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3 Mile End Place
Hals-grave.
May: 10th/80

Dear Friend,
Dr Baker:

This morning all Martyn's Luggage arrived from Edward I heard from him previously signifying his intention

to new apartments in Halsgrave but you can write to the present address

I am
Yours very Faithfully:
Mary Miles.

P.S. It is indeed very nice to see Edward's hand-writing again.

of sending all home if I would kindly take charge of them; there are 5 large boxes a black bag & a large book-shelf. I enclose you Edwards note of it; will you kindly let Martyn see it. I suppose I had better keep them according to Edward's wish until Martyn is ready for them? I suppose Edward thinks Martyn is coming home on his leaving York, to get & see about the luggage. Please write soon my dear friend and give my dear love to Martyn to whom I shall write shortly. I am moving

8, Park Street,
THE MOUNT,
YORK.

8 of 5 1880

Respected friend

J. E. Woods

I enclose 3 cheques as requested. — I do not find the Harrison correspondence on my list of contents of the safe, but will look for it when I go to the Retreat. — I remember that the com^ee were satisfied that George H. was living when the last inquiry was made in Lincoln's time.

Thine truly Jon^a Burtt

May 11. 1880

Dear Dr Baker,

I hope you will duly appreciate my generosity in sending you a convalescing Patient, who will saddle you table of cures! When I recommended the Retreat she was beyond the powers of a trained nurse to deal properly with. but the decision to send

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Colonel is & whether his friends persisted in leaving a Committee I hope the Proctor has not elapsed.

I suppose you will spike Story again

Yours very truly

D. Hack Tuke

her to Ypsi had a magical effect in making her; so much so that I proposed to her she should go to the Seaside instead. However as she was much anxious to go to the Retreat, and a complete change was most desirable and her friends could not propose any feasible alternative plan, I thought it better to carry out the plan

having that her going in the present frame of mind would complete the cure. I certainly could not have pressed her going if she or her friends had objected.

This does not call for any reply. But if you should write at any time I should like to know how the

Fernell House
Frensham nr Farnham
April 30/80 Surrey

Dear Sir,

I have only today received your note respecting the reduction of terms for my dear husband addressed to Theodore West It is dated April 14 but I think that must be a mistake as you refer to the Committee meeting on the 20th inst & seeing the subject is still further deferred I enclose a Cheque for the account of the account sent in this month In your previous letter to Theodore West you mentioned the Committee having reduced the terms to £2.2.0 this was a slight mistake it is £2.12.6 you will see by the enclosed account has always been paid

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I am thankful to hear my poor
dear husband is improved - my
prayer shall be - may it continue
& increase & health of mind
restored to him Thanking you
for all the trouble you have taken
on his behalf.

Yours sincerely

J Wm West

Dr. Robert Baker

WONFORD
HOUSE
EXETER

8 May 1850

My dear Sir, I am sorry the list of questions was not enclosed. I enclose it now, & shall be very much obliged for your answers.

Your interesting Report for last year gave me a good light here. It suggested several views & converted the Committee to them.

I hope to send you a
copy of my first Report
early next week.

Yours faithfully
S. Rees Phillips

Gunby May 4th

Dear Mr Baker

I think it will be very desirable for the Stable boy to board with Hodgson his wages should be from £9 to £12 per year according to qualification and character. I am afraid the pony will hardly be steady enough for

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your numerous duties I am myself keenly alive of her - and if you were going to ride and drive her yourself always should have little hesitation in lending her but think she should not run risks with our patients

Under these circumstances it will be perhaps best for me to keep her and try again

Have not looked out much for a horse for Morgan as I do not think he is very handy himself if he could only think as I do —

Yours truly

W. Hutchinson

60 Agnes Square

Peckham SE

5-11-80

Dear Friend Dr Baker

I enclose P.O. Order for the balance of money by me to the Rebuilt Fund will, I trust, be pleased to hear that I keep well and continue in business with no bad results.

I often think of you all & pray Kindness & hope you keep well.

My wife desires to unite in kind love to Mrs Baker Yourself also to our dear friends Mr. Wood. Also please remember me kindly to Dr Campbell

Very sincerely Yours Chas Parnell

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

April 30th/80

Dr Friend

Dr Baker

I am very reluctant to trouble you but I find I must now get rid of Marthyn's boxes They are five medium size ones - a small black bag, and a small book shelf 40 inches wide by 1½ yds long Before sending them down to his sister Mary Miles at Scarborough who I have reason to believe would have them I thought I would just ask you. especially as Marthyn is so much better whether I could not now send them down to York to you

I was advised to do so but thought I ought to ask your permission first - If you cannot have them - there is no alternative - his sister must now have them as I have kept them for over three years carefully for him and they are now in my way

Truly yours

Edwd Miles

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Antananarivo

Madagascar

2nd Dec 1880

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

On looking over the account for my daughter Mary all appears clearly balanced to 9. 30 1878 inclusive; by the payment early in 1879 of £2.17.5.

Cheques for the following sums have been forwarded

1st Jan 1879	£	7.10.0
5th " 14 "	£	15.0.0
9. 18 "	£	12 5.4
2. 2 1880 hereunto	£	6.10.0

Please to ask the Secretary

Please on the other side the sums falling due from the Quarter ending 12 31 1878
to 3 31 1880
and Kindly forward the same to

Isaac Sharp
c/o P Dunning
Southfield Farm
Middlesbro

the favor of which will oblige
Thy sincere Friend
Isaac Sharp

PS I sincerely hope by health has, long ere this, been re established.

through fatality – all the thousands of miles I have travelled since I left my Journal. The locks had to be broken last night – I need it today I think, that sleep did not visit me last night – As to what I feel like, & what to do is impossible today –

It was very kind of you to write me & I am very grateful for all the kindness I have all shown me –

Yours faithfully,
E. Buckley

Address of Mrs Jacomb Hood

Sea View Hotel
Sunday. St Peter Port.

Dear Mr Woods,

I could not write last evening the post having left before I got in.

And now alas! that a communication I have to make! there & then all my troubles to end, & the photograph I think I was robbed of by myself. I scratching I found my satchel open when my pocket gone. The stoker took him at once that had happened

I said that within the last few weeks such robberies had been going on and how he could detect the perpetrators so quick as they. He took down all particulars of the parcel its contents & said he would telegraph to the Station Master here who arrived as far as there is any likely to be - I am glad that is not the slightest clue. Imagine me landed on the platform in a strange place & not a penny in my pocket & [illegible] then. Thank you for all Dr Barker's kindness & generosity - I hope he has reached home - What can I do? to add to the all but the keys of my boxes and in the purse being small this I put them into it for safety. & on getting here I found a Cheque in a note to the lodgings, so very thing is as uncomplicated as possible - Will my letters ever end! What a

With every expression of
gratitude & thanks,
I am,
Yours faithfully,
E. Buckley.

Seaton Carew.
April 27. 1880

Dear Dr. Baker,

I have to thank you for your great kindness in sending me the drawers to enable me to get through my present difficulties & I cannot sufficiently thank you for all your kindness & consideration to me. Will you please let me know that I have received the £5 note in safety.

I am exceedingly sorry to cause you so much trouble on my account. I am trying to get benefit from this fine air.

Bridlington

Ap 28th 1880

My dear Sir

Shaw -

We were only able to remove Mrs Shaw from the Asylum yesterday - He has been found Lunatic by Inquisition & under 25 & 26 V. c 111 s 22 no medical Certificate for his reception is required - but an Office Copy of the Inquisition & an Order signed in pursuance of the Act shall be furnished - He seems much better than when he went into the Asylum at Beverley & the Doctor here think well of him but those at the Asylum do not appear to do so -

Could you send an Attendant to arrive here tomorrow at 12.30 & Mrs Shaw should be at the Station; & he & his Son could accompany the Attendant back at 12.45 -

Mrs Shaw is staying at 41

Mr. Peas, St. John
Street, Bridgton.
If the attendant cannot
come, please let me
have a Telegram in good
time tomorrow morning.

I am Yours faithfully
Thos Hailand

Dr. Baker Esq
The Friends' Retreat
York

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Apl. 15. 80

Dear Sirs,

As your Inspector has not come today in accordance with his promise I think it well to notify to you that as the plate at the bottom of the boiler is beginning to leak; and as the

leakage is increasing, something will have to be done at once.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

Lord Chancellor's Visitors Office.
Royal Courts of Justice.
Strand.
London, W.C.

30th April 1880

Sir

I am
directed by
Your Lordship to
acknowledge the receipt of yesterday's
date I beg to say
that the Visitors have
as yet received no
intimation that any one

C Lees

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has been appointed
Executrix of the Estate
of Mrs Hannah Keeler.

I am
Your very obedt Servt
J. M. Keeler
Chief Clerk

P. W. Baker Esq

4 Hobart St. Leicester
30 April 1880

Dear Dr. Baker,

I expect to be able to
let William Forge return to
York next Tuesday. From
what I saw of him before I left
home, he seemed very much the
kind of attendant my husband
needed, and I believe has fulfilled
his duties well. If this proves
I shall be able to tell more after
my return home, when I will
visit you again.

Thanking you very much for
allowing me the services of an

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attendant.

I am,

Yours very truly

Margaret Evans

Bridlington

Apr 29th 1880

Dear Sir

Your Attendant has arrived & is to leave with Mr. Shaw at 3.10. The Original Order, Statement &c is at the G.O. Asylum. I am writing to the Master in Lunacy informing him of the Removal - My impression is that Mr. Shaw's illness is hereditary & he is likely to become gradually worse - but Dr. Robinson holds a different view & I shall be very glad if his prove to be the correct one -

Yours faithfully
Thos Harland

A Baker Esq Lincoln.

44 Highbury Park
28/4/80

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Dr Duke has seen my Mother-in-law today she is still of opinion that it will be best for her to be secured to your care - We shall therefore look to Thursday next Deb 8 - Dr Duke will see her again on Sunday & I will then write you fixing the hour that she will be by & also arranging for the nurse to come on Wednesday -

Perhaps you would kindly just send me a line saying if this meets with yr. approval -

Yours faithfully
Thos Wm Warner

Gunby 24. 4. 00—

Dear Mr Baker—

The pony seems very quiet and gentle I have both driven and ridden her frequently— before she comes to you I think you ought to have a good strong stable lad to help Hodges as it is not good economy

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to let harness carriages
and Sussies be neglected
and the man cannot
attend to it —

I shall be at Leeds
on Tuesday and will
look in at Stephens
he generally has a good
many traps in hand

yours truly

W Hutchinson

10, HANOVER SQUARE,
LEEDS.

Apr: 23- 84

My dear Mr Woods.

I have received your telegram and I glad you can take Mrs Clarke my patient, who is suffering from Melancholia (Puerperal) with a tendency to suicide - She requires watching and as the attacks are periodical with intervals of perfect sanity I expect there will

soon under the care of
your Medical Superintendent
I feel perfectly well
& desire nothing but
rest for myself. I
can just as well be dressed
where I am & then
and make arrangements
about the clothing and
the fares, as I believe
I require two Medical
Men. I remain with
Kind regards
Yours truly
H Brodebank Hadden
Mr. Clarke is a personal friend

10, HANOVER SQUARE,
LEEDS.

Sep 26 - 80

My dear Sir

I purpose leaving Leeds for Sheffield by an early train on Monday morning - and being Mrs Clarke's wish to spend some time in Sheffield accompanied by her Mother in Law - she will be

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an attendant and
furnished apartments
I can accommodate
Visitors being perfectly
healthy and most strong
Situation [illegible]

Believe me
Faithfully Yours
H Brudenell Bruce

Dr Barber

without the knowledge or approval of Edward West, & the other Director I, of course, distinctly declined.

I now write to you to ask you to let me have your candid opinion, in strict confidence, as to whether my name would be acceptable to the members of the Board, for, if so, I should be

Confidential

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Apl. 5. 80

My dear friend,

The death of our mutual friend Matthew Ridgway causes another vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Friends' Provident Institution.

Some years ago I was asked to allow myself to be put in nomination, but on learning that the application was made

glad to join the Directorate, I believe that I should be able to devote the necessary time required for the conscientious performance of such duties as may appertain to the appointment -

You are aware that I am each year brought in contact with an increasing number of members of the Society of Friends, and those connected with them; and that I have very frequently to advise with these about their monetary arrangements.

Perhaps also my medical experience might not be unserviceable to the Board.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

M.D.

Bahi Villa
April 26th/80.

Dear Miss Capel
Balmain my letter
at Mrs Woods.

I. was too much
upset by my nervous with
my dearest Husband to see
Dr Baker or Dr Campbell, but
I should be very glad if
you would write & tell me
their opinion of my poor
Husband's state a year ago.

I hope & trust he is healed
with the kindness of he.
was always so sensitive
& did not know what it
was to receive a harsh word.
I have not had one minutes
rest since I saw him
Please tell me if he was
called a violent-after
my visit or if he talked
about me. I do not believe
he knew me for he has.

Dr. Baker. told me there was
no decrease. & therefore no.
reason. why. he should not
recover. in time. I. wish to.
know if. that is also the
opinion of the Drs also.
if he. has. been getting
worse. daily. in all the upaths.
it is said there is no improve
ment but it is not said
that. he is actually worse.
~~He. has. not. been~~. I was very much.
pleased. with my. visit although
I could not but remark.
for the first time the change
in my. darling husbands.
face. & expression. he. looked.
to me. so bowed. & miserable
& never. looked up. he is
much. fallen in the face &
body. but. his face struck
me. as so very much altered.

I am not afraid to ask.
ask these questions.

with I remain

Yrs. very sincerely

J. C Blackmore.

Bath Villas.

Middleton near Ilkley.

Yorkshire

April 26th

always been so glad to
see me before & enjoyed
my visits. I think he has
got into a state of des-
pair from feeling that
he is shut up away
from all he cares for
& his life is so monotonous
that he has nothing to
cheer him & to turn his

thoughts away from himself.
Does he ever talk about me
& his children at abs now
& does he care for his letters
Is there anything in the
way of underclothing that
he wants? Socks? Pocket
Handkerchiefs &c. I know.
that you will tell me
& all. The truth about my
poor suffering husband.
for you must know how.
I think of him every
day & wonder. if he is
comfortable & if there is
anything I can do
to increase his comfort.
You are always so kind
in offering to write that

a brothers keyboard lying
I remain.
Very faithfully Yrs
Eliz: Woolley

I don't quite understand
the statement but as I
expected his brother had
sent him a supply of
paper & envelopes, which
are probably laid away &
forgotten. Of course every
letter is of importance to
me, or I shd not have sent this

Lockington Vicarage
Derby April 21st

Dear Sir
Enclosed is Cheque Value
£40:4: our Quarters charge
for my poor son, who is -
according to his last letter
to his brother feeling so
thoroughly well, that he
again expresses himself
as being quite anxious
to commence his profession
but I know from Mr.
Arthur Woolley's report

of Mine a fortnight sooner, to be quite impossible, but it is difficult to explain this to himself without appearing harsh, or unkind all he can do, is to refer him to yourself, Say you Charles is in London at present, but will, I hope, be able to see him soon after he returned, poor fellow! he feels gratefully the expense he caused me without knowing what a relief it is to Edwin his so well attended & cared for in every way, he expresses himself as being quite happy, & would be sorry to leave, at the same time he cannot be satisfied in remaining idle, if he could be employed in any way imaginary or otherwise it would tend to his comfort in every way, I shall feel obliged by your opinion in the matter - Apologising for troubling you with this

to the average cost; 28/6 per week; but the Committee are of opinion that, under the circumstances, 35/. per week would be a more equitable sum.

The Committee do not wish to insist upon any arrangement that is not equitable, ~~but they are of opinion that you~~ and therefore I am directed to ask you, as Arthur's Guardian, whether 28/6 is all that can be afforded by Mrs Sams ~~& whether~~ ~~if not~~ their circumstances ~~it~~ would be right to fix the payment at the

Private

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Apl. 14th. 1880

My dear friend,

At our last Committee Meeting on the 7th inst. the subject of the terms paid for Arthur Sams came before the Committee and I have been directed to make application to You on the matter.

Mrs Sams has expressed her willingness to allow the terms to be increased £5

higher rate of 357—

~~one that meets the circumstances,~~
~~and I shall be glad to hear from~~
~~you on the subject.~~

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

Pse.

Please bear in mind that this letter is strictly confidential & that any reply will be considered equally so.

Hoddesdon
Herts

26th April 1880

Dear Mr Baker,

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly allow the settlement of my Mother's last Quarterly Account to stand over until the end of May at which time I expect a payment due to myself. Since the death of

her child now nearly two years ago my wife has been a great sufferer & in the hope of restoring her she has recently undergone a tedious & expensive operation rendered necessary by the damage done by unskilful hands at the time of her delivery. All these things have been a heavy tax on my resources or I would not have troubled you in the matter.

I judge from my Mother's letters that she is about as usual.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Walter Saffery

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JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, LONDON.

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Bridlington *Office at* 11.30 a M., *Received here at* 12.2 p M. Delivering Office.

From

T. Harland
Bridlington

To

Dr Raper
The Friends Retreat
York

Please not to send your attendant for shaw until I write to you I will do so tomorrow for friday

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

FROM

TO

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message.

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Leeds — — Office at 1-14 P.M., Received here at 1-19 P.M.

YORK MICKLEGATE APR 23 80

Delivering Office.

From

Dr Newelson
11. Hanover Sqre.
Leeds

To

Miss Rouse
Friends Retreat
York

Can You take an melancholie
Lady who will probably come
~~Today~~ Monday or early next week-
please wire at once

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS

Bridlington

Apr 21st 1880

Dear Sir

Shaw

You would receive my
telegram today -
It was occasioned by the
wish of Dr Robinson to bring
Mr Shaw home & try the
effect of a change here for
a day or two - as the
reports about his health
have been a shade more
favorable - I will write you
a few lines - Yours faithfully
Dr Baker Lord Hartland

family to give their consent
but until it is given I could
not take the responsibility
of saying that her removal
is a certainty. At the same
time I do not like the
idea of giving up the private
rooms you have proposed for
her occupation & shall
therefore ask you to reserve them
for her until I can give a
decided answer. I will be
responsible for the payment
of such fees as you deem
right for so doing - I have no
doubt in my own mind that
she will occupy them, if you can
so arrange in about a fortnight.
If not troubling you too much will
you kindly inform me, how
often the friends of the patients

44 Highbury Park
20/4/80.

Dear Friend
D. Baker

I am much obliged
for yours with enclosure -
Mrs. Abbott is a friend
I have seen Dr Lake today
& though he would recommend
her being removed & got
as soon as possible, I have this
evening consulted with other
members of her family who
do not see how it could be
arranged for her to be removed
until the Week after next -
You will readily understand the
reluctance of her immediate

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have any statement sent them of her
State, whether they are able to visit

Yours faithfully
Rexford Warner

from his pure and good disposition, as well as his fairly good attainments, been loved and cherished at home, and has during the time he has been with you, seemed tolerably contented that we would fain continue. I do not know what are the necessary steps to take but if notice is required please accept the quarters notice for the removal of my son, and I hope to God that something will intervene to prevent the necessity of his removal

Pudsey
Apr 21/80

Sir,

Enclosed is Draft for Thirty Pounds, and I will see to the Balance when I come to see my son.

I have fallen upon very evil times just now. I have recently sustained a loss of several hundreds of Pounds which will take me over a year to recover from in any measure. I am thus, I fear, rendered unable to continue my son at

your Institution, and shall be compelled, so far as I can see, to send him to Wakefield. This is an additional agony that we had hoped to be spared from, as we are thoroughly satisfied with the kind, gentlemanly, and humane treatment to which my son is subjected, and are greatly afraid that the change will result in worse consequences in such a mixed higgledy-piggledy as Wakefield. During the last fortnight the thought of being forced by adverse circumstances to interrupt the favourable conditions which our enquiries had taught us to expect in your Institution, has almost been too much to endure, and I do not see very well yet how we shall manage to get over it. I had rather try my son at home for a while than send him to Wakefield, even if home treatment with an attendant developed no further favourable circumstances. My son has

Only one favourable circumstance presents itself through the dark cloud. I am beginning to be able to see a little, as you may judge from my writing this letter. I have been nearly 12 months within an ace of perfect blindness but I trust I shall soon be able to do good work towards what may be required for my son.

Again, permit me to express my sorrow,

both on our own account
and because of my desire
to do my duty towards you.
my warmest thanks are due
to Yourself and Mrs Wood.
for the interest you have
taken in my dear Lad, and
I would fain cherish the
hope may continue as may
be required, under your
care

I am Yours Respectfully
Joseph Walker

Mr R. Baker, M.D.

3 Mile End Place
April 19th 1780

My dear Friend
Dr Baker.

Our Sister has now written to say that she is coming to Scarboro' tomorrow Tuesday 20th at 3.45 or 5" 10 will you be so very kind as to allow

in my mind if you will kindly allow him in this very unusual case as it is not only Harriet but we all want a parting meeting, and as I am paying my sister's fare I am anxious to do it as moderately as I can. I promise you your confidence shall not be mis=placed: please

Marilyn to come
here and spend
the day on Wednesday
or Thursday, as
we want all
to meet and as I
am at much
expense I should
be so very great-
-ful to you, as
Mrs Smith has
been so very kind
in allowing me
a few days holiday
and it would help
us so very much
if M could just
have one day, as
it will be such a
great treat and
as it has been
such a great
disappointment
to me his not
coming, it would
be so very delight-
and I shall feel
so much more
satisfied & settled

your wishes,
With very kind
regards, and feeling
so sorry to trouble
you but as we are
all so anxious to
meet and exchange
sentiments for one
day. Shall be very
grateful if you will
kindly give Martyn
the day's treat for
just all expense to
me. I believe it will
do us all much good —
with very kind regards

N/
do be so kind as to
help us. I will
remit Martyn's
fare after he returns
such as we may
all never meet
again in this side
the Atlantic I feel
sure you will not
deny us this happiness
for Tom Smith
are leaving home
for a few days; so
consequently I am
at a loss to come

to York and therefore
I do beg you will
give Martyn a day's
outing and I am
trying all I can to
please all parties
I even offer to pay
the attendants
fare and it would
be a days outing
and change for him
If you would kindly
send a line to say
what time Martyn
could come on

Wednesday or
Thursday, or
whichever day you
think best, he
will both meet the
train and I promise
faithfully to send
him back exact
to the time you
wish. I shall be
quite as pleased
to see the attendant
and you can
rely upon my
carrying out all

I think it would also be best for me to have the usual forms for admission. [redacted] I should add that I am only visiting Miss Dare her own children being ill & that she would not be removed to your care without each of them being consulted. Medicine my mother-in-law is over 75 yrs. of age

An early reply will be esteemed by

Yours faithfully

Alfred Warner.

44 Highbury Park

London N. 16/4/80

Dear Dr Baker,

For sometime Dr Tuke has been attending my mother in law Eliza Ashbolt of Tolcarne, & from what he says I believe it will be for her comfort if she is removed to you. I have an appointment with Dr Tuke on Tuesday, but if possible I should like to know before meeting him, whether she could be admitted to the Retreat at once & whether the fee of £3. 3. per week would allow of her having every comfort. Also please let me know if a nurse could be sent for her at any time.

might have been able to tide
over the present difficulties
without thus pressing the matter
but the long strain makes it
so much the more difficult
to manage

I am dear Sir
Yours sincerely
C M West

Dr Baker

Furnell House
Frensham
Farnham Surrey
March 14/80

Dear Sir)

My dear husbands illness
continuing so long may I ask
the favor of your bringing before
the Committee his case
The amount I am now paying
nearly absorbs the whole of our
income which amounts to
about £200 yearly - derived from
Dividends which vary This if desirable
I can show to any Friend in con-
fidence Last year several Dividends
were less than usual Our expenses
much greater owing to dear Jeffer
being so ill six months before he

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came to The Retreat. I have had to borrow from relatives who have kindly lent me large sums to meet the present demands hoping a turn for the better might take place but the attack continuing so long I do not know how I shall be able to meet the emergency — I cannot legally I believe sell out any Shares without my husbands consent & that I cannot now obtain & even now there are three small Dividends (amounting only to about £11) which I cannot obtain because his signature is required & they will not take mine although I have a written authority from him to sign for him & his brother Theodore signed as witness

There are rates & taxes which must be paid & myself to support, not having been able to let the house only for six weeks last Autumn find it the cheapest to stay in it myself I should be very sorry to deprive my dear afflicted husband of any comfort he has been used to or could enjoy but do not know how to meet the case therefore if the Committee would kindly reconsider the matter & could lower the terms without his removal to lower society I should esteem it a great boon — I had hoped I

about 30 who are connected with the Society of Friends are received at cost price, or a very little above that sum.

