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G. N. Haden & Son, Engineers.

4, ALBERT SQUARE,
MANCHESTER.

July 18th 1891.

The Retreat
York

Robert Baker Esq. M. D.

Dear Sir/ West Lodge

I beg to say that I visited the Retreat on Tuesday last the 14th inst., and looked into the several matters named in yours of the 2nd inst. –

1- With regard to the want of ventilation experienced by the visiting Committee when last there, I have to say that I questioned Shaw the Engineer in charge, about it; and he tells me that on the day of the Committee's visit, he had one Boiler off for inspection and cleaning, therefore the ventilating Fan was not working, as the one Boiler was fully taxed with the Laundry and Cooking work.

2 With reference to the temperature in this Building, which you say is 5 degrees more than in the Old. Comparing the temperature of the West Villa with the Old Building is scarcely fair, because a one storey

Building must of necessity be warmer in Summer than a three story Building owing to the direct action of the sun upon the roof heating the Ceilings. I however think 5 degrees rather excessive, and on looking into the matter I found that the Hot Water pipes which serve the Baths are laid along the main air flue under the Corridors, and although covered with hair felt and canvas, heat escapes from them. I propose to remedy this by laying the pipes along the bottom of the air Channel, and covering them with a layer of plastic Boiler composition, of such a thickness to prevent these pipes heating the air channels to any appreciable degree; the brickwork which surrounds the Fan and fresh air flues may also want felting with the same material. By these means the temperature would be lessened from 2 to 3 degrees. On Tuesday when I was at the Retreat, a thermometer was placed outside at the mouth of the intake to the Fan, when it registered 69°. At the same time the temperature inside along the South front was 67° and on the West side with the sun fully upon it the temperature stood at 72°—

3 I got a thorough inspection made by our men of the iron smoke flue attached to the Steam Boilers. This

was found so badly corroded that it cannot be repaired, and is dangerous in its present state for 18 feet down from the top. I propose removing the two lengths at the top, and to put in their place two new lengths, made of plates of such a thickness to last for another year, when the whole thing would have to be entirely renewed -

Here I wish to call attention to the fact that the present Steam Boilers are scarcely adequate for the work now upon them, which has increased almost yearly since the Boilers were fixed. This matter will have to be faced soon, and as the present position would not allow of any increase of Steam power, another site would have to be found, away I should say from the Building, where they may be placed together with the Laundry and Machinery now under the Ladies 5th Gallery. At or near the Farm Buildings would be a good position -

The cost of the proposed 2 lengths of new chimney fixed, would be £25. the scaffolding being erected for us.

4. The extension of the Electric light to the Ladies 5th Gallery would cost £15. see letter to Mr. Taylor dated April 6th this year -

Yours obedt servant

Frederick Blake

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

Sept. 11th 1891.

Dear Sir/ Heating Boiler
Mess Ride.

The Boiler Makers report that the above is leaking owing to the plate & rivets being corroded away at the middle seam underneath the Boiler —

If it is taken out and sent to the Works a patch can be put on either side of the seam, and a good job made of it; but it would be a very difficult and take much longer time to do it on the spot.

The Boiler has been in nearly 15 years —

Parker will see you to receive your instructions —

Yrs obdly
Jno F. Blake
J.B.

Wm S. B. Woods

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

Sept. 11th 1891.

Dr Baker

Dear Sir/ Enclosed I send you an extract from the report I sent you on July the 18th relative to the ventilation of the New Western Lodge — I have written Frank to attend to this —

Yrs faithfully
J. Blake

J.B.

Friends' Provident Institution.

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

Bradford, Yorkshire.

LIFE ASSURANCES,
ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES.
ESTABLISHED 1832.

23rd of July 1891

Dear friend

re Loan to the Retreat.

In connection with all our loans on property which consists in whole or in part of buildings it is necessary for us to know that the property is insured against loss by fire in an adequate amount, and we are accustomed to hold the Policies.

Now that our loan to the Committee of the Retreat has been made up to the full amount we shall be glad to have the Policies placed in our custody. We do not know to what extent the property is insured but we presume that Policies for as much as £20,000 will be in existence.

It is also customary to have the Policies expressed as being taken out on the joint behalf of the owners and the Trustees of this Institution, or else that they should bear an endorsement by the Companies to the effect that the Trustees of the Friends' Provident Institution are interested in the Insurance.

Probably there will be no objection on the part of the Committee of the Retreat to this being done.

I am, faithfully

J B Tennant

Secretary.

Thomas Burtt,
The Brows,
Malton.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

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Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,

York. 19 Augst. 1891.

S. E. Woods Esq:
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

Re. arrangement of the
Insurances on the Retreat.

Referring to our letter of 22nd June last we should Esteem it a favor if you could arrange to complete this matter. Should you be unable to conclude the rearrangement as proposed within an Early date, we must ask you to kindly allow us to issue Separate policies in Completion of the new proposals made to us, as our arrangements will not permit us to allow the matter to Remain outstanding longer. Awaiting the favor of your Kind and prompt attention

I am. dear Sir
Yours faithfully.

J. H. Chamberlain Secy

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W.Y. RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 29 aug. 1891

Dr. Baker

The Retreat

Dear Sir.

Insurance

I King + I have now gone through the figures, he having, as you will see, ticked in red the figures he prefers. I am quite satisfied with them, + if you approve, the total amount will now be £20.775.

The sooner this is carried through with the Insurance Co the better. As you will recollect, it was decided at the last Committee, that the Policy should be endorsed as suggested by the F.O.I. as expressed in the minute.

Yours truly

Rich Thompson

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Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,

York. 2 Sept. 1891.

S. E. Woods Esq.
The Retreat.

Dear Sir

Rearrangement of Insurance.

Referring to our letter of yesterday this rearrangement has had our careful consideration and there are a number of points to which we should like to draw your attention before proceeding to draft the policy -

The outline specification which you have had in your possession was drawn up with the express desire to give you as liberal an insurance as possible, and to obviate unnecessary divisions, and we therefore feel we must ask your reconsideration of the grouping of the items numbered 2 to 6 on accompanying Copy; the range and character of Each division appear to us to be clearly defined and we don't think there should be much difficulty in approximating the Values; items 2. 4 and 5

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Fire and Life Insurance Office.
York, 18

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could be Easily ascertained and of course the balance would represent item 6.

Will kindly to the greenhouses &c in the garden, as these form separate and detached buildings we are unable to cover the same in one amount; we enclose also a copy of items 16 to 21 on these buildings and shall be glad if you will kindly append the necessary amounts; from the small sum to be insured we assume the plants and other Contents are not to be included?

Upon comparing the notes taken by our representative in May last with the policies previously in force we noted one or two discrepancies, will you therefore kindly inform us whether the Turkish Baths 3 on plan are heated by hot Water or hot air? Also if the "furnace and "Extraction flue" named in the policies still Exist and if so their position and use?

Will you also please advise us the Set of Rules to which the Engineers worked in fixing

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Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,
York, 18

Blake. the Electric light, & whether any accident or mishaps
has occurred in connection with the drying closets
No. in 1st on plan, or if any defect has been
Not air noticeable - Will you also kindly mark on
the Enclosed tracing the positions of the Boiler
and Engine houses respectively.

If you prefer it we shall be
very pleased to receive a visit from you in order
to talk the matter over or should you desire
it to wait upon you -

We are glad the arrangement has
been now practically satisfactorily completed, and we
hope to be able to issue the policies without
delay.

I am dear Sirs.
Yours faithfully.

Circulation

Circulating Boiler for supplying Warm Air – Hot Water

Service Boiler for supply – Hot Water & Kitch

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.

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ESTABLISHED 1824.

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office.

York, 11th Sept. 1891

S C Woods Esq
The Friends Retreat,
York

Dear Sir,

Policies Nos. 314276, 1st prem.m £13.11.0
—— 4, do —— 11.16.9
—— 8, do —— 1.7.9
—— 479 do —— .15.—

I now have the pleasure to hand you herewith the above new policies, - kindly Examine same and see that they are in accordance with your wishes.

A Copy of the policy 314276 on the main buildings is also enclosed, as requested.

The total amount of the first payment is £27.10.6, Cheque for which I shall be glad to receive at your convenience.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

P. Todd

Todd

P.S.

As a matter of regularity, this case having stood over so long, it will be a Convenience to our Books if you will kindly accept the enclosed renewal receipt for 160006 and return to us the memo: receipt for the same amount & Premium, viz: £4100, £9. 2. 0 sent you on the 1st. April last. You will observe we have made a return of Premium for the unexpired time on 160006 from the 1st inst.—

C.

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W.E.
JOHN W. HATTERSLEY,
SOLICITOR,

MEXBOROUGH

9th August 1891

Dear Sir,

Wm. Abbotson

We are instructed by Mrs. Hannah Abbotson, the mother of the above named William Abbotson, and at whose instance he was removed from the Wadsley Asylum to the Retreat temporarily, to lay before you the following facts in connection with this case, and to ask your kind consideration thereof:-

The patient on the 13th February 1890 was, at the instance of his wife, put in the Wadsley Asylum, and confined there as a pauper patient till 13th May 1891.

On this last mentioned date, at the instance of his mother, the patient was removed to The Retreat in the hope that a temporary change there, with the superior accomodation afforded, would be beneficial for him. For this the mother has been paying, out of her own pocket, the sum of £2.12.6 per week, as you will be aware. The quarter, in respect of which she has paid, expires on the 13th inst.

During the quarter that has passed, the affairs of the patient have been before the Court, and it has been ordered that the net income of the patient (amounting to about £90) be divided, and that one

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half for the future be applied to the maintenance of the patient's wife and child, and the other half to the maintenance of the patient himself. This, as you see, only allows a little over 14/- per week, and therefore unless the mother makes up the difference, he will necessarily have to be moved to some other abode where he can be accomodated and clothed for this sum, and which must, perforce, be very inferior.

The mother's income is quite inadequate to allow her to continue anything like the payment she has been making, but she is nevertheless very anxious the patient should be allowed to remain at the Retreat, and have the facilities and accomodation he now enjoys. If, therefore, you can see your way to let him remain where he is and accept, say £2.2.0 a week under the circumstances, she thinks she may be able to contrive to pay this sum with the allowance of 14/- a week from his estate.

We have, therefore, to ask you very respectfully whether you can comply with her request? The mother is most anxious, naturally, for the comfort of her son as far as possible, and will, we know, have to practise a good deal of self-denial to raise the necessary amount, but notwithstanding this, she feels she will be saved a great amount of worry and anxiety by knowing the best possible is being done for him. Will you please let us know as soon as possible.

The Secretary,
The Retreat,
York.

We are, Yours truly,
J. W. [illegible] & Sons

G.

TELEGRAMS, "HATTERSLEYS."

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

Mexborough.
14th Septbr 1891.

Dear Sir,

William Ibbotson.

Mrs. Ibbotson of Tinsley Rd. Attercliffe, has forwarded your letter of the 11th inst to us. Our Mr. J.W. Hattersley, who has this matter in hand, is away on his holidays but is expected home on Wednesday, when he will communicate with you hereon. In the meantime we shall be glad to have a definite reply to our letter of the 4th August last, as it might be of assistance to us in fully dealing with your letter to Mrs Ibbotson.

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

Secretary,
The Retreat,
York

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From Dixon, Masser & Co.
Ladies & Gentlemen's
Tailors,
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

J. W. Wood
Esq
13/9/91

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Sir I am not able to pay the A/C at present but I will let you have a portion of it as soon as possible, I am willing to pay interest I am Yours Respectfully
E Stansfield

MINUTE OF

YORK PREPARATIVE MEETING,

9. VI. 1889.

"The accompanying report on the condition of the Heslington Road Burial Ground has been read and considered. The recommendation to substitute perpendicular for horizontal grave stones, so far as this can now be done, is approved. The Committee is continued to give further attention to the Cemetery, with power to communicate with the friends and relatives of those who have been interred there, and to invite them to make the alteration in the grave-stones on the terms named in the Report.

The Report together with this minute are to be printed for circulation. A copy is to be sent to the Retreat Committee who are requested to unite in promoting the proposed work, and in obtaining the concurrence of the representatives of those who died in the Retreat, whose graves will be affected by the substitution of perpendicular for horizontal stones."

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE

HESLINGTON ROAD BURIAL GROUND.

As directed by the Preparative Meeting, we have carefully examined the present condition of the Heslington Road Burial Ground, and find that the man who cuts the grass, and has the general charge of the Cemetery, has been absent from his work for some time through illness. He has now resumed his duties, and the mowing of the grass and other matters which have fallen into arrear, are receiving attention.

A few dead trees and shrubs should be removed, and others require pruning. Henry Richardson has drawn up a memorandum on this part of the subject, which has been left with Dr. Baker. It will be desirable in the Autumn to plant a few trees and shrubs, in place of those which have been removed.

It is found that one of the chief difficulties in keeping the ground in nice order, arises from the rapidity with which moss and grass grow upon the horizontal grave-stones, frequently making their inscriptions illegible. The rain gathers upon many of these stones, promoting the rapid vegetable growth just referred to.

It would very much promote the keeping of the ground in good order, if the 114 horizontal stones which it contains could be removed and perpendicular ones substituted. We have ascertained that this could be done at a cost of 20s. per grave. Dr. Baker has had a catalogue prepared of all the existing horizontal stones, and it is believed that the friends of many of those interred here would gladly defray the cost of making this change. We therefore suggest to the Preparative Meeting, that in view of the great difficulty of keeping the graves covered by the horizontal stones in reputable condition, it should recommend the carrying out of this change to those interested.

Should the Preparative Meeting adopt this suggestion, it would probably be desirable that the present or some other committee be requested to see to the carrying out of the work, which will require time for correspondence with the families of those interred in the ground, a large number of whom were not connected with persons resident in York.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. S. ROWNTREE.

YORK, 9. VI. 1889.

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CLYDESDALE HOUSE
CORNER NORTH BOULEVARD
HESSLE ROAD HULL

Aug. 29. 1891

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 27th inst. I beg to say that I do not consider myself indebted more than £2:2:0 per week for my wife's maintenance & treatment at "The Retreat" since July 15th last.

I really know nothing about the meetings of your Committee & if my letter were not brought before them at the proper

time, I think I ought not to be the loser.

Dr. Baker accepted my wife as a patient at the rate of £3:3:0 per week at first without the advice of the Committee & if he were competent to do this for one quarter, surely, he must have been equally competent to have made new arrangements for a further period.

Having received an acknowledgement of my letter to Dr Baker as to reduction of terms and not having heard anything further I naturally supposed that my terms had been agreed to. I may say that I never contemplated that there would be the

slightest difficulty in making an alteration in the terms inasmuch as at my first interview with Dr. Walker on April 15th last, he stated that patients were received at from £2:2:0 per week.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

H. S. Fairbank

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S. E. Woods. Esqre

HEYDESDALE HOUSE
CORNER NORTH BOULEVARD
HESSLE ROAD HULL

Ripon 1891

Derby. 13.1891

Dear Dr Baker,

I was sorry to hear from Dr Hird that you had been such a sufferer. I trust however that your have returned from your travels completely restored to health.

I have been disappointed to find that my wife seems to improve very slowly, as I had hoped that she would have been fit to leave York before now. In view of the possible long continuance of her illness, I find that I shall be unable to afford to incur such a heavy expenditure for her as at present. Therefore after the termination of the current quarter, viz July 15th I must ask you to be so kind as to give her the best accommodation your can for the reduced terms of £2:2:0 (Two guineas) per week.

I have not heard of her since 4th inst., but I trust I shall soon hear that she is progressing to your satisfaction, +

that we may hope to have
her restored to us before
the expiration of another
quarter

I am

Dear Sr. Baker

Yours faithfully

H. S. Fairbank

Dr Robt Baker

The Retreat

York.

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Hy Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams.—Richardson, York.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 25 aug. 1891

Mr E. E. Woods

The Retreat

Dear Sir

Yours 22nd to hand this morning, having been misdirected to Leeds. I have cancelled my signature to the cheque, & think it will not be needful to trouble Mr Burtt in the matter. The best plan will, I think, be to mark the counterfoil "cancelled", & gum this defaced cheque in to the place there, as a permanent record of its history.

Please send me by return the outside dimensions of your cash box, & of the box containing the valuables. also please say whether the latter is sufficiently large for all probable requirements, so far as we can judge for the future.

Yours truly

Rich Thompson

x 9"½ x 5 3/4" x 4" ~~Hobbs~~ Chubb's
13½" x 10" x 7" Iris Box
10" x 6" x 4½" Milner's

2 Encs.

York 9/15/91

Dr Baker

Dear Sir— Referring to our conversation last week will you kindly ask the Committee today if they will allow me dinner & tea in Consideration of the hours at the Retreat being so beyond what were to be looked for? & the increasing duties devolving on me, these latter becoming more those of House Steward as well as Storekeeper— I annex particulars of the hours last week, which are typical in moderation of what have preceded— Assuring the Committee through you that the foregoing Consideration will not be lost on me

I am Yours faithfully
Samuel Wedmore

The Retreat

Monday— 6. 15
" Tuesday— 7. 30
Wednesday 7. "
" Thursday. 9. "
" Friday— 7. 30
Saturday. 5. 30

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Spotted Cow Inn
Sept 12th 1891

To the Committee of The Retreat

Gentlemen,

Permit me to call your attention to the depreciation in value of pasturage of land which I rent from you through the erection of Wall separating Mr. Crumbie's land and yours. No doubt you will be aware that the Carting over the same and depositing soil from foundations and bricks has hindered the growth of the grass and the grazing thereon, thereby being a pecuniary loss to me.

There is also a fence which requires to be stubbed up and ground levelled before it can be sown with grass seeds.

Will you kindly consider this matter and oblige

Yours respectfully

M. Horsley—

August 23/91 Manor Cottage
Castle Gate (21
Kirby Moorside

Dear Sir,

We have read the form but before returning it we wish to say that it was our intention for our brother to remain at the Lodge Building one month at 2½ guineas and if sufficiently restored at the end of that time to be removed to the Rooms at 2 guineas. Shall we send the amount as mentioned and pay the additional after it is necessary —

Thus was Dr Byrth's wish — thinking he would get a

little more attention and
care the first month —

Yours faithfully
William Rutter

To
Mr Woods
The Retreat
York

CLYDESDALE HOUSE
CORNER NORTH BOULEVARD
HESSLE ROAD HULL

Sept. 2nd 1891

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of 31st ult°.

Of course, I did not expect my wife to be provided with the same accommodation for £2:2:0 that she would have for £3:3:0 — a re-perusal of my letter of July 13th will, I think, make that fact sufficiently obvious — but I did think that some difference might be made in her favor, as being the wife of a medical man. Though not myself a member of the Society of Friends, I am not entirely unconnected with them, as my father-James Hack Fairbank-was a member of an old & well known Sheffield family belonging to that Body. I should think our name must be quite familiar to some of the members of your Committee, especially if they have been associated in any way with Ackworth school.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

H. D. Fairbank

A. E. Woods Esqre

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250 Hessle Road
Hull
Aug. 27. 1891

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter received Aug. 23rd, which however, fails to make your statements of account quite intelligible to me.

