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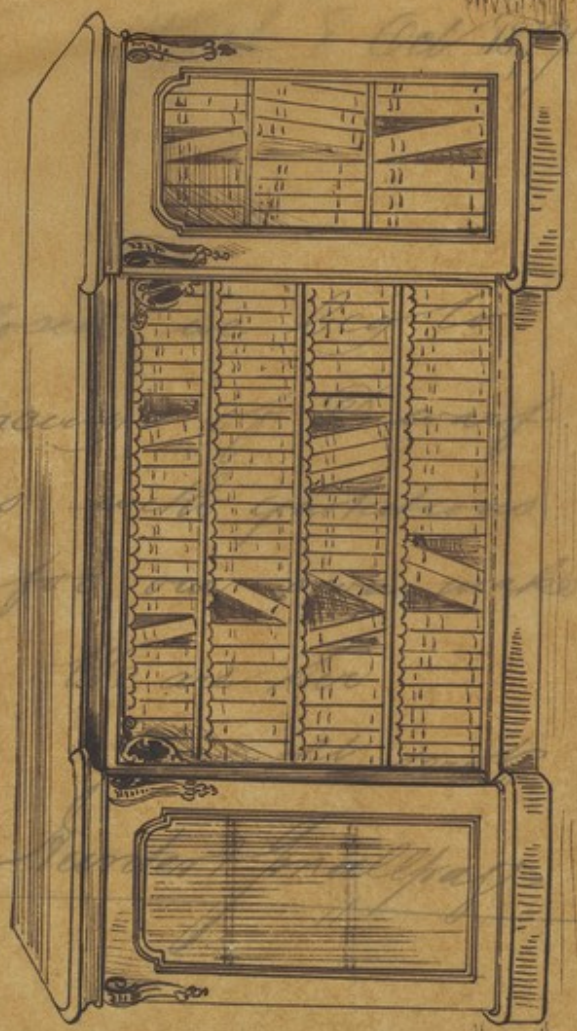
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Dear Sir,

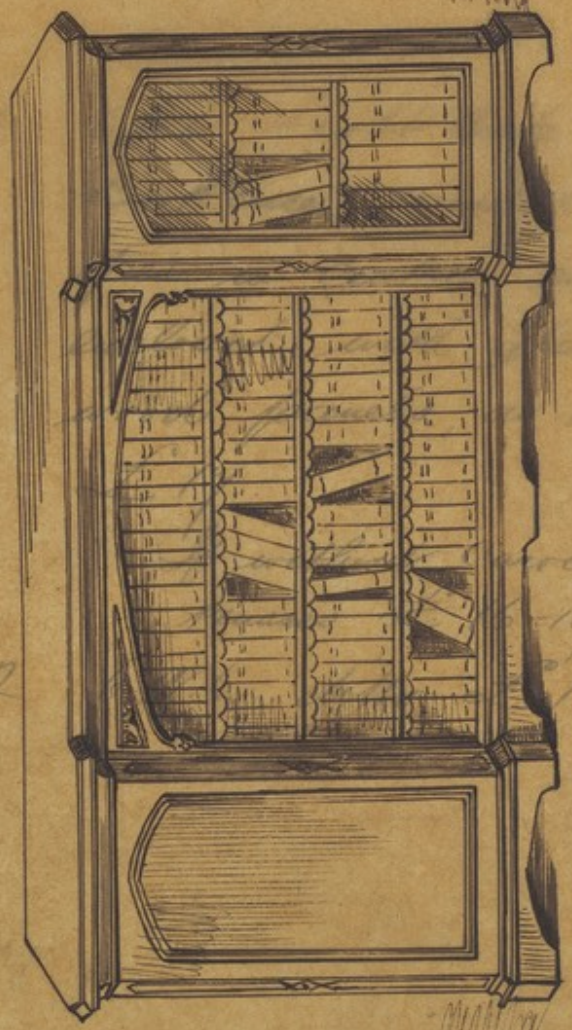
My patient, Mr Phelps Smith, has commenced another drinking bout. He drank by Thursday in spite of what is done for him, & he will not take care of himself. He pawned off this Co for Rum & the certificates filled up a fortnight since will do — Should they be required. Yours faithfully D. W. Baker. Rhinebeck Dutchess.

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42 & 43, Goodramgate

York, 8 Oct 1877

Sir/

Enclosed we beg to hand tracing's of Dwarf Bookcases with quotations annexed for our own make

We are Sir
Your obt. servts.
Hunter & Smallpage

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

No. 1. 6 ft. 6. Light Oak Dwarf Bookcase, round corners, open in centre, ends enclosed with glass or wood panels, as tracing £ 14.

If without Carved trusses £ 16-10/-

No. 2 6 ft. 6. ditto £ 18-10

sorrow that I can say more than he will tell you as to Mr Ferraby's condition, which arises from drink. I trust his removal to your care will prove beneficial: he has been tried at home until it is evident that further delay will be dangerous, and imperil his future.

Will you have the goodness to send an attendant by morning train tomorrow and let him bring the necessary forms of certificate, which shall be duly filled up and returned with him.

I am Sir,

Yours faithfully,

pro Annie E. Ferraby,

H.W.W.

Dr Baker,

York

(3)

10, Railway St,
Beverley,
19 Septr. 1877.

Dr Sir,

You will receive a letter per this post from Dr Wallis, of Hull, respecting the admission of my husband into The Retreat. I do not know

but I have not seen her for some months now as she has not been fit to leave home.
I am writing this rather in a hurry for Richard only brought word from Bradford this evening & we had company but want it sending off by the first post in the morning. Baby seems to flourish, I wish very much thou could see her round bonny face.
What does thou think of Father's latest idea respecting his residence. Maccabe was in Burnley last Thursday & we went to hear him not without thinking of thee & Champagne Dear love
Emily Ecroyd

Brierfield,
Nr. Burnley.
Oct 8 76.

Dear Aunt Kate

I am about to write thee for a little information in a private way respecting the retreat for Richard's half brother Edward Mansfield has a daughter whom they have at last concluded it would be wisest to place under care. Her complaint seems to be of a quiet & melancholy description & she is never by any means violent, but is

decidedly queer & I suppose goes whole days refusing to speak to any one. Between ourselves. I should like to say that I question whether the treatment she has received at home has been entirely judicious She has a very overbearing elder sister who completely manages her mother & everybody else & has rather scouted her, which had not at all a beneficial result. when kindness seemed to be craved after & to have a great effect. Her father is very anxious to have her removed to an asylum in the hope that she may be cured with proper care, but as their means are limited I should be obliged if thou could be kind enough to send word at thy earliest convenience what your charges are, & what means should be adopted for getting her into the retreat. She is about seventeen, a nice kind tender-hearted girl, & I feel sure thou would feel interested in her if she was placed with you. She has often staid at Tottenham & I like her very much

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37. Finchley Road
London N. W.
Oct. 8. 1877

W. Baker Esq. M. D.
York.

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter respecting my mothers maintenance at the Friends retreat.

I should have replied before but have been endeavoring to arrange for her sustenance etc therein but I am

sorry to say without avail. I myself I am sorry to say am perfectly helpless, not having had any employment for two years, and am sorry not to see much prospect of work at present.

I have therefore written a whole statement of the case to Samuel Alexander Esq. Banker Ipswich who is clerk to the monthly meeting of Woodbridge of which meeting my mother is I believe still a member.

I have no doubt he will correspond with you thereon, and I will write you immediately I hear from him —

I am truly grieved you should be thus troubled, For the present I remain

Yours sincerely

Montague Beale

37 Finchley Road
London N.W.
Oct. 10. 1877.

My dear Sir

My sister
Mrs Mellor has sent
me your kind letter
of the 6th Instant to her
and I have forwarded
the same to
Mr Thomas Maw
Needham Market
Suffolk
who is Clerk to the Ipswich
Monthly Meeting to which
my Mother belongs.

I have asked him

to communicate to the Committee of your Institution (through) and by you the intentions of the Monthly Meeting of Ipswich (etc), if possible before the 16th Inst & I sincerely trust he will do so.

Thanking you very much for your extreme kindness

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Montague Beale

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
York.

Please let me know
when the next
Court is to be held?
and be so kind
as to give me a
full account of
my Mothers present
state!

I remain
Dear Friend
Sarah Sophia Mellor

P.S. Please give my love
to C. Woodhead. I shall
write to her soon & ask her
to visit soon Mother for me

Oct 6/10/77

Hand Hampstead
10th mo 5th 1877.

My dear Friend

I have received
thy letter respecting
my dear Mother &
the 2d Inst. and
am in communi-
cation with the
other members of
my Mothers family
and will write thee
again as soon
as I hear from
them. may I trouble

How she is kind as to answer the following questions—
In the event of our removing hither—is she well enough to reside with some of her family? ~~if~~ would she require a professed attendant?
If she remains in the Institution could she not be here for a lower rate of payment!
and if up per week is paid for her would it alter or lessen her comforts—
Did I not understand that no friends is refused admission and that if the family are unable to pay the full rate that there is a fund connected with the Institution to make up for these insufficient payments—

small town so near London that business is much cut up by the Co-operative stores and we both have to work very hard indeed to keep ourselves & family. We have four young children to bring up & educate one of these a little girl of 4 years of age is blind & very sickly & helpless - can neither stand or walk so that we seem to have our hands

Hemel Hempstead
15th Nov 13th 77.

Dear Friend
D. Baker -

I received my second letter and should have replied bit sooner - but I sent it to my brother who has left & the Clerk of the Ipswich Monthly Meeting & has received an answer from him saying that the

next Monthly Meeting
will not be held till
the 11th Month — When
the matter shall
come fully before
the Meeting —
My Brother has I
believe written to thee
respecting poor Mother
but as I do not know
what he has said I
write on my own
account — Will you
be so kind as to
put it all before
the Committee on
the 16th and ask
them to let the matter
wait till after the
next Monthly Meeting
Would the Committee
be inclined to reduce
the last quarters a/c
at all! which a/c
we will endeavour
in a short time
to pay off — either in
whole or part —
The circumstances
of my Husband & self
are these — he is
a Chemist — in a

quite dull - it grieves us much that we cannot at once say we will do all for Mother - but it is quite out of our power - My Father & Grandfather were both friends and firm supporters of the Society - and never made any claim for help - so that we do not the friends will take care of Mother —

I have one Sister getting her own living and that of her child in a situation, She cannot promise to help - another Sister has been for twelve - years out in Africa we have written to her but she has not had time to reply my Brothers circumstances and those of Walter Mary's Widow are I believe known to Thee -

I am sorry to have to write all such but could not explain all in few words -

I am much obliged for thy report of my afflicted Brother

I remain.

Thine Sincerely

S. S. Mellor

to R. Baker M.D. -

D

I hereby certify that Hamilton Pilson 137 High Street, Stockton is suffering from Melancholia & requires constant supervision.

Signed J. Stuckey
M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

Stockton on Tees
Oct. 9th 1877

West End Terrace
Stockton on Tees
9/10/77

My dear friends

Although rather unequal by indis-
-position to write. I do not like to delay sending
these lines with the request that thou will kindly
present it to the committee of the Retreat - I have known
H. Ritson for some years. he formerly attended our meetings
until he was confined by a lameness - his father keeps a
respectable tobacconists shop here - middle class. he would
accompany his son - I could not inform him the terms.

Excuse this note.

Thy affec[illegible]
Wm Dobson

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Handed in at the upperparkSt Liverpool Office at 11.60 A.M., *Received here at* 11.57 A.M. Delivering Office.

From	To
Mrs Clarke Liverpool	Dr Baker The Retreat York

We have made a mistake in the trains & shall not arrive in York till four twenty

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

St Mary's

10th Oct. 1877

My dear Friend

I know nothing more of the accompanying papers than they contain. The writer of the note, William Robson, is a friend of Stockton or Tees for advanced in years. He was John Ford's Brother in law.

I suppose it is an application for the admission of a Patient into the Retreat. I enclosed to send it to me at once to deal with as may seem best.

Yours truly

Chas Thompson

Dr Baker.

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SCHOFIELD & RYCE
OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL

Troutbeck
Ilkley
Sep 8th 1877

Dear Sir.

I am advised by Dr Scott of Ilkley to write for prospectus of terms also for forms required to be filled up; with a view to my wife, who is now at Troutbeck under the care of the Dr, being admitted to your establishment if you have room.

Yours respectfully

J Shuldw Rick

To
Dr Baker
The Friend's Retreat
York

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Handed in at the Ilkley *Office at* 9.5a .M., *Received here at* 9.15a .M. Delivering Office.

From	To
J. R. W. Rice Trontbeck Ilkley	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Shall leave by one oclock
train from Ilkley arrive York
three nurse will not have
time to dine here.

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12/X/77

7 Cateaton St
Manchester

Dear Friend
Dr Baker
I have placed
letter in the hands of Samu
Thorpe & Alfred Dyer, who
have charge of Ann Morton
case on behalf of Cheshire
Monthly Mtg & who will mak
the necessary application
your Committee.
Thy Friend Sincerely
Henry Woodhead
Henry Woodhead.

Sent 15/10/77

Have you a Relative
at Ipswich?

Oct. 13. 77.

Baker

Sir

Would you kindly
give me information as
to the terms of the Retreat
for a lady (not a mem-
ber of the Society of Friends)
with & without a private
sitting room - & with a
private attendant &
any other information
you deem necessary -
I am &c. J. Brown
4 Loraine Row
Newcastle on Tyne

Frenchay
nr. Farnham
11/10 mo. 77

Baker
letter

we have not
venienced you
coming as announced
3 days ago, &
kindly & promptly
other was at that
excited & restless
way desirable -
wish & with full
wife & your
sh[ould]. be placed
care. But on the

12/X/77

4 Cateaton St
Manchester

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I have placed thy letter in the hands of Samuel Thorpe & Alfred Tyler, who have charge of Ann Mortons case on behalf of Cheshire Monthly Mtg & who will make the necessary application to your Committee.

Thy Friend Sincerely
Henry Woodhead

Henry Woodhead.

Frenchay
nr. Farnham

11/10 mo: 77

My dear friend
Dr. Baker,
~~Alfred Tuke~~,

I hope we have not in any way inconvenienced you by my brother's not coming as announced by Telegram 2 or 3 days ago, - & to which you so kindly & promptly replied. — My brother was at that time exceedingly excited & restless & it seemed every way desirable - & was at his own wish & with full concurrence of his wife & your family - that he shd. be placed under your kind care. But on the

Manchester

May 28/77

Dear Friend
Dr Baker
May I ask thee
to kindly get Ann Morris's
signature on the enclosed
cheque as time & opportunity
permit. I shall be very
much obliged to thee if thou
can do so as I can then
pass it into the Bank to
her credit. Thy Sincere Friend
Henry Woodhead.

Frendham
Wr Farnham

11/10 mo: 77

My dear friend
Dr. Baker,
~~Alfred Kitching~~

I hope we have not
in any way inconvenienced you
by my brother's not coming as announced
by Telegram 2 or 3 days ago, - &
to which you so kindly & promptly
replied. — My brother was at that
time exceedingly excited & restless
& it seemed every way desirable -
& was at his own wish & with full
concurrence of his wife & your
family that he shd. be placed
under your kind care. But on the

Frensham
Nr. Farnham

11/10 mo. 77

My dear friend

Dr. Baker,
~~Alfred Kitchen~~

I hope we have not in any way inconvenienced you by my brother's not coming as announced by Telegram 2 or 3 days ago, - & to which you so kindly & promptly replied. — My brother was at that time exceedingly excited & restless & it seemed every way desirable - & was at his own wish & with full concurrence of his wife & your family that he sh^d. be placed under your kind care. But on the

following day he was somewhat calmer, - & by the Divine blessing on the excellent unremitting care of his wife & the local Doctor for whom my brother has a strong personal regard, - he has improved so surprisingly - that it now seems as if it would be as undesirable, as needless to remove him at all from home. -
My brother in law Jonn Batchelor kindly sent us down a trained attendant, that same evening that I arrived - & I really believe it is best unless circumstances should entirely change again that he should stay quietly at home.

With kind regards
believe me
Thy sincere friend
Theodore Wood

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Handed in at the Farnham *Office at* 11 55 [illegible] .M., *Received here at* 12 20 .M. Delivering Office.

From

Theodore West
Furnell House
Frensham Nr Farnham

To

Alfred Kitching
Friends Retreat
York -

Please provide for admission of
Sufferer at his & Earnest
request by train tomorrow evening
wire immediate reply and Forms

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

To

From

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Tamworth

Staffs

Oct 12th 1877

My dear Sir,

The patient I wrote to you about has been in such a critical condition that we have been unable to fix any date for her removal to York. I have been requested by her Father to see her at

Colo Hill left Sunday and
I will write and let you
know the result.

I remain Yours truly

Herbt. L. Faulkner

9. Cole Hill
Tamworth
Sept 24th 1877

Dear Sir,

Could 50/- per week
be made to cover the expense
of everything including stimulants
and all extras as if so the
patients friends would be willing
to pay that sum - They

Our Letter & speech of the
Ofter in the Chair has been
very kindly respected at
Colt-Hill. Many Thanks
for your Letter.

With kind regards

Yours truly

H Hamblet

To S. Baker.

12/1

Harmonium & Bass, also
possess a thoro Knowledge
of vocal Music
I shall be
most happy to forward
testimonials, & furnish
all particulars on
receiving a Communication
to that effect
Yours obediently
R. T. Saylor.

N°44 Bond Street
Macclesfield
Oct 13/77

I am desirous of offering
myself as an Attendant on
the Insane, and write upon
in the event of your having
such a vacancy. I am 25
years of age, 5 ft 8 ins in height, strong
& healthy, of active and
temperate habits, a good
performer on the piano

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Oak Bank

Alderley Edge

Oct No: 13th 1877

Dear Friend

Some two or three months ago I wrote to thee respecting Jan Moreton, asking thee to be kind enough to get her name put on the list of admission at the Lower Brake, in consequence of her very limited circumstances, and thou replied to the effect

thou would bring the
matter before the next
meeting of the Committee;
but as I have heard
nothing further from thee
since as to the result of
my application, probably
it has escaped thy memory.

I shall be glad to
know what was the decision
of the Com: —

Can thou report any
improvement in her case?

Thy friend truly
Sam. Rush

D. Baker.

7 St Thomas
Oct. 15th 1877

The Retreat
Ladies Lodge Buildings

Dear Dr Baker.

I beg to enclose traced sketch for above, as nearly as I can arrange it to the memorandum we made the other day. It may at any rate serve as something to speak to.

I think I mentioned to you today that the plan is made

P. S. I have shewn the single Rooms 15 ft x 13 ft instead of 16 ft x 14 ft thinking they will be sufficiently large - they can of course be easily altered to the larger dimension if thought better.

E. T.

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as a course with one way: another the solution of Question was required to the Hospital Fact that open course Buildings required to Lower Cellars, thereby Lantern &c: the edge down would be Plan the Kitchen door, under the principal Floor: - a Kitchen court would also be desirable. -

Yours very truly

Edward Lutyens

My dear Dr Baker,

Will you at some fitting opportunity formally convey to your Committee my thanks for the honour they have conferred upon me by the confirmation of my appointment here.

I trust I will never find cause to regret the confidence you have placed in

Yours always faithfully

S. Everard Wood

The Lodge

Oct. 15. 1895

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Batley *Office at* 11 30 a .M., *Received here at* 1 1 17 .M.

From

Dr Stockwell
Batley

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

Shall bring patient myself reaching
You about four thirty today

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From

M E Beck
Robert Wright
Bury Suffolk

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Will write telegram just received
please telegraph back to-day report
t arrangements to me t report
to Eliza Beck Leominster

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH

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158 Bedford Sh
Liverpool.
17 Oct 77

Dear Sir

I dont suppose you will remember me, as it must be the best part of 20 yrs since I have seen you - But for all that I venture to write to you -

A friend of mine who has been house-surgeon at the infirmary here named Davidson has been telling me applying for

the post of assis. med officer to you at the "Retreat".

I have known him well for the last two years, he is well up to general medical work. is a graduate of Edinbro' & a very pleasant good natured fellow to work with.

If you are not stokes had wanting a man of special training in an asylum Davidson would do very well for you I think & would be willing learn.

I knew your predecessor at the Retreat & state better his son Walter K but what has become of the latter I dont know.

Apologising for troubling you on so ancient & slight an acquaintance

Very faithfully Yours

Henry Ashby.

D. of Physiology
& Lect. School of Med.
& Asst phys. Childrens Infs.

Dr Baker.

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The Royal Infirmary,

Liverpool, 17th Oct. 1877

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir.

I have just heard that Dr. F. V. Dawson is a candidate for the post of Resident Med. Officer at your Establishment. I hope he may be successful in

his application as I can
good reason to trust, from
a personal intercourse of
many months, that he
would prove trustworthy,
most efficient, zealous and
attentive in all his duties.
whilst his kindness and
geniality of manner would
very soon endear him to all
who were brought into contact
with him and I think do
especially fit him for the
vacant post.

I am
Your faithfully
D. Smith M.A.
Chaplain

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Wm WHITWELL & Co
MAKERS OF
PIG & MERCHANT IRON,
THORNABY IRON WORKS.
LONDON AGENT,
E. D. TILL,
26, LOMBARD STREET,
E.C.

Stockton on Tees.
Oct 17. 1877.

Dear Friend.

The Directors of our Meeting say they have not seen Mr Robson for some years and have no idea whether he is suitable or no.
Personally I have no knowledge of him or of his resources.
He is not a member of ours.
Miss W. is now entirely restored and having got a step mother in a Lady from Lewis Lake Mrs Walford who came home but a few weeks since, writes brightly and seems to have no trace of the old affair. Mr W is a good walker & this is a great thing, besides being exceedingly gentle & kind and an earnest Christian. I hope it will have Everyway a beneficial influence.

faithfully yours
Thomas Whitwell

V. just. Rec'd. 6 o'clock
received. 7:30 P.

Dear V. Butler —

One moment for
the Lord — I will
wait — the moment
I hear — & see — Alice
with a telegram.
I don't know where
to go —

V. Lord answers
Prayer & Paul's
where was he missing
I mean what Lord?

Oct 16th Leeds

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I desire to inform you that I left Mrs Hawkins of Casingwold in Sept & found it quite beyond my strength of patience to continue with her, and as my daughter has just been confined I came here to nurse her.

I should feel very grateful to you if you could give me a recommendation to some Doctor in Leeds as a

nurse in Confinements &c otherwise, as I am desirous of staying in Leeds, If you Could assist me in this I should be very thankful trusting Mrs Baker & family are well.

I am yours Respy

Sarah Hodgson

Mrs Barnett
South Mount Street
Beeston Hill

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BROWN, WILKIN & SCOTT.
SOLICITORS.

Wood Street,

Wakefield. 16th October 1877

Dear Sir,

Re Isabel Bennington

Enclosed we send you Affirmation which Mr. E. Bennington informs us he has written to you about - We shall be glad if you will make same before a Solicitor who is a Commissioner and let us have it back by return of Post -

Yours truly
Brown Wilkin & Scott
pr W.F.

Mr. Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

North Shields

16/10/77

Dear Dr Baker

What you say about the nurse is very satisfactory & must be so to you as it quite confirms your opinion I purpose coming over on Sat next as agreed when I saw you, unless I hear to the contrary previously I have not however said so to my wife

Yours Sincerely

W. V. Procter

Troutbeck,
Ilkley,
Via Leeds.

Oct 16/71

Dear Sir/

Your letter has been forwarded to me and am very thankful to hear my dear wife is in town. I should like to come down to see her as soon as you deem it wise and hope for her to do so. Shall be very glad to receive your letter addressed as last to 99 Lot Parade Leeds

I remain
Yours Respectfully
W Clarke

To Dr Baker
Lunatic Asylum
York

Any thing required by Mrs Wright should be very glad to send. I also forgot to enquire about the washing.

R

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North Shields
17 Oct- 77

Dear R Baker

I am very glad Emmie has repented about Mrs P. I shd think it satisfactory to all parties

I am sorry to hear from her that you have a cold I can fully sympathise as I have one myself

Hoping to see you on Saturday

Yours sincerely
Henry R Porter

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From	To
Mary E Beck Mrs Tibbetts Grove Walk	Mr Baker The Retreat York

St Ives

Is St living yet Some
please. telegraph here to Some
to Leominster what arrangements
have been made —

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From

Fawcett

Spool

To

S Baker

Retreat York

Clarke refuses to come I think you had better send another by seven forty five later from York tomorrow morning

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YORK GATE MIDNT 8 OCT 77

From	To
M Clarke	Dr Baker The Retreat York

My Brother arrived about half past ten last night - Mr Fawsett has been coming again this morning all quiet —

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6 Belmont Villas
Leicester.
17 Oct. 1877.

Dear Dr. Baker

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your ape on behalf of our dear father, and to apologise for a short delay in sending Cheque for the amount.

We have had sundry hindrances in securing transfer of his monies, for appropriation on his account, but I expect these will have been quite

Lawyers. Messrs. Peckham & Son.

Of course the cheque will not be sent to him, but, in the possibility of his sending a letter off to the Gentlemen, we have had them told, thro our friend Henry Cove, of his trying state. To prevent such & other similar muddles. My Cove desires me to request you to allow no letters but to his children, to be posted, i.e: to my self

Mary Radley. Leicester
R. A. Radley. Philip Lane. Tottenham
Joseph Radley. Lisburn. Belfast.

removed by the early part of November, when he will have been 3 months under your kind supervision.

Notwithstanding his assurances in his letters that he feels better & stronger, and that he has had no epilepsy since going to you, we must I fear infer from your Secretary's memorandum that there is no improvement in other respects.

The last two letters he has appeared to feel the cold more than he used to, & sat much by the fire, with cold white hands & feet - We hope he will be willing to take enough exercise now the cold is returning.

In several letters, he has written as if he expects that his next instal.t from the Friends Provident Inst.n (in w.h he holds a small annuity) will be sent to him, & he says he shall send it as security to the Tottenham

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I have intentionally excluded from this list the name of my elder brother Mr. Alexander Radley of Hope House, High Road. Tottenham, both because father is not very likely to write there, and also that he has given much family affliction, especially to father and might imprudently deliver enclosures to the lawyers, &c. We hope to send father some warm shirts in a few days.

