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Western Hill
Durham
6th Decr. 81.

Dear Dr Yorke.

I have made the extracts for you. The last two we received after we had written to say, we were perfectly satisfied with my sister's treatment at your hands and the accommodation, and that we had no

intention of moving her.
The reason I ask you to
keep it private, is that
we are in a very delicate
position with Mr. Davies.
He has most of our money
and is trustee to my sister
Mary and the Minors of
the family, as well as
being our lawyer.
We have had a good
deal of trouble about our
affairs, and I cannot
think it right to put
any thing more on my
Mother particularly
I do feel it is hard
on you, after having
written that letter to the
Board, but I don't see
my way clearly out of the
difficulty.

With kind regards
Yours faithfully
Maria Theyers

Western Hill

Durham

3d Dec 81

Dear Dr Baker.

I am in receipt
of your letter and
enclosure, and shall
be glad to make the
extracts for you. But they
will take some little
time as they are mixed
up with other business.
I must beg that they

be kept quite private.
as I mentioned the
matter to you merely
as a friend. It was
troubling us so much,
and we have always
had so much confidence
in you and feel so
grateful for your care
of my sister.

With kind regards
yours faithfully
Theresa Thurnalds.

First there is Dr. Bailey's report (which
"I believe you have) dated 29th July.
"It was sent to us by Mr. Davies, asking
"for full particulars of the views of the
"family and also the explanation of
"the Medical Superintendent of the
"Hospital, as no doubt there would be
"some different arrangement required
"by the Master, the condition of the Lunatic
"appearing to be very Unsatisfactory

Signed Meredith & Co.

"Unless Dr. Parker's explanation is satisfactory
"you had better suggest her removal and
Mention this in your letter Signed
16th August. J. Davies

"The Master said he considered the
"Retreat not a nice place and the room
"in which Miss Reynolds was placed
"was very unsatisfactory being lighted only
"from the roof. —— The Master thinks

"that matters had better remain as at
"present till November when his Report is
"settled. and in the meen time members
"of the family should make visits to the
"Retreat without giving notice and take
"notice of the Lunatics condition and
"treatment and let the Master know in
"November signed Heredditter & Co.

18th August.

"The Master has approved of Miss Reynolds
"as Committee and has directed his
"report to be made. but it will not be
"completed before November. The matter
"will of course in future be under the control
"of the Lunacy Court signed J Davies

3d November.

"Kindly let me know if you have any
"suggestions to make as to the removal
"of Miss Mary Reynolds as I am expected
"to arrange. signed J Davies

11th November.

"We shall require the original letters for
"the Master.. We fear they will not be satisfactory
"as they say nothing about the room or the
"condition of the Lunatic. and the Master
"wants to hear from the family on the points
"mentioned in the Report. which the Master
"considered very serious. and unless he is
"satisfied, it is not unlikely that he may
"require the removal. Meredith & Co.

16th November:

"Should the Masters directions be not
"strictly observed. he may act according
"to his sole discretion

With kind regards
Yours faithfully
Maria Theyoldes.

Western Hill
Durham
22nd Nover 81.

Dear Dr Baker,

Thank you
very much for taking
so much trouble for us.
I am sorry I have mis-
lead you about Dr Bailey.
It was all supposition
on my part that the
Court wanted to send

Mary there. They have never mentioned a place only wanted us to go to.
Two years ago when we had to consult Mr Davies about our affairs, he proposed we should send my sister to Northampton. Then when he now proposed (or rather said the Court thought she ought to be moved) and Dr Bailey from Northampton was sent as the visiting Doctor, and he found so many faults, we concluded it was to get her there.
I send a note from Mr Davies this morning saying he had forwarded my letter written on Saturday evening to the Master and trusted he would be satisfied with it.

report says nothing about removal, but intimating that the patient is a good deal confined to her room, recommends the appointment of a special nurse. All that my Board did was to receive the Report and

Royal Courts of Justice
Strand London.
Nov. 29. 1881.

Dear Dr. Bakes,

I have just returned to London and have made prompt inquiry into the matter.

referred to in your letter
of the 21st Inst, and
respecting which it
seems you have
been altogether
misinformed. It has
never been suggested
from our office nor
from the Masters
that Mary Reynolds

should be removed from
the Retreat and no
pressure of any kind
has been brought to
bear on her sister
Clarissa Reynolds
who is not the
Committee but is
proposed for that
office. Mr Bayley's

refer it to the Master and what the Master did was to inform the Solicitor that the Visitor's recommendation must be carried out. That recommendation has, I understand, been attended to and then the

nothing of our proceedings.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,

J. Chichester Brown

Dr. W. Baker

matter ends as far
as we are concerned.

You will I am
sure on reflection
admit that there
is nothing in the
action of my
Board in relation
to this case that
can by any possibility
be construed into an
expression of want
of confidence in the
Retreat or its present
management: but
cannot of course hold
ourselves responsible
for the random
statements of
persons who know

is the best situation for him. He is to see me again on Saturday or the following Tuesday as he wishes.

As to medicine, my first idea was to treat his pain after food & leave him as at present. But his complaint & bad breath - does not forbid. & with benefit do I put him on Ferrum redactum, Zinci Val - & Capsicum twice a day. & a draft at bed time

4 Charlotte St
Bedford Sq. W.C
Dec 13. 1881.

Dear Dr. Baker.

I carefully examined Lewis Dodshon this morning for an hour and a half - & had no difficulty in sounding his malady. I am obliged to you for all the particulars contained in yr letter after reading which I telegraphed, but probably there was some delay. We should no doubt agree in regarding the case as one of Hypochondriacal Melancholia - (9)

we talked of the burden of life & the question of getting rid of it. He was very decided in saying that he should continue to bear it. His companion seems alive to the constant oversight he needs - and to whom the restrictions would defeat the object, I think, at the present time. If the distance they will be at Norwood, that they go there as they intend, is an objection, it would be also undesirable to be leaving in London its self, near here. The next important question of all doubtless is How can my interest here in anything so as to take here in out of here self. It is unfortunate that he has so few pursuits - Now anything he suggests to occupy interest in it is a picture gallery & I have encouraged him to see these in London. Now time of the year does not favour excursions into the neighbourhood. It seems to me that now at any rate, the having near the Crystal Palace to

wd. take a little ale - or
a light wine. but it seems
undesirable to press it - now -
nothing further occurs to
me to say on L. D's case -
as to Miss Sayer - large as
the baptismal element is - I
on this ground one wd have
been glad to avoid an asylum
there are inveterate delusions
& as they influence him (and
I feel justified in sending him
to you. an insuperable bar to the
admission who is becoming nearly
insane also with the worry.
Yours very truly
D. Hack Tuke

quick pulse & bromide
with Sc Chloroform. I expect
he will be better than the B. does
not suit him. as to Upper
ients, he has so much
faith in the pill he has by
him that I thought it better
to go on with it for a week.
I strongly recommend
him to go on with the
treatment of C. L. O. both
as a departure from oil
I told him I thd be
down at Bournemouth
at Xmas. I suggested

his coming here also for awhile. I do not seem averse to the idea. However we shall see - If he remains in London I could arrange to see him as often as necessary. He seems to have some fear of spending too much as he demurred on this ground to taking more C. L. O. than he is taking!

I think that if he gets worse, the best thing would be residency in the house of a med. "Friend" of a healthy type. (an important proviso in this age of excitement) with a companion. but it may not be needful just yet to propose this. I say "Friend" because he seems set in the greatest power. Other subjects of interest might be found for him therein. But more is the danger too.

I should be glad if he



84 Mulberry St
June 13- 1881

My dear W Woods

I forgot to mention last night that I very much like the title page of the U.C. The illustrative page of the passing through the Lander. I also very much like the selection of the old portrait for upon it in the pictures - and the old stone with the armed man by the [illegible] Church. The present drawn with pen by J W Watts

The Drama in London, as well as in Paris, is largely made up of Adaptations.

Every house should be disconnected from the main sewer by an open air break, having the town, or other main sewer stopped by a syphon trap on the forward side.

The air break to be left open at the top, or at most protected by an open grate.

a. P. 2 All drainage pipes from the house should be taken at <u>full width</u> to the highest point away from windows and doors, and either left open at the top, or protected by a revolving cowl.

b. P. 2 <u>No</u> trap should interpose between the open mouth above the roof and the opening into the man-hole before mentioned

By this means a constant current of air is established through the house drains.

c P. 2 All pipes from roofs lower than the top, should discharge <u>on to a grate</u> having a sufficient syphon below.

Soil pipes of Water closets should be taken at full width above the roof, and left open,

* The only point I can see to raise in connection with the system of drainage is whether this trap is better present or absent. I think it is better present, - as preventing smell when the pit is open to clean the grids. E. I. -

and no trap interposed between this opening and the man-hole.

The man-hole should be so arranged as to have its floor formed by half a pipe of the same diameter as the main sewer from the house and the syphon on the forward side- and should be so arranged as to give a good fall towards the syphon.

There should be no square angles or corners in which sewage can lodge, and such man-holes when constructed near a house, are best built of enamelled bricks.

Mem. Variations from the foregoing as found at <u>East Lodge, Retreat</u>.-

a. 3" Pipes are used for ventilating.-

b. The left hand <u>branch</u> drain has a Trap just at its separation from the right hand branch- which cuts off from the open air brick.- but there are four ventilating Pipes into this branch. *

c. There is no grate at the foot of down pipes, but an accessible syphon, which is quite sufficient.-

29. Westborough.
Scarborough.
2nd January. 1882.

Dear Sir

I must apologise for not having written to you before this to thank you for so kindly sending one of your own staff to help us until Smith was able to come. It was a great relief and I liked the attendant you sent very much at his own request I merely paid his railway fare I shall be glad to hear from you to what extent I am indebted to you for this.

I have also to thank you for sending Smith, he was very attentive & my father - and was a great help.

Believe me

Yours Truly

George Blow. Mayfield

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS.

Royal Insurance Buildings.

Bristol, Jan 10 1882

Dear Friend,

By direction of the above Committee, I send herewith copy of minute, unanimously passed at the last meeting, and shall be obliged if thou will bring it before the Committee of the Retreat in due course.

Thy friend truly

Henry Grace

Dr Baker,

York.

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MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough.

2 Jan[y] 18[8]2

Dear Sir[s],

We asked Mr Jowsey the owner of the house in question to give us a reply to your queries at the same time telling them as we felt bound to do the object we had in view.

This morning he brought us his answer.

He thinks the purpose you require it for would prejudice the letting of the house in case you left it on his hands at the end of the 3 years and is therefore willing to sell only. He offers the house & Tabling for £4000 or the house only for £3500. He would agree to accept a deposit & interest £ on the balance for 3 years the completion to take place at the end of this period.

He makes this offer for one week certain.

We do not expect to be able to obtain any substantial alteration of these terms.

We understand Mr Jowsey would paper the house but he does not provide gas-fittings.

Yours truly
Rob[t] Baker Sp[n]d & Drawbridge & Rowntree

The Rev[d]
York

(3)

result of Gordons
decision as early
as you can -

The attitude
the Camps have
taken seems to me
disastrous & cruel
- They Expect themselves
as powerless yet -
keep painfully alive
the feeling with
mind that he is
ill used -

Yours truly
Margaret Ogilvie

1. 1. 82

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Nr Saxmundham.

Dear Lee

In the ordinary
course of things I
shd certainly be
discouraged both
dread any decision
I had arrived at
& when Gordon has
both to his brother
& to me stated his
determination not
to make use of the
new terms. I think

that decision shd
be carried out
but- as ye view
of the case is made
with better knowledge
than mine I am ready
to a 3rd trial
provided our Sis
Subsequent-conduct
is the affirmative

Graeme is with
London a few
days ago urged him
to "his own Country
at least" to try the
change - As far
as my wishes might
influence him he
unfortunately regards
me as his bitterest
Enemy (apparently)
& no kind friend
will do otherwise
at present- than
strengthen his
opposition - Perhaps
I had better say
nothing - You
will kindly let
me know the

4. GREAT GEORGE STREET.
WESTMINSTER.
S.W.

Dec. 23. 1881.

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

My dear Sir

I have dispatched today a hamper from Fortnum & Masons for my brother - according to request addressed to you - will you kindly see that it gets to his hands. Also enclosed letter. I am sorry to find from his letters that he seems to object to occupying the new rooms. I imagine he has not gone into them yet - if they are ready? I hope you will be able to induce him to use them. He has also sent me a copy of a very foolish letter the Commissioners seem to have sent him - to the effect that they are still of opinion that he ought to be removed to Dr Hewington's or other place on the ground of his being uncomfortable at the Retreat but that as his relations are obdurate & therefore

they are powerless. I
am afraid it is this
ground of keeping himself
uncomfortable that is the
mainspring of his refusal
to occupy the new rooms.
I have written him
urging him to reconsider
the question.

Yours faithfully
A. G. Ogilvie

P.S. I wish you sincerely
all the compliments of
the season.

on a 'change' - In a
letter from the Camps
copied & forwarded by
them ~~Grandpa~~ to G. then
words occur - " As ye
relatives - ye mother
& brother at least - have
hitherto declined to
sanction ye removal
we have no power
to compel them "

At present - There
is not the slightest
idea of sanctioning
any change & I sincerely
wish our Son would
with you, but we

27. 12. 81

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Nr Saxmundham.

My dear Lie

I heard from
Frances yesterday
to my excessive
astonishment - as
well as Fanny - that
our poor Son had
declined to comply
to our wishes & his
state in his old
age! Those he formerly

objected to so. Singly Gordon confirms this in a letter to Graeme bearing date 18th Mch in these words: "I would rather now you take distinctly to do B cancelling them".

Under these circumstances quite much regret. Lack you not — to retain the rooms for poor Gordon. but — to let the old arrangt continue — unfortunately as it appears to me determination most cruelly the Commissioners have allowed themselves to be drawn into a correspondence with G. on the subject of a change of residence. leading to future liberty & decision in the affair & the rooms is arrived at by him — Gordon — in order to lengthen his tale of discomfort — the Commrs — It should be hoped perpetually

my husband & I - would
desire to have your
opinion whether it
wd be desirable ayain
to have a Second
Examination of Godmi
mental condition
& so step by step
in this awful affliction
We feel assured that
we are seeking the
highest - authority
to guide us towards
what - is the best -
Course to pursue -

At confinement - is
necessary I cannot -

Sanction his removal
Elsewhere - unfor-
tunately it may be
kept in the back
ground Grooms will
be removed pro
the Retinal is based
on the Eager hope
of a better chance
of Escape, Elsewhere
Whatever you
decree as fair in
reference to G's occupa-
tion of such Rooms (as it
were) I am prepared
to pay - I shall be glad to
hear from you at Eaglehurst

Wildrake Rectory

8th Dec: 1881.

Dear Dr: Baker

If you think a Lecture on 'Western Africa' with Diagrams &c would interest your audience I shall be happy to come over one Friday Evening in February - The Lecture is the

result of preparation for Missionary
addresses, so if it partakes some-
what of a Miss[y]. character you
must not mind.

Thanks to Mrs. Baker & you for
the kind offer of hospitality.
If I stay a night in York my
Father-in-law will expect me
at Clifton.

With kind regards to Mrs. Baker
& yourself, I am

Yrs: faithfully
B. Lamb.

to Wakefield but will be more intensified if he have to go to Sheffield. I shall write to day or tomorrow to inquire.

And now permit me to offer the warmest thanks of myself and family to you and the noblehearted men who form your Committee for their extreme and exceptional Kindness to me and mine. Nothing I can say sufficiently conveys what we feel, but a grateful remembrance of you will Continue as long as life lasts.

With respect to the acct

Sudsey
Dec^{r} 19th 1881

Sir,

Since I received your Kindly meant communication I have been in no heart to reply. I intended to have come down to the Retreat on Wednesday last, but having to go to Leeds on Tuesday, and the day being very dark and foggy, I unconsciously walked straight off the platform at the Central Station, falling on the rail a depth of nearly 4 feet and severely injuring my ribs and arm. That however is of little moment in the present

of our great sorrow.

To say that your letter was a surprise would be wrong. The terrible six months just past led me to expect it, and though we have hoped against hope, we have scarcely dared to write to ask how our dear lad was, and we equally feared to come, dreading to learn the bitter truth. But when your letter came its news were none the less painful and even yet we dare not tell our daughter all. She is buoyed up by the idea that our son will still continue with you and that therefore there was always hope for her dearly loved brother. Only on Saturday we were crushed by her reading out a paragraph out of Mr. Gladstone's speech relative to the Friends, and saying what a bless it was our lad was under their care.

Forgive me, I forget myself.

So far as I can see, when my son leaves the Retreat his place would be at Wakefield but we were told a few weeks ago that the Asylum there was full and all additional would have to be taken to Sheffield. Our horror will be great enough at this going

I regret that I shall be unable to pay you anything at once, but I have seen my security Mr H. Gott, who bids me to be under no uneasiness - that so far as he is concerned it will be all right. I should not however, like to cause him any loss whatever, and should, if the Committee would permit, wish to pay it off in instalments, including interest I am afraid it would stretch over a longish period, as to my affliction

and broken down spirits, together with not-yet-improving trade, have placed me a little behind hand.

I have solicited help in the manner you kindly suggested but my friends and those of my son being mainly scientific men, who are notoriously impecunious, I have not obtained much as the result. Besides I could not, I am afraid, summon sufficient of what is called "cheek". I have one or two wealthy relatives, "money grubbers" but nothing except at good percentage and ample security. I am compelled therefore to depend only on myself, trusting that reviving trade may lessen my difficulty.

I am sadly worried and don't know whether I have said what I wanted to say, but it is very probable I have said more than I ought to have said

But you will pardon a poor heartbroken father perhaps over proud of one of the best of sons. I am Yours Respectfully

Robert Baker Esqr. M.D. Joseph Walker

(191)

The Friends' Retreat
York, Dec. 14th 1881

My dear Sir,

I beg to forward you herewith my copy of Winslow's Manual of Lunacy, & desire to direct your attention to the 8th & 9th Vic. C. 100. and especially to the 114th Section where you will find, legally defined, the term Hospital. (p. 351.) as contradistinguished from an "Asylum" or "Private Asylum". the definition clearly shewing that a Hospital is wholly and entirely a charitable institution.—

I enclose herewith a list of the Hospitals at present registered in England, for the treatment of the Insane. It seems to me that in equity, the Retreat ought not to pay Income tax because,— Firstly, its promotion and existence is solely for the purpose of extending to the Insane Members of the Society of Friends, & those in profession with it, every possible care and help, irrespective of the sums paid for

forty directors of the Institution, or of the eight Members of the Committee of Management, or the Treasurer, receives any form of remuneration.

In the belief that they are giving their time and services to the Management of a Charity, they have never even asked for travelling expenses.

It seems to me that the point you have raised is one which should in Equity be decided in our favour, and so far as my present knowledge goes, our exemption is supported by the usual Custom in similar Institutions, as I believe you will find on enquiry that neither the St. Andrew's Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, nor the Manchester Royal Hospital at Cheadle, nor the York Lunatic Hospital "Bootham Asylum" have ever been taxed as you officially suggest that we ought to be.

In conclusion I desire to thank

Jne for your courtesy in giving the
Lo Lord Mayor & myself so full an
opportunity of stating our views.

Jours faithfully
Robt Baker
M.D.

P.S. You will find the list of
Hospitals at page 74.

Wm. W. Whitwell
York

board & maintenance. Thirty eight patients who would otherwise be chargeable to the State are received for either 10/. a week or a less sum: & between 70 & 80 are received below the actual cost of maintenance.

Secondly, although it is true our balance sheet shews an annual profit, this is the ground upon which the Committee of Management have to act, so as to enable them to carry out the desires of the founders of the Charity, in devoting the excess of income to the reduction of the terms paid for the poorer inmates.

Thirdly, the whole of the so-called profits of the Institution are expended in Charity, either in taking an increased number of patients below cost, or in so expending the money as to increase the curative resources of the Institution.

Fourthly, although the Institution belongs to the Society of Friends, en masse, no member of the Society, none of the

Gate Fulford

Jan.y 26th 1882

Mr. Wood

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged for your Kindness in forwarding me the last cheque on the 19th. I am enclosing the demand notes for the Highway Rate which will be required on or before the 13th Feb.y next the amount is £21. 14. 9½

I named it to Mr. Baker that I had received instructions from the Assessment Committee when I collected the Income Tax of him to make a fresh Valuation List of the Township they are going to allow 12½ per cent deduction on House and Land, previously it was 15 per cent on Houses and 2½ on Land, it will now be as below—

		£	£
House & Garden	late Hutchinson	18.10	16.0.0
House & Land	late Mr Bartlis	121.0	106.0.0
" "	Retreat	1057.0	925.0.0
New House & Buildings	—	30.0	25.10.0
			1072.10.0

your old rating I perceive is a total of £1043.10

so that it will make a difference of £29.0

I am yours resp.y

Thomas Lawson

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Cambridge

Feb. 22. 82

Dear Sir

I have been consulted about a young gentleman who became insane a few days ago, and have advised his removal to an asylum, and mentioned "The Retreat" as one of the

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I (I believe) am rendered

insane.

Yours, dear Sir,

faithfully yours

E. T. Boyd

Dr. R. Baker

best. The parents have as yet come to no decision, and the distance of York from Cambridge creates some difficulty. But I should be much obliged if you would kindly enable me to be prepared to act on any advice, and would with this view do me the favour of informing me whether you would be able to receive such a patient into the Retreat and what the terms of payment would be. The patient is highly educated and was of great promise, but has broken down under the mental strain of competition for academical distinction.

His father is a Clergyman

J. H. GAMBLE & Co.
WINE MERCHANTS.

30, TRINITY STREET,
LEEDS.

23rd. Feby. 82

Dear Dr. Baker

Would you kindly send me one of your last annual reports respecting the "Friends Retreat:" a friend of mine who has a near relation going a bit queer has asked me to procure him one.

I am sorry your Engagements prevented your joining us at lunch on Monday: at first it was rather a gloomy affair but as it progressed there appeared improvement in the disposition of the party: Jennings and our Tom with whom I

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think gave pretty general satisfaction: Mrs. Trowsham gets a handsome life interest:-

As soon as Simon & I have proved the will I will take care a cheque is forwarded to you.

I rather fancy our Mayor Tatham is on your Committee of Management:- Ford, a leading quaker here, is my solicitor.

Believe me:
Faithfully Yours:
John T. Gamble

The family are perfectly unanimous in expressing their thanks to you for your kind treatment, and attention, to poor Tom.

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20 Moss Lane West
Manchester
Saturday July 11th 02

Dr Mr Baker.

I have your letter to hand this morning and in reply I may tell you in Confidence that Mr Bray says he can only allow out of the Estate £95 pr year towards my Mothers maintanance. — The family will endeavour to bring up the Amount to £95 and I fear that is the limit. Kindly Explain matters to the Committee and I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as Convenient.

I am dear Sir
With much respect
Yours truly
W H Rice

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C/o Mrs Hague
28 Moss Lane West
Broad's Bar
Manchester. 8.2.82

Dear Dr Baker.

Circumstances under it necessary to maintain my Mother at a less cost than is now incurred. We are so satisfied that she has, under your care, every treatment that we can desire, that it will be with the greatest regret that we are compelled to remove her from the Retreat. I write to ask what is the lowest amount she can remain with you for and I shall be glad if you will let me know at the above address as early as convenient.

With Kind Regards
I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
M. A. Rich

79. Gracechurch Street.
London Feby 18 1882
E.C.

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you herewith Cheque for £82. 9. 10 & will be obliged by your returning me through the Secretary Miss H. McLaren's Receipt discharged.

I trouble you with it in place of addressing the Secretary, as I wished to refer to what you lately wrote my brother regarding the contemplated plan of having a house at Peasbrook to which some of the inmates might be removed, and to enquire if any advance had been made in this. - also - whether in the event of such an arrangement being carried out it would be regarded as part of the winding up of the "Retreat" or whether it would be proposed to make any additional charge in the case of those who might be sent there -

I think you are aware that the charge incurred for my sister is very much in excess of her own income and those concerned think it well to have an understanding come to before incurring further liability - In this account you will I dont not kindly pardon me troubling you with the present.

Yours truly
Robert Baker & Co.
James McLaren

Round Oak Hou
Mirfield Feby 18/92

Dear Sir

We find it is quite impossible for us to continue paying the extra charge you are at present making for the maintenance of my father, longer than the end of the present month. and shall be glad if you will kindly explain to the Committee at their meeting on the 21st. that £2.12.6 per week is as much as we can really afford to pay with my father. and hope the Committee will be able to reduce the present heavy charge to this amount, but if they cannot possibly do this

And rather than remove my father from the Retreat We will endeavour to pay £150 a year for his maintenance commencing from the 1st March next— This sum to include all charges for extras And trust the Committee will accept the same Taking into consideration that we are not in a position to pay more. Awaiting your reply at your earliest convenience I am dear Sir

Yours Truly
James Simpson

Robert Butler Esqr
The Retreat
York.

15th Febr. 82

CARLTON CLUB

Dear Sir

I enclose a cheque for £33-18-8 & will be obliged by your acknowledging the receipt; also by telling me whether you are paying to Col. Prjevalski five shil. weekly as a pocket money. -

yours truly
M. de W. Gabl

10th Febr. 82

CARLTON CLUB

Dear Sir

I shall be obliged by your paying from the 11th Inst. five shillings weekly to Col. Przyjemski, as a pocket money, according to the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor's

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Board of Visitors &
put this Sum into
acct which you send
quarterly to me.—

Believe me
Very truly yours

Gwourki de Wyeth

I am very anxious to get
the bus[s] closed as soon as
possible. Apologizing for
troubling you I am
Yours faithfully
C. C. Mills

Stotterley. 10 Feb 82.

Dear Sir,

I have some business
with Mr Hewetson Gilbert who
wrote me some days ago, from the Imperial Hotel
he was shortly going home
& would attend to it but I
have never again heard from
him. Hence I ask you to have
the goodness to say whether
he is now at your Retreat
this decease of the mind or
was simply calling there for
a short time. If he has left
do you know his present address?

74. Newborough Street,

Scarborough.

11 Feby. 1882.

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.,
SOLICITORS.

Dear Sirs,

A client of ours has a House to let furnished from the 1st March to 31st Oct. situate in Prince of Wales Rd. No 29 comprising 3 Sitting Rooms Housekeepers Room Kitchen accommodation and 15 Bed Rooms. The Rent is £100 if no further addition is required to be made to the Rockery & Conservatory £120 if that has to be so applied. Would the House be likely to suit you?

Yours truly
Drawbridge & Rowntree

Dr. Baker
The Retreat.
York.

Since my return from Scarboro', scarcely a day has passed without my working at the Case books. I have tried, as far as possible, to make a note on every case at least once a month, & oftener in the more important Cases; and I believe that there are few cases in which this has not been done. Notes have been taken of the cases about twice as frequently as they were by Dr. Ridout.

Market Street
Falmouth

February 4 - 1882

Dear Dr. Baker

In accordance with the request conveyed in your second telegram (which was not delivered till this morning) I at once send you the notes of the cases referred to.

I am very sorry that you have been put to such annoyance & inconvenience by this affair, & especially

that it has occurred during my absence from York.

When I went to Scarboro' last August I asked Salter to take notes of the cases on sheets of foolscap, wishing to make the entries in the casebook myself. On returning I began to transcribe these notes into the casebook, and finished the notes of most cases; but I soon found that, out of the time which I had for Case-book work, the greater part was taken in keeping the notes up to the current date, & that there was very little time left for finishing the copying. However I made notes (on separate sheets) of the cases not posted up, & the notes thus kept are as complete as they would have been if made in the casebook in the first instance.

These notes (on separate sheets) I brought home with me in order to arrange them for copying on my return.

uncle

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,
23 Jan 1852

Dear Sir

The Retreat.

Our Agents laid the opinion before Mr Eddis QC who is a competent authority on the question of restrictions We send you a copy of his opinion attached -

We have seen Mr Jowitt who does not care to ask Mrs. Woodall to relax the restrictions and we do not suppose such an application would be successful

We fear therefore the negociations must fall through Please return us Yours truly
Robt Baker & Co
The Retreat
York -
Drawbridge & Rowntree

and D. Campbell;
and my present
omission is, not
that I have neglected
to take notes, but
that I have not
copied them into
the Case book.

I remain

Yours faithfully
William Banks.

Rec^d: C. Bootty

c/o J. O. Smetham Esq^r
Kings Lynn
Norfolk
31st Jan: 1882

My dear Sir

I thought it advisable you should have instructions what steps to take in case of my brother's decease, and have consulted my mother about it. She & we all think it will be best for him to be interred in the Churchyard

of the Parish wherein the
Retreat is situated. I do
not know which that is.
Perhaps you will kindly
inform me.

My address will be as above
till Tuesday next 7th Feb.
In case of my brother's death
you had better, please,
communicate with me
and with my mother at

Rose Villa
High Harrogate

Bridlington

30th Jan 1882.

My dear Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday. I wrote to the Superintendent of the Bootham Asylum & enclosed an authority for him to receive Mr W. B. Shaw expecting that would suffice; however I beg now to request you to transfer Mr William Broadley Shaw to the custody of the Superintendent of the Bootham Asylum.

Yours faithfully

Wm A. Tuke

Committee of the said W. B. Shaw.

Rob. Baker M.D.
Friends' Retreat. York.

Audrey
Jany 30/82

Dear Sir,

You are aware how anxious we are to keep our lad at your Institution, and we have used every means towards that end so far as we thought was practicable. Nothing but dire necessity could conquer our aversion to Wakefield, and we would fain avoid it

rest, paying a portion of the accumulated debt also from time to time.

We know it is almost too much to expect, but unfortunately we are unable to do better at present. If my eyesight improved, a benefit I can scarcely hope for, I would improve the position very soon.

I am Yours Respectfully
Joseph Walker

Dr. Baker

we have already presumed upon the Kindness of the Committee and yourself more than enough and in our anxiety for our son we may be trespassing against what is right. Nevertheless I am again asking you to continue your Kindness if possible under the conditions which I have to propose.

I have received authority to say that my brother in law, Mr. J. S. Colefax of the firm of Colefax and Hamer, Public Accountants, Telegraph Buildings, Bradford, will hold himself responsible to the extent of £30 per annum for the maintenance of my son at the Retreat, and if it would be possible to continue my son at a guinea per week, I would undertake to provide the

York Union Bank Co.

Bridlington 24th Jan.y 1882

Dear Sir,

Mr. Harland has informed me of your request that Mr. Broadley Shaw may be removed from the "Retreat" & I hope to be able to send you an order for his removal on Thursday or Friday next.

If you will send me an account of your charges up to the date of Mr. Shaw's removal, including the past quarter, I will pay for all together; but it must be at no higher rate than £125. per annum which is the extent of my authority. Yours faithfully

Wm. A. Saik

Dr. Baker

The Retreat.

The Asylum Bootham

York 28th Jany 1882

Dear Sir

I am requested by Mr Gill to ascertain from you when it will be convenient for Mr Broadley-Shaw to be discharged from the Retreat and whether it will be necessary to send more than one attendant

For the immediate treatment of the case Mr Gill will be glad to know whether the patient is Epileptic, Suicidal of dirty-habits or dangerous to others. and such other particulars as you may think it necessary to communicate.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
R D Thorne
Secty

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

17 Cornwallis Gardens,
Hastings 20 Jan. 1887

My Dear Sir

Since I wrote on this day week, I have a letter from one of my sisters in Edinburgh in which she suggests an idea in connection with what I told them of your proposals for Helen - It is, - whether you would approve as a preparatory step - of one - (or perhaps of two) of them coming up to York and taking lodgings for a short time during which they might have intercourse

with her before any further change. - Apparently she has never said anything to them about dinner arrangements -

I thought there might be no harm in acquainting you with this suggestion

Yours sincerely

David N Lauer

R.W. Baker Esq M.D.

17 Cornwallis Gardens
Hastings 13 Jany 1882

Dear Sir

I have intended for some time writing to you to enquire whether the arrangement you intended of my sister dining along with the other ministers has been effected, and how she has done with it - She writes very cheerfully, but - has never mentioned any change but do not infer from that, however, that it has not been carried out; but only suppose

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that she did not like to write about it -

Presuming that it has answered your expectations, when would you propose the next stage - of a stay at home hydropathic - and for how long do you think that it should be tried. I think you spoke of an attendant accompanying her, and of her being joined by one of her sisters. My brother has informed me of the favourable report you lately sent -- that she was steadily improving -

I am Dear Sir
Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Lawes

NORTH BIERLEY UNION
YORKSHIRE

Calverley, Leeds —
24 Jan 1882

Sir,

Wm. J. Walker of Pudsey having considered to let his son remain at York a little longer; now must please apply to Wakefield Asylum for a vacancy as: if this Union, if he wishes to have him transferred — Yours truly

W. Clapham

R. Baker Esq.

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4 Ch: St. Med: Sq.
20 Jan 1882

D: Baker,

You may like to hear how L. Dodshon is getting on. I think he wrote to you a week ago to say he had steadily improved since coming up to Town. This was the case until Saturday. Up to last Sunday he seemed very nicely. & I think he

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bed
his guard. & to get rooms at B. adjoining or a double bedded room wh. L. D. objects to on acct of possible snoring. Mr Walker is fully alive to the necessity of constant oversight. & is a very excellent companion. So unless any thing further develops I don't think W. or I wish to take further precaution. Do you?