You appear to be unaware of the fact that I wrote to Dr. Baker informing him that I should be unable to pay more than 42/= per week after the termination of the first quarter, viz July 15th; in reply to which Dr Kind, in a letter dated July 15th, states that "Your letter re terms will be brought before our Committee at their next meeting". Dr Baker will tell you that I referred to this matter of reduction of terms when I saw him on Friday last & he said "That will be made all right"

Will you please inform me by return of post, at what rate I am now being charged & from what date; also, furnish me with particulars of the amount £3:6:10 debited for disbursements.

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
H. S. Fairbank

J. E. Woods. Esq

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29, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

27th August 1891.

Dear Charles,

Thanks for yours of the 11th inst.

Will you ask the proper authority to send me at once a statement of the first quarter's account in respect of Mrs Liondet. I am at present in a position to make a substantial payment on account, but there had better be no delay about sending me the account, as other claims upon the money in my hands might turn up

I enclose a letter from Mrs Liondet to be given to her if the doctor thinks it will be right for Mrs Liondet to have it.

Please let me know how Mrs Liondet is going on when you reply.

Yours very truly,

J.W. Barker.

P.S. Future accounts had better be sent to me regularly. I will pay them when I have funds in hand or my brother in law's account.

Chas. Priestman Esq

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29, BANK STREET
SHEFFIELD.

B
recd. 15 Sept.
Ans. 16 Sept.
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29, BANK STREET,
SHEFFIELD.

10th Sept. 1891.

Dear Sir,

Please hand the enclosed to Mrs Liondet, if the Doctor thinks well. I should be glad of a report as to her (1) present condition & also an opinion from the Doctor, if he can possibly form one, as to how (2) long, roughly, this attack is likely to last.

Enclosed is the first guarantee, which was sent to Mrs Caldwell & which, as you see, has been returned signed by Mr Liondet himself. My brother in law Joseph F. Clark, is in ~~post~~ possession of my views on the question of the further guarantee being required. I hope it may be dispensed with. If however the Committee decide to insist on one I shall be glad if you will communicate direct with Mrs Liondet's relatives about it.

Yours truly,
Jno. Barber.

1. Very satis. progress. Spirits improving. Sleeps better. Less hysterical
2. Judging by progress case is not likely to last long —

J. E. Wood. Esq.

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24 BANK STREET
SHEFFIELD

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Queen Street
Newcastle Tyne.
23: IX: 91.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th & now enclose cheques for £60 & £40 on acc/ of my Mothers indebtedness. The Executors of my Fathers Estate again ask me to request your Committee

to take into their
consideration the question
of reducing the amount of
the charges made for my
Mothers maintenance, this
is asked owing to the
considerable falling off in
the Income of the Estate &
the large sum of £1300
has now been paid
to your Institution
since my Mothers last
admittance.

Hoping this may be
favourably received

Believe me to remain
Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Hugh McAllum

S. F. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

Hopeless case & he has Every
Comfort & Expand Every care
& Trouble & I am Left with
Sickness & the Family to
toil for Hopeing you will
grant me this Request
& again thanking you
for Every Kindness

yours &c
J. Hanel

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Rose Cottage
Cannon Street
Keighley
Sept. 11th 1891

Dr Baker
Sir
in Answer to yours
of this Morning I am
indeed Sorry to have to
you the trouble to write
so many times about the
Money but I am sending
you 2 3 £ on the Last
Account I should have
sent the full ammount but

I have been very ill in Bed
for 6 weeks & have had
to have a Trained Nurse
to attend to me it has
made me quite unable
to attend to my Duties
but I Hope you will
favour me by Letting me
Pay off the arrears as I
asked you in my Last
I shall be able to Pay the
first instalment on the 4th

of December & hope to Pay Each quarter
as it falls Due I am a little Better
than I have been & May Perhaps attend
the Meeting if I could only have a
little Tea Sixpenny & Care to be carried to
me good if Mrs. Le would give us
Breakfast, do you think May Standard is
Ready any better in his Mind it Looks
such a

22. IX. 1891

Esher,

Bower Mount Road,

Maidstone.

My dear Friend

Robt: Baker

I am sorry to have to write thee again on so sad a subject, but my younger brother Albert Leo Hammerton is showing every symptom of "G.P.". He is now staying at Dover, and the medical man in attendance says this attack may pass, but it is one to come. My sister informs me that he said "it was in the blood."

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My object in writing now is to ask if the rules of the Retreat would allow him to place himself under my care, at a lower fee than we paid for Walter?

He cannot pay that, as his means are reduced to about £200; and yet he needs the where there is oversight & care: he is very weak and can hardly walk. The brain seems sluggish rather than active & he has no fancies. The drive carriage exercise & walking are bad for him, so they make the noise and disturb the brain.

I understood Mrs to say that some Meetings which subscribed to the foundation of the Retreat, were allowed to send their members at a reduced fee.

Albert is a member of Bedford meeting, or rather was in business in that Town, & so comes within their Monthly Mtg.

I am with very kind regard

Yr friend sincerely

Charles Hammerton

HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge. (29

York. 28 aug 1891

Mr. S. E. Woods.

The Retreat. York

Dear Sir

Your bundle of accounts to hand. As regards the accounts for the West Lodge, I know nothing personally of the original contracts, as I did not come on to the committee this time until the building was nearly finished. I also know nothing of the £50 charged in Mansfield's account as an extra allowance for delay in commencement of the work, but you have doubtless examined them with the contracts, and as they are passed as correct by Mr Taylor, I expect the committee will order them to be paid, but as the amounts are so large that they should, I think, go before the committee, unless Mr Burtt, who knows much more of them, should be sufficiently well to come over and sanction their payment, but I do not think he ought to be troubled about them by letter, in his present poorly state.

The item, Rawling. £119-6-3, for Crumbie's wall, is the only one which has been in my hands, & is, I believe, correct, subject to its agreeing with the contract obtained at the time which I think you have. I see the 80 roods of walling are charged 34/ which must, I suppose, be correct, as Mr Taylor passes the account. 30/ rests in my memory with regard to this, but this figure may have

been Mr Taylors original rough estimate, & not the contract. Please refer to the latter & see.

With regard to the foot note of this account, claiming 5% extra for digging, owing to the nature of the soil, it would not seem to me to be due, on the ground that we had other offers at almost, if not quite, identical figures, but gave Rawling the preference; and also that we should have been of course bound by our contract if the cutting had happened to prove less costly than anticipated instead of more so.

If Mr Rawling is in want of the cash, I see no objection to paying him this £119 - 6 - 3 subject as above, without delay, & his 5% claim can go before the committee.

Yours truly

Rich Thompson

Mr Procter tells me that he knows of the arrangement with Mansfield but he knows nothing of the £50 which is entd as agreed. Perhaps the Comee agreed to it? Please also see my red ink memm. against entry 1 Aug 1889 in Mr Taylors a/c. Personally I have no knowledge of the point

Hy Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams:—Richardson, York.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge. (31

York. 29 Aug 1891

Dr. Baker,

The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I have now ordered a cupboard stand for each of the two safes as requested by message per Mr Priestman. The two safes and the stands will come in the course of a few days, carriage paid to York. Will you therefore please show this to Mr Woods in order that he may see that the carriage is not charged by the Railway Coy to the Retreat.

The larger safe is for your office, and the smaller one for the Secretary's room.

Yours truly,

Richd Thompson

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Memorandum from Nathan Bake & Son.

Tea Dealers. Bridge End. Leeds 16 Mch 1891

To W Whitwood

E.J. ARNOLD, LEEDS

Dear Sir When last I Communicated with you I explained that the interest of investment on account of W^m Bake in rec^d from the York Corporation each six months and you then assured that you would enquire if half yearly payments would meet the requirements of the Committee but the matter must have escaped your memory because I have not heard from you further. Yours faithfully

Nathan & Son W Bake

Sibald's Holme,
Wisbech. Oct 6th 1891

Dear Friend
Feilden Thorpe.
May I ask thee kindly to put
Mr Woodward of Park Street
Wisbech in the way of obtaining
information with regard
to the Retreat at York.
We have known of him for
Sometime as a valued
Assistant to one of the
principal Chemists in this
town & feel deeply for him
that he is now - under

I feel I ought not to unduly
trespass on thy kindness
but feel sure thou will-
be good enough to help
in such a sad case.
With Kind regards
in which my Father unites
I am sincerely
Wilhelmina Peckover

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Medical advice — looking
out for a suitable place
for his young wife, as
she can no longer safely
remain at home.
I believe she was a Friend
daughter of Edwin Halford
living at Holloway or
Newington & educated
at Croydon School.
We do not know what
the terms are & cannot
tell if Mr. Woodward could
arrange for York or no
but believe he would
prefer it as being amongst
Friends. I conclude it
is as comfortably and
well conducted as is
possible & that thou
would have full
opportunity of giving
a candid opinion on
this important subject.

Answ'd
q.t. 91

20. High Street
Wisbech
Oct 6. 1891

Dear Sir

I have been recommended by Mrs Peckover — who has given me permission to use her name — to write & ask if you will kindly give me information respecting the admission of patients to the "York Retreat".

My wife lost her reason for a few weeks last year, but seemed to have quite regained her health until about 3 months ago when from no apparent cause

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She had a return of the disorder
And this time does not seem
to get thoroughly herself again,
although her talk & behaviour is
not nearly as irrational as during
the first few weeks.
I am advised by the Dr who
has attended my wife, that she
would be likely to benefit by a
proper course of treatment away
from her present surroundings
But I am averse to sending her
to a public Institution as I
know she would feel keenly any
hardships, especially as she imagines
herself some grand lady occasionally.
Unfortunately my means are small
as I have only my weekly Earnings
to rely upon, & my 6 year old
boy myself to provide for, so that
I cannot afford the expense
of a private Asylum -
I will enclose the Doctor's written
opinion for your perusal -

I am
Yours respectfully
C. J. Woodward -

Felden Thorpe Esqre

8. X. 1891

Dear friend
Dr Baker/

The enclosed has
come to hand this morn
will thou kindly send
to C. J. Woodward the in-
formation he needs? I
don't enclose his doctor's
letter - which speaks of
the patient as getting
worse, and though at pre-
sent quite harmless,
likely (as he hints) to de-
velop symptoms dan-

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grow to herself or to
those around her.

Thy friend sincerely

Fielden Thorp.

P.S. I was sorry to find
thy health is not sa-
tisfactory
The enclosures need
not be returned.

Ans d. 13.X.

20 High Street
Bishop
11/10/91

Dear Sir

In answer to
your enquiries. I fear I
cannot claim recognition of
my wife as a "Friend" now,
as when we were married, she
sent in her resignation of
membership, as I am a member
of the Church. I wished her to
join me. But my wife was
brought up a "Friend" & educated
at Croydon; & her father (Edwin
Halford, living at Holloway) belongs

to the Society I attended the Newington Meeting Thursday -

My wife has been under the Doctor's hands for nearly three Months & altho' quite well in her general health, her mind does not regain its balance & he recommends a Retreat as likely to give more lasting benefit than short changes -

She is 30 years of age & we have one child nearly 6 years old; we have been married rather more than 7 years -

I am a Chemists Assistant earning 30/- a week as an average wage.

I shall be very grateful if you will kindly mention my case favourably to your Committee. I feel very doubtful as to the efficacy of a Public Asylum as I am sure she would feel keenly too much restraint.

On the other hand I know she would be grateful to find herself amongst Friends again.

I am

Yours respectfully

A. J. Woodward

R. Barlow Esq.

Secretary

The Retreat

York.

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LEEMAN, WILKINSON & BADGER,
SOLICITORS.

Coney Street
York

Sept 19 1891

Dear Sir,

re Danby.

We have sent a copy of your letter herein to the Committee & on hearing from them will write you further

We are

Yours faithfully

Leeman Wilkinson & Badger

J. E. Woods Esq.,

The Retreat,

York

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8 Hanover Terrace
Whitby Sep 30 1891

Dear Dr Baker

I write to ask the Committee of the Friends' Retreat if they can see their way materially to reduce the payment for my Son Philip. I had hoped his continuance with you would not have been long. Should a prove so I shall

find it difficult
to continue a pay-
ment which I have
been glad to make
for a short time.
I think the sum
of 20/- a week
is as much as I
can afford.

Yours very sincerely

Edw. F. Sewell

Bank Chambers,

Durham, 29 Aug 1891

Dear Sir

With regard to the £115.7.6 fees, the matter rests where it did when I wrote to you in April – with Dr Baker.

I understand that while Dr Talbot is at Ilkley the arrangements are to be the same as they were previous to his return to the Retreat

Yours faithfully

L. Gleadow Marshall

J. S. Woods Esq

The Retreat York

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Memorandum.

From
THE YORKSHIRE FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE CO.,
York, 21. August 1891

To S. S. Woods Esq:
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

Mrs: Armstrong

In reply to our Enquiry as to this Lady's address our Correspondent says "She last wrote to us on 13th. Sept: 1890 dating her letter Virgil Bradle County South Dakota U. S. America and for anything we know to the contrary she is still alive" - and this is all the information we have

Yours faithfully

pp Manl Cookson
Secretary

N.B.—All Letters to be addressed "To the Secretary."

* Last Janry:

BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
Chartered Accountants.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE No 58.
EXCHANGE TELEPHONE No 58.
TELEGRAPH ADDRESS.
BARBER, SHEFFIELD.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street,
Sheffield 24th August 1891.

Dear Sir

We are duly in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and in reply beg to say that with regard to the Accounts you mention, we think it unnecessary that the accounts should be on the ordinary Retreat forms -

We quite agree with you that the new system must not be strained beyond reason and we think with regard to the accounts you name it would be so if Retreat invoices were required in these cases -

We are glad to hear that the System seems to be working well -

The writer intends to be in York on ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday the 1st of September & will make an effort to call at the Retreat during that day.

Yours faithfully,
Barber Bros & Wortley

L. E. Woods. Esq.
Friends Retreat.
York.

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(26 VIII 1891)

Esteemed Friend
D. Baker

In consequence
of my limited circumstances
I feel that I shall be compelled
to remove my poor daughter
Emily to a cheaper asylum -
Will you have the kindness
to inform me whether there
is a County asylum at York
or near the City where she
could be removed to by
my paying the cost which
I expect would be 8/6 or 10/ =
per week - when I was (42)

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from Lancs Guardians I think
we used to pay 8/6 or 10/ per
wk to Lancaster County Asylum
for patients we used to send
from Salford - we sent
them to 3 or 4 different
asylums because Prestwich
where we generally sent them
was often full & could not
accept them — I shall
esteem it a great favour
if you will advise me on
the matter - with my best
respects

Yours truly
Wm Binns

107 Broughton
Lane
Manchester

Esteemed Bros 9/12/91

Dr Baker

I have

decided not to remove my
daughter from the Retreat
but I shall be glad if the
Comtee can devise some way
to reduce the payment
as it was before the recent
advance — thanks for
your attention to the case
I wish the matron to supply
her with clothing except
some specialty which she
may wish for —

Yours respectfully

107 Broughton Lane

W Binns

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52 Mountjoy Road
Dublin
Ireland
Sept. 14th 1891

Dear Sir

I was much obliged for your prompt reply to my letter, I am sorry to find that the terms are so high as the Patients father has a family of seven to support three boys & a girl to be educated on a salary of £450

a year. Will you kindly
let me have a prospectus
that I may know how
I should apply for
the reduced terms
as being connected
with Friends
The Patients Grand-
father & Grandmother
were Friends, & nearly
all her maternal relatives
She has also an
Aunt living who
is a Friend.

Could you kindly
assist me in suggesting
how I should act
as I am anxious
to have her settled
before the 1st proximo
Dr & Mrs Patrick's Sydney Parade
Dr & Mrs Maloney's Dublin
that she could
be placed in Yorkshire
if need

Believe me
Very Sincerely
A Barber

To Dr Baker

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Ans'd
11. IX. 91

52 Mathmines Road
Dublin
Ireland

(10. Sep. 1891)

Mrs Barber shall feel
obliged if Dr Baker
will kindly let her
know what would
be the lowest terms
on which a girl
would be taken to
the York Retreat, She
is connected with
Friends, and has been
ill for six months from

Childhood & now 27
years old, & for the
last two years has
had fits, & Lapse Sons
and has become more
Violent at times,
Dr Nicholson of St Patricks
Asylum Mentioned
Work Extract as
being a place likely
to suit, as Reply as
soon as Convenient
will much oblige
To Dr Baker

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HUNTER & SMALLPAGE.
CABINET MAKERS.
UPHOLSTERERS.
GENERAL FURNISHERS.
CARVERS, GILDERS AND GLASS MERCHANTS.

City Furnishing Establishment,
42 & 43, Goodramgate,
York, 1st June 1891

Sir

We hereby offer to purchase the various articles of Second-hand Furniture removed by instructions from the Friends Retreat for the sum of £17.10.0

We are Sir,
Your most Servts
Hunter & Smallpage

Robt Baker Esqre

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The Brows

Malton

Oct. 6 91.

Mr. Woods

Dear Sir.

Enclosed I hand you cheques as requested. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same, I presume you got the Cheques dated 9th 30 all right - I had to write to - J. Baker on another matter so enclosed them to him to hand them by Charles Priestman -

I will consider what is best to be done about the old furniture & let you know before the Com.n

With regard to Mrs Hartleys "donation" I think you are quite right in considering it as such, & my advice to the Com.n would be to let well alone" at any rate at present.

I am much disappointed that I am still unable to get over to see you

Yours truly

Thomas Burtt.

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The Brows

Bracton

Tuesday eve

My dear Friend,

I hope to meet you at the train this eve as Charles P said you wd be coming from Whitby by the last train, it seems your pass through earlier, tell your Kindly hand the enclosed Cheque to Mr Woods -

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Miss Cutler has been heard two or three times about her brother, & the terms they cannot pay. Continue to 2½ Guineas & are anxious to know if he wd be likely to suffer if he had the two guineas accommodation

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Send me her note as to
Changing the Correspondent.
Can this be managed?
The brother at K, Brookville
does not pay for their
brother the two sisters
bear all the expense —

Yours Sincerely
Thomas Pratt,

C. J. ARCHER,
SOLICITOR.
TELEPHONE No 4554.

96, HIGH STREET,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

the 1st Sept: 1891

Dear Sir,

re J. H. Fox

I am getting the costs herein made out for taxation & as soon as ever the master certifies the allowances that will be made I shall send cheques for all the witnesses. I do not think I have amongst my papers any details showing a charge of £21. Will you be good enough to let me have this, giving names & dates of claims in respect of each attendance.

Yours truly

C. J. Archer.

The Secretary
The Retreat
York

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FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.
Leeds 7th Oct. 1891.

Dear Sir

We have your letter of 6th says regret that we have been unable to remit at least a portion of your a/c. We fully expect however to do so tomorrow, & we will then write you fully as to the balance.

In the meanwhile please accept our thanks for your forbearance

& believe us

Yours truly
Ford & Warren.

