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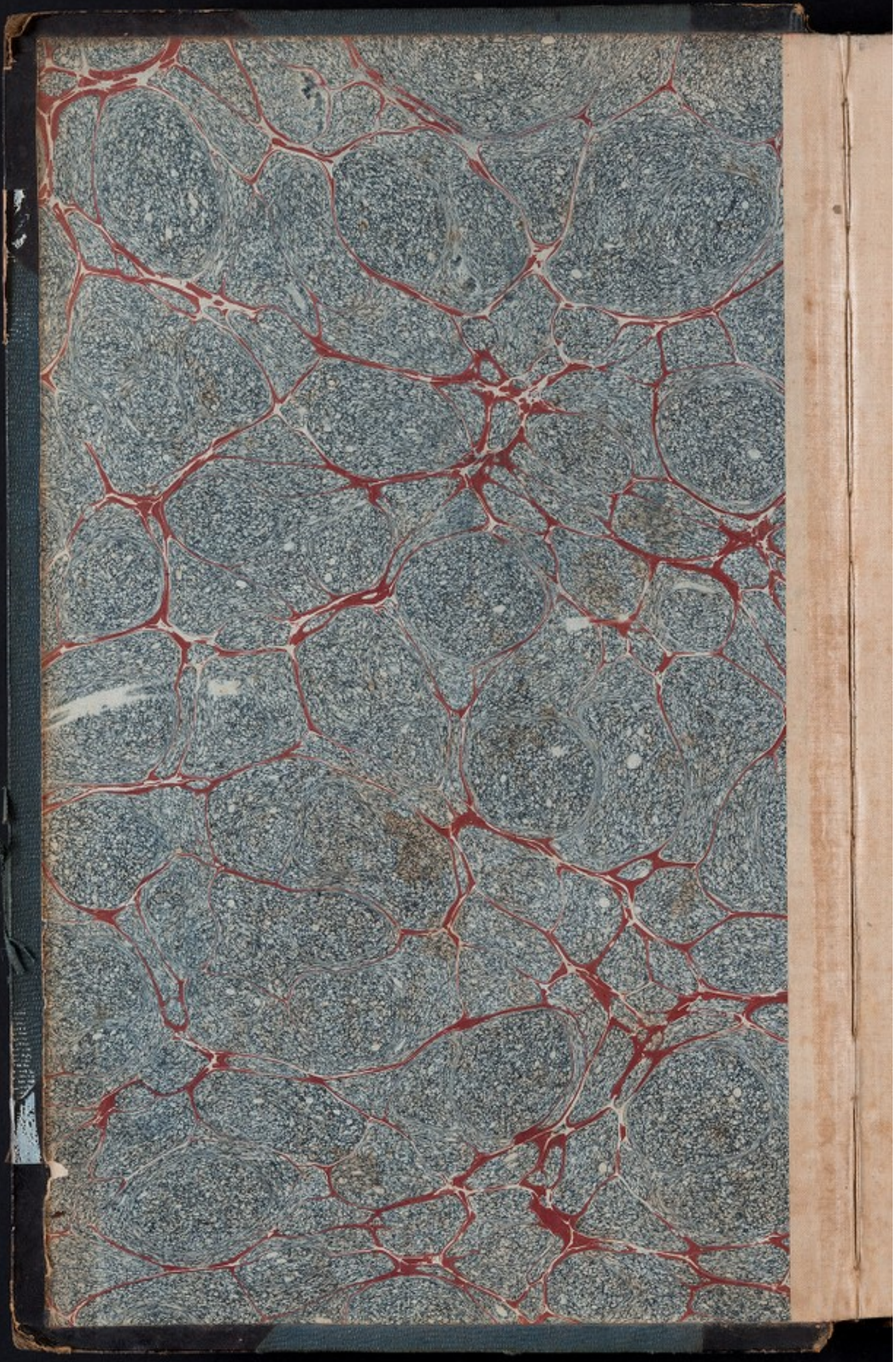
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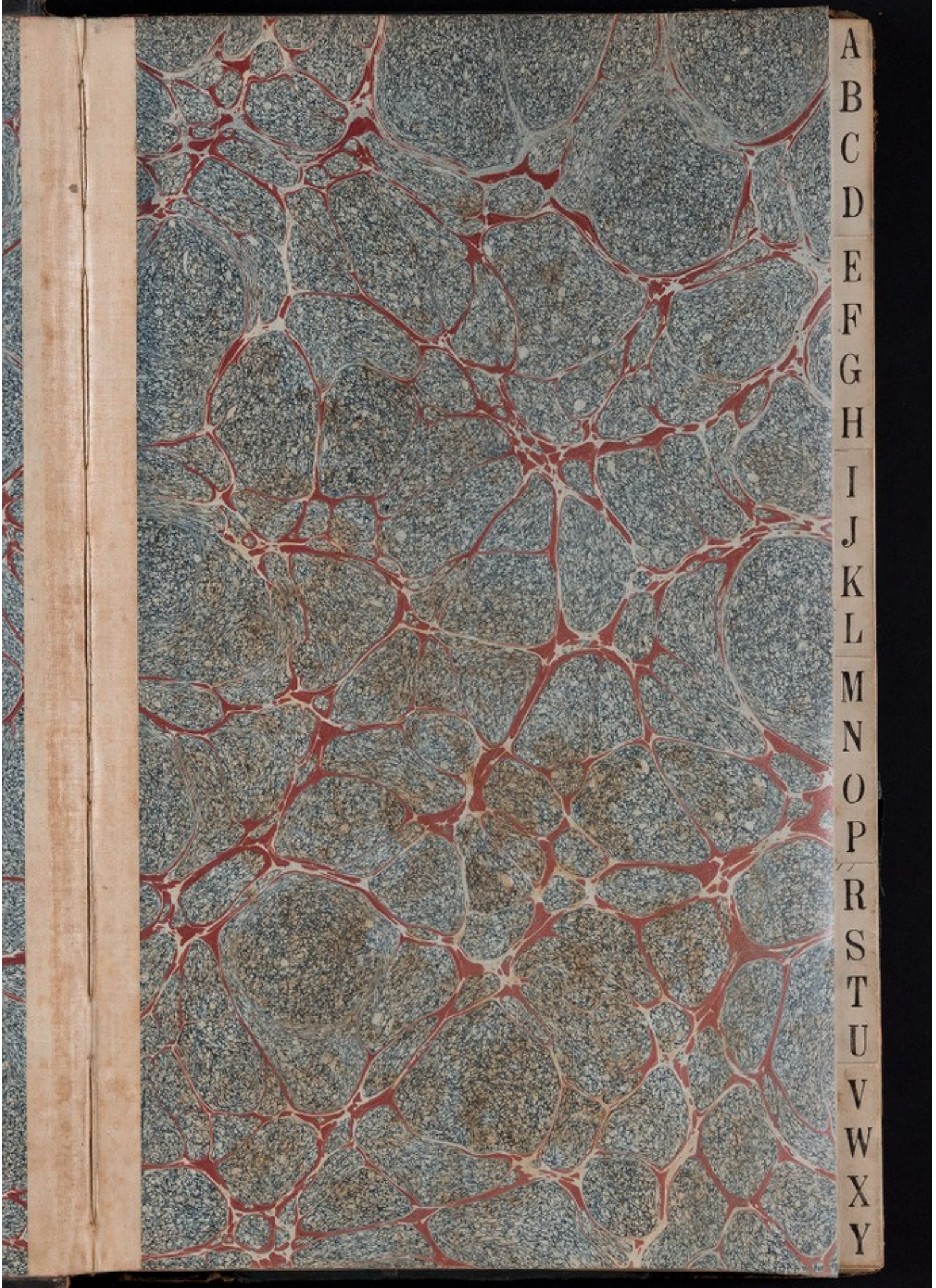
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2441 **John McDowall.** Admitted 21st April 1881.

Male age 66: Married: Labourer: Presbyterian: Thornhill: About a fortnight insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment: Duration of existing attack - a fortnight: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic nor suicidal: A little Dangerous: Chargeable to Morton Parish: Nearest relative - Janet McDowall, 18 New Street, Thornhill.

20 April 1881 Thomas Davidson, M.B. & C.M. Thornhill. 1. Delusions & hallucinations, Sleeplessness, tendency to cry and talk nonsense - such as sailing ships, &c. Constipation of bowels, dry skin & furred tongue. 2. Violent conduct, viz, throttling his wife on three occasions, getting out of bed & wishing to go to the street in a naked state, rolling up the blanket, sheets &c and lying naked.

20 April 1881 Thomas Boyle Grierson, Thornhill. 1. Ideas confused & mixed up with some delusions, has little idea of time, forgetful, does not at times know his friends and relations; a sheet of white paper being given to him he believed it was printed and professed to read from it incoherent passages. 2. His wife and his daughter state that he is very restless and that he seldom sleeps, that he believed the house was on fire, that he cannot guide himself when out of bed, that he has been at times difficult to restrain.

The man must be much older than is stated in his admission papers - he has the appearance of Premature senile decay - how such a helpless old Creature could be proudly Considered dangerous it is not easy to say - He is thoroughly doited - feeble in body & mind - awkward in his habits he walks Quite on the flat - he always is under the impression that he is dying & "far awa" when he says in a whining voice. Sometimes he says he is only 27 Years of age, & other times that he knows how old he is - He has not moved for a month.

5th Oct 81 John McDowall has undergone Considerable improvement in his physical health also mentally he is less complaining than he was on admission

31st March 82 Improvement has Continued to take place in this Case and he now sometimes goes out a little in the gallery: he is much better both mentally & physically. By the account of the Keeper of Ward he has been a troublesome, com-

Claiming Pauper all his days

June 1st 1882. Improvement in this case has continued to take place.

oct 9th 82 John Mc Dowall Continues in the same improved Condition: he assists with the Other patients and is as useful as his strength will permit

Jany 31st 83 John Mc Dowall is to day discharged Relieved: he was removed by Minute of Morton Parochial Board.

2442 **Thomas Houston**, Admitted 23rd April 1881.

Male age 19: Single: General Labourer: Protestant: Barnkin Cottages: Parochial Board Office, Dumfries: Not known how long insane: First attack: Not previously under treatment: Duration of existing attack - a few days: Cause not known: Not Epileptic nor Dangerous: Suicidal: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 23rd April 1881. Barbara Houston, mother, resides at Barnkin Cottages. Has an uncle a patient in the R.C. Asylum.

23 April 1881. William Marshall, M.D., Dumfries. 1. Looks vacant or imbecile and unconscious of the meaning of most questions put to him. So unwilling to stay in any fixed restraint. 2. His mother states that he is continually threatening to destroy himself, roams about at night &c

23 April 1881. Gerald Fitzgerald Thomas, L.R.C.P.S. Edin., 11 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Vacant expression of face; purposeless, restless movements of hands and feet; does not know his age; returns silly answers to questions; has erroneous ideas of law and police. 2. His mother states very variable in temper; threatens to destroy himself; thinks people are going to shoot him; is in a state of constant unrest, and rambles in his talk.

This patient has all the appearance of being an imbecile - little anything can be elicited in the way of conversation he answers any questions by a good natured but very weakminded smile & laugh. He has been sent to well as the parents probably he was never capable & much in the way of education as well.

6th Sept 82 This Patient is the same vacant minded imbecile: there has been no mental phase of any importance in his case

6th march 82 J. Houston has lately been working in the Crichton tunnel Kitchen assisting the Cellarman &c

9th Oct 82 This patient remains unchanged.

17th March 83 J. Houston is sometimes very difficult to settle and resists steadily.

19th April 83 H. is today discharged Relieved by minute of Dumfries Parochial Board

2443 **Elizabeth Gilmour**, Admitted 25th April 1881.
Female age 57: Single: Field Labour and Pauper: Protestant: Cairnryan: About a month insane: Not first attack: Previously under treatment in S.C. Asylum: One month-duration of present attack: Causes not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Inch Parish since 23rd April 1881: Nearest known relative - Robert Gilmour, Cairnryan.

23rd April 1881 William Mc Neill, M.D. Vc. Stranraer. 1. She is restless and has a wild, excited look; says the world is leaving her; told me that men whirled her about in bed at night, that she was spun about like a peerie &c. 2. Her brother, Robert Gilmour, says, she never rests at night; jumps out of bed; rushes into the street in her night dress; says she fears something dreadful is going to happen to her, occasionally wanders & raves incoherently. Her neighbours corroborate this.

23 April 1881 Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Stranraer. 1. Has an excited appearance and talks incoherently; she informed me that there was a great opening in her head which was done by her nurse. says the world was leaving her, &c. 2. Her nurse, Elizabeth Girvan, says she is very restless at night, often wanting to get to the street in her night dress &c: one day in her excited state attacked her with a brush. She says, she wants poison to kill herself with &c.

This patient is thin, meagre ill nourished looking — she suffers from delusions such as that there is no passage down to her stomach hence she appeals to endeavour to take food and she is apt to require forcible feeding.
She seems to be very depressed — melancholy — wishes me to cut her throat.
There is however great want of knowledge & an evident weakness of intellect which possibly may have been congenital — most probably so.

16th July 81 This patient continues to be weak, depressed & complaining she frequently asks me to cut her throat with. There is no prospect of improvement in her condition.

8th Nov 81 This patient died to-day of Phthisis Pulmonalis. She has for some time been losing strength & emaciating from lung disease.

2444 **Sarah Geddes or Coyle.** Admitted 25th April 1881.
Age 23: Married: Dairymaid: Protestant: Townhead Cothouse: Ten days insane: First Attack: Supposed cause – childbed: Not Epileptic: Suicidal & Dangerous: Chargeable to Girthon Parish since 24th April 1881. Peter Coyle, husband.

24 April 1881 J. Nichol Cox, Surgeon, Gatehouse of Fleet. 1. Has been very violent for 10 days, and required constant watching to prevent her taking away her life: has attempted to cut her throat and drown herself. 2. Has attempted to take away her own life also that of her child.

24 April 1881 William Johnstone, M.D. Kirkcudbright. 1. That she is quite outrageous and maniacal, &c. 2. That she has attempted to commit suicide on three different occasions, &c

Yhis patient was admitted with a strong suicidal
history & for some time was watched both by night
and day – she was also apt to be violent
June 8th 81 Considerable improvement has taken place
in this Case – there is much less melancholy
& she is beginning to do a little knitting.

Augt 8th 1881. Mrs Coyle has continued to improve: she
is now removed to a Convalescent Gallery,
and does a good deal of work: there is
however a persistent tendency to run –
away

31st Oct 81 Mrs Coyle was to day discharged Recovered: she
has settled down much since the date of last
entry.

2445 **John Stubbs** - Admitted 30th April 1881.

Male age 45: Single: Collier: Presbyterian: Rowanburn, Cannonbie: Two months insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 26 years: In Dr. Co. Asylum in 1861.: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Cannonbie Parish since 29th April 1881. Margaret Brockbank, Rowanburn, Cannonbie, Mother -: None of family known to have been insane.

29th April 1881. James Rae Anderson, M.D. Eskbank, Cannonbie. 1. Sometimes he is very morose and sad, at other times he is incoherent, gets into gusts of passion, and looks very dangerous. His demeanour and expression of countenance are those of an insane person. 2. His mother & Sister say they are positively afraid of him, are in perfect terror of their lives and John and Mrs Thomson, next door neighbours, express the same sentiments. They all say his dispositions are changed, and that he has attempted to commit crime frequently.

30th April 1881. William Johnstone Carlyle, M.D. Langholm. 1. His mind is not in a healthy state, and his power of self control much impaired; he has a vacant and meaningless look. Occasionly great incoherence with various morbid delusions. 2. Evinces great dislike to his mother & sister, and has threatened them violence; he has made indecent attempts upon his mother and sister and little children - Communicated by his sister and John Thomson.

This is a recurrent Case: J.S. known is probably a man of weak intellect. When brought to the asylum his symptoms [illegible] of Chief manifested against & among his nearest Relatives -

He does a little work daily

3rd Sept 81 This is Little Change in this Case: he is apathetic and of weak intellect.

March 10th 82 John Stubbs has gained flesh & now is quite stout: he does a little work

Oct 9th 82 No further Change in this Case

June 9th 83 J.S. is to-day discharged Relieved on the authority of a minute of Cannonbie Parochial Board.

2446 **Mary Carter** - Admitted 2nd May 1881.
Female, 56 years: Single: Protestant: Always at Jongland: A week insane. Second Attack: Age on first Attack: In S. C. Asylum for 15 weeks from 18th April 1867: Duration of existing attack - a week. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Jongland Parish since 1st May 1881. John Carter, Jongland, Son: None of family known to have been insane.

1 May 1881. Wm Swanston Spence Reid, M.B. & C.M. Oakley, Kirkcudbright. 1. Intensely melancholy views of her present condition, loss of sleep &c. 2. Great depression of mind and a constant anxiety about her surroundings; a wish to be placed under restraint. Communicated to me by Mrs Muat, Jongland

30 April 1881. Wm Johnstone, M.D. Kirkcudbright. 1. That she is in a low, depressed, and melancholy state - sleepless, with want of appetite &c. 2. That she has a strong desire to be placed in an asylum.

She appears to be a case of almost pure melancholia; there is some sleeplessness - a drowsy sympathy such as is usual in similar cases, perhaps causes her to exaggerate her condition - strange to say she deems to plan herself under the protection of an asylum - She think that she can do nothing for herself in her state while in reality she is capable of doing a considerable amt of work.

Augt 8th 81. Mary Carter is as described above

January 5th 82. This patient continues to make some progress she has however lately been much troubled with boils for which she has been confined to bed and which have impaired her general health

March 11th 82. This case has gone unfavourably: she has probably never been a woman of great intelligence but she is now in a condition in which it is right that she should have a trial: she was accordingly to day discharged Recovered and was removed by Mr Jno: Hunter Inspector of Jongland Parish in a Cab. It appears that the patient's natural son with whom she formerly lived has married so that may have a prejudicial effect on the patient's mental condition as I understand from the ex-

- spoke that she was not under the influence of
~~Intoxicated~~.

~~June 1st 1888. His patient~~

2447 **Jane Burns, Gordon, or Glen** – Admitted 2nd May 1881.
Female age 42: Widow: Pauper: Protestant: King Street, Stranraer: Found & Ex[d] in Kirkcudbright St. Stranraer: Not first Attack: Age on first Attack – unknown: Previously in S.C. Asylum: Duration of Existing Attack – unknown: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous. Chargeable to Mochrum Parish for 11 months past. Jane McDougall or Morland[Lang], Aunt.

2 May 1881. David Easton, M.D. Stranraer. 1. She is constantly talking in an incoherent manner, sometimes varies it by cursing, swearing & singing obscene songs. She has a wild appearance, her eyes she constantly rolls about. She labours under a great variety of delusions, says that every person is against her, all planning to kill her, and that they have informed upon her for poisoning her mother &c. 2. James Mc. Meekan, Constable, says, that she is constantly uttering in a loud and threatening way obscene language, swearing, cursing & singing; that at times she get quite outrageous, requiring restraint &c. Maggie Glen, her daughter says her mother has taken an ill will at her, that she dare not go near her, She screams and swears at her whenever she sees her; that she says poison is put into her food; that she does not rest but is always rambling in her talk &c.

2 May 1881. Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Edin[r] Stranraer. 1. Has a very excited appearance, cursing and singing alternately, says last night she had a fine nights dancing with an old man, took a book and a little paper box from her breast and tore them in peaces; continually talking great nonsense. 2. James Mc. Meekan, Constable, who is taking charge of her says, she is never at rest, laughing, singing & swearing in turn, at times getting so outrageous that it is scarcely possible to keep her to her room.

This is a case of recurrent mania which has been removed under treatment in the Asylum & which rapidly recovers after admission

June 8[th] 81 Mrs Glen is now rapidly recovering from the excitement resulting from her maniacal Condition when she first came & is getting quiet & orderly. She however has some weeks to elapse in a quiet way before recovery

Oct: 31[st] 81 This patient is today discharged Recovered.

2448 **Margaret Clark** – Admitted 9th May 1881.
Female age 49: Single: Agricultural Labourer: Protestant: Kirkinner Village: About 4 days insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 43. Previously in S.C. Asylum: Duration of existing attack-4 days: Cannot say cause: Not known if Epileptic or Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkinner parish since 29th March 1875. Sarah Clark, Isle of Whithorn, sister. Mother insane.

7 May 1881 Charles Mc. Bride, M.D. Wigtown, 1. Has a dejected appearance, refused to shew her tongue. Answered in monosyllables and occasionally would not answer at all; said that God had to do with her going out this morning. 2. Fanny Mitchell says that she has not taken food for the last two days; she ran down the village this morning almost naked.

7 May 1881 William Anderson, M.B. & C.M., Whithorn. 1. I cannot entice her as a rule to answer the most simple questions; her looks are very peculiar. Saw her wandering about the village street in a very aimless manner. 2. Fanny Mitchell of Kirkinner Village tells me she was down the street this morning nearly nude, & that she stripped entirely naked in the common stair when she arrived home.

The case appears to be hereditary – as soon as she returned to the asylum there is manifest steady improvement which is chiefly but on returning to the external world when she has to work for a livelihood & is liable Cases fr.

June 3rd 81 Mary Clark works every day in the Laundry & conducts herself properly

6th Nov. 81 This is stated to be now in this case: occasionally she complains of slight dyspeptic symptoms & takes no food for a day – but these soon pass off.

May 5th 82 Mary Clark is occasionally passionate but usually comports herself well.

9th Oct 82 No change in this case

March 10th 83 Mary Clark has not been taking her food & she has required feeding with the stomach-pump on two occasions but she has again begun to take her food.

14th August 83. This patient is today discharged Recovered.

2449 **Helen Clark** – Admitted 10th May 1881.

Female age 28: Married: Shepherds Wife: Protestant: Back King St. Castledouglas: About one month insane: Not first Attack: Age on first attack 26: Previously in S. C. Asylum: Duration of existing Attack- one month: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Parish of Buittle since 1879. Robert Clark, Airds of Kells, New galloway – her husband.

9 May 1881 Walter Lorraine, M. D., Castledouglas. 1. She is very reticent and unwilling to answer questions put to her: she sleeps very little, she says she does not know the cause, or is unwilling to state it. 2. The people with whom she lives say that she sleeps none the night through, either talking to herself or holding conversation with people outside the window: she threatnens to be very violent at times: She has been insane before and lately come out of the S. C. Asylum.

9 May 1881 Richard B. Lorraine, M. B., C. M., Castledouglas. 1. She pretended to be asleep and would not answer the questions I put to her at first: she complains of not being able to sleep on account of delusions such as thinking her husband is outside the window to prevent her sleeping. 2. (Faile) the man in whose house she lodges) says she will not lie in bed at night, getting up at all hours and smoking, and has frequent conversations with some people she fancies are in the room. She is very irritable, threatening to strike him sometimes.

We speak diffinitly in the Case of Pauper Patients after they are Cured to obtain for them suitable work and proper Care when they are well as to avert a relapse at any late post time a return of their malady. and this is believed to be a case in point Mrs Clark since her return to the Asylum has been very quiet & orderly

Oct 10th 81 Helen Clark Continues to work at the Laundry: she occasionally suffers from a little excitement.

5th April 82 Mrs Clark frequently suffers from Menorrhagia: She is then Reduced & apt to be irritable

9th Oct 82 This patient continues to be excitable occasionally.

14th April 83 No change to record in this Case

8th Oct 83 Apt to be flighty, irritable and noisy: a very slight irritation upsetting her mental equilibrium. She Continues to work industriously at the Laundry.

23rd September 84 H.C. Thomas no improvement for the preceding year. She is sometimes very violent & is said to have an awful temper. Her general health is fair

2450 **Agnes Henderson or Mc Murdo** – Admitted 13th May 1881

Female age 44: Married: Housekeeper: Protestant: 10 Queen Street: A few days insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment: Cause unknown: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 13th May 1881. William Mc Murdo, her husband, resides at 10 Queen St, Dumfries. had a daughter imbecile.

13 May 1881. John Smith, M.D. &c, 14 Castle St, Dumfries. 1. Her insane appearance, rambling incoherent conversation, & delusions; states that she and her husband are going to be murdered, and that people are constantly watching her through holes in the walls of the house. 2. Her husband informs me that during the last week she has been restless, talking incoherently & had many delusions.

15th May 1881. William Marshall, M.D. &c, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, look wild and insane; rambles in her ideas & remarks, very restless. 2. Her attendant states that she is very restless & excited during the night &c.

Mrs Mc Murdo's case seems to have been one of Delusional Insanity with some melancholic delusions and lethargy.

June 8th 81 At this time Mrs McMurdo is recovering from a physical ailment in which there has been some diarrhoea with temperature. She is now very lethargic & Stuporous deficient in both mental & bodily vigour she has also delusions such as that she has "no bowels" & hence there is some difficulty in inducing her to take her food properly. She thinks that a plan of Murder she put at bed time & a sleeping Draught.

July 28th 1881 Mrs Mc Murdo has improved greatly under Iron Tonic & Port 15 M 3d ter die – the sallow anaemic appearance has in great part disappeared and some natural Cheerfulness has returned. She is to day discharged "Recovered"

2451 **James Flyn.** Admitted 14th May 1881.

Male age 42: Single: Farm Labourer: Protestant: Kirkcowan: 2 Days insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 20: Previously in D. & G. Asylum: Duration of existing attack, 8 days. Cause unknown: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal. Dangerous. Chargeable to Kirkcowan Parish since 11th May 1881. Helen Flyn, his mother, Kirkcowan Village. None of family known to have been insane.

14 May 1881 John Coutts, L.F.P.S.G. Kirkcowan. 1. Great excitement, answering questions in a very impudent manner, singing & swearing alternately. 2. Running about on the street and accosting people much above his rank; he also to day took an open knife & threatened to stab a relation of his own. (William Parker, Newtonstewart.)

14 May 1881 Hugh Cunningham, L.R.C.P. Edin.r 25 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. He has a wild appearance of the countenance, is sullen, and restless. 2. William Parker informs me that he has been under treatment previously, and that yesterday he was running about the streets of Newtonstewart in a very excited manner.

This man suffers from recurrent mania and symptoms of it after he has been for some time in the asylum - In his excited condition his natural impudence & impertinence are exaggerated.

June 3rd 81 Flyn has now settled down to some work and is fairly industrious

19th Sept 81 This patient is to day discharged Recovered

2542 **Robert Innes** Admitted 18th May 1881.

Male age 46: Married: Farmer: Protestant: Kilupottes, St. Mungo Parish: Examined at Lockerbie: Six months insane: First attack: Not previously under treatment: Supposed cause – anxiety about affairs: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Mary Ann Innes, Kilupottes, St. Mungo, Lockerbie, Wife. None of family known to have been insane.

18 May 1881. James Maclachlan, M.B. C.M. Lockerbie. 1. Hallucinations, suicidal impulses. 2. George McDougall, Blacksmith, states that he is very absent & cannot settle to any work & constantly speaking of destroying himself.

18 May 1881. Alexander Dall McDonald, M.D. Dumfries. 1. Has complained to me for six months of despondency & suicidal impulses, which have been gradually increasing, and always afraid he was about to do something wrong. 2. Mr. M'Dougall says that as a neighbour he has noticed a constant despondent condition and a constant fear of wrong doing.

Robert Innes states that he began to ail in the latter end of last October and for more than 2 months he was depressed, very sleepless and anxious about his family.

In January last he became less sleepless, less anxious about his family but when not working he frequently felt impelled to destroy himself by any speedy means. Sometimes in ploughing a field he would say to himself that it was the last time he would cross the field, then he would change his mind and say the next time.

The cause of this he states was his despair at not being able to manage the farm he had taken on which he had invested all his Capital. He also complains of a weight on the head. The suicidal tendency does not appear to have been a mere blind impulse & he recognises that it was due to a morbid Condition of the mind for when his state passes off he no longer viewed matters in the same light at all.

He Consulted Dr. Adam who advised him to put himself under treatment here

In the way of medical treatment 20M
doses of Cannabis Indica Fluctus were tried but
with little benefit. He 3 M. Doses of Liq: Strychnae
under which he showed considerable improve-
-ment - The conclusion of improvement has
not however been continuous.
He has also done a little work in the farm

Augt. 8th 81 This patient continues to complain of occasional
sensations in his head: he has tried Cold baths but
not with much benefit.

Oct: 18th 1881 Robert Jones was today discharged "Relieved"
His case was previously returned to the Procurator-
-Fiscal of Dumfries who declined to take any
steps in the matter

2453 **James Sorbie**, Admitted 23rd May 1881.

Male 53 years: Single: Road Surfaceman: Protestant: Eskdaile Street, Langholm: About 3 weeks insane: First attack: cause not known: Neither Epileptic, suicidal, nor Dangerous. John Sorbie, brother, Roadman, Eskdaile Street, Langholm, with whom James resided. None of family known to have been insane.

17 May 1881. William Johnstone Carlyle, M.D. Langholm. 1. Fits of excitement, occasionally very restless, excessive watchfulness, with various morbid delusions, imagines his friends and neighbours are plotting against him to do him some bodily injury. 2. His sister Margaret and John Sorbie state that he has frequent fits of depression, aberration of feeling towards his friends and neighbours. He sleeps badly and wanders about in a very unsettled State and threaten injury to those he supposes are going to injure him.

18 May 1881. John Gill, M.B. & C.M., Langholm. 1. He told me that he was afraid to go out of doors for fear of his life, and that on three different occasions three different persons had either pointed a gun at him or appeared otherwise by very fierce looks to be intending to take his life, he says he sometimes at night hears guns or cannon fired & rises to look about his room to see if possible who is shooting. 2. John Sorbie, his brother says he has said the same as above to himself several times, & sometimes writes on paper things out of which he can make no sense, and that he thinks all his neighbours are against him.

James Sorbie remains [illegible] demented Condition there is also some oedema of both feet due to weakened Circulation. He is depressed in Spirits [illegible], says little and usually seems rather to avoid people than to court attention. Generally there is a marked amount of want of energy, with some depression.

August 6th 81 Under Digitalis He is gaining Flesh & all in great part of which has been done improvement in his mental Condition. There is now Considerable improvement in the man's mental condition but there is still backing of either bodily or mental Constitution to come & go on.

31st Oct 81 The Patient is today discharged "Recovered". It would appear that he has never been a very sprightly man, & that now he is as well as he has ever been.

2454 **James Stobie** - Admitted 25th May 1881.

Male age 35: Single: Ropemaker: Protestant: 9 Assembly street Not known how long insane: First attack: Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumpies since 25th May 1881. Peter Stobie, Cabinet Maker, 9 Assembly street nearest relative. None of family known to have been insane.

25th May 1881. William Marshall, M.D. &c. Dumpies. 1. Talks incoherently, imagines that his brother's housekeeper & perhaps her brother master, have conspired to poison him. He looks excited and states that he must have redress on several points, immediately. 2. The Superintendant states that the patient has been in this state before and becomes very troublesome by times.

25 May 1881. Gerald Fitz Gerald Thomas, L.R.C.P.S.I. Edin., 14 Castle St. Dumpies. 1. General appearance indicative of insanity - defective memory - violent demeanour: makes rambling senseless statements about endeavours being made to poison him. 2. Inspector states that his (the patients) brother, residing at no 9. Assembly street, Dumpies, has told him that the said James Stobie is subject to similar fits of insanity.

This patient has previously suffered from a similar attack to the present but he was at that time managed by his brother in Glasgow successfully and did not require to be subjected to asylum treatment. By trade a Ropemaker he was said to be an exceedingly industrious man - by retiring to rest - to much to the health of mind besides working during the day he spent the evenings in reading and in making up his books - at his work he employed several men and did a good trade.

Whatever may have been his former temperament he is at present most persistent & obstinate will set rules and regulations at defiance and for contrary to any suggested work. He usually pace up & down with his head turned downward and in a moody manner. His chief morbid idea is that he is being poisoned from some to the time of the stomach & he frequently refuses at his meals & thinks they have been tampered with - then again he supposes that

his bed clothes, socks & drawers have been dirtied
Complains of damp Clammy sweats, vomiting
from this fostering and will insist upon having
newspaper with which to wrap himself at
night when in bed - He also refused to have up his
clothes from this idea. His natural obstinacy
& nature of his delusions are of course against
to bury him but Colleen with loving me.

6th Aug 81 Mr Stokes has undergone some treatment
with Bromide of Potassium with satisfactory
result - He complains less of sleeplessness -
thinks the bad is now all right - he has
also been removed to another Gallery.

22nd Feby 82 This unfortunate man's state of mind is well
shown in the pencil writings attached to this page
he has delusions of persecution about a number
of attendants: thinks that his privates are
interfered with and that some of the patients
do stare through his body - It appears that his
desire is hereditary on the Cen and that his
mother suffered from insanity.

31st March 82 The patient has been Removed to the Special
Gallery and sleeps in a room (single) since which
time his delusions have been less prominent
than formerly.

September 15th 82. Stokes now says that every night persons enter his
bedroom, mesmerize him and give him injections
"back & front" as he says it.

9th Oct 82 This poor man is now much reduced in body
he complains of the same delusions. There is
difficulty in inducing him to take his food properly.

5th March 83 The patient was today discharged 'Not Improved'
at the urgent wish of his friend & himself: he is
in a much debilitated condition but there had
for some time been a lull in the symptoms of
ulcerated ulceration.

2455 **Helen Muir,** Admitted 30th May 1881.

Female age 31. Single: Pauper, no occupation: Protestant: Port St. Annan: insane from birth: Always an Idiot: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Annan Parish since 1st March 1852. Joseph Bell, 45 Rockingham St. Liverpool, Uncle. None of family known to have been insane.

29 May 1881 Thomas Williamson, Surg.r, Church Place, Annan. 1. Her incapacity to understand anything told to her and to do anything for herself.

30 May 1881 Daniel Mackenzie, M. B. & C. M. Annan. 1. I have attended her for some years as a recognized idiot. 2. She has been an idiot from birth.

This patient is a Congenital Idiot of low type: she takes her food herself but requires Careful nursing during the night. She does not speak & produce any articulate sound & her powers of understanding are very limited There is some shortening of one leg with some malformation of the feet which Cause her to walk with a rocking gait.

June 10th 81 There is nothing of interest to mention further than above.

9th Jany 82 This idiot continues to lead a vegetative life: there is no change to record.

Apr. 30th 82 This patient remains as above

9th Oct. 82 Nothing to record in this Case.

24th April 83 H. M's case is not one in which any improvement can be expected: her bodily health is on the whole fairly good.

8th Oct. 83 No change in this Case

2456 *Margaret Carruthers* - Admitted 3rd June 1881.
Female age 31: Widowed: Pauper, formerly Farm Servant: Protestant: Kier Village: Isle cottages, Holywood: about one year insane: Second attack: Age on first attack 30 years: In I.C.A. from 14th June 1880 to 26th March 1881.: Duration of existing attack - a few days: Supposed cause, State of Physical health: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Kier Parish since 23rd Nov. 1872. Thomas Mitchell Park place, Lockerbie. Brother.

3 June 1881 Thomas Logan, M.D. Penpont, Dumfriesshire. 1. States that her relatives with whom she lives refuse to supply her with food, and that they and others are conspiring to defraud her of her furniture and to deprive her of her children. 2. Her brother in law James Wilson informs me that she threatens to commit suicide, that she refuses to take food, and that she was formerly in the asylum.

3 June 1881 John Smith, M.D. 114 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Has delusions; states that lately she has led a very uncomfortable life owing to the people threatening to take her children from her and to deprive her of her furniture and a home. 2. Her brother in law, James Wilson informs me that last night she threatened to commit suicide, that she at times refuses to take food, and that she requires constant watching.

This is the second admission of the patient she having only been discharged on the 26th of March last: Her case is one of Melancholia she states that she is "in perfect torment", that "her mind cannot get resting and is always running on". She complains of a burning sensation in the stomach and a numbness in the head. She does not always appear quite sane on the state of mind but does and tells she sent home when Children about whom she expresses Concern.

April 1st 1881. Mrs Carruthers states that she is annoyed both by day & night by "Dirt" by which she means some kind of fine air which prevents her from sleeping also she feels it during the day time. She was troubled by this same annoyance at home but not to the same extent - She states that she feels it on her chest - - this appears to be a delusion of persecution and she speaks of it in an excited manner. She also states that last Friday the Head D. Mento left her

In Company with the Dining Hall that she was left away in a week — there must be either an hallucination or a Delusion

6th March 82 Mrs Carruthers has recently been not at all well mentally: she has for some time been working fairly satisfactorily in the kitchen but an attack of mental depression has come on and she expresses herself as being tired of life and asks for some poison to put an end to her sufferings

9th Oct 82 This patient is now in better spirits but she Complains of peculiar abdominal sensations 'as though something creeping inside her'

22 April 14th 83 No change to record.

8th Oct 1883 M.C. continues to undergo the same cycle. For a while she appears to be cheerful & she work industriously then comes a turn of mental depression in which she takes to bed and Complains of peculiar abdominal sensations as though there were some Animal in her inside

31 23rd September 84 M.C. has been working for some time past in the kitchen & her mental condition she shows little improvement. Her delusions are not to pronounced.

2457 **James Mc. Naught** — Admitted 11th June 1881.

Male 62: Widower: Letter Carrier: Established Church of Scotland: Holywood Village, Dumfriesshire: 8 days insane: First attack: Cause not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Holywood Parish since 10th June 1881. James Mc. Naught, son, Holywood village: None of family known to have been insane.

10 June 1881 John Smith, M.D. 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. His restless, insane appearance & delusions. Imagines that everything is going wrong with him. Tells me that he has had thought of making away with himself, & that he can scarcely restrain himself from injuring the children. 2. His daughter informs me that he has several times threatened to kill the children.

10 June 1881 William Marshall, M.D. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Seems in a most melancholly state: attributes all his misfortunes to his own imaginary bad deeds; is in great fear for the safety of his soul &c. 2. The Inspector of his parish, Mr. Wilson, states that he had been threatening the lives of his children.

James Mc. Naught was the postmaster at Holywood Village; he enjoyed the reputation of being a steady, industrious and respectable man and is said to have been naturally of a quiet and cheerful disposition.

He stated that 4 years ago he gave up the office of Inspector of Poor and Collector of Cess holding it for a short time and it was noticed that after that he was a little depressed — More Recently, it is stated, that he has had much trouble in his family affairs and besides he has lost a son and his wife by death.

On admission he presented a very sad and down cast appearance; thought that he was ruined that he had created a sinister influence on his friends and that spiritually he was a lost man. Physically he was well nourished a circumstance which rather inclined towards an unfavourable diagnosis; he was a large fatty tumour on the back of the neck and he had a large inguinal hernia

June 25th 81 Mr. Mc. Naught has as yet made no progress whatever. He had a lacrymose

dejected appearance, keeps her head and never speak to anyone unless accosted. She has also unpleasant delusions such as that her body is covered with vermin.

July 28th 81 There is now considerable improvement to record; the natural cheerful disposition of this patient is asserting itself, the cloud of delusion has passed away she takes an intelligent interest in everything around her and reads a good deal. She has been transferred from the Infirmary to the Special Gallery.

29th Aug 18th 1 This patient has continued to improve steadily and is today discharged "Recovered".

2458 John William Paterson - Admitted 11th June 1881.

Register No. 135 Northcadbury Prison No.

NAME.	John W. Paterson	DATE OF COMMITTAL.	16 May 1881
OFFENCE.	Breach of the Peace	DATE OF CONVICTION.	18 May 1881
SENTENCE.	60 days Hard Labour	DISCHARGE.	

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Place of Birth and Age	26 Dalry in Galloway	Complexion	pale
Married or Single	single	Hair	Reddish
Trade or Occupation	Medical Student	Eyes	Grey grey
Residence	Dalry	Build	Slight.
Address of Next of Kin	United Presbyterian Minister Dalry	Shape of Face	Fair
		Height, 5 feet 5 inches	
		Education	good
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John William Paterson - Admitted 11th June 1881.
He is certified as insane by D. William Swanston Spence Reid and D. William Johnstone and a warrant was granted by Sheriff substitute Alexander Nicolson under 34 & 35 Victoria Cap 55 Sec 6. on the petitions of McDonald Reid Governor of Kirkcaldy Prison for his admission into the Asylum.
The accompanying Papers were furnished by the Governor on his admission here viz the statement & description sent with a Prisoner when he is transfered from one Prison to another
This patient was brought to the Asylum handcuffed his sentence is stated to expire on the 17th July but he would legally have to be liberated on the 16th inst. He is a son of the Revd Wm Paterson of Daby and a brother of Professor Paterson - (Hebrew) U.P. College Edinr.
He is stated to have led a wild and negligent life and especially to have been given to drinking - A child has also been illegitimated about him
From boyhood he was sharp and clever - very much given to lying and thus he managed to get rid of Classes and leave them in the lurch.
As a Preacher it is stated that he had a good address and was well liked by his patients.
He has not yet passed any of his Professional Examinations and been attentive to address him to Reform has failed - He stated that his father was rather inclined to be indulgent. - In the month of March of this year he was convicted of a breach of the Peace.
He has been undergoing imprisonment for an assault on his Mother Revd. Paterson then living at Daby & he was charged with a Breach of the Peace & sentenced to 60. days imprisonment with hard labour - It was only 4 days previous to his admission here that he was noticed to be insane.
He appeared to be excited seemed raving - would kick and bite has also "religious thoughts"

sometimes. He talked about wanting to get drink: At dances there is sugar of lead in his milk sometimes he says a Child has been sent to him by a Mrs Cowan and he nurses a pillow. He is apt to break glass. He has not slept for two nights - he took his food well on the day of admission & the night before but for 2 days previous to that he scarcely ate anything.

6 On admission he was in a state of acute mania - restless - he joked about others and declamatory but could not answer questions put to him - rolled his eyes about, ejaculated had had tricky ways was not dangerous but from his restlessness was apt to cause a general melee. He sometimes stated that he felt electricity from head to foot. He would jump round suddenly and he felt someone pulling him - he attitudinised with his hat. Seemed to have unpleasant sensations in his head.

31 June 21st 81 J.W. Paterson Continues to suffer from the same statement described above - Behaved for the first time dressed himself to day - he is showing some tendency to be destructive, to throw

July 1st 81 the patient commencing when engaged in tearing down the radiances fell and struck the right side of his head on the table on which he was standing. the skin was abraded over the ear for 2 hours there was much thickening of the ear with black marks from ecchymosis the ear was very painful to the touch

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5th July 16th 81 J.W. Paterson is to day discharged "Relieved" and: he is still suffering from acute mania - there is also a slight thickening of the right ear-lobe caused as above described.

2459 **Thomas Turner** – Admitted 16th June 1881.

Male 76. Widower; Joiner: Established Church: Kirkpatrick village: Four weeks insane: Second attack: Age on first attack – not known: Previously in S.C. Asylum: Duration of existing attack – 4 weeks: Supposed cause – Operation for cancer: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Mary Turner, sister, Kirkpatrick Durham. None of family known to have been insane.

15 June 1881. John Meggat, M.B., C.M., Kirkpatrick Durham. 1. He is easily excited, when he becomes quite furious: talks incoherently: does not know his neighbours. 2. They can scarcely keep him in bed; never sleeps any without narcotics.

15 June 1881 Walter Lorraine, M.D. Castle Douglas. 1. He talks incoherently and upon subjects of very old date. He mistakes people of his acquaintance for old friends and neighbours. 2. His neighbours say that he has been several times in restraint for insanity, and never sleeps without narcotics.

This Patient was formerly in this asylum many years ago & altho' he had double Haematoma auris which two Mackenzie Shawellen ears still attest he was discharged as a recovery and has for several years worked at his business of a joiner.

The present cause of his present attack appears to have been a operation for Cancer of the penis performed in April last.

The operation was successful as regards the Dr – only a very short stump is left of the organ. For 5 or 6 weeks previous to admission nothing was done to the wound. The operation from its nature had an unfavourable impression on the mind.

He stated that he cannot sleep – he has been treated with draughts; he mutters talks to himself – sings – becomes Cross & swears sometimes Says – he is not dangerous & is not strong enough to be so. There is loss of identity He thinks his father & mother are still living. Sometimes he is not cleanly in his habits He takes his food fairly well & is fed with the spoon.

The Patient was on admission much as described above he usually acts like some

School boy engaged in boyish sports such as play - laughs - nods - winks throws hat
When you turns about & claps his hands - sings
hold of your clothes & pull at them, with a
good humoured mischievous intent - dances
& tries to sing. It continues thus during the
night there is included among the noises
now & again the word Change and he
swears vigorously. He takes his food fairly
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June 28th Thomas Turner remains much as
before described there are as yet no signs
of his settling down - the same laidacious
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Feby 3rd 82 This patient continues to be strange & peculiar
in his ways -

Oct 9th 82 There is perhaps some slight improvement
in this case.

14th April 83 J. T. remains the same playful boyish old
man: he is a merry and good natured as ever
but scarcely so active as formerly. He decents him-
self in all kinds of grotesque ways

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8th Oct 83 T. Turner remains much as usual: his bodily
health has occasionally been impaired from
gastric diseases, sickness &.

2460 **Janet Bryden** – Admitted 16th June 1881.

Female age 26: Single: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Bamburgh House: Found and examined at Steadstone, Mrr: Two days insane: First Attack: 26 years: Never previously under treatment: Supposed cause – Love affair: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: William Bryden, a brother, residing at Ditton, Widnes, Lancashire. Her brother was several times insane.

16 June 1881 John Paterson Lewis, M.D. Dalbeattie: 1. Talked in a most voluble and incoherent manner – swearing profane oaths: danced about the bed and floor of her room in her night Shirt: said she saw a man come down the chimney: was violent in her conduct generally. 2. Her nephew, William Bryden, told me that she last night bit him with her teeth, and knocked about roughly, and threatened to smash things.

16 June 1881. Robert McKerchar, M.B. Dalbeattie. 1. Talks incoherently; is violent; can answer no question rationally; is profane in her language. 2. Has been violent; sleepless; constantly talks about imaginary objects; Her nephew, William Bryden, is my informant.

In this case the predisposing cause is not far to seek as the patients mother was twice or three times in the asylum as a patient. The exciting cause is supposed to be a Love affair; it is stated that she has not been on terms of intimacy with her lover (Wm Thomson) the patient whose case is described on the following page since the new year. There is known that when appearance should at once strike one as indicating the existence of Phthisis Pulm – she is stated to have been "attended for her Chest" but there is no history of Phthisis admitted.

She is stated to have been quite well till last Tuesday (14th inst) when between 8 & 9 pm the attack of mania appeared. It is known stated that she was ill about 18 months ago for a period of about 6 months when she suffered from facial Paralysis for which she was attended by Dr Lewis of Langholm. Also immediately before the attack commences she is said to be thinner. She is stated not to have slept any for the last two days, been very

restless – not destructive but would throw away medicine – She has also had to be fed and would not take her food otherwise.

On admission the patient was a typical Case of Acute Mania marked by great restlessness of body, fragmentary disjointed ejaculations instead of Conversation in fact rather a condition of acute mental delirium. She refused her food and was fed with the Stomach Pump on the day of admission & slept 4½ hours during the night with ½ gr Morph. Hyd.

June 26th-81 Janet Bryden has since admission been fed twice & thrice daily with the Stomach Pump the feeding Consisting of Milk Beef Tea & Unbeaten Eggs. There is an offensive odour to her breath and much purulent matter is Coughed up so that altho a satisfactory Examination of her lungs cannot be made it seems highly probable there is tubercular Consolidation going on softening.

