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RETREAT
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Ans'd Feb 3/92 GMT

Whiting
Feb. '93

The Cottage
Hanbury Hill
Stourbridge

To Dr Pope

Feb 1st/92

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If you Cannot purpose

Yours faithfully
pro W. Sessions
H.B.

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better health when I saw him last Autumn and this from the report seems to continue but it states there is no improvement in his mental condition. I know he greatly desires his liberty not recognizing the responsibility connected with it. Do you think his mind has been occupied with hopes and plans to regain it and that now discouragement may be rather increasing than mending his malady? Will you tell me in what way his mind is now affected? I know the form it took on his voyage from Gibraltar to England. Is there any indication of imbecility? It would be useless for me to ask him for any insight into his daily life but I would thank you for a little information. Should he be ill at any time I trust I may have direct intelligence as time would be lost in its being conveyed through Mr Whitten. If you think well I should like my dear brother to know of this letter that he may be assured I am nothing in forgetfulness of him. Yours truly

Mary Alice Whiting

2 pr dr -
2 " vests
2 . stocks.

E. S. Fletcher

Ans'd Jan 21st 1919

The Redlands,
Lonsdale Road,
Scarborough.

Dear Sir,
Enclosed
find Cheque
balance £28-5-2 for
my Sister's account.
The accounts I receive
of her are very sad
I should like to see
you Coming to Scarboro.
If you must purpose

bring here will
for Kindly send
me a line telling
me how she is
going on.
With kind regards
believe me
faithfully yours
E. S. Fletcher

Jan 7. 20th 1852 –

W Sessions

Memorandum.

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WILLIAM SESSIONS,

Bookseller, Printer, & Dealer in Artists' Materials,

15 & 16, LOW PUSEGATE, YORK.

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Jan 5 - 189 2

To D r Bedford Pierce

We find the publishers are out of stock of the 16/- edition of Shakespeare. We therefore send the 13/6 edition, which is nearest we can get. Please say what we should send to make up the remaining 2/6

Yours faithfully

pro W Sessions

H B

M. Boyce

65 Wyndham Crescent
Cardiff
Jan 3rd 92.

Dear Friend

It is rather great relief that I write to assure you we will not mind your postponing for a few days; – since writing you on Saturday I have had an attack of acute rheumatism in the shoulders & back. I have kept in bed to-day & the pain has given way to lost-aspirations, the symptoms are relaxing & my

I am exceedingly cold
while I feel I should
have great wishes in
travelling on Thursday
when supposing I feel
equal to the journey
by that time, — I am
most well, yet have
contracted a regret this
& I hope shortly the
delay will not postpone
your, very great accom-
modation, & I trust
by Wednesday or Thursday
at latest I may be
quite fit. Nothing
therefore for P. C. &c
this a. m. & with sincere
regret I am
Yours truly
M. Barker.

Elizabeth Nelson

51 Linthorpe Rd
Middlesbrough
Oct 4th 1892

Mr Waads,
Sir. the wages which I received was the rate of £26 a year I was paid by Mr Waads up to the 31st of March and was with Miss Wright from that time to the 2th of June I do not think I shall be on the Retreat Books I think Dr Baker, will know,
Elizabeth Nelson.

Apl. 1. to June 23.
9 weeks @ 10/.

Richd Thompson

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.
York. 23 Sept 1892

To Mr Gr Woods
Dear Sir

Yrs 22nd to hand.

Bill forms I return yr form with some additions. Yr "&c" in the footnote is I suppose intended for P.O's & P.Os but its the "crossing" addition of mine (CM) is not applicable to POs. I think nothing will be lost by ~~by~~ omitting the "&c"

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The type also seems poor & may be improved. I think with advantage. These may seem small matters, but we want our correspondence to give the impression of a first class Institution

The ordinary sized 4 to paper, see enclosed, will fold more tidily into ordinary business envelope, than yr old size.

If you prefer the horizontal lines for the total amount of the a/c the upright rulings should not be extended lower

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Cors I will ask Wm Hulch in Cor to buy one.

Horses. Dr Baker told me on Tuesday that it was on his suggestion that Fardington was sent to me, so he was in order in coming as he did. It will be better not to say anything to Fardington on the matter as he did his best.

Hunter's afr. Please be prepared to show me, when I am next up, all the articles we have on loan & to say the terms on wh we have them: i.e. whether we have option to buy at a given price or to return, & what rent we are paying to —

It will also be well to get to know whether Dr B. has any special agreement with Hunter about them, or has any recommendation to make.

Yrs truly

Ruth Thompson

Sofa & 2 chairs 10/- per mo.
Sengget B. Gallery.

Edwd. Taylor

1

Stockgate
Inny 19th 1892.

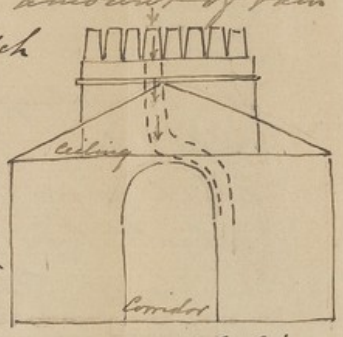
The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

After about 5 hours careful examination of the Flues connected with the Kitchen - along with Franks, the bricklayer, and your own Plumber - We all came to the conclusion that the damp which has affected the arch in the 9th Gallery is not attributable to steam.

The Pipe Flues which were put in some time ago were examined at the bottom, top, & intermediately in the roof, and everywhere found to be perfectly tight, and no indication of any leakage having taken place,

may find its way into an ordinary flue: consequently if there is a ledge in a disused flue somewhere near the top, it receives the rain or snow falling on it and becomes a focus of damp, which becomes worse according to the amount of rain falling. - the sketch here given shews the flue in its relation to the arch below:



I asked the Plumber to make a Lead capping to cover the flue. I believe this will be found a remedy.

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor.

R. Baker Esq. M. D.
The Retreat.

We next tried to discover if any leakage of steam could have got into the wet flue from any main steam pipe but could find nothing. We also carefully examined the Tanks and pipes connected with them in the roof but could not find any leakage.

We found the flue which was wet was a disused flue - and having had experience of wet being found in a disused flue some months ago: it struck me that the same cause might operate in this case - the flue was cut into at the suspected point and found. Who as expected - This thus a disused flue has no upward current of air to divert the drops of rain from falling into it, nor any warm current to dry up any small quantity of rain that

Hewetson

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

Jany 24th

My dear Mr Woods.

Enclosed please find cheque value £3 7s 14d 0 – for the accompanying account – I do not understand the charge for "parcels" though no doubt it is correct – All parcels or boxes sent from here were pre-paid & all received from York paid charges on. The parcels may have been from other quarters. – Were it not for the kindness of your wife who wrote a descriptive & charming letter – I should have had no tidings of poor Annie – Beyond a line or two to her father –

in wh: she reiterates her pleadings to be released - I have heard nothing from or of her - I send you with this - where you think any change would be desirable & give us your best advice as to where to send her & with whom - You may have heard that Miss Peters - is going on a two months visit from April to my sister in law Mrs Newton of Hull - with a view to a permanent companionship - I introduced them to each other -

I had always wished to have Miss Peters as Emma's Care taker - wherever she left the Rectory, but that time seemed so uncertain I could not make any definite arrangements, or keep Miss Peters out of a situation - Miss Peters happening to be in Hull - has seen my sister several times - She is a great loss to Emma - I am told Dr Baker is giving up his post - I do hope his successor will in every way - satisfy the requirements of such an important position -

I suppose the change will be made this year - I am very sorry to hear Emma has given up her music & painting entirely - Will the Medium or head Nurse kindly reply to the questions I have set down. Please thank Mrs Woods with much love for her welcome letter and with offer Regards

Believe me
Very Truly Yrs
J. Henderson

Mrs Lubbock was here two or three days ago - looking extremely well

Cund. Jan. 13th 1892

Brotherton Jan 14th 11-1892

Wm Dixon

to Dr Baker

Dr Sir

Having my Dear Wife Sabina Dixon in the Friends Retreat I had the opportunity of seeing her last Saturday and was astonished at the great improvement you have made in her, and I would in confidence place myself in your hands. I have had to do what I did not like to do, that is, I had to use other peoples money to help me to pay the quarters money. I assure you I felt that I could lay down my life for her therefore I pray have the kindness to say if she is fit to come home as I have great need of her here as well as the money, if you knew my circumstances I know you would feel deeply for me and you would

be doing a great Charity in helping me, I shall be anxiously waiting your reply and shall be glad to fetch her home

Yours Respectfully
Wm Dixon

Ans Jan 19/92
GEM

G. E. Sewell

Hanover Terrace
Jan. 18. 92.