Mrs Turner has a certain amt of visits & probably will come up very soon

D. H. Tuke

might have been so
now, had he not done
too much on that
day. The consequence
has he relapsed
& remains in a very
low state. The weather
is so foggy & depress
ing at present in
London, that Dr Ord
has to go to-morrow
morning to Barnes
month. I leave to-
in the Bay & shall be
able to look after
him till Monday
Evening. There is not
much variety there
but I hope a journey
& the change may
be beneficial. I feel
however rather anxious
about him. I have
continued the Valeri
anate all being in

a radical change in her feelings towards her family.

I should just like to observe here - that to me - in the whole range of our family circle, her painful mistake has come more closely home in unpleasant experience than to my wife & myself.

We have had to live in the midst of it - & bear with it week after week, month after month, year after year. At what our meeting we attended - my sister was nearly sure to be present & latterly we attended - without making an exhibition of herself -

You will therefore easily understand that we shrink

GODFREY WOODHEAD & SON
Family Grocers,
TEA & COFFEE DEALERS &c.
28 Victoria Street,
Manchester 20/1 1887

Dear Doctor

I duly received the "bill" the other day, & hope to square account before my long.

Your last letter enclosing one from my sister begging for her liberation from the Retreat I sent on to my brother Godfrey, who has since had some Conversation with Dr Banks as to her case. From what I can gather it seems that so far - while you have no cause to think her behaviour other than perfectly proper - yet there

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from the idea of having this most painful experience removed. On the other hand however we should much prefer that she should be liberated if you think that the time has come for it, & if it can be so arranged that she does not come to live anywhere in this neighborhood. This also should complied with an endeavour to induce her to follow some occupation. We do not desire this for our own sakes merely - but for hers in the first place & for the sake of her friends here. She has only been a trouble & a byword - in this neighbourhood, that is now a common remark not so very long ago amongst the young men - "Have you seen our mutual friend?" She owes us have endeavored to extend their friendly offices but without avail - I mention this not to interfere in any way with her liberation but to shew you how desirable it is for her own sake that she should not return here, where I feel almost certain she would merely drift back into the same kind

of condition - & most probably
remove her accompanies to
Penido. Do you think I
am wrong in this supposition? On financial
grounds I strongly hope for
her liberation as I am
not personally in such
a position as would not
cause me in continuing to
aid in her support. My
circumstances being very mod-
erately different to what they
were when number of the
family - I wish very much
that you and Sir me a
plain candid opinion
upon those topics. Any
thing that you
& Dr feel shall receive due

Consideration

Yours very sincerely

S. Benson Woodhull

The Nurseries, York.

19 – 1 – 1882

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the cheque kindly sent. Perhaps we had better point out, however, that our agreement was for 2½% discᵗ on the quarter's payment. It is not a very important matter, & yet when a mutual plan is agreed upon, it is better to adhere to it generally. See memo (on back of the a/c) the corrected statement merely to show how it should have been (for future guidance?). If your a/c is entᵈ & finished off, it is scarcely worth while altering the figures now.

We remain very respᵍʸ

Jᵒˢ Backhouse & Son

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Sudsey,
Jany 18/82

Dear Sir,

Your welcome letter of thes morning giving a day or two's more chances for our poor lad came to us almost like a reprieve to a condemned criminal.

Having communicated with the medical Superint^t at Wakefield I was informed that a a vacancy would occur about the middle of the month. The next step to be taken was to communicate

with the Relieving Officer of the Union and I accordingly explained matters to him. He said he would arrange about the matter and he informs me that he was at Wakefield on Monday for that purpose.

I received a letter from him yesterday asking for name &c of my son, but I replied that you would remove him to Wakefield when all the necessary points had been seen to.

Thus the matter stands, and if money was forthcoming it would get no further, that is my son would stay at York.

If you will please inform me when the time of transfer will take place I will inform the Relieving Officer so that if there be any legal formality connected with him it can be carried out

I will endeavour to pay off a portion of acct as early as I possibly can

I am Yours Respectfully

Robert Baker Esqr M.D. / Joseph Walker

ROBERT DAVIES, SHARP, & KIRKCONNEL.

Market Place,

Warrington 18th Jany 1882

Dear Sir,

We very much regret to inform you of the death of Miss Sarah Caldwell, which took place on Saturday last from cancer. She suffered, of course, but was spared any very acute agony. Our Mr Davies & Mr John Hamnill of St Helens (whose father was agent for the family) are appointed her executors, and one of them will, this Spring, visit Mr Charles. Not knowing in what state he now is, we must leave it to your discretion, when & how to inform him of his sisters death. If he is fit to be told of it. His sisters death will make no difference in his position beyond affording him what little comforts he can enjoy; much, we believe, as she has done during her lifetime.

We are, dear Sir
Yours truly
Robert Davies & Co.

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,
24 Feb 1857

My dear Friend

I have been looking over a grand house for your purpose large detached & excellently situated rent £150 the only question with me is whether the owner will object to let it for the purpose - I know him so well I could not conceal it - there 2 semi detached houses also in the best cliff neighbourhood likely but more expensive if you came over any day after monday I would take you over -

Yrs very sincerely
Joshua Rowntree

Robt Baker Esq &c &c

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The Braes
Malton.
26th of 12 mo 1881.

My dear Friend,-

In reply to thine I may say that Thursday morning would suit me the best of any day this week to go to Scarboro' tho' I think you wd do very well without me -

As to the other matter thou wrote about "The Pit" I do think it wd be - for the best to have it

Spanroof & I do not
think the extra Cost
need be great, I dont
suppose you will take
any steps before Thursday
so we can talk it over
then, if you must —
commence at once I will
come over as I should
like to see what the
difference in the cost
will amount to —

Yrs Truly Friend Irving
Thomas Scott

Enclosed Jenkins & Co's letter —

26, 27 & 28. The Pavement.

York 28 Dec 1881.

Dear friend

When I arrived here in the middle of the day from Scarbo I found yr note enclosing one from my wife which I had known of before leaving S. as I had nothing to say to have prevented my seeing the house. Tomorrow I could not well go - as I have to be at the Guild hall. You will do very well without me however. Joseph Rountree says he wrote a report on the Scarbo house scheme 2 or 3 years ago. If still in existence might I have it for perusal?

Yours truly J. S. Rountree

Dr. Baker.

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Langton
Malton
Sept. 24th

Dear Sir

My Brother was at Manor House on Friday they told him you wanted a House in Scarbro S. shall have some one in the House 18 Crown Terrace on Tuesday Wednesday

Thursday to leave it was already.
I should be very glad if it would
suit you if you would write &
let me know when you could be
in Scarboro I would try to meet
you. Mr. M. Fenwick 2. St
Martins Place will have a Key
& would show you the House
if I am not there my Sister join
me in Kind regards to you & Mrs
Baker ever yours sincerely
Mary Coulson

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,
11 Jan^{y} 1882

Dear Sir/

We have received the enclosed from Mr Jowsey - We are writing to Mr Jowsey asking him to send us any plans of the premises he has in order that we may forward them to you

Yours Truly
Drawbridge & Rowntree

Rob^{t} Baker Esq^{re}
The Retreat
York

Wm

Scarborough
Jan^{y} 12 th. 1882.

Dear Sirs

In reply to yours of the 11th Mr. Kitching not having decided to purchase Fulford Mount, I will hold the same open to you till next Tuesday as desired.

Waiting your reply
Yours truly
Wm. Jowsey

Messrs Drawbridge & Rowntree
Solicitors

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certainly support the proposal, believing that the acquisition of a suitable house at Leeds would be a great addition to the resources of the Retreat, that it would diminish rather than increase the anxieties of the Officers & the Institution & in any case could be personally attended with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

time, which nothing but the absolute impossibility of fulfilling would justify me in deferring. I am also representative to the DM to be held on 3rd day × in the evening the Conversazione of our Microscopical Society is to be held × I have undertaken the charge of a table. The two latter engagements might be set aside, but there is no possibility of getting from Bath to York on 3rd day in time for the Committee. As to the main question,

if Mr Jeremies are as uncertain as Poor Absolute, I can see very little hope of the matter. With an efficient man of business, there might be no difficulty in your obtaining [illegible] I [illegible] a deputy entirely - under the [illegible] special recommendation of your own Parliamentary Agents. Were it possible for me to be present at the Committee, I should

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

10 January 1852

Dear Sir

We communicated the substance of your letter to Mr Jowsey this morning and urged that he should give the requisite time — He had however come to the conclusion that he ought to give Mr Kitchen the first offer at the date promised but told us he would let us know if he would this we have not received

Yours truly

Robt Bakes & Rowntree

Mr Richd Kitchen
The Retreat
York

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough.

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

9 Jan.y 1852

Dear Sir/

Mr Jowsey tells us the house & land in question cost as much as he is asking for it.

He is willing in order to effect a sale to take £3400 but below this he cannot go

If you think the negociation should be kept on foot please send us a line by return as the owner has an offer to lease the whole premises for 5 years at £175 Yours truly

Rob.t Baker Esq.re M.P. Drawbridge & Rowntree
The Retreat
York

House & land 3400
Stables 450
£ 3850

or Rental for one year at £175
and offer of purchase at £4000.

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Private

Jan. 10. 1882

My dear friend,

I should like you to try and sound Mr Jowsey, & see if he would not let us have the place for one year at £175. with the option of purchase for £3850, instead of the £4000 he now asks, a sum between these two.

My own opinion is that we should find the place answer our purpose, and having laid money out on it, should conclude the purchase, so that in reality, Mr Jowsey would be getting good interest for his money, and have only one years delay in the payment of the principal sum.

I shall assume that the offer is open to us till Tuesday, unless you wire to the contrary.

I should like to have the plans at your early convenience, to submit for the consideration of the individual members of the Committee, before the meeting of the Board, on Tuesday.

Yours faithfully

Rob. Baker

Joshua Rowntree.

Jan. 10. 1882

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Tuesd. Eve.

My dear friend.

I have, met Jos. Rowntree — seen the Lt. Lord Mayor & the Ex-Sheriff & as they think yr. proposal will be serious by entertained by the Com. of the Retreat at their Meeting next Tuesday I write — to request you to keep the ~~matter~~ open until then.

Plumber here but who had been compelled to leave through ill health. He was a respectable young fellow but was laid up two months before leaving suffering from Haemoptysis. If his health permit he is in my opinion quite capable of taking such a situation as you describe —

Yours faithfully

C. Kegelles Kingston

Dr. Baker
The Retreat —

North Riding Asylum,
Clifton,
York.

28 - Apl - 1882 -

Dear Baker

Susan Billing was a very fair nurse whilst here, and I always considered her thoroughly respectable and steady, although rather short tempered. She left at her own request to marry Hebdidich who had been

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E & E.L. WAUGH & MUSGRAVE,
SOLICITORS.

Cockermouth,

28th April 1882

28-04-1882

Dear Sir,

We have now heard from Miss F Cookes trustees and they are quite agreeable for her to travel to such places as she desires with ~~a suitable companion~~ her own servt.

We have the trustees instructions to provide whatever money is requisite for Miss Cookes comfort and shall be glad to remit you on having statement of the amount required

Yours Faithfully

E & E.L. Waugh & Musgrave

Robert Baker Esqre M.D
The Retreat

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M. J. & S. H. ADAMS,
CIVIL AND SANITARY ENGINEERS,
SURVEYORS, &c.

PATENTEES OF THE "QUICK CHARGING" SYPHON AND "PNEUMATIC" SEWER VENTILATOR, &c.

BRITANNIA BUILDINGS,
LEEDS,
AND 30, ST. PAUL'S SQUARE,
YORK.

21/4/82

Dear Sir -

In reply to yours we posted the letter to which you refer, but did not suppose that there could be any objection to our doing so - we must express our regret. On having thoroughly inspired one of yr sulls - which we did not know existed - until about a ~~fortnight~~ month ago, we knew nothing of Mr Richardson, he wrote us to call upon him in a matter of business, which we did - incurring some expense - finding him apparently under control from the manner in which he was able to enter into the business upon which he wrote us & we have much difficulty in believing him incapable of

managing his own affairs —

When we call him he wished us to call upon him at the Retreat — we shall esteem it a favour if you will kindly inform us if we are at liberty to do this — at the same time he will of course read us letters & in any way assist in Communicating with his friends —

We are Dear
Yours truly
W. & W. Adams

W. Baker

W. A.

Round Oak House

Mirfield April 22/82

My Dear Sir

Having been away from home a few days I did not get your ap[p] until my return, and find on looking over the same, it is incorrect You having charged at the rate of £4.4.0 per week for the month of March, instead of at the rate of £150 per annum from the end of February which I agreed at our last interview and also informed you at the same time, that we had not the means to pay any longer the sum of £4.4.0 per week any longer than the end of Feby. I also wrote you to this effect in answer to your Letter of the 23rd Feby. I therefore enclose you the a/c for correction which kindly correct & return at your convenience and oblige

Yours Sincerly

James Simpson

Mr R. Baker

The Retreat

York.

23 Melton Road.
Higher Tranmere
Birkenhead 22 April 1882

Dr Robert Baker.
York
My dear Sir,

I duly received your esteemed favor with extract of Minute from your Committee & for which I am obliged.

If you will kindly put yourself in communication with Mr. Walter B. Burrow of Colonhedge Great Malvern, (who is a distant relation of mine) he will send you the required Guarantee of 10/. pr week - and also send you a cheque for the balance of my Sisters a/c. - I will permit the 5/. pr week to him from abroad, so that he may remit you for the account during my absence. -

I have made an engagement to go to Brazil for a few Months (having failed to obtain a situation in England) and trust to do some business that may give me a start when I return -

Thanking you for your Kind attention to my dear Sister

Believe me
Yours sincerely
J. E. Burrow

Birkenhead 11 April 1882

Dr. Robert Baker -
Friends Retreat
York

My dear Sir,

On the 15th Inst. I wrote to you respecting payment on a/c of my sister, & you were kind enough to reply to the same, that it would be brought before your Committee. -

This morning I read the quarterly a/c, but without any reference to payment. - I therefore hope that you will excuse my importunity in again writing to you - as I am going abroad for 6 Months, in about 7 days. I should like to have all clearly understood before leaving. -

Failing to find an opening in Liverpool or London, I have accepted a liquidation business in Brazil, rather than remain idle - for 3 Mths I have not gained one penny. -

Believe me
Yours sincerely
T. E. Barrow

Kingsland Cottage
Kingsland Road.
Birkenhead 15 March 1882.

Dr Baker M.D.—
York Retreat
York.

My dear Sir,

Begging reference to your last note in re Committee resolution in case of my sister, I shall be glad to know if you will accept a guarantee of 10/- allowing the remaining 5/. to be paid for by me, of course I shd remit the 5/. punctually if possible, but if allowed to get somewhat in arrears, it would be simply through my non ability, and not any desire to take advantage of the permission - having paid the 45s almost always punctually, I think that the Committee may have confidence in me for the future. --

Kindly let me know at your convenience if this proposition is accepted.

Believe me, Dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
J. C. Burrow.

WINGROVE HOUSE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

25 March 1882

Dear Dr. Baker

Edward got away without any luggage. He had packed up several (3) boxes & portmanteaus.

Will you kindly cause instructions to be sent to his housekeeper

Mr. J. Charlton
C/o Mrs. Brightwell
11 Borrberry St.
South Shields

whether she shall forward

there three boxes or
unpack them & send
what she thinks necessary
In the latter case she
will require the Keys which
Edward has with him.

Yours very truly
Lyhum Richardson

P. S. I hope I may
hear soon from you.

Sherburn
York

March 16th 1882

Dear Sir,

I had an interview yesterday with Mr Herbert respecting my Sister Hannah Newton and he told me that it would be necessary for me to write & inform you that

I consent to her
removal to Clifton
at the time appointed.

Yours truly
Lucy A. Jefferson

Dr Baker.
The Friends Retreat.

Miss Newton

Carbery 18 March 1882

8 Belle Vue Terrace

R. Baker Esq M.D

The Retreat York

Dear Sir

We have received the sanction of the Court from J. M. Wade Esqr for the removal of Miss Newton to Clifton. He wrote that as soon as it was decided by the Committee what place Miss N. had to be sent to they wished to know so that if right assent might be given. Mr. Megginson came here on Wednesday to talk matters over when it was arranged that her sister is to placed at Clifton. She will have written you probably by this. If there is anything that you will require please inform us. Thanking you for all your kindness and advice

I am yours very truly

Harriet Herbert for self

and Co Perrett Mary Newtons Cousins

Carbery 18 March 1882

R. Baker Esq M.D

Dear Sir

I hereby assent to Miss Newton being sent by you to the N.R. Asylum Clifton York when the present quarter closes and am yours very respectfully

Anne Herbert

one of the

Committee of the person of

Hannah Newton

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4 Cheriton Place
Folkestone
3rd April 1882.-

Dear Sir,

I have been acting as Solicitor for Mr Samuel Reynolds and his Family in the Sale of a piece of Land at Faversham.- The Title has been approved - the Conveyance prepared, and the business is ripe for completion and I was about to adopt the usual course of sending the Deed to Mr Reynolds for execution by Mr Samuel Reynolds and without anticipating any difficulty, but the Solicitor of the Purchaser has made a requirement claiming his right to have the execution of the Deed attested by some person appointed by himself.- To this I find there is a strong objection on the part of the Family.- I then suggested that I should send the Deed direct to you for execution by Mr Reynolds and I even offered myself to go to York and get the Deed executed, but the Purchaser's Solicitor requires the execution of the deed to be attested by some person appointed by him - this he is entitled to under an Act of last Session.- The Purchaser's Solicitor then proposes to appoint you to witness the execution of the Deed with a condition that you should report to him as to the state of Mr Reynolds - in fact reserving the right to cross-question you as he likes upon the subject.-

Of this I do not approve except with your consent and your telling me, if applied to by the Purchaser's Solicitor what Report you would give.- If your Report would be that Mr Reynolds was not competent to execute a Deed, it would be useless for the matter to proceed further.—

Kindly let me know and I shall be able to advise as to the proper state.- I am quite ignorant of the state of Mr Reynolds

- although I have always understood that he was capable of understanding the contents of a Deed and a matter of business put before him. In this instance he would express a knowledge of the Sale - of the amount to be paid - of the House on the Land being lately burnt down and that the Sale was the best thing to be done. —

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. C. J. Harrison

Robert Baker Esq M. D.
The Friends' Retreat
Heselton Road
York.

Cannot but think that had he remained at Northampton for a couple of months he might have been so far restored as to exercise self-control.

With warm remembrance

Yours truly

Wm Hamilton Richardson

Friends' Retreat

York.

Wingrove House,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

24 March 1882

Friday.

Dear Dr. Baker

I telegraphed to you this afternoon begging you to send for my brother Edward who has for some time been growing more & more excited & has at length turned quite violent.

After he was at the Retreat half a dozen [years

years ago he continued
in very fair health &
on affectionate terms with
me until last autumn
when he got excited about
a scheme for lifting carts
& passengers from the lower
to the higher level of this
town.

About 6 weeks ago
he grew so excited that
he was sent (for reasons
which are too long to detail)
[to

to Dr. Bayley's St Andrews
Hospital Northampton
instead of as I would have
wished to your care.

After a short stay of
(I think) less than 3
weeks he was not
discharged but sent home
& at once commenced
to drink (not getting
drunk but constant
drams) & has got
steadily worse. I
[cannot

282 Pitsmoor Road.
23rd 3 mo 1882

Dear Friend,

Thine duly to hand, for which I am greatly obliged, in reply. the expense is not the only object in removing my bro J. H. he complains much of having to associate with other patients. though quite satisfied with your care and attention. Of course we wish to do the best we can to make him as happy and comfortable as we can—

My Brothers here have been making arrangements for him going to live in a village a few miles from here, where he will be under some sort of superintendence, and being so near some of us will be able to see him frequently If ever inconvenient to you I think of coming to York on next 5th day the 30th to bring J. H. back with me. My Brothers desire me to convey to you their thanks. for the great-

care and attention to our Brother. and for your exceedingly Kind offer conveyed in your last. in which I gratefully unite. and remain

Thy Friend
Henry Davy

R Baker M.D.
The Retreat

Victoria St
Massachusetts
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Dear friend D. Baker

I have been hoping to hear from you for some weeks past relative to the progress of the case of my sister Elizabeth - more especially with reference to the opinion imposed by the "Commissioners" when we spoke on a visit to the Retreat, when you wrote last.

I fear that it is now from me to say how much I appreciate the care you have been upon the case - & how much I yearn to hear of ~~a~~ the latest developments of the disease - I have hoped that she might have been liberated.

Yours sincerely

S. Benson Woodhead

I was very much surprised however this morning, to hear, that, notwithstanding my strict instructions to the effect that she was to be removed at the expiration of 3 days, to the 2nd class apartment, she still remains in the first.

You will remember that we only consented to this order at your urgent request because we felt that we could not afford it & took place upon condition you paid the remaining first class accommodation contrary to our duly expressed wish seems unreasonable. I trust therefore that after this date no more than 2nd class can be paid for & also to ask whether under the circumstances you cannot reduce the terms for the ensuing quarter.

At the same time

10, Cleveland Parade,
Darlington.

March 17. 1882.

To the Committee of the
Friends' Retreat, York.

Dear Friends

Today the 2
months furlough which
you kindly offered me
in quest of health, expires—
and in thanking you
for your thoughtful kind-
ness, I feel I must relu-
tantly resign my pleasant
duties, among the ladies.

for though better than a few weeks ago, my strength returns very slowly, and there seems to be no probability of my being vigorous enough to resume work among them for a long time to come —

With pleasant recollections of the past 2 years

Yours sincerely

Lucy A Rons.

beyond that time
years ago she left
home very unhappy -
believe no stories
as my intimate friends
know the circumstance
& keep away. & to
those of intimate. I
simply say that
my wife has not
yet come & town -
She pursues her
work her habits &

718 St. Seve
S W.
Mar 11. 188

My dear Baker

I have neglected
for not replying
sooner to your kind
letter -

I am aware that
you understand fare
details of the property
of my sister coming here

[illegible] at home. they
deemed anxious that
the experiment should
be tried — My belief
is certainly that she
saw too much of
them at York. - Comny
going ~~home~~ somehow
unsettles her —

Here she moves along
just as when in York
except that she has
the disposition to

is indeed Mutual of
being with me occa-
sionally. We not very
often! as I generally
breakfast about 10 ½
& dont come home
again until after
midnight — except
on ~~off~~ days -

There is no one here
except two faithful
servants of mine. who
know nothing of her

Make her -
Of course I never
allow any confidences
with myself
Unkind again
James McNeill Whistler

her just prandial
rest. Just as at York -
She thought me as
looking wicked to
him when she
came. But now looks
so well - Really
that one could looks
so so well & wise
on all points but
me - I must hold
out in this way Make
one welcome to

Round Oak House
Winfield Feby 28/50

My Dear Sir

I have been away from home for some time, and only received your Letter on my return from which Steam you have arranged with the Committee for my Father to remain with you at the rate of £150 per annum. This to include all charges for extras, But I note you state that the time he is to commence from, at this rate is the 31st March I am sorry to say we are unable to agree to this. for the reasons I gave you at our last interview also in my last Letter to

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your, I shall be glad if you will kindly inform the Committee again. that we are quite unable to pay the present amount with my Father longer than the present month. And to commence paying you at the rate of £150 per annum from the 1st March

Yours Sincerly
James Simpson

Robert Baker Esqr
The Retreat
York

Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS.

Royal Insurance Buildings.

Bristol. 5th mo: 10th 1887

Robert Baker M.D.

York.

Dear Friend, I wrote thee on the 10th of 1st month last, with copy of a minute of this Committee, and shall be glad to receive a reply, as we are now making arrangements for our next Committee meeting.

Thy friend truly

Wm Grace

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Memorandum.

Nov^r 29 1881

From
John Severs,
St. Lawrence Iron Works,
Lawrence Row, York.

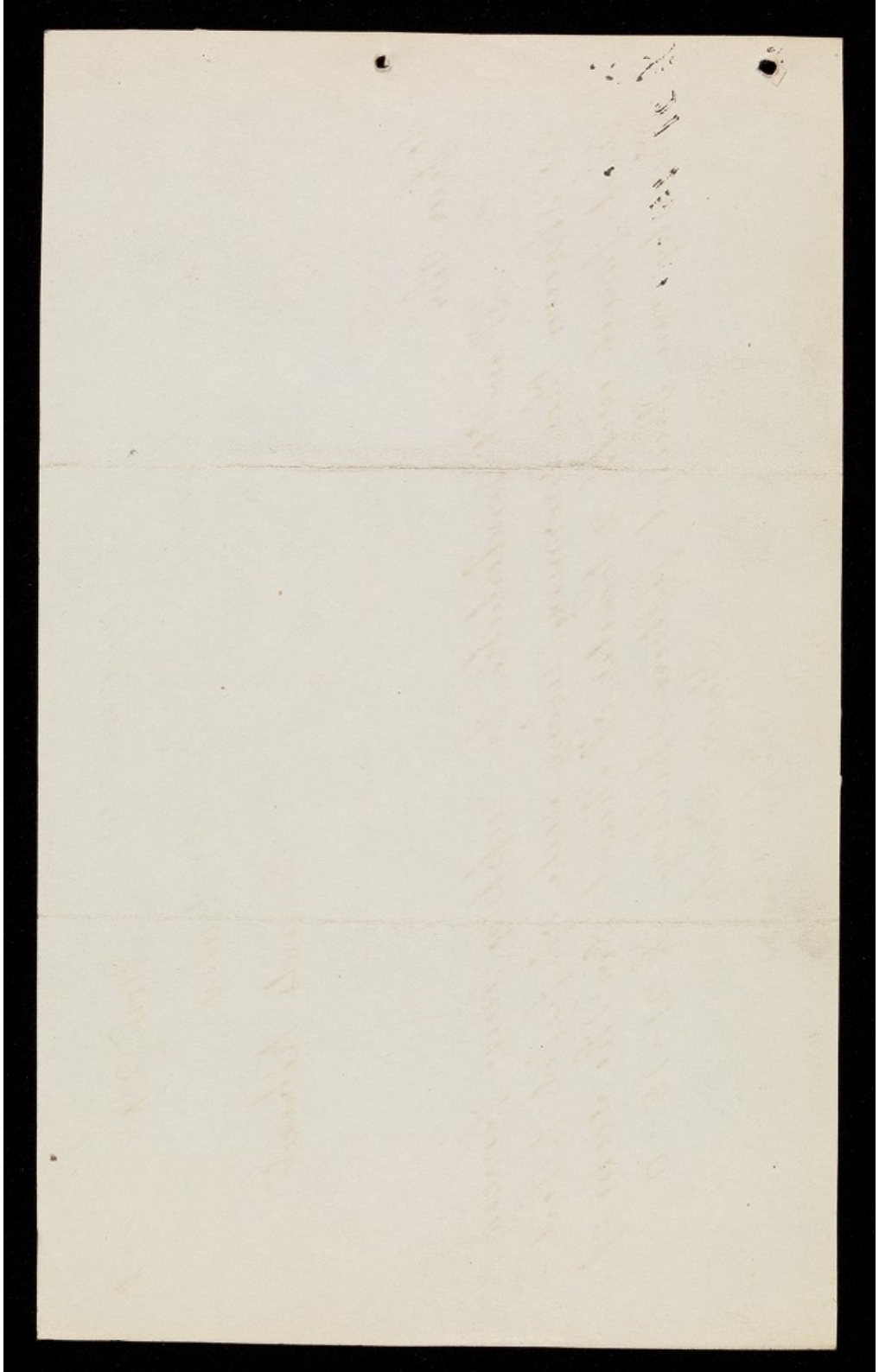
To Dr Baker
Friends Retreat

C. Brown, Leeds.

Dear Sir

I will undertake to Supply new fencing as shown this Morning along side of field fitted and fixed with 2 Coates of Paint for the sum of Twenty one Pound fifteen shillings £ 21-15-0

Yours Truly
John Severs



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Memorandum.

Nov^r 29 1881

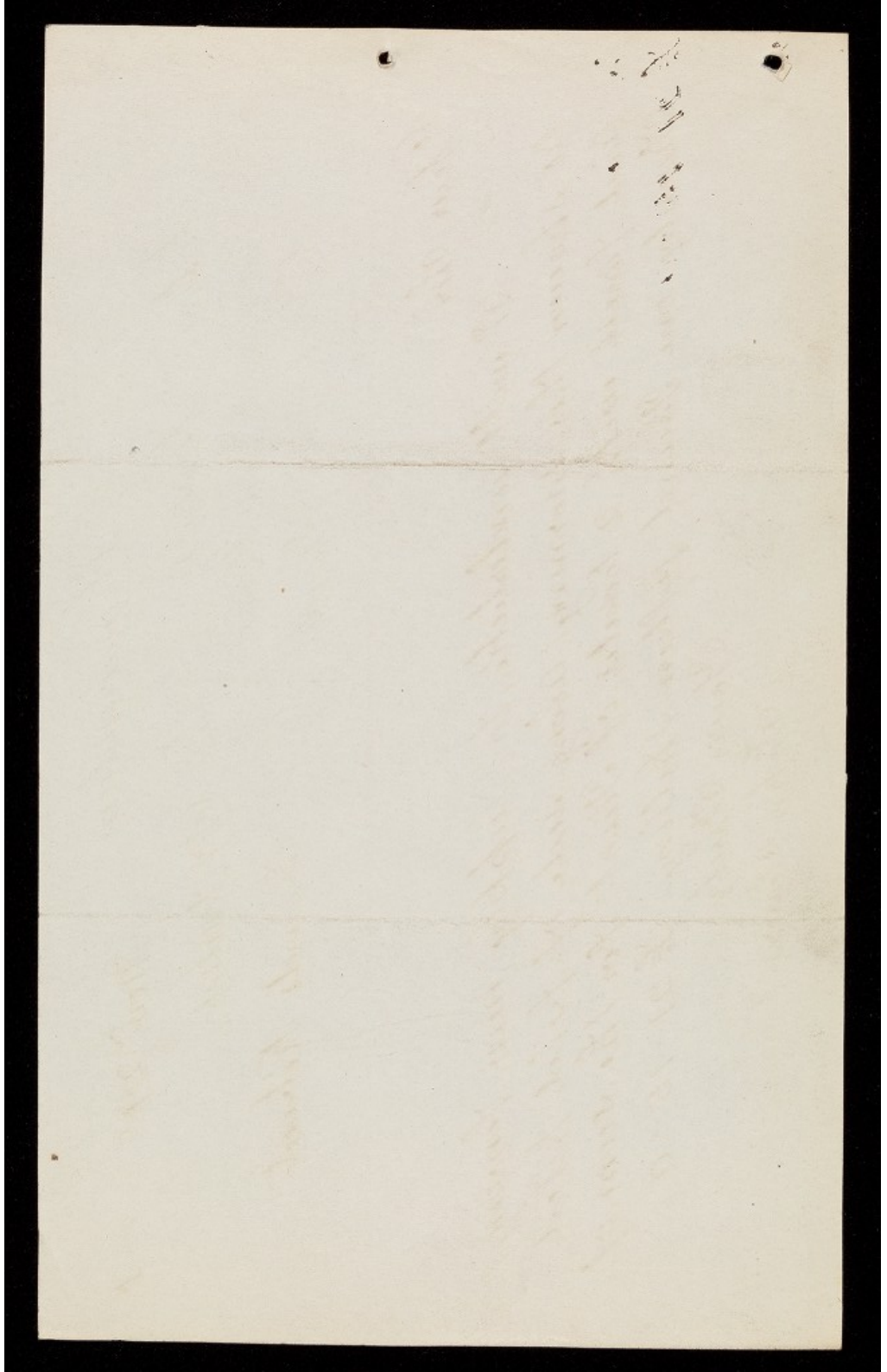
From
John Severs.
St. Lawrence Iron Works.
Lawrence Row. York.

To Dr Baker
Friends Retreat

Dear Sir

I will undertake to Supply new fencing as shown this Morning along side of field fitted and fixed with 2 Coates of Paint for the sum of Twenty one Pound fifteen shillings £ 21-15-0

Yours Truly
John Severs



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Memorandum.

Mar.h 20th 1882

From
John Severs,
St. Lawrence Iron Works,
Lawrence Row, York.

To Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat

C. Brown, Leeds.

Dear Sir

I will supply new fencing as shown Nov.r 29th 1881 to side of field to match adjoining fence, fitted, and fixed with 2 Coates of Paint, for the sum of Twenty Pounds Ten shillings £ 20=10=0

Yours Truly
John Severs

Clinical Hospital
Park Place
Cheetham Hill

Dr Baker
Dear Friend

I enclose 2
pounds the rest I should be
glad if the Matron would
kindly buy a pair of boots
& an umbrella & pay for the
making of a dress that I am
going to send Mother, &
if the Matron would
kindly send me word if
Mother is in need of

anything. I should very glad.