Will you kindly excuse the length of this note. I believe me

Yours Sincerely

Mary Radley.

Specimen of the handwriting of Miss Radley, R.A. Ellis Rhymes Keeper 10 St. Peter's Square Sheffield

Miss Radley
6 Belmont Villas
Leicester

Gain = Laer

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Leeming Mill
Byd
Oct 18. 77

My dear Sir,

Mrs Livesey wants to be away in 10 days to meet her husband at Greenock & stay a week. Is it safe yet to leave my mother alone, her own mother is with her, but could have no

Control. What do
you think, so many
of your friends are
there that I am
adverse to any
visit. Yet I
have no one
who could take
her place in
the interim —
will you let me
know soon what
you think, I might
give Dr Leeson a
hint to be on the

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Brown

Dr Parker
Perth

1, Fleet Square,
Lancaster.

18th Octr 1877

My dear Sir.

I have been expecting, since the beginning of the month, your Quarterly A/c., which has not hitherto come to hand. Will you kindly give the enclosed letter to Mrs Wearing, who I trust is slowly improving in general health and able to sleep without a sedative. With kind regards believe me Yours truly

S. W. Wearing

Millfield Oct 18

Dear Sir

According to my present arrangements I hope to be able to take another look at your Wright tomorrow and Saturday

D. Baker

Yr humble Servt
Wm Marshall

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when needful
Please telegraph or
write ~~during~~ till the
24th of this mo. to
me at Mrs Tibbles
Crown Walk
St Ives
Hunts.
to days

Thanks for telegram - I
had none yesterday - suppose
it did not miss? If there
is any return of consciousness
make it of use for me to
come. I shd like to know it.
Telegram shall be repaid -
If no material change no
need - All after arrangements
~~as to~~ we leave as my letter
explained - Please also inform
my sister at M.S. Beck
Leominster when the event transpires.

POST CARD





THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

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LEEDS CATE 11 6100 P YORK MICK

From Fawcett Manchr

To Dr Baker Retreat York

Hope to arrive at five fifty all right —

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FROM

TO

Headingley
19/10/77

Dear Sir
Dr Baker

I have seen Mr
Gibson today who gives
an excellent character
of his nephew, as
being personally all
one could wish
as to his professional
position he could say
nothing — of this

Of course thou will
receive testimony
from other sources

Thy sincere friend
John Wesley

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recd 23/10/77

Radcor

Oct 19 — 1877

Dear Doctor Baker,

I have full dis-
appointed each post
in not receiving
a line from you
to tell me how my
poor Isabel is — and
I now write to ask

you if you think I feel very anxious
an occasional visit from
does her any harm yourself
a piece of ours is now. With kind regards
staying in York and I am Yours Sincerely
would like to call
M. Robson.
and see her.
Will you kindly
tell me if there is any
improvement in her

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I have telegraphed him
tonight I had better write
to say that Hardshaw
East Monthly Meeting
will pay the cost in
this case.

Charles Bissell's address
is 1 Wyndford St. off
Kirkham St Eccles New
Road Salford.

He is about 34 years
of age and has a family
I believe her husband
is a working joiner.

My sincere friend
John Dodgson.

My private address
is 22 Blackfriars St
Manchester

But if it suits better
to communicate with
Charles Bissell direct
or with Jonathan Walker
an Elder and overseer of
Holly Bank Eccles
who lives comparatively
near him please do so.

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10/20th 77

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker,

As agent for the Retreat Charles Bissell has been sent to me by one of the Managers of our Monthly Meeting to ascertain whether his wife Mary Ann can be admitted as an insane patient manifesting suicidal tendencies which two Medical men are prepared to certify.

I trust Mrs Baker is keeping a little better - I can give her over very kind regards with the same to you

I am

Sincerely Yours

Emily M. Plowden

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aug 23/10/77

Pall Mall

Oct 22nd

My dear Dr Walker.

We have looked anxiously for a letter from you since my Mother's return, & disappointed not to have heard, how you think Mrs, after all the excitement consequent on leaving the Retreat, the great disappointment to him after all. - Mrs Fawcett will have told you all particulars. I cannot

describe the astonishment when I received your first telegram - Johnnie said the idea of leaving never entered his head, until he could not find Jennings - & then he thought "if he has left me - why should not I go too" — He telegraphed to us from Leeds he was coming - I thought Jennings a nice looking man, but was looking - not much of a companion -. We found Mr Samuel so very nice & kind - & Johnnie was quite pleased to have him - & was contented as possible - it was a strange visit indeed, & very painful - also the morning he went out & leave us, & did not let him know it - he would have been very angry with us - it was not necessary -

Bridlington Quay
Oct 22nd 1877

Dear Sir—

I have a Patent
for fixing Iron
Horseshoes & would
like your opinion
& personal investigation
Could you make
it convenient to come

Dear Sir tomorrow
the 23rd inst — Say by
the first Train —
If you can, telegraph
to Lewis Effect — and
Smith will run to
drive you over to
see the Cows — If
not drop me a line
first a day —

Yours Sincerely Yours
Geo. D. Nelson Esq.

Robt Barkus Esq. Kds

for persons of this description –
But I do not know the address
of one, and have no present
hope of the knowledge being
fuse to us –

I think common humanity
for this most unhappy class
does require that there
should be some power to
commit & detain them in
asylums for their own sake.
I should think cure was
always possible: and among
my own relatives I've known
of 5 or 6 cases where it would
have been a great blessing

I am
Yours very truly
Mary Harris

Derwent Bank
Broughton
via Carlisle

Dear Sir

I feel that I was inconsiderate in writing to you & that we could have no right to expect any reply

I wrote at the request of my niece (having just returned from two days absence) without time to reflect –

Our Dr is young, unsympathetic, hard worked, and forgetful and we felt

so very helpless - Kate Rickman is my nieces' cousin; - They had heard so much of your kindness from her family that it made them think of you -

Our Dr says we can do nothing but bear it - That no one has any right to interfere - It may be so - but it ought not to be so. - It is now, whatever it once was, less a mania than disease - indeed I think it has ceased to be the first - So we must just trust God with his soul and do the best that time & opportunity offer to us - There is not the least violence or excitement of a kind that would justify any one (I suppose) in doing anything - No unkindness even - He is less ill even, than when I wrote before - more able to do everything for himself - and of course could dismiss any one we got - I beg you to excuse my troubling you - If anything occurred to make the employment of an attendant possible we should be glad to know of a person who could be trusted I know there are asylums

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Excuse troubling you -
We have no one to help
us -

I am
Yours Truly
Mary Harris

Dement Bank
Broughton
Carlisle

Dear Sir

I am writing to you
in great trouble feeling
so helpless - My only brother
is in a sad state from
drinking - it has really
become mania of that
kind - he has had the habit
of drinking for a very
long time - partly by

by fits — He now only
gets up a little while
every day — We are all
women (daughters &
myself) and cannot
possibly hinder him
getting it — some one
brings it to him we
do not know when
or how —

Do you think we can
do anything? — Could
we have a male
nurse who could be
always with him? —
Could you recommend
any way, or anyone?
We have no authority
of course — we could
not persuade him to go
any where where he
would be kept from it, which
we know would be
best — But we ought
to — must do something
and at once I feel

34 Sandgate Road
Folkestone

17/10/77

Dr Barker

Dear Doctor

When I was leaving the "Retreat" you told me that any little articles I may have left behind I would have forwarded to me upon writing. — I have written & Notes as Ring for a Pair of Razors & 1 pocket Knife.

I shall be glad of an answer to this. I am Dear Doctor Yours truly

W Horner

34 Sandgate Road
Folkestone

sent 20/10/11

81 Hungerford Road
Holloway N—

Esteemed Friend,

I should be
glad to know if you
will kindly inform
me what the 10/—
was sent for, I
thought my sister was
well supplied, except
a pr of winter stockings
& repairing of boots
which was needed.
I have sundry articles

in Iron bodies here
which if required
might be sent for
Perhaps to save pur-
chasing if the thing
needed ever turned.
I have no doubt that
it is all right but
thought it would be
satisfactory to know
what had been
purchased.

Yours respectfully

Thos Clark

Cawnpore Cliff, Evergreen

20/10 1877

Dear friend

Since I wrote
to you I have received
a couple of letters from
my Son, expressing a
decided preference to
winter at Torquay;
if so, I intend to take

a house & he would
be my guest - so as
to avoid any case
that he otherwise might
have - I presume
he is in a perfectly
fit state for such
an arrangement, but
before quite concluding
I would like to hear
from thee - and as
I have the offer of a
house as formerly
occupied, please send
at thy early convenience
I am with kind
Regards &c &c
John Stevinson

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The Royal Infirmary
Bath House, Kent St
Liverpool, Oct 21 1877

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Dear Sir.

I shall feel obliged if you will let me know if convenient to you when the Election for Assistant Medical Officer to "The Retreat" will take place. I am Yours truly

T. O. Dawson

Bath Hotel
Kent St.
Liverpool
Oct 16/77

Dear Sir.

I beg to apply for the post of Assistant Medical Officer to "The Retreat" - I am a M.B. C.M. of Edinburgh and have been qualified three years. I enclose Testimonials from the Bootle Borough Hospital and the Liverpool

Royal Infirmary, at both
of which institutions I have
been House-Surgeon.
I was locum tenens at
the Royal Southern Hospital
in Liverpool for two months
and a half, and enclose
Dr Carter's Testimonial.

I remain
Yours truly
F. B. Davies

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Ans. 23.10.77

at J.B. Burtt's

Kettering 22/10/77

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

My sister has asked me to write you & thank you for your letter of 18th & for your kindness in sending many previous reports of her husband & J.B. Burtt

There are one or two matters it seems desirable to consult you on. It is in contemplation for the family to move to Gloucester in 2 or 3 weeks. How & when should J.B.B. be informed of this?

If it were a simple move of the household the fact might not disturb him much: but he cannot fail then to wonder what has been done about his business.

This his boys have been accustomed to look after during his, usually, very short absences.

His affairs have been for a long time in an unsatisfactory State causing him, & with reason, great anxiety

After J.H.B had improved somewhat at York it was evident, from his letters that his mind reverted to this subject, as was natural. We have written him more than once that his matters were having attention. The fact is his relations are taking them in hand with a view to settle everything & close his business

We think it would be an immense relief to him to know that all was settled tho' one dreads the possible risk of telling him - He might wonder also how this was being accomplished & it would not be fair to trouble him with the details

How far do you advise his being told of these matters - & should they be named gradually?

There are two reasons for closing the business, it is a necessary step in a business point of view & we think also Mrs J.H.B. recovers so far as to be able to return to business it would be very likely to upset him again if his affairs ~~[illegible]~~ remained unsettled - We doubt indeed if his mind will recover a proper tone so long as he contemplates, on his recovery, a return to his old business worries.

He had himself been looking towards closing is business this autumn

Yours sincerely

Rich[d] G. Brown

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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From

Dr Nelson
Bridlington Quay

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

proceed to Filey station where you will be met and conveyed to destination

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

To

From

Bath Hotel
Kent St
Oct 24/77

Dear Sir.

Just at yours.

I ~~am~~ have the chance of a steamer sailing to Boston on Saturday & shall have to give a decided answer by to-morrow morning at half past ten. I should prefer accepting the chance you mention, but before refusing the steamer I must know for certain if I am to have the employment you mention - will you kindly write back, so that I may be able to make my arrangements accordingly.

Yours Faithfully
F. O'Dwyer.

ans 25/10/77

ans
29/10/77

Welburn. York
Oct. 22. 78.

My dear Sir.

I have a patient who I think will require to be removed to some Asylum she is suicidal, will you kindly inform me the charge for such a case in your retreat and if at present you have a vacancy.

I am My dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Jos. Wade Leyston
Surgeon

R. Baker Esq

28/10/77

The Bons Malton
27/10/1877.

Dear Doctor

A Lady for whom I act as Trustee - a relative, is on a very weak & depressed state physically and mentally - and has more than once expressed a wish to be placed under care in the

Retreat - as a preliminary measure it is the wish of her friends to see her - and as I learn from our mutual friend J. Rutt that the prohibitory rule is now rescinded - I write to ask that to kindly name an early time at the convenience to see her in York - at Abbott's Hotel or the Railway Station

Thy friend
John Hopkins

Chas Barkwell Esq. —

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Willm Pilkington Esqre
Roby Hall
near Liverpool
Oct 21st -

Dear Sir -

I sent you a
document on Tuesday
last - in reference to
my Brothers annuity -
& I have just received
a letter from my Lawyer
asking me to return
it to him

as soon as I receive it. To enable him to collect the money. I ask I can leave here on Wednesday next - I shall feel much obliged. If you will let me have it back as soon as you can

Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
Sarah Caldwell

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28 Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

London Oct. 27th 1877.

Dear Sir

The late Mr W May

I hope to be able to settle all claims upon my late brothers estate before Xmas this year. Will you be good enough to forward to me at your earliest convenience the amount owing to you respecting the board & residence of Mrs Beale made up to July 31st of this year, the day of my late brothers death

I am faithfully

Robt May

Dr Baker.

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.

Oct 4th 1874.

To Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I am recpt. of my brothers account for the past Quarter I am disappointed to find the charge still 6 guineas - I hoped it would have been charged at 5 guineas. After the last payment I wrote to see if you could not reduce the charge without interfering with Volunteer rooms or comfort - ? I had no reply - Your kind consideration in this will oblige. I am glad to hear you consider Volunteers improved - Your letters have shewn such to be the case.

Yours truly

Henry Procter

ans'd 15/10/77

4 Beech Grove Place
Leeds
Oct 15/77

Dear Sir.

I have just received a letter from Mrs Carter informing me of the vacancy at "The Retreat". I should very much like to apply for the appointment if you would kindly tell me when and where I ought to

send my application and
testimonials. Apologizing
for troubling you

Yours truly

F. B. Dawson

4 Beech Grove Place
Leeds
Oct 16/77

Dear Sir

I have received your letter to-day but shall be unable to send you my Testimonials until to-morrow, as along with my Wm Thos, they are in Liverpool.
I dont know either of the Gentlemen you mention, but my Uncle Wm Gibson Resident Secretary of the Scottish Widows Fund

is slightly acquainted with
Mr Whiting — I have had
no previous experience in
Asylum work, with the
Exception of having had charge
of the Asylum in connection
with the Liverpool Royal Infirmary
for one week —
I cannot conscientiously
promise to stop two years,
as I do not intend to
take up Lunacy as a
Specialty —
I was House-Surgeon to
Mr Hakes and House-Physician
to Dr Glynn at the Liverpool
Royal Infirmary and during
that time became often in
contact with Mr Birkendale —
Will you kindly inform
me when the successful
Candidate is to be required
to enter upon his duties?

Yours truly
F. W. Barnes

My address in Liverpool, where
I am going to-day, is Bath
Hotel, Kent Street —

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

18/10/77

Dear Sir. I hereby notify to you that yesterday afternoon John F. Blanke, a patient in this Hospital in a condition of incurable general Paralysis - escaped from his Attendant & took a ticket for Liverpool arriving at home at 10.20 p.m.

My assistant Dr Fausch followed by me to-day to attend on Mr Clarke. On Monday Dr Fausch to return to-morrow. John F. Clarke has been for the past year so much better that having signed the paper form he has been largely trusted, has never before broken his word.

I consider the Assistant to have been unfairly dismissed by reason of my having refused to lose any account to Mr Clarke. I sign his [illegible] [illegible].

Yours faithfully
R Baker

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Petcyate
21 Oct 1877

Dear Dr Baker,

I shall be most happy to comply with your request - I will give a Lecture on any of the following subjects, let me know which you select -

1 What is Comet?
2 The lowest forms of animal life

Accidents arrival.
Duties & the principles
of the Safety Lamp
& the Tubular Tunnel
between England
& France
The importance of
water, their detection
& removal
Why it is so necessary to expose
Mental. Moral & Physi-
=cal. Now is an
interesting subject.
I have very much
engaged except Tuesday
& Saturday but Wednes=
=day

I cd arrange a del=
=icate Friday from
the 19th ult - attend=
=ance at the Salford
part cd not suit so
as at the latter end
of the month & the
two Lectures are
Burning at the Ins=
=titute

Yrs ever
J Procter

You will perhaps
let me know the
date, & the subject

29 - to XI. 2 - Richd Brown
Esqr
Ch. St Ives
Hunts -

It is very kind of you that my dr Brother so long survives - it shows the tender care he must have had - this is comforting. I do however feel for the fatigue his caretaker must have undergone -

I think I mentioned that in case of his decease, it will be kind of you then to plan arrangements for the interment at York, and name day & hour fixed when write to my Sister & Executrix & to myself - We should come to York the previous night. And should like to leave as soon as can be satisfactorily arranged for the next day -

If Mr. Almodal & Barnard Rickman should be at home, it would be very kind to inform them when the event occurs -

Yrs ful gratefully.
Mary J. Beck -

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St Ives X. 22. 77.

Dear Dr Baker.

As I am necessarily moving from place to place. I send this my address. as far as I see it. for the next few days. in case of Communication being needful.

Till the 24th Mrs Tibbles
Crown Walk
St. Ives
Hunts.

24th to 27 Daniel Burlingham
Lynn
Norfolk

27 - 29 Wm Clarke
The Bank
Chatteris
Cambs. St Ives
Hunts.

No 1 Wynford St
" Kirkham St
Eccles New Rd
Manchester
10 mo 24/77

Resp^tly Friend

Dr Baker

I herewith enclose Key of Box containing my dear wifes clothing which I have forwarded this day per passenger train Hoping to receive a line from thee when circumstances permit

I am Thine respectfully.

Chas Bissell

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Lancaster
22nd Oct 1877

My dear Sir, I enclose
Cheque for £59.2.4
and should feel
obliged if you acknow
ledging receipt you
would say how Mrs
Wearing is progressing.
and give the enclosed
letter to her. Believe
me

Very truly Yours
J. S. Wearing

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Low Lights Tannery,
North Shields

25 10mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

You will believe that I have been thinking a good deal about you the last few days, & am very anxious to hear that Mrs Baker continues to go on favorably. I am very sorry for your misfortune, but trust everything is now going well

I don't like just now to trouble you about my affairs, but if you cannot conveniently reply to me ~~just now~~ please lay the letter to one side till you can.

I saw Mrs Muckford yesterday; was not prepossessed with her appearance, nor with the rather impertinent way in wh she spoke of you, but as she wishes to come & engages positively to be with you on the 6th Nov the matter rests for the present. Afterwards had

some little talk with George Brady who happens to live next door to her, & he gave her anything but a favorable character, saying that she once very nearly poisoned one of his patients by giving medicine without his orders, & Mrs the late Brady told me that she attended Mrs T Brady in the confinement of wh. she died, & she thought her negligent & careless both as to Mrs B & the baby.

Monthly nurses are I fear on the average a bad lot, & very likely under your & Mrs Richardson's supervision Mrs Mockford may do very well, but if at any time you prefer to dispense with her I shall not object to the necessary compensation She will of course understand with you, that she is strictly in a subordinate position.

When you have time I shd like to hear exactly what you think of the slight pulmonary hemorrhage wh. I hear my wife has had — you do not I suppose consider it a symptom of tubercular disease.

May I come over again on Sat Nov 3rd?

Yours very sincerely
H R Rocter

PS please thank Mr Faupete for his note as to Mockford

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EXPORT DEPARTMENT.

Pantheon, Oxford Street
LONDON W

Oct. 25th 1877

Dear Madam,

I have the pleasure to enclose you £10. £2 made up as under –
£1. 15. 0 from the clerks
£0 5/ amount in the Pantheon Savings Bank to the credit of M. W. Miles.

There may possibly be a few shillings more at the end of the month in which case I will forward it

I shall be glad of your acknowledging the £1.20 that the Trustees of the Bank may have a voucher that the money has been withdrawn.

If you are in the neighbourhood of the Pantheon at any time do not trouble to call as I am not sure of my movements.

Yours faithfully
T. Sleap

P.S.

The £10. is sent by T. Sleap to the order of Fanny P. Miles

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I think it will be best for the Assizes it be us. & we can best communicate. A day or two shd elapse before we take travelling arrangements -

My dr dear
W Beck

(In medical hands)

Since writing this I have had a most kind letter from dr P. Dunsdale. & shd be much obliged if they shd send me this note, to save my time - I see how there is no separate ground for the Petition wh. contents me

at Robert Wells
3rd S. Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk

Dear Dr Baker

My telegram is only just received - If the one to day should convey the information of my dr Brothers release, I should proceed as soon as I could know the arrangements made so as to be in the presence exp. to the Funeral at York - I hope then last at York - I heard from P. Dunsdale that it would be a comfort to me if the remains could be laid in the Fds. General at York but I must burying Ground. -

bear this if it cannot be -
Perhaps my sister may
have let them know her
mind - and if she
likes I should wish to do -
If my dr Brother is taken
with the kindly commencement
with R. Demidoff at
once - ~~I take~~ My sister
& I should wish to meet
at Eastr the day he rests
& the interment - and
to have it as early as
convenient the following
after our arrival -
day - all the accessories
& le simple -

If dr H. shd have
received, I shd proceed
tomorrow & St Ives.
Huntingdonsh, where Post-
Office wd find me - I
expect to remain there
a week - With the
kindly, if my brother shd
have been already taken.
let me know at once by
telegram what day &
hour is fixed for the
funeral - and also when
my sister at Leominster
Elgie Beck
Meadow Vestbury
Leominster

Over

Know my prayers
have been faulty
& will be wholly
answered if I only have
faith & look up to
Christ — I believe you
have also shown real
kindness & goodness
towards my little Ruiny
for which I thank you
most sincerely. I am in
a most comfortable
& happy family, where
there is plenty to do
but where I have real
true friends in Christ
& hope soon to be able
to help my brother —

To Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I hope you have
received the cheque
of £4. It crossed me
that a little more
help was needed &
not being able to help
at present myself,
thought it likely that
the firm where my
brother Martyn lived
in business for many
years might necessitate
a little extra
helping in & felt sure

I should be pleased, as I said they should have an acknowledgment from you at York - & my brother will endeavour to write. How very grateful I do feel to you for your deep interest & kindness shown towards my dear brother Martyn who I have been constantly thinking of & praying for —

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Please write & the enclosed address & tell me what you <u>now</u> really consider of my brother Martyn? — & if I may visit him in December? —

Fanny Pennington Miles.

Miss F. P. Miles

Mrs Darrington

Freshaw Villa

Blackstock Road

Finsbury Park

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to look for a visit
to York in December
or January & spend
about 3 days if I
can be spared from
here, & the Lady writhes
to me a day or two
the Lays.

With very Kind & Yours
& very Sincere thanks
to you

Believe me
Dr Baker
Yours Most Respectfully
& Gratefully
Fanny D. Miles.

Barkers York Hotel,
York.

Oct. 25th 77

Sir,

I am much obliged
to you for allowing
your Bathman (Seeley)
to wait upon me to
Shampoo my Ankle
I shall require it done
three times in the
week Commencing on

Saturday, Kindly let
me know what hour
will be the most
convenient for him
to come to see -

I remain Sir

Yours Truly
Thy & P. Matthews

Dr Baker

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Balt Hotel
Kent St
Oct 26/77

Dear Sir.

Received your telegram all right. I sail to-morrow for Boston if all goes well I hope to be back in Liverpool by the first of December. My address then will be the same as now.

If the gentleman you mention should require a Companion

before then, I think Dr Abbott, Fair Elms Prenderleith will be an eligible & acceptable appointment. Hawthorn pro tem.

Trouble you have taken

Yours truly

F. W. Darwin

39. Finsbury Circus,
City,
London. E.C.

To Dr Baker Oct 26/77

Dr Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing cheques for £4/ which is from the firm of Messrs Tilley and Co £2/ from my firm and £1.15 from my clerks / for Madyn W Miles / - They wish it to be applied to any suitable purpose for his comfort - so I thought I had better send it to you direct if you will kind excuse my troubling you You will no doubt be able to know what use to make of it for him - It is of course intended for his / Madyns / benefit and not for any relation - I believe my firm rather expects an acknowledgement from Madyn if he is able to to do so

I am
Dr Sir
Yours truly
Edwd Miles

" Mr Sleath wants to mark £2 Miles Fancy enclosed - My £2/ from my firm came I believe a day or two before "

£2
1 15
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from firm
from clerks
in Madyns Bank book

May I ask thee to be so kind as to inform the Retreat Superintendant that the person on whose behalf I wrote cannot afford more than 12/. or 14/. per week. so I apprehend the matter must fall through. The doctor thinks that 3 months might ~~do~~ restore him

Thy affectionate friend

~~Thy dear love to Priscilla~~

Wm Robson

Sheffield or Leeds.

23/10/77

Pall Mall
Oct. 26th

Dear Mr. Baker,

I received your letter, for which I am much obliged - We were very sorry to hear of the great disappointment. the death of your poor little baby must have been to Mrs. Baker, & you - but trust she is progressing as favorably as you can wish - We shall be very glad to hear of her. -

As to my poor Mother, he wrote to me, as possibly you know they complaining

but ended quite pleasantly.
I feel to regret you think
a stricter supervision
necessary - but trust since
you will let Ruin go to the
Minister, it is his chief only
pleasure - his only natural.
The idea of home, so as
to strongly in his mind
when we stayed with you -
that when he found it
was quite in his power
to come - I am not surprised
he did so, & really I cannot
blame poor, poor fellow -
I found he only takes in
one thought at a time -
seldom argues against
what is suggested - he
was very quiet now & happy
& quite glad to have
Mr. Fawcett - he never
asked to go to Lee Manor.
Hoping to hear from you
or Mr. Fawcett soon,
please offer our kind
regards & much sympathy
to Mrs. Baker
I am
Sincerely Yours
Sonie M. Clarke -

MEMORANDUM

26th Oct 1877

From

CHARLES JAS. CRITCHLEY & Co

Woollen Manufacturers,

BATLEY.

To Mr Baker

J.H. Taylor, Ltho. Dewsbury.

Dear Sir Please to hear Mrs Sheard is some what better. we shall be glad to hear from Annie to Annie how she is & when some of us could see her.