Dear Sir,

I send a line to say that my daughter has been delayed on her homeward journey by a serious attack of diphtheria to an aunt at Bradford, so will not be in York on Tuesday.

Also I want to ask if you think an over-coat would be desirable for Philip now that he may look to getting more out of doors? I do not think that he has anything but an Ulster, which has

brother said was shabby a year ago. there is ~~also~~ a thin overcoat here, but an old one. He has a good warm one, not new, but in very ~~poor~~ good condition, which is too heavy for my husband's wear, as he never goes out now except in mild weather. would it be at all useful to be sent with the shirts? a new one perhaps being required later.

This coat is large for my husband or would scarcely be likely to suit.

Please excuse a hasty note. & with kind regards.

Believe me

yours sincerely

G. Stevens Pope, M.D. L. J. Saville.

Please give our love to Philips - we are all quite well.

N. Taylor

Rothsay House: Scarbro.

5th Jany. 1892

Dear Mr. Moon.

I have made several attempts to see you respecting your son, but have failed - so send this.

I have talked the case over with my partner, & we both have come to the conclusion that he should see one of the best "mental men" in London or if more convenient to you, in Manchester. I should myself hesitate to have him placed under legal restraint until such an opinion as I have indicated, has been

obtained & I think without anticipating that opinion the placing of him with some medical man accustomed to these cases, would certainly conduce more to his recovery than his remaining under the present conditions at home: which I regard as most unsatisfactory –

Yours truly

W. D. Taylor.

To
W. J. Moon Esq.re
2, Belgrave Cres.t

Mary & Annie Rutter

54 FLORENCE TERRACE,
MALTON, YORKS.

Jan 26th/92

Dear Mr Wooles

In reply to your letter we will send the articles required from Dr Popes report of the 25th we think our brother is not making the progress we should have liked, and as we are afraid it will be a protracted

case, do you think there will be any chance of the terms being reduced, as we find it a very great drain on our little income and have to deny ourselves many comforts to meet the heavy payments & we do not like the idea of removing him –

Your kind attention will oblige

Yours sincerely
Mary & Annie Pritt

Mr Woods

P.S. We should be quite satisfied if our brother had one room only, if the terms could be reduced

Ans. Jan 13/92. G.E.P.

Wm Ryon

6, SYDENHAM TERRACE,
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

12th January 1892

My dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 31st ult. and was sorry to hear from it that my Brother's condition was in no way improved.

It is now my sad duty to inform you that his mother died very suddenly this morning. There is no doubt that her death was accelerated by constant fretting and anxiety about my Brother —

I enclose a note for him informing him of her death. But I leave it to you to judge whether it should be given to him. If you think that the news if he quite realised it would be of any danger to him, you will not give him the letter. In that case you would probably inform him at such time and in such manner as you think proper.

I shall be glad to have your opinion as to whether a visit from me during the next month would in any way upset or distress him.

Yours truly
Edw. Byron

G. Stevens Esq. M.D.

Joseph Sewell

E. F. SEWELL & SON,
WHOLESALE GROCERS
&
PROVISION MERCHANTS.

Whitby.

April 8. 1892

Dear Sir

I received a letter this day from my Cousin A W Taylor from which I gather you have been speaking to him about our proposed plans regarding Phillips

So I write to say that any plans we may have entertained have been always subject to what you advise in the matter, our principally having been the impossibility of obtaining any professional advice from you regarding P. Philips, we had understood that we were entitled to receive such advice

Joseph Sawell

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April 5. 1892

Dear Sir

I received a letter this day from my Cousin A W Taylor from which I gather you have been speaking to him about our proposed plans regarding Philip

So I write to say that any plans we may have entertained, have been always subject to what you advise in the matter, - our difficulty having been the impossibility of obtaining any professional advice from you regarding Philip, we had understood that we were entitled to receive such advice from you, but if not or we are in error we must ask the committee's sanction or pay you for your trouble.

My Uncle kindly offered to write you & we were glad to receive his help & probably now that the pressure of work consequent on J Nutt's death &c &c is over you will be able to reply to him, if not already done? — Having seen Philip lately I felt the difficulty — shall I say on moral grounds — that there would be in placing him in lodgings, at the same time a change from the routine (comfortable as it is) that the experience as the Retreat might be beneficial, & making him

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apete. — at the most 4 weeks or even 2 weeks was the outside time we proposed taking him from your immediate care unless during such time he shewed marked signs of recovery.

I mentioned the matter to Dr Pope (not seeing you) & though he did not hold out any expectation that much good would be done he thought a change might be beneficial. Such being so my Parents especially felt it their duty to Philip to do all they could & judging by past experience there seems as best hope in a change as long have gone.

Dear Sir Yours Respy

Joseph T Powell

Rh Barker MD

167 Ellesmere Rd
Sheffield

M. A. Simmerson

April 20th
1892

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

My sister Rachel wishes me to write to tell you she is much better she has slept well during the time she as been here, she has had two long drives and a nice long walk this morning and also went to chappel with us last Sunday morning

and stayed the service
through
We feel we cannot
thank you enough for
all the kindness you
have shown to her

I beg to remain
Dear Sir
Yours Respectfully
M. A. Simmessen

Hewetson

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

My dear Mr Wood

I shall be very happy to receive the Queen's Gouache for the Exhibition – but feel much perplexed – with respect to a box I forwarded to Cannes on the 1st of March containing 2 large boxes of Pastels – for her use – I also sent – a large roll of Pastel paper from London – Nothing has arrived – & only today the worker tells her "no packets" – or wool for her

I shall get to Church – & suppose the Church doubles

John Cousin – ?

Mr Wood
Royal Academy
Piccadilly

Friend. Will you Kindly
Enquire about the various
parcels & boxes sent to
the Retreat for Annie — let
I mean know what reaches
her. I do not think a
removal from our Asylum
to another would do Some
Good on Much her Case — She
appears to me to feel depressed
and lowered by being
associated with those
whose Mental Condition
is far worse than her
own — & ~~this~~ her position in
this respect would not
be altered — She says she
feels the want of occupation
and rational society &
I quite understand this
— & I do not know how
to meet her wants —
& combine "rational society
with — safe custody — as you
will understand — I fear
if removed to any other
place we shd never get
her back to the Retreat
excepting by sheer force

& I suppose she would
have to be re-certified —
— You will see the difficulties
w/h: beset me in A's Case
— for she is not like an
imbecile — besides being Really
alive to her position, w/h:
she looks upon as a "disgrace
to her family" — I shall be
thankful to hear some
news of her. I hear of great
changes in the Retreat but
hardly know what they
are: only I can fancy you
have yr work increased
by them — I enclose a letter

E. S. Moon

2, Belgrave Crescent,
Scarborough.

Dear Mr. Woods,

We have not yet seen Dr. Baker but hope he may call this week. I was going to ask him whether Mary could sign the enclosed warrant, it is the interest of a small legacy left to him by his godfather. Perhaps you would kindly enquire about it & tell us if he can legally

sign it & if so return it for Mr. Brown to cash, if that is necessary.
It is of no use my coming to York until we hear from Dr. Baker whether it would be well for Harry to see me or not, he has always been attached to his mother.
I have not sent any more numbers of the Art Magazine as I wished Harry first to write & acknowledge that he had already received, but will send them if you think I had better do so, having no wish to punish him & only fear that mentally he has not made much progress.
Excuse my troubling you with this letter & with kindest regards believe me

Yours sincerely
E. L. Brown.