I remain

Yours Truly

J. J. W

I was very sorry to hear
~~that~~ that there is no improvement
in Mother

10, New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, W.C.

29 Apr. 1882

Dear Sir — I am obliged for Cheque for £10 to cover this money, for which I send receipt annexed.

My Brother George Harrison's present address is
4 Mount Pleasant
Clapham

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods

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Harrison
April 1882.

71 St. George's Sq
SW
May 9-

Dear D Baker

I enclose my
father's letter by
which you may see
that he is quite
ready. to allow your
wishes to be followed
Do you desire her

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My Mary spend
at present — to have
her dear self
&c.

Yours truly

James Richardson

5/7 1882

My dear James

I have just returned from Wingdale & [dear] that last night en-closed a letter from Dr Baker about poor dear Helen & in which he asks to know if she is under my care - I cheerfully admit that my effort to bring her more in contact with her family has failed & appeared to fail — & that I do believe to the worst

course to Let Bubbie
follows her own opinion,
& that seems he has been
so previous only that I
must before I could obtain
proof her having change
of her than any one
else we know of — but
I can't but think the
refusal to allow her to
correspond as she has
Husb had more to do
with her present conduct
than any intercourse
with her relations but
as I said before I grieve

Best to write direct
& so I do
Believe me
Yours sincerely
I S Isaacs

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Dear Doctor Baber

I have written
so that my note to my
Son in London in reply
to your question whether
our daughter is still
under your care. We
were thought of consulting
any other Medical
man about her - I had
hopes which are disap-
pointed about her going
to London & am quite

Sentence she showed
remain under me
case so far as I know
of any fresh mind
my belief that it was the disap-
pointment of not
being allowed by you
or us to have any
correspondence with
her cousin W. which
the real cause of her
being so much worse

I cause having tried
faithfully effect
to bring her into the
association with the
family. I am quite
willing to admit
I may be mistaken
& that you know from
your personal best
I thought my Son James
would have sent me
my letter - but he
has ordered me by this

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

May 1st 1882.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, I have to inform you that the fact of Miss Frances Cooke leaving England will discharge her from her certificates; and that if she returns and her state of mind requires it she will have to be re-certified.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Chas S Lucas

Secretary.

R. Baker Esq: M.D.

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WIGHAM RICHARDSON & Co

Telegraphic Address. NEPTUNE NEWCASTLE.

Neptune Works. (Ship & Engine Buildings)

near ~~Newcastle upon Tyne~~.

18 Mincing Lane 10/V 1882.

London E.C.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I wrote to my brother last night but after receiving yours of the 8th I really doubt whether it is wise to have any sort of correspondence with him, whether it does not only disturb him, so if you think it better to stop my letter (in another envelope) pray do so.

The claims which you mention are only part of similar & larger ones connected with the "Lift". My brother entered into engagements connected therewith which I do not think he would have dreamed of had he been thoroughly responsible.

I expect to cross the Channel

tomorrow or Friday. Letters addressed
to me here or to N'ette will be forwarded.

With thanks, I am,

Yours truly

Wyham Richardson

Robt. Baker & M. D.

Mobile.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place*, S.W.,

May 2. 188 2.

Sir,

In consequence of a letter received from Mr. E. Richardson alleging that his admission to the York Retreat was illegal as he was not "examined by two "medical men separately" the Commissioners in Lunacy put themselves in communication with Mr. W. Richardson who signed the order of admission: stating the patient's allegation and requesting an explanation.

Mr. W. Richardson's reply dated April 29 leaves no doubt in the minds of the Commissioners that the

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

patients' statement is justified.

Mr: W. Richardson having sent you a copy of his letter the Commissioners need only remark that Dr: Glover as they understand the transaction did not examine the patient "separately from any other medical practitioner" inasmuch as Dr: Galbraith accompanied him when he examined.

Unless by further enquiry you can satisfy yourself that the Statute was substantially and really complied with the Commissioners do not think the patient should be detained under his

present certificates

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Jno. [illegible] Quarterm[illegible]

for the Secretary.

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Lexington House. 29 April 82.

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On receipt of your letter of the 26th inst I called upon Dr. Olin who informed me that when he went to see my brother the door was locked and he could only gain admittance by going with Dr. Galbraith as whom my brother had called a few hours previously, and that he found my brother very violent & was glad to have some one with him.

The answer to your query therefore is that Dr. Galbraith saw my brother alone repeatedly & also in company with Dr. Olin. Dr. Olin appears a reliable to answer any queries about him, & believes that the culprits are correctly jailed in.

Dr. Olin remarked to me on the delusion about the Stokes jewels which my brother's letter also alludes.

The Commissioners may see & know that my brother was in a very wild state. I had been most anxious not to send him to an asylum and to appeal on altruistic reasons. - worked by Mr. Galbraith of Hamilton (by the kind intervention of Mr. Hughes, a fellow young Scotchman) but this came by no means with a steady rein, - the Commissioners therefore have to be petitioned & therein alone is the cause - I had willingly let to get a companion & on the day in question my brother had stood both of them out into the road, - and I myself was threatened with a pistol

shot

that Lucille being addressed in language which was hurtful
unto my brother.

Dr. Porter has asked me to visit my brother at Yorth
and settle myself as to his state. This I am sure both
to do. He is my only surviving brother and it is
painful to a degree to be treated as I was received
at Northampton. — and his letter was ambiguous only
to such that in his delusion he looks upon me with
distrust and aversion. I am quite sure that as
soon as he recovers the old feelings of brotherly affection
will revive. When he was well he rarely failed
to come visit them with myself & family on
Sundays, which causing to be to me one of the
first symptoms of his malady.

You will speak of a possible discharge from the
Retreat, on which point I wish to remark that
my brother has just been willing to say he would
rather break stones on the road than accept any.
thing from his relations, — and, as he has no
means of his own, I trust no action of these
Commissioners may lead to a repitition of
the distressing circumstances of some years back
when the Chief of the police at Lincoln telegraphed
to the superior officers in Newcastle that
he had my brother in charge as a 'wandering
lunatic'.

Begging you to excuse this long statement

which

which I hope may obviate the necessity of any further correspondence, I remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm Richardson.

Chas. G. personal Esq.

19 Whitehall place S.W.

pres copy to

Dr. Rawes.

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No. All Letters to be addressed to the Secretary.

Yorkshire
Fire and Life Insurance Office.

York 31. May 1882.

S. B. Woods Esq:
The Ironside Retreat
Heslington Road, York.

Claim under Fire Pol: 146130

Dear Sir,

Mr Mennell has sent us an estimate of the damage caused by lightning, as advised by your favor of the 26th instant, the amount to restore will be £6. 15.— which is quite satisfactory to us and we will allow the same. For the sake of regularity please sign the enclosed Form of Claim on behalf of the Treasurer and if you will favor us with a call we shall be happy to pay you the amount - taking your receipt in the usual way.

Yours Dear Sir
Yours faithfully,
F. L. Maudesley
Gen Manager

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I have sent by the same mail
that takes this, some Photographs
of my Children to my Sister
and also a short letter —
Please do your discretion whether
these are to be given her —
I should much like her to
receive them if possible —

I remain
My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
G. E. Rundle.
Surgeon &c

Hillston N. S. W.
Australia
13th Feb. 1882

Dear Sir,

I hear that my sister
Miss Rundle is under your care —
I should feel much obliged by you
if you would kindly give me a synopsis
of her case —
Also as to her present state, and
if you think there is any improvement
in the peculiar form of the malady
and whether you think that intense
religious conviction has anything
to do with it — I would esteem it
a great favour if you would kindly
inform me on above heads —

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Private.

1, LORD MAYOR'S WALK,
YORK. July 1st 1882.

Dear Baker –

The facts of the case with respect to Messrs. Preston and Mac Cormac have been investigated by the Committee of the London Medical Defence association, of which Dr B.W. Richardson is president, and they have decided to prosecute, and undertake all responsibility, provided they are guaranteed the sum of £20.

Local medical men have already promised subscriptions of £1.1.0 and £2.2.0 and I should be glad to know whether you feel inclined to promise a contribution

No subscription list will be made out but I shall be glad to let you see the names of those who promise subscriptions in confidence, it being obviously desirable that the whole responsibility should remain with the Association.

Yours truly

H. E. Spencer

10. Upper Whittington Place.
Highgate Hill. Upper Holloway. N.

London June 27th 1882

Dear Sir,

Having heard from Mr. Taller of the Kent County Asylum that you are likely to require a Locum Tenens for about a month from Aug. 14th I would beg to offer my services in the event of their being acceptable for a reference I beg

To refer you to Dr. Wells
Superintendent of the
Warfold County Asylum
who has known me for
some years & for whose
Assistant the deceased
Officer I have acted
as Locum Tenens -

I am
Yours truly
Fred W. Wolfe

Dr. Baker

Hallfield House
Ipswich Road
Norwich
July 5th 11

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday Mordecai to-day that I regret not being at liberty - for three weeks from this date having arranged to take the charge of a friend's practice for that time, he being ill health -

Should you require my services later on, I should be obliged if you would communicate with me

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at above address to which
is the permanent one.

Remain

Yours faithfully

Rev. H. Wolfe

J. E. Baker

DEPÔT FOR THE PATENT ALBO-CARBON LIGHT.

The Sanitary Engineering and Ventilation Co.
115. Victoria Street.
Westminster, S.W. 31st May 82

Dr. Baker
The Friend's Retreat
York

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 29th inst. we enclose our Illustrated and descriptive Catalogue on pages 11 to 14 of which you will find full particulars and prices of Vertical Ventilating Tubes similar to those we fixed in the Reading and Smoking Rooms at the Grosvenor Gallery Library.

We find the most suitable height for these Vertical Vent.g. Tubes is half the height of the Rooms they are fixed in.

We also enclose Prospectus of the "Eolus" or Water-spray Ventilator, which will no doubt interest you.

We remain, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
The Sanitary Engineering and Ventilation Company.
Horace Carter
Manager.

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Memorandum

From A. G. Ogilvie

To Dr. Baker -
The Retreat York

July 14. 1852.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find copy of Dr. Maudsley's report -

Yours faithfully
A. G. Ogilvie

Robinson, (91)

Whinfellhall
Cockermouth 4. VII. 1882

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker

I believe my name has been given by G M Robinson Padshaw in reference to his daughter Caroline now in the Retreat at York I am his Trustee and desire to say for the information of the proper authorities, that G M Robinson is a person of advanced years, out of business, who has had a large family, & has but a limited income so that his daughter should be placed on the lowest scale of charge which he can ill afford to pay. I should like to know what the terms are and at what periods remittances are made. Any information as to her state would be acceptable.

Thy sincere Friend
Wilson Robinson

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CANN & SON,
SOLICITORS.

17, Low Pavement,

Nottingham, 9 June 1882

Dear Sir

We inclose letter from Mr Berry authorising you to reply to our enquiries which we wish to make respecting the health of Miss Berry. Mr Berry has since instructed us to take the necessary steps for holding an enquiry under the Lunacy Acts: We shall therefore be much obliged if you will favour us with your report of Miss Berry's condition and at the same time say if such opinion is formed upon the Certificate of the two Medical Men which accompanied the admission to your Establishment: and could you also oblige us by giving us a copy of such Certificate in order that we may incorporate it in the affidavit in support of the Enquiry.

We believe that another gentleman besides yourself will be required to give evidence on the Enquiry & then another Medical man of your Institution will have to be called on that purpose.

We propose to hold the Enquiry at your Institution.

We are Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Cann & Son

R Baker Esq
Ivy Friars Retreat
York

P.S. Mr Berry also wished us to ask you to send the account to us and we will pay it.

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CANN & SON,
SOLICITORS.

17, Low Pavement.

Nottingham, 12 June 1882

Dear Sir

We are very much obliged for your letter, and have had conference with Mr Berry Heaton, and have acted upon your advice, and have made the Handover for the present. In fact till we are advised by yourself that the application, if ever pay, should be made. We are very glad we were able to give you in the first instance instead of initiating proceedings for the inquiry. But Mr Berry informs us that he was induced to contemplate the petition application from the report that was made to him, and also in order to make his daughter's income for the life she is entitled to applicable towards her maintenance instead of being kept in suspense in the hands of the Railway Company where it is invested

We are Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Cann & Son

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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Lancaster Durham
June 6th 1862.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your favour of the 1st instant.

Wm Donaghue can be sent to the Retreat any time after the end of this week when you have a vacancy.

It will be advisable to send a Nurse.

In hearing from

you I will let you know when the Nurse should come &c.

Yours faithfully,
W. Thos Ritson

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

She has been at home with her father who died about 16 months since. It is painful for her daughters & she in the same house with her although she is not at all unruly but at times rather noisy.

Can you give me any idea how long it will be before you have a vacancy. We should not require a private room.

Yours truthfully
W. Ben Wilson

Dr. Baker
The Friends' Retreat York.

Lanchester Durham
May 24th 1882.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged by your letter of yesterday. The lady whom I am anxious to place in your Asylum is about 45 years of age, a widow with two grown up daughters she has not been in her right mind for about 10 years but during that time

at about 7.40 A.M. She will then get a train at 8 o'clock for Lanchester Station where I will meet her. There is a probability of Mrs Longstaff being rather unruly if she suspects that she is being sent to an asylum so the nurse should be instructed for it.

Yours faithfully,
W. Wm Ritson.

Dr Baker.
The Retreat
York

Lanchester Durham
June 21st 1882.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your favour of yesterday and will take Mrs Longstaff on Saturday next.

It will be advisable for you to send a nurse to take charge of Mrs Longstaff, she should leave York on Friday so as to arrive at Durham

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maintenance of the lady in question.

I should add that as the lady has been wrong in her mind for 11 or 12 years there is every probability of it being a permanent case and as I told you in my last letter she is never violent and the chief reason for wishing that she be in an Asylum is to make it more comfortable at home for her daughters.

Should you see your way

Lanchester Durham
May 31st 1882.

Dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday to hand.

I have consulted Mrs Atkinson the Aunt of the lady we enclosed pending the Returns and she thinks that two guineas per week is as much as we can afford to pay for the

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Clean & accurate the case at two guineas he will I think we should be disposed & send her so soon as you have a vacancy.

Your faithfully
J. Mayo Ritson

Dr Robt Baker
The Friends' Retreat
Near York

Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS.

Royal Insurance Buildings,
Bristol, 5 mo: 31 1887

Robert Baker, M.D.
Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of thine of 16th inst:, which shall be laid before the half-yearly Committee on 16th prox:

It would have been acknowledged before, but I was out of town when it came to hand.

Thy friend truly
Henry Grace

Northleigh Lane 9th June 1887

My dear Sir

I am Sorry to trouble you with my solicitor's account but I expect the Health Officer daily & will be obliged if you will see by return of post.

Yours truly dear Sir

Geo Berry

Geo Berry

R. Baker Esq
The Friends Retreat
York

Cambridge
June 19. 82

Dear Sir

I have advised the friend
of a young gentleman to
send him to the Retreat;
and after much hesitation
they have decided on following
my advice. His name is
Torkington. He is a Student

accuse his mind by getting
him to assist in a School.
There as reported to me, he
has become worse.

What a month has elapsed
since I saw him. I have
advised his brother (who writes to me from the I. of Wight)
as to the
most necessary Steps. He
has asked me to write to
you. Will you therefore
be so kind as to write

Pembroke College, Cambridge,
and was within a few days
of entering an Examination
for Classical Honors (in which
I understand he had fair, tho'
not great, prominence) when I
was unsettled about him, &
found him mentally deranged.
This was on May 18.
After a few days, he left Cambridge
& by the advice of, & at the
request & charge
of interested kinsmen that he should
stay with his brother in the Isle
of Wight. But on his way,
while in London, he became
worse, saw Dr. Bristowe,
who advised an asylum. This
advice was not followed by
his friends, but the sister of a
friend in Yorkshire was
accepted to receive him into
his house and nurse &

I heard some days ago for I think it not safe for him to be out of an Asylum. I have advised the friends to get Certificates from two local Medical practitioners. They may probably ask you to arrange for the journey from Bedale to York

Faithfully yours

T. Saget

Dr. R. Baker

to the Brother

Capt.n Torkington

Bellecroft,

Newport,

I. of Wight,

and let him know whether you can admit the patient, and also all terms & particulars, and the printed form to be filled

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up, with direction (I presume)
to forward it, when so filled
up by him, to the place
where his brother is,
viz. Bedale.

The patient is now
staying with
Mr. Eden,
Ryegarth,
Bedale,
York.

Perhaps it may be advisable
to send another printed
form under cover to Mr.
Eden. The brother does
not say whether he is, or
is not going to Bedale.
The father is very aged.

The deliriums were of
the character of exaggerated
religious notions. From that

Cambridge

June 21. 82

Dear Dr Baker

I know nothing certain about the nurses & the patient. It is probable that he is shortly dismissed on his father an aged Clergyman.

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The family is respectable.

Means probably neither

great nor very small.

Faithfully yours

G. L. Sage

Bellecroft.
Newport
Isle of Wight
June 21st.

Dear Sir I have filled up the papers for my son's admission to your establishment as well as I can & have forwarded them to Rev. A. C. Eden Asgill's School Redcliffe with whom he has been staying since he left Cambridge. Mr Eden

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with I hope depict the faithful
& obtain the necessary
certificates. I hope one of
his friends will ac-
company him to York.
He is always highly valuable,
and it were desirable
that some responsible person
to what is his duty both
towards God, & mankind
but I believe you have
heard all about him
from Dr Fayle. I shall be
anxious to hear your opinion
of him, as soon as you are
able to form one. Let him
have every comfort & convenience
at your disposal. I shall
remain here with my wife
until next week: after which
my residence will be at
No 5. Osborne Place
Plymouth

I am
Yours faithfully
Chas Worthington.

Bellecroft.
Isley Wight
Wenport.
June 24th

Dear Sir

My son has done very kind & intimate friends with whom is now staying. & they think him so much better. & have entreated me to let them take him with him abroad for a short season. They find him in fact better than I do. who have not seen him since he entered upon his present duties; & consequently see him every day & that only at certain times. So that for the present I must give up all idea of putting him under any thing like restraint, as there must have been some conditions of it, & he had entered the

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retreat. & one cannot tell
what effect this might
have had upon his
very sensitive mind.
I have I am guided
aright, but it is a fearful
thing for a parent to come
to a decision upon.

Yours sincerely

Chas Cartwright.

not doing so.

I infer from Mr Edwin's letter that some Drs advice has been given for his travelling abroad. Who the Dr. is I know not. I had advised that the requisite certificates should be filled up by some two practitioners in the neighborhood of Bedale.

The Master & Inter

July 1. 1882

Inn-yr. Allt,
Llangynhafal,
Denbigh.

Dear Dr. Baker

I had supposed that the affair was arranged, and that young Workington was already under your care. Since I wrote to you (and for some time before

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my sisters in the matter has been only in letter-writing, in answers to his brother Capt. Dorkington in I. of Wight. I observed much hesitation and reluctance on the part of the family & send the patient to an asylum, and though, when I first saw him at Cambridge, I had some hope that removal from the comparative seclusion of College-rooms to his brother's in the I. of Wight might be worth trying, I have in my letters expressed very plainly not only my opinion of the advisability of sending him to an asylum, but also of the serious risk incurred in

young Torkington's College, have
I know, supported the advice
& an asylum. The opposite
advice probably originates
with young friends & the
patient, including the School-
master, who is characteristically
dogmatic, tho' the matter is
one in which his opinion
is scarcely worth mentioning.

The Torkington family are
not intimate friends of mine.
They have been well advised,
not by myself only but by
Mr Brieteux. I do not
feel it a duty to press them
again, and I doubt whether
it would now be effectual
were I to do so. I can
only regret that you have
been put to so much trouble
to so little good purpose.

Ever, my dear Sir,
very truly
yours
H. E. Sayer

P.S. I return to Cambridge
in a day or two

Friedrich Michel
ZÜRICH

Zurich, May 8th 1882.

To Mr. Robert Baker, M. D.,
York.

Dear Sir,

I recieved your kind letter you wrote me on Oct. 21. 80. and

the notices you gave me about the state of my poor Matilde Lemann. - You will be astonished of not having received any answer from me, but the terrible situation of my mind, produced by your communication, made me unable to act. - It was not quite so, as I wrote you, and I must beg your pardon of having made you & hope to get quit of her in a short time. -

The terrible situation where I am, must cease, I can no longer suffer it, therefore I write to you, and now I shall tell you all about it, though it be only a love-tale.

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Poor Mathilde and I have been educated together in the orphan-asylum of Zurich; there we knew us, and after having lost her parents, Mathilde wrote me a letter, saying, that she were now quite alone in this world, that she seeks some one to accompagny her through life and asked me, if I would be he who would do so. - Having only been about 16 years old, what should I have replied? I told her, that I am not old enough ~~to~~ of promising to her somewhat definitive, that I would assist her in every thing, that I would be very good to her, but that every promise of marrying her would be ~~a~~ new foolish and almost frivolous thing. -

We used to go together to ~~the~~ my aunt to ~~spend~~ ~~pass~~ the holydays; we have been together always when the circumstances allowed it, but the time came, when I had finished my apprenticeship of typograph, and she was placed in a pension in Roman Switzerland in order to prepare herself to the state of a governess.

can procure some money to sent you; what would you do in this case; what would the committee do for us?

When she is here, all is good, because my situation permits me, to pay for her or in a family in the country or in our asylum.

Please, Dear Sir, write me all about her, all interests me, because I am quite unhappy.

Yours

Frederick Nickel,
24 Rennweg
Zurich.

Afterwards we did never see us one another; she wrote some letters to my sister, who was also together with her in the orphan-house, but after having left Switzerland, she never wrote to any one of us. - So I remained without news of her for several years, during which I have been in Paris, Genoa, Rome, Venice, Vienna, everywhere without finding rest nor peace, remembering her at every the time, but, having no adress, I could not write to her.

At last I went home to lay the fount of an honorable existence and to seek her. - I knew that her sister was living not far from Zurich, I went to her and received from her an adress, where Matilde had been once. - So I wrote and after having received yours, I wrote to you.

This is, Dear Sir, the martiriology of our love!

After having seen of not being able to go, since the profession I learned, because it needs to much money, I resolved to get teacher of languages and in this situation I am quite content; I teach french, italian and a little english, though I have never been in England before, but it is always better than nothing.

My situation gets better way day, and I hope that, in a few years, I shall be able to nourish a family comfortably.

Therefore I am now, and only now, in a very desesperate position. - What shall I do?

In one part, having promised nothing to Matilde, ~~considering~~ considering the ~~state~~ ~~constituted~~ she is now, I say to myself that I am free to do what I will; so much the more I have occasion to take a very pretty girl that lives in our house.

In the other part, I can not forget Matilde and, being possible that she might recover; if ever she would return in Switzerland, or if ever I would ~~not~~ meet with her everywhere, I would make myself remorses, and I always feel that it is a duty of conscience for me to stay so as I am, unmarried and promising nothing to every one, if there is any possibility for poor Matilde to recover!

Now, dear Sir, you may be sure that this is a very terible situation for me. - Sometimes I get myself in a very dangerous situation of mind, and only the unceased work can defend me from it.

I have now told you all I know myself, and I beg you to tell me if you have any hope of getting her health.

If you believe so, I shall and I will wait; I will continue my life of ermite as I did till now. I will cut short every ~~com~~ acquaintance ~~munication~~ with female persons; but if you are convinced that there is no hope more for poor Matilde to recover . . . ? what shall I do then? What do you counsel to me? I am so desolate that I am sometimes not able to work, to act, to speak with the persons of my surrounding company, so these thoughts occupy my spirit!

Having not yet means enough to come to England myself, nor to sent you money enough ~~to you~~ in order to sent Matilde to me, I think it would be better to let her in your house, till I shall have some means, to effectuate the journey till here. - Whenever you believe that she might recover, tell it me. I shall see if I

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9 Hanover Square
June 15th. 1882

Dear Sir,

The friends of a gentleman under your care – Mr G. Ogilvie – & are desirous that I should see him some day soon.

and get to
return the same
day —

Believe me
Yours faithfully
H Maudsley

If convenient to you, I think Tuesday next would suit me. But I should be much obliged to you if, in replying, you will kindly tell me how far you are from York - or rather how long it would take me to get from the Station to the Retreat —

I want to arrange to have enough time at the Retreat for my interview

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9 Hanover Sq.
London. W.
June 18th 1882

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your letter, and your kindness in offering to meet me at York. Wednesday will suit me much better than Tuesday, as matters have turned out: since I have the misfortune to be laid on my back at present with a horrible lumbago or some allied affliction.

I hope it will be better soon

but if not I shall of course
wish to tell you of my
incapacity.

Believe me

Yours very truly

L. Maudsley.

The tone of Gordon's letters lately have appeared to me much incoherent in style than formerly tho' especially plain as regards greater liberty & the use of money to do more as he likes" — In his last 3 letters he has spoken of himself as being under the

18. 6. 82

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Nr Saxmundham.

My dear Sir

Probably before this reaches you you will have had a few lines from Dr Maudsley to say that in the course of a few days he will visit the Wheal

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with the view of forming a professional opinion of the present mental condition of our poor Son Gordon -

If you see no objection when we meet I think it will be by the best plan for Dr M to see Gordon without the latter knowing his name even as the purpose of his visit to your house - unfortunately Gordon deems his own friends his enemies - & I fear in this list - rank the present - & of he knew the object of Dr M's visit that - he would by all means - he would probably not talk at all - so make the interview unsatisfactory

influence of Erysipelas which complaint she was never previously subject-

Dr Wm D. Cause the best authority in mental derangt of any we have, & we have thought Smyth's opinion in this sad case, in order that we may have the highest-

judgment — as to
our future course
& I shall await
his verdict with
the interest & anxiety
it is a matter
home from leave
kept — that Gordon
seems to have had
a deep rooted antipathy
to every thing resembling
subordinate at-
the retreat —
Yours truly
Jas Longstreet

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9 Hanover Square
June 20th 1882

Dear Sir Baker –

You are very kind. I am somewhat better today and just able to crawl about, but not at all a person for eating much luncheon or doing much work.

I shall do my
best to come tomorrow
and quite hope I
shall not have
to send you a telegram
in the morning to
say I can't manage
it – But in any
case, while thanking
you very much
for offering to take me
in for the night, I am
bound to get back, if
possible. Appointments
put off are worrying
me to get them done
with –

My train will be
the one which reaches
York at 1.55 –

Yours very truly
Amanda Ross

23. 6. 82

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Suffolk.

My dear Lee -

I did not acknowledge yr note earlier as I was waiting for Dr. Maudsley's report on our unfortunate Son - He

manner in which you accepted my suggestions in Re Dr. Maudsley's visit -

I am dear Lee

Yr truly affectionate

M Gladstone

I have this morning

Sigwell House,
Taunton,
Somerset.

& altho' I have
not — Hardly described
it, the gist — is cer-
tainly conformatory
of our previous
strong belief that
Grace's mind was
not sound enough
to enable us safely
to increase her
liberty — When I
have had an
opportunity — of talking
the subject — fully
over with my hus-
band I will write
again, meantime
I am grateful
for the ready

Woodhouse Mount

Hortonthorpe,

August 10th. 82.

My dear Jessie,

Yr. letter & enclosures of the 29th. caused me much distress & disappointment, although disencouraged, I know that nothing is impossible with God! & I will still fervently pray that our dear Lord's conditions may improve & that he may be restored to me?

The refusal of my

application, compels me to introduce very reluctantly a subject, which I had hoped to be spared the pain of mentioning.

I have latterly had very severe loss of income (which before was greatly restored,) so that I have been compelled to draw largely from the Capital, & I fear it will be quite impossible for me to continue to pay so large a sum as I am at present paying for Alfred.

This information I must now lay before the Committee of the Retreat for their kind consideration & our their decision I must depend for future arrangements.

With heart-felt & many thanks for thy proffered help.

I am thy sincere friend Mary Bost.

There must have been some mistake in the statement that Alfred "made an assault on a fellow patient on the 12th of June," for the 9th of June Alfred accompanied me to Scarboro' where we remained until the 23rd.

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Bradford
July 17/82

Dear Sir

With regard to the
a/c of Mr Labrey I thank
your Committee very much
for their indulgence & will
have the matter settled as
soon as I possibly can

Yours Sincerely

Geo. C. Leach.

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these days. All I can say is that had I to select a course for Lord I should certainly not fix on a course in one of the streets of a large town.

Believe me
Yours very faithfully
J. Bridston Beevans

7, Cumberland Terrace,
Regents Park, N.W.

July. 15. 1882

Dear Dr. Baker

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, which owing to an accident has only now reached my hands I have to say that the

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visitors would
certainly not
approve of their
land being planted
w a farm house
at Acomb. She
requires constant
medical supervision

It would be
obviously impertinent
for me to advise Dr.
Watt either to take
or decline their land.
as by so doing
I might be becoming
a party to an
arrangement or
which I might have
to pass an official
criticism one of

Belmont
Runcorn Hall
7. July. 82.

My dear Lr.

I received your letter after my return last Tuesday - Losing to illness since then. I have been unable to give you an answer. It certainly appears quite evident that the Visitors wish a change in Mr Lords case - very

probably, to see if other management might tend to improve her mind &c - and I think if the Visitors have decided to insist on Mr Lords removal from the Hospl - your proposal to receive her for a period of 3 months would be most satisfactory - in order to judge how the case presents itself for reception into St Neots household -

Yours truly
Edmund Lord

S. Baker.

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York 12th July 1882

Dear Sir

Captain Hugh. O. Bateman

In preparing the statement of facts in this case it is necessary to set out all sums owing by the Lunatic, & we shall therefor be obliged if you will kindly inform us what is the amount due for extras up to the 1st of July, and we shall be glad if you will have the account made out up to that date, & forward it to us.

We understood when we saw you a little time back that Mr Bateman's Father had paid for his maintenance in advance up to the 1st inst.

Yours truly

Richardson Gotch & Co

Dr Baker
The Retreat
Heslington Road
York

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E & E. L. WAUGH & MUSGRAVE,
SOLICITORS.

Cockermouth.

27th July 1882.

Dear Sir,

We have received your letters of the 19th and 26th inst the latter conveying the information that Miss T. Cooke would arrive in London on the previous evening.

We have written to Miss T. Cooke's Trustees and also to her Sister for their instructions and on hearing from them we shall write you again.

Will you kindly send Miss T. Cookes address to Mr. Waugh! His address is:

Queen Annes Mansions
St James Park
London. S.W.

Yours faithfully,
E. & E. L. Waugh & Musgrave

R. Baker Esq.r M. D.

P.S. If you send Mr Waugh a note to-morrow he may be able to get the certificate at once.

Mr Jeffrey says I gave
York is not enough for her
she wants 1/2 guinea and
I think she may have
I have written to my office
and to Mrs Cooke of
Connaught - the Landrio
will stay in London a
few days at all events

Yours very truly
Edward Warwick

Dr Baker
Retreat
York

29th July 1882

Dear Sir

I have just seen the
two Landrio and if you send
me the power I can sign it
but Mrs Cooke is medical
attendant her sister and as
Mr Jeffrey knows a suitable
person I think £150 more
might be expended if
Sir Thos the Landrio visit
Belgium and Holland.
You should not send
the Hotel Keepers
account each time and
I should then in a few
days send £ 2/2 in cash
with £ 2/2 in cash
Could you not send
R.D. orders or Circular Notes

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ans. 15th.

COLEFAX & HAMER.
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE Co;
NORTHERN FIRE INSURANCE Co;
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND.

Daily Telegraph Buildings.
Bradford 12 July 1882

A. C. Woods Esq:
Secretary. The Friends' Retreat.
York.

Dear Sir:

In order to prevent any possible misunderstanding, I must ask that in future, you do not send me any receipt or acknowledgment for money paid on account of Mr. J. H. Walker.

I make no payments to your institution. It is quite true that I am advancing to Mr. Joseph Walker, my brother-in-law, £30 a year, which I expect he will apply towards the maintenance of his son in your institution, and if I am able to do it, I shall most likely continue to let him have that sum every year as long as necessary; but it must be clearly understood that there is no Contract or engagement between me and your institution. I feel sure that you will recognise that this is only a proper business explanation on my part.

Yours respectfully

J. Colefax

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Eaton Lodge, Malvern.
July 25. 1882.

Dear Sir,

A Cousin of mine Mr. J.E. Burrow of Birkenhead mentioned to me before he left England in the Spring that he was indebted for some arrears of payment to the York Retreat on his Sisters account. I promised him that I would settle the account then owing, and asked him to put you in communication with me for this purpose. This, I suppose, he omitted to do, as I have heard nothing from you respecting the matter. If you will inform

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me the amount due from him up to Midsummer last, I will see to its being paid and settle with him on his return home. I am,

Yours truly

W. B. Burrow.

Dr. Baker,

York.

P.S. When you write with the account I should be obliged if you would be good enough to tell me in what state Mr J. B. Burrow's sister now is, and whether there is any chance of her recovering from the malady she has suffered from for so long a time?