July 7th-81 This patient is now taking her food better only occasionally require forcible feeding. She is still losing flesh and the mental Condition seems to be passing into a condition of Acute dementia.

July 26th-81 Janet Bryden died to day at 7.20 am of Pulmonary Phthisis & the Exhaustion of acute mania. The failure of her strength being Continuous during her illness in spite of the large quantities of nourishment administered & the attempts to conserve the bodily energies by artificial sleep when the natural Cd. not be obtained.

A Post Mortem Examination of the body was made & there were found to be numerous large Cavities & very extensive Consolidation of the upper lobes of both Lungs.

In details see Post Mortem book

2461 **William Thomson** – Admitted 17th June 1881.

Male age 28: Single: Joiner, journeyman: Protestant: Barnbarrock, Colvend: Found and examined at Parton Village: 4 days insane: First Attack: Supposed cause – love: Not Epileptic nor suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Parton Parish since 17th June 1881. John Thomson, Joiner, Parton. Father. None of family known to have been insane.

17 June 1881 Walter Lorraine, M.D. Castledouglas. 1. Talks incoherently – he does not know where he is, and seems to forget the most recent incident. 2. His friends say he talks about spirits hovering about and other matters wholly immaginary.

17 June 1881 Richard B. Lorraine, M.B. & C.M. Castle douglas. 1. He is very restless – thought I was his brother who had come from America – continually talks about a spirit medium and thought I was one – speaks about being divided between two opinions through the influence of spirits. he will not take any medicine – is very obstinate. 2. His father says he is very noisy; wanting to get out of the house; does not believe he is in his fathers house: Two or three days ago he stopped a horse and machine in the public road without any cause.

The supposed Cause of this Patient's illness is "Love" – the affair being with the Patient whose case is described in the preceding two pages.

Wm Thomson is stated to have generally been a temperate & industrious man – he might however occasionally be the worse of Drink.

There were however some mental Symptoms manifested by him 4 years ago. He was quiet & depressed, imagined people were going to hurt him; at that time he was not under asylum treatment he recovered. He is stated to have been very restless at night, to have taken his food but he thought that the medicine given him was Poison.

On admission he had a fairly healthy appearance: A discharge however was noted from his left ear. His thoughts Chiefly seemed to be engaged about mesmerism and he went about trying his mesmeric powers on the different Patients; making the usual Cabalistic movements of "Passes"

without success however. When asked why he ran off with the hose of the only explanation he could give was that he did it "for want of reason" the idea occurred at the time that they might be some masked epileptic possibly. He also admitted that he felt the influences of electricity

June 30th 1881 This patient has undergone some improvement
6 at first there were some signs of his not taking sufficient food – only temporary – the attempts at mesmerism have now ceased and he has made very rapid and satisfactory improvement

22 July 22nd 81 Wm Johnson who is noticed above to have made some progress has scarcely been so well during the last week on this morning he gave up the work which he had willingly undertaken became moody, apathetic and depressed apparently taking little interest in anything; he was also stated by the attendant that he was restless at night.

31 at about 8.50 am this morning when standing in the airing court smoking his pipe suddenly dropped from his mouth and broke on the floor and he fell backwards but was supported by an attendant before he reached the ground he gave a moan as though in pain & some urine was noticed to flow out from the urea extremity of his left trousers.

9 He was carried into the Infirmary & laid down when he was lying on his back the writer was summoned to see him. His eyes were closed & there was

5 some twitching of the eyelids & the attempt to open them forcibly was resisted. The pupils, altho' them imperfectly seen were only slightly dilated: reflex action on them at one time did not respond to tickling & pinching the feet & on however consciousness returned there was some slight response and wincing. The limbs were kept in any position in which they might be placed however whether it might be.

The legs however were not so easily moved

The muscles of the body generally were rigid and when turned to a bed the body was quite rigid. He neither answered nor paid any attention to anything that was said to him seemed to be oblivious of his surroundings and unconscious. Deglutition being apparently suspended. The Breathing was quiet and the Pulse regular.
At 10.45 he opened his eyes and looked dazed answered "no well" to enquiries about his health "Canna mind" if he had his breakfast. He again relapsed at 3 minutes to eleven into the Cataleptic Condition but again emerged from it after being in it about 1 minute even now however if the hand was placed in the upright position it remained and on being asked why it did so the attention being directed to it. He answered he did not know & then placed it again by his side.
He was then got up out of bed and was walked about the room leaning both on the attendant in fact he had almost to be pushed supported. He still looked sleepy said he "was na richt" when interrogated as to the cause he stated it was electricity, which came, some of it from the "walls" of the House, the metal. This electricity he stated was in his body not in the head. He did not acknowledge that it caused any special feeling. He maintained he had been more under its influence since coming to the Asylum than when under the Lunar Rays without. It influenced those around especially those who were in the same apartment. By it the mind was set awaking of the body thro' the feelings — from known his description inclined to be incoherent. On enquiring of him how much the day he remembered he acknowledged that he lost himself after coming down the stairs to breakfast.
At first also he had lost the power of identifying the people around him he thought and Ferguson was the "station-master"—

January 5th 82 The patient has been in a tranquil state since the last entry but has not suffered from a recurrence of the catalepsy: he continues however to be somewhat apathetic, dull & depressed and when interrogated admits the delusions of electricity

25th February 82 The patient has continued to make very satisfactory progress since last entry: he has been working at her trade with the prisoners and was today discharged recovered.

2462 **John Watt** – Admitted 4th July 1881

Male age 63 : widowed : Labourer : Protestant : Stranraer : Wigtownshire Poorhouse : Not known how long insane : First attack : Never before under treatment : Cause not known : Not Epileptic : Suicidal : Doubtful if dangerous : Chargeable to Stranraer parish since 4th July 1881 : Has sons in Glasgow – addresses not known

4 July 1881 David Easton, M.D. Stranraer. 1. He is almost constantly walking up and down the wards, with drooping and unsettled eyes, takes no notice of anyone, frequently mutters to himself; seldom speaks to others: answers questions abruptly, and if contradicted becomes very excited, and answers in a loud and angry voice. Says he is proof against all evil; is dirty in his habits, and void of shame: offered to strip himself naked before me. His eyes assume at times a wild appearance. Says he is lost. 2. Adam Frazer, an inmate of the wards, says, he seldom sleeps, but constantly talks to himself, suddenly he will throw off his shirt, spring out in great terror rush naked up and down the wards & make great efforts to get out: calls for a knife to cut himself open, as the Devil is wanting to take him to hell. Offers great resistence to any of the inmates. He is dirty and void of all shame. Charles Williamson, the Governor corroborates above, & says he has several times caught him in the court quite naked, and making great efforts to escape over the wall; he was very excited and wild looking. Said he was lost. That he is very dirty in his habits, and void of all shame. Takes no notice of what goes on around.

4 July 1881 Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Ed. & L.F.P.S. Glas., Stranraer. 1. Seems as if he could not rest in one position for a moment, always on the move. On asking him why he did such things he answered that his head was confused. Says that the world has gone against him. Not a great time ago he tried to commit suicide by leaping off the pier into the harbour. 2. Charles Williamson governor of the Poorhouse says that at times he take off his clothing and runs about perfectly naked. That in bed at night he mutters and talks to himself. That he is of very dirty habits &c.

This patient admission was persistently wet in his habits, very rude and surly in demeanour & he generally managed to defeat any attempts to examine him physically. His health is impaired and there is a Lateral Curvature of the Spine.

Dec 10th 81 John Watt remains much the same but his habits are somewhat better: There is no change mentally.

Apl 5th 82 This patient remains much the same, moody surly and unsociable.

Oct 13th-82 This patient has been ailing for more than a fortnight. his chief symptoms being anaemia, weakness and constipation. He was confined to bed and ordered Milk, Beeftea, Port wine with enemata & ol. Ric: for the constipation. He died today at 5.45 am. rather suddenly from Syncope of the Heart. He sat up in bed to pass his night commode and died shortly afterwards when lifted into bed.

2463 **Jane Proudfoot or Ross** – Admitted 6th July 1881.

Female: Married: Protestant: Previous place of abode – Glasgow: Found & exd at Hydropathic cottages, Moffat. Two week insane. First attack: Age on first attack 36: Supposed cause, Ovarian: Neither Epileptic, suicidal, nor dangerous: John Proudfoot & Mrs Proudfoot – Father & Mother, Townfoot, Moffat. No member of Family known to have been insane.

5 July 1881 Robert Thomson Forbes, M.B., C.M. Hydropathic Establishment, Moffat. 1. In a very excited state, and states that those around her have attempted to murder her, & that the house is full of murderers. 2. So excited that she can hardly be restrained.

5 July 1881 William Doyly Grange, M.D., C.M. Marifield House, Moffat. 1. Restlessness, and wandering aimlessly about: fancying that people are looking in at the window. 2. Fancying that she is going to be shot &c.

The patient is stated to have had no family. Her usual Disposition is quiet – she reads a deal and although not robust is strong enough to manage her house. It is stated that she sometimes takes hysterical fits in which she is said to be unconscious – to shake all over – she does not converse laugh or cry. These fits often come on at her menstrual times. She is also stated to be often "bilious with bile" & to complain of Flatulence. During these illness she has frequently vomited the food she has taken – she has threatened to hang herself but her friends state that they dont think she would Carry it out – is unwonted to jump out of the window – thinks that her best friends are going to shot her – For 3 nights past she was awake on the 3rd night she did not sleep, being that she was sleepy an hour or so and then started up.

18th July 81 The patient has been treated with a diet of Farinaceous & Vegetable which has been changed to the Animal as the Delirium appears to be at any rate in part reflex. She is still depressed – somewhat obstinate refusing to walk outside. Every now & then she refuses food for a day.

24th July 81 Mrs Ross now again suffers from hallucinations of hearing, thinks that she hears her husband speaking to her in the Story above

Today she maintained that there were 3 gentlemen outside seriously ill - that the corpse of her husband was outside with his head cut off & she shouted out of the window - does under this impression

She has undergone some improvement - sleeps well at night and eats very nowadays

That these delusions appear with excitement

The Bromide of K. seems to be doing her good

5th Oct 81 The patient was discharged today: She was removed from the asylum contrary to the advice of the medical officers

2464 **Lillias Hamilton or McGregor** – Admitted 12th July 1881.
Female age 25 : Married : Kept house : Protestant : Previous place of abode - Kilwinning : Found & exd at Dumfries : 3 days insane : First attack. Never previously under treatment : Supposed cause - nursing child : Not Epileptic : Suicidal : Dangerous. Wm McGregor, husband.

12 July 1881. Gerald Fitzgerald Thomas, L.R.C.P. & S. Edin.r 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Restless demeanour; wild expression; dishevelled hair; constant, rambling purposeless talk; wants to go to spirits; cursing and using bad language; says her husband is the devil. 2. Husband states she has attempted to throw herself from a window & has not shown any signs of reason for last three days.

12 July 1881. Thomas Ferguson, M.B., C.M., 22 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. She is noisy; constantly talking; without any meaning in what she says; talks restless and tosses about; talks of spirits & of the devil having possession of her. Talks in a rambling way of religious matters. 2. By her husband. That she is noisy - night & day, & sleeps little. That she has tried to do herself harm by attempting to leap from a window.

This is a typical case of Acute mania. There is the constant restlessness, during her waking hours with the tendency to be violent on very slight or no provocation, constant talking & frequent swearing with indecency of gesture and conversation. She is frequently noisy during the night and apt to wander about unclad – Her habits are also neglected.

20th July 81 To alleviate the sleeplessness & restlessness & prevent her utmost incessant movement a draught containing Chloral Hyd. grs XVI & Liq Opii Sedat (Battl) M. 20 was given nightly for some time with the result of producing quietness with some sleep for 6 hours or so.

Sept 1st 1881 She has gradually undergone some improvement in mental condition – sleeps much quieter during the night & that without the aid of a draught

Sept 7th 81 Today Mrs McGregor was removed to the Infirmary Gallery as there is some swelling in both feet (oedema) with an appearance of some exhaustion from her severe excitement

Sept 20th 1881 Mrs McGregor has improved considerably in her general health and she has now begun

to do a little work in the way of sewing knitting and Cleaning in the Infirmary. Has a fine mental capacity with many ideas such as that her name is not Mc Gregor

Dec^{r} 16th 81 Mrs Mc Gregor is to day discharged 'Recovered' she has made very Satisfactory Progress since last entry.

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2465 Elizabeth Campbell or Murdoch – Admitted 18th July 1881.
Female: Single: Servant: Protestant: date of admission into Edinburgh Asylum – 19th March 1881: Insane from that date: Supposed to be first attack: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Stranraer parish: No relatives.
Transferred from the Edinburgh Royal Asylum under Sanction of Board of Lunacy, signed by Arthur Mitchell, Commissioner, 9th July 1881.
Date of Sheriff's Order 21st March 1881.

8th July 1881. Thomas Smith Clouston, M.D. certifies, that with respect to her Mental state, she is enfeebled in mind, has delusions, e.g. that a nurse here killed her child, and is at times excited and dangerous. She attacked a nurse here without cause yesterday. And with respect to her bodily health & condition that they are average.

The history of the case is very scanty. The Relatives Refused from Morningside asylum Who Came with the Patient to Dumfries stated that she had suffered from syphilis & had had Extensive Syphilides that she was very dangerous at one time & maniacal – He also stated that she was delivered of a Child in Morningside & hence that her case was a very unpleasant one.

30th July 81 This Patient has been fairly quiet: she has begun to do some sewing work.

25th Dec 81 in the evening of today this patient was heard to scream and when visited was found to be in an apparently half-unconscious condition – on coming to herself she complained of violent headache. It was not easy to say whether the attack was hysterical or of an epileptoid nature – probably the former.

April 18th 82 Eliz: Campbell Continues much the same, works pretty well but has a temper & is inclined to pettishness.

9th Oct. 82: This patient is now working in the Laundry: She is much the same mentally.

1st August 83. Elizabeth Campbell or Murdoch was to-day discharged recovered.

Recovered.

2466 **Robert McCulloch** – Admitted 23rd July 1881.

Male age 30: Single: Gardiner: Protestant: Previous place of abode – Kirkdale: Found and exd at Ravenshall Cottage – Eight years insane: First attack: Age on first attack = 25 years: Previously under treatment at Ravenshall: Supposed cause – gunshot in the head: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: His manner and appearance look dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkmabreck Parish since 19th July 1881. Mary McCulloch or Ireland, Ravenshall Cottage, mother. None of family known to have been insane.

19 July 1881 William Donald Mackeith, M.B., Surgeon, Creetown. 1. Incoherence in speaking; absent expression of countenance; I have observed him doing things which would be considered quite irrational. 2. Has threatened his mother; says he has kept household during last ten years; rises at all hours of night; & his mother is afraid to live with him.

19 July 1881 James Nichd Cox, L.R.C.P.S.Ed. &c. Gatehouse of Fleet. 1. General incoherence in Speech, excited manner, wild & vague expression of eyes. Has frequently had temporary fits of insanity and is evidently getting worse. Have seen him do irrational actions. 2. His mother tell me that she is afraid to live any longer with him on account of his wild and excited manner and actions.

This patient has been a gardener and Postman for the last eight years. He has however done nothing at gardening until the last few months when he has been rising early and doing some work as well employing himself industriously. He is stated that he was naturally a nervous boy, easily excited, very resolute & strong spirited – About 10 years ago he was shot in the head (While leading three or four Spaniels) the ball entering the left temple. He was laid up in the Dumfries Infirmary for a long time. When well he is said to have been an industrious man at his trade and to have been intelligent.

Of late he has been quarrelsome to his mother – has barred the door and threatened her if she stirred from her chair – also said he would have threatened to cut her tongue out – & she said to blind a neighbour. He has refused to take food from any one else.

Of late he has also been doing irrational things – such as digging the sod from his garden to the public Road.

On admission he seemed self-absorbed and preoccupied

There was a constant Chorea twisting of the muscles of her face & Especially one distinctly felt under the Skin some near the Surface

31st July 81 McCulloch has been doing some work of late and he seems honest & good natured — he takes his food well & eagerly and has thus far been quite amenable to discipline

Feby 6th 82 This patient Continues to go on well: the facial Chorea has almost entirely disappeared: he works in the Garden

Oct 9th 82 Robert McCulloch Continues in the close improved Condition: he is wishful to have some occupation in connection with the Asylum.

14th April 83 No change to Record.

8th Oct 1883 R. McC: continues to work industriously in the Garden: an attempt was made Sometime ago to make some arrangement for having him boarded out but his friends at home refused to take him.

2467 **Elizabeth Brown** – Admitted 26th July 1881.

Female age 50: Single: out door worker: Protestant: Portpatrick: Found & exd at Holm Street, Portpatrick: Length of time insane – unknown: Duration of existing attack – eight days: Suicidal: Chargeable to Portpatrick Parish since 21st August 1880. Mary ann Brown, an inmate of Southern counties Asylum, nearest known relative.

23 July 1881 Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. & L.F.P.S. Glasg. Stranraer. 1. She talks in a rambling and incoherent manner. cannot rest but must be continually moving about. Says that her mouth is full of abominable words. Says that she is a dirty, abominable woman. Says from her disturbed state of mind I must get her into some home. 2. Told Mr Mc Bracken that she intends destroying herself. Sarah Gilmour, residing next house informs me that she was standing in the burn at the back of the house dashing the water about, and saying that some one had done wrong and that she would have her revenge upon them. Elizabeth Browns sister is at present in the Southern Counties Asylum, her mother was also mentally deranged.

24 July 1881. William Mc Neil, M.D. Stranraer. 1. She keeps constantly talking and muttering to herself, has delusions about Mr Mc Clew, Divine, who, she says, has injured her, swore violently about this, which is a delusion; Mr Mc Clew being her best friend. Talks incoherently on all subjects. 2. Sarah

24 / Gilmour, a neighbour, says, she is at times quite outrageous and violent, hears her swearing about Mr M'Clew; saw her the other day standing in the burn that runs behind the house throwing the water over her head. Says she wanders out towards the cliffs and threatens to drown herself. Mr Bray, another neighbour, corroborates this.

No satisfactory history of the Case could be elicited from the Friends of Poor the Case both the Patient. The Cause is Mental Anxiety & Constitutional. She having a Sister at present in the Asylum. There is some mental Excitement with Restlessness also with some indications of an erotic tendency.

August 6th 81 This Patient has now become quietly maniacal she walks about in a most excited manner tears off her Clothes, shouts and is really a typical Case of Madness.

Sept 20th 81 Numerous bed sores appeared on this Case having a Lengthy tendency and it is to be feared that the drain on her Constitution from the discharge & Continued mental Excitement will soon be out.

Oct: 3rd 81 Elizabeth Brown died today ~~Sunday~~ at 11.35 pm.

28th January 1882

Smithers Cryties asylum

We hereby acknowledge that we remove James Nicholson entirely on our own responsibility and contrary to the advice of the medical officers of the asylum

Janet Nicholson
Daughter of Patient

John J Renwick
Nephew (by marriage)
of Patient

2468 **James Nicholson** - Admitted 27th July 1881.

Male age 55: Married: Farmer: Protestant: Previous place of abode - Fulton cottage: Found & exd at Fulton & in Dumfries: Ten days insane: First attack: Age on first attack - 55: Never previously under treatment. Supposed cause - death of brother: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Not Chargeable. Mrs Nicholson, Fulton Cottage, Linwald, Wife.

27th July 1881 William Marshall, M.D. &c. Dumfries. 1. Has great despondency, imagines that he has been the cause of destruction to all his people. Is now quite grave and totally silent. 2. His friends state much the same as above.

27 July 1881 Gerald Fitzgerald Thomas. L.R.C.P. &c. Dumfries. 1. General appearance of despondency, refuses to answer any question - takes no notice of surrounding circumstances. 2. Brother says he has attempted self-destruction, on every available opportunity within the past fortnight; and that he is in a continual state of despondency.

~~It is stated~~ That previous to the incoming of ~~the patient's~~ insanity he was noticed to be suffering from some depression - he did not sleep well - The latter died on the 16th April last & I thought that this may have preyed on his mind - He thinks, that he has done everything wrong. - will take his food & some coaxing. Some time ago he had a suppurating knee & cheek then & still some weakness. He would attempt to throw himself out of bed but Dr Marshall maintains that he is not suicidal at all.

On admission the patient refused to speak, seemed demented & lost - bottling. He would not take his food & required patient & coaxing he was very restless during the night 15th. did not keep his bed - He states that he wrote to a lawyer.

20th Dec 1881 Discharged Recovered.

2469 **John Carruthers** – Admitted 29th July 1881.

Male age 60: Single: Minister of the gospel: Protestant: Previous place of abode – Mains Street, Lockerbie. Found and ex^d at same place: Three weeks insane. Fourth attack: Age on first attack – unknown: Previously under treatment in S.C. Asylum: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic; Not Suicidal: Dangerous. Not Chargeable: Nearest known relative – Andrew Mc Intosh, hotel keeper, Lockerby. None of family known to have been insane.

29 July 1881 James Mc Laclachlan, M.D., C.M. Lockerbie. 1. Restless & excited, muttering to himself, & carrying on conversations with imaginary things. 2. Sleeps none, and takes no food, very noisy and violent at times.

29 July 1881 James F. Wilson, L.R.C.S. Edin. Lockerbie. 1. Sleepless nights; wandering up and down the country; low muttering to himself. 2. The subject of oft repeated attacks.

Mr Carruthers has frequently been an inmate of this asylum – he is quiet on admission but is very much given to soliloquising and especially at night when he is noisy enough to disturb the rest of others. – He has some delusions of electricity.

Sept 18th 81 This patient is often very noisy and excited at night: fancies he is "Saul of Tarsus" and declaims at the top of his voice.

Dec 28th 81 Mr Carruthers has undergone much improvement he has now settled down into a quiet inoffensive man as he really is and was discharged today Recovered.

2470 Janet Douglas or Gourlay – Admitted 1st August 1881.
Female age 45: Married: Seamstress: Protestant: Kirkcudbright:
A week insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack – unknown: Duration of existing attack ~~unknown~~ a week: Not epileptic: Not Suicidal: Dangerous. Chargeable to Kirkcudbright Parish since 1st Aug. 1881. Geo. Gourlay, husband.

1 Aug 1881 Wm. Johnstone, M.D. Kirkcudbright. 1. She is subject to various delusions and hallucinations; sleeplessness &c. 2. That she is dangerous to those about her.

1 Aug 1881. Walter S. Campbell, M.B., C.M., Balmaghie. 1. She is constantly roaming about the house, conversing on all kinds of subjects, with imaginary persons, & hears and sees all manner of ridiculous things. 2. Threatens her husbands life with a knife.

The patient has previously been an inmate of this asylum: since her discharge she has been married to a Militia man. She seems to have suffered from want & proper neglect. For several nights she has been wakeful & shouting noisily:
On admission she was in a state of wildly mania – she walked about restlessly shouted, swore and there was something in her appearance indicating that this was not the first time she had been in an asylum
Her language at times was very obscene
She continued her tactics thro' the night & was noisy. On next she took cold and under subcutaneous injections of morphia at night (½/8) she has got plenty of sleep and is much quieter during the day
Aug 18th 81 – This patient has already settled to a little needle work & she has much more control over herself but is still having the subcutaneous morphia
Nov. 3rd – 81 This patient is today discharged Recovered

2471 Janet Smith – Admitted 2nd August 1881.

Female 22 years of age: Single: Millworker: Protestant: 20 Friars Vennel: Three weeks insane: First attack: Cause – fallen in Sickness: Epileptic Not Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 2nd Aug 1881. William Smith, Labourer and Lucy Ballender her parents both residing at 20 Friars Vennel, Dumfries. None of Family known to have been insane.

2 Aug 1881 Gerald Fitz Gerald Thomas, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S. Edin. 14 Castle Street Dumfries. 1. General restlessness of demeanour; sudden changes of temper; defective memory of persons and dates; delusions regarding her child and her father; disconnected expression of speach. 2. Inability to sleep; rises from her bed during the night carrying her child with her; occasional fits of violent passion – has not been reasonable for past fortnight.

2 Aug.st 1881. John Cunningham, M.D. 35. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. She called upon me this morning & talked very incoherently. 2. Was going about the stairs leading to her residence in a nude state – was very restless. Communicated by a sister in law.

This patients father who accompanied her to the Asylum gave the information that she had an illegitimate Child 3 years old. – that she has taken epileptic fits since she was 9 or 10 years old that these fits take place 1o 2o or 3o in a month she complains of pain in the body before the fits come on.
She is said to be inclined to be violent – she takes her food well
on admission she was labouring under Considerable excitement both restlessness & sleeplessness – apt to be violent – there was also a good deal of emotional tendency.

18th May Excitement at times & other times particularly quiet sleeps better.

9th Oct 82 Janet Smith continues to suffer from epileptic insanity she is frequently violent, tries to run away, talks freely and as she possesses a good deal of intelligence she is really a very troublesome case.

23rd July 1883 Patient was to day discharged on Probation for three months.

1st August 1883 She was to day readmitted. On admission her mind was confused and excited.

8th Oct 1883. J.S. is on the whole quieter and more amenable to the regulations of the house than formerly: She is

also more inclined to be industrious

2472 Janet Edgar or Collie, – Admitted 10th August 1881.

Female age 74: Widow: Sawyer's wife: Protestant: Pennersaughs: Found and ex.d at Sunnybrae: Four weeks insane: First attack: Not previously under treatment. Cause unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Rather Dangerous: Chargeable to Middlebie Parish since 8th July 1881: Robert Irving, Sunnybrae, Cousin: None of family known to have been insane.

7 Aug: 1881. James Gilroy, L.F.P.&S. Glas. Waterbeck, Ecclefechan. 1. Great restlessness of demeanour; thinks some person is coming to stick her naked and take her out of her house by force: refuses food: exhibits signs of fear and trepidation to a marked degree without cause. 2. Mrs Green & Mrs Irving (her neighbours) have great difficulty in keeping her in bed at night, or in getting her to accept of any form of nourishment.

8 Aug: 1881. James Barton Gass, L.R.C.P.&S. Edinr, Ecclefechan. 1. Extremely restless: much agitated: thinks she has done something wrong, & often asks what she has done. 2. Mrs Green says she has been twice in her (Mrs G's) house in her night clothes to day, saying, she was frightened for a man coming to take her away: takes little or no food: very sleepless.

This patient was admitted in a state of very feeble health and suffering from melancholia with the delusions above described.

Mrs Collie did not take her food well and was fed per nasum on the 13th inst.

Mrs Collie continued to be fed and died on 21st August 1881 at 11:55 o'clock

2473 **Margaret Lymburn or Broadfoot**—Ad^d 12th Aug: 1881.
Female age 69: Married: Protestant: Monreith village, parish of Glasserton: one months insane: First attack: Cause unknown not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Alexander Broadfoot: Monreith village, Parish of Glasserton, husband. None of family known to have been insane.

12 Aug: 1881. John C. Douglas, M.D. St. Ninians, Whithorn. 1. Says, Satan has possession of her: that her soul is lost: that she is to murder all her children: bites herself: tries to knock her head against the furniture. 2. Elizabeth Broadfoot, her daughter, says she screams for hours: attempts to injure herself: and patient says, she has to do whatever Satan bids her.

15 Aug: 1881 Alexander Thomson, M.D. Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Thinks an evil spirit has possession of her, and is constantly urging her to murder children: general incoherency. 2. Told by Dr Dalgleish resident medical officer, that she was very restless & excited during last night, and talking constantly.

12th Aug^t 81 D^r Douglas Certifies a case of Emergency
The poor old body is suffering from severe melancholea in which she is tormented by the idea that her soul is lost; that it that she will each day resist Satan till the morrow. that she has killed her children. The right hand & part of the wrist (Dorsal surface) is covered by a large epithelioma from which the upper bone necrosed Dates up the arm & which discharges very freely. Glands however appear to be free from disease I cannot therefore enlarge either at the elbow or in the axilla

18th September 1881 To day D^r Catt. Consulting Surgeon at 11 am amputated Mrs Broadfoot right fore arm about the middle by Chassaignac Amputation removing the whole of the Cancerous growth. The arteries radial ulnar interosseal with several muscular & other branches were secured & there was very little loss of blood at the time of the operation. The wound was closed with silver sutures. D^r Balfour Jamieson Glasgow and D^r McDonald Richardson assisted at the operation. On the following night there was an

a considerable oozing from the ~~unsatisfactory~~ unsatisfactory surface that however ceased spontaneously on the following day so that no further interference was required. The wounded surfaces were dressed with Lint soaked in Carbolic Oil and ~~is~~ going well.

30th Sept 1881 There was slight accumulation of pus on the anterior aspect of the cicatrix but on removal of the sutures on the 22nd inst. & ~~puncturing~~ puncturing with Carbolic Oil & Linseed poultice the tension was relieved & the pus escaped & the wound is continuing to undergo satisfactorily the healing process which is being facilitated by dressing with carbolic Oil & Oil Silk.

Dec 28th 81 The arm has undergone the healing process very satisfactorily and is now quite healed: the stump being well covered. Mentally Mrs Broadfoot is depressed but she is not by any means reserved

Jany 30th 82 Mrs Broadfoot was today removed "Not Improved"

2474 Elizabeth campbell or McEwen. – Admitted 19th Augt 1881.
Female age 29 : Married : Roman Catholic : High St Kirkcudbright:
A week insane : Not first attack : Age on first attack-27. Under treatment
in D. & B. Asylum in 1879 : Duration of existing attack – 3 months : Cause
unknown : Not Epileptic : Suicidal : Not Dangerous : Chargeable
to Kirkcudbright Parish since 19th Aug 1881. Peter McEwan, husband.
None of family known to have been insane.

18 Aug: 1881. William Johnstone, M.D. &c, Kirkcudbright. 1. From her
marked melancholic expression : her refusing to answer any
question put to her : as well as refusing all food and drink.
2. That she has not slept for some nights and refuses food and
drink &c.

18 Aug 1881. W. S. S. Reid, M.B., C.M. Oakley, Kirkcudbright. 1. Restlessness
& melancholic expression : She refuses to take food and drink : will
not answer any questions, &c. 2. Want of sleep, and refusal of
all food and drink : Communicated by her husband.

The patient was admitted suffering from melan-
-cholia supra. She sits staring at vacancy without
any apparent meaning in her expression : never
does any thing : will answer no question put
to her and is quite inert. As she refused
her food per oesophagus was fed with the
stomach pump for about a week when she
began to take her food herself.

31st Augt 81 The patient is very dull lethargic apathetic
and devoid of all mental or bodily energy
she has however commenced to day to take her
food herself so that the use of the stomach
pump has been discontinued. Now when she
answers etc merely in monosyllables or in
a whisper.

Decr 14th 81 Mrs McEwan was today removed by her husband
having given very satisfactory answer last entry
and quite emerged from her depressed &
demented condition. She had a slight attack of
Acute Rheumatism. She was discharged "Recovered"

2475 **Janet Adamson or McBurnie,** – Ad. 22nd Aug: 1881.
Female age 66: Married: No occupation: Protestant: Built, Dumfries. Insane a considerable time, only lately dangerous: First serious attack: Supposed cause – religious melancholy: not Epileptic. Suicidal: Dangerous: not chargeable: William McBurnie, husband, 16 Galloway street, Maxwelltown (not residing with the patient). A sister was insane.

22 Aug. 1881 Andrew Lorrimer, M.D. Lauriston, Glencairn. 1. Determined to commit suicide; thinks every person is against her; does not speak a word of sense when conversing with her. 2. She has repeatedly tried to get a hold of knives to destroy herself, communicated by her daughter.

22 Aug. 1881. William Duncan, M.B. & C.M., 33 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Her mental condition is extremely depressed with adequate apparent cause: her answers to questions are incoherent: her memory for days of the week and month is quite gone: she admits mental condition to an extent: that she sometimes is not aware what she is doing. 2. I was told by her attendant that she refused her dinner without cause assigned.

22nd Aug 81. D. Lorimer Certifies a case of Melancholia

She old woman is a case of Senile melancholia; she fancies that she has done a great deal of harm in the world and sometimes thinks that people say that she has been slandering her neighbours & acquaintances. Her mental depression appears to be very intense and there is a great craving for sympathy: during the night she is often restless and talkative

31st Aug 81 There is no improvement visible in the old lady's Condition.

10/6/82. There is no improvement in her mental condition, she is very restless and tries to strike anyone who ventures to approach her. She is at present suffering from bronchitis

Sept 12th 82 This patient died at 9.15 pm. today

2476 **Margaret Hart or Johnstone**, Ad. 22nd Aug. 1881.
Female 55 years: Widow: Housewife: Protestant: 53 M'Neill St. Glasgow: About a months insane: Not first attack: 2 months ago in Smithston Asylum, Greenock. Cause unknown: Not Epileptic: Uncertain if suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Govan Combination meantime since 22nd Augt. 1881.
Son, Timothy Johnstone, Ship Carpenter, Port Glasgow. A sister insane.

19 Aug. 1881 Joseph Hume Menzies, M.D. 173 George Street, Glasgow.
1. Talks in a rambling manner: is very nervous and excited: seems to be very suspicious: imagines people are plotting mischief against her and her family: says this prevents her sleeping: has to watch the house during the night on this account. 2. Her granddaughter states she has been in this state for some weeks; is violent at times: has been in an asylum.

20 Aug 1881 John Barrie, M.D. 3. Royal Bres. Crosshill. 1. So nervous and excited; has delusions: imagines people are conspiring against her and her daughter; filling the house with poisonous vapours &c. 2. Her niece says she has been in this condition for several weeks. Has been in an asylum.

25th Aug/81 D Barrie certifies a case of Emergency
This patient immediately after admission was not amenable to the regulations of the house and when her natural bent came in collision with them was apt to strike hard. She walks about in a pompous style but her delusions are not 'fixed'. She has hallucinations of hearing thinks the patients with whom she is associating talk about herself and her friends

July 1st 82 Mrs Johnstone continues much as stated above.

Oct 9th 82 Mrs Johnstone seems to be quieter and more contented: she is now doing some work

14th April 83 Mitchell: Continues to have hallucinations of hearing which have a marked influence on her demeanour: She has a peculiar habit of waving her hands when troubled by the voices as though to get rid of them.

8th Oct. 83. Patient continues to be quieter: works well at the Laundry

7-1-84 For some time past Mrs Johnstone has not been in her usual health. She has complained of being tired on very slight exertion & her appetite has not been good. More recently she has kept in the Infirmary. She is thin & very pale. She has no appetite & often vomits immediately after taking food. She vomited matter contains much slimy mucus & has a very offensive smell. All the food is ad vomited She has a bad cough & the sputum has also a very bad odour.

9-1-84 Mrs J. is now confined to bed she is considerably weaker & has a severe cough. The retching is very severe at times & the vomit as good as what seems to set up the vomiting.

11-1-84 Weaker today & wonderfully failing fast. It is with the greatest difficulty that 5ss. milk & sherry can be almost forced on her

13-1-84 Mrs J. died this morning at 9-45

2478 **Margaret Kirgan or O'Hara,** – Ad. 31st Aug. 1881.

Female age 22: Married: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Cretown: Three weeks insane: First attack: Age on first attack-22 years: Cause – Puerperal Condition: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkmabreck parish since 31st Aug. 1881: James Kirgan, husband, Church Street, Cretown: None of her relations known to have been insane.

30 Aug: 1881. James Clark, Surgeon, Newtonstewart. 1. She believes that her food is being poisoned, and refuses to take it: that them about her are conspiring to take her life: she talks very incoherently at times. 2. Her husband states that she is subject to fits of excitement, that in one she jumped from the window to the street, & that on his running up to her she asked him to give her as easy a death as possible: she has gone to the street almost naked.

30 Aug: 1881. William Donald Mackeith, Surgeon, Cretown. 1. Refuses all nourishment: accuses me of attempting to poison her: incoherency of speach: accused her sister of trying to smother her. 2. Her husband states that she was found going to a burn with a child to drown it: leaped from a window ten feet high: parades the street naked: accuses him of trying to poison her.

The patient suffers from delusions & above described: sometimes she is the Devil, at other times she tells that her husband has done that he has been married to her. She also has had idea of poison being put in her food but these for a last week-end with her taking it regularly. One of the remote causes of the illness is her debilitated health as evidenced by her anaemic appearance and a sores on the right cheek probably communicating with some diseased bone.

8 Sept 6th 1881 An accumulation of matter has since occured in the right cheek which has to be opened by the Doctor. On passing a probe a bone was found to underlie upto the zygoma as far some bone was felt.

16th Feby 82. The patient continues to be much the same mentally there are similar delusions, at times known the mind clears up. Her bodily health is bad and the Phthisis which was present in one lung in advanced is advancing rapidly: there is much cough and spit with loss of strength &c

17th april 82 Mary. Keyes died today of Phthisis Pulmonalis

2479 William McLellan, - Admitted 31st August 1881.
Male age 50: Married: Gardiner: Protestant: Penninghame Found and Exc^d at Abbey wood, near Creetown: Twelvemonths insane: First attack: Cause - intemperate habits: Not epileptic: Not suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkmabreck parish since 31st Aug^t 1881. Nearest Known relative - Martha Kingsley, Abbey wood, near Creetown: None of family known to have been insane.

23 Aug 1881. James Clark, Surgeon, Newtonstewart. 1. Progressive impairment of all the mental faculties, with gradually increasing general paralysis: 2. His wife states that his excretions are passed involuntarily or seemingly unconsciously in bed, as was shown by the state of his bed clothes.

23 Aug 1881 William Donald Mackeith, Surgeon, Creetown. 1. General impairment of all mental faculties with paralysis of the insane. 2. Mrs McConnell states that he has threatened her life often, & that he cannot endure her presence; his dirty habits: excessive gluttony.

The patient is in a much more advanced stage of General Paralysis than that in which Patients are often admitted into asylums. He is in fact in the third stage; and when examined the paralysis was found to have affected the voluntary muscles of the whole body, especially the lower extremities so that he requires to be carried from bed, dresses &c. and the involuntary muscles also notwithstanding those of the bladder rectum. The tongue was very tremulous and greatly protruded in a jerky fashion. The muscles of the head & neck seemed less affected than those of the rest of the body. He is stated to have been naturally a spare man but at present his body is very stout there is also much adipose tissue about the face and head - the limbs are however thin. The excessive fat of course increases the liability to the formation of bedsores. Mentally it appears that there have been no substantial delusions but that the onset & the disease was marked by melancholia. Beyond the excessive dementia the chief marked manifestation is abuse of the persons identity

He is occasionally apt to strike

Sept 17th 1881 — Since admission the patient has continued much as above described — the skin however is beginning to show some signs of healing under the weight of the patient and he lies upon a bed or Hoopes's water bed.

Occasionally he is seen in a condition of stupor in which his present limited intelligence is suspended; then known to forget even more of the "attack" so common in the course of this disease.

Aug. 3rd - 82. — The disease has made little or no progress since last report and the patient was to day discharged Relieved

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No 2477.

Peter Lee or Dolan

Dumfries July 22nd 1881

On the 21st & 22nd July in the Prison of Dumfries I examined a prisoner named Peter Lee or Dolan charged with the crime of Assault, and found him to be a Lunatic in a state threatening danger to the liege rendering his confinement in a Lunatic Asylum or other safe place of custody necessary.

The above is certified on soul and conscience.

(Signed) A. D. MacDonald, M.D.

Dumfries August 16th 1881.

I have again examined Peter Lee or Dolan today in the Prison of Dumfries and find that although he has short lucid intervals yet he is still a lunatic in a state threatening danger to the liege rendering his confinement in a lunatic Asylum or other place of safe custody necessary.

The above is certified on soul and conscience.

(Signed) A. D. MacDonald, M.D.

Dumfries 16th August 1881

Unto the Honourable the Sheriff of Dumfries and Galloway,

The Petition of Thomas Shanks Chalmers, Procurator Fiscal of Court for the public interest

Humbly Sheweth,

That by an act passed in the 25th and 26th years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria Cap: 54 Entituled "An Act to make farther provision respecting Lunacy in Scotland (29th July 1862) it is by section 15 Enacted "When any Lunatic shall have been apprehended charged with Assault, or other offence inferring danger to the Liege, or when any lunatic shall be found in a state threatening danger to the Liege, or in a state offensive to public decency, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff of the County in which such Lunatic may have been apprehended or found, upon application by the Procurator Fiscal or Inspector of Poor, or other person, accompanied by a certificate from a Medical person, bearing that the lunatic is in a state threatening such danger, or in a state offensive, or threatening to be offensive to public decency, forthwith to commit such Lunatic to some place of safe custody, and the Sheriff shall thereupon direct Notice to be given in some Newspaper circulated in the County within which such lunatic was apprehended or found of such commitment, and that it is intended to enquire into the condition of such Lunatic, on an early day to be named, and shall also direct notice of the application to be given to the Inspector of Poor of the Parish within which the Lunatic has been apprehended or found (where the application is not presented by the Inspector of such parish) and such further notice as he shall

" think fit; and if the Inspector of the parish does not within twenty four
" hours undertake to the satisfaction of the Sheriff to make due arrangement
" for the safe custody of such Lunatic, the Sheriff shall accordingly proceed
" to take evidence of the condition of such Lunatic, and upon being
" satisfied that he is a Lunatic, and in a state threatening danger
" to the liege, or offensive to public decency, he shall commit the
" Lunatic to any asylum, and an order authorising the Superintendent
" of the Asylum to which the Lunatic may be committed, to receive
" the Lunatic, and authorising the transmission of the Lunatic to such
" Asylum, shall be granted by the Sheriff in respect to every such commit-
" ment, and such Lunatic shall be detained in such asylum, until
" cured, or until caution shall be found for his safe custody - in which
" last case it shall be lawful for the Sheriff upon application to that
" effect, and upon being satisfied as to such caution, and the safety
" and propriety of such custody, to authorise the delivery of the
" Lunatic to the person so finding security, and the Sheriff at the
" time of granting warrant to commit such Lunatic to an Asylum,
" or thereafter in proceedings following on the said application,
" shall pronounce a judgment finding the amount of the expences
" connected with the said application, Enquiry, and Procedure,
" as the same shall be taxed, and shall grant decree for such
" expences against the Parish within which the Lunatic shall
" have been apprehended or found at large, and in favour
" of the Procurator Fiscal or other Person (Except the Inspector of the
" Poor) at whose instance such application shall have been made,
" and such Enquiry and Procedure conducted, and shall also grant
" Decree against such parish, and in favour of the Procurator
" Fiscal, or other such person (Except the Inspector of the poor) or
" in favour of the Superintendant or Keeper of the Asylum to which
" the Lunatic shall have been committed for such sum as may be
" necessary for the maintenance of such Lunatic, and every such
" Decree shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to review
" or reduction in any way, or by any process whatsoever, but the
" parish so decerned against and paying such expences and
" cost of maintenance shall have relief and recourse therefor
" against the Lunatic and his Estate, and any of his relatives
" legally liable for his maintenance, and also against the parish
" of settlement of such Lunatic, in the event of the parish in which
" the Lunatic was apprehended or found at large, not being the
" parish of settlement as accords of law".

That Peter Lee or Dolan, a Labourer, lately residing in James
" Mc Donalds lodging in Friar's Vennel, Dumfries, was apprehended

on or about 19th July 1881 years, and is now in custody in the prison of Dumfries; charged with having of that date committed a serious assault at Sandbed, Dalswinton, in the parish of Kirkmahoe and county of Dumfries, the apprehension to have place at Sandbed in the parish and county aforesaid;

That the said Peter Lee or Dolan on 20th, 21st, and 22nd July and again on 16th August 1881, in the prison of Dumfries, was examined by Alexander Dall MacDonald, Doctor of Medicine in Dumfries, is certified by the said Alexander Dall MacDonald to have been as at 20th, 21st, and 22nd July 1881, and now is a Lunatic, and in a state threatening danger to the Liege, conform to copy herewith produced:

That as far as known to the Petitioner, the said Peter Lee or Dolan has no means for defraying the cost of his maintenance in any asylum.

That the parish of Kirkmahoe within which the said Peter Lee or Dolan was apprehended or found is the parish liable in the first instance for the cost of his maintenance in an asylum, with relief as provided for in the section of the act above recited.

May it therefore please your Lordship in terms of the provisions of section 15 of the act 25 and 26 Victoria, chapter 54 as above quoted, to grant warrant forthwith to commit the said Peter Lee or Dolan to the prison of Dumfries or other place of safe custody: appoint an early day to enquire into the condition of the said Peter Lee or Dolan: direct notice to be given in some Newspaper circulated in the County of Dumfries of such Committment, and of your Lordships intention to enquire into the Condition of the said Peter Lee or Dolan on a day to be so appointed: and to direct notice of this application to be given to Robert Duff, Inspector of Poor of the Parish of Kirkmahoe, within which the said Peter Lee or Dolan was found or apprehended and such further notice as your Lordship shall think fit, and thereafter (failing the Inspector of Poor of the aforesaid parish, within twenty four hours after service on him of such notice, undertaking to the satisfaction of your Lordship to make due arrangements for the safe custody of the said Peter Lee or Dolan, proceed on this day to be so appointed to take evidence of the condition of the said Peter Lee or Dolan and on being satisfied that he is a Lunatic, and in a state threatening danger to the Liege, to grant warrant to commit him to the Southern Counties Lunatic Asylum, Dumfries or such

other Asylum as your Lordship may think proper. also grant warrant to the Superintendent of the Asylum to which the said Peter Lee or Dolan may be so committed, to receive him, and authorising his transmission to such asylum, there in to remain, until he be cured, or until caution shall be found for his safe custody: farther at the time of granting such final warrant of Commitment, or in proceedings following on this application, pronounce judgment finding the amount of the expenses connected with the said application, enquiry and procedure, as the same shall be taxed, and grant decree for such expences in favour of the Petitioner; and also decern in favour of the superintendant of the Asylum to which the said Peter Lee or Dolan may be committed, for the Expence of his maintenance, all against the said Parish of Kirkmahoe and Robert Duff as Inspector and representing the said parish, reserving relief and recourse to the said parish and inspector thereof against all others as accords of law; all in terms of the foresaid section of the said act

According to Justice.

Dumfries 16th August 1881. The Sheriff Substitute having considered the foregoing Petition, with the Medical certificate produced; In respect that the alleged Lunatic is at present in a place of safe custody finds it unnecessary to order his removal to an asylum in the meantime: Appoints Tuesday the twenty-third day of August current, at three o'clock afternoon, within the Sheriff Court House, Dumfries, as a diet for proceeding to enquire into the condition of the said Peter Lee or Dolan; and grants warrant to cite Witnesses for said Diet: directs notice of said diet to be given in the Dumfries and Galloway Herald Newspapers, and also to the Inspector of Poor of the parish of Kirkmahoe, all in terms of the act of Parliament founded on.

(Signed) David Boyle Hope.

This Petition and Deliverance served by me Archibald Kerlop Sheriff Officer, upon Robert Duff, Inspector of Poor, of the Parish of Kirkmahoe, by leaving for him a full copy thereof, having a just Copy of service and Requisitions subjoined, within his dwelling place at Dalswinton Village, with a servant therein to be given to him, because

I could not find him personally in presence of Alexander Loudoun residenter in Dumfries this sixteenth day of August, Eighteen hundred and Eighty one years.

(Signed) Archibald Hyslop Sheriff Officer.

(Signed) Alex Loudoun, witness.