May 10th / 94
We read the account of your Centenary, both writers

Ans.d May 19th
H. J. H.

39 Hall Gate
a. c. Wilson Doncaster
May 17. 1892.

My dear Baker,

Miss Russell is still improving in strength and can walk about pretty well. To day she was down stairs. Nurse Thornton says she takes plenty of food with a little coaxing and I gather that she would like to return to the Retreat. She says there is no further need for her with Miss Russell and that an

old servant of the Russells, who has taken occasional night duty, would be quite sufficient.

The mental condition is disappointing for she talks incessantly all kinds of nonsense, but is not at all violent or even excitable. Nurse says there is a farm at Acomb where you place patients. How would that do for Miss R? Of course she would still require an attendant but Nurse Thornton says that you have one who would suit her admirably, a lady of 40 or 45.

Hoping to hear from you soon & with kind regards

I remain

Yours very truly

A. C. Wilson

P.S. May 18. I did not post this thinking that there might be some change today & there has for the worse. She had a fair night but early this morning she became so excitable

that they had to call the nurse up and they have come to the conclusion that Miss R. must have a skilled attendant. The Misses Edgar now want to go clear away. How much would the Acomb farm cost per week? I cannot help thinking that she would improve more quickly after a complete change of her surroundings. I am sorry to give you so much trouble.

Private

May 23rd
1892

Recd. May 24
H.J.H.

W. A. Garrard

Chatham House,
Rotherham.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Walker of this town met with a fall from his horse about four weeks ago ~~followed~~ causing by concussion & contusion of brain followed by loss of memory & later, delusions he has now gone on to mania & we shall most likely be obliged to send him away

Will you kindly write & say if you could take him in if necessary & what are your terms please send certificate forms &c by return post

I am
Yours faithfully
Wm A Garrard

Dr Baker

a. C. Wilson

39 Hallgate
Doncaster
May 11. 1892

My dear Baker

The feeding tube came all right on Saturday at 10.30 and I went straight off to use it. The patient wriggled a good deal but at the third attempt I got it into the stomach and gave her some food. She then began to try to vomit & got quite blue in the face that I withdrew it and told her that if she would take the food without, I would not trouble her more.

She drank the remainder of the ½ pint well and ever since has taken quite as much as ½ pint every 4 hours and often more.

Many thanks also for the nurse, who said she would not write as I said I was going to do so. She says the patient is still very troublesome, but she can always succeed in getting her to take food. Miss Edgar has exploded violently several times but the full force of her vials of wrath has burst upon me, not on the nurse!

I hope you will be able to let Nurse Thornton stay for a good while; – say until Miss Russell can be sent away to Scarborough or Ilkley. The Misses Edgars talk of going to Scotland for a rest. Are your houses at Scarbro' "Asylums" or simply private houses, into one of which Miss Russell could go as a boarder with her nurse? If so what would be the cost?

There certainly has been a decided improvement since

the stuffing system commenced and I think that in a month or so the weights be removed. What is your idea?

The report of your gathering was very interesting.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

A. Christy Wilson

What is the charge for the course & how often should the money be sent & to whom should the cheque be payable?

H. Hylton Taylor

Corner of Vaughan Street
Middlesbrough
May 31-1892

My dear Sir,

Again am I compelled, but with the greatest reluctance (remembering your past kindness) to trouble you, and ask you, if you know of any suitable person, you can recommend one, to take charge of my Wife -- who, I am grieved to say, gets no better of her failing for either "drink" or "Chlorodyne"; for altho, when under restraint she appears to lose the craving but as soon as she has her liberty alone, she soon gives way to it -- I retained the services of the Nurse, you last recommended, Miss Pickard

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I am - Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Hylton Taylor

Mr Baker
The Retreat
- York -

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I am - Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Mrs Baker
The Retreat
York -

Mrs Mathews Taylor

Corner of Vaughan Street
Middlesborough
Thursday Night

My dear Sir

I am indeed grateful to you, for your kindness, in so soon sending some one, to my assistance — Miss Nelson arrived here about five o'clock, (having missed the 12 Train, as per telegram) and I am glad to say, Mrs Taylor, has taken kindly to her, which is more than I expected under the circumstances —

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Am I to arrange with Mrs Nelson, as to Salary &c? the same as I did with Mrs Pickard, and as you at the time suggested

Kindly let me know, as to this matter, at your early convenience

Again thanking you

I am — Dear Sir

Yours ~~Faithfully~~

~~W Hytmarsh~~

Wm Baker
The Retreat
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Yours - Respectfully

H Rytton Taylor

Wm Baker

The Retreat

York

Luke

June 19/92

LYNDON LODGE
HANWELL, W.

My dear friend

My Mr. James called on me last week and hoped I wd write to you on a point which turned up in conversation with Dr. Baker. It seems he fears that as Bedford Pierce will not have any of the old resident medl. staff, he will be in danger of being placed in a position of care & responsibility

likely to militate against his successful hold of the reins of office. My Mother thought that perhaps Mrs Cadd be next of the Counter, making it worth one of the men's while to stay on. I can understand the force of Dr. B's fears and it wd be very sad if Bedford P's health broke down from conveniency his responsible duties too single handed

I should have thought that Dr. B. wd have spoken to you on the subject & suggested some remedy Probably he has.

As B. P. was V. guest at Cork

I should much like to know in confidence the impression produced upon you: especially as to whether he seems likely to be administrative as well as medical.

Yours very truly

D'Arcy Power

Recvd. June 30th
1897

Jno Wm Walker

HEATHFIELD HOUSE,
HALIFAX.

June 29/97

Dr. Baker

Dear Sir

I am very anxious to have my Wife Mrs. Walker placed under your care at the Retreat. She is 60 years of age. She has been for 3 months in private Lodgings at Southport & had Night & day Nurse constantly with her. They have been very attentive & kind to her, but they have comparatively no grounds. Mr. Walker

suffers so from want
of sleep. My Neighbour
Miss Wrigley was under
your care. that has been
a marvellous cure —
I am not a rich man
from 3 to 4 guineas a
week is the utmost I
can afford to pay
Can you kindly arrange
to take Thursday week
July 7th, why I fix
that date they asked me
to pay a little advance
to help them with their
Rent being about due
I should have to bring
one of the Nurses with me
but I am told you
object even for them to
stay one night.
I can give you a number
of References. I am personally
known to Mrs Waite of Ste
brother to Mr Fielden Thorp.
or any of the Friends here.
I had a letter with me on
Monday for Mr Rawnkes
but I did not call on
him or use it.
If you can help me I
shall be for ever grateful.
My Wife is naturally
amiable & kind, but has
been a great sufferer
from Rheumatism & gout

It seems to me, the disease has got into the head.

I am sure she would require a Night Nurse to begin with. I fear it will be nasty:

I remain

Yours Sincerely

Jno Wm Walker

P.S. She has been under the care of Dr George Woods of Southport

My own family Doctor is W Hodgson Wright Halifax

Private

July 2nd 1892

Wm A. Garrard

Chatham House,
Rotherham.

Dr. Baker

Dear Sir

I wrote to you a short time ago about Dr. Walker and I shall all being well send him to York next Tuesday under your care if you can receive him. His mental condition is immediately following a severe fall from his horse about 2 months ago with concussion & contusion of the brain

with probably some effusion of blood, consciousness returned gradually in the course of a few days but there was always loss of memory shewing the severity of the contusion. He has no teeth and cannot eat hard food he likes milk & eggs & rice pudding & soft beef. He has sometimes a little nervous difficulty in passing water when strangers are present but does not require catheterism.

I hope you will be able to put him on your most favourable terms as he has not been able to save very much money. — He has at times attacks of mania and has been treated up to now with fresh air & exercise & drive out with occasional doses of Bromidia when the excitement was great & accompanied with insomnia.

I should say he has in my opinion always been excentric, excitable & has not a well balanced mind (this is of course between ourselves)
He has been always of very abstemious habits,

I am
Yours faithfully
Wm A. Garnard

Dr Baker

Answ. July 2nd.