By this explanation I trust you will see that the Committee of management of this Hospital are still most anxious equitably to carry out the humane & benevolent intentions of its original founders - and that they devote the profit received from the high-class patients to increase the comforts of the ~~poor~~ poorer patients -

I may also add that Suffer-

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Mar 20th 1880.

My dear Friend

I shall be very happy to bring before the Committee of management of the Retreat, at their next meeting on the 20th prox. the application for reduction of terms for Suffer Neech.

I think it right however, to draw your attention to the concluding paragraph of your letter.

"But if the Institution can
"only accommodate wealthy or really

"well to do patients, it seems to
"me there is a serious stain for
"the Society, or that it must have
"materially changed from what
"I was led to believe was its
"original foundation"

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that your brother has rooms in the special building for patients of the first class. That on all occasions it has been especially requested that he might have this accommodation, and in the present application it is stated, "without the removal to Lower Society" There are 23 patients in this building, and the average payment is a little over £200 per annum. When your brother was admitted there at the low charge of £2.2.0 per week, we considered that a very great benefit & privilege was conferred upon him - and to my knowledge, a similar privilege has never been granted to any one not a member of the Society of Friends.

I would further draw your attention to the fact that 40 patients being members are received at the low rate of 10/- per week, and that a number of other patients being friends are received below the average cost of maintenance and that

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Wests case has been of ex-
-ceptional difficulty: he
having for a long time re-
quired the services of several
attendants, both night & day -
that he has been destructive
and dangerous, and from his
peculiar habits, still entails
an extra amount of trouble
& of anxiety -

My wish is this. That the
Committee are at present devoting
a considerable assistance in
your brothers case: that any
one not connected with the

the Society should have to pay twice as much, for the accommodation that is afforded to your brother, and that therefore on making an application for a still further Reduction of terms, I individually think the implication contained in your letter is undeserved, and impolitic.

You will understand that all letters and correspondence are submitted to the Committee, at their monthly meetings, & that therefore I have felt it impossible to pass over unnoticed, the concluding paragraph of your letter

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker
Sec.

Darlington

22/3mo. 80

Dear Friend

Dr. Baker

I am much obliged to thee for thy kind full letter of the 20th Inst., making me much better acquainted than I was before, with the circumstances of the case, both as regards my Brother, & as to the terms upon which patients are admitted into the Retreat. – I did not intend in that last paragraph of my letter, any reflection upon the ~~management~~ terms or management of the Retreat, nor should I have written it at all, had I then known what thou has told me. – Will thou therefore please either burn my letter – or cancel that paragraph before shewing it to the Committee: – I wrote it quite under misconception. – What I went upon was that from the acct. my Brother

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Rewrite my letter ~~to~~ for the Committee, leaving out the latter part perhaps thou will kindly return it me for that purpose

wife had shewn to me, it seemed as if even after the reduction made, his maintenance there, including the extras found needful, would amount to well on to 150 or £160 a year, which seems more than she can at all well afford. —

When my brother chose the site for his house at Frensham & got it built, he quite hoped & intended it to be a moderate, comfortable place, at which he could quietly live, away from the strife & wear of London life, but sufficiently near to keep up his valuable business connections, as a Scientific Draughtsman &c — Unfortunately, like many others, he found it cost a great deal more than he anticipated, & this obliged him to part with a portion of his invested savings, thus diminishing his income. He tried several times to continue or revive his business connections, but unhappily at each trial his health broke down.

This last attempt, not very long since, to engrave a number of microscopic specimens from the "Challenger Expedition" was the worst. He had a good deal of harass & vexation about some of the plates, that quite upset him, — & culminated in this attack from which he is now suffering. — He was ill for months at home involving heavy expense for constant day & night attendance, before we could suitably remove him to the Retreat, & I have already assisted his wife as far as I seem able, to meet pressing claims arising out of this, besides her having as I know been similarly assisted by a brother on her side. — It may be right for us to consider, if the affliction continues, whether the case can be better met by my brother's being removed to some other part of the house. I am only anxious to try & do what is fair & best for all concerned.

Thy sincere friend
Theodore West

P.S. If thou thinks it better that I should

63, Manchester Road,
Bolton.

19 April 1880

Dear friend,

When thou wrote last I understood that thou would be seeing Dr. Baker again, & would then be able to say something more definite as to the terms on which Alice Leicester could be received into the Retreat. Thou named & thou knows what is the average cost - this would be certainly more than we see a prospect of being accepted at terms of payment

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but we do not know that
thou intended to imply that
nothing lower would be
considered. So we shall be
glad to hear at thy early con-
venience if anything better
can be done than was men-
tioned in thy last. I think
I need not tell that Sister
Mother were not members
of the Society of Friends.

Thy Friendly

David Waddington

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would be convenient to you at short notice.—

Thy sincere friend

Theodore Pyott

I have all along been quite as desirous to consider the claims & high benefits conferred on us by the Institution, as the claims of the private individual,—but if it can only accommodate wealthy or really well to do patients, it seems to me there is a serious want for the Society, or that it must have materially changed from what I was led to believe was its original foundation.

Princes Terrace
Darlington
17/3mo. 1880

Dear Friend

Dr. Baker

I shall feel obliged by thy laying the enclosed letter from my brother Tuffen's wife,— before the Committee of the Retreat as soon as thou conveniently can.

I can fully endorse what it says as to the pressure upon my brother's resources, & ever since his case assumed so serious & prolonged an aspect I have felt much concerned for the harass & anxiety that his wife has been put to to meet the payments, & in which I have had in some measure to share by assisting her in meeting

them. — My brother has always been a thorough Friend, altho' he was I believe disowned under the old stringent Marriage rules, (for marrying one not a Friend) this living for years in their rather isolated position allowed little intercourse with Friends, but I hope in this respect the Committee will kindly allow some little claim for favourable consideration in relation to the Foundation principle Rules of the Retreat. It seems to me pressing heavily upon a wife or other dependent upon a man in a case like this to absorb more than ¾ths of his whole income for according to the accts. his wife shewed me for the quarter at the Retreat, including extras - they came to fully £160 - out of £200 which is just about all they have as income. — My brother's wife is really anxious, & has tried to do all in her power, to meet these charges in an independent way by letting their house & going into very plain lodgings, but the position of the house (altho' remarkably healthy & pleasant) is rather against it in these fast days being 3 or 4 miles from the nearest Railway station. I do not know that I need trouble thee with further details in writing but if either thyself or the Committee would wish to confer with me for fuller information, I will gladly come over to York whenever its

pecuniarily able to
bear any part of
the cost of his
maintenance.

When sent to this
Institution, he was a
Member of your Meeting,
and it is evident
that you then considered
any indiscretion of
conduct on his part
did not call for dis-
-owment: and it is

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Mar. 11th. 60

My dear friend,

I brought your letter of
26th of 2d Mo before the
Committee of Management
of this Hospital at
their Monthly Meeting.

I was instructed to
inform you that they
had reasons for believing
that Nathaniel Miles'
Relatives are not

probable that his condition of mind was such that it would not have been right to have held him responsible for his conduct.

Neither probably was he in a condition to evidence any decided attachment to the principles of our Religious Society, or to have any decided Religious views.

I am desired to ask you to give this subject of Nathaniel Mills' future maintenance your careful reconsideration.

It seems to us that he being a Member of your Meeting, and being afflicted with a form of disease which instinctively arouses feelings of sincerest sympathy, and also being unable by this diseased mental

dependent upon the
charitable contributions
of their fellow members.

Yours faithfully
R. B. Baker

Thos. Westcombe

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

condition either to care
for himself, or gain
a livelihood, this
case is one that is
a very marked depen
calls for that pecuniary
assistance which the
Society of Friends has
so humanely, and
benevolently extended
to those of its members
who, through no fault of
their own, have become

Lanherne.
Bathwick Hill

Bath
3 mo 13th 1880

Dear Friend

I am much obliged by thy kind letter received yesterday and in reply write to say that I quite thought Arthurs payment covered his expense to the Institution - Expenses have probably increased since his admission - and as I should certainly wish to pay his entire cost - please charge me accordingly - It is a great satisfaction to know that thou

considers Arthur thoroughly comfortable & well cared for where he is - I thought him looking so when I saw him at Scarbro'- Still I should have been very glad to give him the additional comforts by applying for the vacancy you so kindly mention - but I am sorry to say my very limited income will not allow of my doing so - & Arthur not being my only child I have others to consider -

May I enquire if George Epworth - alluded to in thine as taking so kind an interest in his case - is the assistant medical adviser -

I do feel duply thankful for the kind good care my dear Son is under & truly glad to learn that he is now well and able to enjoy the bright Spring weather -

With kind regards believe me

thy Sincere friend

Sophia E Sams

I am obliged for the interesting Photograph -

Sentence — the middle
Initials of his wife,
who, I believe, has many
times regretted the step
since —

Sincerely
Thy friend sincerely
Joseph J. Robson

Dr Baker —

Saffron Walden
13/3/80

Esteemed Friend,
Dr Baker,

Thy telegram to hand.
The "friend" is poor
Thos Edmunds of Clavering, whom we tried
to get out a day last
year, but without success — He is, however,
much worse now;
has a hatred for his
wife, and is rapidly
destroying his house

& premises —
The medical men
Sheard & Edwards have
no difficulty in
signing the certificate
for his removal —
His wife left him,
under the advice of
her friends, a few
days ago, as he was
so violently determined
that she feared
to stay another night
with him — He
expressed great pleasure
at her departure —
She is at present in the
West with her mother —
I may add that this
is a case in which
I suspect Mr McKinley
will bear the expense
of his conveyance to
York, but we sincerely
hope, he may remain
under your care
long enough to effect
a cure, as inevitable
ruin must come to
his family, if he be
suffered to be at liberty —
His former stay at
York was, I believe,

not known here whether he is living or not.

Elizabeth Simphrey of Oldaldrick will be able to give some information of the case.

Thy frd. Sincly.

David Waddington

Robt Ballard Wd.

63, Manchester Road,
Bolton.
14th March 1880

Dear Friend,

The friends of Alice Leicester desire to find an asylum for her, she being imbecile & dependant on her mother whose means of subsistance are exhausted. From enquiries we have made we are led to believe that the Friends Retreat is a suitable home for her and we shall be glad to learn that the conditions upon which she can be received are such as can be accepted by her mother & friends. It is quite

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necessary that the expense shall be very small - for it has been so for years whilst living with her mother, & even this cannot continue in the present circumstances - living in a cottage at £1 per week. She is the only child & the mother is obliged now to seek some employment & be relieved of the care of the child.

I understand that the Committee wish or may so fear they may require more or other information than I can think of without specific queries, but in order if possible to meet the requirements I will state what I can think of as likely.

Her age is about 17 years

She is helpless in walking & has little use of her hands

She has memory & considerable appreciation of what is passing in her company but is decidedly of weak intellect. At times she has periods of several days duration, of laughing & sometimes of crying, & of nervous excitement, but rarely perhaps at intervals of a year or two. She is never violent.

Her father & mother were friends, ~~indeed~~ the former has been absent from this country for 20 years & it is

Osmaston Road,
Derby.

1 mar 11. 1880

Dear Friend

Henry Gleaves
expressed a wish to his
wife, that I should write
to him: I suppose there
is no objection to my
doing so —

Are you able to
judge at all of the pros-
pect of the case? — I
should hope we may look
forward to some little of
other to his being restored
to enjoyment of his rights —
and now that we have

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succeeded in getting his
business matters into such
a form that his wife is
carrying on the concern
in their own account. I
hope the fact may be
an element in putting
his mind at ease
Thine sincerely
[illegible]

22, HENRIETTA ST.,
CAVENDISH SQ^RE, W.

March 22. 00

Dear Dr Baker

Should be very
sorry that any change should
be made in Colonel Oppenheim's
surroundings, but if even the
matter is getting, if it be not
already, very much out of
my hands. I will think
over it & see Fox & perhaps
Count Wozle & shall be
very much obliged if you will

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Let me know, what, if any,
change is contemplated.

I shall hope to run down
again before very long, but
at present am much tied
to town.

Please give him a message
of affection from me when
you see your boy

Yours truly
Yours

P. J. Godden

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

March 23d. 1880

I the undersigned, Eliza H. Stanton being the person who signed the order for the admission of Robert Stanton to the Retreat hereby request his discharge, and I assume all the responsibility of such discharge

Eliza H Stanton

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The Friends' Retreat
Near York
Jan. 10. 1880

My dear Sir.

I much regret the mistake that has occured about the Shroud, but at the same time when you know all the circumstances you will I think acquit us of any blame in the matter

At short notice we made a shroud which was ready for use two hours & a half before the time at which we had been led to expect the arrival of the hearse, namely three in the afternoon, or thereabouts.

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The arrival of the hearse at 10 o'clock, and the pressure put upon those who had charge of the Mortuary for the speedy removal of the body altered matters — I was simply ill in bed - and the hearse had left for some time before I had even heard of its arrival -

You will see therefore that the mistake has occured owing to the undertaker hurrying the remains away without first having asked for an interview with me

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker
S.E.W.

can assure you I feel deeply indebted to you for the kind care that has been shown him by you whilst in York, and I do not doubt that every thing will be arranged satisfactorily; so shall now retire into the background, having tried to do my utmost to further Martyn's interests in every way as I believed was right - as a sister, and I must add that I do feel that the blessing of God, has and is attending me. Our election has been at its last fight to-day

3 Mile End Place
Falsgrave
Scarborough.
April 2nd/80.

My dear Friend;
Dr Baker:

I am feeling very much cheered and encouraged since my visit to hear from your own lips that my dear brother (whose interests I have endeavoured so warmly to espouse) is likely to have a trial this summer, though

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I must admit to feeling
exceedingly disappointed
you think it best for him
not to come to Scarborough,
I am trying to think
it will perhaps be for
the best in the end and
shall now leave all
to your judicious fore=
=thought, as I have every
confidence in you
and always have had
but you will (I am
sure admit) that all
I have endeavoured
to do has been with the best
of feelings of sisterly
love for my brother.
I also had so few to
advise with me, &
not hearing from
Edw^d and Albert
I naturally supposed
they were not taking
an interest in the matter
but I shall certainly be
only too glad if they do
interest themselves in
their talented half=
=brother. I am much
gratified also to hear
that the lecture was
a success, and I had
the pleasure of seeing
a few of the diagrams.
As I am endeavouring
to get over the disappoint=
=ment of Martyn's
not coming to settle
in Scarborough, perhaps
you will kindly try
to arrange for a day
or two of sea-air
before he leaves; I

and I am happy to say
the two liberal candi=
=dates have been success=
=ful. I shall write to
Martyn very shortly
with the latest election
news, please give my
dear love to him
when opportunity offers.
I cannot help wishing
I could have had
his society for the
summer, but am trying
all I can to feel submissive
about it, but as I had
made up my mind
and set my heart on
it it does I admit
seem a great disappoint=
=ment, but you will
see my dear Friend that

I am trying to make the best of it and to bear it bravely; and you must excuse me if I have spoken warmly in his cause in previous letters.

I am glad that you are feeling stronger and I trust that the summer will bring renewed health and happiness to you and yours.

With kind regards to Mrs Baker, Lillie and Florence Bertie, I am

Very Faithfully Yours

Mary Miles.

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

april 2nd/80

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I am obliged for your kind note going so fully into particulars and am very glad to hear that there is such an improvement in Marlyn and hope it may continue

You must though I think have misunderstood my letter which was written in the hurry of business and also evidently my position in regard to him and his family and in fact my position altogether

Did you comprehend this and could understand all that has gone before for years past You would see it is simply impossible for me to do what you suggested So far as I am concerned if Marlyn is not really well and able to come away entirely on his own responsibility; this affair must remain as it is – I cannot interfere in any way whatever I have done all I can for Marlyn Have paid more money for him than for my own brothers and henceforth he and his sisters must find better friends than I am able to be I have very great cares and anxieties and want all my time, energies and money now to devote to the interests of my own children

It was a most deplorable mistake that I made in ever

having anything to do with it at all but so many people were at me I seemed forced into it and allowed my better judgement to be overruled

Mardyn is not as I think you know my own brother nor was I intimate with him at all – in fact he would never have anything to do with me –

I have had very much trouble about this family and of late increasingly with letters and calls from people about them It is simply the truth that hardly a month elapses but what I am annoyed in some shape or other and I feel I cannot endure the harass and worry any longer I have even got a letter from America about one of them now so that although I feel very sorry about it all and at the risk of being misunderstood and being considered harsh I am obliged to say finally I distinctly decline all responsibility, trouble and expense about either Mardyn or anyone of his family

I am
yours very truly
Edward Miles

Raymond Gibbons.
Queen Street.
Long Eaton.
Nr. Derby.

I have been here in charge of the male accident - ward since early in January. I mean to remain for a year - although it was back to go in for some real work for a time before becoming a Superintendent again. I hope after my experience here to be

General Hospital
Derby.
March 31.

Dear Dr Baker.

I am writing to you on behalf of a young man who has lately been my patient here, and who very much desires to have an engagement as attendant upon the Insane.

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He came into the Hospital about a month ago suffering from slight irritation of the bladder. He is now quite well - He shewed such wonderful aptitude for nursing, & was so kind & thoughtful & ready to help that I suggested to him that it was a pity he should not take it up as his profession - He said he had often thought how he should like it, & as he is going to give up his work on the Midland Railway I promised to speak to you for him, hoping that you may have a vacancy at the Retreat. He is 23 years of age - Short but strong, & very cheerful in his manner, & struck us all as a particularly good thoughtful young fellow.

His address is —

fitted for the charge
of a larger Hospital than
I had previously.
I have a very good class.
Though the work
is terribly heavy it
quite compensates for
that by the interest I
it. I have extra work
at present through Mrs
Supt. & housekeeper
being laid up.
I am glad to hear
through Mrs Carter that
you are quite well
again. Will you

Remember me very
kindly to Mrs Baker.
Believe me -
Sincerely yours -
A. Lowell.

Lansdowne
Bathwick Hill
Bath
3mo 31. 1880

Dear Friend

I had intended to reply to thy letter of the 18th inst before this but the subject of it has caused me considerable perplexity. I have given it much consideration and am sorry to say I feel unable to see how I can provide for a larger payment than that of 28/6 pr week to which I

agued in my last letter —
as stated there my income
is a very limited one and
for the last two or three
years still further lessened
by increased taxes and
diminished dividends — I
wish to do to the utmost
of my power and after
the quarter now due will
willingly pay the increased
charge ~~£~~ 28/6 pr week and
hope this will be considered
satisfactory.

Asking then to excuse
the delay in answering
thy letter I with kind regards
I am thy sincere friend
J Sams

21 Northgate.
Wakefield
1/4/80

Dr Baker

My Dear Sir

After I had seen you early in Feby I wrote to Dr Brodie giving outline of my sons case, in reply I rec'd a letter also printed form, requiring answers, to a number of questions, the nature of them conveyed to my mind, that Dr Brodie's Institution was more as "Asylum" for Imbecile Children than a School the Idea of our boy being classed & associated with Imbeciles so troubled my Wife I could not carry on the negociations with Dr B under the circumstances I think you will under-

Hanna my appreciation better
than I can convey by letter.
Since I saw you & at present-
time the boy is in the
country, he has mulk,
cod liver oil & Co & is well,
but no better in the un-
steadyness in walking
Accept my thanks for
your very kind interest
you have taken in him.

Believe me to be
Yours faithfully
I A Thornton

Derby April 1. 1880

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Thanks for your
reply to my enquiries a
bout Henry Thos. H.
is evidently that the in
flamed & patty, which
accompanied other symp-
toms would go, and lik
ly to remain after his
recovery & will have to
be combatted after we get
him home again. I
trust home and that this
will not prevent his
being discharged when
so far as other symptoms
are concerned, he may

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appear safe to set him at liberty. With suicidal thoughts in his mind, he was not a fit state to be at liberty — but I hope that is over, & with better & more prospects, & with the kind strain of the Judicial sentence, I hope the time is not distant when he may be kept to comfort the Care of his family.

Before going to press he was only borrowing of time to be cribbed all day — & for fact to simply do nothing, but that alone would not constitute insanity; & when nothing else is manifest, his friends must trust to coming time —

Enclosed is a document requiring his signature; my letter to him enclosed, explains it. May I ask you kindly to get it signed & returned. —

Yours very truly

J. J. Ingram

March 25. /80

My Dear Friend

I Received my Watch
quite safe. which I return
many thanks For your
Trouble I feel very
sorry that I Edmunds
have caused so much
Trouble to you
Should you see mrs
Edmunds give my

duty to her

yours respectfully

J W Brice

32 Peabody Buildgs

White Lion St

Bishopgate

Great Ayton
via Northallerton
3. 27. 1880

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Were I nearer York I should like to have called upon you to ask a question or two, as I know of no one more likely to give me the information I need; but perhaps writing will do almost as well.

Can you tell me whether there is any Institution in the United States corresponding to your "Retreat", under the care & management of Friends? My mother is interested in a Patient who has been placed as a temporary thing, in one of the State Asylums, but she would be much better satisfied to recommend his removal to one similar to yours.

where the would have greater confid
in the treatment being human
Is it in your opinion true that c
is practised in these establishments
on the poor inmates afflicted with
mental disease? A letter we have
seen from the Patient above referred
to, would give us to suppose it is.
If you will kindly send me
an early reply. I shall be much
obliged. I remain
Yours sincerely
Margaret Fox

T. B. Baker

Farnell House
Frensham, Farnham
Surrey
March 29/80

Dear Sir,

I am very glad to get the intelligence you have kindly sent me today of my dear husband I do hope he may still continue to improve it is indeed a very gradual process & the relapse as sudden — It is certainly better for him to be contented & cheerful than repining & I am glad he finds amusement his deafness debars him from as much others enjoy
He mentioned twice in writing to me he had given the Attendant ten Water colour paintings to sell for me — I suppose they were

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not sent off - Because whether they were good or bad I should not like them lost But not knowing I could make no enquiries & could not say to dear Suffen anything about them One answer to this when writing will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully

E W West

D^r Baker

Rose Cottage
Falsgrave
Scarborough
March 27-80

My dear Friend,
Dr. Kl. Baker;
As there is an
Excursion to York
on Monday 29th the
Mayoress kindly
allowing one
half day to visit

Martyn. Please
allow him to meet
me at 3 to 3.30
My train will
leave Scarborough
at 12.45th. I am
quite longing to see
my dear brother
tho' it will only
be a short visit
as the return train
is 10 P.M. —
We are having
a very stirring
time just now

On account of the election
Hoping you are getting
through and that all your
circle are quite well
I am
Yours faithfully
Mary Ellis.

I therefore wish to ask if your establishment is suitable to the case and upon what terms you can receive the Patient- I do not wish to incur a greater expense than at present and Mrs Pearson will I have no doubt give you every information you may require.

I am. Yours truly

Joshua. T. Naylor.

2 Greenfield Place. Westgate
Newcastle. March 30/80

To the Governor of the
Friends Retreat. York.

Dear Sir.

I have a daughter at present under charge of Mrs Pearson of Acomb and am informed that she has recently absented herself from the house for a night thereby causing a search to be made & some anxiety to Mrs Pearson who now as a consequence wishes her to be removed to some more suitable place where the liberty to wander would be more restricted.

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Manor House,
Carperby,
Bedale.

30/3mo. 1880.

Robert Baker M.D.

Dear Friend

Have you a vacancy for a non-friend patient in the Retreat & an elderly man retired from business. If so please inform me stating terms &c. and how soon he could be admitted.

He married a very dear

friend of ours a Mrs Richmond of Swindon some years ago. and for some years past his memory has been failing, and though our advice else has at last (very unwillingly) agreed it would be best to put him under care.

Mary both belong to the Wesleyan denomination, he is not at all afflicted with melancholia, but very talkative.

Kindly inform me by return of your home address, and also forward a certificate to Mrs J. Lee Hilgharstone Brathwaite, Upper, York.

Hoping myself & family are quite well, with love,

I remain

Dear Lucy

Yrs. Willis

March 22nd 1880.

95. Brooms Spring Lane

Sheffield

Dr Baker

My dear Sir

In compliance with your wish, I write to ask that my husband's name may be now removed from the books of the Friends' Retreat, wishing also to say that I will do all that I can for his safety, either by my own care, or the care of others - I am

respectfully yours

Eliza W. Stanton

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Handed in at the Hull Hall Office at 8.46 .M., *Received here at* 8.52 .M. Delivering Office.

