Lewis, a man of colour, from America purposes accompanying me, and who is wishful to have an interview with thee, as he believes that Electro-magnetism is a subject which deserves the especial attention of the medical profession in order that its power may be more fully developed and understood, in

order to its application
for the allocation of disease.
to give information upon
this subject is the object
of his mission to this
country, - he has given
a course of lectures in
Boston thereon, and after
hearing of which I felt
desirous for him to see
my wife, believing that
no harm can arise to
her, if there can be no
good result from the visit

Yours respy

Saml Hodgkinson

Kendal July 23rd 1850

Braithwaite Geo.

Resd. Friend

John Kitching

Enclosed is a Bill for £19:6:10

for my Son Thomas's Bd. to 6/30 & a Quar. in advance &c --- We are pleased to hear that he is somewhat better; I think he always has been so under the kind care he has had in the retreat; but I conclude that after a certain degree of amendment he must be, by the Present Law of the Land, discharged as cured --- G & A: Cartwright, are, they inform us, quite willing to take him again when he is fit to be trusted out of the Retreat; - but that may not be for some time yet --- Please ackd. the Receipt of this Remittance & oblige very yrs.

Thos Friend

Geo: Braithwaite

lecturing, there would be any Attack to his visiting once more of the patients in the way I have mentioned.

I may just add that I believe his object - is not pecuniary advantage but a desire to set right with the public, what he considers a very important science.

Yours thy friend
Respectfully
Isaac Wright

P.S. May I ask thee to be so kind as to give my dear love to Fanny Steel her I had hoped to have seen her last week but was prevented leaving home by company coming. also to E.

Bolton 7/12. 1850

John Kitching Wright Isaac
Esteemed Friend

Dr Lewis. the man of Colour who visited the retreat in company with our frd S Hodkinson, called upon me last evening - being desireous of obtaining an introduction to some Frd or Fros at York, who would promote his objects in that City - viz Lecturing on Phrenology, mental Electricity &c - at the same time, he would much like, provided it met with thy sanction, - having the opportunity of operating more successfully on

one or more of the Patients
within your walls. S.H. is
quite wishful he should have
this opportunity with his wife
& so far as Father & myself are
concerned we should be glad
that he might have the same
opportunity with F & E. if there
save no objection to it.

I must admit I have a
strong feeling in favour of
the treatment combined with
Dydropathy & should be glad to
see poor Fany submitted to
a regular continued course
of operation. but this rests with
Brother C. K.

Dr Lewis is a man of recom
mended long notice by frds
of Manchester & Liverpool

at both of which places he
has lectured very success
fully & from what I have
personally witnessed of his powers
I quite believe that had he
the privilidge of an occasional
interview with a patient or
two, that favoured his views
good, would result from it.

I have no doubt hadst thou
the opportunity of attending
some of his lectures & viewing
his operations upon subjects
selected from a mixed au
-diance, thou wouldst also
be pleased with him.

perhaps thou would kindly
drop me a line informing
me, whether if Dr L. came
over to York for the purpose of

from the legacy of the late R. Proud
tho' I could wish there had been
another 0 at the end of the sum.

I am hoping to have
the company of Bro. Saml. here
before very long, as he informs
me it is his intention of paying
me a visit in a few weeks.
I think I have understood
thou art intending to be at the
next Peace Congress at Frankfort
am I rightly informed, & will it be
next month?
Excuse the haste in wh I have
written, with dr love to self
Sister & little ones

I am thy affect. Bro
Chs: Kitching

Hawkshill
7 Mo 7/3. 1850
Kitching Chs.

Dear Brother

Enclosed I forward
a few lines for my dr F. which
I will thank thee to give to
her. Hy a/c of her was
a discouraging one, more so
than I expected to hear, as
I was inclined to hope there
was some improvement
& that this might be perma-
-nent, but it appears I was

hoping without much warrant for so doing, & her case seems to be one with regard to which it is not safe to indulge any lively anticipations, for if these do at times venture upon the mind, how soon are they blighted; it appears as if I must give up hope, for hoping against hope is hard work for so long a time.

The excitement thou mentions I fear has long troubled her, sit shows the great need there is for a vigilant care being exercised over her, but in her present situation I cannot doubt but that she is safe in that respect.

I am obliged for thy prompt attention to my wish, sho' as thou says it may be no pleasing task to have to say over again such dull statements, yet I am glad to hear, dull as the reports may be, slike to know exactly how she is, in what way more particularly affected.

Since I last wrote I have recevd. a letter from Mother & am glad to find they are likely to receive a small increase in their finances,

Lawrence St
29-VII-1850.
Tuke Saml

Dear Friend

Wilt thou reply to this note by return of post - I have thought it just possible that friends of the poor lady referred to might be inclined to pay a quarters board at 2.2.- per week, if we have a room in the upper class, in the hope, that being a recent case, it might, under proper treatment, be speedily restored -

The parties will write to thee if they wish to act on this suggestion - It might perhaps ~~not~~ be of use to them to mention the York Asylum (not the pauper one) as

as a respectable alternative at from
15/- to 21/- per week

Thy friend
Saml. Tuke

Swansea

Mining Office th
Swansea 7mo 15. 1850.
Bath Henry

John Kitching

Dear Friend,

I duly recd:
thy favor of the 16th of 4mo
last with its enclosure
which I expected would
have been required then,
but my poor brother in law
Wm Sibbering improved a
good deal for a time, but
I regret to be obliged to
add that he has had a
return to such an extent
as to make it needful
to send him again to York

I shall send herewith
the certificate filled up
in most respects, but as
he has been with you before
it may not be needful to be
so particular — I wish
thank thee to send a
suitable person to take
charge of him —

Be so kind as to
inform the person sent a
few particulars regarding
my poor sister Mary —
whether she be in a state
to make it suitable to
receive a visit from me —

My sincere friend
Henry Bath

Darley July 1850

Dear Sir

I acknowledge the Receipt of a post Office order for £1 = 6 s and much Obliged the last account we Recved from Mr S Tuke is some years Back and all made Right Cusin Theaker seems to be wishfull to come up to see us if you can grant him that favour we should be glad to see him — —

Yours Truly —
Joseph Furniss

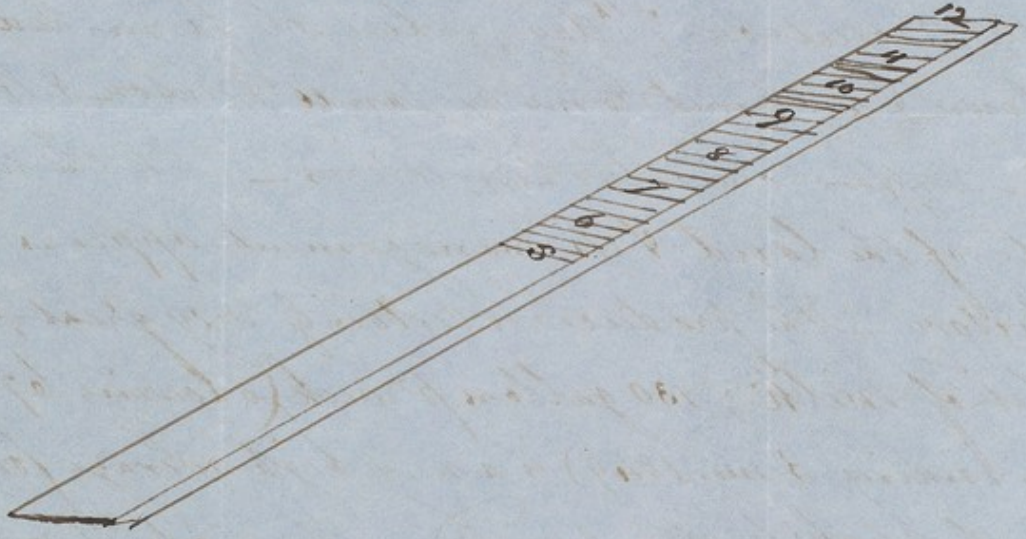
Darley 7/10/50
Furnish Jos.
Acknow^m of £1.6.—

Frenchay — 5th mo. 1850.

Dear friend

Not being able to call upon thee after my visit to the Retreat on 7th day, when the farm had been fully shown & explained to me by James Beason & W. Wood, I incline to offer one or two suggestions — On the whole the state of the land & its management appears very satisfactory — the produce is certainly very great, especially that of milk; 130 gallons per week (showing 6787 for the year ending 3 mo. 1849) is a very high average for 6 Cows, even tho the Stock be often renewed — The mode of measuring it does not appear to me quite satisfactory, & as a model easy & simple daily test of the milk mans accuracy occurred to me, which I mentioned to the above named officers, I also suggest to thee that, as accuracy in all our statements is very desirable, the Com^te would do well to adopt it — I was shown in the dairy or milk room, 3 oblong lead pans, into one of which the whole morn^gs milk, & into another the whole evenings milk, is always put as it comes from the Cows — the 3rd pan is always empty to be cleaned & wait the next milking — Now if each of these pans was graduated, the servant who has the care of the milk could report to the house-keeper or enter in a milk book twice a day the whole

quantity brought in — As the quantity is generally 8 or 10 gallons at each milking — there would appear no occasion for the scale to commence lower say than 5 or 6 gallons —



Suppose a piece of hard wood or white metal be placed against one ~~the~~ inclined side of each milk pan & pint gallons of water poured in, & a line drawn, & so on for each additional quart that the pan would contain — marking the gallons only in figures, & ticks the intermediate lines each as one quart. The price of 8 per gallon, if full imperial measure, is quite reasonable —

The charges with which the Pharmacist is debited appear to me generally very liberal (much greater than any common farmer would incur) with one exception that of £8 only for "Swill" or what we call 'pigs-wash' — on examining the tubs containing it near the Piggeries, the quality of it, (being much of it good food rejected I conclude by many of the ~~patients~~) & the quantity so far as I could ascertain with

from inquiry & from the number of pigs then feeding on it (I think 11 or 12) lead me to suppose its value to the farm is greatly underrated in the acct — It is impossible no one at a distance would give its full value & agree to remove it as often as you required, but that appears to me no reason why the full value to the farm ascertained by the number of pigs it will keep well when no other food is given, should not be credited to the House.

Except the two items of milk on the one side, & the swill on the other, I see nothing to object to, and I think the result (allowing for some difference on these two items) is highly satisfactory, & goes far to prove that high farming is the most remunerative — It is true you have peculiar advantages in the large supply of manure not only arising from the high feeding of so many animals, but also from the drains of the establishment containing 140 or more persons.

I think I understood from Mr that the recent Communication from our valued friend Samuel Tuke & also the observations of the Medical men, were to be lithographed — if the circulation be not limited to the Managers of the Institution I should feel much interest in obtaining Copies, & if allowable I will make free

to ask thee to supply me with the same pr. past —
My P.D.T. Jr was pleased & interested with the many objects brought under his notice by the kind attentions of thy sons — he has returned to his duties in Bristol or he would join me in a message of love to thy home circle —

Requesting thee to excuse my freedom in thus troubling thee with my remarks &c

I am with much esteem
Thy sincere friend
Philip D. Tuckett

Joseph Rowntree
York

Tuckett, P.D.
Addressed to
Rowntree Jos.

Wymondham 7/12/50
Mitchell J
Letters 2 Notes.

Wymondham
11th July 1850.

Sir.

I beg to inclose the remaining halves of two Notes for £50. £102 - on many occasions account and regret that engagements from home should have prevented me from attending to this matter sooner -

I would beg the favor of a line acknowledging

the receipt of this.

I am Sir

Yours very faithfully

J Mitchell

Acknowledged
7/13 [illegible]

Sir Wood Esq

The other halves not having arrived to J M
Mrs
7/12

Wymondham
4th July 1850.

Dear Sir.

I beg to inclose the halves of two Notes taken £60- to be placed to the account of Mary Jackson.

I very much regret that it had escaped me to send it before.

You will oblige me by acknowledging the receipt -

Acknowledged
7/6 Mrs

Dear Dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
J Mitchell

D. Tuke Esq.

Wymondham 7/4/50

Mitchell J

With 2 Notes.

Doncaster 7 Mo 8th 1850

Respected Friend
Willm Wood

I shall be obliged by thy obtaining Cousin Ann Walker's signature to the inclosed and returning it to me.

Thy friend
Joseph Clark

Enclosed Signed & returned to J C 7/10 Mo W.

I have may observe that her signature need a witness

Dohcaster 7,10,50
Clark Jos.

Newcastle Tyne 7 mo. 13 1850

Resp. Friend

My Uncle Chas. Bragg is very sorry that the bill for my Uncle I. H. B. was mislaid, forgotten & escaped attention till today - He desired me now to enclose the amt. in Bk. Dft. & P. Stamps £68. 3 ll

It was, in error, made payable to D. H. Tuke but I suppose he can be signed for pr. procuration - Have the kindness to acknowledge & act. to "Chas. Bragg. Newcastle Tyne"

Acknowledged 7/15 [illegible]

Yours Ks. Resply.
Jown. Rieshman Jr

Newcastle on L. 7/13/50
Priestman John
With D ft

Mrs Roberts's compliments, to Mr Wood, and she remits the halves of two notes, to the amount of £25, the remaining halves, and a post Office order, shall be sent, as soon as the inclosed is acknowledged, and an early answer will oblige

Acknowledged
7/30 MW

Fence House,

Monday morning

Fence Hs. 7/29/50
Roberts &
Tusk 1/2 inches.

Manchester July 18, 1850

Mr. D. H. Luke

Sir,

Inclosed you have Twenty Five Pounds for my Cousin Heywood's Half Year's Board.

In your reply, please to say how she is.

Your's respectfully
Peter Roylance

Acknowledged
7/19
Sent Lre of Credit to
D. H. Luke for the Cheque
to be filed up
MW

Manchester 7, 1850.
— Roylance Peter
with remittance

5016.12.60
4559.8 —
457 2.16

July 7th 1850
Thompson Ct.

Respected Friend

A letter I received from thee in reply to one making enquiries after thine health & my dear Brother Dymond Gurney Gurney I have mislaid thine for I must apologize for my present Address being perhaps rather

Address I should feel much obliged if thou couldest send it me as I believe we are both at a loss for the direction of the other

Will thou present my affectionate Love to my dear Brother if his affliction has permitted that the ties of nature should still hold a place in memory

I am thy Friend
E W Thompson

somewhat singular
It is ~~my~~ a long time
since I have heard
any account of my
Brother and I am
anxious to know
what his present state
of mind is also if his
bodily health continues
to be good Being well
aware that the situa
tion in which he has
~~placed~~ been providen-
cially placed is one that
secures all that conduce
to the comforts and ne
cessities of this Life I
feel perhaps too negligent
as to troubling you with
frequent enquiries still
I am now feeling very
thoughtful about him
And I should esteem it
a favor to hear from thee
If thou art in possession
of my Brother John Garrit's

Fort place, Bermondsey
London 23 July 1850.

Dear Sir

I have paid to the bankinghouse of Barnett Hoare & Co, to the credit of the Retreat Asylum with the York City & County Bank £30.2.6 the same being the amount of Henry Beesley Peckovers bill.

I shall be obliged if Mr. Kitching will favor me with a few lines as a certificate with his signature, respecting the health of Mr. Peckover in order that I may forward it as a half yearly report to the Lunatics Visitors office.

I am, dear Sir

Yours mo. respectfully

Alfred Bevington

Acknowledged 7, 27 [illegible]

Mr. W Wood

London, 7, 23, 50.
Bevington Alfred.
Notice of Payment
into Bank.

Bevington Alfred, 7, 23, 50
Notice of Payment
into Bank

London 7/29/50
Blackett Lady
Notification
of payment to Bank.

Lady Blackett presents her Comp^t to Mr Wood & begs to thank him for his Letter containing her Sons accounts due to the Retreat, she has this day ordered her Banker (Coutts) to pay to Mess^r Barnetts & Co on account of the York Bank for the Retreat in the name of her son Charles Blackett the sum of £ 71.. s 7.. d 3

£ 61.. s 8.. d 6 for the Quarter due
£ 7.. 18.. 9 for Disbursements &
£ 2.. 0.. 0 for the Xmas present due to her Sons two attendants £ 1 to each, Dr Thurnam having

given Lady B permission to
allow them this small presents
at her particular requests although
she believes it is contrary to
the rules of the establishment.

The Purse Mr Word mentions
he has care of belonging to her
son she begs he will keep for the
present

Portman St
July 29th 1850

Acknowledged
7/30 Mr

Cincinnati 26 July 1850

To Wm Wood

Respected friend

On calling at the City & County Bank York Thou wert receive Fifteen Pounds Which please pass to the credit of age of my sister Sarah Brown acknowledge the rec'd to Mine here

Thos C Brown

Notification acknowledged 7/29 Wm

Payment acknowledged 8/3 Wm

Cirencester 7/26/50
— Brown Bro
Notice of payment
into Bank —

Cork 26/7mo 1850

Dear friend
Willm Wood.

Annexed is letter of credit on Leeds for £7. 8. 7 which thou will please place to the Cr of Caleb Abell with the Retreat for Dr ~~as~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]

Cork, 7, 26, 50
Harvey Wm
Nish Lre of Credit

William Wood
York



YORK
JY28
1850
B

COR4
JY26
1850
E

Doncaster Jan 26 1858

Respected Friend
Willm Wood

I inclose a Check
£34.18.4 on account
of Cousin Ann Walkers
Board &c which please
to acknowledge in course.

I am glad to hear on
account somewhat improve=
ment of her state.

Acknowledged
7/27
Wm W.

Thy friend
Joseph Clark

Doncaster 7, 26, 50
Clark Josh
Nish Chg.

Exeter 7/26/50
Dymond Jos J
with Dft.

9. 4.
2 4.
18-10

Devon & Cornwall Bank
Exeter 24/7mo 1850

Esteemed Friend —

I enclose a draft on Hanburys & Co for £12.8.10 — the amount due to the Retreat for a Half year's Board &c of E Garnish to 30 Ult —

Please sign & return the enclosed receipt & inform me, for the satisfaction of Friends, whether any peculiar circumstances

have occured to occasion the "Disbursements" during the last Quarter to be so much larger than is usual—

Very truly
Thy friend
Josh John Dymond

Acknowledged
7/24
Wm W.

Wm Wood Jery
Friends Retreat
York

Toothill
Huddersfield 7 Mo 25. 50
Evening

Respected Friend

Please to endorse & enter the inclosed Bill fourteen Pounds 14/11d to the Cr of Mary Firth's Account — and when thou advises me of its safe rect be kind enough — to state how Ann Walker — from Doncaster is

Respectfully

Thos Firth

Acknowledg. 7/27 Mo

Foothill 7, 26 50.
Firth Thos.
Nish Dft.

Mrs Roberts's compliments to Mr Wood, and will feel greatly obliged to him if he will inform her how her Daughter, Mrs Stansfield, is in health, and allso her mental condition.

Fence House

Thursday morning,
(25th)

Replied to 7/26 [illegible]

Fence Hs.
Burnley 7/25/50
Roberts' Eliz'h.

Darlington 25 July 1850

Dear Sir

I enclose you a cheque value £30: 14. 5 on my sister's account the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge

I beg to be affectionately remembered to her and

remain

Yours obed

Fra: Meadows

Acknowledged 7/26 [illegible]

Darlington 7/25/50
Newburn Str
Nish Dept

Holehin 25/7/50

Dear Friend W. Wood

I have inclosed a Banker's Draft of £17.13.5 on a/c. of expenses for my son Joseph the receipt whereof please to acknowlege to thy friend

John Ransom

Acknowledged 7/27 W.W.

P.S. We are glad to have a rather improved a/c of Joseph, please to give our love to him.

Hitchin 7, 25 50
Ransom Jno
Nith Dft.

Rochester 7/25/50
Reynolds Car
Nish. Notice of
payment to Bank
£10.16.2

Rochester 25th of 7th Mo 1850

Esteemed Freend

Wm Wood)

I have transmitted to the York City and County Bank, payable to thee, the sum of £10. 16. 2, on account of my late dear mother, Deborah Reynolds; in acknowledging the receit, wilt thou kindly mention whether the sum £7. 2. 2 under the head disbursements is the amount for Funeral Expenses, I should like, if thou please to have it specified, to insert it correctly in the settling affairs.

In thus closing our connex-

-ter with the Institution I feel inclined to add we have gratefully appreciated the benefits of it under the deep trial permitted to come upon us. The placing a beloved mother there afforded to me a great relief. I feel entirely satisfied & the kind care evinced to her by those connected with the Institution, and her being there I hope has been a means of lessening the suffering, and promoting the quiet of her last days, and that it has been indeed a "Retreat" when all earthly objects failed to afford comfort even her once dear children, a very teaching lesson has thus been. My very kind remembrance is to Anne Whitten, and John Stitching, not excepting Thyself.

Thy friend respectfully
Caroline Reynolds

Acknowledged
7/12 Month

Payment acknowledged
8/3 Mo.

Acknowledged
7/26 Wm Wood

Whitby 25 of 7mo. 1850

Esteemed Friend
Wm Wood

Above is a Chk. amt £8. 15. 6
in payment of Sarah Saunders board, &c.
for the 7th Qr. receipt of which please to acknowledge.
It is acceptable to find that her stitching is
able to report a little improvement in
dear S. S.

Thine sincerely
Joseph Sanders

Whitby, 7 Mo. 25. 50
Sanders Josh
Nish POO.

Chelmsford 7/24/50

Esteemed friend

On referring to former accounts at the Institution thou wilt find that the charge for my wifes board has always been at 4/ per week, she having been recommended by John Candler as he knew that my circumstances do not admit of my paying a higher rate

I remain with esteem thy friend

Saml Tilney

- Replied to 7/26 - [illegible]
Terms altered at J K's suggestion -

Chelms, Ora 7/24/50
Tilney Saml

Hertford 7mo 29. 1850

Respected Friend
Wm Wood

Herewith thou will receive a Cheque for £55. on account of Elij.h Johnson, for which I shall be obliged by thy sending me a Stamp Receipt at thy convenience

Thine respectfully
Wm Manser

Acknowledged
7/31

Hertford 7, 29, 50
Mauser Wm
Nich Chg.

London, 7/31/50
Aggs Hy.
Notice of payment
to Bank.
£72.16.10

No. 1 Bishopsgate St. within
London 1850 - VII - 31th

Esteemed Frd

Thine of the 24th inst. has reached me this morning after having visited several post Offices in consequence of its having been directed to me at Norwich. —— Have the kindness to enter in your Ledger my address as above

which I think will prevent the recurrance of a similar mistake. — this is not the first time the account has been sent to Norwich.

I have ordered the amt. of this account to be paid to the Retreat through the York County Bank. —

I remain respectfully

Wm Wood

Henry Aggs

Acknowledged 8/1 WW

Payment acknowledged 8/3 WW

Liverpool, July 31 1850

Mr. Arthur Crooke presents his Compts. to Mr. Wm Wood, & begs to enclose Bank post Bill No d 6641. of this date £~~[illegible]~~ 14/. in liquidation of Miss B. Crooke's account to 30th June 1850

Mr Wood will please address all letters as "Private"

To Mr Wm Wood
The Retreat
York.

Acknowledged
8/1 Wm W

Liverpool 7, 31, 50
Crooke Arthur
With ~~[illegible]~~
B. P. B

Birmingham
7 mo 30th 1850

Respected Friend
W Wood

I enclose two
P-O orders for 9-0-7
the amount of Apt
sent for J C Dale
and am Respectfully
Thy Friend
Rich. Fowler Price

Acknowledged
7/31 MWW

The orders made payable
to R. H. Rice, informed
him thereof 8/3
MWW

Bern^d. 7/30/50
Price Rich^d St.
Nish POO
£9.0.7

6/26

Lady Blackett beg. Mr D H Tuke will inform her the amount of expences incur'd on her Son Charles's account since the commencement of the present year, in order that she may include the same in the sum now due for a 1/4's board &c at the Retreat

Portman St No 16
Portman St
1st July 1850

Replied 7/3/50 MWW

London 7/11/50
Blackwell Lady

Kingsbridge 29/7mo
1850

Resp^d Friend

Tenclose a Dft on
Barclay & C for £16.0.1 amt
of the amt sent for my
nephew Edwd Fox to 6mo 30th —

Thos respectfully

George Fox

Acknowledge
7/31 [illegible]

Wm Wood
Sq York Retreat

Kingsbridge 7/29/50
Fox Geo.
Nish Dft.

Liskeard 7 Mo: 30: 1850

Dear Friend,

I send above Dft Fiftyseven Pounds 15/- for halfyears Board &c at the Retreat on account of my cousin Martha Rundell & shall be obliged by thy acknowledging its receipt

Thine sincerely

John Eliott

Acknowledged 8/1 [illegible]

W. Wood

Leskeard 7/30/50
Eliote Rd.
With Dft

Prestwhale Kelvedon 7 Mo. 28. 1850.

Esteemed Friend

John Ketching.

My letter addressed to Cousin DK has been recend by him and elicited the following enclosed letter which I thought best to forward thee; if thou hast seen the one I sent him thou wilt find, so at least I thought nothing in it to call for such a reply — there is not a subject contained in his letter but has been the theme of his conversation to me for a long time and even respecting the retreat and thyself he expressed himself in the same way when I was with him at York — I am now quite of the opinion & with which thou concurs by thy last note that his delusions are not to be eradicated easily by I am fearful they never will - I now suppose him to be in the same state as when he left home the novelty of the retreat and change of situation no doubt tended in measure

to divert in his attention from the delusions under which he now and for a so long a period had laboured under —

Should he continue in this state I shall have to decide as to the best steps to be taken to get rid of the responsibility and any information as to the best way to be pursued under such circumstance would from thee be very acceptable —

My Cousin wishes me to come down again to York before harvest to see him if I thought it would be of any real sense or benefit to him I would make the attempt I Query whether it would be of any use — The bureau mentioned in my Cousin letter has not been opened he having the key with him which he promised me I should have when I was with him at York as his Bank Book is in there with other things which I told him ought to be attended to and in which he fully concurred whether he will be inclined to forward it I know not perhaps if mentioned

to him he may suspect thou hast my letters and as this way of thy seeing them will be the only safe way; I should be sorry he should know thou hast seen them — Perhaps when I write him again I had better make the application to him for it —

Thou'lt be kind enough to return me the letters as they may be of great consequence ——

With love to my afflicted Cousin to thyself & Family

I remain thy sincere Fred

Wm Hills

Since the above was written I may inform thee that the amount of the Quarters pay has been received and will shortly be remitted I have also received a letter which O R sent to John Harrison which I enclose for thy perusal & care —

I am quite convinced that the correspondence which has been stopped is much for the best — Fras Harrison talks of coming down to York it would become a Question whether it would be right for him to see my Cousin.


POSTAGE
ONE PENNY
POSTAGE
ONE PENNY
COGGESHALL
KELVEDON
AU 5
1850
6 AU 6
1850
YORK
AU 6
1850
John Kitching
The Retreat
York
Kelvedon 7/28/50
Hill Fis

No. 223

STOCKTON AND DARLINGTON RAILWAY.

NAMES.	INTEREST.			INCOME TAX.			NET AMOUNT.		
Credit of James Potter for Potter & Handler	22	10	0	"	13	1	21	16	11

Company's Offices, Darlington, July 1st, 1850.

I am instructed to hand you a Cheque as annexed, for the amount of Interest due on Loan account for the half-year ending June 30th, 1850, particulars of which are given above.

I have also to request that you will be so good as sign the Cheque before it is presented for payment.

Please acknowledge receipt,

Acknowledged 7/5 MW

I am, your obedient servant,

THOS. MAC NAY,

SECRETARY.

To The Manager of the Retreat York

Darlington 7/1/50
Jhd Mac Kay
Nich Cheque
£21. 16. 11

In haste Jam

Sincerely thy frd

Mary Hy: Martindale

A half note for 50£ is also enclosed with this which will thou please acknowledge ~

Fairfield, 8th mo 2nd 50.

Martindale My

Dear friend

John Kitching

I have waited a couple of days hoping that thy accustomed letter would make its appearance each morning - It would be a very agreeable thing to have thy last account of my poor Henry improved upon in the coming ~~Account~~ one. I hope he is more comfortable in mind - It is always agreeable to me to

have an expression or two related, as I can well tell how he would have felt in them formerly —
Has the effect of my seeing him entirely subsided, and do you think him any worse for the interviews? Does thou think he has any lucid or quite clear intervals? — And what sort of nights does he pass now — Give my dear love to him and ask him to write to me — — At the time thy last came to hand I was very unwell and in bed else I should not have let so many days go without remitting —
A dividend warrant of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Ry: I enclose for my dear husbands signature — And one of last half years which will thou please get cashed in York and place towards the age of £85 — — Some other warrants I shall have to send soon which will make up the sum.

38-12-9
5-5
3-7-9

Fairfield 8th mo 7th 30.
Martindale Mary

Dear friend

If I am not mistaken in understanding thy note received this morning I think thou hast not perceived that only one of the two first checks requires poor Henry's signature — The York Newcastle & Berwick paper was signed when he was at the Brook and was sent in order to have it cashed at the Union Bank York with the two last sent checks — The Lancashire & Yorkshire should be returned to me

13-7
25-15-9
11-10-7
40-12-4

when the signature has been obtained — I was quite apprehensive there might be considerable difficulty in getting Henry to write to his own name — Has he really written his ideal name upon the half sheets, or upon another piece of paper? I hope that there may be an opportunity in a little time of getting him to sign them properly —

If Mine, and his attendant's attempts fail, perhaps Caleb Williams might succeed better

I am sincerely truly fr^d
Mary Ay: Martindale.

P.S. If Mon writes to me again this week address to my father's at Rochdale.

(his bookkeeper) would attend to all such things"—
Does he make any remark at all rational?—
I expect to be at L'pool again early in next week.
I am really sorry to have to trouble thee so often—
Will thou please say whether I should not address these business notes to Wm Wood?—
The getting of the signatures seemed to belong (I thought) to thee—
My obliged friend
M. H. Martindale.