At Dumfries, the twenty third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty one years, In presence of David Boyle Hope, Esquire, Advocate, Sheriff Substitute of the County of Dumfries;

Appeared the Petitioner Thomas Shanks Chalmers who produced a Copy of the Dumfries and Galloway Herald Newspaper of date the 17th of August current containing the Advertisement ordered by the preceding Interlocutor.

Compeared Peter Lee or Dolan, the alleged Lunatic, Mr Robert Duff, Inspector of Poor of the Parish of Kirkmahoe was also present.

The following witnesses were examined upon oath in support of the Petition, viz.

1 William Hyslop, Labourer, Nithbank, Dumfries.
2 John Graham, Carter, Glodahill, Dryfesdale.
3 James Milne, Labourer, Sandbed, Kirkmahoe.
4 Andrew Kerr, Police Constable, Dalswinton.
5 Alexander Dall MacDonald, Doctor of Medicine.
6 James Adam, Medical Superintendent of Crichton Royal Institution & Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries.

Dumfries 23rd August 1881. The Sheriff Substitute having resumed Consideration of the Petition, with the evidence adduced at the enquiry held this day, and being satisfied that Peter Lee or Dolan, designed in the Petition is and at the present and was at the date of his apprehension on 19th July last a Lunatic, and in a State threatening danger to the Liege, grants warrant to officers of Court to remove the said Peter Lee or Dolan, from the Prison of Dumfries, and to commit him to the Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries, and authorises the Superintendent of the said Asylum to receive the said Peter Lee or Dolan, and detain him in said Asylum until Cured or until Caution be found for his safe custody: farther finds that the expenses connected

Dumpsee J & C

Arlen July 8th 1882

Dear comade I take this opertunity of writing you those few lines hoping they may find you and family in good health as the departure Leaves me in at present thanks be to god for his kind Mercies to us all

Dear Mullins i did not Expect to be here so long But i do not Know there Reson for Keeping me so long But I expect they have there Reason for it Dear Bil it seems to me very Carous place When a man is kept here I may say without eather Judge or Jury for they Never asked me

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Sept. 21st 1882. Peter Lee or Dolan, a Widow transferred to the parish of Killinagh, Cavan, Ireland. He was accompanied by Head Attendant Gerrard. The petition for his removal was granted by Sheriff Boyle Hope.

One Word about the affair in
My defence for they had it all Settled
Before went there at all but the had time
Enough I was kept in in prison 42
Days so you know that is Regular Cuts
Marshal. they have laws of there own
here but there is plenty of Law here
But no justice I have seen some
Life in my time but the Like I have
never seen before But I expect to see
Some of you Boys that if you
have time to come Down See Time
the Last Evening and there was no
one came to See me but must
Say it was my own fault friend
Wrote to Any one

And if you do not come
Write and let know how you
are getting on with your Bill
And Remember Me to Them
Tally Mc quire Nary Connor
and all inquiring friends

No More at Present
from your old
friend
Peter Dolan or
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Sept^r 21^st 1852. Peter Lee or Dolan, is to-day transferred to the parish of Killinagh, Cavan, Ireland. He was accompanied by Head Attendant Gerrard. The petition for his removal was granted by Sheriff Boyle Hope.



with the Application, Enquiry, and Procedure as taxed amount to the sum of fourteen pounds, nineteen shillings and eight pence Sterling and Decerns in favor of the Petitioner for the said sum against the Parish of Kirkmahoe and Robert Duff, as Inspector of Poor, and as representing the Parochial Board of that Parish: and decerns also in favour of the Superintendent of the said Asylum, against the said Parish, and Robert Duff, as Inspector of Poor and as representing the Parochial Board thereof, for the sum of five pounds ten shillings Sterling per quarter, for the maintenance of the said Lunatic in the said Asylum, during the period he shall be so detained, commencing payment as on the date hereof for the quarter immediately succeeding and so on quarterly thereafter during the period he shall be detained in said Asylum and Decerns, all in terms of the Section of the Statute founded on.

(Signed) David Boyle Hope.

For some time after admission the patient did well: his delusions however began to show themselves: he became excited, restless at night, irritable in temper & very abusive to every one brought in contact with him. He made accusations against the attendants - saying that some skin disease from which he suffered was caused by them striking him: that they did not

2480 **William Johnston.** Admitted 3rd September 1881

Male: Age 25: Single: previously a railway servant: Protestant. Rigg foot. Parish of Kirkpatrick Juxta: Insane off and on for 3 years. Not first attack: Age on first attack – 22: Previously under treatment in Edinburgh: Duration of existing attack – 9 months: Not Suicidal. not dangerous but troublesome: Thomas Johnston, father, residing at Rigg foot, Parish of Kirkpatrick Juxta, Dumfriesshire: A sister temporarily insane.

2nd Sept 1881 William Doyly Grange, M.D., C.M. Mansfield House, Moffat.
1. Appearance; nervous restlessness; hallucinations and delusions; unfounded fear. 2. Absurd assertion of independence and greatness. Very troublesome to the neighbours, and obstinate to a degree at times.

3rd Sept 1881 J. Maxwell Davidson, M.B., C.M. Johnstone Bridge, Lockerbie.
1. Restless Manner; flighty, suspicious look; has strange delusions: 2. Think that he should hold a higher position in the world: Is troublesome to neighbours: Does not sleep during the early part of the night. Nearly continually wandering about:

It is to be feared that one cause of this patients breakdown is masturbation: He is very wayward. frequently will not take his food properly: his thoughts are jerky & disconnected and it is almost impossible to get any rational Conversation at present.

15th March 82 Wm Johnstone is now doing a little work: it cannot be said however that there is much improvement in his case.

5th Oct 82 The patient remains much as above

14th April 83 No return of intelligence and self Control has not taken place in this case: he however takes his food fairly well and works industriously.

8th Oct 83 Some time ago this patient exposed his person in an indecent manner in the absence of the attendants and he was accordingly sent to work in the farm There is no mental improvement to record.

2481 Margaret Murray – Admitted 9th September 1881.
Female: Age 40: Single: No occupation: Protestant: Lochmaben: Insane more or less for the last four years: Second serious attack: Age on first attack – 35: Formerly in a Lunatic Asylum: Duration of existing attack – about a year: Cause not known: Not Epileptic: Has threatened to commit suicide: Dangerous, threatened her Landlady's life. Parish – supposed to be Inchna, but not yet chargeable. Thomas Murray, Station master, on the Caledonian Railway and residing at 142 Ingleby Drive, Dennistown, Glasgow – her nearest known relative: Not known if any of the family were insane.

8th Sep: 1881. John J. R. Witherspoon. The Green, Lockerbie. 1. Melancholia, with accompanying attacks of great excitement, with evidence of personal violence. 2. Very irregular in her habits; restlessness; sleeplessness, and frequent desires to walk out, and unusual lascivious desires (from Mrs Gillespie.

8th Sept. 1881. William Carruthers, M.B. Lockerby, late Dumfries. 1. Her melancholic appearance and threats of violence towards her landlady. 2. Mrs Gillespie, her Landlady, states that she has knocked her down, and thrown things at her, and has been in an Asylum before.

This case is a readmission: she was on the recommd her last discharge sent to a relative living on the country. Then it was hoped she would not be able to have access to stimulants. She however did not remain and has now been brought back to the asylum as a result of her self indulgence. There is considerable depression of spirits & she frets a good deal

March 10th 82 There is less depression in this case: She does some work and is on the whole more cheerful.

9th Oct 82 This patient continues better.

14th April 83 M M has for some time been living at Maryfield: she continues to be more cheerful & usefully employs herself industriously.

8th Oct 83 No change to record.

21182. **Margaret Sinclair**, – Admitted 9th September 1881.
Female: Age 13: Single: Religious persuasion – not known. Gatehouse of Fleet: Dumfries & Galloway Royal Infirmary: Length of time insane – not known: Epileptic: Not Suicidal nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Girthon since 9th Sept 1881. Nearest Known relative Betsy Sinclair, Gatehouse of Fleet. Not Known if any of the family were insane. (20) The want of any relative to give me information regarding her.

8th Sept 1881 W. Marshall, M.D. &c Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, becomes at times, very morose and dull; other times quite excited and happy. Has been an epileptic since childhood &c 2. The house Surgeon reports much the same as above.

9th Sept 1881 John Smith, M.D. &c 14 Castle St. Dumfries. 1 Has insane imbecile appearance. Talks in an excited, incoherent manner. Is subject to epileptic fits. 2. The nurse informs me that she requires constant watching. At times becoming much excited, and attempting to injure herself.

23rd May Had three fits this morning.

June 17th 82 This patient continues to have epileptic fits at intervals, her bodily health is fairly good

This little Patient Continues to suffer from epilepsy And as the result she is apt to have attacks of insane temper in which she tears the stuffing out of her hands with pens causing them to bleed profusely.

9th Oct 82 There is little or no change in this case.

12th May 83 This patient was to-day transferred to the Argyll & Bute District Asylum

2483. Helen Eckford or Mc. Knight, Admitted 10th Sep. 1881.
Female: Age 40: Married: Housekeeper: Protestant: Buccleuch Square, Langholm: About one year insane: First Attack: Age on first Attack - 39: Duration of Existing attack - about one year: Supposed cause - Change of life, &c. Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous. Not chargeable: John Mc. Knight, husband, 12 Buccleuch Square, Langholm.

13 Sept 1881. W. J. Carlyle. M. D. Langholm. 1. Labours under various morbid delusions; imagines people are watching her every movement, and she is afraid they may do her some bodily injury: she tried to impress upon me that the telephone was through the whole house. She is occasionally very excited. 2. John Mc. Knight, her husband, says she gets into a very excited state occasionally and requires some restraint to be used.

13 Sept 1881. John Gill: M. B. &c. Langholm. 1. She told me her house was underlaid with telephones by her enemies to listen to everything she says, and that she thus can get no peace nor quietness. When I asked to see the back of her throat she became very excited, and would not allow me, and burst into tears, and then again complained of her many enemies who would give her no peace. She wished me to get her a house where she could live all alone. 2. Her husband says when she sees two or three persons outside the house speaking together she imagines they are conspiring against her. She gets very excited at times and imagines that one of her sons who has gone to Glasgow to learn a business has been done away with.

This patient has symptoms the prognosis of which is not good. Hallucinations of hearing trouble her greatly: she hears her husband speaking about her &c: there are also delusions such as that the husband and two other gentlemen are lying about side the house with them heads cut off: that her son is dead &c. Such ideas as these naturally excite her greatly and cause her to be in a state of great mental distress

Oct 8th 82 Mrs Mc Knight is some what better but her delusions tho' less frequent return occasionally

Dec 6th 82 This patient is today discharged "Relieved" She is much better but it is to be feared that the symptoms will return.

2484 **Agnes Irving.** Admitted 15th September 1881.
Female: Age 50: Single: General Servant. Established Church:
Previous place of abode – Campsie: Found at Thornhill & Campsie
A few days insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 34:
Previously in Southern Counties: Duration of Existing attack
a few days. Cannot state cause: not Epileptic nor Suicidal:
Doubtful if Dangerous: Chargeable to Closeburn Parish since
15th Sept 1881. Mrs Sharp, Campslacks, Sister. A nephew
in Southern Counties insane.

14th Sep. 1881. J. B. Grierson, Thornhill. 1. In a state of blind fury; loud and continued vociferation; ideas unconnected; in a state of acute mania. 2. Friends speak as to what I have myself observed and state that she has refused food.

15th Sep. 1881 James Scott Wilson, R.M. & C.M. Thornhill. 1. Ideas quite incoherent, very loquacious, getting quite wild at times, and unable to answer questions; her appearance, however looks harmless, only quite an insane look, especially in the eyes. 2. She has been insane previously, and under restraint, as stated by Mr Austin, Inspector of Poor, Closeburn, I'm told she refuses food, and requires to be constantly watched.

10/11/82. Discharged on Probation.

2485 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick – Admitted 16th September 1881. Female 68 years: Single: Protestant: Granger's Close: Cannot tell how long insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment: Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 1st Oct 1881. Mary Kirkpatrick or Good, her sister, resides at Granger's Close, Dumfries.

15th Sep. 1881. William Marshall. M.D. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, seems morose or stupid, and unable to comprehend the meaning of questions &c. 2. Her friends report much the same as above.

15th Sep. 1881. Gerald Fitzgerald Thomas, 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Oblivion of surrounding circumstances: inability to answer questions – imbecile expression of countenance. 2. Sister states she has no memory; can do nothing for herself; and all her secretions pass from her unknown to her.

This Patient is very helpless and demented: she seems unable to converse but occasionally uses a monosyllable. At night she is restless & is apt in getting out of bed to pace. Her bodily health is feeble and she is liable to rather severe fainting attacks.

April 16th 82 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick continues as above described. Her habits are somewhat better.

Oct 9th 82 There is no improvement to record in the case & none can be expected.

Dec 22nd 82 E: Kirkpatrick is now mostly confined to bed: she sometimes has screaming fits: her habits are often not satisfactory.

29th April 83 E.K. died today.

2486. **Agnes Hooks.** Admitted 16th September 1881.
Female 67 years: Single: Outdoor worker: Protestant:
Cross Roads, Crossmichael: Parochial Board office, Dumfries.
Length of time insane - about 2 weeks: Second attack:
Age on first attack 66 years: Not previously under treatment:
Duration of Existing Attack, about 2 weeks: Cause not known.
Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Supposed Parish
Crossmichael, but meantime chargeable to Dumfries since
16th Sep. 1881. Thomas Hooks alias Watson, her son, resides
in Annan. None of family known to have been insane.

16 Sep. 1881 William Marshall, M.D. Dumfries. 1. Seems melancholy
or stupid. Has great suspicions as to others being determined
to do her harm: is in great fear of becoming on bad terms
with her God &c. 2. Her son states that she roams about
all night which she spends in praying and singing.

16 Sep 1881. Gerald FitzGerald Thomas, 14 Castle Street, Dumfries.
1. General Restlessness. seems very melancholy and
depressed. Talks of being persecuted constantly, and
in suspicion that everybody wishes to pervert her
religious ideas. 2. Her son states that she gets
violent every night, and frequently gets out of bed
to fly from her supposed persecutors.

The patient is suffering from a mild
attack of Acute Melancholia: As soon known
as she was brought to the asylum she
mustered all her powers of self-control
and managed to conceal much of the morbidity
she had shown before admission. She soon began
to do some work.

Dec 21st 81 Agnes Hooks is to-day discharged Recovered.

2487 **Ellen Bell** – Admitted 29th Sept.r 1881.
Female: Age 31: Married: Post runner's wife: Protestant: Previous place of abode – Park place, Lockerby: Found & exp.d there: Insane about a month: Third attack: Age on first attack – 29: Duration of existing attack – a month: Supposed cause – lactative: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: chargeable to Dryfesdale Parish (with recourse against Hoddam) since 29th Sept. 1881. George Bell, Post runner, Park Place, Lockerby, Husband.

29 Sep. 1881. John J. R. Wotherspoon, The Green, 1. Constant restlessness, Delusions – that she is Rob Roy, wearing a Glengary cap, singing constantly, attempts to get out of the house. 2. From her husband. That he is her great enemy. Dislike to her child. Yesterday she rushed out of the house and travelled 3 miles and was stopped close to a river. Has talked of putting an end to herself, but again said, no I wont.

29 Sept 1881. James Maclachlan, M.B., C.M. St Blane, Lockerby. 1. Restless, excited & incoherent. 2. George Bell, her husband states that she has been greatly excited for some days, has slept none of late, takes little or no food. Believes that she has no friends.

This patient's husband George Bell who accompanied her to the asylum gave the following account of his wife:– ~~that she is the mother of~~ five children and is a very industrious person. She is usually quiet and reserved with strangers. She had her last child 5 months since and she has nursed it. ~~It appears that she~~ has had previous attacks of aberations or ~~threatenings of them~~ and that the first attack was two years ago during lactation: that this is the third attack & that during the last twelve months she has been threatened in this way but it went off under the treatment of D.r Mc Lauchlan. The chief symptoms shown were carelessness of her child: she ~~threatened to do~~ harm to herself: she has taken little food in the last 2 or 3 days & does not sleep at night. She is not naturally strong but has suffered from no illness in particular.

Oct 28th 82 The patient's health is now somewhat better: she is free however of details and her delusions occasionally show themselves

20th Dec 81 Mrs E. Bell was today discharged Recieved 'd left with her husband

2488 **Henry Wright** – Admitted 30th Sept 1881.
Male. Age 71: Single: Hawker: Protestant: Previous place of abode – Upper Nithsdale Combination Poorhouse: 6 weeks insane. First attack: Age on first Attack 71: Duration of existing attack 6 weeks: Supposed cause – he is a Dipsomaniac: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: He has used threatening language: Chargeable to Sanquhar Parish: No living relations known: Not known if any of the family have been insane.

28th Sep. 1881 Thomas Davidson, M.B., C.M. Thornhill, Dumfriesshire. 1. Delusions; bursting into floods of tears, and exhibiting poisons taken from his mouth, &c. 2 Said to receive sweet & bitter poisons 3 to 6 times in one night into his mouth, which poisons are said to ulcer the tongue, this never being the case; attempted to strike and otherwise injure one of the inmates.

28 Sep: 1881. Thomas Boyle Grierson, Surgeon, Thornhill. 1 He told me that repeated attempts had been made to poison him, which is a delusion, his feelings did not seem to be much under his control. 2. John Loumes an inmate in the said Poorhouse told me that Henry Wright had attempted to injure him with a stick when asleep. This was corroborated by another of the inmates. Dr Davidson & Mr Noak governor of the Poorhouse have told me that he has frequently spoke of attempts being made to poison him.

Henry Wright requires a very indifferent Character from the Inspector of Poor of Sanquhar who accompanied him to the Asylum. He was for several months in the Poorhouse before being brought here and he has many times been Chargeable to the Parish which has been mulcted to the extent of a large sum on bringing the Patient home from various Parts of the Country. It appears that he is well known in certain circles as "Sanquhar Jock" that he has been much addicted to drinking and has for long been the "Parish Pest".

On admission the Patient weighs 9 stones 6lbs: He suffers from double Cataract which to a large extent renders him inoffensive & not at all difficult of management.

He strongly denies the Inspectors Charges against him and maintains that he (the inspector) has defrauded the Parish!.

8th February 82 This patients delusions are now again more noticeable: he thinks that during the night poisons are put into his mouth

June 16th 82 In statu quo.

Oct 9th 82 Henry Wrights case is unchanged

April 14th 83 H.W. continues to have many delusions: thinks that he is the object of much persecution he suffers from double Cataract but almost every day he assures me that his eyes are much better & his sight improving

Oct 8th 83 No change to record.

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2569 } **Mary Jones.**

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nor Dangerous. Cha... 29 Sept.
1881. Mother - Mrs ... wart.
None of family kn...

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much confused in ... ous
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see before her. She... Has
mother states that ... hat she
sings and cries a da... that
when she undresses ... sit naked.

29 Sep. 1881. James G. Dickson, Esq. 2. Newton-Stewart. 1. Marked change in appearance, manners and conduct. Immodest and obscene in language. By quick transitions grave or gay, laughing, singing, or silent and seemingly despondent. Numerous delusions with regard to herself and her surroundings. 2. Her mother and the Hospital nurse state that she is restless, sleepless, and refuses or takes little food, and that she is often very excited and noisy, crying, laughing, singing, or raving at the full pitch of her voice.

This Patient is admitted in a State of Acute Recurrent Mania: during her last residence in the Asylum she was Confined of an Illegitimate Child. She at present Chiefly amuses herself with singing Hymns at the top of a voice both by day and night. Her usual excitement and her Language is frequently obscene.

8th February 82 This Patients mania has now passed off and she does a good deal of knitting. It is probable that in addition to the more obvious Symptoms of insanity that there is a Congenital "moral twist" in this Case

26th April 82 The letter attached to this leaf is a specimen of the ways of thought.

Dr Adam
Sir
I wish to know how long
you intend keeping me here
this is not a House of
refuge for fallen Women one
gets a chance of reclaiming
themselves in these Houses
but not here if you were
on your oath before God
could you pronounce me
insane just now

I have not been for
several Months I will
pay you for the trouble
I caused when I was here
before as soon as I can
I am never promised a
place here and although
that I say it myself
I am very clever I could
be a HouseMaid or nurse or
I could get into a Workhouse
I am not going to ~~loose~~ waste
any time here any longer after
all Mother has done for me at
Home to think that I cannot
get helping her or myself

perhaps you will think that
I am saying to much but
I cant be here any longer
If I had Money I might
bribe you Doctors as I believe
I have been bribed in here
If you dont send me Home
this ~~week~~ or next I will
go the first chance that
I get I will not be quiet
any longer I remain yours
Very truly
Mary Jones

*Epileptic. Name? Person, etc.? Previous ward? 1. Marked change in appearance, manners and conduct. Immodest and obscene in language. By quick transitions grave or gay, laughing, singing, or silent and seemingly despondent. Numerous delusions with regard to herself and her surroundings. 2. Her mother and the Hospital nurse state that she is restless, sleepless, and refuses or takes little food, and that she is often very excited and noisy, crying, laughing, singing, or raving at the full pitch of her voice.

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Mary Jones - Admitted 29th September 1881.

Female: Age 26: Single: Seamstress: Protestant: Princes St. Newton-Stewart. Found & exam^d at the Penninghame Parochial Hospital: Three days insane: Third attack: Age on first attack 22 years. Southern Counties Asylum: Subject to hallucinations almost from the date of her discharge on 19th May. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Penninghame Parish since 29 Sept. 1881. Mother - Mrs Isabella Cowan, Princes St. Newtonstewart. None of family known to have been insane.

29 Sep 1881 James Clark, Surgeon, Newtonstewart. 1. At times she is very much confused in her ideas; her mind is occupied by various absurd delusions. She says there are people about her whispering to her; that she is going to be cast into a "pit of horrors" which she sees before her. She desired me to take her and shoot her. 2. Her mother states that she is sometimes very much excited, that she sings and cries a deal and uses most obscene language, that when she undresses she hides her clothes and inclines to sit nakes.

29 Sep. 1881. James G. Dickson, M.D. Newtonstewart. 1. Marked change in appearance, manners and conduct. Immodest and obscene in language. By quick transitions grave or gay, laughing, singing, or silent and seemingly despondent. Numerous delusions with regard to herself and her surroundings. 2. Her mother and the Hospital nurse state that she is restless, sleepless, and refuses or takes little food, and that she is often very excited and noisy, crying, laughing, singing, or raving at the full pitch of her voice.

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May 29th 1882 Mary Jones has improved, but still occasionally there is evidence of disordered mind.

July 1st 82 Mary Jones is today discharged on Probation

30th August 1882 Mary Jones is today re admitted from Probation under the number 2569.

December 16th 82 This patient continues much the same.

March 17th 83 Mary Jones has lately again shown symptoms of mental instability - Complained of headache, sleepless and "feeling as though she were going to go mad" On disinclination to take food.

4th July 1883. Mary Jones is today discharged "Recovered"

2490 **Robert Gibson** – Admitted 12th Oct. 1881.

Male: Age 37: Single: Gardiner: Protestant. Previous place of abode – in and near Edinburgh: Found & ex. at Baldons Park. Length of time insane – unknown: Second attack: Age on first attack – 26 or 27 years: Previously under treatment in Ayrshire District Asylum: Cause – unknown, if not sunstroke: Not "Epileptic" nor suicidal: Has threatened to strike: Chargeable to Stonykirk parish (settlement not determined) since 1st Oct. 1881. Agnes Gibson, Sister, Baldons Park. No member of family known to have been insane.

8 Octr. 1881 Charles Morland Ross, M.D. Labie Cottage. 1. From his inconsistent conversation, melancholy look, and his extremely cunning desire to show that his previous confinement in an Asylum was voluntary, and not owing to any mental derangement.
2. John Crawford and Agnes Gibson both state that Robert Gibson cannot sleep alone, or leave the house alone, that he is generally in a state of extreme fear, and on several occasions imagined he saw the Devil.

11 Octr. 1881 Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Ed. Stranraer. 1. In his conversation contradicts in one sentence what he has said in the previous. Has an idea to deny that there is anything mentally wrong with him. Has a very melancholy appearance. 2. Mr Crawford, farmer, Baldons Park. States that sometimes Robert Gibson takes him out to the stable to see the Devil. At times he carries a pitchfork with him to attack the Devil. Always in a state of great fear and cannot sleep by himself. Has threatened to strike. In daylight cannot walk by himself.

June 13th 1882 Robert Gibson was this day transferred to the Ayrshire District Asylum by Inspector of Poor. He is much improved mentally although he still has delusions.

2491. John Gillespie – Admitted 22nd October 1881.
Male: Age 66: Widowed: Shoemaker: Protestant: Dumfries Poorhouse: About a week insane: First attack: Not previously under treatment; Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish meantime since 14th Sept 1881. William Gillespie, brother, resides at Collin.

22 Oct. 1881 William Marshall, M.D. &c. Dumfries. 1. Seems morose or stupid, and not capable of comprehending the meaning of questions. Inclined to contradict the truthful statements of others. 2. His attendant states that he is abominably filthy in his habits and will not be corrected.

20 Oct 1881 John Smith, M.D. 14 Castle St. Dumfries. 1. Appearance of weak intellect; ideas confused; memory much impaired; contradictory in his statements. 2. Mr. Robertson and one of the inmates inform me that he is very filthy and insane in his habits, rolling his faeces in his hands and throwing it about the room.
This patient is wet and dirty in his habits: he appears to be much demented and in fact may be said to be suffering from a kind of organic Dementia

31st. Oct. 1881 died from Embolism

2492. **Robert Adamson** - Admitted 25th Oct. 1881.

Male 40 years: Married: Partially destitute, mason: Residence Scarbae, Holywood & Dumfries. Ten days insane. Age on first attack 25 years: Previously in R.C. Asylum, Dumfries. Duration of existing attack 14 weeks: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Holywood Parish since 25th Oct 1881. John Adamson, Carsepharn, Brother: None of family known to have been insane.

24 Oct 1881. Gerald F. Thomas, L.R.C.P. & L.R.C.S. Ed. 14 Castle Street Dumfries. 1. General demeanour: talks continually at random: has eronious ideas regarding religion: is very violent if opposed in any way. 2. Wife states he has been continually talking in the same strain day and night since Friday last (Oct 21.) That he has been insane seven years ago.

25 Oct. 1881 William Marshall, M.D. &c Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently and incessantly, seems as if afflicted with religious mania, is perfectly restless and looks wild and excited. 2. His attendant states much the same as above.

This patient extremely noisy & talkative both by day & night. In thin state of condition. The excitement continues in this case and he is very apt to quarrel with the other patients and attack them. He is noisy at night and very insane. His bodily health further is not satisfactory; there is some Cough and he continues thin. His weight was 10 Stones much too small for a man of his height.

25th March 82 Robert Adamson has now undergone some improvement: the excitement has passed off considerably and he is working well at his trade Bricklayer. He now weighs 10st 11lbs.

22nd April 82 This patient has continued to improve: he is now 10st. 12lbs. in weight. He was to-day discharged "on Pass" until the Probation Paper has been properly Completed. When he will be duly entered as on Probation.

24th July 82 Robert Adamson is to-day discharged Recovered

2493. Agnes Bell – 25th October 1881.
Female: Age 28: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Glencroft house Annan: Todds close-annan: 5 months insane: First attack: Age on first attack 27½ years: Supposed Cause-drinking to excess. Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Dangerous. Annan Parish: John Bell, Todds close, Annan, Father: None of family known to have been insane.

22 Oct 1881. Daniel Mackenzie, M.B. & C.M. Annan, Dumfries.
1. She is sullen & morose; gives incoherent answers to ordinary questions; she has lately been very intemperate in her habits: 2. She is violent to her parents & attendants & gives great annoyance to them even when not under the influence of liquor.

22 Oct 1881 David Charles Cox. L.R.C.P.E. Annan. 1. A wild, vacant stare, & is very sullen; hesitancy in answering questions; has a great craving for intoxicating liquor, & gets violent when refused. 2. Threatens her parents with violence; indeed has struck at them; makes a great noise screaming, &c. can with difficulty be kept in the house.

This patient was the worse of drink when brought here but has behaved quietly since and has had no fits. She sullen & somewhat shy look and is evidently possessed of an extremely bad temper but has not exhibited it here.

31 December This patient has remained much the same, The Head Attendant says she is a good & neat worker, Her mother visited her when she showed a bit of her temper.

Discharged - Recovered January 12th 1882

2494 **Janet Laidlaw Ritchie** – Admitted 10th November 1881
Female 34 years: Single: Middle class – at one time Clerk.
Protestant: Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire: 29 Steven St. Glasgow:
Nine years insane: First attack: Age on first attack – 25 years.
Examined by Drs Dickson & Laurie, Glasgow. Westermains Private
Asylum, Kirkintilloch, afterwards at Musselburgh Asylum.
Has not been quite sane during the above period: Cause unknown:
Not Epileptic: At one time Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Brother
Alex[r] Ritchie 45 Cecil St, Hillhead, Glasgow. No insanity in family.

3 Nov. 1881 James Finlayson, M.D. 351 Bath Street, Glasgow. 1. She is quite incoherent in her account of herself, for example as to how she lost her situation through "the people of Glasgow", & she moves about from one seat to another in making her disconnected remarks. 2. Her sister Helen Ritchie, with whom she is residing, states that she frequently gets up from bed during night & wanders about the house, & in this and similar ways is unmanageable in the house. Her cousin, Jane Dalziel, who has been staying in the house lately, confirms the above statement.

4 Nov. 1881 Samson Gemmel, M.D. 294 Bath Street, Glasgow. 1. She has a rather vacant aspect, and moves aimlessly about the room, sitting now on one seat, then on another, & is very incoherent in her answers as to why she does this. 2. Her sister, Helen Ritchie, says she is liable to sudden outbursts of passion using very bad language: that she rises at night and wanders about the house & is with difficulty got to bed: that during a meal she rises perhaps half a dozen times going into next room & then coming back again and sitting down.

This patient is a quiet Imbecile

8th February 82 This patient continues to be very quiet: her mental faculties are much impaired. She is however able to do some sewing.

9th Oct. 82 There is no change in Janet L. Ritchie's case: she can do a little sewing but is vacant & listless. She is now staying at Merryfield. Occasionally there is a little excitement & waywardness.

14th April 83 No change to record

8th Oct 83 J.L.R. remains a quiet harmless imbecile: She is quite childish and aimless in her ways.

2495 Jane Mc Naught – 10th November 1881.

Female 29 years: Single: Formerly farm Servant: Protestant: Farm of Culloch in the Parish of Urr: Rascarel, Kerrick: About 8 days: Not first attack: Age on first attack 15 years: Previously under treatment at Kirkcudbright, but not under confinement. Duration of existing attack – about 8 days: supposed cause – attending a dancing party: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: chargeable to Kerrick Parish since 10th Nov. 1881: Peter Mc Naught, Rascarel, Auchencairn, Castle Douglas, is the patients Brother, formerly insane, but now recovered.

9 Nov. 1881 John Paterson Lewis, M.D. Dalbeattie. 1. Restless, talks incoherently – Does not know the day of the week: says if she had wings she would fly to some other country: pointed out a part in the Bible and said I would find magic or Spirits on the one side or the other: says she wont rise out of bed till some one lifts her. 2. Her father and mother tell me that she is very restless, walks about at all hours night & day: always dressing herself: threatened to throw herself out of a skylight last night.

10 Nov 1881. Walter Loraine, M.D. Edin., Castle Douglas. 1. Very talkative & restless – She looks excited and agitated & for no provocation became rather violent and angry. 2. Her parents say that within the last few days her manner has changed from being quiet and inoffensive to being violent and sometimes outrageous. She sleeps little or none & has constantly to be watched. She threatens violence to herself and others.

This patient was labouring under an attack of acute mania when admitted. Noisy & raving – required hypnotic at night. She has numerous delusions but has not been violent enough to be considered dangerous, in fact it is stated that though outspoken she is rather good tempered

8th February Jane Mc Naught was several times fed with the stomach pump by D Balfour at which time she seemed as though she were going to lapse into a state of apathy & depression She is now as lively as ever again apt to be noisy both by night and day frequently she swears and is somewhat obscene in her conversation.

26th April 82 – Some improvement has taken place in this patient she now does a good deal of work and sleeps well at night but

Continues totie flighty and torkative

July 28th 82 The patient was today discharged on Probation

25th October 1882 Jane McNaught is today discharged
Recovered

2496 **Thomas Watson** – Admitted 11th November 1881. Male: age about 35: Single; Labourer: Protestant: Carsethorn Village, Kirkbean: Found and Exd at Kirkcudbright some considerable time insane: Not known if first attack; Age on first attack – not known: In Asylum about 10 years ago: Duration of Existing attack – unknown: Cause not known: Not Epileptic: Not known whether Suicidal: Supposed to be dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkbean Parish from this date. Relatives not known.

11 Nov 1881 Wm S. S. Reid, M.B., C.M. Oakley, Kirkcudbright. 1. Delusions taking the form of imaginary messages received by him inciting him to various forms of violence and mischief. 2. That he suffers from delusions of various kinds as above stated, communicated by the governor of the prison, Kirkcudbright.

11 Nov 1881 James Moffat, M.B., C.M. Kirkcudbright. 1. Delusions about getting revellations from certain parties to do certain insane acts, &c.

This patient was confined in this asylum some years ago & both then & on the present occasion he has behaved in a quiet & orderly manner though he talks of his delusions at times.

4th April 82 Thomas Watson is now doing some work but is very much troubled with hallucinations and delusions: he states that some "Roods, Smee things are Continually battering him and keeping him wkd-water, wanting him him to say that Mr Gibson is a great lord – which he object to say."

9th Oct 82 T. Watson's delusions are not so prominent as they were at the time of last entry; they still however are present.

January 16th 83 This patient recently attempted to escape and has since been very quiet and subdued: he still states he has delusions about a "Mr Gibson" but they are not so noticeable and altogether the patient has undergone considerable improvement.

8th Oct: 83 Thos: Watson remains much the same: he continues to have many delusions.

2497. **Mary Kirkpatrick** – Admitted 12th Nov. 1881.
Female: Age 60: Single: Housekeeper: Free church of Scotland: Closeburn: Thornhill: More or less insane for 4 years. Not first attack: Duration of existing attack – more especially for the last two months. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Her Brother is Robert Kirkpatrick, Coal Agent, Auldgirth Station. Her father was insane, and her brother James is at present a patient in the Southern Counties Asylum.

11 Nov. 1881 Thomas Boyle Grierson, L.R.C.S. Ed. Thornhill. 1. She believes that she hears voices and carries on a conversation with them. she has delusions respecting her friends and her money: she vociferates loudly, especially at night, and when she is alone, and disturbs all residing near her, who complain very much of her. I may also state that at other times she is quite sensible and shows no indications of insanity, it is mainly owing to the disturbance she gives to those around her that it is proposed to remove her to an asylum. 2. Her brother and those residing near her all speak of being greatly disturbed by her, and children gather around her house and cause disturbance, the children gather about her on account of her loud speaking and excite her.

13 Nov 1881 Thomas Ferguson, M.B. 22 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. At time of examination she was excited & very talkative and noisy – says her friends have been unkind to her, She says that her father and brother have been under treatment for insanity. 2. By the Asylum attendants – That she was noisy & troublesome on admission to the house.

This patient was sent in at the instance of her brother. She is very noisy at times & has hallucinations of hearing, carries on conversations out of the window in answer to the "voices" of her brother at Auldgirth & also the "voices" of an Aunt Kate

6th Feby 82 This patient has improved Considerably She is now much less inclined to be demonstrative and noisy than formerly but steadily refuses to do any work

18th March 82 This patient recently refused to sign a paper by means of which she would have become possessed of some more B. L. C. Bank stock on advantageous terms. She continues to talk at the window to her friends Chiefly about her money. This patient has many objections to being bathed

9th Oct 82 Mary Kirkpatrick is much quieter now than formerly; talks more moderately and does not vociferate and scold as she used to do. She however scarcely associates at all with the other patients and will do no work.
Her friends state that about 4 years ago she lost power in her left fore hand: she could move the arm a little: they then got better: the tongue was never affected - apparently a slight paralytic stroke

14th March 83 This patient continues to have very evident auditory hallucinations: she cannot be engaged in useful occupation and whenever she has an opportunity goes to her bedroom and talks aloud at the window in answer to imaginary voices

8th Oct 83 M.K. has of late been much quieter, more inclined to employ herself industrially: the hallucinations still remain.

2498. Thomas Johnstone – Admitted 18th Novr 1881.
Male: Age 41 years: Married: Blacksmith: Protestant: Lunatic Department, General Prison, Perth: H.M. Prison, at Dumfries: (8)(9)(10) Not Known: Previously under treatment in Lunatic Department, General Prison, Perth: Duration of Existing attack – Not known: Cause – not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish in the meantime 18th Nov. 1881. Relatives not known: 20. Want of Information.

18 Nov 1881 William Scott, M.D. &c. Dumfries. 1. Has delusions; expression of countenance; Paralysis, &c. 2. The governor of the Prison says he has been removed from the Lunatic Department of the General Prison of Perth.

18 Novr 1881. William Marshall, M.D. &c Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. Seems quite Idiotic: does not comprehend the meaning of anything said to him: has delusions as to being in Jamaica, &c, 2. The Governor states much the same as above.

Case of General Paralysis of the Insane. Third stage. Numerous delusions as to his wealth &c going & visiting several Places

18th ~~July~~ 82 The patient is bedridden: he only attends to his personal wants in the usual way to the want of nature: there is much dementia with a few delusions some of them of a grand character.

13th March 82 This General paralytic Continues to be confined to his bed: a slight bedsore which has formed on the left hip is now healed. He takes his food well and is in fair bodily health & exception of Course the paralysis. There is occasionally some excitement and now again he is inclined to the noisy at night and pick clothing to pieces.

20th March 82 This patient was today removed by the Insp.r & Poor of Dumfries assisted by two attendants from the asylum by way of Carlisle & Whitehaven to the Parish of Kirkcudbright in England to which it had been ascertained that he was chargeable. He started from the asylum in a cab at 6.40 am and reached the ~~end~~ of his journey safely. His removal was effected according to Law

after he had been examined by three Justices of the Peace at the asylum: he was identified by his daughter who with the Supt. of Poor was examined on oath. A medical Certificate was also granted by D Richardson to the effect that he could be removed without mental or bodily injury.

The patient himself was not examined on oath as it was found by Inward Lennox that he did not understand the meaning of an oath

On removal from the asylum there was a slight discolouration of the skin on the right knee, result of a burn & the bedsore on the left hip was healed entirely and there was a recent cicatrix on the right Elbow

2499 **Alexander Mc-Intyre** admitted 22nd Nov 1881.
Male: Age 42: Married: Labourer: Protestant: Corner house, Lochans, Parish of Inch: Supposed to be for a good number of years insane. Not first attack: Age on first attack - unknown: Never before under treatment: Duration of existing attack - unknown: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Inch Parish since 19th Nov. 1881. Wife - Mrs Mc Intyre, Corner House, Inch, Stranraer.

19 Nov 1881. William Mc Neil, M.D. &c Stranraer. 1. He sits in a dull, apathetic mood, constantly muttering to himself. In one sentence referring to "Kirkmaiden farmers", in the next speak of some person striking him on the back with a stool; then of his being "naked" rambling on in an incoherent manner. 2. Mr Ritchie, Lochans Mills says he roamdes about the roads all day, muttering to himself in broken, unconnected sentences. That he has been more violent of late, attacking and striking his wife and children, without cause, &c. Mrs McDowall, a neighbour corroborates above. Says she often hears him shouting and abusing his wife; has all kinds of suspicions about his wife and children (unfounded); talks and mutters to himself in an incoherent manner &c.

20 Nov 1881. Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Ed, &c. Stranraer. 1. On visiting him I found him in bed. I asked him why he was in bed & he replied that he had been hit with a stool and that he had turned in until he would get better. He told me the children were not his and that he was going to leave the house and go to another three miles off to get clear of them and have peace. In his statements contradicts himself &c. 2. William Boan, who resides in the next house says that Mc Intyre often gets into an excited state, and puts his wife and children out of the house. He complains that people rob him, and them put instruments into his ears. His wife says that he is outrageous at times and thrashes the children without cause. She says he will not go to bed at night unless there is a light burning. Says that men are coming into the house at night to rob him.

This patient appears to be somewhat weak minded but he is so very deaf it is difficult to ascertain much out of him. He has been quiet & orderly since admission

January 28th 82 As this patient ~~Entered~~ is so deaf that it is impossible to make him hear an attempt was made to get at his mental condition by writing questions. By this means it was elicited that he still has the delusion that he has no children: he also is not sure that the person said to be his wife is really his wife or not. His utterance is very indistinct and difficult to understand.

June 5th 82 Mc Intyre remains as described above: he is a quiet man never interferes with anyone.

December 18th 82 This man has delusions about himself but it is not easy to get at them owing to his deafness

July 16th 83 No change to record.

August 22nd 83 Alex Mc Intyre is to day removed on Probation

15th Dec. 83 Alex: Mc Intyre is to day brought back to the asylum: the deputy inspector of Poor States that he would not remain at home but wandered about. He sometimes recognised & acknowledge his wife: complained of his back being burnt &c. but he was quite harmless as to himself and others

2500 **Susan McKie or McMeechan** – Admitted 22nd Nov 1881. Female: Age 21: Married: Fieldworker: Established Church of Scotland Stewarton, Kirkcolm: About a months insane – attack intermittent: First Attack: Supposed cause – First confinement & Suppurating breast Not Epileptic: Dangerous to self and others: Changeable to Kirkcolm since 21st Nov. Thomas McMeechan, husband: None of family known to have been insane.

24 Nov. 1881 Thomas Ferguson, M.D., C.M. 22 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. She is noisy and restless – skipping about the room and dancing unless restrained by the Attendants. Talks constantly and incoherently. 2. By the Attendants – That she has been noisy and troublesome since admission.

24 Nov 1881 A. D. MacDonald, M.D. 18 Castle Street. 1. Is very violent, answers questions in a very rambling manner – the answers having no connection with the question. 2. Has been very violent to the attendants, kicking and striking them.

Admitted on Certificate of Emergency

This patient was suffering from acute mania when admitted. She is a strong healthy young woman and gave a great deal of trouble dancing, kicking and shrieking.

She was fed once or twice at first but afterwards took all her food with avidity.

January She has now quieted a little but continues to sing and dance a good deal and has once or twice pretended to take fits in imitation of those Epileptics she has seen take them. She is Irish and of a very lively temperament

16th February 82 Continues noisy & excitable during almost the day but usually sleeps at night: is usually good natured. She sings a quantity of unconnected nonsense which is extemporised at the time.

28th March 82 This patient has not settled down much: she is quiet during the night & day

July 4th 1882 She is to-day discharged on Probation till October 4th 1882.

October 4th – 1882 – Susan McMeechan is to day discharged Recovered

2501 Agnes Mc. Kie – Admitted 24th November 1881.

Female: Age 54: Single: Servant: Protestant: resided for years in Glenluce: Found and exd at her own house in Glenluce: Somewhat peculiar and melancholic for some months: First attack: has shown a tendency to break out at intervals for two or three weeks: Supposed cause – change of life, and improper food: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Does not threaten: Chargeable to Old Luce since Aug 4th 1868: William Mc. Kenzie, Illegitimate son, St Louis, America.

21st Nov 1881 William Mc. Cornick, L.R.C.S.Ed. 1. Swears profanely and rages, when alone at some imaginary old man. Told me that he bumbed through her head down her throat the whole of today and yesterday & yesterday: would not allow her to put on her clothes, a fire or nothing: said she would keep up the old B—r for the Glenluce folks, &c. 2. Told by Thomas Ambers, living next Door that she was at times worse and becoming dirty in her habits, that in her pursuit of the said old man he was afraid she would set fire to the house and do mischief to herself and others during the night.

21st Nov 1881 William Mc. Neil, M.D., L.R.C.S.E. Stranraer. 1. She has a wild, restless look, goes about her house in an excited, impulsive way. Speaks loudly &c of an old man who comes into her house, gets into her brains, paints pictures on her lips &c and plays all kinds of pranks on her &c. 2. Mrs Ambers her neighbour says she has often seen and heard her address an imaginary old man in the most excited manner, shake her fist at him, looking fixedly upwards, call him all sorts of obscene names. So loud does she become, and so long does she apostrophize that she keeps her and her family awake whole nights; that her habits are horribly filthy &c. Anne Ambers, daughter of Mrs Ambers corroborates her mothers statements.

This patient has been quiet and orderly since admission and has as yet succeeded in concealing her delusions. One of the Medical men who certified says that she can conceal them for long periods of time

19th July 82 This patient continues to have the control over the delusions from which she has for some time suffered. She frequently denies knowing anything about the "old man" at other times says very little about the matter when she is talked to about it. She does some work in the Laundry and continues to be very quiet

4th March 82 This patient is today discharged Relieved

2502 **Sarah Kennedy** – Admitted 10th Dec.r 1881.
Female 35: Single: Pauper (formerly Domestic Servant) Protestant: Hillhead Cottages, Parish of Kier: 2 months insane: First attack: Never under examination and treatment. Supposed cause – Disease of Brain: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Parish of Kier since 8th December 1881.
Mrs Janet Corson, her mother, resides at Hillhead Cottages, Parish of Kier. No member of her family known to be or to have been insane.

8 Dec.r 1881 James Scott Wilson, M.B., C.M.: 1. Peculiar, insane, vacant look. On being questioned her answers were incoherent and not in accordance with facts, her memory being in most cases altogether in fault. She also believes herself to be suffering from complaints that do not exist. 2. As stated by her mother. She is at times very violent, and weeps and cries for a whole day, continually talking to herself in a meaningless manner. She has threatened several times to kill her mother.

9 Dec.r 1881 Thomas Logan, M.D. &c Penpont, Dumfriesshire. 1. During the past few years have professionally attended her for attacks of great emotional excitement in which she gave way to continuous weeping and also suffered in intellect. 2. Has latterly become dangerous to her relatives, and has actually done violence to her mother. As her mother informs me.

This patient has proved quiet and inoffensive since admission. Her intellect is very weak and she has some delusions regarding disease she has had. There seem to have been somewhat portioned by being allowed to stay in bed when she is quite fit to be up and doing some work. She is improving

15th Feby 82 It appears that this patient was allowed to lie in bed for 3 years: now however she gets up & does a little light work such as knitting.

17th Feby 82 It appears from that this patient at the time she remained in bed was usually quiet but that whenever an attempt was made to get her up she Continually Cried out "Oh dear" so that they were glad to leave her alone. She gave no account of her peculiar behaviour to her friends.

9th Oct 82 This patient Continues to be subject to depression of spirits and occasional fits.

January 18th 83 This patient is much better: has fewer crying fits and is fairly industrious

Oct 8th 83 She has for sometime been living at Maryfield and has on the whole been much the better of the change: occasionally the crying fits recur.

2503 **Margaret Steel or Muir** – Admitted 13th to Decemr 1881.
Female 38 years: Married: wife: Protestant: Port Street, Annan: Found & exd at Greencroft Wynd, Annan: Eight days insane: First attack: Cause – unknown: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. John Muir, Greencroft Wynd, Annan: None of family known to have been insane.

13 Decr 1881 David Charles Cox, L.R.C.P. Ed. 1. she is highly excitable, crying talking and reading aloude incessantly. Fancies she has committed some great crime. that her soul is lost & that some calamity is to befal her on the 3d day of the month in which the fatal figure "3" appears. 2. Her Husband states that she talks continually about her soul, sin, and some crime for which she is to be executed like Leprosy & that nothing but prayer will save her.