In future please address as above to save delay Yours Truly

C Critchley

The Friends' Retreat,
near York. 31/10/77

My dear Sir.

Mrs Edwards has been during the last few days somewhat more excited — unable to read or occupy herself but has manifested no desire to in any way

almost continuously. She has needed both night & day continuous Nursing

Superviors as she has
been so determined to
pull our hand
the hours of her hand
It has to been only by the
Exercise of much patient
perseverance that we have
got her to take a suffy r
food
Last night she had
a very good quiet night

Sending the "calmer"
has been able to send
a little.

I Enclose the stat.
of a/c as requested

Yours faithfully

A Bates

if I were to undertake the place, at least no efforts on my part should be wanting. I am truly

Charles E. Abbott.

Five Elms,
Grassendale,
Liverpool.

17 Oct

Dr Baker,

Dear Sir,

My friend Dr Davison has given you my name as willing to accept a travelling appointment, he tells me that personal

Application is necessary;
I write to let You
know that I shall
be glad to meet You
at York or Elsewhere
should You still be
in want of one.
I have held a similar
post before and shall
be most happy to send
You my testimonials if
necessary. I am personally
known to the Principals
of this town, ~~[illegible]~~ whom
I believe You were with.
I am doubly qualified
registered aged 26 –
And I have some confidence
in assuring You that I
think I should give satisfaction

Dr Sir

I saw Mr Wm Chapman this morning and told him what was offered for the larger Greenhouse and he says that if the Committee will give £60 for it they can have it.

Yours Obedt

Jno Hickton

York 27/10/77

Dr Barker

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We thought it best to write lest you should have written by to-days post making an appointment in York for to-morrow —

I have to be in York to-morrow on other business and will call upon you at the Retreat some time between one & two when I can explain the nature of the case :—

I am Dear Sir
yours very truly
Rich^d B Hopkins

— Baker M.D
The Retreat
York.

The Mount.
Malton.

October 28th. 1877

Dear Sir I write at my Uncle's request with regard to his letter to you of yesterday, to say that the Lady, about whom he wrote, is in a very nervous condition and very much shrinks from undertaking a Journey to York :—

Under these circumstances it has been thought best to ask you whether you would be able to come over to Malton and see her. — The trains being convenient this would probably not necessitate a ~~very~~ lengthy absence from York —

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Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.
Oct. 29th 1879.

To Dr Baker
Dear Sir

We are glad to see from my brother John's letter signs of continued improvement. You will observe that he dwells constantly on having a change to Hilley Crest - as yet your name stood alone considered he was best where he is. Do you think it desirable, or would be any benefit to John, my coming over to see him. If weather permitted take him a day into the country? If I hear nothing from you I will conclude you think it best I should not come over at present.

Yours truly
Henry Procter

I await the return of the quarters account —

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From

MEMORANDUM

31st Oct 1877

CHARLES Jas. CRITCHLEY & Co

Woollen Manufacturers,

BATLEY.

To Messrs Batley

J.H. Taylor, Lith. Dewsbury

Dear Sir We are anxious about Messrs Shard, will you please drop a line at your earliest convenience, You have not yet sent us your Acceptance &c, be kind enough to do so.

Yours Truly

C. Critchley & Co

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MALTON.
YORKSHIRE.

Oct. 30th 1877

Dear Sir

With reference to your kind offer to come over to-morrow our medical attendant here is very desirous that a week or ten days should elapse before a consultation or any decided step be taken:—

Should any change for the worse occur we will write or telegraph at once.

I am Dear Sir
yours very faithfully
Rich'd B. Hopkins

Dudleytown 10/30th 1877

Dear Friend
Robert, Baker

After consultation with my
old medical man here, I
purpose stepping over to York
to see him about my dear daughter
probably reaching the Retreat
abt. 12.30 Pm Sincerely

A J Palmer

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

No. of Message. 95

Dated Stamp of

If the accuracy of this Telegram is doubted, it will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission; and, if found to be incorrect, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. When the cost of a reply to a Telegram has been prepaid, and the number of words in the reply is in excess of the number so paid for, the Sender of the reply must pay for such excess.

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

Charges to pay £....,....s. 6 d.

Handed in at the Malton *Office at* 4.50 P.M. *Received here at* 4.38 P.M. Delivering Office.

GATESHEAD YORK-MICK

From R. B. Hopkins
The Mount
Malton

To R. Baker Esq
M. D.
The Retreat
Heslington Road York

Please come tomorrow letter by post.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

To

From

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YORK-MALTON DATE STAMP 1 OCT 11

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

Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Malton *Office at* 8.15a .M., *Received here at* 8.18a .M. Delivering Office.

From	To
R. B. Hopkins The Mount Malton	96 D. Baker Friends Retreat Heslington Rd York

we withdraw our letter of yesterday please come this morning as previously arranged we will meet train please reply paid

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

Date of Despatch

Date & Sun Post Office Stamp

Delivering Office.

TO

FROM

Wilm Pilkington Esqre
Roby Hall
near Liverpool
Oct 23d 1877

Dear Sir.

You will I fear think me long in remitting my Brothers account but the L.d Chancellor has reserved a small portion of his property which has been sent in on Annuity for his life - & the detention has been caused - by a few final arrangements

Dear Sir
I hope to see
him when I return
to the North - & with
Kind regards
Believe me dear Sir
Yours sincerely
Samuel Caldwell

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that have been ungrateful
I saw my Lawyer Yesterday
& he gave me the
enclosed Document
which I shall feel
much obliged
you could kindly
get it signed for me
& when it is returned
to me. I can (after
signing my portion
of it) return it
to London when I make
request for money. I
trust my Brother to have
every comfort he can
have & they are
all many. One of the surplus
towards my own expenses
I shall feel much
obliged when you write
if you will tell me
how he is in his
bodily health — or if
he is less apathetic
than when I saw

M. B. Lane Distillery
22nd Oct. 1877

Dear Sir

Will you kindly get Mr. Pearson to forward my corrected acct. I am anxious to have it settled for business reasons here.

I hope you find our Scotch matters a little progress, will be glad to hear from you as soon as you find it convenient. Could you

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prevail on him to answer
some of our letters.
If he has got his Boar Coat
you might include it in
the acct.

I am ever dear
Yours very truly
J. R. Lowell

Dr. Baxter
Francis Palmer
York

MALTON.
YORKSHIRE.

Oct. 31 1879

Dear Sir

Please come on to-morrow — As we do not know what train you may come by, we shall not know which to meet, but should none of us be at the Station will you kindly come up to our house to which any one will direct you? or probably there will be a cab at the Station —

The address for our house is

Thomas Hopkins
The Mount
Malton

I am Dear Sir
yours very truly

Rich^d B. Hopkins

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Bath Hotel

Kent St

Oct 23/77

Dear Sir.

I have just received yours. Will you be good enough to let me have my Testimonials.

Thanking McCabe for the interest you have taken I am

Yours truly

F. V. Darcey

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York. 27/10/77

Dear Sir.

John F. Clarke
who Escaped from the Retreat
on the 17th inst – was followed
to Liverpool by the same
Evening by Dr. Fawcett –
Dr. F remained with Mr Clarke
until his return with him
on the 19th. Mr Clarke Sunday
that he must return offered no

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resistance. He was advised
enclose any fresh order
or certificates

Yours faithfully
R. Baker

6, Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

London October 31st 1877

Dear Sir,
M^rs Beale.

I thank you for your
a/c to hand this morning
I quite hope to remit you
before Xmas; you may be
sure of my discharging the
liability at the earliest
possible moment.

I am faithfully

Phil. May

D^r Baker.
York

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Boston Spa
nr Tadcaster 30/10.77

Dear Friend
Ross Baker.
re the Lantern.

I may have an evening which I can put in next month & I will let you know if this is the case.
I shall be glad to help you

again in this way.

Very truly yours
Joseph Latchmore

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23, Bridge Road West,
Battersea, S.W.

Sept. 1. 1877

My dear Sir,

I have just removed to the above address from Banbury, from whence I last wrote you. —

I wish to ask if you know any suitable person now at liberty whom we could employ as working housekeeper & nurse for my dear mother. Mrs Hodgson, whom you recommended to us is leaving in a week. She has served us very well and I am sorry to part with her, but suppose she is tired of the

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engagement & desires a change.

My mother continues in a very feeble state of health. I do not think she is worse mentally, but is much depressed, restless and difficult to deal with. – If you can recommend any one similar to Mrs Hodgson it will confer a great favour & I shall be much obliged. –

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

H Hawkin

D Baker,
The Retreat,
York

70 Clissold Road
Stoke Newington
Oct 31

Esteemed Friend
Dr Baker

It is so very long since we have heard from our Sister Ann - that I thought I might trouble thee with a line to enquire how she is. We heard she was worse after her visit to Scarboro Last Summer - & I think we have only heard from her once since if thee - If thou will kindly give our dear love & say we are anxious

about her - & would like a
line from her. we should be
much obliged - & also if not
troubling her too much she
like a few lines from herself -

I remain with kind regards

Yours sincerely
Emily Walsh.

2/11/77

2 Brunswood Terrace
Matlock Bath

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

Having received a letter a few days since from Father relative to my leaving here, we have fixed for next Seventh day, when Mr Darley can leave for York will thee send a line to him,

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I expect to meet my
Brother on second day
at Cheltenham. We have
had quite a mild Autumn
hope the winter will
follow the same. Have
thee recently heard how
Dr Kitching is. With kind
regards

I remain thy friend sincerely

Wm Hy Horniman

aus
2/11/77

Maine Cottage
nr Reading

Dear Friend
& Baker

I wrote the last week putting a question as to the opinion as to the probability of my Sisters recognition of me if I came down to York & enclosed a stamped envelope as I do in this instance to facilitate a reply but none has come to hand. I trust he be obliged by a line in two reasons first in respect to my sisters

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condition as I should much
like to see her once more
& secondly, having had rather
frequent miscarriage of my
letters of late I am desirous
of investigating the cause

thy obliged friend

Sam'l Barton

1/11 Bro
1877

Mr Coombs address
J. Coombs Esq
12 Lord Street
Southport.

Dear J. Baker,

I have heard from
Mrs Coombs that he is most anxious
to know some account of Mrs Coombs -
Will you be good enough to furnish him
with some news of her. She is in very
indifferent health herself & is
the sufferer & anxiety she
experiencing his illness - Could the
Medical Attendant at Southport -
interview (if not yourself) & let him
know of his wife's progress -
Personally I am sorry to trouble you
but I have promised the Landlord
to look for the information.

always faithfully yours

Charles -

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Clementhorpe,
North Shields.

31 Oct 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Please let me have a line to say if it will be suitable for me to see my wife again on Saturday next. From her letters I gather that she had some bad nights after my last visit, tho she will not admit that they had any connection with it.

I am very glad to hear improving accts of Mrs Baker

Yours truly
H R Porter

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Cameron Hall
Dec. 21st 1877

Dear Miss Foster,

Would you kindly inform me how my friend Miss F. Cooke is in health? The last time I wrote to you, you were from home I should have sent the some grapes, but they have not been very

Dec 30/1877

to trouble you, but it is very necessary for some person to know how my little girl is

Yours very truly
E. Cooke

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good this year owing to the wet weather and I thought she might get fitted in York with less trouble. Will you hope to it? that the gets as many as she would like to have I before mentioned to you that I both like to have whatever she takes a fancy for, and spend her money sheerfully. This is the fancy season also I should like to know if she has been much away this autumn also if she goes into York when she pleases I should have invited her but I have been much engaged this summer – I am sorry

28. Brown Street.
OPPOSITE MARRIOTTS COURT.

Manchester Nov 1 1877

Dear Dr Baker,

Yr Letter & Enclosures I duly received & am obliged = I suppose Every one is apt to think his own troubles & trials are the greatest of all - & yet I doubt whether there Cd be a much more difficult & painful case than Mrs N's. Her Letters disclose the usual Complaints: Every one wrong but herself & vents & vents & this is sadly reversed I fear there is little hope of permanent benefit! One can only do one's best & then leave the rest to a Higher Power!

Be assured I am sensible of yr kind Care & attention, & yr forbearance = With kind regards, Believe me Yrs very truly Y. C.

York:

Wesleyan Kingston Oct 21
1. 11. 1844

My dear Friend

A fortnight since I forwarded a parcel addressed to Walter which he has not acknowledged the receipt - Many I trouble thee to make enquiry & ask him to write at once? he has generally written so promptly & I feel much at a loss to account for his silence.

Of course I do not wish him to write if he finds it inconvenient, but I like him with our love we anticipate by both for his interesting

Letters. With love to Herself
in which my daughters
unite I am
Yours sincerely
Augusta Mary Tolley

To Dr Baker

Eden Mount
Steamer
Nov 18th 1874.

Dear Dr Gilbert

We had your note
and are sorry to
see by your Brother
is not so well.
Do you consider
him more feeble? is
he able to be
about, and does
he take notice of
any one. is my
Brother able to
take food himself

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or he best to be
sed, do you think
he is wise then
when our friend
Mr Meredith sees
fit left.) —
We thank you for
your attention to
my poor Brother,
and writing to us
We are very sorry
about him. —

Believe me
Yours truly
Mary Wright

or we should have heard.

When, & whenever you desire either of us to see him, perhaps you will kindly intimate it?

– Pray excuse this lengthy note intruding on your sadly valuable time. and believe me

Yours very Sincerely

Mary Radley

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6 Belmont Villas. Leicester.

1 nov 1877.

Dear Dr Baker.

I am sorry to trouble you with notes, rather than a Letter. Will you have the goodness to acknowledge these first halves? for £15.

Thank you for enclosing to me a letter father intended for some distant relations in Essex: it was doubtless written after he heard from me of the sudden death of their Aunt. an aged

friend, who was one of the many whom father had recently asked to marry him. He makes no allusion to her or her death, in the letter. We are very grieved, tho' perhaps we shd hardly be surprised, that he chafes at "his unjust imprisonment". And we presume - of course - that you do not think it desirable to give him further out door liberty.

It is very good of you to put him upon Gardening, which is a healthy exercise & diversion. - but - as he has been in the garden a good deal, methinks he must need new boots. If your Steward attends to this matter, he must please "to humour" father, by ordering them very wide & soft - or we will try to get him suited if you prefer it.

He wrote me of his recurrence of Epilepsy on Tuesday week. (poor dear!) we presume this has not reduced his general health

Croydon

5/11 1877

Dear Friend

I am obliged by
thy letter & may state
that it is arranged for
my Son to reside at
Cheltenham for the
present, as it is nearer
York – W^m England
is to accompany him

I should prefer a more able attendant as a companion, but such an one is not to be readily obtained. —

Hoping to find you

Sincerely

J. Lee Hornaday

Please send to me
the a/c. W St Lewis Braddock
on 7th Aug for Cheltenham

12 Dootham
York.
Nov. 1st 77

Dear Friend;
Dr Baker;
I shall be glad
to visit Martyn
Friday
Tomorrow afternoon
if convenient.
I intended to
have been at the

you know of any
party who would
like to learn. I
should be glad
of pupils for
an hour or two
on Friday
afternoons. as
I have that day
at liberty
With kind regards
I am
very sincerely Yours
Mary Penn Miles

Retreat last week but was unable to come. Will you kindly let me know if it is not convenient as if I do not hear to the contrary I shall hope to be there about 3 o'clock Tomorrow 2nd; I shall be happy at any time to

Kelly at the Convents in any humble way, & if I know beforehand will arrange an hour or two with you regarding the dance. I am writing to Mr Pelly to see Miss Fleming for Classes for Children & Grown up Drawing, so that

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by his Guardian ad litem. It is proposed that he should appear by his brother Mr. Theodore Miles with whom we believe ~~that~~ you are acquainted and it is necessary that an Affidavit from a Medical Man should be made proving that Mr. Nathaniel Miles is of unsound mind; will you kindly swear the enclosed Affidavit filling in the blank spaces and return it to us at your earliest convenience

Yours truly
Schultz & Son

To the
Medical Officer
in charge of Friends Asylum
York Retreat
Yorkshire

* by his Guardian ad litem. It is

12. South Square, Gray's Inn.
SCHULTZ & SON.
SOLICITORS.
London. W.C.
and Mortlake.

1st Nov 1877.

Dear Sir,

Willmott dec'd
Morgan v Jenkins.

It has become necessary to administer the Estate of the late Mr. Nathaniel Lewis Willmott under the direction of the Court of Chancery and to make Mr. Nathaniel Miles who is a Lunatic under your charge one of the defendants to that suit; he being a Legatee under the Will. Mr. Nathaniel Miles being of unsound mind not so found by inquisition has to appear in the suit

Private

R. MOLTBY.
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HOSPITAL
OFFICE
5 NEW STREET
YORK

2nd Nov. 1877

Dear Sir

James Bell has applied for the Porter's place here, & as he has been an attendant at The Retreat Kindly give me your opinion of him & how long he was with you

he expects to hear. I shall be glad to hear from you by return.

Yrs truly
Robert Moltby

D. Baker
The Retreat
York

Answ. 1/11/77

this great affliction
is to bear.-
My Mother joins me in
kindest regards -
Believe me
Very sincerely Yours
Emily Margaret Clarke

Nov 2nd Pembroke
Liverpool

Dear Mr Farrell.

I am going to ask
if you would be so very
kind, as to send me a
few lines, to tell us some
little about my poor brother.
I am afraid he is very
unhappy. He has written
two very strongly worded
letters, each with about
the "scandalous thing"
it is to leave him at the
Retreat, calling it a
"Madhouse" &c- I say it

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is "enough to drive him mad" – I can but hope he does not feel as keenly as his letters read to us? He is so annoyed at not going beyond the Estate. I misses going to church (the Minster) greatly on Sundays – perhaps you would kindly say Farewell on Mr Baker, for him to Dear this little Minister, His poor life must necessarily be dull enough – very monotonous: besides I think the Parish Lay with the attendance, not poor Dolmmie – It is thinks us most unnatural, & that we must Dear ourselves to care for him – it is all too painful – poor fellow – I do not attempt any apology for troubling you – I know you can well understand, what

Alexander Peckover's Website
2. XI. 77. Cambridge St

Dear Dr Baker.

My Uncle's intelligence has reached me - I do not know what arrangements are made for the funeral but I shd propose early on 3rd of Aug. not before, so that he might arrive at York the night before. We go to P.S. Demodaki.

Please do not close the office till we talk -

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If this plan is not
acted on, please telegraph
at once to me at

Alexander Peckover
Wisbech
Cambridgeshire

Kindly let E. G. Denison
know of the event, &
write me a line by return
here, stating whether &
if so fixed & what time
by W Evening Mail to

Will the kindly
send my Sister and
at Leominster if &
& money can be arranged
& what time.

Saturday.

Dr Baker

Sir,

I have read and examined Miss Hopkins's Abstract of the Rights of Succession Art. 2d — found Written Evidence to be Lodged (Conditions my Hon —

Your Obedient Servant

F. Dean

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Oak Bank,
Alderley Edge.

11th Mo: 2nd 1877

My dear Friend

In reply to thine of the 29th ult., I may state that Ann Morton's case was brought before our Mo: Meeting of Cheshire held at Rostherne yesterday, and I was requested to make the application on to

behalf that she might be admitted at the lowest rate of payment. —

The request was entered on the minutes, and if the Com^rs require it, I can readily procure a copy signed by the Clerk.

Yours truly

Sam^l Shortt.

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Would you please
state your price
and particulars
by return of post
Yours faithfully
Isaac Cook

Fulford Grange,
York.

Dear Sir

Nov 3rd 77

I am told you
have some old Cains
in your Winery that
you recently bought
I want an old one
or two if I could
get them to live to
make up a vacancy
in one of my old
Wineries. If you have
them to dispose of

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St. Paul's Sqre

York. 3. XI. 1877.

My dear Friend.

Many thanks for Mr Fawcett's kind note - Having a troublesome cold, I may be unable to be out tomorrow, & therefore send this line to say, there is nothing to hinder my receiving the Three Relatives of H. Beck, on 2nd day (Monday) evening as proposed - viz his Widow, Daughter, & Sister - Having

could bring it he lives in Belle Vue St.

I trust thy dear Wife is recovering favourably, and you are in usual health - With love Thy Friend Jane

E. J. Dimsdale.

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a Mothers Meeting ~~that~~ on 3rd Day afternoon at Two o'clock, and being poorly from this cold, in my chest & head, very much doubt whether I shall be fit or equal to go to the Funeral, at eleven that morning, but should they be able to return here, after it. I would have a little meal ready for them, before they go to the Station - even should I have to leave before it is finished -

Should I provide a Cab, or will they send one to take them to the Retreat on Third day morning? Barnard Rickman is a Cousin of M.E. Becks. and Intend to ask him to call here on ~~3rd~~ Second Day evening. about 8 P.M. to see them.

If there should be note, or message, he

6 Belmont Villas.
Leicester
2 Novr 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Enclosed please receive second Haines notes for £15. & send Receipt.

Not knowing whether you allow your Patients to see Newspapers (father has never acknowledged any I have sent) I send now (for him. if you please) under cover to Yourself. The Report of

death & Funeral of dear Sydney Ellis. You may have heard of his fatal accident while experimenting for Prussian Blue Dye, on Friday week -

By a sad & strange coincidence on the same day, the ~~elder~~ head pupil of my brother Joseph Radley, likewise lost his life, by a chemical accident - His name was Wm Davidson, son of the master of Brookfield School.

Father is already aware of this latter event, thro' a letter from my brother to him.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

Mary Radley

Dr Robt Baker.

Fulbert Grove
W. Grantham
4/11/77

Dear Friend
Dr. Bartley

My brother J. B. Burt has written to me requesting me to go & see him next Wednesday, or I write to ask if you think it suitable for me to do so? — My sister-in-law is very anxious for me to see John — & I write to him stating that if nothing prevents I will try to get on the day after

Yours faithfully
Henry Burt

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18 Springfield Mass
Nov 4 — 1855

Dear Sir

If all is well I
purpose coming to Gall
tomorrow to see
Charles or thought you
would not let him
be out of the way

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with Love to Lucie
& kind regards to
Conrady

Yours sincerely

A Hewlett

Dr Barker

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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From	To
F. Horniman 7 Royal well Terrace Cheltenham	Dr Baker The Retreat York

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William in disturbed state please send Darley or another today or early Monday telegraph time he will arrive here say if fresh medical certificate required

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To

From

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Jas. Tacscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Cheltenham *Office at* 9.45 a .M., *Received here at* 10.6 p .M. Delivering Office.

YORK NO 5 03

From
F. Horniman
Cheltenham

To
Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York.

Darley with Lilliam reach York
three thirty Tuesday morning Darley
says old rooms after arrival
please telegraph Croydon to Foresthill

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Handed in at (the) Office at .....m. Received here at .....m. Delivering Office.

To

From

of my brother
I was indeed
pleased to find
him so well, &
happy & in such
good spirits. —
I trust all your
family circle
are quite well;
please give my
kind regard
to my Maker
I am
very sincerely Yrs.
Mary Hiles

12 Boothaven
Nov. 6. 77

Dear Friend;

As I saw so
little of Martyn
last week, owing
to having to be
back early; will

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you kindly allow
me to see him
again on Friday
next, as we
have a good
deal to com-
=municate to
me another;
I am sending up
a servant to

see this knowledge, she
is leaving this Brookes
& Lymington it possible
the enclosed with answer
the advertisement in
the Post Herald.
Please accept my heartfelt
thanks for your kind care

P.S. Will you kindly
let me know
if not convenient
with you I do not hear
to the contrary
I will be at the
Retreat on Friday
4th Inst about 3
o clock. —
I hope Mrs Craven
is nicely I presume
she is still at
Ilkley Wells House

Cousᵗʰ & Mrs
Buckle are
away from home
but return to
day or tomorrow
If you should
hear of any
drawing & music
pupils, I should
be glad to know
of them —
My address is

Miss Miles
Cousellor Buckle
12 Brotherton
York

way of thy accepting another inmate. Sanders Respectfully
A. J. Palmer.

Wilmslow 11 Mo 5th 1877.

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Since seeing thee, our dear child has been in a calmer state & with no further outbreak — what did occur, we are disposed to believe was in connexion with the period time.

After some days thought, & seeing we are some little distance from York, we have concluded not at present, to entertain the idea of parting with dear Hannie from home, where she has all attention & comfort — my own judgment about her case is not altered — I am

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hopeful about her & desire
we may all patiently wait
& pray that the trial may
be removed from her — in
my last case, quite similar,
patience, calmness, & prayer
& how our Heavenly Father might
see fit to remove the case & strain
& endurance it was —

Hannie always answers me
correctly, & being so attached
to her nurse, & nurse thee
we feel as thou put it, that
even if she were in the Retreat,
it might not prove the right
place for her. With many thanks
for thy interest in her & trusting my
delay in writing has not shocked us the

Kettering 11 mo 5
1877

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker

I was very glad
to learn by thy letter
received this morning that
my husband was quieter
yesterday - I have seen
a marked difference
in his letter ever since
we wrote to him about

to settle down comfortably
for a while, about 2
weeks since I hope he
has nicely improved

Thine sincerely
Annie B. Burtt

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the business, we were
sadly afraid it would
upset him I do hope
now that he finds it
is almost entirely settled
he will be better - I
felt sorry when I found
how sadly he was that
I had written just as
I did - We have not
said any thing to him
about our intended
move to Gloucester I
now think perhaps I
better say nothing about
till we arrive there
fearing he may feel
anxious about the journey
with all the children.
My husband so often
mentions the cold does
now think he needs
any warmer clothing -
I do hope he will be well

Croydon
5/11 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I regret to learn that before my H.S. could be settled in at the Apartments in Cheltenham that his mind has gone astray, but I trust

under your kind supervision that I may soon hear of his improvement — She married to her brother that for the past two weeks he had not been so well as usual — It is much to be regretted that he dis

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not make this known

I am with kind regards

Yr

John Stevenson

COKE, A CHEAP FUEL.