From	To
E. F. Hardey Surgeon 3 Kingston Terrace Hull	Dr Robert Baker The Groves Retreat York

If you have room for a Cabby please send necessary papers. If no room say where she can go

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Dated Stamp of YORK MID P YMP 13 80

Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Saffron Walden *Office at* 3.55 P.M., *Received here at* 4 11 P.M. Delivering Office.

From	To
Joseph J. Robson Saffron Walden Essex	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Two Medical men certify a friend insane & requiring confinement send Keeper directly to me with blank certificates wire reply

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

To

From

She was afraid to be left
alone with him, & we
removed her at once &
she has gone to see her
mother at Penzance —
He expressed his pleasure
at her departure —
This occurred on the 9th
& on the 12th I received
intelligence that he
was rapidly demolishing
the premises which
induced me to obtain
medical help —
She deposed you know
I will just add, he spoke

Saffron Walden 15/3/80

Dear Friend,

In reply to yours
for Mrs Brown —
I filled up the statement
so far as I was able —
Rebecca Edmunds being
absent, I was unable to
obtain some of the particulars
required — If these are
essential, I will obtain them on her
return home —
I wrote you rather hurriedly on Tuesday &
hardly remember how I

for I explained the case—
T Edmunds has been more
or less excited & strange
for the past 14 months;
but lately has taken
up with a building, or
perhaps more correctly,
a pulling down mania—
My attention was first
called to this about
a fortnight since, by
a letter from a neighbor
of his, asking me to
ascertain so as to prevent
his seriously injuring
the property where he
resides & which is nominally his own (mortgaged to its
almost value); or my at
tempting, in conjunction
with another friend, to
advise him, he gave
us to understand, he
should do very little more
at present, assuring us
he knew perfectly well
what he was about—
He bitterly upbraided
his wife, accusing her
of trusting his goods
away, purchasing
unsaleable things,
keeping the apes negligently
&c; adding, she is ruining
me— She told us

Saffron Walden

20/3/80

My dear Friend,

By a note just received from Mrs Edmunds, it is evident that the boys watch you mention is the one belonging to

William Rice

Tailor

32 Peabody Buildings

Commercial Road

Shoreditch

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The man was very angry about it & threatened prosecution, but finding how matters stood, he, of course, only asks the immediate restoration of it — Will you kindly send it to the above address & oblige

Yours sincerely

Isabella J. Potter

it would be most unwise, as we are at present circumstanced.

I have seen Jonathan Backhouse this afternoon, & he entirely unites in my view: but I should like to have your opinion before writing to J. C.

Please send reply by bearer.

Yours affectly.

Robt. Baker

I should most certainly decline

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Mar. 29 1880

My dear friend,

Wm Coning called this morning while I was out at a consultation, & ask me to let him have on Friday the Retreat omnibus, a pair of horses, & John Hodgson.

My own judgment is decidedly against acceding to this request. as I am quite sure

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written, commending it —

very bitterly of his wife.
This morning on hearing
the cause of all his
trouble, hoping he might
never see her again
& stating his intention
on leaving the Retreat
to proceed, at once,
to America —
We regard Mrs Cummings
as an excellent Woman
& most devoted wife &
he thinks so too, when
sane; in fact he admitted
this to us in one of his
Paroxysms, saying "She is
the best Woman in the World.

After he had left with his attendants, we surveyed the premises & found he had destroyed several outhouses &c entirely; in fact, we consider £150 would not pay for the damages —

I think I mentioned that Shepherd McMeeking will have to bear his expenses, & therefore it must be at a low rate of payment —

I gave Mr Brown £3 on a/c today & will forward cheque to balance travelling expenses on receiving your account —

I remain

Yours very truly

Joseph J Robson

Dr Baker —

I believe D. E. took with him a watch, belonging to another man, which he had obtained improperly under pretence of a loan; and the owner has

Gunby 12. 3. 1880

Dear Friend

R Baker

I propose all being well to get up to the Retreat to dine on Sunday to see thee about the carriage &c

The Milk question cropped up last month – it seems a very questionable proceeding that of keeping Cattle beyond the production of the place

Could your bookkeeper ascertain for me what

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payments for hay, corn,
Cake and roots - I think I
see my way to do away with
the objectionable buildings
if we contailed our stock
without much expense in
removes — if any —

Ever yours
W. Lutchman

The pigs fed on Sanpharine
bought
will be mixed up with
the whole matter and
so cannot be separated &

Copy 25 Old Broad St E.C.
London 18 March 80

Sir

I have been informed by Dr R Baker of the Friends' Retreat York that Friends belonging to your Meeting have kindly contributed the sum of 10/- a week for the maintenance of Miss Leemann a Swiss Governess who unfortunately became insane in the Board of Orphans of Friends has forwarded home the sum of Frs 580,- £22.18.6 to be remitted to your Meeting, this being all the property Miss Leemann is entitled to in Switzerland -

I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether you are the Member of the Meeting

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entitled to receive the rents on its behalf & to do what is the most convenient way of forwarding it to you.

I am &c H Vernet

H Brown Esq
Bankbank, Rue
Norwich

Ropley 18 March

Sir

In reply to yours dated the 15th inst. the payments for the maintenance of Miss Leeman at the York Retreat have been made by me in the capacity of Trustee to the Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends. The payments have been made from a fund out of which they assist their Members in indigent circumstances -

we shall be glad to receive the amount kindly remitted to you by the Board of Upkeep of Zurich & you will be safest as to remit it home by Cheque, or to my account at the Bank of Gurney & Co Norwich thro' Barclay & Lombard Street (as you prefer) it shall be asked towards Miss Leemans maintenance

We are not acquainted with the address of her relatives in Switzerland (if she has any) & conclude they are unable to contribute towards her support either at the Retreat or at any other.

I am &c HB.

Bredon nr. Tewkesbury
19 March 1880

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged to you to send the attendant, whose services you kindly promised me, on Tuesday the 30th instant. I propose leaving home on the 1st of April, and should like to have the attendant here for a day or two before I leave.

As I think I mentioned, my husband is deaf & on many points - quite - & although

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will not be very much for the attendant to do, but a certain kind of supervision is required, which has to be exercised with considerable tact.

We will take care that the attendant shall be met at the station which is less than a quarter of a mile from our house.

The only train, I believe, by which he can reach us from York, arrives about 7.18 p.m.

As far as I can see at present, the attendant will be wanted for about a month.

Thanking you for your attention

I am

Yours truly

Margaret Evans

Arundel Lodge,
Unthank's Road,
Norwich.

18/3/1880

My dear Friend

I am obliged by
they sending the copies
of correspondence respect-
ing Wheeeuum Upr
the humble thanks
taken in the matter —
I never took copy of
letter I rec'd from
the Rev'd Consul, also
of my reply —
I suppose that must be
considered as final.

Yr sincerely
Henry Brown

D V Baker

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him into the Retreat & saying if he had & would use his best endeavours to get him out. he need not undertake any responsibility or expense, as M. W. M. could stay at my house for a month free of cost & perhaps by that time he would be able to obtain a situation. I also asked for the address of his nearest relation. but have received no answer -

A sister of W. to W. who is a governess, has written to me from York. She thinks her brother fit to come out. I think myself that he might not be sufficiently strong to earn his living & might require a few months rest before beginning work, but if Westminster Mo MS would allow him something to live on until he could take a situation, I believe the Dr. would offer no objection to his coming out. In conclusion I may just say that I and my wife

Dalmoral House
Matlock 12/1/80.

Dear friend,

I visited the Retreat at York in 9 mo: last & my attention was much drawn to Marylen W. Miles. I was in conversation with him about an hour. I saw no appearance of insanity in him & he appeared in good bodily health. He was acting as an attendant to an aged friend who is confined to bed. He very much wants to be liberated from the Retreat. He understood that his half brothers in London put him in. They have never written to him & when I wrote to one of them on M. W. M's a/c he told me he had nothing to do with him or his affairs & could take no responsibility nor be at any expense on his a/c. I wrote to him a second time, asking if he had anything to do with putting

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happened to be in York in 1866 attending the Exhibition. We asked Dr Kitching if he would allow us to see a woman friend who was then in the Retreat (from Reigate) He gave permission & we took tea with her in Dr Kitchings house. She was neglected by her relations, but we ultimately succeeded in getting her out & she came to our house in the same way as I propose for this youngman & has never again gone back. but earns her living very respectably & occupies a very respectable & useful position in Society & is now appointed an overseer in the meeting to which she belongs.

Charles Marriage from Reigate was here two or three years ago & said their meeting ought to ful much obliged for what we had done as they had paid about £2 per week for her while in the Retreat.

I hope thou will use thy best endeavours with the Monthly Meeting in favour of this youngman.

Thy friend
Michael T. Morrall.

Upper Tooting Park
Surrey S. W.
8/4/80

Dear Friend

I am much obliged for thy reply to my enquiries and perhaps may as well send thee Mr. Morrall's letter. Thou may possibly be able at once to say whether his proposal will at all suit to be entertained or no better than Mr. M. Miles Sister's.

Thou will see by the date that we did not

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attach much importance
to it as I am not aware
that it was ever replied to
I think the probability of
getting Mr Mr Miles any
employment that will meet the
conditions mentioned by them
is very remote as also
that of being able to put
him under any suitable
care away from the
Retreat. But one wants
much to be quite clear
from neglect of any
means that could restore
him to usefulness and
independance

Yours truly

Richd Dell

Martyn has no friends
who will undertake
any care or charge of
him except his Sister
under whose care he
was when he became
so much worse

FLOUR MILLS.

WELSH BACK, Bristol 8. IV 1880

Dear Friend

D. Baker

I am in receipt of your account & regret that it has not been replied to before, my brother Abraham who will pay the Bill think it very large & it is the first rendering of the account that has been sent.

We heard from our sisters some time since that they had not received any account but we are clear that we have not, consequently it would appear to be wrongly noted in your books.

The dates are no doubt right but we thought that a patient of such long standing may claim some consideration

We are pleased to feel so far that the change to Lilford appears to have been the best our sister could have taken

She appears to much enjoy the Country & has we believe to the present time not spent a single day in

Ned since she has been there.

Iam yours truly

Alexander Grace.

Bridlington

Apr 15th 1880

Dear Sir

Could you make
arrangements for some one
to come to Beverley &
take charge of Mrs Chas
to your Retreat on the
22nd inst. If you will
let me know the hour
you wish the person will
be at the Beverley Station
I would arrange for the
Lunatic to be there -

Yours faithfully
Geo Harland

J. Baker Esq
The Friends Retreat
York

Respected Sir

Dr Baker

Rev brother

J. W. Theobald is writing
for means for buying
Gardiners &c — I
sent him 5/— a few
weeks ago for that
purpose and promised
5/— pr quarter —
I hope he will
excuse my asking
these to take it

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commencd for me
by handing him
157 as per cheque
in those portions
"I am pleased to
find that the cane
of plants appears both
encouragement & interest
for my brother
but did not intend
to supply him with
more cash immediately however
I may be left
capable on my hands
to give them
chance but
I much hope that
my ambition may
gradually improve
and that after awhile
they may join his
family & friends

Respectfully yours
Mary E Simpson

32 Bristol
Devizes
30/4/80

Bridlington

Apl 17th 1880

Dear Sir

Shaw

The Order shall be signed & sent to you with Shaw. If you require any Information, Would you write to Dr Robinson at this place who attended Mrs Shaw professionally before his illness -

Yours faithfully

Thos Hartley

A Baker Esq, Mag
The Friends' Retreat
York

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33 Aaron Row Bradford
14. April 1881

Dr Baker
York

Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged for
the information you have kindly
sent to me. The patient is a very
well to do butcher, who is suffering
from melancholia with the accompanying
that he is starving his self supposing
he can't afford his family, that the
bailiffs will come & sieze upon
he fears to eat that he emaciates

I rushed out of his house
to escape from them. He is one day
better, the other worse. When better he
goes to his shop & works a little,
when worse he sits in his room, staring
into the corner & not talking at all.
I got the consent of the family to send
him to the retreat yesterday; this morning
they have foolishly changed their mind
& have sent him into the town to
Honeyman. I do not doubt he will
come back in a day or two, not
improved, & then I shall insist upon
him going out to the retreat

I inclose, with many thanks, 12/
in stamps for the telegram.

Believe me dear Sir

Yours faithfully

C Doran

30 Manor Park Bradford

12. IV 90

To the Medical Officer
of the York Retreat

Dear Sir

A patient of mine suffering from Melancholia will have to be sent to an Asylum in a few days, as a Private Patient. May I ask you the favour to inform me whether you receive private Patients in your retreat, and whether you have different classes of them, & what they have to pay. Finally, if you receive such patients, if you have a vacancy for a male one

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I should be greatly obliged by
an early answer. Will you kindly
inform me, if you can send a sale
house over to attend a sale if he
shall have to be received by you

Excuse my troubling you with so
many questions I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly

E. Rosser M.D. (London)

T. GATES DARTON & Co.

7. Kirby Street, Hatton Garden.
London, 12/4th 1880
E.C.

Dear Frank

S-G. Woods

I am somewhat disturbed at receiving the enclosed account against C Prince for Sam'l Alexander. Why it was addressed to S.A. at all I cannot conceive. I cannot understand:- as I paid the previous account by Cheque (22/X/1879-) for £48-13-2.

This amount includes (as I believe) the amount of £27. 6. 0 charged on the enclosed Statement,- but I forwarded the previous Statement & receipt to Cha Prince & therefore speak only from memory.

Circumstances (which I need not explain) make it peculiarly mal-a propos that the a/c should have been addressed as it was, at all; & the (supposed) error aggravates the matter.

I do not wish the Princes to know any thing of this misadventure if it can be avoided, but please explain by early post, & oblige

Yours very truly
J Gates Darton

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Mrs Marrinor's
Front Street,
Seaton Carew,
May 3rd 1880.

Dear Dr. Baker,

Mrs Stewart purposes returning to York on Thursday as I am much better for the change & sea air here I shall be glad to return to Belle Vue on that day if you will allow me, & I dare say Mrs Leather will be glad to be relieved.

Mrs Stewart wrote to Mr & Mrs

Esther Lost- week a trial
them stock my textiles
& the loss of the money &
all that.

Once more I thank God
for His Kindness to me
& remain,

Yours faithfully,
E. Buckley.

YORK EXHIBITION 1879

YORKSHIRE.
CARRIAGE WORKS.
OGLEFORTH, YORK.

FIRST CLASS PRIZE MEDAL
Awarded to
WALES & SON

April 13th 1880

Mr Baker

Dear Sir

Your Coachman has brought the Buss in for repairs to day we thought it best to let you know what is required.

All the tyres of the wheels are loose and will require contracting. The water comes inside, we found the cushions swimming in water we will try and remedy that. The under-

carriage is sadly out ~~of~~ order. The top carriage is too light, to make a good job part of it should be new.

We would strongly recommend you to have the Buss varnished it would preserve the paint.

We should be glad if you could call tomorrow so that we could point out the necessary work to you

We are

Yours Obedt

Wales & Son

beforehand & tell
you what time her
train reaches York
and they could
come on together
but I will write
again & tell you
the exact time
she is coming if
you will kindly
give me a line
& say if you could
allow us this
great pleasure
With kind regards
Yours very Faithfully
Mary Miles.

3 Mile End Place
Fals-grave
Scarborough.

April 12. 80

Dear Friend

Our sister Harriet
sails for America
the first week in
May & she wishes
to see Martyn
& myself before

going so is coming to Scarboro' on Saturday for a day or two will you kindly allow Martyn to come over to meet her for a long day. I will pay his travelling expenses & he could return at night with attendant, she does not like to leave England without seeing us & cannot afford to stay in York, so I am going to lodge her free of expense as Martyn may never see his sister again, I feel sure you will kindly try to make it convenient for him to come over for the day I will write you

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

19 April 1880

Dear Sir The Friends Retreat.

In a report which came to hand this morning from our man, we gather that the Steam Boiler is overlooking so badly that some repairs must be done - Consequently there must be a stop to allow of these - Which, being dependent upon one Steam Boiler, will throw everything out of gear, & put you to great inconvenience, for just now you could not do many days without a Boiler - Fortunately we have a 10 Horse one of our independent type in stock. This could be fitted up, put on the Ground - & set to work in about a week. It would be of sufficient power to work the Engine & supply Steam to the Kitchen - The Boiler should be placed in a Permanent position, & kept as a Reserve. Let me know the nature of the report which the Inspector makes on Thursday - & I will act in the best way I can to suit the case -

An Institution like yours should not be dependent upon one Boiler - I have seen this for a long time, & called the Committees attention to it in Oct. 1878 - a

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day should not be both in providing for another Barber. as the present one may pass out any day, & bring you to a complete standstill for want of water —

Yours Truly

J. Blake

Dr. Baker

East Riding Lunatic Asylum.

Beverley, April 12th 1880

Dear Dr Baker

W. Shaw is a middle aged man, uneducated, and not feeling his position here at all, going into dementia, with childish ways, he is troublesome in that he is always wanting to follow people about, and repeating daily questions of no importance - he is <u>not</u> suicidal, occasionally has been violent, but nothing to speak of. He pays us 30/- a week, and occupies a single room - but would I think do well in a dormitory -

At the present time I am in correspondence with W. Harland relative to fees in Shaw's case, I made an affidavit, and gave evidence before a Master in Lunacy, for which I asked 7 guineas - two for the affidavit, £ 5 for sitting - Harland says it is too much - I have never had an sitting before, and shall be much obliged if you will tell me if I have over stated my fees, you no doubt having more cases of the kind than I ever get. As an Assistant

I used to get 3 guineas for an inquiry. at the same time I do not care to overdo it, but feel that the patient's estate is good enough to pay -

I shall be very pleased some time to run over and see your institution of which I have heard so much, and at the same time glad to see you at any time - at present I am a prisoner, my assistant being out.

I am

Yours faithfully

Edmund B. Whitcombe

Miss Newton

Scalbro 12. April 80

R. Baker Esq M.D.

Dear Sir

The court has about decided that my son Thomas is to be the Committee of the estates and Mrs Herbert and Musgenson to be for the person of Miss Newton. The two mortgages have been paid in and some £500 out at 5% the Court will desire the called in which sums forming a moiety of the income and not likely to be placed at the interest they had, also the heavy expenses that the case has incurred. it is probable that there may not be sufficient to keep her at the Retreat. If so do you require any notice? can she be placed under the charge of any of the family. or only to another asylum? I expect a letter from our solicitor in the course of a few days. Do you require the money at once for the ensuing quarter. and in case of removal before the quarter is out do you make any return for the less time? I think you said that you would sound Miss N. Esq if any thing was wrong with her lungs — Is she any stronger?

I am yours very truly

Lawson Herbert

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Bridlington

Apr 9th 1880

Dear Sir

Shaw

I am much obliged by your letter - The fact is that I have been too busy Electioneering to attend to anything which could be postponed - Would it suit you to receive the patient in a fortnight, say, the 22nd inst., & that will give us time to communicate with the Master in Lunacy & to give notice to the Authorities at Beverley.

I think the two Guinea per week accommodation will be suitable in this case -

Yours faithfully

Geo Martin

T Baker Esq, M.D.

The Friends' Retreat

York

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G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,
Albert Square,
Manchester.

9 April 1880

Dear Sir / The Friends Retreat.

Absence from home has prevented my noticing yours of the 2nd inst before.

The item £32.5.7 for rising main pipes is I consider perfectly legitimate. The original contract provides for labour only not for new pipes. The charge is for the pipes simply nothing being put down for labour. New pipes were found necessary but were not included in the Contract. We had Mr. Cullen's authority for fixing these as he saw the Excessive state of the old ones. We really cannot afford to split hairs over the charges leaves us but little profit.

Yours
Haddock
J. Haden

Dr. Robt Baker

Darlington 9/11/80.

S. Woods

York

Respected Friend

The a/c for Spurrier
Macdermid's maintenance
at Retreat for the Current
Quarter rec'd this Morning
& I am sorry to say again
a day too late for our Meeting
for Money Matters —

I now enclose Cheque for
£7. 6. 4 for the last Quarter
Passed at the Meeting Yes-
terday / Please acknowledge
Receipt & Yours truly

A Bigland

requiring
applicants ~~needing~~ assistance ~~in order~~ to
make from the charitable
funds of the Institution, it
is very desirable that
those who can afford it,
should at least pay the
cost of maintenance.

I believe Arthur is very
comfortable in his present
quarters, & that he has
every possible kindly care
& attention.

Epworth devotes a good
deal of time to Arthur's
case. I may however

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Mar. 11. 80

My dear friend,

I am directed by the
Committee of this Hospital
to write & ask you to consider
if you cannot arrange that
the future payments for
Arthur Sams should be
Increased.

You are at present paying
23/. per week —

As the average cost of
Maintenance is 28/6,
and as there are so many

add that there is likely soon to be a vacancy in the Guttmann Lodge Buildings, where X 20 patients of the first class are accommodated. — Where there are many advantages & additional comforts.

The average payment in this part of the house is £200. per annum. But if you would wish to secure this vacancy for Arthur, as he is a member of the Society of Friends, I believe the Committee would accept a payment of 2½ guineas per week.

Arthur is very well at present, & now that the fine weather is come, is able to take a good deal of outdoor exercise. With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

Derby April 8 1880

Dear Friend

Thanks for your letter about Fleet whose letter I enclose. I called speak to me at two of our overseers and shortly meeting, meanwhile will you kindly say whether you think the time is come when we might put in probations & invited by to arrange for him somewhere

Yours truly

John Ryder

D. Parker

MARKET PLACE
THIRSK
5th April 1880

Dear Baker

The London & Lan.r will alter your Policies into my Agency and issue new Policies in exchange - I will make the premiums all right and see you afterwards

- Shall I see anything of you on Saturday? - except for an hour I have not been in York for a length of time.

Yours sincerely

W R Wade

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

5 Mo White st
Mo Ward St
Holme
Manchester
4 Mo 6th

Esteemed Friend
I should be delighted
to have a few lines about
my dear Father (if thou
could send me a few.)
I should also like to
pay him a Visit
if thou thought it

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would do him no harm
I should not like
to hurt his feelings
Would thou please
Send Me word
what thou thinks
about it. And
with sweet love to
him and thy
self I am

thy Very
Much Obliged
Friend
Elijah Greathead

Dr. Baker

Upper Tooting Park
Surrey
S.W.
1/4/80

Dear Sir.

Dr. Baker

The Sec of Westminster
Mo Meds have received several
letters respecting Mr. W. Miles
representing his condition of
health & mind as quite fit
to be discharged from under
care. One letter from Mich Monrad
& two from Mary Miles. Now
as we have of course entire
confidence as to the care
he is under it seems
as if we could hardly

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Deal Satisfactorily with
these letters without
hearing afresh from them
they opinion of the state
of the case as to M. M. Miles
health &c. And should
be much obliged if they
will kindly inform us
the real state of the case
When writing we should be
pleased to hear also how
E Willis gets on

Yours truly

R Dell

Dr Baker

Sir Johnson the
2d I dear Away
thanked us it was
a comfort they
Friends, Dr Shurtleff
called one day &
said he would
call again —

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Concord Aug
Respectfully
Dr Baker
Dr Baker

I sign the certificate
but do not know to-
purchases he may
to-morrow.
Should he fail to
do so, I will write
to-morrow,
As Mr. Wilkes & My
brother will be here
all being well Tuesday
next

for the train leaving
here at 9 o'clock on
Wednesday Brown they will
Celine with all as well
as My husband got more
excitement as the day
advanced
the train leaves 25 (minutes) to 5
arrives 10 minutes to 10,
if the certificate does not
get signed I will write in
the morn

1 Winchester Terrace
Newcastle
24th March/80

My Dear Sir,

I have received yours of Saturday last conveying the welcome news that the committee have generously decided to consent to my application for a reduction of terms from £5.5.0 to £3

£2·2·0 per week.

I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the kindly interest you have taken in the matter.

Yours Sincerely
Reginald Guthrie

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
York

Bridlington

Mar 24th 1880

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your letter of the 20th inst. - I am afraid at present I shall not be able to get over to see your building but hope to do so shortly -

The patient is Mr Bradley Shaw - aged about 50 - is at present in the E.R. Asylum at Beverley -

I shall see his friends in a few days & write them write to you -

I think the main body would be sufficient - Would you let me know what advantage is given for the additional half guinea!

Yours Obediently

Wm Harland

Dr Baker

The Friends' Retreat

York

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March 9. 1880

Dear Dr Baker,

I have just seen the friends of the patient and it has been decided not to remove her to the Retreat. If the present plan fails through, and if her physical condition admits of it, I may apply to you again, with the probability that

you will then be filled up. I am obliged to you for giving us the chance now. Mrs Odd lady is weaker and is much quieter than when I wrote. - so that at her age, it seems a pity to take her so great a distance if she can be avoided.