13 Decr 1881. Daniel Mackenzie, M.B. & C.M. 1. Crying about indifferent matters. Delusion about herself & her conduct. Sleeplessness. 2. Inability to look after ordinary domestic work. Delusions about her sins and crimes and other matters without foundation.

This patient has numerous delusions, sees scenes in which she takes part – hears voices at night which prevent her sleeping. She is thin and badly nourished.

15th Feby 82 Mrs Muir continues to suffer from delusions: she thinks the Lord sent her to hell here and therefore she will not take it: is very depressed in spirits: has the idea that she is lost & that she will never get home again: she has hallucinations of hearing.

28th March 82 Mrs Muir has somewhat improved: she is taking Decoction of Iron Mix & Strychnia (Liq) M 5 – three times a day. her appetite is somewhat better and there is less depression of spirits

13th May 82 Mrs Muir is today discharged on Probation

11th August 1882 Mrs Muir is to day discharged Recovered

2504 **Elizabeth Morris or Scott** Admitted 13th Decr 1881.
Female 39. Married: Housekeeper, previously millworker. Protestant: Welldale, Annan: Found & exd at Butts St. Annan: Five days insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 28 years. Several times in D. C. Asylum: Duration of Existing Attack, a few days: Cause - not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Annan Parish since 4th July 1870. George Scott, Fisherman, Butts Street, Annan. None of family known to have been insane.

12 Decr 1881 Thomas Williamson, L.R.C.S. Ed. Church Place, Annan. 1. Excited & unsettled appearance, outrageous, screaming & singing. 2. Her husband says she never sleeps and every 10 or 15 minutes she breaks out into fits of violent screaming or singing and dances about with any weapon, as stick or poker, she can lay hands on.

13 Decr 1881 Daniel Mackenzie, M.B., C.M. Annan. 1. She is quite indifferent about ordinary matters, domestic, & otherwise. She can't think or talk rationally. 2. Her husband confirms these facts. She has been confined for Lunacy before.

This patient remains pretty quiet during the day but is very noisy at night. Cause is probably drinking to excess as it is usually after a drinking bout that she has been brought here. Works at the laundry

15th July 82 This patient is passionate & apt to ~~state~~ when she seems to have a lack of self control. She continues to work at the Laundry

24th June 82. Mrs Scott was to day Discharged on Probation - much Relieved.

6th July 1882 This patient is to day discharged Recovered

2505 **Hugh Corrigan** – Admitted 20th December 1881.
Male, Age 52. Married: Labourer: Roman Catholic: Friar's Vennel: H.M. Prison, Dumfries. A few days insane: First attack so far as known: Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 20th Dec. 1881. Mary Whallen, wife, residing at Friar's Vennel, Dumfries. None of family known to have been insane.

20 Dec. 1881 William Scott, M.D. Dumfries. 1. The Wardens & Governor of the Prison say that he is incapable of knowing anything in relation to himself or family: Noisy, sleepless, & vacant. 2. Has delusions: expression of countenance imbecile.

20 Dec. 1881 William Marshall, M.D. &c, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, quite obtuse, and not calculated to comprehend the meaning of questions. 2. The Governor states that he makes fearful noises in his cell, and disturbs all around him.

This patient is of weak intellect – very talkative. He stole a purse but finding nothing in it he returned it. He was in rather poor condition when admitted which had probably helped to weaken the mind. He is a confirmed Kleptomaniac

10th Oct 82 Corrigan continues as decidedly above: he does a little work outside: his a case of imbecility – probably in part original.

10th May 82 This patient is today discharged on Probation

8th August 1882 This patient is today discharged
Recovered.

2506 **Alexander Ritchie Young** – Admitted 21st Dec.r 1881.
Male, age 22: Single: Clerk: Protestant: Port William: six days insane: Not first attack: Age on first Attack 21 years. Previously under treatment at home: Supposed cause – Epilepsy: Doubtful if Suicidal: Dangerous. Chargeable to Mochrum Parish since 21st Dec.r 1881. Mrs Mary Gavine Young, Port William, Wigtownshire, Mother: None of family known to have been insane.

21 Dec.r 1881 Robert Bird Selby, M.D. Portwilliam. 1. Goes into paroxysms of violence – trying to injure people about him – smashing the window, lifting coals from the fire to throw at people. 2. Wanted to get out of the house to drown himself in the sea. Thinks his grandfather's picture is every where, & is continually trying to smash it.

21 Dec.r 1881 William Anderson, M.B., C.M. Whithorn, Wigtonshire. 1. When I saw him he was in a better condition than he had been, judging from report. He spoke pretty sensibly, but yet looked wild. He made remarks in a mixed company which although true should not have been said. Saw cuts on his hand got by smashing the window. 2. Mr John Dunlop, who was with him during the last night says he was very violent; lifted a chair & threatened those around him, bit one of the attendants, pulled informants hair severely & smashed window.

This patient suffers from Epileptic excitement and was very troublesome after admission. In an attempt to punch through a window he cut his head severely and injured one of his fingers. The patients head has healed satisfactorily & finger joint is also now whole but the movement at the joint is very slight

5th February 82 Tonight this patient became excited & under the influence of delusions: he maintained that the writer was endeavouring to put him under a trance and that Col: Petrie Mc Clymont knew about it & he was violent & unmanageable & he endeavoured to bite

10th July 82 — When he was fed by the stomach pump he having refused – several meals for some time under the idea that poison was put in his food

May 29th 83. has delusions is sometimes violent he has also some conjunctivitis of both eyes (Mist. Arg. gtt ii ad ℥j.)

July 3rd 82 This patent is today transferred to the
Bruchton R. Institution

2507 **Elizabeth Connor** - Admitted 24th December 1881.

Female: Single: Domestic Servant, previous occupation same: Roman Catholic: 5 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries: 2 Seedrow, Maxwelltown: Two weeks: First Attack: Age on first Attack - 19 years: Cause - none if any - not known: Not Epileptic: Attempted to drown herself: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Troqueer Parish since 21st Dec. 1881: William Connor, 2 Seedrow, father: Mother a patient in the Asylum chargeable to the parish of Troqueer.

21 Dec. 1881. John Cunningham, M.D. &c. 35 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries.
1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder: she sits by the fire and takes no interest in any thing going on about her: 2. Her mother has been an inmate of the Southern Counties Asylum for some years. Her Aunt says that she tried to drown herself.

20 Dec. 1881 James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P. 45 Buccleuch Strut, Dumfries
1. Stupid, vacant expression of countenance: she takes no interest in her surroundings: Answers to questions unsatisfactory and contradictory. 2. Her aunt and her late employer state that she attempted suicide; and had threatened to do so several times. Her mother is at present in an asylum.

E. Connor - The cause in this case is probably hereditary her mother being an inmate here. Exciting cause - she had an illegitimate child about a year ago which died and she has been rather melancholic ever since. but has been in service but her mistress being rather peculiar in her ways this probably helped to unsettle her mind further. She has been quiet ever since admission and appears to be improving

15th April 82 This patient Continued to make Satisfactory Progress, became rational & worked well. She was today discharged Recovered.

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Thomas Craig – Admitted 24th December 1881
Male 45: Labourer: Protestant: Castle Douglas & Crossmichael. Two months insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment Neither Epileptic, Suicidal nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Kells parish since 24th Dec. 1881. Mrs Mary J. Craig, Cotton Street Castle Douglas.

23rd Dec 1881 Walter Lorraine, M.D. Castle Douglas. 1. He labours under several delusions, with which he is almost constantly impressed – he looks vacant and preoccupied and acts insanely. 2. His wife says he is restless and conducts himself quite differently from what was his former habits. Talks on religious subjects and even on ordinary topics in a fanciful and imaginary manner.

23 Dec. 1881 John Nivison, M.B. Castle Douglas. 1. He talks at times in a rambling, incoherent manner, has occasionally a wild vacant stare, and fancies that people are set against him, talking about him and intending to do him harm. 2. His wife and brothers say that he is restless at night, getting up and walking about the house, refuses to conduct himself in a rational manner, and is much concerned about religious matters.

May 29th This patient has numerous delusions – says he cannot keep his head still – cannot speak at times &c but has been quiet since admission Thinks people are set against him – and is very indignant at being kept in the Asylum And is constantly asking for a commission of medical men to examine him so that everyone may be satisfied as to his soundness of mind.

June 10th Discharged on Probation

July 7th 82. Re-admitted from Probation, brought back by his brother and a Sergeant of Police; with a letter from Dr. Lorraine Castle Douglas, saying he on one occasion stayed out all night and was found next morning a few miles from home wandering aimlessly along the road.

Oct 9th 82 This man Continues to be peculiar in his behaviour very dogmatic & persistent. Has done some work

15th August 83 At about 12 30 pm today this patient made his escape by scaling the wall Was absent for two days when he was brought back from Castle Douglas by the head attendant. He was

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much thunder but otherwise did not appear to be much the worse of his absence. His reason for escaping was that he had been "told" to do so. He has at times hallucinations of hearing.

Oct 8th 83 The patient remains much the same

2509 William Robertson – Admitted 25th December 1881.
Male – Age 38: Married: Tanner: Protestant: Castle Douglas: 4 months insane: Second Attack: Age on first attack – 33 or 34: Previously under treatment in Dumfries Asylum: Cause – unknown: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Gordon Robertson, brother Castle Douglas. None of family known to have been insane.

25 Dec. 1881. Richard B Lorraine, M.B., C.M. Castle Douglas. 1. He complains of his wife being unfaithful to him, suspects her of the company she keeps, says the men (his fellow workers) are afraid of him, and thinks all his friends are set against him. 2. His brother says he threatened his life and the life of one of the workmen. He also threatened his wife, saying, he would do for her. The police found him last night alternately praying and cursing.

25 Dec. 1881. Walter Lorraine, M.D. Castle Douglas. 1. He is jealous of his wife who is a most respectable person & accuses her of men to whom she hardly ever speaks. He was confined in the Asylum a few years ago for 6 & 9 months and since then he has been more or less insane. 2. His wife and brother say that he threatens and is dangerous to them. He sometimes takes a glass of drink and the smallest quantity makes him quite maniacal.

This patient was previously in the CRI for Religious mania but he recently came (this time) in evidently drinking to excess.
For long he showed no signs of any derangement but in the third week of January he was seen in the airing court walking up and down and swearing at Freemasonry and the Prince of Wales. He was rather incoherent but pulled up again when even he noticed that he was being observed.
This patient may be truly said to labour under the tyranny of a bad organisation: he is a man whose mental system is extremely unstable and the balance of which is apt to be disturbed by small excitements. When upset he becomes very unmanageable and has unjust suspicions of his wife to whom however when free from such excitement he writes in terms of affection. He is very easily upset by drink & appears and his eyes state

that she has several times threatened to leave him
so as to induce him not to partake of stimulants
14th Feby 82 Robertson was today discharged temporarily
recovered but it is to be feared that he may
suffer from relapse

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Mary Edgar – Admitted 28th December 1881.

Female 47: Single: Cook: Protestant: Sunny brae, Kirkmahoe: Two years insane: First Attack: Previously under treatment at home: Duration of existing attack 1 week. Cause - not known: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Agnes Edgar, Sister, Sunny Brae, Kirkmahoe. No other member of family known to have been insane.

28 Dec. 1881. John Cunningham, M.D. 35 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder. Has the idea that she is a young woman in want of a situation and must go to Glasgow to a place. She talks incoherently. 2. Has attempted and often threatened to take her sister's life. She is very sleepless and wanders about at night. This information was obtained from her sister and niece.

28 Dec. 1881 Hugh Cunningham, L.R.C.P. Edin &c. 25 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. She is excited & believes that her relations wish to Kill her. 2. Her sister informs me that she endeavoured to choke her last night, and that she is very excitable.

This patient has slept well since admission. Cause is displeasure at her sister for having illegitimate children & for one of them wanting to marry a man whom she does not approve of.

Feby 17th 82 The Petitioner, niece of the patient Called today and from her statements it appears that the patient has of late shown a very great amount of temper -; that on different occasions she has threatened to burn a a poker in the bedroom in which she slept with her sister with the intention of doing her injury and that on one occasion she attempted to strangle her sister by seizing her by the throat.

The patient is stated to have been very generously inclined also that within the last few years at the very old & unfit for any employment to have been very reticent and desirous of being employed as a cook in some private house.

March 15th 82 This Patient was to day removed on Probation by her niece Mary Dinwiddie

22nd April 82. Mary Edgar is to day re-admitted See 2549

9th August 82 This patient is again discharged on Probation and she was discharged Recovered in Nov. 7th 82

2511 **Sarah Whyte** – Admitted 31st December 1881.
Female 45. Married: Wife of William Whyte – Domestic Servant.
Protestant: Chapelknowe, Haly Morton: Insane for several weeks:
Not first attack: Age on first attack – unknown: April 1878 in
Southern C. Asylum: Supposed cause – tendency to insanity:
Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Uncertain if dangerous:
Chargeable to Haly Morton Parish since 25th Dec. 1881.
William Whyte, Husband, Chapelknowe, Haly Morton.

26 Dec. 1881 William Carruthers L.R.C.P. Ed. Kirkpatrick Fleming.
1. Manner excited and restless. Speech incoherent at times,
the amount of dirt about the house shows that patient (though
active and able bodied) neglects her duties. 2. Her neighbour
Mrs Elliot says that she has lately been often disturbed at
nights at all hours by patient shouting and singing; and
that patient spends her time wandering about or lying
in bed.

29 Dec. 1881. James Rae Anderson. M.D. Eskbank, Cannonbie. 1.
She is very much excited, is swearing and talking all sorts of
nonsense and lewd language. She has evidently lost all
control over herself. The house is also very much disordered.
2. Mrs Little her next door neighbour says Mrs Whyte is
very noisy and swears and uses very obscene language which
is quite unusual for her, and altogether behaves as if she
was quite out of herself.

This patient is very excitable and noisy but can control
herself when she pleases

9th July 82 The case of Cacomania has as yet shown
signs of yielding down: there is a good deal of
mischievous spirit with also a tendency to be obscene
and abusive in her conversation.

9th Oct. 82 Great improvement has taken place in
Mrs Whyte: she is now quiet and seems to
be some what humbled with her attack. She
does some work.

25th Nov. 82 This patient is to day discharged on Probation

16th Feby 83 Sarah Whyte is to day discharged: Recovered.

2512 **Alexander Milligan** – Admitted 31st December 1881.
Male. 44: Single: Soldier. Pensioner: Protestant: Chatham:
Welldale Villa. Maxwelltown: About one months insane.
First Attack: Cause – not known: Not Epileptic:
Suicidal – attempted to cut his throat: Not Dangerous:
Janet Corson or Hyslop. Welldale Villa, Maxwelltown,
half sister. None of family for a considerable time known
to have been insane.

31 Decr 1881 Hugh Cunningham. L.R.C.P. Ed. 25 Castle Street, Dumfries.
1. He is melancholic, & last night had a suicidal impulse. 2. His nephew informs me that he cut his throat last night.

31 Decr 1881. John Cunningham, M.D. Dumfries. 1. His facial expression indicates mental disorder. He is melancholic in his disposition. 2. He endeavoured to cut his throat last night.

About twelve months ago this patient was observed to become rather melancholic and used to walk from morning till night and did not come in for his meals regularly but for the last six months he would not go out. He imagined that people accused him of abusing a child of a niece and fancied that he heard them speaking of it in the streets and that the officers of the law were going to apprehend him for it. He thought that whenever any one came to the door that it was to take him up and was much afraid in consequence. It has been noticed that he has a difficulty in speaking and pronouncing his words whereas he used to speak fluently. Used to drink a good deal but has not been of late allowed to carry money or to get much at home walks peculiar and not soldierlike, he shoots a taken leg strides and there is a slight halt on the right leg. There is a marked hereditary and suicidal history in this case. Four aunts are said to have been confined in the Crichton, one a Mrs Weir hanged herself – (another name was Mrs Marks) Two uncles hanged themselves without having shown any premonitory symptoms of insanity. His paternal grandfather also hanged himself

6th July 82 The man has undergone much improvement: the paralysis of the tongue is nearly removed & he can now speak with considerable distinctness. The suicidal wound has healed very satisfactorily.

13th June 82 Still very depressed & melancholic - sits alone all day and talks very little - last night he tried to commit suicide by stuffing a blanket into his mouth, in which act he was discovered by the attendant.

9th oct 82 This patient continues to be very depressed: he has become wet in his habits — the urine continually dribbling away.

14th april 83 Continues a downward course.

8th Oct: 83 A.M. has for some time been very obscure and foul in his Conversation. He is always wishing to be buried: maintains that he is not a man &. His habits continue to be wet and unsatisfactory.

2513 **Philadelphia Telfer.** Admitted 2nd January 1882. Female Age 50: Single: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Thornhill, Morton: About 2 weeks insane: First Attack: Not Epileptic: Chargeable to Morton Parish since 31st Dec 1881. Andrew Skilling, 15 Saddle Lane, Butcher Gate Carlisle, son in law.

30 Dec 1881. Thomas Davidson, M.B. & C.M. Thornhill, Dumfriesshire. 1. Her faculties of attention and comparison are impaired: great irritability at trifling circumstances, great difficulty in directing attention to and steadily occupying the mind with any train of thought. Sleepless at night time.

30 Dec. 1881. John Mowat, M.D. Sunnybrae, 1. She has a number of dishes in various places which she kept arranging and rearranging for no apparent purpose. On being told the name of a familiar place said she knows it quite well but soon forgot the name. Could not tell how old she is, or who the person was who was with her. 2. She laughed and cried alternately without apparent cause. So very restless at night, informed by her attendant.

The inspector of Poor of Morton stated that this patient was very noisy for some time before her removal to an Asylum. Her case appears to be one of Dementia: she has great difficulty in answering ordinary questions in an intelligible manner & usually lapses into incoherence. She is also subject to hallucinations.

May 29th/882. Mrs Telfer is apparently in much the same condition - she has great difficulty in giving expression to her ideas - She talks voluminously but her sentences are generally unconnected. Her bodily health is good.

June 21st 82 The patient was discharged by minute of the Parochial Board.

2514 **James Wilson Peattie**, Admitted 6th January 1882.
58. Male: Married: Tailor's cutter, Protestant: 36 Queen Street, Newtonstewart - Penninghame: Gradually breaking up for last 6 months: First attack: Existing attack assumed an acute form for a few weeks only: Cause - alcohol: Not Epileptic: Suicidal tendency occasionally: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Edinburgh since 2 January 1882. None of his family known to have been insane.

5 Jany 1882 James Clark, Surgeon, Newtonstewart. 1. Marked impairment of all his mental powers, associated with delusions of various kinds: 2. He accused his wife of having given him poison, and requested her to give him a knife to rip himself open.

5 Jany 1882. James Gibbons Dickson, M.D. Woodlee, Newtonstewart. 1. Excited, restless, incoherent: memory impaired and numerous delusions with regard to himself, his friends and surroundings. 2. His wife and son say that by turns he is talkative and excitable, at others morose and silent: is given to wandering from home and that on several occasions he has used violence.

This case is one of General Paralysis of the Insane which has already undergone considerable development: the gait is somewhat unsteady & in order to attend the base & support the legs are separated rather widely in walking: he has great difficulty in turning quickly. If the eyes are shut & the feet placed together he sways about & would almost fall. There is not as yet much pupillary irregularity but the utterance is markedly affected & he has great difficulty in repeating test-words. There is also depression & at present the mental condition is one of good natured imbecility. There has occasionally been some loss of power over the vesical sphincter: that however has improved.

6th July 82 There has been some improvement in this patient's mental symptoms: he talks much better

April 24th 82. Transferred to the Morningside Asylum.

2515 **Margaret Little or Campbell.** Admitted 7 Jan 1882. Female Aged 55 years: Widow: Housewife: Protestant: Prior, Lochmaben: 40 Glasgow Street, Maxwelltown: Insane about 1 week at present: Fourth Attack: Age on first attack 45 years: Previously in S. C. Asylum. Cause – not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Lochmaben Parish, date not known: Elizabeth Campbell daughter, 40 Glasgow Street, Maxwelltown: A sister in an Asylum at Edinburgh.

7 Janr 1882 James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.S. 45 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. She talks incoherently, and does not give intelligent answers to questions asked. She is very suspicious of her neighbours, and refuses to take her food. 2. Her Daughter states that she will not take food; she told the inspector of Poor, that if she had a change of clothes she would soon recover. Has been three times previously confined in an asylum.

7 Jan 1882. John Cunningham, M.D. 35 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder, She is melancholic and does not answer questions readily. 2. She has been an inmate of the Southern Counties Asylum, and from the report I see she has a sister in an asylum near Edinburgh.

There is a constitutional tendency to insanity in the patients family: She was removed from the asylum in an un-recovered state & placed in the Care of her daughter who appears to have managed her well. In summer however Mrs Campbell has been becoming worse: cannot be kept she wants to do little or no work in the house except perhaps sometimes knitting a stocking. She became very irritable; thought even when her daughter was looking at her that she was attempting to annoy her: the noise of the frying pan was an intolerable source of complaint to her: She thought that people were endeavouring to annoy her.

This case is Chronic & old and perhaps would benefit from a little discipline: she is very much disinclined to do any work at all even knitting under the plea that she is "too weak". She has a peculiar furtive look

May 82 Mary Campbell is now actively troublesome: she is very destructive, breaking glass freely and

using foul obscene language. She is further noisy and mischievous

9th Oct 82 Some improvement has taken place in this patient: the above recorded symptoms have passed off and she is more rational & inclined to work.

31st Oct 82 Patient is today removed on Probation (3 months) expiring on the 27th Jan 83.

27th January 83 This patient is today discharged Recovered

2516 **Robert Rigg** - Admitted 12th January 1882.

Male, age 40: Single: Labourer: Thought to be Roman Catholic: 43 Church St, Maxwelltown: About a week insane: First Attack: Cause - Alcoholism: Not Epileptic: Not known if Suicidal: Dangerous. Chargeable to Troqueer Parish since 12th January 1882: Married: Margaret Rigg, mother: (20) None of

12 Jan. 1882 James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P.&S. Ed. 45 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. He refuses to answer questions, or take food. Is very indecent in behaviour. He persists in stating that he has authority from the Lord to shoot anyone who comes near him. 2. His mother states he has twice run about the house in a state of nudity. She also says he has become violent and indecent in conduct.

14 Jan. 1882. John Cunningham, M.D. 35 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. His facial expression indicates mental disorder. He is very taciturn, and has a suspicious look in his eyes. 2. The Inspector of Poor, Maxwelltown, tells me that the said Robert Rigg is violent in his behaviour, and his mother says that he is indecent in his conduct.

It appears that the patient was before on a former occasion under Police supervision for an attack of alcoholic Insanity in which he suffered from delirium tremens from that he recovered with ordinary asylum treatment on the present occasion however attendance at home was attempted but under the influence of delusions and hallucinations the patient became violent in his conduct and on one or two occasions he ran off from his home in Maxwelltown up the Corberry Hill without any thing clothing but his shirt. He would look fixedly for hours at the wall without moving.

Since admission the patient has not been unruly & without a days or two some amount of reason returned and he appeared to be really conscious of his position.

1st February 82. This patient when Special Visited into the State in which he is at present. He knows he was says freely with somewhat stern & but slightly vacant & Anxious of Countenance at the wall in a vacancy. The head is held firmly & he will resist any attempt to divert him from this peculiar manifestation. He will not speak to any one if has not done

for several days: in three weeks or he persistently refused food & took only partial meals he was fed with the stomach pump.
On the other hand he washes & dresses himself neatly and attends to the ordinary wants of nature.

9th July 82 Patient Rigg remains in a state of stupor.

18th July 82 No change. — Patient has not yet spoken since he passed into the apathetic state.

May /82 When this patient wakened up out of his peculiar trance like condition it was found that he entertained the delusion that he was surrounded by the spirits of the departed (his fellow patients): he is now now inclined to talk a little & seems anxious about his friends

9th Oct 82 Robert Rigg Continues to suffer from apathy and mental depression.

14th April 83 R.R has undergone much improvement: he is a capital spademan and a most industrious worker.

25th June 83 Robert Rigg was to day discharged Recovered

2517 John Thompson — Admitted 15th January 1882.

Male about 60 years: Married: Joiner: Protestant: Collin: Two weeks insane: First Attack: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Torthorwald since 14th January 1882: Elizabeth Thomson wife, residing at Collin, Torthorwald.

15 Jan. 1882. James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed. 46 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. His facial expression indicates mental disorder, he is restless & suspicious, and admits that he meditates suicide. 2. His wife states that he has several times threatened suicide. He has during the last fortnight been very excitable, and irritable in temper.

15 Jan. 1882. William Smith Kerr, M.D. &c. Dumfries. 1. He is quite melancholic. Feels restless, especially at night and sleepless. He has a foreboding of something hanging over him. 2. His wife and others see a great change in him. They are frightened for him since he spoke of committing suicide.

This man has a stout robust appearance and on admission did not look very like making away with himself. He explains that he owes one and that he was under the impression that they would never be better — an incident which made him depressed in spirits. From people in the neighbourhood it appears that patient kept a cow and that he had some difficulty in obtaining the necessary pasture for it which may also have preyed on his spirits

17th July 82 The patient's wife called to day and saw the patient. She states that for some time before admission he had been very low-spirited — would pace up & down the room in a restless manner and that he on several occasions pared knives, rope or anything within his reach with the intention of committing suicide: that on one occasion he took the knife out of the plane with the intention of cutting his throat. At present date the patient is moody and low-spirited

9th May 82 The patient has now undergone much improvement and is to day discharged on Probation

8th August 1882 The patient is to day discharged Recovered

2518 Elizabeth Campbell – Admitted 16th January 1882.
Female, Age 30: Single: Seamstress, formerly Domestic Servant: Protestant: 40 Glasgow street, Maxwelltown: About one week insane: First attack: Supposed cause – on account of her mother having been removed to the Asylum: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Settlement appears to be Lochmaben, Iroquecr in the first instance, 13 Jan. 1882: Mother, Margaret Campbell, removed to the Asylum on the 7 Jan curt: Has a sister who is said to have been insane.

15 Jan. 1882. James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed. 45 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. She is easily excited, & is noisy and unruly. She cannot converse intelligently. She laughs & cries without any apparent cause. 2. Her sister states that patients mother is at present an inmate in Southern Counties Asylum.

16 Jan. 1882. John Cunningham, M.D., &c 35 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder. She talks incoherently, & behaves in a wonderful manner to those around her. 2. Sleeps very little & is troublesome to those in the house. Her mother is an inmate of the Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries.

In this case the disease appears to be constitutional. The patient herself states that three years ago she gave up her work as a Domestic Servant and came to Dumfries to make a home for her mother at that time an inmate of the asylum. Her mother was removed from the asylum & given over to her care and remained with her until removed here on the 7th of January. It appears that her mother did almost nothing in the way of work and was more or less irritating & aggravating in her ways and that it was partly due to that that this patient's present illness was caused. The patient states that she has an illegitimate son.
With regard to her illness which must be regarded as caused by exhaustion in a person both of mental disorder she states that she was in a state of terror thinking at one time "that she was at the bottom of the sea", at another "that she was in a tunnel".

19th February 82 This patient continues to make satisfactory progress: she is still thin and is taking Hypo. – phosphite of Soda and a Vegetable bitter.

7th March 82 This patient has remained well for sometime and although to be found that in unfavourable Circumstances the disease may again return She was to-day discharged "Recovered" by Sir Adam's authority and was removed from the Asylum in a cab by her sister accompanied by the Inspector Poor of Lochmaben & Ruglen

2519 **John Dewar** – Admitted 18th January 1882.

Male 25 years: Single (illegitimate): Labourer: Protestant: Newton-stewart: Incipient for some time: Not first attack: Was ill for two days at the New Year 1880. supposed after drinking: Duration of existing attack – 2 days: Supposed cause Epilepsy: Not Suicidal: Sometimes Dangerous: Chargeable to Penninghame since 17th January 1882.
Mother, Margaret Dewar, Queen St, Newtonstewart.

17 Jan. 1882. James Clark, L.R.C.P.S.Gl. Newtonstewart. 1. Subject for years to Epilepsy and latterly to paroxysms of anger. I saw him in one today. He was furious, and is, in my opinion, dangerous to others. His mental powers are being gradually impaired. He told me that he was shut out last night by God: that something was passing into and exciting him. 2. His mother states that he has often told her that it is not in him to do good; that he will take both her life and his fathers, but hers first.

17 Jan 1882. James G. Dickson, M.D. Woodlee, Newtonstewart. 1. Considerable impairment of all the mental faculties. Restlessness. Taciturn. Makes unmeaning grimaces and gestures, and altogether behaves in a most unreasoning manner. 2. His mother states that he is subject to Epileptic attacks which are increasing in frequency: that he has frequent fits of excitement during which he is dangerous: that he has often assaulted her and that he chases children on the street.

This is a case of Epileptic Insanity in which the fits are not very frequent: there is considerable dementia at present: he acknowledges the notion that he was shut out by God & he states he thinks that the fits have been caused by his parent giving him some Spirit.

30th January 82 During the night the patient had the first fit since which he has suffered since admission: it was described as being severe one.

May 29th Patient still has fits at intervals – is at times very peaceable

9th Oct 82 John Dewar is working regularly; he is dull but his intelligence was probably never great: the epilepsy continues

11th April 83 J.D. is at times apt to be moody and threatening when under the influence of epilepsy

8th Oct 83 No change to record.

5 August This patient was sent to Stewarton Poorhouse
Relieved

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Readmitted 17th November 1884

20-11-84 J.D was said to be very violent sometimes & dangerous but since his admission he has been very quiet & is one of the best outside workers. He has not had any fits lately. He states that he wished to get back here as he got more food & less work than in the Poorhouse. He is much thinner than when discharged —

1-12-84 J.D continues in the same quiet demented state & has never shewn any symptoms of violence. He is in fairly good health at present.

9-12-84 J.D. continues as above but seems to be passing into a state of more marked dementia. He still works well. —

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Isabella Boyes or Laidlaw.

Admitted 20th January 1882.

Female about 35: Widow: Keeps a small shop formerly Domestic Servant. Protestant: Craighaugh, Eskdalemuir: Langholm, Dumfriesshire: About ten days insane: First Attack: Supposed cause - excitement through business affairs: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Eskdalemuir Parish since 20th Jan 1882. George Laidlaw, Road Contractor, Bankhead, Eskdalemuir, brother in law. None of family known to have been insane.

19 Jan. 1882. John Gill, M.B., Cclb. &c Langholm. 1. When I saw her she was so violent that she required two men to hold her. When I asked where she came from she would not tell me. & on again asking her name she chuckled and said she would not let me know that, & then ordered me to take pen & paper and she would tell me what to write about her money understood, but she was confused in her talk. She sometimes sang snatches of hymns & then of secular songs & could not be stopped. 2. Mr Johnstone, Painter, High St, told me that she came into his house in the morning & sat down in a chair & told his wife that the house was hers, & that she was intending to stay there. She chatted a little often getting a little excited & at last rose & put Mr Johnstone out of his own house & shut the door. She was then by means of help removed to the Poor House where I saw her.

20 Jan. 1882. Duncan M'Callum Clark, L.R.C.P.Ed &c. Hartmanor, Eskdalemuir. 1. She is extremely restless & violent, requires to be restrained & talks incessantly, sometimes giving quotations from Scripture then great oaths & often singing, God save the Queen. 2. Janet Dalgleish, Langholm & Isabella Scott, Langholm, their names, last night communicated to me that she was wanting some one to buy her, or get a knife & cut her throat, & once threatened to throw herself out at a high window.

Mrs Laidlaw was admitted in a state of Acute Mania; restless, excitable throwing herself about, incoherent in conversation, passing rapidly from one subject to another without any connection. There was difficulty in inducing her to take a proper amount of food she was accordingly fed with the Stomach Pump. Her restlessness extended into the night which were frequently sleepless

1st February 82 Some improvement has taken place in her case: she takes nourishment more willingly & is more quiet in demeanour. Her brother states that the meeting cause appears to have been money matters in the death of her husband a will was left which was not drawn up by a lawyer and it appears that after all debts have been paid very little will be left for the widow.

June 10th 1882. This patient was discharged on Probation from June 7th to September 7th 1882.
June 10th 1882. This patient was readmitted from probation on the same day. On reading Duncan's report she refused to go any further. When brought back to the

asylum she said she had returned to wish the Medical Superintendant Good bye - which had previously omitted to do.

9th Oct-82 Mrs Landau is much better mentally than she was at metime but is still peculiar and uncertain.

14th April 83 Patient Remains much the same.

8th Oct 83 Mrs L. continues to be very flighty and uncertain in her ways: she is an excellent worker but is apt to come into collision with others.

2321 Arthur Mc Caffery - Admitted 23rd January 1882
Male: Age 57: Single: Labourer: Roman Catholic: Tramping the Country: Previous Dumfries: A few days insane: First attack as far as known: Cause - unknown: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries meantime since 5th January 1882.

21st Jan 1882 William Marshall. M.D. &c Buccleuch St Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, seems morose or stupid, has no recollection of circumstances or time, states that he came to this country during the Crimean war, 57 years since. 2. His Attendant states that he is of filthy habits, that he roams about all night and was found sitting on a window sole of a window two stories up.

21st Jan. 1882. James M. Mc Culloch, M.D. &c, Dumfries. 1. Sitting with the bed clothes thrown on the floor, his shirt half off, twisting about and never still, wandering moaning very filthy, wild looking & savage. 2. That he rubs himself all over with his own excrement, seldom sleeps or lets others sleep, & is wild, restless & unmanageable, &c.

6th July 1882 Reported to Board of Lunacy "that he is a case of Dementia does not attend to the ordinary wants of nature" That his bodily health & condition "are much impaired: there is a cellular tissue ulcer on the left leg also two boils on the right calf".

The patient's general health is very much impaired: there are the evidences above noted of depraved Condition of the system which we are now endeavouring to remedy by good diet with Iodide of Potass: 10 gr. doses in Infusion of Quass: he has been kept in bed to promote the healing of the ulcers. Mentally there is a mild form of Dementia he frequently mentions that he does not make water for days & then it suddenly escapes from him: on such occasions when his wet habit were remarked on he stated he believed he was lying on a pile of stones and at ease. Left to himself he is apt to get into a filthy Condition.

22nd May Has some spots on abdomen which he attributes to the oatmeal porridge which he takes. His bodily condition has somewhat improved.

31st July 82 This patient is to-day transferred to his native parish in County Fermanagh, Ireland, on Sheriffs warrant. Removed by Inspector of Poor, Dumfries (Mc Innes).

2522 Alexander Brown, Admitted 23rd Jan. 1882.

Male: Single: Shoemaker: Protestant: Kingford: Has become gradually ill since beginning of November: Not previously ill: Duration of existing attack 2 months: Cause - unknown: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Chargeable to Longland Parish since 19th January 1882. William Brown, Father, Kingford.

19 Jan. 1882. John Nivison, M.B. & C.M. Castle Douglas. 1. He has a somewhat vacant look, keeps up a constant muttering talk to himself on being addressed and answers questions in an irregular manner. 2. His mother & sisters say he is much changed in his behaviour towards them, at times threatening and sometimes even striking them. prefers to wander by himself, & sleeps little, sometimes singing during the night.

22 Jan 1882. William S.S. Reid, M.B., C.M. Oakley. Kirkcudbright. 1. When questioned answers as if just roused from a reverie. He keeps muttering to himself if not questioned. Answers often at random, and seem to suffer from great depression of spirits. 2. His sister say that he seldom speaks unless spoken to, & then merely answers questions addressed to him, Once or twice he has used threatening language, & has also used slight violence to his brother & sister, He also wanders about alone.

3rd February 82 - Reported to Board of Lunacy "that he is preoccupied, mutters to himself on a case of Insanity & Masturbation" & with respect to his bodily health & Condition "they say improved but improving"

17th March 82 This patient has undergone much improvement and is now engaged daily cheerfully at work in the house his general health has also undergone much improvement

6th April 82 This patient was visited by her mother today she seemed much struck with her improved appearance stated that he had the idea when he became ill that "people had not done properly with him: she also conducted the statements in the Certificate that he had been striking his relatives

April 12th 82 This patient today weighs 10 st 5 lbs or as nearly as possible his weight was 9 st 9 lbs

April 24th 82 Alexander Brown is today discharged Recovered.

2523 Jane Mc. Kay. Admitted 27th Jan. 1882.

Female 26 years: Single: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Agnes hill, Cummertrees: About one month insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack – 22: Previously under treatment in D. & G. Asylum: Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Not Chargeable. John M'Kay, Labourer, Agnes hill, Cummertrees, Father. None of family known to have been insane.

26 Jan. 1882. Daniel Mackenzie, M.B. & C.M. Annan. 1. Incoherence of ideas, delusions about her friends & relations, & ordinary circumstances. 2. Previous confinement as a Lunatic &c.

26 Jan. 1882. David Charles Cox, L.R.C.P. Ed. Annan. 1. Delusions about herself, friends, & attendants, fancies she is being ill used by them & by me. 2. Previous confinement as a Lunatic & for reasons stated by me before.

This patient is a readmission: she was removed by her parents on 31st Oct 81. At that time it had been explained to them by the medical officers that it was unlikely that she would do well at home. Her father who brought her back to the asylum stated that for some time she did well, walked out and did a little work but about 4 week before admission when she rebelled against & got the better of her mother & used to do strange with her father. She would not allow her parents to eat and would say "keep your mouth out of my flesh" "you're eating my flesh" "you're tampering in my head" "keep your legs off me" & such like. She appears to have got her health & become queerer

6th Feby 1882 Reported to Board of Lunacy "that she suffers from melancholia & that her bodily health & condition are both impaired"

9th Oct-82 This patient continues to be thin & emaciated bodily, depressed & apathetic mentally

14th March 83 J. McKay has peculiar attitudinizing ways, stamps and throws herself about she seems to be becoming worse.

3rd August. Jane McKay was to day discharged recovered

2324 Mary Gillies. Admitted 28 January 1882.
Female 60 years: Single: Agricultural Labourer: Protestant:
Lower Petting: Thornichill, Colvend: About 2 weeks insane:
First Attack: Never under treatment before: Cause - cannot say:
Not Epileptic: Perhaps a little suicidal: Not Dangerous:
Chargeable to Colvend. John Gillies, Neither Clifton, Colvend,
Nephew. None of family ever known to have been insane.

25 Jan. 1882. Charles Ford, M.D. Mains, Riddell. 1. Melancholia, tedium of life, threatened suicide by drowning, refused food, & medicines &c. 2. The persons with whom she at present stays at Thornyhill, state his threatening to commit suicide, refused food, and suspicions of her property being taken &c.

25 Jan. 1882. John Patterson Lewis, M.D. Kirna, Dalbeattie. 1. Melancholy expression of countenance, unwilling to answer questions. does not know her age, does not know how long she has been at Thornichill, does not know what month of the year this is. 2. Eliza Douglas tells me that she is very sullen, that she threatened sometime ago to drown herself, told Mr Douglas that she had killed his cows and horses, Refuses to take food.

The old body is suffering from a combination of melancholia with dementia, by little can be obtained from her in the way of conversation but much allowance must be made for want of education &c. She is quarrelled & even beaten with a little encouragement from her fellow patients & appears some amount of mental depression & pathy has a demented aspect. It is difficult to obtain any information from her respecting herself. She has occasionally been restless at night & disturbs her fellow sleepers. in the dormitory but apparently this from any extreme delusion or compelling her

6th Feby 82 Reported to Board of Lunacy "that she is a case of Melancholia & that her bodily health & condition are both impaired"

8th Feby 82 This patient has the idea that poison is put into her food & states that the porridge has a peculiar taste.

9th Feby 82 Mary Gillies was today fed with the stomach pump as she has refused her food for several meals

March 11th 82 Fed nee with the Stomach pump

" 13th 82 Fed nee with the Stomach pump

21st 82 Cramps nee with stomach pump

April 22nd 82 This patient has been suffering from some inflammation of the left eye with ulceration of the Cornea: Such has known some improvement. Mentally she is in a state of terror: thinks that she is going to be burnt up by the Gas.

May 29th 1882.

Oct 9th 82 Mary Gillies is now taking her food well: She gets up daily and is not so depressed mentally

Nov 21st 82 For some time M.G. has been suffering from persistent diarrhoea: it at first contained blood so a rectal examination was made without however detecting anything: probably it depended on some ulceration of the intestines: the Cornea at the same time showing evidence of the former ulcer opening up. She continued without abatement until the date of her death - today at 9.10 pm

2525 Mary Agnes Rush. 31st Jan 1882.

Female: 30 years: Single: Helps her mother at home. Protestant. Glentarras, Langholm: 7 weeks insane: First Attack: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous. Private Patient. Joseph Rush, Father. None of relations known to have been insane.

30 Jan. 1882. William Johnstone Carlyle. M. D. Langholm. 1. Much depression, with occasional fits of wild excitement - labours under various morbid delusions, imagines she is to be killed by some person unknown, and rather than live in such a state has threatened and even attempted to destroy herself. 2. The above facts have been communicated to me by her mother Mary Rush and her brother William.

30 Jan 1882. John Gill, M.B. C.M. Langholm. 1. She told me that she knew what I wanted, namely her head. She also said that she received a poisoned orange from her friends with intent to kill her. She had also various other delusions which she spoke of in a confused way. 2. Her mother Mary Rush & her brother William Rush, have also told me the same about her delusions & that she attempted to destroy herself. They say they have to keep a constant watch over her.

The young person was stated by her brother & sister who accompanied her to the asylum never to have been strong & to have constantly failed in general health before the attack came on & during its development. She is stated always to have lived at home but when her illness was evidently increasing she was sent to an uncle's in Carlisle for a change: this however did not speak beneficially. Her friends describe her as being in a state of terror & in which she was nearly constantly: she slept very lightly even of her worst at night but it was noticeable that she "took turns" - was better worse. She refused her food on one occasion under the notion that it contained poison. She also made one suicidal attempt which consists in her seizing a

blunt knife & dragging it across her throat, no wound was inflicted but a slight scratch. She cried afterwards & then her friends thought relieved her. The patient herself states that she believes her sister was trying to poison her: she thinks that she had poison given to her in an orange & states that the fruit appeared all right but had a bitter taste. She further appears to have had hallucinations of hearing: thought she heard the Crowd at Langholm call her "Hunter's Candidate". She has the delusion that people say that she has killed two children hence she thought that she had been condemned By her own account When in Carlisle she was taken to be "salvation army" and she speaks in a confused way of seeing a "learned judge" in the Salvation army who she avers said various things respecting her. There are some indications that the sense of sight was also affected: she states she saw peculiar bright blaze in her eye

31st January & 1st February - Slept quietly at night but the above delusions appeared in her conversation during the day

18th October 1882 Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that she suffers from Delusional Insanity: the chief fixed idea being that her friends wish to poison her & have attempted it and as to her bodily condition "is improved & improving"

17th April/82 This patient has improved much in her bodily health & is now quite plump: her delusions are not at all prominent and she is inclined to be industrious in the way of Knitting Sewing &c.

She was visited by her sister today who stated that some years ago she had had an illegitimate child and that had been also fairly robust subject to attacks of Bronchitis occasionally - That before any symptoms of mental alienation appeared she had a severe chill caught after washing which disabled her for a fortnight & that it was during last December (81) that peculiarities first appeared.

9th Oct. 82 The general health has improved in this case but the mind has not kept pace with it: she continues to be silly & deluded.

17th March 83 This patient continues to think that she is living at Windsor and that she is Queen Victoria - or a duchess

in consequence she assumes a rather pompous air.

8th Oct. 83 M.A.K. continues to have fixed delusions of a grand order: She has not as yet undergone any substantial improvement.

Since last year M.A.K has shewn steady improvement in her mental state: Her eyes have troubled her a little & about the 22 Sept. 84 had a rather severe conjunctivitis & chorioditis of left eye. After staying some time at Maryfield She was discharged cured on 2nd October 1884

2. Oct. /84

2526 Margaret Campbell.

Age 35: Single: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Thornhill
About a fortnight insane: Second attack: Age on first
attack – 32: Previously in S. C. Asylum: Not Epileptic
nor Suicidal: Chargeable to Morton Parish since 30 Jan
1882. Her mother, Mrs Campbell, 153 Drumlanrig Street.

30 Jan. 1882. Thomas Davidson, M.B, C.M. Thornhill. 1. There is a prevailing idea that the Dr wants to poison her, dread of removal to an Asylum, great despondency: refuses to take any food: and, when spoken to will not reply for some time, the reply that comes being something altogether different from what was asked. 2. Absence of sleep at night, constant talking to herself, and at times she becomes so excitable as not to be easily managed.

31 st Jan 1882. James S. Wilson, M.B. Thornhill. 1. Refuses to speak will not take any food, being afraid of poison. 2. By her Mother. She has been once confined in an asylum before. Absence of sleep during night. Subject to fits of excitability.

This patient was admitted in a state of Considerable exhaustion ~~&~~ Collapse from abstenence. Her pulse while she was lying in the Recumbent posture was 124 per minute, weak and occasionally intermittant. Her features generally were flabby: there were dark circles round the eyes and a general anaemic pallor. The patient had to be assisted out of the Cab-possibly partly from resistance to movement. She would not at first speak when accosted simply lay like a log inert: to the refusal to take any food resolutely closing her teeth against it she was fed at 8 pm with milk Beef tea & Eggs & as she was evidently great weakness the attempt was made to feed her again at 12 pm. but not with much success partly from the patients efforts to vomit partly from the irritable of the stomach that rejected the food introduced

7th February 82 At 9 a.m. this morning the patient was again fed by Stomach Pump successfully during the day she has taken a good deal of food voluntarily with a marked improvement & the dawn of an awakening of the mind from the state of profound torpor in which she appears to the family.
She has talked today and it appears (she states) that she had the idea there was poison in the food: she now fears that she is going to be killed – shot: thinks she feels the shot in her back which have been fired at her.

8th February 82 The patient has now gathered strength so much that she is able to sit up for a few hours yesterday & today. Mentally she is childish & rather she seems to affect a childish way of talking: she usually says she does not wish to leave the asylum

10th Feby 82 Reports to Board of Lunacy "she is in a state of Dementia: has required artificial feeding owing to delusions ("Poisoning" as to her body health & condition "they are much improved".

24th Feby 82 The acute symptoms of this patients case has now passed off and she suffers chiefly from Childishness and Dementia: she always speaks of herself as 'me'

28th March 82 Since last entry there has been some slight hysterical tendency: she has however been working and on the whole is improving. She was today discharged "Relieved" and was removed in an order & Transfer signed by Commissioner Intended to the Ayr District asylum. The medical certificate was granted by Dr Wm

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2527 **William Newbiggan**

Male 59 years. Married: Grocer and Coal Merchant: Protestant. Blackcraig Mines, Minnigaff: 11 weeks insane: Second Attack: Age on first Attack - 49: Cause - not known: Not known if Epileptic: Suicidal. Not Dangerous: Not a pauper: Joan Newbiggan, Sister, Blackcraig Mines, Minnigaff was in the Asylum.

29 Jan^{y} 1882 James Clark, L.F.P.S. Gl. Newtonstewart, 1. He is in a state of absolute despair, is subject to both Suicidal and Homicidal impulses. about 10 years ago he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, when suffering from an attack similar to the present.