The York Gas Company's Coke is made from the very best North Coal, and makes a capital fuel. Managers of Public Institutions and Private Householders who have disregarded prejudice, and have carefully compared the York Gas Coke with ordinary Coal, have scarcely ever failed to acknowledge its value, and its cheapness. When broken, and, where the draught is bad, mixed with a little Coal, it makes an excellent fire, in any sized grate. A correspondent in the York papers, in December last, referring to the question of fuel, says "as far as my experience goes, the York Gas Coke has the merit of always weighing full 20 cwt. to the ton. I have used it for many years. It makes a clear bright fire, and, at 10s. a ton, I have no hesitation in saying it is full 30 to 40 per cent. cheaper than any coals you can buy in the city." The Master of our largest Public Institution in York writes, "We have used very little else than Coke for our stoves since we got them. It does not block up the flues, and for night fires it is excellent, keeping up an even temperature. The cost of Gas Coke, as compared with Coal, I feel quite sure is not more than one-half."

Mr. ..... Dr.

To THE YORK UNITED GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

CHARLES SELLERS, SECRETARY.

	Ton.	Cwt.	Qrs.	£.	s.	d.

To : : Coke, @

Mr. Sellers begs to draw Dr. Baker's attention to the Gas Company's Coke. At the low price of 10/- per ton it is considered the cheapest fuel that can be bought in the city. It is used at most of our public & charitable institutions, & is daily growing in favour for general household purposes.

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Bryfield House,
Batley.

3 Nov 1877

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

Enclosed
you will find
cheque as per
statement, thank
you kindly

We are pleased
to hear Mrs Ward
is so much better

Yours truly
E Crowther

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34 Hope St
York
Nov 6th 1874

Dear Sir

I write to inform you that I have given up going to sea. On Saturday last I was sent for & told I could have a situation on the ship I was on last at ten Shillings more a month I have sent them a letter stateing that I was applying for a situation on Land for which the four officers I served with, has sent me a written reference signed by all also from the same ship I have the printed Discharge.

Your kind attention would oblige your ever Obdt Servant
Geo Stanbrook

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12, Pavement,
York.

Nov^r 8^th 1877

My dear Sir

In the matter of the Estate
of the late W^m Dillmott

I shall be glad to see you
at 1/2 past 11 on Saturday morning
next, if convenient to you. - Time
to be from home tomorrow -

Yours faithfully
J. Wood

Robert Baker Esq^r M.D.
The Friends Retreat
N^r York

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Kettering Ohio
1877

Dear Friends

If our brother Henry Butts calls while thou lovely here how the enclosed if thou last an opportunity without my husband knowing

With kind love

Thine &

Annie B. Butts

17 Promenade,
Bridlington Quay.
Tuesday night.

Dear Sir,

I am now writing to report progress & have your further advice about my daughter Charlotte. Since you saw her she has wonderfully improved in a physical point of view, has become strong & stout & almost quite like her former self. But there is no such mental improvement to report. I am sorry to say. Charlotte did indeed visibly appear to brighten

Lad

up for the first few days here, but during the remaining time until now her mind has not apparently improved. Her bowels still continue Constipated & require injections. I hope you will reply as soon as possible & do all you can for us, since we are painfully anxious about the Daffers.

Believe me
Very faithfully Yours.
Harriet Shuttleworth.

P.S. We like the nurse very much. She is most careful & attentive.
to Dr Baker.

soon be thought-
desireable for him.
We vote for the
future the rate is
to be reduced to
£5. 5, which is
Quite Satisfactory

Yours Truly
Henry Procter

Newcastle
Nov 6th 1847

W. R. Baker
Dear Sir

Enclosed please
find cheque for
the amt of Yr
which please ac-
knowledge. We
are glad to see
from Mr Rowells
note that Wm con-
tinue to improve &
hope a change will

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Marrowbone Lane Distillery.

Dublin 4th Novr 1877

Dr Baker

dear Sir

We have been looking for a line from you for some time, Not hearing from you since I returned my acct I fancy that perhaps I have in some way displeased you in so doing, although I cannot see how; or it may be that you intend making me a present of the amount, which I would offer no objection to. — However I want it settled, and will be obliged by your letting me have it as soon as you conveniently can, ———

How do you think our son is doing, is he making any progress? we did not think his last letter quite as good as the former one, please say what you think of him now, also if he has got his Overcoat for winter. — I wish to thank you for your attention to him, in respect to the Turkish Baths which he says himself he gets regularly, and also for taking him into your meetings for Worship.

I am dear Dr Baker
Yours sincerely W Lowell

The Friends' Retreat.
near York.

Nov. 9th 1874

Dear Sir,

I am desired by Dr. Baker to reply to your letter of the 9th inst. which has caused him much surprise, and which he is not at present fully able to understand.

Financial matters are chiefly conducted by the Steward, who has handed Dr. Baker the enclosed accounts, which represent the amounts due

and the Turkish baths he is taking, answer satisfactorily.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
S. Everard Wood

Wm. Lindley

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from you according to the books here.

Dr. Baker is much vexed that you should have thought there was the slightest feeling of annoyance on his part, on a matter of which he was actually in ignorance: but he begs you will be kind enough to explain fully to him what it is you suppose to be wrong. When it will be carefully investigated.

Dr. Baker will also be glad if you will forward direct to him, date of the last payment made by you, with copy of the receipt given you, and of any letter bearing on the subject, and in future correspond with him.

Your son (Dr. Baker desires me to say) is slowly making fair progress,

Kettering 11 mo 7
1877

Dear Friend

We are hoping
if nothing prevents to
start for Gloucester 6th
day morning and intend
leaving by the 1st train
before the letters arrive
would thou kindly send
my husband's letter to

R. G. Brown
Elmhurst
Nr. Gloucester

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I am afraid by his
letter received this morning
he was but only poorly
yesterday and I have
been feeling very anxious
all day, Dost thou
think on our arrival at
my brother's I should
do wrong in telling him
or would thou think it
safer to leave it a little
while, of course it
would be ungrateful
his not knowing and I
am afraid he would
think it so strange if
he did not see him
at once — it would
also be difficult about
the letters

With kind love

Thy friend

Annie B. Burtt

YORKSHIRE
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
FOUNDED IN MEMORY OF
WILBERFORCE
1833.
SUPERINTENDENT A. BUCKLE. B.A.

MANOR HOUSE,
YORK.

1444

Ans. 14 Nov.

9 Nov 1877

Dear Sir,

We have fixed Thursday the 15th inst for our visit to your Institution. If you let us know what time in the Evening you wish the singing to commence. Kindly let us know at your convenience —

Faithfully yours
A. Buckle

Dr. Baker

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Harrogate *Office at* 8 50 a.m., *Received here at* 9-0 a.m. *Delivering Office.*

YORK MIDDLESEX

From

Parkinson
Clifton House
Queen Parade

To

The Superintendent
The Friends
Retreat
York

Harrogate

Can you take a young gentleman today urgent case reply paid for

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Charge to pay £.....s.....d.

Received
Office of ..M.. May at }

Dated Stamp

To

From

Jas. Truscott & Son, London

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Handed in at the Harrogate *Office at* 9 25 .M., *Received here at* 9 46 .M.

From
Dr Oliver
Harrogate

To
Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Please send Lunacy forms by first train without fail and Say if you have Vacancy for a gentleman

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

feels very full of tears – very different to what he pictured it in his childhood – but there breaks a tenderness and heartiness more closely to the Heavenly Country where in the course of a few years at the longest, through God's mercy in Christ Jesus, we hope to be reunited to the little band of blessed ones already assembled around Christ, never more to be parted. I am very glad Emma has a little daughter. I heard from poor Harry a day or two ago, & am sorry that his general state is in the improvement to Emma lately but I hope the tide will be better. I have not yet heard from Edmund about his visit to Glen but I dare say I shall in a day or two. I am glad you enjoyed it. With respect to your two days

Bassingbourn
Nov. 10th 1877.

Dear Dr. Baker

I am very much obliged for your letter & also for Mrs. Brooks's, both Com. Timmy such satisfactory &c. Count of my dear Husband's progress. I feel so thankful that he really seems at last to be getting on nicely. it has been a long weary waiting. His letter bears traces of his improvement, & from the tone of them I quite hope that he is more willing to be guided by your advice than some time ago. Poor fellow! he seems greatly to long for a change, but our only voice

a right course is to visit Carlisle
yr Church both to encourage
such a step. It would be a great
mistake to hasten it too much
& run the risk of a relapse.
I shall be very happy to thank you
viva voce as you so fit; I miss
my dear Winchester letters very
truly & I shall be exceedingly
glad to hear something that will
occupy my attention very closely
but at the same time I am fully
prepared to visit Carlisle yr Church
with you as soon as a letter does
Epsom. I am thinking of visiting
some of my relations in Oxfordshire
in the course of a week or two. Perhaps
you can fix on nothing in Yorkshire
as soon & make it convenient
for me to be in Yorkshire every from York?
Church & Canon are Adderley Parks

very much that we fix upon them
& visit Carlisle I am in the habit
from. One of your letters to me I am
afraid you may have thought dis-
pleased by going into Oxfordshire
for not the case.
Please, if you can, to give me a
little notice before you give me
leave to join me I shall have
a good many little arrangements
to make for my Brother. I shall
be leave every thing in strange hands
easy for me to do. Poor fellow!
I am afraid he will often feel sadly
at a loss without his beloved
brother whom I am gone.
With you give my very kind
regards to Mrs Baker & tell her
how sorry I was to see in "The Friend"
that she had lost her little boy.
Hope she may be getting on nicely.
As one poor older than I need

Care about religious literature
I am very sorry it is so, but I
am not surprised to be more
cared about many other sorts of
reading than the best books. Very
much about shutting the door,
thoroughly in the least degree
approaching it. I am very glad
you objected to learning "the
Garden of the Soul". That is "The
Cross of Jesus" and his very
favourite books with him but
they are very objectionable books.
They are Roman Catholic books —
very unsuitable for him to study
from it should much, but especially
as now.
Last Wednesday it was his greatest
delight to go and see "Aunt". I pity
anyone that is cross you consider
it would cross him to let him

Mrs Read prices of articles but of course it must be left entirely to you. She is so fond of horses, & "Aunt" is always a picturesque scene. If he and Dicks could be carried he got into an Omnibus I suppose either with the horses or with meddling with the hounds. Please to thank Mrs Wood for her letter & me.

With Kind regards

Yours very truly

Bessie Rowden.

answd
12/11/77

Colchester.
11mo. 10. 1877.

Dear friend,
In your report of the Retreat
you have the name of Thomas
Catchpool as your agent for this
Monthly Meeting.. As our friend
is deceased and as no member
of his family are friends it may
cause some inconvenience. Wide
you therefore please inform me
who appoints the agents when
vacancies in the list occurs?

I am yours truly
Wilson Marriage
Clerk Colchester Monthly meeting.

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Miss Bostwick presents
her compliments to
Dr. Baker, & she
will call to-morrow
morning at ten o'-
clock or rather before.
Should Dr. Baker
leave to go out, she
will be much obliged
if he will leave
word at what

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time. She can see him, before two o'clock.

Queen Parade
Harrogate
Nov^r 11th 1877

20 Braithwaite Rd
Birmingham
Nov^r 10th 8 1877

My dear Friend

Judging from my dear Husbands two last uncomfortable letters, which I have read I fear he is not to well and altho' so anxious to come home, that will not do at present, I must depend upon thy kindness to inform me as soon as thou considers the right time is come and when it is do that thou

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think he should come here or would it be better to take him elsewhere first — When he is improving would it help him for me to have apartments in York for a few weeks I should be so much obliged if thou would guide me in my movements for Williams benefit, please if thou can spare me a few minutes to give me thy opinion — It is so very painful not to attend to his pitiful pleadings and yet I feel that I can not take the responsibility —

I was sorry to hear of your disappointment but hope Mr. Baker is recovering without any drawbacks I shd like to send my love to her — and with the same to thyself believe me Yours sincerely

A W Lidbetter —

J. D. Baker —

Park Chambers
Leeds
Nov 10. 1877

My dear Sir

On Thursday last I met Mr. Wray, father of one of the patients in your Retreat, and mentioned to him the enclosed paper as holding out a hopeful hope of his son's recovery. I attended his son previously to his

at a straw. It was while engaged in the difficult task of trying to console him or cheer him that I let drop the hint respecting Dr. Mercier's paper & the statement.

I am, dear Sir

Yours very truly

Thos Clouston M.D.

Dr. Baker.

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reception into the asylum. The Father asked me to send you the paper in case you had not seen it, but I assured him that you would be more likely to have seen it than myself, in some Journal of Mental Science.

However, perhaps you will pardon my sending it – of course I can offer no opinion whatever as to the value of the treatment proposed. Mr. Wray has already had one or two general paralysis, & now that he is threatened with the loss of a second he naturally catches

The Expression of
face is certainly better
I hear of the first start
about it: still she does
not talk much, or
appear sufficiently
interested in matters
passing before her
however. I doubt but
but that as this cold
subsides & comes forth
in time

Very truly Yours
Dr Parker G. D. Nelson

Bridlington Quay
Nov 11th, 1877.

Dear Sir

Very pressing
Engagements to have prevented
my answering your letter
of the 9 inst. on the subject
to your Patient,
Mrs C. Strickland,

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I am very glad to state
that she is gradually
progressing towards
recovery. and although
the process is slow,
still I am of opinion
that it is progressing.
She is taking food
tolerably well & her
general health is
also improving

Reading 11/10/77

Dear Friend

L.R. Baker

I find there are no old clothes here of my Brothers must therefore trouble thee to have any thing added that may be required that his comfort may be added to as much as possible under the very trying circumstances of the case which will greatly oblige

Thine truly

B. F. Adams

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ans'd 15th

12. South Square, Gray's Inn,
London. W.C.

SCHULTZ & SON.
SOLICITORS.

and Mortlake.

12th Nov. 1879

Dear Sir Wilmot Head
Imgan v Jackson

We enclose cheque for £1. 11. 6 and les obliged you further trouble you have been ab. Plan to send us formal receipt the above amount- some how to much before the Taxing Master.

Yours truly
Schultz & Son

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
near York

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A. M. Box begs to say that his present address is as per the enclosed, he intended to have written yesterday, but neglected to do so.

1877. 11 mo. 11

J. Bindley
1. Flint Bank
Devonshire Park
Buxton

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Coombe Cliff House,
Croydon.

12/11 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I will be a great
relief to my wife and
also to myself to learn
that our Son has not
had a full relapse as
he was far more calm
than on some former
occasions on the

journey to York

I will therefore

think time to inform

us of his present Con-

dition

I am with kind

Regards thy friend

John Horniman

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ans. Nov.

18 Springfield Mass
Nov. 12 - 1844

Dear Charles

I have ordered for a new Overcoat, of M. Dallas, like the Sample Piece of Cloth, & a Pair of New Trousers, like the lightest colour, he says they do not make Trousers & Waistcoats alike, so if Dr. Baker will allow those that

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have the care of your
Clothes, to send me
word whether you
require a new Black
Waistcoat, could be
made at the same
time, hoping you
are well & enjoyed
your Presents, with
kind Regards to Dr Ba-
ker & Love to Yourself
from Yr affe Sister
J. Heald

Robert Frost Esqre
Queens Park
Chester
Nov 12 1900

Dear Sir -

I enclose you a cheque for my Brothers account which I am sorry has been delayed so long - but it will not happen again - as all is now finally arranged -

You should have had it last week but I gave my lawyer (by mistake) a long

Answ'd 18/12

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address - which I was made
to a great Longer -
Hoping my dear Brother
keeps well - with kind
regards -

Believe me dear Sir
Yours very Sincerely
Paul Caldwell

ans. 15th S.

Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum,

Garlands, Carlisle,

Nov 12th 1877

Sir

Would you kindly give me a faithful character of Elsie Wake who has applied for an attendants place in this Institution - during the

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time Elsie Wake has been in Lynn service have Lynn found her strictly honest sober steady a good attendant sharp active & cleanly about her work, in every way a respectable servant. also has the good health & strength is the reason Lynn service. I should be obliged by an early answer

Dear Sir

Lynn Mass

H. Caroline Groder

Bank House
Clarendon Rd

Dear Mrs Richardson

Will you be so kind as to write to me & tell me how my dear dear mother is oh Mrs Richardson if you only knew how we miss our mother & how we long day by day to hear how she is do write at once oh do please first write to me & tell me what Mamma talks about oh if you've ever had a mother

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you will know what I
feel & will write to me
for her sake. oh My Mother
My dear dear Mother I do
so long to speak to her she's
everything to me, I'm her only
daughter, & never never heard
separated before oh Please
do just-make time to
write a line & say what
Mamma talks about-
oh I'm so glad she's with
you, you look so kind
& good & gentle, I shall love
you for being so good to
My Mother, Please write
soon &

Believe me Love

Yours very very gratefully

Lizzie Rees

HENRY SMITH.
SOLICITOR.

Thirsk

Nov 13 1877

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter to Mr Wright; the Billiard Table is a full sized one by Burroughs & Watts of London, and is the property of the Thirsk Billiard Club, which is about to be broken up; there are 2 Cues 1 Butt 1 half butt 1 quarter butt, long short-& 1 spider rests, 16 Pyramid balls, 9 Pool balls, 3 Billiard balls & 3 extra balls —

The price required for same is £50 —

Yours truly
Henry Smith

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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ans'd 12th inst.

M. B. Vance distillery
12th Nov. 1877

Dr. Baker

Dear Sir

An hour or two after posting your letter I rec'd my acct. "explained" from Mr. Quarton. - I am very sorry I have been the cause in the least degree of any annoyance to you or to Mr. Quarton, but I made this mistake, that I supposed I had paid all disbursements for the first quarter, when it was only for the first

weeks or so he was with you previous to the first quarter commencing, it was stupid on my part, because I paid at the beginning of the q^{r} and of course could not have paid for what was to follow during the quarter, You must excuse me, for it arose from want of proper reflection,

I enclose a Post Bill payable in seven days, which I hope you will get all right, — Be kind enough to drop me a line, and let me know how our Son is doing; I would be glad he had his Cap Coat before the very severe weather sets in,

I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
Wm Lobell

C Johnson Nov 13 1877

Dr Baker

I Write these few
of lines to you we
have got Comfortable
Lodgins but Mrs Boge
is not very well but
as well as One can
Expect he as had to
Baths he takes them
Every Other day and
we see Dr Polson
Every Other day

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I have not had the opportunity of speaking to Dr Bateson yet but he told him that he was a Patient that seemed to suit him for the day

C Fabian

J Brindley

Flints Barn

Berenshire Park

Buxton

Eileen Grant

Stewart

ans'd Feb.

Toledo Feb 13/44.

Dr Dr Sir

Sir.

As he have not

had a letter from

you for some time

he are getting very

anxious to hear

how my dear

Brother is, would

you kindly write

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And Let us Pray

Jesus Bless me

and Lucinda

Mary M Leigh

me Receipt of the acct
is due and at the
same time I shall
be glad to be favored
with a report of
Mrs Jefferson's State
of health

I am Sir
Yours faithfully
Edmund Barclay

Dr Baker

Malton Nov 13/77

Sir -

I understood
that it was usual
for your accounts
to be rendered
quarterly - I have
not yet received
one for Mrs Jefferson
altho' she has been
more
than 3 months
under your care

Wm Pearce

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Queen Square

Bourneyth 13th Nov/77

Dear Sir Baker

I would beg to enclose
you a Cheque for £81.12/.
for one Quarter in advance
for my Son.

Thanking
Dear Sir
Yours truly
C. E. Parkinson

I find I have made a mistake
in writing the Cheque it should
be £81.18. Pray add the six shillings
& the mistake pays

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att'd to

The Rev.d Edw.d Cookson
of Kirkby Thore, proposes to
call upon D.r Baker to-morrow
morning at 10 o'clock & trusts
it may be convenient for
D.r Baker to see him

Abbots Hotel
14 Nov.r 1877.

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opinion of her case as a whole

I am
Dear Sir
Yours sincerely
David M'Laren

The note explains the signatures required

Enclosures
1 Note Miss H. M'Laren
2 Legacy Receipt
3, Cheque on Munder Salford Bank for £500 by Thos. W. Cromley Esqr. Solr. to Exors. of David M'Laren

15/11/77

Redfern, Merchiston
Edinburgh.
14 Nov. 1877

Dear Sir

Enclosed I beg to hand you a note for my sister Miss Helen M'Laren one of your patients

My youngest brother died some months ago, and by his will bequeathed £500 to his sister. Her brother in London and myself have taken the charge of her pecuniary affairs which are such as not to require her

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signature -- her funds being in Stocks - the dividends on which £ are paid into her a/c with my brothers firm But on this occasion it will be needful to obtain her signature for the discharge of the Executors -. I am writing herself explaining the matter and letting her I have sent both the paper for the executors and the cheque for the £500 to you for safety - After she has signed the £ one (the printed form) - and endorsed the other - (the cheque) will you be so good as to return them to me in course of post

I am glad to understand that there seems to be more enjoyment in her life. There is certainly a great change in her letters. I gather from what my sisters tell me that you have not a much better

Cumberland and Westmorland Asylum,

Garlands, Carlisle,

Nov 14th 1877

Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you again about Elsie
Wake, but as she has been
such a short time in
your service. I was about
to enquire her character
from her last employer
to whom she most strongly

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objects, saying that you could satisfy me as to why the late Dr Davidson steal her character from him was in every way satisfactory - Else Wake seems ~~to be~~ suitable for the vacancy here & I am therefore unwilling to let her go without further enquiry - Should you think her undesirable would you kindly say so by return of post

Yours Sir
Yours truly
H. C. Goodes

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Lancaster
15th Nov 1877

My dear Sir,

Will you kindly read, and give the enclosed letter to Mrs Wearing if you think it advisable.

All being well I will visit her on Monday or Tuesday

Remain
Yours truly
J. W Wearing.

I thot some one might have left you. who would take it. the nights are trying from early morn. 3 or 4.
If from my description you could also prescribe for her. I will gladly pay the fees.
I will tell you any more you need to know. She is at Southport now in lodgings. was at home 3 weeks. it seemed too great a strain for us & her. she had so begged for it (i.e. to come home) & then said she ought never to have come. now she begs to go back home. We can hardly have her here till

Beach House,
North Egremont,
Cheshire.

Nov 14th.

Private.

Dear Friend.

Dr. Baker.

You will remember our brother Henry Ecroyd Smith. you were once over to see him when we lived in Church St. Egremont. I write to you to ask a kind favor of you. Can you recommend any nurse. or lady suitable to undertake the charge of my sister Sarah Maria? aged 53. suffering now for two yrs from

melancholia. It must be in the habit of groaning moaning & saying "What ever shall I do" from morning to night unless her attention is taken.
She has her senses. has good judgment on every subject but self. thinks She has physical pain & suffering, when there is none. & yet is perfect in behaviour before the pupils. sleeps very badly. indeed she took chloral from June 1879 to August last every night. (we have got her off it now.)
She is on the improve but is more obstinate & difficult to control. (like a naughty child) than when weaker, her bodily health is good.
Not one thing has been worse for the poor fortune thirst than the dread of being sent to an asylum. & I have told her again & again it shall never be. indeed she is sane; only nervous accidental is the cause. at the crisis.
Can you at recommend any one you know?

Friends' Prov.t Instn.

Bradford, 14 Nov. 1879.

Dear Sir/

I should be glad if you would kindly write me a few lines tomorrow concerning the state of my brother's health.

I should be glad to receive at the same time information in regard to terms for patients at the Retreat.

I believe that some payment is due in advance, in respect of which I shall be glad to send an immediate remittance. —

Shall I include with it the amount of Mr. North & Mr. Stoodley's fees, Mr. Rotherford did not do anything

concerning them last night and was rather concerned about the omission.

I am dear Sir
Yours very truly
John B. Dennant

Dr. Bakes
The Retreat.
York.

Dear Sir

May I trouble you
to give these Instructions. If
they proceed to my satisfaction
with Mrs Rose, would you
kindly tell Lucien that I
will be from Rose in a few
days and he shall then
have them at once.

Yours truly
James Cartledge

Queen Parade
Thursday.

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The Mount.
Malton.

Nov. 15. 1877

Dear Friend

We are much obliged by thy reports hitherto received, and glad that in the one, to hand this morning, thou notes some improvement in the general health of our poor dear Sister. Thou would gain some insight from her letters, as to the workings of her

mind. Dr have replied direct to herself, in this instance, but if thou would prefer letters being sent under cover to thyself, please say so.

Our present letter to her, says kindly, and gently that in the opinion of her best friends, she is for the present in her right place. With kindest regards. We are thine sincerely

Jos. J. Hopkins

Hoping that the Contents
of this prove satisfactory
I remain
Yours most Respectfully
C. A. Eastwood

19 Park Place
Salem
Dec 15/77

Dear

It is some time since
I had anything from
you which induced me
to write to you so I should feel
greatly obliged if you
would let me know
at your earliest convenience
what is your opinion
about her & if you can
give us any hopes of her
coming so far north as
to be able to winter
with us again for both Mother & Sisters
will feel very anxious
about her.

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Malton 15/11-1899

Dear Friend

With regard to my
Niece I write to say
that the charge the
Committee fix as
reasonable in ~~in~~ her
case, I will be ans-
-werable for, on behalf
of her family connexions

gdr

We are glad to learn
that there is a little
improvement in her
general health

My friends
John H. Hopkins

Robt. Baker M.D. —

Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields.

15 11 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your kind attention in writing me. Am I right in gathering that on the whole my wife is going on pretty favorably?

I think it wd be as well now that my brother is married, not to go too much into details with him, both because it is not well to bring such matters prominently before his wife, & because I fancy Emma wd be rather sensitive as to what her sister-in-law thought of her or knew of her. I don't fancy however I need say this to you.

I left my umbrella at your

home when I was last there — a brown silk with a rough straight handle — will you kindly keep it for me unless my brother has got it.

Yours sincerely
A R Porter

P S I hope Mrs Baker continues to gain strength

Ilkley Wells House.

March 15/77

My dear Baker.