With kind regards

Yours very truly.

D: Hack Tuke

I am sorry to hear of our old friends death - D. Procter.

Portland House.
Salem Square
Rhyl.
Mch. 9th 86.

Dear M. Baker.

My husband
left here yesterday
afternoon so I received
your letter to him
this morning. Many
thanks for your
kind attention.
We like the house

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Who is Miss Ada
Hartsfield. Send Get
me her address will write
her myself. Miss
Gill. She has had
one or two rather
violent outbreaks since
Mama came; but on
the whole she is
rather quiet, only
talking incessantly
so long as the Simons
are in the house, her
papa would prefer

her being here.
Should she get worse
I should like your
opinion. Dr Howe
is attending her now.
I heard from him
of your illness, & trust
you are better now.
I enclose stamps with
sincere thanks. My
kind regards to Mrs
Baker & yourself.

I am
Sincerely Yrs.
Jane Hockett

R & R. P. DALE,
SOLICITORS.

26, Blake Street,
York 11th Mar 1880

Dear Sir,

Re William Wholey

The Master in Lunacy has altered the day for the Inquiry from Wednesday the 14th to Tuesday the 16th instant at four o'clock in the afternoon - The Inquiry will take place at the Friends Retreat in Heslington Road in the Suburbs of this City - Your attendance will be required as a Witness at the above time and place

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

Robert Baker Esq. M.D
The Friends Retreat
Heslington Road
near York

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Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Gray's Inn Square,

London, W.C.

9th March 1880.

Dear Sir,

Can you give us the name of an independent Medical man in York, who could be called in to give evidence as to the Lunacy of Isules Pryjjemski on the Enquiry to be held at The Friend's Retreat York on the 16th instant at 3 h. m.? Please to inform us also whether Dr. Baker has returned.

Yours truly

Denton Hall & Fox

To The Medical Man in Charge,
The Friend's Retreat,
York.

J.J. BROADBENT & Co
WORSTED SPINNERS.

Leeming Mill,
Bradford, March 15th 1880

Dear Dr Baker —
Jonas to hand this
morning: I only returned
during the night and have
been so busy that I could
not get over to see you —
I have sent Mother to
Morecambe under the care
of Miss Broadbent for a
short time: my brother
is quite of my opinion
that a rest under your
influence would do
Mother a world of good:
we should like her to be
lodged with some quiet people
in the country if possible but
I will come over and talk
the matter over with you in
the course of a day or two:
I will let you know by
letter so as to give you
time to give it
consideration

Believe me
Yours very truly
A.C. Laver

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39, FINSBURY CIRCUS,

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Established many Years

11th of March 1880

My dear Friend

Dr Baker

I am obliged for your kind note with Mary Miles' ~~note~~ letter enclosed for which I was not totally unprepared as yesterday morning I received a rather extraordinary one myself from her It is really very difficult for me to know what to do I am sorry to find you say no one but myself has the right (or power P.I) to give instructions for Martyn's discharge as I do not like to feel the responsibility either way On the one hand nothing would be more repugnant to me, than for people and indeed myself to have the idea that I was keeping him in an asylum if he were well enough to come out and on the other though I may be quite wrong - I entertained the very gravest apprehensions as to what would take place if he were to come away from where he is carefully and kindly treated to have to look after himself entirely and by amongst associations and people who are evidently so unfit for it — You can see very clearly the sort of people he would be amongst as I think I mentioned before Martyn Miles has no relations at all who are able to support him what Mary Miles says about supporting him is all nonsense - only as late as Dec 14th last I had a note from a friend at Scarboro' wanting to know if I could look after for Mary Miles -

I certainly could not myself take any responsibility in the matter - I did what I could at the time and tried to act

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in a christian kind manner
but of course I see it was a
mistake Perhaps at
present the best thing will
be for you if you will
be so kind is to tell me
really what you think of
Mr M Miles' state and his
probable recovery I thought
you would not mind my
keeping Mary Miles note
till Sat'd when I will
return it to you

I am

Yours very truly

Edwd Miles

Examiners' Office
Somerset House
London. W.C.
11th 3 mo. 80

Dear Friend Nicholas Baker

I cannot, after
your great kindness, delay ac-
-quainting you that I have
been allowed to resume my
position in this Office, and
through the kind efforts of
my friends, and a merciful

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Providence, I am now as well fixed as ever - save that I must put off my journey to District for a few months to get my health.

And now again I assure you how deeply sensible I am of the kindness of all of you, and so far from wishing to forget the Retreat my heart will ever turn to it with a loving interest.

Hoping that you continue to [illegible] strength and that Mrs Baker and your family are now quite well, in which hope my dear wife would desire to unite & with kindest regards to my dear friend Mrs Woods & also Dr Campbell & if not troubling you too much & those patients & attendants I know.

Ever indebted & sincerely
Your friend
Charles Parker

keeping up the succession.
that you owned prefer
that I owned go alone
for a few days by way
of "en route" for some
other place -

Being under your charge
he are anxious to
to carry out your
wishes exactly - so please
let me know what
they are either by letter
direct or thro' Miss W -
he thought that

Mount Caulfield,
Newry.

3/4/80

My dear D Baker

I fear I have been
negligent in not answering
your last letter wh I can
assure you it was very
pleasant to receive -
Before proceeding to speak
of its contents let me
say how glad I was to
receive a letter from
you again after your
long & painful illness - I

Hope you are now completely restored – but you had a long drag of it –

You can imagine how glad he was to receive your permission & for one of us to go over & stay Helena a visit – & I should have acted on it at once. but that I always found us times part & before she was under your care. that the parting with one of her relations made her very bad – & I has anxious before going to arrange for a succession of us – say myself, them two others of my sisters – My wife etc –

This mode of their absence from home I have not been able to arrange till now. but now we can do it.

However I have a letter from Mrs Nellie today She understands you do not disapprove of this plan

Mount Caulfield.
Newry.

after so long separation
from her own - & left
again by one of them
She will feel utterly
deserted & would feel
really otherwise a
reception of us would
lead towards her back
to her family & friends
again -

However we will do
as you say. Please
let me know - & I
trust that Providence

will help the more wholesome
the, as we thankfully
believe he has already
helped the course of
action adopted by
you.

With kind words.

Yours truly

James Strickland

P.S. I wonder how the
old Colonel Przyemski
is —

obliged by your furnishing the same to me.

I am,

Sir,

Yours truly
the Agent & Consul General
for Switzerland

J. B. Vernet

Dr R. Baker
The Friends Retreat
near York

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE SUISSE.
LONDRES.

25, Old Broad Street E.C.

London 12th March 1880

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 23d ult. concerning fraulein Seemann, which I communicated to the party who requested me to make this enquiry.

I am now asked to find out the names & addresses of the members of the Norwich Meeting of the Society of Friends who contribute this amount of 10/- for her maintenance & shall feel much

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Handed in at the Scarboro'rail *Office at* 5 45 P.M., *Received here at* 5 51 P.M.

From	To
Mrs Francis Reckitt Belmont Villa Scarbro	Dr Baker The Retreat York

Please send the nurse you recommend as early as you can tonight if possible will write you tomorrow —

PORT ORFORD TELEGRAPH.

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Dated Stamp of YORK MICKLEGATE P MR 6 80

Charges to pay £.....s.....6d.

Handed in at the Scarbro Rail Office at 4 0 P.M. *Received here at* 4 5 P.M. Delivering Office.

From

Mrs Frank Reckitt
Belmont Villa
South Cliff Scarbro

To

Doctor Baker
The Retreat
York

Can you recommend suitable nurse for young lady suffering violent mental Excitement really temporary mental derangement wanted immediately at above address wire reply

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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

March 13/80

My dear Friend
Dr Baker

I return many
Miles' letter and am
obliged to you for letting me
see it - My letter is certainly
a remarkably one and did
I not know Mr Miles well
and unfortunately had long
experience of her should think
it quite wrong to —

Yours truly
Edwd Miles

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Rose Cottage
Falsgrave
March. 10/80

Dear Friend;

I have received your letter and I wish you clearly to understand that I feel it now my duty to have Martyn with me by

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situation and my prospects are very bright, and every thing now depends upon Martyn getting a trial in May; - I feel that I cannot afford to waste any more of my time & energies, and I now decidedly see that it will be a great relief to me to have Martyn until he obtains a situation I am writing to Martyn to-day's by this

the 1st May next,
as I wish to have
his society before
my expected
marriage takes
places. As he has
been promised
a trial and as I
have the means
to make him
comfortable I wish
to have him with
me, as I consider
I have been deprived
of his society
for quite long enough.
I shall arrive early
all last night thinking
about him, and yet I do
not have this dreadful
dream, while make me
very ill, I have worse
perhaps many unpleasant

I? But unless
something is done
very soon I fear
it will result
in an illness, as
my heart is
nearly broken
at not him, and
I am so anxious
to keep this situation
and I am quite
sure the Mayor
and Mayoress
will be thoroughly
disappointed & I
surprised if he

post and I shall
of course expect they
will be only too
glad to have Martyn
liberated, besides
which my marriage
has been hindered
quite long enough,
and I wish to marry
next year; I am
now in as good a
position as I could
possibly be, and
no one has a right
to deprive me of the
Society I love and

friendship of my
only brother besides
which I wish to fulfil
a dying trust, which
no one but myself
understands or
feels. My prospects
have already been
very much hindered
during the last
three years owing
to the length of
time Martyn has
been detained, &
now all my
future prospects

depend upon him; I consider
Athens, been more than a
Sister, & him but for Athens
God has blessed and will
continue to bless, and I
wish now to give him a
Leap year like the present
We'll you like the invitation
in writing & the Monthly
Meeting about it, or shall

I consider that-
you have done more
than your part-
and I heartily
thank you, but- I
cannot and will
not submit to this
total indifferance
as regards my dear
brother from his
relatives & friends, nor
do I choose to
sacrifice all my
future prospects
England is a free

does not come, as
they are going to do
all they can for him
besides which I do
think it is very
cruel & unjust-
and wrong to deprive
me of the Society
of my only own brother
and I do not see
why I should give
up the prospect of
Marriage, and I
think I shall be
able to marry

next year provided he gets away in May, & then I shall have a ~~still~~ better home to offer him. If something is not done speedily for Martyn I must give up this good situation, as I cannot go on like this from day to day. I must now have a

settlement: I wish Aunty to relatives and the Aunts Meeting to relinquish May or the 1st. They need not on any account hurry home to Ryhurst. Then I can finish my Christmas Cards & get them ready for publication. Love to all

country & no one
has a right to deprive
me of Martyn's society
& friendship, being
his nearest relative
My Father said
many things to
me which no one
knows of, and
"I shall fulfil"
his wishes, and
shall have my
own darling
brother's society
for the 1st of May next

there already had a great deal of bother & expense and it will be far less expensive & far better that he should come to me and that here should be an end of it: as my health is really suffering from the separation. I should not like to have to make dear Martyn's affair public

& the Smiths, as I annihilate Mrs. Martyn's only relations myself. I see that my wishes are fulfilled, — Unfulfilled, — all will be existing that all will be arranged for Martyn & he together in May Fair

Yours very faithfully
May Allfree.

BUSINESS FOUNDED 1638.

MEMORANDUM.

From Joseph Rowntree
~~HENRY I. ROWNTREE & CO.~~,

COCOA AND CHOCOLATE

MANUFACTURERS,

YORK.

PRIZE MEDALS, 1862, 1867, 1873.

London Address.—Cowper's Court, Cornhill, E.C.

Mar. 20 1880

To L. E. Woods

The Retreat

Awarded for Purity and Excellence

PRIZE MEDALS, 1862, 1867, 1876

Dear Sir,

I have signed cheques as under—

L. A. Rous	15. 0. 0
C. M. Campbell	37. 10. 0
L. E. Woods	400. 0. 0
do	30. 0. 0
F. L. Maudsley	7. 2. 0
R. Baker	175. 0. 0
E. Buckley	12. 10. 0
	£677. 2. 0

Would it not be much better to have cheques of this magnitude signed at the Committee? When a rule exists that all cheques shall as a rule be signed at the Committee, it is a great responsibility for Jonathan Burtt & myself to sign cheques in the interval between two committees to the extent of nearly £700.

Yours faithfully,

Jos Rowntree

April 14. 88

My dear Friend

I have heard from our Sister Harriet today she says she is coming to Scarboro next week I will write again & let you know the exact day, and I feel sure as I am paying her

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and prize Mantyn who to Scarboro.

Mary Hodges

Rutledge Mentyre

coming today, is our Sister is coming the 20th I am sorry I can't see you all but I will say goodbye. Will you kindly let me know if you will be at home & I will call & say goodbye

Yours affectionately

Mary Hodges

Rutledge Mentyre

or two if you will show him

my coming on to York, and enable us all to meet happily, besides which I am going to lodge her several days here which will cost me nothing extra. And one good days sea-breeze will do dear Martyn good, besides which it was a great disappointment to me that he was

to many things

any disadvantage to her. Can one way which occurs to me at present please you kindly arrange this matter for me? I should like to see dear brother Martyn to-morrow if possible & York & spend the day with Isabel & Emily & Mrs. Scott which will prevent the necessity of my incurring any extra expense by

Belle Vue House

Lydbrook March 27

Sir

An exceptionally
good opportunity offers
to a gentleman who
desires to join in the
working of a Kreuzo
Molybdenum Copper
Deposit would be
Small say about
£1000 Management
Attended Similar

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to that of the Retreat
the early reply is
requested
With apology
I am Sir
Yours truly
L. R. Walton

Reference will be
given to a Mr. Dennis
in Lyttleton who is
has been looking out
for the right man

Bradley

6 April 1860

Dear Sir.

The Baron M.
Weatherall is the
husband of the patient
I wish concerning
the admission of—
I should have replied
to your note before

but did not open the
Envelope containing
it till to-day and
hope that you will
have a vacancy if
Mr. W. should like
the accommodation
which I have no doubt
he will.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Thomas Prendergast

Clavering
Essex
5-4-1880

Respected Friend,

Thine D hand & thanks for thy full report, & grateful I felt that letters had been kept back, for I can guess their character, but this morng's post brot the enclosed, addressed D me of the children, a portion of wh I thot it wd be right D translate, in case you do not write

My blessed Saviour & witness, that God, for your selfishness I shd never have been ~~ill~~ in the way I have been — when I came "here & by my own free will it was different." &c &c.

"I've found out the way to get away from here without your aid, but it will be a bad day for you, if it is not your own unsolicited work for I will never never ask it of you, not even for the sake of doing the hard work I am now doing for the pay I should have to benefit them, I pretty dears if I had my rights as an Englishman."

"The Dr knows I am better, but I prefer being away from you till you do your duty, & I call

shoot him — much of it is a bore, & calling me hard names — perhaps it will be well to tell him I know sometime that it is not him in my power to get his release, but with a clear conscience — I can feel that if it were his last thing for sincerely this I pray God, that I will willingly take his place in the Penitentiary.

Bridlington

Mar 16th 1880

Sir

Shaw

The Master in Lunacy informs me that there is a Vacancy in your House for an Inmate - into whose case an Inquiry was held by him on Tuesday last.

Would you kindly inform me the terms upon which you receive your patients.

Lobby e

I am Sir

Faithfully

The Supt

The Friends' Retreat

York

Geo Markland

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Messag 1114

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Handed in at the Manchester Royal Office at 11.47a .M., Received here at 12.24 .M. Delivering Office.

From

F. Blake

Manchester 98 Albert St

To

Dr Baker

The Friends Retreat

York

The Boiler perfectly safe go on working at low pressure till Parker can see it on Monday

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message

Dated Stamp of Office

Delivering Office

Received at ... M. Sent at ... M.

To

From

Dear friend

Robert Baker

I enclose cheque for £5.0.0 which with what I suppose Thom will receive very shortly from the Trustee of Matilda Baker will about cover her account to the end of the present Quarter

I shall be obliged by a copy of the account stated to be rendered 12mo 31 1879 £7.1.9 which does not appear to have reached me

With respect to Nash^r Miles I do not think that I have more to say than stated in my last except that I shall

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on further inquiry that from his holding
Swedenborgian views & discontinuing the attend-
dance of our meetings he would have been
disowned a considerable time before his
insanity was developed, but out of regard
to his father & the desire to retain his
brothers in the Society it was then thought
better not to take any action.

We do not see our way to move in the
matter & think we understand the position
& circumstances of his relatives better than
you do & that one or more of them is
able, if willing, to contribute to his support
& also that any application should come
from them to us direct & not through
the Committee of the Retreat

Thy Sincere friend

Thomas Wetherbee

Worcester Mass 28. 1880

comfort and usefulness to
my family at all events
Will many thanks
for all your kindness
kindness during our April
Contest in Kansas and
to Mr Baker in Wichita
Mr Hackett joins,
believe me
Yours truly
W. D. Hackett

Fayette,
Howard Co.
May 22-1880

Dear Mr Baker,
I came here three
or four weeks ago to
seek for rest in a
warmer clime, in the
hope that in a short
time I might return home in
better health and fit
for work. My health has been poor

way for some time, and I
am strongly advised not
to return home at present
and not to visit next winter
in the North. I believe
that my kind friends
are right and hence I
have determined to stay
here some three years
first to resume practice
during the two or three months
between my probable return
to Canada and my going for
the winter -

I am therefore resigning
my appointments, and
write to ask you to kindly
hand in my resignation to your
Club my resignation of the
office of Consulting Surgeon
to the Retreat.

I am sorry to give
up all professional work,
but when health fails, even
light work is often a
burden, and I like it
best in a warmer climate
by which time to spend the
remainder of life in Home

Coolhorne Farm
May 24th/80

My dear Sir

I acknowledge
receipt of cheque £21-11-10
the other day
The receipt you
have sent me to sign
for £25-11-10 If you will
kindly send me P.O. order
payable at Worksop for the
other four pounds. I will
sign and return the receipt

Yours truly
Thomas Jones

J.C. Woods Esq

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Osmaston Road.

Derby.

May 22 1880

Dear Dr Baker

I was much pleased yesterday to see the improvement in Henry Bees appearance, both bodily & mentally — any one should be most thankfully received to be discharged, & his wife — as you told me by her letter enclosed — is anxious & I see cause of this, I shall be glad if you will let him come home at once; and, as

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I regret the absence of his adversary, that letter will be, I conclude, sufficient to make the way clear for your doing so.

As to the letter you enter into all needful particulars, I add no more, but to trust you both on behalf of Hetty, his friends & the meeting, to the kind care of the Lord

duly received ——

Any need of further expense will be duly attended to on receipt

Yours truly

J Kenyon

Sidcot Lodge
Nr Weston super Mare
May 21st 1880.

Dear Dr Baker

Thom wrote me from this reading that I am not at home, & any letter had to be forwarded to me, & so will account for the delay in answering it — I am away for a much needed change & have several visits to pay in the south, so that I shall expect to be at home till towards the end of June

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& I don't think Florence who is left in charge, & is younger than Eliza could or should undertake & have her while I am away, & one should be very glad to respond to any, proposal - I am sorry it happens so, because her brother will most likely spend his annual summer holiday with us, as usual, & if the experiment had proved a success, he might have taken her back with him — My address after Monday will be Joseph Theobald Bath — for a few days - but a letter addressed home will always reach me with a days delay -

Yours very truly

S Willis

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
PREISSNITZ HOUSE.



79 Newman St.
Oxford St. W.
21 May 60

Dear Sir,

I have your
letter of yesterday's date
& if you will kindly
inform me of the name
& address of the Clerk
of the

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Worcester Monthly
Meeting I wish at once
make the application
referred to in your
letter.

I have been
away from Worcester
for 25 years & now
live

Therefore readily un-
derstand how
ignorant I am of
these matters.

Yr. very faithfully
Thos. Wiley

Robt. Baker Esq. Jun
&c. &c. &c.

for the journey I hear you are contemplating at that your wife & family are well.

Allow me to remain

Yours truly.

E. Louisa Steer.

Peter enclosed for Harry please.

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Market Place and No. 1 Iron Gate.

Derby May 23rd 1880

Robert Baker Esq. M.C.

Dear Sir.

I went over to Matlock yesterday and having had Mr George Davis most highly recommended I went to see if he had room for Harry. Mr Davis appears to be a man of great experience having been nine years with the late Mr Smedley - I think it will be very pleasant for Harry to come

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next Saturday when I will try
to arrange to not only meet him
at Ambergate but stay with
him at Davis's till Sunday
Evening - In this case he should
not come by the train I
mentioned, it would be rather
earlier than would suit me -
but I can get to Ambergate
either by one O'clock or
3 - 57 whichever will best
come in with the trains from
York - This I leave entirely
with you to decide and let
me know.
There is also a train from Derby
arrives there at 7.12 but perhaps
it is no better for being so late.
The more I think of it the
greater advantage I think I
see from a short stay down at
Matlock.

I cannot conclude without
thanking you and all those
in charge - (I know none by name
except Mr Woods & Addison)
for all your care & kindness
to my husband and feel sure
you are better rewarded by
his recovery than by any feeble
words of mine however sincere.

I trust you will feel better

ESTABLISHED 1813.



Market Place and No 1 Iron Gate

Derby May 22nd 1880.

Robert Baker Esqr. M.C.

Dear Sir.

I have seen Mr Longdon since his return yesterday, and am very pleased to hear my husband is sufficiently recovered to come home.

Very glad I shall be to receive him, at the same time I think it will sound better to the Derby people (very few knowing where he is) for it to be known he returned home from Matlock

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or some such place.
I propose going there this
afternoon to make arrangements
for him at one of the establish-
ments for a week or two,
and shall make it my business
as soon as he is there to let
people know it.
I should like to meet Harry
at Ambergate & go to Matlock
with him - I think there
is a train from Sheffield
which arrives there at 12-52
and one from Derby at 12-47.
which would be very convenient
as far as not waiting for
each other, if it will be
equally so for him at York.
If another would do better
please let me know.
I shall probably write again
on Sunday to say what
arrangements I have made.
I am dear Sir
Yours truly.
E. Louisa Steer.

The Wakefield & Barnsley UNION BANK,

Late Mess^rs. Beckett, Burkes & Co. (Established 1796)

Barnsley 22nd May 1880

My Dear Doctor

Thanks for your letter received this Morning along with My Dear Wife's

I shall not think of coming to see her until first receiving an intimation from you that I may safely do so

I am writing to her and in order that she may not feel disturbed at all by finding that her letters are opened I enclose copy so that if you think what it contains may be prudently communicated then she can have the letter, If not please wire me to Westfield House and I will write another letter first congratulating her on her improvement and saying all is well at home but business for the present prevents my coming

However I think it will be a satisfaction for her to know that her Niece is coming and that the arrangements are made for the House cleaning. I leave all in your hands

Yours very Truly

Dr Baker

J H Watson

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G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

18 May 1880

Dear Sir The Friends Retreat

Thanks for your letter of yesterdays date. Relative to the reductions in the accounts to which we consented, & which we are glad to see ours with the entire Approval of your Committee.

When are we to have the keys of the new entrance Buildings? We understood that the plans & estimate were to be in by the 20th (next Thursday).

Yours

Robt Baker

To Robt. Baker Esq

Burnell House
Frensham & Farnham
May 18/80 Surrey

Dear Sir)

My dear husband Jeffery West told his brother Theodore he was wanting clothes badly & wanted money to get some I have written to him & he has agreed it would be best for us to get them together I also told him since that I had a few things at home I could send for him to go on with if he wanted such things.

all this excitement. I fear there will be great depression for a long time.

Yours sincerely
Ch. West

Wm Woods

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Theodore proposed I should send him what I had but to him he objected to this plan – But I have put it to him as merely till we could get some together & I dont think he will object to that However if you will kindly inform me what Suffen West requires & if I have it I will send it If not what is needful for him I should feel obliged by your getting – I believe I am in order in writing to you on this subject I have repeatedly urged Suffen to take as much rest as he can & wait till he gets home for some things – He has asked me if I would send him two smoking caps for two Attendants to whom he would like to make a little present & if allowable I should be pleased to do so of course they would be inexpensive I am glad he continues in a happy frame of mind after

Osmaston Road,

Derby.

May 18 1882

Dear Friend

I am much o
bliged by your letter, &
propose — all being well
— to go to York next Fri
day morning. I think that
is a train gets to York
about 11 a m — which I
shall aim to be by. I was
sorry to hear
when I was there
me — I had known
whereabouts of the Retreat;
& preached by (at
why Rails? — Just a
line of command, in

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enclosed envelope — I
hope to see Rhyds to
morrow, & shall learn time
from him —

Yrs truly

H Haydon

Inns of Court Hotel
Holborn
London.

Recpt Friend) 20th May 1885.