31 Jan^{y} 1882 James Gibbons Dickson, M.D., Woodlee, Newtonstewart. 1. Restless, pacing about almost unceasingly, states that he is lost and beyond hope, and that he constantly feels impulses to lay violent hands on himself or those around him.

This patient is in a condition of intense melancholia: he states that the present attack came on gradually with lowness of spirits from which he was unable to rally himself. although very fond of his wife and family naturally he lost interest in them and in his work. He states that he had at that time some financial losses but does not think that they has anything to do with the onset of his attack. He felt impulses to lay violent hands on his family for then he cannot give any explanation and they therefore appear to have been mere impulses not prompted by delusion. He now thinks that his soul is lost and is in a state of despair: thinks he will be better out of the world.

15th Feby 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is suffering from Melancholia: thinks his soul is lost" as to his bodily health remarks "there is some emphysema of the lungs the bodily health generally is impaired".

March 18th 82 Some improvement has taken place in this case

April 18th 82 This patient is today discharged "Recovered" he has quite regained sanity but it is to be feared that he will be liable to further relapses.

2528 **James Caven**, Admitted 2nd Feby 1882.

Male Age 46: Single: Clerk: Roman Catholic: 32 Irish St, Dumfries: A months or two: Third attack: Age on first attack - not known: Previously in Crichton Asylum, Dumfries: Duration of existing attack - a months or two. Cause - not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries meantime since 2nd Feb. 1882. Jane Caven or Robertson 45 High Strut, Wigton, Cumberland nearest known relative - sister

2nd Feb 1882. William Marshall, M.D. Dumfries. 1. Seems Morose and unable to comprehend the meaning of questions: Careless and Silent. 2. His landlady states that he has been for some time back silent and careless about everything.

2nd Feb 1882. Hugh Cunningham, L.R.C.P.S.Ed. 25 Castle St. Dumfries. 1 He is nervous, restless and melancholic: 2. His sister informs me that he was in an Asylum before.

Dr Hugh Cunningham Certifies it to be a Case of Emergency

This patient was admitted in a state of great mental depression: he was very restless, very sleepless at night and altogether in a lost state: his bodily health also was much reduced and he weighed only 8 stones.

On the night of the 2nd of Feb many he was awake all night: on the night of the 3rd he was restless, getting out of bed at times & slept very little this do continued on the following night: further he did not take his food well occasionally missing parts of meals. He was ordered Milk Beef tea and soon began to show symptoms of improvement: sleep became more extent returned some, appetite appeared and style depression began to lift.

16th February 1882 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he suffers from Acute Recurrent Melancholia but has already undergone some improvement" and as to her bodily health condition "both are stout unimpaired but have undergone much improvement since admission"

23rd February 82 This patient Continues to improve satisfactorily

4th March 82 James Caven is today discharged "Recovered": he was removed from the Asylum by W. Carmont This patient was readmitted.

May 29th 82. Much improved since his readmission. } See Page 103

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2529 **Mary Mc Dowall.**

Female, age 36. Single: Domestic Servant: Roman Catholic: Fort William: Fourteen days insane: Second Attack: Age on first attack 35 years: Under treatment previously when residing with her mother in Port William: Cause not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Parish of Mochrum 3rd Febry 1882. Jane Hall, Port William, Pauper, Mother, with whom she has resided for some years. No member of the family known to have been insane.

3 Feb 1882. Robert Bird Selby, M.D. Portwilliam, Wigtownshire. 1. She refuses take food: She sits in bed rocking herself backwards & forwards, speaking to no one and not answering any questions addressed to her. 2. Has taken little or no food for some days: Remains in bed and speaks to no one.

3 Feb. 1882. William Anderson, M.B., C.M. Whithorn, Wigtownshire. 1. She would not answer the simplest question such as her name or age, kept rocking herself backwards and forwards in bed: looked very dejected. 2. Her mother (Jane Hall) says she eats almost nothing, & cannot be persuaded to do so, that she will not speak & is low spirited.

On admission William Anderson a police officer & Mrs Learmont who accompanied the patient gave the following information:- that the patient had not eaten for several days and that she became outrageous when food was offered to her: that she sat rocking herself both day and night and was very sleepless: she was under the impression that she had committed some sin. The patient has had two illegitimate Children: the last one is 3 or 4 years old & cripple & has been a source of great trouble to them. Since it's birth patient has been more or less ill: sometime ago she left her home and went to Wigtown was found there sitting in a street.

The patient had an admission all the appearance of having taken insufficient nourishment for some time; pale & anaemic: heart's action weak & quick & notably accelerated when she assumed the erect posture. The patient has a somewhat vacant & depressed Countenance & a peculiar habit of rocking herself to & fro which gives her generally an idiotic appearance

On attempting to converse with her little can be elicited and it is only with difficulty that she will say yes or no

& generally she refuses to explain her peculiar behaviour or to give a reason for her refusal of food.
She has on occasions been fed with the stomach-pump & is very determined in her resistance to taking food — She was fed once on the 5th & once on the 16th Feby.

17th Feby 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "she is a case of Dementia, rarely speaks, has a peculiar habit of rocking herself to & fro when sitting & standing: she has also frequently refused her food since admission" and with regard to her bodily health & condition that "they are impaired but improving"

22nd April 82 This Patient has improved somewhat: there is less imbecility in her appearance she does not rock herself in the same insane fashion and she now takes her food better. It is very difficult to induce her to say anything: she admits however that she thinks "something dreadful is going to happen" & her thoughts seem to be in a state of dread and apprehension

9th Oct 82 Mary McDonald is now very much better indeed: rationality has to a great extent returned and she is able to do some work in the Laundry.

January 10th 83 This patient is still somewhat demented: she has crying fits without apparent cause: says "she is not fit to live in a house" &c.

8th Oct 83 M. McD. is not so frequently subject to crying fits as at the time of last entry: She is still much demented.

Feby 1884 M. McDonald had been at the Laundry some time during this month she turned ill - suffering of just general weakness &c.

11 Oct. 84 about 6 weeks ago M. McD became so ill as to be confined to bed She got gradually weaker & suffering from various congestive attacks in which the temperature rose to 104° & 105°. Varied by Burning fits She died at 11:30 a.m. on 11th October 1884

2530 **John Marrs.** Admitted 9th Feby 82

Male 46: Married: Agricultural servant: Protestant: Maxwell-town, Troqueer: Racks: A few days insane: Never previously under treatment: Cause. want of work: Not Epileptic nor Dangerous, Suicidal: Chargeable to Torthorwald since 8th February 1882: Janet Bell or Marrs, Racks, Torthorwald his wife.

8 Feb 1882. James Hunter Dryden, 45 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. He is dull and depressed, and not inclined to converse. He has attempted suicide by cutting his throat. 2 His wife states that he has been in very low spirits for some time and she is afraid to stay alone with him.

8 Feb 1882. W. S. Kerr, M.D. Dumfries. 1. He is very reticent, dull, depressed, melancholy. Says he has felt so for some time and that his mind was gone. He attempted suicide last night by cutting his throat - the wounds are slight. 2. His wife & neighbours say he has been very strange and low spirited. They are quite nervous about him. They found him last night behind a dyke with a razor trying to cut his throat.

This Patient was brought here on account of a suicidal attempt which he had made with a razor to cut his throat. On admission there were seven slight Scratches on the neck in front of the Thyroid Cartilage & adhering to the skin which showed small Clots of blood -

The patient himself states that since last March he has been unable to obtain any work - (The Inspr of Poor states that he did not apply to him for relief) - In consequence of lack of work he became low-spirited and resolved to commit suicide -

Examination of the Patient shows that probably he has always been somewhat weak minded: the suicidal wounds are very slight and he himself says that he used it & gave up the attempt when he was by "good Castles" who put him afterwards. He is emotional & occasionally sheds tears

18th July 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that he is emotional, weak minded & suffers from Melancholia" and as to his bodily health & condition "they are unimpaired: there is a large reducible inguinal hernia. The suicidal wounds on the neck are now healed"

11th March 82 This patient has the appearance of having been somewhat weakminded all his life he is now doing some ordinary work

24th March 82 John Marrs was today discharged Recieved by the authority of D Adam the medical superintendent; he was removed from the asylum by his wife an authorization having been previously recieved from the Inspr of Poor of Northwold the obligant

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2531 **John Brown** admitted Feby 11th 82

Male: 33 years: Single: Hames Maker: Established Church of Scotland: 1 Murray Place: 18 Castle Street, Dumfries: About two years insane: First attack: Age on first attack 31: Cause - none: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: William Brown, 1 Murray Place, Dumfries Father: None of family known to have been insane.

9 Feb 1882. John Smith, M.D. 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. His insane appearance, incoherency of speech, incorrect and contradictory statements. 2. His father informs me that during the last two years owing to his mental condition he has been unable to work. Lately he has occasionally been violent, striking his mother and being otherwise unmanageable.

11 Feb 1882 William Carruthers, M.B. Royal Infirmary, Dumfries. 1. His whole appearance indicates mental weakness. He has delusions regarding his food which he wont take at all thinking it is poisoned. 2. His father informs me that he has been lately dangerous to his mother, having struck her on several occasions and being unmanageable.

This patient has for some time being ailing and his father who accompanied him to the asylum states that at home he was very unruly and untend to his meals: he did not take his food regularly, would not change his under clothing & when she asked him to do so he struck her causing some seven bruises.

It appears that in addition to the instability which results from his morbid condition the cause of these extraordinary conduct was the idea that his mother put "something" of a poisonous nature into his food: he decides the taste produced by stabeing of a glassy character and says that it interfered with the action of his bowels causing them to be constipated. He states that the food has the same taste here and he has the same impression about it. He relates that when working at his trade some "Professional Enemies" used to "poison him by putting some substances in his head and into his mouth" he then explained that the professionals were doctors.

He has also had hallucinations of hearing: states that he could hear people saying, "thro' the wall both Wm & wife are at home" & at he wink "Pull him out" & hears people say "that they would send him to the lower regions". He also states that he heard a doctor in town say that "he would take off his right arm & left leg, unless he stuck in" - to this wink. He father states that he has kept the house for months lately until quite recently.
There is some indistinctness & stuttering in the patient's utterance - states appetite & regularity I am unable to say.

24th Feby 82 Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that he suffers from delusions, such as that poison is put into his food" and as to his bodily health & conduct "they are improved and improving".

March 3rd 82 Some improvement took place in this case a few days after admission he became less down, more contented and inclined to be sociable: again however there is an appearance of fretfulness

June 10th 82 This patient is still very downcast, walks about in a listless manner and his delusions are still prevailing.

9th Oct 82 This case is not making any headway: the depression continues & he is disinclined to work

14th April 83 JB. remains much the same

8th Oct 83 This patient has been recently once fed with the Stomach pump: he is very inclined to be sullen and to refuse his food.

3-1-84 For some time JB. has been in an unfavourable state of health: His lungs are affected. He has a short, dry, painful cough & his appetite is not good. He takes notice of he becomes quite excited & by his language shows how much he resents it.

6-1-84 JB. has become so much worse that he is confined to bed.

11-1-85 JB. gradually became weaker & at this date

Died —

2532 Mary Kae or Carlyle Admitted 20th Februdary 1882.

Female Age 39: Maried: Labouring woman: Protestant: Collin: Elizafield: About a week insane: Not first Attack: Age on first attack - 34: Previously in Southern Counties Asylums: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Torthorwald since 30th November 1874.

20 Feb 1882 James Hunter Drydew, L.R.C.P.S.Ed. 45 Buccleuch Street. 1. She is very excited and at times violent, and cannot talk sensibly, she threatens her neighbours with violence, she has several delusions. 2. Her sister informs me that she has been formerly resident in the Southern Counties Asylums. She has used violence to her sister and has destroyed her own clothes.

20 Feb 1882 William Smith Kerr, M.D.&c Dumfries. 1. She is in a state of Acute mania, talking or rather speech quite incoherent, unconscious of her actions, restless and excited. 2. Has been a patient before.

This case is a readmission: her sister Margaret Kae or the Mrs of Pvr John Hamilton who brought her to the Asylum supplied the following information. Patients Husband was removed sometime ago to the Infirmary and since his absence the children of the neighbourhood and even some of her neighbours have annoyed her by calling her names. It appears that she has been weak minded from childhood that this annoyance has upset her unstable brain. For some days she has not been sleeping: she takes her food well even ravenously

This woman is in a condition of maniacal excitement: she stamps on the ground with her feet: strikes the walls with her hands, knocks the furniture about and swears in a most profane manner that she is going to "Convert" the whole Of the people here. She has torn me dress: she has occasionally missed a meal but usually takes her food well.

3rd March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "she is suffering from acute mania: frequently will not take

her food; is restless, sleepless, noisy & violent" and with respect to her bodily health & condition "they are impaired from the mania; she is of strumous diathesis; the one on the neck is healing slowly".

The following are the details of this patients refusal of food:- she was fed with the Stomach Pump once on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, twice on the 25th, three on the 26th twice on the 27th and once on the 28th of February. Two small abscesses formed under the scalp which have opened successfully.

During the months March & this patient was fed once on the 3rd, twice on the 4th and 5th, once on the 6th twice daily on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th when she began to take her food regularly.

22nd April 1882 This patient has continued to take her food well since the 12th March. She still suffers from much excitement & destructive to her clothing and bedding: she will not keep herself properly clad: she is dirty in her habits and her language is very filthy and abominable. She is at present being treated with Tr. Hyoscyami 3ss three times a day. As the result of prolonged excitement she has lost some flesh and there is a tendency to oedema of the feet.

It appears that she is the mother of two children who are imbeciles and that her husband is also an imbecile

18th May The patient is in a most excited condition, uses most obscene language, and tries to strike anyone who approaches her.

19th May Passed a much quieter night and continues quiet this morning.

16 June 82. Although this patient is sometimes very noisy and excited, there is on the whole some improvement in her mental as well as her bodily condition.

6th Oct 82 The improvement recorded above continues to be maintained both mental & bodily: she is however still excitable at times.

Dec 23rd 82 This patient has been doing well & working steadily chiefly at Knitting: she has

made most satisfactory improvement and is
to day discharged on Probation

March 21st 83 This patient is to day discharged Recovered.

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2533 Elizabeth Mc George or Mc Guffie

Admitted 20th February 1882.

Female 39 years: Married: Farm Servant: Protestant: Kirkcowan: Harbour Street, Cretown: Four days insane: Second Attack: Age on first Attack - 39: Previously in L.C. Asylum: Not Epileptic: Suicidal and Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkmabreck since 20th Feby 1882. Name Mc Guffie, husband. No relations ever known to have had insan.

20 Feb 1882 James Clark, Surgeon, Newtonstewart. 1. She is suffering from maniacal delerium and is dangerous to herself & others. 2. That she is suffering from Acute Maniacal Delus

20 Feb 1882 William Donald Mackeith, Surgeon, Cretown. 1. That she is suffering from Acute Maniacal delusions, and is dangerous to herself and others.

This patient is a re-admission: She made a very satisfactory recovery from an attack of Puerperal mania & was discharged on 17th September 81 Recovered. Her husband states that when at home she did not do her work quite so well as she used to do: It was only eight days before admission that he noticed a change in her conduct and then and called Friday (17th) "She was very wild". He states that since then she has been sleeping very little and has taken very little food for eight days on the day of admission she had taken none. She had been very difficult to manage on the journey and had threatened to eat those accompanying her: she had also stated that she would take poison if they would give it her

March 3rd 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that the Acute mania present on admission has to a large extent subsided: She is much emaciated, restless and does not take her food regularly

and with respect to her bodily health & condition: That she is much exhausted by the mania: there are also some reasons for suspecting that she is pregnant. With regard to the above entry it is to be noted that on the day following (22nd inst.) her admission she was fed twice with the stomach pump.

22nd April 1882 This patient has undergone considerable improvement: she is still somewhat harassed by the maniacal attack and depressed in spirits.

June 5th Mrs Mc Guffie was today Discharged, being considerably improved mentally. She is also far advanced in pregnancy.

2534 Sarah Gardiner or Adamson.

Admitted 21st February 1887.

Transfered from Edinburgh Royal Asylum under the Sanction of the Board of Lunacy, signed by John Sibbald, Commissioner date 16 Feb. 1882. Date of Sheriff's Order 24th April 1863.

15 Feb 1882 Thomas Smith Clouston, F.R.C.P.Ed. the Royal Ed. Asylum certifies that with respect to her mental state she is enfeebled in mind taking no interest in almost anything her memory is very bad, and with respect to her bodily health and condition that they are average.

~~Statement~~ Contains the following particulars (2) Patient is a female. 60 years of age (3) - is a Widow (4) Painter's widow (5) of Protestant religion (6) Date of admission into asylum 24th April 1863. (7) Length of time insane - not known (8. to 14) also unknown (15) Chargeable to the Parish of Cannan. (16) Nearest known relative is J. Adamson, Painter, 14 Broad St. Edinburgh (Son). Not known if any other members of the family have been insane.

The patient is a readmission: she was removed to the home of her son in Edinburgh but altho' she is neither dangerous to herself or others the friends had been unable to manage her: she was therefore placed in Morningside Asylum from which she was brought here. She is a case of Dementia - Chronic with some depression of spirits and a fidgety querulous Complaining manner.

March 8th 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "She is a case of Dementia, with slight depression of spirits and Querulousness" and with respect to her bodily health & condition "they are some what impaired: there is a Chronic ulcer on the Lt. Leg".

Oct 9th 82 Mrs Adamson Continues in the same State of Chronic depression & dementia.

1st April 83 No Change to record

8th Oct 83 For some time past the ankle-ulcer has been giving more trouble the swelling has increased & the probe passes quite deeply. From the general appearance of the foot it is to be feared that there is disease of the ankle joint. Mentally she remains the same.

S.A. Had her foot removed

23d September. L'Adamson remains in the same mental state as he was a year ago. His general health at present is fair -

2335 **Agnes Irving** – Admitted 24th February 1882.

Female Age 50: Single: General Service: Church of Scotland: Cample – parish of Closeburn: Not first attack: Age on first Attack 34. Previously in Southern Counties: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous Chargeable to Closeburn Parish since 23rd February 1882. Mrs Widow Shaw Camplestacks, Sister. Has a nephew George Irving, in Southern Counties. She has been at various times insane.

23rd Feby 1882. Thomas Boyle Grierson, Surgeon, Thornhill. 1. An unnatural excitement, which in her case I have known repeatedly to be the precursor of acute mania; her general aspect indicates the first stage of mania. 2. Alexander Mc Nair, who is her master at present mentions her discordant talk, and states that he is afraid to trust her. Agnes Watt a relation, has told me of the excitement that is coming and her raving talk.

23rd Feb 1882. James S. Wilson, M.B., C.M. Thornhill. 1. Wild look indicating mania, cannot answer any question without raving on about something else. Sleeplessness. 2. Mr Mc Nair, her employer says she requires to be watched, and raves on, talking peculiar ideas. She has been in restraint often insane.

From the above Certificate it will be seen that this patient was admitted on what was considered to be the eve of an attack of Acute Mania. It appears that she went to keep house for a man who had recently lost his wife and that while there some of the Children took what by all accounts was Scarlet fever and that the anxiety and additional work thus entailed disturbed her mental balance.

On admission her self Control had been brought into action by her removal to the asylum the excitement described above was not apparent she Complained of pain and uneasiness in the head: on being questioned she admitted having had Auditory hallucinations usually just about the time of going to sleep but stated that there were none at that time

Dr Feby 82 The patient has been kept in bed and the rest appears to have cut short the attack which as stated above was threatening she is reported to sleep well and she takes her food with relish.

7th March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "With rest and care the threatening of mania for which this Patient was brought to the Asylum has passed off On her last previous admission she suffered from an attack of Acute mania" and as to her bodily health and Condition "they are improved: In the apex of one lung there are signs of old Phthisis."

28th March 82 This patient has continued to progress satisfactorily: she is now doing work & seems to be fairly happy and Contented.

3rd April 82 During two or three days previous to this date there has been some appearance of excitement in the case but it was only today that an acutely maniacal Condition showed itself: she is very excited rushes about the Gallery shouting and will take little or no food today.

June 10th 1882. Discharged on probation - removed by the Inspector of Poor for the parish of Glaseburn.

9th September 1882 Agnes Irving is today discharged Recovered

2536 **Janet Murdoch** admitted 3rd March 82

Female age 48: Single: has previously been a domestic servant: Protestant: Daby village, Galloway: insane occasionally for several years: Previously in S. C. Asylum: Duration of existing attack – three weeks: Cause – not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Daby Parish, Galloway since 2nd March 1882. Thomas Murdock a son, residence not known, a deceased brother was imbecile.

2nd Mar. 1882. Robert Lawley Williamson, M.D.V. New Galloway, Kirkcudbright. 1. Janet Murdock has the delusion that faces floating in the air are talking to her. She talks nonsense. She talked absurdly and in an insane manner nearly all the time of my visit: is very excitable and has insane appearance. 2. Alexander Milroy, Police constable, Daby, says, that he noticed her face smeared with clay and that she replied on being asked why she had so smeared it that she had done so because it was the clay of her dead brother.

3 March 1882 James M. M'Culloch, M.D. 16 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. She tells me that she hears and sees persons in the air speaking to her & making faces at her, she talks incoherently & wildly & looks insanely. 2. She above and also that she tore the slates off her house and threw them and stone at people passing by. The petitioner is Alexander Kirk Inspr of Police Daby

This patient was admitted in a state of maniacal excitement: there was considerable elevation of spirits and great agitation, restlessness. She also has hallucinations of sight and saw faces floating in the air. It appears that she has been well for some time – about 1½ years during which time she has kept her house and conducted herself rationally. She was in service for 6 months and was well until 2 months ago. She left her place about one month ago and has been living by herself since. On the night before admission she was throwing slates at her Brother in Law. She was brought to the asylum by Alex Kirk & P.C. Alex Milroy – no female accompanied the patient. On the night of the 3rd March she was restless & noisy and a good deal of restlessness was observable during the day.

16th March 82 This case has now settled down and she is much better as is frequently the case on recurrent cases after their removal to an asylum again

17th March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "the acute maniacal excitement has now passed off: some mental & hallucination however still remains" and as to the bodily health and condition "they are improved and improving"

13th June 82. Great improvement has continued to take place in the patients condition - all traces of excitement have passed away. Her bodily health has also much improved

July 4th 82. Janet Murdoch was this day ~~Discharged on Probation~~ Recovered

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Jane Burns Gordon or Glen.

Female 42 years: widow: Pauper: Protestant: Shenchan Stud. Stranraer: Lang, parish of Leswalt: Since 6th March cunt. Not first Attack: Formerly in L. C. Asylum: Unknown - Cause: Not Epileptic nor suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Parish of Mochrum: Has been nearly two years in Leswalt during which time Mochrum has supported her: Jane Mc Dowall or Morland Lang, Aunt.

7 Mar 1882. David Easton, M. D. Stranraer: 1. She has a wild and restless appearance, constantly shifting her position: is constantly talking in a wild and incoherent manner, at one time laughing immoderately then suddenly uses the most obscene & filthy language accuses her friends of crimes, her whole nature & disposition is changed, very outrageous & dangerous, will attack who can contradicts her. 2. James Morland & Jane Mc Dowall corroborate the above statements.

8 March 1882. Hugh Cochrane, L. R. C. P. Ed & Stranraer. 1. Has a wild excited appearance, rambles continually in her conversation, using improper language. Says that she has had several children & destroyed - very outrageous. 2. Her aunt Jane Mc Dowall says she has been quite outrageous for last two days & has threatened to be violent.

The petitioner is R. H. Bradford Insp. of Jon. Leswalt

"This is a recurrent case which has frequently been under treatment before: she was admitted in a state of acute mania; restless, much inclined to talk obscenely and very boisterous. She was kept in bed proper days and continued to talk with little intermission being noisy and talkative in the night & obscene & bold during the day and night of the 9th - 10th - 11th

The statement then began to pass off.

15th March 82 The patient has improved considerably but there is still great mental instability and at slight provocation statement is apt to return

22nd March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "the more active symptoms of mania have passed off but she is still excitable and unstable" & as to her bodily health and condition they are average

28th March 82 This patient continues to be excitable and noisy especially at night.

June 16th 82. There is no change in this patients mental condition - she is at times noisy & excited, but not violent: - her bodily condition is good.

August 10th There is a good deal of improvement in her mental condition - the excitement has passed off, & the patient is quiet and rational in her behaviour. She is working in the D.C.A. Kitchen every day.

Oct 9th 82 Mrs Glen is now quiet; pale and thinner than natural and somewhat exhausted from the attack of mania.

Nov 2nd 82 Patient has for last 3 or 4 days been much depressed: thinks she has "killed everybody": her eyes have a peculiar staring wild expression

Dec 16th 82 The state of depression above noted has passed off to a great extent though not entirely.

Jany 11th 83 Patient is to day discharged on Probation

March 28th 83 Mrs Glen is to day discharged Recovered.

2538 **Rolena Hastings**, Admitted 9 March 1882.

Female, forty two: Single: Domestic Servant: Evangelical union: Carronbridge: Nillybank Cottage: A few days insane: Second Attack: Age on first Attack - 39: Previously in D. & G. Asylum: Duration of Existing Attack - a few days: Constitutional: Not Epileptic: She has spoken of suicide: She has threatened those about her: She is not at present a pauper: her birthplace is Durisdeer: her eldest brother is James Hastings, residing in Thornhill: No relatives are known to have been insane.

8 Mar 1882. Thomas Boyle Grierson, L.R.C.S. Ed. 1. Incessant talking, quite incoherent, no distinct ideas, or train of thought, words without meaning: at times violent in her actions: She is in a state of acute mania. Sleepless. 2. Her brother, John Hastings and his wife state that for forty hours she had talked without intermission. that she is quite demented. that she never answers with any understanding.

8 March 1882. Thomas Davidson, M.B. C.M. Thornhill, 1. Sleeplessness, refuses food, or at least takes only a very little once a day. Her speech is incoherent and rambling, she shouts and sings for hours until her voice is gone while at such times a continuous clapping of hands takes place. 2. Has asked Mrs Hastings to kill her, & threatened to do so herself: is violent and tries to bite, also attempts to strike: gives no direct answers to questions put to her. Informants - Mr Hastings & John Hastings her brother.

The petitioner is the patient's brother John Hastings, Coachman, Nillybank Thornhill She with his wife Mrs Jane Hastings accompanied the patient to the asylum and gave the following information. The patient has been married 3 years out of the asylum since her last discharge from it. She was for 2 years home keeper to a teacher (a Mr Smart) he however got married an event that caused her a good deal of "bustle" and she of course lost her post. She left the place on the 5th march and has not slept since 6th march. Before coming she talked for one 40 hours incessantly. She has been taking very little food. She is subject to paroxysms of excitement especially at night. She has also threatened to cut her throat

On the night of 7th March she was noisy at times: during the day she had short

expression and would not answer questions readily. She was also noisy at the night of the 10th & 11th march after which she became much quieter

22nd March 82. Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that the excitement has to a great extent passed off but she is still restless and strange in her actions" and as to her bodily health and condition "they are average"

June 16th 82. The improvement in this patients condition has continued, the restlessness has to a great extent disappeared - Two boils on left forearm from which she was suffering, opened, with good result.

Sept 1-2nd 82. R.H. was today Discharged Recovered. She was at the time chargeable to Bromsden Parish.

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2339 James Booth, Admitted 9th March 1882

Male, 62: Widower: Formerly a labourer & fish hawker. Protestant. Sandmill, Parish of Stoneykirk: Several attacks since 1850: 7 ~~yrs~~ Age on first attack 30: Previously in S.C.A. Dumfries: Has been excited for a few weeks. Cause - not known. Neither Epileptic nor Suicidal: Dangerous. Chargeable to Stoneykirk first on 27th April 1850 and almost constantly ever since. James Booth, son, residing at Sandmill, parish of Stoneykirk. His daughter Catharine is weak minded.

8 March 1882. Charles Morland Ross, M.D. Lake Cottage, Sandhead: 1. Inappropriate, obscene and abusive language, extravagant behaviour and evidently a disturbed mind. I have seen the patient several times of late and her general conduct indicates insanity. 2. I am informed he committed a violent assault on Robt Sproat, residing at Sandmill. His daughter fled from the house being frightened for her life.

9 March 1882. Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Ed. Stranraer. 1. Has an excited appearance and talks in an incoherent manner, sings and shouts in an outrageous manner. 2. His son James says he has been outrageous for some time, and has threatened violence. Robert Sproat says when in Booths house, Booth used violence and with difficulty he got clear.

The petitioner is Thomas Kennedy Inspr of Poor Stoneykirk.

This man is a recommission who has frequently been under treatment here. It appears that on leaving the asylum he generally goes back home where he remains for some months and then when he gets unwarrantably excitement makes his appearance and he has again to be removed to the asylum.

On admission the appearance was dirt and stupid. He has an abscess (Mr Ball's glanders) under the right clavicle which he thinks will kill him and under this idea he cried and sobbed for a long time. He also refuses his food for some days and was fed once with the stomach pump.

22nd March 82 Reported by the General Board of Lunacy "that he is at present suffering from melancholia: he has on several occasions refused his food and has required to be fed once with the stomach pump and as to his bodily health & condition "they are much impaired".

28th March 82 There is some improvement in Booth's condition: he is less depressed and is taking his food better.

May 17th 82 Slight improvement - takes his food - still somewhat depressed

18th May. opened an abscess situated in the groove between the Pectoral muscles of the right side.

29th The patient is progressing favourably.

June 16th In Statu quo.

July 21st 82 Discharged on Probation

16th October 82 James Booth is today discharged Recovered

2540

Jane Hill or Mc Millan

13 from 1 march 82

Female 28 years: Married: Farmers Daughter. Protestant: Dereaird, Old Luce: Glenluce: Fife weeks insane: First Attack: Not Epileptic; Suicidal; Dangerous: Alexander M'Millan, Glenluce, husband. None of family known to have been insane:

10 Mar 1882. John Bond, M.B. & C.M. Glenluce: 1. Vagueness of expression. restlessness during the day: when spoken to she answers in a whisper so low as to make it impossible to understand what she is saying. Crying out for short periods when there is no evident necessity for it. 2. Occasional sudden outburst of anger and violence, having sworn at her parents and assaulted her mother by striking her. attempting to throw herself over the stair railing and to get out by the window. communicated by parents and husband.

11 Mar 1882. William Mc Neil, M.D. Stranraer. 1. She lies in a quiet listless state, when spoken to refuses to answer or answers incoherently. Cries out oh! dont, oh! dont, when nobody is speaking to her or molesting her. &c. 2. Her mother says, she is greatly changed of late, talks incoherently, becomes violent and screams violently after a sleep or rest. Her husband corroborates above and says she has attempted to throw herself over the stairs and repeatedly tried to throw herself out of the window.

The petitioner is Alexander Mc Millan the Patients husband.

This Patient was in a state of great prostration on admission. He stated that her youngest Child was born 12 months past 17th January that she has been ill 6 weeks: that during the last week she was feverish: that she has been Confined to Bed: that she has been Chiefly taking milk and beef tea, occasionally however she would refuse her food. It was also stated that the doctor, said her pulse had went to 160. The history of this case however has not yet been satisfactorily obtained

On admission she was Carried from the Cab to the Infirmary Gallery for examination she was found to be very exhausted: there was also considerable emaciation: the hands were fairly Closed over spring there several layers of epidermis was found in a state of semi detachment with a somewhat foetor odour

of pasquation. On the buttock - Off side but near middle line there are a bedsore the size of a florin. The pupils were dilated: marked anaemia of the skin: the pulse was 108 per minute and weak the heart action also weak. The hands & arms are both stiffly and the patient will not move them at all when desired to do so. The examinations are all passed as she lies in bed. There is an appearance of some intelligence in the face but very little can be elicited from her in the way of conversation chiefly monosyllables. There are signs of Phthisis in the apex of the right Lung - sensation reflex action in the limbs appears to be normal

13th March 82. The patient was quiet during the night but did not sleep much.

16th March 82 The patient was restless & would not keep her bed during the night

27th March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that she suffers from Dementia" and with respect to her bodily health & condition "that she is much impaired. There is Phthisis of the right Lung: the bedsore however is slowly healing

May 17th 82. General & mental condition much the same as when the last notes were taken

Sept 15th 82 This patient who is now at Maryfield house has improved wonderfully both in body & mind. The pain in chest has disappeared - night sweats ceased - and she is altogether much stronger. She is less obstinate and is now employed daily at sewing or knitting.

Oct 6th 82 This Case was a most unpromising one on admission but she has made a very good recovery, has regained strength & intelligence she is today discharged. Recovered & leaves with her brother to stay in the first instance with her parents in Edinburgh.

25:41 **Sarah Jane Newall.** Admitted 13 Mar 1882

Female, Age, 29 years. Single: Pauper, Domestic Servant. Free Church: Barr, Parish of Mochrum. Wigtown. A few days insane at this time, previously from June to Nov. 81: Not 1st attack: Age on first Attack - 28: Previously under treatment in Parish of Kirkmaiden: Cause - not known. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Wigtown Parish since 16 Nov. 1881. Father James Newall, residence unknown, was considered somewhat soft or fatuous, Mother Annie Oliver or Newall resides at 2 Silvester Street, Liverpool. No relative except as above known to have been insane. Was insane from June to Nov. 81 (as above) and repeatedly very excited since.

13th March 1882. James Pilken, M.B. C.M. Wigtown. 1. She told me she had been in heaven last night, and had her arm round Jesus. She is restless and excited and talks and laughs incessantly. Several times she stopped laughing abruptly and cried, because she said I had put my hands on her, which was untrue, she constantly and aimlessly fingers a bundle of yarn and says she is knitting stockings. 2. Mrs M'Clymont her landlady told me she had emptied the contents of the chamber pot into the bed during the night and laughed and talked incoherently during the whole of the night.

13 March 1882 Charles Mc Bride, M.D. Wigtown. 1. Rambling and incoherent talk, laughing and crying. She says, every one knows she is insane, her hands are engaged incessantly tossing and picking at yarn on her lap. 2. Mrs McCount her landlady at Low Bennel says, that she raved & talked all night getting out and in her bed repeatedly and would not take food.

The petitioner is Wm. McKee Insp. of Poor Wigtn. His patient was certified to a state of Considerable mental excitement: Crying, throwing herself about and very restless. She chiefly Cries in a excitable manner, protests there is nothing wrong with her. She acknowledges having had an illegitimate child and she appears to have been Congenitally Weak minded

27th March 82 Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that she is suffering from Acute Mania and with respect to her bodily health & Condition" they are average."

May 29th She has improved very much mentally - but is now in the Infirmary - suffering from sore throat - pains in limbs of a rheumatic character + pain in her back. Temp 100 ⅗

June 16th This patients mental state has improved considerably - takes her food well and her conversation is quite rational. She has now also quite regained her usual bodily health.

Sept 7-6-82. S. I. R. was to-day discharged, Recovered.

2542 **Mary Carter** adm^d 17^th March 82

Female 58: Single: Protestant: Longland: Not first attack: Returned from Asylum 8^th March cur^t: Dangerous: Chargeable to Longland Parish since 3^rd May 1881: John Carter, Son.

17 March 1882 William Swanston Spence Reid, B.A., L.R.C. Oakley. Kirkcudbright. 1. Intense restlessness during my examination of her, could not be got to answer some simple questions put to her though she easily answered others, want of sleep. 2. By her daughter in law, Mrs Carter;- Violent dislike to her daughter in law & attempted violence towards her. was under the impression that certain articles of furniture &c in the house had been stolen & shewed dread of the consequences.

17 March 1882 William Johnstone, M.D. Kirkcudbright. 1. She believes that all her friends are going to injure her, that she is miserable and wishes to die, &c. 2. That she is dangerous to those about her, that she has only returned from an asylum a week ago &c.

The petitioner is John Carter of Longland the Patients son.

This case is a readmission. She left the asylum on 11^th March 82 and was discharged as "Recovered" having been in the asylum since May 2^nd 1881, At the time of her discharge (see Case 2446) the medical men has some doubt as to how the excitement would affect her: her son to whom she seemed to be much attached and with whom she has previously lived having since been married - (during her last stay in the asylum).

on admission she had a peculiar wild look very different indeed from the quiet inoffensive appearance when discharged: She seemed to be very much depressed in spirits but would say very little indeed in the way of Conversation nor would she explain the circumstances of the recurrence of her illness. Her appearance was that of one distracted by mental pain:

25^th March 82 Mary Carter continues to be much the same: she occasionally tears her hair and is sometimes restless She thinks that she has murdered Grace

30^th March 82 Reported to the Lunacy Board of Lunacy "that she is suffering from recurrent Melancholia" is restless, tears her hair "and thinks she has murdered Grace" and as to her bodily health &c "thinks" "they are impaired"

May 29th 82 This patient ~~condition~~ remains much the same condition she is sometimes noisy and sings all day long - has delusions and tears her hair - complains of pain in head She is now taking Potass. Brom. & Chloralhydrate with favourable

June 6th As regards her mental condition she is in the same condition; she has just recovered from a bad attack of diarrhoea following constipation.

20th 82. This patients mental condition remains unchanged

9th oct 82 This patient is still much depressed but there is not the same active & acute melancholic state

14th April 83 Remains much as above

8th Oct 83 Patient is depressed and demented: it is to be feared that the mental disease is becoming more inveterate with age; she is far distant from being so well as at the time of her last discharge from the Asylum.

23rd September 84 M.C. now works at the Laundry regularly - Her mental condition remains unchanged. Her general health is good

2543 James Caven adm.d 18th March 82

Male - 16 years: Single: Clerk: Roman Catholic: 32 Irish Street 32 Academy Street, Dumfries: Not first Attack: S. C. Asylum, which he left two weeks ago as cured: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic, not Suicidal: not dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries since 18th March 1882. Jane Caven or Robertson, Sister, residing at 45 High Street Wigton, Cumberland. None of family known to have been insane.

18 March 1882. William Marshall, M.D. &c, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, seems morose and silent and unable to comprehend the meaning of questions 1 & 2. His friends state that he is sleepless, roams about during the night, and imagines that some persons are set on destroying him V.

18 March 1882. Alexander Thomson, M.D. &c. Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. His depressed, melancholy appearance, thinks something dreadful is about to happen to him: that attempts are being made to poison him. 2. Told by his sister that he has been three times in an asylum that he was discharged from the Southern C. Asylum about a fortnight since, that he has become worse since, and thinks he is about to be destroyed.

Dr Alex Thomson also certifies the case to be one of Emergency and on this certificate the patient was admitted.

The petitioner is Mr Miles Mc Dowall Inspector of Pr of Dumfries

This patient is a readmission: He was discharged from the asylum on the 4th of March as a Recovery and it may be mentioned that although he was only in the asylum from the 2nd of February he was threatening both the medical men who had signed the certificates those who were responsible for his detention here with legal proceedings.

On his admission he had a peculiar lost depressed appearance about the eyes he had the delusion that his sister who accompanied him to the asylum was not his sister: he thought that she was going to drown herself but why he did not know. His general appearance was that of very great mental depression. It was reported that he thought an attempt was being made to poison him and he refused to

late some Coffee untill Dr Thomson had previously drunk some: he had also made some threats of suicide saying that he would have done if he had had the opportunity
On the night of the 18th he was very restless, sitting up in bed and was awake most of the night
29th March 82 — last night this patient was very restless — he has the idea that he is going to be murdered
21st March 82 James Cavan was very restless most of the night: the mental depression in this case appears to be become more intense in the evening
24th March 82 This patient does continues to be restless during the night: the mental depression however seems to be considerably less than it has been.
30th March 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is convalescing from the Acute Melancholia from which he suffered on admission but is still much depressed in spirits" & with respect to his bodily health & condition "they are below average"
11th April 82 The improvement which at first took place in this patients' case has not been continuous and he is now very depressed exceedingly changeable: no sooner is an arrangement made to suit his wishes than he at once wants something else & to return to the former arrangement. He has also hallucinations of hearing states that he heard last night voices telling him that "he is playing his minister and female friend in trouble by remaining here"
May 29th The delusions above referred to appear to have left him - he is now very quiet in his demeanour - and wishes to be discharged.

Aug. 9th 82. Discharged on Probation.

Nov. 3rd 82 James Cavan is today discharged Recovered

2544 James Sleith admd 22nd March 82.

Male. 77 years: Single: Has been a well living man: Protestant: Barledzien Farm, Near Whithorn: About 3 months insane, but has occasionally been weak minded: Never very ill before: Age on first attack — cannot say: Never previously under treatment: Cause — can state none: Not Epileptic to my Knowledge: Was never known to attempt Suicide: Not particularly dangerous. Chargeable to Glasserton Parish since 23rd June 1880: Mrs Jane Donnan or Sleith, Drumrae, near Whithorn, Sister: Have not heard of any of the family having been insane.

22 March 1882. John Charles Douglas. M.D. St Ninnians, Whithorn. 1. Says the Devil tempted him to commit suicide, people were trying to kill him and would have done so if four ~~men~~ angels had not come to his relief. 2. Mrs Steel, his landlady informs me he is very filthy in his habits, & will not keep his bed clean, & is constantly talking of seeing angels and spirits.

22 March 1882. William Anderson, M.B., C.M. Whithorn, Wigtownshire. 1. He says his house was surrounded by 40 or 50 persons who meant to murder him for the sake of his little furniture but that four angels came in and saved him, the chief angel said to the crowd that it was a sin and shame for them to come here to steal and murder. One very wet day he heard an angel sing all the day in a hole of the dyke. Wants to live in a stable. 2. Mrs Steel with whom he stays says he will not lie content in his bed, but would like to be out at unreasonable hours. Tries to light the lamp during the night. Is sometimes dirty in his habits.

The petitioner is James McCulloch: Insp[r] of Poor of Glasserton. The Inspector gave the following information regarding this patient — that he had been found with an axe in one hand and a hammer in the other to defend himself from an imaginary attack; that he think he can bring down angels and finds them in holes and dykes; that he is feeble and will wander away for miles if allowed to go out of sight — that he once lifted a stick to strike a woman who had said she did not believe in his ideas about angels — that he has been deliberately dirty in his habits.

On admission he was found to be a silly old man and he difficulty was found in eliciting his delusions that there are angels in the bed beside him: he however states that he has not seen

Any one of them since he came to the asylum. When asked why he is specially protected by angels he replied that he & the almighty were on very friendly terms. His legs both bear traces of extensive old ulceration on the right one there is an unhealthy ulcer for the treatment of which he is to be kept in bed.

14th April 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that he is demented: he thinks there are angels in bed beside him and states that he has heard an angel sing all day in the hole of a dyke" and with respect to his bodily health & Condition "they are impaired but improving: with rest and dressing the ulcer on the right leg is healing"

May 17th Still has says he has visions & angels. his bodily health has much improved. Ulcer on leg not quite healed but progressing favourably.

June 20th 82. His mental state remains the same.

9th Oct 82 State continues much as above: he still has angelic visits.

14th April 83 J.S. on one occasion had a nearly fatal faint: his physical health is very infirm. Mentally his delusions are not so prominent as formerly.

8th Oct 83 No change to record.

2545. Janet Telford admitted 5th April 82

Female 26 years: Single: Weaver at Woollen Mill: Presbyterian: Lives Hamered at High Street: Langholm: About one Months: 1st first: Age on first attack 26 years: Nowhere: Cause - Nothing so far as Known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: No: Langholm Parish 4th April 1882: William Telford, Cooper residing at High Street, Langholm, has 2 uncles who were insane:

3rd April 1882. William Johnstone Carlyle, M.D. Langholm: 1. Great depression, with various morbid delusions, imagines she has brought ruin and misery upon her Father. She is occasionally very excited, wandering about the house in a wild, unsettled state. 2. Her sister Mrs Ingles has informed me that she has threatened to drown herself, and for some time past has to be constantly watched.

4th April 1882. John Gill, M.B., C.M. Langholm. 1. On entering the room where the patient was I found her undressed & her friends persuading her to go into bed. She would not as she wanted to get away into the street. When I spoke to her she was stubborn & would answer hardly anything. She imagined some persons wanted to take her away and wanted to fly from them. She was somewhat restless & started when any footsteps or noise fell on the outside stair, & cast uneasy glances about the room. She was however somewhat quieter than she had been before. 2. Nicholas Telford her sister told me she had several times wanted to drown herself as she said she could not live with the uneasy mind she had. She imagined she had been exceedingly cruel to her Father in letting him go away to Hawick to work, & sometimes went moaning about the house & crying at the tip of her voice because she had been so cruel to her father. She had before when well been very attached to her father. The petitioner is John McKnight Insp. of Pm Langholm. It appears that her two uncles died in the asylum & that the disease is in the family.

There has, it is stated been some scarcity of work at Langholm & this patient went with her father to Hawick a month ago in search of work. She left home in low spirits & cried at the train. She stayed a fortnight there during which she became more despondent. She was then brought home & it was hoped the change would be good. Then however did not result and she steadily became worse. When also at Hawick she threatened to drown herself & at home she put her fingers down her throat. She is also stated to have taken three "fits": probably of an epileptiform

nature. She will not take sufficient food and requires to be fed: she has not been sleeping well. She is stated to have always had a weak Chest. The above particulars received by her Sister Mrs Hannah Graham of 18 Back Cardwell Street Langholm and the Mr. who both accompanied the Patient to the Asylum.

On admission the patient had all the appearances of being acutely melancholic: She cried almost continually and moaned about her "poor father" under the idea that she has been unkind to him which her friends state is not the case. She would not take her food and required spoonfeeding. She was also sleepless and restless at night.

13th April 82 This patient is still very depressed but is now taking her food herself. She states however that she "is going to be killed and that something is to be taken out of her"

15th April 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "She is suffering from Acute Melancholia; states she is going to be killed &." and as to her bodily health & condition "they are impaired".

14th June 82. In the same depressed state - will not answer when spoken to - but takes her food well.

9th Oct 82 This patient is still much depressed: she however is doing a little work at the Laundry.

16th Dec. 83 Janet Telford continues to improve satisfactorily the depression of spirit has in great part disappeared: she is quiet & reticent but this appears to be her natural temperament: she continues to work well at the Laundry.

21st March 83 This patient has continued to improve: she has been removed from the Laundry to kitchen work and has done well at it. She is today discharged on Probation.

14th Sept Discharged. Certified by Dr Barclay to be "sufficiently recovered to follow her usual occupation".

14th Sept By a later certificate signed by Dr Barclay (15th Sept. 1883) it is stated that Janet Telford "is now recovered and of sound mind and not requiring any further asylum treatment". The patient is therefore discharged recovered on the expiry of her probation on the 14th September.

Recovered.

2546 **Robert Innes.** Admitted 13th April 1882.

Male 46 years: Married: Farmer: Protestant: Kilpottles, Lockerbie: A year insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack 45: Previously in S. A. Asylum: 4 months: Cause not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Not Chargeable: Mary Anne Innes, Kilpottles, St. Mungo (wife).

6 April 1882. James Maclachlan, M.B., C.M. Lockerbie. 1. Restless and melancholy state of mind. Delusions, voices tell him to destroy himself. 2. His wife states that he is perfectly miserable, and would remain in bed constantly if not roused.

13th April 1882. Richard Bell Lorraine, M.B., C.M. 2 Irving Street, Dumfries. 1. Very dull & melancholy looking. Says, he has a feeling as if he would put an end to his life, although he says he is just putting off to a more suitable time. 2. George McDougal says, he wanders about alone very much, and that he always has the idea of committing suicide – he is very quiet and melancholy.