Fulda has asked me to write to you during his pills. is he to take them a bit- they are

conforme al modello

I. Rhodanus f. 1/50

Hydrochinon 1/50

Diuron

Ferri Redact f. III

Pille

I Rödel

Jun. Haste

Lehmann

Talbot Lane 11 Nov. 1877

Dear Sir

By the usual order and consent
a Mr Hanner was dispatch from your house
at York to my private dwelling here -
Will you be so kind as tell me whether
your considered him of sane mind when
he left you - & what the certificates sent to
me were intended for - and you will further
favour me by giving me a short history
of this case as far as you know it personally
The patient gives lamentable account of
his treatment at York - in the old old ways
of how he was valued - the attempts made
to coax him to remain - a visit to Scarboro as
a bribe and so forth - I fear I can't do with him -
Pray you tell me what - for such a patient
pays at the Retreat - which I know better about
in the late Mr Caleb Williams time

Dr. Baker
York.

Yours faithfully
Lewis Clarke

Copy

Friends' Retreat

Dear Sir, Nov. 16th 1877

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I have to state that Mr. W. R. Homer was admitted here on 5th July last.

His conversation was rambling and incoherent and his manner excitable.

He was possessed with various delusions of grandeur, and his condition manifested considerable intellectual emotional and motor excitement.

This was stated to be his second attack, but it had not previously been thought necessary to place him under restraint.

The cause seems to have been alcoholic and other excesses.

Under treatment he gradually

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improved in his mental condition
His excitement alternating with
fits of nervous depression. He
was discharged, relieved, on the 26th.
Sept. last, from this Institution
and his friends made arrangements
for him to be transferred to your care.
I considered his case to be one
of commencing general paralysis,
and as his friends did not think
it prudent to take him home, but
arranged to place him with you
it became necessary as a matter
of law, that you should receive him
in the way that you did. You
will probably have noticed in the
papers, that the Comm.rs are
prosecuting Dr. Thurell for having
received a patient without the
necessary forms. If at any

time you consider Mr. Homer has recovered, it would be your duty to fill up the forms you will have received from the Comm.rs and return it to them.

Mr. Homer's friends paid for his care and maintenance at the Retreat the sum of 4 gns. per week - the lowest rate paid for private rooms.

We annually send to Scarboro' between fifty & sixty patients for a few weeks' change, & as Mr. Homer was considered well enough to benefit by the visit he joined the rest of our party - & &

Robt. Baker

Jam.s Clark Esq. M.D.

F.R.C.S.

Sunny side Workhouse
Nov 14. 1877

Dear Mrs Richardson

Can I trouble you to give the enclosed to Mrs Theobald and Miss Bennington, but write your please to put the number of the Gallery into Mrs B's note before closing up*** the envelope, as I cannot recollect the No of the Gallery in which Mrs Benningtons room is - and may I ask if you can explain what the following item in my account of expenses in the

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Retreat means - After the
charge of four guineas a
week for the 7 weeks I was
in the Retreat there is a
charge of 5/ for Mending
Materials &c - I shall be
obliged if you will en-
quire of Mrs Flannery and
Sarah Frames what they
know about this charge -
I had nothing mended
but two pairs of Stockings
which I did myself and
I am quite sure the
Angola would not cost
three guineas which I used.

I am glad to inform
you I continue pretty
well, With kind regards
I am dear Mrs Richardson

Yours sincerely
Sarah A Coulton

Redfern, Morchiston
Edinburgh.

16 Nov. 1877

Dear Sir

Yours of yesterday
date with enclosures has
come duly to hand.

I am sorry I have al=
lowed a post to pass
without this acknowledge=
ment

Yours truly
David M Laren

D. Baker

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7 Stonegate
York. Nov. 17th 1877.

The Retreat
Gentlemen Lodge Buildings

Dear Sr Baker,

They I forward herewith abstract of Bills in connection with the above, also Statement of Payments made and owing, for the Treasurer.-

Messrs Harlen's Acct for extra-work I have not got - I am afraid it will not be ready for a while -

Mr Prudhoe's Bill

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I am not able to get
having sent repeatedly
for it - These Bills
will not be of serious
amount -

The cost of the
Bath Buildings will
be as near as I can
tell about £1400 - - -

I will see you on
Monday soon after
3 p. m.

Yours very Truly
Edward Taylor

Needham Market,

17/11/ 1877

Dr Friend Dr Baker

As Correspondent for Woodbridge Monthly Meeting of Friends - I have been requested to write to thee respecting Mary Ann Beale - (widow of Wm Beale) now an inmate of the Retreat.

The near relatives of M A B -, at any rate her children now resident in England, are not in a position, it seems to pay the cost of the maintenance of their Mother in the Institution - & have applied to our Monthly Meeting to undertake the charge. -

We do not know what has hitherto been paid on M A B's account probably somewhat more than would be charged when dependent upon the Poor Fund of our Monthly Meeting But we have heard that there were

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x some arrears which have been defrayed from the Estate of a deceased Son in law — and also that a payment has been made by another relative towards the current account. Please let me know as early as may be what will be the charge upon Woodbridge Monthly Meeting for the case; and whether the patient will suffer any loss of privilege by coming under a different class of your patients, and if so in what way.

Thine truly

Saml A Bevan

P.S. May I trouble Thee to
give me a line as to the
present condition of my poor
Cousin Alexander Maw—
Does he settle in comfortably
to the habits of your Establishment?
I am ready to fear there is
little hope of a return of his
mental powers—
A difficulty as to the taking food
at proper times & in sufficient
amount was one of the symptoms
before he came under your care
are you able to conquer the
difficulty?— & does he sleep?
Yours truly
Samuel A Maw

On Board the "Dunrobin Castle"

South of the Bay of Biscay

11 – 5th. 77

Clay at 1st

Herewith I send a Cheque for

7.10.0 to the order of my dear daughters

for the current Quarter –

The Cheque is payable 1-1-78

at the Town Bank* on account of

receipts together with a memorandum of

amount then due – The surplus will

simply be a credit in my favour –

We have fine weather & a nice

Ship's company & I am pleased to say

clean & well behaved – It is an un-

speakable comfort to me, to be able to

think of my dear daughters, with perfect

confidence of their being steady and for-

ive my long absence – The young, Lord Dunra-

ven's, is begun, in good confidence, with

ability enough & perseverance to command success

& Honor, with whom are the issues of life

& death – My love to my dear Sister

Isabella & to Children Woodchester Rectory for

My own self

Isaac Sharp

* or their Agents

James Tripp

& John Dunning

Worcester

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Dr Baker

The Brows

Malton

11mo 17. 77.

Dear Freind

D. Baker,

Thanks for thy note, I think it is doubtful - my getting to the Retreat on second day but I am sure you will do very well without me, nevertheless I will try -

With love to thyself & Mrs. Baker in which my wife unites, I remain

thy Freind Sincerely.

Thomas Brown

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1 Ashbrook Terrace
Sunderland
17 Nov 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Thanks for your continued kindness in writing me. I shall be here till Monday morning say 8.30, then at the Tannery. It is a comfort at least that the baby is thriving

Yours Sincerely
Henry R Baxter

Boston Spa
nr Tadcaster 17/11 77

Dear Friend R Baker.

I shall be at liberty
so far as I am about
first week Dec^r I shall
be glad to give your people
an evening if then will let
me know what day is

most convenient.
Not particular what day, so
fix any time after the
Commencement of month
up to the middle.

I am.
the sincere friend
Joseph Latchmore

P.S. How would 10th or 11th
suit. the evening of the Women's
Temper Conference. My Eliza
thinks of being there on the 10th

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Queen Square
Barrow ab 18th Nov/73

Dear Sir

Rec'd a long letter from my Son this morning which I presume you sold have seen, & I should prefer that that letter should have been my answer to your letter for their

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tacking no notice of it;
Please therefore write
to him, and enclose him
the letter open, which
please read & exercise
your own discretion
as to giving it to him
or not - Please send
him also the "Illustrated
London News" -

I send a copy of Merrill

from the Secretary's
morning, the original
has been turned in.

I shall be glad soon to
hear from you your
opinion of my Scientists

Remain
Yours very truly
C. S. Peirce

R. Baker Esq M.D
Govt

Queen Square
Harrogate 17th Nov/27

Dear Sir

Inclose patterns of material for a suit for my Son, if you would kindly submit them to him & select from them, she must say that style he would like to have it made, if it should be straight coat similar

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Please not Mr. Peters-st

& which he is wearing at present, if you mention that the patterns are from Bosch & Co. London he will be satisfied I dare say.

We sent him a box yesterday containing his evening suit & sundry other things, which I hope he will have arrived safely.

You would probably see the note to Mr. Hooton which you sent on from my Son. Do you think it would be advisable for Mr. Hooton to write him a line and say he will come & see him as soon as it is thought fit. If you think it desirable & your kind enquiries from home & our poor boy press do so.

Yours truly
C. E. Parkinson

R. Baker Esq M.D
Hull

17. Nov. 77

Dear Baker

I have never seen the table you refer to for 3 or 4 years I should send over some practical fellow from York to look it - I know it used to be a very good table but I'm afraid the cushions will be out of order now

I hope to be in York some day towards the end of the week and will endeavour to see you. - With kind regards to Mrs Baker believe me

Yours sincerely

W Bell

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ans'd 20/11/77

Conway Lodge 193
Beech Grove
Harrogate.

My dear Dr. Baker.

I have to apologise for not having attended to the enclosed account sooner, but now send a cheque for the amount, & if you would kindly direct me the receipt

To the above address, I shall feel much obliged.

With my kind regards to Mrs Baker, & hoping I shall hear a more favourable account of my daughters state.

Believe me,

Yours very truly

Maria Reynolds.

17th Novr 1877. —

ans 20/11/77

Malton Nov. 19. 1877

Sir

I beg to enclose
Draft on hand for
£52. 4. 9 in payment
of Mrs Jefferson's A/C
please return the
same receipted

I am Sir
Yours &c
Edmund Barnley
Robert Baker Esq

ans'd 20/11/77

THOMAS TURNER,
SOLICITOR,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

25a. Park Square,
(WEST SIDE)

Leeds, November 19 1877

Dear Sir

re Thomas Pratt's Lunacy

I enclose Cheque for £6.6.0 in payment of your account for giving evidence & making affidavit.

Be so good as accept & return the account.

Yours truly
Thomas Turner

Robt Baker Esq MD
The Friends Retreat
York

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answd 20/11/77

6, Great George Street, Westminster, S.W.

London Nov^r 19^th 1877

Dear Sir,

The late Mr. Walter May

Enclosed please find cheque, value £146. 0. 4 in payment of my late Brother's liability on a/c of Mr. Beale, an inmate in your Establishment, at the same time will you accept my best thanks for the long & kind forbearance that has been shewn in allowing the matter to stand over for so long

Yours faithfully

Walter May

Robert Baker Esq M.D.
York.

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ans'd 20/11/77

Dear Sir

I should feel very much obliged to you if you will by return of post give me some information regarding The Friends Retreat at York. I suppose it is for persons who are mentally affected in any way. Members of the Society of Friends & those connected with them. Will you be kind enough to tell me the terms

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and also how patients are
usually conveyed to you. I mean
in whose charge supposing
restraint is needful
I should be very much obliged to
you to take me this & also to
give me any information
that would be useful to a
person wishing to place a
patient there & will you
kindly send it under
cover. I mean if printed
papers, so covered that the
subject may not be seen by any
one.

Begging an early reply

I am

yours truly

Harriet Saunders

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30 London Road

Horsham

Sussex

1 Wynford St
Kirkham St
Eccles New Rd
Manchester
14/11/77

Dear Friend
Dr Baker —

Feeling anxious to hear of my dear wifes case & if there is any apparent improvement — I hope thou will excuse my asking the favor of a note — I shall feel obliged if thou wd also enquire if sufficient clothing was sent — & if requiring an extra pr of house boots

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Does she seem anxious
about the children &c —
Any favor will greatly
oblige Yours sincerely
Chas Bissell

20, Primrose Terrace
Manningham
Bradford
Nov. 19th 1877

My dear Sir

Will you give
the enclosed letter
to Mr. Parkinson,
if you think it

well to do so.
If you will kindly
let me know
whom you think
it advisable for
me to see him,
I shall be only
too glad to come
over. I do trust
that he is making
some little im-
provement, & that
his case may
not be so bad
as was feared.
Believe me,
Yours very truly
Catharine A. Mactaggart

20 Braithwaite Rd
Birmingham
Nov 19 1877

My dear Friend

I am much obliged for thy faithful report of my dear husband but very grieved to find he is not improving no doubt Dion art right in threatening to remove him unless he tries to exercise self control, but I must acknowledge that I should not like to have my poor husband punished on ac-

oth fault finding before we can entertain the idea of his coming home – I do not wish to disturb him before is is proper for I really could not undertake the responsibility until he can be more easily managed – According to thy advice I allow liberal discount on his statement I observed thy letter was not in thy hand writing nor the signature –

With kindest regards
I remain thy ffr sincerely
A W Lidbetter

count of his influence over some other patients for doubtless he suffers equally in the same way from being with those who are more insane than himself — and where patients are obliged to be together there must at times be an unsatisfactory influence. It seems to me that the friends of both parties must bear and forbear. Thos united with me that the surroundings were bad for William but in other respects he could not be better placed, and I feel entire confidence in the treatment of him — We know that it is his mental condition which makes him discontented and short of self control for it is quite unnatural for him to find fault he is a kind and amiable disposition beloved by all who know him and highly respected for his upright and conscientious conduct in all his transactions

I will represent to him that he must leave

6 Belmont Villas.
Leicester
19 Nov 1877.

Dear Dr Baker

I dont know whether to ask the goodness of yrself or of Mr Quarton - But my father writes that he is "nearly shoeless", & we should like to know if you prefer him to be supplied from us, or to be measured (or fitted with made boots) by your Bootmaker.

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He writes too that he "quite involuntarily" concerned you on Sunday week, by rising to attend on his sister during your Divine Service - &c.&c. I have written somewhat Condolingly about it - And I have given partial replies to some of his pecuniary enquiries - In all these respects, I hope not to say too little or too much: if our letters to him are in excess of your approval in any respect, we shall always be glad of your kind hints.

I much hope dear Mrs Baker is recovered from her confinement - & from the sad loss of your little one.

Yours Sincerely
Mary Radley -

Queen Anne St.
Thursday

Dear Sir

I have been absent
& write a few lines to satisfy
my poor boy. I have hardly
known how to act. if you
think by Writ "Just judicium"
I can serve you will not
give it him if otherwise.
perhaps you will kindly
let him have it. With
kind Regards Believe me
Yours truly, James Du Parkinson

Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields

20 11 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I fear I must take your report today as a very poor one. I should be glad to know if there is ground for fear <u>at present</u> of the disease taking a melancholic form, or if the "despondency" is only likely to be a passing phase. I think I must try to come over on saturday, tho I fear there will be little good in it

I am yours very sincerely

Henry R Porter

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

22nd November, 1877.

Sir,

The publication in the Commissioners' Thirty-first Report of the Series of Tables compiled from the Register of Causes of Insanity and Occupations of Patients, kept by yourself and other Medical Superintendents and Officers of Public and Private Institutions for the Insane, having been received with considerable favour by many specially qualified to judge of the value of the work, and by a fair proportion of the general public, the Commissioners have resolved to continue the compilation and issue of similar Tables in future years, provided that they can secure, as in 1876, the co-operation of the Medical Staff of the Asylums.

I am, therefore, to ask you, as one of the Medical Superintendents, whether, from the commencement of the ensuing year, 1878, you would be ready to oblige the Commissioners by continuing to keep a Register as in 1876, and in the event of your agreeing to do so, I am to request the favour of a reply in the course of the next ten days, accompanied by any suggestions which you may wish to make for the improvement of the form of Register.

If the answers received to this Circular are generally favourable, the Commissioners hope to be able to issue amended forms by January 1st, 1878.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES SPENCER PERCEVAL,

Secretary.

S. Baker

Medical Superintendent,

~~*County Lunatic Asylum.*~~

York Retreat

McC. & Co. 120 11 77
9374

Ry S Delegate.

Nov. 20th 1877.

The Retreat.

Proposed Ladies Lodge Buildings

Dear Dr Baker,

Sleg to forward herewith tracect sketch Suggestion for above, with Elevation & Section of same.

I also forward tracing of plan which was for suggested General Recreation Room, in connection with central corridor, leading to Gentlemens Lodge.

Yours very truly
Edward Saylor

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Colchester.

Nov 22. 1877.

Dear Friend,

In reply to thy note I shall have no objection to act as your agent for this monthly meeting, as I presume it is an office which does not carry with it much work.

I am thine truly,

Wilson Marriage

Robert Baker
York Retreat.

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C Johnson Nov 11 22
1874

Dr Baker

I Rite to Inform
you that Mr Box
and I are going on
he Semes Better than
he ware the Last week
at the Present his
Face his Broke out
Again and the wether
his all against him
It his So wet and
Cold It his Ever
Colder hear than it
his In york Some
times he wishes he
had not Com he
was talking about
his mother Coming
hear But I hope
She will not for he
was not So well when
She ware over at
Acomb they did

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not came to get on
so well as they did
Before when We were
near the first time
he had all that he
could do to keep
him self down

C. J. Johnson
J. Brindley
No 1 Flints Bank
Buxton

he as got cold
he as had seven
Baths sine we came
and we are going
to see Docter
Bolston in the
morning all
Been well

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Handed in at the Leeds *Office at* 4 50 .M., *Received here at* 4 55 .M.

From

Mr Rice
East Parade
Leeds

To

Dr Baker
Foundx Retreat
York

Will you kindly write by return & say how my wife is I am very anxious not having heard lately -

Leeds

POST OFFICE TELEGRAMS.

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To

From

As all for, they would much like to do so with your permission

Yours truly
C. Hodsoll

Bryfield House,
Batley.

22nd Nov. 77

Mr Baker
Dear Sir

We are all much pleased to hear Mr Heard is so much better,

Do you think it would do her harm for any of her friends

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Low Lights Tannery,
North Shields

23 11 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I find it will be rather inconvenient to me to come over to York tomorrow, & I suppose there is nothing wh. I would do yet but see my little daughter. If you want to see me at all, please wire in the morning & I will come either by the afternoon or evening train I have not yet received any wire today so trust the comparative improvement of the last two days continues. Is she as well now as before the bad night with excitement & despondency wh you mentioned

With many thanks for your continued kindness

Yours sincerely
Henry R Procter

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in good hands & that
she will receive every
care & attention.

Miss Barnby came
over to see her on
Thursday on receipt of
your first letter & was
glad to see her sister
so cheerful & comfortable
We shall be anxious
to hear further reports
from you.

Yours faithfully
Edmund Barnby.

R. Baker Esq. MD

Malton November 25. 1877

My dear Sir

I am greatly obliged
by your communications
respecting Mrs Jefferson's
state of health – we have
been somewhat prepared
by her medical man to
expect at any time
unfavorable news but
we have the satisfaction
of knowing that she is

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Sowerby

Monday night

Dear Baker

I almost think I shall have to be in York on Wednesday & if so will look you up in the afternoon — Mrs Richardson has sent me your conveyance down to-day. — Ever thanks & with our kind regards & hopes Baker believe me

Yours sincerely

W. H. Wills

Dr Baker

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G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

26 Nov 1874

Dear Sir/ Friends Retreat

The second oven belonging to the Range that was taken out of the Kitchen & erected in the new Lodge Building, was, I find, taken by the people that fitted & fixed the Range with present Location - This being so, had not the ask better remain as it is -

Yours

G. N. Haden

Dr. Baker

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From

Memorandum 26/11 1874.

Silvanus Darbyshire,
Family Grocer, Tea Dealer,
AND
Provision Merchant,
The Eagle Tea Warehouse,
48 Linthorpe Road, Middlesbro.

To Dr Baker
Friends' Retreat
York

Dear Friend I am sorry to trouble you, but should esteem it a favour, if you would give me your opinion as to the condition of the mind & body of my afflicted sister Mary Ann Bissell who was put under your care 2 or 3 weeks ago

from Manchester whether her sister's is likely to be permanent or only temporary. Trusting I shall not be troubling you too much, I am yours truly

S Darbyshire

22 Suffolk Street
Pall Mall
Nov 26th 1877

My dear Sir

I am much indebted
to you for informing
me of the health
of Maria Sodd and
am happy to find
you consider
her better. I am

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remaining here
for a few days
I am
Yours Faithfully
John Todd

Robert P. Parker Esq.

Abbots Hotel
York.

Dear Dr. Baker
I have come
to York, and brought
my daughter Charlotte
with me, hoping you
will be able to see
her.
Will you kindly let
me know, if you can

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come and see her
to-morrow.

Yrs Truly,

Harriet Strickland

26th Nov: 1877

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Dated Stamp of YORK RICKGATE NO 2 77

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Handed in at the Waterford *Office at* 310 .M., *Received here at* 3 38 M. Delivering Office.

From	To
Mrs Warner Ivy Waterford Herts	Dr Tuke The Retreat York

Can You receive tomorrow a baby suffering from severe melancholia Still possible to remove her she is a Quakeress answer prepaid please reply quickly

Lee

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message.

Delivering Office.

To

From

Coalbrookdale,
Shropshire.

26. 11. '77.

My Dear Friend.

William Pumphrey.

We have here in our village a very distressing case of mental derangement, in the wife of one of our Clerks.

She was taken to our County Asylums, (Bictons Heath) yesterday as a case of emergency, but we have some doubt as to whether they may consider it a suitable case for a County Asylum. The husbands situation with us is simply that of a Clerk, getting Clerks usual salary. I may say that Weldon & Jane Longford (their names) have been very regular attenders of our meeting for 8 or 9 years (not members) & my object in writing is to ask thee if she could be admissable to York Retreat & if so on what terms.

Thou will kindly excuse me giving thee this trouble, as I do not know the name of any one connected with the Retreat to whom I could address a letter. I merely write for information in case they object to keep her at Bictons Heath

With love & to thy wife

Thine very sincerely

William Langley.

York.

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Dated Stamp of

YORK MICKLEGATE P NO27 77

Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d. 6

Handed in at the Watford Office at 6.54 P.M., Received here at 7.57 P.M.

Delivering Office.

From

Mrs Fry
Watford

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

So many thanks for telegram but the doctor says the long journey is now unsafe must place her nearer home for the present

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message

Dated Stamp of

Delivered from Office

To

From

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G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

27 Nov 1877

Dear Sir/

I shall reach York in the morning, all being well, at 12-20: I shall go from the Station direct to Heslington Hall. returning in time to be at the Retreat soon after 2 P.M. I shall be at Mr. Rowntree any time between that & 3 o'clock.

Yours faithfully

F. Haden

Dr. R. Baker

Walmgate
Nov. 27. 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I have seen my
friend L Foster Jr. who has
expressed his willingness
to assist at your Concert when-
ever he can suitably do so.
He is not in the best of spirits
just now, as his wife is in a
poor state of health. They
have just been to consult a
Physician in London on her
account & have returned
home rather discouraged
With love I remain Sincerely
Henry King

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Friends' Provident Institution.

A Mutual Assurance Association for the Society of Friends & those connected therewith.

LIFE ASSURANCES,
ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES,
ESTABLISHED 1832.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

27 of 11 mo. 1877.

My dear Sir/

I am much obliged by your letter of yesterday and for one received a few days ago. —

I am glad that you are able to give a good account of my brother.

I am intending to come over and pay him a visit shortly, but I shall not be able to do so until next week as we are extremely busy here with the valuation and division of profit work.

I wrote him a short letter recently which no doubt would be given to him.

Yours faithfully
John B. Tennant

D. Baker
The Friends' Retreat
near York.

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WALKER & WALKER.

109, Upper Thames Street,

London E.C. 26 Nov. 1877

The Medical Superintendent
Retreat Lunatic Asylum
Gate Pulford — York

Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform us when you will next require tenders for tea; as Wholesale Tea Dealers we are anxious to supply the Asylum have prepared to do so at a very small profit on the cost ex bonded warehouse. We shall be much obliged if you will forward us a form of tender will give us an idea of the kind & quantity required.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Walker & Walker

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Basingstoke
Nov. 27th 1877.

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your letter just received and am glad you think my dear Mrs Bradshaw will continue to gain a little ground.

With regard to the clothes be in needing - I shall feel very much obliged if you will kindly procure him what he is needing in that way. It is a mistake of his thinking I have things at home I can send him. I will like him in writing to him that I think he ought to

leave me out, & then anything that we do here will be all ready for him when he returns. His illness has been a long one & I am sure he must be requiring some fresh clothes by this time. I will forward the letter you enclose & the boy for whom it is intended. I shall not send him John's address as he & we all very much wish that John shall not leave any thing & do with those Christ boys after his return home. We do not consider them fit associates for him.

I am going down to Bridport tomorrow, & until you hear & the contrary from me write your Brindly address my letters

Mrs Proctor
Silvanus Stephens Esq.
East Street
Bridport
Dorset.

Please not to omit Silvanus as there are so many of the Stephens family living there they might very probably go to the wrong place.

Please excuse this hasty note as I am very busy today.

With Kind regards to Mrs Baker & yourself

Yours very sincerely
Bessie Proctor

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Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields.

28 11mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your two reports I suppose from what I remember of my wifes first illness & of what you then told me, that some temporary aggravation is usual after lucid intervals, & therefore have not been much disappointed. Am I right in this idea?

Yours Sincerely
Henry R Porter

Dear Baker

I will be tomorrow afternoon about 4.30 to Friday at the same time. Depending upon his appointment I obtain with the County Court Registrar here – it is now 5.30 & I have not been to East mount Road

Yours in Lasting Friendship

I have seen Thompson's they have had no communication from Hall

Miss Davies
20 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales -

Nov 28th

Dear Sir -
On receipt of your
letter this morning I
wrote by the early
post hoping you may
receive it this evening
& I might hear from
you tomorrow morning
I have not received
your letter you
promised to write

to me by the second
post - but no doubt
it is at Roby - I shall
get it tomorrow - but
I see no reasons
that my dear Brother
that unless I get a
good account tomorrow
morning - I intend
coming to York - I
purpose leaving here
at 10-40 - I hope
to get to York at
5-50 - I shall
go to Abbotts Hotel
If you could have
sent me a telegram
(If you have not already
already) I might get
at Leeds 10 - I am
feeling very unwell
at present myself -
but I trust I shall
I shall come tomorrow
Hoping my dear Brother
will write a little letter
Believe me to remain
Yours very truly J. Caldane

Miss Davies.
20 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales -

Dear Sir -

I am so grieved
to hear your account
of my dear Brother
which I only received
this morning - I
if he is not better
while I am please
telegraph to me

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here. I will
come over at
once to see
them &
Return me an hasty
Answer by
Sarah Catherine,

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Dated Stamp of YORK RICKLEGATE P NO28 11

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Charges to pay £.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Leicester Office at 4.54 P.M. Received here at 5.20 P.M. Delivering Office.