J. S. Woolls

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Cheque £18-19-10 as / settlement amt above payment in your hands for which I am much obliged - with this cheque entirely balance my late sisters a/c. / am her sole executor and the legatees wish require a clear statement of account furnished to them and I shall feel obliged if you will send me the a/c for board &c for the ~~deceased~~ portion of the Quarter as also the funeral expenses of all kinds I am Yr faithful friend

Edwd F. Blakeborne.

Please direct as above within the next fortnight.

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Market Place and No 7 Iron Gate

Derby May 20th 1880.

Mr Baker.

Dear Sir.

I have seen St Giles today and so has Dr Longdon who thinks from what the former says you will possibly think it right for my husband to accompany him home. Dr Longdon will be pleased to bring him should you consider it the best

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thing but both he and
I are anxious so far as possible
the best thing should be
adopted to ensure his
continued & permanent
good.
I think you are aware Dr
Longdon will be with you
tomorrow morning, probably you
will settle the matter
together before mentioning
it to Harry - of course he
is anxious to get away from
York but I am not so
sure about his anxiety to
come home.

Yours Sincerely
C. Louisa Stern

Thos Leicester & Sons.
SCOTLAND ROAD MILLS.

Offices 17 Brunswick St.
Liverpool 13 V 1880

Dear Friend
T. E. Hoad,
Enclosed herewith a Cheque value £9. 18. 2 being amount of a Cheese which Kindly return receipted and oblige —
— Our Overseer have asked me to Enquire the rate at which you receive Patients now. The amt. to be paid by the Month in advance — Awaiting reply I am Dear Friend
Yours Truly
pro Leicester

19 May 1880

WEST KNOLL,
BOURNEMOUTH.

My dear Baker

You may with
perfect confidence
send Mrs Edwards
in charge of one of your
horses. She is most
conscientious, & exceedingly
kind & patient to dogs
= whether she has just
the qualities which I
desire as regards

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manage the mentally
inform I really cannot
say. But you may
safely by lieutenancy
as I gather from your
telegram you have decided
do. We understand
ordinary & Nursing
Course very little &
very gentle.

Trust you are
quite as strong now as
you were before your
illness - my kindest
regards to Mrs Ballin &
your little girl

always sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Bank Terrace,
Glossop.

Dr Paster

Dear Sir

We were both pleased to receive your report of the 14th & not respg my Son.

I think both sleep & eating are both great essentials in cases like his. But I wonder if he is being broken off that beastly habit. I shoud like to know.

Dr Veale of Harrogate I know told me it would be even necessary for a guardian to sleep with him in order to break it off.

I suppose that is being done or otherwise I cant see how he can be cured of it.

I thank you very much for your kindness and report & hope to hear again from you in a few days. I can assure you we were disappointed when your letter did not come on Saturday last. You know how anxious parents in cases of this sort.

And if possible I shoud like your opinion about is future I mean do you think he will soon be got well again.

I suppose the Parcel & Book arrived safe.

Yours very faithfully

Walter Thorp

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The Lodge. The Grove –
Tottenham. May. 10. 1850.

Dear Dr. Baker –

I think the particulars I enclose will answer yr searching enquiries – as far as we are able to reply to them – Dr. May has kindly supplied me with copies of the later medicines ordered by Dr. Tuke – also enclosed – The sedative doses have not been taken or required for some little time – As the pills contain aloes – we do not like them for her – since this particular medicine does not suit any one of us, who inherit-

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our Mother's earlier tendency to piles.

From this complaint she suffered distressingly persistently - just forty years ago - & at that time bore a severe operation - under Dr. Hodgkin - without an anæsthetic -

Ever since this occasion, the passage from the bowels has been always sensitive & at times irritable -

We are naturally very solicitous to learn how our beloved Mother has borne the great change she has made and shall be much indebted to you for a few lines of information - addressed to Hertford as speed -

I enclose an envelope for her which we shall thank you to fasten down - before handing over. With kind regards -

Yours sincerely

C. Abbott.

A weeks later. Dr. Tuke found her mind rather clearer.
On the 19th of Jany. 1880 her nurse was taken ill with bronchitis & did not see her patient again. This illness created a strong & persistent delusion -
March 6th Blister to nape of the neck - which did not appear to alter the mental condition at all.

Hysteria occurred about the years soon after -

= The natural disposition has been trusting & cheerful - the temperament active & capable of filling a large scope -
The life chequered by many changes & many sudden sorrows from youth - the deaths of beloved relatives in rapid succession - (supplied by C & M.A -)

E. A. A.

First cause of attacks 22 5 years ago. -

= The change of life at 50 years of age - & inability to take the necessary repose required - Great strain upon her health - owing to a most active life & large responsibilities -

= Then 17 years interval - before any similar attacks occurred in any way - during these years she became a widow -

= Her attacks in 1875 - induced by my Aunts death - my Father's only sister - who had resided with us - since 1837 - & my own withdrawal to duties at a distance, possibly -

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From this she recovered satisfactorily & removed to her recent residence -

" Then in Dec^r. 1878 - the illness returned lasted between 5 & 6 months - brought on by sudden severe family affliction - commenced with extreme depression - followed by restlessness afterwards excitement - which gradually subsided entirely.

" Latest attacks commenced Dec^r. 3 - 1879 - The thought of housemoving & the great changes it involved - added to the affliction - alluded to above - the cause - commenced with restlessness & irritability - A fortnight later great depression came on - accompanied by much weeping.

Nov^r. 11. Expressed herself as feeling more cheerful - this was in the morning of the day - as it advanced did not know those around her & muttered indistinctly & incessantly - when awake - in a cheerful tone - this continued with lucid intervals - for 4 days -

Ten days later on - the mind was continuously clearer - but the depression continued -

Six weeks later about the end of the year - she became very nervous - started at all sounds - full of fears -

(Copy)

℞ Hyd Subchlor gr ½
Ext Aloes Aq gr ij
Ext Col Comp gr ij
M ft Pil
Mitte xij

One of the Pills to be taken
at bedtime

E. A. H.

Mrs Abbott

May 9th/80

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(Copy)

℞ Liq Opii Sed ℥ss
Ammon Bromid ʒiv
Syrupi Aurantii ℥ss
Aquae ad ℥iii
M ft Mixt

An eighth part to be taken
at bedtime

E. H. H.

Mrs Abbott

May 9th/80 †The dose of Liq Opii Sed has been only ten minims until recently

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Victoria St.
14 May 1880

My dear friend.

I am afraid that you will have thought me neglectful in not replying to your letter of the 8th ultimo, on this. - At that time however circumstances were not ripe enough for us to take any steps in the matter. They were developing

If you are not able to write ~~so soon~~ till Tuesday - please use the same address - at any other time you may address me here

I remain

Yours very sincerely

S. Bensen Woodhead

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non sufficiently to warrant us in asking to ask you if you have a vacancy for my sister Elizabeth -- It has been an opinion for some time that she ought to be under some one who could train her to treat her properly - but no difficulty has been with the medical men. That seems likely now to be overcome, we are glad to say. But if this application is too late of course we shall be obliged to make other arrangements. I enclose a stamped envelope for your replying to us kind letter sooner. Please send your reply if you can tomorrow or the day after

C. S. Woodhead
Millbank
Highfield Huddersfield

cheerful disposition,
& adaptation to interest
& amuse. If dear Miss
Burdett Coutts has to resign
her duties, I do hope
you will be successful in securing
a Lady who loves
the work, & is well
adapted for it.
Since my daughters
illness, I have made
many inquiries of
both those who

Whitfield House
Congleton
Cheshire.
May 19th 1880.

My dear Dr Walker
After my
visit to you last
Friday, I saw my
daughter and
spent about three
hours with her.
I thought her
looking very thin,

a great tendency
to stoop, but much
more cheerful. I
also found she could
give her attention
to more continued
reading, & that she
had done several
pieces of needlework,
which had been sent
to her, by friends,
to be done for them,
as a favour, had
I wished her to do
any thing for her own
benefit, it would have
been an impossible.
I was very glad to hear
that she slept better,
but completely
being disturbed very
early in the morning,
by Mrs Phillips, I should
be glad if this could
if remedied as sleep
must be very essential.
I do think she had
benefited by Mrs Leathley

Have suffered in a similar way & those who have had to send after she suffered & also agree that change of scene, occupation, & amusement, are very essential. I know where there are a number of Institutes, this

this must be very difficult to comprehend.

Have you any gymnastic exercise in your establishment? It struck me that a quarter of an hours exercise a day would be good for any daughter of it could be

little occupation.

for Fun. Believe me

Dear Dr Barker

Yours very truly

Elijah J Wells.

P.S. I enclose a cheque

for the amount £26-19-5.

Derby May 27. 80

Dear Parker

I send out of pure
love — & true Heart &
Cause precious Sentiments
& with Heaven sweetly
mild reflections — for
I could please with Pleasure
rusp of her samples. I
judge however from what
I perceived to be in
my presence, that I
is only what you are
pretty

Any one allowed
when I return desired
to just give me re
moral until Saturday

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meet at any rate, I
remainder shall be
able to enroll other
members at our Month
ly Meeting as mans
field on Friday, I
will write again

Yours truly

ESTABLISHED 1813.



Market Place and No 7 Iron Gate

Derby May 27th 1880.

Robert Baker Esq. M.C.

Dear Sir.

I must confess it is disappointing to an anxious Wife to find her husband so luke warm about returning to her, his children & his home, and I am at a loss to know what is the best thing to be done.

I have seen Dr Longden however and he & I agree Harry's journey to Matlock had better be put

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to for a week. during which time Mr Longden will have the opportunity of talking the matter over with Rhoda he consulted before Mary left home.

For some time past the letters I have received seemed to give the impression the necessary restraints were almost more than Mary could bear. and now he chooses to retain them no more than come and resume her duties - it is very strange.

Please give my love to him as I am not writing.

I am
Yours Sincerely
E. Louisa Steer.

Dudley
May 29/80

Sir,

I had intended to have seen you when I was at the Retreat on Tuesday. I shall be coming again in a fortnight or three weeks, or if not will send you a Draft. Could nothing in the shape of a deferred payment be arranged say of £2 per month so as to give my son

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another quarter with you. I do not like to contemplate the idea of his removal as he seems so content and is I think improving. When we were with him he never hinted at his old delusion, and though very dreamy looking, he was capable of collecting himself by effort. For instance I asked him to tell me what the French word "ecrire" meant, and he answered at once with a smile, as if he understood that I was suggesting to him, "to write." However we may be able to do,—we shall always be grateful for the kind and we believe efficient treatment my son has received

Yours Respectfully

Joseph Walker

P.S. Fortunately my sight is improving, so that I hope to mend business matters after a short time.

79 Newman St.
Oxford St London
W.
26 May 80

Dear Sir

I have received
your letter of the 24th inst
in reference to N. Miles
& have written by this
post to Thos. Westcombe

Jr

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Gloucester in the
manner advised in
your Letter.

Should the reply come
to me I will above
forward it on.

Respectfully
Thos. S. Wilkinson

D. Baker.

79. Gracechurch Street.
London May 25 1881
E.C.

Dear Sir

I beg to hand you herewith cheque for £162 - 5 - in payment of account accompanying as which please cause to be returned discharged.

It has suggested itself to me that as I act for you in the matter of my sisters affairs I have to render an account to them, it might be well that I should have among my papers some statement of the particulars of the better accommodation & other advantages secured by the higher rate of board which is now being paid. If not too much trouble would you kindly give instructions that a note be written on this subject which would serve the purpose.

I like to have everything in as good order as possible, so that they who may come after me, may have as little trouble as may be.

My brother who is here just now seems to be much pleased with the improvement in my sister.

With kind regards believe me

Yours truly
James M Lamb.

Robert Baker Esq M.D.

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Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,

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

20th May. 1880.

Albert E. Thorp.

Admitted 8th inst.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to request that you will forward to them, by return of Post, the Notice of Admission of the above-named patient, which they found it necessary to send back to you for Amendment on the 11th inst. *If unable to do so, you will have the goodness to acknowledge the receipt of this application.*

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Med. Supt
York Retreat -

Chas. R. Rhore.

for the Secretary.

McC. & Co. 500 1 | 79
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The Retreat. York.

Dear Dr. Husband.

I have your letter, intimating your wish to resign your appointment as consulting Surgeon to this Hospital, which I will place before my Committee at their next meeting.

I sincerely regret both your decision, and the cause which has led to it, but I trust that after you have recruited yourself at Bournemouth you will return to York in stronger health.

In any case I shall have pleasant and grateful recollections of the unvarying kind assistance I have on many occasions received at your hands and shall feel your retirement a loss on personal as well as on public grounds.

With Kind regards

Yours Faithfully

Robt. Baker

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Claverin
Essex
June 2 - 1880

Dear Friend,

Thine to hand with certificate, & I see the date on my husband's note was the day when taken ill. Will thee kindly tell our children D. morrow the plain English of "Cardiac Thrombosis", & also whether the brain was examined, by the Doctors.

I should like merely this

case, if Fielden Thorp has returned home & could conveniently attend it will be a great comfort to them.

Thanking thee for thy kind attention

Thine sincerely

R. Edmunds

We have had a letter from Sunderland, & our sons expect to be there, also two daughters from here, one from Derby, the former will perhaps go back that night. The latter sleeps at the Temperance Hotel where I stayed, & home early

The interment took place, if my dear husband's corpse could come in luggage van when our daughters return, & I expect that experience, & sending on after. By daughter was having attended funeral of Rathby children living at York, & ~~Brother~~ surviving that position who are able, attend them, ~~the~~ like (if not convenient in any rule), that they ~~shall~~ not do so in this

Sunday - 3 h - 00

Dear Dr Baker —

Enclosed is the
Scales answer to mine
respecting the pony - Being
with B Walker last third
day I had some conver-
sation with him and
he offered to see it for —
us - enclosed is his note
If we incline to send
the money I think we
might have it sent to

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the Retreat — I cannot well spare the time to go over and should be quite willing to take the Walkers opinion — Consecration & Truth and if you agree to have it meet me to morrow

Yours friend

J. W. Fulton

Hay a Park

2nd 6mo 80

Dear William

I have seen the pony it is a strong one goes well good colour & perfectly quiet but pleasly T spirited The price looks high but I would not take less he says it cost £42/10/- in Ireland / of course ponies of 12½ hands high are to some extent fancy articles

& as such have ~~to name a sum~~ no very defined price, but I have no doubt that he will be able easily to sell this one. I really think that it is worth coming to look after & were the case mine I should have no hesitation in buying it for them: it is a horse pony which materially enhances its value for ladies — I have heard of a 13½ hands mare pony if it is not sold to day a very nice one gentle in harness 5 yrs old at Leeds the owner wants £40 —

I shall be glad to see thee & will go with thee

Thy sincere Friend

Benj Walker

The Friends' Prov. Inst.n

Bradford 2 June 1880.

Dear Dr. Baker

Henry N. Tennant

I was obliged by the Inst. sent me a little time ago concerning my brother's state. — I am expecting to go home, on the 9th instant, for a fortnight.

Perhaps you will kindly send me a few lines concerning him before then, and if there should be any need to say anything concerning him during

the following two weeks I should be glad if you would communicate with Mr. Rotherford at 18 Bookham Terrace.

Yours very truly

John B. Denman

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Memorandum.

FROM

JOSEPH BOOCOCK,
DEALER IN HORSES,
HILTON LANE,
KNARESBOROUGH.

To Mr Hutchinson

Dear Sir

The Pony you wrote about his 12.2 hand high five years old Brown with four Black Legs One of the best made ones I ever saw in my life, My Lorse his a very nervous woman She drives it with three Shoulder all over She drove it Last Friday three miles the other Side of Leeds with the Children She said it never took any notice of the Steam Cars or anything else on the Road Price £50

and any Gent that wants one for Driving its worth one C.100 You Can See with the Slap and Drive it 12 Miles an hour and never touch it with the whip I Sell it to pass any Veterinary Surgeon if it does not pass I will Pay for it Yours

I Bowers

Stonegate.
June 4th 1880.

The Retreat
Mr J. D. B. Lee's Asst.

S. S. Brooks Esq.
Dear Sir,

I have looked over the enclosed Bill it appears to be right, so far as I am able to judge, I cannot, of course, say how the quantity of time maybe; it seems to be about what one would expect the charges reasonable.

Mr Lee has brought a bill from the Waterworks for repairing the main pipe

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been imperfectly done. and have no doubt Mr Lees version of the affair is correct, the pipe damaged was a 3 in Iron pipe and would not be damaged by digging about it - but was doubtless broken by having a superincumbent weight forced upon it, whilst it was left hollow below.

I am Dear Sir
Yours Truly
Edward Taylor.

which was formed originally by Mr Eaton of the drainage works entitled notice given Mr Eaton, this drain was done upon Mr Penn's land to the total exclusion of the waterworks Reeds at the example Rice that the stream had been cut through caused by the men, but recently discovered by the men, and that the drain be cut to the Commissioners of the Waterworks Company's Reeds. I believe the person who ordered the work was entered the work, Contractors.

I remember that the filling in of the drain was performed by Purchase and

Darlington

1/8mo. 80

Respected Friend

J. Woods

When I last saw my brother he was wishing for a good pencil or two; I have now forwarded 4 - also for a point protector, which I think will be a boon, where penknives of course cannot be allowed. These I have sent, being blunt in form & of soft brass, will I hope not be likely to be objectionable. - I have also forwarded a small pencil sharpener which would also be a boon, if

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it is not thought amiss for my brother to have it. I have fixed the blade tight in, so that it could not easily be removed even if attempted. Of course I submit these entirely to your discretion, - & I have merely addressed them to Mrs Baker's, to avoid needlessly troubling him, - but if the Rules require, or the host has the slightest doubt of the prudence of letting my brother have them please acquaint him first. - with kind regards

Theo. West

9, Clegg Street, Oldham.
July 31st 1879

Dear Sir,

I saw Mr. John Taylor yesterday and he requested me to inform you that both himself and Mrs. Burley would pay to you 2/6 each per week towards the maintenance of Miss Elizabeth Walton if you would make up the difference required. The gas annuities and their contributions will amount to nearly £25 per annum so I think you will have no difficulty in agreeing to this.

Will you be good enough to let Mr. Taylor or myself know your decision.

Yours respectfully
Peter Wrigley

Mr. John Walton

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I am quite prepared to pay my share along with theirs. I enclose you a letter from Roscoe Wrigley which will explain matters.

John Walton

9 Middleton Road
Oldham 1/6/80

I herewith return you the invoice shewing Elizabeth Walton's indebtedness to the Retreat. I informed you some time ago that Roscoe Wrigley had been made into the Executor for Elz^th Walton. You must send him all the communications respecting her. Elizabeth Walton's income is insufficient to maintain her, and, as soon as her sisters are willing to subscribe their quota of the deficiency

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Private

Street, Somerset.

5th Mo 31st 1880

My dear Friend

I must apologise for not having answered thine of the 24th of last Month before but I was from home at that time and did not feel I could answer it satisfactorily till I had seen my Co Trustee who has had the principal management of Sophia Sams affairs - and expected to have met him at the Yearly Meeting - but Saml Capper was not there - he thinks however that Sophia Sams circumstances are such that she feels a difficulty in paying the present rate - her income from a little land & railway shares having been considerably lessened from the bad times we have been passing through - in addition to this she has a daughter in very delicate health entailing additional expense

Apologising for having so long delayed answering thy enquiry I am with kind wishes

Thy sincere friend

James Clark

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74, Newborough Street,

MESSRS DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS

Scarborough,
1 June 1880

Dear Sirs,

Re Burwell dec'd

The account due to the Revd. in this matter will be paid in due course. We mentioned the matter to one of the Executors and he informed us Mr Burwell was going to write to you on the subject.

Yours truly
Drawbridge & Rowntree

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

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I do not know whether you would adopt such a course, but under the peculiar circumstances that there is now no member of her family with whom she can reside, it would be of great assistance to us.

Also, we thought it would be well if you would at the earliest favorable opportunity, break to her the sad news of Mrs. Critchley's death.

I am
Yours truly
George Sheard

D. E. Baker
The Retreat
York

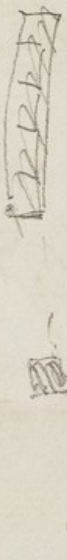
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The Woodlands,
Upper Batley.

My dear Sir,

Since I saw you on Saturday last, I have consulted with Mrs Sheards Family, seeing you hold forth considerable hope that she may be able to leave you in course of next month, I should feel obliged, in order to carry out your suggestion if you would advertise for a suitable Companion for her. If you would Kindly permit this Companion to be with Mrs Sheard for a week or two prior to her coming out, in order that you may judge as to the Ladys fitness to take charge of her.

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26 De Grey Road
Leeds June 1st 1880

Dear Sir Baker,

Will you kindly inform me should any of my daughters friends come to see me, if there are any rules or restrictions to be attended to. such as the most convenient time to

see Her, and how long they can remain -

Yours Sincerely

Glenfin Clarke

Derby June 11 1881

Dear Friend

I had had much talk with my Colleagues at the meeting to day, & in the light of the letter & time of Hollee's seems to be thought best not to hurry the matter for a few weeks, but to take the chance of his being more anxious & prepared in a short time for coming over.

Meanwhile there is no reason why we are concerned, why he should enjoy our privileges beyond those accorded to any other friends. He cannot be otherwise than well aware of

anywhere in the Retreat
& Thursday's business
necessarily attended to,
to hold an adjourned
The question was raised
of making a selection of
some less expensive fabric
than Alpaca could be found
there would be any ob-
jection on your part
to sending him with an
attendant on trial —
It would be an expense
of Alpaca & probably, & this
would probably, & this
would be borne cheerfully
on voluntary contributions
If needful I would —
be done, but if avoidable
able, it would be advisable
that Queen
Yours

ESTABLISHED 1813.



Market Place and No 1 Iron Gate.

Derby June 2d 1880.

Robert Baker Esqr. W.C.

Dear Sir.

I have seen my Good friend Mr Douglas today and shown him the enclosed received this morning. He advises me to forward it to you thinking it may in some measure guide you in your decision with regard to my Son Richard.

You can return the letter when you are writing either

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to Mr. Longden or myself,
I think I would rather
Harry did not know I had
sent it to you.

Harry is very fond of the sea
if you think that advisable.
While writing it occurs to me
a short voyage would be less
expensive than Italy and a
great change & perhaps more
beneficial. I merely name this
just as it presents itself without
having time to consider the
matter for it is nearly 11 Oclock.

Ever Yours truly.

E. Louisa Allen

Chertsey
June 3/80

My dear Friend

I wish my Sister could be reasonable but I am afraid it is too much to expect. I have not seen her very lately so I do not know what good results she expects to obtain by the proposed visit to York. Is it her husband who is to be reconciled to his absence from home by the daily visits of his Son? It is most singular that anyone should hold such an opinion for a moment.

However I have no doubt when Arthur has been at York for a day or two he will be glad enough to get back again to Windsor. I am sure Mrs Barton will be alone in her wish that he should stay.

I will go over & see her tomorrow & hope better counsels will prevail.

I should have come to York myself had not the time for Arthurs visit been so near.

I hope you are keeping well & will soon get off for your holiday & rest. Yours sincerely

Geo Boyce

The Wakefield & Barnsley UNION BANK,

Late Mess.rs Beckett, Birks & Co.
(Established 1796)

Barnsley 3rd June 1880

My Dear Doctor

I am obliged for your letter and glad to learn that my Dear Wife was not long in getting over her disappointment caused by our visit

Her Family are all satisfied now with the course we have taken and I am greatly obliged to you for convincing Mr Bibbs in this matter. I enclose copy of a letter by this Post to Mr Watson

Yours faithfully
J. H. Watson

Dr Baker
The Friends' Retreat.

the copy on him and return us the original with the endorsement signed by you as we have written it.

No further Affidavits are now required. The evidence on the Enquiry will be oral.

Yours faithfully
Denton Hall & Fox
per HJP

Dr Baker.
The Friends Retreat
York.

Encls.

Denton, Hall & Fox.
15, Cray's Inn Square,
London, W.C.

12th March 1880

Dear Sir,

Re Colc J. Przyjemski

We send herewith copy Affidavit sworn by Dr Campbell on the 8 Decr 1879 as requested by him.

We also enclose two Warrants one for your attendance at the Enquiry & one for Dr North's attendance.

We shall be glad if you will endorse the sealed copy of the Warrant, directed to you, as we have written in pencil and return it to us - and as to the Warrant for Dr North please to serve

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INCLOSURE COMMISSION,
3, St. James's Square,
London, S.W.