S. E. Woods Esq
Secy The Rebrede
Ork.

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H.E.
J. W. HATTERSLEY,
SOLICITOR.S.

MEXBOROUGH,

25th Septbr 1891

Dear Sir

re Ibbotson.

We are in receipt of your letter of — yesterdays date on this matter, for which we thank you.

We are very pleased to learn that the Committee have decided to reduce the Terms charged for this patient from the 1st October next to two Guineas per week.

If you will kindly send us statement of the amount which will be owing to you up to that day, we will arrange to let you have Cheque for same.

Of course, we assume that no difference whatever will be made in the accommodation or treatment of the patient in consequence of the fees having been thus reduced, and shall be glad to hear that this is so.

We are,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. W. & E. Hattersley

S. E. Woods Esqre
Secretary
"The Retreat"
York.

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TELEGRAMS, "HATTERSLEYS."

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

Mexborough.
29th September 1891

Dear Sir,
Wm Robertson

We thank you for your letter of the 26th inst, and note with satisfaction that no alteration will be made in the accommodation and treatment of this patient in consequence of the reduction in the terms.

This information will be very acceptable to those providing for him.

We shall be glad to receive the statement of account at your convenience, and will see that Cheque is forwarded to you.

Yours very truly,
J.W. & A.E. Hattersley

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T. E. Woods Esqre
Secretary
"The Retreat"
York

Ashday Lea Pantenstall

Sept 21st 1891

Dear Sir

I am in receipt
of your note and intend
to send you a Cheque for
the required amount on
account of Miss G L Davies
on or about October 1st 1891

I am, Dear Sir
Yours truly
John B Whitehead

Mr F B Woods

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Rose Cottage
Cannon Street

Mr Baker

Sir

Will you Kindly
Oblige me by sending the
Last quarters account
seperate as my Husbands
Friends Pay that & I shall
have to Pay what is
Owing Myself. I asked
you if you would allow

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Mr Todds to whom I
wrote Last & I shall
be able to pay something
off it in November
if you will kindly
allow me to,
do so, I will remit
the other by Return
of Post. Trinity College
Yours T. Mould

Ashday Lea, Rowtenstall

October 22nd 1891

Dear Sir,

I duly received your note stating the mental and physical condition of Miss G. L. Davies for which I am obliged — I am sorry that I have not yet been able to send the amount required on account of Miss Davies but hope in a few weeks to send it to you — I shall be much obliged if you will kindly exercise your patience a little longer — I am, Dear Sir

Robert Baker M.D. Yours truly

John B. Whitehead

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,
3 November 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., I have to inform you that the Commissioners in Lunacy approve of the form for leave of absence on trial enclosed by you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
G Harold Williamson
Secretary.

S. R. Woods Esq.

TELEPHONE No. 30.

The Lawn,
Lincoln.

14th November 1861.

Dear Dr Baker

We have no printed
Duelling Scale, in fact
we have no Duelling Scale
at all. I am very sorry
that I am not able
to send you one.

Yours faithfully
A. Russell.

Saint Andrew's Hospital,

Northampton.

Nov: 13th 1891.

Dear Dr. Baker.

Herewith I enclose
the list you requested.
I am sorry I could
not send it sooner
as it was out of print.

Yours truly,

J. Bayley

Dr. Baker

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13 Nov. 91

Dear Mr Barker,

We have no dietary scale here.

Practically the patients can have as much they like either of meat or of anything else. All I do is to check off the diet book monthly & see that the meat consumption per head is not too excessive.

Yours truly,

Sutherland Rees Phillips

BARNWOOD HOUSE,
GLOUCESTER.

Nov. 12, 1891

Dear Dr Baker,

I have no dietary scale which I shall be glad to give you any information which I can but I shall require to know in what kind of specific its nature.

I can tell you exactly what we give - but we have no standard for each rule.

Yours very truly

Fred Needham

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Ashday Lea, Rawtenstall

November 13th 1891

Dear Sir,

Herewith I enclose you a Cheque for the sum of £54-12-0 being the amount to March 31st on account of Miss G L Davies and I hope to send you the remainder of the required amount before long- I am much obliged to you for your forbearance - Please send me a receipt for the amount and you will oblige Dear Sir,

Yours truly

John B Whitehead

Dr Robert Baker -

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The Brows

Malton.

Oct. 23rd. 91.

My dear Friend,

("Re Hot Water Boiler")

Almost invariably I have found repaired hot water boilers very unsatisfactory, they last only a very short time & then you have all the thing to go over again & a new one to get after all, but in this case you have the practical man (Frank) stating that he thinks the old one "worth repairing" (I wonder at what cost?)

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I feel a difficulty in deciding not having seen the boiler & not having much information as to whether the boiler is taken off its bed & has to be reset &c &c.

The cost of a new one, £600 as per Blakes estimate seems very heavy but I believe if it were my case I should put in a new one it will have to be done in 5 or 6 years time (perhaps less) & the old one might give in during a severe frost or spell of cold weather which would be very disastrous to your patients might suffer —

I do not like to take the (big thing) responsibility of this entirely Joseph Rowntree should be ask'd. Joseph Gray too must have had a good deal of experience in this way —

Would it be well to ask Tomlinson Walker's people for an estimate?

Yours Sincerely

Thos. Burtt.

Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowper's Court
Cornhill. E.C

York. 26 Oct 1871

We cannot, in the face of this Report, patch the old Boiler. It will go bad with us if there was an explosion.

Is there any way of testing the estimate that Hadens have sent in?

JK

Suggestion to consult Mr Grey re Boiler

The Nurseries. York.

27 Oct. 1891

Dear Friend

Dr. Baker

I have no personal knowledge of the Boiler about which you send the Papers. But seeing the Engineers report states that it has been in use 15 years, and that they "find it so badly corroded that very large patches would be required", I am quite of opinion that it is not worth the cost of repairing & resetting.

Not knowing the Boiler I cannot say whether the estimate is fairly priced or not -

Probably who ever puts in the new Boiler would take the old one & allow a little for it - not much I fear.

I am Sincerely

R. S. Gray

SUSSEX COUNTY ASYLUM

COUNTY ASYLUM,
HAYWARDS HEATH.

Nov. 7th 1871

Sir

As I was concerned in recommending Mrs Taylor to place her late sister (who had long been a patient of mine) Mrs Coles at the York Retreat, I feel that I have some kind of right to express an opinion on the extraordinary demand that your Committee have made for interest on Mrs Coles maintenance accounts, and I am further concerned in the matter, from the fact that I am one of Mrs Coles' executors.

Such a rule as appears to obtain at the Retreat, of claiming to charge interest on unpaid accounts, may be all very well as a kind of inducement for people to pay promptly, but when the debt is actually discharged, to enforce the rule is such a piece of sharp practice as I never heard of, and is quite unworthy of any Committee of management.

If Mrs Taylor is wise she will let you sue her for the amount – & shall certainly demur to it being brought into the Court of Chancery – as I should regard such a course irreconcilable and

P.S.

responsible payments. Something ought be done in the name of the Committee had been kept waiting many years. But this was not the case -

Jam. Li.;

Your obedient Servant

C. Saunders. M.D

S. E. Woodcock

Secretary - Friends Retreat

York.

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams – RICHARDSON YORK

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge
York 25 Nov 1891

Dear Mr Ward.

Revised Rates

I am very glad you are taking this matter up so promptly. Your draft is very near the mark ~~but~~ & we are all of the opinion that a printed notice will support the individual letters you are sending in each case, as it will show that the decision to advance is a general one & not a personal attack on the particular correspondent in hand. Please take Dr Baker's judgment as to whether it should be signed by the Treasurer & Jos Rowntree – as well as by you as Sec^y or by you only, "By order of the Com^ee" or in some other such way as will best seem official & not personal.

We do not like the word "proportionate", as some of the proposed advances are more than in the 14/ to 10/ proportion & we suggest a little transposition, as per enclosed draft. I am asking Hy Kay to send you a line if he has any to night's post

Yours

further improvements to suggest, ~~by tonight's post~~ so that no time may be lost.

This Circular will also reduce yr labour in writing as you can begin each letter by "Referring to the enclosed circular" — or in some such manner.

I speak of those "who are paying less than the average cost of maintenance", & should therefore not be used for Mrs Cooper & another case (Walter Woodward) who pays 63/.

I incline to think the clause at end of yr draft & wh. we retain, (for filling in the name & terms) as ~~worth~~ useful, ~~as~~ whether you fill in the blanks in every case or not, as it looks like a real intention to carry the alterations thro' & not a merely optional application

I shd get the Circular well printed on 4 to paper. good quality, & use fair sized old face type so as to command attention In haste

Yrs truly

Rich Thompson

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE Nº 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.

Leeds 8th Oct. 1891.

Dear Sir

Smithson

We send you herewith Mr. T. B. McKeill's cheque for £115. 0. 0. received by us this morning, on a/c of your Establishment charges for maintenance &c of this person

Will you please let us have a detailed statement shewing the amount due — & up to what time that includes the Lunatic's maintenance

We shall be compelled to make an application to the Court to have him removed to some institution where he can be retained almost without charge, as the fund is now almost exhausted & the only person who takes the slightest interest in him is our Client — almost a charge to Smithson

Yours truly

Ford & Warren

The Secretary
The Retreat
York.

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FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61, Albion Street.
Leeds 14th Oct. 1891.

Dear Sir

F. W. Smithson

We are anxious to push this matter on, and shall be much obliged if you could let us have an a/c of the moneys due to your Institute with particulars, shewing charges for board, medical attendance clothing &c if possible. It is necessary to us to have this as the latter items will be the subject of a special application to the Court

Yours truly,
Ford & Warren

The Secretary
The Retreat
York.

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Oct 16th

Dear Sir

Your very courteous
letter to hand this morning
I may say that that
for extract the Probate of
my Father's will need-
work when your a/c
shall receive our prompt-
attention. Again thanking
you for your courteous
I am
Yours truly
J. S. Sheard

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P.S. Kindly introduce to the notice of Dr Baker my letter dated 29/6/91 in which I referred to the case of Matilda Keeman

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64, UNTHANK'S ROAD,
NORWICH.

23/IX/91

Dear friend

On behalf of
Norwich M. Meeting
I enclose Cheque 21.19.6
being ending 30/IX.
viz.

Mkeeman	8.3.0
R Miller	7.1.6
M Miller	6.15.-
£	21.19.6

To Secy
York Retreat

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Palliser

MOUNT PLEASANT,
FARNLEY,
OTLEY.

Sept 11. 91.

D. D. Baker

I ought to have written you before in reply to your kind letter & offer to take my wife for 2 guineas. She has been better since then & I thought she was getting well, but unfortunately she has fallen off again & I am now compelled to send her away.

I regret much that the 2 guineas is out of my reach entirely & that I cannot possibly afford to send her to you. I have been recommended to try Clifton as that is more within my income I am arranging for taking her there.

I need not tell you how much I regret it knowing as I do the kind treatment she experienced with you & the good results attained

With kind regards

I am

Yr. truly

C. S. Palliser

York

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Sept. 19th 1891

R. J. Pallister Esq
Mount Pleasant
Farnley Otley.

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose form of Agreement for signature, — When completed will you kindly return it to me - together with cheque for £54.12.0 amount due for one quarter at £4.4-0 per week.

I have not heard what terms are to be fixed by the Committee, but any needful adjustment can be made later on; and I notice that £4.4.0 was the charge made on Mrs Pallister's previous admission.

Yours faithfully

C. E. Woods
Secy.

Cheques are made payable to the order of
Robert Baker M.D.

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

enclose

I am
Yr very truly
R. S. Fallaize

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat
York

MOUNT PLEASANT,
FARNLEY,
OTLEY.

25 Sept 91.

Dr Sir

I have got the further information required by the Commrs & trust it is now in order.

I also return a form & letter received from Mr. Woods which perhaps you will look to as I cannot see that there would be any use my entering into such an arrangement when my wife is with you for a month.

I hope she continues to

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MOUNT PLEASANT,

FARNLEY,

OTLEY.

29 Sept 91.

D. Sir

I have recd another letter from Mr. Wood requesting payment of £27.6.0

I intend to call upon you on Saturday afternoon & perhaps you will ask Mr. Wood to let the matter stand over till then

I am D. Sir

Yr. Obt

R. F. Palliser

Mr. Baker

York

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Dr Baker arranging for
Mrs Pallisers being transferred
to Boreham. (Lupton's Fund.)

MOUNT PLEASANT,
FARNLEY,
OTLEY.

6 Nov 91.

Dear Sir,

I regret exceedingly that there should be any misunderstanding as to payment for my wife during her stay at the Retreat & I think if you will consult Dr. Baker you will find there is a clear & definite arrangement between us & which I am prepared to abide by

I am
Yours
R. S. Pallister

L. R. Wood, Esqre.
The Retreat
York

words regarding on behalf of the Committee that the agreement as to her stay at the Retreat be completed before the next meeting. or in other words, regarding a cheque -

Will you please see him & put the matter straight - I have written him to say we have a clear arrangement & that he ought to see you

I am

Yrs very truly

R. S. Palliser

D^r Baker

York

MOUNT PLEASANT,
FARNLEY,
OTLEY.

Nov 6. 91.

D^r Doctor Baker

I have been expecting to hear daily of my Wife's removal to Durham & will be exceedingly obliged if you will kindly push the matter forward. You thought the necessary formalities might be completed in a fortnight, but three weeks have now elapsed & I am somewhat annoyed to have another letter from her.

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I write this address the
Physicians "The Retreat"

Yours very truly
J Wm Matthews
Archdeacon
of Nottingham

W. E. Woods Esq
Lecty Retreat. York.

Freedom Vestry
New Newark
Notts November 12
1891

Dear Sir

The reason that Miss Matthews
acct is in arrear is merely
accidental - I cannot
procure the payment of Miss
Matthews dividends long since
due - until I have paid
a visit to York and taken an
affidavit that I have been

Dear Alice — I have been waiting to do this conveniently for since my recent return which I am not allowed to stand so much or so frequently as before — & my business engagements have taken me away more than was expected of late — so I am waiting for a reasonable time to elapse — I hope only a few days — When I can write to Mr. Baker & propose a visit — my duties.

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By Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent.

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C. TAYLOR & Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Woods' Patent Sanitary Gas Ventilator

AND

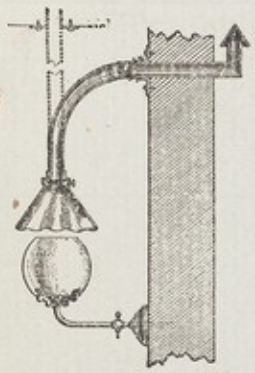
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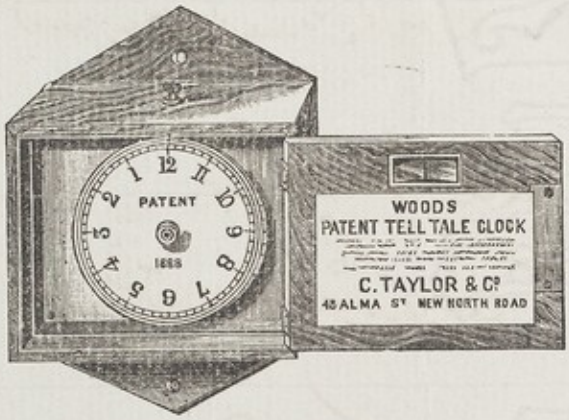
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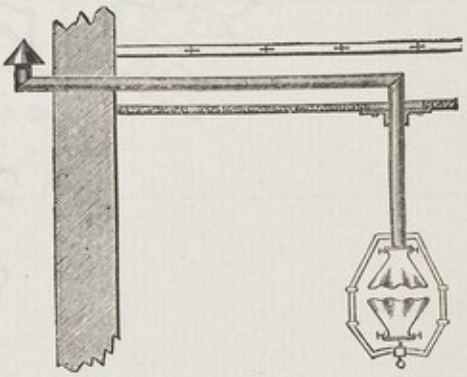
New North Road,

London, N.

Dec^{r} 12th 1891







Dear Sir,

We are sorry for the delay which has been caused by testing the Clocks for some days in order that it should prove satisfactory.

We have made a simple addition so that if it should stop after being wound it can be started by putting the piece of wire which is on the door in the upper  semicircle & moving it backwards & forwards once or twice with slight pressure. This arrangement is very simple and there is nothing to get out of order. We warrant all clocks for 2 years and will keep them in order for that time free of cost.

We can refer you to several Asylums. Workhouses Etc.,

where The Clocks are in use Should you require any references

The Clock has been sent you Today

We are. dear Sir

Yours Obediently

C. J. Langford & Co.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

Nov 24th 1891.

Electric Lighting
West Lodge.

Dear Sir/ Mr. Blake has been through his papers with your letter of the 21st instant, and finds that you are quite correct about the £25. being allowed for the New Engine room.

He will therefore be glad if you will kindly deduct it from the account -

Yrs truly
Jno F. Blake
J.P.V.

Wm S. E. Woods Secty

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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Dec. 7th 1891

I. Townend Esq
Newton Road
Chapeltown Road
Leeds

Dear Sir,

May I again ask your kind assistance with reference to a small account owing by Mrs Butler, to this Hospital. now amounting to £3-0-0-

Mrs Butler has taken no notice of my letters, and I do not know her present address.

The account is for the services & expenses of an attendant sent to assist in nursing the late Mr Butler -

If you will put me in communication with Mrs Butler, I shall be greatly obliged to you -

Yours faithfully,

A. Wade
Secy.

THE RETREAT
YORK

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Dec. 7th 1891

Isaac Pickard,
8. North Park Road
Harrogate

My dear Sir,

Can you ascertain for me if a Mrs Cooper is still living at 32. Westminster Terrace,

She owes me a small account but I cannot get any answer to my letters

Yours faithfully
Elizabeth Woods
Tuke.

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THE RETREAT

YORK

Fox & Thicknesse.
Solicitors.

11. Abchurch Lane.
London. E.C.

12 December 1891

S. E. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir, Re Jules Przygeniski dec[d]

In reply to yours of the 10th inst we have received from The Count G. Mde Wegele a small account amounting to £2. 17. 4 for which we will forward you a cheque as soon as the Will has been proved. We are unable to obtain any funds out of Court until this is done

Proceedings are now pending in the Probate Division and as soon as these are settled we will let you know. We do not expect however that this event will happen until early next year

Yours faithfully
Fox & Thicknesse

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The Grove

Droitwich.

March 14. 91.

My dear F.P.

R. Thompson.

When at the Com^{rs} last
we there handed me the
enclosed paper requesting me
to see or write to Norris on the
subject, the enclosed is the whole
of the correspondence which I
send to them last I should
not be able to get to the
Retreat on Tuesday - probably
the best thing we can do is
to go on as at present - unless
you think we can do better

Yours F. Lucy

Thomas Scott.

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Memorandum.