Moss House 8th mo 9th '50
Martindale My

Dear friend

I am very sorry to trouble thee so very much as I seem to be doing—
But as the half sheet of Yonk Newcastle & Berwick shares could only be cashed by being sent through a L'pool bank to London, and we prefer ~~do~~ having them done elsewhere, when we can. I shall be much obliged if Wm Wood will

take it with the other one
to your Union Bank in York
and then remit me
£15 in notes and the 7/6
in postage stamps -
The Lancashire and York-
shire paper should be
returned, as it cant be
cashed with the others -

Thou hast succeeded better
than I was begining to think
either C. Williams or Dr Manifold
would have done - in getting
so clear a signature - It
must be considered soon
(I fear) necessary to take
some other way of having
these matters transacted.

If thou writes again ere
the week is up just
say if Poor Dy: is again
pretty comfortable in his
fulings - not vex'd with
thee on any one particularly
when he signed these papers
the year ago he told Dr
Manifold "that he did
not need ~~to attend~~ to see
to these matters - that S. Ferguson

Carr Hill 8th mo 22nd
1850.

Mountdale Mg

My Esteemed Frd

John Pitching

I expect to
leave this place tomorrow
and to be at Fairfield on
seventh day - If thou
writes me tomorrow, please
will thou direct to me to
Rochdale - but if thou do
not write until seventh
day address to me at Fairfield.
I have not heard from thee
since the 8th of this month.

and I feel anxious to learn how my poor husband is. I hope thou will not be waiting until a proper signature can be obtained to the Lancashire & Yorkshire share paper –

Is it advisable to send any similar papers for my dear husband's signature? – Does thou not think that the signatures can be obtained for this half year?

Hoping to receive a note from thee soon

I am respectfully

thy friend

Mary Hy: Martindale

127 STRAND

E. August 1856

Sir

I enclose Cheque 20 £ to my Credit with the Retreat I should like to have a report of the Patients health at the present time & if there is any chance of a recovery

Yours obt Servt

[illegible]

Acknowledged 8/14 Mr.

Address to me on Envelope "Private"

Who is the Commissioner
that visits the Retreat
I mean the Governm^t.
Commissioner —

8/9/50
Colastrush Sq.
Vith Ohio
to 20.

The Elms, near
Hereford 8/2 1850.

Respd Friend
W: Wood

I have this day directed the payment of £9.9.8 the amt. of Joseph Shones a/c - at Barnett & Co to the Credit of York City & County Bank, for the "Retreat" and on its receipt I will thank thee to advise me of it - I am

Respectfully
Thy Friend
Thos. Evans

Acknowledge 8/3 [illegible]

The Elms
Hereford 8/2/50
Evans J.P.
Notice of payment
into Bank —
£9. 9. 8

Stanford Rivers
Essex
8th Month 6th/50.
Ringes Mo.

Respected Friend
J Kitching,

Thy letter of the 30th of last month I recd and for the very kind consideration therein evinced, I do indeed feel greatly obliged. I came here

yesterday on a visit to
my Brother & Sister (R & M. Dix)
– they have read thy letter.

It appears to be thy
opinion that the sea air
might prove very beneficial
to S. Ringer, & therefore if
thee think it proper for
her to go to Scarboro we
shall not object to the
proposition.

As regards the other
very important point
in thy letter I can now
only say that it shall have
our best consideration
and that thee shall be-
fore long hear from us
again.

I am,
Thine most respectfully
S. Ringer.

Mr Tuke
York

Derby 8/25/50

Derby No 49 Upper
Gavrite Inn. Brooklyn

Sir

It is now 4 or 5 Years since Mr Candler was very pressing, to get my consent to release my Brothers Money for His benefit; which I complied with, as Mr Candler intimated that the expense would be about 80 £ but I am fearful that it will be greatly augmented by the long delay in the Attorneys Hands, whom you have employed, and your silence on the subject shows no concern about it; but to me it seems very extraordinary that it should be so, and a few lines

sir on the subject, and of the
wellfare of my Brother will
be very acceptable,

I remain yours respectfully

Augst 25/50 John Garritt

P.S. Mr H. Aggs one of the
Trustees of the late John Corbyn
has wrote to me several times
requesting a release for that
part of my Brothers effects that
is in His care as He wishes
to settle Mr C.s affairs.

To which I can give no
satisfactory answer, as
I could wish.

Replied to
8/29 [illegible]

R Hormsditch London
Nov 16 - 1830
Bowden J.
Statement of a/c

Dear friend
Wm. Wood,

Understanding that thou hast ~~received~~ succeeded our friend Dan. Tuke as Sec's for the Retreat I herewith send thee an a/c of my receipts & disbursts. on behalf of said Institution for the past 3 months. Thou art perhaps aware that monies are received at this office on behalf of York Retreat and that I remit about once in 3 months.

During the summer I have generally paid Annuities as follows

Reb: Gibbons	—	10 - . - .
Geo. Harrison	—	10 . .
J. M. Moore	—	10 . .
F. Wright	—	2 . 10 .
	£	32 - 10

Up to the present time however I have had no application for M. Moore's or F. Wright's -, and I wait thy instruction as to whether I must pay it on application after thus naming it to thee. the friend (Jos. Robinson) who has been accustomed to receive M. Moore's died abt a month ago & this accounts for no application having been made from that quarter. Why the Wrights have not applied I cannot tell.

2r
Wm

The Balance due to the Retreat on the annexed age I have this day paid to Bills age at the York City & County Bank through Barnetts Hoare & Co -

Mine Sincerely

James Bowden

NB. The Bills for E Binns & Wm Hurtt, please in future to send to me - C Bratt having ceased to be Treasurer & please forward as soon as possible after they become due, as they have to pass a Com^ee &c

York Retreat

1850			1850		
5 Mo 31.	Reb Gibbons —	10 - . .	5 Mo: 1 -	By John Binns —	14 . 16 -
	Geo Harrison	10 . .		Jane White	11 . 4 . 10
8 Mo 16 -	Barnetts & Co —	14 . 13 . 9		John (Deane) per F. Cash	8 . 12 . 11
	£	34 . 13 . 9		£	34 . 13 . 9

Acknowledged 8/21/50 [illegible]

Kendal 8 No 2.50

Respd Friend
D. H. Tuke

We now hand thee
Betty Thompson Account
£3.11.2 which please
Ackr — Are very
Respectfully
John Thompson & Co

Acknowledged
8/5 [illegible]

Kenosha, 8/2/50
Thompson & Co
PO Order
3.11.2

Rougham.

13th of 8th Month

1850.

Ruiger J

Respected Friend,

I Kitching.

It did not occur to me that it was needful to obtain my Uncle's formal consent to H. R's visit to Scarboro', until I recd thy note of the 7th

on my return from Essex.

I fear thee will have thought me very negligent in not before attending to thy request, but, allow me to assure thee, it has caused me many considerable trouble inconvenience to confer with my friends on the subject.

I hope the enclosed will prove satisfactory & remain

Thine respectfully

S. Ringer.

Mr. J. Kitching
Retreat Yorks

Rougham 8/13/50
Ringers Thos

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th of last month addressed to J. Ringer of West Harling, I have just read & am sorry to find that Hannah Ringer has again been suffering from indisposition.

You appear to think

that a change of air would be likely to prove of considerable service to her & recommend her going to Scarboro' for a fortnight.

I do not feel disposed to object to the proposition; provided that her going to Scarboro' will not not in any way interfere with existing arrangements for her residence at York. I remain

Yrs truly

Bangham
August 13th 1850

Thos. Ringer

his clothes must be in a sad state, I hope he will soon consent to order what he may require, I think it wd be better that he shd order what he wants when you shall send for a Tailor. I know you will excuse me my dear Sir for those suggestions, if you knew how dear he is to all his family, you surely wd. may God bless you ~~and~~ your efforts prays My dear Sir

Yours very truly

W. Colebeck

To Dr Kitchiner

any time you shall think it desirable, either myself, his Mother or Brother will be ready to visit him at an hours notice but dont consult our feelings

Lisbourne 22 Augt 1810
Colebeck Mr

Lisbourne 22nd Augt 1810
Colebeck Mr

My dear Sir

I cannot find words to thank you as I should wish to do for your great kindness in sending me your letter of the 20 Ult. and I trust I feel thankful to our gracious God, who enabled you to give me an acct which I consider as favourable as I cd expect, his mercy to my very dear Son has indeed been great, and I feel that he will bless the efforts you

an making for his
restoration, and that I will
give my family grace
to be patient under his
chastening, and I earnestly
pray that I may bless
you for your attention to
my poor fellow, I can only
again repeat what I have
often requested of you, that
you will not let him want
for anything you shall consider
right for him, and shall you
think it desirable he should
remain some time at
Scarborough, don't consider
the expense, and if you should
require assistance at home
to supply the want of the
attendant with him, I shall
cheerfully and thankfully pay
any expense incurred, or if
you should think it advisable to
get my very dear son to move
elsewhere for variety, let me
entreat of you to do so, whatever
expense may attend it, must
not be thought of. and if you
require a remittance, you shall
cheerfully have it immediately, I fear

Knaresbro'. Tuesday.
13th Aug.

Fisher St.

Dear Sir

I hope to be in York tomorrow. and purpose to call at the Retreat in the afternoon for the purpose of seeing my Brother Capt. Fisher. If you will kindly inform me of my intention I shall feel obliged

& remain

Yr faithfully

J. Fisher —

Nottingham
Jan 7th
1850

Dear Friend Payne H.G.

We have received a letter from our Robert to day who requests to be allowed some Beer and Tobacco which he says would be great comforts to him during the Cold Winter Nights, Now approaching:

I write these few lines to say that we have no objection to his having these indulgencies if they appear to him to permissible. We shall be glad to hear from them as early as convenient in order to give Robert an answer to his request.

I have received the account and no mention is made to whom the money is to be paid, be kind enough to inform me to whom I may remit the money.

My wife unites with me in love to them & I remain

Very sincere Friend

Henry Payne.

Bethnal Green
London 8th Mo: 13th 1850
Naialy Wm

Respected Friend,

I am obliged by thy message conveyed to me on the 24th Ultº, through Wm Wood

Fully expecting to be in York on 1st day next, I shall be glad of the opportunity of spending a few hours with my Mother, if it be quite suitable for me to do so?—

Perhaps thou wilt kindly inform my Mother of my expected visit, & with my dear love, say that we all

all continue tolerably well.—

I remain

Thine very respectfully

Wm Nainby

John Kitching

York

Liverpool 8/5/50
Crosfield & Co.

Dear Friend
John Ritching

I am entrusted by my Son
Henry Crosfield to reply to thine
by saying we quite approve
of My Sister Susanna H. C.
joining us the proposed excursion
to Scarborough. and desire she
may reap benefit from it. as
well as her companions. No Post
leaving this to first day has
caused delay in answering thine

My Son wishes thee to be so
kind as use the following address
when writing to him. which will
prevent thy Letter being mixed with
the general business Letters

Henry Crosfield
Geo: Crosfield & Co
Temple Place
Liverpool

Private

with love I remain thy friend

Margt G Crosfield

No 5 Edge Lane

Liverpool

5th of 8th Month 1850.

My kind love to Maria Whitton
when acceptable letter I received

Hitchin 3/18/50

Ransom &c.

Dear Friend

In Kitching

I am pleased to find by thine received this morning that my son Joseph is considered by thee well enough for the proposed turn to Scarboro' and quite approve of his making one of the party wishing it may benefit him please tell him with my love I should like to hear so much and remain

Thy sincere friend

John Ransom

Richmond

Richmond Hill.

Augt. 3. 1850.

Treacy W.

Mr Ritchie.

Dear Sir. We all think it would be very desirable that my Brother John should go to Scarboro'a. you propose, & that it would be beneficial to his health, & are glad you mentioned the circumstance.

Yrs very Truly

W. Treacy.

Will you for the future kindly send any letters &c. &c to

Mr. C. Treacy.

Nunnesby Hall.

Whitbarrow

Queens Road 8/1-50
Watson Hariot

Respected Friend

My husband and myself have no objection to our daughter Ann going to Scarbro' but we think thou wilt be best able to judge if it would be suitable for her to go to her Cousin J. R — supposing it should suit him, it seems to me as if it would be best for Ann to remain with the party she goes with and visit her Cousin occasionally this thou wilt judge of — Her state of health is often cause of sorrow to me and her family but these afflictions are not under

our continue and I desire
to submit patiently to the
Divine will—

I am thy Friend

Harriet Watson

thy husband and myself
feel much obliged by thy
kind consideration for our
dear Ann

John Kitchener

Nottingham 8th mo 16th
1850
Payne Hy.

My dear Friend

Our Robert has written ~~[illegible]~~ to his mother for his music, which is sent herewith, and which will be given to him or not according to thy discretion. W.C. fears that if not watched he may sell the music & then try to escape from the Retreat, which we sincerely hope he will not be permitted to do. He

has also asked for beer
and tobacco again.
which he says thou dost ~~he is told~~ are
not object to, if we do not
~~have not an Ethority to~~
~~allow him~~.

I remain
My sincere friend
Henry Payne

P.S. Please to open my
wife's letter to Robert
and seal it up again
before giving it to him,
but do not let him
know that we disappoor
of allowing him Beer & Tobacco.

Respected Friend
W Wood

Adderbury 28th of 8 Mo 1850
Beesly Henry

In the 3rd Month last I had a note of enquiry addressed to me by D H Tuke respecting the Principal and Interest due to the Retreat on a promissory note given several years since by the late Henry Stone of Banbury and two of his Sons, Edward and Henry. I acknowledged the receipt of D H Tuke's letter and expressed my intention of seeing H Stone on the subject. I have been so very much away from home since the time I wrote to D H T as not to be able until lately to go much into particulars with H Stone respecting the debt, altho' I lost no time in speaking to him thereon. Henry Stone is aware of his liability as one of the parties who gave the note, and he expresses much concern that such a debt should be owing to the Retreat, and I believe he would willingly discharge the obligation he has contracted if it were in his power to do so. Any Interest that has been paid on account of the note has been contributed entirely by Henry Stone except some little portion which was furnished by the Father in the year or two or three after the note was given — H Stone the Father failed many years since, and his Son Edward in later years; and the charge of supporting the Father, Mother, and at least one Sister has long fallen almost entirely on the present. Henry Stone of Banbury; besides a large amount of assistance which he has seemed under the necessity of rendering in one way and

another to other members of the family.
H. S has been in Trade several Years in Banbury as a Bookseller, and altho' I consider he has met with encouragement in getting together a tolerably good Business, expenses are altogether too heavy for him, and he states to me that it is not in his power to keep the Interest of the Loss due to the Retreat paid up; neither can he pay off the principal — I may here add that H. S has lately removed to smaller Premises in Banbury with a view to making a considerable reduction in his Rent rates and other expenses; and more than a Year since he parted with his Shopman, and has since conducted his Trade with the assistance of a boy only — Friends in this part feel an interest in H. S, and they are concerned at the weight which rests upon him, and consider his kind care for a long period to his Father Mother and other very near connexions to be most exemplary — The Father has been deceased about seven months —

When I have made remittances to Thos Ellis and D. H. Tate towards Wycherley Jones's maintenance I have at different times stated that the charge for his Board with disbursements from time to time so considerably exceeds his Income that a Debt is continually increasing against him; and as I understand that there is now Secretary to the Institution,

I think it best to repeat for thy information some particulars before stated by me to thy predecessors in office. Weybridge Town's Income arises from a Half share in the Basingstoke Canal, and from 3¼ per cent Stock; and it amounts only to £20-9-0 per year — from the charge for his boarde is £20-16-0 per year, and disbursements more or less every Quarter; for instance to 3rd Dec 31 £1-1-9, to 6th Mar 30 £2-7-7, and in some earlier quarters much higher — it therefore is needful to have the expenditure for Clothing &c kept as low as possible. His Canal Dividends I get regularly every half year; but as the Stock stands in the name of the Accountant General of Chancery I receive the Dividends thereon but frequently to avoid the trouble of frequent applications to the Accountant Genl — I earnestly desire the Dividends on this part of Weybridge property once in eighteen months

I am respectfully Thy friend

Henry Beesley.

I think the whole income of W Stone should be taken by the Retreat for his board & clothing ~~& on that~~ as a contract patient or that W.S. should be placed at 4p p week under recommendation & his clothing acct charged to him & the overplus if any go towards interest on the debt. Disbursement would probably amount to nearly £10 — Pannum however, which with ~~£10.8~~ — the charge at 8p £10.8 — would take nearly if not quite all his income.

It is therefore desirable to suggest whether the promissory note for £100 — could not be paid off by a Subcn among some kind friends of ability — perhaps if that were done quickly the Retreat might give up some part or the whole of the accrued interest — ~~I should not expect to subscribe £10 if the whole sum were likely to be had obtained~~ If such friends as Margaret Pope & Eliz Overend not to mention Sr Gurney who I dare say is applied to by on all hands by a suitable person in London I think the matter might be done

Could not the reversion of Wm Stones little property be secured to the Retreat so far as the liquidation of his debt is concerned — indeed without any fresh security I presume it would be chargeable with his debts — The proof however might not be easy as it was incurred prior to the Comns of Lunacy being taken out.

To Wm Stone Secy Retreat

Kendal Augst 29th 1850

Esteemed Friend

I am obliged by thine of the 26th and my Dau.r has received a Letter from Thomas, stating his safe arrival at Lilling;— where I hope he will be satisfied, for some time at least.— —— I dont know that thy Letter needed a Reply, excepting, that I may mention the probability of my having said to Thomas Allis, that I almost regretted his Son having left the Retreat, as he had never appeared to content since;— I have said so to one or more of our Friends here; especially since his leaving Lilling in the way he did; but then,— if I understood aright Your Letter from the Retreat, — it was — that as the Law upon the Case now stands, no Institution for Persons affected with aberration of Mind can retain the Government of them beyond a certain Period of their comparative Recovery: —— consequently the Retreat was obliged to cease caring for my Son. —— —— I presume I am correct in this, otherways,— if he should again (whilst I live) be placed under Your

very kind Care, I should decidedly prefer his remaining under it. —— At the same time, I & our Friends here, have been satisfied with E & A. C's attention. —— I am with much regard

Thy Friend

Geo: Braithwaite

Carr Hill 8/19/50.
Mansindale Mt.
Acknowledgment
of £10. &c.

Esteemed friend

Wm Wood.

I now acknowledge the receipt of the £10 note also the postage stamps making the right amount. Please will thou give my respects to John Kitching and say I am anxiously waiting a communication from him not having heard how my H. M. is since the

8th of this month —

I am respectfully
M. L. Martindale.

Barr Hill.
8th mo 19th 1850.

Huddersfield 8/13/50
Martinaale Mg 4.

6 Gallshaft

William Wood
The Retreat
York



YORK
AU 4
1850
B

HUDDERSFIELD
AU 13
1850
F

Esteemed friend
Wm Wood
I have received thy note with the intimation concerning the mistake in the P.O.O. which I had not got cashed, and had not before observed the mistake - Wm Pitting would receive a note &c from me - will thou please observe its contents and send me a £10 note - (Bank of England) and after one half at once

deducting the 5/ which
I have over in the P.O.O.
send the remainder in
postage stamps ~

Please address to me at
Joseph Firth
Carr Hill
Denby Dale
Huddersfield.

And will thou please ask
Wm Kitching to send his
amount of my poor husband
here also

I am respectfully
Thy Fd
M. H. Martindale.

Huddersfield
8th mo 15th 1850.

J Kitching

Resp.d fed

I enclose the Counterpart of £5- note sent this day by an earlier Mail the rect of which please to acknowledge by return

I remain

Thine sincerely

Saml. Tilney

Chelmsford

Sno 17. 1850

Chelmsford 8/17/50
Telney Same

7th Aug. 1858

Vicarage

Knaresboro.

~~Fisher~~ Ft.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward me the life certificate left by me at the Retreat on Wednesday last for my brother's signature. If duly signed & attested & oblige

Yrs faithfully

J. Fisher

P. S.

I have desired
Messrs Guidlay & Co
to remit to the
York City & County
Bank the amount
of my Brother's last
Bill. (£. 37. 15 - 10)
payable to W. Wood.
& will be thankful
for an acknowledg-
-ment when received.

F. F.

Whitby 8/22/50
Sanders Jos^h

Whitby, 22 of 8 mo. 1850.

John Kitching
Respected Friend

I have shown thy note to Thos. W Sanders who intends shortly to write to his sister. When my wife & I lately saw dear Sarah we thought her somewhat improved - she appeared more alive

to what was saying
than was previously the
case - & we are glad
to perceive thou also
thinks her a little
better - We should be
rejoiced to find she
was sufficiently re-
stored to render it
suitable for her to
leave the institution.
Please to give our love
to her.

I am respectfully
thy Friend
Joseph Sanders

Lisbon 8/2/50
Caldebeck Me

Augt 2. 1850
Lisbon

My dear Sir

I have just rec'd
after an absence of
nearly a week and I
trust I feel thankful
to my gracious God
for his money to my
my dear Son, and to
you for your kindness in
writing to me — I have
set a few minutes to

write, I trust the trip
I proposed to my dear
fellow with I of use, do
anything I may think
conducive to his
restoration, I can
say no more than that
I will cheerfully pay for
him, I pray I, do not
consider our feelings,
but I look forward to
I being able to say
to me, come and visit
him, I have not tried

for more, God bless I.
Yours my dear Sir
my Lady
Maldhuk

Chelmsford
8mo 17
1850

Respected friend Tilney Saml
J Kitching

I enclose ½ a £5 note & P.O. order 17/6 in discharge of acct. delivered, & in course of a few days I intend to forward the Counterpart when it will be give me pleasure to hear a better acct. of my wife. & remain
Thine sincerely
Saml. Tilney

Nottingham 8/11/50
Payne Hy

John Kitching
York.

Nottingham 8th mo: 11th
1850

My dear Friend

There is a letter enclosed to Robert from his mother in which she tells him that no interference on our part is allowed, as regards his debt, and please to accept our thanks for thy last favour for we quite concur with thee in the opinion that our Son will be made

better both in body and
mind without than with them.
indulgencies he asks for
and we trust that the
in the course of time he
will entirely forget them.
I remain
Very sincere Friend
Henry Payne.

London
London 8th Mo: 16th 1850
Nainty Wm

Respected Friend,

I addressed a note to thee on the 13th Inst., intimating my prospect of being in York on 1st day next. — I now find that I shall probably not be able to leave home quite so soon, consequently my dear Mother must not expect to see me until 3rd or 4th day next. —

I trouble thee with this note that my Mother may not be in suspense. —

Very truly thine

John Kitching
York

Wm Nainby

Castle Square Swansea
8th mo 1st 1851 -
Sebbering Elizt

To John Kiching.

Dear friend,

I was in measure comforted by hearing through thy letter to my brother, that my beloved husband accomplished his long journey pretty satisfactorily on the whole; I do not wonder at his having been very restless during a part of it, as there was a portion of the day at home, (of late) when he was greatly excited, and I am thankful on his own account that he did not appear sensible to his trying position, and the otherwise painful separation

from those most dear to him,
still my mind is greatly oppressed
under the apprehension that
from this very circumstance
his recovery is very doubtful –
I shall feel grateful if thou
will do me the favor as often
as thy arduous duties will
permit, to give me as minute
particulars as thou canst
relating to my beloved husband's
state – I will also thank thee
to let me know the amount
of the expenses of the journey
as well as the quarters pay-
ment, which I am aware ought
to be paid in advance –
I am grieved to hear my
beloved sister is more than
usually excited –

If thou thinks it right and
my beloved husband is capable
of receiving it please give
to him my tenderest love –
Hoping to hear from thee
very soon, I remain
Thy very sincere friend
Eliz^th – S Sherring

Manchester 1st Mo. 16/50.

164 Deansgate.

Walton Isaac

Respected Friend,

I am rather surprised we have not heard something about my father before this as I have wrote two letters since I heard from him last and have received no answer to either of them. I should be much obliged to thee if thou could inform me how he is as the family are all very uneasy about him I conclude with our love to him if he is in a fit state

I am thy well wisher

S. Walton.

Moresby Hall nr. Whitehaven
3 Aug. 1850

Sir

The enclosed is a draft on London for £41. 6/- in payment of Mr John Treacy's bill to the Retreat for last quarter.

Will you please to acknowledge its receipt

Acknowledged 8/5 [illegible]

Dear Sir
Your obtuo.
C. Treacy.

Mr W. Wood

Moresby Hall
Whitehaven
8/31/50
Treacy C.
Tech Ct
t 41. h. —

Folkstone 8/28/50
Blackett-Lady.

Lady Blackett is much obliged to Mr Wood for his letter received yesterday mentioning the £1.8.6 paid into the York Bank on her Sons acc^t which was not due untill the 1st Octr next. Lady Blackett on leaving London for an uncertain period, desired) her Banker (Coutts) to forward the above mentioned sum on the 1st of next Octr to the York Bank, it appears he has misunder-stood her order which is the cause of the mistake. Lady B therefore

begs Mr Wood will keep the £1. 8s. 6d
& she will not forward any more
money on her Sons acct untill the
1st of Jany next

Folkestone
28th Augt 1850

Yarmouth 30/8/1850

Dear Friend

I have this day directed Barclays to pay to thy a/c in the York City and County Bank £22. 11. 3 for Board &c of Emma Lacey at the Retreat

I am thy Friend

Edward Sewell

Willm Wood
Retreat York

Acknowledgd 9/2
Payment 9/10

Denmark 8/30/50
Sewell Esqr.
Clerk of Hospital
late of Bermuda 432. 11. 3.

FOLKESTONE
PENNY POST
PAID
YARMOUTH
NORTH-NORFOLK

William Ford Esq
The Retreat
York

YORK
AU 31
1850
D

Berkhamsted 8th Mo. 27th
Squire Hd 1850

Respected Friend

Wm Wood

I am in receipt of thine this morning relating to the late Jane White and may inform thee in reply that the account £11. 4. 10 is the last I have received from the Retreat on account of Jane White, and which I paid to James Bowden as I usually have done at the time of the Yearly Meeting 5 Mo 21 last — not having received any other acct I supposed that was the last or if there was any other against her I supposed it would be sent to me — if there is anything further on her a/c and thou will forward it I will discharge it in such way as thou may point out

Thine sincerely
Thomas Squire

P.S. I have thought it might be
better to send the last a/c I have rec'd
for thy information, as then will
thereby ascertain what further is
due on D W's Yes —
If thou should be writing again,
I have thought perhaps thou would
be kind enough to give some acct
as to the State of F. Bunker of Chesham
as I know some of her friends there
would be pleased to hear some tidings
of her which they have not been able
to procure — I am going from home
this morning and shall probably
return in about 10 days or a fort'night

Replied to
9/4 Wm

Swansea 8th mo 19th 12

Silbering 50 E Cr 12

Esteemed Friend with Dft £24.10.0.

I feel greatly obliged by Dr Kitching's & thy own kind consideration on our behalf, and enclose a Banker's Bill of fourteen days - for £24.10.0 the amount of account - when thou acknowledges the receipt, will thou kindly mention whether my beloved husband seems still unconscious of where he is, and if there

appears any change in
his state for the better.
with kindest regards

I remain
Very respectfully
Eliz^th Sibbering

Acknowledged
8/21/50
[illegible]

Southampton 8/21,50
Farrand Wm
With Dft
£10.19.—

Southampton
8mo 21. 1850

Respd friend
W. Wood

Enclosed I forward thee a Bank Draft for £10.19.— in payment of the account for my Daughters Board &c. I am glad to learn that she continues in good health, please give our dear love to her and tell her we shall be glad of a few lines from her when she feels inclined to write

as it is a very long time since
she last favoured us with a
letter

I am
thine respectfully
W Farrand

Acknowledged
8/23 [illegible]

Carr Hill
nr Huddersfield
30/8 mo 1850

Respd Friend
Wm Wood

Enclosed I send
thee a Bank Bill for £3-13-4
the amt of Bill for Jawmarks
Board &c which please acknowledge

Thy friend sincerely
Joseph Firth

Acknowledged
9/2 Mo

Carr Hill 8/30/50
Firth Jos.
Neth D ft
£ 3.13.4

86 Hornsdeich London
8/22/50

Dear friend
Wm Wood

I cannot inform thee why T Squire did not pay the £22. 19 - mentioned by thee. His dft to me was only for 11. 4. 10 and I have no other part. of the transaction - Mine Sincr.

Jas Bowden

Wrote to T Squire 8/26 Wm W.

London 8/22/50
Bowden Sat

Bolton 8/23/50

Resp.d Friend

Will.m Wood

Enclosed is £5-10/-
for my wifes charge
at the Retreat as p
ap.t rend of £5-8-4 10

Thine resp.y
Sam.l Hodgkinson

Acknowledged &
bal remitted 8/26/50
WW

Bolton 8/23/50
Hodgkinson Same
with remit^e
£5.10..0 –

Ethemed Friend

Jno Kitching

Inclosed is a Dft
amt £8.1.3 the rest of which please
to acklidge informing me the States
of my dear Children — I observe the
Charges are for tailoring & Drapery with
regard to the former I wish to be informed
when its necessary my son should
have a fresh supply his brother being
in that line it may be done easier —
I had just 3 Shirts in hand when
the Bill came — they are finished and
I purpose sending them by way of Ack with
next week — remn with love to the
invalids & thyself thy Aff Ef friend

Isaac Wright

Acknowledged 8/19 Mr.

16/VIII/1850


Bolton 8/Aug/50
Wright, Ellington
& Hill
8. 1. 3
Mr Richard
Sutcliffe
Solicitor
YORK
AU 17
1850
B
ONE PENNY
ONE PENNY
92

Worcester 1/8/1850

Respt.d Friend.

Enclosed is my cheque for £25. 1. 2 am. due to the Retreat from × H. Stone & M. ~~Spriggs~~ Baker which I received this day — with kind regards I remain

Thy affectionate friend

Thomas Newman

× Mary Stone 16. 10. 5
Mahlda Baker 8. 10. 9
£25. 1. 2

Acknowledged 8/2 NW

Worcester 8/1/50
Newman Thos
With Chg

Swansea 8/12/50
Sibbering Elrt

Swansea 8th mo 12th 1850.