11th May 1880

Sir

I am directed by the Inclosure Commissioners, in reply to your letter of the 8th instant, to say that it will be convenient to them to see you between 12 and 1 tomorrow.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

I. R. Moore

By Order of the Board.

Dr Robert Baker

Friends School, Saffron Walden

May 30 1880

Dear Friend,

We have decided it will be best to have the interment at York, & propose Thursday at 3 P.M. unless that time does not suit your convenience, in wh case please send Telegram to Newport, but if I do not hear will conclude that it suits & so will inform relatives* of the time. Yesterday's experience tells me that it will be unwise to undertake the long journey again, so our eldest daughter, & son from Sunderland may be expected on that day.

Details, I will leave with thee as thou kindly offered to see to them, but shd like the expences connected with these last sad offices sent to me. With grateful feeling to thee & all the dear friends for kindness shewn in this time of heavy trial

Thine sincerely
Rebecca Edmunds

* In case any wd like to attend but hardly expect them to.

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London

Streatham

Firth Villa

(Mr Hall)

May 29. 1880

Dr R. Baker

Dear Sir—

Miss Newton's

case was finally decided

yesterday—appointing my own

Thomas as Com^tee of the estate

and also Herbert and Mrs

Megginson of the person of Miss

Newton— but it will take another

month before the requisite

forms get made out & signed—

& the solicitor here has told me—

This is all that I know of—

I am yours very respectfully

Thomas Herbert

I leave this for Tunbridge Wells

on Wednesday—

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E 8 Bath St
Bristol
May 25. 1880

My dear Friend -

I have not seen any of my mother's letters for a week or two, but when he last wrote to me, & on other occasions he alluded to his being debarred from attending Friends' meeting in the City, & he appears to feel this the more as he does not suffer from attacks during the day, at least I am not aware that he has them by day -

I have written him to try to be patient, that you may form a fair opinion of him - & I should now like to know if you think he might be allowed to go to meeting, as both his mind running much on religion, I think it would be soothing to him & I think he would attend to any caution given him not to speak himself &c -

With kind regards, I shall be glad to know how he is at present Yours sincerely

Samuel Medmore

James Baker M.D

From

J. G. BAKER & Co.,

Linen & Woollen Drapers,

MILLINERS & DRESSMAKERS.

Memorandum.

THIRSK,

Thurs 29 1880

To Dr Baker

My dear Robert

Ever since I came through into Drapery you have rendered as Fr Blankets sent which amounts have been duly placed to "Your Credit" at the page for "Friends Retreat" in our Ledger It now appears that Mr West before he left sent some sample Blankets which he posted to "Trustees Fr Sundries" in our

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Mr Robinson noticed the item when he made out the bills but we had just sent you Blankets, which not being due acct was not rendered -

He afterwards sought for item at page F. & R. in Sundries but it is only on going through Sundries again we found it posted - I. page

I am sorry it has been overlooked so long. Mr West ought to have written you when cheque £13-9-6 was rec'd that the Samples were omitted.

With love affectly

G R Baker

18. Lendal.

York. 31st. May 1880

Dear Sir

I have seen the Town Clerk. He has a copy of the opinion - Be good enough to write to the Commissioners & ask them to return to you the Case & opinion you left with them. Yours truly

Wm. Walker

R. Baker Esq M.D.

Derby May 29 80

Dear Friend

Will you kindly be making arrangements for sending Hollers to Derby as soon as you get — I think there is no doubt but that your advice will be followed by his friends here & there is nothing to be gained by delay. Any suggestions of yours will be gratefully received under your present circumstances

Yours truly

J. Forsyth

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Derby 5 28 80

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

It occurred to me
after writing yesterday,
that it would not be
amiss to let Dr Steer
have been with about
going out to the General
part of the house,
only making him stick
to it — He would
probably see this way
a little more clearly

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about Coming home,
when I expect quite
soon in this port
Cruise

Yours truly,
Thorpe

Clavering
Essex
24-5-1880

Respected Friend,

I am so much obliged for thy report, & hand this morng, & tho' sad the contents, yet conforming to my own experience in the past. I must say I felt a little alarmed ~~at~~ when reading my husband's letter saying that Dr Campbell told him he wd be leaving soon, for I do not see how a cure could be affected in so short a time, & we very

much dread ~~a~~ his return, unless there is a great change. I have enclosed two letters from him wh thou hast not seen — + have not written to him since the note sent thro' thee, for I find it a difficult task. He need not be anxious to do sewing to add to the income at home, for the business has much improved since my husband left, & I find when in health that labor is light & toil is sweet for those one loves.

Again thanking thee for thy report wh I had been hoping & looking for.

Thine sincerely
R. Edmunds.

P.S. I had a few days of Yearly Meeting last week, & when in London heard that Eliz Radley was suffering from a blow inflicted on him by my husband, but hope this may not be correct. R.E.

7 Corn Market
Derby
June 7th 80.

Dear Sir

I shall be much
obliged if you will
let me know by telegraph
tomorrow if you will have
the vacancy for a patient
this week you spoke
to me of Monday
or what day you will
be ready to receive my
wife. How I shall make
up my mind I don't
want to lose any time
if you can receive her
on Wednesday I
must have her

As soon as I hear from you I will telegraph that you know when to expect her. You will be able I hope by tomorrow to fix the day.

I hope the nurse who has been with the outgoing lady is a nice woman gentle, kind, patient & companionable — they wife is a very superior woman, & refined has been of high intelligence & I am very anxious she should be attended by a refined & gentle woman who can add some what to her happiness & contentment in such a position. This will be a great consolation to me to think of, that she will be cared for & made happy.

This has been a crushing trouble to me. Yours faithfully

Geo Rosh

Dr Baker

me write to the Col. Lfcoib
will greatly oblige

I need not urge upon you
to do all possible for him that will
tend towards his recovery. I know
you will do that. Mrs Clarke Mrs
& Sisters often inquire for him.

Albert writes me he shall
never return to Glossop again
evidently he seems to know where
he is & his position

I suppose he can have
access to Books &c.

With Our Kind Regard

I am

Yours truly

W. Shorrock

P.S. Will you kindly give
Albert the inclosed note

Bank Terrace,
Glossop.

May 31st/80

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I thank you
very much indeed for your great
kindness in writing me about the
condition of my Son Albert E.

I will act on your advice & not
at present come over to see him.

I feel some what relieved after
your last note & think from your
remarks that he is improving
& hope he may continue so.

My dear wife feels almost night &
day about him.

Albert wrote me for a few
Lemons & Oranges, & send them from
here would cost in Carriage their value
Could you get them for him & charge

Guernsey 21-8-1866

Dear Friend

Since when and I have written at once to Babcock for some particulars, article of this sort quiet stylish and of right age are very hard to meet with. The one I have named certainly we have answered your

purpose beyond good
looks and age —

Yr friend
J. Hutchinson

I hope you have come
to a decision about Miss
Buckley and that the
only one in my judgment
which was formed upon
what I said and that if
she was by relation
the next I would
see her departure

Lumley 4-6-80

Dear D. Baker

I am rather of
Mr Spence's opinion
that the pony is too small
it is not at all likely
that the Dealer would
send it on approval
I shall under the circum-
stances invite the party
not to reserve it for us

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if we consider to make
any further enquiries
we must take our
chance of it being sold

Yours truly

F. P. Christensen

to Bournemouth for the
winter, this gave her
stored her health
which continued
until about nine
months ago when
by some means she
took a succession
of influenza colds
which weakened
her & we doubt contri-
buted her for many years
after. I fear she gave
of her general health

Whitfield House
Congleton June 11/80.

My dear Dr Baker

I received
a letter from my
daughter this morning.
The first part of
it is perfectly sensible
as all her letters
have been, but the
latter part where she
speaks of her self and
her feelings shows the

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Solution to be much
the same as formerly.
I had intended writing
to you previously to
receiving hers as it
is a month since I
saw her. I am very
wishful to know your
opinion respecting
her general health,
as at this season of
the year she has
always regarded
had a thorough change
of air.

Six years ago she
became very delicate,
her throat was affected
and Pulmonic Consump-
tion. — I took her
with me to London
to consult Dr Fuller.
He advised me to go
with her to a Hydro-
pathic Establishment
at Leamington, where
she would have Milder
and Warmer Treatment,
and from there

to hear from you soon. I remain
Dear Dr Baker,
Yours very truly
E. S. Wicks.

will not be restored without change of air. I know you will not think it rude to send you to Harbor with any of your patients, and learning from my daughter's letter that you are going there next week I am thinking that Mrs Baker and family will most likely accompany you, I should feel

so Comfort & happy if
you could take her
with you ——
She is so fond of Children
and to interested in
their pursuits that
I think she would
rather be an assistance
to Mrs Baker than a
charge, ——
but I am not addressing
Father I might as well
before making such
a proposal, but I
feel convinced that if
you cannot accede
to my proposal you
will suggest some
other plan by which
she will obtain the
desired change.
I think it is on her
mind, as in the
letters to her young
friends she frequently
says - only one more
short change
but me. Hoping to

THE FRIARAGE,
PERRITH.

4 June, 1880

Dear Dr. Baker,

Your Nurse Steele arrived here this evening. She appears excellently qualified for her present duty. I am glad to say that her Patient took to her at once, & they appear to get along very nicely together. The Terms are perfectly Satisfactory.

With many thanks for your kindly promptitude

I am dr Sir
Yours faithfully
Thomas Gordon M.D.

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message. 170

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Penrith *Office at* 11 52 A.M., *Received here at* 11 17 A.M. Delivering Office.

From

Dr Gordon
Grainage
Penrith

To

Dr Kitching
Friends Retreat
York

Please send fully qualified nurse by early train wire reply

REPLY PAID

REPUPAIO

encouraging. their
is one thing he complains
of, & that is the dullness
of it. but I think if
correct it will be
injurious to his health.
he says their are seven
sleep in his bedroom;
which of course he
does not like.
perhaps you will
kindly give this

Aberdeen Rectory
Scarborough
June 6th 1880.

Dr. Dr. Bolton

I was pleased
to hear from our
friend Mr. Jones of
the great improvement
in the health of
my husband. & his
letters &c, are very

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need a hard struggle
to let him remain
6 months but I thought
it best to let him
have (as long as I could
afford it) the best
of advice & attention
& I am quite satisfied
thanking you for yr
kindness.

I am
yrs faithfully
L Lowes

yrs attention &
kindly look over it,
if a mistake.

I should like
to know if you think
my husband will
be well enough
to leave yr institution
at the end of the
month. I hope

3, The Avenue,
Warwick Road,
Upper Clapton.

June 5/80

Dear Sir

I have this word
of my eldest friend
Colonel Isbo Przypiorka
is under your care
at Good Retreat.
Will it be troubling
you too much
to let me know
what state he is

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sir? I should be
be able to receive
it kindly remember
me to him most
affectionately —

Yours faithfully
Edmd. J. Low

Dr. Barnes

West Leake Rectory
Loughboro.
June 7. 1880

Dear Sir,

I remind a letter a fortnight ago from my son, Capt Bateman, asking me to forward a memorial to the Home Secretary, to the Queen - for his liberation from the Retreat. Of course I have taken no notice of it. That he is unhappy

as I have known it by a similar case. The letter in which this desire has been founded has been forwarded him today, per his Wife. And I have thought it my duty, at once to notify you as Superintendent of the Retreat of this fact.

With every respect

Believe me
yours truly
John Bateman

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in his confinement in an
asylum, may be exhibited.
And I should be most
glad to see him, if
safely it could be done-
to a place of greater
liberty. The terms have
been doubled since
his visit to Bethlem. And
he complains of his food
being very unpleasant
and of receiving kicks
upon his legs, and a
blow upon his back, from
the attendant whom he
wishes I should observe.
May I ask of you, if there
is any ground for these
charges? It is a very
difficulty in getting
at the truth of accusations
of Patients of this kind,
but it may be an advan-
age to charge the Attendant

Friends Retreat
York
3rd June.

My dear Charlotte.

Pleare
try and get me let free.
l'homme
Le Matin le garde qui
n'est jamais absent à l'exception
de trois courtes temps
à Mardi à jeudi et à
Dimanche. me regardait
comme je lavais et
sans dire rien me donnait

and live with you at Dinsdale. I am glad you like your garden. you ought to send me some mustard & cress or radishes or a cucumber and then with a little whiskey or something pleasant to cheer up the heart I could be reminded of days gone by. you see my pleasures are not very huge.
Love to Children Win K & E
& K. Yours affectly
W Watkinson

un violent coup de pied
sur ma jambe. Il tâche
avec exception
le plus qu'il peut, à me
me rendre la vie misérable
mais je n'ai pas dit rien
à vous et j'avais souffert
très beaucoup de lui. Et
dit En premier je vous
prie de faire demande pour
un autre "attendant" au
lieu de cette homme. et que

Mary I have better food now
and something better to
drink. It me force fréquemment du thé
à boire trois tasses et je
ne manque souvent plus
d'un tas. et il y a quelque jours
qu'il me donnait un
sur le dos
coup, dans le dos et nous
mais je m'asseyai la
orens aucun disobéissance.
ou délai. Whenever you
think I am well enough
I shall be ready to come

28 Bath St
Bristol
June 8/80

My dear Friend -

I am much obliged for your reply to my note received on the 7th Inst, later in the day I also received the enclosed from my Brother to which I have thought well to send you, as it seems written in a quiet, simple way & details treatment from the attendant, which does not appear in place. My Brother has also alluded to the same attendant having prevented his going to a funeral in the adjoining burial ground & sending him to bed on a fine evening before 8 o'clock without reason - I just mention these things that you may know of them, but of course my Brother does not know that I have written you - He has stated in letters that he should like some employment in the grounds farm &c - but of this you will be the best judge - to him I write in as soothing a manner as possible -

Yours sincerely
Jno Baker M.D. Samuel Hedmore

York Retreat 5th Mo. 27th 1880.

My dear Brother,

I am much obliged to thee for thy continued remembrance of me with the last two numbers of the 'Christian' neither of which I believe, have I acknowledged: I saw Doctor Baker in his round, this morning, about ¼ to 10 o'c. am. which he, personally is rather doubtful with, as he leaves his visits often times, to a 'juvenile hand,' that he has now taken into employ about a week since, and then in such a rurry, with petitions not to say too much, and promise to hear me when he is on his return: he told me he had received a letter from thee, making enquiry as to my state of health, — which I can assure thee, the early part of this week, has been very trying in that I have been so subjected to heavy pressure about my head, weak palpitation of heart, and such a continual shaky disposition of arms & hands,

strength, yet conscientiously to the praise of Divine Grace" I would much prefer, to endeavour there, my best, than be obliged to have for company, either the poor half-witted, deficient, or non conscientious, with which I am at present surrounded —

With dear love to all of you, and hoping you are all enjoying good health, I must now conclude

Thy affectionate Brother

5 mo. 31st Thomas Wedmore.

P.S. I desire greatfully to acknowlege through Divine good Providence, how I much better I feel this week.

"Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us!" Psalm IV. 6.

likewise about my knees, and additional pains arising from ~~excessive~~ costive state of bowles; which I find to be much easier releaved, if I could obtain, light food, rather oftener than I am at present permitted; the mode & diet, under which I have been compelled to be in regular obedience, is, about 7 o'c am breakfast, whether feeling ill or well, " b thick pieces of bread and butter with hot coffee, with a professed reading of the Holy Scriptures; the whole, to be hurried out of sight in about twenty minutes by the authority of a dictatorial, high spirited young man (Geo. Epworth) who, if not immediately submitted too, appears very fearful he shall not be recognised by each patient, as our practical 'superior', whatever our state of health, or ability of appetite. unless I have been able to procure previous, positive permission of the doctor, to be lighter with my breakfast & have a little luncheon of bread & butter with a Cup of treacle possit, he will persist in being continually obstinate. — last third day at dinner time, (although I had been obliged to complain to him of a poor shaky state of nerves, which so often acts on my ability to eat) he, Geo. Epworth, with a heavier share, particularly in the large quantity of beef he cut me, demanded my instant obedience, to which I objected and requested G. E. to take back one piece passing it to him at once on my fork, he refused it, and almost instantaneous Rose, and taking me by the collar of my coat and waistcoat, without time for resistance put me in the adjoining room. — his conduct since that time to me, has been very severe, distant, and endeavour to frighten me, threatening me that unless I unhesitatingly submit to his authority, he will walk me off into the irrefractory gallery of patients. — his good will, and pleasure, appear to rest principally with such as are thus in fear of him or ready to pass their time with him in playing games of baggatelle, chess, smoking &c. If anything should appear in which I might be permitted to fill an occupation, though not of much bodily

To the Matron
of York Retreat

Enclosed I send a letter for my Sister-in Law Miss Hunter which I hope you'll allow her to have: that is when she is in her lucid moment, for I know at times that she is sufficiently composed and sensible so as to appreciate and understand how to receive a communication from her friends - She had wished to write my Wife (her Sister) but some how for long she has never written I therefore ask as a favor and rely upon your letting her have this but leave it entirely to your discretion as to when to let her have it and I shall feel obliged if you would try to persuade her to reply to it - if she would: write it she is asking too much of you to write me a line and let me know how she is in health and other respects if you will I shall deem it a great favor

Obliged Yours J Hanson

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Believe me,
dear Sir,
Yours truly
Jane Low

3 Vale Terrace
Guildford
4th June 1880

Dear Sir,
I have heard your "Retreat" described as being very excellent in cases where the mind has become deranged. But I have not been able to ascertain your name nor the exact address. However I hope this letter will find you, & that you will kindly be able to give me particulars

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by return of post, addressing your letter not to the above, but to

Mrs Low
Care of A. Shakespear Esq re
Holly Lodge
Burnham
Maidenhead

The reason of my being in haste is that while on a visit at Burnham I expect to have an opportunity of going on to York to see the Retreat; & I may not have so good an opportunity afterwards. Yet my visit there will be but of 3 days duration.

The questions I should be much obliged for your answering are: 1. Are lunatics admitted? 2. Is the Retreat for gentlemen or ladies, or both? 3. What are the terms? 4. Are the patients only such as have been accustomed to good society, or is there a mixture? 5. Have any instances been cured in Europe of patients having been ill for a year or more; & if so, after what length of time during which the mind was deranged?

G. Frost.
Pharmaceutical Chemist.

7, Corn Market,
Derby, June 8th 1886

Dear Sir,

Not having heard from you today by telegraph I begin to doubt you have no vacancy – Had felt so sure of it, I requested Dolman & Shaw to let my wife [illegible], which they have done, & she should be ready tomorrow – I feel all the more anxious for her to get in before you left for your holiday, that I might know what you thought of her –

Will you kindly telegraph at my expense, if you should have no vacancy at once, unless you have written to that effect –

Yours faithfully
Geo Frost

Dr Baker

P.S. I am well known in Derby.

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Burnham
nr Maidenhead
8th June/80

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter & the printed Reports. There does not seem to be any train by which I can reach York earlier than 7.40 P.M. But if that will make it too late to see you when I reach the Retreat, you may be able perhaps to give the name of a Hotel in the city, where I can stay & go again to the Retreat in the morning. Yrs truly

J. Lowe

65 Forest Road, East,
Nottingham 8th June 1880

Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me if you have at present, or will be likely soon to have, a vacancy for a patient at the Retreat. Some years ago I called upon you, on my way from Edinburgh, with my late wife, your daughter, with whom you had an interview. At that time you gave it as your opinion that hers was not a case requiring to be placed in such an institution as the

Retreat, but since then her affliction I am afraid has become more confirmed & assumed somewhat of a chronic character.

For the past seven years my daughter has been under the private care of a lady in Derbyshire, but for a temporary period she is now with one of her married sisters here.

The arrangements we have had with the party referred to have not of late been carried out so satisfactory as at first, & hence we are indisposed to have her return there, & we also think it could perhaps be more to her comfort & welfare if she could be placed under your care.

If desirable to see me personally, in the first instance, I could arrange to come over on Friday of this week, if convenient to you, or an early day next week.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully

Edw Galley

Doctor Kitchen
Friends Retreat
York

Nottingham 10th June 1880

Dear Sir

I am much obliged for your letter of yesterday.

My married daughter, with whom her afflicted sister is staying temporarily, has a desire to try the experiment of keeping her with us, if a suitable attendant can be met with. This being the case I will defer taking any steps towards a permanent change for the present, & also my visit to York, but probably may have to communicate with you again after your return.

I am Yours Truly

Edw Pulley

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Stockton on Tees.

3rd June 1880.

Dr Baker,

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly hand the enclosed letter to my Mother, now under your care & oblige. I received a letter from her on Tuesday which is perfectly clear & intelligible & well written, indeed no one who did not know the circumstances would imagine it was written from your establishment. In it my Mother expresses a wish to see me, & I purpose, if you see no objection to my so doing, to come

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we see her on the afternoon of Friday the 18th which is the earliest date I can readily get away. The enclosed conveys this information to her; the remainder of the letter being on general subjects. I do not know your regulations so have closed my letter, as I think she would prefer it handed to her in this state, but if it must be opened, there is nothing in it of a private nature that you may not see.

A few lines in reply at your convenience will oblige

Yours sincerely,

B. A. Abbott

I have every confidence in your judgment, & should like you to see all the critics for the present, had it not been for the index of his mind, but if it is possible spare him & am writing with the most kind of patients & the critic put it terribly & the thought of it is riding to me; if you think he can see him outside by all means ask him at address

Yrs faithfully
Geo Robt

Dr Baker

P.S. My son has just arrived from College, he is now Senior Scholar of his College (Trin Cam) has been 1st in Every year

Derby
June 12th 80

My dear Sir

From my wife's letter, which I am glad you opened, & which is the most sensible letter she has written for some time, you would see the tone of her mind, her mental capacity the trouble in thinking of having to write to those whose minds may be of the ill-bred stamp or nearly approaching it. Her mind to me seems more vigorous unchanged than

Wordsley St. Mount
Horton Road,
June 11th
1880.

My dear Friend,

It was my intention to have visited York some months since, but have been kept a prisoner by a succession of severe colds, — it has been a great trial to me not being able to see my son for so long a time.

For many weeks I have been hoping & expecting to have the

pleasure of seeing them.
that, however is not
likely at present, as
Alfred tells me there is at
likely to leave home in
a few days, & probably
may be absent some
weeks; — I am anxious
therefore to enquire, if
any arrangement for
Alfred to be with me for
a short time at Scarboro,
or elsewhere, (as we have
2 years ago), — would not meet
thy approbation? — it
would be most agreeable
to both of us, & greatly
increase our comfort

I received your kind letter, & was sorry to hear the ill health of your dear Mother, but was glad to hear of any arrangement that would afford you pleasure.

To-morrow Mrs Backhouse & Hannah go to Ackworth, & shall spend the day there, & return to Tadcaster in the evening. Should you receive this in time, I should be glad to hear from thee, if thee & Hannah will be at home, as I should like to see them.

With dear love to all, I remain

Thine affectionately

Mary Gatty.

Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS.

Royal Insurance Buildings.
Bristol. 6 mo: 26 1880

Dear Friend,

I enclose copy of minute passed at the half-yearly meeting held at Bridgwater yesterday, which please note.

I remain
thy friend truly
Henry Grace

The Secretary
Friends' Reheal
York.

feel it very desirable, especially in the prospect of a long continuance of your responsibility, that the financial pressure upon us should be somewhat lightened.

As it is not to be desired, and indeed appears to be quite unsuitable, that he should be removed to any other part of the Establishment, I beg through you to ask the Committee of the Retreat if he may be continued where he is on terms somewhat lower than the rate of 2½ guineas a week that has been charged hitherto.

Yours faithfully
John B. Tennant

The Friends' Prov.t Inst.n
Bradford, 19 July 1880.

Dear Dr. Baker,

The cost of the maintenance of my step-brother Henry Hope Tennant, at present under your care at the Lodge, falls almost entirely upon a few of his near relatives, and we have already in consequence of this long continued, sometimes partial and sometimes total, mental illhealth been put to heavy expense.

We are sure that at the Retreat our brother has all the comfort & care that his condition requires, and it is a source of much satisfaction to us to know that he is in such good hands. But, we

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refusal.

I was certainly under the impression that it was only the recommendation itself that was wanted & independently of any implied payment.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Theodore Hiles

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
&c &c &c

79 Newman St.
Oxford St.
London W.
19th June 80

Dear Sir,

I enclose a letter which I have just received from Thos. Wakefield Worcester from which you will see that the Recommendation of the Meeting will be accorded if it is understood

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that the Meeting is not called upon to defray any of the Expenses.

In reference to this matter I may say that my Brother Albert who is on very friendly terms with Thos. Westcombe asked him when in Worcester whether the Meeting would take up Nathaniels case with a view of making a partial allowance for his maintenance & Thos. Westcombe informed him that knowing exactly the private feeling of the Meeting on the subject it would be quite useless to bring the matter before them as it would only count a refusal.