H. M. Hobson

c/o Mrs Chapman,

Maltby

nr Rotherham

1st July, 1892

Dear Sir,-

My sister-in-law, Mrs Bernard Walker desires me to enquire the terms per week upon which you are prepared to receive her husband for medical treatment. Dr Garrard, of Rotherham, a friend and colleague of Dr Walker's has, I believe, already communicated with you in reference to the case.

The patient would require a bed-sitting room and the services of an attendant as he is at present suffering

from acute mania.
I may add that, whilst Mrs. Walker is desirous that her husband should receive every care and attention, ~~who~~ it is essential that the terms of payment should be very moderate, inasmuch as she is under very great expense at present having had to appointment a medical man to take charge of Dr. Walker's practice during his illness. I mention this circumstance because I believe it is the rule for the Medical Supt of an institution like yours to treat a colleague on more favourable terms than an ordinary patient.

Please be good enough to let me have a reply by return of post

Yours faithfully

H. M. Hobson

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

I'm afraid I did not formally accept your & Mrs Baker's invitation - which I do now.

July 5 — 92.

63 WELBECK STREET
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

Dear Dr. Baker Luke

Thanks for sending me Dr. Ill's letter (in confidence) The Dinner I felt a great repugnance to. As an alternative I prefer the proposed Toast altho' speaking is always disagreeable to me

As to the proposer, I do not think either of the parties named wd. understand the point clearly, and I wd. vastly prefer

Dr. Urquhart. He has taken a great interest in the Dictionary and he wd. also understand my relation to the Retreat and could easily combine the two. I should be much disappointed if he ~~did not~~ were not the one to propose it. The later it comes in the menu the better —

Our letters crossed. I hear yr. address is to last only ½ an hour. This would be unusually short. The remarks are ~~generally~~ rather short an addresses so that the afternoon sitting seems rather poor if the Address from the Throne

is not an hour's length.
At one time we used
to have another paper
read, but that has quite
fallen through.

What a list of Resol-
utions for the morn-
ing meeting! If you
really make yr. address short,
it wd be better to occupy
the early part of the after-
noon with the business

Yours very
D Mack Tuke

Cecilia Lever

Montpellier Lodge
Harrogate
July 29th

Dear Sir,

Miss Lever has this morning received her gold brooch, & she wishes me to write & thank you for so kind=ly sending it, she is very pleased to have it again. Miss Lever keeps in very fair health, she comes in to see us every day.

Our House is quite
a short walk from
here – With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely
M. Cecilia Lewis

Moon

12, Belgrave Crescent,
Scarborough.

21 July 1892

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

Dear Sir

Your Report on the health of my Son reached me this morning with the quarterly bill for which I am sending a cheque to the Secretary to day.

We are sorry to find that there is no improvement in the mental aspect of my son's case, as we had gathered from our last interview with you in June that there was a good prospect of his speedy release from treatment. Your present report however appears to indicate a continued course of treatment

and detention. In such case I shall be compelled to make some fresh arrangements for him as I have two other sons now waiting and requiring means to provide them with a start in life and I shall be unable to continue my eldest son at so good a place as the Retreat without dipping into the small fund I have been able to save in view of future contingencies, and which I should hardly be justified in doing.

If you could give us any details as to the cause of your altered opinion in regard to my son's case we should be very much obliged. I am, dear Sir

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

The Retreat
York

Or you think I had better come over to York to see you on the subject; or if you will be in Scarborough from Monday I can call upon you at Northcliff — in either case at a time to suit your convenience?

[illegible]

I gather from what you have said that it would not be prudent for me to see or write to my son

[illegible]

Dr Hack Tuke

LYNDON LODGE
HANWELL, W.

Feb 15 — 92

Dear Dr Baker

Very many thanks for sending me the Herald of Saturday. Mr. Hargrave has been very good to the Association.

The treatise by Pinel referred to was not pub

lished till 1801.

The coincidence between the French & English 1792 is so pretty that it seems a pity to have to disturb it. You may like to have the ~~separate~~ of enclosed reprint

We are greatly indebted to Fellowlees for his able and eloquent Speeches.

Hoping you have rested from yr labours. (Not in the usual sense)

Yours very truly

D. Mack Duke

Tuke

63 WELBECK STREET
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

Aug 3/92

Dear Dr Mahler

I enclose short report of Brierley Case for friends.

I found slight but sufficiently well marked inequality of pupils the left being the more dilated & with less reaction

to left than the right –

There was decided tremor of the tongue

The articulation was the most striking physical symptom

The knee jerks were somewhat exaggerated.

No ankle clonus.

On the mental side there was great exaltation in regard to his strength, his wealth, and his future. He is going to travel round the world next week – but he is also going to Harrogate for a month first.

His syphilitic & (qu.) alcoholic history makes me a little cautious in speaking dogmatically, especially as he has had influenza

but my own opinion is that he is a G.P.

I shd be disposed to give him Pot. Iod. but I confess with little hope of any benefit

Yours truly
S. Wade Butler

I will write to the photographer for proofs. I must leave many matters to be a little longer. Possibly I may be in York again before long, for a day

A. Wilsden

Re Dr. Walker.

This patient has now been here about a fortnight (admitted July 6th); there is no improvement as yet in his mental condition, he is at times very restless & very noisy. He only sleeps half the night *(has a night Attendant sitting up in his room).

He is out in the grounds as much as possible every day.

Conversation – half intelligible.

Delusion – that trees, rooms etc are poisoned.

Food – takes it well (Milk, Eggs etc)

A. Wilsden

Rec'd. July 26
H.T.H.

J. Hewetson

West Park House,
Falsgrave,
Scarborough.

July 23d

My dear Sir

I have not written to you since my poor Child has been in the Retreat – & yet has now passed – & from the official report – confirmed by a friend of mine who visited Annie – this week I cannot think she is so much worse. The change physically & mentally, for the worse is not marked – I have abstained from seeing her myself – feeling assured that the meeting would be too painful – On her side there would be a temporary feeling of pleasure – followed by strong re-action – either in the way of more excite-

ment

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

by depression on parting.
The result of a veil from me
would I know be very bad —
Now that the Retreat is
to lose your valuable
services — I am anxious to
be advised by you as to my
best course — If you will
kindly reply to the questions
I have put to you — it
would be a great help.
I have always felt that
my poor child required
active occupation — &
guidance in that way

& it seems a pity as
many Lodgings — that those
who could be set to work
were allowed to drift into
a hopeless state of inactivity —
I fed that my child had
been set to domestic work
such as making her bed
— cleaning & such like —
— You know that my
Doctor Dow at Leeds is
a specialist — Opthalmic
& General — & would give
you a medical opinion
in her Sister's Case —
so that I have not
referred the Case to him
— I am sure you will

Give your Careful & earnest
Consideration to the
points I submit to you
— so that I may be
guided as to our future
Course. With much
Regards I remain Faithfully
J Hewetson

Michigan asylum

Michigan Asylum for the Insane.

Kalamazoo, Mich. May 10, 1892

The Superintendent of York Retreat,

York, England.

Dear Sir:-

I have been lately informed by Dr. A.R. Moulton of Philadelphia that by writing to you I might be able to obtain plans of one story buildings such as you had erected at York for the care of recent cases of insanity. The Doctor gave me the impression that you had these plans for free distribution to hospitals engaged in the care of the insane. If so, I shall take great pleasure in receiving any designs that you may be able to forward to us. I send you a copy of the last biennial report of this institution which is now almost two years old as our biennial period ends on the 30th of the coming June.

Thanking you in advance for any favors you may be able to show us, I am

Very truly yours,

Wm M. Edwards

Medical Sup't.

May 10, 1892

The Superintendent of York Retreat,

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Very truly yours,

Medical Supt.

Hewelsm
Nov. 13.