Esteemed Friend

I am obliged by thy note of the 5th Inst: and should have remitted the amount of travelling expenses, but thought it might be as well to defer it until I hear from thee what the other charges may be, when I thought I might send a Banker's Bill for the whole. – With regard to my beloved husbands position at the Retreat, I should wish him to be as comfortably situated as on a for=mer occasion, and it may be that his present state will require even more attention than before, still

I think it right to say that I trust the Committee will kindly consider our circumstances, and make the change as easy as they possibly can, when I mention, that our business not only suffers from the want of my beloved husband's services & influence, but we are obliged to pay heavily for other assistance, and the increased competetion in trade here during the last 3 years causes much anxiety and renders it needful to be as economical in expenditure as possible; still I would rather make any possible personal sacrifice, than my dear husband's comforts should be curtailed. —

I shall feel obliged when Thou writes again to mention how my dear husband is, and I will also thank Thee to tell Dr Ritchie with my kind regards that I am grateful for his prompt & kind reply to my letter. Hoping to hear from Thee again soon I remain

Very respectfully

Elizabeth Sibbering

(Jno Wood)

Bristol
16/8 mo. 50

Wm Wood.

Dear friend Baker Jno.
Neth D Ftk 11.17.6

I beg to have
there. Bankers Bill £11.17.6
Amt. of my dear Childs
Quarterly Bill — which please
acknowledge in course —
I am very sorry to find
no improvement in her
Mental State. — I wish
my dear love to be given
to him —
~~With my kind regards~~
I am thy truly
John Baker

Acknowledge
8/17/50

Belgrave. 8 Dec 12 1850

Respected Friend
Wm Wood.

Inclosed is a draft
between £40.19.4 which I think
were the two accounts for my
Son & Sister. Please to acknowledge
the receipt and we shall be
glad of any tidings of these two
dear Patients pray tell Charles
that we are well and presume
our dear love to him.

Acknowledged
8/14 [illegible]

Yours
Sincerely
John Ellis

Belgrave, 8/12/50
Ellis Mo.
Mth D Fls
£40. 19. 4.

Respected friend
Wm Wood

I herewith enclose the amount of my dear Sisters bill I suppose it is the practise of the Institution to send the bills quarterly but it is the first time I have had them so sent, hitherto I have only once or at most twice in the year remitted, living at a distance from Town I find it a rather a tryal to go to the Bank so frequently having said thus much I must leave you to consider whether you will indulge me as heretofore

I conclude with respect thy friend
Reb^a Woodville

Thores by 8th mo 12 50

A. Knowledge
8/15 Hmw

Thoresby 8/12/50
Woodville Reb
Nith Dft
t 6. 3. 4.

Jonathan Gillett's respects to
W. Wood & send herewith a Dft
on Glyn C for £11. 12. 9 in
payment of Wm Lamb's acct,
the receipt of which he will
be pleased to acknowledge.

Banbury

9/8/60

Acknowledged
8/10 [illegible]

Banbury 8/9/50
Gellett Sch^n
Mich Dft
L 11. 12. 9.

To the Superintendant at the Retreat York

Respected Friend

I write to enquire of thee in respect to the expences that was incured belonging to Ann Preston—she became an inmate at the Retreat about the 17th of 1st. Month 1848 and died there about a year ago. I had the care and charge of sending her there and paid all expences I shall in a short time have to make up my Acts respecting her affairs I shall ful much obliged if thou will be kind enough to furnish me with a copy of the whole Act. of the charges (including Medical and funeral expences) during the time she was there I am informed John Thurman has left the Retreat I am unquainted with the name but hope thou will favor me with the desire information I remain respectfully

Thy friend

Thos. Dearnaly

Rastrick nr. Halifax

8 Mo 9th 1850

Paddock 8/19/50
Beaumaly. Ky.

Amersham UNION.
Frederick Charsley, Clerk,
The Board Meet on Tuesday in alternate Weeks at 10 o'Clock.
Next Meeting, 184

Amersham,
7 August 1852

Sir,

I enclose Cheque for £9. 1. 6. the amount of yrs account — Please to send a receipt

Yours obedy

F W Charsley

Acknowledged
8/ [illegible]

Jr Wood Esq

Amersham, 8/7/50
Chartley Fred
Nish Cheque
£9. 1. 6

Castleton Mills,

near Rochdale, 8th Mo. 7th 1850.

Wm. Wood

Retreat, York.

Esteemed Friend;

I enclose thee Post Office Order for £1.9.4 being Amount due to the Retreat on behalf of my sister Sarah which please acknowledge and oblige

thy friend sincerely,

John Yeardley.

Acknowledged 8/8 Mo. —"—

Castleton Mills 8/7,50
Gearaley Inc.
With $00
£1.9.4.

7/14

London

65. Old Broad Street

6 Aug 1856

Sir -

I am will oblige me by forwarding to me at your early convenience a Certificate that Mrs Charlotte Thomson is now living. I find that without some certificate of her being alive I cannot receive a dividend at the Accountant General's Office

I am Sir

Yr obedt Servt

Robt P Barrow

To the Secy of the Retreat

Acknowledged with Certif 8/7 Mr

London 8/6/50
Barrow R.P.

14 King's Street
Finsbury Sqre.
August 6.
1851

Dear Sir

I have this day paid at Messrs Barnet Hoare & Co. the amount of your account per Amelia, to be forwarded to your account with the York Bank.

I thank you for your information relative to her and, with best respects to Dr. Kitching

Acknowledged 8/10 [illegible]

Yours very truly

John Charlesworth

Mr. [illegible] of an acknt. of the money when received, will oblige

London, 8/6/50
Charlesworth Inc
Notice of paymt
into Bank
£13 14 10

Liverpool 6 Augt 1857

My dear Sir

I send you an order on London on acct of my dear Son and I shall feel much obliged by your letting me know if you receive it safe, and if you will give me intelligence of my Son and if he is with you or at Scarboro' as Dr Kitchen mentioned in his kind letter he will probably be, any thing you can

of him will be most acceptable to me, and I feel assured the good Dr will not deny him anything he may consider desirable for him, I dont wish him to have the least hesitation on acct of the expense, I shall most cheerfully pay it, pray, give my best regards to Dr Hitchin

Dear Dood E.

Yours faithfully
Maldrick

Acknowledged 8/9 [illegible]

Lisburn 8/6/50
Caldbeck Mr
Hitchin Dr & credit
£45.

5/8 Mo. 1850.

James Midgley
of Rochdale
here enclosed
Wm. Wood
Retreat
York
remainder balance
of £15.0.0 pk of
Engd. Notes

Acknowledged
8/6 [illegible]

Rochdale 8/5/50
Midgley Jas
Nth 1/2 miles
£15

Gt Yarmouth 8mo 1
1850

Henry Boulter informs Wm Wood that he has ordered to the York City & Co Bank 28.12.10, the Amount of Lydia Nash's Bill — David Nash request that his dear love may be conveyed to his Sister

Acknowledged
8/3 [illegible]

Gt Yarmouth 8/3/56

Boulden Hy.

Notice of payt

into Bank

£ 28 . 12 . 10

Craig House, Morningside
Edinburgh
August 3d. 1850
Murray H.J.
Mth D.F.
£32. 11. 2

Dear Sir,

I should have sent the enclosed order sooner, but have been absent from home for some time, therefore did not receive your letter till a few days ago —

Begging you will be so kind as to acknowledge the

receipt of my letter,

I am,

yr. obed. Servant

Henry Murray

Mr. W. Wood

The Retreat

Acknowledged
8/6 Mm W.

Rochdale 2/8 Mo 1850

Respected Friend
Wm Wood

There enclose thee halves of Bank of Engd
Notes for 15. 0. 0
& post office order 1. 19. 11
£ 16. 19. 11

to pay for the two understated Accts at the Retreat

Geo Hanson 8. 17. 10
Saml Hall 8. 2. 1
£ 16. 19. 11

& on hearing of the safety of these with thee I intend to forward the remng halves & am Respy
Thy Friend
James Midgley

Acknowledged 8/3 [illegible]

Rochdale, 8, 3, 50
Midgley Jas
Mich 1/2 Nyles £15
P O O. £1.19.11

Haverhill
8 Mo: 3. 1850

Respec.d Frd.

Enclosed I send a P. O. order for 3.8.6 the amt. of a/c forwarded me, which I trust thou will receive in due course, & which please acknowledge to

Thy frd respectfully
Chs: Kitching

Acknowledged 8/5 [illegible]

Wm. Wood
York

Haverhill 8/3/50
Ketching Chd
POOr
£3.8.4.

Settle 29-8-1850
Fathain Jr

Resp^d Friend

The reports of the Retreat need not be sent to us untill the 2 Mo & then they may be left at Take & Co Shop when I will call for them.

thy friend
J. Fathain

Red Brook, near Barnsley, 8th Mo 29 1850

Jeeylor Wm

Entd friend

Wm Wood

Thou had as well send the whole of the reports to me and I can divide them at our next his meeting to the different meetings the number usually sent has not been great

I am Respectfully

Wm Taylor

Leeds 8mo 30. 1850
Cash Newman

Resd Friend
Wm Wood

In reply to thy favour of the 28th I may state that the Reports of the Retreat have been usually sent to all those who were subscribers, with a few Copies for each Meeting, for general distribution. If they are sent to me ~~I will~~ I will distribute them.

I am thy sincere friend

Newman Cash

Doncaster 8 Mo 29 1850
Clark Joseph

Esteemd Friend

William Wood

I inclose thee a list of Friends to whom the Reports have been sent in former years.

Thy frid

Joseph Clark

Willm Aldam. Warmsworth wr Donr

Will Dent Marr wr Donr

Sam'l Routh. Exthorp. wr Donr

Joseph Clark . "

Edw Smith. Fir vale. Sheffield

Dan'l Doncaster. Do.

Willm Clark — Doncaster

over

Also John Snowden
and Sarah Harris. both of
whom are now removed
to Bradford.

Hitchin 30th of 8mo
Thursday 1850

Esteemed Friend
Wm Wood

I do not know
to whom the Reports
of the Retreat have
usually been sent,
but think that six
will be sufficient
for our Mo. Meeting
which if sent to me
I will distribute

I remain
Thy Assd Friend
Joseph Sharples

Banbury 31st of 8mo
Gillett Jos. A. 1880

Esteemed Friend
W. Wood

In reply to thine of the 28th Inst. I may inform thee that I think about 10 Copies of the Report of the Retreat will be sufficient for Banbury Mo. Mtg.

I remain respectfully thy Fr.
Joseph A. Gillett

Northampton

29/8/50 —

Col Chas Wm

Respected Frd

Wm Wood

I have had sup-
or eight copies of the Retreat
Report usually sent for
Northampton Mo Meety - and
an equal number for
Wellingbro Mo Meety - the latter
addressed to Wm Chapman
as Agent - (Wm Chapman
has been deceased several
years) - they might now
be sent to Wm Harlock

Wellingboro —

They have usually been distributed to the undernamed Friends in Norton Mo Meetg —

Gray Hester, Jno Blunson
Edwd Latchmore — Eli Johnson
Doyley Marshall — Wm Collins

I have also sent a copy ea to the Superintendent & House Surgeon of the Asylum here — now containing 268 Patients —

Thy frd respectfully

Wm Collins —

Stockport 31/8 Mo
Milner J P. 1850

Respect friend
Wm Wood

Thy letter of the 28th addressed to the late Croudson Tunstall of Nantwich has been forwarded me by his son Willm of Bristol.

The Reports of the Retreat at York have recently been received & distributed in our Quarterly Meeting by our deceased friend Croudson Tunstall of Alvaston Grove nr. Nantwich, who I suppose acted as Agent for that useful Institution. To supply this channel of intercourse in the vacancy, if thou hast no better means - thou mayst make use of thy sincere friend

John P Milner

P.S. Shouldst thou forward the present 1850 Reports - perhaps thou cd easily enclose in thy Manchester parcel.

Exeter 29 of 8mo 1850
Dymond Wm.

Esteemed friend

In reply to thy letter of yesterday, I think it desirable to send a copy of the Report to each of the friends whose names I have written on the other side; all in the East Division Mo. Mg. of Devonshire.

Yours
Thy affectionate
John Dymond

Wm Wood.

Robert Dymond, Exeter.

Thomas Heath, Chemist,
Exeter

John F. Wilkey, Mount Radford,
Exeter.

Henry Spankie, Mont le
Grand, Exeter.

Robert Frey Waddyatt near
Wellington, Somerset.

George Pantney, Uffculme
near Cullompton, Devon.

John Dymond, Exeter.

Plymouth
30th

Plymo 29 of 8 mo 1850

Respected Friend

In reply to thine of 29th

The reports intended for this mo mg have been usually sent to me, which may still be done and I will distribute them. Ten will be sufficient.

Wm Collier

Plymouth

PLYMOUTH

Miss Mary Moore
Rockcorry
Monaghan

Respected fr.

Charlbury 8/31/50
Albright Wm

It was my wish to have answered thy letter before, but I cannot always do as I desire. There are but few in Witney Monthly Meeting to whom it is needful to send the "Annual Report of the Retreat". I subjoin the names of 5 or 6 friends. If it will be convenient, or less expensive to send them all to me I will take care to hand them to the several individuals — If all for our Quarterly Meeting were sent shortly to some friend at Reading (previous to our Q.M.) I think it may be the best way.

I am respectfully thy fr.
Wm Albright

Jane Reynolds Faringdon
Henry Greenwood, Chipping Norton
James Sessions Charlbury —
Nicholas Albright Do —
Wm Albright — Do —
& 1 addition for some fr: beside as expedience may see

P. S. After I began I thought of the enclosed — It may be one of the little things that make up the great aggregate — I P. S. It has I believe been usual to have all the reports sent to one person and it will from my locality be better to send them to Reading or Banbury

Charlbury

In reference to
Reports—

Halstead 8 mo 30/50
Doubleday Robt

Respd Friend

I reply to thy enquiry, I am not aware to whom the Reports have usually been sent but would suggest as suitable the names of Jas Catchpool, Bulford Mile, Braintree — Geo Docwra, Kelvedon Wm Matthews, Earles Colne — Shadrach Jackson, Cogl

Jas Jesup Halstead

Jos Smith, Patuswock

I remain

Yours respectfully

Robt Doubleday

Wickham Hall
8 Mo 29. 1850.

Respd Fd Smith Thd

On other side I forward the names of the friends who I believe have usually had reports of the Retreat sent to them.

Very fd respectfully

Mr Smith.

Wm Wood.

Robert Marriage
Hoe Mill
Nr. Maldon
Essex.

Fredk. Hill
Woodlands
Nr. Maldon

Wm Maniage
Broomfield Mill
Nr. Chelmsford.

Jno Candler
Springfield
Nr. Chelmsford.

Jno Smith
Wickham Hall
Nr. Witham

Frenchay – 30/8mo 1850.
Tuckett Philip

Respected friend

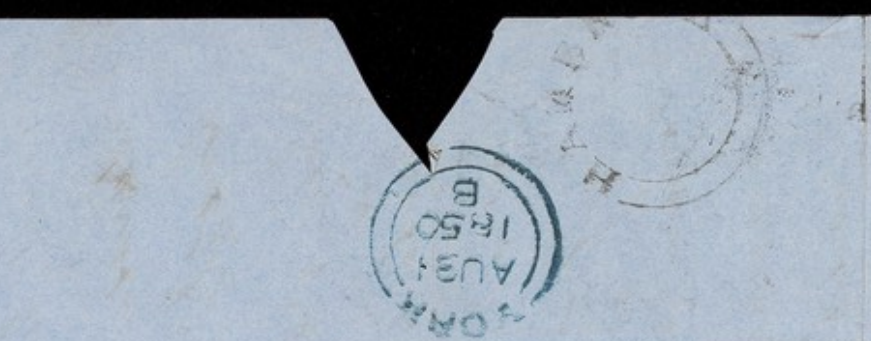
As clerk of Frenchay mo. meetg. it will be suitable & convenient, if the Retreat Reports be addressed to me – "Care of Tuckett & Rake Baldwin street Bristol" – We have hitherto received them inconveniently late & I had supposed from our Quarterly Meeting – if so they should be sent to our Clerk, Samuel Bowly – [illegible]ucester where our next Q.y.m.g will be held in about two w[illegible]ks –

If thy inquiry contemplates the names of the Friends to whom they are usually distributed, I cannot give them all, & but few Copies were formerly sent, but from 12 to 20, can be acceptably distributed in our monthly meeting

Respectfully thy friend

Philip D. Tuckett

Wm. Wood
Secy – Retreat
York





Wm. Wood
Secretary Retreat
York

BRISTOL
30AU850
PY-POST.

Melksham

Fowler Mc. 31st of 8 mo 1850
,50

Respd friend

In reply to thy enquiry of the names of the Friends in this Mo. Mg ~~that~~ who have usually received the annual reports of the Retreat, to the best of my recollection they are as follow

Wm Gundry Wm Matravers
Thos Jefferys Rachel Fowler
S. B. Jefferys John Fowler

also about 2 or 3 without address

I remain
thy sincere friend
John Fowler

Wm Wood
York

Nath[l] Morgan
John Southall
Edw[d] P. Southall
Sam[l]. Southall
Henry Newman
Tho[s] Evans —
A. L. Chandler
W. P. Edwards
P. P. Edwards

The Elms, no
Hereford 8/29.50

Rec[d] Friend

Agreeably to thy request I hand the above list of names for recording copies of your Report.

I am respectfully
Yours Tho[s]. Evans.

The Elms 8/29/50
Evans Thos

Stood Rochester
31: 8: 1850

Wheeler Jane

Resp: Friend

W. Wood —

I cannot just now lay my hand on the list of Subscribers in aid of the Retreat — but if thou send me 10 Copies of the Report I will circulate them suitably.

Thy Friend truly

Sam: Wheeler

Manchester
8 mo 29: 1850

Dear Sir

Respected Friend

I have thy Note of yesterday and in reply may inform thee that I have no list of Subscribers to the Retreat, except the list given in the Annual Report of which I suppose you have the Back Numbers. I find One for 1846 contains the following see Over to which I have added a few others, they have generally been forwarded in a parcel to me by Rail

Bowyer Edward
Bowyer Thomas
Bradshaw George
Crudson Wilson
Clare Peter
Collinson John
Dawson George
Labrey Wm
Merrick Josiah
Robinson George
Robinson John
Rooke Joseph
Rooke John
Satterthwaite Michael
Hoyland Wm
Labrey Jonathan
King John
Binns William

Christy Richard
Hodgson John, Warrington
Do
Neild Wm
Rogers Mary
Sharp Samuel
Hodgson John Manchr
Satterthwaite Wm

a few of our Copies might be useful

I remain respectfully
Thy Friend
Geo Dawson

Liverpool 8 mo 30 1850
Crosfield Hy

Esteemed Friend

I am in receipt of thine of the 28th but cannot furnish the with the desired information, but I should think that a reference to your last subscription list would at once afford thee their names

I am Respy
Henry Crosfield

Wm Wood

50

Wr.
Rochdale 29/8 mo.
Midgley Jas

Esteemed Friend
Wm. Wood

In reply to thine though all the names I may insert below have not usually subscribed to the institution yet I think them likely to send reports to as being likely to induce a feeling of interest in the well being of the institution & that when funds are again wanted perhaps some or most of them might become contributors

Respy. thy Frd.
James Midgley

Jacob Bright Senr. Rochdale
John Bright ——— do.
James Midgley ——— do.
Henry King + Moss Mill near do.

Wm. Ecroyd, Lomeshaye near Burnley

Edmd. Ashworth, Egerton nr. Bolton le moors
John Ashworth, Birtenshaw near do.
Thomas Mulliner ——— do.
Isaac Wright ——— do.

George Emmott ——— Oldham

Rochdale

Welbourne

Welbourne 8mo 29. 1850
Burtt Pa.

Respected Friend

I think the Report has often been sent to me, and the Number of Copies 6 or 8. — If addressed to individuals would suggest the following list of names in Broughton & Gainsboro' Mo Meeting —

David Nainby Brigg
Joseph Hopkins, Brandycar, near Brigg
S. M Bowen, Gainsboro
Richd Thompson, Do
Thos Spencer ~~B~~ Sturton near Gainsborough

Jos Burtt Fulbeck
Grantham
Charles Burtt Leadenham
Grantham
John Burtt
Welbourne
Grantham

Charles Burtt is the Clerk – If a Parcel be made, it may be directed either to him or me at the Spread Eagle Lincoln

Thy friend respectfully

John Burtt

Welbourne

London 29/8 mo 1850

Marth Edwd

Respected Friend

I have forwarded the letters enclosed to me —

There are but few Friends in Dev. House Mo. Mg. to whom Retreat Reports are specially directed but I have generally had a parcel say a dozen or so sent to me — If that is done I will hand

them to those friends
who have usually had
them.

If all the London
parcels are sent to me
I might forward them
to the other agents.

Yours sincerely
Edwd Marsh

London 29.8.50
150 Goswell St
Grinsham Freak

Respected Friend
Wm. Wood

If the reports
are addressd to Danl. Sturge
City road - who is Clerk
of the Peel Mo Meet? it
will be correct - they will
then be put in circulation
amongst our members

Thy friend respectfully
Fredk. Grinshaw

Grange Road 31. 8 mo 1860
Norton Thos jr

Respected Friend.

In reply to thy enquiry as to the friends who receive the repots of the "Retreat" annually, I furnish a list of their names on the other side, so far as my recollection enables me, being mostly those who were yearly contributors to its funds.

I am thy friend

Thos Norton Jr

Joseph Neatly. Kennington
Thos. Norton - Peckham Rye.
Saml Cash. Peckham
Wm. Johnson. Kennington Road
Saml Sluge. Brixton.
Thos Norton Jr. Grange Road.
Jos Sterry Jr. Bro's High Stt
Henry Sterry. Bromyh

127, High Holborn,
London 8 M. 30 1850
Neighbour Ge.

Respected Friend

Wm Wood

Agreeable to thy request I forward
thee the Names of Friends of Altitude
Mc Meeting Who generally receive
the Annual Report from the Retreat
~~Notice~~ With Love thy friend

George Neighbour

Robert Allsop Sloane Square Chelsea

J B Braithwaite Lincolns Inn

Henry Carr Acacia Road St John Wood

John Gray Thomas Terrace Chelsea

Dr Hodgkin 35 Bedford Square

Daniel Miller Lowndes St Belgrave Sq

William Parkin Barnard Court Lincolns Inn Fields

Edward Palmer Charlotte St Bedford Square

Richard Smith 298 Holborn

Henry Taylor Oxford Street

Thomas Wright Grosvenor Row Pimlico

Samuel Gile Regent Street

Ipswich 31/8/1850
Alexander W H.

Respd friend

The Reports have I believe usually been sent to those friends who constituted annual Subrs when the finances of the Retreat required them – The subscribers in our Monthly Meeting now living are as on the other side

Thy frd respy

W H Alexander

Edward Corder
Henry S. Corder
Thomas Fox
Jeremiah Head
Robert Ransome
J. T. Shewell
Thomas Shewell
W. H. Alexander

} Ipswich

If a few spare copies were sent to me I could perhaps distribute them amongst other friends who would feel interested in them

Brighton 30/8mo 1850
Hack D. P.

Respected Friend

In reply to thine recd. to-day I may inform thee that, as far as I am able to recollect, the number of the Retreat Reports, has been, for this Mo Meets, from 6 to 8.

I will subjoin the names which occur to me.

John Rickman Wellingham near Lewes.
Burwood Godlee Lewes.
Isaac Bass. Brighton
J Gray Bass. " —.
Elizth Hack Chichester
Mary Prier Brighton.
Grover Kemp & D P Hack do —

I remain
Thy Friend
Dan'l P. Slack

Wm Wood
Retreat
York

Leicester 29th 8th Mo. 1850

Candler & Cyrus

Respd Frd

Wm Wood

The York Treat Reports have been usually sent to me for distribution, about 12 in number, or if more convenient may be sent enclosed to Birmingham directed to me.

Thy friend

Cyrus Sandler

Leicester

Nine Nood

Retreat

York.







Kendal 29/8 mo 1850

Esteemed Friend Marshall Saml

Wm Wood

About 20 reports of the Retreat have annually been sent to me for distribution, not only in Kendal, but for other Mo Mgs in Westd Qy Mg. – About 10 will suffice for Kendal, if they be sent to other Mo Mgs from York

Thine respectfully

Saml Marshall

14 Catherines Terrace
Guildford 8 mo 30.50
Wiblen Mo

Respected Friend
W Wood

I herewith hand thee a list of the Friends names to whom the Report of the Retreat have usually been handed, agreeable to thy wish.

& am thy friend
Ind Wiblen

Ind Dam. Reigate
Thos Elgar — D.
Robt Swan. Dorking
Ino Marsh — D.
Robt Marsh — D.

Eleanor Whitehead. Dorkin
Jno Robinson. Crawley
James Pollard. Fordham
Geo Bas Holmes. D
Sam[l] White White
Farncombe
W[m] Godalming
Tho[s] Gill. Guildford
Jno Weller. D

Hull 8mo 30th 1850
West Leonard

Respd Frd

Wm Wood

In reply to thine think the reports of the Retreat should be sent to

John Hipsley, Isabel Casson
Esther Priestman, Samuel Priestman
John Sanderson Josephe Tickney
John Good. John Rickett
Jane Hornor Jno Collinson, Cave
Leod West

Thine respectfully
Leonard West

Wellington 30th 8th mo. 1855

Esteemed Friend,

It is not, at the moment in my power to reply specifically to the enquiry contained in thy letter of the 28th inst. if thou incline to forward the "Report" for the Next Quarterly Meeting to my address, I will take care to distribute them.

I am thy friend

Sylvanus Lee

Wellington

Benson H.

To the Governor of the Friends' Retreat
Whitby

9 Mo. 3. 1850

My dear Sir

I wish to know the rates of board at your Institution having a desire if expedient to place my poor husband there that I may have him nearer to me than where he now is viz Liverpool. You have a cousin of his ~~now~~ Miss S. Sanders now with you. My husband does not belong to the Society of Friends though his family on both sides formerly did. The sad affliction which has befallen us in the person of my beloved husband places myself and Child wholly dependent on our friends for

maintenance. Therefore a high rate of board is beyond our means. Information on the subject will oblige

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Isabella Benton

Whitby Sepr 13th 1850

Address

Mrs Wm Benton

Jnr White

Cliff Lane

Whitby

Earlitt 21st 9 Mo. 1850

Respected Frs:

I am in receipt of
thine enclosing Retreat Rpt.
which I intend to attend to
Sarah Preston an Annuitant
deceased on the 22nd of 4th Mo.
last there will be half a
year due to the Exrs of S.P.
which I intend to deduct
from the 9/ due to Retreat
for In a Crouch shortly
respectfully thy friend
John Brown

Earth 9/21/50
Brown Bro.

Moss House 9th mo 25th
1850.
Martindale Mg

Dear Friend

John Kitching

I arrived once more at this place last evening - And if my father-in-law continue to improve in health as he has done during the last fortnight; it is probable I may be here pretty much for a while to come. My last two notes were of a very pleasing character to me, although very mel-

I suppose that the Lancashire & Yorkshire dividend that has not yet obtained its proper signature - And I hope thou will not try over much, or tease him, to obtain it - as I find the bank will cash them with my father-in-law's signature - Please my long note - and

Yours respectfully

Mary Hy: Martindale

:antholy besides –
The increased quiet & comfort thou hast to report both for the nights and days. Thope is considered very favourable –
If thou couldst inform me besides that my poor Henry was also able to converse a little rationally, and would read sometimes. then, I think, you would consider there was some improvement –
I shall be obliged if thou will mention whether he is inclined to grow stout to take much exercise? and whether his appetite is any thing unnatural?
I have some idea of again visiting York – but, whether or not I have an interview with my dear husband. I intend to be entirely guided by thine & C. Wilkianis judgment.
Should Henry be requiring any articles of clothing for the coming winter. Wish thou wouldst kindly inform me – I thought that perhaps another pair of shoes might be required, and perhaps another stock.

Lisbon 9th Sept 1850
Calabeck Mr

My dear Sir

I have recd your most kind and welcome letter and I hope we all feel truly thankful to our gracious God for his great mercy to my dear Son. I cannot know my dear Sir, what your arrangements are at the Retreat, but shd you think it desirable that he shd remain at

may God bless & my dear Sir for y kindness to my very dear Son, I am quite sure y will do all in your power for him, and feel confident y efforts will be blessed.

Shd y think of allowing myself, his Mother and Brother, or any of us to visit him, we shall be ready to go at a days notice Yours My dear Sir

Yours truly

W. Caldbeck

Scarboro, & it be possible to provide a substitute for the attendant who is with him, I implore of you not to think of the expense, whatever it may be, for that purpose, or any other, which y think may be adviseable, I shall most cheerfully pay & remit y for, whenever y call upon me, it may be y wd think of going to some other place, if so, by all means arrange for it, I leave it altogether to y, feeling assured y will do whatever lies in y power for my dear fellow, & shd the Lord bless your efforts, all will be well, I will cheerfully do my part, expense is not to be thought of.

A very old friend of his died last week, Mr Watson, I have prepared him for it by some of my communications, he was eighty seven or eight, & has been failing fast for some time, I shall tell him in my letter this day to him,

Lyceum Place 9th mo 30th
1850 -
Martindale Mg

Dear Friend

John Ritting

I did not ex-
-pect when I last wrote to ad-
-dress thee again so soon from
Spool. I expect to be here
only a very few days -
My dear Henry's father Con-
-tinues better -
The object of my now writing
is to request thee to be so
kind as to erase the wrong
signature and send me
the Sheet to Fairfield -

I expect thou will receive this tomorrow, and if thou Couldst let me receive the paper the following day I should be obliged —

But if this is not Convenient to thee it will do at any time. —

This is my dear husbands 62nd birth day — Has he any idea of it? —

I am sincerely thy frd

Mary Hy: Martindale

1 Liverpool St
Finsbury
24/9/50

Butler & J.

Respd. Friend.

As the Bankers will charge us 2/6 for transmitting the enclosed note, if thou wilt send me one payable in London I shall be glad. —

If thou will acknowledge the receipt of this I will send the other by return.

The Umbrella that

Mr Ellis said wd
be left here, has not
been sent us.