13th April 82 Dr Richard B. Lorraine also certifies that the Case is one of emergency and in this Certificate the patient was committed. Dated 11.30 a.m. A Warrant however was signed the same day by Sheriff Substitute authorising his detention this was on receipt in the day of admission.

The petitioner is the patient's wife Mary Ann Innes. The patient was accompanied to the Asylum by George McDougal of Nethehall Hagate, St Mungo. who gave the following history of his Case since he discharge from the Asylum on 18th Oct 81.

After removal he made no progress and rather got worse: he wished to return to the Asylum and on one occasion last Martinmas got to within half a mile of it. At home he walked a little about the house, he ate very little, except a, above stated he kept at home, sometimes he was restless and would walk up and down. "While he stopped his head and spun round about on his heel like a sheep with the staggers" he sometimes complained of pain in the head. He never attempted suicide but talked a deal about it & spoke of drowning himself, cutting his throat and hanging himself.

On admission he weighed 11 stone 2 lbs.

He has an appearance of great mental depression which seems to a great extent to paralyse the mental faculties & bodily activity. His movements are very slow and he is very long in answering questions about himself.
He Complains much of a weight & Clashing sensation in the Crown of his head and moves his head in a peculiar nodding manner for which he can give no explanation or reason. At present he denies that he hears any voices as stated in D. MacLachlan's Certificate.

26th April 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is suffering from Acute Melancholia of an intense type" and as to his bodily Health & Condition "they are impaired"

20th May General health has somewhat improved since his admission, but his mental condition has undergone little or no change.

June 21st 82 This patient is now suffering from symptoms referred to the stomach. he sometimes vomits a dark grumous material and complains of pain at a fixed spot, over the pyloric end of stomach. probably seirrhus of the Pylorus. His mental state remains the same

6th Oct 82 This patient is now much emaciated and is suffering from all the Symptoms of Cancer of the stomach - intense pain in that region - great amount of weakness, the Vomited matter chiefly Consisting of dark Coffee ground-looking matter. Mentally he has some curious delusions about those being one or two other persons Connected with him who will not allow him to rest.

11th Oct 82 Robert Innes died this morning at 4 H 5m A.M. he gradually lost strength from loss of blood, Continued pain & inability to assimilate food.

2547 **Margaret Shannon or Milligan**

Admitted 18th April 1882

Female: Age 41: Widow: General Servant: Protestant: No fixed abode: Found and examined at Parochial Board Office: Cant tell how long insane: First attack so far as known. Not previously under treatment: Cause - not known: Neither Epileptic / Suicidal, nor Dangerous. Chargeable to Dumfries parish since 13th April 1882. Joan Shannon or Brockie, New Galloway, Sister. None of family known to have been insane.

18 April 1882. William Marshall, M.D. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, looks vacant and incomprehensible declares that for some time back she has been in great favour with her God, but not so before &c. 2. Our clerk states that he saw her running after boys and throwing gravel at them.

18 April 1882 John Smith, M.D. 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Her stupid insane appearance, rambling, incoherent conversation, & delusions on religious and other subjects. 2. The Inspector of poor informs me that she has been wandering about the streets in an insane manner.

18th April 82 Dr John Smith Certifies Please take one of Messrs Milligan & Forbes Certificate the Patient was admitted at 4 pm the warrant was obtained on the following day. The petitioner is Miss McInnes Inspector of Poor Dumfries

No satisfactory history could be obtained from the parties who accompanied the patient, Alex Reid however stated that she had been holding a shawl out of a window in Friars Vennel as though she had intended to throw it down

On admission she weighed 12 stone 1 lb. The pulse in the recumbent position is 88 per minute there is some tenderness of hypogastrium & the stethescope over the spine in the middle and lower Dorsal regions and Conversation with the Patient reveals that she is subject to Hypochondriasis of an extreme kind with numerous delusions. She stated that in waking up in the night she was unable to breathe until she had mentioned her Saviour's name.

May 2nd 82 This is a case of Hypochondriacal Insanity: She has peculiar idea about most parts of her body thinks that there is something awanting in her throat; that the closing of the Con[illegible] a twisting in her abdomen.
Reported to Gen[illegible] to the General Board of Lunacy "that she is Hypochondriacal and has delusions of Persecution and as to her bodily health & Condition" they are "Amended not Cured"

Oct 9th 82 She Patient Continues much as described above: she is apt to strike others when under the influence of delusions.

16th Jan 83 M. Milligan Continues to suffer from delusions apparently founded on morbid subjective sensations, once stated she felt two stings run into her temples by an attendant. She is very irritable occasionally

8th Oct 83 M.M. continues to be hypochondriacal & frequently ill natured and abusive.

2548 **James Boe** admd 21st April 1882.

Male: 55: Married: Fitter: Protestant: 37 Shakespeare St: about 6 ~~months~~ weeks insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack about 40 years: Previously in S. C. Asylum: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries parish since 21st April 1882. Jane Anderson, wife, resides at 37 Shakespeare St Dumfries. None of relatives known to have been insane.

21st April 1882. William Marshall. M.D. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Seems morose or stupid, and quite incapable of answering questions &c 1st 2. His friends state that he accuses himself of having committed robbery at the places of business of Mr Scott & Mr Mc Kinnell. &c

21st April 1882. Hugh Cunningham, L.R.C.P. Ed &c. 25 Castle St. Dumfries. 1. He imagines that he has been banished for stealing, and that this is the last day he has to live. Also he is excited and restless. 2. His wife informs me that he was under treatment in an asylum about fifteen years ago.

21st April 82 D. W. Marshall and Certificate the case the one of Insanity; which Certificate & patient was admitted. The sheriff Order was signed by George Whitelaw Esq. Hon. Sheriff-Substt. and received on the following day.

The petitioner is Miles Mc Innes Inspector of Poor Dumfries.

It was stated on admission that Boe has been very violent: that he tried to tear his hair and his clothes and that he required to be held down: that he was under the impression that he was to be sent to Botany Bay for some crime which he had committed.

The weight on admission is 12 stones 9 lbs: he seemed to be depressed and was conscious that he had been labouring under delusions: he was known reticent and it was not easy to discover the underlying mind.

24th April 82 Boe has become more depressed: he thinks that some one is going to drown him for something which he has done: he is troubled with electricity coming up and down on the top of him. He is refusing his ordinary meals but takes liquid food with a little persuasion.

5th May 82 Reported to the Comm. Board of Lunacy "that he is suffering from severe Acute Melancholia — his bodily health & condition on average"

24th May. In a very melancholy state - special supervision owing to strong suicidal tendency.

June 20th 82. There is some improvement in this patients mental condition, sleeps better and is a little more cheerful - his general health is also improved

Sept 2 10th This patient continues to improve slowly.

Oct 9th 82 James Bee Continues to be very depressed: when he sees the writer he asks to be allowed to stay another night here! he is doing some outdoor work.

18th Dec 82 His patient has improved somewhat: he is still however depressed in spirits

2nd Jany 83 Patient is to day discharged on 'Pass' pending probation by Dr Adams sanction

3rd April 83 J.B. is to day discharged Recovered.

2331 Peter Luther McCulloch: admitted 1st May 1882
is a Male, 24 years of age, Single and a Mason by
occupation. He is a Protestant was admitted into Morning
side on 22nd Feby 82 from which date he has been insane
This is the first attack & it has lasted since 22nd Feby 82
The supposed Cause is Religious Melancholy: he is not epileptic
but is both suicidal and dangerous. He is chargeable to the
Parish of Inch. His father is James McCulloch, Glenjorrie
Cottages, Glenluce.

25th April 82 Thomas Smith Clouston M.D. Certifies "that he is
incoherent, restless, sleepless and dirty in his habits; &
as to his bodily health & condition "they are weak".

1st & 2nd May 82 This patient general health is much impaired by
& proceeds from masturbation. Physical examination of
the chest and abdomen revealed no serious organic disease.
There is a very slight bruise on the right knee - the only
indication of injury found.
The Report to the General Board of Lunacy is as follows
that "he is incoherent restless and excitable" and as
to his bodily health & condition "they are fair"
This man made satisfactory Progress and he was
discharged on Probation on 8th September 1882.

5th Dec. 82 P.W. McCulloch to day discharged Recovered.

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2549 Mary Edgar admitted from Probation 22nd April 1882. Her patients number is 2510 On the day of admission the patient weighed 10 stone 6 lbs.

June 6th 1882. Mrs Edgar is at times very much depressed.

Aug 9th-82. Discharged on Probation.

7th Nov 82 Mary Edgar is to day discharged - Recovered

2553 [illegible] James Scott admitted 12th May 1883

The Statement of his admission papers contains the following facts: That he is a male, 38 years of age next birth day and married: by occupation he is an Agricultural Labourer, formerly a sailor & seaman. He is a Protestant & his previous place of abode was Annan: he was found and examined at Cummertrees Village. He has been 4 days insane and this is not the first attack. His age on the first attack was 35 years. He has been previously under treatment in Annan. The Cause is not known: he is neither epileptic nor suicidal but is said to be Dangerous. He became Chargeable to Cummertrees on the 12th May 1882. His nearest known relative is John Scott, Shoemaker, Cummertrees, Gilbert, his brother has been subject to epileptic seizures. He petitioner is John Irving Inspector of Poor Cummertrees.

12th May 82 R. Baillie Maclean MB. Edin of Annan Certifies (1) I have been seeing the said James Scott for years. He has been subject to intermittent attacks of melancholia with delusions - & is now so. He is always a man of very weak nervous power - morose

(2) Sleeplessness, shouting and singing through the night. He threatens after kicking his sister-in-law to hurt her seriously.

Dr Maclean also certifies the case to be one of Emergency

12th May 82 Daniel Mackenzie M.B. C.M. certifies (1) Delusions about ordinary subjects - incapability to fix his mind on any matter continuously

(2) Incapacity for any work. Delusions about many friends, occupations &.

13th May 1882 The Report on the patient's Physical Condition is as follows:- He is in fair bodily health & condition but there is some dulness on percussion of the apex of the left lung & on auscultation there are moist rales, respiration slightly prolonged. Character harsh There are no marks of injury.

Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is depressed and incoherent" and as to his bodily health and Condition "they are impaired"

oct: 6th 82 James Scott is doing some work in the grounds: h
has undergone much improvement as compared with
his condition described in the medical Certificate and r
the report to the Board of Lunacy.

27th oct 82 This patient to day shows some feverish sympt
Temp. 102·8°. he complains of headache & has a slight
Cough

31st oct 82 The temperature has risen to 103·2° Pulse 116 Th
is Cough and expectoration the latter sometimes contain
blood: the bowels are loose. The case is diagnosed a
one of Typhoid Fever Complicated with Phthisis (typh

Nov 18th 82 This patient has gone through the usual course of
the above mentioned disease: the bowels however have
now become almost natural - inclined to be costive. Tem
erature is 98·4° Pulse 100. The Phthisis at one
time threatened to be a serious Complication but
it symptoms are now not so urgent

17th March 83 The patient is now strong and well: h
is able to work on the farm: his mental
Condetion is also much better than is described
on admission

30th April 83. J.S. is to day discharged - Removed on the
mandate of the Parochial Board of Cummertrees

2550 Elizabeth Dickson or Wilson ad April 25th 1882

Female about 64: Married: Housekeeper: Protestant: Collin: About a week insane: Not first attack: Age on first attack about 62: Previously in Southern Counties Asylum: Duration of existing attack 10 days: Cause - not known: Not known if Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 25th April 1882. Thomas Wilson, Queensbery Street, Dumfries. Husband.

25th April 1882. James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P. 46 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. She is very restless and excitable, & her facial expression indicates mental disorder, She is violent at times. 2. Her daughter informs me that she has several times been an inmate in the Southern Counties Asylum. Her conduct has during the last week been outrageous.

25th April 1882. William Smith Kerr, M.D. &c. Dumfries. 1. She is excited, irritable, talking almost incoherently. Dementia. 2. She has been a patient in an Asylum before.

25th April 82 D. J.H. Dryden also Certifies the case to be one of Insanity and on this Certificate the Patient was admitted at 3.20 pm. The Sheriff's order was received the same day and is signed by Norman Macpherson Esq. Sheriff of Dumfries & Galloway.

The Petitioner is John Hamilton, Inspector of Poor Nathaniel: he with two females accompanied the patient to the Asylum and signed the Bond of Obligation to the Board.

This case is a recurrent one and the following history was given on admission:- that she has been very noisy at night has slept very badly that she had spat in her daughter's face and talked much against her friends who appeared to be very kind to her that she has been taking her food well.

The inspector stated that she had not been receiving any medical attendance until she was visited by D. Dryden with a view to having her certified as insane.

9th Oct 82 This patient has now settled down a good deal: a condition of active mischief & frequent abuse has disappeared and she is much more rational

14th April 83 Mrs Wilson is now much more composed mentally & converses rationally.

16th July 83 Mrs W. is today discharged on Probation

2555. James Comline Admitted June 1st 1882.

Male, at 52; married - Bus driver - protestant - St Andrew Street, Castle Douglas. - about 24 hours insane - not first attack - age on first attack unknown - previously in Southern Counties Asylum - duration of existing attack about 24 - cause not known - not epileptic - not known if suicidal - not known if dangerous - Chargeable to Kelton parish since June 1st 1882 - Mrs Comline - wife; St Andrew St: Castle Douglas

30th May 1882. Walter Lorraine, M.D. Castle Douglas - 1. He gets into states of maniacal excitement, talking and gesticulating violently - he talks in a rambling fashion about absurd matters. 2. His wife has noticed for a few nights & days that he did not sleep & seemed low & melancholy.

30th May 1882. John Rivison M.B & C.M. 1. On being spoken to he becomes excited and talks and gesticulates violently - fits of excitement alternating with fits of crying - in talking mixes up people and things in a rambling manner. 2. His wife says that two days ago he seemed low in spirits, and last night he became violent in his manner, was sleepless and cried a good deal.

The petitioner is Christopher Pringle Richardson, Inspector of Poor of Kelton

"Reported to the Board of Lunacy" that he is in a state of Dementia & that his bodily health is unimpaired".

June 21st 82. There is great improvement in the patients condition since his admission: converses quietly and rationally - no fits of excitement or despondency: Sleeps well.

August 4th 82. The patient has completely recovered and was today Discharged on Probation.

2nd November 1882 J: Comline is to day discharged Recovered.

2552. Thomas Armstrong: admd 6th May 82.
The statement of the patients committing papers contain
the following facts:- that he is a male, 23 years
age, single, of no occupation being a writing mas
son. He is a Protestant; he lives at Powend, Cam
-bie when he was found and examined. The case is
Congenital one and he has never been under treatm
He is neither epileptic nor suicidal: but is at ti
dangerous. He became chargeable to Cannobie on
1882. His father is George Armstrong, Powend, Cannob
Two sisters and one brother have been & are inm

May 4th 82 James Rae Anderson M.D of Gotbank, Cannobie Certifies (1st)
Can only utter monosyllable and certain cries, his Countena
is vacant and he is quite void of the faculty of reason
(2nd) George Armstrong (the father) of Mrs Hannah, Powend state
similar facts to above. They say he cannot put on his own cl
but is tidy manged & clean in his habits. That he wanders about
the fields and runs after the sheep and cattle throwing stones
at them with the object of getting them to run also &

4th May 82 William Johnston Carlyle M.D. Certifies (1st) Is nearly a
Complete Imbecile. He can only utter in a very indistinct ma
-ner a monosyllable which few can understand. He is quiet
and harmless.
(2nd) His father George Armstrong states that he has always been
from infancy. His mind seems a blank.

6th - 8th May 82. This patient is an Idiot. His right foot is deformed.
There is a Compound Curvature of the spine with flattening of the
ribs on the right side and bulging on the left. No disease was
detected in the chest or arms. There are a number of small
cicatrices on the front of both legs but there is no recent
mark of injury.
Report to the Board of Lunacy that "he is an Idiot and
his bodily health & condition "they are fair".

Oct 6th 82 This patient's habits are very unsatisfactory: he requires
Constant nursing & attention by night & day.

December 10th 82 J. Armstrong with attention and good nourishing
diet has undergone some mental improvement.

1st Feby 83 This patient is today removed Relieved by
mandate of the Parochial Board of Cannobie
to be boarded in a private house.

2556. **Walker Stevenson**, Admitted June 10th 1882.
Male act 52 - married - carpenter - protestant - High St, Kirkcudbright - about 3 days insane - not first attack age on first attack 50 - previously in Southern Counties Asylum - duration of existing attack about 3 days. cause unknown - not epileptic - suicidal - not dangerous to others - chargable to the parish of Kirkcudbright, since June 9th 1882 - James Edgar Stevenson, brother. no members of the family known to have been insane.

8th June 1882 William Johnstone M.D. - Kirkcudbright 1. Suffers from various delusions regarding himself and wife, and has a strong desire to take away his life, &c. &c. 2. His wife states that he had attempted to hang himself &c.

9th June 1882 W. S. S. Reid M.B. : C.M. Oakley, Kirkcudbright: 1. He suffers from various delusions, and has tried oflate to do himself an injury. 2. His wife says that he tried to hang himself lately and is moody and despondent, and that he suffers from various delusions.
The Petitioner is Charles Finlayson, Inspector of Poor.

Reported to the General Board of Lunacy - "that he is a case of melancholia - and that his bodily health and condition are both impaired."

June 20th 82. The patient appears less depressed than on admission His bodily condition is also improved.

Oct 9th 82 The patient is now engaged in outside work he seems to be much better and the strict surveillance under which he was placed on admission has now been relaxed

27th January 83 The patient today suffers from feverishness with some indications that there is a little pulmonary Congestion there is also a good deal of mental excitement.

28th Jany 83 Patient is much better: mentally there is now again a little excitement and he has some doubts about his wife's fidelity.

March 17th 83 The patient is now again working in the garden & is in better physical health

29th Augt 83 W.S. is today discharged Recovered.

2559 **John Green**, Admitted 21st June, 1882.
male - 27 years of age - single - labourer - protestant
Marjorie bank, Lochmaben - found and examined
in Dumfries Prison - length of time insane uncertain
not first attack, as stated by parents - age on
first attack 23 years - examined, but not treated
four years ago - duration of present attack
not known - parents state he has never been well
since embodied in Reserve Force in Army - not
suicidal - dangerous, to certain individuals
chargeable to the parish of Lochmaben, since 21st
June, 1882 - John Green, father - none of family known
to have been insane, but looks of weak intellect &
imbecile.

20th June 82. John Smith M. D. Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. His appearance and actions indicate imbecility - talks and answers questions in a childish manner
2. The Governor of the Prison informs me that he is quite weak-minded, and that he sometimes gets into a furious rage, and threatens to injure those near him without the slightest cause.

20th June 82. Alexander Macdonald M.D. Castle Street, Dumfries.
1. Does not appear to be responsible for his actions, and if irritated, would be dangerous to himself and others.
2. The Governor of the Prison tells me he has been at different times convicted of assaulting his friends

Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that he is an imbecile, and that as to his bodily health and conditions, they are unimpaired."

6th Oct 82 The man is at present engaged in scrubbing work in the Wards: he seems quiet in his demeanour

28th March 83 This man today threw a brush so that it hit the wall and floor close to where a patient was sitting: he could give no satisfactory explanation of the act. He continues to be employed as a scrubber.

7th August 83. This patient was to day discharged on leave pending Probation.

29 Oct 83 John Green is today brought back to the Asylum. He is suffering from Phthisis Pulmonalis

2559 Isabella Taylor or Irving, Admn July 1st 82
Female, aged 40 years - married - tailor's wife - Protestant.
- Arthur St Newton Stewart - do - do. - about 3 weeks insane - First attack - supposed cause change of life - probably also predisposed - not subject to epilepsy not suicidal - occasionally violent with members of family - parish of Birmingham - chargeable since 30th June 1882. - husband James Irving - tailor Arthur St Newton Stewart - sister insane for a short time at age of puberty, and father also just before his death and after a shock of paralysis.

June 30th 1882. James Clark L. F. P.S. Glasg. Newton Stewart -
1. She is in a state of raving madness, uttering the most confused & inconsistent expressions in a rapid manner. She is irritable, obstinate and self-willed, & indecent in her language and conduct.
2. The Cree having been in flood today, she accused her son James of having turned on the water to drown the children - She would sit and wash her feet and hands the greater part of the day, and would disarrange the furniture of the house.

June 30th 1882. James Gibbons Dickson: M. D.: Woodlea - Newton Stewart.
1. Exposes her person rather indecently - excited - noisy talks incessantly - mixing up confusedly things, past & present with fictions of her own imagining - delusions as to her own condition, and the intentions of those around her. 2. Her husband says she is occasionally violent and requires all his authority to control her - passes a great part of her time in washing her hands and feet. The Petitioner is John Johnston, Inspector of Poor, Birmingham.
Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that she is a case of Melancholia with Stupor, & that her bodily health is unimpaired".

Oct 9th 82 This patient is at present in a more settled state than that described in the medical Certificate but Continues to be noisy and excitable; she sleeps badly & frequently is uproarious at night.

Nov 13th 82 Mrs Irving continues to be much excited: she on one occasion beat her head by knocking it against the iron seat of the W.C. she is not taking her food well

January 6th 83 Considerable improvement has taken place in the patient since last entry She is now quiet & industrious, takes her food well and sleeps well at night She appears to have a naturally cheerful temperament.

February 8th 83 This patient is today removed on Probation

May 2nd 83 Mrs Irving is today discharged Recovered

233 John Saddler: admitted 24th May 1882.
Matter owing to depletion from kidneys
The statement of this patient's admission papers
Contains the following facts:- that he is a male
42 years of age, married & a saddler by
occupation. He is a Protestant and lives at
4 Burns Street, Dumpie. That he was found
and examined. He has been a few days insane &
this is the third attack. His age on the first
attack was 33 years. He has been previously
under treatment in the S. Co. Asylum Dumpie in
April 1880. Cause is not known. He is not
epileptic, nor is he suicidal a dangerous. He
became chargeable to Dumpie on the 24th May 82
Mary Kent his wife, lives at 4 Burns Street
Dumpie. It is not known whether any of
his family have been insane.

24th May 82 W. Marshall M.D.I. of Breelench H Dumpie
Certifies (1) Talks incoherently, is in a state of
melancholy delirium owing to not receiving any
Comfort from his bible.
(2) His wife states that he never rests by night
a day, Roams about all the time in a state
of nudity.
Dr Marshall does certifies the case to be of Emergency.

24th May 82: John Smith M.D.U. of 14 Castle Street Dumpie
Certifies (1) His restless insane appearance and
muttering incoherent speech. Tells me that he
is in constant fear that something serious will
happen to him
(2) His wife informs me that he is restless Continu-
ually and requires Constant watching.

25th May 82 The Physical Condition Report on this patient
is as follows:- His Countenance has a wild
depressed and he is rather restless. He complains of
a peculiar sensation in his head which is always
present. His heart and lung sounds are
normal: he complains of loss of sleep and
bad dreams & says that everything has ceased to
have any interest for him & thinks his soul is
lost. On admission there were no marks of
bruises.
The Report to the General Board of Lunacy is

as follows:- He is suffering from Acute Melancholia and has delusions, thinks his soul is lost" and as to his bodily health and condition they are impaired

29th Sept 82 The following is a copy of an entry in the Assistant Medical Officers diary. "John Saddler complains of pain in left side. Much inflammation was found to be due to fractured rib (8th) (near sternal extremity). He says it was done two days ago when he was accidentally thrown on his side by attd Jardine.

Oct 6th 82 This patient is very depressed in spirits: Complains greatly of mental pain also of indigestion: he is able to do a little work

17th March 83 John Saddler has lately been doing as well as he continues to be greatly depressed in spirits

28rd June 83 J.S. is to day discharged Recovered.

2560. **Mary Ann Garroway.** Admd 3rd July 1882. Female, age 38 years. single. domestic servant. Protestant Castle Douglas - Johnstone St. Annan. means about a week. first attack. never under treatment before. cause unknown. not epileptic - not suicidal or dangerous. Chargeable Parish of Annan. 3rd July 1882. Agnes McMurray or Garroway - mother. Johnstone St. Annan. no member of family known to have been insane.

2nd July 1882 R. Baillie McLean M.B. C.M. 1. General restlessness and suspicion. full of fear without reason. cannot recognize her mother or brother. suspicious of being poisoned. 2. Refuses food in fear of there being poison in it. sleeplessness. labours under delusions in various ways. does not think she is at home, and does not recognize her friends.

2nd July 1882 Daniel McKenzie M.B. & C.M. 1. Inability to answer questions on ordinary subjects: a vague purposeless expression: she cannot recognize where she is (at home) and does not even know her relations by name. 2. Sleeplessness: delusions about money makers, persons places and things: she imagines that she is being poisoned when taking her medicine.

2nd July 82. Dr Daniel McKenzie also certifies the case to be one of Emergency, on which certificate the patient was admitted at 3 p.m. The Sheriff's warrant being received on July 5th/15 1882, signed by William Gardiner Maxwell Esq - Sheriff Substitute for the county of Dumfries. The Petitioner is John Lawson, Inspector of Poor, Annan. Reported to the Board of Lunacy "that she is suffering from acute Melancholia & with regard to her bodily health and condition, they are somewhat impaired."

Oct 6th 82 Patient has now undergone much improvement her delusions have disappeared: she seems always to have been weakminded and her dulness of hearing gives her face the vacant appearance usually present in deafness

Oct 20th 82 Is now doing some work: Quiet: bodily health same. Mind improved

Nov 1st 82 Discharged Recovered - removed by her Brother.

2562. **Jane Smith**, Admitted 19th July, 1882.
Female - aet 39 years - single - cook - protestant previously residing in Edinburgh - found & examined at Culgriff Cross Michael, Kirkcudbright - not known whether first attack - duration of existing attack, 3 weeks cause, unknown; not Epileptic nor Suicidal - probably not dangerous, but quarrelsome today - parish to which patient is chargable, not known - became chargable today, 19th July 1882 - sister, Mrs Dicks Gloucester Terrace, London, W.

19th July 82. Walter Lorraine M.D. Edin. 1. She sleeps very little, and only for short times - wakens with frights, hearing noises - she is easily excited, and is always about to leave, and not being certain when she is going - thinks she is being watched and plotted against without any reason 2. Her fellow servants say that she labours under various delusions, such as being watched by detectives and Policemen - She gets very excited, and talks incessantly for a time under the influence of some of her delusions.

19th July 82. John Smith M.B. & C.M. Edin. 1. She is very talkative & slightly incoherent continuing on the same subject unless questioned and repeatedly on another - Says she hears voices at times, as if persons speaking - and has delusions, such as that her father, sisters and other friends have all died lately - she cannot give particulars of their deaths. 2. I have been informed by Dr Broom, resident medical officer that she is at times particularly under the delusion of being watched by detectives & other police officers, thro' windows, keyholes &c.
Dr Walter Lorraine also certifies the case to be one of Emergency and on this certificate the patient was admitted.
The Petitioner is Samuel Walker, Inspector of Poor. Cross Michael.

On admission this patient was agitated excited. She said that within a period of 10 days her 5 sisters had all died and that the people in whose services she had been as cook had kept her letters and thus prevented her seeing them before their deaths. She also said she was watched at night by detectives employed by Mrs Stewart her employer.

Aug 5th 18th 82. Another delusion which she now labours under is that

She is the rightful owner of an estate near Dumfries and that Mr. Stewart is trying to take it from her.

9th Oct 82 This patient Continues to suffer from delusions: She has the same idea about the estates noted above, Generally she Comports herself as though she were a person of rank & quality

29th Dec. 82 This patient has asserted that she is Jane Countess of Man: she insists on leaving the Asylum and has begun to refuse her food with the intention of taking no more as long as she remains here.

January 13th 83 As this patient has been taking as much food as usual and refused her breakfast entirely she was fed with the Stomach pump this morning but took the rest of her meals today

March 17th 83 Patient has since last entry taken her food fairly well but is not yet so stout as she formerly was. She is still fully deluded - thinks that the matron has undertaken to defend her in her law suit (supposed) about the estates but that now the matron wishes to make herself out to be Jane Smith — that her friends are living near her in the Crichton Institution.

8th Oct 83 J.S. Continues to suffer much from hallucination and delusions: There is no improvement at all in her Case.

2564 Mary Ann Walker Admitted 23rd July, 82.
Female of 33 years - single - lives with widowed mother.
protestant - by Queen St Lochmaben - do. - insane 7 days
previous attacks, many - first attack 9 years ago:
previously under treatment at Crichton R. Institution
not known. Epileptic - suicidal - dangerous. - Loch-
-maben parish - 23rd July, 1883. - Elizabeth Walker, mother
by Queen St. Lochmaben - half brother has occasionally
shown symptoms of insanity.

23rd July 83. Thomas Reid. M.D. 1. Talks in a loud excited manner.
getting into a fit of temper without any apparent
cause. swearing says she is watched & is a disgrace
to her friends which is a delusion: Threatens to burn
herself and those around her; has a wild and violent
appearance. 2. Her mother says that she keeps her
in continual fear, and is always threatening to com-
-mit suicide, and stating the hour they will have her
corpse to dress. Dresses and arranges the house
without any apparent cause, and trying to get away.
Talks a lot of incoherent nonsense.

23rd July 83. John J. R. Watherspoon: L.R.C.S.: L.R.C.P. Ed.: 1. Great
and persistent desire to take away her own life.
delusions as to her having fallen into disrepute.
dislike for friends and relations. 2. Her mother
says she frequently attempts to commit suicide and
wishes herself dead, rather than continue to live with
her friends
Dr Reid also certifies the case to be one of emergency

This patient was some time ago a patient in the
Crichton Institution when she was placed in epileptic
department: she was given more treatment there but the
fits although reduced in number still continued at
intervals at the time of her discharge.
She continues to suffer from epilepsy, often frequent
attacks: the aura is present in this case & consists of
a Choking sensation in the throat.
One leg is covered with a number of ulcers
which in some respects have a specific appearance.

Dec 27th 1883 This patient's leg is now quite healed: She has
however determined very much mentally since
her first Residence in the Crichton. She can

now scarcely be induced to work at all — is very ill natured and abusive — not unfrequently she takes sham fits as well as real ones.

March 17th 83 This patient is now in a quieter condition than above described

May 2nd 83 M.M.W. is today discharged "Not Improved" She is removed by her friends contrary to the advice of the ~~the~~ Medical officers and on their own responsibility

2565. Barbara Beattie or Williams, Admd 11th 26th July 82.
Female 57 years: Widowed: Cook: Protestant: No fixed residence: Found & exd at Kirkpatrick Combination Poorhouse: 14 days insane: Age on first Attack - not known: Chargeable to Kirkpatrick-Fleming parish since 26th July 1882: Charles - son, place of abode not known.

25th July 1882. William Carruthers, L.R.C.P.E. Kirkpatrick Fleming. 1. Patient is depressed and cries without the slightest occasion, talks incoherently, she suffers from delusions. 2. Abraham Lamonby says patient gets up at night & wanders about bedroom, screams & shouts and talks nonsense.

25th July 1882 James Barton Gass, L.R.C.P.S.E. Ecclefechan. 1. Talks of having revelations made to her in dreams: Talks incessantly: Mrs A. Lamonby says patient often cries without cause, sometimes keeps tearing off her clothes in a very excited manner. The Petitioner is Richard Crown, Inspector of Poor for Kirkpatrick Fleming.

4th Oct 82. Mrs Williams' case is one of Melancholia accompanied and probably caused by physical unhealth. She is extremely ill nourished almost literally "skin & bone"; there is much difficulty in inducing her to take a sufficient amount of nourishment. She has delusions of persecution and makes loud complaints that "she is daily in fear" of being killed &c. I fear that the prognosis cannot be considered good in this case - there has lately been some oedema of the feet

13th Oct 82 Depute did not examine patient physically on admission being absent illegal: on examination now however there is a tumour of the Abdomen dull on percussion and continuous with the Liver dulness: probably Cancerous and implicating the Liver and the abnormal organ there is a nodular mass somewhat lower down: oedema of feet continues especially the right. Patient is not taking her food satisfactorily and sometimes vomits part of it.

26th Oct 82 Mrs Williams now vomits her food at each meal: on enquiry it is reported there is no blood or any discoloured matter in it - simply food.

Oct 30th 82 Patient died today at 7.55 am: the vomiting continuing. It left on the day previous to death when she was in a moribund condition

A Post mortem Examination of the body was made & a large schirrous Cancer of the Pancreas was found extending along the mesenteric glands so as to completely enclose the abdominal Aorta & Iliac arteries especially compressing the right. There were numerous secondary "tubera cucumsepta" in the Liver and the lymphatic round the hilus of each lung & those in the left Cervical region were also enlarged probably by inspection A full account of the Pathological Changes will be found in the Post mortem Book

2566 Agnes Henderson or Mc. Murdo. 31st July 82.
Female 45 years of age. married - housewife - protestant
Not first attack - age on first attack 44 years. -
Lives No - cause, unknown. - no - no - yes: Hem. -
fries - William Mc. Murdo, residing at 141. Sandyford
20th d Street Glasgow. husband. - unknown.
colt July 82. Archibald campbell Clark M.B. Glasgow District
Asylum, Bothwell certifies: - That She is much excited
very abusive, at times violent, labours under delusions
of an exalted character and of identity; and
with respect to her bodily health and condition
that they are weak - There is slight impairment of
percussion note under and below left clavicle.
& he further certifies that in his opinion there is noth-
ing in the Mental or Bodily Condition of the Patient
to contraindicate removal to the Southern Counties
Asylum, Dumfries.
The transfer of this patient is authorized by Dr Arthur
Mitchell Commissioner in Lunacy.
10th Sept 82. Mrs Mc. Murdo has been more than excited & noisy, ever since
her admission - She is constantly singing hymns (Salvation
Army) & stamps the floor with her feet. Her general
health has improved somewhat since her admission.
9th Oct 82 Mrs McMurdo continues to suffer from excitement: she is
frequently noisy at night & sometimes during the
day.
Nov 4th - 82 This patient continues to have numerous de-
lusions she think that she is an actress and
is rather haughty in her demeanours
March 17th 83 Mrs Mc Murdo has settled down a good deal
now - she works fairly industriously
27th June 83 This patient was today discharged
Recovered

2567. Ann Mitchell Admn 11th August 82.

F. 51. Single: Housekeeper: Protestant: Wanlockhead, Sanquhar. Several weeks insane: Not first Attack: Age on first Attack 43: Previously in Southern Counties Asylum: Duration of Existing Attack - several weeks: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Sanquhar Parish since 24th May 1872. James Mitchell Carter, Wanlockhead - Brother.

10 Aug: 1882. John Wilson, Physician &c, Wanlockhead. 1. Peculiarities in behaviour & conversation. 2. Roaming away from her friends to the hills, and annoying the neighbours by taking anything she can lay her hands on.

11 Aug 1882. William Kay, L.F.P.S. Gl., Sanquhar. 1. She is restless and talks incoherently. 2. She wanders without any aim, and is troublesome to people around her — very restless.

This appears to be a case of Recurrent Mania; there is a good deal of excitability in her demeanour

6th Oct. 82 Ann Mitchell has on two (at least) previous occasions been an inmate of the Southern Counties' Asylum. She is erratic and peculiar in her ways, rambling almost incoherent in Conversation but a good & industrious worker. She has the appearance of a person who has always had a considerable amount of mental peculiarity.

Feby 10th-83 Ann continues to work well at the Laundry at the Crichton.

18th June 83 Ann was today discharged Recovered.

2568. **Mary Wilson** – Admitted 11th August 1882.

Female Age 32: Single: Seamstress: Protestant: New Quay: A few days insane: Second Attack: Age on first Attack – 20: In S.B. Asylum 12 years ago: Duration of existing Attack – a few days: Cause – not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish since 11th August 1882: Jane Wilson or Murdoch, Sister, residing at Barnslaps. None of family known to have been insane.

11 Aug: 82. John Smith, M.D., 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Her insane appearance, incoherency of speech, and delusions. 2. Barbara Wilson, her sister, informs me that she requires constant watching owing to her insane habits.

11 Aug: 82. William Marshall, M.D., &c. 27 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, seems morose or greatly disinclined to answer questions. 2. Her neighbours state that at times she is greatly disturbed and roams about all night, &c.

10th Sept. M.W. has improved considerably since admission the delusions appear to have passed away, as well as the incoherency of speech – but she is still somewhat melancholic.

Nov 12th 82 This patient continues to be quiet & somewhat reserved: She maintains the improvement that has taken place in her case.

Jany 28th 83 Mary Wilson has not since last entry been continuously well – but now & again, flitting delusions such as that some people are taking a fancy to her &c. appear, She became obstinate and speaks little. This phase passes off & for a few days she is pretty well. She is industrious.

2570 **Agnes Dowd**, Admitted 13th Sept.r 1882

Female: Age 27: Single: Labourers daughter, Servant: Roman Catholic: 22 Glasgow Street, Maxwelltown: About 3 months insane: First Attack: Age on first attack, about 27 years: Never previously under treatment: Duration of existing attack - 3 months: Cause - not Known: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Irongreen Parish (in first instance, thought to be Kirkmichael) since 12 Sept. 1882. Michael Dowd, Labourer, Father, 22 Glasgow Street, Maxwelltown. Has a sister in the Asylum.

12 Sep. 1882. James Hunter Dryden, L.R.C.P.&S.E. 18 George St. Dumfries. 1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder. She talkes incoherently and is restless and excited, and cannot be left alone. 2. Her mother states that she has twice left the house, in a state of nudity, and that there has been a marked change in her conduct. Her sister is at present in the Asylum.

13th Sept. 1882. John Cunningham, M.R.C.P.&S.E. 35 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Her facial expression indicates mental disorder, She speaks incoherently, and cannot answer questions. 2. Her sister is an inmate of the Southern Counties Asylum, at present. She has escaped from the house in a nude state on two separate occasions.

9th Oct 82 The patient is much depressed in spirits: She Cries frequently: thinks that she is lost, sometimes that she is in Purgatory.

18th Oct 82 A. Dowd Continues much depressed, is greatly troubled with diarrhoea of a sero that dysentaric character; She thinks that she is lost: there is difficulty in inducing her to take her food properly and she has a most inveterate habit of picking her face.

Nov. 7th 82 The patient this morning was reported to have had a prolapse of the bowel (Rect the night-nurse returned: in the evening patient became very feverish - Pulse 136) an rectal Inamnation invagination of the bowel was diagnosed; a large distending enema with 25 M Tinct Opii in it was given with great relief to the symptoms

Nov 10th 82 There is still some Tympanitic distension of the abdomen with headache: the temperature & pulse do Continue above normal but there is marked improvement.

Nov 20th 82 Evening Temperature 99.1°, Pulse 100, bowels natural.

Dec 16th 82 The patient has now recovered almost entirely from the Condition above described: she is taking her food

fairly well and there are some slight indications of mental improvement

16th February 83 This patient has continued to improve: she is now taking her food very well and becoming quite a starter: she has given up the habit of picking herself and also of wandering out of her bed at nights: there is still considerable depression of spirits and she has occasional crying fits chiefly because "her clothes are not fine enough".

17th March 83 Agnes Dowd has at last been induced to do some work - knitting and is making slow but satisfactory progress.

11th Sept. 83 Agnes Dowd is to-day discharged recovered.

Recovered.

2572. **George Armstrong.** Admitted Sept^r 16 17/82.

Male: 70 years: Widower: Farm Servant: Protestant: Rowend, Lanarkshire. 14 Days Insane: First Attack: Cause – unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Dangerous at times: Chargeable to Lanarkshire since 12 Sept 1882: Andrew Armstrong, Son, Rowanburn, Lanarkshire. Son and Daughter at present in the Asylum.

13 Sept. 1882. James Rae Anderson, M.D. Eskbank, Lanarkshire. 1. He is very excited and restless, his conversation is incoherent, and his appearance and manners are those of an insane person.
2. His daughter, Mrs Hyslop, says he gets very rude at times, and talks a great deal of nonsense, Mrs Armstrong who lives in the same house says she is very frightened for him, and has had to leave the house every day until her husband comes home, that he is always quite unruly in the morning.

William Johnstone Carlyle, M.D. Langholm. 1. Considerable excitement, great incoherence, with various morbid delusions: evinces much dislike to the woman who attends him.
2. Mrs Warwick, Rowend, states that he sometimes enters her house in a very excited State, and although he has not attempted violence, she is afraid he may do so either to himself or neighbours.

This man is not able to give a very clear account of his relating with his friends at home: he thinks however that they were trying to put him wrong. He has some peculiar idea about his bladder – thinks he has two bladders the second one being a false one. His Case must be Constitutional as he has two Children at present Inmates of the Asylum.

Dec: 16th 82 This Patient is somewhat obstinate & self willed he is occasionally irritable: probably he has never been strong minded & advancing years have further impaired his mental Powers

7th Feby 83 This Patient was today discharged on Probation & was noticed that on leaving there was still some oedematous swelling of one foot & ankle which had been present for some weeks

May 2nd 83 G.A. is to day discharged Recovered.

2571 **James Currie**, Admitted, Sept^r 15^th 1882.

Male: about 24 years: Single: Labourer: Supposed to be Kirkpatrick Fleming: Parochial Board Office, Dumfries: Cannot tell how long insane: Not suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries meantime since 15th Sept^r 1882: Relatives not known.

15 Sept^r 1882. William Marshall, M.D. 27 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently. seems morose or stupid and incapable of comprehending the meaning of the simplest questions which he will not attempt to answer. 2. The Inspector states that he was taken from bed in the night to be told that he had come from England to enquire about the Lords Supper &c.

John Smith. M.B. & C.M. 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. He has a staring look in his eyes. Being interrogated he wanders off into an almost incomprehensible account of his past life. Among other Delusions noted, four men had tried to take his life in the last workhouse, and his bowels had at one time been torn out by lions at Patna. 2. Mr M^c Innis, Inspector of Poor, informs me that on arriving at the office last night, that he had stated his object to be that he wanted to see about the Lords Prayer or Lords supper.

6^th oct 82 The patient continues to be dull and apathetic. He is reported to have had two attacks like "fits" since his admission whether they are real or the result of imitation the writer is unable to say.

Jany 10^th 83 This imbecile is a good ward worker. the "fits" noted above are sham ones and he has been seen in a fit of hysterical condition the chief symptom of which was very rapid breathing which he discontinued when told to do so: he recently suffered from orchitis of one testicle caused by the hand being squeezed by another patient: it passed off under treatment.

17^th March 83 Jas: Currie has for some time given up taking the "fits" and he found they were recognised as being made-up performances

oct 9^th 83 J.C. has had Several attacks of haematemesis due to ulcer of the stomach: he has been dieted but on any return to the ordinary diet the bleeding returns

May 6. 84 Died of pneumonia

25/3. **Agnes Thomson or Harper.** Admitted 1st Sept. 82.

Female, 36 years: Married: Overseer's Wife: Domestic Servant: Presbyterian: Drumcantrae, Ardwell: Mains of Park, Glenluce: About 4 months insane: First Attack: Thirty six years of Age on first Attack: Never previously under treatment: Cause – Unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Slightly Dangerous: Robert Harper, residing at Mains of Park, Glenluce, Husband of Patient: No member of family ever known to have been insane:

4 Sept. 1882. David Matthews, M.B., C.M. Ed., Glenluce. 1. She answers questions in an abrupt manner, the expression of her countenance being sometimes smiling and pleasant, at other times demure and ill-tempered. She gets very angry when her husband or mother is mentioned. She blames her mother for dressing like a young woman, and threatens to kill her. She thinks her husband, mother, brother, & sister are plotting against her. She says her children have changed greatly of late for the worse. She says if her husband is innocent the spirits who informed her about him must be lying. She wonders why people dressed in white are assembling in the churchyard, & why so many machines are running on the road. Now in my presence she used bad language to her husband and threatened to kill her mother. 2. Robert Harper, her husband, states that his wife has been in a strange way for some time. She is very restless, often retires to a room, bolts the door and will not admit any one. She sleeps little or none at night, wanders about the house, & often goes to the door, thinking some one is coming to do her an injury. She sometimes retires to a wood, where she will remain for long periods leaving her children neglected & without preparing any food for them. She attacked him one day with a churn staff & has also attacked her mother & sister & required to be held by force. She has been afraid of the sea coming into the house & drowning her. She smashed several panes of glass on Sunday trying to get at her mother. When in Stranraer she ran through an hotel yard one night looking in at the windows. Often she will sit moody and silent for a time and will say nothing, and will then become violent.

4 Sept. 1882. David Easton, M.D. Stranraer. 1. Answers questions very abruptly, smiling and frowning alternately, her eyes all the while rolling about. Says that either She or her husband must leave the house. She frowns whenever you speak of him or her mother or sister, against whom she has a great hatred. Says that both he and her mother along with a number of other persons meet together to plan evil against her. That the spirit must be lying if that is not the case. Asks why people dressed in white gather in the churchyard if it is not to injure her. Says that the spirits told her that her husband was bad, and that her mother was dressing herself as a young person to take him away, and that her children are now different from what they were. She in my presence used very harsh language to her husband, at times laughs immoderately then she frowns, &c. 2. Her husband says his wife has been strange for some time, at present very restless at night, walks about the house the most

of the night, peering frequently at the door as if watching some one, that she is very violent at times. She lately rushed at him with a chum hook to knock him down. That she yesterday fiercely attacked her mother and sister & would have sorely injured them but for help. She smashed the windows in trying to get at them. She had to be restrained for some time by two strong people. When in Shanraw she ran into a hotel yard peering into the windows. that at times she sits sulky & say nothing or will become violent and abrupt. Went into the wood and sat most of the day, eating nothing, and preparing no food for her children. Puts the door of her room & remains there alone for some time, has a great hatred of him and his relatives. &c.

9th Oct 82 This patient Continues to suffer from hallucination of hearing: she still hears the spirit talking but says it is not so plain & audible as it used to be. She still has curious ideas about her friends at home as described in the above Certificate

Nov 28th 82 Mrs Harper is now much more pleasant and affable than formerly: she walks industriously and her delusions are not now apparent

Dec 9th 82 This patient is to-day discharged Relieved she was removed by her husband on his own responsibility.

2575. Rebecca Gordon or Rule Admitted 22nd Sept 1882.

Female 55 years: Widow: General Dealer: Protestant: Annan: 6 King St, Dumfries: A few weeks Insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment: Duration of existing attack - a few weeks: Cause - not Known: Not Epileptic nor Suicidal nor Dangerous: Time, 22nd Sept 1882 chargeable to Dumfries meantime. Henrietta Gordon or Collart her sister residing at 6 King Street, Dumfries. None of Family Known to have been insane.

22 Sept 1882. William Marshall, M.D. Vc. 27 Buccleuch St. Dumfries. 1. Talks incoherently, imagines that she has been guilty of some criminal act which will cause her to be sent to gaol. Is in fear for having disobeyed the laws of her God. 2. Her neighbour, Mrs Sherman states that she is terribly disturbed, and never rests by night or by day.

22 Sep. 1882. John Smith, 11 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Her incoherency of speech & delusions. 2. Her neighbours inform me that she is quite unmanageable, resting none.

9th Oct 82 She is a Case of Acute Melancholya: the patient is very distressed & depressed in Spirit thinks that she is going to be hung - that she is the Cause of most of the ill that is done in the World. She does a little work and is best when employed

Janry 10th 83 Mrs Rule works actively at ward work but is still much depressed in spirit and afraid she is "to be put away".

17th March 83 This patient has undergone Considerable improvement and is much less melancholic

8th Oct 83 This patient Continues to maintain the improvement she has made: She is still however depressed.