Under these circumstances I do not see any good to be obtained by pressing the Meeting against its wish & give a direct

79 Newman St.
Oxford St.
London W.
12 June '80

Dear Sir,

I enclose for your perusal a letter I have just received from Thos. Westcombe of Worcester in reference to Nath. Hill, to which I have replied giving all the information

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asked for.

As soon as I have his further reply I will communicate with you again —

I am Dear Sir
Your faithfully
Fred. Miles

Dr. Barker
York.

Tilleomb is in receipt of Theodore Miles letter of 26th ult respecting his brother Nathaniel & in reply, if the Monthly Meeting applies for his being kept at the Retreat on the lowest scale it implies that it undertakes the responsibility of his support there for life, a course which the financial Committee does not consider itself called on to take without further information & inquiry.

The support of Members of the Society is entirely optional & in the case of one who has never taken any interest in the Society, held opinions in religious

deriven from it - & only remained a mem-
ber by sufferance owing to the respect
felt for his father by friends, there does
not appear to be sufficient reason for
giving support, & thus relieving his brothers
from a fraternal duty

The information required is ——
it being understood that Nathaniel has
an annuity — what is the amount,
when paid & to whom & whether govern-
ment or otherwise?
it also being understood that there
was a legacy under his father's will —
what amount, how was it invested &
disposed of?
the House in High Street Worcester which
belonged to his brother Henry —
Did Nathaniel participate in the
proceeds & ~~where was Henry's will~~
~~proved~~?

On receipt of reply the finance
Committee will give the subject further
consideration

Worcester 6 mo 8. 1810

Worcester 6 mo 17. 1880

Dear friend

I shall be obliged by thy informing me the position of our Monthly Meeting (Worcestershire & Shropshire) with respect to its right of recommendation of Patients to the Retreat at the lowest charge

I think our powers exist by virtue of a legacy left by my cousin Clement Jackson under whose will my brother in law, the late Stanley Pumphrey & myself were executors & I believe that we made over our right of recommendation to the Monthly Meeting

I shall be glad therefore to know how many patients we may recommend at a time & if this power exists in perpetuity

Thy friend truly

Thomas Westcombe

Dr Baker

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Respected friend

Theodore Miller

I am in receipt of thy letter & it is satisfactory to learn from thee the state of the case of thy brother Nathaniel

In reply to thy remark "that all that was asked was a recommendation only & did not in any sense involve a supply pecuniary aid", from Dr Baker's letter to me we could not infer otherwise than that our meeting would have to find the necessary funds, as he stated that his "relatives are not pecuniarily able to bear any part of the cost of his maintenance"; & in thy letter of 26th ult. thou says "I regret that they" (his relatives) "are now all of them unable to contribute

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any longer towards his maintenance"

A recommendation will only give admission at the lowest charge & would be of no use without a cash accompaniment or a guarantee of payment & our giving it without an explanation to the contrary would virtually bind us to make up all deficiencies after the application of the annuity

If the recommendation had been requested solely with the view of lessening expense to you, our meeting would, I have no doubt, willingly acceded it & we should not have asked any of the questions which we have done & if you can guarantee us from any liability there will, I think, be no difficulty in giving the recommendation

I am respectfully

Thomas Workman

Worcester 6 mo 17. 1850

if you have found any receipts for Laggage so enable us to send his Clothes. As we think that he has left his Trunks & Boxes at some Railway left Laggage Office, Shall be glad to know what others requisite to send, if any remain

Yours Truly

James Simpson

Round Oak House
Hopton, Wirksworth
June 30/80

Dr. Campbell

Dear Sir

After consulting with my Relatives in the subject of our conversation yesterday We have decided to ~~for~~ him to remain where he is at the rate of £ 150 per annum Until such time as we can come over and make final arangements with you. We presume you will have become possessed of his papers &c he had with him If so. Shall be glad

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as in good bodily health, & he has had no paroxysm for at least 6 months.

An early answer will much oblige, & also make it more possible to give notice at the quarter, which I greatly fear will be required at Moorcroft where he is now.

From what I saw of your Institution, I have great hope that under God a residence there would produce at least a little improvement in my husband's condition mentally & spiritually.

Believe me

Yrs truly

Jane Low

3 Vale Terrace
Guildford
16th June 80

Dear Sir,

Dr Baker told me, when I called last Wednesday, that you would be able to answer any inquiries while he was away. For the satisfaction of my husband's relatives I ask the following. Is smoking allowed in your establishment? If so, I conclude you are careful about the kind of cheroots used, & the amount. Captain Low has been accustomed when he

at his best, to be allowed a little of this indulgence.

Are the bedrooms, or parts of the building containing bedrooms in the Gentlemens' Lodge called wards, or do they simply go by the name of rooms, as in a private house?

Of course you could not judge of my husband's case without seeing him. But I will just mention that his memory appears to be the faculty least impaired, & I discovered the other day that he accurately remembers the time when he got ill, though of course not understanding that he ever was ill, but only that it seemed as if a change for the worse came over every thing. Should you consider this a hopeful sign, or not showing anything either way?

Dr Baker told me that the patients were allowed to go every year to Scarborough for a few weeks' change, if well enough, & I had made up my mind to pay the extra expense consequent on this. If it were possible for you to give me some idea whether it is in cases where violence is apprehended, & in cases of great exhaustion that the patients are not considered well enough to have the change, then it would be better for me to have so far a clearer idea. But perhaps you could not tell me this. Captain Low has always been medically reported

19th June/80

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you so often. Could you oblige me by sending off at the earliest post written in the ~~acc~~ enclosed envelope, the address of Dr Tuke (I think it was) whom Dr Baker mentioned to me. He said he lived in London, I fancy Bedford Square, & was the son of the physician who had a great deal to do with founding the Retreat. I want to consult him.

Yrs truly
Jane Lord

Darlington 28/6/80.

Dear Friend

L. E. Woods

As I expect
to be from home please
send the Retreat &c
for H. Macdermid to
J. B. Hodgkin
Elm Ride
Darlington
not later than the 6th of
7th mo so that it may
be in time for our Mo.
Meeting at which I. B. H.
is clerk. Thine truly

H. Richardson

account of Mrs Abbott
Looking at the probability
of relapse it would be a
great boon to her friends &
herself if you could
keep her till the Winter
Probably there will not be
any difficulty on her part

Yours very truly
D: H: Tuke

June 17. 1880

Dear Dr. Baker.

There are some
statistical questions I
should have liked to
ask you, but knowing
how fully occupied
you are at the present
time I will confine
myself to one question
which will not detain

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nivolve much trouble
Your last Report wh.
I shall be obliged
by your sending me
will show me the
number of cases ad-
1380
mitted since the open-
ing & the number
of total cures. It will
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also if possible tell
me the No of
Persons admitted
1069
during the same period
but it will not I believe
inform me the number
of persons cured up to same date
this I want to know
first not. If you
could also tell me how
many of those here at
the last Report been
re-admitted, you would
still further oblige me.
Metford Warner tells
me he has good

4 Charlotte St
Bedford Sq
June 28. 1880.

Dear Sir,

That part of the Table IV. wh. refers to Persons had escaped my notice and does answer the main part of my question. I think this part of the Table has appeared for the first time: if not I shd. like to know when it was first introduced.

All Jesse trouble for

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with further is the
number of persons who
elapsed up to 1879.
I see the No of Cases
given in Table IV. (311).
I hope this will not
give you much trouble.
I am quite ashamed
to add to your many
occupations.

Yours very truly

D: H: Tuke

Enc.

36, Jermyn Street, St. James's,

London, S.W. 31 July 1880.

Dear Sir,

Estate of Chas. Fox Barton dec.
re John Scurr Barton.

Inasmuch as your patient Wm. J. S. Barton is mentally unfit to sign any legal document it becomes necessary to present a Petition in Lunacy for an Order that the other 2 Executors of the above named Deceased may transfer the Funds standing in the names of all the Executors.—

An Affidavit by you is necessary in support of this Petition and we should esteem it a favor if you would be good enough to make it.—

We send you a Draft of it and should be much obliged if you would fill up the blanks and complete it and then return it to us when we would send you a Fair Copy to depose to.—

We should of course be happy to pay the usual fee.—

We ask your earliest attention as the Petition if not presented by Wednesday next will have to stand over until November after the Long Vacation.—

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Robinson & Wilder

Dr. Robert Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York.

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Needham Market,

15/7/ 1880

Dear Friend

Jonathan Barett.

George Barrett, Son of James Barrett of Woodbridge has been for some years a patient in the Retreat at York.—

His Father lost his membership with Friends by his Marriage but has been since reinstated. The Mother also has been received into Membership and I believe all the Children except George whose affliction came upon him too early for him to be dealt with by Woodbridge Monthly Meeting as the other members of the Family

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have been so that George does not in fact stand recorded as a Member of Woodbridge Monthly Meeting.

Nevertheless I am requested to ask of the Committee of the Retreat that they will admit that he should be treated as tho' he were actually a Member; and that in consequence of his connection with our Monthly Meeting, & perhaps rather more strictly, with Members of the Monthly Meeting - he may be put on the lower scale of payment.

The Father is in somewhat straitened circumstances - and the heavy payment which he has hitherto made is too great a charge upon his resources -

The considerate attention to the case will be esteemed a favor by his friends -

I am Dear Friend

Yours truly

Saml A Mott

Bradford 31 & July 1880.

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 29th inst. & to express our obligations to the Committee for their consideration, and to yourself for the trouble you have been kind enough to take in the matter.

Perhaps I had better return the enclosed account for correction. in respect of the coming two months. Ought not the fees for examination previous to entry to be included in it?

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that quite an agreeable letter
journey to-day.

Yours faithfully
John B. Tennant

Dr. Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York

Bradford -
July 24th

Gentlemen

I write to you respecting my sister, who entered the Retreat in April - When I told the Doctors six weeks ago, that we could not afford to pay three guineas weekly

for a lengthened period, they did not think any change of accommodation advisable & hoped you would allow a reduction to be made when you knew the circumstances of the case - Our parents are dead, and she, as well as myself, was engaged in teaching until she became too unwell to continue it - Her illness therefore caused loss as well as being a heavy expense - We shall be exceedingly obliged if you will kindly allow the charges for the last few weeks to be lowered -

Kenwood Park,
Sheffield.

July 26th 1880.

Dear Dr Baker,

Will you be good enough to send me enclosed in a plain envelope a copy of the printed form as filled in for my sisters admission into the "Friends' Retreat". We find that our Solicitor

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Such
for any Emergency
by consulting a
Lawyer on the
subject -
Yours faithfully
E. M. Westenholz

Yours a copy
of what I have asked
for & send me.
You mentioned to
me that the
possibility of the
Lunacy Commissioners
Enquiring with whom
Miss Rundle had
been placed &
we have prepared

of post the amount payable to the 30th June 1880 in any case as the Master wishes to know the amount of this debt to the date of the new arrangement referred to in your letter to Mr. Godlee of the 16th May.

We hope that the Committee will be duly appointed in a few days.

Yours truly
Denton Hall & Fox
per W.P.

Up to 31st March £263 " 2 " 1
" 30th June 57 " 6 " 0 at 4-4 a week
His housemates c. 10 " 0 " 0

330 " 8 " 1

Dr Baker,
The Friends Retreat
York

5-4 " 12

Denton, Hall, & Fox. 15, CRAY'S INN SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.

25th June 1880.

Dear Sir

re Col. Przyjemski

The Master in Lunacy directs us to ask you whether under the circumstances of this case a poduction can be made for the current quarters maintenance seeing that the Estate is not sufficient to pay at the rate of the previous quarters, and if so, what amount will be accepted.

Kindly let us know by return

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The Friends' Retreat
June 26. 1880

Sirs,

In answer to your letter of the 25th inst. re Colonel Byzlewski.

The question of terms is in each case settled by the Committee of the Friends' Retreat. The next meeting is to be held on July 16, and the matter can be brought before them then. A special meeting of Committee is only summoned when absolutely necessary.

The amount due to the Retreat for Colonel Byzlewski up to the 31st March is £263"2"1. The charge for board for the quarter now current will be at £4"4/- a week £54"12/- in addition to which there will be the disbursements for which the bills have not yet come in, but which may be estimated at about £10. This makes a total of £327"14"1

I am. Yours faithfully,
C. H. Campbell
Assist. Med. Off.

Messrs Dalton, Hall, & Fox

Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Cray's Inn Square,
London, W.C.

28th June 1880

Dear Sir.

We are obliged by your letter and we are directed by the Master in Lunacy to point out that the charges for Colonel Przyjemskis maintenance at the Asylum appear to have been fixed without proper reference to his means and under these circumstances the Master desires to know whether upon the matter being mentioned to the Committee they will be willing to make a reduction from the sum now charged. Upon the understanding that the Committee will return whatever may be hereafter considered to be a fair & reasonable reduction having regard to the means of the Lunatic we shall be happy to send you a cheque for the amount of your charges in full. Kindly let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours truly,
Denton Hall Fox & Co

C. M. Campbell Esq.
Assistant Med: Officer
The Friends Retreat
York

Copy The Friends' Retreat
June 30, 1880

Sir, There is, I believe, every probability that the Committee will regard the application of Colonel Pryzienski favourably and will return a certain sum.
I cannot of course speak positively in their behalf, and do not consider myself as making any promises.
The account will be forwarded in a few days.

Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Cray's Inn Square,

London, W.C.

8th July 1880.

Dear Sir,

Re Przyjemski.

Kindly send us by return of post a detailed statement ~~of~~ shewing the exact amount now due for the maintenance and expenses in this case as promised by your letter of the 26th ult.

Yours truly,

Denton Hall & Fox

Dr Campbell,
The Friends Retreat.
York.

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Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Gray's Inn Square,

London, W.C.

13th July 1880.

Dear Sir,

Coll. Przyjemski

On the understanding contained in your letter of the 16th May we send you Cheque for £326. 1. 4 in discharge of the Account enclosed. Please send us Receipt.

Yours truly

Denton Hall & Fox

per HP.

D. Baker,

The Friends Retreat

York.

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Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS.

Royal Insurance Buildings.

Bristol 7 mo: 24 1880

Dear Friend,

In reply to thine of 16th inst., I regret to have troubled thee with a minute from the Quarterly Meeting's Committee, if the case is as clear as stated in thy letter, but as a 'non-member', (since deceased) was nominated some years ago, and accepted without difficulty, I did not look up the correspondence in 1866-7, when the right of nomination was reported upon to the Quarterly Meeting.

I will lay thy letter before the next meeting of this Committee.

As to Thomas Hedmond's case, I think I may say from my personal knowledge of it, that as regards pecuniary considerations, it fairly deserves the warm sympathy of your Committee.

From enquiries I have made, it appears that T H would in all probability have been received into membership again, but for a serious attack of illness which prevented his sending in his application. He therefore appears to be a true "object" in accordance with ¶ 3 of your Regulations as one of "others in profession with" the Society of Friends.

I remain

thy friend truly

Henry Wace

Robert Baker M.D.

York.

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To Dr Baker July 7. 1818

Dear Sir

Will you kindly favour me with an Exact account of my dear brother Martyn Hiles as to his true State of health both Physically & Mentally.
I very much regret that I have never had sufficient means to visit him whilst under your Care, but the accounts from my Visits have comforted me - I hope you will kindly Explain my circumstances to him. I am nicely settled at Lastingly in the Manchester Coffee Tavern so am very closely occupied, & shall

please Let me do you think
I have acted wisely in being quiet
& keeping things to myself about my
dear Brother, I have felt comfortable
that you were doing all for the best —
I hope he feels happy & satisfied? —
You will be sorry to hear that my sister
Mary at Scarborough has been ill with
Scarlatina lately & only just beginning
to gain strength — I intended more in haste
for post, but thanking you for a few lines
of truth respecting my dear brother & trusting
for his happiness, also that yourself & family
are in good health,

like to hear from yourself that my brother is still very happy & satisfied with the kindness & goodness bestowed on him. I could not possibly be spared from business to visit York unless I was to come over some Saturday & spend Sunday with him which I should greatly enjoy, but I know no one at York to give me accomodation for one night & I should have to be back here very early Monday morning.

Believe me
Dr Baker
Yours most respectfully
Fanny Pennington Niles.

My address
L. P. Niles
C/o Mrs Gregory
58. Princess Street
(Late David Street)
Manchester.

14 Commercial St
Leeds
10/7/80

Dr Friend

I enclose cheque on behalf of Brighouse Rys: Eng: in discharge of the enclosed acct: — I see it should have been sent before — Kindly send the accounts direct to me in future.

Yours truly
W Freshfield Reynolds
Clerk Brighouse Rys Eng

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L. H. Baily Esq^re
Allerton Hall
near Liverpool
July 13^th - 1880

Dear Sir.

I enclose a cheque for £-41-1-4. The amount of my Brothers account

I am glad to hear such a good account of his health I shall feel obliged if you will let me know when he goes to Scarborough - as I am hoping I may be able to get to York during the autumn I should not like to come whilst he is away.

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I with kind regards

Believe me

Yours Truly

Sarah Caldwell

4 Belle Vue Terrace
Marske by the Sea
July 17th 80

Wm Wrees

Dear Sir

I send a P.O.
Order for £1 4s 10-0, as
half years payment for
my Husband (to whom
give my Kind love
please) I am very sorry
I have it not in my
power to pay any of the
arrears at present, but
I am badly off and
really cannot do it.
My Son is in the Dr's

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hands for a Tumour on
his throat & I feel
very uneasy about him
The Order is in Dr. LaRue's
name. With Kind regards
I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Saml Armstrong

Bridlington

July 13th 1880

Dear Sir

Re Shaw

I enclose cheque for £31. 10. 2 being for the Board & disbursements to the 30th ult. I must ask you to allow the next quarter to stand over for the present until the Trustees get some money in hand as they hope to do very shortly.

I take by last Jan— Faithfully
The Guardians' Retreat
York

Geo Clarkson

The Friends' Provident Inst.ⁿ

Bradford, 1st July 1880.

My dear Sir,

Mr. Campbell kindly sent me a few days ago some account of my brother's condition.

I do not gather from it that there is any likelihood of his being better for some considerable time; indeed, our experience in the past does not make me hopeful of his ever making a permanent recovery. —

It seems needful to look at the question of the cost of his maintenance.

I do not see that those from upon whom the principal part of it will

fall, are capable of providing funds large enough to allow of his continuing a First-class patient, unless, indeed, it were done on the reduced terms which you spoke of when last I met you at York. If we can suitably apply to have him placed on that reduced list, it will be best for us to do so.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours

John B. Tennant

Dr Baker

The Retreat

York.

for two years who was
in much the same
condition as my
daughter, only much
worse, has promised
if I required to accom-
pany us. At the
beginning of the week
I had a little
conversation with
Mrs Leather, but since
and I say what about,
unfortunately she
was going from home
the latter morning

Whitfield House,
Congleton.

July 22nd 1880.

My dear Mr Baker,

Enclosed is
Cheque £41-14-.

I was very glad to hear
of your return home,
I hope you & Mrs Baker
have derived benefit
from your visit.

I have informed the
Commissioners
allow the friends

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of any Patient to take a Patient out of any Asylum for a month on Trial, & that the Fees at the Asylum cease at the expiration of the month the Patient can return to the Asylum. I have consulted several Medical men of authority on Insanity, the opinion I can find is, that a change in such Cases is often very beneficial

My Mother in law who is appointed my Daughters executor. Sad Death, as well as that Relatives very much with One to stay a Change

Two or three of the Girls Patients are going to the English Lakes next week, I have decided that my Daughter should go with them, — a Lady who has had some experience, having had the care of Lady

Whitfield House,
Congleton.

I could not likely be here
- here before Saturday
when it was possible
She might return
by way of York, ~~London~~
Call at Belle Vue and
See all there. Say dear
Knowing Mrs Leather
I like to see her very much
I thought she would
be a very suitable
lady to accompany
us - If Mrs Leather

conduct
go with us. I should
be very willing that
any Steamboats should
be entirely under
her control. If you
approve of this arrang-
ement would you
kindly ask Mrs
Seattler if she could
undertake the charge.
If she
how can not
any friend will
be ready. I have
written in great

haste please ex-
cuse. Believe me
Dear Dr Baker
Yours very truly
E S Wells.

Scarbro 20 July 1880

Robert Baker Esq M.D.

Dear Sir

I got home on Saturday evening and thought have sent a Cheque yesterday but was very busy so put it off until today. By this morning's post I have received a letter from Mrs Meggison writing and insisting on her sisters removal - I have sent her letter to my son as he is at maturity (thirty two) and have suggested another asylum or as they judge best. I told you when you called that there would not be sufficient income to keep her where she is and it is further reduced since hey what the Court has ordered to be paid — I want to act rightly in case I send you a cheque and she is removed do you return anything for the time that Miss Newton may not be there — or will you allow it to run on awhile & see what is going to be done? Mrs Herbert dislikes doing or reporting anything so I wrote Mrs H. & her sister fill up the report & forward it to the Court — With kind regards I am yours very respectfully

Lawson Herbert

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Bridlington

July 24th 1880

Dear Sir

W B Shaw

Mr Shaw's son has been apprenticed on board a Vessel which is to sail from Cardiff for Madras on Tuesday. He has to go by way of London to be at the Owners Offices on Monday afternoon - & will arrive at York at 9.25 on Monday morning en route - & will go on by the next train to London.

Would you kindly allow his father with an Attendant to meet him at York Station at that time! The Youth is naturally anxious to wish his father farewell - & would have come to the Retreat but time will not allow him to do so.

I suppose Mr Shaw continues as usual -

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Wm Hartley

J Baker Esq MD
The Friends' Retreat
York

Wilton Grange
Easingwold
July 26th/

Dear Sir.

You had best get
what is required for
my Brothers comfort
My Father was instructed
to confer with you
last Thursday but forgot.

Yours Sincerely
J. Smith.

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Severn House,
Ironbridge, Salop

July 26th

Sir

Would you kindly answer the following question by return of post -

Have you room for another inmate at the "Retreat" should me feel obliged to send one - What is your charge? Have you an attendant that you could send abo

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find it necessary he can communicate further with you - I remain Sir

Yours truly

Jane Bland

few hours notice to London
to take charge of a lady to
accompany her to the Retreat?
or have you any temporary
place in London where she
could be received or where
an attendant could be had?
The lady I speak of has
been suffering from Hysteria
for some years - her friends
can do nothing with her
now + she has now a
religious mania that she
cannot do this or that because
the "Lord will not permit
her" + her friends feel that
"now is the time to act" -
please address your answers
to R. Shaw Esq.
Great Western Hotel
London.
as he is come up to town to
see what can be done in
the matter and should be

"Miss Newton"

Scarboro 26 July 1880

Robert Baker Esq M.D

My dear Sir —

I have to thank you for your kind letter and enclose you a cheque for Miss Newtons bill — Our solicitor informed me when in London as I wrote you that the Court has appointed Mrs Herbert & Mrs Meggison as committee of the person but no document of that effect has yet come to hand — I am going to Whitby for a couple of days but will be at home on Friday — I shall be glad to see you in at our tea time & you will join us any half past five — I am yours very truly

Lawson Herbert

If the aforesaid time will not suit mention your own time. for I should like to see you.

Sandbach
July 30. 1860.

Dear D. Baker,

I thank you for your very kind letter received this morning. Whilst it is with the greatest reluctance that I yield to the necessity for resigning the post I have held at Belle Vue House during the past year, I feel it would not be right to risk losing again the confidence of so much trouble

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To you & express to the Committee
as my recent indisposition
has entailed upon you & them.
I wish to say how extreme I regret
it has been so.
Will you kindly convey to the Committee
my most sincere thanks for all
their kindness to me during
the short period of my resi-
dence at the Retreat &
particularly during the time
I was not so well.

I cannot trust myself to
make any remarks upon
the disappointment - altho
I feel that the term of
my residence among you
all has so soon ceased.
but I feel it keenly.

Yours faithfully
E. Buckley.

9, James Street,

Liverpool, 3rd Aug. /80.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the conversation my brother Mr Joseph Verdin had with you on Thursday last he now wishes me to say that he accepts of the offer you made him of the private sitting room, bed room &c -

I have given notice to Dr Gill the medical supt of the institution where the patient is, of our intention to remove him, but am informed that it will be necessary to make an application to the Lunacy Comrs on a form which must be supplied by you - will you be kind enough to send me one per return of post, and as soon as the preliminaries have been arranged I will write you on what

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day to send the
attendant to take charge
of Mr. John Verdin.

I am,
Yours very truly
W. W. Verdin.