Yours Respectfully
P. I. Butler

I Kitchen
York.—

Lewes

Lewes 30 of 9 mo 1850

Binns Martha

Respected Friend

John Fletching,

I am truely
obliged by thy considerate
kindness in again giving
me information of my dear
afflicted husband, In my
last I wrote principally to
tell thee of my going to Lewis
my mind was then, and still

next second day. 7th of 10 month

is, as trouble I have no recollection of giving thee the address of any brother in law, or I would not again trouble thee, Hoping thou will excuse me believe to remain,

Thy much obliged fr
Martha Binns

Nathan Smith
High Street
Lewes
Sussex

PS I hope to get to Chichester

Manchester 1850
Genr. 10th

Respt. Friend

I send on the fly leaf an order on the Yorkshire Banking Company for £10. 17. 9 on acct. of James Walton Bill for that acct. — I shall be obliged by thy acknowledging the recd. of of the same in course & informing me if Jas. Walton is so far restored as to be able to return home the parties who are sureties for his expenses do not fine that they are likely to raise by subscription sufficient funds to keep him at York beyond the close of the quarter therefore if he is not restored by that time they must take steps to place him in a Lunatic asylum as his family cannot contribute to his maintenance

Cannot be agreed to Paymenty 9/12 [illegible]

My Friend Respy
Edw. Binyon

To W. Wood
York Retreat

9/10/50
Benyon Edwd
with Lre of credit
£10.17.9 &c
reference to Jas Walton's
continuance

Mr Norris
Secretary
Yorkshire
York







Scarborough 9th mo. 2nd
Ringer Hank

Respected Friend

I am happy to inform thee that I am very comfortable in my snug new home and that I continue to improve in health and spirits. I really feel my strength nearly restored How much is my debt of gratitude increased within the last month! May I dwell under an humbling sense thereof: deeply feeling my unworthiness, and the gracious condescension of a merciful God.

since 6th day morning on account of her cousins absence to York. Anne is gone out on business for an hour and I am by myself feeling happy and peaceful in this complete cottage where I see how few things are really needful. I must apologize for having so long trespassed on thy valuable time. so I conclude hoping this sad scrolls will meet thee as well as usual and subscribe myself thy much obliged friend Hannah Ringer.

P.S. My love to my kind friend Thompson. The friends are very kind in noticing and inviting the importunate and comparatively lovely one. There is a great influx of visitors the lodging houses are mostly filled up. some friends have just been enquiring of Anne Rowntree and cannot obtain any

I hope my kind friend C K is nearly recovered and that the little change goes on well. Please to give my dear love to thy wife and if agreable to her and thyself I shall be very glad to receive your little girl as my visitor and I will do all I can to promote her comfort. If you decide for her to come I shall be obliged by a line to apprize me of it. I went to Meeting three yesterday which I much enjoyed. I am invited by Jane Rowntree to take tea with her this afternoon. which I intend doing. I have not written to my dear Uncle neither shall I until I have a little conversation with thee. I must express my feeling of obligation to thee in thy election on my behalf a grateful sense of which I hope ever to retain. I hope our Party arrived at home quite safe and well and that they obtained a sight of Castle Howard. My love to Maria Whitten and all enquiring friends. Rachel Rowntree has been at Bey from home

S Hall 9/9/50
Harrow Md.

Dear Sir

Sometime since
I addressed a few lines
to you inquiring how
my Cousin D Richardson
was, receiving no answer
I now conclude it never
reached you, Will you
be kind enough to
inform me if I may

pay him a visit
and have he is —

I remain Sir
Yours truly
F. Harrisson

Lyons Hall
Sep 9th 1850
To Mr J. Kitchen

London 9/9/50
Hazell J

9 Gresse Street
London
9 Sept./50

Sir/

I am exceedingly sorry to be so troublesome to you but I have just posted a letter for you but unfortunately directed it to my sister (Bunker) in my hurry

therefore have the kindness
not to hand it to her
as it is intended for
you – I hope it will
not get into her
hands as it might
hurt her feelings –
I am about to post
this direct which of
course will go by the
same Mail & I trust
will reach the retreat
at the same time
trusting you will
pardon this intrusion

I am Sir
Yr Most Obt Servt
J Hazell

To Dr Thurnam

9 Gresse Street London
16 Sept. /50
Hazell J.

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst.t I rec.d in due course and return you my best thanks for your courtesy - I cannot account for the letter being so long delayed as they were both posted the same afternoon. Some time since I understood from a medical man that all letters directed to the patients were opened by the Superintendant

& that he also examined all letters sent out by them now I think I must have been misinformed for had that been the case in this instance the mistake would have been discovered, but I am happy to hear it has passed off so well, I was afraid it would have made an unfavourable impression in her mind against me.

I shall write to my sister in a day or two but I shall not notice I have heard from you but merely allude to the first letter I sent, & you need not mention you heard from me now. ——

& I remain
with great respect
Yours Mo: Obed.ly
J Hazell

To Mr Kitching

Ifield 17th of 9th mo 1850
9/17/50
Brinns Martha
Respected Friend
John Kitching

I feel much delicacy in thus encroaching on thy valuable time, but the time has passed so drearily since thou last favoured me, I shall esteem it a great favour if thou wilt inform me of my beloved husband's present

condition, if his health remains in the improved ~~state~~ state thou last gave, whether he is still able to enjoy out doors exercise and walk without aid, I fear the cold winds which have lately prevailed with us, will have an unfavourable effect on one afflicted as my dearest husband is, and prevent his being in the air which appears (as far as I can judge) the only thing he is capable of deriving any pleasure from.

I trust thou will excuse my having taken the liberty of writting rather before the usual time, and believe me with much respect to remain,

Thy sincerely obliged friend
Martha Binns

PS I am likely to remain here till next seventh day week, if thy time will admit of a few lines please to ~~direct~~ address thy letter to the care of
John Simons
Field
near Crawley
Sussex

Moss
Moss House 9th mo 4th 1850.
Martindale My

Dear friend

With this I send thee a letter received this morning from Lpool — My dear Bs father has been very unwell for two weeks from increased uneasiness about the heart and great difficulty in breathing — When I left them last week he was thought to be a little improved, and we quite hoped that the attack would subside —

my dear husband —
but I know his engagements are many and I would not tax him — besides feeling assured as I do that I hear all could hear from thyself —
My Brother-in-law's letter thou mayst burn —

I am thy sincere frd

Mary Hy: Martindale

my dear Henry being quite incapable of comprehending the state of anxiety his near connexions are at present under, renders this trial yet more trying to some of us — I thought it best to inform thee how things are with us — but I do not desire that poor Henry should be acquainted at all with them, unless a real good to himself might be anticipated in informing him —

If thou does not write me until after the receipt of this, please address to Nicholas Martindale Peter Lane Spool, for me — as I expect to leave my dear parents here for a short time tomorrow afternoon — And I will inform thee if I return here before another of thy letters is due —

Will thou please remember me kindly to our dear friend C. Williams and acquaint him with father's state — I have often thought I should be glad of a few lines from him, respecting

Holkham 9/24/50
Blackett Lady

Lady Blackett is much
obliged by Dr Ketchings note
inclosing a letter from her
Son she thinks with him
that there is a little
improvement in her Sons
mind, as it is very long
since he had written to
her & never before expressed
a wish to leave the Retreat
although frequently offer'd
to return to his friends

but constantly refused
to do so. Lady Blackett
begs Dr Kitching will
give the enclosed Letter
to her Son Chas Blackett

Folkestone
24th Sept 1850

9 Gresse Street
Rathbone Place
London

Sir,

9th Septr/50

Hazelle J.

I trust you will not think me trespassing on your kindness in addressing you but I feel anxious to know the state of mind of my unfortunate sister (F. M. Bunker) & to have your opinion whether it is improving, I am afraid the delusion remains the same —

She feels very anxious to

see me & has written for
me to come to York, which
is not in my power to
do at present, nor do
I see that it would answer
any purpose as I know
she is well cared for
in the retreat. Do not
mention to her you have
heard from me. Your
answer as soon as convenient
will much oblige Yrs Ob. Servt
J. Hazell

Lisburn 8 Oct 1850
Cazabeck Mr

My dear Sir

I mentioned to you
in a former letter
that in all probability
my son would go over
to York to see his
Brother and after
many consultations amongst
ourselves it is decided
that he will go over

by first part as
my movements here
are uncertain

Yours my dear Sir
very truly

[illegible]

in the course of a few
days now my dear
Sir I want to ask
you if you think it wd
be injurious to my
dear Son if I were to
go over if it wd in
the slightest degree,
I shd not think of it
but if it wd not I
think I shd defer going
untill after his Brother
shd see him I know
you will give me your
candid opinion and
say shd I go or not
but at all events his
Brother will I write
in a great hurry for
the part and shall feel
greatly obliged if you
will let me hear from

Dear Friend

John Hitching

It is 7 weeks to day since the date of thy last letter to me respecting my dearly beloved Husband but I do have thought probably thou might have been from Home and remembering this is the quarterly meeting week I thought it would be a busy time and may have hindered thee writing — to morrow I learn there is a cheap train leaves Darlington for York it is to leave at a quarter to 10 o,clock now hoping I may not be much trouble to you for a few hours I intend embracing the opportunity as my health is so uncertain it does not seem likely as well as my dear J. T. was last year to suit my staying long at present and although I well know from painful experience that my beloved Husband will hardly notice me yet it will be a satisfaction to see him once more before the winter

sets in, I shall leave for home I fully in
tend by the 1/4 to 50 clk same day the last
time I went in this way my dear JP walked
about the front with me a while I
hardly know on considering whether
thou will get this before I get to the
retreat but as my Husband is generaly
only told a few minutes or a very
short while before, perhaps it will
not be very material Maria Whitly
perhaps will be kind enough to
let me speak with her as I know
her, with kind love to her thy Wife &
self believe me very affection-
ately thy obliged friend

Jane Procter

Stockton 6th day 27th 9th mo. —
1850.

Stockton 9/2/1850

Richardson

Moss House
9/1/50
Martindale Wy

Dear friend
J. K.
My sister
R. King being likely to
spend some weeks at
Ben Rhydding on a/c
of her health. it is
probable I shall re-
main the time with
my dear Parents -
To will thou please

address to me here
for the present —
My letters are always
anxiously looked for
and glad indeed
should I be could I
perceive that thou
hadst any more
encouraging view
of my dear husbands
case.
Will thou please an-
-quire of the attendant
whether Henry is
wanting any articles
of clothing — The
weather is becoming
colder and very
damp.

I am thy obliged frd
Mr Hy: Martindale

Moss House 1st of 9th mo
1850 —

the only judge, he intends
to go to the White Swan,
Pavement, of course if
he shall not see his Mother
at the Train, he will go
immediately to the Retreat

Lisburn
Lisburn 9 Oct 1850
Caldebeck Mr

My dear Sir

Rec'd y letter by
this morning's post and
beg of y to accept my
sincere thanks for
y great kindness,
we do not consider
it an unfavourable
act and are aware that
my dear Son will be
'most likely' subject to
considerable changes,
I wrote to y last night

abt my son going to
see his Brother, he left
as this morning and I hd
think will be in York
on Saturday, it will
depend upon the letter
I hope to receive from y
whether I shall go over
to see my dear fellow,
I feel the utmost confi
dence that y will do
any thing in y power
for him and that our
Gracious God will bless
your efforts, accept

again my sincere thanks
for y kindness and
believe me My dear Sir
ay truly yours

W. Blackburn

I don't know, but perhaps
y might think it right
to let him meet his
Brother at the Train,
my son will go over by
Hollyhead, of this you are

P.S. If there should not be any thing in the state of my poor S. to render it particularly undesirable for me to see her abt. the time I have named, I should prefer going then, to later in the winter.

Haverhill
9 Mo 12. 1850
Kitching Chs.

My dear Brother,

As the time is approaching at which I generally pay my annual visit into the North & as my little girl is to go into Lancashire on a visit I had thought, on her account of going rather earlier than usual & of leaving home in abt. 3 weeks time, which would probably bring me to York in abt. a month, but having receivd. a letter this morning from J. Wright, in which he informs me that he has heard by a friend

(Jos Rountree,) that my dr F. is in so very excitable a state, that he thinks it not likely to be very advisable for me to see her at present. I thought I would drop thee a line on the subject to ascertain thy opinion, ~~[illegible]~~ if thou canst judge from her present condition whether or not it might be suitable for me to see her in abt the time above named — and I am induced to write now, (in case of its not being thought desirable for me to come), that I might avail myself of another opportunity of sending my S.A. into Lancashire & in this case, it would most probably be several months before I went myself. Thy long silence I fear indicates there being no good news to send, but hope thou will write me a few lines, if convenient, by return of Post, & let me know how things are. A letter from Alfd this morning informs me that our dr Parents are thinking of paying you a visit next week, which I trust they will enjoy — the weather being so favorable for country excursions — I suppose they will be at your Q.M.

Have I not to congratulate thee, (or rather Sister & thyself) on an increase of your possessions, in the way of a son or a daughter?

With love to self, Sister & little ones

I remain thy affectn Bror

Chs: Kitching

P.T.O

London 9 Mo 27
1850

Wm Wood
Esq Pres

Enclosed I send a Cheque for £15-18-7 - the Amount of Bill for Board &c of P. Wall - which has only recently come to my hands in consequence of my absence from home

I am Truly Yours
Jno Fowler

Please own receipt

Acknowledged 9/28 [illegible]

York Retreat

London, 9/27/50.
Stowler Thos
Meth Chg
L 15.18.7

9/18/50

Saml. Tuke requests his friend Wm Wood not to write to H Beesley respg Wycherly Stone or to enter the minute until he has had an apportunity of speaking to the Comt. on the subject

Lawrence St 18/9 - 1850 -

Hemel Hempsted
9 Mo 29. 1850
Cranstone Maria

Dear friend

Rd. M Brown

As thou art Agent for York Retreat, I write to request thou will procure the necessary papers from the Retreat, that they may be in readiness if wanted to be filled up for Ann Kentish it is the opinion of several friends who have seen her, that it is, or soon will be, right to place her there, and we have been looked to by some, to do the needful preparations towards effecting it. I have been spending 3 or 4 days with her, and truly she is in a most distressed and distressing state of mind, but it feels with me and my husband

a matter of the greatest difficulty and responsibility, also delicacy to place the poor distressed friend there. I have consulted our medical attendant, and we were about taking her to London for other medical advice, and as a second to testify to her unsoundness of mind, but her present medical man thought it would be better to be provided with the certificates, and that they should be obtained without delay, there appears every symptom of the disorder encreasing, and has done this last two weeks, but we think and wish thyself and some other Luton friends would visit her and give an opinion of her or perhaps, as she has no relations to see to her, to bring it before the next monthly meeting, that whatever

undertakes the trying part of separating her from her family, may be strengthened by the wishes of other friends. I think thou can have no idea of her state, and the sensibility to every circumstance and thing about her, which renders it more difficult to do any thing with her. Her two daughters are much to be felt for, they are too unwell to do any thing and grieve much to see their mother in such a state.

thy son Henry C Brown has seen her, and wrote to us on the subject In love to self and Emma I remain thy friend

Marie Cranstone

80 New Bond Street
17th Septr. 1850
Manning Josh

Sir

A Mr. Overed of Clarendon Street, Somers Town inform me that an Aunt of his (Rachael Cuitshin) lately died in your establishment & has left some property which he (by the nearest relative) is entitled to - he has requested me to write to you and will feel very thankful by your sending him all the particulars you can & such information as you may think of service to him he is a very Poor Man with a Wife and my large family if there is any property

that he can obtain it if will send him
from here

Hoping you will excuse the liberty I
have taken

I remain Sir
your Obdt Hble Servt
Jos L Manning

ALBION WHARF, SOUTHGATE STREET DOCK,

Gloucester, 9 mo 4 1850

10.17.3
10.14.1
21.11.4

Esteem'd Frd

Jno Hitching

I enclose a Draft made payable to thy order for £21.11.4 on a/c of J. Fowler & A Hughes for Glo: Monthly Meeting, which please to acknowledge the receipt of. —

I hope at the same time thou will be able to give me a more favourable account of my poor Brother in law — but suppose thou can hardly form an opinion yet as to the probability of his ultimate recovery? — If he can receive it please give my love to him

Thine sincerely

Jesse Sipson

Acknowledged by JK 9/7 Mtg

Glouceston 9/4/50
Serious Letter
Nick Ogle
£21.11.4

Belfast
Belfast 10th of 9 Mo 1860

To
The Manager of Friends Retreat
York Penn Mo Jr

I have been requested to ascertain the charges made by the Comr for patients who are not connected with the Society; as the surviving parent of a young man in this town, is desirous to place him in a safe but moderately expensive asylum for Insane.

Will then be kind enough to reply to this, giving all requisite information as to the steps requisite to be taken in order to place a patient in the Retreat, and to send me any requisite papers to be filled up also to say if there is a vacancy at present.

Waiting thy reply I am
Respy
John Penn Jr

5309.0.9
4749.0.9
560.0.9

Luton

~~Th~~ 4th

9th 21-50

Brown R M

Esteemed Fr^d

I have received the Reports of the Retreat, and will attend to the distribution of the same.

thy Fr^d

R. M Brown

To

Wm Wood

North Shields 9/20/50
Procter Jos^h

Jos^h Procter has rec^d 4 copies of the report of the Retreat for 1850 from Wm. Wood, to hand to those friends in Shields, most likely to be interested thereby

North Shields
9 mo 20 1850

Leeds

Leeds June 30. 1850

Cath Newman

Rec'd Friend

Wm Ward.

I have received £10

Report of the Returns, which

I will distribute as Directed

I am truly thy fr.

Newman Cath

Waterton 28/9/1850

Hace Rich

Esteemed Friend

Willm Wood,

Yesterday, I received thine of the 4th - along with 4 copies of the Report of the Retreat for the last year, which I shall take care to distribute

Thy Friend, Sincerely

Rich.d Hall

Sund. 27/9mo 1850.

Backhouse Edwd jr

Esteemed Friend

Wm Wood

I have to acknowledge the Rect.
of 10 Copies of the Retreat Report for
the last year, for distribution among
Friends of Sunderland.

I am respectfully
Edwd Backhouse jr

Retreat. York

Sudbury 24/9/50
King Jr

Esqre

I have received
the 10 copies of the
Report on the Retreat
which shall be handed
to friends interested
on the subject —

Yours &c
S King

Wickham Hall
9/26/50

Mr Smith informs his frd Wm Wood that he has received eight copies of the report of Retreat for the past year for which he is obliged & intends to distribute them to the subscribers &c

Wickham Hall
9 Mo 26. 1850.

Leighton Buzzard
25 9mo 1850
Bassett Mr CD

Esteemed Friend

I have recd 10 Copies of the report of York retreat for the past Year together with packets of same for the different Mo. Meetings composing Backs & Northamptonshire & Mo. which have been attended to

Sam Sincerely

[illegible]

W. Wood

Leicester 25 of 9 Mo. 50

Canada Co Cyrus

Respd Frd

Wm Wood

I hereby acknowledge
the Rect of 12 Copies of the Report
of York Retreat, for 1850.

Thy Friend.

Cyrus Candler

Hitchin 17 of 9m
Sharples Jas 1850

Esteemed Friend
W Wood

I have received the Reports of the Retreat & will distribute them as requested —

I remain
Thy assured Friend
Joseph Sharples

Burin.g 9/17.50
Cadbury R.I.

Retreat, York,

9 Mo. 13 1850.

Esteemed Friend,

Enclosed are 4 4 0 copies of the Report for the past year. I shall be obliged by thy distribution thereof and acknowledgment of the receipt,

Wm Wood,

Secretary.

To R. F. Cadbury

Agent of Warwickshire

Monthly Meeting's

I have this day rec'd the above & distributed them as directed — R.F. Cadbury

9/17. 1850

Carlisle 9mo 13. 1850
Carr Mo.

Esteemed Fd
Wm Wood

The 10 Copies of the Report respecting the Retreat, along with a parcel for Jos. Watson of Cockermouth, and one for Richard Hall, Waverton, are to hand, & shall be duly fordd.

Thy Fd Sincerely
John Carr.

Respected Friend

J Wm Wood

The "Retreat" Reports for 1849 came to Nottingham — too late to distribute at the Q M, held at Derby that day — these for Chesterfield will be sent first opportunity the others are deposed of

respectfully

J Fox

Nottm 9 Mo 18 1850

NOTTINGHAM
SP 18
1850
F

YORK
SP 19
1850
B



POSTAGE
ONE PENNY

1.19
2 h.2
4.19.2







Wm Wood
Secretary of the "Retreat"
York

Nottm 9/18/50
Stox Sylvanus

Hartford 9mo 23. 1850

Esteemed Friend Wm Manser

Wm Wood

I duly received the Reports
and have attended to their distribution

Thy friend
Wm Manser


POSTAGE
ONE PENNY
Wm Wood
Retreat
York

Wellington 19th 9th mo. 1850
Stock Sylt

Esteemed Friend/

I have received thy printed letter of the 4th with the accompanying "reports" of the Retreat

I am thy friend

Sylvanus Fox

1850

Acknowledgments
& Receipt of Reports

Rawden, 9 Mo. 4th 1850
Walker Thompson.

Dear Friend

Willm Wood,

In reply to thy note of yesterday - I am unable to furnish with the names of those friends who have usually recd Reports - but should think about a dozen would be sufficient for Knaresbro' Mo. Mtg.

Thy frd Sincerely

Thompson Walker

Hertford 9mo 2. 50
Manser Wm

Respected Friend

The Retreat Report has been usuall sent to
Maria De Horn Hooper
Wm Manser
J P Manser
Wm Pollard
Jos^h Hooper Squire &
Jno Warner
if they are directed to me I will take charge of the delivery

I remain
Thine respectfully
Wm Manser

Wm Wood

Reading
Qmo 7/50
Respd frd Huntley Jos.
Wm Wood

There being no regular Subscribers in this Monthly Mutg to the Frds Retreat I have not been quite regular in sending the reports to the same friends - but I will give thee at foot the names of those who have mostly recd. them -

I am, respectfully,
Thy frd.
Jos. Huntley

Ephm. Fardon. Reading
Edwd. Carroll — "
Jos. Christy — " —
Jos. Fardon — " —
Mary Peirson " —
Henry Tutty — " —

In East Cornwall Mo Mg
Please to send reports of the
Retreat to Sarah Rundell, John
Allen, Mary Elliott, Sam[l] Abbott
& Edw[d] A Crouch, all of Liskeard
to John C Browne of Landrake, St
Germans; to Mary Sansom, of
Tideford St Germans, & also to
Clement Jackson of Looe, & to
John E Veale & Rich[d] Daw, both
of Austell.

With Mr Allen's love,

Bodmin June 4 1850

Excuse haste

Bolton 9/4/50
Allen Mc.

Falmouth

Hox R^t W^d 14/9 mi 1850

Esteemed Friend

About twelve or fourteen Reports, I think, have been usually forwarded to me through John Allen of Liskeard, & they have been sent t the different Preparative meetings for distribution, but I cannot now send the names of the friends. Thy sincere fr^d

R W Fox

Tasn Bank
Cockermouth
2/9 mo: 1850.

Fletcher J. W.

Respected Friend

The Reports to which thou alludes may be sent for Pardshaw M.M.d to Joseph Watson, Bank, Cockermouth, for that of Holme to Richard Hall, Waverton nr. Wigton.

I am respectfully
J. W. Fletcher

Wm Wood
Retreat
York.

Chest. 6/9. 50
Bingham Wm

Resp. fred W Wood.

My inquiry has been overlooked — usually the reports have been given; as far as I remember, to Rob Wright, Chesterfield — Wm Gauntly, Bakewell Inc or Henry Bowman, One Ash, Bakewell & to Francis T Howell, Hearor.

Respy Wm Bingham

I have also sent to Mansfield No Mg.-

Chesterfield





Mrs Wood

Retreat

York

Carlisle 9mo 6th 1830

Respd Friend Carr &c.

William Wood

York.

Our Little being deceased, thy letter of the 28th ult. has been handed to me. I have not any list of the names of those friends ~~xxx~~ in Carlisle & Allendale, who generally receive reports respecting the Retreat at York. I remember the following ~~fds~~ got them last year, who besides I cannot tell. I should suppose the Secy. himself would be most likely to know to whom they were forwarded.

Thy friend Sincerely

John Carr.

(P.T.O.)

Jane Carr Geo St Carlisle
J. D. Carr Eden Bank — "
Thomas Peile — "
Geo St Head — "
Thomas Bulman Irthington
Joseph Pearson Bowsack
Mary Little Carlisle
William Wilson Allendale
Thos Wyham Cornwood.

Poole & Southn

Brighton 2/9/50
Glaisyer J. H.

Respected Friend

In reply to thy letter of the 28th ult. Reports of the Retreat may be forwarded to the members of "Poole & Southampton" M. Mo whose names are on the other side I have also usually handed one to Dr Williams a medical practitioner who pays considerable attention to that class of patients I am thy friend

John Horne Glaisyer

Edward Thompson
Southampton
Joseph Clark do
Wm Farrand do
J. H Knight do
Rolles Drewer do
Dr Williams do
Josiah Neave Fadingbridge
Samuel Thompson do
George Penney Poole
Mary Binns do
Thomas Pierce Newport
I. W.

Redcliff Parade
Bristol 9 mo 13th 1850
Eaton Jos L

Resp Friend

I cannot find the list of Friends to whom the Report of the Retreat has been usually sent but thou will find most of their names in (I believe) your last Report — or it may be the preceding one — in addition to them there are about 8 friends to whom a copy has generally been sent — If copies are sent for them & the others directed as usual I will attend to the delivery

Thine sincerely

Joseph Eaton

I believe the book was lent to a friend last year & he did not return it

Sund^{d} 9/5/50

Edwd Backhouse Sund^{d} Lunch
Regards to William Wood, and he
does not know who are the Friends
to whom the Retreat Reports are usually
sent in Newcastle Monthly Meeting.
E Backhouse & E Backhouse usually
get one & one also for Sund^{d} Meeting.
Probably also Th^{s} Mounsey of Sund^{d}
one. — If however a few be
sent to W & B he will make
a little inquiry —

Sunderland
5/9mo 1850.

Newcastle

Newcastle 12 of 9 Mo 1850
Recharcson Ph^a

Esteemed Fr^d

Wm Wood

Our Monthly Meeting occurred yesterday and I ascertained that the following Retreat Reports may be sent and which perhaps may stand for the time to come, till altered.

4 to Edwd Backhouse Jr, Sunderland
2 to Joseph Spence No Shields
~ 1 to Jonathan Richardson Shotley Bridge near Gateshead
~ 1 to Joseph Holmes Durham
~ 1 ~~2~~ to Jonathan Priestman Newcastle.

They will be best sent direct to the above address

I am Respectfully
John Richardson

North Shields
9/9/50.

Jos: Procter was from home when W Woods note of the 28 ult.o was sent — One or two copies of the report of the retreat may be directed to J.P. North Shields for information of any interested friends there, if W.C. thinks fit — they can be included with those sent to Newcastle or Sunderland

North Shields Jan.o 9.th
1850

Dewsbury 23. 9. 1850
Tanner Wm

Esteemed friend

Thy circular with packet of Retreat Reports for the North Division of Somerset Mo Meetings has been rec'd since I left home for the north. There are no subscribers in the Mo Meeting - but the Reports will be distributed

Thine very resp'y
Wm Tanner

Worcester 2/9/1850
Newman Thos

Respt. Friend

In reply to thy query, I do not know the names of the Friends to whom the reports are usually sent — there has been formerly sent me, for distribution a few copies which I have attended to

With kind regards

Sincerely Thy Friend

Thomas Newman

Portreath near Redruth
9th mo 3rd 1850.
Sibbering Wm

Esteemed Friend,

I received thy letter only yesterday, being, by the earnest desire of my beloved Children now on a visit to my married daughter in Cornwall, believing a little change essential in my present tried position — With regard to the Reports thou speaks of — I believe my dear husband used to receive them, I do not know that he was an appointed agent, but having lived in York some years since, friends probably knowing him, sent them to him: as far as

my memory serves, we had about a half a dozen, which be distributed (the number of members here now being very small) but perhaps a few more might not be amiss if they can be spared. I should think Jonathan Rees of Neath (an Elder of our Br.Br.) would be a very suitable person to send them to, if he be willing to circulate them. I feel grateful to them for thy kindness to my dearest husband, of whom it was some comfort to me to hear. although it would be some encouragement could thou have given an improved report. when either thyself or Dr Kitching writes again, have the kindness to say whether he has received any degree of consciousness as to his position, or any improvement in memory.

with kindest regards,

I remain

thy sincere friend

E Sibthorp

Resp^d Friend

Preston 9 m 14 - 1850
Satterthwaite Mich^l

I ought to have replied to thy enquiry before now —

There has been usualy sent about 6 Copies of the report of the Retreat sent for Friends within Preston Mo Meeting, There are not Friends here who are subscribes to that Institution, perhaps it may be thought Preston Mo. Mg is not entitled to have any

I am thy Friend

Mich^l Satterthwaite

Preston

P.S. I have ticked ~~those~~ the names, in the list, of former contributors.

Norwich 9mo 2. 1850
Bideaee H.G.

Respected Frd.
Wm. Wood

In reply to thy Letter of the 28th Ulto. it has been usual to send to the care of the agents a Copy of the Report of the Retreat Directed to each of the few Friends who were subscribers to that Institution, with a number of Copies in addition; but we have always had more

than were required. — Some of the individuals to whom I have alluded are deceased; I therefore enclose a List of Friends, to whom they would be acceptable — ~~[illegible]~~ if it was thought desirable to send so many as 30 Copies. — E.P. Gurney is in America.

If they are sent here in time for our 2d. Meet.s the 26th. Inst they could be distributed. — I suppose thou art aware that Camb. & Hunts 2.M. is now united to ours — the designation of the united body is — "The Quarterly "Meeting of Norfolk, "Cambridgeshire and "Huntingdonshire" — & the Mo. Meetings are

1. Lynn
2. Tivetshall
3. Norwich
4. Cambridge & Huntingdon

I am respectfully thy fr.d

H Bidwell

see over

Lynn Mo. Meeting

v Jas. Doyle, Crimplesham nr. Downham
Thos. Nash, Wereham nr. Stoke Ferry
Thos. Burlingham, Lynn
Joshua Gales, Wells

Tivetshall Mo. Meeting

Richard Atmore, Harling
John Everett — Do
John Ringer West Harling
Frad. Dix Dickleburgh
Lawrence Candler, Saxlingham
James Muskett, Attleburgh

Norwich Mo. Meeting

Edward Candler Banbury } agents
A Bidwell — Norwich }
Wm Foster — Do
Jos. Geldart — Do
v Jos. Davey — Do
Henry Brown — Do
Fredk Mackie — Do
v Elizth Lucy Birkbeck, Kenwick nr Norwich

see over

Norwich Mo. Meeting, continued.