It is not considered desirable that our brother, who is highly nervous, should be told too much about her, but you may tell me without hesitation the real state of the case.

Office of Registrar in Lunacy
Royal Courts of Justice
31st July 1882

Sir,

In compliance with your request I forward two extracts from the Order appointing the Committees of the person of Robert Danby. The charge for these copies is one shilling which you will be good enough to forward to me in postage stamps. I am, Sir

Yours obedt
Wm Robt Smith
(1st Clerk)

Robt Baker Esqr

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Skeldergate Postern.

York. 7 month 31 1882

D^r Baker,
The Retreat

Dear Sir,

I annex copy of minute passed at last committee of Albert Library; you will perhaps kindly do the needful.

Yours faithfully
Rich^d Thompson

Copy of Minute.

"The Committee decides that in
"future certified patients at the
"Retreat cannot be admitted as
"subscribers to the Library unless
"special written leave be granted
"by the committee. The Secretary
"is instructed to ask D^r Baker
"to convey to day patients, who
"may be subscribers, the sub-
"stance of this rule and to state
"that it will come into opera-
"tion at the expiry of the present
"financial year 30 Sept. 1882."

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Rawtenstall
12. Augt. 1882.

My dear Sir -

Mr. Whitehead has forwarded to me your letter respecting Mr. Lord. I am sorry I have been unable to answer it. Through absence from home - Mr. Brown (illegible)

to hear Mr. Lord (illegible) from the Book - Mr. Hetherington - has succeeded in finding a private house near Liverpool - under the care of Mr. Pritchard - who has attended her during the stay at the Book. The removal of Mr. Lord place last week. Mr. remains to be seen if Mr. Lord settles

comfortably in her
own home — which I
trust she may —

Yours sincerely
Edmund Gosse

E. Burke —

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c/o Mr Edwin Cook
Brierley Hill
Staffordshire

C. Smith
to
Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I have just accidentally discovered that the payments due for my daughter's maintainance at the Retreat are in arrear, but to what extent, — or what may be the consequence, I am ignorant, — — now, without wishing to complain of the strict "legal" position you have felt it desirable to adopt, I can but say that it complicates my difficulties sadly, because I am — for all practicable purposes really the guardian, but in my ignorance of law it is possible

that if I paid the acct it might not be considered a legal transaction ?—

The friends I would consult are from home and I must wait their return, when perhaps they might be able to help me in placing matters more in accordance with your stand point, by some legal transfer of guardianship

Yours respectfully
Catherine Smith

August 12/82

Eaton Lodge. Malvern.
August 8. 1882.

My dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 7th Inst.
I received the statement of account from York some days since and another was sent on to me from Birkenhead - It is this latter that I promised to pay (£30.13.3) and for which I now enclose a Cheque. This will pay everything owing to June 30 last. The next account you will please direct to be sent to Birkenhead as usual, Mr J E Burrow being now on his way home.
I fear his circumstances for some time to come will make it difficult for him to meet the expenses of his sisters' residence at the Retreat

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but I know he will do his best,
and I am sure he feels very
grateful to you, and to all who
have the care of her, for your
great kindness and attention
to her, and consideration for him.
I notice in the account some
rather heavy charges each quarter
for "disbursements" and trust
you will not think me interfering
if I express the hope that these may
be kept as low as possible.
Under my Cousin's present circum-
stances every pound is an object.
I feared there could not be much
hope of his sisters recovery.
I am. My dear Sir.
Yours faithfully,
W. B. Burrow.

Robt Baker Esq. M.D.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.,*

30th August 1882.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that in the circumstances detailed in your letter of the 29th instant, they will not insist on order and certificates in the the case of the boy to whom you refer. They would, however, be glad to know his name.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Jno Martin

(for the Secretary)

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

Copy).

9 Hanover Square
June 22nd 1882.

I made a visit yesterday to Mr Gordon Ogilvie at the Friends Retreat near York and had a long interview with him –

Mr Ogilvie received me very courteously and talked to me throughout the interview calmly and apparently quite candidly about himself, his mathematical work, his position, and the peculiar communications which are made to him, he is convinced, from some external source. Frequently by day both indoors and out of doors, and more persistently by night, so that he is kept awake by them voices speak to him, passing thoughts through his mind and abusing or threatening him. He cannot be persuaded that they are not real. At one time, he says, they used to suggest aim to dictate to him what he should do but they have not the same influence over his conduct now, and he believes he could resist them successfully were they to enjoin him to do something dangerous. I regret to say that I can not share his confidence: for although their power may be in abeyance while Mr Ogilvie is calm and under control there can be no doubt that in conditions of excitement they would revive in all their former activity. This consideration renders it impossible for me to accept Mr Ogilvie's own idea of living in lodgings with a suitable servant and under medical observation.

If he cannot be allowed to do that, he would wish, he says, to be removed to another asylum. The reasons of this wish are – that he believes the persecution which he undergoes by means of these voices is the work of the persons under whose care he is in the Retreat, that the restraint

to which he is subject is unnecessarily strict, and that he would not hear the same sort of things said to him elsewhere. I believe he is quite mistaken in that belief, and that although for a few weeks in a new asylum he might be better in that respect the amendment would not last and that he would soon be as dissatisfied with his new position as he is with his present one.

The rooms which he occupies on a detached villa are large and cheerful: and in regard to accomodation I dont think he would be better off in another asylum.

(Signed) Henry Maudsley.

39. Gt James Street,
Bedford Row. W.C.
August. 18th 1882

Dear. Dr. Bakewell.

I have been away for a weeks. ~~Holiday~~ at Whitby or your letter of the 7th. should have had an earlier answer -

My ak. is a complete statement. I made no charge for the detail drawings. as they were prepared ~~and~~ without the sanction of the committee, & in order to explain my first sketches to the Builder. I am. Yours very truly
E Bowers.

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Mary Box desires
to acknowledge to the
Committee, the favour
conferred upon her
for which she is
very grateful.

To the Committee of
York Retreat.

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Whinfell Hall 24. VIII. 82
Cockermouth

Dear Friend

John S. Rowntree

Not knowing who the members of the Committee of the York Retreat are I wrote to Dr. Baker and he informs me that it is proposed that 21/. per week should be paid on account of Caroline Robinson. I may now state more fully what her Father's means are — He derives about 107 £ per annum annual income but this is partly from old house property in Cockermouth liable to repairs which frequently form a deduction from that amount. The property is in trust and he is only entitled to the income. His wife has no separate income. He occupies a small cottage with a little garden attached which being his own is only subject to such charges as rates, Lord's rent repairs &. It will be seen the proposed sum would absorb more than half his small income. He must be upwards of 75 years old and his wife is suffering from a chronic complaint & is under

medical care, the nearest doctor being 4 miles distant, and they require domestic assistance. His large family chiefly daughters are in or preparing for situations or married and not in positions in which they can be expected to help to pay the cost. I understand there are or have been cases where the institution has only charged the actual extra cost of a patient exclusive of establishment charges or about 10/- per week May I suggest now that I have so fully explained the circumstances whether this is not a case which the committee would feel justified in treating in this manner. We should all feel sorry if she was obliged to be sent to a County Asylum and I trust you will give the most favourable consideration you can to this painful case.

I am with love

Thy Friend

Wilson Robinson

As Gill Robinsons Trustee I am intimately acquainted with his circumstances.

Whitfield Hall 28.VIII. 1882

Dear Friend

J S Rowntree

Caroline Robinson is a member of our Mo Mg — Pardshaw. Her father has been twice married - first time to an American young woman not a friend she lost his membership in Ncastle Mo Mg in consequence, thus the 6 children of the first marriage were not born members tho' some were admitted on application afterwards G M Robinson was reinstated & married again, regularly the 2d time, his wife being a member so his 6 younger children are all birth-right members of whom Caroline is one. If there is any further information required which I can give I shall be glad to supply it.

With love

Very sincerely thy friend

Wilson Robinson

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Skeldergate Postern.

York. 11th month 3 1882.

Dr Baker
Friends' Retreat
Dear Friend

We enclose cheque £5 in payment of the amount due from the Preparative meeting to the Committee of the Retreat in connection with the Lodge Meeting House. We have made the cheque out to the Treasurer which we trust is in order. Kindly send receipt stating upon it when the payment is considered to be due; and should it in succeeding years be omitted at the proper time, perhaps your secretary will apply for it when his attention is called to it by your books.

We are, Yours truly

Henry Richardson & Co

(instead of the treasurer to the Preparative Meeting whose name, Hy Richardson, receipt had better be made out.)

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6 Railway St
York Oct 11/83

Dear Sir

As requested by your post card I have the pleasure to enclose my a/c for goods supplied to your institution during the past four Months, and trust that my attention and the goods themselves have given you every satisfaction

I would take this opportunity to state that I manufacture all kinds of plumbers goods and shall be glad to place you on the most favourable terms.

On fly leaf I append a short list of articles for which I shall be glad to quote you my prices as you may require, in all of which I feel I can place you on good terms. Soliciting the favour of your Commands

I Remain Sir
Yours obey
P. Worrell
Bewley

Mr Woods.

Glass of all Kinds.
Sheet Lead
Lead pipe
White Lead, three qualities
Raw Linseed Oil
Boild do
Colza Oil
Turpentine
Glue
Lead, Iron and Brass pumps
Cast Iron Fall pipe and Spouting
Gas fittings
Paints and Colors &c. &c. &c

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John Fell Baker, 1st Cousin

JOHN FELL BAKER,
38, APSLEY ROAD, CLIFTON,
BRISTOL.

George Baker. — 1st Cousin
my Brother
Shady Side
Stapleton, Bristol

my Brother
Alfred Baker — 1st Cousin
Malvern House - Highpills
Swansea -

George Evans, Husband of
my late Sister, Fidelity — deceased
1st Cousin
address -
14 New St
Pennsylvania

To be written to if necessary
Yours Truly - J. F. Baker

38 Apsley Road, Clifton
Bristol
Nov. 16. 1882

Dr. Robt Baker M.D
York

My dear Friend

I am duly in receipt of
your note of the 15th Inst
and thank you much in
Communicating with me
as to the health of My Cousin
Matilda Baker, any Change
better or Worse I should like
to Know —

Her Relations are as follows

R & R.P. DALE,
SOLICITORS.

26. Blake Street.
York 31st Oct. 1882

Dear Sir,

Re Elizabeth Whorlay

As you have examined Mrs Whorlay it will be necessary for you as well as Dr. Tempest Anderson to make an affidavit of her unsoundness of mind. We send you enclosed the affidavit of Dr. Swanson in the case of Mrs Dale as a precedent for you to follow. We will thank you to send us tomorrow a statement of facts you are able to verify namely. 1 When was she received into the Friends Retreat. 2 What has been her mental condition during the time she has been under your charge 3. How often have you examined her and what has been the result of your examinations. 4 What are the facts and circumstances indicating her present state of Insanity. 5. What passages in Dr. Swanson's affidavit can you verify with reference to Mrs Whorlay — Insert them in the proposed statement of facts - We presume you can at any rate verify the fifth paragraph - 6. Give your correct professional description - Return us the enclosed affidavit with the Statement of facts by post tomorrow and state when you will be able to call and be sworn to the affidavit we have to prepare.

We remain Dear Sir
Yours very truly
R & R P Dale

Dr. Robert Baker
The Friends Retreat
Heslington Road
York

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ROBERT DAVIES, SHARP & KIRKCONNEL.

Market Place,
Warrington, 1st Nov 1882

Dear Sirs,

re Charles Caldwell

In consequence of the death of Miss Caldwell a new Committee is being appointed of this Lunatic & knowing that there is a small balance of his deceased sisters estate that may be used for his benefit, the Master in Lunacy asks us to ask for a letter from you what additional comforts can be provided here. We understood when we saw you at Easter last, that he could not appreciate any additional comforts, but that you thought a longer stay at the Seaside & a little more Carriage exercise might be beneficial to him. Will you consider the matter & let us have a letter with your opinion?

Yours faithfully

Robert Davies & Co

Robert Baker Esq.
The Friends Retreat
York

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ROBERT DAVIES, SHARP, & KIRKCONNEL.

Market Place,

Warrington, 4 November 1887.

Dear Sir,

re Charles Caldwell.

We estimate that the balance of Miss Caldwells estate after meeting annuities &c, will be about £40 to £50. We do not know how much of this the Master in Lunacy will direct to be spent upon the Lunatic, but he asks what amount can be spent with benefit. Kindly let us have letter as you suggest.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Davies & Co

Extra Carriage Exercise 5. 0. 0
Extra Luxuries 5. 0. 0
Visit to Scarbro' 10 - 0 - 0
20. 0. 0

To Edge
R Baker Esq M.D.
The Friends Retreat
York.

Barnwood House,
Gloucester.

Sept 1. 1882

Dear Dr Baker,

Rebecca Acland, who sometime was Chairman of Committee of Wenford House, Exeter - is desirous of seeing the Asylum. She has asked me to give her an introduction to you. Should you

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Kind for me in the county, to those who are interested in our work, a place which pioneered, & has always kept well abreast of modern development, I have assured Mr Acland that the interest he has in the subject would be a sufficient introduction to you.

However, I am assured that you will not be less glad to give him a welcome because he is accredited by

Yours very truly
Redvers Buller

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1869.

In the County Court of Lancashire, holden at Liverpool.

IN THE MATTER OF a Special Resolution for Liquidation by Arrangement of the affairs of JOSEPH LEATHER, of 7, Darby Road, Grassendale, in the County of Lancaster, formerly carrying on business in Co-partnership with William Marriott, at H 6 & 7 Exchange Buildings, in the City of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster as Cotton Brokers, under the style or firm of "Marriott & Co." and now carrying on business as a Cotton Broker at Exchange Buildings aforesaid.

The Creditors of the above-named JOSEPH LEATHER, who have not already proved their debts, are required on or before the 20th day of November, 1882, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to me the undersigned, George Nicholson, of 24, North John Street, Liverpool, aforesaid, the Trustee under the Liquidation, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of the dividend proposed to be declared.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1882.

GEO. NICHOLSON,
TRUSTEE.

It is necessary that all debts be proved by affidavit, before Creditors can participate in dividend.

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attention you have shown to my sister while under your care, which I can never forget. My sister Minnie speaks of you in the highest terms as a most kindly Gentleman.-

I also extremely regret if you have been wounded by anything I have said or done, my intention was never to wound your feelings in any way - And had I seen you I am quite sure that this would not have happened.-

I hope therefore that you will kindly receive this in the spirit in which I write - Sincerely put all that I have written.-

Again thanking you for all your kindness to Minnie -

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
C. E. Rundle.

To D. R. Baker

Kenwood Park,
Sheffield.

31st Oct. 1882

Dear Sir,

In a letter Mrs Rostenholm received this morning from you - it appears that you consider yourself aggrieved by me; and also that I totally ignored this fact in my last letter to you.- I regret very much all this, because, Dr Banks must have omitted to tell you that I made a frank apology to him for what I had said just before leaving the Retreat.- Having therefore done this, I naturally concluded that if he had told you a part, he had also told

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you all, and that as in the usual course of things among Gentlemen, where an unintended injury had been done, and the "Amende Honorable" made shortly afterwards all was over. —

If you would put yourself in my place for a few minutes and kindly think the matter over I should be obliged by you. —

I had travelled night & day for six weeks to see you and had even worn out a change for my visit — had been to London and back to Sheffield and from Sheffield to York and then found you away. — I was very much disappointed and irritated; I do not wish to excuse myself in any way for what I at first said to Mr. Banks, but after I had seen my visit, I came down and frankly apologised to Mr. B. for my conduct before that. — You have hitherto condemned me unheard. — But in future there shall be no mistake now; I most heartily repent having said anything that when much disappointed and irritated that may have caused you pain; any wish was never to pain you, and anything which I said undeserved about you, or unjust, I ask your pardon for. —

Moreover wish to express to you my heartfelt gratitude for all the kindness and

Kenwood Park,
Sheffield.

October 30th 1882.

Dear Dr Baker

Before my Uncle Wm Chas H. Scott left England he signed the enclosed paper which my lawyer wrote for the purpose, my Uncle and I were of opinion that Miss A. S. Rundle would derive benefit from a change to some other part of England even if still obliged to

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be under a Doctors
Care as a private
Single patient or
in a smaller Licenced
House -
Will the enclosed
form be sufficient
for her discharge?
If so will you kindly
let me know -
Since my first letter
to you asking for
Miss Bundle to be
ready to be moved
the Commissioners in
Lunacy refused a transfer
which I signed as
having made the last
payment - saying that
they coincided in your
opinion that she
was not fit for a
private house - this
has caused the delay -
I am yours faithfully
E. M. Wostenholm

I hereby authorise you in my name and on my behalf or otherwise to take any steps which you may think advisable for the removal of Miss Amelia Scott Rundle from the Friends Retreat at York.

Dated this 26th day of September 1882.

Chas. H. Scott

To Wm. Eliza Maria Wostenholm

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Kenwood Park
Sheffield
Nov. 1st 1882

I the undersigned Eliza Maria Wostenholme, in the absence from England of my Uncle Charles H. Scott, who signed the order for the admission of my Sister Amelia Scott Rundle to the Friends' Retreat, York, in conformity with the Acts of Parliament Section 43 of the 8th and 9th Victoria cap. 100. hereby authorize and direct that the said Amelia Scott Rundle be discharged from the said Friends' Retreat, York.

Eliza Maria Wostenholme

Witness
Wm Dixon Jr
Arundel Cottage The Edge Sheffield.

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Re Amelia Scott Rundle

Kenwood Park,
Sheffield,
28th October 1882

Sir,

I have travelled overland from Australia to see you, with reference to my sister named above, and was therefore much disappointed on Wednesday last to learn that you were absent from York temporarily.—
My uncle Charles H. Scott is on board the "Khartoum" on the way out to Australia, and at the present time is probably between Ceylon and King George's Sound Australia—So that it is completely out of his power to do anything with regard to my sister for many months.—
As the nearest of kin to my sister, and as the head of the family I hope with patience shortly to follow the official routine in this matter.— If you would therefore kindly

To The Medical
Superintendent—
The Friends' Retreat,
York

kindly appoint any day (after Tuesday next the 31st. Oct.) and hour most convenient to yourself to meet me - I shall esteem it a favour. -

Of course you are thoroughly well posted in the details of the Lunacy law which I am not, for they have entirely altered since I was last in England, & therefore look to you to tell me what I should be done, in order to transfer my State elsewhere for change, and I will endeavour to do it. -

My sister Mrs Wostenholm, who made the last payment for Miss Rundle's maintenance at the Retreat, entirely agrees with me, and we wish to work together in the matter and trust that you will enable us to accomplish that for which we aim. - I have the honor to be

Sir
Your obedient Servant
Charles Edward Rundle
F.R.C.S. Edin.
and H.M. Govt. Medical Officer
Police district - Hillston N.S.W.
Australia

To The Medical
Superintendent
The Friends' Retreat,
York.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.,*

October 30, 1882.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29th inst: I am to inform you that in the absence of Mr: Scott either the brother or sister of Miss Amelia S. Rundle, whose parents I assume are dead, may direct her discharge, and you have no alternative but to comply with the direction, except in the extreme case provided for in section 75 of the act 8 & 9 Vict: c. 100.

I am, Sir;

Your obedient Servant

Chas. Spencers

Secretary.

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Oct^{r} 28. 1887.

My dear Sir, The a^{c} of Disbursements for James Morley, as rendered, certainly needed explanation; and I am glad to have had my attention called to the apparent discrepancy, and to explain how it has arisen.

When, many years ago, the terms for James Morley were raised from 4/- per week to 6/- 8/- & finally 10/- per week, an corresponding amount was added to the sum of £2. 12. 0 representing at that time a quarter's board in advance; and therefore £2. 12. 0, needed raising to £6. 10. 0; this

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latter amount being now always carried forward as a credit in the patients account.

To make this correction without charging the entire sum of £3. 18. 0 in any one quarter, 20/- was added to the disbursements of 31. XII. 81; 18/- to those of 31. XII. 82; and 30/- to those of 30. VI. 82.

These amounts were omitted by the clerk in copying the Disbursements, because they did not represent clothing, or ordinary charges.

Probably this explanation will be considered satisfactory, but if I can give you any additional information that will be useful to you, I shall be most glad to do so. Yours faithfully E. Woodcock

I enclose fresh memorandum of the particulars requested.

Disbursements
James Morley.

1881			
12. 31.	Hairdresser &c.		9. 0
	Boots Mending &c		11. 6
	× Board in Advance		1. 10. 0
		£	2. 10. 6
1882			
3. 31	Hairdresser		6. 0
	Draper, Mending &c		18. 6
	× Board in advance		18. 0
		£	2. 2. 6
6. 30	Hairdresser		5. 8
	Draper Mending &c		1. 1. 0
	× Board in Advance		1. 10. 0
		£	2. 16. 8

×	2. 12. 0	
	1. 10. 0	
	18. 0	
	1. 10. 0	
£	6. 10. 0	Amount standing to credit of Jas Morleys a/c

Mrs Lass
Castleford

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Nov. 8th 1882

My dear friend,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. the enclosed account is considered due, [illegible] on the 30th of 9th Month. and [illegible] payment is expected as soon after that date as possible.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Wm. Cass.

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The Friends' Retreat
York. Nov 2. 87.

My dear friend,

Your post card seems to have been written under a slight misapprehension. The Rules of the Institution require that one quarter's board should be paid in advance, but two quarters in advance are never required under any circumstances.

Under this arrangement, a patient, whose accounts were regularly discharged, and who left the Institution on the last day of any quarter, would have the amount of a quarter's board refunded by the Institution.

Yours faithfully
R. & I. Baker

Wm. Cass
Castleford

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Castleford

9/11mo/82

Dear Friend

Thy Lecy's letter to hand this morning, I only desire to be able to state the case clearly to our Mo Mtg, & the position may be better understood if thou states when the enclosed account is considered due & payment expected. On the face of it settlement seems required when rendered, viz

9mo 30th

Thine sincerely

William Edgar

Robt Baker MD
York

Castleford
29/10/82

Dear Friend

The items of disburse-
ments on a/c of James Morley
do not agree with the sums
added quarterly on the bills
submitted to our Monthly Mtg.
I have put down opposite each
quarter the extras over £6 10. 0.
as entered on each of the statements
received from you. Will the
difference in name John be any
explanation?

Yrs sincerely
William Tuke

Robt Baker MD
York

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Nov. 6th 1882

My dear friend,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst. I believe you will see on consideration that it is an entire mis-apprehension to suppose that, either theoretically or practically, two quarters' board for a patient are ever paid in advance.

It is only the fact of our having a quarter's board

in hand, that warrants us in using the term "Board in advance" in the accounts rendered.

If we had not this deposit, the last quarter's account would represent board from VIIth mo 30. to IXth mo 30., instead of IXth mo 30. to XIIth mo 31.

For example, in case of Jas. Morley's discharge at the present time, his account would still be debited with

board from IX^mo. 30. to XI^mo. 6, but would be credited with the entire sum of £6.10-0 held as a deposit - and brought down from time to time as a credit-balance in his ledger account.* I remain faithfully,

J. E. Soden
Secy

Wm Cash, Castleford

*No additional security on account of disbursements has ever been required.

E & E.L. WAUGH & MUSGRAVE,
SOLICITORS.

Cockermouth,
27 Feb 1882

Dear Sir,

We believe Miss F. Cobbe has gone to Rome - and she seems to have such indefinite ideas of returning to England that we think her rooms had better not be kept longer. Kindly let us know what is owing now.

When she returns she must run the chance of a vacancy.

Yours faithfully
E. & E. L. Waugh & Musgrave

R. Baker Esqre

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Cooke
Oct 2 1883.

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York 24th Jany 1883

Dear Sir

Captain H. O. Bateman

Upon investigating Captain Bateman's property we find that the probable amount of his income will only be about £240, & that his wife has but about £80 a year under her Marriage Settlement, making a total of £320, which it is feared will hardly be reached.

It seems impossible therefore that he should continue at the Retreat upon the present terms though his friends would like him to remain there if he can.

They think the private room might be dispensed with, & that Two Guineas & a half a week could be allowed for maintenance if your Committee could see their way to accept that sum, & we should be glad if you could lay the case before them.

We would add, that Captain Bateman's maintenance was defrayed by his Father up to the date of his death last Spring, but now it will fall upon his Estate, & only about £150 a year will be left for his wife & four children, the eldest of whom is now about eleven. Yours truly

Richardson Gutch & Co

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

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Bateman
Jan'y 1883

99, Trafalgar Street,
Brighton
20/2/83

M. P. Hack would be
obliged to S. E. Woods
for the information if patients (not
connected with friends)
are received on
very moderate terms
at the Retreat —
The County Asylum
here is overcrowded
& she knows a

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Lady whose husband
is suffering from
softening of the brain
& she (or her friends) has a great
dread of a private
place — He has a
pension from the Custom House
& the whole
of that could be used
for the payments of M. O.
Hack does not
know of any
place to recommend
to her.

West View.
Headingley.
Leeds.

March 22nd 1883

Dear Mr Baker.

I called y'day on the firm of Engineers (Hathorn Davey & Co) who succeed Garrett & Marshall, the supposed makers of the Old washing machines; but I found they do not do such work now, & doubted whether their predecessors did, except as a special order.
I therefore sent to J Green & Co Ld (not being able to call) & have their Catalogue. Some of their machines are in use at the Laundry of the Leeds workhouse & I believe work well. Would it not be the best for you to ask them to send over an experienced man, who could report on the repair of

the old Machines, & whom you might consult as to a new one.

I think the work is more in their way than Auden's

Yr sincerely

Wm Amery

If you write to Frere use my name, they will understand I have sent them Catalogue &c.

THOMAS GREEN & SON, LIMITED.
IRONFOUNDERS, ENGINEERS, MACHINISTS.
SOLE MANUFACTURERS OF GREEN'S PATENT LAWN MOWERS.

54. & 55. BLACKFRIARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E.
SMITHFIELD IRON WORKS, LEEDS.

Leeds Mar 21 1883

Wm Wm Barvey
Headingley

Sir

In reply to your favor we beg to hand you our price list of washing machs & say that our price for the Steam power ones is as follows Viz

36" 42" & 48" diam of tub is £42 £60 £70 fitted with steam & water Valves India rubber rings &c Blowing & mangling mchs £18
Gas Calender 14
Steam power Calender 45
& other machines we shd be pleased to quote for on receipt of particulars

We would be glad to do any repairs you may require for other machy. of a like character

We are Sir
Yrs truly
THOMAS GREEN & SON LIMITED.
R Heyland
SECRETARY.

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the case – hence the whole affair.
Should she come by carriage or by rail? She is clearly violent on being smiled.

Yours truly
John Edward Taylor

P.S. Will you at your convenience send me a few papers and any tables of charges you may have: these things always arise suddenly & I should like to be somewhat ready with information as to costs

29 Park Place
Leeds
17 March 83

Dear Dr Baker,

The patient is not a friend. She is the wife of a clerk with several children and (now) dependent on her father who is in business, but I should think not very well off. At least the question of cost is clearly important to him – at the same time if it is not a case

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for free admission or
anything of that
kind. I should think
but I can't be sure
that she has (for
example as to condition
of life) not had a servant
or at most a girl to
help in her house.
She will need decided
supervision. It is a case
of acute mania clearly
due to domestic trouble
I have not yet seen
the case, but the friends
came to me for advice
and I see her tomorrow.
It is a sad case, as she
comes back to her father's
house and she and her
children are now
dependent on him. It
is, therefore, quite a
case in which the
lowest possible charge
may be made without
the least fear of doing
either injustice or harm.
The husband has
decamped after bringing
himself within reach of

20 Carlton Hill

April 23. 1883.

My dear Ch

Your favour of 21st to hand this morning.

I think, under the special circumstances of the case, & if it is allowed, we should press that the recipients of the goods you refer to retain possession. The musical box & most of the books I fancy I bought at my brother's request for him to make presents with.

Yours faithfully
C. G. Osthe

Dr Wallace
The Retreat York.

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12, Pavement,
York.

11th July 1814

Dear Sir,
re Lakey

We are glad to inform you that we have received the further Mortgage deed duly executed by Mr Leach. It shall be obeyed by your calling upon us the next time you are in York to confer as to the desirability of taking steps to have the trust funds Mortgaged by Mr & Mrs Leach to the Retreat invested on Regular Securities.
re armstrong
We also inclose a copy of our letter to Mr Spry Mr Armstrong's Solicitor. He has replied that he will communicate with her.

We are faithfully
D. N. & R. Wood & Co

Robt Baker Esq. M.D.
The Friends Retreat
York

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1st July 1884

Dear Sir,

re Armstrong

We are informed by Messrs B. Wake & Co of Sheffield that you are the Solicitor for Mrs Armstrong & that she is at present in the United States.

Mrs Armstrong's Husband is and has been for many years an Inmate of the Friends Retreat and she is now indebted to the Treasurer of that Institution in the sum of £195-15-1 on the balance of account to the 30th ult.

Of this sum however £85 is or is about to be paid by Mrs Wilford who joined in a deed of covenant to the Treasurer of the Retreat as surety for Mrs Armstrong to secure payment of sums of money now amounting to £85 This being deducted from the £195-15-1 leaves a net balance owing from your Client of £110-15-1. Our Clients the Committee of the Retreat have been very kind & lenient with Mrs Armstrong in this matter but the time has now arrived when an arrangement must be made for the gradual liquidation of the debt owing to the Treasurer of the Retreat and for the regular payment in the future for the maintenance and treatment of Mr Armstrong in the Retreat or they will have no alternative but to hand him over to the care of the Pauper Lunatic Authority who will at once place him in a Pauper Asylum. We understand from Messrs B. Wake that your Client is entitled under the Will of Miss Betsey Martin to 2/7ths of the income of £5,000 or thereabouts and therefore she is in a position to provide out of such income for the gradual payment of what is owing & the regular payment for the future maintenance of her husband in the Retreat.

The Committee are willing under the circumstances to

keep Mrs Armstrong in the Retreat at the present rate of payment viz: £35 per annum paid half yearly on 30th June & 31st Decr although this is considerably less than the actual cost of such maintenance.

Will you please inform us at your earliest convenience what amount your Client will be prepared to pay ½ yearly out of her income towards reduction of the net balance owing to our clients & obtain & forward her written instructions to the Trustee of Miss Martin's Will to pay half yearly out of her income such sum together with the £17 "10/ for the future maintenance of her husband.

The first payment to be made out of the next income payable.

Our Clients will wait a reasonable time for you to obtain Mrs Armstrong's sanction to the arrangement we have suggested & they hope for the sake of her husband she will not hesitate to devote if not the whole or at all events the larger portion of her income to enable her husband to continue in the Retreat

Yours truly

"J.P., H., & J.R. Wood & Co"

Samuel Spry Esq
Solr
Middlesbro'

Memorandum

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From

Dixon, Masser & Co.
Woollen Drapers, Tailors, &
Hatters.
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

D. Baker
June 13/84.

Dr Sir Herewith Please find cheque £98:18:10. I am sorry this a/c has got behind but money has been so bad to get in I have not been able to make so quiet that I have not been able to attend to it. I am much obliged for your kindness in the matter I shall be glad

for dear Nelly to stay at York & I will in future pay as you state in advance it will be a great relief to me the reduction to £1.1.0

I am Yours truly

Edwd Stansfield

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Memorandum

From

Dixon, Masser & Co.
Woollen Drapers, Tailors, & Hatters.
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

To Baker
Jan 16/84

Dear Friend My Business is entirely on Credit & towards the end of the half year nearly all my capital is either in the hands of my Customers or in Stock it is not convenient to send Cheque to-day I will do so as soon as possible it will be

the End of the Month or the first week
in next Month then may meet
your approval I am your Humble
Edwd Mansfield

P.S. We are very busy just now &
am obliged to keep a little reserve
fund for wages

submit for the approval of the Committee such name, or names, as may be willing to be security for this payment.

Would either Rich^d Croyd, or James Dixon, be security for you for this amount?

The Committee are very wishful to continue to extend to Nelly the advantages that she at present possesses, if they can do so consistently with the equitable manage-ment of this large Institution.

Yours faithfully
Rob^t Baker

(Copy)

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

June 7th 84

My dear friend,

At the last Meeting of the Retreat Committee, considerable surprise was expressed that no arrangement had been made by you for the payment of the amount owing for Nelly's board and maintenance, or for an offer of suitable security for the same. I was requested to notify to you that either one or the other arrangement must be presented for the consideration of the Board on June 17th.

The amount owing up to May 31st is £98. 18. 10 — If you are not prepared to pay this amount, I shall be glad to

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with the Society of Friends, & being therefore, one of those cases for which the Retreat was founded, the Committee decided to offer to reduce the terms charged for Nellie, to £1.1.0 per week, provided that the amount at present owing on her account, were at once paid, or its payment guaranteed by some person approved by them. the same guarantee being required that all future payments should be punctually attended to.

There is no alteration in Nellie's mental condition.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Mar. 19. 84

Dear Mrs Stansfield,

I have not replied to your letter earlier having waited till I could bring the matter before the Committee of Management of the Retreat, at their monthly Meeting yesterday.