From	To
F. B. Meyer. 2 Fake Coburg St. Leeds	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

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The patient must come at once or not at all being rather bad can you take her under any conditions till the Mother rooms are free please try answer paid

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Date Stamp of

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To

From

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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YORK·MICK·A NO 2 7 ELEGRAPH

Handed in at the Leicester *Office at* 11 12 a.m., *Received here at* 11 - 25 a.m. Telegraphing Office.

From

Rev F. B Meyer
2 Saxe Coburg St
Leicester

To

Robert Baker
Friends Retreat
York

Please send Nurse directly Patient
Shall Come to-Morrow reaching
York at twelve ~~twenty~~ forty
five —

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message

Dated Stamp of

Charge to pay £ ... s. ... d.

Received

Office of ... Before (a.)

From

To

Coalbrookdale,
Shropshire.

28. 11. '77

My Dear Friend.
Robert Baker.

I thank thee for
thy kind letter respecting Jane
Longford's case. If the Committee
of our County Asylum raise any
objection or decline to let her remain
there I will write thee.

Thine sincerely
William Lantley

The Friend's Retreat
York.

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Birkenhead
29 Nov 1877.

Doctor Baker
Retreat
York
Dear Sir

I am much obliged for your note, and am sorry to find from it that my sister's state has not much improved, pursue I am afraid she thinks me very careless about her, and that I am in fact the cause of detention — I do not

see what good would result from my going to see her, and I know that the effect of the interview would be very uncomfortable for some time after — I believe that she is in good care, otherwise we might have cause for reproach. —
Trusting that your next may give an improving account

Remain
Yours faithfully
J. C. Burrows

Kindly give the enclosed to my Sister

Leicester -

Dear Sir

The nurse has safely come She & the patient will arrive @ the 12.45 train tomorrow -

I think that the mistress of the poor girl will accompany her -

I am rather anxious that she should be pleased with your arrangements, as she is coming to you on

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My recommendation instead
of going to another Place -
Please show her the
best bedrooms you can
& assure her about
putting a piano and
other conveniences into
her room as they are
rather particular and
accustomed to things
of the very best -
Yr ever truly
J B Myers

Queen Anne Street

Harrogate

Thursday

My dear Sir

My husband will be much obliged, if you can, & time, you will give, this Note by some Messenger in his pocket & that he shall not send his servant Harden than necessary for trifling sake as Head Papers &c for it must be by 4 o'clock & have time to have them sent with Mrs Eyre's

Yours faithfully Jane Markham

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at the Retreat on the
lowest Scale.
Thine Sincerely
John Hodgson.

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1877
11 Mo. 29th.

Dear Friend
D. Baker,
In reply to thine I
may say that Chas. Bassett
and his wife stand in a
very peculiar position
as to membership here
They came from Canada
some time since, the
Monthly Meeting they be
longed to has I understand
since been discontinued

and so much difficulty has arisen about there being certified in the Epistle that our Monthly Meeting has at length agreed as a matter of kindness to accept the wife and children and it was expected that more have been done this month but something caused it to be left over until our next which will be held at Barrington on the 12th Prox I believe. However I am upon assured by some of our Elders and Overseers that the Monthly Meeting will find the money and the Clerk will furnish a certificate I believe ~~after~~ on or after the date named asking for C. Bissells wife continuance

very much to return to her family & this is what my sister is very anxious for provided the right time is come, for it to be safe & well for him to do so – and she much wishes your opinion on this point

Knowing but little of such cases she would like to be informed whether in avoiding the danger of coming out too soon there is a risk on the other hand of a person (through being kept any longer than is absolutely needful) being injuriously affected by the forced restraint & association with those who are exceedingly distasteful to him on account of their mental states

As being an element in

Oak Bank,
Tuffleigh,
near Gloucester.

Nov. 29. 1877

Dear Friend

I will first introduce myself by saying that I am a brother of Ann R Burtt whose husband is under your care –

It is now some little time since we have heard from you very definitely as to how John R Burtt is at present, & we should feel obliged by your informing us, both as to the state of his general health and as to his mental condition & your opinion as to what progress he has made towards recovery & as to what course you would

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recommend now with regard to his coming out, whether it would be safe & to his advantage & tend to a more speedy entire restoration or whether you consider the time for this has not yet arrived

My sister is most anxious to act in the case in the way that would most conduce to his complete recovery & of course is also very desirous that that plan should be adopted which would most tend to his personal comfort provided it does not run counter to his permanent benefit -

J B Burtt to her Henry Burtt who you know was lately at York (when he saw you & J B B) seems most anxious that J B B should not remain any longer in an asylum & has been urging this upon the rest of his family very strongly: judging from what he wrote directly after seeing you probably he told you the same - You will see this places my sister in rather an unpleasant position & makes her wish to be fully informed that she may have data on which to try to arrive at a right conclusion how to act in the matter for the best

J B Burtt himself probably you know is now working

Oak Bank,
Tuffleigh,
near Gloucester.

the consideration of the question of his coming out I may mention that business affairs which were a dreadful worry to him and appeared to cause his break-down are now so arranged that they need be no cause of anxiety to him, this family now residing here he would not go back to scenes which would recall his past troubles

Then again my sister would like to know whether you think it would do

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for her to go to York to see her husband, she tells me that for some time past his letters to her have been much more satisfactory leading her to hope that he has latterly been making considerable progress

I trust you will excuse my troubling you at so great length but you can well understand what a painful affair it is to my sister and how extremely anxious she is to make no mistake in acting either in the one direction or the other

Your kind reply to me at your early convenience will much oblige

Yours truly
Alfred Brown

To
Dr Parker
The Retreat
York

Mount Villas
Dringhouses 29. Nov. 77.

Dear friend
At the last Preparative Mg. a committee was appointed to consider the whole question of Burial ground accommodation for York Friends. Before calling the com. together I shd. be glad to be informed if there is at present any

Very sincerely
J. S. Rowntree

P.S. If there is a thus yrs. report of the Research to spare, might I have a copy?

Dr. Baker

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particular time of the day - or any period during the week when it is possible for a person to visit the burial ground, without having to meet patients - either in the ground or on the walks to it?

The two objections so strongly felt by Park Friends are (1) the difficulty of visiting the ground (2) the want of a room for meetings & interments. As regards the latter point I dont see anything that can be done - as regards the first I should like to know, as already said, if the difficulty is capable of being met in any way

Friends' Retreat
York
Nov. 30th 1899

Dear Friend,

In reply to thy letter received this morning, relative to the question of burial-ground accommodation for York friends, I write to say that at present there is not "any particular time of the day, nor any period during the week when it is possible for a person to visit the burial ground without having to meet patients, either in the ground, or in the walks to it."

Whilst I have several times suggested that some time should be fixed, when our patients should be kept from walking in these portions of our grounds, I am of opinion that no arrangement of this

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Kind would be permanently satisfactory.
The suggestion has been always
met with the reply that this
plan would make it necessary
for such friends as wish to visit
the graveyard, to be deprived of
that privacy which they desire;
as the fixing of a special hour
would probably result in bringing
several friends to the ground at
the same time. I believe it to be a necessary consequence of the friends' burial ground being within the grounds of a lunatic hospital, that difficulties such as these should arise.
and I think, therefore, this subject ought
to be fully considered from a higher
stand-point. Whilst York friends have very
rightly to look at this subject as
as it affects their individual interests,
they will I hope be able, (seeing they

have for ~~so~~ so many years devoted
unsparingly, their time, thought, and
money in the earnest endeavour to
promote the recovery & comfort of
the entire lunacy of the Society of
friends,) to see that any curtailment
of the liberty & privileges of the
Retreat patients, it should be
studiously avoided –

It should also be borne in mind
that the number of patients at the
Retreat, has of late years considerably
increased – that the size of the
pleasure grounds is not proportionate
to the size of the Hospital and that
similar Institutions, taking a smaller
number of patients, have many of them,

for recreation
much larger ~~places~~ grounds, —

The best part of the Retreat
gardens is necessarily reserved for the
exclusive use of the 86 lady patients.
Another considerable portion is divided
amongst the various airing courts, and
hence the amount of space for those patients,
not ill enough to be detained in the
airing courts, & not well enough to go
beyond the grounds is inconveniently small.

If however, the patients were to be
forbidden to walk on the path leading to
the burial ground, & in the cemetery itself
their comfort & happiness would be
interfered with, to an extent that
appears to me to be unjustifiable -

The ~~[illegible]~~ Cemetery is somewhat
rapidly filling with graves, and it is
hardly likely that any extension of the

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present area will be granted.

Would it not therefore be well to restrict, for the future, the interments to those who have near relatives buried there; and to purchase either a portion of the City Cemetery, or some other piece of ground, for those not having this claim?

I ~~feel~~ am sure there are many minds who feel that the present arrangement is unsatisfactory, & who, rather than sanction any restriction of the privileges of the Retreat patients, will gladly & willingly subscribe for the purchase of a new grave yard.

Should any such fund be formed, I shall be glad to add my name to the list of subscribers. - Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker Esq.

to see a little
more of mine —
If you do not object
to it — I will write
again when I
have heard from
you. & also my
friends in the South
I with kind regards
Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
T Caldwell

Mrs Davies
20 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales
Nov 28th

My dear Sir

I am very much
obliged to You for so
kindly sending me the
telegram. which I received
a little after nine
this morning. & I am
truly glad to hear
my dear Brother is
doing on satisfactorily
which I sincerely trust

he will continue to do
so it is a great relief to
me to be able to postpone
my journey for a short
time. as my coming
to York now necessitates
a complete change of
my plans. I trust I
intend coming very soon
& if my Brother does
not procure satisfactory
I will come at once
If Jen will kindly
send me a telegram
but under any circumstances
would Jen kindly send
me a line tomorrow
My visits always seem
so short. when I come
to see my Brother.
& I do so long to see
a little more of him
particularly now that
he is unwell. ill.
could I get away
to Derwydd he is sure
to retreat for a week.
It would be such
a pleasure to me

3 Tower St
York

My Dear Sir

Thanks for your invitation to be present at your Entertainment on Friday next. I will endeavour to attend and sing you a couple of Comic Songs If you wish to mention on the Programme you might put down "The Cork Leg" & "Dumplings" I presume you will provide a Pianist, You do not say what time the Entertainment commences

Yours very truly

L Foster Smith

R Baker Esq

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Ingramgate.

Nov. 30th. 77.

My dear Baker.

I will come with pleasure, provided nothing comes in the way in the meantime. I have given up soliciting, but if you will excuse a cracked voice, with occasionally a husky cough as an accompaniment to the most touching passage, you may put down "Nancy Lee" by S. Adams; and "Ruby" by Virginia Gabriel.

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I believe I am indebted
to you for a telegram (1/-)
until the 7th I must remain
Yr. debtor.
Kind regards to all
from Yrs. very sincerely
Reginald Hartley.

Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields.

30 11 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Enclosed you have cheque £4.6.6 (the 6d to cover commission on chq). I think that Mrs M. has not behaved well, & probably what you have paid her is quite enough

I hope her leaving will not put you to any inconvenience

I conclude the baby is still thriving as you do not mention it

Yours very sincerely

Henry W Porter

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St Mary's

Nov 30 1877

My dear Friend

My nephew Wm D. Thompson has come, and he kindly consents to the proposed arrangement to lecture at the Retreat tomorrow (Seventh day) evening at seven o'clock. We, (i. e., William and myself) will avail ourselves, if all be well, of thy kind invitation to tea, at six. — He has about a dozen diagrams to put up, and perhaps my Willy might be at liberty to help his cousin in putting them up.

Thine truly

Wm R. Thompson

Dr Baker.

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Memorandum

YORK Nov 30th 1877

From Leak & Thorp
Commerce House.

To M^r^ Baker

All Parcels from London under 36 lbs to be forwarded by Suttons.

Dear Sir

When you are in the City, Perhaps you will Call in here, I wish to see you. with regards

I Remain Dear Sir
Yours Very Truly
Samuel Wright

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Esplanade Road
Scarboro 28/3/77

Sir

Sup[pose] New Sole of
Burwick Terrace will
be clad of a Cheque for
the award as the
Addresses are in want
of Plans Bills —

Yours Sir
Yours Obly
S. A Rec
Mr Lord

by Baker

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ans'd 1/12/77

Mill House
St Margarets.
30-11-1876

Dear Florence

Dr Baker

I am sorry I have overlooked attendg to thy a/c I now send ck for bill rendd. I was surprised to see at the head of Dis'ments "Alex Porter" I should have thought the most unsuitable thing to help thy dear one in body or mind. and a great temptation to the attendance if they should be found of it. but thou art of course the best judge of these things. Dr Richardson & Sir Henry Thompson in their bold assertions have opened the eyes of many on this subject. I regret not having been able to go to York before now I still hope to before very long but not during this terrible weather unless circumstances make it important

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I should do so. If my dear
one should be shortly unwell
I should like to know as
I should not like him to
pop away without seeing
him again if I am spared.
He being in a state that a visit
appears to give him a very little
pleasure lessens my anxiety
to be with him. and of course
the interviews are painful to
me. Will thou give my very
dear love to my dear one
if he can recall it. Also to
Elizabeth Kitching when thou
sees her. I remember her
kindness with gratitude
I have just had a great
trial in sending my youngest
son to Egypt for the
winter on account of health.
With love I am
Thy sincere friend
Louisa Hoskins

Many thanks for repeated
letter. I very much agree
in yr. view of the situation.

J. S. R
1. XII. 77.

POST CARD





THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Robert Baker Esq
The Retreat
York

Friends' Retreat. York

Dec. 1. 1894

Dear Friend,

I duly received your letter of the 29th ult. and now proceed to reply to it. In the first place I am decidedly of the opinion that Jas. B. Butt is not sufficiently recovered to be removed to his wife and family. Such a course would be I believe prejudicial to him, and might be fraught with danger to them.

I give you this as my conscientious opinion — at the same time you must merely take my opinion for what it is worth. and then act on your own responsibility as to the course you think it right to pursue.

Mrs Butt can at any time have her husband removed from this Hospital by writing to me that she wishes to do so, providing that she states that she assumes all the responsibility of such a step, and that she is aware that it is against the advice of the Medical Officers of this Institution.

Whilst I fully sympathise with Mrs Butt in the difficult position in which she is placed

to
by the injudicious action of some of her
husbands' relatives, I am bound to see that
the Retreat Committee and our staff are
properly protected from any consequences
resulting from his premature removal -

Mrs B. Burtt is at present steadily
emerging from the relapse that occurred
at the time of Henry Burtt's visit, but
his condition is one that causes us much
anxious thoughtfulness, and requires the
most careful ~~and~~ guidance & treatment -

When admitted, his mental condition
was that grave form of impulsive insanity,
during which under the influence of violent
and uncontrollable impulse, men frequently
commit acts dangerous either to themselves
or others -

You will remember that his insanity
manifested itself in action, by rushing
at and beating, one of our Turkish Bath windows.

but it might have manifested itself in a much more dangerous manner.

This form of insanity is always one of increased gravity when there has been any previous departure from a healthy mental standard.

Patients in this condition are liable to frequent relapses, and often this form of disease assumes a recurrent character.

John B. Burtt when placed under suitable care and treatment attained gradually to a healthier mental condition until the time of his brothers' visit.

Then (I do not say whether post hoc, or propter hoc) he relapsed, and his mental condition seemed to me to be so grave, that I placed a special attendant of experience, to insure the non-committal under the influence of insane impulse of any dangerous act.

The old fears that evil had happened to them at home, that we were keeping back

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bad news from him, and the other usual symptoms characterising mania of suspicion returned - With these mental symptoms there was developed certain manifestation of departure from a general healthy standard, he was restless and unable to sleep, and complained of pains in the back & limbs -

Although, as I said before, John B. Burtt is steadily emerging into a healthier condition, he is still far from well, and I am of opinion that the present time is one that is extremely critical; for either he may so progress that a healthier condition may be established and consolidated, or he may, even when surrounded with every advantage, again relapse -

I need hardly say more to shew you how grave is the present crisis -

I would just add that it is impossible to form any correct idea of Jno. B. Burtt's mental condition, from the perusal of

such letters as he is in the habit of writing -

I do not think it would be wise for Mrs Burtt to visit her husband, until his convalescence is still further established. and I should advise her to try and rest satisfied with the knowledge that she is following out that course most likely to conduce to her husband's ultimate recovery -

Yours faithfully

Robt V Baker

(Surg.)

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5 Charlotte St
Bedford Sq.
Nov 30. 77.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I have not been able to hear anything of Rd sets of the Journal as I had hoped to.

I think therefore your best course would be to send an advertisement to the Journal, stating the numbers & year

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& the Gentlemens Lodge or in the Chalet form is not a point on which I have any strong opinion myself. Uniformity certainly favours the former course, but does not seem to me to decide it, if you have reasons for preferring the latter.

Yours very truly
D. H. Tuke

you Ward – or if you
had wish to wait till
Jany. 1st – to the Lands

I hope you will
& prosperous State
& that your wife
has made a
good recovery.
The more I have
thought of the pro
posed additional
buildgs – the more
I am convinced it
was right to abandon
the offshoot from the
Women's Wing.
Whether the old build
ing for the Women of the
higher class should be
Families in character

P. S.

Since writing the foregoing I find that Nock, the medical bookseller Bloomsbury Street, Oxford Street, has a complete set, with the exception of one Early number. He will not commit himself to any price, but wants an offer. He could not divide the set.

He has another which wants 14 of the first numbers and extends to March or about 1865

He does not fix on a price for his sitter.
You did not mention to me the exact sum you
were set beginning with.
Perhaps the best way
would be first to put
yourself into communication with Hall
Hall knows the ground
and often knows a
price. It will have
to be a pretty stiff

one I expect as
the members of the
Journal are scarce
& the calls ones almost
unprocurable.
I am going out of
Town for abt a
fortnight! /

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Blenenthorpe
North Shields
1 Dec 77

Dear Dr Baker

Your letter to hand to day is not a very easy one to reply to. I wish I had known that accommodation wd have to be found a few days earlier.

The baby cannot go to my brother's for his wife is not particularly fond of babies & is not very strong at present.

My Uncle & Aunt leave for the south on Monday, leaving their house in charge of Mrs R. Rowntree of Ilkley. Very possibly they wd allow the baby to go there with a nurse but I cannot well ask them for they could not well refuse me & might not like it. If you were to see R at meeting I inclined just to mention the difficulty it might be well.

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Jos no doubt they wd think of it.
Failing this there is the boarding out
with some <u>suitable</u> person Do you
know of such? Of course proper
care of the baby is most important
& to leave it in charge of indifferent
or ignorant people wd not do. I shd
be very unwilling to remove the baby
from York, but even that might be
better than to place it in <u>too</u> un-
satisfactory conditions, since if any
thing were to go wrong the effect on
my wife wd be likely to be even
worse than that of temporary separ-
ation Do you wish me to find a
nurse or do you know of a suita-
ble one? Please think the matter
over & drop me a line tomorrow
& if necessary I will come over

Yours Sincerely
H R Procter

Pleasure to be hear
my dear Brother -
I not troubling you
to much - I shall
be so glad - for just
a line - to say
how he is - unless
he is really better -
with kind regards
Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
Sarah Caldicott

Miss Davies
20 West Parade
Bhyl - Dec 1st

Dear Sir -

I am truly glad
to hear my dear
Brother Stile goes
on satisfactorily - I
when I have heard
I am anxious with my
friends in the North
I will write about
the apartments
it will be and

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Dear Friend
Robt Barber

I am obliged for thy kind
note + tho' feeling much
depressed at the contents
still hope thou may be able
to give an improved report
ere long. Hope I have not
said anything likely to make
her uneasy — Thine Sincerely
Chas Biddle

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remedies above indicated

combined with moral treat-

- ment influence if the

case is susceptible of such

impressions -

Faithfully yours

Robert J. Majoribanks

West Riding Asylum,
Wakefield.

Nov. 2. 1877.

Dear S. Baker.

In my own experience

and I believe it is the Common

opinion, nothing is more diffi-

- cult than to check bad

masturbatory habits in Women.

Short of mechanical restraint

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you may do anything without avail - I think in such a case as yours Inventions and the cause of which is probably central I should give Ammoniated Tincture of Valerian in large doses, ½ ounce every

bodily exercise, give active aperient food, & give cold shower baths in the morning

I know of no effectual special dress for these cases

and for my own part would rather trust to the

to keep it up; our dear Mrs Crossley, says that she ought to wear it (as it pleases us fair) long after she was well. & that she would never be any better if she left it off. she is one of the most sensible & clever men in this town. I am afraid she would have a most fearful tooth ache in the night, as she had not left off the window nearly all the day. & the night before she was awake most of the night with it - but I trust before this she has had it out. Hoping that I may have a line in the morn: Yours very truly R. C. Kirk

New Parks

Dear Dr Baker,

Your lady Matron (whose name I forget) kindly promised to write yesterday, just to say how my dear one had passed the night, & as no letter has arrived, I fear the worst. I like to know if it is stood by Lady, there are many things I forgot to say which might present an awkward, such as, the very

her hair especially
much objects to be touched
or helped to dress or undress.
She likes a soft hand,
the great thing towards
making her better, is to
get her odd works of some
kind, wool work has
been her delight. I am
so anxious about her
wearing that jacket. I
exceedingly regret I did
not go down before I took
it as I consider this so
important, it would have
quite decided me as to
sending her. A Physician
in London a great friend
of ours, who knows her
case well had had a great
deal to do with such
cases formerly, would come
the other day, to make
this the chief thing where-
ever she went. that is that
this should be warm without
fail. It will not be safe
for a nurse to
sleep in the room with her
without it in a short time
you will have her again
after we have taken
at such pains to break
her of that fearful habit.
I shall be troubled, not

often miles in a day, & I fear your garden may appear rather monotonous if not attended to somewhere else. I of course let present she is not "well enough" to really "restrain" as what she wants, after all in a certain way, here she has had too much liberty - I think I told you she eats well for breakfast, she generally has meat & bread & tea & she does not like her own dinner what we had, lunch slops of milk with bread & butter changed with beef tea or soup. tea soft egg or marmalade & fish of some kind with slops & milk for supper. I was very pleased with all I saw & feel sure she will be well taken care of. if you will allow the bedclothes to be warm I shall feel quite happy about her. I do not know the name of the kind Matron or should send a line about

[illegible] Dear [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] Yesterday
[illegible] Harriet
[illegible] Clarke has
[illegible] Peter
[illegible] Jane
[illegible] Bagnall
[illegible] Lucy
[illegible] Mary

"restraint" kind. I could not
tell our friend Dr Meyer to say
if you would allow this. It
is warm, but I feel assured
you could not object when
the matter was explained &
you may called it "self preservation"
I can imagine restraint
has been carried formerly
to the extreme, but I think
to allow a patient to inflict
very serious injury on themself
& others, just because a slight
restraint was not used, when
was not the slightest pain,
but on the contrary gave
good rest, when without it,
quite the contrary would be
wrong in the extreme
& I feel sure you will
not let her suffer unduly for
the sake of a name.
have had so much to do
with her & our Medical
attendant says the same) that
nothing has done her any
good but this. I fear without
it, she will be thrown
back immensely. I feel so
strongly about it. that
I have seen so much benefit
from it, that I have always
said I should not be willing
for her to where it was
not allowed. I am sure you
will excuse me saying all
this, there were several things
I forgot to ask you. One
was, if your place was
at all safe in the country
as I was not able to go
yesterday, & whether she
would be allowed to walk
out when better as
at Dr. S. where was the
greatest liberty her walks
were generally confined
well enough, in the country
& at home she has found

Dec. 7. 1897

Dear Mrs Rust,

I am glad to be able to inform you that so far Miss Clara has not given us so much trouble as we anticipated.

She has taken her food well, has had very good nights, has submitted to being bathed dressed & undressed, without so far shewing any symptom of violence.

In reply to your two letters I would state that I consider the treatment by the Doctrine to be unscientific & in every way undesirable, and

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I beg distinctly to notify to you that I believe it to be right to decline to allow it to be applied in this institution.

Had I known from Mr. Meyer that your views were so strong upon this point, I should have declined to admit Miss Clara until there had been a complete understanding upon this point.

And it is of course still open to you to remove your daughter from our care and treatment, if you elect to do so. I would add that I have so far been able

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to meet the difficulty by
some less objectionable means
and I have confidence in
the belief that the case can
be managed ~~by~~ without
reverting to a custom that,
in this Country, at least, is
nearly obsolete.

As there are at present
no vacancies in this Hospital
and as there are several
applications for admission,
I should be glad if you
would notify to me at
your earliest convenience
whether you feel comfortable
to trust Jane Doughten's
care & treatment to ~~me~~

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kindly to us, or whether
I can keep placing her
elsewhere -

With kind regards
I am faithfully
Robt. Baker
Hon. Sec.

Dec 1st 77

Turkish Baths
Weston Super Mare

Sir

I have had the above Baths for the last 2 years but I must give them up now as they have never paid, the majority of Visitors here either go in the sea or go to the Warm Salt Water Baths I had been in Baths in London for 14 years previous to my Coming here I was at the "Hammam" Jermyn St several years in fact I was looked upon as One of the Best Shampooers in London I am now 29 years of age

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I saw an advertisement
(emanating from you some time
ago in the Telegraph) for a
Shamposer if you should
be in want of such a person
now I should be glad if
you would give me a trial
as you would find me
a thoroughly attentive & energetic
man apologizing for the
liberty I have taken in address-
ing you & begging you will kindly
favor me with an early
reply I have the Honour to be Sirs

Your Obedient Servt
Henry Johnson

Clementhorpe,
North Shields.