Lucy Aggs — Norwich
Amelia Opie — Do
Robt. Mankett — Do
Robt. Goose — Do
Jos. Page — Do
Robt. Everett — Do
Fra[x]. Dix — Do
Benj[n] Holmes — Do

Edw[d]. Sewell — Yarmouth
Abraham Scales — Pakefield nr. Lowestoft
Geo. Ringer — Do

Plough Court
Lombard St.
11. Gmo 1850
Hanbury D B.

Respected Friend

I did not receive thine of the 28th until this morning, having been absent from London for several weeks.

I regret I am not able to furnish thee with the names of Friends of Kingston M.M. who are subscribers to that Institution — they are few in number & if I remember right the last report contains a correct list

thine respectfully
D.B Hanbury.

Birm^ch 9 12 1850
Cazebiery R.I.

Esteemed Friend

Wm Wood

Having been for some weeks from home I was prevented sending the Names of Friends who subscribed to the Retreat. I now forward a list of them. Since the year 1848 no subscription has been required but of at any future time

...ngham

...store. Birm^h

...mingham

...Ways Birm^h

...Birm^h

...am

Rachel Lloyd — "

Sarah Lloyd Borderley near Birm^h

Wm Nutter Birmingham

R. F. Price — "

Thomas Southall — "

it should be wanted
there will be every
disposition to contribute
to that Excellent Insta-
tution

Thine resp.

R. T. Cadbury

Wm Wood

Arthur Albright — Birmingham
Edward Baker — "
Charles Brewin — "
John Bottomley — "
R. T. Cadbury — "
John Cadbury — "
Joseph Clarke — "
J. E. & M. Evans — Edgbaston Birm^ts
Joseph Gibbins — Birmingham
Thomas Gibbins — "
Bruston Gibbins — "
Thomas King — Five Ways Birm^ts
Saml King Green — Birm^ts
G. B. Lloyd Birmingham
Rachel Lloyd — "
Sarah Lloyd Borderley near Birm^ts
Wm Nutter Birmingham
R. F. Price — "
Thomas Southall — "

William Southall Birm.m

J. R. Seekings — "

Joseph Sturge — "

Edmund Sturge — "

Charles Sturge — "

Rebecca Shorthouse . Moseley near Birm.m

Joseph Shorthouse Birm.m

Arthur Atkins Coventry

Joseph Cash — "

Josiah Cash Leamington

Thomas Goodall Coventry

Richard Goodall — do

Thomas Brewin . Hales Owen near Stourbridge

Thomas Bailey Stourbridge

Hannah Hargreaves — "

Thomas King — "

Lydia Trump — "

Charles Bennington — "

Mary Fowler — Tamworth

Saml. Lloyd . Wednesbury

J. B. Lowe Eatington near Stratford on Avon

Samuel Fowler Stourbridge

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Hannah Grant
Charles Ridgway
Francis Bassett
Wm. Manley
Wm. Manley Jr.
John Dollin Bassett
Ann Hopkins Smith of Olney, Bucks
Benjn. B. Wiffen, Aspley, Nr. Woburn Beds

Leighton Guzzard

replying to thy enquiry of 28th. Ulto. I now enclose the names of the friends thou enquires after

I remain sincerely

Bassett

Wm. Wood, Secy. Retreat York

Leighton Buzzard
11/9mo 1850
Bassett Mc Ld.

Respected Friend

Absence from home has prevented my earlier replying to thy enquiry of 28th Ulto. I now enclose the names of the friends thou enquires after

I remain sincerely

[illegible] Jessen

Wm. Wood, Secy. Retreat York

(Berkhamsted) Needham Market
Squire Thos. 9 Mar 6th
Respected Friend 1880

Thou will perceive by the date above that I am not yet return'd home (to Berkhamsted) but I have this morning recd thy communication and as an early reply is wished, I thought I would not delay it till my return — with respect to the number of copies of the reports for Upperside Mo.y Meeting I do not exactly remember the precise amount, but the Mo.y Meeting being a very small one I should think about 1 Doz. would be sufficient

The Balance due on the a/c
of the late Jane White I will take
the earliest opportunity of
remitting and perhaps the
better mode may be of paying
it to James Bowden as usual —
I think the reports have usually
reached us through our Quarterly
Meeting, which will be held at
Leighton Buzzard on the 26th Inst. — if thou should
be sending some for our other
Monthly Meetings, ours might be
inclosed with them addressed
to J D Bassett Leighton which
might save thee some trouble —
I remain
Thine respectfully
Thomas Squire

Frenchay — 1/10mo. 1850.

Tuckett & Philips

Respected Friend

On the 26th ult. I found the parcel of Retreat Reports at Tuckett & Rakes' Warehouse Baldwin St Bristol, altho the note is dated the 5th/9mo: had they been addressed to care of Samuel Bowly, Gloucester prior to our 2d meeting there on the 17th ult. they would have been circulated at once without delay — Another year, if ready for circulation early in the 9th mo, it will be well to send all to Gloucester, in 4 parcels, for the several mo. meetings — Gates Barton has now removed his residence to Gloucester.

I am pleased to observe the farm acct against shows a fair balance on the right side — I still think the quantity of milk we yield, & should be glad to know that the very simple test of the measure, by guaging the lead pans in which it is placed, had been adopted, so that the house acct might check the farm acct.

I am respectfully Thy sincere friend

Philip D. Tuckett

W. Wood
Sec'y, Retreat

Lond Oct 10/12/50
– Bowden Jas –
Mc of Pylat
into Bank
£22.13.0

Ob Hounsditch

10 mo: 12 1850

Dear friend

Wm Wood.

I have paid to Barnetts & Co for the Retreat the sum of £22-13- as per annexed a/c. The Trustees of M. Moore have applied to me respecting the Annty of £10- & which I presume may at once be paid- The 9/2 is an over payt made by me in 9 mo: 1849- I recd 8-0 10d but in posting carried it forwd as 8-10-0-.

Mine truly,

James Bowden

I shall be glad of the a/cs for Devonshire Ho: when ready

Acknowledged
10/ By [illegible]

York Retreat in a/c with J Bowden

1849 9 mo.	To error M. A. Nixon	.. 9 . 2	Dec 19	By ~~J~~ W Hurtt	—	10 . 7 . 1
1850 10 m 12	" M. Moore	— 10 . .		J. Burns	—	14 . 14 . 3
	" Barnetts Brandy	22 . 13 .	20	" M. A. Nixon		8 — — 10
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11 Granby Place Scarborough
15 Oct 1850
Petch Mo.

Sir,

My wife being in such a state of mental disease that her Medical Attendants deem it necessary she should be speedily removed to a place of security I wish to know if you have any vacancy in the Retreat & if so what are your terms - an answer by return will oblige.

I am
Sir
Yours obdly
John Petch

To
The Supt of the
Retreat
York

Halsted 19/3/50
Doubleday Robt

Respd Friend

I have to acknowledge the receipt of seven Reports of the Retreat & will distribute them as requested

Thine sincerely

Robt Doubleday

Wm Wood

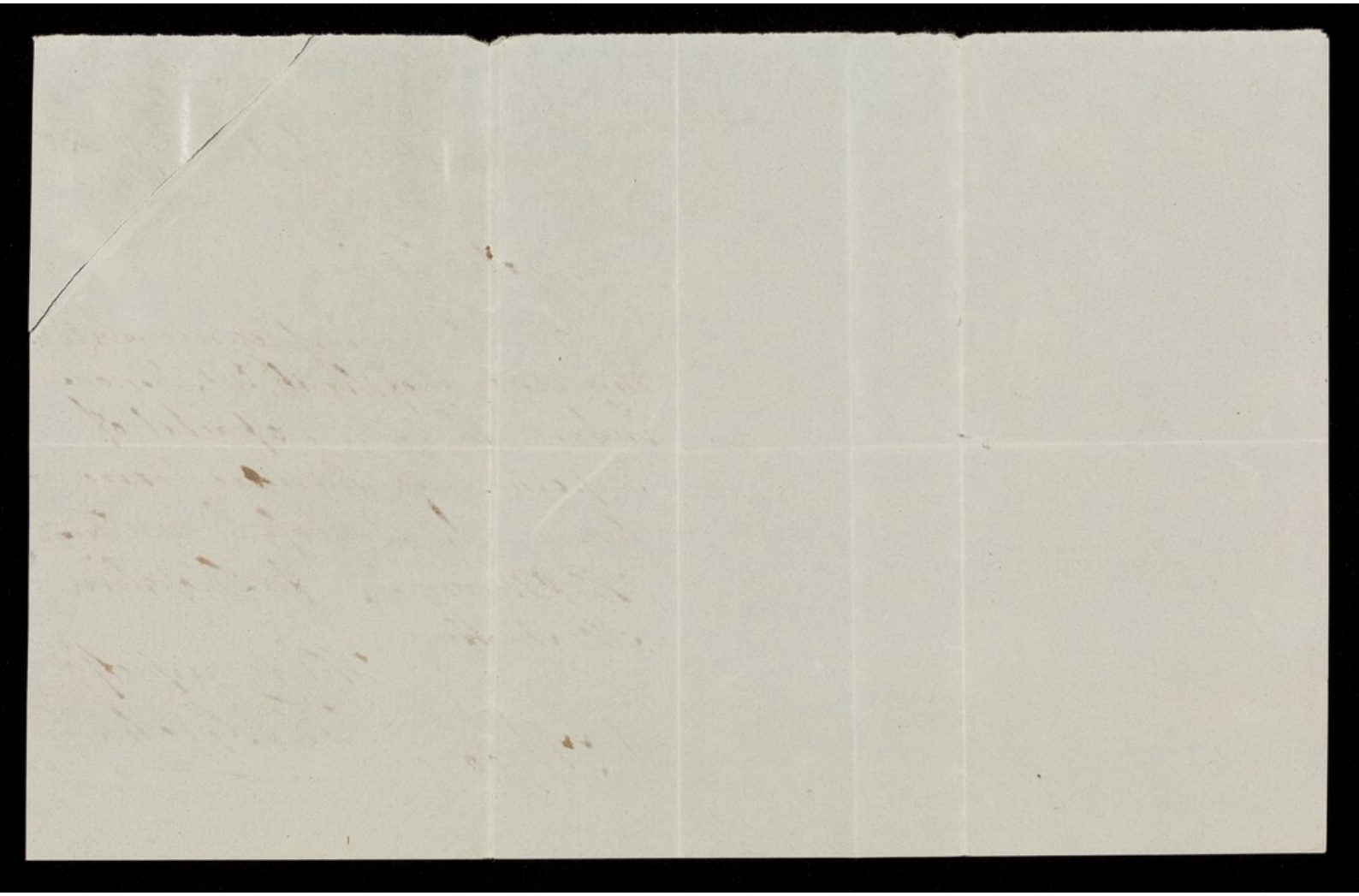
Coalbrookdale 14/10 1850
Graham Thos

Respected Friend

In compliance with thy request of the 16th Ult, I now inform thee that a packet of Reports was handed to me last week at Ross by our Friend Thos. Newman for Shropshire Mt Meeting

Thine respectfy
Thos. Graham

Wm Wood



Northampton
Collins W. 26/10/50

Respected Friend

I duly received the report of the Retreat and have distributed the several copies as addressed — — I observe in the statement of expenditure the meat — "6/3 - per stone of 8 lbs" this I suppose must be an error — the Flour also appears a very high price I think nearly 20 per cent more than the contracts for the Asylum here —

I remn respectfully
thy frd W Collins

Acknd
Herron corrected
11/1 [illegible]

Northampton, 10/26/50

Collins Wm.



Wm Wood

Retreat

York

Chest. 6/10 50
Bingham Wm

Resp fwd WW

The reports are rec'd &
I purpose attending to them
Respy Wm Bingham

[illegible]
1850

London 10/1/50
Barclay J G

It is usual in such cases to send the report to those parties who have subscribed to the Institution whose names your own books will of course furnish I cannot give them from memory

Lombard St. J G Barclay
1/10/50

Ratcliff & Barking.
Mm.

127 High Holborn

10 Mo 16 1850

Neighbour Geo.

Respected Friend

The Reports from the Retreat for Westminster Md My Are Come to hand & Will be handed as directed

With Love thy friend

George Neighbour

Chatteris 10/3/50
Clark Mr

Wm Wood
Estd Friend

The 4 Reports for 1850 have been received and appropriated as under. I regret thine of the 28th of 8 Month was omitted to be replied to.—

I am respectfully thy friend
William Clarke

Will m Peckover, Wisbech
George Holmes, Elm —
John Ross, Chatteris
William Clarke, Chatteris

Manchester

Dawson Co. 10 mo 7: 1850

Respected Friend

I have received a Parcel Containing 30 Copies of annual Report respecting the Retreat also a Parcel endorsed for J P Milner Stockport and intend to forward them as early as Convenient

thy Friend respectfully

Geo Dawson

Melksham 7/10 mo 1850
Fowler Pa.

Esteemed friend

I received the packet of ~~prepared~~ the Reports of the Retreat on the 3rd inst: & have distributed them to the friends

I am
Thine Truly
John Fowler

Wm. Wood
York

Clapham. 5th. 10 mo. 50

Hanbury D B

Respected Friend

W. Wood

I have rec'd. 18 Copies of the "Retreat" report & will take an early opportunity of distributing them among the Subscribers in Kingston Monthly Meeting —

Thine respectfully

D. B. Hanbury

Gloucester 21. 10 Mo
Dartow Fy 1850

Estd Friend

I have this day received thy note of the 16th Ult^o with 10 Copies of the Report of Girls Retreat for last year. — which shall be duly distributed — My residence is & has been for some years past Gloster & not Painswick — the misdirection no doubt occasioned the delay in my rect of the packet

Thine resp

J Gates Darton

Cartwright —

Bawtry —

5/19/18.

Wm & Wm Cartwright will be obliged, by every information respecting the Friends' Retreat being sent them as early as convenient — As to the Terms, requirements for admission &c &c. — — — Also, whether a Patient could be received at this present time — — — Please to direct to — Wm Cartwright

Bawtry —

Bawtry — May 19th — 18

London 10th Mo 29th
1850.

Respected Friend
John Ketchum

I Received
thine in due course
& may inform thee that
I shall take an early
opportunity of coming
as soon as I possibly
can, especially as thee
think no disadvantages
would accrue from
it. We have been
put about lately as
our apertain who

we have had many
years, has left us & no
one to mind the shops.
I am sorry to find that
my dear Wife's health
is not so good as I
had reason to expect.
Previous to my coming
I will inform so that
my Wife may know
previously if thee consider
it best so to do, —

I am
Thy Friend
Henry Pryor

Remain
Thine sincerely,
J. Ringer.

West Harling
10/30.50.
Ringer Jno.

Respected Friend
John Kitching,

Rec^d. thine of the 11th, & am very glad to hear of the improvement in H. Ringer's general state of mind, & it would yield me much happiness to know that the fears entertained by her friends are unnecessary.

Since I last addressed thee

I have personally, or by letter consulted members of the family respecting S.R's future residence on leaving the Retreat & after maturely reconsidering the subject in all its bearings we do not feel disposed in any way to depart from the determination expressed in my letter of the 7th to thee. We feel obliged by thy suggesting the propriety of taking lodgings in the neighbourhood of York - the thought had occurred to us before thy letter arrived - we quite think that a most favourable chance would thereby be afforded her to again establish herself in a respectable position in society, & regain the confidence & esteem of her friends & family.

I feel that I shall trespass much on thy kindness by asking thee to conduct the needful enquiry in this matter, but, if thee would undertake the troublesome & difficult task we should indeed be gratefully obliged.

Bruce Grove Wmo 24
1866
Howard Eliz.

Dear Friend
R Marsh

I send a check for six pounds 11/2 which I hope will arrive safe, but shall be obliged by thy acknowledging it directed to me ~~at~~ Luke Howard
Ackworth Grove
nr Wakefield
as I expect to leave home some time before the post comes in 7th day, and it will save forwarding the letter from hence.

The charge for wine, is a great deal but as I have once written on the subject, there seems nothing to be done without objecting to it altogether, and that if I conclude to do so, must be direct, and after proper consideration, if it was a temporary occasion of needing it, the matter would be different, but this is a constant & rather increased expence —

I am pleased to hear that thy wife & self are well — also that S. Mary & S. Alexander have had their steps turned towards your place — if any opportunity I should like my love to them having long known S. M.

My kiffhew Hodgkin has been this week to see his son Eliot at Ipswich — I am glad to be able to give a good report of him & his family at present. Some of our friends are absent but those at home about as usual — My love to thy sister Eliza if at home now & with the same to thy wife

am thy sincere friend

Eliza Howard

Sydhile 10/23/50
Harrison Fr.s

P.S. I should take it a favor if you would inform me the state of D.R.s health,

Sir

I recieved yours of the 13th of last month which time I was laid up with a serious illness from which I am now recovering and was the reason of my not replying to your letter before, I am sorry there was any thing in the last letter

calculated to do my
Cousin any harm
if so it was quite
unintentionally for I
should have supposed
an illusion of that
sort would have had
a contrary effect and
living within a ¼ of
a mile all my life
I feel much interested
in his welfare,

sincerely hoping under
your care he will
regain his former
state of body and
mind, I have
inclosed a few lines
which of course I
leave to you to
hand to him —

I Remain
Sir
Yours Truly
Thos Harrisson

Lyon's Mall
Oct 23rd
1850

Bristol 10/17/59
Davis Jos^h

Respected friend,

A Woman friend something above 30 years of age, of a respectable family, and fair education, and of a decidedly religious mind, is desirous of a situation where she can be usefully employed. — She has been for sometime past under a little religious excitement, but not by any means such as would be generally understood to constitute insanity. — She is residing in her father's family, who having other daughters, she has but little to do.

With her father's approbation, a few friends who feel much affectionate interest on her behalf have conferred together, and they are unitedly of opinion that it is desirable she should have regular employment, and that if such can be obtained in the Retreat, it is probable that it may meet her views, and be beneficial to her.

The friends alluded to wished my friend Richard Fry and myself to apply to thee to know if you

kindly
could take her with a view to employing her in any
way for which you might consider her best suited,
and no remuneration would be expected until you
found her services to be of value.

If room can be found for her as an Officer, perhaps
for a time a supernumary, in the Retreat, we think you
will be conferring a kindness, which may prove highly
beneficial to the object of our interest

A reply at thy early convenience will oblige

Thy sincere friend

Joseph Davis

Conveyancer

Bristol 11 mo. 17. 1830

Wm Wood
Secretary &c.

Charlbury 31. X. 50

My dear friend Mrs Enstone
Session Jas
John Kitching

I have recd two letters from my Bro in law Jno Fowler one addressd to his wife & the other to myself - copies of which I send thee - as he requests me to write to him early I have done so & enclose it to thee thou will of course use thy discretion as to giving it to him

We have been pleasd to hear from time to time of a gradual improvement & hope we may look forward to his restoration to his afflicted family - If it will not be too much intruding on thy time I shd be pleasd to receive a line from thee

Thy Assured Friend
James Sessions

Darlington 21 Oct 1850

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose you a cheque value £29.5/10 the amount of your account due from ~~Mrs~~ my sister - the receipt of which you will please to acknowledge.

You will be kind enough to remember me most kindly to my sister

I am
Yours faithfully
Fra: Meadows

Acknowledged
10/22 [illegible]

Darlington 10/21/50
Newburn St.
Lith Chg
£29. 5. 10.

Croydon 10/31/50
Sharp Fr.

Croydon 10 mo 31. 1850

Estd. Fr.

Wm. Wood

I find that the error alluded to in thy note enclosed was made by Jas Bowden & that the sum due from me on account of McAcNixon to 6 mo 30 last was £8.10. – not £8. – .10

The error occurred in this way. I paid to J Bowden (I believe in 9 mo 1849) £8.0.10 which in posting his books he made £8.10. – & forwarded the latter sum. The difference ~~therefore~~ 9/2 is therefore due to Jas. Bowden but as my account will have to pass through the Mo Meeting I should be glad to have a simple account of the 2 Quarters 3 mo 31 & 6 mo 30 sent to me from the Retreat

viz 4. 5. 9
4. 4. 3
£ 8. 10

Thy kind attention to
this request will oblige
Thy Friend
John Sharp

P.S. Please return the enclosed
as well as the first account
J.S.

1114
Leeds Dent

Cullercoats 10/23/50
Priestman Jon^n

Cullercoats
23 of 10th Mo: 1850

Hom Wood Retreat

Esteemed Friend

I am in receipt of a letter from my brother J H Gragg dated London giving an account of his journey to Plymouth, from which we advised him against fearing that it might prove trying to him, but I am glad to think from

that he would communicate either with me or to the Retreat

I should wish he would not stay long and yet I am unwilling to do what should lessen his pleasure needlessly —

I am thy sincere friend
Jonathan Priestman

Cullercoats
North Shields

would be likely to find me for a week or ten days

Ack^d 10/29 [illegible]

his manner of writing
that our fears have proved
unnecessary. My object in
writing is to state that as
he wishes to remain a
little time in Iowa and
will require money that
we should be obliged by
thy supplying him with
what than may deem
proper as in any reason-
able expenditure we should
wish him to be gratified
trusting that he will
not be led into any

foolish as hautful as
sociation. I have thought
it best as he suggests it that
the money should pass
through thee when it
will afford an opportunity
of forming an opinion of
his expenditure knowing
general habits. My
brother mentioned hav-
ing seen Dr Tuke and
we hope if he saw
anything serious in his
tonnerre in London

Moresby Hall
30 Oct:
1850.

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a cheque for £45.. s16.. d2. the amount of the bill due on account of Mr. John Treacy.

His friends are glad to understand that he continues pretty well content & much in the same state as before.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt. Swt.
Jane Tate.

Acknd. 11/1/50 WW.

Mr. W. Wood

Moresby Hale 10/30/50
Late Jane
Nish Dft
£45.16.2

Amersham UNION.
Frederick Charsley, Clerk,
The Board Meet on Tuesday in alternate Weeks at 10 o'Clock.
Next Meeting. 184

Amersham,
30 Oct 1840

Sir,

I enclose Cheque for £8. 7. 7 the amount of your account.

Please to send stamped receipt

Yours obedy

Frederick Charsley

Acknd
11/1 [illegible]

Mr Wm Wood.

Amersham 10/30/50
Charsley Freak
with Chg
£8.7.7

Toothill
Huddersfield 10 Mo. 22.
1850
Firth Ph.
With Dft £14.4.9

Respected Friend

I was not at Huddersfield yesterday; There is now inclosed a Draft for Fourteen pounds four shillings and nine pence — on Mary Firth's account

respectfully thy friend
Phos. Firth

Acknowledged
10/23

Mining Office Swansea

Swansea 10mo 3rd 1850

Bath Hg

John Kitching Nth B&B.

£84.2.7

Dear Friend

I enclose a Bank post Bill for £84:2:7 the amount of the last accs: sent for my sister Mary Bath, in acknowledging the receipt of the enclosed be pleased to state how my dear sister now appears. also my poor brother in law

W: Sibbering —

I remain

Thy Sincere Friend

Henry Bath

Acknowledged
10/5 [illegible]

Manchester,
10 Mo. 5th 1850
Walton Isaac

Respected Friend,

I should feel obliged
to thee if thou could
inform me how my
father is. Please to excuse
me writing again I wrote
last week but received
no answer.

I am Respectfully

Ballinamore
Co Leitrim
10th Mo. 22nd - 50
Green Miriam

Respected Friend
John Kitching

I should feel much obliged by thy informing me of the state of my dear sister Caroline it being a long time since I have heard of her and also if thou will have the kindness to convey to her the accompanying note I am

respectfully
thy friend
Miriam Green

(if possible) transmit them to her immediately. We shall be glad to hear from you anytime & how my Poor Mother is getting on.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

John Craven Junr.

To
John Kitching Esq.

Keighley
Low Mill, Oct 2nd/50.
Craven Mr. jr

My dear Sir,

My Father is in receipt of your note, & in it you say that Mother is desirous of having the Leeds Mercury, & Bradford Observer, transmitted to her, we shall of course comply with her request, & send them occasionally. We shall direct the Papers to you, but in one corner we shall write on

For M. C. so that you
may know that they are
for her. We are extremely
glad to hear that she
has been comfortable
& settled since my visit,
& I hope that she may
continue to make her-
-self happy & content.
We are also glad to find
that her bodily health is a
little improved, & that
she is quite willing to
take your Medicines.
Her face was when
I saw her last, looking
much better, & I think
that should she go on
progressing she will
become entirely
better of the Scurvy
in her face, which
gives her a very bad
appearance. Should
she be in want of any
linen or clothes, we
shall feel extremely
obliged, if you will
write us, & we will
without any delay

Esteemed Friend

W Wood

I have enclosed a P. Order for the amt. due to the Retreat for my sister E Beakbane's board &c which I trust thou wilt find correct, I shall be obliged by thy acknowledging the receipt. I shd have sent sooner but only got thy acct. this morning. Please direct to me at Litherland, my sister E B is at present at Chester & continues nicely,

I am respectfully
Eliza Beakbane

Ack'd 11/2 [illegible]

Litherland
10mo 31. 50

Litherland 10/31/50
Beakbane Eliza
with P O Orders
£6.16.1

Ifield 10/.50
Burns Martha

Respected Friend
John Kitching

I am reluctant to again trouble thee, but, from the low account thou gives of my beloved husbands' state I cannot feel satisfied without informing thee I shall remain at Ifield till next second, day 30 of this month, and

(there is no post at Ifield on second days) from here I go to Lewis where I shall stay till the following second day, the 7th of 10 month, on which day, I hope to get to my home at Chichester. There is a subject extreemly painful to me to allude to, but I have been advised to mention it to thee, from the very uncertain nature of my dearest husband's malady, whenever the change does take place, may I crave as a great favour the longest notice your rules will admit. With respect and thanks for thy last letter, I am,

Thy much obliged friend
Martha Binns.

P.S. I am most satisfied to add there is a delivery of letters at Lewis on second days.

Glouester 11/10/50
Fowler Debr

Esteemed Friend

I was as thou
mayst suppose very much
pleased to see my dear
husbands hand-writing
again & sincerly do I desire
that the improvement
that has of late taken place
in his state may be permitted
to be permanent. I have
written a few lines to him
which I shall be obliged by

thy giving him when thou thinks well so to do. I meant to have written this week had I not heard of him I have to thank thee for thy last information also the message thou kindly sent by M Whitton's daughter & thank feel obliged when thou writes again if thou wilt inform me if my husband has recovered the free use of his limbs, if his appetite is still good & if he can get comfortable nights without the aid of medicine & whether writing to him more frequently will be likely to be attended with beneficial results to him — I wish not to be too much elated with this improvement in his state but cannot look upon it but as an omen of a restoration to health, in which I hope I may not be deceived

I am thy fed

D Fowler

Whinfellhall 14 of 10 Mo 50

Dear Fd

Wm Woods

I apprehend the half year's payment from Pardshaw Mo Ms to York Retreat on a/c of Jno Hudson is now due. In this County Poor friends are supported by the Quarterly Meeting jointly & as our Cell occurs just before the termination of each quarter this will account for the delay in making the remittance occasionally. This time however our Cell is delayed on a/c of the Yells committee & if the a/c be forwarded to me immediately so as to reach me before 7th day it will be in time for the meets

Thy sincere Fd

Wilson Robinson Jr

A/c sent 10/16 [illegible]

Whinfell Hall
10/14/50.
Robinson Wm Jr.

Nottingham
10th month 1st
1850

Respected Friend
Payne, H.Y.

Please to acknowledge the receipt of the enclosed cheque in part of payment of the bill sent herewith which I will thank thee to return to me after deducting the amount of the cheque. Should the cheque occasion any expense please to charge it in the next

accounts, hoping to send
the balance shortly
I remain
thy sincere friend
Henry Pegue.
P.S. When thou writes
I will thank thee to send
me some information
respecting our son Robert.
Farewell!

Acknowledged
10/3 [illegible]

Little London
Chichester 20th of 10th mo 1850

Binns Martha

Respected Friend
John Pitching

I trust thou will excuse my troubling thee so soon again, but the declining state of my beloved Husband, makes our fast approaching sepera tion exceedingly distressing to me, Although I cannot expect an improved account it will be some alleviation

to hear of the dear sufferer
Is he wholly confined to his
bed? Can he take nourishment
or appear to suffer much bodily
pain? the latter I do most
earnestly hope is not the
case ~~I beg leave~~ Asking thy
kind indulgence for thus
intruding on thy valuable
time, With much respect
I remain,

Thy sincerely obliged Friend
Martha Binns.

Trumpington
Oct the 10th 1850
Pembertow Frances

Sir

My Sister (Lady Blackett)

being very unwell I write in her name to say that Mr Blackett who is now under your care having expressed a wish to his Mother to be removed from the Retreat she has made arrangements to have him placed nearer London in the course of this month. — this change of abode will be more convenient to Lady Blackett being sufficiently near her residence to

enable her to see her Son more frequently than she could do at York

Lady Blackett begs me to thank you for the care and kindness that has been shewn him during his residence in your establishment of which Mr Blackett seems perfectly sensible; I am requested to add that it is Lady Blacketts wish her Son should not be made acquainted with the change that is about to be made in his place of residence as the exact Day cannot yet be fixed; We are anxious to know how Mr Blackett does at this time and I will thank you to send me line to inform me Directed to

Mr° Pemberton
Trumpington
Cambridge

Believe me
Very Sincerely Yours
Frances Pemberton

Camberwell

Camberwell 10th mo 20 - 50

Bale Eliza

To Dr Kitching

Esteemed Friend

I should be very much obliged to thee for some particulars respecting my Husband J. Bale Has there been much change in him during the last 3 Mos? — Wilt thou give me my dear Love to him if he remembers

me —

I remain

Thine Sincerely.

Elya Bale

Address

3 Victoria Place

Camberwell New Rd.