I am decidedly of the opinion that your daughter would feel considerable difference in her surroundings & comforts, if she were moved to a large Asylum, like the one at Wadsley.

This being so, & your daughter being so closely connected

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The Friends' Retreat
York

July 30th 1884

To Capt. Bayley,
My dear Sir,

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy, Mr Bagsh and Dr. Rhys Williams, visited the Retreat on the 25th inst. In the Patients' Book they wrote as follows.

"We also had an interview with Miss Bayley, one of us having seen her 6th March last. She answered all our questions quite rationally, owned that her temper was not very good when she was crossed, but implored to be allowed to go home, speaking in very affectionate terms of her mother. No doubt there are difficulties in this case, but though the result might not be so fortunate as we hope it would be, we think Miss Bayly ought to have a trial at home, It is a great mistake in these kind of cases to treat them with suspicion at home, and never to let them have an opportunity of forgetting the past.

"Constant watching, and no trust must produce",
"of feeling that is prejudicial to recovery."

This report was of course read at the Meeting of the Board of Management of this Institution, and I was directed to notify to you that after this expression of the Visiting Commissioners' views, you must arrange to remove your daughter from the Retreat within two weeks. Personally I entirely differ from the opinion of the Commissioners.

I believe that your daughter is of unsound mind, and that she requires skilled care and treatment: and I further believe that to take her to her own home is about the worst possible treatment for her, although I know that there she will receive every kindly care, and loving attention

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker
M.D

The Friends' Retreat
York
July 30th 84

My dear friend

At the Meeting of the Retreat Committee on Monday the 28th, your letter of June 30th received very careful consideration.

It was also brought on Friday the 25th before the consideration of two of the Comm^rs in Lunacy, namely Mr Bagot & Dr Rhys Williams.

On July 7th I also thought it my duty to call to my aid in considering the importance of your letter, our consulting Medical Officer Mr North, & Dr Kingston, the Medical Superintendent of the North Riding Asylum -

As the result of these deliberations I have to inform you that on the application of Mr Thos Box, (the next of Kin) to the Commissioners in Lunacy, 19 Whitehall Place Westminster, consent will be given to the removal of Mr. A. M. Box from the Retreat, to any other Asylum, Hospital, or Licensed House that he may choose; but as

M. A. M. Box is liable to uncontrollable outbursts of passion in which he attacks those near him, or injures himself, he has been considered to be a "dangerous lunatic", and was on July 29th 1887 so certified in accordance with the 8th & 9th Vic. Cap 100. sec. 75.

I would add that I especially asked the Commrs in Lunacy if they would consent to M. Thomas Box placing his nephew in a Medical man's family with a suitable attendant.

They did not give me a decided answer, but I believe that if such a suitable could be found, they might be induced to consent to such an arrangement.

But I am quite sure that it would be wrong for the patient, & for others, to allow him to be liberated from his certificates, or at present to be freed from the supervision of the Commrs in Lunacy.

Should the suggestion as to his being placed in the family of a Medical man be allowed, I would give you two names, as being, in my opinion, likely-

R. Kingston Fox
4 Alexandra Villas
Finsbury Park - N.

Dr Prideaux
Sutherland House
Wellington
Somerset.

You will of course understand that, if Mr. A. M. Box proved after a residence of 6 mos. in the family of a medical man, that he possessed increased power of self-control, Mr. Thos Box could again make application to the Comrs. in Lunacy, for such further increased amount of liberty, as his improved mental condition shewed him to be entitled to

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

To Henry Wright

P.S. I leave for two months' holiday in Canada & elsewhere, tomorrow, but in my absence, Dr Banks, the assistant Med. Officer will attend to this matter, when necessary -

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Memorandum July 14 1884

From

The Lansdowne Cotton Spinning Co. Ltd.

Lansdowne Mill, Middleton Road,

Oldham.

To Rob Baker

York.

Dear Sir/ Mr. Walton has been away from home and we have not been able to see Mr. Charlesworth.

We will attend to it shortly and send you Cheque for Balance of a/c in the course of a few days

Yours truly

for S. Walton

Clerk.

9, Clegg Street, Oldham.

June 27th 1884

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry I beg to say that the sum in my hands to which you refer is £23-8-6 and not £30 as you are informed. During Mr John Walton's lifetime I paid over to him the amount I from time to time received. He and his son-in-law Mr Alfred Lees gave me a written indemnity against any loss which might accrue to me in consequence of my doing so. Since Mr Walton's death I have asked for someone in his stead & offered to accept his son Mr Lees Walton - but to my letter to that effect addressed to Mr Alfred Lees & dated the 6th of February 1883 I have had no reply whatever nor any communication respecting the matter until I received your letter of the 25th inst. I would be willing to accept Mr John Charlesworth of this town who is also connected with Walton's family. I am only a Trustee in the matter and am not in any way connected with the family nor have I any interest in the matter except accounting to the proper persons for such money as comes to my hands.

The hesitation of those Members of the family whose indemnity I would accept to give the same confirms me in the opinion that it is not desirable to pay it over without having obtained the same.

My Solicitor informs me that your receipt would not be a sufficient discharge to me as I should be very pleased to pay it direct to you. He also advises me that the only parties who can give me one are the Guardians of the Poor in case Elizabeth Walton should become chargeable to them. If the near relatives of Miss Walton will not take this responsibility I think that I a stranger can scarcely be expected to do so.

Yours truly
Rosco Wrigley

Mr Robert Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York

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write to ask whether, under the circumstances, which are no doubt fully known to you, you will object to pay this amount of £30. to the Retreat, in reduction of E. Walton's indebtedness -

The receipt of the Secretary of this Institution would be a valid discharge, and would probably be satisfactory to you -

An early reply will oblige, Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

Roscoe Wrigley

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

June 25th 1884

Dear Sir,

The attention of the Committee of the Retreat was, at their last meeting, called to the state of Elizabeth Walton's account, which is considerably in arrear.

Having been informed that Elizth Walton has a life interest in the sum of £300. and that you have in hand £30, or thereabouts, being interest that has accrued from this sum,

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148 Coppice St
Oldham June 9 - 1884

To S. E Woods
Secretary
Retreat York.

Dear Sir, Herewith I send you the particulars shewing the position of Elizabeth Walton and her Source of Income

1 E Walton Income is derived from of £300 invested in the Oldham Corporation Gas Water Shares which pay a fixed dividend of 4 per Cent per Annum less Income Tax. being about 4/2½ per week to which she is entetled to a life Interest only.

2 After the Death of E Walton this Sum of £300 is devisable amongst her Sisters equally or their Representatives

3 The Cost of Maintaining E Walton at the Retreat is about 11/6½ per week which exceeds her Income by 7/4 per Week The difference has up to the Death of John Walton the Brother of E Walton which occurred in 1882 been paid by him alone although the Sisters agreed verbally to pay proportionate Share. Since the death of John Walton the Cost of Maintaining E Walton has not been paid. And the Widow and Children of Walton feel that they ought not to pay it inasmuch as they are not interested in the Division of the Money after the Death of E Walton and that it should be paid by the Sisters. The Sisters live in different parts of the Country are at variance and nothing definite can be got out of them.
Mrs Walton is agreeable to Continue the payments to the Retreat on behalf of E Walton if her Sisters Will Signe an Agreement to re-pay moneys out of pocket

on the death of E Walton but this they decline to do.

4 The sum of £300 Stands at present in the names of Mary Heller & Roscoe Wrigley as Trustees for E Walton and I understand that the sum of £30 or thereabout is in their hands being dividends on that sum and this Amount I say should be paid to the Retreat on a/c of the Arrears owing for Maintenance If this Can be got Mrs Walton will Clear up the Arrears to the present time.

I may state here that Mrs Walton's Income is a very limited one but rather than E Walton should be removed from the retreat where she has been so long and from a desire to Carry out what she thinks would have been the wishes of her Husband she will Continue to pay the difference between the income of E Walton and the Cost of her Maintenance if you will kindly see your way under the above Circumstances to reduce the Amounts of such Maintenance as much as possible

trusting to have an early reply

I am yours truly

for Sophia Walton

Alfred Lees.

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Memorandum. August 8th 1884

From - Alfred Lees Secretary
The Lansdowne Cotton Spinning Co. Ld
Lansdowne Mill, Middleton Road,
Oldham.

To Robert Batty
Friends Retreat,
York

Sir

Enclosed I hand you cheque value £29-14-1 being the ~~difference between~~ Elizabeth Walton bill up to 30 of 9 Month 1884 and the Amount now in the hand of the Executor Rowe Darby

please own receipt in due Course and Oblige

Yours truly
Alfred Lees.

P.S.

Make the receipt out to Sophia Walton but forward same to me - Ch.

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Memorandum. Augt. 6 1884

From Alfred Lees. Secretary
The Lansdowne Cotton Spinning Co. Ltd
Lansdowne Mill, Middleton Road,
Oldham.

To Robert Baker
Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir / I am very sorry to trouble you again but.
Your last Statement of Account has got misplaced
or Mr. Walton has taken it away with him however they
are unable to finde it will you please send me to above
address Statement of all Moneys owing on a/c of Ellwalton
up to date Less the Amounts in the hands of R Wrigley
I will forward you Cheque by first post on receipt of Statement.
I Enclose you stamped Envelope.
Mrs Walton is now at home and desires to Matter Settled. Yours truly
Alfred Lees

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Green Bank Villa
Liskeard
Cornwall
7th 8th mo 1884

Dear Friend

In reply to yours of the 2nd inst. which was handed to me this morning I write to say that Edward Johns & his family are in straitened circumstances and much affliction and are much respected by friends here, they consider his to be a suitable case for admission at the lowest rate, as even

the 10/- per week which your
name will have to be provided
by the kindness of others

Yours sincerely
Robert Young Sturge

Clerk to East Cornwall M. M.

"to ask for a
minute of the Quarterly
Meeting's Synodal
recommending him
at 10/- a week"

205 Douglas Road.
Parkwood Springs.
Sheffield.
Sep 30th 1884.

Bee Corking Machine
Bottle Washing "
" filling "

D.V. I left the above in the Retreat Vault & as they will be useless to you, perhaps you will send them to me—; I sh.d not have written you, but we are dreadfully hard up. I have been attacked to be sold up for rent again—& I am very

be able to Earn after
shillings weekly with
them —

Yrs &c Joseph Lucarton

Dr Bakers
The Retreat
York

The Friends' Retreat
York. May 27. 1884

My dear Friend

A letter from our mutual friend, John S. Rowntree, makes it manifest that you have spoken with much plainness of speech about our supposed errors at the Retreat.

I will reply with equal plainness. You state that on 4th Mo. 1st you wrote to the Retreat and asked for particulars about your daughter's state. and that no notice was taken of your letter. On 4th Mo. 9th the 160 quarterly statements were sent out, and to each one of these was appended a brief statement as to the health of each patient. Probably in your daughter's case it was to the effect that her condition was unaltered.

If you wrote on 4th Mo. 1st on matters connected with the Treasurer's office, it is probable that any enquiry appended to your letter was passed over in that office, owing to it being known that a Report would in the ordinary course, be sent in a few days. But surely, if amongst the

multitude of letters received, yours was not answered, you could have written to me again, asking me the specific questions you wished answered

In reply to your previous complaint made to J. S. R. I wrote you a full statement of Miss Palmer's condition - That statement put as gently as possible, must have been very painful reading to you - in that I had to enter into details of a sorrowful and distressing character.

I had thought that no useful purpose could be served by even a quarterly repetition of facts already known to you - however, as you seem to feel aggrieved I will again report to you -

Miss Palmer who is in good bodily health, is in a condition of partial dementia; a condition of apathy and listlessness, alternating with one of marked excitement - during which she is violent in her behaviour, and destructive and dirty in her habits.

She requires constant care and attention,

to keep her decently cleanly; sometimes requiring her linen changed two and three times a day - and sometimes requiring as many as four nurses to dress her - she has strong sexual desires, and is indecent frequently in her behaviour.

Although the greatest possible care is taken of her, she still avails herself of any possible opportunity to indulge in the harmful practice of masturbation: and even in her best condition, when remonstrated with, about the sin of indulging in this vicious habit, excuses herself by saying that it was taught to her, soon after leaving school, by you, her father.

From motives of delicacy, I have thought it right to refrain from writing of these matters so plainly before, but I want you to realise, if possible, not only that we have spared nothing in our endeavours to promote your daughter's comfort, and to endeavour to raise her out of her distressing condition, but that we have also acted out of kindness to you, in refraining from putting in writing an

account of a delusion which is the most painful and the most shocking that a daughter can possibly entertain respecting her father.

I. S. K. says that you want to know if I would advise you to come and see her. In reply, have I ever by one single word, discouraged you visiting her? Nay, rather I would express my great surprise that you have thought it right to leave her for such a lengthened period of time without coming to see her.

I have on several occasions been asked by friends of your family, whom I have met in different places, as to how your daughter was, and I have invariably replied discreetly that she was in good bodily health, and that there was no sustained improvement in her mental condition.

But I have never, to anyone, allowed myself to be drawn into any description of details.

In conclusion, I have only to say that if at anytime you will write me a series of questions which you wish answered,

I will take care the correct replies are sent to you - but any sense of decency revolts from the task of describing monthly in detail the unchanging and distressing facts of your daughter's sad condition.

Your complaint, and the substance of this, my reply to it, will of course, come under the notice of the Committee at their next meeting: with such reply as you may think it right to favour me with.

Yours truly

Robt Baker

A. T. Palmer

Mount Villas,
Bringhouses, York.

5 June 1884

My dear friend,

I am obliged for
yr. letter wh. I have desired
& am only sorry you took the
trouble to write so much to
me. A few lines to say you
had written a T.P. sth. this
complaints were groundless
wd. have been all I shd. have

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ished. I must hand say
my Wife & I both defended
the Reheab against his com-
plaints - but we could not
meet definite statements
when we did not know the
facts. While the excuse
that may be urged on
behalf of A. J. P. is the
for his querulousness

great amount of trouble he
has passed thro for years,
& is still passing thro.

Very sincerely yrs

J. S. Rowntree

D. Baker.

314 Camden Road
London 23. May 1884

My dear friend,

I had a note from Joseph yesterday in which he said we shd. like you if we thought of joining yr party to Canada. I did not do so as we have talked & felt more inclined to a rest & change of scene somewhere in this country where we could have the society of our children. So far as I can judge this might probably

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answer better for us than the American journey - tho' this had many attractions particularly when there was the prospect of joining you.

We were at Arthur Thomas Dalton yesterday afternoon - A. L. P. made great complaints of the little influence she could obtain about his daughters condition. He says in the institution she was in before going to Yale. a full account was written by the medical man once a month. He said that on 4 mo 1 he moved to the Retreat

him sending a remittance added a request for some particulars about his daughter's state which no information of any sort had been sent in reply to this request. I thot I had better send on the details of this specific complaint - which A. L. C. seems to have talked about a good deal. I told him I had little doubt if there had been a letter unattended to it had been Mr Woods' omission that I had no doubt you would gladly inform him of his daughter's state if it was known to us here is. A. L. C. also wants to know of

you would advise him to come & see his daughter. Perhaps I mentioned before that when A. L. P. had a boy at Bootham he made manifold complaints against J. Thos which on inquiry I satisfied myself were much exaggerated & that in fact J. T. was most patient & his querulousness — so that I discount this anticipation about the Retreat mentally. Still I thought I had better tell you — as if A. L. P. talks as to others as he did to me he may do harm to the Retreat which it would be well to stop if a periodical letter would do it. The weather is beautiful. We are taking a few visits along with Health Exhibitions to other places of interest. Very sincerely

J. J. Rowntree

Robert Baker M. D.

20, PEMBURY AVENUE,

TOTTENHAM, N.

5, 30th 1884.

Dear Friend
Robert Bakst,

Having been looking for a letter
for some weeks, pained at more
the contents. I felt obliged for thine
I can quite understand thou hast
many letters to apply to, but to an
anxious parent who feels severely
the affliction of his Daughter, it
seemed a very long time before
hearing any particulars. ——

I thank thee for all, and may
say we did not wish to give the
any needless pain of mind, knowing
there is much to contend with ——

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before my daughter was afflicted, She was most fond and affectionate to her father, who endeavoured to repay it in every way — then when the disappointment was, she took against me, and many others who had been her kindest friends, which we are told, is not unusual. ——

We desire to thank thee specially for not alluding to your dear W's case, when any one, not ourselves, have enquired. —

So many of our dear Relatives and friends have discouraged my going to see her, that I have thought it wisest not to, fearing it might upset W, or do any harm; this has been the principal motive which has kept me away. ——

Then my wife has been an invalid for the past 9 months, so I have been very much housebound. —

Since then of this week is Nov.r we now seem more to understand her state, and deeply regret that her mental condition seems to be growing worse, though her bodily health be so good. ——

I am in conclusion as I have ever always found me, recalling my letters, Grateful for the kind care of providence

I am very Respectfully
Arthur Jno.s Pollexfen. ——

18. Lendal.

York: 18th January 1884

Dear Sir) Pg Lendal & Lake v. Co.

As I mentioned to you the other day I have, as desired by you, furnished to Messrs. Drawbridge & Rowntree the Abstract of Title and Draft Deed of Conveyance for perusal by them on behalf of the Trustees. They have not yet returned the papers but will no doubt do so in the course of a few days. —

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When I have drawn the Deed of Mortgage to W. Bleasdale for securing the £3000 the Trustees wish to leave on the property am I to send the Draft of it to Messrs Dawbarn & Rowntree for their inspection?

Before the Trustees will be enabled to mortgage the property it will be necessary for the Directors of the Institution at a General Meeting to be held in accordance with the Rules to direct, by a minute to be signed on behalf of such General Meeting by the Clerk thereof, that such sum shall be borrowed of W. Bleasdale and a proper deed of the Land executed by them to him to secure the repayment of the amount.

When do you purpose having such meeting? I ought in Thickness to get the Deed of Conveyance executed by W. Bleasdale before you hold the Meeting.

Yours truly

Wm. Walker

D. Baker

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YORKSHIRE BRANCH
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Royal Insurance Office.

ROYAL INSURANCE BUILDINGS,
PARK ROW,

Leeds 7 Augt 1884.

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

Dear Sir.

I have been from home for some time and am leaving again this afternoon for London: on my return next week your letter of the 31 Ulto. shall have attention. A remittance shall be made: it is difficult to get money, but your bill shall be paid as early as possible - to ask your Committee Friends to be patient - talk credible well. - Shall spend Hours empty - and many heavy "Fire Losses," - both of which greatly relieve my Purse.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
W.B. Taplin

2 Prospect Villas,
Cheltenham.

Gray v. Lincoln

Sir,

I should like to correct a few errors which appeared in the Law report of the above case, also to explain more fully my side of the question.

In the first place, I did sign an agreement with the late Mr James Marsh, to the effect that I should not commence business, or work in any way connected with the Music Trade until four years after leaving his employment, but as there was nothing mentioned about Executors or Assignees, I naturally thought that on the decease of Mr Marsh I was free to do as I chose.

When I announced the intention of starting in business for myself, I was, (and had been for some time), living at 33 Coney Street, and I claim that I was quite justified in putting that address to the circulars I issued, especially as I headed them "temporary address."

When I issued the circular, the Executrix wished me every success, and Mr Marsh's Son-in-law advised me to do what I did, and neither of them even hinted that I was doing wrong in any way, and as to inducing the customers to allow me to tune their Pianofortes, it was quite the reverse, as most of them told me that if I intended to start for myself I was to continue tuning as before.

Regarding the prices; I offered to tune four times a year for 12/- in town, this being the same as Mr March charged. In the country he tuned four times for 21/-. I gave an extra tuning for the same charge, which is the usual rate, (Grands and Trichords extra). Of course Mr Gray may have fancy prices of his own.

I had already started for fully three weeks before Mr Gray purchased the business, so that he bought it with his eyes open, knowing that I had done so; and after it was known that Mr Gray had bought it, my correspondence and tunings nearly doubled.

It was only owing to a want of cash, or I should have fought it out in the Law Courts with him.

I write this to clear myself, as from the Law report it looks as though I had started business under false pretences.

I am truly sorry I am not allowed to continue tuning your Pianoforte, and thanking you for your kind patronage,

I remain,

Yours obediently,

James Lincoln

P.S.

In four years' time the agreement expires, when I intend to return to York, and commence business for myself again.

J.L.

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Manchester May 17th 1884

J E Woods Esq
Secretary
The Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir We thank you for your note of the 6th Inst. We very much regret to inform you that owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which Mr Ware has conducted our business we have been compelled to suspend him & take such proceedings as we felt bound to do to protect ourselves. We shall be happy to send you on any goods you may require, and if you have any friend in the neighbourhood of York who is really reliable

and financially straight we shall have no objection to consider the question of giving him an agency. We have a large number of accounts in York, & have given Mr Ware every possible support & encouragement both at Shows & in other matters — We have no personal feeling against Mr Ware excepting one of bitter disappointment

Yours truly

Swan & Creel

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Dear Sir We beg to acknowledge with thanks your remittance of £2, and herewith enclose receipt. the same gives you also particulars of your a/c. We also have pleasure in acknowledging your order, and same has been despatched today. We thank you for having named the three family Grocers, one of them viz Thomas Leoning is we believe already on our books. and of course we wanted more

of an agent than these men. Thanks however for your trouble in the matter.

Yours truly

Swan & Leach

Station Hotel

York. June. 4.

1884.

Dear Dr. Baker.

I shall be obliged if you will let me know what decision you

this case until I hear from you. Perhaps you will kindly address your reply to the Royal Courts of Justice as I am leaving York tomorrow

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

J. Bridston Burrow

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arrive at with
reference to Lady
Blackwoods complaint
of harshness on
the part of her
attendant: If
the present attendant
is distasteful
to Lady Blackwood
it might be
desirable to change
her, even altho'
you should feel
satisfied that the
charge of harshness
and ridiculous
against her was
groundless. I
shall just refer
my report in

The Station Hotel.

Newcastle-on-Tyne

June 7. 1884

Dear Dr. Baker,

Let me thank you for your note of the 5th which has been forwarded to me here, and

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which is quite ~~satisfactory~~
It enables me to
avoid much official
correspondence, and
circumlocution which
would probably have
been harassing to
you.

Believe me
Yours very faithfully
J. Cockburn Brewer

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Friends' Retreat
York June 5. 1884

Dear Dr. Crichton Brown.

After a very careful investigation into the details of the charge of cruelty brought by Lady Mackworth against her nurse I have arrived at the opinion that the nurse was guilty of indiscretion in pushing Lady Mackworth but not guilty of cruelty.

I have examined Lady Mackworth's shoulder & there is not the very slightest appearance of a bruise: two nurses were witnesses of Lady Mackworth being pushed but both are prepared to swear that no blow was struck.
Lady Mackworth admits that a similar charge against another nurse Rose Moyser made a short time ago was absolutely false.

I have thought it best to change Lady Mackworth's nurse & have appointed Kate Epworth instead of H. Nicholson. Lady Mackworth says I am to tell you she has quite forgiven H. Nicholson

Yours very faithfully
Robert Baker

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PLEASE ADDRESS—E. L. CARON, OLD RADFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

April 27th 1883

Dr. Baker
Friends. Retreat
York

Washing machines

Dear Sir

Unfortunately you was away when the writer called on friday last. However I went thoroughly into the matter with the matron & the Engineer & explained the nature of our Rotary Washers. I now enclose estimate & specification of two machines working as a pair. The specification will give you an idea of the construction of the machines, unfortunately the Litho I left do not really show the machines as they ought The intrinsic value of the machines is far greater than any in the market & we can guarantee their efficiency in working. These same machines have recently been put in at Inverness Asylum Cornwall Asylum Edinboro. Dundee Asylum. Royal Infirmary Edinboro. Glasgow Infirmary. Besides many other institutions & large private Works.

The writer will call again upon you within next 10 days.

Yours Truly
E. L. Caron
for Manlove Alliott Fryer & Co

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Nottingham, Aug. 22nd 183

L. E. Woods Esq
The Secretary
"Friends Retreat"
York

Dear Sir

Our Mr Larou attended the meeting of your Committee yesterday, but he regret to say that he was unable to come to any arrangement. –

Mr Larou received at York yesterday morning a letter from Dr Fasson of the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, in which he says "I am not aware of any damaging statements made by anyone connected with the Infirmary regarding the machinery supplied by Messrs Manlove &c and therefore cannot correct them. That the Managers of the Infirmary and their Engineer were satisfied that they would not be better served by applying to any other Firm, is proved by their having employed Messrs Manlove to supply the machinery

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"required in the large extension to the
"Laundry now approaching completion"
As you say, that the statements to the
detriment of our machine were made by
Dr Fasson, and D. F. says he is not aware
of any such statement having been made,
we merely send this on to show that there
appears to have been some misunderstanding,
though it does not affect the question at issue
between us —

We beg again to point out that after
discussion with our representative, you decided
to obtain one of our machines, and passed a
minute to that effect, subject to satisfactory
enquiry at the Royal Infirmary, Edinboro'.
Our representative was called into the room,
the minute was read over to him, and he
personally thanked you for the order — so far
as we were concerned the matter was at an
end; we had only to construct the machine
& send it in; we had not to make any en-
-quiry at the Edinboro' Infirmary, and we
had no reason to suppose that your enquiries
would result in any but a satisfactory
manner, as we knew perfectly well that our
machinery at that Institution was giving

satisfaction. It was quite competent for you to say that the result of your enquiries was not satisfactory, and to have cancelled the order, & of course in that case, we should have had no right to question your decision; but you did not cancel the order, and the thing went through. You are therefore bound to take the machine, and pay for it. While we do not wish you to take a machine that you do not want, we think that the least you can do under the circumstances is to pay the costs that we are out of pocket for carriage etc. If you will do this, we are willing, without prejudice, to take the machine back altho' we worked overtime upon it at extra cost — thinking to oblige you by early delivery; & of course a machine of this kind is not a thing of every-day sale —

Mr Caron says that you raised the question of your legal responsibility in the matter. We are sorry that you did so as we do not wish to treat the matter from that point of view, but rather as gentlemen dealing with gentlemen. As you have raised the question however we may as well say, that in our opinion there cannot be a moments doubt

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as to your legal responsibility (if proof beyond the facts we have already stated be necessary) by the fact that you did not & could not merely let the matter drop; but that it was necessary for you to do something, to take definite action by rescinding the former minute before you could proceed to purchase another machine. You did not inform us of this second minute, and we had only the first one (which you did inform us of) to act upon.

We are, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully,
Pro MANLOVE, ALLIOTT, FRYER & Co.
Jno Bamford

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Edinburgh Augt 13th/83

address on Thursday next County Hotel Newcastle on Tyne

D. Bakes
Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir

I beg to inform you that the Rotary Washing machine ordered by your committee on or about 21st May has been sent on to York by my Firm but through some misunderstanding on the part of your Secretary the Machine has not been delivered My Firm send me the enclosed correspondence from your Secry

You will remember my attending your Committee & the Order was then given to me personally, since which I have been urging my Firm on with the Work as I knew you were requiring the machine to be completed as early as possible

I enclose Invoice which has been returned by your Secry.- I shall be passing through York possibly on Friday or Saturday next & will call & see you if you think it necessary, if so kindly address me a line as above

Yours faithfully
E. L. Baron
for Manlove Alliott Fryer & Co

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Aug. 10th 83

Dear Sirs,

The enclosed circular has reached me this morning -

Not knowing for whom the Machine is intended, I return the circular to you -

The Committee of the Retreat have not yet decided whose Machine they are going to adopt - but I am of opinion their decision will be in favour of Mess.rs Bradford's tender.

Yours faithfully

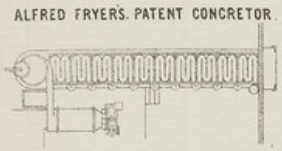
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Nottingham, 11th Aug. 1883.

J. E. Woods Esqr. Secretary
Friends Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favr of yesterday:—

Our traveller who called upon you on the 21st May last sent us the order for this machine. We will write to him for an explanation and he will doubtless take the opportunity of seeing you. In the meantime please let the machine remain in statu quo.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
PRO MANLOVE, ALLIOTT, FRYER & Co.
Chas Barnsley

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E. L. Caron
Central Hotel
Glasgow

Report evidently supplied out

you refers by for

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat
York

received to Purnell ours.

Edinburgh machinery now writing

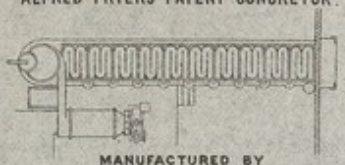
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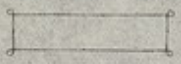
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Nottingham, 15th Aug 1883.

Mr Wood Secretary
Friends Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your favor of yesterday covering copy of minute passed by your Committee on the 21st May 1883. This is a decision to obtain one of our machines, and we think that our traveller was perfectly justified in considering it a conditional order. If the enquiry you proposed to make was not satisfactory we think we should have been informed at once. Your statement that the enquiries made respecting our machinery at the Royal Infirmary Edinburgh were unsatisfactory is inexplicable as we are at the present moment engaged in erecting at that establishment additional machinery of the same kind, and we shall at once enquire into the matter.

We are, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
PRO MANLOVE, ALLIOTT, FRYER & Co.

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Address. Old Radford Nottingham

Glasgow Augt 16/83

S. E. Woods Esqre
Mary Francis Retreat
York

Dear Sir

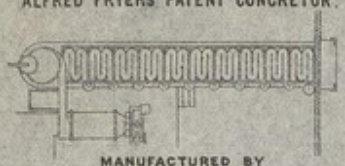
Your favour of 14th inst to my Firm has been sent on here & I beg to say as far as it goes it is quite correct, the minute in your book is exactly what I wrote my Firm at the time, at the same time we proceeded with the order in good faith as early delivery was of great importance & I am sure that should anything prevent you from confirming the Order you would advise us - However as I have seen Dr Bakes today & am quite sure, there is an error somewhere. It is only a few months ago since we were asked by Patent the Royal Infirmary Edinboro with our Laundry appliances to replace some Laundry Machinery which was giving very great dissatisfaction & which had only been recently put in by a Mr Burnell of Edinboro. Our Machinery has given them such satisfaction since it has been working that the authorities have given us their extension to do & the work is now proceeding & this I think will satisfy you that there is an error somewhere indeed if our appliances were not giving satisfaction it would be the first time we ever heard of it

We can refer you to Morningside Asylum Edinburgh
Inverness Asylum in fact a score large places
in Scotland. Under these circumstances I must
kindly ask you to write the Medical Superintendent
of the Edinburgh Infirmary. Chas. D. Fasson Esqr
or the Engineers Thomas Meek Esq 6 York Place
Edinburgh. or Dr. Clouston. Morningside Asylum
or Dr Aitken Inverness Asylum, you will then
obtain accurate information & prevent an injustice
being done to us through a misconception
I was very wishful to call upon you on Saturday
on my way home, but I fear time will not serve
me.
Awaiting the favour of your reply
Yours faithfully
E L Caron
for Maclone Elliott Fryer & Co

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Nottingham, Aug' 20th 1883

J. G. Woods Esq.
Secretary
The Friends Retreat
York.

Dear Sir.

We have your favour of the 19th inst, and note that you will bring our letter before your Committee at their next meeting.

Our Mr Caron reports that he called at York on his way down from Scotland and had the pleasure of seeing Dr Baker who says that while you admit that it was an oversight on your part not to advise us of the unfavourable news you had from Edinburgh he thinks we ought to have waited for confirmation before proceeding with the order, we think not as your minute is a definite resolution to obtain the Machine from us, subject it is true to a reference but if there was anything unsatisfactory in the reference we consider that it was incumbent upon you to inform us, we had no reason to suppose that the reference would be unfavourable as not only are our Machines generally satisfactory, but we had (and still have) every reason

Dear Sir

We have your favour of the 15th inst and we
shall give us all driving can better your Servants
at their next meeting.

Yours Mr Boore reports that he called on Lloyd on his
own door from Hertford and has the pleasure of
Yours who are glad that with you cannot that it
used can arrangements were don't want to advise of the
unfavourable want you has from Obtained to Thank
we ought to have words for explaining before
proceeding with the order, we think not as upon ourself
is a dynamic made here to others the Machine pressed
Indeed it is true to a pressure but if this used
only thing immediately on the reference we could
Hardly used unreasonable when you to return as the
we learn to duplicate that this upon used to be
unfavourable as not only are our Mechanical operations
delightful but we had (one with them) very much

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to believe that at the place named as a reference our Machinery is particularly well thought of, as a proof of which we may say that we are at this moment engaged in erecting additional Laundry Machinery at that place viz the Edinboro Royal Infirmary.

We are making enquiry into this matter as we cannot permit our reputation to be damaged in this way, we understand that Dr. Tatson is from home but on his return hope to be able to convince you that the information you have obtained is entirely erroneous.

Yours faithfully.

Pro MANLOVE, ALLIOTT, FRYER & Co.

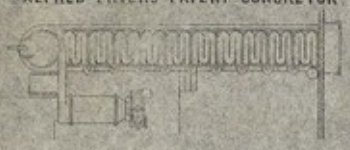
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Yours faithfully,

Theodore Hall

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Nottingham, Sept. 28th 1883

The Committee of the
Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir.