From

G. N. BURTT,
Coal Merchant and Colliery Agent,
49, GOODRAMGATE,
YORK.

November 9 1891

To Mr Thomas Burtt

Malton

I am sorry you have had to write again about the Coals for the Retreat; I wrote to you on Oct 23rd saying that for the Frypton Coals I should be glad to Contract to April 30 at 14/9 per ton & for the Manvers the price is 17/- for the same period. I intended you to understand that unless I wrote to you by the following day these were my best quotations, Hoping they will be satisfactory & that I shall be allowed to continue to the end of April I remain Yours Sincerely

G. Norris Burtt

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Memorandum.

From

G. N. BURTT,

Coal Merchant and Colliery Agent,

49, GOODRAMGATE,

YORK.

October 24th 1891

To Mr Thomas Burtt

The Brows

Malton

My dear Uncle

Replying to yours of the 21st inst. My offer was to supply the Retreat with Fryston Steam Coal for 12 months ending March 31st next @ 14/9d p. ton & Manvers Main House Coal for the same period @ 16/- p. ton for the first six months & 17/- p. ton for the last six months. The former I shall be glad to adhere to & continue to April 30th but the latter I am not able to change at present. I am however in communication with the Colliery & if I can improve the offer I will write you again on Monday

Your nephew sincerely

G. Morrison Burtt

KILLICK, HUTTON & VINT,
SOLICITORS.
H. F. KILLICK,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
TELEPHONE No 110

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "KILLICK, BRADFORD"

Commercial Bank Buildings,
Bradford, Yorks.

"Copy"

28th November 1891.

Dear Sir

We are instructed by Messrs Dixon Masser & Co. of this town to request your attendance at a meeting of their creditors to be held at our Offices on Thursday the 3rd. December next at 4 o'clock.

The Books of the firm have been placed in the hands of Messrs B & E. Musgrave Accountants Bank Street in this town who will submit a Statement of Affairs to the meeting and in the meantime we have to ask your forbearance. Please send to Messrs Musgrave a Statement shewing the Amount due to you and what Bills (if any) you hold so that the Statement may be as correct as possible.

Yours truly
Killick Hutton & Vint
Solicitors

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KILLICK, HUTTON & VINT,
SOLICITORS.
H. F. KILLICK,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
TELEPHONE No 116.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "KILLICK, BRADFORD"

Commercial Bank Buildings,
Bradford, Yorks.

12th December 1891.

Dear Sir

Re Dixon Mabber & Co

We have received your letter of yesterday and now send as requested a copy of our first circular in this matter. The claim of the Retreat is entered in the debtors Statement of affairs at

£43. 16. 3

Yours truly.
Killick Hutton & Vint

The Secy
The Retreat
York.

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North Park, Dec 5. 91

Lidget Green,

Bradford

Messrs Tiews

J. E. Woods

Edwd Stansfield has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors of which I suppose you will have had notice this morning. I know no way but by your accepting the dividend I am his largest creditor

I am

yours resply

James Dixon

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EDWARD STANSFIELD,

TRADING AS DIXON, MASSER & Co.

Statement of Affairs, 28th November, 1891.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Unsecured Creditors ...		4897 3 3
Fully-secured Creditors	36 17 7	
Less Estimated Value of Security	36 17 7	
Creditors for Rent and Rates deducted contra	125 10 3	
		£4897 3 3

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Book Debts	249 15 11	
Less 10 °/₀ Discount, &c.	24 19 7	
		224 16 4
Stock-in-Trade	1421 15 2	
Less for Realisation ...	473 18 4	
		947 16 10
Utensils, &c....	37 12 6	
Less for Realisation ...	12 10 10	
		25 1 8
Household Effects ...		100 0 0
		1297 14 10
Less Creditors for Rent and Rates		125 10 3
		1172 4 7
Deficiency		3724 18 8
		£4897 3 3

Equal to 4s. 9d. in the £

COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDINGS,

BRADFORD, Yorks., 4th DECEMBER, 1891.

DEAR SIR,

RE DIXON, MASSER & Co.

Referring to our previous circular we now beg to inform you that at the Meeting of Creditors, held yesterday, it was resolved that the assignment executed by the Debtor should be accepted, and that the Estate should be wound up by Mr. EDGAR MUSGRAVE, of this town, Chartered Accountant, under the supervision of three of the Creditors.

Creditors for upwards of £4000, out of £4897 were present or represented at the Meeting, and it was considered that this was the best arrangement which could be made in the interest of all parties.

We enclose a short Summary of the Statement of Affairs, and also a Form of Assent to the Assignment, and shall be glad if you will sign and return the latter to us without delay as the matter cannot proceed until all the Creditors have replied.

Yours truly,

KILLICK, HUTTON & VINT.

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TELEGRAPH & RAILWAY
STATION,
MARKET WEIGHTON.

Moughton Hall,
Brough-Yorkshire.

Dec: 14. 91

Sir

My son has now been for more than a year at the Retreat where he has had the benefit of the ablest & kindest treatment but Dr. Mayor's opinion, after his recent visit entirely coincides with Dr Pope's that there is little hope

of his recovery.
Under these circumstances I must, I fear, consider the question of a permanent arrangement. I have found it so difficult to pay the high pension hitherto charged that at this critical step, I am compelled to ask the Managers if it is in their power to make any reduction without any diminution or alteration of the treatment & position he has had hitherto, & for which I gladly take this opportunity of thanking them very sincerely. I am

dear Sir,

Your faithful

servant

C. Longdale

York New Water Works Comp.y

OFFICES, LENDAL BRIDGE,

YORK, Dec. 23rd. 1891.

Dear Sir,

On receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, I this morning instructed our Surveyor to take the present reading of the Retreat Meter.

This he returns as 11,289,000, whereas in Meter Book the index was recorded at 11,530,000 on the 12 Inst. On reference to the Inspector's Book, however the index as entered by him I find to be 11,153,000. It is thus evident that there has been some inadvertency when calling off for entering in the Meter book.

I exceedingly regret this, but am sure that you, as well as myself, will be pleased to think the matter is not attributable to any defect in either fittings or meter.

Enclosed I beg to submit amended account, and thank you for directing attention to the matter, as the error would probably not otherwise have been detected until the next monthly reading.

Yours faithfully,

Jno. B. Atkinson Secy

J. E. Woods, Esqr.,
Secretary,
The Retreat

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Received
Dec. 5th 1891

Keighley
Friday Night

Mr Reid

Sir in Reply to yours
of this afternoon which
I was rather surprised to
receive as I wrote on
Wednesday Night all
Particulars about the Boots
as far as I can remember
& I fully Expected you

would get my Letter on the
Thursday the Notes from
Bradford Bank Notes 5/7
them & one Bank of -
England I cant say
how many Bradford old
Bank & how many -
Bradford Commercial
Bank but those was
some of each, I had
the Postmaster Gone on
Wednesday he Wished to

Have the Envelope Returned if any
think there is any Reason to think
the Letter has been opened with
Friendly Love Give them my Address
& Oblige yours &c -
J. Bland

Ansd. Nov. 30th
H.T.H

Wingley

Received Nov. 29th 91

Mr Baker

Sir

I was very much surprised to receive Mr. Woods Letter & the Receipt for 28£ as I sent the full Ammount - 33.. 6

I sent 6 5£ Notes 3£ in Gold & 6/- in Silver

Altering the Numbers of them I am just going down to the Post Office & will you please Let me know by Return if you think the Letter has been tampered with it Looks like it - as I am quite sure I sent the full ammount

Kindly Oblige yours &c.

J. Wingley

I wrote a note along with it- but did not enclose it- as the Envelope was rather bulky but- I am quite sure that I made no mistake for Brandis - Brother sent me £5- in notes & 8/- in gold & 6/- in silver

& I sent Mrs Daughter to the Post Office for a Registered Envelope & I got a note for the 5/- in gold & I had to have Penny about all the time I had it- so very likely that I could not possibly Make a Mistake, but it is the first time I have sent the notes & Brothers





Received Dec. 3rd 1891

Keighley

Dr Baker

Sir

in Reply to Dr Kind
Letter I cant Really say
How many Bradford old
Bank Notes there are, but
there is more Part Bradford
old Bank & Part Bradford
Commercial Bank & one

Bank of England I am
quite sure the Proper
Amount sent from here
& have had the Post Bank
here this afternoon he wishes
you to send the Envelope
back so that they may
make Enquiries about it
that is if you think the
Note is Lost will you

Kindly U.S. Bill Stamp by Return if
you have found the Note & Still
you please U.S. Bill Stamp a Note
Letter for the Proper Amount if
found Kindly Oblige

Yours &c

J. Brand

Friends' Provident Institution.

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

LIFE ASSURANCES,
ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES,
ESTABLISHED 1832.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

18 of 12mo: 1891

Dear friend

re Loan of £20,000 @ 3.5/8%

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. -

When this loan was completed it was agreed that the £20,000 should be repayable by 25 annual sums of Principal & Interest combined, of £1230 each, on the 1st of 7th mo: , and the first of the instalments does not fall to be paid until the 1st of 7th mo: 1892. -

Under these circumstances I suppose it will not be needful to send you a Statement of the amount falling due next 7th mo: until near the time, say about the middle of 6th mo: ; when, in accordance with our usual practice, we shall send you a Statement shewing the amount becoming due to us, separating the Principal from the Interest. -

Yours faithfully

J. B. Tennant

Secy.

J. E. Woods
Secretary
The Friends' Retreat
York.

TELEGRAPH & RAILWAY
STATION,
MARKET WEIGHTON.

Houghton Hall,
Brough-Yorkshire.

Dec 18

Dear Sir

I thank you for your
letter of yesterday.
I beg you to express my
obligations to the
Committee for their kind
consideration of my application
for the situation
of Station Master
at Market Weighton
& to assure them
that I will endeavour
to discharge the duties
of the office
to the best
of my ability

Yours truly
C. Langdale

The Lord
Lieutenant

&c

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RICHD SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
~~7. New Square.~~
~~Lincoln's Inn.~~
London,
W.C.

7th December 1891

My dear Friend

re Walker Woodward.

Henry Neighbour has this morning called upon us with your favour to ~~him~~ him of 3rd Inst apprising him that there is now a vacancy at the New Lodge Buildings which you will be glad to place at the disposal of this patient if he can sanction the addition of 2/- per week to the terms now paid.

On referring to the account we have ~~proposed~~ of the property we find there is sufficient to provide for this addition and we have therefore been to the Master's Office to know whether he will ~~sanction~~ authorize Henry Neighbour as the Committee to incur this expense.

The result of this interview has been that the Clerk in the Master's Office who attends to the matter said that it would

be impossible having regard to the pressure of business there at the present moment to obtain an order before the middle or end of January but that he felt sure the Master would be willing to sanction the expense and in fact would require it to be incurred if it were represented to him that the additional accommodation which this would secure to the Patient would be to his advantage & he thought therefore the opportunity of securing the vacancy to which you refer should not be lost.

We will at once therefore take out a Summons to obtain the sanction of the Master in Lunacy to the proposed change but in doing this we should also leave it with a short affidavit by someone acquainted with the facts explaining what the proposed change is and the advantages

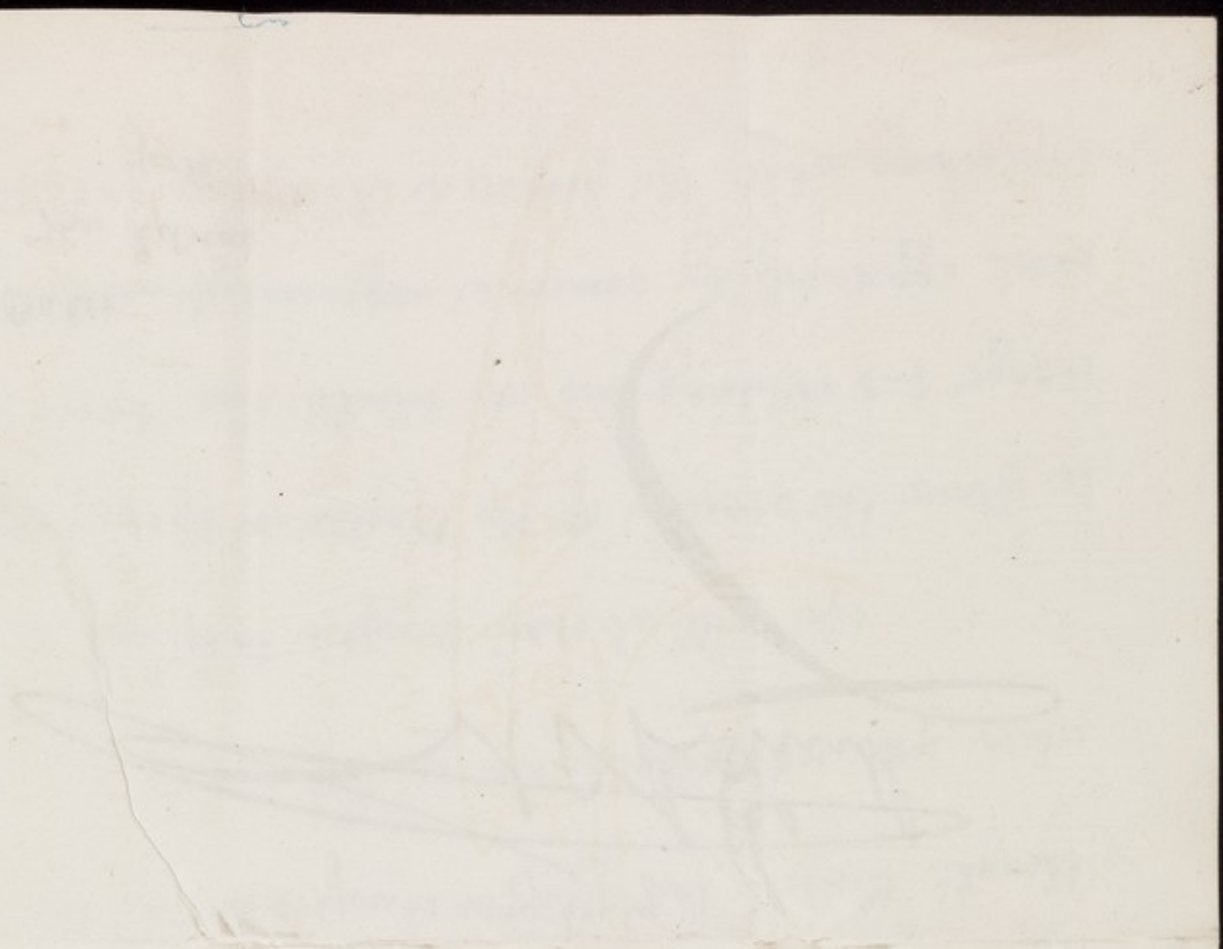
which will be secured to the lunatic thereby.

If therefore you will send the necessary information to enable us to ~~produce~~ prepare this affidavit and the name of any person connected with the Institution by whom it can be made we will at once have prepared and sent the necessary form & in the meantime on Henry Neighbour's behalf we shall feel obliged if you will consider that the vacancy is accepted.

Yours very truly

A. A. Smith

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York



Benson to raise the weekly charge of 30/- to 42/- per week as from first January next. I see no objection to this proposal and the Quarterly Account sent me may therefore be framed in accordance therewith.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

H. C. Lomax

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

RICHD SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincolns Inn Fields.
~~7. New Square~~
~~Lincolns Inn.~~
London,
W.C.

1st December 1891.

My dear Friend

re Sarah Benson

I am this morning in receipt of your favour of 28th Ult enclosing printed notice signed by J. T. Woods the Secretary to the Committee of the Retreat saying that owing to the annual deficiency which has occurred for the past three years in the Income of the Institution it has been concluded to revise the amounts charged for some of the patients and that it is proposed in the case of Sarah

should not be made compulsory
the case of patients who
have been in the Institution
for a lengthened period
unless they have the means
to pay more. It would be
a great hardship for poor
Edward Fox to be removed
to another & inferior Institution
after having become so
used to the skill & kindness
which he has received at the
Retreat

Westbrook Ipswich
2 Dec 1891

Dear Friend

I regret to say that
Edward Fox's income does
not exceed £65 which is
derived from a trust under
the Wills of two aunts.
There is no other source
of income. Looking to
your statement of accts.
I cannot but see

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that the scale of expenditure
is very liberal. To some
extent no doubt necessitated
by the peculiar conditions
under which the distribution
of this kind has to be conducted.
I cannot but think that
the payments made for Edward
Fox in past time, were
not so out of proportion
to the share of expenditure
incurred on his behalf as
you state is the case now.
In other words, the expenditure
has been increasing
whilst the income of
the patients, at least
many of them, has been
stationary. Let me
suggest that your higher
scale of ~~rates~~ charge

I am with love
Thy sincere friend
Louise Hoffmann

Winchcop House
Canterbury
10.12.1891

Dear Friend
Dr Baker
I write to acknowledge thy letter and to say I am quite willing to pay the increased rate of charges. My son W.C has no property of his own. Our very kind Friend the late Thomas Allis arranged the charges with the Committee

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I had an idea that what
I had paid covered the
cost. It is sad for my dear
one to have been at the
Retreat so long. I believe
he is better cared for there
than he could be anywhere
else. I should very much
like to see him again but
it is a long journey and the
last time I went to see him
(when Thos was in America)
I believe he did not realize
who I was so that it was no
pleasure to him. I suppose
he is generally very much the
same but it would be nice
to have a little more remark
2½ than three words "much
as usual" he has varied in
bodily health sometimes, does
he appear contented, and
happy as he can be under
the circumstances; or is he
very reticent.
Feeling very thankful for
the kind care that has I
believe been exercised toward
my dear son

2 Park View
Litfield Road
Bristol
Dec. 7th 1891

Dear Sir,

I have written to Mr Charles Hinton and he agrees with me that the terms you name are reasonable, which we accept.

Yours truly
Jane A Hinton

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T. C. LINDSEY,
(LATE SLIPPER)
DISPENSING CHEMIST,
67. LEATHER LANE, HOLBORN. E.C

Dec 9th 1891

Dear friend

I received a copy of the circular announcing a revision of the terms for my Brother as a patient at the Retreat — The charges are so greatly advanced that I must protest against the rate being more than doubled with less than a months notice of the proposed change — I understood when resident

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in Yorkshire a few years ago
that the funds were accumu-
lating – under present
circumstances some advance
is quite reasonable, but I trust
the Committee will reconsider
their proposal – My Brothers
income is very limited, and
if the terms are so greatly
advanced, some friends
of moderate means must
be shut out from the advantages
which the Retreat has hitherto offered
believe me Yours sincerely
Thos C Lindsey

37 Davenport St
Bolton 12-3-91

Dear friend
Dr Baker

The notice of
desired change of charge
has reached me yesterday
which is a serious matter
viewed from my surround-
ings and cannot see how
it can be done but
in the latter part it speaks
of James Payne being a
case needing much care
and attention if meant
for Joseph it must be

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a slight mistake but
thinking it may be so
I would venture to mention
it and should be glad
to know it is so and also
to ascertain what would
be the lowest terms at which
my Son ~~at which~~ can be allowed
to stop as it is quite
impossible to pay as much
as 21/- weekly I remain
with kind regards
Thy truely Hamnet Payne

Higher Asst. Masters
Kingsbridge
Dec 7th

Mrs Wyllys begs to
inform the Committee
of the Dorset Retreat
that she has received
an intimation to the
effect that from the
1st Jan.y 1892 it is
proposed to raise the
terms for the Sons Grad
to 30/- p. week — & this,
it apparently from any
benefit to be conferred
on the patients, but
solely for the relief
of a retrospect financial
burden

on the Estate
Mr Wyllys Must.
remind the Committee
that her son has a well
established Claim on
the Institution (Where
he has been a resident
for nearly twenty years)
his ancestors having
been members of the Society
of Friends for 220 years.
Mr Wyllys asks Illness
further to explain that
the expenses at present,
including Clothing &
Visits to the sea, entrench
on the finances of

apart for her own support
the Trustees trusts that
the Committee will see
the necessity of so considering
their proposition & allow
Mr. Wyllys to remain on
the original terms.