2576 **Wilson McLeod** admitted 17th Oct 82

Male 22 years: Single: Shop Assistant: Protestant: Mains Street, Lockerbie: Few years insane: First attack: Age on First Attack - 20: Duration of existing Attack - 2 years: Cause - unknown: Not Epileptic, Not Suicidal, not Dangerous Not Chargeable: William Bryden, St. Bryden Tenace, Lockerbie.

15 Oct. 1882. James McLachlan, M.B. & C.M. Lockerbie. 1. Restless & excited demeanour, peculiar gait, incoherence. 2. Mrs Mrs Brockie states that he is frequently muttering to himself, is very restless, scarcely taking time to his meals & of late has been very irritable. He fancies he hears people annoying him. On Saturday he knocked Mr Brockie down.

16th Oct. 1882. John J. R. Wotherspoon. Phys. & Surg. The Green, Lockerbie. 1. Constant incoherence, delusions & other whims. 2. Constant restlessness, sleeplessness, Delusions.

15th Oct 82 Dr McLachlan also certifies the case to be one of Emergency. The petitioner is William Bryden of above address where ward the patient is: he is a pauper patient

On admission the patient is pale & anaemic, pupils are dilated and it was soon found that masturbation had at least a part in the causation of his ailment. Bodily health is impaired.

Mentally he is fatuous: could not give both his names: thinks this is the year 1880 & that the month is August. Does not appear to be any active delusion at present: the patient being merely lost & demented. He has been sent out to do Barrow work.

30th Oct 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is Demented: says that this is the year 1880 and that the month is August" & as to his bodily health & condition that "they are impaired: he is pale & anaemic"

Jany 16th 83 This patient attended diet occasionally: he continues to do Barrow work & is perhaps scarcely so demented as when admitted. His general health is also a little better: there is less pallor.

17th March 83 W. McLeod continues to have a less anaemic appearance and is the better of his out door occupation - his habits are also better

1st May 83 W.M.L is today discharged Relieved & transferred to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.

2577 John Haining admd 27th Oct 82.

Male: 54: Single: Labourer: Protestant: Dumpsterton Cottage: 2nd Serious Attack: Age on 1st Attack 49: Dec. 1877 in Southern Counties Asylum: Duration of existing attack - 2 weeks: Cause, unknown. Not Epileptic: A little Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Dunscore Parish since 25th Oct 1882: Elizabeth Haining, Dumpsterton Cottage, Dunscore, Mother.

27 Oct. 1882. And.w Lorrimer, M.D. Lawriestown. 1. That Satan is working with him, wishing him to injure himself or some other person. He has been once in the Asylum before this attack. 2. He is afraid to stay in the house from his mother.

27 Oct. 1882. John Smith, M.D. 14 Castle St. Dumfries. 1. His melancholic appearance. Tells me that he cannot work and must be looked after, because he might injure himself, is afraid to be left alone. 2. Mr. James Laurie informs me that during the last fortnight he has been very dull mentally, that he has spoken several times of injuring himself, and that his mother is afraid to live in the house with him. with him.

The man has probably never been very "bright": the forehead is small & low & the front of the head much less developed than the back. He is in a condition very depressed & is not, I say, able to take care of himself: on going out of the house he felt giddy. The Petitioner in this case is James Laurie Inspr of Poor Dunscore who brought him to the asylum

9th Nov. 82 Certified to the Board Brandy Lunacy that "he is suffering from melancholia" & with respect to his bodily health & condition that "they are fair."

Jany 20th 83 J.H. is going on fairly there is occasionally a little delusion about him but on the whole his progress is satisfactory.

Jany 31st 83 John Haining is to-day discharged on a Three months Probation

25 April 83 J.H. is to-day discharged Recovered.

2578 **Mary McBlane or Renfrew.**

Admitted 20th Novr 1882.

Female 47 years: Married: Teacher's wife: Domestic: Protestant: Greshill, Maybole: Guildhall, Kirkconnell: Four Days insane. Not first Attack: Age on first attack - 41 years: Previously under treatment in Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries: Duration of Existing Attack - 11 Days: Cause - not ascertained: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkconnell from 18th November 1882: John C. Renfrew, her husband, at present a pauper in S. Counties Asylum, Dumfries. None of relations known to have been insane.

18 Novr 1882. William Kay, Surgeon, Sanquhar. 1. She is restless, excitable, talks incoherently about religion, Angels visits, and imagines that Christ was resting on her head, and says that she hears the Angels crying to her. 2. From her Daughter, Mary Renfrew:- For the last 11 Days she wanders away, and being locked in the house today she smashed the window to get out, as she imagined her children were being killed.

19 Novr 1882. Richard ~~Gillespie~~ Gilbertson Herbertson, L.R.C.P.S. New Cumnock. 1. Does not answer questions in an intelligible manner; talks in an incoherent manner and on a diversity of subjects without any definite statements; States to have burned Devils, Evil Spirits.

The petitioner - William Kirkland Inspector Kirkconnel

This case is a Re-admission and is a case of recurrent mania - there is considerable restlessness of demeanour & some restlessness and she is especially apt to be noisy at night when her hallucinations and delusions have the most pronounced influence on her: these ideas are chiefly 'angelic' in Character

Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that she suffers from hallucinations & delusions:- says she has seen Jesus Christ with a star round His neck" and with regard to her bodily health & condition "she is stout and well nourished, there is a large goitre not at present interfering with respiration.

Jany 24-83 The patient has been sent to the Laundry & work well there; she is still very decidedly insane.

8th Oct 83 There is some improvement in this patient's Condition but her delusions still remain.

2579 **Margaret Duff** admitted 23rd Nov: 82.

Female: Age - 62: Single: Out door Worker: Protestant: Killimore Pennyfarne: 2 Days insane: not first attack: Age on first Attack - not known: Previously under treatment in S. C. Asylum Dumfries: Symptoms coming on gradually for some days: Cause unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Threatening violence, and even striking: Chargeable to Kirkcowan Parish since 22nd Nov: 1882. Sister, Mrs Jane Mc Guire, Killimore, Sister. None of relatives known to have been insane.

22nd Nov: 1882. Charles Mc Bride, M.D. &c. Wigtown. 1. Incoherent and rambling in her talk, says she must go before the surgeon, English, Irish, or Scotch says it is a pity every one is to be damned. 2. William Mc Guire, says, she struck a little girl down to the ground with her clenched fist.

22 Nov: 1882. John Valentine, M.B. & C.M. Kirkcowan. 1. Says she was fed on frogs, mice, & rats. Says people want to rip her up. Says her dumb Egyptian idol is turned into a pillar of salt. 2. Mrs Mc Guire, her sister, says she told her to go to Hell, & would smash her mouth for her.

The petitioner is Peter Gordon Insp: of Poor Kirkcowan

This case is one of Recurrent Mania: she is non-sensical talkative restless sometimes apt to be abusive: she also has a number of fleeting absurd ideas such as those enumerated in the medical certificate.

6th Dec: 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that she is talkative and restless - suffering from an attack of Recurrent Mania." With regard to her bodily health & Condition "she is spare and in a state of impaired health.

1st Jany 83 Patient is frequently talkative & abusive: there is a good deal of mental instability & she is irritable

1st June 83 M.D. La since last entry made much progress: the signs of mental aberration having disappeared She was to day discharged on Probation for six months.

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2580 Christopher Irving adm.d 24th Nov.r

Male - Age 47: Married: Agricultural labourer: Protestant: Cocklicks, Ruthwell: Three months insane: Second Attack. In 1872-3. in So. Co. Asylum: Duration of Existing Attack 1 Week: Not Epileptic. Not Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Ruthwell Parish since 24 November 1882. Janet Irving Cocklicks Cottage, Ruthwell, Wife: None of family known to have been insane.

24 Nov.r 1882. R. Baillie Maclean, M.B. & C.M. Annan. 1. Incoherence, inability to give a reasonable answer: general restlessness: does not know his own people, wife, nor family. 2. Attempts at maltreating his daughter, a young girl, without any reasonable cause, & using foul language. Does not recognize his wife or son & has refused food.

24 Nov.r 1882 John Hovelle Ogilvie, L.R.C.S.E. Annan. 1. He has a very vacant look, refuses to answer questions, or answers foolishly. He does not know his wife and Children. He does not sleep and is very restless. 2. His wife states he tried to strike his daughter without any cause. That he uses bad language to them & that he does not know them.

The petitioner is Alexander C. Davidson Inspr of Poor Ruthwell. Dr R. Baillie Maclean Certifies the case to be one of Emergency.

On admission the most noticeable peculiarity about this man was a habit of starting up suddenly every now & then as though an electric shock had been administered to him, of this strange demeanour he could give no explanation. When asked any question he looked up with a peculiar half puzzled air & either answered "don't know" or "No". He can give no account of how he left home or what he did before leaving it.

6th Dec.r 82 Reported to the Gen.l Board of Lunacy "that he is demented, no satisfactory Conversation can be elicited from him" and as to his bodily health and condition "there is Varix of both legs and he is in a state of impaired health."

January 20th 83 This man has been going on quietly doing some real recently at morning prayers he threw a book at his left shoulder: he could give no explanation of his conduct & in fact denied the action afterwards

28th Apl 83 C. I having made much Progress & having worked well for some time was today discharged on Probation.

24th July 83 Patient is today discharged Recovered.

2581 Thomas Wilson adm: 27 Nov: 82.

Male 63. Married: Labourer: Protestant: Hope's close, Lumsden Street, Dumfries: Royal Infirmary, Dumfries: A few days insane: First Attack: Not previously under treatment: Duration of existing attack - a few days: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Might be Suicidal: Not Dangerous: Chargeable to Dumfries Parish: John, a son, resides at Mouswald: Elizabeth Dickson, his wife, at present an inmate of the Asylum.

24 Nov: 1882. William Marshall, M.D.F. Buccleuch Street, Dumfries: 1. Talks incoherently, declares that he should not be here, and wants to be sent away from this world &c. 2. The House Surgeon and attendants state that he roams about all night, and will not be restrained, &c.

27 Nov: 1882 Alexander Thomson, M.D. &c Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Incoherent conversation, loss of memory, and general appearance. 2. Told by the House Surgeon & Surgical Nurse ~~Steward~~, that he is restless and gets out of bed, and wanders about the house in an aimless manner. The petitioner is Miles Mc Ingram Inspector of Poor & Wm Marshall Certifies he is to be one of Emergency.

This patient is weak & decrepit and is suffering from decay of the mind Coincident with that of the body. His reputed that he has not been steady man and he has been under treatment in the Dumfries Infirmary for an attack of Paralysis from which he had to large extent Recovered on admission - the chief Remnant being slight paralysis of the tongue which is very tremulous when protruded & points slightly to the left side. Mentally he is depressed, says little, but his eyes that he is "done for" which is probably not far from the truth. He is emotional & his face wears a pensive aspect

7th Dec: 82. Reported to the Lunacy Board of Lunacy "that he is demented" and as to the bodily health & condition "they are greatly impaired there is some paralysis of the tongue"

21st Dec 82 The old man is now in somewhat better health under the diet & care in the Infirmary Gallery

15th Feby 83 Thos: Wilson suffered from a severe attack of diarrhoea but is now much stronger than on admission probably in as good physical health as he is likely to have.

22nd March 83 This patient is today discharged on Probation

10th August/82 The patient was to day brought back by Mr. Wm. Inspector of Asylums Dumfries before the expiry of his probation he had become noisy and unmanageable outside.

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2582 Peter Whyte adm 4th Dec: 82

Male 18 years: Single: Farm Servant: Protestant: Cowdens St. Mungo Chapel Knowe, Half Morton: 4 Days insane: First Attack: Age on first Attack - 18 years: Never previously under treatment: Duration of existing Attack - 4 Days: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Dangerous: Chargeable to Half Morton in the meantime - Claim to be made upon Middlebie. Third day of December 1882. William Whyte, Chapelknowes, Half Morton, Canonbie, Father. His mother Sarah Whyte has had several attacks of insanity, and is at present at home on three months probation.

3 Dec: 1882 William Carruthers, L.R.C.P.Ed. Kirkpatrick Fleming. 1. Patient is restless, and continually on the move. He talks incoherently and for the most part incoherently. 2. John Little says patient was restless during the night, and at times almost unmanageable that he talked nonsense, and struck at his friends.

4 Dec: 1882. R. B. Lorraine, M.B. C.M. 2 Irving Street, Dumfries. 1. Speaks very indistinctly, says his work has been reading Bible from beginning to end. Says his master dismissed him from his work without a cause. Talks about being in Heaven before but is going to Hell this time.

3rd Dec: 82 D. Wm Carruthers certifies the case to be one of Emergency.

The petitioner is John Murphy, Inspector of Poor Half Morton.

The man is admitted in a state of acute mania and his general demeanour somewhat resembles that of a drunk man. He is restless, throws off articles of clothing; when talked to he swears: his conversation is incoherent and he gives expression to a number of fleeting delusions. He is especially apt to be noisy towards the morning.

15th Dec: 1882 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is suffering from acute Mania" and as to his bodily health and condition "There are some signs of Phthisis in the apex of the right lung: the left ear has recently begun to discharge purulent matter.

Jan 20th 83 Peter Whyte is now much quieter: he does some Garden-work

July 25th 83 P.W. is to day discharged Recovered.

2583 **Jessie Swan** adm 5th Dec. 1882

Female, Aged 36 years: Maried: Housewife: Protestant: Waterside: Kirkinner Village: 5 Days insane: First Attack: Age on first attack 36 years: Never previously under treatment: Duration of Existing Attack - 5 Days: Cause - unknown: Not Epileptic: Not Suicidal: Not known if Dangerous: Chargeable to Kirkinner Parish since 4th December 1882: Mother, Widow Jessie McNeill. None of family known to have been insane.

4 Dec. 1882. Charles McBride, M.D. Wigtown: 1. Tells me that "She is lost" and "that she must consult the Spirit, also that she has sinned against the blood on the Cross. Pupils dilated, face flushed. 2. Mary Dill, Kirkinner, says that she goes on her knees & prays and preaches aloud and she had difficulty to make her rise.

4 Dec. 1882. Robert Hillcoat, L.F.P.S.G. Wigtown. 1. She keeps muttering incessantly to herself. Says that the Devil and the Spirit are fighting within her. While being spoken to she will snatch up her Bible and begin muttering to herself. 2. Her mother informs me she is very restless. She keeps aimlessly pacing about the house. She also gets up at night and begins reading. She struggles to get out to preach as she says.

The petitioner is James Christison, Inspector of Poor Kirkinner

This patient is on admission in a state of Religious melancholia: she thinks her soul is lost, is sleepless at night when she wanders from her bed and reads "the book". During the day however her delusions have less hold of her mind. She states that the menstrual discharge has been in abeyance for a long time

15th Dec 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "she is suffering from acute melancholia" and as to her bodily health & condition "they are impaired"

26th Dec. 82 This patient has now made a good deal of progress - sleeps well & has been removed into a convalescent gallery.

11th Jany 83. Jessie Swan has continued to improve very satisfactorily: she works well - & to day is discharged on a three months' Probation

8 April 83 J.S. is to day discharged Recovered.

2584 **Janet Murdoch** admd 4th Dec: 82

Female - aged 49 years: Single: Domestic Servant: Protestant: Dalry, Galloway: Two weeks insane: Not first attack: Age on first Attack - not known: Previously in Southern Counties Asylum, Dumfries: Duration of Existing Attack - two weeks: Cause - not known: Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Dalry Parish, New Galloway. Pauper has been chargeable occasionally since 3rd February 1863. Thomas Murdoch is her son with Kennedy & Co, Nursery, near Dumfries. Pauper had an imbecile brother.

6 Dec. 1882. James Altham, M.B. C.M. New Galloway. 1. Says that people in the village are spoiling her blood of lawin which have got into her blood. That she has got a grave in the Churchyard where she would like just her attendant and the church steeple. 2. Alexander Kirk. Inspector of Poor, states that she accosted him and called him an Angel from Heaven, requesting him to get her a good large coffin as soon as possible.

7 Dec. 1882. John Smith, M.D. &c. 14 Castle Street, Dumfries. 1. Her insane restless Appearance & rambling incoherency of speech. Tells me that she has been with the Angels. Also that she has been butchered by several people. 2. Alexander Kerr, Inspector of Poor, informs me that she is restless continually, talks incoherently, and has many delusions.

6th Dec. 82. I James Altham Certify the Case to be one of Emergency. The Petitioner is Alexander Kirk Inspector of Poor, Dalry, Galloway.

This Case is a frequently recurring one of mania and on admission she is confused deluded and excited, talks a good deal of nonsense, said she had been "living with" the men who brought her. She is apt to be noisy during the night especially towards the morning.

There were several bruises on her on admission which are recorded in the Physical Condition Report and she had a cough with pneumonia when I saw her. Particulars heard on the Case subsequently.

15th Dec. 82 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that she "is suffering from an attack of Recurrent mania" and as to her bodily health & condition

"they are impaired but improving: there are still some râles heard over the base of the lungs – also the percussion dulness remains

26th Dec. 82 Janet Murdoch is now much better mentally, her physical health however is still not good.

17th March 83 The patient is now industrious and cheerful she continues however to be wheezy and deficient in tone

9th May 83 J.M. is to day discharged in Probation.

11th August 1883 Janet Murdoch was to-day discharged recovered, a certificate having been given by James Aitken, M.D. that "she is in her normal state of mind".

Recovered.

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2585 **Archibald Little**: adm. 18th Dec. 82

Male - 32 years: Single: Painter: Protestant: New Galloway. Three weeks insane: First Attack. Supposed Cause - Drink. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Kells Parish since 14 December 1882. Henry Little, Postmaster, Stranraer, Brother: None of relatives known to have been insane.

15 Dec. 1882. James Altham, M. B. & C. M. New Galloway. 1. States that he hears voices which accuse him of murdering his father, and saying that he will be shot. The voices confuse and frighten him, ordering him to do certain things: At times he says he does not know what he is doing. 2. James Mc Gill, Cattle Dealer, New Galloway, informs me that Archibald Little told him a piece of his skull had been cut out by certain persons, and asked him to come and help him to find it.

15 Dec. 1882. John Nivison, M. B. C. M. Castle Douglas. 1. He has a semivacant expression and talks in a rambling manner. Says he hears voices, and sees lights at his window, and that the Doctor has removed his intestines. 2. Constable Mc Bain says he is restless, especially at night, moves about from place to place and cant sleep. Says he hears voices accusing him of being a thief and murdering his father.

The petitioner is William Craig, Inspector of Poor Kells.

This man is suffering from Delusional Insanity ascribed to Drinking: on admission he acknowledged hearing voices which he sometimes could recognise sometimes not. These voices sometimes accused him of murdering his father as recorded in the medical certificates. At times he thinks that his heart bowels & brain have been removed by Doctors. At night he is frequently restless owing to these ideas - on one occasion he thought that "dropping" was coming thro' one of the ventilators.

As to his history it appears that he is a good tradesman but has fallen into drinking habits - not however solitary but jovial & convivial. For three weeks previous to admission however he took no drink

Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that he suffers from auditory hallucinations and delusions" and as to his bodily health & condition "they are unpaired there is dulness on percussion at the apex of the right lung."

August 10th 83 A.L. continues to suffer from a mass of delusions and numerous hallucinations which especially trouble him during the night. He states that his genital organs have been displaced, partly removed sometimes, that his internal organs have been taken out; that his father has been murdered. His delusions however are legion. He has been treated by the Continuous Galvanic Current being passed thro' the brain & at a time there was some improvement in diminution of the hallucinations & he slept better

8th OCT 83. The patient seems to be getting worse and it is to be feared that his prospects are not good

2586. John Stevenson: admd 20th Decr 1882.
Male - 25 years & Single: Servant: Church of Scotland: Crossmichael: Closeburn: About 1 year insane: First Attack: Age on first Attack - 24 years: Closeburn Nov 9th 1882 placed under observation. Dangerous. Chargeable to Crossmichael since oct. 3rd 1882. Agnes Nichol, Sister, Closeburn Village. None of family known to have been insane.

19 Decr 1882 Anstruther Davidson, M.B. C.M. Thornhill. 1. He is melancholy, given to solitary wandering. Suffers occasionally from illusions. 2. His sister, Mrs Nisbet states he has now time attempted her life, by assaulting her with a stick.

19 Decr 1882 Thomas Davidson, M.B. C.M. Thornhill. 1. For twelve months he has suffered from Melancholia more or less; this is gradually giving place to excitement. He says he tried to strike his sister believing her to be dead wishes to have her buried. Imaginary figures float before his eyes: Wanders alone by day & sometimes at night. Refuses to answer questions occasionally. 2. Twice he has attempted to kill Mrs Nisbet his sister, but finds that she sinks into the earth out of his reach. Sings hymns &c at the pitch of his voice. Wishes to marry little girls &c - by Mrs Nisbet & Wm Nisbet and their eldest Daughter. The petitioner is James Austin Inspector of Poor Closeburn.

This man has an anxious & peculiar wild glaring expression about the eyes & appears to be depressed in spirits: his delusions do are of a melancholy nature namely that certain of his friends are dead. He was, however, quiet and appears to sleep well during the night.

Jany 3rd 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is suffering from Melancholia with delusions that certain of his relatives are dead and with respect to his bodily health and condition "they are impaired".

March 17th 83 This patient has the same peculiar sinister appearance: some time ago he was visited by the sister whom he thought dead: he stated to her that he supposed she had come up out of the ground"

8th Oct 83 J.S. is reputed to be addicted to masturbation
he is slovenly and dirty in his habits -
& he fears that the prognosis of his case
is not good

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2587 James Pearson: adm.d 23rd December 82
male, 33 years of age, is married & his occupation is "attendant at asylum". His religious persuasion is entered as "Protestant" he lives at "Castle Dyke Lodge" where he was found and examined. He is stated to have been "about two weeks insane" that is the duration of his existing attack. This is the first attack & his age at this time is 33 years. He has not undergone previous examination and treatment anywhere.
The cause of his insanity is "not known".
He is not epileptic or dangerous but is suicidal. He is chargeable to Dumfries parish in the meantime & he became so on 23rd Decr 82.
"Ann Closs his wife is resident at Castle Dyke Lodge Dumfries.
None of family are known to have been insane."
The petitioner in this case is Miles W. Jones: Inspector of Poor Dumfries.
The patient was admitted on the 23rd Decr on a Certificate of Emergency by D. John Smith of the same date and the Sheriffs warrant was obtained on the 28th inst.
The Medical Certificates contain the following information:-
Decr 23rd 82 D. William Marshall certifies that he (1) seems to be in a profound state of melancholy, states that his neighbours hold him up to ridicule, that he is on bad terms with his God &
(2) His wife states that his particular and determined dread is himself and his family coming to Poverty &
Decr 23rd 82 D. John Smith certifies (1) His insane melancholic appearance & delusions. Tells me that he cannot work & that he is in Constant dread that some person will injure him
(2) His wife informs me that he has

many delusions, that owing to his actions she is afraid to stay in the house with him & that he has threatened to commit suicide.

On admission this patient is suffering from acute suicidal melancholia: he is very greatly depressed will scarcely speak and hides his head in his hands: is somewhat restless wishing to be again tried at home. He also states that "he wishes he had fell into the water". The pupils are much dilated and his muscular system is much under its proper standard. It appears that he has been smoking & drinking — as much as ¼ lb of strong twist tobacco per week and it is also said that there is some hereditary tendency. At home for some time before admission he required watching at night: he also began to refuse his food.

Dec^{r} 24th 82 patient slept part of night with 3ss Bailey's sed. sol.
Dec 25th 82 Slept well with 3ss Bailey's sed. sol: he is taking his food somewhat better & is less depressed.

January 3rd 83. Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that he is convalescing from acute suicidal melancholia" and as to his bodily health & condition "they are impaired but improving".

Jany 14th 83 This patient continued to improve until about this morning when on return of depression was noticed and he made an attempt to escape was only stopped at the gate & he made a desperate attempt & fought the attendant but was secured & brought back.

14th April 83 J.P. continues to undergo the same vicissitudes: he improves then becomes depressed and surly

8 Oct. 83 Patient is now very much better indeed: he is frequently allowed to visit his wife & send to town on messages. He appears to be much improved in his contented

1 Dec 83 James Pearson is today discharged Recovered.

2588 **Robert Mc Clune** adm.d 2nd Jany 83.
a male, 20 years of age, is single and an agricultural labourer. His religious persuasion is "Protestant": he lives at Forbie Village where he was found depanced. He has been six days insane: this not being the first attack: his age on the first attack was 18 years. He was previously sent to the Southern Co: Asylum on 18th Oct. 80. He has been "not well for some time but worse during last 6 days". The Cause is "inherent" He is not epileptic to the knowledge of the petitioner (?) not suicidal that he (petitioner) is aware of. At times he is rather violent. He became Chargeable to Forbie Parish on 28th Dec. 82
His father is Thomas McClune, Forbie Village "who himself was some years ago rather simple but was never confined"
The above particulars are taken from the "Statement"
31st Dec. 82 William Anderson M.B. & C.M. Glasgow Certifies (1) he "has a rather wild look. Saw him rouse into strong passion with little provocation but even when excited did not threaten harm to himself or others. Swears very freely.
(2) Ellen & James Aitchison (brother & sister) of the farm of Backley where he was working at turnips with a hook state that he came to his work by a public road instead of a bye-road because as he said a witch was on the latter, that when their mother appeared he swore much at her (although she did not speak to him). He evidently took her for the witch. Does not sleep very well his mother says and sometimes has slight delusions
28th Dec. 82 John Charles Douglas Certifies (1) Will not sleep, will not work, threatens to murder James Smith a companion. Terrified at dogs & anything either white or black
(2) Thomas McClune, his father, says he went out with him on Monday to work a stranger passed them and he was so terrified at the stranger that he had to bring him home. - that he swears for hours at a time

The petitioner in this case is James Dunsmore Inspector of Poor. Sorbie.

This boy is a re-admission & appears to have suffered since his last admission from a kind of monomania of fear: he was afraid as stated in the medical certificate: he thought they were going to take him away. He appears who brought him state he is quiet in the house, takes at night & does not sleep much: that he has been getting thinner especially during the last fortnight before admission.

On admission here he was suspicious & wished to fight with anyone & everyone but he soon settled down into a quiet condition.

11th Jany 83. Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is convalescing from an attack of mania" & as to his bodily health & condition "he suffers from mitral stenosis & his general health is impaired."

March 20th 83 The patient has of late been labouring under considerable excitement: he has a bad habit of teasing other patients; recently there has been much difficulty in inducing him to take his food properly and he has been spoon fed.

10th July 1883 Since last entry this patient has steadily improved and he was today discharged recovered.

Recovered

2589 Susan Kelly admitted 3rd January 83 a female, 40 years of age, is single and a domestic Servant. She is a Protestant (Church of Scotland) & lived at Ealing, London but was found and examined at Ecclefechan. She has been 14 days insane & it is the first attack so that her "age on first attack" is 40 years. She has been nowhere under Examination previously; the Cause is unknown. She is not epileptic but is both Suicidal & Dangerous. She is not Chargeable to any Parish & her nearest relatives are her sisters Elizabeth Kelly or Carlyle & Mary Kelly or Taylor of Ecclefechan. None of the family are known to have been insane.

January 2nd 83 Dr J. Barton Lass certifies (1) "She is very violent in her behaviour: her friends forcably restraining her: Complains of not being able to sleep".
(2) "She threatens to commit suicide I am informed by her sisters Mrs Carlyle & Mrs Taylor"

January 2nd 83 Dr William Carruthers certifies. "Patient is depressed, sleepless: says she is distressed in mind thro' misconduct - and was so ill as to attempt suicide"
(2) Mrs Carlyle says Patient has been sleepless for several weeks, outrageous in Conduct sometimes & is suicidal.
The petitioner is the patients brother-in-law. Robert Taylor.
This patients friends who accompanied her to the asylum stated that she had not been sleeping for some time. she slept none on the 1st January: was quieter on the 2nd & had 5 hours sleep but was excited afterwards she took some food on the 1st Jany but little on the 2nd She lived with a lady for 10 years in Edinburgh but when the lady went to London she cried not get on under the changed circumstances & this seems to have had something to do with the

onset of her malady.
On admission the patient was in a greatly exhausted Condition — Pulse in the sitting Posture 144 per minute, tongue foul, breath offensive — Generally there was an appearance of inanition she took some food herself but afterwards refused it so she was fed with the Stomach Pump at 3 pm. on the day of admission Her mental Condition was one of most intense mental depression, she was continually moving about restlessly, wringing her hands so much as to cause some oedema of them & exclaiming that "she was lost" C. C.
She was sleepless & restless at night on the night of the 4th January she got up & broke 3 panes of glass - slightly cutting the left thumb -
January 6th 83 She is now kept in bed, nourishing rectal diet is given & Battley's solution of Opium in 20 to 25 M. doses given at bedtime with the result of giving some repose & sleep.
Jany 13th 83 She continues to suffer from many delusions such as that "black men" come into her room at night slept well with 3ss of Battley's Solution of Op.
Jany 16th 83 During the night this patient bruised herself especially the lower limbs: there is also a bruise over the left eyebrow: she is still very restless at night & moans unless a sedative is administered
The Report to the General Board of Lunacy was to the effect that "she is suffering from Acute Melancholia" as to her bodily health & Condition "they are much impaired but improving — pulse 104 per minute, irregular; tongue still furred.
11th August/83 Susan Kelly continues in a state of profound melancholia with marked suicidal, and sometimes homicidal tendencies. She often says she wants to be killed. On the 8th August she escaped the attendant's observation and attempted to pierce a knife, but was prevented from doing herself any harm. She has been placed under special observation. On the night of

the 16th August she took the bedsheet, and made a rope of it, but apparently with suicidal intent, but failed to do herself any harm.

8th Oct 83 The patient has undergone some treatment with the Continuous galvanic current and she is not nearly so depressed as at one time. She still insists she was dead: at times she states she is "Queen of the three nations".

2590 Catharine McGowan or Payne: admd 12th Jany 83.
is a female, 30 years of age Married. By
Religion she is a Roman Catholic and resides
at Cherrytrees, Dumfries when she was found
& examined. She has been 3 weeks insane
and this is the first attack. It is not stated
if she has been previously elsewhere under
Examination or treatment. The Duration of present
attack is three weeks as above stated. Cause is
not known: she is not epileptic and neither suicidal
nor dangerous. She became Chargeable to Dumfries
on the 12th January 1883. Her husband is Frank
Edwin Payne, Attendant in the asylum resident
in Cherrytrees. No member of the family is known
to have been insane.

11th Jany 83 Dr. William Marshall Certifies (1) That she talks
incoherently, seem very melancholy, & in Con-
stant dread of persons following her to do her
injury &c. &c.
(2) Her husband states that she is in great fear
of persons determined to harm her. Roams
about all night &c.

10th Jany 83. John Smith M.D. Certifies (1) Her insane appearance
restless manner and delusions. Tells me that
she is in constant fear that some person is
coming to take her away.
(2) Her husband informs me that during the last
2 or 3 weeks she is much changed, sleeping almost
none, refusing to take food and having delusions.
Dr Smith Dr certifies the case to be one of
Emergency.
The petitioner is Miss McInnes, Inspector of
Poor, Dumfries.
This patient is admitted in a state of mental
depression. Her appearance is that of a delicate
woman & Examination of the lungs showed
that altho' there is no active disease there
has been some formerly. It is also stated
that she nursed her child about 18 months
& Causing Exhaustion & that she has been
living at home & inclined to rest rather than
employ herself actively. As her appetite energies

were much below par Hypophosphites given in Calumba were prescribed — Occ small doses of opiates (Battey's sed. sol.) at bedtime to give the necessary sleep which did not come unaided. Extra diet was also given. In addition to the facts before stated it appears that she became impressed with the idea that all her neighbours were against her accused her of stealing O. O.

19th Jany 83. Mrs Payne under the above treatment is making some progress.
Report to the General Board of Lunacy "that she is suffering from acute Melancholia" and as to her bodily health & Condition "they are both weak & much impaired: there are evidences of old Phthisis in the lungs."

26th February 83 Mrs Payne has undergone much improvement: she is now walking fairly well, is happier and more composed also sleeps better.

21st March 83 Patient was today removed on Probation much improved but still Complaining of not sleeping well

20th June 83. Mrs Payne is today discharged recovered

Recovered

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2591. Jemima Dunlop: admd 12th January 83.
Female 36 years of age. is single & a pauper being an out door worker by occupation. She is a Protestant, lives at Wigtown & was examined there. She was first certified insane on 11th January 1883. This is the first attack. Altho' just certified insane she has been of weak mind since 1865 though much worse of late. She is not epileptic, it is doubtful if she is suicidal tho' certified as Dangerous. She became Chargeable to Mochrum parish as a lunatic on 11th Jany 1883 but was first chargeable on Novr 15th 1865. Jane Cowan Dunlop, Wigtown is her mother. Both parents were silly and the father was said to have been at one time in an asylum. Patient has an illegitimate child about 10 years of age.

January 11th 83. Dr Robert Hillcoat certifies She has a wild furtive look, hair all dishevelled. When asked why she stayed on the moor all night she said she was preaching and praying to the blooming heather. Says that she has gone wrong through religion. That she doesn't like the Wigtown folks as they dance on their head at the Cross. Will interject "foolish" remarks in conversation.

(2) Her mother Mrs Dunlop says she wanders about without purpose and talks nonsense. And that she has stayed out all night on the moor. Police say her mother has applied to them for protection from the violence of her daughter and to look after her when she wanders out at night.

January 11th 83 Charles McBride M.D. certifies (1) Her threatening manner of address - put out the candle while I was speaking to her: making faces & looking in the looking glass. Talked loudly and incoherently.

(2) Mrs Dunlop her mother says that she frequently strikes her and curses and swears and lays out in the fields at night.

The petitioner is William Mackie, Inspector

of Dore, Wigtown

On admission this patient had the appearance of being an imbecile: she talked nonsense about going out to preach to the "blooming heathen" and appeared to be generally weak minded. Those who brought her to the asylum stated that one of the most troublesome features of her case was the habit of going out and stopping out all night; she said that she went to some "Castle", but there was no castle in the neighbourhood. She was apt to abuse, be impertinent and sometimes tried to bite. She has not been sleeping well lately but they could not say how she had been taking her food. Sometime ago Dr Mc Bride refused to certify her.

Report to the General Board of Lunacy "that she is an imbecile who has become unmanageable" and as to her bodily health & Condition that "she is thin & spare"

February 4th 83 This patient has been sent to work in the Laundry; she continues to talk the same nonsense as is noted above.

Oct 8th 83 J.D. work away at the Laundry: She is not improved in her mental Condition

2592 Hugh Dickson or Mowbray: admd 18th Jany 83. a male, 33 years of age is married and a Labourer: He is a "Protestant" was at 2 English St Dumfries: he was found [illegible] examined at Dumfries Prison. The length of time insanity, duration of existing attack & cause of his insanity are not stated. This is his third attack & he has been previously under treatment in the Southern Counties' Asylum & in Morningside. He is not epileptic but is both suicidal and dangerous. He became chargeable to Dumfries (the meantime) on 18th January 83. Isabella Ashley his wife resident at Noblehill, Dumfries

Jany 18th 83. Dr William Scott Certifies that (1) he is incoherent and thinks his soul is lost and cries bitterly
(2) The Governor of Prison states that he attempted suicide by trying to throw himself over (?) a stair railing: Has been twice in an Asylum.

Jany 18th 83 Dr William Marshall Certifies (1) Speaks incoherently, thinks his soul is in danger imagines that he was in a high position in the Salvation Army, is most uneasy in his bed never rests &.
(2) The Governor states that he makes great noises at night, that he is a dangerous man and has attempted to Commit suicide &.
The petitioner is Miss Mc Innes: Inspector of Poor, Dumfries.
This man on admission is suffering from very evident mental depression: he says little but his general appearance is that of the mental pain of melancholia: he did not sleep much but was quiet on the night of the 18th He has been frequently in asylums before suffering from suicidal melancholia. There is a slight abrasion on the scalp about the vertex caused by his attempting to Commit suicide by precipitation which has generally been the

form of self hurt which he has selected. It appears that he has recently been a member of the Salvation Army and he states himself that his wife's behaviour has had a bad effect on him.

Jany 19th 83 Patient slept well with 2 3 M Mattei Sol: Sed: & Potass Brom & appeared much better on the following morning - beg[an] asking to be allowed work.

Report to the General Board of Lunacy that "he suffers from Acute Recurrent suicidal Melancholia" and as to his bodily health "they are improved and improving".

January 31st 83 This patient is now doing well he has become Cheerful and as he is very desirous of doing some work has been sent out with the Barrow party.

17th Feby 83 This man maintains all the improvement that has taken place in his case: he continues to be cheerful & industrious.

26th March 83 This patient is to day discharged Relieved: he is sent with Asst R: Merrhin to the Rosewell Asylum near Edinburgh.

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2593 Elizabeth Mc Michael admd 1st Feby 83. a female aged 29 years is single & a Domestic Servant. She is a Protestant: Can read & write. Was examined at Dalry, Galloway. She has been insane "about a month" This is not the first attack - it occurred at the age of 27 when she was previously under treatment in the Asylum. The cause is unknown. She is not Epileptic - Neither is she suicidal or Dangerous. She is chargeable to Dalry Parish Galloway She came to us the 31st January 1883. Elizabeth McMichael. Dalry is her nearest known relative: Other Relatives are stated to have been insane

January 31st 83 James Aitkam M.B. C.M. Certifies (1) says that her backbone has been removed, and her neck and limbs screwed by medical men who have her in their power; that she hears them in whatever place she is in, that they are screwing her neck and unable to gain a livelihood (2) Her mother Elizabeth McMichael states that she will not go to her bed at night but complains that men come through the wall to her & that she hears their voices

1st February 83 John Smith M.D.C. Certifies (1) Her delusions regarding the different parts of her body Rambling insane method of speech (2) M'Kirk informs me that she requires constant watching & has many delusions

Dr Aitkam also certifies the case to be one of Emergency. on this Certificate Mc Dalrent was admitted on Feby 1st 83 The sheriff's warrant was however obtained & received here on the same day.

The petitioner is Alexander Kirk Inspector of Poor Dalry

This Case is a Readmission & is a recurrent one the delusions Chiefly refer to her body which she thinks has been subjected to various operations as described in Certificate No 1. She states that she is an abandoned profligate and that some people have taken the

upper hand of her: that a bar has been put through her head &c. She makes a number of Complaints about her eyes which however do not seem to be very strong.

14th Feby 83. Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "she suffers from delusional Insanity" & as to her bodily health & condition "they are sin. – pares: there is irregularity of the Heart's action

Oct: 8th 83 R: M.M. Has she become elated about being made a profligate: She eats fairly well

2594 Ephraim Percy : admd. 1st February 83.
age 31 years a male, is married & a Baker.
He is a Protestant & lives at 28 Inglis Street
He has been a few days insane : this is not the
first attack - age on first attack is 28 years
He was previously under Treatment in the R.A. in June
1880 Cause is not known. He is not epileptic &
neither suicidal nor dangerous. He became Chargeable
to Dunedin Parish on 1st February 1883.
Elizabeth Duncan his wife resides at 28
Inglis St Dunedin. Her mother was insane
& committed suicide

1st Feby 83 William Marshall M.D. Certifies. (1) Talks
incoherently, rambles through all kinds of
irrelevant matter & talk, never ceases lamenting
on persons, places &c &c.
(2) His wife states that he roams about all
night making noises &c.

1st Feby 83 Hugo M. Hardcastle M.B Certifies (1) Insane
appearance, Incoherent rambling & chattering.
Gives answers to questions which are totally
irrelevant.
(2) His wife informs me that he is extremely
restless especially during the night : he has not
assaulted her but has frequently offered violence
He is also very noisy
Dr Hardcastle also certifies the case to be
one of Insufficiency.
The petitioner is Miss M. Innis Inspector of Poor
Dunedin

This case is a readmission & is one of
Recurrent Mania - there is some general
restlessness but the most marked feature
is great incoherency of conversation - he talks
nonsense about any bit of paper &c. he may
pick up & in fact anything that attracts
his attention. His general appearance is
pallid & unhealthy looking. He is not noisy
at night but does not sleep very well - in fact
he is a mild case of Recurrent Mania.

14th Feby 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that
"his case is one of Recurrent Mania

and as to his bodily health & condition "they are impaired but improving".

16th March 83 This man has made great improvement: he is working well and steadily.

30th April 83 H.P. leaves today on Probation.

24th July 83 H.P. is today discharged Recovered

Recovered

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2595 Charles Kennedy Smith. admd 7th Feby 1883
is a male aged 50 years: he is single & his "condition of life & occupation" are unknown: he is a Protestant & was admitted into the Edinburgh Asylum on 28th Oct. 1882. Duration of his insanity is "unknown." This is the first attack: it has lasted 3 months & his age on first attack is 50 years. The Cause is unknown: he is neither epileptic nor suicidal but is dangerous. He is chargeable to Pennycuik. He is illegitimate. He has no relatives alive: his maternal grandmother was not quite sane for some years before her death.

Feby 8th 83 D. Cameron signs the medical Certificate & certifies "that he suffers from Melancholia with delusions" & as to his bodily health & condition "they are fairly good"

This patient is said to be the illegitimate son of a late Ayrshire nobleman: here is a very desponding state of mind states, that he is suffering from "brain weakness" due to overwork of that organ: that he has studied too deeply: that he filled a box with his writings the result of prolonged thought and that this box was lost. It appears that Smith was an itinerant Phrenologist. He is very quiet & retiring, speaks little to others and generally sits out of the way into a corner. There is much Hypochondriasis in his case.

27th Feby 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "that he suffers from Melancholia" and as to his bodily health and Condition "they are impaired, there is lateral spinal Curvature and malformation of the chest."

10th July 83 This man is scarcely so depressed as formerly he has been doing some work on the farm.

8th Oct. 83 C.K.S. remains hypochondriacal depressed in spirits and retiring: he reads a good deal and works a little at trenching. Much change is scarcely to be expected in this case.

2596 Mary Dickson or Sanderson: admd 10th March 83.
The statement of her admission papers contains the following facts:- that she is a female, 28 years of age, married, a ploughman's wife & that her previous occupation was that of a servant.
She is a Protestant & her previous place of abode is Middlebie; she was found and examined at Midknock Cottage, Westerkirk. This is the first attack and she has been insane during the last six weeks. She is suicidal but is neither epileptic or dangerous. She is chargable to Westerkirk in the meantime. Her father is William Dickson, Eaglesfield, Parish of Middlebie. None of the family are known to have been insane.
The petitioner in this case is William Roger Inspector of Poor. Westerkirk

9th March 83 Duncan McC. Clark certifies (1) "Hallucinations of sight jealousy against husband. Sullen look striking furiously at those around her. Failure of reasoning powers.
(2) Facts Communicated by Ann Mc Nal. Midnock Cottage & Elizabeth Little Bonese Leaping out of bed in night dress & striking & kicking those who tried to bring her back. Baking on the floor. Cutting her children's hair and her own and. Attempted to commit suicide by drowning"

9th March 83 W. J. Carlyle M.D. Certifies as follows (1) occasionally great irritability with various morbid delusions and at times labours under great excitement, wanders about in a wild unsettled state, imagines she is pursued by black men who are going to do her some bodily harm.
(2) Mr Mc Nab, Midknock Cottage states she had attempted to commit suicide by drowning. Mr Mc Nal. and Mrs Little Bonese also communicated the above facts.
The Inspector of Poor who accompanied this patient to the asylum states that he was informed by the patient's sister that Mr Sanderson has had previous similar attack to the

but that she never before required treatment in an asylum. On one occasion her husband locked her in the house when going to a neighbouring place she escaped through the window and was found with her face downwards in a ditch. She was then pale and faint & required to be carried home. This is the Suicidal attempt referred to in the statement.
On admission she was confused and lost looking: she was quiet during the night of the 16th March and had some sleep.

11th March 83 Patient look much better this morning: complains of a pain going down from the neck to the breast and states that some time ago when working in a potatoe field she felt as though something fell down in that position

17th March 83 This patient has improved most satisfactorily: she sleeps and eat well: she states however that every fortnight there is a profuse Catamenial discharge and that she has worn some appliance to rectify the position of the womb: these however did not remain in position

19th March 83 As the Catamenial flow has ceased a per vaginam examination was made today: the uterus was found to be enlarged and low in the pelvis.

23rd March 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "She was admitted in a lost confused Condition, but has undergone much improvement and as to her bodily health & condition they are unimpaired: She suffers from a goitre, a cardiac murmur and menorrhagia."

June 14th 83 This patient has since last entry made very satisfactory Progress, occasionally interfered with by attacks of vomiting apparently depending on reflex irritation of the stomach from the uterus. She is today discharged on Probation for three months.

29th August 83 Mrs Sanderson is today discharged recovered

Recovered

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2597 William Blacklock admd 12th March 83.
The statement of his admission papers Contains the following facts:- that he is a male, 18 years of age, single and a Farm servant. By religious persuasion he is a Presbyterian and his previous place of abode is Shawhead. This is his first attack: he has been 4 days insane & his age on this attack is 18 years. The cause is not known. He is stated to be neither epileptic nor suicidal but to be dangerous. He became Chargeable to the parish of Newabbey on 12th March 83. His father is Charles Blacklock, Shawhead Newabbey. None of his family are known to have been insane.
The petitioner is Peter McDonald, Inspector of Poor, Newabbey.

11th March 83 David Taylor Monteath M.D. gives the following facts in his medical Certificate:-
(1) Patient is violent in his conduct at times, has fixed delusions, prays that he may be delivered from his enemies; states that I along with others are plotting against him.
(2) His mother states that he is the Apostle Paul and that he is being persecuted. Refuses food from her saying that she wants to drug him and deliver him to his enemies.

12th March 83. John Cunningham L.R.C.P.S. gives the following fact in his Certificate (1) his facial expression indicates mental disorder. He has a vacant stare and speaks incoherently.
(2) Has injured himself near penis and scrotum, this information I received from Mr P. McDonald, Inspector.

12th March 83 D Cunningham Certifies the Case to be one of Emergency.

This Patients Case on admission is one of Religious Melancholia and the following details of Previous History were given by the Inspector of Poor and William Thomson who had acted as his attendant. W: Thomson states that the patient

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mutilated himself by removing almost the entire penis at the farm of Kirkhouse near Kirkbean where he was working - on the 6th March and that the farmer his employer Mr W. Munn found him after he had done it, bleeding profusely. He was attended professionally by Dr D. T. Monteath who gave me of the medical certificates.

W. Thomson states that on Friday night (9th March) the patient was quiet until 5 am: he slept about an hour but at 5 o'clock he became outrageous and struck at Thomson & his father.

On Sunday night (11th March) he had 2 hours of sleep. The patient has not been taking his food at all well from delusions of poisoning but the Sunday evening before admission "the minister" induced him to take a fair meal by taking alternate bites & sips with him. The patient's father states that during the winter his son has been very retiring in his ways, inclined to be low spirited and to read his bible a deal.

On admission this patient was in a greatly reduced condition partly from inanition & partly from his debauch previously, the pulse was 60 per minute, weak & irregular; the heart's action weak and a tendency to lividity in the extremities indicated a weak general circulation. There were several scratches & bruises about the patient's body which are recorded in the "Physical Condition Report" but the most serious injury was the removal of the penis near the root leaving an unhealthy looking sore. The patient persistently shut his teeth against food so he was fed twice with the stomach-pump on the day of admission: on each occasion however the most of the feeding was rejected by the stomach. He removed the dressings from the wound repeatedly: spat freely at everyone: prayed frequently: when food was offered to him said 'if it was God's will' &c. A special attendant was placed with him during the night.