We duly received your two letters of 22nd & 23rd August -

By the special instructions of one of our Partners, who is a member of the Society of Friends, we have brought the Machine back from York, and abandoned all idea of attempting to enforce our view of the matter in any way; but what you say does not alter the facts, nor our view of them, and we still maintain that when you passed a minute to obtain the machine subject to a satisfactory reference, and we gave you a reference which we knew would be satisfactory, the order was a valid and binding one in the absence of any advice from you to the contrary.

We have been in Communication with

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the Authorities of the Edinburgh Infirmiary -
Dr. Fasson has sent us a letter addressed to him
by Miss Pringle the Matron, in which she
says that "the result is now excellent and the
"Head-Laundress tells me that all the Machinery
"works admirably"

Messrs Thomas Reid & Sons, Architects say
"We have seen the Superintendent of the Infirmiary
"& he has written you as to the working of
"your Rotary Machines at the Infirmiary
"Laundry. Our own opinion is that they work
"very well indeed, and we have not heard any
"Complaint regarding them"

We are Dear Sirs
Yours faithfully
Pro MANLOVE, ALLIOTT, FRYER & Co.

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Huddersfield
35 New North Road

to Mr Baker.

Sir I have inclosed a B/E note for ten pounds and hope soon to settle the account please acknowledge

Yours truly
H I Oates

March 17th/83

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Memorandum

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From

Dixon, Masser & Co.
Woollen Drapers, Tailors, &
Hatters.
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

Dr Baker
Mar 17/83

Sir I herewith enclose
Cheque £40. 0. 0 I will let You
have a further remittance as soon
as I can

Yours truly
Stansfield

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JOSEPH SWIFT
FAMILY GROCER
99
NORTH MARINE RD
SCARBOROUGH

MEMORANDUM.

FROM JOHN SWIFT,
Grocer, Provision Dealer and Italian
WAREHOUSEMAN,
WINE, SPIRIT, ALE AND PORTER MERCHANT,
POST OFFICE,
99, NORTH MARINE ROAD, SCARBOROUGH.

Feb 17 1883

To Mr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

Sir Enclosed I beg to forward to you Cheque for £12.16.6 being the amount due to you on your claim for £38.9.5 at 6/8 in the £

I Remain
Your Respectfully
Joseph Swift

Kirby Hall Farm

19th March 1883.

Dear Sir

I will send you a Cheque for some part of this account of my Poor Lasters. the latter part of this week. as I have some money to take for some stock I shall have in Leeds on Wednesday I am sorry to give you so much trouble respecting this account. Yours obediently

Rd Chrispin

D.r Baker

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Bradford
Mar 17/83

Dear Sir

I am very sorry I have been unable to send you Balance of Mrs Labrey's a/c. Have been expecting to be in a position to do so some time & as soon as it I can you may rely upon. I shall only be too glad to have it settled. I can only thank you & your committee for allowing it to remain open & hope they will not find it inconvenient to let it continue so a little longer

Yours Sincerely

Geo. E. Reed

J. E. Woods Esq.
York

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Memorandum

From Geo. E. Leach.
Thompson's Shed.
Sunbridge Road Bradford.

20 Sep 1884

To Mr. Woods
York

Dear Sir

I am afraid I shall not be able to send a cheque this month, but hope to do so next

Yours truly
Geo. E. Leach

Pudsey
March 19/83

Dear Sir,

By tomorrow morning's post I shall send you nine Pounds. As I have previously intimated I have sustained a heavy loss on one of my businesses by a forced auction sale by reason of my not being able through affliction to look after it. Some £200 went that way and as trade debts had to be met in order to carry on I have had a very arduous work. I am thankful to say that the principal difficulty

has been surmounted; and in 8 or 9 months those trade debts will have vanished entirely. I am sorry to say that they hamper me at present as regards reducing the debt at the Retreat, but through the extreme and exceptional Kindness of the Committee and the help of my brother in law, I hoped to get over the next 9 months without increasing at any rate the debt already accrued, but rather to decrease if not very substantially my liabilities in that direction. After 8 or 9 months I shall be, I have no doubt, in a position to undertake a much more rapid paying off of what I owe to your institution so far as money can pay it.

My anxiety that our son should remain with you so long as he may need it is so great, that I shall leave no stone unturned in order to accomplish the payment as soon as possible, and were it not that trade is so very bad and without sign of amendment in our locality, matters would be settled much sooner.

Gradually, however, I am getting up the hill, and have reasonable hope soon to see the top, by the Kindness of many good friends

Yours Respectfully
Joseph Walker

Mr Wood

Sudbury
Sept 24/64

Sir, Enclosed I send
You Cheque value £10-0-0
and shall be down at
York next week to make
further arrangements with
regard to my son and
the payment of the debt
Thanking the Committee
and yourself for the
great Kindness and for
bearance which have

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been continued so long
towards me
I am Yours Respectfully
Joseph Walker

Dr Baker

my mind was too greatly distressed but
I was to tell me what
it could be done for
a week, & he said the
Sum Insured £4 11
a week, at the expiration
of Notice they am Act
was sent nearly double
Double what I expected.
I was astonished!
and at once communi-
cated with my friends
who were equally astonished
and pleased with my

2 Eaton Road
Claughton, 18-9-84

Respected Friends,

I was not out of
any disrespect I did
not reply to thy previous
letter. but because I
scarcely knew what to
say - but as much as a
friend had undertaken
to lay the case before
the Committee on Dr

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Walker Relieves from
Consideration - That simply
each of my Powers to
pay the Court Expenses
at Quebec - and the
Charge for my Daughter
being at York, is so much
beyond the Sum I was
told it would cost
that I cannot see the
Committee can reason-
ably refuse for it -
The Money much
made between Dr
Walker & myself, when
I went over for Consul
-tation - was £4 11
for each, & tho' that
seemed a considera
-able Sum for us, I
thought it best to
give this Gleam a Treat
& told my Friends
what the Cost would
be - I told Dr Walker
at the time, I could not
enter into Particulars

my Esteemed friend
and Elder in our Meeting
Mercy Goodlee is one who
has known all about
the case.
I request that this letter may
be laid before the
Comtee and that a reply
be sent me from
them. In haste

Yours Sincerely
Cath.e Yeardley.

Wm. Woods

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The Friends' Retreat
York Mar 24. 84

My dear Friend.

I read your letter with Regret, surprise, & indignation.

As all matters connected with the accounts are conducted from the Secretary's office, under the direct supervision of the Committee, I thought it best to defer replying until after our Committee meeting.

Let me recall to your memory that you were told, most distinctly, that if your daughter came into the Retreat, among the patients of the first class, the charge would be from three to four guineas per week - that if she came into lodgings, you would be charged the exact cost of those lodgings and board; that the usual charge for a sitting room & double bedroom was from 30/- to 42/- per week, & the board 21/- per week for each person - That the charge made by the Retreat to members of the Society of Friends, for a nurse, was

£1/- per week, and that they charged 4£/-
per week for my attendance & supervision.

Now you have, as a matter of fact, ~~[illegible]~~
been treated with unusual generosity -
You have been charged the exact sum paid
for board & lodgings, and our head nurse
liberated at 2/- per week, and a charge for
my supervision & attendance has been charged
at only £1/- per week instead of 4£/- This
reduction being made because you had
informed me of your pecuniary position.
This reduction has never before been
made in any case of a similar kind.
The cash advanced to your daughter was
at her own request - & I had no legal right
to refuse to give her any of her own money.
I see that you are charged £1.7.7
for Miss Beatty's travelling expenses. I took
a great deal of pains to endeavour to find a
suitable companion for your daughter, and
having had Miss Beatty most highly recommended,
I agreed to pay her £1.1.0 per week and
her travelling expenses. I cannot

of course, press for payment of the latter - seeing it was not mentioned at any of our interviews - but I had then no idea that there would be so great a difficulty in finding a suitable companion for Miss Binks.

I have only to add that you have not been charged at all for medicines supplied to Miss Binks, nor for the advice given and medicines sent, for your eldest daughter.

In order to shew you that the Committee wish to treat you with every justifiable generosity, they will agree to accept the payment of their account, by quarterly instalments of £10.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Mrs Binks
2. Soton. Road
Clapton -

2 Broxton Street
Brook's Bar
Manchester 12 May 84.

The Secretary of
The Retreat
York. –
Dear Sir

I have only just rec'd the a/c. just yours Mem. on a/c of my late dear Sister – handed to me by my wife – I may state that the letter was addressed to my old residence, & when delivered here was opened by my wife, & immediately after she was Confined, and has been in her room over 3 weeks. – & having suffered severely, she had quite overlooked your letter –. I am extremely grieved at the delay, as you may attribute my silence to anything but the right cause. –

As regards payment of the a/c. – "pushed further delay" I can only say this impossible from me to do so. – I purpose in time to pay every penny of the a/c, but as your Committee will understand – the insurance duty has been paid – and having for

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years deprived my wife and
Children of many things in order
to pay my Sisters a/c, your
Committee must have some Consideration
as to the balance, and wait
patiently, I am willing to pay
a reasonable interest required
but pay the a/c at present I
Cannot — and I certainly do
think it hard, that I should
be pressed for the same, as I
have so openly expressed all
my Circumstances! —

Remain Dear Sir
your respectfully,
J. E. Burton

2 Croston Street
Brooks Bar
Manchester 11/9/82.

Mr S Elwood.
Secretary
The Friends Retreat
York
Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your note d/d 10 Inst. and can assure you that I need no reminder of the a/c still outstanding against me for my sisters maintenance - but as I have before stated it is simply impossible for me to pay the a/c at present. I think I fully stated to you my reasons, and have been anxiously awaiting the consideration of your Committee in regard to the same. Since I last wrote to you I have had an addition in my family which has naturally called for greater expenditure & added to this a Burglar entered our House, during my late absence abt. 3 Months ago, and took 10£ in Cash. (213) that I had to pay for my

Insurance and Doctors' Bill. & valuables to the value of £10 more — I have also had to pay off some old loans that I concealed during the time I was out of a situation (12 months) and when I tell you that my income is now only one half what it used to be, you may imagine that I have hard work to get along, without adding to my liabilities — if your Committee will have patience with me I may then in time if required pay interest, but it is useless for me to make any offer to pay at present, as I cannot do it. So that if I am forced to pay, I shall have to appeal to the law, which I trust must succeed to avoid, not having the slightest wish or desire that any one should suffer by me — The rate of my salary was paid fairly regularly for years &

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out of a salary of £ 200 a year.—
I am quite sensible of the
consideration shown me by
your Committee in regard to
payment, and shall always
feel that I owe a debt of
gratitude to the Institution for
the kind treatment that my
dear Son has experienced.— When
I can see my way I shall not
allow the Ark to remain open
any longer than is absolutely
necessary.— you will recollect
that at the time the guarantee

was given that I stated my
position — and if the Committee
will only consider the matter
in all its bearings, I think
they will see that if by waiting
they cannot be paid, that it will
be better to leave the matter
open as a conscientious debt
that will be fully paid in
time.— My Boys will be
off my hands ere long &
then I shall have some
chance of putting by [illegible]

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off afar.— Thelp of my situation through the failure of the firm that I was with for 11 years, completely upset all my plans, and I have now been forced the greatest economy and deprive myself and family of many things that others would consider absolute necessities —.

Awaiting your reply,

I remain yours faithfully

J. E. Burrow

E.1. 16 Parliament St Hull.
26th September 1884.

Dear Sir

Mr Hamilton has handed us your favor of the 17th inst and we beg to enclose cheque value £50 on account Mr Hamilton wished us if you could kindly let the balance stand over until the end of the year when the same shall be remitted.

Yours truly
Tennyson d'Arcy
per J.D.

J E Wood Esq.
The Friends Retreat,
York.

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6 Parliament St. Hull.
30th Sept. 1884.

Dear Sir

We have received your favor of the 27th instant which we have sent to Mr Hamilton.

There is no doubt some consideration has already been shown in this matter but at the same time as it would be a very great convenience we trust the time asked for will be granted.

Yours truly
Jno. A Dewsbery

J C Woods Esq.
The Friends Retreat
York.

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charge him three
guineas a week
as you do in the
case of other patients
now that he is
no longer able to
pay the high rate.
If you could
kindly give
this matter an
early consideration
I should esteem
it a favour.

Yours respectfully

Edw. Jefferys

at Mrs Heywoods
Alderley Edge
Cheshire
Sept 2/84

To the Committee of the
"Friends Retreat" York

Dear Friends

When I called
at the Retreat on
Aug 5th to see my
brother S. Alexander Jefferys
I spoke about the
importance of his
expenditure not
exceeding his income
& was advised to
write to the Committee
on the subject. His

income is now very much reduced on account of the new business arrangements that Dr Baker explained to him & only amounts to about £150 per annum. I am sorry to say that my health broke down a few years since & I have had to winter in the South of France by the doctors orders. I have been put to very great expense & have had to spend much more than my income for some years & I am therefore unfortunately not able to help my brother. As it would be a very unwise thing that he should begin spending his capital I hope you will see your way to

HEPPER & SONS.
ESTATE & GENERAL
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS.

PARTNERS.
JOHN HEPPER.
ROBT. LEVITT.

East Parade.

Leeds Sep 9 1884

Dear Sir.

Please arrange to put my sister Mrs Fisher under Care at £3.3.0 in lieu of present arrangement, & when this is done let me have amended a/c and I will remit.

Yours truly

J. Hepper

Dr Banks.

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NORTH HILL
ST AUSTELL

9 Sep 84

Dear Friend

Enclosed please find copy of minute of East Cornwall Monthly Meeting held at Lostwithiel 4th of 9th Month 84, respecting E. B. Johns.

Yrs truly
J. B. Veale.

J. B. Woods
Secy.
York.

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HEPPER & SONS.
ESTATE & GENERAL
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS.

PARTNERS,
JOHN HEPPER.
ROBT. LEVITT.

East Parade.
Leeds Sep 15th 1884

Dear Mr Banks.

I have been in Liverpool & would have written fm earlier, formally to ask that Mrs Fisher, my sister, be detained in the Retreat at £3.3.0 instead of the present terms; for, as the detention seems likely to be much longer than at expected, & as I am in control of her finances, it is undesirable to continue the present rate of expenditure.

I propose coming over on Wednesday morning to see her in accordance with a promise I made at my last interview. I can then, if the amended a/c be ready, give fm my cheque for £ as. Yours truly

J. Hepper

12, Pavement,
York. 21st April 1884

Dear Sir.
re Armstrong.

The result of our interview with Mr. Wm and Mr. Denman at the Retreat on Saturday afternoon last was that they are prepared to pay the amount now owing from Mr. Wilford under the deed of covenant dated 16th November 1878 half down and the other half on the 16th July next on the Retreat releasing Mr. Wilford from all further liability under the deed -

We find that the amount recoverable from Mr. Wilford is £85 & not £75 as stated in our letter to Mr. Woods of the 4th Feb: last because we consider that of the £25 paid by Mr. Armstrong on the 1st Jan: 1879 £7. 10/- should be treated as a payment on account of the old debt as £17. 10/- only was then

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payable under the deed and that of the £20 paid by Mrs Armstrong on the 21st Sept. 1879 £2 .. 10/- should be treated in the same way and for a similar reason.

Probably the best plan will be for the Retreat to agree to the proposal of Mr Winn and Mr Dennison and for us to write out to Mrs Armstrong informing her what has been done and that unless she sends £17 .. 10/ on the 1st July next and £17 .. 10/- half yearly after that date in payment for her Husband's maintenance in the Retreat they will have no alternative but to send him to the North Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum.

The remaining point for consideration is whether Mrs Armstrong should also be required at the same time to pay off the balance of the account prior to the date of the

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12. Pavement,
York.

deed which after allowing the £3. 19 & £2. 10/- paid in Jany & Sept. 1879 would appear from the account furnished by Mr. Woods, & amount to £55. 14. 3.

I assume that in addition to the £55 the Retreat will require Mr. Wm & Mr. Dennis to pay our charges in the matter.

We are to communicate the decision of the Committee of the Retreat & Mr. Wm and we promised to write him this week if practicable.

Yours faithfully
R. & R. Woods & Co

Robt. Dakers Esq. M.D.
The Friends Retreat
York

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12, PAVEMENT,
YORK.

20th Sept. 1884

Dear Sir,

re Hauxworth

Before signing judgment we tried the effect of a final letter to Mr. Hauxworth's Solicitor and we are glad to inform you that it has resulted in the payment of £20 on further account and the promise of the balance by the end of the month. We enclose the Bank of England note for £20 which we have received and we will thank you to acknowledge its receipt.

Yours truly
S. & R. Wood & Co.

S. S. Wood Esq. 2214
The Friends Retreat York

should be thus provided for,
and the residue go in and
of the Quarterly payments.

My Sister in the latter
part of my long absence, has
responded to the claims, &
I find on my return, that
this has been done, without
reference to the "proctor" pay-
ments, so that instead of
a balance due from me
for the current quarter, there
is I assume a considerable
overlap, to the credit of
Mary's account—

Waiting thy reply at
convenience

I am sincerely
Thy Friend
Isaac Sharp

12 Southfield Villas
Middlesbro 9th 12th 84

Dear Friend
Dr Baker.

After an absence
of between 6 & 7 years I am
endeavouring to Balance
various accounts needing care,
and among them, the claims
of the Retreat, on account
of my daughter Mary, on
whose behalf I am glad and
grateful, she has such a home—

As regards the cash
account, I am unable, after
much pains-taking, to make
the figures agree— I find
however one clear starting
point in the following Retreat
memorandum —

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York 1879

Mary R Sharp
Dr to the Retreat

		£ s d
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1879	To amount received	5 . 4 10
9. 30		
1879		
12 31	To one Quarters Board	6 10 0
3 31		
1880	Disbursements to 12. 31	1 . 16 7
	£	13 - 11 - 5
1879		
12. 24	By Cash	12 5 4
	£	1 . 6 . 1

Voucher 843 - York July 16 - 1880
is for £ 7. 16. 1 ¼
being for one quarter in advance,
and the balance above -
£6 . 10 . 0 + 1 - 6 - 1 = £ 7 - 16 - 1 ¼

From that date forward to the present I am puzzled -

The only sum I am able to find placed to the credit of Mary's account, from the Trustees of her annuity bears date as follows

		£ s
1881		
10. 24	By Cash per Mr Proctor	9. 15. 5

which sum is duly credited on the face of the account next sent in & deducted therefrom accordingly - any sums therefore paid to the Credit of Marys account, since then, leaves just so much less to pay, in liquidation of the quarterly payments -

My brother in law, John Richardson Proctor, spoke about this at the time -

The Trustees of Marys small annuity, designed no other, in paying in the monies as it became due; than that out of them, any thing extra (Scarboro or other expenditure)

Southfield Villas
Middlesbro
9.16-84

My dear Fred

I am much obliged by thy kind & prompt response to my enquiries - it has helped me greatly - there is however one item, to which I wish to refer -

The entry 3.31-1884 £6.10.0 is I assume in advance & that the entry which follows a little lower down "Board in advance 6.10.0

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covers the Quarter Ending
June 30 to 9.30 A.M., agreeably
with the vouchers enclosed
and the accounts from
time to time rendered,
according to the accustomed
& usual regulations -

Should I be in
error, kindly inform
me, when the payment
originally made lapsed -

Sincerely
Yours
Isaac Sharp

Southfield Villas
Middlesbro
9 mo 18th 84

My dear Sir

For thy favour of yesterday I am obliged – my hope is, that we may both be ultimately satisfied, having each only the desire for the right –

Now I quote from thine

"The Board in advance lapsed
"Sep 30 1883, no payment
"having been made on
"Miss Sharp's account, between
"Sep 10 83 & Dec 29 84'

Now altho no payment

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was made every quarter in advance & every quarter is included in the amounts before me, up to the latest entry; dating back, quarter by quarter & year by year, in advance, the debits having by rule (& a good rule too) been so made — 3.30 to 6.30 1884 inclusive —

I ask the correct balance therefore £ 2.3.1 & not £ 2.3.1 plus 6.10.0, the quarterly charges always being in advance, eventually ending in a final balance, however irregularly the Credits may have been made —

I regret the trouble the ragged payments have given, but when at the other end of the world, could not do as I pair would —

I think I am correct but must desire we may see eye to eye —

If there with kindly trace back from the 6.10.0 last on the list, it will I believe show I have been in the region wherein no manner of doubt exists as to prepayment —

I am sincerely

Isaac Sharp

Middlesbro
9. 20. 84

Very dear Friend

Since posting to thee this evening, I have again looked at the Statement kindly sent me from 8 mo 4th 1873 –

Perhaps for mutual satisfaction it may be as well to ask the Auditors whether at 6. 30 1884, Thirteen pounds was due or only Six pounds ten –

I was in Norway

When my dear Mary was taken to the Retreat by my brother John Dunning who made the first payment £12.8.10 11 mo 25 1873

Inasmuch as the £6.10.0 to 12.31 1873 was included in that sum, of £12.6.10, it was surely paid in advance, & I fail to see where the advance has run out inasmuch as the £6.10.0 3.31 to 6.30 1884 was paid 4 mo 4th 1884 & therefore in advance—

May I ask thee kindly to forward this note with the Statements to the Auditors, by which they will see my difficulty

If my view is incorrect by their ultimatum, I must abide.

Owing to my long absence from home the Credits have been irregularly made— not so the Debits which run consecutively from the first—

With kind regards
Sincerely thy Friend
Isaac Sharpless

Shadelesbro

(Southfield Villas)

9 mo 20. 84

My dear Sir

I accept the offer as sent in & thank thee for thy patience & promptness

£ s d

Hereunto the 8-13-1

while I have acknowledge as

Balance 2-3-1

Arrears 6-10-0

£ 8-13-1

I am sincerely

Thy friend

Isaac Sharp

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FRIENDS' INSTITUTE
13
BISHOPSGATE ST.
WITHOUT.
LONDON. E.C.

9. 26. 84

My dear

Once more I thank
thee for all thy willingness
to aid me — The
Statements with the Auditors
letter I have now to
acknowledge — They have
given me little —

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Kindly favor me with a memorandum (at convenience) of ~~the~~ "Disbursements" to 9.30 which I should be glad to pay to-morrow at Hart, both agreed, for another quarter —

Sincerely Yours

Isaac Sharp

Alliance Chambers
George Street
Sheffield 23rd Sept. 1884

Dear Sir

We have carefully examined the account and letter enclosed in yours of yesterday. It seems to us that Mr Sharp's difficulty arises in his being charged with ¼ years board to the 30th September 1884. He is quite right in his contention that board to 30th June was paid 4th April, and that to clear the account to the 30th June 1884 £2.3.1 only is payable. If board is however to be continued to the patient to the 30th September £6.10.0 additional would be due for such board, payable in advance.

The question between your

and Mr Sharp is simply one of liability to pay board for the quarter ending 30th September 1884.

Whether this is properly chargeable or not depends we presume on whether the patient remained in the Retreat during the quarter, about which we have no information.

If it were so the account is correctly made out.

We return Mr Sharp's letter and the Account

Yours faithfully
Barker Bros & Worley

Mrs S. E. Woods
Secretary Friends' Retreat
York

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Bessbrook Spinning Co.. Limited.

Bessbrook. 9 Month 10th 1884
Co ARMAGH.

To The Friends' Retreat
York

On the 23rd of 7th month we sent you a cheque for £97. 14. 7 in payment of an account for Mrs Richardson, we did this in the absence of our Mr Richardson assuming that the statement was correct & that he had particulars of the item £83. 17. 7 called "account rendered".

As he is not likely to be home wort for some months & expects us to have cognizance of these accounts will you be good enough to give us the particulars of the amount we have paid & inform us whether there is any expenditure still accruing with you on account of his sister; kindly address to our J. F. Harris for privacy. For. Bessbrook Spg Co Ld

D. Thorp.

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BERILY HOUSE,
BICKLEY, KENT.

June 30th 1884

To the Committee of the Retreat
Sterlington Road York

Gentlemen

As Trustees of Mr Alfred M Bost, at present a Patient in your Retreat, we beg to inform you that we propose to remove Mr Bost from such Retreat.

We shall feel obliged by your accepting this letter as the requisite notice for that purpose, and we shall further be pleased to hear from you when it will be convenient for you to deliver Mr Bost over to our care. Both Mr Thomas Bost (next of kin) and ourselves are sensible of the benefit Mr A M Bost has derived from the treatment received by him during his stay at the Retreat, and we are unanimous in our desire that he should again take up his residence away of his friends, free from the restraint your Institution necessarily involves.

We shall take every Care for Mr Bost's Comfort and safety, and we await your favor to enable us to complete the arrangement we have set on foot

We remain Gentlemen

Yours faithfully

James E Woodward

Henry Wright

11, DAVYGATE, 89A, GOODRAMGATE, & 68, MICKLEGATE,

YORK, ... 188

Bought of GEORGE E. BARTON,

CONFECTIONER & BREAD BAKER.

CONTRACTOR FOR PUBLIC TEAS.

Mr S. E. Woods.

Dr. Sir.

I have pleasure

in again sending you samples of

Bread I have sent Monday's

Baking as I thought it would be

better to cut when inspected by Committee

Sample Tin Loaf 1/5½ per stone

Cottage Loaf
(Hard Hungarian Flour) 1/9 per stone

Yours Respectfully
Geo E Barton

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11, DAVYGATE, 89A, GOODRAMGATE, & 68, MICKLEGATE,

YORK, ... 188

Bought of GEORGE E. BARTON,

CONFECTIONER & BREAD BAKER.

CONTRACTOR FOR PUBLIC TEAS.

J. E. Woods Esq.

Dr. Sir.

I have great pleasure in sending you prices and samples of two Kinds of Bread.

Sample Tin Loaf 1/5½ per stone.

Sample Cottage Loaf (Hungarian) 1/9 do.

this Days Baking.

Yours Respectfully.

Geo E Barton.

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25 Forsgate
Oct 14th 1884

Dear Sir I thank you for your inquiries about our prices I should be very glad to supply you with samples. we supply very good quality. I think the lowest we could do it at would be 1/5 per stone we sell now wholesale to shops at about 1/6 would you kindly give me an Idea of the quantity likely to be required as that would have to be taken into consideration

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So hoping the favour of a reply I beg to remain your obedient Servant Wm Rex

WILLIAM REX,

BAKER, CONFECTIONER,

Flour and Provision Dealer,

No. 25, Fossgate,

YORK.

Begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally, that he has succeeded to the Old Established BAKERY and CONFECTIONERY Business for many years successfully carried on by MR. W. S. LAND, and he is prepared to supply all kinds of BREAD at the Lowest Prices.

MUFFINS & TEA CAKES Fresh Every Day.

HOT CAKES at 8 o'clock in the Morning.

A Choice Selection of Biscuits.

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MEMORANDUM

From,

W. WHITTAKER & SON,

GROCERS & PROVISION MERCHANTS, TEA DEALERS,

AND

BREAD BAKERS AND FLOUR DEALERS,

CASTLEGATE AND CLIFFORD STREET,

YORK.

Sept 26th 1884

To Mrs Woods.

The Friends Retreat.

York.

Sir In consequence of the recent small reduction in the price of Flour we shall be able to supply your bread @ 1/6 per Stone from the 24th of this present month trusting this will meet with your approval.

We are

Yours Respectfully

Wm Whittaker & Son.

49, GOODRAMGATE,

York, 10th Month 9th 1884

To the Committee
of the Friends Retreat

~~WILTSHIRE HAMS AND BACON.~~

CHARLES JACKSON,

YORKSHIRE HAMS AND BACON.

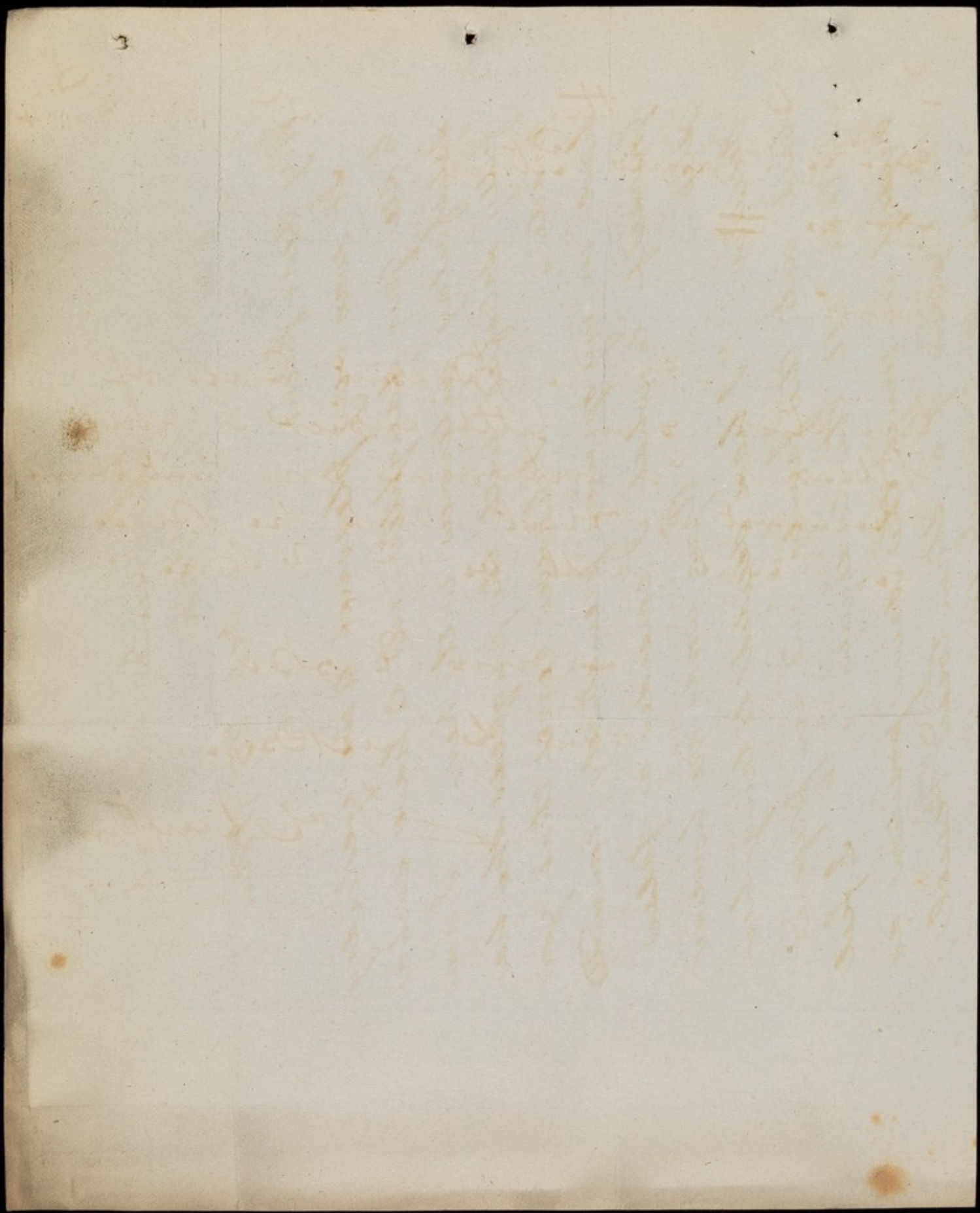
BUTCHER.

Mem

As the present Price of live stock is a little easier I have pleasure in informing You that from the first of next month the Price of Meat will be 10d. pr Stone.

I am Respy
Pro C. Jackson
Wm Clayton

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The Friends' Retreat
York
Oct. 25. 1884

My dear friend,

It was very pleasant to me yesterday to see your daughter, and to have such a satisfatory interview with her. I am fully satisfied with the progress she has made. I however regret that you have, in my opinion prematurely, committed yourself to what I consider a false step. Your words are however decisive. "I have decided to bring her back into the family, and am prepared to take all the consequences." I feel myself in much the same position as the Captain of a storm-tossed vessel, would keep, if after guiding safely past many dangers, his command was withdrawn, and he prevented conducting his vessel into harbour.

I hope you will understand that I write to you under a strong

2 aware of my individual duty respecting this painful case. I fully believe that you wish only to do that which is right. and that you believe that it is your duty to take Miss Richardson home. I do conscientiously dissent from this plan. and if, after reading this protest you still think it right to take her home to reside with her sisters and her own family, I must ask you to allow me to retire from any further professional connection with the case.

I do not think it possible that the special details of my treatment could be continuously carried out in a satisfactory manner at home. and I believe that after Miss Walters left, the maid would be apt to diminish the activity of her supervision, and that the results of so many years' labour would be endangered.

Believing, as I do, that your daughter's progress towards entire

convalescence is not likely to be interrupted if she is wisely treated, I do think that the greatest care could be required in her immediate future, in the discretion that is used in gradually leaving some of those safeguards which up to the present have been found to be absolutely essential, and which have answered our purpose so well. So long as safeguards, and restrictions are needed, she ought not to be trusted to any nurse at her own home.