To the Committee
of the Friends' Retreat
York.

127. High Holborn.
London. Dec 7th 1891
W.C.

Dear Friend -

Robert Baker

I am in receipt of your letter respecting my Cousin Walker Woodward and have no objection to the proposal - I have consulted Richard Smith and he thinks that it will be as well to show your letter to the Lunacy Master and I will let you know the result in the course of a few days -

With Kind regards

Yours truly

Henry Neighbour

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J. THIRNBECK GRACE.
[illegible]ES GRACE.
HENRY GRACE, F.C.A.
J. EDWARD GRACE, A.C.A.
FIRM
JAMES & HENRY GRACE.
Public Accountants.
Auditors.
Executors & Trustees.
Agents.

Royal Insurance Buildings.
CORN STREET,
Bristol, 12mo 9 1891

Dear Friend,

Caroline E. D. Green.

In reply to thy letter of 1st instant- I am at a loss to know why such a letter was addressed to me as I never heard of this person until she was introduced to me at the Retreat some years ago, and I brought a message to her sister who was then living in Bristol; this sister has since died- she had been for many years in limited circumstances.

Upon enquiry I find that the other members of the family are dead or fallen into poverty, and I cannot ascertain that any of them were ever members of the Society of Friends, except Miriam Morgan (widow) the sister above mentioned who died here a few years since- though I am informed that they were at one time people in good circumstances at -

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Exeter, and there was a
brother in Bristol who held
a public appointment of
some importance, but he
died many years since.

I remain,

Yr friend truly,

Thos Prior

Dr. Parker,
The Retreat,
York.

Memorandum.

From EXORS. OF

JAMES BARRITT,

Confectioner & Biscuit Manufacturer,

CHURCH STREET, WOODBRIDGE.

1st mo 5th 1892

To Dr Baker,

The Retreat York

Herewith I enclose a Cheque for £8.18.0 the amount we owe for our little Son "George" & would have been glad to send it sooner if able, but since my Dear Husband died, last 10 mo, I have not been able to attend to business my mind but my Daughter & I hope to be able to continue the business. & like if possible keep up the payments we are indeed sorry the charge is 3/- per week more as we really do not know how to pay

Please, what is the Amount due to the Funeral Expenses

nearly 20 years which it has pleased God to afflict one dear Son & my dear Husband was once 80 years old & have past 72 — so do hope the Committee will consider me in the matter & hope George is pretty near done he must ask for his Mother as any of us — My Son Fred of Nottingham was himself & dear he George did not know him —

Hoping you except & family are well

I am Yours truly

Eliz[a] Barrett

please send receipt for cheque enclosed

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Nov. 28th 1891

Jos. Radley
Lisburn
Antrim

My dear friend,

With reference to the enclosed Circular, I am desired to say that as the lowest or "recommended" rate of admission to this Hospital is now 14/- per week, the Committee consider they are no longer justified in retaining Mrs Hollier at the low rate at present paid.

Mrs Hollier, not being a member of the Society of Friends, is not even eligible for recommendation at the lowest rate, and as, owing to her frequent epileptic seizures, she requires constant attention night and day, her care and treatment involves more than the average cost.

The Committee have therefore decided that if Mrs Hollier remains as a patient here, the charge for her maintenance must be raised to 21/- per week.

Yours faithfully,

J W Baker M D

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THE RETREAT
YORK

Ulster Provincial School,
Prospect Hill,
Lisburn, 12 mo 5 1891

Dear Friend
D. Baker

Thine of 28th respecting the case of Emma Hollier with Copy of Circular, Annual Report of Retreat &c, came duly to hand.

The important matter referred to in thy letter will have proper attention on its being placed before Geo. Hollier or either of the sons of my aunt, Ms Winsty Bull, Moulsham, Chelmsford Ebenezer Bull, Gray Dicenit & Co Plymouth or Arthur Hollier (whose address you may have by you.

Believing
Thine truly
Jos: Radley

Return to business communications referred to

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Matthews St
Ipswich. 12 Mo: 14
1891

To. the Committee of
York Retreat

M^r Hollier whom visits
in the Retreat has called upon
me (he is now resident in
Ipswich) and has explained
the circumstances of being
called upon to make an
increased payment for his
wife's maintenance &c. He
has also explained to me
his circumstances, as being
unable to afford so large a
payment as appears to be
required for his wife. & consi-

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-dering the state of his own
health would not appear
capable of doing much to
make ~~any~~ much extra provision for
her. He is desirous of
keeping her at York & consi-
dering her age, it would
seem undesirable if it can be avoided to move her.
He tells me he is prepared
to go as far as the 14/ but
hopes you will be able to
allow her to remain at that
figure.

My object in writing is
to commend his position
& circumstances at the present
time to your most favourable
consideration; I have not
had any special acquaintance
with him personally, but having
long known his wife's brother
Eli Rodley (who died I think
in the Retreat) & his family,
I am interested naturally in
any one connected with them

Believe me to be
Yours sincerely
W. D. Sims

Matthews 71

Ipswich 12 Mo: 14
1891

Dear Dr. Baker

Will thou kindly place
the enclosed note before the
Committee at their next meeting
I do not know whether my friend
J Pizziemski is still living. if
so & he is able to receive a message
will thou give my love to him

Believe me to be
Thy friend sincerely
W. W. Sewin

To Dr. Baker
York

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through labouring for the most part in the Congregational denomination in which I was a Pastor more than 30 years. It may also be remembered that Mrs Hollier was strongly recommended to the Retreat by my friends Messrs Jonathan Grubb & Jos. Alexander of Ipswich.

I sincerely hope the committee will kindly meet me in the matter as the only alternative, so far as I see will be her removal to a County Asylum which in her prostrate condition & advanced age (82) would be most painful.

With much respect
I Remain,
Esteemed Friends
Yrs sincerely & gratefully
George Hollier.

P.S. As my work has been amongst the poor & Mrs H. was afflicted many 20 years or more before being taken to the Retreat I had no opportunity of providing for old age beyond paying my to the Pastors Returns for her —

4 Dillwyn St. W.
Ipswich.
Dec. 9/91

To the Committee of the
Friends' Retreat, York.

Esteemed Friends,

I have received from Mr Baker an intimation that it has been decided to raise the rate of charge for my dear wife, Mrs Hollier, from 12/- to 21/- Permit me to say how deeply I appreciate the kindness & care she has received these many years at the Retreat & how gladly I would pay the increased charge were it possible for me to do so.—

As it is I am compelled to ask the committee kindly

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to reconsider the case on the following grounds.- First, I am suffering from weakness of the heart & throat & for nearly 3 years have been incapacitated for any kind of work. Secondly my whole income (derived chiefly from the Congregational Pastors Retiring Fund) amounts to only about 30/ pr. week, & as in addition to my wifes maintenance I have to have a person to attend to me, pay for medical attendance it will be seen how extremely narrow my means are.- Mrs Hollins friends Under me a little assistance, but they are not in a position to do much. Under these circumstances I earnestly ask the committee to allow her to remain for the present at the recommended rate of 14/ pr. week.- If they will kindly agree to this I will endeavour in January to commence paying that sum in advance.- Reference was made Mrs H.'s in Dr. Baker's communication to her not being a Member of the Society of Friends. I may perhaps state that for many years she was a highly esteemed member of the Chelmsford Meeting, & had the rules respecting marriage been then as they are now, she would have probably remained so, as she never departed from Friends' principles. Indeed I hold the greater part of these myself & have been much associated with Friends in religious & temperance work,

4. Dillwyn St. W.
Toronto. Dec 10/91

Dear Dr Baker,

Enclosed you will find a letter to the Committee which you will greatly oblige me by reading at their next Meeting - I have stated my circumstances as explicitly as possible & stated the utmost I can do - I do trust my proposal respecting terms will be favorably regarded. Thank for your kind interest in the case

Thanking you & others for all kindness

I am,
Yrs sincerely
Geo. Hollies

Please note address —

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4 Dillwyn St. W.
Ipswich
Jan. 4/91

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find cheque for £8-7-6 due for Mrs. Hollier up to Dec. 31 ult. 1891 -

I have been rather anxiously awaiting reply from Committee to my letter sent last month asking them kindly to reconsider my case in relation to future payments. Perhaps in acknowledging this you will kindly say if any decision has been arrived at. I am willing to do all in my power but £1/Pa week is quite beyond my means. I sincerely trust the Committee will be able to meet me in the matter -

With all good wishes for the New Year

I am,
Yrs sincerely,
E. Hollier

Dr. R. Baker.

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4 Dillwyn St. West
Ipswich
Jany 16th 192

My dear Sir,

I thank you for your note of the 6th Inst. In reply to your inquiry if I would be willing to pay 17/6d pr. week for Mrs Hollier, I wish to say I am obliged to the Committee for reconsidering the matter, & that with me it is simply a matter of ability I am willing to do my utmost, but I do not wish to promise what I cannot perform. I am however corresponding with some of Mrs H's relations & asking them, if they can render me a little assistance. Those to whom I have written are not in a position to do much, having large families to provide for, but I trust they will do something. If under the circumstances the Committee will kindly take the 14/- pr. week which I offered till the End of this Quarter, thus giving me a little more time should the responses of relatives be favorable & I see my way then to pay 17/6 I will most gladly do so.

Hoping for a favorable reply,

I am
Yrs very sincerely
G Hollier

Dr Baker -

20 Cecil St.
Manchester
16. XII. 91.

My dear Ld.

We are exceptionally pressed with business at this season of the yr. and I do not feel quite sure whether I expressed my views as carefully as I wished regarding the case of W-H?: as I did not keep copy & the Court has not met since

may return it for perusal and possible slight Correction

It is the desire of J.F.G to endeavor to meet the Claim out of her own means no doubt her husband has power to pay, but to what Extent the Claim Exists in that direction is the question wh. I trust will be Comfortably arranged but after one

advance; to raise it upon 3 fold is ~~Extreme~~

With best wishes for the Institution, wh. does so much good work and has been much blessed in its Endeavors to mitigate the afflictions of the patients

With Kind regards

Yours Truly and Sincerely

A Reynolds

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20 Cecil St
Manchester
19.XII.91.

My dear Fred.

Thanks for yr.
kind prompt attention to
my Note, the Comrs are
in full possession of the
Case as I hear that my
friend J.F.G has written
also - I may say that
I have no reason to think
that F. Green will be disposed
to act otherwise than generously

but whatever the
Circumstances of the husband
there is a reluctance in
imparting Responsibilities
of a pecuniary Character
and hitherto my friend
has as I said felt it a
privilege to pay it out of
her own Small income.
Hoping to hear at yr
Convenience whether some
Arrangement Can be made
to mutual Satisfaction
I am with best wishes
for yr. Institution and
Thyself Thy fds Sincerely
J. Bruce Lewis

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85 Mansel Street

Swansea. Jan: 8. 1892

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith my Cheque for £11. 3/- in settlement of a/c for my brother V. G. Clutton receipt of which please acknowledge.

Can you inform me if an arrangement could be made for a payment in one sum for his board clothing and other expences in the Institution for life and if so what the amount would be from the present time. Please let me know the state of his health & oblige

Yours truly John Clutton

Robt Baker Esqr M.D.

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Berry Field
Ilmington
Shipston on Stour
1 mo 12 92

Dear Friend

I herewith enclose Cheque for amount due to the end of 1891 on a/c of my Children in the Retreat. My small savings are fast becoming exhausted and I cannot but feel anxious about how future payments will be met.

But may we not say "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof"

Yours sincerely
M Page

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17 King St
Coventry
23/12/91

Dear Friend Dr Baker

I duly received the notice relative to contemplated advance in terms at the Retreat but as my income has to materially diminished of recent years, that a few kind friends have in the last 3½ years stepped forward & paid the a/c of my wifes maintenance consequently I really am not in a position to pay this advance & must ask you not to press it under the circumstances. I have written

to two of my wife's brothers
about the matter one of
whom hoped to have helped
me, but at present it
is out of his power.
If I had the means I
should not grudge the increase
but I really have not. I
have a Free paid up Insurance
Policy the proceeds of which
(supposing I die first) will
go towards my wifes maintenance
at the Retreat. I trust my
the Comee will allow the
terms to remain as they
are for reasons adduced

Ever Thy Friend
Francis Smith

17 King St
Coventry
18/1/92.

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Dear Friend Mr Baker

As I have just received a promise from a relative of my wife's to meet the proposed advanced Rates at the Retreat please do not bring my letter forward at the Council as intimated it would be by a letter I had from J. C. Woods. by my sisters Solicitors attack starting off.

Stevie truly
Francis Smith

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11. 12mo 1891.

Derry Volgie
Windsor
Belfast

My dear Friend,

I duly received thy letter, also the enclosures & the Reports, and I must say I was greatly astonished at the proposal to raise the terms for Wm Goulding threefold. I thought this is beyond anything I ever heard of, and

after having previously raised the terms so lately, and when I know that Wm Holding is one of those who does not require or need much attention or any extras like some, so that there does not seem any cause in his case that I do consider it out of all character to think of raising the terms as

Postponed, as Mr Poe will be in Richmond this month & Rev. Mr. Cennon is to preach

Will Rind assent

Cennon to

Princess Ann

Clare & Geo.

Malvern House Gloucester
12 M. 4. 1871

Dr T. Baker M.D.
Retreat York —

My dear Friend

Your communication of Nov 28. handed me on my return home, & the contents indeed astonished me — I think it best to give you full details of how matters stand, & the hope I have in your liberal consideration —

In the first place: my Father died leaving very little, only 2 or 300£ cash for us. & about £53. pounds for the maintenance of my sister with you — which is thought would

nearly be her very much larger, & this purpose income would be a very heavy burden upon me in my old age,

Trusting for liberal consideration & awaiting your reply

I am
Yours very truly
Caleb Baker

be sufficient, he fully believing the arrangement was to be permanent. The principal producing this income cannot be touched.

My surviving Brother has withdrawn very thing for many years & his family are mainly supported by his wife's Friends. My other Sister died leaving 4 Children almost totally unprovided for - her Husband being dead also

My other Brother died last year leaving a young Son, what he left is settled upon him, he cannot touch anything till he comes of age - that is my letter. So you see what ever is done, must all fall upon me, & I have a Son 21 years of age who is in such a delicate state of health that the Doctors say he will never be able to do any thing to earn a living, so that I have to do all I can to put by something for him at my death besides for my two Daughters.

Under all these circumstances I trust you will see your way to let existing arrangements stand, or if you cannot possibly do this, to very considerably modify your new charge proposed.

At my Sisters age, she can

Printer, Stationer, and Account Book Manufacturer.

From Thos. Abbatt,

12, Corporation Street, Bolton,

Residence:—69, Chorley Old Road.

12 mo 30 1891

Dear Friend

Dr. Baker

I write to say that the case of Joseph Payne an inmate of Friends' Retreat, York is one deserving the utmost consideration of the Committee, and that he may advisedly be placed on the very lowest scale of Charges.

I am truly

Thomas Abbatt

Agent for Marsden Monthly Meeting

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completed in a fortnight & that there would be no need for me to come over. I impressed upon you how serious it was to me to have to pay two Guineas a week - in fact I said I could not do it.

As time went on I naturally expected she had been taken to Bootham as agreed & when I wrote you did not reply to my enquiries consequently I feel that I have hardly received that fair treatment I expected.

With regard to her staying on at the Retreat I cannot consent to that ~~under~~ if the charge is

MOUNT PLEASANT,
FARNLEY,
OTLEY.

28 Dec 91

Dr Doctor Baker,

I am in receipt of your letter of 24th inst & while I am glad there is some improvement in Miss Pallisers condition I feel much grieved to hear she has not been removed to Bootham

You distinctly told me when I last saw you that there would be no difficulty in the way of her admission to Bootham & that the necessary formalities would be

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to be two Guineas, for that sum I cannot pay nor can I pay more than a Guinea a week for the time. she has been with you ever since the first month.

I am exceedingly sorry there has been this misunderstanding & I think it should be rectified before we go farther

I am

D. Doctor

Yr. very hble

A. T. Palmer

Dr. Baker

The Retreat

York

39 Poplar Road
Hagley Road
Birmingham
26 Dec 1891

Dear Sir,

Pressure of business has prevented my replying earlier to yours referring to the proposed advance in the payment for Margaret Thwaite.
As I wrote you sometime ago M T's expenditure, at the present rate of 11/. per week (with disbursements) is in excess of her income. So that I do not see how the increased payment is to be met.

I am however consulting with some other parties in

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matter & will write you further in the course of a few days.—

Yours truly

Geo J Blakey

J E Woods.

The Retreat

York

still in the same condition, when he came home.

As to the washing; he only wears wool underclothing. They are all spoiled by being milled - so that he cannot possibly wear them again.

I enclose a stocking for your inspection - which is a sample of the washing W. W. had to wear, while in the Retreat -

I think I am the one to claim for damages from you for waste of clothing.

Do not trouble to send back the stocking.

Yours truly,
A. Whitelaw.

Hessle, 30 Dec: 1891.

Dr Baker,
Sir,

The last section for washing & mending, I cannot understand, as I fail to see what mending Mr. Whitelaw has had done.

I remember once when I called at the retreat I noticed the loop was off his brace, and a hole was cut in the end of the webbing - to button to - when I called again 5 weeks later it was just the same - I was

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Queen Street
Newcastle.
26:X:91

Dear Sir.

I am duly in
receipt of your letter
of the 23rd inst. note its
contents, please convey
my thanks to your
Committee for kindly
taking my request
into their consideration

for the Reduction
they have made in
their Charge for my
Mothers Maintenance
I think I may be
able to meet their
views as to punctuality
which could now be
done if only the
back arrears were

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Edward M.
Bellew Esq
Solicitor
Navan

S. E. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 25 Jany. 1892

M. S. E. Woods

The Retreat.

Dear Sir.

Isaac Pickard's a/c.

Yours 23rd to hand. It was not the details of the Scarbro' expenses that I wanted to hear before forming a judgement, but rather the general bearings of the account in several ways, which a word or two would have cleared up better than correspondence. So far as I have an opinion, without these details, I quite agree with Dr. Baker that the matter should be settled between ourselves, and I advise his acceptance of the £6.2.9 compromise. It is, I think, not desirable that the matter should be still outstanding over the 2.M. and Directors' Meeting, and I would therefore suggest that Isaac Pickard be written to today.