2 Dec 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I have talked over matters a little with brother but nothing very feasible occurs. I have also written to enquire about another nurse

I shall probably come over tomorrow night & have a talk with you on Wednesday morning but don't see my way clear

Yours truly
H W Procter

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28 Fitzroy Square
London
Dec. 2. 1877.

Dear D Baker.

I received the two batches of letters of my brothers alltogether. He asks me as you will have seen a great many questions that I think best left unanswered for at any rate till I see him again. I expect to be coming down your way sometime this side of X mas and shall be glad then to pay my usual visit to him. You might tell him this if he is bothering

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still about these things.
That I acknowledge the receipt
of his letter etc. & will do
my best to reply to him when
I next see him. If it is
any satisfaction to him I
will not destroy his letters to
me.

With thanks for your continued
care of him & with kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely
Graeme Ogilvie.

I will send you further word
of my coming north at a later
date.

ans
3/12/77

6 Esplanade Road
Scarboro Dec 2/77

Sir

I duly received your cheque, and am surprised at not receiving the full amount of my Bill, but as I know the reason why as ~~Hosk~~ daily charge for half of the time, that Hosk took the Buggy, awaiting your reply before I see Burgess Curtis Brother —

I am Sir
Yours Truly
F. A Read

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50 Micklegate

Dec. 2nd /77.

My dear Sir /

I shall be very happy to sing at your Concert on Friday evening next – The names of my songs will be "Nancy Lee" – "True to the last" and "Simon the Cellarer" –

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

Geo. F. Rowse

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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From

Mr Parkinson
Queen Parade
Harrogate

To

Dr Baker
Headingtons Rd
York

Very busy Cannot Come today
will Come on Saturday please
tell R. H. P.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

To

From

M. B. Jane Lee's Asylum
29th Nov. 1874

Dr Baker
Dear Sir

As it is now drawing near the end of the year, and with it the end of the quarter for my sons in the Retreat. I think it right to let you know in time that I will be obliged to remove him, my means being quite unequal to the present expenditure indeed had I no money but my income I could not have placed him either in Derby or with yourself. - Under these circumstances I do hope he is so far improved as to be fit to live with us at home, and from the conversations

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his Mother had with you
She understands you consider
he is. He can Turkish Baths
in the City at a very moderate
cost, and I could easily find a
person to go with him when he
takes them, But if it is your
opinion that it would be only
unsafe to have him with us,
then I must only find a place
where the charges are very moderate
and where he will have him
near us; but I trust you
may consider his so much improved that there will be no necessity for placing him anywhere from home, — I will feel much obliged if you will direct me how to proceed in having him removed, am I required to write to the Commissioners Y^o^? I can send a man to bring him here without expence, the Same who brought him to Ilkley. — If he has not got his Over Coat will you kindly get one for him and send the acc^t^ along with any other disbursements you have made, that I may remit it before he leaves, and allow me M^rs^ Baker to thank you for your attention and kindness to him while he has been with you I only regrett it has not been attended with more success. Please to write at your very earliest convenience, I am dear Sir

Yours very truly W^m^ Beale

1, Lloyds' Bank,
Buxton.
1877. 12 Nov 3.

F. D. Baker.

I think of returning on
fifth day next the 6th Inst.
If I am wrong in reckoning
this the right day I
should be glad to know.
With kind regards
I am respy
Alfred W. Bax.

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Eden Branch

Station

December 3rd 1914

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

Would you kindly
let me know how
my poor Father is
& he does not
recover for ten days
& he get any Refund.

Yours
faithfully

Mary Leigh

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come down again but
is from home anticipating
the confinement of her
Sister. I note in each
of thy last accounts my
dear Sister "takes food
well" should any decided
change occur please
telegraph at once &
we will give every at-
tention we can command
I should like we should
be lovingly remembered to
her should any lucid
interval intervene
With grateful feelings
for thy kind attentions
I am thine sincerely
Sam'l Bates

Maine Cottage
near Reading
4 – 12 mo 1874

My dear Friend
Dr Baker
I have just received
thy note of yesterday (4 pm)
& thank thee for so kindly
keeping us informed of
my poor dear Sisters
condition & we would
very gladly do any thing
in our power to aid her
in her increasingly feeble
condition & to comfort
her in what appears to
be the approach of her
last hours.
My daughter Bessie would

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Miss Davies
20 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales
Dec. 4th

Dear Sir -

I am much obliged
for your letter & glad
to hear my Brother
Tom continues to improve
even if only a little
I am most reluctantly
obliged to postpone my
visit to York until
next week - for two
reasons - one being

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that I can under the
Circumstances myself but
hope by next week to
be able to come to
Grantville or much
better & I have to wait
for the convenience
of my friends to carry
me [illegible] But if my
Brother is not to well
I can come any day
sooner - You do not
say any thing
about his appetite
but I shall feel much
obliged if you will
kindly let him
have a little delicacy
either in fruit
or fruit - he can
fancy - & it will be
put to the disbursements
in his account -
with kind regards
I close me dear sir
Yours very truly
Headrick -

6 Esplanade Road
Scarboro Dec 4/77

Sir,

I am in receipt of cheque balance of Mr Hadels account for which I thank you -

I am Sir
Yours Truly
F. A Read

Dr Baker

Stainsfield
Nr Claves
Suffolk
Dec 4th/77

Dear Sir,

I did not send payment for my wife last quarter as I was in all the confusion attending change of residence, but shall pay the Half year at

With Kind regards
Yrs very Truly
Geo Addleson

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Dear Dr Barker.

What I have said my dear Child you may be sure is out of my great anxiety that nothing should be left undone for her restoration. If you have found out any other means less objectionable & more certain

a cure, all I can
say try it, & may
the great Physician
give you wisdom
& his blessing on
the means.
In haste
Yours truly
A C Rust

19 Boulton

Wednesday

Dear Dr Baker

We are much obliged for your kind invitation for Friday evening Joseph has an engagement for that evening, and he tells me I must not go out as we have company coming

and he wants me to "reserve" my strength. But if I may leave it uncertain, I might perhaps be able to come to your concert as I should like it very ~~much~~. I hope Mrs. Baker is well. We were sorry not to see you here last night.

Yours very truly

E A Rowntree

Woodhouse 4th of 12th 1877

Esteemed Friend
R Baker.

Will thou give me thy opinion and full instructions how to go on with respect to my Mother. In a month she has been quite insane; she began by fancying she heard children cry, belonging to some man who had a nurse to take care of them, and who also had brothers that came to rob and illuse him, dragging him about, and making him go to the Public House, and making him drunk, and causing such disturbances as to prevent her sleeping at nights. She also thinks very hardly of us, because we

I am respectfully
Mary Le Tall.

Benjamin Le Tall
Woodhouse
nr Sheffield

P.S. Since I wrote the above last night Mother has been much worse and more self-willed and noisy
M L T.

will not be continually going to
seek after these imaginary people
and children, who she says are
somewhere in or about our place
and says she can hear them
talk and breathe, when she
is really so deaf we have to
speak very loud to make her
hear us. And she is almost
always listening in the corner
of rooms, and in cupboards,
and talking to them, in
the oven, and rapping at
the walls to make them be
quiet. On other subjects she
appears to be sane, and after
the first 3 nights she has
generally slept well. She is
nearly 88 years old well in
health and active.

Nearly 2 years since her eldest
daughter who was blind, and
with whom she had lived
for many years, and had
been her constant companion,
died, when her house was
broken up and she came to
reside with my husband
Benjamin L. Tall, and myself.
She had a sister who lost her
reason soon after her husbands
death, she was not so old as
my Mother, and had to be sent
to the Retreat, where she died.

In conclusion, when Thou
has taken all things into consideration
shall be much obliged by
Thy answer.

tomorrow afternoon
at 3 o clock - if
she is & hears no-
thing by dinner
time to day she
will have every
thing ready
Hope you can
read this - my hands
are numb
Yrs very truly
J W Procter

Acomb Kennels
York

Acomb
6/12/77

My dear Dr Baker

Yr rec'd just as I
was preparing to start
for business being in
rather extra haste as
Mrs P & I are hoping
to get over to Darlington
by 3.28 train tonight
today - Excuse there-
fore my hasty scrawl

I have talked over
with mrs Orvis -
She says the children
she has (only in her
kitching &c) are per-
fectly healthy - She
only knows of one
case of scarlatina
in the village now -
but this is just across
the Green - I do not
think however the
baby as it would be
entirely in the
house would run
any risk - however
this I prefer to
leave to you to de-
cide - Mrs O thinks
she wd prefer to have
till tomorrow - wishes
to have fires in the
rooms as they have
not been used lately -
I think this wd be
safer - please send
word by bearer to
Mrs Orvis if she
is not to expect you

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Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields

6 12mo 1877

Dear R Baker

It is certainly a relief to me as no doubt it is to you that H Baker will take charge of the baby. No doubt you will ascertain before sending it to Acomb that there is no scarlatina risk. Of course special charge must be given as to care if it has to be brought over in bad weather.

As I have been over so recently I will not come on Saturday unless you write or telegraph for me but shall hold myself quite at liberty to do so if you want me or my wife is well enough to see me

Yours Sincerely
Henry R Porter

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Bath Hotel
Kent St
Dec 6/77

Dear Sir

I have lately returned to England & found a letter written under your direction & enclosing my testimonials waiting for me. Accept my thanks for the kindness Believe me yours truly
F. V. Davison

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Queen Parade
Harrogate 6th Dec/77

Dear Sir

I had a letter this morning from the Horse Guards, inclosing me a copy of one sent by my Son to the Adjutant General, in which he informs him that he is placed in an Asylum though in perfect possession of his senses & fit for duty.

and that also he means that this attack is the result of fever, & if so there is a probability of his ultimate recovery please state that as well. I regret that he should have precipitated matters in this way, though it would have had to come it sooner or later. Then it will most likely be a Board of Enquiry appointed

Yours very truly
C. S. Parkinson

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in England, & asking
them & others to do so
once. As the arrangement
was that all letters written
by my son should be
forwarded to me, I cannot
conclude that he has
taken the opportunity
which each of posting
the letters unknown to you.
The consequence of the letter
is that I am requested
by the authorities to furnish
them with a medical
certificate as to my
son's condition, which
obliges me therefore by
sending me one by return
of Post. From my son's
letters I should conclude
that he was very much
improved, if you think
such is the case please
say so in the certificate

Leeds 7th. 77

My Dear Friend

I much regret not being able at present to carry out my engagement to show Lantern slides on Monday next.

We are too busy for me to be able to get away just now, having taken a Carpet manufacturers stock which is at Dewsbury & keeps us very short handed. I will however let you know shortly when I can get away.

Very truly Yours
Joseph Latchmore

J.P.S. Bradford.
7 Decem: 1877.

My dear Sir/

I am intending to come to York early tomorrow afternoon and to call at the Retreat about three o'clock, when I hope I may be able to have a little conversation with you.

If it be suitable I should like to see my brother, but I think it would be desirable not to mention to him that I am expected, at least until after I have seen you. Believe

Me.

Yours very truly

John B. Dennett

D. Baker

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Oak Bank,
Tuffleigh,
near Gloucester.

Dec 6/77

Dear friend

I just write to thank you for your kind reply to mine of enquiry as to J B Burtt's state —

Your report is certainly for pun encouraging but having been with him for two or three days immediately preceding his removal to York I can hardly see that there was I am more grieved than surprised to find you

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Consider he is still far from well — I trust however that the late imprisonment you speak may continue & become established,

I feel obliged by your having written to Dr Kirkbride to which I think they convinced my sister that there is only one course open at present

Yours sincerely
Alfred Brown

To Dr Parker
Friends Retreat
York —

Queen Parade
Harrogate 8 Dec/77

Dear Dr Baker

Sorry very much disappointing at not having the pleasure of seeing you in York to-day. Sorry very much pleased to hear such a great change for the better in my son's state, in fact after spending

Contributes very greatly to my son's rapid recovery, and feel very grateful to you for your kindness and attention to him, but I feel now that it would be cruel to detain him any longer. I shall be glad to hear from you by return

I remain
Dear Sir
Yours truly
C. E. Parkinson

R. Baker Esq M.D
York

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more than from what
with him to-day, I could
not detect any thing
wrong with his mind,
he was perfectly calm
& as far as I could see
as soon as I was myself
I think therefore you will
agree with me that a
Removal from his present
surroundings would be
very desirable, my idea
is to send him to some
Sea side place not much
with an attendant of
Course; as I may not be
able to meet with a suit-
able man at once, would
you object to his present
attendant accompanying
him for a short time until
I meet with a man-
Than no doubt the Control
and judicious management
of your establishment has

Miss Janes
26 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales
Dec 8th

Decr 8th -

As I have not heard from you since Tuesday I conclude my dear Brother continues much the same. At least I trust so -

I have arranged to come to York next Thursday - D.V. it will

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not be troubling you
too much - (as you
kindly said you
could let me apartments
near the Retreat.) I
should be very much
obliged to you. If you
could let me them
for a week from
that day. I leave
here on Wednesday
so if I could hear
from you before that
day. I shall feel
obliged - I will know
regards.

Believe me dear sir
Yours very truly
Sarah Caldwell

Benton Ter.
Newcastle
9 Dec

Dear Dr Baker

As I have not heard from you I presume my wife has not yet had another lucid interval — I hope it will not be long delayed

I enclose a short letter to her wh I shd

be obliged by your giving her when she is well enough —

I hope the baby is going on all right —

Yours Sincerely
W P Porter

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Buckingham Works.

T. COOKE & SONS.

York. Dec 16th 1877

Dr Baker

Ye Retreat

Dear Sir

If Wednesday Evening next will be convenient to you, I shall be glad to come up with the Telephones then. — Perhaps you will let me know at what distance apart you will be able to find two quiet rooms & I will arrange to have wires laid from one to the other. —

Yours very truly

E. Walker.

Private address
Lawrence Cottage
Cemetery Road.

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Dear Friend
Robt Baker

I am obliged for thy kind
note + tho' feeling much
depressed at the contents
still hope thou may be able
to give an improved report
ere long. Hope I shall not
said anything likely to make
her uneasy — Thine sincerely
Chas Bissell

2574

Pleasure to be Near
my dear Brother -
I was trembling for
her Med - I shall
be so glad - for just
a line - to say
how she is - while
she is really better -
with Kind regards
Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
Sarah Coldrick

Miss Davies
20 West Lancaster
Rhyl - Dec 1st

Dear Sir -

I am truly glad
to hear my dear
Brother Tilde goes
on satisfactorily - I
when I have heard
from Liverpool with my
friends in the North
I will write about
the Apartments
it will be and

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Bluenthorpe
North Shields
1 Dec 77

Dear D. Baker

Your letter to hand to day is not a very easy one to reply to. I wish I had known that accommodation wd have to be found a few days earlier.

The baby cannot go to my brother's for his wife is not particularly fond of babies & is not very strong at present.

My uncle & Aunt leave for the south on Monday, leaving their house in charge of Mrs R Rowntree of Ilkley. Very possibly they wd allow the baby to go there with a nurse but I cannot well ask them for they could not well refuse me & might not like it. If you were to see R at meeting & inclined just to mention the difficulty it might be well

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Jos no doubt they wd think of it.
Failing this there is the boarding out
with some <u>suitable</u> person Do you
know of such? Of course proper
care of the baby is most important
& to leave it in charge of indifferent
or ignorant people wd not do. I shd
be <u>very</u> unwilling to remove the baby
from York, but even that might be
better than to place it in <u>too</u> un-
satisfactory conditions, since if any
thing were to go wrong the effect on
my wife wd be likely to be even
worse than that of temporary separ-
ation Do you wish <u>me</u> to find a
nurse or do you know of a suita-
ble one? Please think the matter
over & drop me a line tomorrow
& if necessary I will come over

Yours Sincerely
H R Proctor

P. S.

Since writing the foregoing I find that Nock, the medical bookseller Bloomsbury Street, Oxford Street, has a complete set, with the exception of one Early number. He will not commit himself to any price, but wants an offer. He could not divide the Set, He has written that he wants 14 of the first numbers and extends to March or about 1865

He does not pay us a price for his sitters.

You did not mention to me the exact day you commence with. Perhaps the best way would be first to put yourself into communication with Hall him the Gen. and offer him a price. It will have to be a pretty stiff one I suspect as the numbers of the Journal are scarce & the call ones almost unprocurable.

I am going out of Town for abt a fortnight!

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5 Charlotte St.
Bedford Sq.
Nov 30. 77.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I have not been able to hear anything of Nos sets of the Journal as I had hoped to.

I think therefore your best course would be to send an advertisement to the Journal, stating the numbers & years

& the Gentlemens Lodge or in the Chalet form is not a point on which I have any strong opinion myself. Uniformity certainly favours the former course, but does not seem to me to decide it, if you have reasons for preferring the latter.

Yours very truly
D. H. Tuke

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you Ward – or if you
dont wish to wait till
Jany. 1st – to the Lands

I hope you will
& prosperous State
& that your wife
has made a
good recovery
The more I have
thought of the pro
posed additional
buildgs – the more
I am convinced it
was right to abandon
the offshoot from the
Women's Wing.
Whether the new build
ing for the Women of the
higher class should be
Jacobean in character

such letters as he is in the habit of writing -

I do not think it would be wise for Mrs Burtt to visit her husband, until his convalescence is still further established. and I should advise her to try and rest satisfied with the knowledge that she is following out that course most likely to conduce to her husband's ultimate recovery -

Yours faithfully

Robt. P. Baker

(Ld.)

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but it might have manifested itself in a much more dangerous manner.

This form of insanity is always one of increased gravity when there has been any previous departure from a healthy mental standard.

Patients in this condition are liable to frequent relapses, and often this form of disease assumes a recurrent character.

John B. Burtt when placed under suitable care and treatment attained gradually to a healthier mental condition until the time of his brothers' visit.

Then (I do not say whether post hoc, or propter hoc) he relapsed, and his mental condition seemed to me to be so grave, that I placed a special attendant of experience to insure the non-committal under the influence of insane impulse of any dangerous act.

The old fears that evil had happened to them at home, that we were keeping back

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bad news from him, and the other usual symptoms characterising mania of suspicion returned - With these mental symptoms there was developed certain manifestation of departure from a general healthy standard, he was restless and unable to sleep, and complained of pains in the back & limbs -

Although, as I said before, John B. Burtt is steadily emerging into a healthier condition, he is still far from well, and I am of opinion that the present time is one that is extremely critical; for either he may so progress that a healthier condition may be established and consolidated, or he may, even when surrounded with every advantage, again relapse -

I need hardly say more to shew you how grave is the present crisis -

I would just add that it is impossible to form any correct idea of Jno. B. Burtt's mental condition, from the perusal of

Friends' Retreat. York

Dec. 1. 1894

Dear Friend,

I duly received your letter of the 29th ult. and now proceed to reply to it. In the first place I am decidedly of the opinion that Jas. B. Butt is not sufficiently recovered to be removed to his wife and family. Such a course would be I believe prejudicial to him, and might be fraught with danger to them.

I give you this as my conscientious opinion — at the same time you must merely take my opinion for what it is worth - and then act on your own responsibility as to the course you think it right to pursue.

Mrs Butt can at any time have her husband removed from this Hospital by writing to me that she wishes to do so, providing that she states that she assumes all the responsibility of such a step, and that she is aware that it is against the advice of the Medical Officers of this Institution.

Whilst I fully sympathise with Mrs Butt in the difficult position in which she is placed

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to
by the injudicious action of some of her husbands' relatives, I am bound to see that the Retreat Committee and our staff are properly protected from any consequences resulting from his premature removal -

Mrs B. Butt is at present steadily emerging from the relapse that occurred at the time of Henry Butt's visit, but his condition is one that causes us much anxious thoughtfulness, and requires the most careful ~~xxxx~~ guidance & treatment -

When admitted, his mental condition was that grave form of impulsive insanity, during which under the influence of violent and uncontrollable impulses, men frequently commit acts dangerous either to themselves or others -

You will remember that his insanity manifested itself in action, by rushing at and breaking, one of our Turkish Bath windows.

Many thanks for reply & letter. I very much agree in yr. view of the situation.

J. J. R

1. Feb. 77.

POST CARD





THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Robert Baker Esq
The Retreat

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ans'd
1/12/77

Mill House
St Margarets.
30-11-1877

Dear Florence

Dr Baker

I am sorry I have overlooked Stanley's A/c I now send it for bill rendered. I was surprised to see at the head of Disbursements "Alex Porter" I should have thought the most unsuitable thing to help my dear one in body or mind. and a great temptation to the attendance if they should be found of it. but then of course the best judge of these things. Dr Richardson & Sir Henry Thompson in their bold assertions have opened the eyes of many on this subject. I regret not having been able to go to York before now I still hope to before very long but not during this winter weather unless circumstances make it important

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I should do so. If my dear
one should be shortly, unwell
I should like to know as
I should not like him to
pop away without seeing
him again if I am spared.
He being in a state that a visit
appears to give him a very little
pleasure lessens my anxiety
to be with him. and of course
the interviews are painful to
me. Will you give my very
dear love to my dear son
if he can recall it. Also to
Elizabeth Kitching when you
see her. I remember her
kindness with gratitude
I have just had a great
trial in sending my youngest
son to Egypt for the
winter on account of health.
With love I am
Ever yours truly
Louisa Hardcastle

Esplanade Road
Scarboro' 20/3/77

Sir

Enclosed I beg to hand you Rate of Burnswick Terrace with Receipt of a Cheque for the amount as the Addresses are in want of Rate Bills —

I am Sir
Yours Obedly
S. A Reed
per J. D

Wm Baker Esq

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Memorandum

YORK Nov 30 1877

From Leak & Thorp
Commerce House.

To M^r Baker

All Parcels from London under 36 lbs to be forwarded by Suttons.

Dear Sir
When you are in the City, Perhaps you will Call in here, I wish to see you. With regards
I Remain Dear Sir
Yours Very Truly
Samuel Wright

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St Mary's

Nov 30 1877

My dear Friend

My nephew Wm D. Thompson has come, and he kindly consents to the proposed arrangement to lecture at the Retreat tomorrow (Seventh day) evening at seven o'clock. We, (i.e., William and myself) will avail ourselves, if all be well, of thy kind invitation to tea, at six. — He has about a dozen diagrams to put up, and perhaps my Willy might be at liberty to help his cousin in putting them up.

Yours truly

Sibb Thompson

Dr Baker.

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Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields.

30 11 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Enclosed you have cheque £4.6.6 (the 6d to cover commission on chq). I think that Mrs M. has not behaved well, & probably what you have paid her is quite enough. I hope her leaving will not put you to any inconvenience. I conclude the baby is still thriving as you do not mention it.

Yours very sincerely
Henry J. Porter

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Ingramgate.

Nov. 30th. 77.

My dear Baker,

I will come with pleasure, provided nothing comes in the way in the meantime. I have given up solo singing, but if you will excuse a cracked voice, with occasionally a husky cough as an accompaniment to the most touching passage, you may put down "Nancy Lee" by S. Adams; and "Ruby" by Virginia Gabriel.

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I believe I am indebted
to you for a telegram (?-!
until the 7th I must remain
Yr. debtor.
Kind regards to all
from Yrs. very sincerely
Reginald Hartley.

3 Tower St
York

My Dear Sir

Thanks for your invitation to be present at your Entertainment on Friday next. I will endeavour to attend and sing you a couple of Comic Songs If you wish to mention on the Programme you might put down "The Cork Leg" & "Dumplings" I presume you will provide a Pianist, You do not say what time the Entertainment commences

Yours very truly

L Foster Smith

R Baker Esq

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to see a little
more of him —
If Jen do not get
to it — I will write
again when I
have heard from
her. & also my
friends in the South
I with kind regards
Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
J Caldwell

Mrs Davies
20 West Parade
Rhyl
North Wales
Nov 28th

My dear Sir

I am very much
obliged to You for so
kindly sending me the
telegram which I received
a little after nine
this morning & I am
truly glad to hear
my dear Brother is
going on satisfactorily
which I sincerely trust

he will continue to do
& it is a great relief to
me to be able to postpone
my journey for a short
time. as my coming
to York now necessitates
a complete change of
my plans. I trust I
intend coming very soon
& if my Brother does
not process satisfactorily
I will come at once
If Jen will kindly
send me a telegram
but under any circumstances
would Jen kindly send
me a line tomorrow
My visits always seem
so short. when I come
to see my Brother.
& I do so long to see
a little more of him.
particularly now that
he is unwell. ill.
could I get away
to Friday next is Jen
Retreat for a week.
It would be such
a pleasure to me

Friends' Retreat
York
Nov. 30th 1899

Dear Friend,

In reply to thy letter received this morning, relative to the question of burial-ground accommodation for York friends, I write to say that at present there is not "any particular time of the day, nor any period during the week" "when it is possible for a person to visit the burial ground without having to meet patients, either in the ground, or in the walks to it." ~~It~~

Whilst I have several times suggested that some time should be fixed, when our patients should be kept from walking in these portions of our grounds, I am of opinion that no arrangement of this

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Road would be permanently satisfactory, indeed the suggestion has been always met with the reply that this plan would make it necessary for such friends as wish to visit the graveyard, to be deprived of that privacy which they desire; as the fixing of a special hour would probably result in bringing several friends to the ground at the same time, and I think, therefore, this subject ought to be fully considered from a higher stand point. I believe it to be a necessary consequence of the friends' burial ground being within the bounds of a lunatic hospital, that difficulties should arise.

Whilst York friends have very rightly to look at this subject as it affects their individual interests, they will I hope be able, (seeing they

have for ~~so~~ so many years devoted
unsparingly, their time, thought, and
money in the earnest endeavour to
promote the recovery & comfort of
the entire lunacy of the Society of
friends,) to see that any curtailment
of the liberty & privileges of the
Retreat patients, it should be
studiously avoided -

It should also be borne in mind
that the number of patients at the
Retreat, has of late years considerably
increased - that the size of the
pleasure grounds is not proportionate
to the size of the Hospital, and that
similar Institutions, taking a smaller
number of patients, have many of them,

for recreation
much larger ~~pleasure~~ grounds, & —

The best part of the Retreat gardens is necessarily reserved for the exclusive use of the 86 lady patients. Another considerable portion is divided amongst the various airing courts, and hence the amount of space for those patients, not ill enough to be detained in the airing courts, & not well enough to go beyond the grounds is inconveniently small.