Surrey

Manchester,
10 Mo. 17th 1850
Walton Isaac

Respected Friend,

I received thy letter but was rather surprised at another asylum being mentioned which has made us all very uneasy and which I cannot understand if thou would please to state the meaning

yt it I should feel ex-
tremely obliged to thee
I am sorry to put thee
to the trouble to write
again so soon but
I cannot be easy
until I receive an ex
planation of thy last
I Am Respectfully
Isaac Walton

Prested Hall
near Kelvedon 10/14/80

Hills Francis

Dear Friend.

I have written to
my poor Cousin and enclosed
in this a letter in which
I hope will set his mind
a little at rest —

I should have been glad
to have received a better
account —

The directions to the
newspaper as sent by them
I have returned him one
which is George Woodgates
writing I am not quite certain
who wrote the other
but will send him

word in my next letter
after I have seen the party
who I believe wrote it.
but that any one could
suppose for a moment
they are both one hand
writing is surprising

I will shortly for
ward thee a letter of
credit for the Quarter
Salary which should
have been forwarded
earlier —

I am with love
Thy Sincere Friend
Thos Hillis

thankfulness on my part -
It seems to me that the time
of my going to see him is now
very indefinite.
The Railway sheet, I believe
has passed and got cashed.
The shoes sent by Cousin Wm
Hurtley are some which have
been worn a little - but were
not easy ones - If they are
not now easy will thou please
procure a pair - Henry has
always been measured for them
and thou will know what
maker will be most likely
to make them - I can get them
done at home, did I know a
short time prior to his needing

Moss House 10th mo 22nd 50.
Martindale Mx

Dear Friend

My pen has been
long silent since my return
from Liverpool to this place -
It is very probable that my Cousin
Wm Hurtley of Malton will have
called upon thee, and informed
thee that my own dear father
died very suddenly on the 15th
He was seized with apoplexy
during our scripture reading
after breakfast and ceased
to breath at a few minutes before
eleven at night - He had
seemed greatly improved in
health latterly - was very well

and hearty in general health
and able to walk better than
this time last year –
We think he was mercifully
spared suffering and even
any pang of seperation from
his family – For this very
sudden seizure both my
dear parent and his near
Connexions have been measur-
-ably prepared for near two
years – yet the blow which
has so long threatened to de-
-prive us of so justly beloved
and honored a parent is
very keenly felt by us all –
The interment of the dear re-
-mains took place last 1st
day morning –
During this time of excitement
and commotion I have
often wished for a few quiet
moments to send thee the
mournful information – and
I hope my precious Henry
will hear of his father in Law's
death first from themselves or
C. Williams – – My letter
saying how poor Henry had
been affected by my Brother's
visit was most welcome –
The knowledge that he can
pass his hours more comfor-
-tably and calmly I consider
gives cause for humble

them, and should prefer his having them from his long accustomed makers. I should like this to give my dear love to my husband and say to him that we are all pretty well. I shall be glad to hear how poor Henry receives the intelligence this bears to him

And Ann my sincere

fr'd

M. Hy: Martindale.

P.S. I think it may be interesting to our friend Caleb Williams to see the intelligence this bears as he was a little acquainted with my dear father - Myself will be pleased to hear that my sister Martha Woldsworth had a third son born this morning - - And both Mother and Child doing well.

Gloucester
Gloucester 18/10mo 1850
Bearly Same

Dear Friend
Jno Kitching.

Agreeably to thy request I have written the enclosed letter to Jno. Fowler indeed I sh^d. probably have written before had I seen his letter to me, but it came while I was from home & was sent to his wife who kept it so that I did not see it till to Day. We are all glad to hear he is improving, but of course do not build too much upon it. I thought it was best not to enter into any

particulars as to his affairs his wife's position &c that can be done gradually if he continues to improve.

I see by his account he still continues the use of wine, I deeply regret that his physical condition shd be such as to call for the use of an article so dangerous as I fear to his moral welfare. a knowledge of the past makes me tremble for the future, but perhaps thou will think I exaggerate the danger & I sincerely hope I do but entertaining such fears I am sure thou will excuse my thus simply stating them.

I am with love

Thy sincere friend

Sam Bowly.

I have left my letter to J.S. open for thy perusal but perhaps it wd be more satisfactory to him to receive sealed. if thou thinkest so thou will of course do so before handing it to him.

Lisburn 1 October
10/1/50
Calabeck Me. 1850

My dear Sir

Since I rec'd the letter you kindly sent me on the 6th of last Month, I have not heard anything of my dear son, I know not whether he has returned to York,

so over shortly, I have great hope you will not think it will be injurious to him.

Yours Very dear Sir
very truly
[illegible]

To Dr Hitchcock

May I beg of you
to let me know how
he is, whether his
visit to Scarboro' has
been of service to
him, and I shall be
greatly obliged if you
will give me some
idea of the way he
spent his time there,
and now, at York, shd
I have returned, any
thing you may write
to me abt him, I
shall feel grateful
to you for, the most
trifling circumstance
will deeply interest
all his family, does
he sleep in a room
by himself, his
Brother means to

Jonathan Gillett's respects to Wm. Wood & encloses a Dft on Glyn C & 3 d.d. for £6.9.3 in payment of Wm. Lamb's a/c. An acknowledgment will oblige.

Banbury

25/10/50

Ack^d
10/28 Wm W

Banbury 10/25/50
Gillett Town
Neth Dft
£6.9.3

Newcastle Tyne 10 mo. 26. 1850

Resp. Friend

Enclosed are Bill for £ 15 - 10.
& Pocks. Stamps 2/- (the Bill being procured by mistake for 2/ to little) on a/c of Mr. Meets for Mayt. Coombes -

Ever Ys. Resp.
Jonn. Nieshnaw Jr

W. Wood
York

Ack.d
10/28
MW

N. on Type 10/26/50
Riestman John jr
with B.F.L.&P. Lbls
£15.12.0.

Liverpool, October 26th 1850

Mr William Wood.
The Retreat.
York,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your date 18th Inst, with B Crookes account to 30 Septr. 1850, £42.16 5. which I now liquidate by Bank post Bill, Included No C 6036 of the date, in my favor, endorsed,

I am Sir.
Yours ever truly.

Arthur Crooke

Ack.d
10/28
[illegible]

Liverpool 10/26/50
Crooke Arthur
With B.P. 13
£42.16.5

Spring Dale,
Huddersfield, 10 Mo. 28. 1850.

William Wood,
Secretary,
Retreat, near York.

Respected Friend,

I have received from thee, the accounts for my sister & brother, amounting together to £43. 18. 1, against which, I now enclose thee herein, a Bank of England note, value Fifty Pounds, leaving a balance of £6. 1. 11 in their favour, the receipt of which please acknowledge accordingly, in course. Absence from home has prevented my remitting thee sooner.

Please give our dear love to Maria & John, and believe me, thine truly,

Edward Fisher.

29. 11. 6
14 6 7
43. 18. 1

B/England, London 9 May, 1850 - E/C 45366 - (signed) H Hogben £50.

Ack'd
10/29 [illegible]

Springdale 10/28/50
Fisher Edwd
Mth B.E.M.
£ 50

Haverhill 10/8/50
Magistrate Office

Haverhill Oct. 8th 1850

Sir

It seems a very long time, since I received any information from you, of my dear husband. and I must beg the favor of you, to let me hear more frequently from him

as, great changes may take place in three or four Month's —
I shall therefore feel obliged to you for a little information at your earliest convenience
and remain
Very Respectfully
Elizth Ell^{a} Wright

PS should be glad to know if Mr^{s} W received my last Note enclosed in your's —

Cam Hill
Huddersfd
24/10 1850

Respd Friend
Wm Wood

Enclosed I send thee a Bank Bill of 21 days for £20-12-6 being the amt of the undermentioned accts due to the Retreat from Pontefract Mon Meeting which please acknowledge

Thy friend sincerely
Joseph Firth

J Awmack	4	16	4
A Anderton	9	6	10
J Morley	6	9	4
	£20	12	6

Acknowledged
10/30

Carr Hill, 10/29/50
Hirsh Josh
With Diff
£20.12.6

Gwynfe yn W. Machynlleth

Sept. 18. 1850

Jones W. J.
Mth Dft
£16. 18. 0

Sir

I beg to enclose a cheque, which will be payable through your Bankers by the correspondents of the North & South Bank in London, for £16. 18. 0 on account of Mr. Geo: Tickell Jam

Acknowledged 9/20 Mth

Sir

Your Humble Servt.

W. T. Jones.

Mr. W. Wood

Whinfellhall 30th 10 Mo/50

Dear Friend

Wm Wood

I now forward a draft on Glyn & Co. for 11.3.9 the amount of John Hudsons at York retreat a/c for half year ending 9/30 the safe receipt of which I shall be glad to learn.

With love thy Friend

Wilson Robinson Jr.

Clerk to Pardshaw Mo. Meeting

Acknd 10/31 [illegible]

Whinfellhall, 10/30/50
Robinson Wilson
with Dft
£11. 3. 9.

Frenchay nr Bristol

10 Mo 22. 1850

Respected Friend

Wm Wood

I enclose Cash Dft for £61. 3. 10 amt of my Sister E. C. Tuckett's Yr due to the Retreat to the 31st/12 Mo Rest of which please acknowledge in course of Post to thy friend

Francis Tuckett

Acknowledged 10/23/50 WW

Frenchay 10/22/50
Tucker Frs
With Dft
£61.3.10



Mr. Wm. Wood

Retreat

York.

POSTAGE ONE PENNY

Barrow dale
10/23/50
Stephen Cobn
Hugh D Fr
L63.19.8.

YORK
(OC25
850)


With Mrs. Fisher's respects,
Borrowdale
Seathwaite, Keswick.
Acknowledge
10/25 Mrs W
KESWICK
0024

Please to acknowledge
the receipts of the inclosed
order to

Jos Ransom
Hitchin

Acknowledged
10/21 MVTO

18/10/50

Hitchin 10/18 150
Ransom Mo.
With Dft
£18.5.2.

Capt. Murray encloses an order on Messrs Masterman & Co. for £28 " 17 " 8, & will feel obliged by the account being returned receipted.

Douglas, Isle of Man
October 23d. 1850.

Acknowledged
10/25

Douglas, 10/23/50
Murray Capt.
Nick Dtt
£ 28.17.8

Swansea 10/24/50
Sibbering El 22
Mth D ft
£11. 5. 0:

the date of this note & the sum stated are both incorrect WW

Swansea 10th mo 24th/50

To William Wood,

Esteemed Friend,

I enclose a Banker's Bill of 14 days for £14.5.0, being the amount of account on behalf of my dear husband, which I hope will arrive in due course. I had been earnestly wishing to hear, and was glad when I saw thy handwriting, hoping it might convey an improved account but am much grieved to learn there is no amendment in the mental state of my beloved, afflicted husband.

When thou acknowledges the receipt of this, wilt thou kindly inform me whether he yet recognises the place he is in; and whether he seems to pass his time pretty comfortably –

With kindle regards, believe me, thy very sincere friend

Eliz^th Sibbering –

Acknowledged
10/24
[illegible]

Sudbury Oct. 30 1860

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that I have thro' Mrs. Oakes Ho, my Bankers, paid to your account with the York City County Bank £89. 10. 11. the amount of the amount due from my Sister

When received you will be good enough to acknowledge the same

I remain yours faithfully

Geo. Ben Anderson

Ack'd 11/2 [illegible]

Sudbury 10/30/50
Andrews Ge
Notice of paypt
£89.10.11

George Fox's respects to
Mr Wood & encloses a Dft
on Barclay & Co for £ 11.3.5
Amt of his nephew Edw
Fox's a/c to Ms.

Kingsbridge
24/10m 1850

Acknowledged
10/25
[illegible]

Kingsbridge 10/24/50

Fox Geo.

Sixth Dft

£ 11. 3. 5.

Colchester

21st of 10mo

1850.

Cross Wm

Esteemed friend

Wm Wood — Notice of payment
Int. Bank
£10. 6. 8

On thy Appli-
-cation at the York City &
County Bank — thou may
receive in due course.
Ten Pounds 6/8 on Jos. Sewells
Acct. thy acknowledgment
for ~~the~~ same will Oblige

Thy Friend

Wm Cross.

Over

Acknowledged
10/26

we should like our love to
be handed to our Brother J. S.
also his Sister Mary is at Wandsworth
and his Neice Hannah

Whitby 10mo 23 1850

Esteemed Friend

Wm Wood

The present is to advise that in discharge of S Sanders's acct. I have paid to J H Allis £6.15.10 to be placed to the credit of Saml. Tuke as Treas.r of the Retreat.

It is acceptable to learn that dear S S is in good bodily health though mentally much the same as when the last ant[illegible] [illegible] Thine sincerely

Joseph Sanders

Acknowledged 10/24/50 [illegible]

Whitby 10/23/50

Sanders Jas

Notice of payment

£6.15.10

Mrs Roberts's compliments
to Mr Wood, and she incloses
the halves of £25, and will send
the remaining as soon as
the inclosed is acknowledged,
with a post Office Order.
Fence House,

Octr 21st

Acknowledged
10/22 [illegible]

Fence House 10/21/50
Roberts Elizth
½ holes
£ 25.

With Mrs Roberts's compliments

Acknowledged
10/24/50
Mott

(Burnley) 10/23/50
Roberts Eliz'h
½ hites
P O Order } £29.6.—

B. Leonard 25/10 50
Gowland Jas
Notice of payment into Bank £10 - - -

Respd. Friend

I paid in (yesterday) to the York City & County Bank Ripon Branch on acct. of the Retreat ten pounds for which I should feel oblig. by thee acknowledging and shall transmit the other part soon.

I remain thy friend
James Gowland

Acknowledged 10/26 [illegible]
payment 11/2 [illegible]

Haverhill 10mo 23. 1850

Respect^d Frd.

I herewith enclose a Post O. order, value £3.0.4 in payment of the quarter's a/c which I trust thou will duly receive

Thy frd respectfully

Chs: Kitching

Acknowledged 10/25 WW

Wm Wood, Retreat

Haverhill 10/23/50
Ketching Cts
Mich P O O
£3.0.4.

Temple Place,

Liverpool 10th. Month 19th. 1850

Respected friend

Wm. Wood,

I enclose a Bk of England post bill for £ 30. 4. 9 in payment of the three ages enclosed for Eleanor Eliza Dickinson & Ann Lawton. Please return me their bills receipted.

If it be the custom of the clerk of the Retreat to send the Bills half yearly it will be quite as convenient to me; all that I ask is to have them sent to me regularly & at the proper time.

Thy assured friend

Jos Crosfield

Acknowledged 10/21/50 [illegible]

Liverpool 10/9/50
Crosfield Josh
with B E & B.
£ 30. 4. 9

Liverpool. 10 mo 21 1850

Esteemed Friend

I now enclose B P Bill in thy favour value £ 91-7.8. being the amount of the a/c rendered, please return the same time with a receipt.

Sam Respy

Henry Crosfield

Acknowledged
10/22.
[illegible]

Wm. Wood

Liverpool 10/21/50
Crosfield Hy
Mich
B Part B
£91.7.8

GEO McCORQUODALE
LIVERPOOL
1848

Doncaster 10th Nov 19th 1850

Respected Friend

Willm Wood

I inclose check £36..15-2 on account of Cousin Ann Walker to the close of the year which please acknowledge in course.

I presume the charge of 40/ for Clothes destroyed is a usual charge. Excuse my asking that I may be able to explain it those for whom I act, most of whom are not Friends.

Acknowledged 10/21 WW

I received and have distributed the Reports for Bally Mo Mg.

Thy friend Joseph Clark

Doncaster 10/9/50
Clark Jos h
Smith Esq
£ 36. 15. 2

Haverhill Cottage
Little Bolton 31/x } 50
Wright Isaac

Dear Friend
Jos Rowntree

I make free to address thee on a subject which tho' thou art not immediately concerned, I imagine thy kind interference may be of use, especially if thou be one of the Committee of the Retreat — I [illegible] coned to thee a hint which I had given to Mr Woods respecting a little economy in furnishing clothing for poor son, is very needful on my part on whom the cost falls — but I suppose it is not his department nor do I know whose it is or would not trouble thee — I have just received the quarters &c in which among

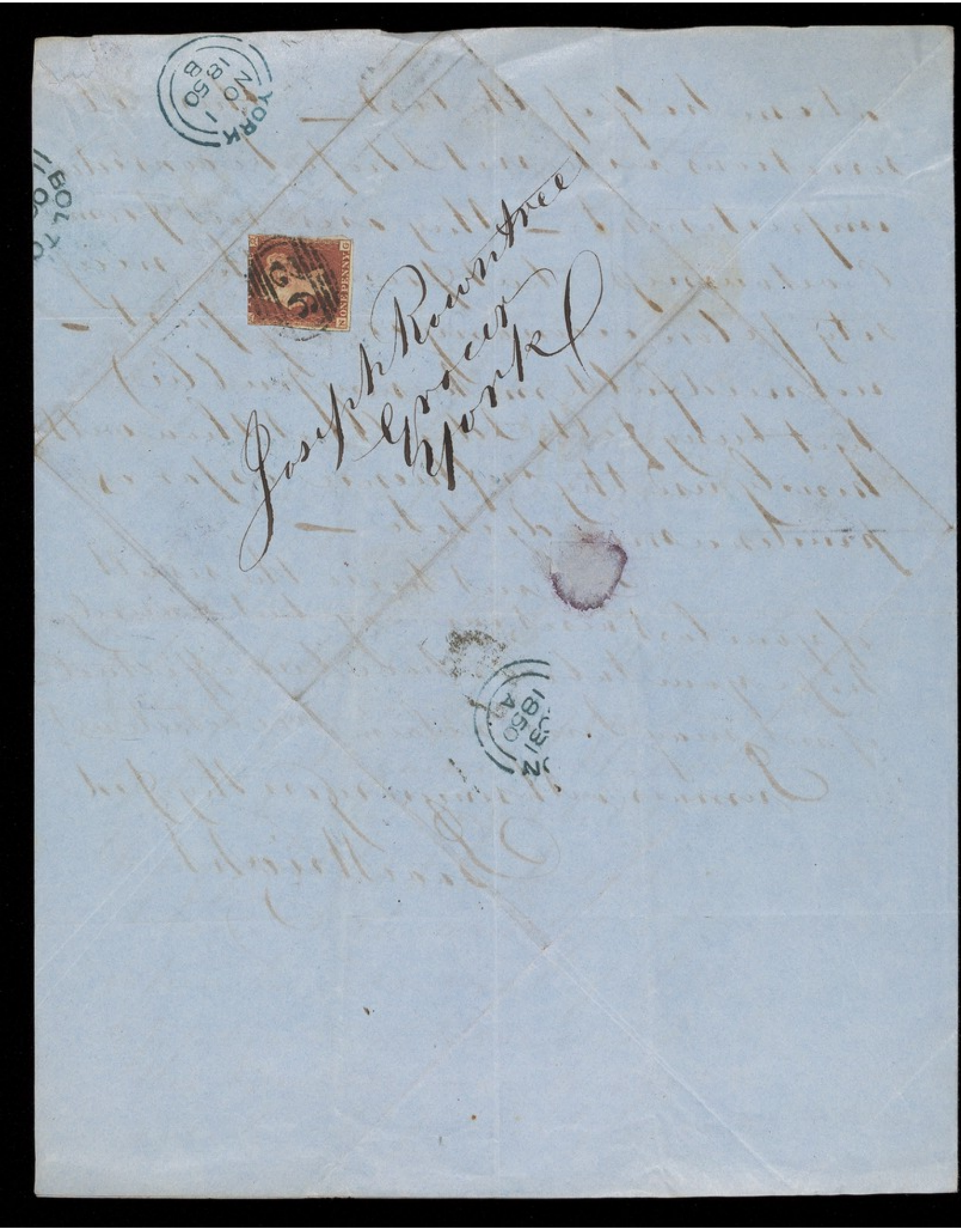
the disbursments are charged —
26/ for a new pair of Boots
16/ for repairing old ones
15/ for Cigars —
my observations upon which are that
they just correspond with his ha
bits of unbounded extravagance and
which in his present situation I think
ought to be restrained — a pair of
good Shoes 10/ or 12/ & mending 5/ — is
what I should deem all the needful
& 15/ ₱ quarter for Cigars I must serious
ly protest against — the whole being
quite beyond my ability prudently
to support let them be indulged with
tobacco to the amot of 5/ ₱ quarter
when he is in want of clothing an
application to me will be attended to
his Brother here, has got his mea
sure & will probably furnish them

at one half of the cost — these ob-
servations will not I hope be consider-
impertinent — they arise not from
Covetousness but from the neces-
sity of close oeconomy on my part —
not needful to make very public)
but being felt, I doubt not thou wilt
kindly use thy influence as far as
prudence may dictate —

I've not heard the result
of your last visit our way but sincerely
hope your labours have been effectual —
if not may I not exclaim woe be to us!

I remain with sincere regard thy frd

Isaac Wright


YORK
NO 1 1850
ONE PENNY
JAN 31 1850

Bradford 11mo 9. 1850

Dear Friend Bottomley & Co.

A friend here who is interested in the question wishes to know the lowest terms on which a patient who is not connected with the Society of Friends can be admitted into the Retreat. I presume the terms vary according to the circumstances of the applicant but that none are admitted at a very cheap rate. A reply to the question will oblige Thy assured friend

Geo Bottomley

John Kitching

Rawden 11 Mo: 9th 1850
Walker Thompson

Dear Friend

I am duly in receipt of the 1850 Reports for Knaresbro Mo, Mg & will see to their distribution

Thy fr'd Sincerely
Thompson Walker

Wm Wood
York

Respected friend

The reports of the Retreat did not come to my hand before the 10th instant and I have taken, I hope, the requisite care respecting them — only one remaining undisposed of

thy friend
Wm Albright

Charlbury 11/12/50

+ perhaps put it into the hands of a medical man.

Charlbury, 11/12/50
Albright Mr

YORK
NO 13
1850
D

POSTAGE
ONE PENNY



Wm Wood
Retreat
York

HARLBURY

ESTO
E NO 12
1850



Stockport 11/25/50
Milner J.P.

Respc fr Wm Wood

Last week I rec at Manchester the parcel containg Reports of the "Retreat" at York - some of which I have distributed, & the rest I intend to do amongst frds they are likely to interest in our Qy Meeting, & am wt love thy friend

John P Milner

Stockport
25/11 mo/50

Wymondham
Nov. 25. 1850
Mitchell J
Mth 1/2 Notes
£70

Sir.

I have to express my regret for the omission to remit you earlier on Mary Jackson's Account.

I beg now to send you the Halves of three Bills taken together £70 - on the acknowledgement of which I will forward the remaining halves.

I thank you for the

Intimation respecting the mental and bodily health of the poor Invalid which is satisfactory to us.

Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

J Mitchell.

£ 50	Bank of England	F. C. 21,656	9th May /50
10	Norwich & Norfolk	D. 1613	1 apr /49
10	— — —	D. 3682	13 apl. /50.
70£			

W. Wood Esq

Ackd 11/22 [illegible]

Salford
Salford 11/18/50
Binns Wm
With BPP
£12.5.1

Respected Friend

W W

I herewith send a bank Post Bill Value 12.5.1 on behalf of my brother Henry which will balance the a/c & which please acknowledge if proper tell him we are all well & desire our love to him Remain

thy friend Respectful
Wm Binns.

London 11/1/50
Fisher St.
Notice of payment
to Bank
£31. 17. 3
& Certif. for dig^n

6. Dorset Place
Dorset Square
London.

Sir

I beg to inform you that I have forwarded to ~~Mess~~ The York City & County Bank, the sum of £. 31. 17. 3. being the amount of the last Bill, due on Capt. Fisher's account. made payable to you. and wh on application you will receive. I shall feel obliged by a receipt. directed as above.

Will you oblige me

also by requesting Mr. Kitching to procure my brother's signature to the enclosed life Certificate. to be afterwards forwarded to me.

I remain
yours faithfully
F. Fisher

1st November. 1850.

Ackd. Sleeth retd.
11/2 [illegible]

EAST INDIA COLLEGE
ST MARTINS PLACE
CHARING CROSS

Ms King's Street
Finsbury
Novr 4. 1850

My dear Sir

On Friday last (the 1st Instt) I paid to Messrs Hoare & Co 20.. 13.. 2 to be forwarded to your account with the York Bank.

When you are advised of its arrival, if you will favour me with the information, you will oblige me.

I am
My dear Sir
Yours very faithfully

Jno Charlesworth

Ackd 11/5

London 11/4/50
Charlesworth Bro.

Acc of payments
into Bank
£20.13.2

Worcester

Worcester 1 of 11 Mo 1850
Newman Th. T.
With Chq
Respt. Friend £21.18.6

Enclos'd is my Cheque for £21.18.6 being £15..17:11 for Mary Stone & £6.0.7 for Matilda Baker's expences — With respects I remain Thy Friend

Thomas Newman

P.S. as the funds of M Baker are much reduced — I am desired by our M.M. to request that she may be allow'd to remain in your establishment at the lowest

rate viz 4s ff week agreeably with the rules —

Ack^d. 11/2 [illegible]

Belgrave 11/2 1850

Respected Friend

W Wood

I enclose draft when £37.8.10 which I believe covers the two assessments which I have to remit to Dear please to acknowledge the receipt hereof and say how Charles is and whether he employs himself in his Garden &c

Yours

Thos respectfully

John Ellis

Ack^d 11/4 [illegible]

Leicester 11/2/50
Ellis Inc
Nish Dft
£37.8.10

Stockton 2/11 mo. 1850

John Kitching
Respected Friend

Enclosed I hand thee Backhouse

his Opt on Barclays Lon: 26.18.9
for credit of John Proctors Trustees
(on acct.) & I remain
respectfully
Thy Friend
Joseph Weatherall

Ack 3/11/4
[illegible]

Stockton, 11/4/50
Wetherall Jos^h
Kith Dft
£26. 18. 9.

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8. 9

55
8. 9

50
12
600
20
30 —

Cork 11th Mo 2nd 1850

Dear Friend

Wm Woods

At other side is Cr on the Bank of England for Eight pounds & c, on account of Caleb Abell at York Retreat as p Account furnished to Our Mo Meeting -

Thy affecte Friend

Wm Wright

35 Patrick St

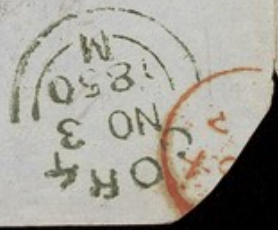
Ack.d 11/5 [illegible]

Cork, 11 No 2, 50
Wright Wm
Nth Lre of Credit
£8.0.1

William Woods
York Retreat
York







H C L Bolton 22/XI 60

Esteemed Friend
M Wood

As I cannot see what is written my memory deceived me I took it

thereby the amount of the bill to be 9.1.3 so now inclose the balance thereof copy

Isaac Wright

Ack^d 11/23 MW



Bolton 11/22/50
Wright Isaac
with p. labels
4/3

BOLTON
N022
185

N023
1850
B

POSTAGE
ONE PENNY

Mr Wilds
Retreat
York

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...rmese, the Caffres,
...urks, with Syria,
...with Chin... and the Af...
...hans; ... ce 1815!

H C L Bolton 18/XI 5

Esteemd Friend

W Wood

Inclosed thou the note &c to the amount of £11.11.3 the rest of which please to acknowledge to thy friend

Prowthright



Bolton 11/18/50
Wright Isaac
with ½ hole to
+ P.O.A. 1.11.3

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11 15 3
11 11 3
4 3

8 1 3
2 10
10 11 3

Wm. Pickerel
Clerk

YORK
NO 19
1850
B

BOLTON
NO 18
1850

Hook Norton 4/11/50
Minchin Wm
Nish D Fts
Respected Friend 13. 12. 2

I have enclosed a Bill on A Coles account but am sorry I forgot to send it before as it has been procured more than a week, my Wife was taken very ill soon after I got it which I suppose must be my excuse, she is now rather better but still very weak, the rest of our Family are all well, Please give our love to A C if suitable Mother Coles is with us she is much as usual would like her love given to A Coles

Hoping this will reach
thee safely I am respectfully
thy Friend
W Minehin

Ack
11/6 Mun

Southampton 11 mo 20 1850

Respd friend
W. Wood

Above I forward thee a Bank Draft for the payment of the Quarters Board &c of my Daughter Lucy as Pacciount and I shall be obliged by thy giving our dear love to her and inform her I intend to reply to her letter received a few days since very shortly

I am
thine respectfully
W Warrand

Ackd 11/22 [illegible]

Southampton 11/20/50
Farrand Wm
Meth D.Sch
to 9.4.10

Hav^d Cott^y L Bolton
12/XI/50

Resp^d Friend
W Wood

Herewith I inclose a half note, the counterhalf of which I purpose sending upon acknowledgm^t of the rec^t hereof accompanying a P. O. order for 31/3 covering the amo^t of my bill and 5 0/ for a donation as before.

Parts of the extras for my poor son this Quarter, are as thou we have heard are very dissatisfactory to me, the Boot charge in particular, might be suitable for a person of independant income but in his situation & mine is oppressive I

& in future I hope will not be repeated
Shoes are altogether good and
useful enough — I was not aware
on whom devolved the superintend
ance of the clothing department &
finding it is thyself, who I & to whom I am a stranger I must excuse it and
lay the blame upon my extravagant
son whose disposition that way I sup
pose may be increased by his malady
and I kitchening informs me that thou
will kindly inform me in future his
wants of any material part of his ward
robe being replenished his brother being
a tailor — & as to the indulgence of tobacco
if he has an ounce of week I think its
cull enough — exceeds necessity.

Please to say how my
precious daughter is since the painful

interview with her ~~father~~ husband —
My love to her & her Brother
I am respectfully thy friend
Isaac Wright

Ack'd 11/14

NO 14 1850 B

POSTAGE ONE PENNY

Woods Retreat York

43

Butler Williams
Woods Retreat
near York

Kendal 11 Mo 8.80

Respd Friend
Wm Wood

Enclosed is Order for Betty Thompson Acct which please Ack —

Are respectfy
Thy Kds
John Thompson

Ack.
11/9

Kendal, 11/8/50
Thompson McHco
Mch 400
£3.8.7

127 Strand
London
11 Nov. 1850

Sir,

I enclose Cheque on a/c of A. M. Goldsmith for 20/- & will thank you to acknowledge its receipt, and to send me the medical man's report of the Patient's bodily as well mental Health that I may send it to Dr. Weislow and consult my Friend; of course there must be a diary kept of each patient's disease treatment, Remarks &c. &c.