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

Novr 13th

My dear Sir -

It was very kind of you to write to me - & give me particulars of my poor child's state. It is indeed a sad one, & I fear the out-look is not hopeful - I am satisfied she is well cared for - & the mistake if there has been any - was that she was left to drift into that state of listless despondency - into which she appears to be. The time for gentle but firm systematic occupation is I fear now past - When

She was sent to the Retreat about 18 months ago - the curative process might have taken that form - & Dr Baker's excellent theories might have been tried with success. Now I fear it is too late - She has rapidly deteriorated since Jerry & the only consolation is that she is less sensible of & feels her position much less acutely - Mind she did - There was at first such a strong repugnance & reluctance to it - that the mental excitement was considerably increased, & at times the depression was also increased. When I saw her in Augt she struck me as bordering on an imbecile state - as though the mental condition had been normal & was not as I suppose it must be, due to actual disease of the brain - The idiotic state I could better understand - had the shewn signs of deficiency or of weak intellect to from childhood - but so far from that she had splendid intellectual power - & was gifted in an exceptional way. Her tastes for painting & music were cultivated

to a high degree & she
evinced the greatest love
for really good books &
literature - Should you come
to Harbors' - I shd like to
show you her paintings -
- She has a fine voice & was
musical & the pupil of Dr
Naylor organist of York Cathedral
- In dealing with the patient to
I feel sure you wd wish to
know the antecedents & history
of those you are striving to cure
- In Annie's case for some
years past - there has been
a marked habit of living to
myself apart from others
& a shadow of melancholia

seems to have fallen on her until it developped into marked symptoms of mind giving way. But the cause of the affliction is not apparent & I thd think the difficulty of tracing such causes — is an overpowering one, with those who like you, have to deal with mental diseases — The education of the weak minded & deficient is certainly a great hindrance to improvement or cure — Poor Annie seemed so much more rational & natural than her companions — now it seems the reverse. I am very thankful to know Mrs Rodgson

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

is still in the West Willow —
My naval son will have to pass thro' York early in next month — & will call & see his sister. I hope he may be able to see you also & Dr Stanwell — Meanwhile let me introduce you through the medium of the Provincial Medical Journal — to my eldest son — whose acquaintance I trust you will make — His portrait & a biographical sketch appears in this month's Journal. I should mention that I cannot trace any approach to hereditary insanity in any branch of our family — either that of my husband's or mine own — & of all the mysterious ills which flesh is heir to — it seems to me that the cure of the insane precludes the greatest difficulties — May you be in every way blessed in your exceptionally arduous and responsible work — & accept my best thanks for whatever you may do — to mitigate the saddest of all —

conditions of humanity — the
'living death' to new poor Annie
from words. who she is under
going. I will write to Miss
Cox about A's winter clothes.

— Believe me
dear Sir
Yrs very truly
J. Newdegate

D. Hack Tuke

LYNDON LODGE
HANWELL, W.

Nov 8 - '92

Dear Bedford Pierce,

In accordance with my instructions will you write about the inscription in the books for the Attendants. I regret that it entails so much trouble upon you.

I have been to the printers today and

I suppose my Bro-old Anthony 72. I question as to his fitness for your purpose. If he lived, there would be no difficulty. I shall write to you & let you question in 3 days, authority.

he will print the labels
when I know
the size you say they ought
to be. I think that
the wording now en
closed will do.
I propose to leave
a blank for my
brother's name
and send the labels
to him, to inscribe it.
Please tell me how
many should
be printed?

I do not think
there will be any
difficulty in adding
the likeness of W.J.
quite separate from enclosed
I have seen
Prof. Thompson who
is well satisfied
with the arrange=
ment. He was
rather afraid the
"month" might
have reference to
the certificates

as well as Cooke
but I assured
him that they
were likely to cash
O.K.

Yours very
D Hachluke

I have just written a Lett.
for Hazlop who is in
for "Clayburg".

Friends' Retreat, York.

The attention of Friends who accept the duties of Visitors to the Retreat is invited to the following Memoranda.

(a) The York Retreat and similar Institutions are now periodically visited by Inspectors appointed by the Government. An intelligent, unprofessional visitor may, however, see things with regard to both the management and the arrangements of an Institution from a point of view different from that likely to be taken by the Government visitors; and the interests of the Retreat will be best served by both these views being freely brought before the attention of those responsible for its management.

(b) The visits of Friends appointed by the Directors' Meeting afford opportunities for manifesting kindness and sympathy to the patients, and for infusing additional happiness and fresh interests into their lives. It is to be remembered that patients should uniformly be addressed as if they were of sound and educated mind, and as little notice as possible taken of the evidences of a departure from a healthy mental condition. On no account should patients be addressed as if they were children or persons of inferior mental capacity.

(c) The Superintendent is empowered to keep back such patients as he deems it inexpedient for the Visitors to see, reporting each time to the Visitors the number of patients so withheld from inspection.

(d) The Visitors are invited to ask for explanations from the Medical Officers upon any matters that occur to them in the course of their visits, and it is desired that the Visitors should freely enter in the Report-book all particulars the mention of which is likely to be of service in the management of the Retreat.

(e) ~~(2)~~ It is distinctly to be understood that information connected with the patients, acquired during the visits, is to be regarded as strictly confidential, and not to be divulged except to the Committee or the Medical Officers of the Retreat.

(e) (to be inserted ~~as~~ after (d))

In addition to the Main building of the Retreat, with the attached buildings, known as the Gentlemen's Lodge & the ~~also~~ Ladies' West Villa the Institution includes the following separate buildings

Belle Vue Ladies' Villa
East Entrance Villa
Entrance-Gate Lodge
Gainsboro' House, Scarboro.

It is not considered incumbent on the Visitors appointed by the Directors' Meeting to visit all the above named departments, but they are encouraged to include in their visits so many of the various ~~&~~ branches as they may find convenient.

P. McDeas

Wonford House,
Exeter.

Dec 6. 1891

Dear Dr. Baker

I am very sorry to have been so long in answering your note of Novr 12th.

I have been very busy: and we are at present without a Clerk & Storekeeper, who

P. McDeas

Wonford House,
Exeter.

Dec 6. 1891

Dear Dr. Baker

I am very sorry to have been so long in answering your note of Novr 12th.

I have been very busy: and we are at present without a Clerk & Storekeeper, who writes out such things for me in a general way. We have no printed Dietary: as in a place like this, I think it is difficult to have such things too rigid.

But the enclosed gives an approximate idea of the Dietary & Scale, where we

writes out such things for me in a general way - We have no printed Dialing as in a place like this, I think it is difficult to have such things too rigid - But the enclosed gives an approximate idea of the Dialing & Scales, where we

have a fixed scale:
and I do not know
that you will learn
much from it.
With kind regards
Yours Very Truly
P. Manry Deas

I am looking forward
to being able to
attend the Jubilee
Meeting at York:

I joined the Medico-
Psychol: the year
it met last at York
when Laycock was
President: at least
I think it has not
met there since.
That was in 1869!
How fugaces!

nolliecustin

6 Arlington Villas
St Paul's Rd
Clifton
Bristol

Dr. Pierce,

Dear Sir,

On Thursday next all being well, I intend to leave here for Biarritz where I hope to remain for a time. May I trouble you again for more news of my dear Brother Cyrus whom I so yearned to see on my last visit to York, but would not ask in case my visit should retard, in any way his progress towards re:

covery, which I firmly trust
as being possible, sooner or
later.
May I also trouble you to tell
me what amount is being paid
for my brother's comfort and
treatment, and if you think
he has all the comforts ne-
cessary for him and for
one able to afford it?—
I wanted to ask you all these
questions when at York, but
did not feel equal to the
trial at the time.
At present my youngest
brother is managing our
brother Cyrus's affairs, en-
tirely on his own responsibility
which of course he has no
power to do. And as he
has been very secret and
somewhat disagreeable in
disclosing the bill he has
been obliged to do, we as his
sisters think it is our duty
to look after Cyrus's interests
until the time when he is able
to do it for himself if God
wills that that shall be.
Will you assure him of my
devoted love for him and
prayerful interest in his
welfare. The constant source
of pain to me is, that I who
would sacrifice so much for
him, should appear to his
disordered brain as his worst
enemy. This thought to me in
my overstrained condition draws
me almost to melancholy—
Give me what comfort you can
and with gratitude believe me to be

Sincerely yours
Pollie Austin.

Dec 26/92.