If however, the patients were to be forbidden to walk on the path leading to the burial ground, & in the Cemetery itself their comfort & happiness would be interfered with, to an extent that appears to me to be unjustifiable -

The ~~[illegible]~~ Cemetery is somewhat rapidly filling with graves, and it is hardly likely that any extension of the

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present area will be granted.

Would it not therefore be well to restrict, for the future, the interments of those who have near relatives buried there; and to purchase either a portion of the City Cemetery, or some other piece of ground, for those not having this claim?

I ~~feel~~ am sure there are many friends who feel that the present arrangement is unsatisfactory, & who, rather than sanction any restriction of the privileges of the Retreat patients, will gladly & willingly subscribe for the purchase of a new grave yard.

Should any such fund be formed, I shall be glad to add my name to the list of subscribers. - Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker Esq.

Mount Pillas
Bringhurst 29. Nov. 77.

Dear friend
At the last Preparative Mg. a committee was appointed to consider the whole question of Burial ground accommodation for York Friends. Before calling the com. together I shd. be glad to be informed if there is at present any

Very sincerely
J. S. Rowntree

P.S. If there is a thus yrs. report of the Retreat to spare, might I have a copy?

Dr. Baker

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particular time of the day - or any period during the week when it is possible for a person to visit the burial ground, without having to meet patients - either on the ground or on the walks to it?

The two objections so strongly felt by Park Friends are (1) the difficulty of visiting the ground (2) the want of a room for meetings & interments. As regards the latter point I dont see anything that can be done - as regards the first Isha. like to know, as already said, if the difficulty is capable of being met in any way

very much to return to his family & this is what my sister is very anxious for provided the right time is come, for it to be safe & well for him to do so – and she much wishes your opinion on this point

Knowing but little of such cases she would like to be informed whether in avoiding the danger of coming out too soon there is a risk on the other hand of a person (through being kept any longer than is absolutely needful) being injuriously affected by the forced restraint & association with those who are exceedingly distasteful to him on account of their mental states

As being an element in

Oak Bank,
Tuffleigh,
near Gloucester.

Nov. 29. 1877

Dear Friend

I will first introduce myself by saying that I am a brother of Ann R Burtt whose husband is under your care –

It is now some little time since we have heard from you very definitely as to how John R Burtt is at present, & we should feel obliged by your informing us, both as to the state of his general health and as to his mental condition & your opinion as to what progress he has made towards recovery & as to what course you would

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recommend now with regard to his coming out, whether it would be safe & to his advantage & tend to a more speedy entire restoration or whether you consider the time for this has not yet arrived

My sister is most anxious to act in the case in the way that would most conduce to his complete recovery & of course is also very desirous that that plan should be adopted which would most tend to his personal comfort provided it does not run counter to his permanent benefit -

J B Burtt's brother Henry Burtt who you know was lately at York (when he saw you & J B B) seems most anxious that J B B should not remain any longer in an asylum & has been urging this upon the rest of his family very strongly: judging from what he wrote directly after seeing you probably he told you the same - You will see this places my sister in rather an unpleasant position & makes her wish to be fully informed that she may have data on which to try to arrive at a right conclusion how to act in the matter for the best

J B Burtt himself probably you know is now wishing

Oak Bank,
Tuffleigh,
near Gloucester.

the consideration of the question
of his coming out I may
mention that business
affairs which were a
dreadful worry to him and
appeared to cause his break-
down are now so arranged
that they need be no
cause of anxiety to him,
this family now residing
here he would not go
back to scenes which
would recall his past
troubles

Then again my sister
would like to know whether
you think it would do

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for her to go to York & see her husband, she tells me that for some time past his letters to her have been much more satisfactory leading her to hope that he has latterly been making considerable progress

I trust you will excuse my troubling you at so great length but you can well understand what a painful affair it is to my sister and how extremely anxious she is to make no mistake in acting either in the one direction or the other

Your kind reply to me at your early convenience will much oblige

Yours truly
Alfred Brown

To
Dr Parker
The Retreat
York

at the Retreat in the
lowest Grade.

Thine Sincerely
John Hodgson.

1877
11 Mo. 29th.

Dear Friend
D. Baker,

In reply to thine I
may say that Chas. Bosch
and his wife stand in a
very peculiar position
as to membership here
they came from Canada
some time since, the
Monthly Meeting they be
longed to has I understand
since been discontinued

JOHN HODGSON

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and so much difficulty has arisen about there being certified in the regular way that our Monthly Meeting has at length agreed as a matter of kindness to receive the wife and children and it was expected that wants have been done. His Friends but something caused it to be left over until our next which will be held at Darlington on the 12th of next I believe. However I am upon assured by some of our Elders and Overseers that the Monthly Meeting will find the money and the Clerk will furnish a certificate I believe either on or after the date named asking for C. Bissells wifes continuance

Bath
10th Dec 1877.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I am much pleased to see the improvement that has taken place in Mrs Shand. Any thing more satisfactory I have not met for a long time.

I also like your suggestion that she should be allowed out on probation; tho her friends prefer that she should come to Bath first to be under my eye. She can then when the weather has become more settled go to Selby where if she does not like her probation may end and she come home cured.

I hope and trust that you will be able to arrange that her present attendant

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my accompany her to the Lions to have formed a great attachment to the Girl of Canada to return home with and by —

Please then arrange for the Lectures in the Company of the Girl — and if you choose please to M^r Cuthbertson he will send them out Cards.

I am very sorry I have not had the pleasure of seeing you on my visit — but "the Fates" have ordained it

Yours faithfully
W. H. Chubb

Lyceum printed paper

a good report of the latter from Mrs J.V. Tell me if you want me to do anything further in the matter

Yours sincerely
Henry R. Porter

Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields
10 12mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

Your letter today was a great disappointment to me, as I suppose that the lucid interval having passed over is not likely to recur for another week or two at least, & I fear that it is not a favorable sign that instead of being longer it was so much briefer than the first Am I right in these conjectures?

I am very glad to hear that my wife was satisfied about the baby & hear

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S. Springfield Mass
Dec. 10 - 1875

Dear Sir

I returned from Derby Last Saturday, & find we cannot remove, until after Christmas, so thought I had better send you word, that it might not inconvenience you respecting the Attendant.

Please to tell Charles if all is well, I shall bring his new Clothes for Xmas, also his

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Cabbles, I can then say
when we shall be fixed
& then can make them
comfortable, but I was
afraid of the House
not being dry & it will
only make a short time
in the difference, hoping
my Brother keeps nicely
with love to him, &
kind regards to Yourself

Believe Me
Yours Truly
O. Gerald

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat

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From
Ann A Burtt
Gloster

To
Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York Yorks

YORK MICKLEGATE OCT 7

Knew nothing of visit leave interview entirely to your judgment I doubt its being advisable especially not having written Spencer first is John knows Spencer there perhaps better see him if Spencer stays night I could write him addressed Your care if you telegraph.

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To

From

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From Mr Parkinson Queen Parade Harrogate

To Dr Baker Heslington Rd York

Quite approve of your suggestion Please telegraph here the sentences & I will write address at once

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MEMORANDUM.

From

HENRY I. ROWNTREE & CO.,

COCOA AND CHOCOLATE MANUFACTURERS,

YORK.

PRIZE MEDALS, 1866, 1867 1873. London Address—The Lombard Exchange, E.C.

11 Dec 187

To

Awarded for Purity and Excellence

PRIZE MEDALS, 1866, 1867, 1873.

Dear Dr Baker

The man who has charge of the adult School Fennicks (FENWICK by name) is very poorly. Dr Pelch is attending him & speaks of his only living a year or so. I sh^d be very glad for you to see him*. Will you kindly (in the light of a service to the adult School) let Fennick come up to the Retreat to be seen by you.— of course without naming the visit to Pelch. If you can say Fennick, at what hour shall he come? + what day? The is wishing to return from Leeds to York today

Kindly send me word in reply per post

Yours very truly

Jos Rowntree

* Some affection of the brain is said to be his illness

+ Some affection of the brain is said to be his illness

HENRY I. ROWNTREE & CO.

YORK

7 Wellington Parade
London Road
Dear Spencer 12 mo 11 - 77

Dr. Baker

Thou would receive
My telegram telling
thee I then not know
any thing about our
brother James Spencer
going to York, some
little while since
before our brother Henry

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went I asked J Sif he
would kindly go but
Henry went instead
and as my husband
was so sadly after his
visit (though I expect
it was more caused
by the letter on business)
that I have felt afraid
for any one to see
him at present, less
I know of J S's going
to York I should have much
liked to have written to
him first —
Much hoping my husband
continues to improve
I remain with kind
love thy friend
Annie B. Burtt

Lancaster
11th Dec. 1877

My dear Sir

It will be a month tomorrow week, since I was at York, will you kindly say if it would be suitable for me to visit Mrs Wearing at that time. I hope she is a little better, please give her the enclosed letter.

Remain
Yrs Very truly
S. W. Wearing.

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Ashfield Mills Bradford. Dec 12th 1877.

Dear W Baker

I wrote to J Hornton respecting a Gentn in this town. (Not a friend) who requires Care. And whose freinds are anxious to get him into the Retreat He is of advanced age & not difficult to manage Insanity has been brought on by over Mental Exertion His freinds are not wealthy. & the Expense is a matter of importance

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether you can make an opening for him at your Lowcak Asylum & send me at the same time a copy of your rules terms &c

If so you will greatly oblige yours truly

Edwd Priestman

The Rev. J. Whitley
Newton Victory
Newton le Willows -
Dec. 12.

Dear Sir -

I received your letter
this morning. I I am
very much obliged to
you for all the trouble
you have taken in
procuring me lodgings
which I do not doubt
very comfortable & I
hope to be on Sat-
urday. I shall

a little after 2 - which
as I can hear before
11. With Love & Kisses

Believe me dear Sir
Yours very truly
Sarah Caldwell

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Queen Parade
Harrogate 12 Dec/77

Dear Dr Baker

Many thanks for
yr Telegram about Mr England.
We have written to him at
once giving him an account
of the case, being uncertain
whether you might have
done so or not; as there
is so little time to spare

before Saturday for
making arrangements,
we have told Mr England
we agree to his terms,
asked him if he agrees
to take the case to come
to York on Friday to
that we can go to Scales
on Saturday. I shall
feel much more com-
fortable in having my
son with a gentleman

like New England, than with a man like Bowles, who after all cares only to a superior sort of servant.

With kindest

Yours truly

C. S. Parkman

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Woodlands, 12th mo 12th 1877

Esteemed Friend
R Baker

We have sent off by rail today, 2 boxes of clothing for my mother M Burton. We were glad to hear from our son B B Le Tall, that she arrived safely at the Retreat, and appeared so nicely after her journey, I should feel it to be a great favour, if we might be informed occasionally

how she is in health and also about the state of her mind.

Should she want anything, I may have omitted to send, or at any time requires anything please be kind enough either to get it for her or let me know, so that she may be supplied, we do not wish her to be short of anything that is needful.

Thy Friend
Mary Le Vall

P.S. We are informed that the 2 trunks sent for Mother would be in York this afternoon, the keys are stitched inside one of the wrappers.

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Dr Baker.

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I have been meaning to write a few words to thee for some time, but sometimes I have found a difficulty not only in speaking about things but in writing about them.

1. I should be much obliged to thee if thee would tell the Carpenter to get our bagatelle board mended at once. That is but the necessary to do that it requires, for it has been standing untouched in the workshop ever since the cleaning in the 10th mo when it was put there because it moved it during the cleaning, in some way the hinges got broken. The reason why I wish to have it mended is to amuse Edward Foster by playing at it, for he used to be very fond indeed of it & others also used it, for he has got so much more stability & restless this year than ever I knew him before he is never otherwise than in a state of motion & indeed it has tried my nerves so much of late to see him quaking & shaking & fidgetting so much as he has been. If he sits at the desk I do not notice it so much but sitting by the fire I cannot help seeing it. William Lamb said many years ago that "being near him was like being close to a mill all day". Happily I did not notice it then so much & I am quite sure he was not so bad then as he has been of late; besides then he used to be walking out in the grounds by himself a good part of the day, or playing with Jos Hodgson or Draughts at the Cottage, & making

up the medicine Lin the Surgery every morning & evening. And he has got to fully as fast to go out walking in the Country or town much of late, so I with him to have his old amusement of a fatelle to take him more out of my way in the Library. Why should they keep us along without sending the fatelle board?

2 I am sorry to say my excitable nerves do not like whistling & humming more than they used to & both our attendants have annoyed me a great deal of late by it Stanton is the worst & I have been so low spirited & have felt so devoid of heart & nerve power lately that I have not liked to speak to them about it. I do not admire this new plan of their sitting in our room with us; they always picked to keep to their room the Kitchen until about a year & a half ago If they do sit with us they should not annoy us with whistling & humming. I shall be obliged if they will speak to the attendants to avoid it. I was very sorry to part with William Gudgeon for he never annoyed me either with whistling or humming. Flynt I was sorry to part with for he was a quiet person & a very genial, hearty, & kind young man He used to play the harmonium sometimes in the place where it is biz the cloak Room but there it is so far off that it did not annoy me. I should not like it to happen to our rooms. My nerves used to be so irritated with the whistling & humming that I have several

times asked Dr Kitching to engage quiet attendants
when I heard there was to be a change & not been
long before he left I told him one day "Thee have been
very successful of late years in getting quiet attendants
& I will thank Thee for it"

3 I never felt the cold before so much any winter as this;
my chest is so weak I feel it so much in the cold
bedroom at night. I believe the windows are not shut
till the gas is lighted about four o'clock or later. The
latter part of last winter when my chest was so unwell
at night I used to avoid opening the window at all
in the morning; I thought if the door was open that
was enough & I thought I felt the room to be less cold
through not opening the window. Some weeks ago
I tried on that plan for a few days but one day
I was told that Mrs Woodhead putting outside
whilst I dressed sent to Wm Lambert the
window shut & told the attendant to open it.
I do not wish for unreasonable things but as I feel
the cold more than anyone else here, is it not
too long to have the window open during the forenoon until
four or later? I propose that if I open the
window one pane or coming down early the morning
that the attendant should be told to shut it when he
comes up with the water Sanpett when you go to see Wm Lamb.
& that at any late may the door left open during the day
would I think be enough for my room with my weak chest
What does Thomas say to this?

J. H. Nesbitt

Dr Baker

N. B Cane distillery
12th dec. 1877

Dr Baker
dear Sir

We have made
arrangements to remove our
son, and will send a Man
from here on Wednesday 19th
of this month, he will be
with you on Thursday morn-
ing early, and I intend his
leaving by the evening train
for Hollyhead. I will feel
obliged if you give orders to
have all his things ready

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so that there may be no delay. I suppose this will be sufficient as an application for his discharge, ——

I must again thank you for the care and trouble you have taken with him, and I may, (if you wont think it a trouble) drop you a line after a time letting you know how he is going on,

I am dear Sir

Yours very truly

Wm Lovell

26, Regent Parade,
Harrogate.

15th Dec 1877

Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me by return, your terms for patients

Yours truly
R. Hayton Davis

W Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

799

Queen Square
13 Dec 77

My dear Sir

Since I wrote you this morning we have received a Telegram from Mr Sugland as follows "Have written you giving Reasons for my declining your engagement" so now we are thrown again, ie - my disappointment

She likes to have Company for tea & he likes not to throw entirely upon Brother for Companionship, I think this is better than disappointing him again, Perhaps you will agree with me

& Kindly yours truly
C. S. Parkinson

there was no alternative
but writing to engage
Bender, he may do for a
few months in my own
much better arrangement;
we have a governess
indoors aged lady she
has been with us many
years, & she has always
had a good influence
over my boy, has controlled
boy & Scarlet set him

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Thursday 13th Dec/77

My dear Sir

Your letter with the
Con telegrams I rec.d this
morning, as you say, they
speak for themselves, & I
am very glad I decided
yesterday for Mr. Sugden.
You will hope have rec.d
my letter of yesterday.
He had a letter this morning

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Hope there will be nothing to prevent his being in York on Friday, as I should not like to disappoint us again - I certainly think for the present it would be the best that he should be "absent on leave", if he continues well he can easily be "discharged" afterwards.

Mean I hope to visit you on Saturday morning by the early Train, which arrives at York at 9.30

Yours truly
C. E. Parkinson

R. Baker Esq M.D
York

LONDON HOSPITAL,

WHITECHAPEL ROAD, E.

Dec 14 1877

Dear F. Baker

You owned yesterday my telegram about Bowker, he did not seem to me quite the man that a young fellow like Partridge owned yesterday on well with, though he might be a good attendant for an older typhoid patient.

I have been very busy since being back here, and have had the misfortune to have a severe sore throat the last few days, which has all but laid me up, however the enemy is disappearing.

Will you give my kind regards to Mrs

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Dear Miss Dausch

Behind the

Yours very truly

Walter Kitching

Monday Please however done
send on purpose

St Paul's Sq
14 Dec 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I enclose you a letter for my wife. I trust she is not the worse for my visit to her. I had no intention of staying longer than I ought to have done Wd you kindly write me just a line to 1 Benton Ter. Newcastle tomorrow to say how she is, as I am anxious to know if any harm has resulted.

Yours sincerely
W K Procter

If you could conveniently send to post in the morning I shd get them at Leeds tonight If not I may not till

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about him to any one
I think. So tell me
how he is, & do you see
no hope of one having
him home with an
attendant? Is he
content? [not suffering?] With kindest
wishes to you for the
coming Season

I am
Very truly Yours
Babette C. Clarke

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CHALCOT
WESTBURY
WILTSHIRE

14 Dec

Dear Mr Tarlport

I must apologize
for so troubling you
but you could help me
in a little matter
I am anxious about
& I know you will do
so gladly. I have been
nursing a waistcoat

for Johnny & I want
to make it up by
Monday. & if you
will ask his Servant
to take the pattern
of his waistcoat,
just one side &
in the back, I shall

& & very much oblig'd
& also bid him leave
the pattern without
delay to this address.
We have not one at
home to fit my Brother
I believe & he has left
notice of my request-
to say nothing to him
about it as he does
not like my writing

Memorandum

FROM

Edward Priestman.
MOORFIELD.
MANNINGHAM.
BRADFORD

Dec 14th 1877

To D^r Baker
The Retreat. York

I am much obliged by your kind reply
also for the Report. which I have handed
over to the Friends of the Gentry. From the
reply I get - I gathered that the terms
were higher than they intended to able
to manage. So unless you hear again
shortly. please consider the matter at an
end.

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14th Dec. 1877

Esk Hall,
Whitby.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly
favour me with some
particulars of St. Asylum
& form of admission, &
dates of payment. — I
am asking on behalf of
the friends of a female
aged 20. Who when I am
in trust & whom that
I present is much
that a home like yours
I fear may be unsuitable

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for her.

Sam Bunty

Yesterday

E. Horner

Dr R Baker

Mr Retreat

Leeds

York 15. Dec. 1877

My dear friend

I am very sorry that the state of W. Pumphrey's health makes it needful for him to withdraw from his engagements. Unless it had been a relief to W. Pumphrey's mind, I sh^d have thought it would have been

that W. P. may at Midsummer be able to resume his duties in the Committee

Yours very truly

Jos Rowntree

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much better for him not to
withdraw his name from the Retreat
Committee before midsummer.

The Rules make no provision
for appointments except at
midsummer & it might
slightly embarrass the
Committee to ~~know~~ determine
the orderly & constitutional
~~course~~ course of dealing
with a formal resignation
made now. I apprehend
no appointment will be made
before Midsummer, and if
so, it will make no matter.
The Retreat where W. P
was on the Committee but did not
attend or whether his name was
not on the Committee.

Another recommendation of
the course I suggest, is

Eden Grant

Staunton

December 15th/94.

Dear Dr Gelston

I thank you for your
favor of last week
& asked you today
to write well but of.

I owe you my
best gratitude & keeping
Edith so
Just Friendly

Yours Truly

Armagh

14. XII. 77.

My dear Dr. Balfour

You may remember that I was offered an appt. in India some months ago. The same has again been offered me in a more tangible

form & after due
consideration & con-
sultation with my
friends I have agreed
to accept. I therefore
beg you to give in
my resignation to
the Committee & to
inform them that
I wish to be released

as soon as possible
as I wish to spend
as much available
time
as I can with my
family before leaving
for India,

I hope to return to
Work on Friday next.

Believe me
Yrs very truly
John D. Tarpley

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Ebor Villa,
Bath.

Dec 16 1877

Dear Doctor,

I fully intended writing to you during the past week to ask the very question you had note answered the morning he answered; but thinking that you would doubtless be fully occupied with other matters I refrained from troubling you.

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The various letters we have received from Bloomfield during the week pose us to understand that WP has very seriously unwell though I think we hardly realized the full extent of his illness till your letter arrived

Of course my wife feels that she should very much like to be at Bloomfield though at the same time we should be very sorry to do anything at all likely to increase the suffering, or retard the progress of the patient, and we feel inclined to act on your kind advice, though we should feel deeply indebted to you if you would drop a line when you think the time has arrived that she might safely leave. Thanking you very much for your thoughtfulness and with kind regards to Mrs Baker. I am

Yours very sincerely

Jane Giles.

M. B. Lane Distillery
15th Decr 1877

W. Baker
Dear Sir

Your letter just to hand. To prevent any uneasiness or disappointment to yourself or our Son, I just write to say it is on Thursday morning, not Wednesday morning the Man will be at the Retreat to receive him. I am dear Sir Yours truly

W. Lovell

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Wakefield.

15 Decr. 77

Dear Dr Baker

Are you at home and would it be convenient for you if I were to look over sometime between this and Christmas to see the Retreat and have a talk with you about my new billet at Wonford House. Exeter? At present any one day would suit me as well as another and I should feel

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Much indebted to you
for any information
you can give me.
Same
Dear Dr Baker
Yours most sincerely
Robert Lawson.

Woodbridge Monthly Meeting
12mo 5. 1877.

4th Minute
Application has been made for assistance in the support of Mary Ann Beale who is an inmate of York Retreat. This meeting is informed that the relatives of Mary Ann Beale are at present unable to pay the whole cost of her maintenance and having considered the case we apply to the Quarterly Meeting to meet the necessary payments; and the Clerk of this meeting is directed to forward to the secretary of the Friends Retreat an application that Mary Ann Beale should be retained as a patient at the lower rate of payment

Signed by
Thomas Maw
Clerk

(Copy)

Dr Friend Dr. Baker

Above I hand thee Copy of Minute of Woodbridge Monthly Meeting requesting that the Cost of M A Beale maintenance at the Retreat may be charged to this Meeting at the lowest scale. for 31/10/77

My friend truly
Thos A Maw

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Tuesday. D.r Baker

Sir, I bathed and examined Mr. Burton on his admission - he is fatally wounded in the groin, without Exit & Ball, except a small one in the bridge of his nose.

Your obedient Servant

J. Dean.

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London

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Handed in at the Harrogate Office at 5 15 P.M., Received here at 6 24 P.M.

From

R Hayton
Davis
20 Regent parade Harrogate

To

W Baker Esq
M D
The Retreat York

Please send attendant by next train if not already coming
urgent reply prepaid

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From

G. T. Addison
26 Regent Parade
Harrogate

To

Dr Baker
Retreat
York

The Medical men say the Case is not one for the Retreat at present please telegraph what to do

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To

From

to thank Sam Sir Samuel ascribe his quick recovery long our attends him seems to have been kind & attentive, & I think he left with very kindly feelings towards all who have been connecting with him during his stay with you. With best you Know from Sir Sam to Sir Samuel is going on

Remain

Yours truly

C. E. Parkman

R. Baker Esq M.D

16th Dec 77

My dear Sir

Sam sorry I did not see you before leaving yesterday. I called at 9 hours but you were not about. I should like to have heard the result of your last interview with my son, when he came back to me, he was

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Rather sullen & remained so for the rest of the day, he was so little inclined to be communicative that I avoided asking him any question lest I annoy him, but I should be glad to know what you did about his "discharge". He did not see his name until his arrival at Scarbro & I could not at all see that imprudence in keeping

under open heaven. He has got very comfortable rooms at No 12 St. Nicholas Cliff, & left him at about 4 O'clock yesterday, he was very quiet & free from excitement, such as I said just not rather - Jones says I should not an opportunity before leaving of thanking you for your great kindness, attention, and judicious treatment of my son which under G. Can

7 St. Martin's Crescent,

York

Dec.r 17th 1877

Dear Sir,

In answer to your note I am sorry I cannot give you any definite reply. I only

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saw the man, Mr Limerick,
twice or thrice I think,
& having been from
home since I saw him
which is over a month
ago, I cannot positively
state his ailment, but
am nearly sure that
I came to the conclusion
that it was the
commencement of some
Chronic Brain disease

Yours very truly
R A Bolch

26, Regent Parade,
Harrogate.

16th Decr 1877

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for your reply to my enquiry respecting terms at the "Retreat," and for the form sent, which will be useful if it should prove requisite. —

Dr Bealey is attending the gentleman the Revd Robt Stainton of Sheffield, and he does not think he should as yet pronounce it a case for the Retreat, he however thinks it necessary to have a trained attendant, and I was simply recommended me to write at once to you to ask if you could send one tomorrow. —

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The Gentleman with his wife (my sister) are at present staying with me, but will go into lodgings as soon as the attendant arrives.

I understand you have one of the name of Seeley, is he thoroughly efficient for this purpose? My relatives have a knowledge of his wife through being a month at Ilkley

Yours faithfully

R. Hayton Davis

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

Low Lights Tannery.
North Shields

17 12 mo 1877

Dear Dr Baker

I am glad to have your continued good report of my wife & hope she may have been able today to see the baby

I am yours sincerely

Henry R Porter

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Swanland Hall
Brough
Yorkshire
Dec 17th 1877

Dear Sir

I have now returned home and am glad you are able to report favourably of your patient Remain

Yours faithfully
John Todd

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Robert Barber Esq