Your obt. Servt.

Geo. Goldsmith

To the Secretary, Retreat, York

Ackd 11/12 [illegible]

London 11/11/50
Gelsenkirch Co
Mich Chge
£20

Bristol 7 of 11th 1850

Wm Wood
York
Est. Friend

Enclosed I hand thee Bankers Bill £12.1.7. amt. of age rendered on age of my daughter Anne N. Baker I wish my love to be given to her and that we are all in usual health and that I hope to have the pleasure of seeing her about the middle of next month

I am ever true
John Baker

Please acknowledge the receipt

Ack'd 11/8 mth

Bristol 11/7/50
Baker Mo
With Dft
£12. 1. 7

Cincinnati Nov 4 1850

Dear friend
Wm Wood

I have ordered pay^t of Fifteen
Pounds on calling as usual
on all of my sister Sarah
Please say how she is

Thos C Brown

Ack^d 11/12 [illegible]

Cirencester 11/4/50
Brown Ld & C
Advice of payment into
Bank £15.

Sarah Germersill wile
thanks William Wood to get her
weekly allowance at Samuel Tirkes
& 8/. please to pay Silvanus Thompson
for Cousin James Bowdoin 2/ also
George Hope 2/6 my subscription for
the trust society, which will leave
me 3/6, I would not trouble
thee but I am penny less & my
allowances ceases, to day

Retreat 11/20 1850

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Bolton 11 mo: 7th 1850

Respd Friend

Willm Wood

Enclosed I forward a post office order for £3-9-4 the amount of my wifes board for this Quarter - which please acknowledge receipt of in due course -

I remain respy

Saml Hodgkinson

Ackd. 11/8 [illegible]

Bolton, 11/7/50
Hodgkinson Sl
Mich 400
£3.9.4

Esteem^d Friend

I will thank thee to hand me a statement of a/c against our Monthly Meeting for the maintainance of Thos Thornley, when it will have our earliest attention. The last statement has been mislaid. -

I remain respectfully
thy friend
Thos Hopkins

a/c Sent 11/30 Month

Nottingham 11/29/50

Noth 11/29/50
Hopkins Thos.

Wymondham

26 Nov 1858

Sir,

I beg to inclose the remaining halves of Notes for £70 - on account of Mary Jackson - the receipt you will be so obliging as to acknowledge

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

J Mitchell

Ack^d 11/28/58

W Woods Esq

Wymonaham,
11/26/50.
Mitchell J
with 1/2 notes
£70

Selby 11 mo 21 - 50
Hutchinson Jonh

Esteemed Friend

On my return from a journey last night find thine of 18th in reply believe the present value of Good potatoes here is about 8/- ℔ tub of 20 stones they would probably cost about 6c ℔ tub to York shall be glad if I can be of any service & remn

ux/y thy friend

Jonathan Hutchinson

P.S. I always consider the pot^ns I meet with in York better than ours in quality

11/27 Note (£10) remitted
B/D 26809. 7/24/49.

London 31 Arundel
St. Strand -
26th of 11 Mo. '50
Bragg Mo. 11

Dear Friend

I believe it is later by a day or two than the time I proposed in my last to I. K — in which I stated to him, that I would be wanting to thee for a similar sum to the last, which I think will do at present, as such will answer my present wants, especially as the post is so convenient to increase the amt. should induced purchases require it — which trouble I hope, with thy ready pen, will not be much felt as such, but for which I feel obliged — & lest it should be looked on as a complaint, I scarcely can allude to the

circumstance of not having recd. my York paper since the 26th of last Mo. nor the N.C. paper, excepting to day, apparently direct from N.C. — I more frankly mention it, from the possibility of their being miscarried — the light & time here is very limitted for reading & having indulged with Times & more than what I intended & can to well spare, it has been of no great inconvenience or loss — and the intervening papers had better remain if not lost and also after ones in case it be at all troublesome & or disappointing to chance or usual readers of them

I should much like to make a few remarks, but the days being so short & wanting to use the remaining light out of doors, I must conclude hoping you are in usual good health & with love to my friends as if named

I am respectly.
Thy friend
J H Bragg

London 28th of 11mo
Bragg 9th 1850

Dear Friend

In acknowledging thy obliging favour of yesterdays date I intended to have mentioned some thing about a damp retarding paint for your notice, but the fineness of the day, after much rain induces to be thus short, hoping shortly to add, with kind remembrances to fads as if named.

I am respectt
thy friend
J H Bragg

Neath
Neath 11 m 18 1850
Rees Jon^n

Respected Friend
Wm Wood

Our friend Wm Sibberry who I regret is an inmate at the Retreat is one of the Trustees of Cardiff Meeting House and the Monthly Meeting under whose control it is, and by whom he was appointed, are intending to lease a portion of the Grave Yard which has not been occupied by any interment but his state makes it awkward, because if not able to sign, he will not be able to do it for a new deed to convey

To Daves Conveyancer Bristol says in respect to it

"In the present case it is
" needful to make the Lease
" unobjectionable for Wm Sibbering
" to join; or that an order should
" be obtained from Chancery, which
" last I cannot recommend on
" the present occasion – Probably
" W S is not so bad but that the
" Officers at the Retreat would
" permit him to execute the
" lease which would be a
" mere form under the direction
" of the Monthly Meeting"

after some further remarks he says – "If it were to pass
" any beneficial interest I should
" decidely object to it, but the
" present is not that case, the
" Mo Meeting having reserved the
" whole contract"

I should feel obliged by thy
views on the subject

Yrs truly thy friend

Jonathan Rees
Neath
Glamorganshire

Ack^d 11/21/50

Darley Novr 5th 1850

Sir

I acknowledge the Receipt of a post Office Order Value 13/- of which I am Much Obliged

Yours Truly
Joseph Furniss

Darley 11/5/50
Furnish Jos.h
13/

Copy of a letter addressed to Saml Tuke 21-11 Mo 1850 by Henry Beesley respecting some members of H Stone's family.

Esteemed Friend Saml Tuke. Adderbury 21-11 Mo 1850

The subject to which thy letter dated 21st of 9th Mo relates has had my careful attention at times since I received it, and I have on several occasions named it to our Friend Jos A Gillett — I may here remark that long before the proposition for raising by subscription a portion of the debt owing by the late Henry Stone and his family to the Retreat was suggested in thy letter I had consulted our Friend J A Ly on the suitability of making such an attempt amongst some Friends confidentially; but no way has appeared to open for realizing this plan. In this case, as in most others, those few who can be termed private Friends to the family, have in one way or other, and at one time or other, been applied to as far as appears right. I can speak to this point with confidence as respects my late Brother Samuel Beesley, our Fr J A Gillett, and myself. The two latter have lately been engaged as Trustees of some Premises left to their care by the late Mary Barrett for her Dau^r Elizabeth Stone; on these Premises there was a Mortgage for £300, nearly the worth of the Property at the present time, and the Mortgagee being dissatisfied with his security called in the money — as a part of the Premises furnished a residence for E Stone and a daughter she was exceedingly unwilling to have them sold; indeed we could get no Person to purchase — altho we made an attempt to sell by Auction in the 12

Month of last Year — under these circumstances I have paid off the Mortgage, and shall hold the Premises for the present: the portions now let will raise just about a 4 per cent interest for the sum I have advanced — in addition to this, we have after much difficulty succeeded in raising about £80, to discharge some debts with which the Trustees were encumbered, as well as to pay the charges attending on proving the Will, and the fine on passing the Property which is copyhold.

I am not aware of any Friends at a distance from this part to whom application can be suitably made for assistance. Those liberal Friends named in thy letter are I have no doubt very freely applied to from many Quarters; they have been recently called on by some friends in this part on account of a special subscription for our Sibford School — In years past the Tylers of London were rather particular friends to H Stone's family, and many years since, (when the late Henry Stone failed) the late Henry Tyler kindly paid the price at which H Stone's Household furniture was valued, in order to enable Eliz Stone to retain it to keep something of a Boarding House; but this attempt to help the family entirely failed, and I have no doubt was attended with much loss to H Tyler and his family. The claim on this account has not long been settled, for about the year in which I removed from Banbury (1846) Charles Tyler visited the latter place, and with J A Gillett called on me on the subject. the result was that Chas Tylor's Mother took

some articles of Plate which E Stone was advised to part with, and cancelled the debt, for the Goods had mostly been sold some Years before, and the proceeds paid to A Tylers family as I was informed — I mention these particulars in order to show that the family have met with friends who have endeavoured to assist them, and that some hereabout have not kept aloof — E Stone and a daughter are now mostly residing in a part of the Premises in this Village which I have before alluded to; for since Henry removed to a smaller House in Banbury it has not been considered suitable for all the family to continue under his roof; but here, as well as at Banbury, they are nearly dependent on him.

I think it will now be well to give some attention to the circumstances under which the Promissory Note for £100 was given, and I refer to my Notes of that period.

When Woycherley was declared a Lunatic the Stock held for him by the Trustees of his Grandfather's Will was transferred to the Court of Chancery — The half share in the Canal was continued I believe in the Trustees' Names because the Canal Company do not transfer part of a share — In the spring of 1839 the Trustees of the Grandfather had in hand for Woycherley £199:9.4 and there were two Stock Dividends due, but not received, £9.6.8 together £208:16:0. My orders from Chancery were

to pay from the before named account "Costs of Commission of Lunacy and proceedings as taxed and ordered to be paid £155=4=6" leaving a balance of £53=11=6 for payment of debts proved against the estate

The Debts so proved were

	£
"Retreat to 31-12 in 1838	135-18-6"
Edward Stone, Dock Head, London	59-11-10
	195=10=4

Deficiency £141-18-10

Application was then made to the Court of Chancery for the sale of some of the Stock for Payment of the debts, and refused on the ground, that the Income of the then remaining Property would not be sufficient to maintain the Lunatic — Henry Stone felt pained at the circumstance of the Institution in which his Son was placed being so great a loser, and the family partaking of this feeling, Edward Stone consented to withdraw his debt altogether, and to have the Retreat paid £35=18=6 if the Managers of the latter were willing to take a Note for the £100 from H S & his two Sons; which was agreed to, and brought about, 30 of 9 Mo 1839.

I have always understood that in case of Wyschesky's decease the family were looking to his Property as a means of paying off the sum for which the Note of Hand was given;

and Henry Stone has lately expressed to me, that as respects himself, it would be more agreeable to give a security on that, if they could do so, than to have anything of an appeal to Friends by way of Subscription. The Parties beneficially interested in the Property after Wycherley, are I expect the Mother and the Brothers & Sisters — I have reason to believe that the last application made to the Court of Chancery to which I have referred in this letter has not yet been paid for; and I have a memorandum from the late Joseph Lamb and John Adkins Trustees under the Will of Wycherley Stone's Grandfather that the Legacy duty on Wycherley's share of the Property was not deducted before the Principal was paid to the Court of Chancery, so that on his decease occurring these claims will probably be made — If the Managers of the Retreat should think it best under all circumstances to agree to take an engagement from the Mother and Brothers and Sisters of Wycherley for the Payment of the Principal Sum of £100 by them in the event of their having Property from Wycherley after his decease I will endeavour to obtain their consent to such engagement being prepared. I wish I could suggest better terms for your Institution, but I am unable. I may just remark that one Friend to whom I applied for assistance in case a subscription had been brought about, said to me, that the Uncle John Stone was so good a

customer to the Retreat that it was much more reasonable for that Institution to lose Wycherley debt than it was for me to ask him to contribute towards its liquidation.

For your guidance as respects future expenditure on account of Wycherley I stated in a late communication what his present income is — there has not been any very late reduction in the Canal Dividend that I am aware of: I have not by me the account of the one due in 10th Month; but from Information from J A Gillett as to the small amount of Tonnage paid thro' his Bank lately, I fear the Dividends will be lower; arising from the opens of one of the Railways in this part

I am thy sincere friend

Henry Beesley.

Esteemed Fd
W Wood

I have now copied the letter I addressed in the 11th do to our Fd Samuel Tuke and which appears not to have reached him — since I wrote it I have ascertained that the Canal Divd rec for Wrycherley Stone in the 9th do is of the same amount as those rec for about 2 years past — up to 9th do there does not seem to be any reduction in his Income — how far railways will operate on Canal Dividends in 3rd do next I cannot say

Thy Fd
H Beeslee
Addenbrooke
3 - 2 do 1851.

Adderbury 11/21/50
Copy hre to Stikes.
from Beesley Hy

Carr Hill
Denby Dale
Wm Huddersfield

Joseph Frith

11th mo 11th 1850. -

Martindale Ld

My dear Fd 11/11/50

I wish to request thee to mention in thy next letter concerning the shoes sent by my Cousin Wm Hurtley whether they are likely to be easy and wearable by my dear husband - I think no mention has been made of them save by Wm Wood in his note to me - And, as they

were not quite easy
I am afraid they will
not be so now --
I have another new
pair now here, and if
it is needful I will send
them now by rail -
if I do not bring them
which I am strongly
tempted to do - being now
so far on my way -
Please address this week
to this place, as under -
But unless thou hear
again from me write
to Moss House next
week - I am looking
anxiously for thy re-
-port - two weeks this
time - I wish thou
may have a better
one to send me - It is
now nearly 11 months
since Henry began to be
poorly - on the 13th --

I am respectfully
Thy Frd
M. H. Martindale

Blacketto Lady.

London

11/26/50

Lady Blackett presents her
compliments to Dr Fletching
& would be obliged to know,
to beg the person in his
establishment who has the
care of the accounts, to inform
her if she there anything
wanting for the care of her son,
or how her account stands,
as she is anxious to settle
everything before leaving
London — Lady B. is happy

to inform Dr Stuteling
that the change of air &
scene has been of great
use to her son, that he is
cheerful, converses with those
about him & talks of his
family —

16 Portman St

Nov 26th —

Glouester 29/11/50

Fowler D.

Esteemed Fred

I received a few lines from my husband yesterday & as he wished to hear particulars of us I have written him which I hope he will be able to receive, he still wishes to leave & return home & says that he thinks he shall not live long as his health is indeed fast going. this

I suppose is only an idea of his own, having heard such good accounts of his bodily health of late, it would afford me very great comfort could I hear of a great progress in his Mental State, this I trust will eventually be the case, He speaks of J D Bowly having been to see him also of his meeting with a fed of the name of Clark at the Meeting House I thought by that perhaps he had been to meeting which is pleasant to conclude he is well enough to admit of

I am thy fed

D Fowler

17 King Square
London
11 Mo 10th 1850

Hubbard R.

Respected Friend

Thy name being unknown by me, I intend to direct this to the "Superintendent of the Retreat" and as such I trust thou will excuse my writing on behalf of a peculiarly distressing case. — It is that of a young man or perhaps I should say one about 40 years of age, who from a succession of afflictions has become the subject of insanity — he has a wife and one child an interesting boy of 11 years of age who are now suffering from the effects of their present

attends our meetings but otherwise has no connection with ~~the~~ our Society. The earliest answer will oblige as something must be fixed by next fifth day — I suppose he could go to York as soon if admitted at all. —

Thy friend respectfully
Rachel Hubbard.

Richard Ireland is the name of the Individual I am interested about I did not know him previous to his afflictions but have heard him spoken of in high terms after their first trial at M Thy removed to Leeves where they became acquainted with the Rickman family who are much interested about them. —

any lapses – What I particularly wish to know is whether not being a member of our Society he can be admitted into the Retreat if so whether he could go as a pauper, and if not what would be the lowest terms of admission for him – I should state that for the last two or three months he has been at St Lukes but his wife last night received the information of their not being able to keep him there any longer with notice to remove him next fifth day – His case is pronounced the paralysis of the brain and they do not allow such forms of disease to be continued there – His wife has no means whatever of providing for him and if there is no possibility of getting him into the Retreat the fears of no alternative but her husband being passed as a pauper to Northampton – They have been in highly respectable circumstances kept a school for ten years at Northampton – She thinks however there might be those found who would be willing to contribute a few shillings a week if it is not practicable to get him admitted as a pauper –

The wife is much of a friend in principle and

in the interim thy frd
Folkstone, 11/7/50
Richard Marsh

Folkstone 11th Mo 7th 50
Marsh Richd

Esteemed Frd

I write to inform thee I have this day paid into the Provincial Bank in thy name, on act of Ann Elgar, the sum of £ 11 s 16 d 2 £ 5 s 4 d on act of Board and 6 " 11 " 2 for Disbursments Thou wilt be kind enough at thy early convenience to send me the receipts as usual when thou gets it which no doubt will be in a few days. Thou wilt apply at the York and County Bank for it.

I send also the note

Ackd 11/13 [illegible]

accompanying the £ s d 6 " 11 " 2
from the frd who is so kind
as to undertake the disbur-
ments, by which thou wilt
see she is disconcerted at
the charges for Wine —
If it is realy needful for
the patient to have so much
stimulant, could she not
have it in the form of
medicine, £ s d 3 " 14 " 3 for a
half year is a great deal
and we must not mar-
vel the frd should com-
plain. In John & M Chand-
lers time I do not remem-
ber such a charge at all
and having the opportu-
nity on their landing
here the other day I em-
braced to ask them about
it. — Thou wilt see how
I stand as to the frd who
writes the note, and I am
afraid unless some alter-
ation can take place so
that the disbursments can
be lessened I shall loose her
assistance in the care. —
I will thank thee to lay
the care before the Committee
at thy earliest opportunity
and I trust they will kind
consider the care and see
if they cannot ~~in this~~
~~case~~ releive me from my
difficulties. — When thou
hast had this opportunity
thou wilt perhaps let me
know the result. — I am

will pardon me for saying,
do not let him want for
any thing & I can only
pray that our gracious Lord
will bless your efforts, which
I feel will not be spared in
his case. Present my respects
to Mrs Ketching to Mr Wood
& to Williamson who I am
sure will be attentive &
kind to him

God bless y My dear Dr
prays y my sincerely

M Holdick

I know y have much to occupy
you & therefore will ask y to
give my best regards to Mr Wood
& tell him, if he can spare time
I shall feel most grateful for a few lines

Ledbury
Ledbury Nov 26th/59
Caldbeck Wm

My dear Dr Ketching

The letter you were good
as to write me was sent
to me from the Cty Dublin & I
rec'd it this morning

I hope and believe
I was not actuated by a
selfish feeling to make the
proposition to y, for God
knows, I and my dear Wife
and family wd make every
sacrifice of our feelings in

the case of my dear son,
after considering well your
letter, I have come to the
conclusion, it wd be wrong
in me to run the chance
of doing the slightest
injury to my dear fellow
and I shall not think of
going to York untill I
have your full permission,
shd you at any time tell
me you think it may be
desirable, I shall 'God willing'
at once set out. I need hardly
tell you, he has not the least
idea of my having written
to you on the subject.
We conclude that he is not
worse, as you have not
alluded to his present state
let that he is pretty much
the same as when I last
heard from you, I wrote to him
some days since and told
him of his Uncle Dr Douglass
death, and I trust in God he
will not be any thing the
worse for it, his Uncle was
always delicate and I think
upwards of seventy. I know you

Davies Matthew

Poole, Parade

11th Month 13th - 1850

Respected Friend

I think from thy reply to our friend G Penney that thou didst not exactly understand the case he alluded to - It is that of a particular friend of ours, and at whose own request we make the enquiries - one who has always been brought up, and mixed amongst "Friends" using our language and attending our Meetings, but who, from his Father having married out of the Society is not really a member.

We cannot say that he is Insane in the general acceptation of the

room, but he is in a very low, desponding way, arising in a great measure we believe from want of a little regulation, as to medicine and diet, as wife as being quite secluded from cheerful society & from the description my late dear friend Katherine Morgan (who was for many yrs Matron at the Appendage) has often given of your management with such as do not absolutely need entire controul, we have thought it would be just the place to restore him, could he be taken to your own table as a boarder, he is perfectly harmless, kind and gentlemanly He has met with heavy losses which have partly brought him to this state of depression & as his means are in consequence very limited, thou wouldst greatly oblige us by saying as soon as possible, whether he could be received in this way, & what would be the lowest terms – & please to be kind enough not to allende to ye Penny letter, as perhaps I may have to shew him thy reply.

remaining thy friend,

Martha Davies –

Parade

Poole, Dorsetshire

Poole Nov 8 1830

Penny Gt

Respected Friend

A relation of mine a man about 50 years of age has been for many months past in a low desponding state of mind, accompanied by some disease of the Stomach & Chest & altho' not deranged, is in that low state which is commonly termed Nervous so much so as to be incapable of attending to any Business, or indeed to any ordinary pursuits & for some time past he cannot be prevailed on to take any exercise or leave his House - He has no relation that can reside with him & is a Bachelor. Under these unpleasant circumstances it is thought by a few of his Friends that a residence of about six months in your establishment with the Regimen & Medical treatment which he would there receive, would most likely restore him to health - With this view I am desired to write them to ask whether he could be received, and the charge which would be made for his maintenance, Medical treatment &c &c. I may mention that he has resided here all his life excepting a few Years which he spent in Newfoundland

His Business has been that of a Merchant, in which of late he has not been successful & since he has been in the dispirited state I have described he has abandoned it - But he is not in destitute circumstances - I should be glad to have a reply (if it can be) within a post or two -

I am respectfully

George Penney

To The Superintendant
of the Retreat - York

Darlington 13 Nov 50
Newburn Sts.

Dear Sir

I inclose you a letter to my sister announcing the death of one of our brothers I shall be glad to know how it affects her. At my last visit I prepared her for the event which has happened

If my sister wishes for a mourning gown & bonnet & other usual dress you will

please to let her have ~~the dress~~ the same

Jam
Faithfully
Ba: Newburn

RADY
SION
09 81



Moss House 11th mo 22nd
1850
Martindale Mass.

Dear Friend
Ann Ritching

I came back to this place last second day and should sooner have informed thee that I received thy two last notes on the sixth day previous —
The first one was addressed to Moss House — but Lpool instead of Rochdale — It appears to have found our residence at Fairfield with little difficulty —
I am sorry that my poor Is excited states seem to be

Respecting the old cast of clothes of my dear husband I have no further wish than they may be given to any to whom they will be of service — But, Henry always found objects for them and never sold them — Perhaps he could express an idea on the subject now — Any topic to get a sane thought from him —
Hoping I shall receive thy this week's note in the morning and that it may contain a more comfortable amount of him — wishing thee to give

My love to him Thy sincere friend
Mary Martindale

rather returning again —
When I was last at York
I remember that C. Williams
informed me that there
appeared some incompre-
-hensible ~~state~~ condition of
the bowels — Have you
been able to come to any
more defined opinion of
that state? — And, per-
-haps thou will say whether
thou thinks there is any
improvement in my dear
husband's case since he
has been under thy care?

Of his personal comfort I am
pretty well satisfied, and,
believing that any efforts of
mine, either in visiting
my poor Henry or writing to
him would not be any advan-
-tage to him, I am persuad-
-ed to keep putting off my
long talked of visit —
I often wonder how he puts
on time — with what occupa-
-tions — and whether he ever
works in the field or garden.
I believe he would easily have
been induced to labour with
the spade or in any way which
would have been likely to benefit
his health —

London 23rd 11th Mo. 1850
Nainby Mr

Esteemed Friend,

A considerable time having elapsed since I last heard anything respecting my dear Mother, I shall be obliged, if quite at thy convenience, thou wilt favour me with a few lines respecting her — Perhaps thou wilt kindly give my dear love to her, I say we are all in tolerable health, I going on much as usual — A short stay at the Seaside, quite late in the Autumn,

has

Manchester 11 Mo 24/50
Walton S. A.

Respected Friend

John Hitching

I take this opportunity of writing to thee about my Father I should like to know how he is in health and if he is in a fit state to come Home if nothing is to do with him but lowness we would rather have him at Home I should like to have an answer as soon as possible

S A Walton

63 Peter St

45 Albemarle St. Nov. 17 1850
Winslow Dr

Dear Sir.

A gentleman of the name of Goldsmith has called upon me for an opinion respecting his wife who is, I understand, under your care at the Retreat. Would you be kind enough, when you have a leisure moment, to drop me a line giving me some little insight into the history & present aspect of the case. The facts I should wish to be informed of are, as to the duration of the attack, the probability of there being an hereditary predisposition to the malady, the form of the disease, whether accompanied by symptoms of dementia or attacks of excitement & (occasional violence,

& whether there are any symptoms in connexion with the case (apart from the insanity) to indicate the existence of organic disease of the brain?

I am afraid I am giving you much trouble.

My dear Sir
Yours very truly

F. Winslow.

Wheeling Esq

Stockton
Atkinson's
18/11/50.

Respected Friend

Not wishing to be troublesome has prevented me from writing to thee before now; but having had the inexpressible pleasure of hearing that my dear Sister is better, we should be agreeable to thee, wish to send her a few lines every two weeks believing that it would be of benefit to her. Also to dear Mother, who of course is doubly anxious on account of not being able to write herself — Canst thou think there is any probability of dear Sister's returning in the 5th month — We do not wish her to come home sooner than you think suitable but would not wish her to remain an hour longer than you think needful — as to her feeling a little low when she gets our letters we have always thought that she would feel less if she heard oftener and one reason may be that she thinks she ought to be at home — I

course we never tell her so ——
hoping thou wilt excuse my freedom
I remain Thy obliged Friend

S Atkinson

Stockton,
18th of 11mo/56

Ringer Jno.
West Harling
11th of 11th Month, 1850.

Respected Friend
John Kitching,

I feel deeply indebted to thee for the great care thee have taken in Hannah Ringer's case; and to know that thy Wife takes an interest in my Sister's welfare is a source of much

even at a price somewhat disproportioned to income.

Under a sense of the great kindness thee have evinced, I remain,
Thy gratefully obliged friend,

J. Ringer.

I have not had an opportunity to confer with any member of the family in this instance; but I feel quite sure they will unite in all that I have said.

Consolation to me, and whilst I earnestly desire that H.R. may profit by the kind notice & judicious counsel thus unexpectedly extended to her, I hope I shall continue to hold such proofs of disinterested kindness in grateful remembrance.

I quite coincide in all thee have said respecting pecuniary resources; indeed, I have long seen, and keenly felt, how difficult it is to deal with the question.

I expect R. Dix informed thee that H. Ringer's income scarcely reaches £60 per Ann^m.

I very much fear that it will be impossible to make this meet the necessary outlay — under the peculiar circumstances of the case; for lodgings & other incidental & personal expences; however, if suitable lodgings can be found I think it will be highly desirable to take them; even

by him and in compliance with your advice, and I am sure he will hear me and 'in his own good time' restore him to health.

May I entreat of you not to allow him to want for anything you shall consider desirable for him. and present my kind regards to Mr Kitchen and Mr Wood. I expect 'D.V.' to remain here untill about the 28th.

Yours my dear Doctor

very sincerely

W. Caldbeck

Cloragh Caldbeck Jun.

Rathfarnham

Nov 9. 1850 Dublin

My dear Doctor Kitchen

Your kind and acceptable letter of the 5th was forwarded to me here, and I shd fail if I attempted to describe the thankfulness to Almighty God which I experienced on reading it, surely, he has been pleased to bless the means you have been enabled to use towards the recovery of my dear son,

may our gracious Lord pour
down his blessing on you
and your family, and on all
connected with your establishment,
for your kindness and attention
to him, I have the fullest
confidence that every thing
in your power will be
done for him, and that
the great disposer of all
things will bless your
efforts. I write by this post
to my dear fellow, I have
never heard of an approaching
election for Lisburn, if
such a thing is likely to
take place, I am sure
my son Thomas will
write and tell his Brother,

I am most happy
to learn that my conduct
whilst in York has met
with your approbation
I acted too long on my own
opinion with regard to
my very dear son, and
bitterly have I felt the error,
I can only now, pray to the
Lord for his grace, to
enable me to act as I shd

th

Poole 11th Mo: 28 - 1850

Davies Martha

Respected Friend

We are not quite aware as to whether the Medical Mens Certificate must be sent before our friend for your approval, or whether you have any printed form to be filled up, he is quite willing to place himself under thy care & a Kind friend will attend him to the Retreat and give thee every explanation, as soon as we can get things ~~retreat~~ ready - Any directing that thou can't give us as early as possible, will much oblige, thy Friend,

respectfully

Martha Davies

trespassing on thy kindness in the belief that much good will result to H.R.

H.R's income is scarcely £60 per ann^m, but if nothing unforeseen occurs to reduce it, I hope to be able to realize that amount. Pray accept my grateful thanks for all thy kindness, & believe me,

Thine very Sincerely

J. Ringer.

West Harling

11/25 1850.

Ringer Jno.

Respected Friend

John Kitching,

In answer to thy note of the 20th Inst. say that I pay 12/6 per week for lodgings, in addition to other unavoidable expences, is more than H. Ringer's income will meet; but as the accommodation

of which I see speak is likely to prove comfortable, & what is far more important, if is in thy opinion otherwise suitable, I quite think it will be right to engage the lodgings for H.R's use, & I shall feel obliged by thy concluding the needful arrangement.

Allow me to remark that I suppose the 2/- per wk for fire will only be charged during the winter months, or rather during the time a fire is required. As to the means it may be right to adopt to supply H.R- with cash;- I think it will be well to forward it every quarter in advance,- this can be safely done by a Bankers bill payable seven days after date, & there will be no difficulty in cashing it at any Bank.