But not only do I object to your plan for the sake of her own health and happiness, but I object to it very strongly for the sake of your own family. Your daughters must see that their sister is closely watched, and, as they will think, unreasonably followed about. Seeing her so perfectly well intellectually, they will naturally think this watching

absurd, unless they find out, or are told, the real cause - On no account will I have any part or lot in consenting to their being told, or of giving facilities for finding out.

From past experience I know how probable it is that, when your eldest daughter is perfectly well, she will feel keenly sensitive as to any one of her relations, or servants, having known of the cause of the miserable past.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

W. G. Richardson Esq

Brunswick House

West Park, Harrogate

Copy.

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dear Mrs Sayer,

I brought your letter before the Retreat Committee at their meeting Yesterday, at the same time reading them a letter I had received from Prof.r Morley - In that letter he said that he was willing to contribute for a time £50. a year towards your expenses. The Committee were so desirous of again extending the advantages of the Retreat to your daughter, that they empowered me to communicate with Prof. Morley, & to say that the Retreat Committee would re-admit your daughter here for one year, if he would pay the £50. mentioned in his letter direct to the Retreat - I have a telegram from him saying that he accepts, & is very thankful for, the Committee's liberality -

Under these circumstances, your daughter can now at any time be received into the Retreat, & on receipt of letter, or telegram, I will send a nurse for her -

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

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The Friends' Retreat, York.
Dec 23. 87

My dear Friend

I find on reference to our books of 21. IX. 1863 that Maria L. Smith was admitted at the lowest rate of payment "on the recommendation of Leicester Mo. Meeting"

She has (thus) for nearly twenty years been received at the Retreat for a sum much smaller than the actual cost of her maintenance. Our present average weekly cost per patient is 37/- There has never been, during the time I have been connected with the Retreat, any similar application to that received through you, where a patient has been received at the lowest rate, on the specific recommendation of a monthly meeting. I trust therefore that the Friends who have charge of M. Smith's affairs, will be able to arrange either amongst themselves, or from the funds of the monthly meeting, to pay the amount owing on Maria Smith's account. I believe it is usual where patients are recommended by a Mo. Meeting, for some of the Friends of that meeting to exercise supervision over the accounts of the patient so recommended, & thus prevent the account passing into arrears. At our Committee meeting last Tuesday the application contained in your letter was considered, & as it was believed that you were not aware that Maria Smith had been sent to us on the recommendation of the Mo. Meeting, I was directed to let you know this. If however, you still find that there are no funds belonging to the Mo. Meeting available for the payment of our account, & if you find you can only arrange still for us being paid the proportion of the account named in your letter, I will again bring the matter before the Committee at their next meeting. When you reply to this letter, will you kindly state if the Mo. Meeting will hold itself responsible for the future payments for Maria L. Smith's maintenance here

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

W. H. Ellis
Anstey Grange
Leicester.

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

March 13. 1884

I, the undersigned, B. Musgrave, being the person who signed the order for the admission of my daughter, Blanche Musgrave to the York Retreat on the 10th Dec.r 1883 - hereby request her discharge. I re-assume all the responsibility of her future care and protection and I do this, knowing that it is against the advice of all the Medical Officers of the York Retreat

(Signed) B. A. Musgrave

(Witness) W. Baker.

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March 23. 1884

I the undersigned Thomas Horn being the person who signed the order for the admission of my Brother-in-Law Robert Sutton to the York Retreat on March 22nd 1884 hereby request his discharge I relinquish all the responsibility of his future Care & protection & I do this knowing that it is against the advice of the Retreat Physicians

Signed

Thomas Horn

Witness W Baker.

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The Friends Retreat
York Nov 26. 84

Dear Sir,

Mrs Scott tells me this morning that you are intending to come over tomorrow and remove her to her own home.

You have, undoubtedly a perfect legal right to take this step, but the moral responsibility you incur in doing so is such as to call for the most serious thought-fulness on your own behalf.

Your wife's condition of deep mental depression, with well marked delusions, is such an anxious one that I have thought it necessary for her protection, & safety, to appoint a special nurse to watch her, and have directed one of the lady-companions to devote as much time as possible to her.

If therefore you remove her from skilled care and supervision in her present phase, you will, in my opinion commit a grave error, & will diminish her prospect of recovery.

I shall be glad if you will shew

this letter of protest to your family doctor, Dr. Lowe, so that he may fully be informed that we disapprove of your wife's removal - and that there must not rest upon any of the Retreat Authorities, the slightest degree of responsibility for the possible consequences of such an act of unwisdom

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Mr Geo Scott.

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dec. 13th 1884

Dr Crichton Browne.

Dear Dr. Browne

I have a letter from my friend Richard Smith of Lincoln's Inn Fields enclosing a copy of your Report re Walker Woodward.

In his letter he says "I am requested to attend before the master on Tuesday next, 16th inst. to consider it" –

I therefore write to explain to you that the patches of

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Edwards which Dr. Batty Tuke wrote to Dr. Batty Tuke's letter were with reference to your visit, treated with the usual medicine because of the difficulty in inducing him to take any medicine – I thought that if we forced him to take Medicine we might arouse suspicions in his debased mind which might do infinitely more harm than the good that might be attained.

I am however much obliged to say our loyalty and every effort

that the Visitors think it their duty to make, and we are now endeavouring to induce W. W. to take suitable medicine.

I have only to add that I have not, of course, the very slightest objection in the world to his being seen by any specialist whom you may name, if you still think this desirable. I have given strict orders to the attendant to pay more attention to W. W's personal condition

Yours Faithfully
Robt Baker

The Friends' Retreat York
Dec 9th 1884

My dear friend,

Referring to your letter of Dec 1st I have encouraged Mr Steer to arouse himself out of his condition of listlessness, by holding out to him the hope that as he rose to higher things, so much the greater was the probability of his again being able to be tried at home. His condition is still one of much difficulty in management - but I think the time has, at any rate nearly, arrived when he might suitably be tried at home again.

I would propose therefore that you should apply to me, formally, for his being liberated from here for 4 weeks' leave of absence, from Saturday Dec 20th. If at the end of the four weeks the overseers & Mrs Steer find that he can be managed at home, you could then apply for his discharge, or in the other event, he could return to the Retreat.

With Kind regards

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

You are still owing
£15. 3. 3. £10. 10. 0 of
which is for my supervision
of your daughter's case -
charged at half the usual
rate - The Committee have
agreed, at my request, to
offer to remit even this
small amount provided
that the balance of actual
money paid on your daughter's
behalf is promptly paid.

Yours truly
Robt. Baker

(Copy.)

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Oct. 28. 1884

Dear Mrs Binks,

On my return from my
American tour I find that
the question of your overdue
account has claimed the
consideration of the Committee.

I am exceedingly sorry
that this misunderstanding
has arisen, but it has
taught me the lesson of the
necessity of committing to
writing all similar arrange-
ments in future.

I find that

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The Friends' Retreat
York Nov 21. 84

My dear friend,

A. H. Lucy is settling in very comfortably with us up to the present time - Your application for her being received here at the recommended rate of 10/- will of course be accepted by the Committee; but I return it to you for amendment, as it is signed by Arthur Wallis as clerk of the Monthly Meeting of Alton, Southampton & Poole. This Monthly Meeting has no power of recommendation as a Monthly meeting, but the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex Surrey & Hants has the right to recommend three patients, & at present only exercises that right on behalf of one

I am Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Wm. Westlake

no ways essential to the patients suitable treatment, & that he would be quite as well cared for, & quite as happy in the general sitting rooms, as in private rooms.

I would propose to you that this alteration be forthwith made, and the charge for your father's maintenance reduced to 35/- per week, being the average actual cost per patient to the Institution.

My opinion of your fathers mental condition is certainly not a favorable one - but I hope to report to you shortly further in detail.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker.

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Yours faithfully
Robt Baker.

The Friends' Retreat
York Nov 24. 84

My dear friend,

I had a long interview with your mother on Friday, & since then have received from her a letter, with an enclosure from you authorising your sister's discharge.

I therefore enclose you as the person who signed the order for her admission the legal notice of her discharge.

Your mother wishes your sister to go into lodgings near here, & authorizes a weekly expenditure on your sister's behalf of a sum not exceeding 30/-

I enclose you a statement of amount up to today, of your sister's board & maintenance here, & I shall be glad to receive from you a cheque in payment of the same so that the account in our books may be closed.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

The Friends' Retreat
York Mar 21. 85

Messrs Watson Exam & Barber

Dear Sirs,

George Virgil Frankish was transferred to the Retreat from Wadsley Asylum on Nov.r 14th & remained with us until Jan 21st.

As Chas Doncaster signed the order for his admission his Estate would be liable for the payment of G.V.F.'s board & maintenance here, up to the time of his death, when G.V.F.'s wife, as his nearest relative, would be placed in the position of being able at any time to move him from here - & therefore presumably an assenting party, and liable for his maintenance until his removal by her, at her own request.

As a matter of fact however I was distinctly given to understand that Sheffield Meeting of the Society of Friends intended to exercise their right of recommending him for admission here at the lowest rate of payment, namely £0 10/- per week, and that he would be paid for

by that meeting, in due course. No formal minute of recommendation was obtained partly because of C. Doncaster's death, & partly because it was known that unless the patient shewed further legal signs of insanity he would soon have to be discharged.

I shall be glad to give you any further information, & regret the delay in answering your letter.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker.

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Royal Insurance Buildings
Corn St. Bristol

6th mo 25. 1881

R.B. Baker M.D.
The Friends' Retreat, n. York.

Dear Friend,

The attention of the Charitable Trusts Committee has been directed to the case of Thomas Wednow now a patient at York Retreat at the rate of payment of one guinea per week.

It will be within thy recollection that the Committee of the Retreat declined to admit Thomas Wednow at the lowest rate of payment on the ground of his non-membership in the Society of Friends, quoting paragraph 1 on page 14 of the Bye Laws of 1878, which states that certain donations &c, shall entitle the Donor "to the privilege of nominating one poor patient" "being a Member of the Society of Friends, on the" "lowest terms of admission, for a period not" "exceeding ten years".

Now paragraph 2 on the same page goes on

the fundamental Rule at page 3 which states that the Establishment was provided for "Members of the Society of Friends, and others in profession with it."

Thomas Wednow, as has been already stated in previous correspondence, was undoubtedly "in profession" with Friends and in fact would in all probability have been readmitted as a member but for the Malady with which he was attacked, & the Committee therefore consider that they are clearly entitled to claim his admission at the lowest rate of payment, under the original rules.

We shall be obliged by thy laying this letter before the Committee, with a request that they will reconsider their former decision.

We remain, thy friends truly
Robert L. Stuge
Henry Grace

to say that "the existing privilege of Meetings or of persons to recommend poor patients shall not be taken away or diminished, notwithstanding any general powers which are or may be invested in future Directors, and it is explained in a note how some Quarterly & Monthly Meetings acquired by their contributions the privilege of nominating poor patients on the lowest terms.

It is clear therefore that the existing privilege of Meetings to recommend poor patients whatever it was, was reserved to them and not affected by the new By-Laws. and in order to ascertain its nature we must go back to the Regulations previously in force.

Upon referring to the Rules of 1859, page 14, paragraph 1 it will be found that the Contributing Meetings are entitled to the privilege of nominating "one poor patient at a time, on the lowest terms" without the condition of Membership in the Society.

This must be read in connexion with

200 Douglas Road,
Parkwood Springs,
Sheffield.

Dr Baker, York.

Sir,

I am obliged to you for sending the Corking & filling machine = but you have not sent the Bottle Washing Machine.

Yrs &c

Joseph Duerden.

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Glen Usk,
Caerleon,
Newport, Mon.

13th December
1884.

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the Board of Visitors whether there is any reason why Lady Mackworth's name should not be changed as she seems to wish it.

She also wishes to make some Christmas presents, and you may use your discretion

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in letting her purchase some
up to the amount of £2.

Will you kindly let me
know about the nurse at
your earliest convenience,
and would you also tell
me whether there has been
any change in Lady Markworth's
mental condition since
the visit of her daughter
Mrs W. Corbett.

Believe me yrs truly
Arthur W. Markworth.

The Guarantee Society,

(EMPOWERED BY SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT)

for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required.*

19, Birchin Lane,

London, E.C.

Misdated.

Really 5th Jan. 1883

5th Jany 1882.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4th instant, and in reply thereto, having regard to the nature of the risk, I do not think my Directors would be prepared to reduce the rate of premium on the guarantee on your behalf, other than by the usual periodical reductions as under: — viz

20 per Cent on the 6th payment
50 — " — on — 13th — " —
75 — " — on " 19th — " —

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The Premium £10 — now payable is the 5th, the reduction of 20 % will therefore take place next year, when the amount to pay will be reduced to £8.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully

Secretary

Mr S. E. Woods
The Friends' Retreat
York

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From

William Pape.

Glass Merchant & Glass Stainer.

Aire Street. Leeds.

Dec 20th 1884

To E. Taylor Esq.

York

Your Brilliant cut has left as per advice today & I regret my inability to despatch yesterday as I had hoped when you were last in Leeds. The pattern is exceptionally full of work much more so than I calculated. Hitherto I have only had it cut for exhibition hence the miscalculation. My price for future orders would be 2/6 per ft higher than quoted you I will however execute any order to which you are now committed at price quoted.

Worsbrough Local Government Board.

ALFRED CLEGG, SOLICITOR,
CLERK
TO THE BOARD,
19, *Regent St., Barnsley.*

Barnsley,

4th Feby 1885

Sir

I am informed that Mr Henry Wilkinson of 40 Northfield Lane Leeds is an inmate of your Asylum - Mr Wilkinson was, up to a few months ago, Rate Collector &c to the above Board, and certain circumstances have come to light in connection with his late office which render it necessary for the Board to have some proceedings taken against Mr Wilkinson - The Board however are informed that Mr Wilkinson has lost his reason, and they direct me to ask if you or the Medical Attendant of your Asylum will inform me if the information which has been given to the Board is correct, and say whether or not you or your Medical Attendant consider there is any likelihood of Mr Wilkinson recovering his reason - This letter is of course written to you in confidence, and as a privileged communication which under the circumstances it appears desirable to make - Kindly therefore treat it as such, as the Board are wishful to spare Mr Wilkinson's friends any pain which they can -

Awaiting your early communication

I am,

Yours truly,

Alf Clegg

The Governor,
Friends' Asylum
Heslington Rd,
York -

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(Copy)

Robt. Davis Esq

My dear Sir,

The amount owing on account of the late Mr. Caldwell is £44.18.9 as stated. I enclose the account in another form which may be more plain. The payment of £53.3.1 on Feb. 10th. 1869 left £25. to the credit of the account. This sum has always been carried forward, and is deducted at the final settlement.

No addition to this credit was made when the terms were increased, and therefore the full amount of the last quarter's charge cannot be allowed. The £5. ~~with~~ charged in the account marked A. may be struck out. Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

Friends' Retreat. York. July 29-85

Hoping you are able walk
Iam, dear Lien.
Yrs most truly.
Minna Brackelow

Dr Baker -
Friend's Retreat.
York.

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Keith Lodge.
Upper Norwood. Dec 3rd

Dear Dr Baker.

I write to ask if you can arrange for my Sister to sign a document. There is some property that must be sold, & divided now our Mother is dead. The Lawyer tells me he must have Lizzie's signature. Enclosed

rather they did not need a Lawyer from the office.- Perhaps you have to arrange for this same. Times, & need support the best way. The Lawyer says she must understand that her grandfathers property has to be sold, & decided, & we shall invest her share to be used for her. I am sure she could be made to understand this- If you will kindly send me a note as early as you can saying how you think best to do it. I am thankful to say that we are able to let her have all she has had, & any little thing more you think needful for her.- They listen to you she seemed better when she was up last month.

With kind regards.

of those accustomed to follow his directions - and secondly that it lends a Medical status to the signature so obtained.

I believe that your sister would sign the documents if sent to her, & if your Solicitor considers such signature would be of legal value, I shall not prevent your sister signing your form: although I cannot be any party to persuading her to sign it.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dec. 5th 1884

Dear Miss Brankston,

There are special instructions issued by the Commissioners in Lunacy, directing Superintendents of Asylums not to be parties to the signing of such papers as you refer to, by their patients. The idea being that the Medical Superintendent requesting the signature, uses the influence of his position over the un-

Holgate House
York.
Nov 22. 1854.

My dear Friend,

Of course as regards my own feelings I would shrink from the proposal made by my Brother, but if there is any good likely to result from an examination, I should not let my feelings stand in the way. I therefore give my consent. May I take this opportunity of thanking you most

sincerely for all your
kindness to my dear
husband & consideration
for myself. Particularly
for being with him at the
last & as much as possible
taking my place. I cannot
help regretting still that I
was not there, but I know
he would have the sense
of companionship when
you were present. I am
also very grateful for your
suggestions as to arrangements
& shall always think of you
with gratitude. In haste

Yours very sincerely
Eliz^th S. Woods

Would you please remind

Address of his Executrix to send Proof
of my husband's Will.

12. Hants. Terrace
Southsea
4. 11. 84

Dear Sir.

On the 24th Ultimo my Brother-in-law. Mr. Samuel Beckshell. of Wakefield. advised me. that on the previous day my Daughter. Caroline Sayer. had once again been confided to your care, and custody.

If this is so. I am not at all surprised at it. I regret that she had, when once in a measure recovered, under your care; been restored to those old, and unhealthy influences (mental and physical) of which, I know. My object in now writing to you is, to endeavour to obtain an impartial report of her present condition, and her probable future: with a Diagnosis of her case.

This favor, I hope you will not deny me.

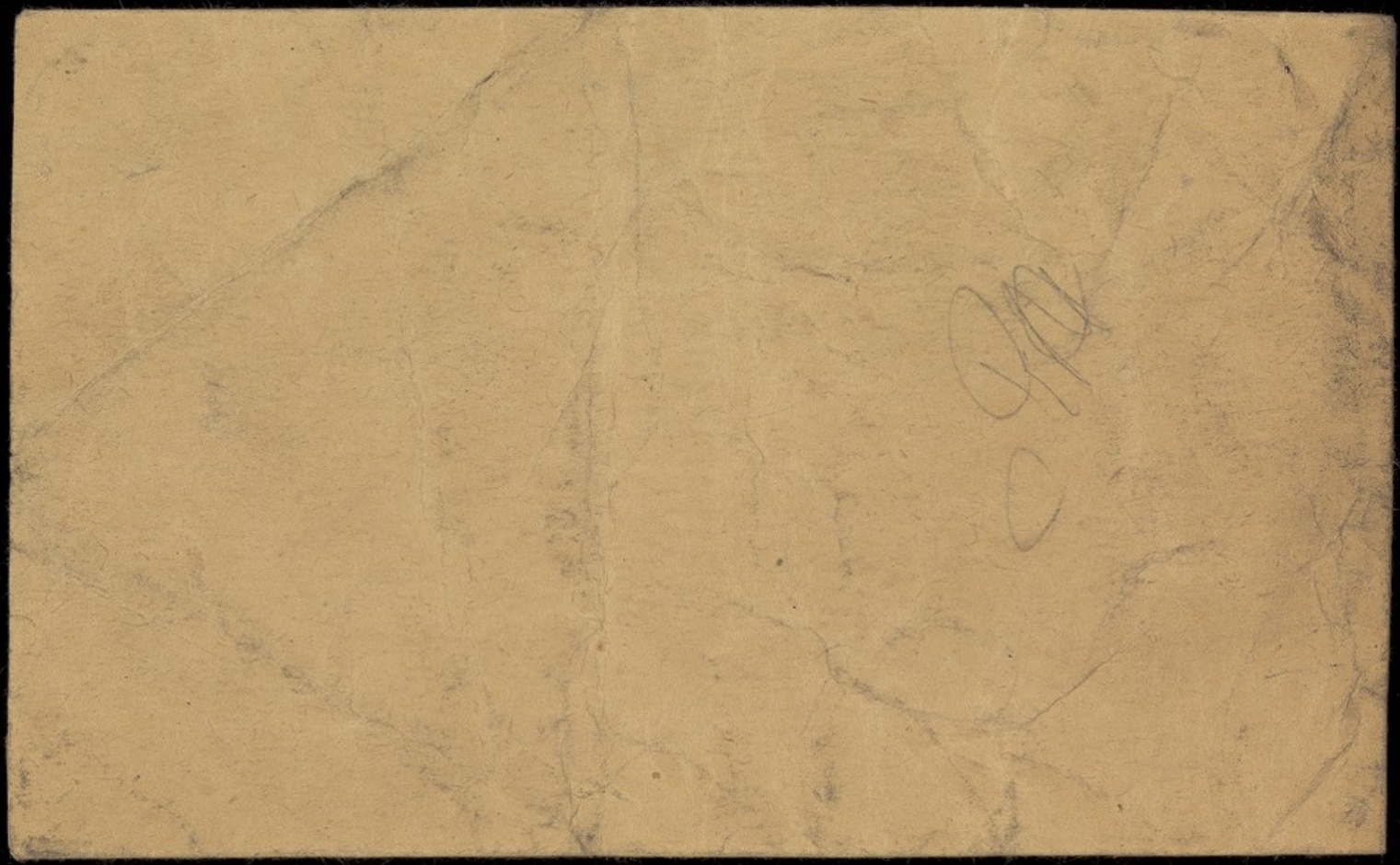
The last Letter I received from her is dated. Wakefield. July 19th 84. I am willing to send her the Newspapers, and to write to her. as before: if it will be of any use for me to do so.

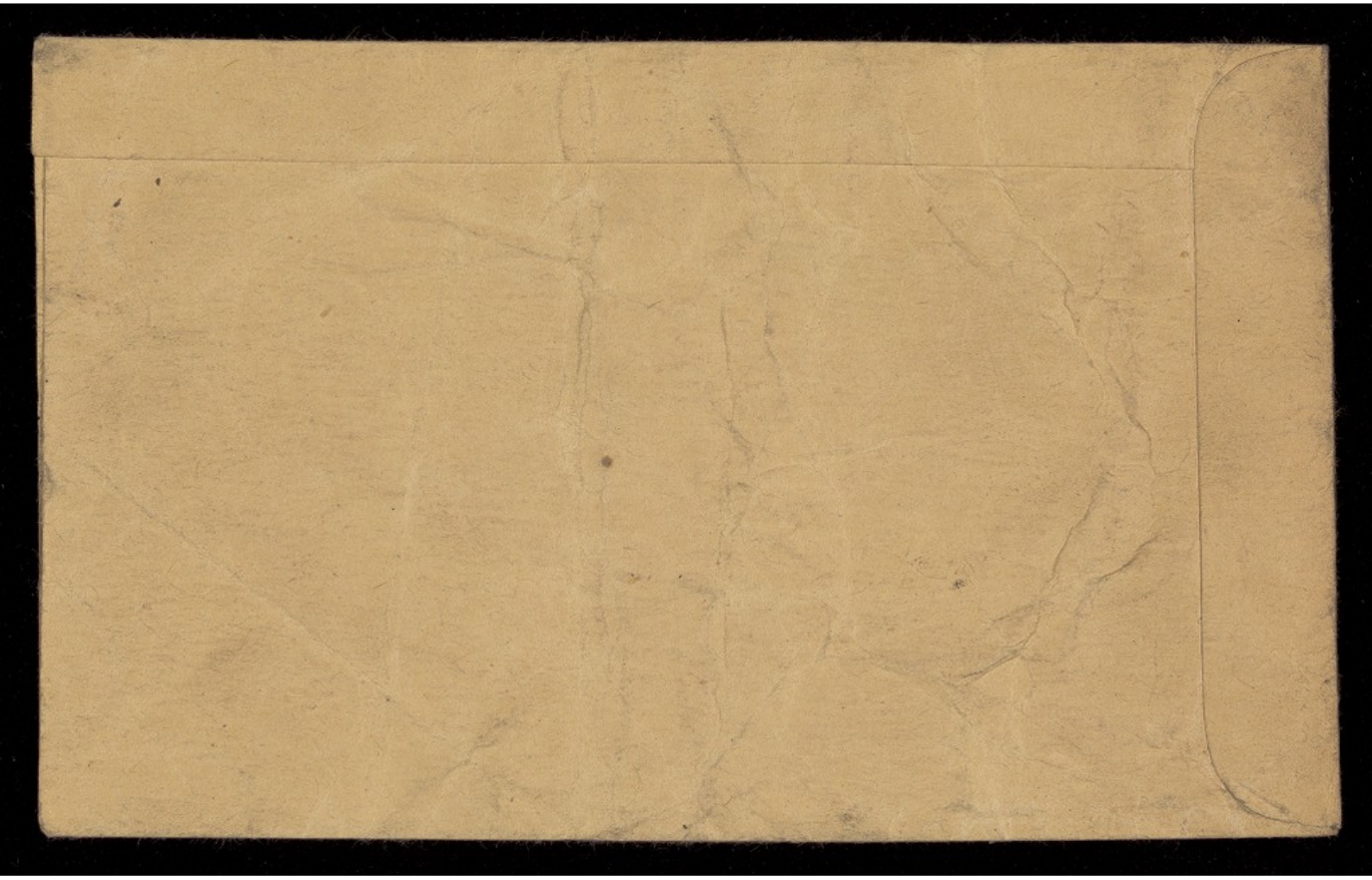
Asking your excuse for troubling you.

I beg to remain Sir
Faithfully Yours
Joseph. S. Sayer

Robt. Baker Esq.r M.D.
"Friends Retreat
York.

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Aug 4
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PORTICO
MANCHESTER

To the Trustees of the
Retreat — York —

I authorize and
to discharge Mrs
E. A. Nelson: when
- Ever her Mother Revokes
Jn this "Order" —

Fred K. Cooper

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myself responsible for.

Yours faithfully

J. Scarth. Coroner

Dr Baker

Friends Retreat

York.

39 West Laith Gate.

2 Doncaster 23/11/84

Dear Dr Baker

I think the time has come for my daughter leaving the Retreat. I enclose you an Order signed by Son Frederick authorizing her discharge, I should like her to be placed in lodgings near you to remain under your care, but I should not wish the expense to exceed 30/- per week, which sum, I believe

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P.S. Please hand to the
Committee my grateful thanks
for the kindness & attention
shewn towards my daughter
during her residence under
your care & supervision —

Yours truly
Sarah Cook
Dr. Baker

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RICHD SMITH & WILMER.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
~~7. New Square.~~
~~Lincoln's Inn.~~
London.
W.C.

10th February 1885.

My dear Friend,

re Woodward
re Freestone.

Many thanks for your favor of 7th inst. giving me the opportunity of seeing you in Town on Friday or Saturday.

I do not know that there is any point which at this moment it is necessary that we should discuss in either of these cases, but I am always glad to see you, and should be pleased if you could give me a call if you are anywhere near.

As re Woodward I am waiting for a further affirmation from Henry Neighbours as to Pedigree & in Freestone I am waiting

for some further information as to the property, and I may say in confidence that there are reasons which would make me prefer taking proceedings in the name of the Society of Friends to doing so in the name of the relative whom you so mentioned to me & whom at present I have not either seen or heard from.

I could explain this more fully if I saw you.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

A. H. Smith

Dr. Baker
2 Salisbury Street
Strand

25 Knowsley Street

Bolton

17/6/85

Dear Friend. D. Barker

I am in receipt of
yours saying my brother is in want
of clothes to but before we make any
I shall be glad to know if he is any
better than when he left home as we
understood he was considerably -
My Mother is disappointed you do not
say how he is she wishes to know
whether there is any improvement,
whether he goes out of the grounds at
all or to Meeting whether he ever
expresses any wish to see any of

us or to hear anything of home affairs - It is now nearly 12 months since we had any report of his condition, except the brief remark on the quarterly afs tif you will consider what a Mother's feelings are in such cases I know you will see the reasonableness of her request. Kindly reply at your earliest convenience, to oblige

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. Ellwright

Craggs

19th Sept 1885.

Sleigh's House,
Bishopton Road,
Stockton on Tees.

Robert Baker Esqr M.D.

Dear Sir,

I beg to hand you cheque value £139. 19. 3 in payment of the enclosed account which please receipt and return.

I regret to have to state that I shall not be able to continue to pay these charges. My pecuniary circumstances will not allow it. I have the greatest fondness for the Institution over which you preside and I shall be exceedingly sorry if I have to remove my Son but as he may live for years and provision will have to be made for him I don't see anything for it but to ask for terms more within my ability to pay. I am told by my Medical attendant and by others that my Son should be most comfortably taken care of at about two guineas per week and when he was sent to your Asylum Doctor Hind told me that your charges would be about two guineas per week. I know nothing about these matters myself and I dislike to ask for a reduction of terms but as I cannot pay the present rates for very long and I am sure my Executors could not I think it desirable to make the statement.

At present I am too busy to be able to come over to see you besides which an interview with

my Son would upset me. I shall be obliged if you will write to me.

Kindly send me particulars of the account that you would render up to December last past £46.4.11. That account never seems to have come into my hands

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours most faithfully

Thomas Craggs

to decline to consent to it.

I think you are perfectly right in carrying an appeal from this, my honest and conscientious belief, to the Commissioners in Lunacy.

They have undoubtedly the power to override my certificate.

I ought also to remind you that Mr. Box can at any time be removed from here to any other asylum.

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Nov. 6th 85

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst. I believe it to be my duty to inform you that my patient Mr. A.M. Box is still a dangerous lunatic, according to the definition of the act of Parliament to which I have previously referred you.

You state that he wishes his discharge and complete freedom. In my opinion this would be most unsafe. and I beg again distinctly

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of the management of the Male Department, & of the Male attendants, and he will be expected to keep the case books of his own division. 3. He will be required to keep himself acquainted with the facts of the cases on the womens' side, so that in the absence of the senior assistant he may be able to undertake the management of that depart. -ment under the control of the Supt.

4. He will have a sitting -room & bedroom provided in the Lodge Buildings and it will be his duty to

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Oct. 19th 85

My dear Dr. Fawcett,

It is definitely settled that the consideration of the question of the appointment of a second assistant shall be considered by the committee at their meeting tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Will you before that time send me a telegram saying whether you wish to be a candidate for the appointment or not. I gather that the conditions of the appointment will be as follows -

1. The Junior assistant shall carry out the directions of the Supt. & senior assistant.
2. Subject to their direction he shall have the control

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take his meals in the Lodge dining-room with the gentlemen patients, & to personally conduct the morning and evening reading of the Bible.

He must never be absent from the Institution at the same time as the Senior assistant - without obtaining the special consent of the Supt.

5. The salary for the first year will be at the rate of £80. per ann. with the probability of increase to £100. per ann. the second year.

6. No candidate to be eligible for election unless he expresses his bona fide intention of remaining at least one year.

I am faithfully
Rob.t Baker

2 Croston Street
Brooks Bar
Manchester 22/8/85

Dr. Robert Baker MD.
York.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your note d/d 20 inst. & am exceedingly sorry to say that I am quite unable to respond to the request of your Committee -

My salary is so small that I am prevented from putting anything by, & I can therefore only ask the Committee to extend the time - the debt is not overlooked, and I shall not fail to make a remittance when in my power -

I regret to say that my wife has been seriously ill and I have had to send her to the seaside - so that expense with the Doctors &c again diminishes my salary, had I any spare means, I do not ask my Committee to wait a day - & I cannot but think that you are under the impression that my income

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extends beyond my Salary. -
but I can assure you that
such is not the case - I know
that my dear Sister used
to take rather vaguely all
Money, and from her you
may have received some
such impression -

When I tell you that
I am only in receipt of
£150 p annum, out of
that have to pay Insurance,
& Current expenses for 5
persons, you may judge
that there is not any
thing to spare - If I can
obtain an increase of Salary
I should then be enabled to
assist you something, but at
present I fear is so dull
that I am afraid that
such request at present
would meet with a denial
& possibly dismissal. So
hoping enough to suit you all
& I shall not fail to send you
Something in the first of the
Month.

Remain Dear Sir
Your faithful
D. E. Brown

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The Friends' Retreat
York Oct 23. 1885

My dear friend

I am of opinion that E.B. Johns is still in a delusional condition, & that one diseased belief is nearly always present with him -

I cannot therefore have anything to do with, a responsibility for his removal at present from the Retreat.

As the law of England at present stands, his wife, who signed the order for his admission here has the legal right to remove him - and we have no power to prevent her doing so -

I enclose a form which it will be essential for her to sign - but I hope that she will seriously consider the very grave responsibility that she incurs by undertaking the responsibility of her husband's future care before he is fully recovered

If after receiving this letter, his wife decides to incur this responsibility you should

return the enclosed form, signed by her, & let me know on what day you intend to send for your brother-in-law.

I have had a long interview with E.B. Johns, & I think he fully understands that as I do not consider him recovered, I disapprove of his leaving here at present.

I think it right to add that I am of opinion that you ought to confer with some friends of position & standing in your district in whose judgment you have confidence before allowing your emotions to lead you into error.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker.

TENNANT, ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants.
AND
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row
York Feby 16th 1885

Dear Sir

We beg to inform you that we are now in a position to contract for the supply of your Household Coal at 14/3 per ton delivered. It is a very excellent article full of Gas, burns cleanly, possesses the quality of adhering with heat like a Durham Coal our consumer is durable & yet hot.