Yours truly,

Rich Thompson

8 North Park Road
Harrogate
Jan 19/92

Dear Friend
R Baker

Herewith I send Cheque value £71. 19 10. which settles my a/c for Edgar for 9/30 & 12/31 as per the item £12/5/6 charged in the former a/c for Edgar being at Denbro - about which I wrote you on Nov 6th but have heard nothing since. Mr Brown immediate reply that I had fwded promise to complain & to that it would be referred to the Committee — I should be glad to avoid unpleasantness about it, but I cannot think it right to charge me such a sum - in. cluding as it does, the full charge of Edgar being at Denbro. for R - While he was at Denbro. I do we can settle it pleasantly. I am willing to refer- to send you a cheque for half without prejudice for half the amount £6/2/6 - if not I suggest that the Matter be referred to some of the Ormond Committee on Quarterly Meeting day & Yours Jane Richard arbitration -

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From **Edward Fowler**, 9 **Heathville Road**, **Gloucester**

AGENT FOR THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FIRE AND LIFE—FUNDS IN HAND, EXCEED £6,000,000

To Robt. Baker Esq. The Retreat York Feby 3rd 1892

211526

Dear Friend re: Charlotte Dawson

I wrote you on the 16th Gloucester ult. with regard to above stating how I was situated ~~as to above~~ & putting before you certain details as to the course proposed to be taken - & asking if under the circumstances any alteration could be made in her case by the Directors. To this letter I have not had a reply but thought possibly you were waiting for a meeting of Directors. I shall be glad if a reply can do as to bring matters to some decision & Charlotte's brother being in America it takes time to get replies —

Yours truly Edw. Fowler

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From **Edward Fowler**, 9 **Heathville Road**, **Gloucester**

AGENT FOR THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FIRE AND LIFE—FUNDS IN HAND, EXCEED £6,000,000

To Robert Baker Esq. Retreat York January 16th 1892

211526

Dear Friend. re: Charlotte Darden

I have had the question of the insurance you ask for Charlotte Darden under consideration as the funds that are placed in my hands under trusts will not be enough to pay the extra charge. Her only near relative, her brother is resident in America & I act somewhat for him in seeing to his sister - My first wife was Charlotte sister - & on Charlottes mother decease the funds were handed home to deal with, but as to my having power to order her removal I have some doubts. I have suggested a plan that will if carried out possibly remove the difficulty - but it would have to be done I believe under the "Lunacy Commissioners" as there are funds come to her but what cannot be touched as she cannot give a receipt - & I think that

They would be available under the order of the Commissioners. Have you any apprehension in these matters under them? I doubt if all funds would quite make up the amount but struck me the directors might see their way to a little alter their determination to want such a heavy rise. — Charlotte's next relations are Cousins (— an aunt & Uncle excluded — who could not help). Can you inform me also if the Friends Provident would grant an annuity in her case, if that plan were decided on as one? —

Yours sincerely

Edward Foster

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Memorandum.

From

G. N. BURTT,

Coal Merchant and Colliery Agent,

49, GOODRAMGATE,

YORK.

January 15 1892

To S. E. Woods Esq

Secretary to the

Friend's Retreat

Dear Sir I enclose Coal a/cs corrected together with the original statement. I am glad to say I have traced the load on the 9th T.C. 9.13 which was entered to you, to the Workhouse so that it is cleared up satisfactorily & trust You will now find the a/c correct.

Yours truly

G. Norris Burtt

Telegraph Address. WILTON, NEWCASTLE.

CHARLTON, McALLUM & Co

S. S. HESLEYSIDE.
S. S. HARTSIDE.
S. S. ARTHUR.
S.S. CANUTE
S.S. HOLLINSIDE.

Queen Street,
Newcastle on Tyne, 26th Jan: 1892.

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Dear Sir;

Your letter of yesterday & duly to hand & I am glad to say some funds from the Executors of my late Father's Estate must have pleasure in enclosing Bank Draft for £100. & I hope shortly to have funds from the other source from which my Mother's Income is derived will enable you again.

Meanwhile

I am Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Stuart McAllum

S. E. Wood Esq
The Retreat
York.

Scholes, Cleckheaton
12/2/92.

Dr Baker, M.D.
The Retreat, York.

My Dear friend

Your note re Maria Pimm's bill to hand. I am a little at a loss to know what is best to do in this case. I think however it is right for me to say here that I believe the fact of two bills having been sent, -the second one 50% higher that the first one - has made it more difficult to induce Maria Pimm to pay anything. I understand that she seemed disposed to pay either all or part of the first bill ~~which~~ which was sent to her son charging 10/- per week & amounting to £24-14-0 but when the charges were subsequently advanced to 15/- per week making the amount of the bill £35-9-10 she declined to pay anything. I think it would be a help to know definitely from the Committee which bill is the correct one. James Pimm holds the one for the lower charges - of which I have a copy - & I am not sure that the committee are entitled to insist upon the payment of the higher charges after a bill charging the lower rates had been sent to him, & also seeing that the rate was advanced from 10/- to 14/- after Maria Pimm had been admitted ~~& only~~ the advance was only in operation for a short period before she left I think. On receipt of the decision of the

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Committee I will lay the
matter before the other overseers
of this meeting as I think
it is quite time ~~to~~ it was
disposed of.

Yours Sincerely
George Whiteley

Scholes. Cleckheaton 9

19/4/92

J. E. Woods
~~Dr Baker M.P.~~ Secretary

The Retreat
York.

Dear friend
Re Maria Prin.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst giving me the decision of the Committee to accept £30 in settlement of their a/c if paid before the 1st of Mch next. I regret they did

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not see their way to accept the Amount of the first Bill. The time fixed within which Payment has to be made is rather too short.

If M. P. agrees to pay she will have to give 14 days notice to the Co-operative Soc[illegible] for the withdrawal of the money I am assuming of course that it is still lodged there —.

If she absolutely refuses One have to ask the assistance of the monthly Mtg the matter cannot possibly be dealt with in the time ~~stated~~ as the monthly Mtg will not meet before that date.

However the case shall be laid before the overseers of this Mtg with a view of trying to get it settled.

I am Yours Sincerely

George Whiteley

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Estler Bro

D. Baker

When I wrote
for Ann Hunter a/c I had
it on my mind that the
advance proposed would
commence next quarter
with regard to the advance from
20/- to 30/- per wk I am sorry
to say that it is impossible
to pay the sum proposed
as Ann Hunter's total yearly
Income is 72 £ ~~to~~
I cannot see how we can pay
more than 2 3/6 per wk &
also for disbursements
& I therefore propose to pay

this amount which under the circumstances I trust the Committee will agree to

I may say that her mother was a member of the Society of Friends & she wishes me to keep her daughter at the Retreat if I can as she has more confidence that she would be kindly treated there - more so than elsewhere I remain

Yours respectfully

Wm Binns

107 Brought[on] Lane

Manchester 2/10/[illegible]

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Fulwood Rd
Sheffield
Feb. 12th 1892

Sir,

Thanks for your letter and explanation about Disbursements which I now fully understand. Will you kindly place the accompanying letter before the Committee at their Sept. Meeting (Tuesday 16th I believe) and kindly let me know the result at your earliest Convenience.

Yours Truly
J. Sherra

S. E. Woods Esq.

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EDWARD WATSON.
LAND & ENGINEERING SURVEYOR.

JARVIS CONKLIN MORTGAGE
TRUST COMPANY.
UNITED STATES & LONDON.

48. Dean Street.
Newcastle on Tyne.
26. 1. 1892

Dear Friend
Robt Baker.
Thos A. Appleton.

Enclosed I hand you draft value £11.18.9 payment of enclosed account.

Mrs Appleton is quite unable to contribute anything towards her sons expense it is not possible to reduce the amount of disbursements from 11/29 - 1890 - (abt 13 mos) the charge under that head amts to £11.2.7.

The tax upon Funds is most severe but it is of the greatest importance that not a single halfpenny should be spent that can be avoided.

Yours truly.
Edwd Watson.

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T. C. LINDSEY,
(LATE SLIPPER)
DISPENSING CHEMIST,
87, LEATHER LANE, HOLBORN.

Feb 10th 1892

Dear friend

Referring to your note of Dec 10th ult I should be glad to know what is the decision of your Committee with reference to the proposed advance in the terms for my Brother! an early reply would greatly oblige

Yours truly

T. C. Lindsey

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127. High Holborn.
London. Feby 1 1892
W.C.

Dear Friend
Robert Baker —

Herewith please find Cheque £96-18-0 to cover my Cousin Walker Woodwards' maintenance to the 30th of 9th Mo in last year I hope to send Cheque for the following six months shortly — I regret to have been behind hand in my payments lately — but hope to be able to do better in the future Yours truly
Henry Neighbour

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MEMORANDUM.

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FROM

JOHN A. BARRINGER,

FRIENDS' SCHOOL,

RAWDON.

To D. Baker

Friends' Retreat

York.

Dear Friend I have just received the cheque on behalf of J. B. Dixon from Worcester & herewith forward it together with £1. 19. 6 which J. W. Dixon pays.

The case of J. C. D. is receiving some attention from Birmingham Friends, but I do not yet know what will be done in the way of assistance.

I am Sincerely thy friend

John A. Barringer.

P.S. Kindly address Rawdon not Acworth.

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£150. per annum.
I shall be sorry to have to
remove him, if you
cannot meet the case.
Hoping to hear favorably
from you
I am yours faithfully
Ralph Gibbon Wilson

To
The Committee
The Friends Retreat
York

private bed-room
and sitting room

49, Eldon Street,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
8 Feby 1892

Dear Sirs
Respecting the case of
Thomas Wilson, I find that
I cannot conscientiously
pay the present rate of fees,
which I consider high.
As the Doctors hold out no
hope of present recovery,
and it may be a long
case. Will you take it under
~~your~~ consideration?
I am prepared to pay

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Wm. P. C. Wirt Esq.

Dear Mr. Wirt

I herewith enclose $14.4-11 Interest on the quarterly acc'ts received. I am sorry to be able to send the whole. My income has been seriously reduced for the last two years by the falling off in securities &c that I am encumbered with difficulty — I

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wish to ask the Authorities whether, in the case of inability to meet the increased expense at your House is any dependence where patients may enter at a lower rate or whether they have to leave the Institution — if the latter could they suggest any fitting asylum for such as

my form &c.

Believe me to be
Very truly Yours
S. Wyllys

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Clapham
Jan 21st
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Ashday Lea Rawtenstall

February 15th 1892

Dear Sir, I am much obliged to you for your very kind note and herewith enclose you a Cheque for the sum of £55-2-6 on account of Miss G L Davies — I am sorry that I cannot send you a larger amount, but hope before long to send you another instalment on her account.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

John B Whitehead

Robert Baker Esq M D

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1 Chichester Terrace
Antrim Road
Belfast 16/1/92

To the Committee of York Retreat

When my sister J W Smith entered as a patient in 10th mo- last, I proposed paying as on a former case 21/- p week - but heard nothing from you as to charge until receiving the account to day, - viz £1 4 6 p week.

During the last few months I have suffered much loss of income & capital with the inevitable winding up of an old business in Yorkshire & seeing I have other family claims besides the consideration of my sisters income being

under twenty pounds
per annum, I ask
you to lower the above
terms if possible -

I remain
Respectfully
Edwd Smith

am not objecting, under the circumstances of your circular, to all and any increase: I am protesting only against such an increase as seems to me under all the circumstances of his case unwarranted. I should have thought that an increase to 20/- or 25/- a week at the very most would have been a more reasonable one.

Believe me,

Yours ever truly,

Silvr. P Thompson

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

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

Feb. 13. 1892

Dear Dr. Baker:

Reverting to the subject of our brief conversation last week, I beg you kindly to ask the Retreat Committee to reconsider the notice which they have sent me about the increase they propose in the sum to be charged for my brother W. H. Thompson.

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The sum invested in me and my brother T. Thompson as Trustees for his maintenance brings in (at present) just £100 a year, and is not likely to bring in more.

If the Committee insists on this really extraordinary increase from 15/- to 35/- a week — more than double, be it observed — the margin left will be so small that it will be all spent on mere clothes, leaving nothing for other disbursements, nothing for an annual outing.

You put it that I would not wish my brother to be a burden to the Institution. Well, I need not remind you how useful he makes himself in many ways. I should hardly have thought that he was a burden even at the present rates.

Observe, please, that I

Escamp Mrs 2/15/92

D. Baker

On again looking over my calculations as to what our Hunters strong hay at the Retreat I think 22/6 would be more nearly what she should pay than 23/6 per week according to her circumstances I therefore propose this week instead of 23/6 & I hope this will be accepted by

Yours truly

W Burns

Comber
107 Brompton Lane
Manchester

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309. Fulwood Road
Sheffield
Feb. 13th 1892.

To
The Committee of the Friends Retreat

Gentlemen,

My Husband, Dr. Shera Surgeon, has now been at the Retreat 15 months, and I am quite satisfied with "the treatment" and care bestowed upon him. At the same time, unless your Committee can see their way to reduce the terms which I am now paying, I shall be compelled, though most reluctantly, to

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remove him-
Mr Shera has no income whatever, and were it not for small private means of my own, I should be absolutely penniless.
Mr Shera's Practice has been sold, but the Purchaser declares that he is quite unable to pay any money at present, and when he does - only in small sums. I have two sons who require educating, so that I really cannot afford to continue paying 3 guineas a week.
Gentlemen, I hope you will give my case your kind consideration and reduce the terms within the limit of my means i.e. 2 guineas per week. My Husband is so happy and contented, I should be truly sorry to remove him. Mr James Henry Barker is an old friend of my late Fathers and knows my difficulty -

I am
Gentlemen
Yours Truly
Fanny Shera.

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11, SOUTH STREET, SOUTH CLIFF,

Scarboro', Feb 11 — 1892

To Secretary The Retreat York



Bought of T. Newham,

BUTCHER & DAIRYMAN.

TAYLOR AND SON

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged, to you for writing again about the milk but I really cannot see my way to take any less than 4d the quart

Thanking you very much, for past favours, and will pleased to let you have milk at any time

I remain

Yours Truly

Thos Newham

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Woodlands
dairy Farm Sandown
27/2/92

Respd Sir

Your letter favour
to hand — I shall
have pleasure in
complying to
supply Sandown Hotel
on March 1st 30s per
your kind instruction

Very Respectfully
W Robinson

M Woods

Woodlands dairy
Jan 6th 92

Resp Sir

In answer to
your favour of
this morn-
I shall be pleased
to supply you with
our own milk
(we do not supply
any other on the
South Cliff)
at 3½ per quart
seeing that you take
over a gallon per day

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for beer Usually we have to charge 4d per quart — the Rest of Deluxe is great and a Gallon can be Sent in about the Same time as a Quart — hence the advantage to large Consumers —

I may Respectfully ask for your Influence ——

Yours Respectfully
W. J. Robinson

John Broomtree Esq

4 Dillwynndt. St.
Ipswich Feb. 9/92

Dear Sir -

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 8th inst. I had hoped the Committee would have been able to have favored me somewhat more considering all the circumstances; but as it is. I thank them for the Reduction made, & as I am promised some help from one or two of the Rollers Relatives I will endeavour to pay the amount required viz 17/6d pr week

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken

I am
Yrs Sincerely
G. Hollier

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Malvern House Lowndes

February 20. 92

Dr R. Baker. MD.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 18th inst. if you really consider you may be cured the change a little to you under all the circumstances I cannot of course pay it - I can think you might bring it to 30£ but I cannot only leave any self in your hands

I am

Your Resp

Alfred Robins

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MALVERN HOUSE,
SWANSEA.

17. 2. 92

Dr Robert Baker &c.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 9th duly
to hand, was somewhat
disappointed at the contents,
as I thought you could perhaps
under the circumstances have
seen your way to take it a
little lower. I am enclos
Cheque for the amount, a receipt
for which will oblige -
Are their different classes in
your establishment? as if so

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could not pay visits in such
state on a little less expensive
but when she could have all
necessary's, as the whole of this
Expense falls upon me solely
there being no fund to meet it,
as I have such visitors as my
family which costs me a good
deal of money it comes very
heavy upon me.
Kindly let Keep all disburse-
ments as low as possible

Dear
Your Papa
Elizabeth Baker

87 Leather Lane Holborn
London E.C
Feb 22nd 1892

Dear friend

I had certainly hoped to see you here last Thursday as proposed, but no doubt something occurred to prevent your visit —

With reference to the enormous increase in the charges for my Brother at the Retreat — I think we may claim some explanation

Court offrd 35/.

Offer 27/-
will pay 30/.

Write
Edward Wicks
Bensham Gr.

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of my Brothers mental
state during the past year,
and I hope you will frankly
inform me why the Committee
have laid such a special
burden upon us — I quite
expected to beat York about
£100, but owing to family
illness was unable to leave
home — with kind regards
I am yours sincerely
T. C. Lindsey

26 Cecil St
Manchester
24. Feb 92.

Dear Lord

I duly rec'd the
Acc's for the 2 Qrs. and
sent them on to my
Lord J. T. G who informs
me that in his letter
to the Com. of Y. Relief
the only agreed to the
£47. for wk on Condition
of it including disbursements — Oh. Consideration

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Considering it is a
visit I hold appears
a reasonable request
If she ~~it~~ has not already
written she will write
shortly, in the meantime
I await a reply
from her and remain
With kind regards
Thy sincere friend
A Brayshaw

To Dr Rutter.

Derry Volgie
Windsor
Belfast

24.2.92.

My dear Friend

My friend Alfred Braysha[illegible] has forwarded to me the enclosed bill which has been sent, and I was astonished to see it as I think there must be some mistake so I return it. For I

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distinctly said in my
letter to Thee that
"after considering the
circumstances & your
letter I was willing
to pay the proposed
£2/- per week if it
included every thing
in the way of dis-
bursements which
must cover all": &
I consider that is very
liberal & as much
as could be expected
well knowing that

Wm Hankins does not require as much care as some do, therefore I could not agree to pay £2/- per week unless it included all in that

Could find desired Nurse Thee will find out your address & write you Hankins Wednesday Evening Yours Sincere Friend J. F. Green.

Ed 25
1894

22.1.92.

Derry Volgie
Windsor
Belfast

Dear Friend

I duly received thine through your Secretary & I would have answered ere soon but I have not been well. And now after considering your letter & all the circumstances I am willing to pay the proposed 42/- per week including everything in the way

of disbursements which should cover all in the case of my brother William Hoskins. I am sorry to find that the accounts of the past three years have shewn a considerable excess of expenditure over income & I hope this will soon be made up in the future. I fully recognize that the Retreat is a most valuable institution & I quite agree with the latter part of your letter. With kind regards to Mrs B.

& self, - in haste for the Post.