Stuge

Birmingham
Mar 25: 1892

Dear Dr Walker

As you may be expecting to hear from me about my sister. I write to say that we have decided to place her for the present at Gartnavel. We were induced to come to this decision on account of the report in the Lancet of a very remarkable cure of a similar case there. If the experiment should not prove successful, we shall of course wish to ~~have~~ move her nearer home hereafter.

Thanking you for the kind attention you showed to my sister and myself in York

I am yours truly

M Kyle Stanley

Kate Godson

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
BAILBROOK HOUSE, BATHEASTON.
TELEPHONE No 49

Bailbrook House,
Bath. 11 8
92

Sir,

Do you happen to have a vacancy in your asylum for a Ladies' Companion - a matron - Housekeeper. as I am seeking an Asylum - re engagement - on leaving Dr Weatherly with whom I have been in this

capacity was previously at Dr Streets Haycloch Lodge Somersetshire & from both these & others I have good Testimonials. You have one of my Haycloch Patients Miss Lizzie Walker, - in whom I was much interested how is she now? I fear no better.

awaiting a reply as to any business,

I am,

Sincerely yours

Kate Godson.

Beverley –

~~WALTON HOUSE,~~
~~Nr. WAKEFIELD.~~

44, Esplanade
Oct. 21st/92

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I think it so quite unnecessary for Darley to come so long as I am here – My husband is quite willing to do as I wish him & I can assure you I shall take every care of him –

Addison is returning
tomorrow & suppose
my mother is coming
next week for a fort-
night so I think at
present we shall require
no attendant. I am
extremely obliged to
yourself & Mr Baker
for allowing Addison to
be with my husband
for the last fortnight.
With our united kind
regards to yourself & Mr Baker.
Believe me
My dear Lucy
Ever sincerely
A. G. Beveley

P.S. Our coachman will be here
by the course of a few days, Mr
Sick lake always from the Cap.
Beveley has promised faithfully
not to wait longer.

44, Esplanade
Scarboro

Beverley
Oct 92

Oct. 26th/92

Dear Dr. Pierce

Your letter of this morning to hand - after you left - yesterday I wrote to ask particulars about Dr. Ashinson, the gentleman I named. Captain Beverley has an idea he knows him, I believe so too -

if he is at liberty
& willing to come
as companion to
my husband he
thinks he would
like him. so please
don't engage anyone
just at present:
I had a letter from
my mother this morn.
big saying she had
made all arrange-
ments for coming on
Monday to stay for
a short time. so please
allow me to stay until the
5th here. he shall take my
room, as there is
the same room, so there will
be no possible chance of my
husband seeing me. I do not
present state of health he
promises faithfully he will
not. so confidently I give my orders.

If he does of course I will leave at once. He is brighter & happier altogether when I am here. & I assure you he does nothing contrary to your orders. If you cannot spare Smith from the Hotel, any of the attendants will do whilst I am here. Captain Beverley has written to Dr. Baker this evening. With our united kind regards. Believe me

Yours sincerely
A. E. Beverley

A. J. Palmer

Weston Super Mare 10/31/92

Dear friend Bedford Pierce,

Enclosed is my cheque value 26. 11. 4. This includes 2. 12. 0 which I pay yearly towards E Cases &c.

We dont know whether R Baker has withdrawn and left, if he has not, should like a most sincere message of thanks to him for all he has done for my daughter during the past 10 years — a feeling of gratitude will arise in many towards R Baker — that thou mayst be able to fill the important post undertaken, to thy own satisfaction, and that of others, is the wish of thy sincere friend A J Palmer.

F. Copeland

Ans Oct 28. A.W.

1 Sandylands
Morecambe
Oct 25th/92

Mr Woods

Sir

I have received a note for disbursements for Mr Copeland up to Sept 30th. I should like a bill of particulars of how the money has been expended, as I understood

that £3 " 3 " 0 a week
includes everything.
Will you also enquire if
Mr Copeland's under suit
& two new handkerchief's
have been found, if not
I shall have a claim
to make for them.
Mr Copeland left the
Retreat on the 28th not 30th

Yours respectfully
J Copeland

Hattersley

TELEGRAMS, "HATTERSLEYS."

J.W. & A.E. HATTERSLEY,
SOLICITORS.

Mexborough.
25th Octbr. 1892

Dear Sir,

William Abbott

Our Client Mrs. Hannah Abbott the mother of the above named has handed us the a/c of £22.5.1 sent by you to her as the amount now due to the Retreat.

The first item in the a/c is "To a/c rendered £2.19.10". We do not appear to have had an a/c rendered for this and shall be glad if you will kindly furnish us with particulars of what this is for.

On the 29th July we sent you cheque for £30.6.1. in payment of Board and disbursements up to 30th June and as there is another item of £2.3.3 for disbursements in

Hattersley

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On the 29th July we sent you cheque for £30.6.1. in payment of Board and disbursements up to 30th June and as there is another item of £2.3.3 for disbursements in the eight weeks from 1st July to 26th August ~~the two items~~ as well as the £2.19.10 the two items seem to want explanation. We should also be glad if you would kindly furnish us with particulars of the charge for disbursements.

We are also informed that a sum of 5/- left with Mr. Ibbotson during one of the visits to him was taken from him for safe keeping according to the rules of the Institution and we shall be glad if you will also credit the a/c with that sum.

* We are also requested to ask you to kindly forward the remainder of Mr. Ibbotson's wardrobe which it was promised should be done on his removal from the Retreat but which has not yet been done to his inconvenience. We believe a good many things were left behind.

Yours faithfully,
J.W. & A.E. Hattersley

The Secretary,
"The Retreat,"
York.

Answered H.W.

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We are also informed that a sum of 5/. left with Mr. Abbotson during one of the visits to him was taken from him for safe keeping according to the rules of the Institution and we shall be glad if you will also credit the a/c with that sum.

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Ans 26th Oct. W.

The Secretary,
"The Retreat,"
York.

Yours faithfully,
Geo. A. E. Hallett & Co.

Higher Slade
Oct. 21st
Slapton
Dartmouth

Wyllys

Dear Sir

I wish to write you a few lines with the enclosed Cheque for (H. W. Wyllys)

An increase of payment was required last Jan. by the Rules of the Institution, consequently the charge for the above was altered from 20/- to 25/- per week I am not aware that any alteration was made in regard to the patients benefit

in the matter of
accommodation, clothing
or food – but I observe
in the bill now sent
a charge for "Disbursements 13.7.9"
I should be much obliged
by your informing me how
this exceptional increase
has been caused – For
19 years I have had
dealings with the Retreat
& until recently, on the
most uniform footing.

I will just add
the list of payments
during the year 1891

& this the most expensive
in my experience – so
that I hope for a
diminution rather
than increase – thanking
only a limited fund
to go upon –

Starting you will
kindly explain –
believe me to be
very truly yours
F. Wolfe

W. Bedford Pierce.

PS. In future all accts to be
sent to W. E. Wolfe Esqre
25 King Street
Great Yarmouth

Beverley

WALTON HOUSE,
nr. WAKEFIELD.

Oct. 10th/92

Dear Dr. Peirce

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter. As my husband desires to stretch to have his gold watch & chain will you kindly take it to him when you go to Scarboro'. Any responsibility shall be

satisfied with all arrange-
ments - but is very sorry
I cannot be with him - I hope
Addison will take every care of
him & not let him have too
much excitement - I purpose
going to see him on Thursday
& shall be glad to meet
you there if convenient - If
you will kindly let me know

to the matter & will
take upon myself
quite upset & nervous
& the poor wretch seems
to be better & quieter
since I saw him & Addison
tells me little time before
sending them to Aachen
& whole written to Capt.
Beverley today & had
a long letter from him
this morning & he seems
quite pleased

in the matter I will
take upon myself.
Quite agree with you
& Dr. Baker with regard
to the horse & trap. It
will be better to wait
some little time before
sending them to Scarboro.
I have written to Capt.
Beverley today to
Shattesgate. I had
a long letter from him
this morning, he seems
quite pleased &

satisfied with all arrange-
ments. Mr. to Mrs. Berry
is coming. He will arrive
Saturday. We have
Mr. Lockhart coming
from I hear Col.
Bunch expectations
Jane to see him & Mr. Fairbairn
I shall be glad to meet
him there & converse
for hours
Friday Col. he

the hour at which you will call so that we may be in.