I would suggest the propriety of forwarding the first payment to thee - this will cause thee additional trouble - but I venture to propose this further

Bristol 11 mo. 26th
Eglow Jos^h 1850

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching

I have been applied to, as agent for Bristol, by my friend Henry Hunt to write thee respecting his son Francis who is about to be sent to the Retreat — The needful testimonial signed by two Medical men has been obtained, and it is probable Francis Hunt will leave here for the Retreat in the course of a few days — Whether it is customary to enquire beforehand if there be room for a patient I do not know but it seems desirable to give a little notice and also a few particulars of the case —

About a year ago, in consequence of a particular circumstance, producing an overwhelming shock to his feelings, he manifested

decided symptoms of insanity —
The state of his mind for some
time previous, had also been such
as to occasion uneasiness respecting
him — being subject to great
depression or elation of mind
without any adequate cause —
After his release from confinement
at the time referred to — he spent
some time in Jersey and afterwards
accompanied a family to America
, whence he unadvisedly returned
about two months ago —
His friends have not since been
able to control him and after
his arrival at Bristol, his conduct
, as had been anticipated, assumed
a highly excited character —
Great care will be needful
to prevent ~~any~~ intercourse with
persons in the neighbourhood
of York, his acquaintance being
rather extensive especially in
connexion with schools — he has
also a strong desire to make
known his own view of his case
by writing & otherwise when an
opportunity is allowed —

I am requested further to state
that the case is not one that will
require any particular personal
indulgences, and his friends wd
not incur needless expense, but
at the same time desire to meet
his full cost to the Institution
His having been so long from
under their care must apologize
for the deficiency in his outfit —
— F H is not a member of our
Society; about a year ago he
sent in his resignation which
was accepted —
If there be any printed instruction
for agents I should wish to have
a copy — as I know nothing of your
rules and my name was put
down as agent without my being
informed of it — at least I have
no recollection of it — Being much
from home I think there should
be another friend and I propose
Richd Fry to whom I have spoken
—
Thy friend sincerely
Joseph Eaton

2 Packets of Annual Reports
of the Retreat, directed to R.W. Fox
& J Allen, duly received & distributed

J Allen

Liskeard
14th
12 mo 14 - 1850.

Liskeard 12/14/50
Allen Jno

Colchester
11th
12 mo 24 1850
Catchpool Thos

Esteemed Friend
Wm Wood

The 6 Copies of
the Report of last
Year, relative to
the Retreat have
recently been received
by me & distributed
as directed — It is a
very satisfactory Report

I am Thy affd
Thos Catchpool

Ugthorp

Ugthorp nr Whitby
12 Mo 18. 1850.
Peacock John

Dear Friend

I sincerely regret my inability to comply with the request of the Committe at present, but do hope at some future time to be able to do so. I should have wrote some time since but was prevented by Indisposition.

My circumstances are known to one of the Committe who will perhaps explain what I omit.

Thy assured friend

Jon^a Peacock

18

Ack^d
12/18
[illegible]

York Decr 15 80

Dear Sir/ In the accounts sent you I have omitted welfare. be so good as to destroy the abstract & my account I will send welfare account as soon as I can. I have arranged all with the workmen for Monday. what they do has best come into the regular acct of Repairs &c

Yours truly
J. P. Pritchett

Mr Kitchener

Zak 12/14/50
Pitchlynn Jas

17

Respected Friend —

It is gratifying to myself to be able to inform thee that in consequence of the improved condition of this Institution, and having visited many other Asylums in Ireland —

I have been honored by an Application from "Her Majesty's Inspectors General of Asylums" — to furnish them with my written suggestions for the improvement & better conducting of the same, in order to effect that condition more in accordance with humanity & sound pathology. — Thy friend

Bloomfield Retreat
12/22/49 —

W. Ann Moss

Blomfield 12/22/49
Mass Ma

Nottingham
12th ... 14th
1850

Respected Friend

I enclose a bill of 14 days for £34.10.4 the amount of the last account which I also enclose to be receipted. I will thank thee to inform me, by return of Post, if convenient, of the safe arrival of the bill and returning the account, receipted. With much respect I remain thy sincere Friend

P. S. Please Henry Payne
give J. Kitching the note adopted

Willm Wood
Secretary to the
Retreat York

Ackd 12/11

Nott. 12/16/50
Paid Hy
Mills Esq
£34.10.4

Lancaster Dec 24 1850

Verity Esq

Sir/

I should feel greatly obliged if you could give me some information as to your rules at the Retreat, I shall also request you to let me know your charges for board &c so that a person could live comfortably. I suppose you will have a blank form to fill up by a Physician, the person I am enquiring for is a female about the age of 25 and of the Catholic Persuasion, would a Priest be allowed to visit her in case she should be ill and her mind be quiet and disposed to treat on religious subjects and if it should be concluded for her to come do you send a person to fetch her or the parties are expected to take the charge of them to the Retreat, an answer will oblige

Yours Respy Henry Verity
Horse Shoe Corner
Lancaster

Dear Friend

J Ritching

I hope thou will not think me very troublesome in asking the favour of a few lines again relative to my dearly beloved Husband as thy last to me bears the date of 25th of 10th mo. all but 2 months since when thou receives this, I will endeavour not to trouble thee so often to write to me as once a month if thou willt be kind enough as pay when thou favours me with writing/ that should my dear Husband be more poorly than usual thou will signify me of it without delay believe me to remain with kind love to Mr Whitby thy Wife & self not forgetting my dearest love to my dear Husband if suitable thy sincerely obliged friend

Jane Porter

Stockton 22nd 1850.

Stockton 12/22/ ,50
Rocker Lane

London 65 Old Broad St
2d Dec 1850

Sir Enclosed I beg to hand my Cheque for £73. 11. 4. the amt due to Michs on acct of Mrs C. Thomson.

Pray acknowledge this with Stamped Receipt

I am Sir

Your obedt Servt

Robt P Barron

to Mr H Wood
The Retreat
York

Ackd
12/3 [illegible]

London 12/2/50
Barrow Robt. P.
Neth. Chg.
£73. 11. 4.

N'Castle
Tyne 14/12th mo
50

Esteemd Friend

Enclosd I send thee a Dft for £64.14. drawn in thy favor - on acct of the amt due from my Brother Mo Hadwen - I shall be obliged by thy passr the same to his Credt with the Institution - advising me of rect.

I am respectfy
thy frd
Chas Bragg

To Ackd 12/1 [illegible]
Willm Woods
retreat
York -

N Castle 12/16/50
Bragg Chas
with Dft
£64.14.0

Folkstone 12/17/50
Marsh Richd

Grace Hill Folkstone
12/17/50

Esteemed Friend

I write to acknowledge the receipt of thine to hand this afternoon and to say what I meant in my last was, that as I had not as yet received any acknowledgement of the receipt of the sum paid and advised of on act of A. E. Gar I would thank thee to send me as usual a stamp receipt for the £ 5 " 4 " on act of the Guardians of the poor, and as to the disbursements the acknowledgement by

thy letter is all I wished
If thou wilt favour me
with these it will
oblige thy fd.

Richd. Marsh

Ackd. 12/20 [illegible]

Gwynfryn Dec. 4. 1850

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will receive a Cheque for £17.2-10, the amount of Mr. Geo: Tickels bill for the Quarter —

I am Dear Sir

Yours most faithfully

W. T. Jones.

Mr. Mr Ward —

Ack^d 12/7

Gwynfryn 12/4/50
Jones W. J.
Neth Chgr
to 17.2.10

William Wood

London 12th 4th
1850

Pryor Hy.

Respected Friend
William Wood,

I should be
much obliged if by thy
saying the enclosed letter
before the Committee,
at thy convenience.
I intend not thy present
to be at York the
1st week in next month,
as am much engaged
could not possibly leave
at present. — Please

be kind enough to
let John Kitching know
to that effect. I write
by this post to my
Wife, but do not mention
the precise time,
thinking it best not.—

I am
Respectfully
Thy Friend
Henry Pryor.

Ack^d 12/6 [illegible]



Note — 12/2/50
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Do

W. Wood
Friends Retreat
York

Ack.d
12/3 [illegible]

With S. Hopkins's respects
please acknowledge
the receipt of the
charges

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Chelmsford
Tilney Saml
12/3/50.

Esteemed friend

I enclose P. O. order for £3. 3. 11 the amt. of acct. delivered & in acknowledging its receipt I will thank thee to say how my wife is. —

I remain
thine sincerely
Saml. Tilney
Chelmsford
12 mo 3. 1850

It is not so much that it is unnecessary to gratify mere curiosity in your visitors, as that I do know how my dear Bs sensitive nature would have shrunk from and been pained at seeing them. Excuse me mentioning this little subject. Hoping very soon to see thee &c.

I am very sincerely

M. Hy: Martindale

Moss House
12th mo 21st 1850.

Moss Hs 12/21/50
Martindale My

Dear Friend

I had looked with some anxiety for the coming of this week's report of my poor Henry. On the evening of the day my letter was written, it was 12 months since he ~~had~~ was seized with epilepsy, and that he was so violent and had to leave his home. I have all along had a fear that they might occur again about the same period of the year. but I hope that it may

not be the case — although the state thou has described in thy last letter is not fa-
-bourable — Poor Henry's ordinary weight I believe was about 160 lbs — but I do not quite know — He was more stout than I had before seen him when I last saw him — In that respect I can tell when I see him if he is still stouter — At present it is arranged that I must my sister & Brother Firth at your Quarterly Meeting next week. I know that there is frequently much Company at the Retreat at that time — and, as I pre-
-fer a quieter season for seeing my poor Henry I intend to go to Malton until the beginning of the week following the Q.M. It is very probable I may go up to the Retreat on 3rd day, nevertheless —

There is one little subject I wish to mention to thee, which is the liberty you give visitors — strangers, to see your poor patients — I have twice heard of my poor H. seeing persons that he knew — and I cannot help wishing that he should be spared that —

Diss.

12/20.50

Ringer No.

Respected Friend

John Kilching.

I am truly glad to receive such a satisfactory report of Hannah Ringer as they favor of the 16th conveys.

In a letter Recd from her last week she expresses her entire satisfaction

with recent arrangements & I am glad to say appears to entertain a grateful sense of the very great attention & kindness wh has been extended to her.

I enclose a draft for £25, from wh please deduct the amount thee have already advanced to H.R, & I shall feel obliged by thy retaining the balance for her future use. With many thanks for the very kind feeling thee have manifested,

I am

Thy obliged & sincere friend

J. Kinsey

Please give me a line by return of post, as in case of miscarriage, or any other untoward event I will stop payment in London.

Poole. 18/12/1857

Dear Martha

Respected friend

William Harrison left Poole this night, under the care of James Ainsworth, a respectable Agriculturist, residing at Tarrant, near Blandford, Dorset, who marries his cousin, and has been very attentive to him for a long time past.

Earlier notice should have been given of the time of his leaving Poole, but he has been so capricious and obstinate of late, that we were uncertain when we should prevail on him to take his departure for Good.

I expect they will be with you very shortly after this letter reaches you

and trust that the Means
made Use of will be attended
with Success.

Remain
Thy Friend
Martha Davies

Oak Tree Cottage near Chelmsford

17/12 Month 1850.

Canaler Ho.

My esteemed Friend

John Ritching

The payment made to the Retreat for the two past half years from Darlington on behalf of James Potter will now be made directly to me. I should thank thee to request your Secretary Wm Wood early in the new year to send me a statement of poor James' account that I may remit him the balance then due. Be kind enough also, at the same time to underwrite the account and inform me for the satisfaction of his mother and sisters as to the state of his health. It is my wish that from this time forward no linen or clothing should be bought for him, till we are first informed what he stands in need of, as we may be able to supply him from Chelmsford, and

economy under the present circumstances of his family is very necessary to be observed.

Maria joins me in kind love and remembrance to Maria Whitten of whom we were lately pleased to hear through the medium of Jos^h Rowntree. Accept also thyself and wife our kind regards and best wishes, and remember us affectionately to Thomas & Mary Allis

I remain

Thy friend sincerely

John Candler

34 Pulford St
Pimlico
28 of 12th 1850

Respected Friend Jackover Chs

I find it is now more than two years since ~~since~~ I made an application to the Retreat for the purpose of inquiring after the health of my brother Henry or respecting his mental affliction, altho I have not been deficient in making the necessary application through Individuals that may have seen him

I shall take it kind thy
giving me particulars
as to his general health
& whether he is capable of
attending to any employ-
ment he may be placed to
& whether he has any lucid
Intervals —
May I trouble thee for his
yearly amt of Cops for the
last three years — & are
the Accounts paid half
yearly & by whom —

Please to give my love
to my brother with the
kind regards to thyself
Waiting a reply at thy
Convenience —

I remain
very respectfully
Chas Peckover

To the Superintendant
of the York Retreat

Braaford, 12/14/50

Craven Mc jr

My dear Sir

The bearer of this note is a Gentleman of the Name of Mr Briggs An intimate Friend of my Father's; & he wished me to say that he should be very glad if you will render him Any information which he may ask you, & also if he wishes, to show him thro' your great & Compact establishment. My dear Mother is very well Acquainted with him, & has been for the last

18 years. The bearer, Mr Boyle will give you 40 £ which I hope you will place to my Father's Account & own receipt of per bearer or return of Post.

I remain
Dear Miss Sincerely Yours
Dec 14/50. John Craven Junr.

To
John Kitchen Esq
Retreat

Bristol 12/26/50

Hunt 119

Esteemed friend

Jno Kitchin /

I am quite willing to accede to the Terms proposed by the Committee, as communicated in thine of the 21st — now before me —

I could hardly expect that any material change had taken place in my poor Son's state of Mind; & this has subsequently been confirmed by a reply to his Sister A's Letter (& wch letter he has returned to her) — I fear that the various circumstances connected with his late School difficulties, have made so deep an impression on his Mind, as will never be eradicated — The last few weeks previously to

his leaving Bristol, tended greatly to strengthen these apprehensions. As to going into the subject again, it is quite out of the question — There are no charges brought against him, as I have against him, even whilst he was in America & had he kept away from Bristol, the sad affair would have pretty much died away.

L. is so prejudiced against his best friends, that perhaps I had better not send a message of Love just now — Please to send us a few lines occasionally

I am thy Sincere Friend

Henry Hunt

P.S.

When thou next writest, please just to say if two parcels from Cheltenham have

N'Castle
Tyne 20/12th
Bragg Chs 50

Esteem^d Friend –

Thine of the 17th was duly rec^d but I had not an opportunity of meeting my Bro: Sister Priestman in order to consult them – before 7 day I was not previously aware of the am^t of monies w^h my brother John Hadwen had drawn – if more satisfactory to the Committee – I will remit the am^t without wait^g for the usual statement —

We are quite satisfied – with the de

-cision of the Com^e as to the charge -whilst D.H.B may be absent —

We also fully see the difficulty that you are under - by my Brothers prolonged absence - & exceedingly regret it - We had hoped before this - that he would have returned to your much more desireable quiet abode for we are anxiously alive to the great undesireableness of a longer Sojourn in London - We would therefore particularly request that the Committee will not hastily erase my Brother's name as an inmate in the Establishm^t

My Sister Priestman is in communication with Daniel Tuke who kindly took notice of D.H. when he arrived in London & thro' his influence perhaps an early return may be brought about

I am obliged by thy kind communication -

I am sincerely
thy fr^d
Chas Bragg

To
John Ketching
York

give to my dear fellow
his Mother Sister & Brothers
and my own dear love
and tell him we are all
as well as he could wish
us to be and that I shall
write to him 'DV' early
next week

Lisbon Lisbeen Decr 14th/50
Calabeck Wn

My dear Dr Stitchey

It will be vain for
me to attempt an
expression of my
thankfulness to you for
your kind letter and
this morning I can only
pray to our gracious
God to bless you and your
family. Surely our Lord
has heard our prayers

and has been pleased to
bless the means 'your
exertions' in my dear
sons case, I am 'Hope'
thankful to say, I never
had a doubt of his mercy
he has indeed been my
gracious, may he give
to us all, grace, to praise
and bless his holy name
for ever, if you could
know how much my my
dear son is beloved by
us all, you do see that your
letter is full of most cheering

news, any, the least matter
relating to him, is of the
deepest interest to us
all, may I beg of you
to give my kindest
regards to Mr Kitching, to
my good friend Mr Wood
and to Williamson and
allow me again to repeat
that you ill gratify my
dear son in any wish
you may think desirable,
may God bless you my dear
and Kitching
Yours sincerely
[illegible]

in the Course of a few
two weeks he coming to York
to see Mother.

I remain, My dear Sir
Yours very truly
John Cowen Junior

Low Mill
Dec 8th/50

To John Fletcher Esq
York.

Bradford 12/10/50
Craven Sq.

My dear Sir,

My Father wished
me to write & say that
he has a friend coming
down to York next week
as one of the Jurymen
at the Assizes, & that
he will send by him
the Quarters payment
in advance; — But should
it not be in accordance
with your rules we
will transmit you

a check, if you wish it.
We hope that Mother
is improving, & may
continue to do so.
You can tell her that
we are all well, & that
we expect brothers home
on the 25th of Dec for the
Christmas vacation; when
we last heard from them
they were all well & happy.
Give our united love
to her. I shall probably

Swansea 12 mo 5 12
Sibbering Elq 12/50

To Dr Kitching

Dear Friend,

It seems such a very long time since I heard of my beloved husband, that I hope thou will not think me troublesome, if I request thee to let me know how he has been since the former report: dost thou think his general perception of things improves, or is his mind still in the almost childish state, as when he left his home, are his seasons of excitement frequent, and does he seem capable of amusing himself in any way —

can he read his Bible, which used to be such a source of pleasure to him, and dost thou think he could even sign his name?- I greatly long to see him, and form my own opinion how far he is able to pass his time comfortably - I do not by this, wish to infer by any means, that I am not perfectly satisfied but having for so long studied his wants & wishes prior to his disease increasing, a person is apt to fancy they could understand better than others what would contribute most to his comfort, and thou will readily believe, how earnest my wishes are, to have him in such a condition as to be able to do all I can for him instead of being thus widely separated. Is he able to wait upon himself? I thus query, because there were times, a short period before he left, when he was unable even to dress himself, but this helplessness did not continue - I hope, my kind friend, thou will bear with me, for being so troublesome with my questions, and hoping to hear very soon, and with kindest regards, believe me,

Thy very sincere friend
Elizabeth Sibbering

I earnestly hope my beloved husband is able to receive a message of tendered love from me, and his dear little boy, if thou thinks best to deliver it.

Bristol 12 Mo 2 - 1850
Bowden Saml

Dr Friend
John Ketching

After seeing thee on 7th day last I saw Wy Hunt jun & told him it would be necessary for his father to make arrangements with the "Retreat" respecting Francis. This morning he called on me again and says his father expected after what had been written by himself

and Joseph Eaton
that a proposition
would be made
to him by the "Retreat"
he wished me to
say that he did
not wish Francis to
have any unnecessary
indulgence or to
pay any thing less
than the full cost —
Thou hadst better communicate
now with Henry Hunt
Royal Fort Bristol
as soon as convenient
& remain with love
Thy friend
Saml Bowden

Alvinsham Decr 29/50

Dear Sir Aathead Mary

This morning I received the admission papers & it being Sunday I cannot conveniently get the Medical certificates, but will bring them with me. I purpose bringing my Husband to the Retreat either on Tuesday or Wednesday Evening as I can best manage. I sincerely trust & indeed have no doubt, that he will have every comfort

as he has been accostomed to it in his own house, with the best society; any other arrangement that may be necessary I can make when I see you.

I am dear Sir

Yours obt

Mary Adshead

Haverhill Decr 14/50
Wright Elizth E

Dr Sir)

The enclosed is a Note, which, I shall feel obliged, by your allowing, My dear Ellington to receive. It is but to relieve any anxiety, he may have on my account.

I have been very careful not to say any thing that can injure him. but I have left it open for your inspection, if you think proper

Please to close the seal
of the Envelope before it
is presented to him —
A few lines from you, when
at your convenience will
be very acceptable and
allow me to subscribe myself

Yours respectfully
Eliz^th Ell^n Wright

for asking is, that when at York she mentioned to me having been subjected to some kind of watery treatment which she much disapproved of — I could not make much out of her meaning, but supposed it might be something in connection with her bathing. I found she also mentioned the same thing to Mother. I believe I forgot to name it to thee when present, or to enquire what her meaning could be.

With love to self, sister, & your little flock

I remain thy affecte Bro.
Chs: Kitchin

Kitching Chs
Haverhill
12 Mo 1. 1850

My dear Brother,

. . . . Were I to tell thee that it is seven weeks or more since was at York it might perhaps be some information as to time, but when I add that during this interval I have not received a line from thee respecting the state of my poor Fanny it will be only telling thee what thou already knowns, conse-

quently no news. From thy silence I expect I may infer that thou hast nothing fresh to communicate as to her state, but if it be only a repetition of the sad intelligence, that there is no improvement, it is nevertheless a satisfaction to hear something. May I therefore ask thee to favor me with a few lines of information on this melancholy subject. From the deeply-diseased state in which I saw her when last at York, I am not looking for much if any amendment. I then thought her in a deplorable condition, & shall not soon forget, the painful parting scene.

I herewith enclose her a note which, please present to her, tho' I know not whether she be in a state to feel any interest in hearing from me. Does she ever enquire about me, or our dear child? The latter is now at Penketh School, where I hope she is very comfortable, & from her own ate, "happy" – this change strust will be a great advantage to her – tho' the distance is greater than I like, & her absence occasions me to be sufficiently lonely, but this I suppose I must submit to with what patience I can muster –

Has Fanny been accustomed to the use of a bath? My reason

Nottingham 12th mo. 17th
Payne Hy 1850

My dear Friend

Our Robert has written to say that the Ginger beer does not very well agree with him; and as he suffered severely from an obstruction of the Bowels, some time ago, which we thought was occasioned by the use of Ginger bar, I have thought it necessary to apprize thee thereof. He says he is weaker and has

lost 6 lbs in weight. This being the case we shall feel very much obliged to them to allow him a glass of ale, instead of the ginger beer, 2 or 3 times daily, and hoping to hear a more favorable account of him I remain my sincere friend

Henry Payne.

P.S. We received Roberts last letter this morning.

Leeds 24th/12/50

Respected Friend Saunderson H. P.

John Kitching

As I intend being in York tomorrow about Noon for the purpose of seeing my dear Sister – I thought it would be well just to drop a line to thee thinking thou would inform her that myself & Wife are coming to see her – I sincerely hope we may find her much better –

I am thine truly

H. P. Saunderson

P.S. If by chance thou should see Uncle John Saunderson, please name to him I should much like to see him as I fancy he may be at the 2 M.

Clevedon 12 Mo 5th 1850
(Duncan House)

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching

Thy Letter of the 2nd Inst. with its enclosure was forwarded to me at this place, where we have been staying for a few Weeks on account of Health — The Printed Paper is herewith returned having been previously filled up in the best way that it was in our Power to do; furnishing you with a pretty full history of my Poor Son's case. Thou will readily perceive that the chief cause of his first plunge took its origin at the large School for Poor Boys in Bristol, under the care of Friends — To this establishment, & line of life, Frat. was almost incessantly devoted; quite beyond prudence & against the judgment of his best friends. Whilst thus circumstanced, some decided imprudencies occurred; which brought Frat. into collision with the Committee appointed by the Mo Meeting, & terminated in the resignation of his appointment as Superintendent; which, together with some misconduct

on his part towards some of the Boys, — had an over-
-whelming effect on his Mind (his Bodily-powers previously being
also greatly overstrained) — Perhaps I hardly need hint
to thee the extremely unpleasant effect of anything amiss
in the conduct of the Head of an establishment where
there was not less than 500 Boys — Such was the effect
on my poor Son, that I was obliged to have him watch'd
till he could be safely removed from Bristol. — He was very
much liked by the lower Class, & by very many young
people who had been more or less under his notice & care.
Yet thou must see the probable ill effects of his
return to Bristol; — fully anticipated by his best
friends. Now however his Mind was elevated beyond
measure, thro' the imprudence of kindly-disposed
& attached friends; — but who were only partially
acquainted with the case as it stood 2 years ago.
I am fully of the Opinion that there is no human
probability of Fs' Mind ever remaining free from
hurtful excitement & delusion, unless he keeps entirely
clear of Bristol — From thy remark respecting
the weekly payment, I am inclined to conclude that
our frd Jos: Eaton omitted to forward to thee certain particulars
furnished to him 11/25" — (a duplicate of wch I purpose enclosing)
By those memorandums thou will observe "The case is

"Not one which will require any particular personal
"indulgences; — & his fr.ds would not incur needless
"expense; but at the same time desire to meet his full
"Cost to the Institution" — This is just the state of
the case — Fr's habits were always common & rather rustic;
& are probably more so from his 12 mos. tarriance in Amer-
-ica — He has been one way or another, a great expense
to me — I expect some of his Clothing will be sent
to thy care from Cheltenham, where he had been
visiting — Thou wilt be kind enough to get him a
suitable common Hat & anything else necessary —
I hope & trust you will have but little serious
difficulty with Fra.s — A watchful care will be necessary
as he is pretty adroit & cunning
I shall be glad to hear from thee
when suitable — Perhaps it will hardly be prudent
for me to send a message of Love just yet — We much
want to hear of him — Thy Sincere Fr.d
Henry Hunt

I may just mention that
Our fr.d Jos: Rowntree is pretty well acquainted with
the case of my poor Son & might afford thee some
useful information for thy government
H H

Cleveda, 12/5/50
Hunt Hy.

Poole 12th Mo: 10th — 1850

Davies Martha

Respected Friend

I am sorry to be obliged to be thus troublesome to Thee, but the disappointment of not going at once and the suspense since, has operated so unfavourable on our friend that we really fear the consequences — Is it not possible for you to make some arrangement to receive him at once in the best way you can leaving better arrangements to the first opportunity? She is so peculiarly circumstanced at home that he cannot there, have proper care extended over him, Anxiously waiting thy reply

I am respectfully
thy friend
Martha Davies

John Kitching.
Surgeon to the Retreat
York.

Nottingham
12th mo: 14th
1850

Respected Friend
A Payne

Our Robert has written to his Mother and earnestly requests to be allowed some beer which ~~has~~ we thought he had been permitted to have. He says from wanting it, he is thinner, and his health not so good. as I am writing to Willm. Wood, I enclose his note to them to say

that we shall feel obliged to thee to let him have some indulgence in his request should there be no serious objection to it. Mary wishes to love and requests me to say that it would give us great satisfaction to receive a few lines from thee especially should thou be able to communicate to us favorable intelligence respecting our dear son whom we are anxious should have every comfort. Feeling obliged to thee for thy kindness and good care from Richard I remain

thy sincere friend

Henry Bayer.

Folkstone 12th mo 13th
Marsh Rd 1850

Esteemed Friend

I write to enquire if the case of Ann Elgars relative to the charge for wine has ever been brought before the Committee yet. I hope not be though impatient, and should not have written now but the Releiving Officer called the other day for his receipt, and if the matter has not yet claimed the attention of the committee, thou wouldst perhaps send me the receipts

that I may forward them as usual. With kind regards beleive me thy

Friend

Richd. Marsh

32 Lowndes St London

27/12/50

Miller D.

Respected Friend

John Kitchenq

I have received the enclosed Printed form from the friends Provident Institution which must be filled up by the Medical attendant; If thou wilt kindly do it and forward it to B Ecroyd Bradford thou wilt much oblige thy friend sincerely D Miller

(for Martha Burns)

P.S. It will be needfull that the burial register of George Burns should be sent also.

Alvrinham Decr 31/50

Dear Sir Adshead Mary

I received your note this morning, & am sorry that I shall be obliged to bring my Husband on Wednesday, as his Uncle is coming from Liverpool on purpose to accompany us & cannot remain till Thursday, but as I shall remain at York all night we can if you wish await your return, I will endeavour to answer the questions as correctly as possibly

I am Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Mary Adshead

Fence Hs 12/6/50
Roberts Elizr

Mrs & The Misses Roberts's
complis to Dr Ketching, and
will feel obliged by him
informing them how Mrs
Stansfield, is in health,
and also in her mental
condition. Please to be
candid, as they do not
flatter themselves with

the expectation of her recovery, neither with much improvement, but wish to be prepared for the worst, and at any future time, if their should be a change, delay as little time as possible in acquainting Mrs F., as the distance is too far to see her often.

Fence House,

Decr 6th

Prested Hall
Kelvedon 12/29/50
Hills Strat

Esteemed Friend
John Kitching.

I have delayed writing hoping to have been able to leave home ere this to have pd. a visit to the Institution but my engagements preventing me I herewith forward thee a letter of Credit for the Amt. of my Farm Cousins salary for Board &c I wish thee to inform him the reason of my not-writing has been as stated above but will very shortly write him ~~but~~ hope he will not delay writing me whenever he feels inclined. I have

seen his letter addressed to Thos Gopsill which did not appear to us to show any improvement which is very trying —

I have understood that either Wm or Henry Marriage of Broomfield is likely to be at York ere long and wish much to see Cousin D.B. I hope he will see him ~~and that~~ his ~~visit~~ report will have a great influence upon the minds of Friends & others in the immediate neighbourhood of my ac Cousin. and therefore I hope he may be informed of his real situation —

I thought it best to give thee this information — & shall be glad to hear from thee & my ac Cousin and hope the time is not far distant —

when I shall be able to pay you the visit — I have had so long in prospect —

With ac love to my Cousin and a share for thyself

I remain

Thy Affec Friend

J Mat Hellis

Haverhill Dec.r 26. 1850

Wright Eliz.th E

Dear Sir

On receiving your Note this Morning, I was much dis-appointed, to find that my dear husband, had not received my note. as I feel sure that the few lines it contained would have been a comfort to him if he would have accepted it — but as he refused it through the manner it

was conveyed to him
I have been thinking
if you would kindly allow
me to enclose the same
Note, exactly as it was
when you inspected it.
without adding, or altering
one letter, except the date
in another envelope &
direct it to him, thro' the
Post. I have no doubt
he would gladly receive it
If you will allow me
this privilege I shall
feel it a very great favor
awaiting Your reply, allow
at your earliest convenience
me to subscribe myself
Most Respectfully
Eliz^th Ell^n Wright

Nottingham 12.mo 8.th 1850

Jayne J.

Respected Friend,

As we intend
shortly to send our dear
Robert a small hamper
I now write to request
that thou will allow
him to open it himself.
-self. I shall not put
his name on the outside
direction, but a cross
in one corner by which
thou mayst know
who it is intended for.

When thou hast leisure
it would be very satis-
factory to us to receive
a few lines from thee
giving us some account
of the health &c of your
poor dear Son.

With much respect

I remain

Thy sincere Friend

Frances Payne

Please to give the
inclosed note to Robert
Payne.

Lyons Hall
7 Dec 13 1850

Harrison Esq

Dear Sir

I beg you will be kind enough to hand the enclosed to my Cousin D Richardson and if you would do me the favor to inform me

of the state
of his health &
I should feel extremely
obliged —

Yours Truly

F. Carrisser

To Mr J Hutchings