Yours truly,

J. Stevenson

C. & F. Bacon.

39 Poplar Rd
Hagley Rd
Birmingham
4 Mar 1892

Dear Sir

I hope to write you fully in a few days with reference to Margaret Thwaite's affairs & at the same time to forward you a remittance

Yours truly
Geo J Blakey

M. S E Woods
The Retreat
York

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North Park.

~~Clayton~~, Lidget Green

Bradford.

Mch 10/92

Dear Sir

Re Maria Pim

I am directed to inform you that the case of Maria Pim has been considered by the Monthly Meeting, & to remind you that in 8th Mo 1890 I wrote you recommending Mr P. as a patient at the lowest rate. This being the case, and your previous accounts being made out at this rate, they

fail to see why you now
make a claim on Marine Assn
at the higher rate (15).
The Ins Cos are however desirous
of having the matter settled &
therefore, altho they acknowledge
no responsibility in the matter,
they, (without prejudice) tender
the enclosed chq for £25.0.0
in full payment of the &c-

Yours truly
C. S. Dixon

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AND AT
225. FINCHLEY ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD. N.W.

SPYER & SONS,
SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE Nos { CITY OFFICE 11258.
HAMPSTEAD OFFICE 7454.

53, New Broad Street,
London E.C.

29th Febry 1892

Dear Sir,

re Nathaniel Miles.

We have written to Mrs ~~Eleanor~~ Helen Campbell asking her whether she would wish any communication in reference to the above named made through us or direct from you. So soon as we have her reply we will let you know and if she wishes it we shall give you her address.

Yours faithfully,

Spyer & Sons

Dr Robert Baker
"The Retreat"
Y O R K.

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24/2/92

Estcourt Grove

S Barton

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herewith sent on behalf of
and Hunter which please
send Receipt of Voice -
I am quite sure that her
circumstances are such that
we cannot continue to pay
25/- per week my Co-trustee G R
says he considers the charge
high & hopes it will be
reduced

Yours truly

W Binns

107 Broughton Lane

Manchester

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AND AT
225. FINCHLEY ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

SPYER & SONS,
SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE Nos { CITY OFFICE 11258.
HAMPSTEAD OFFICE 7454.

53, New Broad Street,
London E.C. 2nd March 1892

Dear Sir,

re Nathaniel Miles.

We are now able to inform you of the address of Mrs Campbell; it is "Barbourne Villa, Worcester".

Yours faithfully

Spyer & Sons

Robert Baker Esq M.D.
"The Retreat"
Y O R K.

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Barbourne Villas

March 6th

Dear Dr Baker

I am willing
to pay £20. a year for
Nathaniel, beginning
from the 1st March, I
will send you £5
every quarter. If you
agree to this I will
send you £5. at

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Greece. I should
like to hear some-
thing of Nathaniel,
how he is now, & if
he remembers any
of us.

Yours truly
H. Campbell

17 Broomhall Road
Sheffield

21 February 1892

Dear Sir,

Your letter enclosing Communication from the Manchester Steam Users' Association duly received.

It would be well if you have not already done so, to write pressing the letter shall be laid before the next meeting of the Committee.

Meanwhile please inform me if I am correct in assuming the amount named is now £1000 on each of the two boilers - and I will compare the offer of 4 guineas per annum, with

the Charges of an equally good Company. The National Boiler Insurance Co and will report the next time I come to York.

I have also to thank you for Copy of Bk Balance

Yours truly,

Charles Yorke

In any case the reduction ought to commence when the next half yearly premium falls due in July –

Mr S. G. Woods,
The Retreat.
York.

G. N. BURTT,
COAL MERCHANT.

49, GOODRAMGATE,

York, March 4 1892

Dear Sir

There is extreme difficulty in procuring Coals at the present time & I am now obliged to advance the price 2/- per ton all round from tomorrow morning. This is a step which has been in operation to other customers for some days & the advance is now 3/- 4d/- per ton.

I will endeavour to give you a call tomorrow morning

Yours respectfully

G. N. Burtt

To S. E. Woods Esq
Secretary to The Retreat

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39 Poplar Road
Hagley Road
Birmingham 12th Mar 1892

Mr J E Woods
Retreat York.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you sometime ago with reference to Margaret Thwaites affairs that I could not see how her income could meet the increased charges but that I would consult some friends as to the best course to take in the matter

I have now done so & they agree with me in thinking that under the circumstances the most satisfactory course will be to explain to the Committee how M Js affairs stand.

As I think that I have already mentioned that unfortunately M J has not any legally appointed Trustee (and that to have one appointed by the Court of Chancery would be costly & would considerably reduce her very small income) I need not refer further to this now, but furnish you with the particulars of her income which are as under

£331. 5. 0	Lanc & Yorks	Trustees J Collinson & Self
125 —	L & N W R.	Caleb Howarth & Self
172-10.	Being ½ Share of £345 under her mother's Will	Trustees Jos Edmondson & Self
156-19-6	at 4%	Trustee Hy C Blakey
£785 14 6		

So that the Committee will see that with the present poor dividends of the Lanc & Yorks - from which the greater part of her income is derived her prospective income is inadequate to meet her expenses

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I may also say that M J has only a life int.st in the Trusts & consequently none of the principal can be applied to her maintenance — & I do not think that her relatives are in a position to make up the deficiency — She has only one sister living & I know that her means are very limited —

Fortunately however there is no immediate difficulty in the matter, inasmuch as to meet your statement rendered (that is as under £32.7.1

Div.d Warrt to herewith	4	14.6
	7	3.7.10.6
	15	17.7
About 2 yrs Int.st due from N C B &c say -	12	10.0
There is also £25 L & Y Stk being bal.ce of allotment taken up many years ago out of her savings (when the L & Y dividends were so much larger & the Retreat charges so much less -) which is available for her maintenance.	£53	2.7

I think it only right to point out to the Committee that after the allotment has been utilized I can simply forward the dividends from the trust as I hold as they come to hand - at the same time I shall be glad to furnish the Committee with any information I can.

Yours truly
Geo & Blakey

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Tulwood Road
Sheffield

Feb. 26. 92.

Dear Sir.

Many thanks for your letter announcing the decision of the Committee re Lenses - I am very glad of it - Will you please convey to the Committee at their next Meeting my best thanks for their kind consideration?

I am
Yours Truly
T. Shore.

S. S. Wood. Esq.
Secretary

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Stanl
Slaski ~~Lumar Bank.~~
~~Sultush.~~
Kingsbridge
June 14th —

Dear Mr Woods

Having no
delivery of letter or
despatch on Sunday
I fear this may be
late in arriving —
I must ask you to
thank the Committee
on my behalf for their
concession - while
accepting the payment
of 25/- weekly in
advance

I am much relieved
to be thus enabled
to keep My One at
Her Retreat Where
she has been so long.
as a Change of Diet
might be very bad
for him: & I have
always the Comfort
of Knowing that he
is well & judiciously
treated
When She with
Kind Regards
Yours Truly
Thos. S. Wyllys

S. E. Wood Esq.
Sec.

York

14 Jan[y] 92

Dear Mr Woods,

In reply to your enquiry about Boiler cleaning — we make a distinction between the cleaning of the Boiler flue & the cleaning of the Boiler itself. The man who cleans the soot out of the boiler flue is paid 5/- each time he cleans out the flue*. This is a lump sum altogether in addition to his regular wage, & further, on the day on which the flue is cleaned out he has 1½ hours for his dinner instead of 1 hour, & we provide the overalls which he puts on when going into the flues. We purchase them from

Messrs E. Jamieson & Co
301 Chapel St
Salford Manchester

paying 16/6. for a set.

With regard to the cleaning out of the inside of the boiler — removing scale, sludge &c — this is done by our labourers & ordinary staff — it is not treated as at all exceptional work. — We mean no extra payment is made for it beyond the regular weekly wages

Yours truly
Joseph Rowntree

* i.e. 5/- for Boiler flue cleaning

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SCOTLAND HOUSE, EXETER

TRADE MARK

15. 2. 1892

or Co.

Very sincerely

Joshua Dare.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt

of yours of the two days

a/c. I will try to get

the information

required and in

the course of a post

Dr Baker.

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C.E.B. Green

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3 Manston Terrace Exeter
23 Feby 1892

Dear Friend

As promised in mine of the 12th inst I have been making enquiry to supplement and correct my own memory of the facts relating to C.E.B. Green's family. Her father James Green came into Devonshire at or near 1810 – He had a large practice as an Engineer, not in Devonshire only but in Wales – When I knew him about 1830 he was living in a large house in Magdalen Street Exeter. The house is still standing tho' much altered. It is in the parish called "The Holy Trinity" – Jas: Green continued in this house up to about 1836.7 when he fell into financial difficulties – and he and his family left Exeter – Where after leaving Exeter he first went I do not know – but he was residing I think in Westminster in 1844 and he died there rather suddenly in or about 1849.

Jas Green had certainly 3 sons Joseph – Thomas and Frank & I am not sure that there was not a 4th named James. There were at least 2 daughters Miriam and Caroline your patient – Miriam lived in Bristol, and for several years and was housekeeper for some members of the Grace family – She was a member of your Society – I believe by admission. She married a friend (Morgan by name) and lived in Cardiff

After her husband's death she returned to Bristol where friends raised sufficient money to buy her annuity on which she lived. She died there 17.12.1889 aged 81.

Thomas Green's address is

3 Court
Tybridge Street Worcester and Francis (or Frank) Green's address is

29 New Walls Street
Tolterdown – Bristol

I am told that Thomas and Francis are both in very narrow circumstances

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Joseph and Sarah Sterry were both well known to me. Sarah Sterry's maiden name was Rixon – She married to my uncle George Dymond who died in 1828 – She continued to reside in Exeter until 1839 or 40 and then removed to London & a few years later she married Joseph Sterry – Joseph & Sarah Sterry are both deceased.

The unfortunate Green family must have been well known to Sarah Sterry – and it seems to me probable that after James Green's death – the Chiswick asylum declined to allow Caroline to remain there and that S and S Sterry had her removed to York.

I am desirous to give you all the information I could acquire or collect – but I fear that is as not of that precise and definite character which is needed to ascertain Caroline Green's place of legal settlement, tho it may

perhaps in some degree assist thy enquiries

Thine sincerely

Chas. W. Dymond

Robert Baker M.D.

The Retreat

York

The Cottage,
Lyncombe,
Bath.
26/2/92

My dear Friend,

I do not think that I am likely to be in Bristol for some time to come, so far I have not been out of doors.

I should advise as the best way of obtaining what information Frank Green may be able to give, that you should write to James & Henry Grace & ask them as a matter of business, to interview Frank Green & let you know the result.

With this view I return the copy of H Dymond's letter, but if you think that some delay

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is not immaterial I shall be pleased to call on Frank Green, when I am feeling more up to exertion.

With our dear love

Yr affe Friend

W Dampier

3 Mansion Terrace Exeter
12th 2nd mo 1892

Dear Friend

C. L. B. Green

Joshua Dare has handed me thy letter. As a comparatively recent resident in Exeter he never knew or heard of the Green family.

As a much older resident here I will willingly give thee and the Committee any information I possess or can acquire -

I recollect James Green the father - He and his family left Exeter, I think in 1837 or

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Thine sincerely
Jas. W. Dymond

Robert Baker M. D.
The Retreat
York

Thereabouts - He was not a friend - nor so far as I know were any of his numerous children -

After leaving Exeter James Green lived somewhere in Westminster and died there I think in 1849

Joseph and Sarah Storry were both well known here - they are deceased

I will write again as soon as I can obtain some more accurate information for which I have today written -

WEEKLY COURT:
TUESDAY 3 P.M.

GEORGE HUXHAM.
Clerk, Exeter Union

Superintendent Registrar.

Office of the Corporation of the Poor,

New Buildings, Castle Street,

EXETER, 20th February 1892.

Dear Sir,

re Caroline Elizth Bertha Green.

I am in receipt of your Letter of the 18th instant, in which you state that it is proposed to remove this case from the Hospital of the York Retreat to the Borough Asylum, Exeter; and shall feel obliged if you will furnish me with sufficient particulars of the case to enable me to satisfy the Guardians of this Union that they are the authority liable for her maintenance.

The Asylum to which our pauper patients are sent is known as the "Exeter City Asylum", and is situated about 3 miles from the City - The Medical Superintendent is Dr Rutherford.

Yours truly
Geo Huxham
Clerk.

S. E. Woods Esq.
Secretary,
The Retreat,
York.

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WEEKLY COURT:
TUESDAY 3 P.M.

GEORGE HUXHAM.
Clerk, Exeter Union

Superintendent Registrar.

Office of the Corporation of the Poor,

New Buildings, Castle Street,

EXETER, 23rd February 1892

Dear Sir,

re Caroline E. B. Green

I have your Letter of the 22nd; but the fact of the lunatic having gone in 1849, when she was 25 years of age, to York from Exeter, where her father was then living, does not make the Guardians of the Exeter Union "the authority liable for the maintenance of the Lunatic".

The lunatic is settled where her father was settled when she attained her 16th year, and you will I apprehend, have to prove that settlement, wherever it may be, to the satisfaction of the Justice to whom you apply for an Order of Removal under Sec. 19 of the Lunacy Act 1891.

I assume that she has been resident in your Hospital ever since her admission to it in 1849, and so has not acquired a settlement by a continuous three years' residence under the Act 39. 40 Vict. Cap. 61.

Yours truly

Geo Huxham

Clerk

S. E. Woods Esq.
Secretary
The Retreat
York.

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EKLY COURT:
TUESDAY 3 P.M.

GEORGE HUXHAM.
Clerk, Exeter Union

Superintendent Registrar.

Office of the Corporation of the Poor,

New Buildings, Castle Street,

EXETER, 27 Febry 1892.

Dear Sir,

Re C. E. Bertha Green.

When I wrote to you on the 23rd inst, I had not referred to Sec. 286 of the Lunacy Act 1890 under which a lunatic in an institution for lunatics becoming a pauper is deemed to be chargeable to the Union from which he was sent, and it is left to that Union to ascertain, after the removal of the lunatic under Sec 19 of the Lunacy Act 1891, in what Union the lunatic is legally settled, or was irremovable at the time of being so sent.

Yours truly
Geo Huxham
Clerk

Mr. J. E. Woods
The Retreat
York.

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Exeter City Asylum,

Digbys near Exeter.

1 March 1891

Dear Dr. Baker,

Caudwell's C. B. Green

It will be convenient to me to receive the above-mentioned patient at any time. Shall I send for her?

Yours faithfully,

R. L. Rattenbury

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

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Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowper's Court
Cornhill E.C

York. 8 Feby 1892

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

Dear Sir,

Our Engineer, James Archer, has examined the tools which have been offered to the Retreat for £10 & he reports

(a) That the tools are good ones
(b) That they are useful tools such as are required.
(c) That considering they are ready fixed & complete & if moved would have to be replaced, they are worth to the Retreat the price asked; but
(d) That if they were removed & offered for sale outside they might possibly not fetch quite so much, though it is hard to say certainly as to this.

With regard to the Boilers, Archer thinks it would not be of any use to the Retreat & if the man would knock off £2 off the £10, it would be better to let it go.

If it is concluded to make the purchase Archer would recommend an inventory of the tools being made & signed before paying the money over:

Yours truly
H. I. Rowntree & Co.
S. Hayhurst

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

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Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowper's Court
Cornhill. E.C

York. Feby 22nd 1892.

Mr. S. E. Woods.
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

We have consulted our engineer respecting your letter of the 19th. He tells us that he understood the boiler was included in the offer for £10.0.0. But he says after going through the list you send (which we return herewith) and having seen the tools he would consider that the Retreat would get a good bargain if they paid for the tools £10.0.0 less the 19/6 for which the boiler was sold.

THE GABLES,
VALLEY ROAD,
SCARBOROUGH.

26/11/92

Dear Mr Woods

Jenclose Lathbury's
a/c for repairing Ranges at
Gainsboro' house — Thecock
reports favorably of the im-
provements. — I have written
to Mr Savory, asking for 2£
towards Cost of above, viz
12/6 for Oven, & 27/6 for Boiler,
— if he allows this, it may be
deducted from the rent due in
April — If you have not
already done so written to Dew-
hurst about discontinuing to

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supply Milk to Gainsboro Dr;
& to Robinson to commence
to supply it — don't forget to do
so — & be explicit as to the day
when the one finishes & the other
commences

Yours truly
John Brownlee

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

March 22nd 1892.

Dear Sir/

I saw Mr. Blake yesterday at Matlock, and he seems to be deriving considerable benefit from his treatment there —

Your questions re - Boiler cleaning are difficult to answer, so much depending upon the state of the Boiler and flues, and their accessibility - Our men usually get time & half, and a reasonable allowance for refreshments &c -

Two men are generally employed in the work, but sometimes three are required —

I am
Yrs obdt Servt
J. Sutcliffe

Dr. Baker

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SILVANUS P. THOMPSON, D.Sc., F.R.S.,
Consulting Electric Engineer.

Morland, Chiselett Road
London N.W.
Technical College, Finsbury,
(City and Guilds of London Institute.)
Leonard St., City Road,
London, E.C.

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Mar 13 1892

re. W. P. Thompson

Dear Mr. Woods:

After consultation with my co-trustee we agree to accept the terms of yours of 18th ult. According I enclose cheque £51-13-7.

Yours faithfully

Silv. P. Thompson

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Barbourne Villa

March 21st

Dear Dr Baker,

I enclose £5. Note
Bank of England. also
Postal Orders £1-10. for
this Qr. You shall have
£6-10. the 1st June for
the next Qr. Thanks for
for your remarks about
my brother Nathaniel

Yours truly
H. Campbell

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OAKLEIGH, UPPER ARGYLE ST.
HOBART, TAS.

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Feb 28. 1892.

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker,

I write to say that I can no longer be held responsible for my brother's support at the Retreat. Campbell T. Dixon, my brother, is a member of Worcester Meeting and the responsibility of him now devolves on Worcester Meeting. I have instructed John A. Barringer to pay no more bills on my account after the quarter ending June 30th 1892.

Trusting to you to see that justice is done to my brother I remain

Your sincere friend
John William Dixon

Dr Baker

Derryvolgie

189 Belfast

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My dear Friend

I duly received
thy letter of the 18th Inst
and I am pleased
to hear that after
considering my letter
the Committee
have agreed to adopt
my view, & have
consented to the charge
of £2.2.0 being an inclusive

me". With kind
regards. Remain
Ever Sincere
Friend
V. F. Green

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From **Edward Fowler**, 9 **Heathville Road**, **Gloucester**

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AGENT FOR THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FIRE AND LIFE—FUNDS IN HAND, EXCEED £6,000,000

To Dr Baker The Retreat York — March 14th 1892

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Dear Friend I have received a reply from Charlotte Fosdows brother in America and as he does not consent to the proposal I make as to funds to pay her a/cs, I have no course left but to sell out some of the stock left in trust to make up any deficiency in the income for her use. This can be done under the trust - but I consider it the wrong way as after a certain time there will be no interest from the Stock & then principal is used - but I cannot move without her brothers consent & some of the funds for her use are complicated as to principal. I therefore enclose you Cheque for a/c as rendered from 12/31/91 to 3/31/92 £15-10-11

Please send me receipt & oblige Yours truly Edwd Fowler

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Ashday Lea
Rawlenstall
2 April 1892

Dear Sir

Your note of the 30th ult has been duly received. My father Mr I B Whitehead has unfortunately broken his leg about a fortnight ago and is unable to attend to business at present. As soon as he can get up he will attend to your request. I regret that owing to great pressure of business I have not seen your letter till to day and have therefore not given you an earlier reply

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Arthur A Whitehead

R Woods Esq

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Queen's Hotel
Cheltenham
April 10/92

My dear Brother,

Although with the exception of the 2nd. first which was very fine this is the 12th day on which not a cloud has been visible, and although people have said nearly every day that the weather has been suitable for my being out of doors I have thought otherwise, so have leaves on the trees, the sun does not suffice, the ground again, there has been none for a long time.