Yrs. sincerely

Annie E. Beverley

J. A. Tuke

BANCROFT,
HITCHIN.

11th Sept 1892

My dear Dr Baker

I have been reading with very great interest the report of the proceedings of the Medico Psycho-logical Association & heartily congratulate you on the success of the meeting under your Presidency. Your address gives a very interesting historical sketch of the growth of improvements in the Retreat which was most appropriate to the occasion.

If you will excuse my saying so

I should have been better pleased if you had omitted Sydney Smith's criticisms on the style of my Father's writing as to "quotations". He was a personal friend of my Father & they no doubt understood one another — otherwise it would seem like a sneer which I feel sure Sidney Smith did not intend & which I feel certain you could not wish to perpetuate in reference to a work which whatever may be its demerits produced a marvellous change in the treatment of the Insane — I have only just returned from a few weeks in Ireland & have only to-day been able to read the Report of the Meeting, hence my rather late letter to you — I am reminded also that you may perhaps be requiring a charge for the Books to be presented to the Attendants & which you so kindly offered to select when you had the leisure — a period which now seems to come to some of us — & which you can have known nothing of lately — I hope you had a pleasant time in Norway & saw the glorious effects of the Northern Lights

With kind regards Yours truly

J. Tuke

A. Pope

Grantham
Sept. 5. 1892

Dear Dr Baker

I ought to have written long ago to acknowledge the papers you were good enough to send. They arrived at a time when I was very much engaged & I put them aside to await a convenient season for their perusal. This did not occur until last week when I read them with much interest especially that on The Turkish Bath. It is very

suggestive on several points – especially in its influence over the mental health of attendants – asylum morbidity. I rather expected that you would have found it useful in insomnia – but I see no reference to this. If you publish any future observations on the Thermal Bath I should be very much obliged if you would bring it under my notice.

In your review of Dr Tuke's work you quote a description of the condition in which he found the patients in a Canadian Asylum. It corresponds exactly with what I said in 1879 in a Charity Commissioners Hospital in Ward's Island ~~[illegible]~~ – a condition due entirely to the Board of Commissioners whom nothing could move –

The Villa residences you have around the Retreat must be a great advantage to you. I remember seeing something of the kind some years ago at an Asylum ~~[illegible]~~ at Bow near Bath then under the care of the late Dr Nash – and he expressed to me the value of these separate villas.

The article on Speculation is a good illustration of the importance of little things – of which indeed

life taken as a whole is largely made up.

The last time I was at the Retreat was at a friend's funeral somewhere about 1885 – If I am in New York I shall hope to have the pleasure of calling on you & seeing some of the changes which have been made during the last 30 years

With my kind regards

Sincerely yours

Albert Pope

Silvanus P. Thompson

(12 Esplanade
Whitby)

MORLAND,
CHISLETT ROAD,
WEST HAMPSTEAD. N.W.

Sept 6th 1892

Dear Dr. Baker:—

As at our interview this morning my brother was present the whole time, I take the earliest opportunity of writing to you explicitly on one point which, had we been alone, need not have remained for elucidation now.

I will only remind you of what I said at the very outset of our conversation; namely this:— We,—the family—are ~~my~~ in agreement on the main point that an opportunity should be afforded my brother of trying to gain employment outside; the point on which we do not agree is

the condition under which such opportunity should be afforded.

I twice stated this, and now I write to say explicitly and definitely that we do not agree, and are not likely to agree to the immediate cancelling of his certificates.

We agree to any reasonable steps for finding him — immediately if you will — employment and lodgings with reliable persons, quite away from the Retreat.

But I must point out to you that we agree to this on the distinct understanding, which we supposed ever since my interview with you in London in June to be the basis of proceeding, that there shall be a trial on leave of absence as a preliminary step to any cancelling of certificates.

We are advised that only the strongest pressure of circumstances beyond our control, such as do not (as I apprehend) exist, would justify us in taking the extreme step of cancelling certificates right off at the critical time when the experiment is being tried of giving my brother outside employment.

We are advised that it would not be right to do so, however much we may desire that he should be given an opportunity of the fullest sort of gaining for himself a position of independence.

Subject to this condition, I shall be glad, as soon as you

have seen the proposed employers, to learn what arrangement they are willing to make for taking my brother into their factory.

We are all glad — emphatically glad — to believe that my brother's mental health is so much established that we may now contemplate a move: and we shall be doubly rejoiced when the time of probation on leave is safely passed, when it shall be right for us to assent to a complete discharge.

Believe me,

dear Dr. Baker,

Yours ever sincerely

Silvanus P. Thompson

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

F. Parker Rhodes,
Solicitor.

29, HIGH STREET,
ROTHERHAM.

Rd Sep 30. 92 A.W.

29th Sept. 1892

Dear Sir,

re Bernard Walker

Thanks for kindly at your early convenience let me have your opinion in this matter skeleton form of which I sent you.

It is very important for Mrs Walker that the application for

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29, High Street,
Rotherham.

Rd Sep 30. 92 A.W.

29th Sept. 1892

Dear Sir,

re Bernard Walker

Would you kindly at your early convenience let me have your opinion in this matter skeleton proof of which I sent you. It is very important for Mrs Walker that the application for appointment of Committee of her husband's estate should be made at once & I should therefore be greatly obliged if you would give the matter attention.

Yours faithfully

F. Parker Rhodes

Dr. Baker
Superintendent
The Retreat, York

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Yours faithfully

J. Bramwell

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29, High Street,
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22nd Sept. 1892

Dear Sir,

re Bernard Walker

I enclose you skeleton form of affidavit in support of Mrs. Walker's application to be appointed Committee of her husband. It shall be glad if you will kindly complete same and after having it copied get person to same to return

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I am dear sir
yours truly
F. Parker Rhodes

The Superintendent
"The Retreat"
York

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yours truly
[illegible]

The Superintendent
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I. Pickard

20, BOAR LANE,

Leeds, Aug 3 1892

Memorandum from ISAAC PICKARD.

To Robt Barker M.D.
York

Dear Friend

Herewith find cheque 31/18/6 paying items 1.0 2 on age herewith. Receipt duly obliged. I hardly see how you get No 1 to 27/10/1. I think it should be 27/6/1. Paying in advance is not my habit & it is only lately that you have sent bills that way.

I suppose Retreat Committee of which I was after a member usually meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. I expect to be away from home this month.

Yrs Friend
I Pickard

A. E. Beverley

Ans'd July 16 A.W.

WALTON HOUSE,.
nr WAKEFIELD.

July 14th/92

Mr Baker,

Dear Sir,

Excuse my troubling you but I should so much like to know what you think of my husband's case. I feel so anxious to know if he is getting more settled & reconciled

to the place - I am
afraid he will take
it very much to heart
having his liberty taken
from him. He has not
at all violent at home
he could be amused to
do anything but leave
the house, that was kept
only difficult - but
that this morn - that
the conversation was
quite rational that
I am sorry

he should have every attention
& comfort that is possible.
I should like you to tell
me the truth, please do not
conceal anything from me -
I have not yet seen any
of the gentlemen who
brought him but am
hoping to do so shortly -
Please excuse my troubling

to the place - I am afraid he will take it very much to heart having his liberty taken from him. He was not at all violent at home he could be coaxed to do anything but leave business, that was the only difficulty we had with him. Most of his conversation was quite rational.

I am wishful that he should have every attention & comfort that is possible.

I should like you to tell me the worst, please do not conceal anything from me.

I have not yet seen any of the gentlemen who brought him but am hoping to do so shortly.

Please excuse my troubling

you but I am so anxious to hear something about him — I am quite prostrated with grief!

Would you advise my writing to him or not? I am wishful to do only what you think is for his good.

Yrs very truly
A. E. Beverley

Dr. Fisher
Friends Retreat
York.