13th March 83. Patient fed with stomach-pump but took the rest of his food: he will not allow the dressings to remain on the wound: he slept 7 hours at night

14th March 83 W.B. took plenty of food today & with a little management did not remove the dressings: he spent a quiet night sleeping 3½ hours: special attendant at night still continued.

16th March 83. Continues to take food well: patient was removed to Infirmary Gallery and special attendant discontinued

28th March 83 Patient going on fairly well, occasionally he removes the dressings from the wound, is very self willed: up till today he has always passed his urine in bed apparently willfully - today however he made an amendment in this way.

24th March 83 W.B. continues to improve satisfactorily: habits improved: has been visited by his friends and seems the better of it: wound healing satisfactorily.

Mr. McMinn his former master gives the following account of him:- That he went to work at his farm last November, he was at first low spirited which was attributed to the change, afterwards he cheered up. On Sunday 4th March he assisted in extinguishing a fire at a neighbouring farm: he was much excited (Grahame's farm) by his exertions and when he returned thought some one was coming to set fire to Mr McMinn's steading. He paced about his room at night & watched, in the morning his door was barred. Next morning 5th he did not go readily to work, was unsettled and wished to go to the farmer. On the night of the 5th he was again restless and was taken from his usual bed in the stable loft, into the farm house.

On the 6th he was dressed for walk, read his Bible and asked leave to go to his father's house. This was granted and he set off. Mr McMinn afterwards followed him and found him lying among some whin bushes with his face spattered with blood. Blacklock refused at first to tell what he had done but afterwards admitted that he "had cut off his member as it had proved his spiritual foe."

26th March 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "with respect to his mental state it has improved: he still however has delusions, such as that his relations are living in the asylum" & as to his bodily health and condition "they are both

much improved: the cut surface of the penis is healing slowly but satisfactorily.

18th April 83 W.B. Continues to improve has gained a good deal in flesh & strength mentally he is still depressed but to a less extent than formerly. "

11th June 83 W.B. was today discharged Recovered. He is a good case of Recovery.

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2598 Margaret Mc George adm^d 17^th March 83

The statement of the patients admission paper contains the following facts:- that she is a female 44 years of age, single and a Domestic servant. She is a Protestant and her place of abode is Twynholm: She was found and examined at Twynholm Village. She is the first attack and she has been a few weeks insane - her age on the attack being 44 years. It is not stated if there has been any previous treatment. The Cause is unknown: she is neither epileptic nor suicidal; she "might be" dangerous "but not shown". Her parish of settlement is probably Twynholm and she became Chargeable on the 16th March 1883. Her sister is Elizabeth McGeorge residing at Twynholm Village: it is not known if any member of her family has been insane

16th March 83 James Moffat of Church Place Kirkcudbright Certifies the following facts in his Certificate:- (1) Her General Appearance (2) She receives messages from God to do certain acts and does them saying she must do them e.g. today entered a shop in the Village and carried off a bundle of newspapers, locked them in her cellar and says God told her to keep them till Monday (3) The Devil also visits her and inflicts pain and suffering on her but when God knocks the Devil leaves (4) She distinctly heard God and Jesus Christ talking together but in an unknown tongue.

16th March 83 Wm Johnstone M.D. Kirkcudbright Certifies in his medical Certificate the following fact:- That she suffers from hallucinations and delusions hearing voices ordering her to do certain acts - seeing visions of various kinds &c &c.

This Patient was brought to the asylum by her sister in law and P.C. James Booth who gave the following information as to her previous history. She has been silly for a number of years, melancholy and imaginative Lately she has been sleepless for a fortnight

and has been constantly moving about the house at night. She has also not been taking sufficient food. She has further been doing a number of peculiar & eccentric things: sending stocking & a hammer thro' the post to various parties: on one occasion she bought two bottles of whiskey in a grocer's shop and broke them in the street because she "was ordered to do so". She then insisted on having two bottles of wine and when she was refused she put her hand through a pane of glass. All these insane actions seem to have been prompted by hallucinations of hearing.

On admission she admitted having these audible Commands from God and said that sometimes the voice was loud sometimes a whisper; she stated that she generally prayed when she heard it. The patient is very much reduced in physical health, weak, pale & sallow-looking. Her Heart's action is weak, there is curvature of the spine causing some malformation of the chest.

19th March 83 The night attendant reports that this patient has not been observed to sleep since admission.

26th March 83. Reported to the General Board of Lunacy "she is under the delusion she has received audible Commands from the Deity" and with respect to her bodily health & condition "they are improving but still impaired: there is a marked spinal curvature.

11th August 83. This patient has had an attack of Acute Synovitis of the left knee. It ended in suppuration and is still discharging a good deal. There has latterly been considerable pain sometimes of a severe darting character. Her bodily health is weak, and she can take little except milk. There is harsh breathing and prolonged expiration over the apices of the lungs. She has been taking Cod liver oil for some days, and she feels a little better.

24th August 83 This patient died today the cause of death being Suppuration of Knee & Phthisis Pulmonalis.

Died

2599 **Jane Hepburn Blount**: admd 26 March 83

The statement of this patient Transfer Paper Contains the following particulars:- that she is a female, 55 years of age and a widow. Her previous occupation was that of a Laundress: she is a Protestant and was admitted into the Royal Edinburgh Asylum on 17 January 1883. It is not known how long she has been insane, this is not her first attack and she was on her first attack 34 years of age - Neither the Cause nor the duration of the present attack is known. She does not suffer from Epilepsy and is neither suicidal nor dangerous. She is chargeable to the Parish of Dumfries

6th March 1883. Thomas Smith Clouston F.R.C.P. Certifies that "she is mentally enfeebled and her memory is impaired. She is unfit to earn her livelihood or look after her affairs or take care of herself. She is restless and Cannot do simple work" and as to her bodily health and Condition they are Average.

The transfer was made at the instance of the Inspector of Poor Dumfries and by the Sanction of Commissioner John Sibbald: the Sanction being dated on the 8th March 83. The Commissioner however renewed the sanction for one week from the 24th March 83 so making it valid.

This patient is a re-admission and was many years ago an inmate of this asylum. She is on admission in the same state as is described by by Dr Clouston in the Certificate of Transfer:- very weak minded. When questioned she laughs in an absurd nonsensical way and gives Contradictory answers to questions: on one occasion she stated that she had been in the R.C.A 15 years ago, on another that she had never been here before: said that she had seen a former medical Assistant Dr Grierson in this Case she was - not here but in Edinburgh. She is however a good willing ward worker and does a deal of scrubbing and cleaning. She is also quiet, good natured and contented. She admits that in Edinburgh she was under the

influence of "fear" but cannot explain the cause of the fear.

4th April 83	Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "She is suffering from Dementia" and as to her bodily health and condition "She is fairly well nourished: the small veins of both legs are slightly varicose".
10th July 83	Patient remains a quiet predemented demented.
8 Oct 83	No change has taken place in the character of the mental disease in this case: She continues to be silly: She is industrious.

2601 Mary Locke or Gouldedge: admitted 30th March 83

The statement of the patients admission paper Contains the following particulars:- that she is a Female, 30 years of age & married: her occupation is not stated. She is a Protestant: she was found & examined at the Police office. She is not an epileptic and is neither suicidal or dangerous. She became Changeable to Dumfries (in the meantime) on 30th March 1883. John Gouldedge, her husband lives at Newcastle on Tyne. The other particulars of the statement are not filled in.

30th March 83 W: Marshall M.D.O. 27 Buccleuch St. Dumfries Certifies (1) "Talks incoherently, (apparently) evades answering questions, seems bewildered and in an abject state of melancholy &c."

(2) "The Superintendent and Police officers tell me that she wanders through the town in an excited and disturbed state and has spent most of her time in Asylums and Jails &c."

D- Marshall also Certifies this Case to be one of Emergency and on this Certificate the patient was admitted at 5 pm.

On admission the patient has a pale & anaemic appearance: the tonsils are enlarged & there is a small goitre. The condition of anaemia & unhealthy is probably due in part of her irregular habits as she acknowledges that she has frequently indulged to excess in stimulants on the occasion having taken six or nine glasses of whiskey: it is also probably in part due to "flooding" as the state she has had several miscarriages.

The patient states that she has been for short periods in the Glasgow Borough Asylum, the Birmingham Asylum and Gateshead Asylum near Newcastle. She states that she has a "rocking" feeling on the right side of the head but that this sensation has been present for seven or eight years.

31st March 83 Patient slept fairly during the night D- Smith called today to see her but did not grant the second Certificate of insanity

1st April 83 Patient was today visited by Drs Smith & Marshall
2nd April 83 M.G. was today discharged Recovered on the
expiry of the Emergency Certificate. She was
removed by the Inspector of Poor about 2.30 p.m.

The Report to the General Board of Lunacy is
as follows "the noises in her head have
disappeared and she has recovered from the
effects of the drinking debauch" as to her
bodily health and Condition "they are impaired
she is pale & anaemic, the tonsils are enlarged
and there is a small goitre

2602 William Asdailie: admitted 3rd April 1883
The statement of the patients' admission paper
Contain the following information:- that he is a
Male, aged 70 years, widowed & by occupation
formerly an entrance lodge keeper. He is a Protestant
& lived formerly at Newton Lodge, Parish of Terregles.
He was found and examined at 1A Church Street
Maxwelltown. He has been about one month
insane & this is the first attack - at the age of
about 70 years. He has never been under treat-
ment before. His supposed cause is not known.
He is epileptic, he threatens suicide and is
dangerous. He became Chargeable to Troqueer
in the first instance on 2nd April 1883 but he is
supposed to be Chargeable to Terregles. His
daughters Mary and Jane reside in the same
house with him. There is no entry as to whether
any other members of his family are or have
been insane. The petitioner is John Maxwell
Inspector of Poor Troqueer.

2nd April 1883. James Hunter Dryden L.R.C.P.E. of 18 George
Street, Dumfries certifies (1) He cannot answer
questions rationally. He is violent and excited
and imagines that his family and neighbours
are doing all they can to injure and molest
him. He says his daughter several times at
tempted to shoot him
(2) His daughter Mary informs me that his
Conduct has Completely Changed lately. He
has become violent and outrageous & threatens
to Commit suicide. He has used violence to
both of his daughters

2nd April 1883 John Cunningham L.R.C.S.E. of 35 Buccleuch St
Dumfries Certifies (1) His facial expression
indicate mental disorder. He talks incoherently
(2) Threatens to do harm to his daughter Mary
says he will take away his own life, this
information received from his daughter

No Previous History was obtainable on this
patients admission.

His mental Condition is one of Dementia with
much Confusion and restlessness: during the night

he is very restless and sleepless, continually getting out of bed and talking. He states that he is only 53 years of age and sometimes want to go & see his mother.

The Physical Condition Report is as follows:-

His patients health is greatly impaired chiefly from age (70 years); there is extensive degeneration of the tissues as evidenced by arcus senilis and atheroma of the arteries. The pulse is 116 per minute in the recumbent position and the first Cardiac Sound is impure in the mitral area. His hands are tremulous and there is extensive fibrillar Contraction of the muscles generally. The small joints of the fingers are deformed - probably due to "Rheumatic Gout". There is a left Inguinal Hernia easily Reducible. Over the left elbow the skin is slightly abraded - which is the only sign of injury.

The patients daughter states that he first became subject to "Convulsive fits" in September 81: in June 82 however when moving in an orchard he dropped down in what was thought to be a faint. From Sept. 81 he was unable to continue at work and the seizures became worse. Before he was removed to the Asylum he was very violent & threatening to his Son & daughter chiefly from the idea that they wished to injure him.

12th April 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is restless and much demented. his memory is greatly impaired" and as to his bodily health and Condition "they are much impaired: there is extensive degeneration of the arteries & other tissues from age; there is also a left inguinal Hernia - reducible.

12th June 83 Patient has undergone Considerable improvement he is now no longer Confused: is cheerful & makes himself useful to some extent in assisting with the other patients

11th July 83 Is daily & to day discharged Recovered

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2603 Robert Hair: admitted 7th April 83.

The statement of the patient's admission paper contains the following particulars:- that he is a Male, 42 years of age, married and a Tailor. He is a Protestant. Lives in Wallace Street Dumfries. He was found and examined at the Dumfries & Galloway Infirmary. He has never been under examination or treatment previously. He is not subject to Epilepsy; neither is he suicidal or dangerous. He became Chargeable to Dumfries Parish on the 3rd April 1883. His wife is Joana Hardy residing at Wallace St. Dumfries. The other particulars have not been entered in answer to the questions. The petitioner is Miss Mc Innes, Inspector of Poor Dumfries.

6th April 1883 William Marshall M.D.C. of 27 Buccleuch Street Dumfries Certifies (1) "Talks incoherently. Has wild ideas about his travellings. States that he walked by the high road to Belfast."
(2) "The House surgeon states that the patient told him that his friends were enormously wealthy and that he had bequeathed him £3000 00."

6th April 1883 William Smith Kerr M.D.C. of Dumfries Certifies. (1) "Has a vacant silly expression. Talks in a rambling incoherent manner. Has delusions - Has lost Control of his sphincters. His state approaching that of General Paralysis of Insane."
(2) "The House Surgeon and nurse say he is quite silly and that he does everything in bed.

This patient's mental condition on admission is very characteristic of General Paralysis. He states he can walk 20 miles per hour, he went from Dundee to London by Germany "taking the boat at Germany"; that he is worth twenty-five millions of money. On enquiring of him what had caused the injury to his feet he first stated that "he had been working at a foundry & that his landlady had been mending a pipe & poured melted lead over his feet" & immediately afterwards he stated it had been caused by walking many miles in frosty weather.

The following is a copy of the Physical Condition Report made in the case of this patient. "This patient is a case of General Paralysis of the Insane. On admission his feet were enclosed in poultices and he was carried by two attendants into the asylum. He is stout but the tissues are very flabby, pale & unhealthy looking: the face in its lower part has the so called "Curtain-like" appearance, the left pupil is larger than the right; the tongue is held out unsteadily, and it is Covered with a white fur. The pulse is 108 per minute, regular and easily Compressible: there is a slight aortic systolic murmur. On removing the poultices the Soles of both feet were found to be Covered with a foetid sanious discharge, the skin was detached from the lower surface of the heel & ball of the left foot & the ball of the right: four inner toes of each foot were ulcerated on their lower surface & the under surface of the ball of the right foot. Both feet and ankles were oedematous, especially the right."

20th April — Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he has many delusions chiefly regarding his immense wealth, and physical powers; and as to his bodily health and condition that "they are impaired from advancing General Paralysis; the feet are now quite better".

12th June 83 — This patient has undergone Considerable improvement: he is stronger and his delusions are not quite so pronounced.

8 Oct. 83 — The disease appears to be temporarily arrested in this case. He is quiet & goes out with one of the working parties.

2604 Samuel McLellan: admd 4th April 83. 8 p.m.

The Statement of this patients admission paper contains the following particulars: that he is a Male, 27 years of age, married and a Labourer. He is a Protestant. He lives at Gatestack, Dunsdeer but was found and examined at the Dumfries & Galloway Infirmary. He is not subject to Epilepsy; neither is he suicidal or dangerous. He became chargeable to Dumfries Parish (in the meantime) on 6th April 1883. His wife is Mary Moffat, residing at Gatestack Dunsdeer.

The other particulars are not entered in the Statement. The petitioner is Miles McInnes Inspector of Poor, Dumfries.

6th April 1883. William Marshall M.D. O of 27 Buccleuch St: Dumfries Certifies (1) "Seems in a terribly despondent state Becomes quite Childish sheds tears and Complains of pain and Confusion in his head"

(2) "The night nurse state that he sleeps none, Roams about at night and wants his boots to go for the Doctor"

6th April 1883. William Smith Kerr M.D. O. of Dumfries Certifies (1) "Has an excited look, is restless and sleepless, Cries to tears when spoken to. Says his head is Confused and Cannot say what he wants. Has delusions Has partial paralysis"

(2) "House Surgeon and nurse say he is most difficult to manage, being sleepless and roaming about the night"

The Previous History in this patients case is very scanty and all known in admission is obtained from the patient himself viz:- that he had been suffering from what he calls neuralgia - pains in the head that he consulted Dr Smith of Dumfries who advised him to go into the Dumfries Infirmary from whence he was brought here.

On admission his mental Condition is much the

Same as that described on the medical Certificate.
Very emotional, sheds tears when talks to about himself and his ailments, he is simple minded but how much is the result of present ailment or to what extent it is original it is impossible at present to say. The patient sleeps fairly at night.

The Physical Condition Report is as follows :-

"The patient is a countryman of rather florid Complexion well developed and fairly nourished. He pulse is 92 per minute, regular, of fair volume & strength; the physical signs of the Heart and Lungs are normal. The patient is uncertain & unsteady in his gait, he turns with some difficulty: when the eyes are shut and the feet placed together there is evident rocking: articulation is imperfect and the diagnosis of General Paralysis of the Insane is suggested. There has been a small boil on the ulnar aspect of the right forearm, now almost healed: there is no further sign of injury."

20th April 83 Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he is very emotional also demented", and as to his bodily health & condition that "there is still some unsteadiness of gait, though not so much as on admission, he is fairly nourished".

10th July 1883 Patient is very helpless: confined to bed; is not infrequently is sick in his habit: he has difficulty in taking his food.

24th July 83 Today Samuel McLellan died.

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2605 Margaret Candlish: admd 9th April 83.

The statement of the patient's admission paper contains the following particulars:— that she is a Female, 50 years of age, single & a house-keeper. Her previous place of abode is Kirkcudbright, she was found examined at Castle Douglas. She has been several months insane and the Petitioner (R. Richardson) is "not aware" if this is the first attack. Her age on first attack is stated to be "about fifty". The supposed cause is "not known" but it is added she was a sicknurse to bed-ridden mother for a long time." It is not stated whether or not she is epileptic, but that she is not dangerous as to her being suicidal the petitioner states he is "afraid so". She became Chargeable to Kirkcudbright on the 9th April 1883. Her sister Mrs Somerville lives at 95 George St. Glasgow.

8th April 83. Walter Lorraine M.D. Castle Douglas, Certifies her a person of unsound mind on the following grounds (1) She will not speak when spoken to: she will not answer questions put to her but seems heedless as well as silent. (2) Miss Hume with whom she has resided a few days says that she seldom speaks, is melancholy and depressed looking & very sleepless and restless.

9th April 83. Herbert James Lorraine L.R.C.P.S.: Castle Douglas, certifies her a person of unsound mind on the following grounds (1) on entering the Room she rushed into another Room & locked the door, she would neither open the door nor answer me.

(2) The sister tells me she gave all her furniture & goods to a neighbour, she keeps three trunks and takes sudden fits of travelling, she imagines she is to marry a nobleman. Miss Hume 18 St Andrew St. she left my house on Saturday morning took train to Kirkcudbright and without waiting any time turned and walked 10 miles back to Castle-Douglas.

The patients sister Mrs Somerville who with one man & two women accompanied her to the asylum gives the following Previous History
The patient has been very peculiar for more than eight years & has had the delusions mentioned in the Medical Certificate (No 2) that she is following a nobleman &c. Since May last she has taken a hatred to this sister. Patient nursed her mother who died in last October: she spoke to no one at the time of her mothers death or the funeral & slept in the same room with the remains altho' there was another large room which she could have used. On the day before admission she seemed very melancholy and sat in a room with a shawl round her head. The patient had a cousin (Helen Coates) who 6 or 8 years ago cut her throat in Blackburn and died in the R. C. A.

On admission this patient is seen to be a little dark "old-maidish" person: she converses in some point such as her former ailment & the symptoms of consumption that she suffered from at one time. When however the conversation is brought round to her delusions and their influence in her conduct she quietly shuts her eyes and says nothing. When pressed she does not deny them but merely refuses to converse about them saying that they are "delicate" matters.

The following is the Physical condition report in this patients case "This patient is thin, pallow and spare. The pulse is 66 per minute regular and easily compressible: the heart sounds are normal. There is dulness on percussion over the apex of the right lung chiefly anteriorly, respiration is prolonged, moist râles are heard - indicating that these are still in an active state. The abdomen is tense and difficult of examination. The liver dulness extends considerably below the costal margin and is much enlarged. The skin is rough and peeling off the chest & abdomen apparently from the application of mustard poultices.

There are old scars at the root of the neck & over the right Elbow. pigmentation exists on the skin over the left tibia. There are four small bruises in the right arm and one on the left."

21st April 1883 Reported to the Board of Lunacy that "she is under the influence of delusions" and as to her bodily health & condition "that" "they are greatly impaired: there is Phthisis in the apex of the Right Lung".

July 10th 83 Margaret Candlish has undergone some improvement and her general health is also better: Mentally she still has the same peculiar ideas and is reticent on these subjects.

8 Oct 83 M.C. has improved greatly both in her mental and physical Conditions - much more than seemed likely at the time of admission. She is much more cheerful and she works industriously.

23rd September 84 Has shown steady improvement since last year. She is a good sewer & works steadily in the day room - Her general health is good

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2606 Charles Stewart

The statement of this patient's admission papers contain the following particulars, he is a male, 31 years, Single, Seaman, Protestant, Carlingford, has shown signs of unsound mind for many years, Not first attack, age not known at first attack, was in the Southern Counties Asylum about eight years ago, supposed cause mental debility, At times he threatens to destroy himself; he is dangerous to others became chargeable to Dublin parish 13th April 1883.

Mrs Stewart (his mother) lives at Carlingford,

14th April 1883 William Anderson, R.B.C.M. Whitehorn, certifies him a person of unsound mind on the following grounds, "He has himself locked in a cattle which he had to force, when I got up there he was in a small recess among straw, he came out his head covered with cobwebs & filth, no coat or vest, his hands covered with tar, blood in answer, his appearance unusual

(2) Mrs Francis Stewart or Atkinson (his mother) says he has threatened to drown himself, also he has often threatened to burn the house, she says he was in the Lunatic Asylum (Dumfries) about 8 years ago.

14th April 1883 John Charles Douglas M.D. Whitehorn, certifies him a person of unsound mind on the following grounds, "Cunning look, will not look you in the face; will only speak when spoken to, will not go out, runs & hides whenever anyone comes into the house

(2) Mrs Stewart (his mother) says he does not rest at night but talks or swears incessantly at night, attempts to ill treat her often strikes her has threatened to commit suicide

On admission this patient is dull stupid - he will not answer questions intelligibly & is a case of apathetic Dementia

14th & 18th April 1883 The Physical Condition Report is as follows:- This man is pale and pallid looking. The pulse is 84 per minute and irregular in rythmn; the heart sounds however are normal. On percussion there is some relative dulness at the right apex but there is no morbid change in the breath sounds so that it appears to be unimportant. He bears no mark of injury.

30th April Reported to the Board of Lunacy that "he is demented", and as to his bodily health & condition "they are somewhat impaired".

12th June 83 Patient has undergone some improvement: he now works industriously, and is much more cheerful: he has probably never been a very "bright" man.

10th July 83 Charles Stewart is today discharged Recovered

2607 William McCune admitted 24th April 83

The statement of this patients admission paper Contains the following particulars :- that he is a Male, 46 years of age, married and a Joiner. He is a Protestant his previous place of abode is Stranraer, where he was found detained in the "lockup". Duration of his insanity, what attack this is & his age on the first attack are "not known". He has never before been under treatment. He supposed Cause is drink. He is not epileptic but is both suicidal and dangerous. He became chargeable to Stranraer on the 23rd Apl 83. His wife is Mrs McCune, Mill hill Street Stranraer.

The petitioner is James Dalley - Insp. of Pors. Stranraer.

23rd Apl 83. Hugh Cochrane LRCPE of Stranraer certifies him a person of unsound mind on the following grounds (1) appears quite restless and excited and rambles in his conversation. He says that he has been knocked down several times by electricity. Says he has to be in Glasgow and Liverpool in a few days on very important business. Says he has permission from his wife to bring one Sarah Jones to live with him and so begin the world anew.

(2) Superintendent McNeil informs me that on Saturday last he was walking about the Harbour shouting and cursing at the pitch of his voice. He saw him jumping over the railings on Pier and putting himself in dangerous positions. Took off his boots, threw them in the sea, in 12 ft water then rolled up his sleeves as if preparing to recover them.

23rd April 83 William McNeal M.D. of Stranraer ~~also~~ certifies him insane on the following grounds :-

(1) He has a wild appearance, is easily excited and moves restlessly about. He has delusions as to certain discoveries made in Electricity that he possesses an influence that can transmit a current 25,000 miles at right

angles to the Current sent along a telegraph wire, that he has a Commission from God to perfect this discovery. That God Commanded him to put away his own wife and take to himself a certain Sarah Jones v. v.

12/ The Superintendent of Police says he has of late been very troublesome & uncivilly, putting himself into all sorts of dangerous positions e.g. hanging by hands from his window v. going over Parapet wall at East pier which overhangs the sea v.

In admission this man exhibits most of the delusions recorded in the medical Certificates: he does not admit the drinking. There is some exhilaration in his case & he talks profusely about his electrical discoveries & about his Encumbrance projects.

24th & 25th April 1883 The Physical Condition Report is as follows:- This patient is in a state of impaired health. The pulse 1080 per minute & regular; examination of the heart & Lungs revealed nothing abnormal. There is a number of old cicatrices over both tibial, one in the right groin, and two on the body of the penis probably of syphilitic origin. There is a small abrasion on the outer side of the right ankle the sign of a settlement piece. The only sign of injury

7th May 83. Reported to the Board of Lunacy that "he labours under many delusions", and as to his bodily health and condition that "they are impaired".

12th June 83 This man works industriously in the farm at trenching: his delusions are not so marked.

25th June 83 William McCune is today discharged Recovered.

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2608 James Jackson: admitted 24th April 83.

The statement of this patient's admission papers contains the following particulars:- that he is a Male 46 years of age, single, a grocer. He is a Protestant: his previous place of Abode was Edinburgh: he was found & Removed at Springvale. This is the second attack and he has been 3 days insane. His age on first attack was 36 years & he was 10 years ago under treatment in the R.C.A. The cause is not known: he is neither epileptic nor suicidal but is dangerous. He became Chargeable to Glencairn on the 24th ap. 83. His brother in law Robert Martin lives at Springvale, Glencairn.

24th April 83 John Peter Munro M.B.C.: of Bromfield Monianive certifies him a lunatic on the following grounds (1) Instability, incoherence of speech, fancies he sees things floating before him

(2) By James Craig)—struck James Craig and confessed he did not know what he was doing.

24th April 83 James Callender M.B. of Dunscore Dumfries certifies him a person of unsound mind on the following grounds (1) Delusions (2) offering violence to others, Told me by James Craig, Robert Martin and others.

24th ap. 83. D Callender also certifies the case to be one of Emergency.

This is a Recurrent Case & he admits seeing peculiar things floating before his eyes: on his former Residence he made a very ~~fatal~~ active Recovery although he has had double Hæmatoncta.

The Physical Condition Report is as follows:- "His patient is stout and well nourished. The pulse is 76 per minute Regular, no serious abnormality was discovered on examination of the Heart & Lungs The small veins of both legs are varicose & there is some edema of both legs especially the left.

There are several old cicatrices of cranial incisions on the back. The third finger of the right hand is absent, having been removed at the meta carpo-phalangeal joint: also the terminal phalanx of the right fourth finger is absent. There is one very slight bruise on the left arm the only sign of recent injury. The cartilage of the right ear is thickened and deformed — the left more slightly so

9th May — Reported to the General Board of Lunacy that "he has hallucinations of vision" and as to his bodily health and condition that "they are fairly good, excepting some oedema of the feet depending on varicose veins."

June 18th 83 — James Gaetsen Continues to have peculiar visual impressions which he believes to be supernatural: he is a very active man, and a capital worker.

8 Oct 83 — J. J. has for some time been employed in the Stores. He has outside parole on Sundays

2609 Margaret Langton or Gowan, admitted 26th April 83

The statement of this patient's admission papers contains the following particulars:— That she is a female, aged 41, Married, Occupation not stated, that her previous place of abode was Annan, and that she was examined at Annan; she has been four months insane and this is her first attack, never under treatment before, and the cause of insanity is unknown. The patient is said to be both suicidal and dangerous, she is not stated to be chargable to any parish but it is said that she will become chargable to the parish of Annan as her husband has applied to that parish for her maintainance. John Carson Gowan, Shoemaker, Annan is patient's husband. It is stated that the patient's mother was insane.

26th April 83 David Charles Col, 2 R.L. Pos, Port St, Annan, certifies he a person of unsound mind on the following grounds;

(1) She is very restless and incoherent; Causes she is dying, Sometimes crying at others times singing & talking incoherently;

(2) Her husband states that at times she is very violent requiring to be forcibly restrained; on one occasion she bit him on the hand, She also on two occasions attempted suicide, once by an attempt to cut her throat, at another by swallowing stable acid.

26th April 1883 John Cunningham M.D. 36 Buccleuch St Dumfries certifies he a person of unsound mind on the following grounds;

(1) Her facial expression indicates mental disorder, She talks about imaginary troubles;

(2) Has attempted suicide by cutting her throat, Her husband and Dr Col, Annan, gave this information, She cannot sleep.

Physical condition fair. Body not very well nourished. Heart & lungs healthy. Appetite rather poor. Bowels regular. — Scratch ~~of~~ on throat. — Mental condition. She is in a state of mental depression, which is said to have existed for several months. On being questioned about her attempts at self destruction she states ~~that~~ that they were only jokes, not serious. She groans & cries a good deal now & then

and for some days after admission wished to lie in bed. She refused food on several occasions but a little persuasion and a look at the stomach pump overcame the difficulty:

26th May: 1883. Mrs Gowan has improved a good deal of late. She does a little work in the way of knitting and sewing, and though she occasionally takes a crying & moaning fit she is much more cheerful —

1st June. Since last note on Mrs Gowan's case, she has not progressed satisfactorily. She often lies awake all night crying. She occasionally refuses food but not obstinately, she generally takes the next meal. She ~~—~~ had a visit from two daughters, and cried for some time when they went away, in fact she was not so well for several days after the visit. Since then she had a visit from her husband. The prejudicial effect of this was marked. She was sleepless the following night. Next day when out walking she tore off some of her clothes, ~~—~~ she tore her hair, & screamed for hours. On the following night she slept very little & in the morning it was noticed that she had been attempting to strangle herself with a garter. The neck was slightly marked.

21st July 83. 'Mrs Gowan left on Pass for 15 days. She was removed by her Son (a boy of about 14 years of age.

23rd July 83. 'Mrs Gowan was readmitted from Pass.'

25th July 83 'Mrs Gowan Committed suicide by hanging in a bathroom of Penel Cross Gallery about 7.30 am she was found by Asst Mrs Thorpe who gave the alarm. An old apron was used being tied on to the towel rack and the knot placed under the Chin. When found one foot was resting on the edge of the bath and the other hanging down. Life was extinct!

Dead.

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Ann Taylor Faulds. admitted. 16th May. 1883.

The Statement of this patients admission paper contains the following particulars. -
Age. 79. Single. Condition of life & previous occupation not known. Protestant. Resided, found & examined at Millmark Cottage Dalry.
Insane for three weeks not first attack.
Age on first attack not known. - Previously examined & treated at Millmark Cottage, Dalry.
Duration of existing attack not known -
Supposed cause - Intemperance - Said to be subject to Epilepsy, not suicidal, might become dangerous.
Chargeable to Dalry Parish. Galloway. date of becoming so 15th May, 1883. - No known relatives.
Medical Certificates:-

15th May: 1883. James Aitken, M.B. C.M. New Galloway.

1. Is utterly incoherent in conversation; Constantly chattering insane nonsense. Talking of earthquakes, marriages, funerals, in the same breath told of the visit of a "mutch" woman, whom she ~~described~~ described as "the father of Mr Kidd" Said that the woman in the house requires a 'sixpenny doll' which would soon be "at the back of the fire". - and spoke nothing but nonsense.
2. Marion Robb states - she is subject to fits. is at times outrageous and difficult to manage, would burn & tear her clothes, has thrown wearing apparel at the back of the fire.

16th May. 1883 John Picken Muir, Monaiave, Glencairn.

1. Want of coherence, and immediately wanders on to some quite different subject. Fancies herself very wealthy Wants to give everybody plenty of money.
2. Alexander Kirk, Subject to Epilepsy. Fancies herself quite a lady. Inclines to be outrageous.

Physical Condition:
Her body is considerably emaciated.

She suffers from Carcinoma of the left breast in an advanced stage. The skin of Glands very much involved. The nervous, respiratory, & circulatory systems are fairly healthy. She feeds fairly well.

On admission. She is demented. Seems to be harmless. Is troublesome at night & apt to be noisy.

1st June 1883 to 8th Oct. 83. Unchanged. The breast gives little annoyance. There is frequently oozing of blood from the breast: the Progress of the disease is slow. Mentally She is less confused than formerly.

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William Buchanan. Admitted. 26th May. 1883.

Particulars from admission paper.

Age. 78. married. Horsebreaker. Protestant.

Resides. found roaming at Monaiave. First attack of one months duration. Cause not known. No known heredity. Neither epileptic nor suicidal. Sometimes dangerous.

Chargeable to Glencairn

Medical Certificates:

25th May. 1883. Dr Muir, Monaiave.

1. Want of coherence, does not know even his own friends. Utterly unable to comprehend even the simplest subject. Fancies he has been at all sorts of places.

2 Mr Wallace. Monaiave. Will at times use violence both on & off the public road, even naked. Keeps almost constantly on the move in his own house.

26th May. 1883. Dr Smith, 14 Castle St. Dumfries.

1. His stupid insane appearance, & rambling incoherency of speech.

2. Mr Adam Semple informs me that during the last two or three weeks he has been in a stupid mental condition and occasionally violent & unmanageable.

On admission. He is in a state of senile dementia. He seems to be perfectly quiet & harmless, & not a case for an Asylum. Physical Condition fair.

1st June. 1883. He seems even more stupid than usual today.

In the afternoon of June 1st it was noticed that his breathing was difficult. He was put to bed & soon after became almost unconscious. Sensation impaired on left side. There was evidently some compression. He remained in this condition till next day & dies at 11.50. a.m.

Died: 2nd June 1883.

Cause Apoplexy.

Catherine Kennedy or Kirkpatrick.
Admitted 26th May 1883.
Particulars from admission paper,
Age 32. Married. Housewife. Protestant. Thornhill.
6 months insane. First attack. Never previously
under treatment. Cause not known.
Not epileptic or dangerous. Said to be suicidal.
Her brother is a patient in the C.R.I.—

Medical Certificates:
25th May: Dr Greerson. Thornhill.
1. Her mind full of delusions. Supposes many things that are not real. Fearful of people coming to take her away, or injure her. Has made an attempt to destroy herself by wounding her neck with a knife, and indicates that she would again do the same. At times difficult to get her to take food.
2. Her father & mother speak of her delusions and tendency to suicide, and the difficulty they have in getting her to take food and also of her sleeplessness.

25th May. Dr J. C. Wilson. Thornhill.
1. Has the mark of a former attempt to commit suicide on her neck, is of a morose appearance. Stares vacantly and restlessly paces up & down the rooms, declines to take food when offered. Answers to all questions, very curt & monosyllabic.
2. Father's statement that about a fortnight ago she made a second attempt to commit suicide with a table knife. Paces the room at night. Has delusions such as that everyone is going down the hill to be burned, the coal carts carrying the supplies of fuel.

Physical Condition.
Her body is well nourished. There is a cicatrix on the throat. She is of low stature, fair complexion.
Respiratory, Circulatory & Genito-Urinary systems healthy. Pupils equally contracted.

She takes food very badly often requiring to be spoonfed.

On admission: She is in a state of great mental depression; a case of melancholia with stupor.

1st June: In the condition of this patient no improvement can be recorded. She is very depressed. Scarcely speaks. Feeds very badly. So almost sleepless.

2nd Sept 83 Mrs Kirkpatrick has been treated with the Continuous Galvanic Current passed through the head. She is still very dull and depressed but is on the whole slightly better.

Discharged Recovered: 10th January 1884

John Livingstone – Admitted 26th May 1883.

Age 47 Married. Tailor. Protestant, Resides at Hightae, where he was found & examined. First attack of 4 weeks duration. Cause unknown Said to be suicidal & dangerous. An uncle is said to have been insane. Chargeable to Lochmaben (In the meantime.)

Medical Certificates.

26th May. 1883. Dr Thos. Reid Lochmaben.

1. He is very excitable and quoting texts of scripture in an incoherent way. Says he saw Jesus Christ who told him & attend to his body & take his medicine which is a delusion – Says as long as the lamp held on to burn he might have been saved but the Lamp went out last night. which is a delusion.

2. His wife says that he thinks she is an evil spirit & wont tolerate her presence any more. Is always talking about his soul being lost and of having arrangements to worship at various places Gets up during the night & will not rest in the house – Often going to the Church & praying. several times during the night.

27th May. Dr Macdonald – Dumfries.

1. He says that he is lost for the next world. that he had hope as long as his lamp continued to burn but that it went out some day since Wednesday last.

2. Dr Keay tells me that he has hallucinations Seeing spirits & hearing them speaking to him during the night –

On admission.

Physical Condition – He is tall, but thin & spare, Complexion fair & face pale. General health fairly good.

Mental Condition:

He is in a state of depression, which is of a religious character. He has well-

marked delusions of suspicion. Thinks there are conspiracies against him. He also has auditory hallucinations.

1st June. 1883. His condition remains much the same. The delusions still exist. He fancies there are even plots against him in the asylum. The hallucinations are not so well marked or so frequent as on admission. He works in the Tailors shop.

June 25th 83 This patient left today "on Pass" - It being hoped that the change home might have some beneficial effect in dispelling the melancholy

July 1st 83 J. Livingstone returned to the asylum himself today & was recommitted. He himself wishing it. He states that he has done so much mischief in the world that he has a dread of what may happen to him. He explained he formerly had the delusion that the clock he saw at Lochmaben was Jesus Christ. He also thinks his soul is lost

His wife states that he was a good workman & had charge of his mother's shop in his absence. Occasionally he indulged in drinking bouts lasting a week, during which time he took little food; otherwise however he was a reliable conscientious man rather inclined to be anxious about business.

Oct. 8th 83 This patient received much benefit from treatment with the Continuous Galvanic Current passed thro' the head. It has been intermitted for a time and he appears to be scarcely so well just now.

Mary Peat.

Admitted. 1st June: 1883.

Age. 15. Single. millworker. Protestant.
First attack of 1 months duration - Might be suicidal, Not epileptic. not dangerous.
No heredity. Residence Milldale Terrace. Maxwelltown.
Chargeable to Dumfries.

Medical Certificates:

1st June. 1883. Dr Wm Marshall. Dumfries.

1. Talks incoherently and most unintelligently. Never ceases saying useless things and doing worthless acts. Uses bad language &c.

2. The person with whom she stops, states much the same as above.

2nd June: 1883. Dr John Smith. Dumfries.

1. Her excited appearance & actions. & muttering incoherency of speech - When asked questions rambles from one subject to another.

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On admission.
Physical Condition. There is some emaciation of body. Her face is pale. She feeds pretty well. She is very restless. Nothing worthy of note discovered in the examination of the systems of her body.
Mental Condition. She is in a state of mental exaltation. A case of Mania of puberty.

8th July 1883. Mary Peat was to-day removed on probation until 7th December 1883. She was removed to Dumfries by her grandmother.

6th Nov 83 Mary Peat is to-day brought back from Probation: She had a slight outbreak of excitement lately.

2615 **Jessie Simpson.** Admitted 6th June 1883.

Female Age 50 years: Single: No occupation: Protestant: Thornhill: Three months insane: First Attack: Age on first attack 50 years: Duration of Existing attack = three months: Cause - not known: At one time subject to Epilepsy. At times Suicidal: At times Dangerous: Not chargeable: William Simpson, Farthingbank, Brother. No member of family known to have been insane.

5th June 1883. Thomas Davidson M.B. C.M. Thornhill. 1. Has been under observation for two years. Is subject to hallucinations &c. Refuses to eat or speak when asked to do so. Has been seen her tear her hair, strike her sister, & perform antics in bed. Her legs are marked by bruises inflicted by herself. Roars like a bull, and prays for a long time, speaking nonsense all the time. 2. By her sister & Mrs Corson, a neighbour. Has struck her sister, pitched bed clothes on the floor, tried to hang herself with strings of her night cap, and frequently asked for a knife to cut her throat. Whirls round in bed, tears her clothes, when taken on to the floor refuses to stand, but sitting down goes round and round performing all sorts of movements.

5th June 1883. Anstruther Davidson, M.B., C.M. Thornhill, Dumfriesshire. 1. She has for last few years been subject to Hysteria, and is now the subject of various hallucinations such as imagining she has snakes in her abdomen, and that there is sand always running out of her fingers. She frequently in sudden frenzy tears her hair, attempts to choke herself. 2. Her sister says she attempts to go out when she is out of the room, for the purpose she says of destroying herself. One night she attempted to hang herself with her cap strings.

~~11th Sept 1883~~ ~~[illegible]~~

She appears to be a case of Climacteric Insanity mixed up [illegible] with a good deal of Hysteria. She complains of severe pains in all part of the body - in fact she can assign a pain to any part she chooses to direct her attention to. She is not unfrequently apt to be noisy at night.

The Physical Condition Report by Dr Keay is as follows:- "Age 50, single, No occupation. She is of average height and is fairly nourished; Complexion dark.

Nervous System She is very excitable: sleep bad, Starts up from sleep and Screams - Pupils equal - No Paralysis

Circulatory System Pulse 80, weak. Heart healthy.

Respiratory System Normal.

Digestive System Tongue red and fissured. Appetite fair. Bowels Constipated:

Genito Urinary System normal".

19th June 83 Patient continue to be peculiar: avers that she is unable to work from pains in various part of her body.

11th August 83 Patient is today discharged. Recovered.

2616. **Grace Baird** – Admitted 6th June 1883.

Transferred from Ayr District Asylum, under sanction of Board of Lunacy, signed by John Sibbald, Commissioner, 2nd June 1883. Date of Sheriff's order 20th Feby 1883.

Female 23½ years, Single: formerly a private patient: Protestant: Date of admission into Asylum 17th February 1883. Not first attack: Age on first attack 16 5/12 years: Duration of existing attack – since July 1876: Cause – not known. Neither Epileptic, Suicidal, nor Dangerous: Chargeable to Parish of Inch, County of Wigtown. Mother, Mrs Baird, Dandonald, Irvine.

3rd June 1883. Charles H. Shae, M.D. St Andrews university Certifies that with respect to her mental state she is demented; and with respect to her bodily health and condition that they are fair.

This patient has probably been Congenitally deficient althº her sight is very imperfect she is inclined to be mischievous

The Physical Repnt by Dr Keay is as follows:– "Age 23½, Single. She has been insane seven years. She is in average bodily Condition. Her Complexion is fair.

Nervous System:– She scarcely ever speaks. Has lost the sight of her right eye. There is no paralysis."

The Other systems are entered as "Healthy"

June 12th 83 There is no change to be reported in the case in the way of improvement

8 Oct 83 Patient remains much the same

1st Nov 83 Grace Baird is today removed the Lunatic wards of the Wigtownshire Poorhouse

Relieved

2617 Bridget Meechan or Airley, Admitted 7th June 1883.
Female, 38 years: Married: Labourer's wife: Roman Catholic.
14 Market Street, Maxwelltown: Removed from Bowhouse, Terregles: Not first attack. Age on first attack 32. Previously in Southern Counties Asylum first admn 18th Sept: 1876, 2nd admn 11th March 1877. Duration of Existing Attack, unknown. Cause - unknown: Not known if Epileptic: Is Suicidal? Is Dangerous: Chargeable to Terregles Parish since 7th June 1883. James Airley, husband 14 Market Street, Maxwelltown.

7th June 1883. Hugh Cunningham, L.R.C.P. & S. 25 Castle St. Dumfries. 1 She has a wild expression in her countenance, is noisy and talks incoherently. 2 She has been in an Asylum under treatment before.

7th June 1883 John Cunningham, M.D. Dumfries. 1. She is violent in her behaviour and incoherent in her speech, and from her facial appearance there can be little doubt of her insanity. 2. She came a chair to Terregles to take possession of a house there, and was very violent.

7th June 83 Dr Hugh Cunningham Certifies her case to be one of Emergency.

This is the third time patient has been admitted into the asylum and it is stated that alcoholic indulgence has something to do with the causation of her malady. She has a peculiar strange look about the eyes is odd and eccentric in her manner

The Physical Condition Report by Dr Keay is as follows:- "Her body is badly nourished. Height under the average, Complexion fair. Nervous System - Pupils equal and sensitive: no paralysis. Circulatory System Healthy. Respiratory System Healthy. Digestive System Tongue Coated, appetite fair, Bowels Constipated. Genito Urinary System Healthy"

19th June 83 Patient Remains peculiar and eccentric in her ways

8 Oct 83 Patient works industriously but is still eccentric and peculiar

17th Nov 83 Patient is today discharged Recovered

2618 **Charlotte Mc Gill or Morrison.** Adm. 8th June 1883.

Female - 40 years: Married: Housewife: Protestant: Culhorn Lodge: A fortnight insane: First Attack: Never previously under treatment: Duration of Existing Attack - a fortnight: Cause - not known: Not Epileptic: Suicidal: Dangerous: Chargeable to Inch parish since 7th June 1883. Husband, John Morrison, hedger, Culhorn Lodge, Stranraer.

7th June 1883. William Mc Neil, M.D. Stranraer. 1. She has a wild and excited appearance, moves restlessly about, keeps constantly rambling from one subject to another in an incoherent manner. I have seen her sit up in the centre of her bed shouting she was a Queen, has delusions about her husband and neighbours &c. 2. Her husband John Morrison states that for the last month she has been quite changed towards him and her children, has neglected herself, her house and family. Breaks out into violent fits of passion, shouts and raves incoherently on all subjects, does not sleep, wanders about. Mrs Mc Kail, her present Attendant, Corroborates this.

7th June 1883. Hugh Cochrane, L.R.C.P. Stranraer. 1. Has an excited appearance and talks in an incoherent manner, and in a very loud voice. Rambles from one subject to another in quick succession. Had me several times in the different apartments of the house, looking at the clock &c. One minute ordering me from the house, the next the best of friends. 2. Her husband says for the last month she has not been sleeping well and has been very excited. He says she is quite out of her usual and unable to look after her house affairs. Going shouting about the house and knocking things about.

~~9th Sept 1883~~ [illegible]

This patient is a case of mania - sleepless & noisy at night: during the day peaceable & reconcentrated in her department and evidently under the influence of delusions.

The Report on this patient's Physical Condition is as follows:- "Her body is considerably emaciated. Complexion dark. Height average.

Nervous System:- She is very restless. Pupils normal. No paralysis.

Circulatory System:- Pulse 78. Ratton weak. Heart sound.

Respiratory System:- Healthy.

Digestive System:- Tongue red and furred. Appetite poor. Bowels constipated.

Genito-urinary system normal."

16th June 83 Patient continues to be rested, rests at night after taking for some time

July 19th 83 This patient has undergone much improvement Now sleeps well at night and is industrious and cheerful during the day.

August 9th 83 Mrs Morrison is to day discharged

Recovered.