Your affect. Brother
George Harrison

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OAKLANDS
WATFORD

11 Apr. 1892

Dear Sir / Enclose, according to custom at this time, a Letter received from my Brother today.

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods
Friends' Retreat
York

Hareldean Sharlbury

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Dear Friend

Dr Barker,

I believe I informed thee that we intended to remove Lucy Bissell from York Retreat on the probability that such a course would be taken - The subject will come before the

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In M on the 5th Inst—
when the Board Friends
will decide on Lizzie's
Removal at the earliest
possible period— She
can be maintained at
our County Asylum at
far less expense than
we are now incurring—
If any further notice
be required please
inform me,

Thyself sincerely
John M Albright

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Memorandum.

From

G. N. BURTT,
Coal Merchant and Colliery Agent,
49, GOODRAMGATE,
YORK.

March 28 1892

To S. E. Woods Esq.
Secretary to the
Friends' Retreat York

Dear Sir

From this morning the price of Coals will be reduced 2/- per ton making the price for House Coal 17/ & for Steam Coal 14/9, being the same as it was previous to the recent strike of Colliers

Yours truly

G. Norris Burtt

127, High Holborn,
London. April 8th 1892
W.C.

Dear Friend
Robert Baker
Enclosed please find
Cheque £111.12.0 which
will balance my Cousin
Walker Woodward's acct
for maintenance to the
31st of last month —
I suppose that he does not
seem to appreciate his new
dwelling much —
With kind regards
Yours truly
Henry Neighbour

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an increased allowance for Mr. Woodward's maintenance ~~in~~ and shall be glad to know whether you mean that the alteration had not been carried out to 31st march simply, or whether it cannot be carried out at all.

Yours truly

Rich^d Smith & Sons

D. Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

RICH^D SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
~~7. New Square.~~
~~Lincoln's Inn.~~
London.
W.C.

16 April 1892

Dear Sir

Re Walker Woodward

We are very much obliged for your letter of 14th inst explaining the payments therein. We observe you say the projected alteration in Mr. Woodward's rooms has not been carried out.

We have on Mr. Neighbour's behalf obtained an order authorising

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for any payments made since April 1889 and shewing ~~for~~ what periods the amount paid cover -

We are sorry to have to trouble you but the receipts are required at the Lunacy office to vouch the items on the account -

Yours truly

Rich^d Smith & Sons

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat -
York

RICH^d SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
7. New Square
~~Lincoln's Inn~~
London
W.C.

4th April 1892

Dear Sir,

Re Walker Woodward

We are preparing Mr. H^y Neaglebourn's Account as Committee but he cannot find the receipts for the payments he has made to you prior to the £145 he paid on 27th January 1891 and we shall feel obliged if you will send us duplicate receipts

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Telegraph Address. WILTON, NEWCASTLE.

CHARLTON, McALLUM & Co

S. S. WESLEYSIDE.
S. S. HARTSIDE.
S. S. ARTHUR.
S.S. CANUTE.
S.S. HOLLINSIDE.

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Queen Street,
Newcastle on Tyne. 5th Apl. 1892.

My dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 30th ulto: regret I am unable to make a further remittance at the moment but I shall have some funds next month for my Mother's account will immediately forward same, her income at present is sufficient to pay her expenses as you will see I remitted about £350 last year & £100 already this, it is unfortunately the previous years when her income was very much reduced. I however hope that I may shortly be in a position to reduce this, meanwhile I trust your Committee will look indulgently upon the case considering the difficulties in the case.

I am. Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Hugh McAllum

S. E. Woods Esq
York.

The Broos
Malton
Monday evening

Dear Mr Woods

I am intending to send by Mary[t] Hodgson all the Retreat-documents and the Keys of the safe held by my dear husband— I think I have put all in, but I have a quantity of your letters to him, which I will send as well, should they be wanted, if they are not wanted I will burn them— I think we must

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all be very thankful that his sufferings are ended and he rejoicing in the presence of his Saviour in perfect peace & rest — Some weeks ago he expressed a wish to be taken to York to be buried; "near his work," as he said, and so had as many from the Retreat as are able, could attend it — Dr & Mrs Baker are very kind in providing tea — You will all miss Mr Burritt very much and I expect his place will not be easy to fill — It has been a great comfort to him having Mary Hodgson to nurse him & she has been most kind and attentive

Excuse more than kind regards from

yours very sincerely

Sarah Jane Burritt

Foxholmes
Hunters
April 13th.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I have given
an enclosing the
Gold Links
belonging to
your Mr. Fox. it
is a pity his
Watch & Chain
are not forth-
coming — I

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I have been hoping
to hear the
result of the
Post Mortem,
and trust
you will let
me know as
soon as you can.
Mr. Curry went
abroad on
Monday, for
a month —

With kind
regards, and
thanking you
for all the
trouble you have
taken —

Yours faithfully
E. Clifton

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Bethlem Royal Hospital,
London. S.E.

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Dear Mr Rowntree,

You asked me to remind you this month if I did not receive the proposed remittance from the York Retreat ; this I am taking the liberty of doing -

I am ~~in~~ not needing the money at once ; but if it is likely to be delayed I should like to know soon so that I can make other arangements for my expenses in Edinburgh -

Yours very truly

Bedford Pierce.

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Castlegate York
April 11th 1892

Committee for
The Friends Retreat

In reply to your letter I cannot afford the price you speak of for old lead now; £12.0.0 per ton; but will give you Ten Pounds per ton delivered in pigs at York Station, which is a fair market price at the present time, provided you return me five per cent for prompt cash

I am
Yours Respy
Charles Rudame

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Monk Bridge Coal Wharf

York.

J. SYKES RYMER,
SHARE BROKER
& INSURANCE AGENT.
Ent. Stock Hall. A. Nelson & Sons. Leeds

April 13 1892

Gentlemen

Judging now is about the time when you make your annual contracts for coal we beg to quote you the following very low prices delivered free for 12 months

Tocholes coal a first class hot burning clean coal well screened delivered into the Retreat at 16/11 per ton.

Garforth Best coal a good hard hot coal very suitable for large institutions a clean burning

s. d.
16/3 per ton delivered

Wheldale good rough Engine coal 14/3. per ton

do good rough Engine Slack 9/9 "

Terms Nett Cash Monthly

Yours faithfully

pp Sykes Rymer & Son

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The Committee
Tuke Retreat

the account or damages in
dispute left the
Retreat no alternative
but legal proceedings
and may therefore
be considered the best
offer they are in a position
to make. Please reply
to me at the Office
Yours faithfully
John Rowlands

Telegrams.
"PORTH, LLANDYSSUL"

Porth Hotel,
Llandyssul,
20th April 1892

Dear Sir,
re Maud.

Your letter has
been forwarded to me here
and in reply I am inclined
to think that the offer
made through Mr James
Maud to pay £2/3.2d
£ of the amount owing

to the Retreat in the course
of next month it is then
one the Committee of the
Retreat might accept
If any reliance can be
placed on the statements
contained in the Widow
Mr Maunds letter she
is only in receipt of
a weekly income of some
8/- and that she has no
other available means save
probably because when she
wrote threatening legal
proceedings unless somethg
was paid on account she
has unable to send the
remittance. The Committee
will bear in mind that
Mr J Maunds offer is the
result of our letter pointing
out that the failure to pay

OFFICE OF

ED. KIDD, M. D.,

L. R. C. P. E.

PICTON, 18th March 1892

Dr Baker

The "Retreat" York Eng.

Dear Sir: Having just seen your advertisement in "Lancet" of Mar. 5th I would like to become an applicant for the same. My qualifications however would not answer until I could have an opportunity of passing the necessary Examination. I am a graduate of the Univ. Toronto Can. (M: B: and double Silver Medalist of the Class of '76). Am a member of the Society of Friends here - I would respectfully refer you for more immediate information to Jos. Bevan Braithwaite of London I think - I cannot give his address with[redacted] I special permission to refer to him: but as he

Knows me personally, I take
this liberty with the hope that
his recollection of me may be
of use in my application.
I may add that I have had
upwards of five years experien
-ce in the treatment of the
Insane and although for
some years in private prac
-tice I would prefer the servic
of asylum - Please give my
application your Kind Con-
-sideration. Yours very truly

Albert E. Bowerman M.B.
Prince Edw. Co.
Canada.

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

March 25th 1897

Dr Baker
Dear Sir

I was at the Retreat on Wednesday and examined the Electric Lighting apparatus.

Everything was in first rate order except the storage cells which are in bad condition having lost much of their paste through ill-usuage. The cause of the paste being driven from the plates is that all the lights have been switched on suddenly at the main switch instead of this switch being turned on first the lights being afterwards controlled by the small switches.

It is absolutely necessary that the cells should be cleaned out at once, and this can be done without interrupting the lighting of the building.

I hope the order to put these cells right will not be delayed.

Yrs faithfully
H Blake

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RICHD SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
~~7. New Square.~~
~~Lincoln's Inn.~~
London.
W.C.

Enclosures

13 April 1892

Dear Sir,

re Walker Woodward.

We are obliged by your letter of 9th inst with duplicate receipt for £145. 7. 0 dated 31st December 1889.

We fear we must trouble you for a little further explanation as we do not find ourselves able to reconcile the receipts now before us and which are as under

1 Receipt dated 11 April 1889 for £96. 18. 0 for 2 quarters

viz one	To 30.	9 mo 1888.	£48. 9. 0	
& Do	31	12 mo 1888	48. 9. 0.	£96. 18. 0.

2. Receipt dated 31st December 1889. 2 quarters

viz one	to 31.	3. mo	1889	£48. 9. 0.
Do	30	6 mo	1889	48. 9. 0. £96. 18. 0.

3	Receipt marked Duplicate dated 31 December 1889 (Same date as above)	£145 . 7 . 0
4	Receipt dated 27 January 1891	£145 . 7 . 0
5.	Receipt dated 2 February 1892	£96 . 18 . 0

The duplicate receipt you have sent us is dated 31st December 1889 and is for £145 . 7 . 0 . Is this in addition to the £96 . 18 . 0 receipt for which of same date we have.

We shall be glad if you will refer to your Books & inform us what payments have been made and at what dates and what is now owing

We enclose all the receipts & duplicate above mentioned & all of which please return.

Yours truly

Rich Smith & Sons

Dr. Robt. Baker
The Retreat.
York.

6½ Austin Friars.
London 21st April 1892

Dear Sir,

re Otton

We shall feel obliged if you will kindly explain the A/c you have sent us.

We have paid all A/cs up to 31st Dec last and your new A/c begins with an item of "To amount rendered £5.1.6"- We have not received any A/c for this and shall be glad to receive it in the usual way.

The next item is "To one quarters Board in advance to June 30 £5.1.6"- We have however during the many years Mr Otton has been at the Retreat never received any A/c for Board in advance and we are under an impression that Mr Lockwood originally arranged that the Board was not to be charged in advance

We remain, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
Coates & Barber

Robt Baker Esqre M.D.
The Retreat
York

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6½, Austin Friars,
London 29th March
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Dear Sir, re O'Hara

We are in receipt of your letter of the 28th inst.

A letter from Mrs O'Hara has already been produced by us at the Inquiry applied, and was not deemed sufficient - and it was there suggested that the Form which we first should be signed by Mrs O'Hara in your presence at a time when she was in a state to understand it - Here we fully explained in our letter to you - This Form (which contains only the expression of a wish, and how no legal operation whatever) was intended to be laid before the Probate Authorities when signed & witnessed by you.

If you personally object to the wish expressed by Mrs O'Hara we shall be glad to hear from you, and cannot see your way to set aside your objections, if pressed we cannot, discuss the matter or discuss your objections and matters must remain as they are.

We remain Dear Sir
Yours truly
Carter & Bowden

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

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6½ Austin Friars,
London 11th March 1892

Dear Sir,

I've yesterday sent to the Rev.d Mr. Otton a Memorandum for him to forward to his Mother an inmate at your Asylum for her signature — The Memorandum merely expresses a wish by Mrs Otton that the allowance of £60 per Annum which was made out of her income to her father who is now deceased should be continued to her Son & that the funeral expenses of her Sister Miss Walker recently deceased should also be paid out of her income — She has been asked to sign this Memorandum in your presence — and if she should speak to you upon the subject we shall be glad if when she is in a proper state of mind to understand it you will be good enough to see her sign it — & sign your name to it as a witness & send it to us — We shall afterwards wish you to make an affirmation ~~Affidavit~~ — to prove her signature & that she was at the time capable of understanding the matter.

and we need hardly say we shall then be happy to pay your fee.

We remain Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Carter & Barber

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

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6½ Austin Friars.
London 21st March 1892

Dear Sir,

Re Otton

We are in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and note what you say as to the Commissioners in Lunacy having requested that patients should not be allowed to sign legal documents relating to their property - We would however point out that the memorandum we forwarded to you is not a legal document - We prepared it simply with a view of enabling Mrs Otton to express what her wishes were in regard to an allowance to her Son, and the payment of the funeral expenses of her sister & intended to submit it to the Lunacy Authorities supported by the evidence that Mrs Otton understood it when she signed it and we may add that we prepared the document at the suggestion of the Authorities at the Lunacy Office - Possibly this explanation will enable you to reconsider the matter - and we may point out that we have no wish to go behind the Authorities at the Lunacy Office and if the memorandum were signed we should at once submit it to those Authorities.

Yours faithfully,
Jones & Baker

Robert Baker Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

G. N. Haden & Son, Engineers.

4, ALBERT SQUARE,
MANCHESTER.

October 27th 1890

The Electric Light at the Friends Retreat - York

The Electric light has recently been installed in this Institution. The new Ladies Lodge on the Western side, now nearly completed, having been fitted up with it. The installation comprises all the modern improvements in Electric lighting, combined with some special features adapted to a Building of this kind, which has been designed for the treatment of cases suffering from the acute form of mania.

The plant is of very modest dimensions, consisting of a Steam Engine, Dynamo, Storage Battery, and 60 Incandescence lamps of 16 Candle power each. The Steam Engine is of the horizontal type of 6 Horse power, specially designed for Electric light work. This has been placed in a room constructed outside of the Main Building near the Laundry.

A Manchester Dynamo has been placed in the same room with the Engine, its power or output being calculated at 6,000 Watts, (one Lamp

being equal to 60 Watts) which is sufficient to charge the Storage Battery up to its full capacity, and supply current for driving a Ventilating Fan by an Electric Motor. also to run 60 or more lamps of 16 Candle power direct-

The accumulator or Storage Battery is made up of a series of Cells of the most approved type, which when fully charged will serve to run 60 Lamps at their full power for ten hours. Each Cell has been furnished with a proper recording instrument for showing the state of the Battery at all times; and there is an arrangement under the control of a switch, by which the voltage or pressure of the series of Cells can be regulated within certain limits, at pleasure.

The accumulators have been divided into two equal parts, and may be considered as two separate Batteries- each capable of running 30 Lamps for ten hours. These are so contrived that one Battery may be used singly, or both together; thus allowing repairs to be done to one set of Cells while the other would be available for running half the lights-

The rooms and Corridors, likewise the Conveniences, have all been lighted by Lamps of 16 Candle power. These have been divided into two sections with separate leads to each- One

section serving for the lights in the rooms, which including some single lamps, have been arranged in groups of two, three and four - fixed near the Ceiling and enclosed in a circular shoug glass case having a solid base of convex form, and silvered over to throw the light to all parts, and to give the room a cheerful appearance. The other section serves to light the Corridors and Lobbies which is done by single lamps suspended from the Ceiling with flexible cords in the usual way - covered with opal shades to throw the light down on the floor - the whole being controlled from a switch-board so contrived that the light may be regulated from full power down to just sufficient to show the way through the Corridors at night. Two Bedrooms have also been fitted with the light in a similar manner to be used in cases where the full light would be irksome.

The switch-board will be in a position accessible to the Chief attendant only, and enclosed in a case under lock & key - In this case there will be another switch for turning on and off simultaneously all the lights in the rooms, which will be done at night when the Corridors only will be kept going with a low degree of light as before explained.

In addition there is a switch placed near the door of each room, in the Corridors, for controlling the light

within the room. There will be under the control of the Attendants, who carry a loose key by which the light can be turned off and on.

The Installation is now nearly completed, and will be put in running in the course of a week or two; and judging from what has been seen of the Work by the same firm. Messrs G. H. Haden & Son of Manchester. we can confidently look forward to a result admirably adapted to the purpose, and such as will fulfil the conditions laid down at the commencement, in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

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My dear Sir

I have just remembered that you asked for the particulars of the working of an Electric Storage Battery or an Electrical accumulator. In order to make this clear I may say to begin with that there is no method known of storing Electricity directly as such. but the action of an Electric current upon certain substances in a way to decompose them will transform Electricity into Chemical Energy which in turn can be reconverted to its original form of Electrical Energy.

If two plates of lead are used, one of them being in a bright metallic condition, & the other in a peroxidised state (i.e) presenting a surface of peroxide of lead - it will be found that the current will flow along it from the peroxidised plate to the other. the bright plate becoming gradually reduced to a less oxidised condition. Connect these plates to an ordinary Battery when it will be seen that peroxide of lead will form on the plate connected to the positive pole. Disconnect the plates from the Battery & join them by a suitable wire, & a current will then flow from the peroxidised plate to the other.

The above will explain the working of a storage Battery in its simplest form. & all Electric Accumulators or Secondary Batteries are based on the same principle.

The several Oxides of lead use in a secondary Battery have the following Chemical Composition.

The protoxide of lead-litharge (PbO)
Red lead or minium (Pb_3O_4)
The peroxide or brown oxide PbO_2.

The Battery or Accumulators to be used at the Retreat will be composed of a series of cells of the E.P.S. improved type. These cells are divided into positive & negative, the plates in each case are of pure lead cast like a grid with holes for receiving the pasty Oxide. The perforations or holes in the positive plates are filled with minium, while those of the negative are filled with litharge. The plates so prepared are subjected to a powerful electric current for several hours; when the litharge is reduced to spongy lead; & the minium red lead becomes lead peroxide. Thus are then placed in a glass cell with a solution of sulphuric acid - composed of about seven parts of water to one of acid. Its specific gravity should be 1150 at 60° Fah. When it will be in a fit state to receive a charge.

Yours faithfully
H. Blake

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