Ans July 24 AW.

A. E. Beverley

WALTON HOUSE,
Nr WAKEFIELD.

July 22nd/92

Dear Dr Fisher,

I am sending the Bissel's pots some of Mr. Handkerchiefs for Captain Beverley.

I regret to say he has had a cold in his head & has not fallen short — I am also sending him

home likely the Band
he has been hard &
demanding - to kill you
himself let him have
his Brother & Jones &
then he will feel double
quantity - I am sure
Brake Oh Abominable
see the home afternoon
I shall be glad as
there are several things
I want till you right Re-
garding - big Husband -

We have thought he has been
suffering from blood
poison for several years - &
when we were in London three
weeks ago he got another very
bad smell at the Doctor's.
& after that he got rapidly
worse - He complains in his
letters to me that I do not
write to him every day he says

some Cabanas the brand he has been used to smoking - so will you kindly let him have this instead of yours & then he will get double quantity - If you can make it convenient to see me some afternoon next week, I shall be glad as there are several things I can tell you with regard to my husband -

We have thought he was too deep
suffering from Cancer
poison for several years - a
broken bone in forearm three
weeks ago the first another very
bad bruised on the shoulder
& great black & blue patches
other - the consolations in the
letters by the post to us kept
quiet by from every day the days

my letters cheer him
up so much. Do you
think it is wise for me
to write every day, if so
I will do so. His letters
seem very sensible &
he complains bitterly at
being retained as the
Prefect: he says he
shall escape if possible
the very soon takes cold
so will you kindly see
that all precaution is taken
to prevent him from doing
so? Hoping to hear a

Silv. P. Thompson

CITY & GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.

Technical College, Finsbury
Leonard Street, City Road,
London, E.C.

Moland
Chislett Rd.
London N.W.

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Dear Dr. Baker:—

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He more than hinted to me that he wanted to lodge with one John(?) Lee a builder, living somewhere on Bishopshill "within three minutes' walk of Cooke's works". I have been unable to learn anything of this person; but doubtless you have much more favourable means of gaining information than I have at this distance.

Supposing such enquiries to lead to a favourable opinion of Lee, would it do for Willy to live there and report himself periodically to you? He seemed to be extremely averse to having any outward or tangible

lodge with one John(?) Lee a builder, living somewhere on Bishophill "within three minutes' walk of Cooke's works". I have been unable to learn anything of this person; but doubtless you have much more favourable means of gaining information than I have at this distance.

Supposing such enquiries to lead to a favourable opinion of Lee, would it do for Willy to live there and report himself periodically to you? He seemed to be extremely averse to having any outward or tangible

connexion with the Retreat if allowed to take a trial outside; and I judged — though I did not put the question direct — that he would be averse to living in any house where he would still seem to outsiders to be under care.

I have taken some pains to learn the views of my family on this difficult matter. They do not like the idea of Willy lodging with persons unknown to us. But there are difficulties in every course that can be suggested; and we are most anxious to take no false step.

Yours ever sincerely

Silv. P. Thompson

R. N. Bakeley, M.D.

P. E. Beverley

WALTON HOUSE,
nr. WAKEFIELD.

July 27 Ans^d AW

July 26th/92

Dear Dr Hilsden

Friday will be quite convenient for me to come to Gorton. I shall arrive at the Station about 2-30.

I think not receiving any letters from my hus-

hand since Friday
morning I have been
very anxious, hope
he is not ill - In
all his letters he
tells me he does not
sleep at all - I shall
be very much obliged
if you will kindly
let me have a line
by return of post -

happiness for he is - last week
he said he had a
cold & this week I do.
hope it is better. Good-
bye dear Secretary
I was coming to see you
on Friday - to Baker
Street at 6 o'clock when
by receiving this I could stop

not this he is very angry
with me for not bringing
you. I am afraid you
will have a difficulty
with him this week
about going to camp-
I just had a letter
from him this morning
saying "Be sure to bring
Mr Bertmanteau with you
tomorrow." Apologising for
troubling you. But I really am
in earnest to know how he

Anna R. Whiting
Maria Richardson

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

12. VII. 92

We have to-day been round the Womens side of the house, conducted by Miss Cox, who has impressed us very pleasantly. Her manner with the Patients is kindly & sympathetic & she evidently understands her work amongst them.
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24 Bond St. J. Beverley
Wakefield
July 17th 1892

Dear Sir,

The following facts have recently come to my knowledge concerning my brother Captain Beverley which may probably influence you in your treatment of his case: —

1. Some 12 or 14 years ago, I am told, he received a severe blow on the head whilst playing foot-bale which caused complete

insensibility and frothing at the mouth. No after effects, however, so far as we could judge, were apparent.

2 Dr. Hollings of Wakefield treated him for Syphilis from May 5th to November 6th 1879 and again for secondary symptoms from Feb. 4th 1880 to February 2nd 1881. The attack was a severe one judging from the quantity of medicine &c. supplied.

3 Dr. Haley of Wakefield also treated him at a later period say 8 or 9 years ago for the same disorder.

Dr. Hollings has kept a complete record of the treatment and will gladly afford all the information in his power.

I understand that he, my bro. then, misled both Dr. Lett and Dr. Barrs with regard to facts 2 and 3. Hoping that you will soon be in a position to report favourably

I am

Yours faithfully

F. Beverley

Dr. Baker

The Friends Retreat

York

Ralph G. Wilson

Ans 9 July
A.W.

49 Eldon Street.
Newcastle on Tyne
8 July 1892

Dr Baker.
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir

When I saw you yesterday I quite omitted to mention an important matter - and it is this. —

That for various reasons I request that no one be allowed to visit my Father whoever they may be, either relative or friend.

Should any one seek admission will you kindly give strict

Ralph G. Wilson

Ans'd July 9
A.W.

49 Eldon Street.
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8 July 1892

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The Retreat
York

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That for various reasons I request that no one be allowed to visit my Father whoever they may be, either relative or friend.

Should any one seek admission will you kindly give strict instructions that I have forbidden any one seeing my Father.

If you will be good enough to see to this. then I shall know that no one will be able to disturb my Father - and I shall feel extremely obliged to you.

A line to confirm this will oblige

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Dear. Yours faithfully

Ralph E Wilson

H. Strange

War Office
York.
27th July 1892

To Wm Baker.
The Retreat
York

Sir,

Having been referred to you by Miss Barker, (late of your establishment, and to whom I am engaged to be married,) as to testimony of her character and respectability, I should deem it a great favor if you would

would kindly oblige me with the same, as I have to forward this to the Head Quarters of my Corps, prior to my name being registered for permission to marry.

Awaiting the same at your convenience

I am
Sir
Yours Faithfully
A. Strange.
Lce Corporal.
Army Service Corps

c/o G. Wartnaby Esq
Newton Road Burton-on-Trent

~~20, Harlington Street,~~
Derby.

(until Saturday)

July 18th 1892

Dear Sir
Re. Dr. Walker

I shall feel much obliged if you will send me your opinion & prognosis in the above case because it will influence me in arranging for his practice being carried on, of course your opinion will be in confidence & strictly a private matter, as

Dr Walker's medical attendant
I have formed my own
opinion which is not
very favourable, but
am anxious not to
make final arrangements
without your views
will you kindly write
to the above address
as I am away for
a holiday by return
of post if possible

I am
Yours faithfully
Wm A Garnard

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Handed in at the York Rl Office at 8. 35a .M. Received here at 8-31a .M.

Baker

TO { Dr Pierce
Retreat

Please send forthwith two male attendants with papers Dr Johnson Ilkley wire Johnson arrival time
Baker York.

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

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TO { Dr Pierse Retreat York

Dr Scott expects to call on you this afternoon

Rowntree

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Handed in at the Thomas St Manchester Office at 5 33 p.m. Received here at 5 45 p.m.

TO { Dr Baker The Retreat York

Will you send man to
Charles Lambs Rich — Hill Armagh
Ireland to take Charge Son
Frank who they were out
of his mind more particulars
post please reply Knight Upper
Camp St Higher Broughton Manchester

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