We should like to have a trial order from you as we have confidence in giving you satisfaction

Yours truly
Rotherford & Co

To the Secretary
of the
Friends Retreat
York

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Memorandum.

Feb 4 1885

From
William C. Westlake.
Grosvenor House
Southampton.

To
L. Baker
York

Dear Friend Thanks for your receipt
cheque for £11.2.4 for Xs to March 25th.
Please acknowledge receipt
I also enclose the Quarterly Meeting minute
for nomination Yours faithfully
W. C. Westlake

MEMORANDUM

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From

W. WHITTAKER & SON,

GROCERS & PROVISION MERCHANTS, TEA DEALERS,

AND

BREAD BAKERS AND FLOUR DEALERS,

CASTLEGATE AND CLIFFORD STREET,

YORK.

February 16th 85.

To Mr. Baker.
The Retreat
York.

Sir. Flour having gone back to its old price we shall be able to settle the bread again from to day to.

1/6 per Stone for White Bread
1/5 " " " Brown "

Yours Truly.
Wm Whittaker & Son.

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Memorandum.

FROM

WRIGHT & SONS
Tailors & Habit Makers
25, KNOWSLEY ST.

Bolton 4/2 1885

To W. T. Baker
York

Dear Friend I am much obliged for thy letter yesterday I have consulted James Holdsworth & my Mother on the matter & they do not advise my going to see Fred at present unless he expresses a wish for me to do so. The partnership expired last week your solicitor says nothing can be done but to quietly let it lapse & if Fred should come home we can then enter into a fresh arrangement, but we do not think it is necessary to trouble him in the matter in his present state. You can either tell him this or not as you think best. As soon as my brother expresses the slightest wish to see me on any matter I shall be glad to go & see him —

Yours Sincerely
Alfd Wilbraham

10, BEAUMONT TERRACE,
WEST KENSINGTON, S.W.

5 East Parade
Hastings R.D
Feb. 11th/85

Dear Dr Baker

Whilst all my
Brothers and sisters are
here (also other near
relatives) they wish me
to write on their behalf
to ask you to express to
the Committee of the
Retreat their grateful
thanks

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Sense of the extremely
thoughtful kindness
manifested in carrying
through the whole
arrangement for our
dear Father's interment
We feel also how much
he would himself have
appreciated the generous
and sympathetic service thus
rendered. To yourself
personally for the sympathy
shown during our trouble
we would pray accept our
united thanks. I am yours sincerely
W Martin Wood

5 East Parade (276
Hestington Rd.
York.
Feby. 13. 85.

Dear Dr Baker

Theo. Elmore my brother wrote the more formal note of thanks (but none the less heart felt), I wish to tell you on my own & sister's behalf how grateful we feel to you for all your personal kindness thro' the

laying beside your dear father = how every kind thought of yours, so accorded with his own ideas - the sweet & most fitting lily chosen by you - the pure white snowdrops, one of his own flowers - & everything so peacefully & quietly arranged - just as he liked = he cannot thank you enough for it & ever said in grateful remembrance of you, at this our time of sadness -

Believe me
Yrs. truly
E. Ellis Wood.

Wellington Road.
Bridlington Quay,
18th March 1885.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the interview Mrs Foster had with you on the 4th Inst. and the favorable report of Mr Foster's condition you were then enabled to give, we think the time has now arrived to make application for a reduction of the terms charged for Mr Foster's maintenance at the "Retreat".
I should feel obliged by your placing this matter before your Committee the first opportunity and recommending it to their favorable consideration.

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
M. Snowdon

R. Baker Esqre M.D.
The "Friends Retreat"
York.

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are able to produce the clearest evidence that she has received an abundance of kindness, and has not received any harsh treatment.

Your wife is in a condition of epileptic insanity, during one phase of which she asserts that you yourself have done such horrible things that decency forbids me to mention them: to me, recognising that this is due to her mental condition do not believe her statements.

Surely then when she writes to you statements about harshness of treatment you ought to have the courtesy

Smith
Oct 1885. Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Oct. 30. 85

My dear friend,

In your letter received this morning you say "I am sorry to notice in my wife's last letter the great trouble she is in with harsh treatment by the Matron. She should have some gentleness as well as firmness". I should not be doing my duty if I did not write to say that this remark is utterly uncalled for.

I have taken the pains to have personal interviews with the two persons who have the direction of the nursing in the Department where your wife resides, and

to extend the same consideration to us - on whom is placed the difficult duty of caring for your wife -

You are of course aware that your letter, and this my reply, will with all other letters come under the consideration of the sick Committee -

Yours faithfully

R.B. Baker

Francis Smith

Smith
Oct 1885.

Garden Cottage
Ampthill
29/10/85

Dear Friend

Robt Baker

I enclose
Cheque £11. 9. 2
in a/c enclosed.
I am sorry to notice in
my wife's last letter
the present trouble she is
in with bad treatment
of the mutton. She
should have some gentleness
as well as firmness.

Home Lot
Blacksmith Shop

Garden College
Bridgwater
5/11/85

Dear Friend Dr Baker

I am truly glad to find that there is no cause for what I remarked — & then tell thee that a favourable report is spread in the Country who has recently seen my dear wife / had given me. & having this in my mind led me to say what I did — for both from me to the disconsolate, for I know too well the deep trial & grief with the sad affliction my wife is under & from thy last letter then seemed to gauge the facts — I do earnestly trust allowance for her statements or I could not have endorsed — Therefore please accept my

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apology for any remarks I
have made ~~in~~ which there is I
am thankful to believe no
foundation — as far as I remember
I have not put the ~~th~~ little
"the" one word before named
in the same word — "
"Skeleptic Journal"

With love
Yours Ever Truly
Thomas Smith

Copy York.

Messrs. Carter & Barber
Oct. 8. 1885

My dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd Oct. I beg to inform you that the usual charge for such accommodation as Mrs Otton is now having, is £6. 6-0 per week. but in this matter we invariably accept the ruling of the Master in Lunacy, who of course has before him full particulars of the patients' property, and therefore is the best judge as to what can be afforded. The Lord Chancellor's Visitor Dr Lockhart Robertson paid his official visit yesterday.

Yours faithfully

Robt Baker

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Oct. 5th-85

My dear sir

I herewith enclose

The Friends' Retreat, York
Oct 15. 85.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry that you have had the trouble of submitting the scheme for new arrangements for Mrs Otton to Lord Justice Bagallay, and I had no idea that you intended doing so at present.

You will remember that at our interview I told you that I personally was afraid that the plan under discussion would not answer - and I was intending sending you with the quarterly account, a detailed statement of the part that had succeeded, & the part that had failed.

Mrs Otton has been exceedingly pleased to have a great deal of attention from Miss Packer, and she has been induced to leave the small bedroom in the far gallery, where she previously had absolutely refused to move from.

She is now in a much more comfortable and better furnished part of the house, & has much larger opportunities of association with the higher class, & convalescent patients -

In time however I became convinced that

the plan of having an extra lady companion solely devoted to Mrs Otton was not as advantageous as that of utilising the general staff.

Miss Packer has therefore returned home, and Mrs Otton continues to have a separate nurse for the day, & another for the night.

Our present permanent staff of Lady Companions consists of three, one of whom is however at present exclusively attached to one lady patient.

Under these circumstances it will be for you after conferring with the authorities in the Master in Lunacy's Office, to suggest what weekly rate of payment can be afforded.

I believe that Mrs Otton's son at his recent visit during my absence from England, was much pleased at seeing what an advance had been effected in his Mother's surroundings, and in adding to her comfort.

Under these circumstances I do not see any object in replying to the questions sent seriatim

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

J. E. Carter Esq

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The Friends' Retreat
York, Nov. 5th 1885

Dear Sirs,

(re Mrs Otton)

Mrs Otton's mental condition is a somewhat unusual one. She is fully able to appreciate all the comforts of life, she is keenly sensitive, and, considering her education, fairly intellectual. But at the same time she is exceedingly noisy, and has remarkable ingenuity in making offensive and irritating remarks.

She also needs constant careful supervision both by night and day, which supervision she resents, and whil it is most desirable to have carried out with as little obtrusiveness as possible. Special cases of lunacy like hers, require special surroundings.

Mrs Otton took a most decided partiality to Miss Packer, allowing her to read to her, and being willing to converse with her on the books she had read. In the presence of the ordinary nurses Mrs Otton makes no attempt to bridle her tongue, and

I ought to state that Miss Parker is my niece, that she is frequently visiting me, and that I can obtain her assistance whenever I want it.

She is not in the least degree a Member of our staff, but is so attached to Mrs Otton that she would be glad to help her in any way in her power.

In this revised scheme therefore I propose to use Miss Parker for Mrs Otton when I find she is useful, and to withdraw her whenever I detect any signs of her usefulness being compelled.

I believe that the general sense of those physicians who have the care of the higher class of insane patients is distinctly in favour of the increased employment of lady-companions. and I have obtained full liberty from my Committee here

to engage their services whenever I require them.

I have at the present time one lady solely and specially attached to one anxious case of lunacy. I have another looking after six lady patients, and in the parent building here, we are gradually, and steadily surrounding our patients with an increased staff of educated companions.

I propose that the charge of £6.6.0 per week should cover all that is now included with two nurses, one for day, & one for night.

Mrs Otter's present rooms are in the best part of the building, instead of being at the extreme end of the far corridor. They are as handsomely furnished as any in the house, and are fitted with every possible comfort and convenience.

Centre Sitting room 18ft. 9" × 12ft. . | 4th gallery. Sitting Room, 12ft. 10" × 8ft.
– Bedroom 15ft. × 9ft 1". | " Bedroom. 12ft. 8" × 8ft.

All the rooms are 12 feet high.

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker

Messrs. Carter & Barber

She sometimes uses most offensive and indecent language. Human nature is human nature still, in an Asylum, and I have had reason to believe that some of the nurses Mrs Otton has had, have in their heart of heart believed that these remarks of hers were more the result of badness than of madness. I believe I am strictly correct in saying that on no single occasion has Mrs Otton ever betrayed herself in this way to Miss Packer. Taking up this line of thought, I suggested that it was worth a trial to arrange for Miss Packer remaining as companion to Mrs Otton. Experience however shewed me that that which was most beneficial when used occasionally, had its usefulness imperilled by its continuity. Fiding this loss of influence likely to occur, I withdrew Miss Packer with the beneficial result that now Mrs Otton is anxiously enquiring when Miss Packer will visit me again.

Copy

The Friends' Retreat

York April 27. 1883

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. The Commissioners Report was carefully considered at a special meeting of the Retreat Committee on March 26th & again yesterday the consideration of the subject claimed the prolonged & serious consideration of our Board -

I append a copy of the minute adopted & trust that when you acknowledge the receipt of this communication you will be able to inform me that the action of the Retreat Committee meets with the approval of the Lunacy Commissioners

Yours faithfully

R Baker

The Friends' Retreat
York
June 24th 1853.

Dear Mrs Peck,

The substance of your letter to Mr Rowntree was laid before the Committee at their Meeting yesterday, when there was a universal expression of sincere sympathy with you in your trying circumstances.

The Committee thought it best to request me to visit you at Gainsbro', and personally confer with you respecting the subject of your letter.

I hope therefore to be able to call and see you sometime during the course of next week, and it is just possible that my wife may be able to accompany me.

With Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robt Baker.

Copy

The Friends' Retreat, York

Oct. 2nd. 1885

To Mrs Machin

My dear friend, In reply to your letter received this morning I should not be doing my duty if I did not notify to you in writing that the course you propose taking with your daughter, namely placing her in apartments with a qualified nurse is absolutely in defiance of the Lunacy Laws, and that any one so receiving her will be liable to a penalty of £100. You have full power to remove your daughter to any other Asylum you may choose, or if you are so ill-advised, take her into your own house under your own care - But any one else receiving her for profit, whilst a person of unsound mind, without the necessary order, and medical certificates, will most certainly be liable to prosecution by the Comm^rs in Lunacy. Should such prosecution ensue, you yourself, after receiving this notice cannot plead ignorance of the Law, and I consider that you are bound to notify to the qualified nurse with whom you have made this arrangement how the actual law of the case stands. Yours faithfully, Rob^t Baker.

ROBERT DAVIES, SHARP, & KIRKCONNEL,
SOLICITORS.

Market Place,

Warrington 6th augt 1885

Dear Sir

Re C. Caldwell deced:-

We fear we do not yet understand this matter. We appear from the account paid on 12th Nov. 1884 to have settled for Mr Caldwell's board up to 31st Dec 1884, being a quarter in advance from 30th Sept., so that there would be owing at the death for 15 days between 31st Dec 1884 & 15th Jany 1885

(viz) as per your bill.	6	8	6
to which add tailor &c	7	4	0
funeral a/c	17	6	3
	£ 30	18	9

We have no record of the £25 credit you refer to, but as it appears to have been standing to the credit of the account in 1869, & presuming the bill for board to have been paid in advance ever since, we imagine it must now be deducted from the amount owing.

In other words, we have paid to the end of Dec last, & owe only for 15 days, so that we are (according to our view) liable to pay only the £30.18.9 less the £25, that is, £5.18.9

We trust you will understand this

Yrs ffully
Robert Davies & Co.

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

The Friends' Retreat,
York
Aug. 8th 85

Dear Sirs,

re Chas Caldwell dec.

I believe if you will examine the enclosed statement you will see that I am correct in stating the balance due to be £44.18.9.

The statement in your letter is wrong in two essential particulars.

1. The amount paid on Nov. 17. 84 settles the board up to Sept. 30. 84.

2. The amount of £25. paid on account has already been credited, and therefore must not be deducted from the balance.

If it is still your opinion that we are wrong, and that your view is correct, I shall be most happy to refer the matter to our Official auditors, Messrs Barber Bros & Wortley of Sheffield, and will accept their decision without hesitation.

I think, however, you will see from the statements enclosed, that the present

difficulty ~~that~~ has arisen from the fact that when the charges were raised from £25. to £39. per quarter, an additional sum of £14. should have been paid to keep the account paid in advance.

This was not done, & therefore only £25. & not £39. can be deducted at the final settlement.

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker.

Mrs. Davis, Sharp, & Kirkconnel
Warrington.

(Copy)

Alliance Chambers
George St. Sheffield -
19th August 1885

Dear Sirs,

Friends' Retreat, Charles Caldwell decd -
We have examined the accounts and papers submitted to us in this matter, and have perfectly satisfied ourselves that the amount £44. 18. 9 is owing to the Retreat, as stated in the account marked C.

We may explain that it has been the practice at the Retreat to carry forward and hold the first payment made on a patients' behalf as the payment in advance, and all subsequent payments have been treated as discharging the previous quarters' board -

Of course this would be all right as long as the terms remain unaltered as in such cases it is quite immaterial which is treated as the payment in advance

the first or the last.

In your case there is no doubt you have always been one payment in advance and if you will please look at the enclosed statement of account we think you will see at a glance that the question at issue between you and Dr. Baker has arisen altogether in consequence of the terms having been increased to £39. per quarter at the 33d. quarter, (31. Dec. 1877) You will see that the payment of 13. Oct. 1877 was £25. only, and if this is to be regarded, in accordance with the receipt given, as a payment in advance of board for the 33d. quarter, then it fell short by £14. of the required amount.

It is this £14. which is in question. By regarding the first payment appearing to your credit in the endowed account as the one in advance, you will then find that the payment of 13th Oct. 1877

clears the account to Sept. 30, and so forward to the end when you arrive at the result as stated in the account marked C.

As no question arises as to disbursements we have not dealt with them in our statement.

We have not in all cases given dates of payments. Nothing however turns on this, as the proper number of payments appear in consecutive order.

We quite think the wording of the receipts is misleading, in cases where there has been an advance in the terms: yet we trust with the explanations now given you will see your way to recommend payment of the claim.

Yours faithfully

Barber Brothers & Wadley.

Messrs. Robt. Davis & Co

Solrs. Warrington

are now at the disposal of the Committee somewhat larger means, I feel sure that my patient would greatly appreciate the additional comfort and privacy of a separate sitting-room, for which the charge would be £4.4.0 per week.

I shall be glad if this arrangement can receive the sanction of the Committee when appointed.

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker
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Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

May 14th 85

Messrs Dees & Thompson

Dear Sirs,

Miss a. c. Fenwick.

On the 31st Dec. 1881, the terms for Miss Fenwick's care & maintenance here were reduced from £4.4.0 to £3-3-0 per week, at the urgent request of the patient's sister: the patient having the accommodation of a combined bedroom sitting room as well as the use of the general rooms.

If however, as appears from your letter of May 11th there

If therefore the patient's estate will allow of any extra payment, it is very essential that we should receive it.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

May 14. 85

Richard Smith
My dear friend
W. D. Keestone,
The payment by Devonshire House Mo. Meeting of 10/- per week for this patient's care & maintenance is very much below the actual cost to the York Retreat.

Taking the average cost of maintenance for the past year, of the 157 patients in the York Retreat, the amount is 34/5½ per week.

1881

there could be traced, if
not an expression of
thanks, at least an
expression of appreciation
of the difficult duty
performed with unstinted
devotion.

But not only is the tone
of your letter discourteous
but it contains a statement
which on reflection you must know
is not correct
statement which is
untrue.

So far from you having
any ground of complaint
you have every reason

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

June 19th 85

My dear friend,

In acknowledging the receipt
of your letter of the 17th
I wish to say that if you
had any idea of the
amount of kindly care
that has been extended
to your brother whilst
with us, & whilst
suffering much mental
distress, you surely would
have written a more
courteous letter, in which

to acknowledge that I have ~~gratuitously~~ taken each month, care to get Richard Haldorsen personally to see your brother, have allowed him the fullest opportunity of learning every detail of his case, & have quite understood that he sent you an independent report.

I should have thought that you would have known that with the care of 160 patients, I was hardly likely to correspond with you about your brother's clothes.

The letter on this point that you allude to I knew nothing about till I received your letter. It emanated from the other office, & therefore no reference was likely to be made to your brother's mental

him.

He does not go to Meeting in the City, & he never speaks of you at home.

I have asked him if he would like to see any of you, & he replied "Certainly not".

You will of course understand that although I resent being found fault with by you, when there is not the slightest occasion

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Condition.

Your brother has a special private attendant, wholly devoted to him, who takes him for his walks, & ministers to his wants in every possible way.

He occasionally plays Chess - & he always speaks to me as shewing that he appreciates the kindness extended to

for "you" doing so, I shall still continue to take the very deepest interest in endeavouring to promote your brother's happiness, & endeavour in every way to try & hasten the period of recovery, which I look forward to with much hopefulness.

In conclusion, let me suggest for your serious consideration, whether if you had been laid aside for so long a period, owing to mental ill health, you would feel that your brothers had acted out their Christian duty, if they had never visited you for so long a period.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

A.E. Wright

I fear I shall have to find a remedy, as my health is affected thereby—
It is right you should know these things— If you have any advice to give I shall be obliged by your giving it—

Very faithfully
Yrs.
Joseph Cooper

R Baker M.D

The Messrs Houde
Dyster Northallerton 29th July 86

Dear Dr Baker

Your letter I duly rec'd— wherein you stated that the Committee were advised that they had no legal ground of action against Dr Cooper, I appreciate their message of sympathy, & also by their desiring you & Revd Pendered to confer with Dr C. on his return to England— From what I learn he has not given any satisfaction

intention of returning home—
I believe he can be compelled
to pay to his Sister the money
left to her by her father in his
Will—unless, he raises a plea that having
paid a portion of the expen-
ses incurred for her at the
Retreat—he can recompense him-
self out of the said money—
Will ed: to her this Mr Brodie
will know— You will know
that my daughter is now with
me & could not afford to pay
£1.1— per week, especially for
only
One Room & a Sofa Bed—
Mrs Lister is extortionate
& grasping & wants to make a
capital out of you & being
used to the ways of Private
Asylums wants to carry out
their rules &c— I feel the
great responsibility of
having her, inasmuch as
she has been so long under
restraint, the return to freedom
be a hazard,— she is
diligent in working & but
not having had her Will
Brodie (which is a Stumbling
She often queries me. Has

saying that I promised to maintain her. This is an exaggeration you know that he said if I did not pay the £5 0 0. arrears due to the Retreat, I was to keep his sister "my reply was viz. "If he keep well" but he has no legal right to withhold the £40, per yr which his father left him you know I pd. £72-14-11 abt £23. in my acct of the £65. I repeat these particulars hoping that you will be so kind as to send me a cheque for

Williams House
Lyn Intrmediate 31/8/85.

Dear Dr. Baker,

Without any intimation from F. Cooper's Wife (altho' I had written several times to her) I received last week about a dozen lines from F. Cooper, dated Northern Wales August 26th the post-mark was "Rhyl" apprising me that he should be at home the latter end of this week & enclosed a Cheque for £5 — on his sister's a/c

Subtle &c I hope you will take yr earliest opportunity & see F. Cooper as the Committee communicated you I don't know that he knows that I paid any portion of the account. I did not name it to him as you advised — neither does he know his debt is settled — & he is better than I wrote you, but states — I am suffering by a touch of Rheumatic Gout in my foot — F. C. stated that his address will be "Portico" Manchester

NB Please reply to this & state the date when F Cooper paid the Retreat debt necessary to know.

arrived at. I hope you will communicate the same to me without delay — Altho' H. C repudiates his liability to do any thing towards the support of Mrs Cooper's sister. I believe the Law will hold him liable to pay that which her late father left for her by her "Will" in which L. Cooper is the only Executor, as Henry Wilson of Kendal would not stand with L. Cooper —

Yours faithfully
Jeanth Cooper

H. Cooper sent post
Cheque for £5 — 0. 0.
Expenses One Year
£40. 0. 0.

Monday 9th

The Manor House
Appleby / Northallerton 14 Sept 1885

Dear Dr. Baker

You will receive a letter from me informing you of the return of H Cooper to England — Therefore I expected to have heard that you had sought an interview with him as the Committee commissioned you, & that the result would have been known ere this — I suppose the Committee will meet tomorrow the 15. Inst. when if any arrangement has been

The left the Retreat

D Wyclisse.

Weston Super Mare.

Somerset

D.r Rob.t Baker Esq.r

York

My dear Sir,

I beg to hand you cheque for £30. 2. 5. to cover the enclosed demand — I may not be aware there was any arrears — should it be so. Could again pray you to pay as there is always Pro money in the Bank if it is my oversight I beg to apologize with thanks

Yours truly — Wm Fred.k Baker

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3 to 7 guineas per week, and we have many more applications for it than can be entertained.

The Committee however will be glad to consider any proposal from you, you may make, & I have to ask you to let me know before the next Committee, in confidence, what sum is at your disposal for your son's future maintenance.

Probably the matter would be best met by your son's removal to the Main Building at a reduced rate, where he would have every needful care & attention though not the high class accommodation of his present

Accidents - R.B.I.

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Mrs Blakey May 21. 85

My dear friend.

In reply to your letter about the future terms to be charged for your son's care & maintenance here, I write to say that the two guinea charge for the highest class accommodation at the Lodge, is an exceptionally low one, and has never been made to any one unless a member of the Society of Friends. The terms for the accommodation charged for the other patients vary from

£2 2/-

Spring Vale
Halifax
10th of 6th mo

My dear friend

My sons are to carry on their business I am thankful to say and the cash for bile (no doubt) will soon be paid as they have made an agreement to arrange with for ale sides. Though not in accordance with the request of the will I take pleasure propose my paying only £80.

if it can possibly be
granted by the Committee
but on no account
would I wish the dear
boy put out of the way
by being removed
£80 for his Board
Residence & Comforts
& accommodation
Thanking you for your
kindness & trusting you
may kindly take a little
more trouble for me &
with our kind Regards
I remain
Eliz^th Blakey.

Spring Hill
Halifax
13th of 6th mo

My dear friend

We Thale pay £100. per annum for Josey. You need not propose less as proposed by my Note. as my Sons have settled the arrangements and I am pleased more favourably with our kind regards to you I remain Elizth Blakey.

Thos Hale to Messing c
Cheque for his bill

HENRY BLAKEY,
WOOLLEN DRAPER, TAILOR,
AND
OUTFITTER.

16, Corn Market,

Halifax, 21 Sep 1883

Mr J. E. Woods,

Dear Sir,

I expect to be able to send a cheque next week for the Amt. owing on J. R. Blakey's A/c

Yours sincerely

H. C. Blakey

Friends' Retreat
York.

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Market St. Halifax
19 Oct. '83.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 13 inst. respecting J.R. Blakey's account: I expected being able to send a cheque for the whole amount due before now, but on account of a little trouble between myself & my Co-Exor (under my father's will) I have not been able: I may say that the dispute which arose has now been settled: but an agreement having been drawn up which has to be signed by all parties concerned,

cannot send the cheque until this has been done: I expect it to be completed any day but could not say definitely when but it must be now in a few days & I will then give the matter my immediate attention. If you will kindly put the matter before the committee I shall be obliged.

Yours sincerely
H.B. Blakey

Mr. J.E. Woods
York.

P.S. We shall be quite willing to pay interest for the overdue amount
H.B.B.

The Friends' Retreat York

(Hannah Smith) May 5. 85.

My dear friend,

Your letter received this morning has caused me considerable surprise, as I thought you fully understood that in the charge of £2.2.0 being made, you were being treated by the Committee with the greatest liberality.

I thought I had fully explained to you in Town that if your wife was placed in the centre building with all the comforts, luxuries & attentions of our highest class patients who pay from 3 to 8 guineas per week, you could not hope for any lower charge than that of £2.2.0

It is of course quite different with patients in the galleries, who having every necessary comfort & attention, though not the special comforts - previously alluded to, are charged a lower sum but I am quite sure that in your wife's case, it will be wise for you to endeavour, at any rate for the first quarter, to extend to her her present advantages -

If you have not read carefully the account

sent to you, you will see that it is the Rule of the Institution to charge in advance - but if you wish an exception to be made in your case you had better write & let me know. I am to be at 2 Salisbury St. Strand, on Friday the 5th & could see you there by appointment if you wish it

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker.

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Apl. 2. 84

Dear Sir,

It is evident from your letter that you do not understand the facts of the case - Mrs Dallas is in a condition of delusional insanity, absolutely refusing all food, & in an extremely feeble condition of health. The tendency to death being an ever increasing quantity.

Under these circumstances there can be no surprise that the Commissioners unite in our opinion that to risk the chance

of a railway journey in her present critical condition cannot have their approval.

But Mr Dallas who signed the order for her coming here, has the perfect right at any moment to ask for her discharge, & on obtaining fresh order & certificates, place her in any other asylum he wishes. No one has the power or the wish to prevent him doing this - only the fact of his doing this, places on him the onerous responsibility both morally & legally, of adding an additional risk

of his wife's death
after the express disapproval
of the Commissioners. by
myself.

Yours truly
Robt Baker

Mr. Geo Waddington
Broad Oaks
Hopton
Mirfield

The Friends' Retreat
York Mar 6. 1886.

My dear friend

Probably when you have heard the real facts of the case, you will regret that you have in your haste written unwisely.

Mrs Fryer invited your daughter to dinner, in an interview with Mrs Fryer, I arranged for your daughter's also staying to tea, & took the special trouble in order to give her pleasure, to make extra arrangements for her attending the evening meeting inaugurating the opening of our new Meeting house premises. Tea & Supper being provided for all visitors. No other patient went but your daughter. A nurse went to the meeting for her at half past nine, but the proceedings were so prolonged that she did not come out to the nurse till a quarter past ten. Hence the gatekeeper had to sit up for her, & another nurse at Belle Vue.

The rule at Belle Vue is that all is locked up at 10 ~~o'clock~~ & the keys taken up to Mrs Edmeston's room. When your daughter arrived Mrs Edmeston had been in bed some time, & though your daughter asked

to have some more supper, Mrs Edmiston sent to ask if she had not had supper at the meeting house. & on receiving a reply that she had had a very good supper indeed, Mrs Edmiston did not think it wise, seeing she had gone to bed, to hand over the Keys at that time of night. I, of course, think it would have been better if Mrs Edmiston had given your daughter some biscuits, or something of the kind, but on the other hand I think your daughter, knowing what an amount of trouble had been taken to give her pleasure, & having already had one good supper, might have gone off quietly to bed, without further attempting to disturb the order of the household.

Surely then, your remark "if a beggar is known to be hungry, they would get a crust of bread", is in this case uncalled for. Such a letter as yours only tends to increase the difficulties of those who are conscientiously endeavouring to do their duty, by giving to each individual person, special individual care. It is only natural and human for subordinates to place difficulties in the way of giving special privileges to any one person, when the giving of these privileges cause complaints to be made which could

not have had any possibility of originating, if the strict letter of the rules had been adhered to.
I have spoken to your daughter on this point, & she has expressed herself as being much grieved at herself for making a complaint needlessly.

I shall be glad to know when you can arrange for the direction of the Commissioners being carried out for Miss Curry's return home for three months trial

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

A. H. Curry

BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
& Chartered Accountants

TELEPHONE No. 58.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street.

Sheffield. 11th May 1885

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant we regret that we did not quite follow the point of your previous letter. We would suggest that the amount of Bad Debts £38.13.3 should be written off the "Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts" of £138.0.2, and that the balance of £99.6.11 should be carried forward as a provision for next year rather than bringing it in as a profit for the past year. In outstanding accounts of more than £500 the Chances are very Considerable that from Some Cause or other there may be a loss and the sum named seems to us a very Small one for such a Contingency.

We shall be glad to know whether you will be ready for our Mr Sir Barber to audit the past years accounts on Friday and Saturday the 22nd and 23rd instants, as he is making his appointments for the next fortnight, and finds the two days named will suit him best.

We are Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Barber Bros & Wortley

F. E. Woods Esq
Friends Retreat
York.

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BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
& Chartered Accountants.

TELEPHONE No. 58.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street.

Sheffield. 8th *May* 1885

Dear Sirs

In reply to your letter of yesterday the amount of provision for Doubtful Debts during the past year should be dealt with as in previous years. The amount written off last year has been already dealt with and does not affect the question. The custom has been in the Balance Sheet to enter the Patients debit balances as an asset, less the provision for doubtful debts for the current year, writing off the provision as a Charge in Income & Expenditure account.

Yours faithfully

Barber Brothers Wortley

T. E. Woods Esq
The Friends Retreat
York

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The Friends' Retreat
York Mar 11. 1886.

Thos Emmott.

My dear friend

In reply to your enquiry the last three receipts on account of E. Walton as as follows -

1883. 2mo 12th per Sophia Walton 28. 18. 7
1884. 8mo 11th per A Lees 29. 14. 1
1885 4mo 30th per Lees Walton, James Walton and Alfred Lees, guarantors to the Exors of I. Walton dec^{d} 35. 1. 9.

All these payments have been made on account, and there has been no settlement for some years.

In the account forwarded to you, the balance of 10/9 (the difference between the account rendered 42. 2. 6 and last payment, 35. 1. 9) was added to the first quarter's disbursements.

I enclose another account made in a different form, but shewing the same result: i,e. a balance now due of £35. 18. 6

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

10 New Square
Lincoln's Inn
W.C.
10 June 1886

Dear Sir / I inclose a Letter received today from my Brother, for you to lay before your Committee on the 15th inst., which I hope will be accepted as sufficient. It is, I think, manifest, for the reasons which he points out, that any such Certificate as is suggested in your Letter of the 26th ult. would really be valueless.

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods
York

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6½ Austin Friars.
London 4th May 1886

Dear Sir,
Mrs. Otton

Referring to your last account delivered amounting to £368. 8. 0 - It appears to us to need correction as to dates and we cannot understand how the quarterly charge of £57. 15. 0 is arrived at -

We arranged with you that all which was included in the former quarterly charge of £68. 5. 0 viz Board lodging and medical attendance should be covered by the increased charge of £5. 15. 6 per week - the increase being made in respect of superior accomodation only and the Master approved our Scheme on this understanding - £5. 15. 6 per week is equivalent to £75. 1. 6 a quarter.

The Scheme does not enable us to dispense with a detailed account of the disbursements made for wine and washing or of the sums actually expended for clothing carriage exercise and other recreation and we return the A/c - to you for correction as to the dates and the quarterly charge for board and lodging and medical attendance and for items and particulars of the disbursements we have referred to.

Yours truly,

Allen & Baker

Dr Baker
The Retreat
near York

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10. New Square,
Lincoln's Inn. W.C.

29 May 1886

Dear Sir — I wish to add to my Letter of 26th/J. date, that I was with my Brother in London as recently as the 13th & 14th April last. Perhaps your Committee will accept this statement as sufficient for the present occasion —

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods
York

10, New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, W.C.

28 May 1886

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 26th inst., I may mention that the committee of "The Ackworth School", from whom I receive an annuity due to my Father's Estate,* have always required evidence every year of my Brother's existence at the date when the annuity falls due; but the evidence for which they asked, and with which they have always been satisfied, is a letter addressed to me and signed by him, and bearing date on or after that day. Please let me know whether your committee will be satisfied with similar evidence: if so, I will obtain and send you a letter accordingly.

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods
York

* and held on the same lives as that which I receive from your committee —