Baker, Esq;
the Retreat,
near York.

Bessbrook Spinning Co., Limited.

Bessbrook. Dec 4 1880

Co ARMAGH.
Ireland.

My dear D Baker

I take the first opportunity of telling you them of a conversation which I had with my sister - just before leaving - she has given me great encouragement - I do not know whether you will view it in the same light -

Some 2 hours before prayers my sister with a good deal of agitation asked to have an interview alone with my wife myself - I assented leaving some curiosity about it - but only expected to hear the old story of how sicked she had been & that we must all be in danger — On the contrary the object of her conversation was to ask our opinion about her position with regard to her cousin to whom she has been attached — She said she thought she owed it only right in sending them word that he should consider himself free — that time was passing & that she did not wish them to be bound &c —

I said he did not consider himself honourably

found what Neall understood to — At this she seemed somewhat disappointed & said "what caused you like yourself? — for him to shake loose or no" — Her face poor thing very plainly showed what she wished — & she eventually determined in order to keep to her feeling of duty to send him word "that she considered him quite free" added that she wished her love to be given to him also & added would it be any harm to send him a present — poor soul saying "no" She went out & bought him a pocket book —

In addition to this I have today a letter to him from her wh she asked me to hand him if I approved — It is a most sensible yet a most pathetic one — She asks him to forgive her for her leaving neglected his messages for so long — tells him he must consider himself free — for they are now both over thirty years old — etc. but the

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Bessbrook Spinning Co., Limited.

Bessbrook, 188

Co. ARMAGH.

Ireland.

whole tone of the letter is a healthy one as if written by some one awakened from a long sleep.

I write you this – & should be glad to have your opinion soon. By the bye she asks if she may see her cousin. to tell him of his freedom he all know how this will work –

Please let me know as she waits an answer.

Excuse bad writing

Your new favourite paper pens we have been using what my place here is forgetting me

With kind regards

James Richardson

my husband joins.
believe me
Yours sincerely
Jane Spence Gwathkin

97 Ryde Road
West Gorton
Aug. 16th 1880.

Dear Dr Bakes,

My husband thinks
write me, that it is best
to write and tell you of
a visit we had on Satur-
day from a Miss Fanny
Miles, sister to your
patient Martin Miles.
She came in great dis-
tress about a letter she
had received from her
sister in Scarboro', upbra

ing her in no measured terms for helping her to get her brothers out of the Retreat - saying that she has succeeded in interesting many people both in York & Scarbro' in his "fate" - & threatening, if something is not done at once to put the matter in the hands of a solicitor. I dont know whether she would be able to cause you any serious annoyance, but as she is apparently counting very much on her brothers approaching visit to Scarbro', & seems to be constantly seeing a man whom she calls Jackson, whom I take to be his caretaker, we thought no harm could come of putting you on your guard - She seems to be talking very foolishly all over, & doing her best to unsettle him -

I am sure you will treat this letter in confidence -

With Kindest wishes to Mrs Baker & yourself in which

carefully that he
would like to see
her - please let
me know your
decision soon
Yours with kind regards
James McCardney

Mount Caulfield,
Newry.

8/11/80

Dear D Baker -

In confirmation
of my last. Grace to
say that my sister
has written saying that
she would like to
see her cousin to
whom she is attached
She will not know
of this. tells me very

right & safe. I would
prefer that she should
not be discharged, if
the probabilities were
great that fresh cases
of scarlet would have
to be obtained and that
she must by any be
sent. My full & free
opinion will be
returned by the
first. Sincerely
Yours. Theobald

25 Sussex Place Bath
16 Nov. 1880

Returned Friend

A note came to
hand unsigned but
bearing evidence of
proceeding from you. I am
obliged to you for trouble
taken tho' I regret
that any difficulty
should exist in signing
my order
any document conveying money to Nurse

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My suggestion that my visitor shall be discharged from her certificate to obtain a valid signature opens up a larger question. I have noticed in the letters from her a growing advance to reality of mind & I have expected to learn that she was sufficiently well to be discharged.

My suggestion threw me on this view and I shall now be glad to know whether the time has come when she may safely return to her relations. If it be considered to venture to take such a step would it be advisable for her to be away from the Retreat meanwhile. She has 4 near relations where she might stay several weeks at each place, which would give full opportunity of judging what is

74, Newborough Street,

Messrs DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE.
SOLICITORS.

Scarborough,

9 Augt 1882

Dear Sir

The Rehead

We return the three abstracts of title which should have come with the deeds -

We do not think the Bond is in our possession

Yours truly

Drawbridge & Rowntree

P.P. Baker Esq M.D.

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& it is as a sad a great Consolation to me to think of. If at any time Dr. Baker thinks Capt Bateman might have his watch which is a gold hunting one. I shall like to send it. Please let me know if Capt Bateman likes. Capt James a decided

Please give Love to Annie & Miss Hunt. Mrs J thinks Mrs Annie at Bed. Woods. Mrs, Sally

I thank Julia. His Love. Tell his Father & Mother to send Love to Aunt

I thank you very much for answering my enquiries about my husband. I am sure he is attached to you for he told me

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who must be missed
for. & it is a great
comfort to me to
feel. that. there is
some one he really likes
& who is I. feel sure.
kindly interested in him

Jimmie among so many.
one can expect. that.
one's own particular loved
one should. be. ~~more~~
cared for individually
but I am sure you
must be. really kind
to my. poor. darling.
from his who is so
much.

J. & B. MARSH,
Millers:
CORN AND SEED
MERCHANTS.

Wimbledon, S. W.

16. 8 1880

Dear Friend
S. Baker

Thy letter to my sister Clara at Matlock has been sent on home - I am sorry to hear of the increased illness of my brother & shall be glad to hear from thee if any worse symptoms appear; I have just returned from a fortnights holiday so find it difficult to leave home directly unless it was very urgent & that my coming will be of any great service or comfort to him; -

Thy sincerely
C. H. Stearns

The Retreat
York

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Easton Lodge
St Mark's Rd
Bristol.
Aug 12 80

Dear Friend

We have been told by a ~~Friend~~ of ours who visited the Retreat that there is no Gravestone erected on our Father (J B Willmott's) grave. We think, however, that this must be a mistake as we paid for it to be done & shall be glad

to hear from you that such is the case — Will you kindly let us know?

I am
Yours truly
Henry Willmott

BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY.
Sharebrokers
&
Public Accountants.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street,
Sheffield

6th Augst 1880

Dear Sir,

We have no possible objection to your proposed alteration of the Balance Sheet. The same result is arrived at in both.

As the result of the Extraordy. Expenditure the property of the Institution was, at the end of the year, enhanced in value we have no hesitation in stating that it was quite optional with the Committee not to have written it off. We shall be very glad to sign an amended Sheet.

Yours faithfully,

Barber Bros & Wortley

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

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Highfield House
Winsford.

12th August 1880.

Dear Sir,

I have arranged with Dr Gill for my brother to be removed on Tuesday next the 17th inst., & he will leave by the 11 a.m. train - will you therefore please send two attendants on Monday to accompany him - if you prefer

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sending one only.
I can arrange for
the present attendant
to go instead of the
second one.
I have already received
permission from the
authorities for the
removal to take
place.

Yours truly
W. H. Verdin

Robert Baker Esq;
York.

2 Rodney Street.
Liverpool. W.

Augt 2/80

My dear Baker

I know very little about "the Verdins" & had no idea that one of the brothers was in the Asylum —

What I do know of them is favourable

as far as respectability & "means" go —

I attended one brother some years ago who died from stone in the bladder & kidney & another about 12 mos ago who died during my absence from jaundice (malignant disease of liver??)

The Verdicts are in the ballot trade & work to do people

Yours sincerely

W M Ickenstein

Newtown Hall
Augst 17th

Dear Sir

Will you kindly enquire after the keys of my boxes as I can obtain no information from them respecting them, I believe he had possession of them when sent to the Retreat, & if not, some force should be used to

as he want to examine
the Goods, before removal
in consequence of my
son in law, leaving
this House - trusting
you will excuse my
thus troubling you

I remain
yrs very truly
Eli: Goody

any Acct of my poor son
will be gratefully received

:dress till the end of
this month.
I am
yours very truly
C. S. Booty.

To Dr. Baker
Friends' Retreat
York.

RUDSTON,
BRIDLINGTON.

Friday 6th Aug: 1880.

My dear Sir

I daresay you may remember my brother having some large boxes sent to the Retreat to him from his former Lodgings in Leeds. Here boxes were afterwards sent to his brother-in-law's Arthur

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Booty Esqre of Norton-le-
Willows, Bedale.
The Boxes were locked, and
the keys were not sent
with them. I expect there
for that they are in your
keeping.
Will you kindly send them
to my mother
Mrs M. G. Booty
Norton-le-Willows
Bedale.
My brother-in-law there
is about to change his
residence. and they
want to open & examine
the contents of the boxes
which consist chiefly,
I believe, of Law Books.
If you have occasion to
write to me please ad-
dress to
Hendremynach
Barmouth
North Wales
which will be my ad-

Derby aug 6th 1885

Dear Friend
Dr 13th Inst

With your kindly
ask the favor to grant
me with an account
of what is owing me at
Court of Derby. Hoping
to have a satisfactory
answer promptly. I remain
by. With thanks for
the kind attention to
the enclosed letter of your
self, Mr Wood. & the
staff. Yours truly yrs

J Kingdon

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37 Holly Avenue Newcastle
1879 - 1880

Dear Dr Bakes

A Lady, a near relative
of mrs S's has sent me a paper
of enquiries to which she wants
replies & as some days will
elapse before I am in York
I thought it best to send it
on, & then perhaps you will
have them in readiness for me
or what would be better
send them direct to the address
indicated in the letter. Will
you kindly tell Thos Richardson
that I forward from here
today a parcel with
Sundry articles for Thos Special

about which I do to any
thing else that may be wanted
I will confer with her when
I come - With very kind
regards & thanks for your
kind remain dear Dr Baker
Yours very truly
Joseph Speidel

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188, Clapham Road,
S. W.

Sept 4th

My dear Cousin,

I conclude you are full of the events of a sad & triumphal route & summer it must be — I hope they all & especially Jon Mr Grey — Edith will sympathized her loss Jon could —

I presume you will go next to York & then at the Whitsun I want you to accompany Jn the enclosed particulars Jn a dear friend of mine

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who husband in such an institution. I have put the Questions because I wish definite answers - please kindly get these particulars in true as soon as you can as the life is most anxious that something should be done with him without delay - Also study for an Examination

18, and 19, RAILWAY STREET, YORK.

M. COOPER,
SADDLER & HARNESS MAKER.

Sept 7th 1880

Mr. J. Young

Goodramgate,

Dear Sir)

In answer to your inquiry respecting the price of saddle & bridle, suitable for pony, you can have a plain flapt saddle complete for £3"10"0, if with stuff knee parts £4, or a best full shafts, all over Hog skin, £5"5"0 best double sewed bridle 2 bits £1"5"0 if a pelham bit with 2 reins £1"1"0 best quality,
A set of pony harness, with best plated furniture, without breeching or bearing rein, & with flat reins, either black or brown £7"10"0 awaiting your kind commands I beg to remain

Yours Truly

M. Cooper

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18, and 19, RAILWAY STREET, YORK.

M. COOPER,

SADDLER & HARNESS MAKER,

The Sleu
on Dartmouth
Sept 9th, 80

Dear Dr Baker.

I shall be much
pleased to make the
Speed a fortnight at
Scarborough as soon as
after the 6th Kindly suggested
I am delighted to
find that he has passed
the Summer in his usual
health - Very always
rather fearful as to the
effect of hot weather on
his poor brain -
With Kind Regards
Yours very faithfully
S Wallop

Dr R Baker

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Wm Salvin's address is

W. C. Salvin Esq.
Burn Hall Durham.

If you write to me or forward any of W. S. Salvin's letters will you kindly mark the envelope "private".

I have a letter from him this morning - & am arranging compliance so far as is desirable with his request.

Yours sincerely
C. Gleadow Marshall

Dr Baker.

Bank Chambers.
Durham. 6. Sept. 1880.

Dear Sir.

W. Salvin would esteem it a favor to have an occasional letter from you when you can report at all satisfactorily on his son. If you should have occasion to report unfavorably or to communicate anything of a distressing nature, W. Salvin wishes that you would do so to me. You will remember I explained to you that the reason for this lies in the state of Mrs Salvin's health who, however, has expressed a wish to hear about her son and would doubtless be the better for good news.

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23 Tindall Street
Victoria Road
Scarborough

Dear Sir

Will you kindly direct the few things that were left behind of my dear husbands to be sent on here by rail There was a pair of compasses he says he never had I sent to him — We fear we should miss the parcel if sent to the station at York on our return —

Thanking you for all your past kindness to Suffern West who I am pleased to say is quite as well or better than when he left your care — He has

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had a bad attack of the prevailing Diarrhoea but that is better With kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely

P. M. West

Wm Woods

P. S. My husband desires his kind regards We must probably leave here on Saturday so shall feel obliged by your sending the parcel as soon as you conveniently can

Will the Secretary kindly
send Prospectus &
particulars of the
Establishment for
the Insane called
the "Retreat"

Address -

Miss Gibb

Belmont House
Winchmore Hill N.
London.

Sep. 7th/80.

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E & E L WAUGH & MUSGRAVE,
SOLICITORS.

Cockermouth,
7th Septr 1880

Dear Sir

At Miss Cookes request we enclose a cheque for £60.0.0 to cover the expense of Miss Frances Cookes Summer Excursion and we shall be obliged by an acknowledgment of its receipt.

Yours truly.

E & E L Waugh & Musgrave

R. Baker Esqre
The Retreat
York.

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Delamere Lodge
Mt. Northwich
Cheshire

Sept 7th 1880

My dear Doctor Baker

Mrs Weeks left us today, for Coylton with her Mother, and the Nurse will leave tomorrow for York. We shall send her to Hartford in time to catch an early train from Crewe, so she will no doubt arrive home in good time in the afternoon. Mrs Weeks took all responsibility as to her daughter on Monday. It is for our convenience that Betsy has remained on, so if any extra charge is made on this account please deduct it from our a/c.

Yours very sincerely
Rachael A Leather

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11 Southgate Villas
Huddersfield
9 Sept

Sir

I a letter from
Mrs Rose Inform
me that you are
requiring a
Certificate for
a Lady Patient
I shall be glad
to become a Can
didate for the

Situation and
terms same
particulars
of the requirements
if you think
it desirable. I
feel very sure
you and
you — same
feelings
in me same
as ever and
believe me

Very affectionately
Yours
Very sincerely
L. Alfred

Roger Baker
York

Upper Tooting Park
S. W.

3/9/80

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I have been waiting to reply to thy letter respecting Mr. Mc Miles until I might make a little enquiry amongst my acquaintance as to finding some employment suitable to his case. I have not met with any encouragement nor do I see much hope of it. There are few persons that I am acquainted with but who seem to have to apply all their energy with that of those about them to enable them to hold on in face of the increasing competition that presses upon us on every side now tho so many competent persons have been brought lately to seek employment by others

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Please give my kind
regards to Martyn and say
that we will remember him
& keep a look out for anything
likely to suit him. But as he
is not very strong yet we may
not very quickly succeed.

In the mean time we feel
they kindness in introducing him
to a little work as he is able
to bear it

Yours very truly

Richd. Dell

Whitfield House
Congleton
Sep. 2nd 1880.

Dear Dr. Baker

I was very glad to find from the receipt of yours of the 31st that you conducted our dear Child safely enough to return to her kind relatives & friends.

I am greatly obliged to you, and Dr. Chimbel, for all the

kindness and attention my daughter has received from you, and I may say from all who are connected with Bell Inn.

I fear at times you may have thought me impatient, but I have been very anxious to be placed, fearing as I have done so much from every inquiry in favour of Street treatment in cases of a similar nature to hers. I do feel very thankful that God has blessed the means that have been used for her recovery.

I wish to know your opinion on a little matter - My nephew is to be married to my daughter's most intimate friend, and it has been an arrangement of long standing

8 Varo Terrace
Stockton on Tees
2nd Sept 1880

Dr Baker,

Dear Sir,

I received a somewhat alarming telegram this morng from my eldest Sister concerning my Mothers state, + she wished you to know if I should come over this afternoon or tomorrow. Since then I have another message from the same quarter + a letter from my second Sister (Mary) + have therefore decided to come to York tomorrow by the

2nd

train due there at 12. 20. I shall
come to your house without delay,
when I hope to be fortunate enough
to find you at home, or failing that
to see Dr Campbell.-

Yours truly,

B. A. Abbott

Dear friend

D. Baker

I enclose cheque for £6. 8. 8
which with the amount paid by
J. F. Baker 9. 13. 8 will balance
the last account sent for Matilda
Baker which appears to be correct

Thy friend truly

Thomas Westcombe

Worcester 9 mo 1. 1880

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under all my Affliction and
Trials I am kept in perfect peace
when our Heavenly Father makes
the way plain at His Appointed
time - to make a full surrender of
all that is near and dear -
(He also gives daily strength)
as We take all our Trials and
Cares in Prayer Continually to
Jesus - We are permitted from time
time to be partakers of that joy
which passeth understanding -
Strengthening our faith in Christ
our Saviour - and living hold of
His precious promises as our own -
the one Advocate with the Father
I hope you and your dear Children
are well - both dear I am thy
Affectionate Cousin
Mary A. Barker

Grange - Guilford Road
1/9. Mo. - 1880.

My dear Cousin

If nothing present
I will let my beloved Husband
come under thy Care next
Third Day - if that day be
suitable to thee - the removal
will have to be in the evening
when it is Work - our Doctor
was here yesterday - he and
I had to ask for a bed to come
in the Bus - also things to wrap
my Husband in. (three Mattresses
will be required) My dear
Husband has been very poorly
with Diarrhoea, and requires
to be kept warm to prevent a return
Please Lend Bed and send

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as early reply — also say if the Bird — and his easy Chair are to go at the same time — I shall not be in the house when the removal takes place — Cousin Anna Bates was here last evening — She was so kind as to say that She would be here at the time — Cousin W. Mason took Tea with me yesterday She looked very well —

I omit to name to You when here that three of my Husbands fingers on the right hand are Contracted — so that I always have to wash the inside of his hand with my finger — He has nothing Medicine to — or three times a day when required — he likes it and Calles it his wine — he has it in a wine Glass — which he can have both Cream — & Hot Water proper —

Nearly three weeks ago I had many Comforting visit from T. Thorp his prayer was beautiful for my beloved Husband — also for those whose Care he was going to be placed under — it was indeed a Full & sweet one — which has been a great help to me — I feel the parting both my beloved and far more than a Funeral — the void will be great after Nursing nearly 27 Years — I have my breakfast on his Table by his bedside every Morning with him — yet it is a Call for thankfulness

Todmorden
Sep 3rd/4 1880

Dear Friend

The pony has been bought @ £25 and "two pounds afore" — in plain English £23 — it is cheap — Pawdington will expect his Commission for the Vaccination &c — say 20/- This will bring the account up to £24 — all this subject to being perfectly sound and gentle to ride and drive —

If comes up today and tomorrow Pawdington will ride and drive it about you to test it's manners — I should think it had better be delivered to thee on Monday Morning —

Sincerely
Thos Ewing —

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Whitfield House
Congleton
Aug-2 1884.

Dear Dr. Baker

In the course of a week my daughter will leave Eton for a month at Belmont Lodge & as I shall have to make other arrangements I wish to know if you can give me her discharge by the end

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of this week.
I went to see her at the
latter end of the first
week that she was
there & was very
pleased to find her
so much better, she
was very cheerful &
happy & met us far as
I could judge quite
herself, she did not
once allude to her
old delusion, neither
did she ask a single
question concerning
home, but seemed
quite content & happy
& contented in evidently
enjoying life again
& is always cheerful &
never speaks of home,

Bank Terrace,
Glossop.
Augt 28/80

My Dear Sir

I am pleased to receive your note this morning & also that of my sons. And from your remarks and this letter I feel sure he is much better, But I cannot think he will ever get much better unless he is removed from so many others who are so noisy and bad, In fact Albert is so sensitive and nervous that he will be thoroughly miserable to be mixed up with them night and day. I thought he was to have a bed room to himself at least along with his guardian. When I was over the last time from Derby Mr Woods partly promised me he should have one.

If I can make it convenient I will come over early next week and see you, I am anxious to see my Son and also to have some conversation with you about him. Do you think taking him out for a Sail at present would be beneficial for him,

We are thoroughly miserable about him night & day and are anxious to do something for him if possible, My Brother Sister in law are at Harrogate & write us they will call and see Albert next week if it will be right. I am writing them, that I dont think there will be any objections to them calling & seeing him for a few moments, (Mr & Mrs Mellor) I know my Son will be pleased to see them,

I hope you will be able to send us good news again,

I am Yours Respy,
Walter Thorp

R. Baker Esq

P.S. Kindly give my Son the enclosed letter

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Oak Bank,

Headingley Aug 27/80

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter this morning & thank you for letting us know my brothers condition. I had purposed coming over to day to enquire, but as I have a slight cold & you have written I shall postpone it a few days. We purpose sending him shortly more clothes

linen &c, as in the hurry of
getting him off little could be
sent; in the meantime will
you let us know if anything
be required immediately?

We are very glad you think
my brother slightly better & trust
that under your care he will
continue to improve.

Yours faithfully
Mal. A. Bruijn.

W. Dr. Robt Baxter.

Mundon
Nr Maldon
8 Mo 25 - 80

dear friend
R Baker

I hine daily this
day for wh I am obliged
I really do not know the
what my sister income is
but have an idea that it
falls short of 20£ pr week
but will try & ascertain &
I can for a certainty inform
Sincerely thy friend

Joseph Storrs Fry

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1, Burdon Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

25 Aug 1880

My Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of the 21st which should have been answered by an earlier post but I was from home. I am glad to see Annie improves as respects the change to Scarborough I must leave it entirely to yours & to decide as whatever will conduce to her complete recovery. I would desire I have written to her to this effect. And hope whatever her predilections may be she will readily acquiesce in what you decide. I presume the visit would not be very long. And that you will see her as

intervals. If you decide to press her to go — My own opinion is she [illegible] would be likely to do good

I presume Mrs Baker and family are at the Coast. I trust receiving benefit

Yours faithfully

R Hunt Lewis

Dr Baker
The Fifth Ave
New York

Gunby Selby —
Augt 27–80

Dear D^r Baker

I have seen the
mare Turvote about and
had her in harness. She
appears to be what you
require and the man
asks £70 for her which
is a high price — I bid
him 60 Guineas but
did not feel justified

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in giving me without knowing what some member of the Committee would think as to the outlay. She might probably be bought for something less than £70 but not much. I know the man, have known the man (that is) seen him dine her often and he will maintain her sound and quiet

If the Committee do not think it a legitimate thing to purchase it would be desirable to take her – let me know the decision

Yours truly

[illegible]

3 Bank Terrace
Glossop Augt 18/80

Henry King Esqr.
Walmgate
York

Dear Sir

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you on the this matter. I should not have taken the liberty to do doing had not. Ed Brady Esqr of Idwber w Barnsley told me to do so & to use his name when I wrote you. On the 8th of May last I unfortunately had to take my Son Albert S. Thorp 20 years of age on 6th July to your Institution the Friends Retreat I had been staying with him at Harrogate for 2 weeks but he was suddenly decided there with insanity & Dr Veale of the Hydropathic Establishment strongly recommended me to get my Son to the Retreat which I did. I found out your charges were very high £3 3 0 per week (at least for me) but the Doctor so strongly highly spoke of your place that I

determined to make an effort to pay.

But I never dreamt that my Son would be so long ill. I could not believe but he would be all right again in a few days or a few weeks at the outside. I am sorry to say this is not the case, he is still in your institution very ill.

I do not want to remove him if possible until he is better, for I have every confidence in the Medical Skill of Dr Slater & Mr Campbell. But my position makes it impossible for me to continue to pay so much any longer. I have a large family of eight Children & since my Son in question has been laid up, he was a Bank Clerk, I have not one of them earning me a penny. Mr Brady thought some thing might be done for me in the way of reducing the Charge for my Son & told me to write you on the matter at once.

Can you do anything for me. If not pecuniary circumstances will compel me to get him in some other place at less cost & then I'm afraid he would not receive such necessary treatment as he is now doing in your Retreat, hoping to hear from you I am yours truly Thos

((my business is Coal Merchant))

Walmgate
Aug 29. 1880

Dear Dr Baker

I received the enclosed some days ago. I dare say Ed Brady imagines that I am now on your Commitee

I wonder if thou could tell me of a Comfortable Hotel or Boarding House at Llandudno? altho I know the neighbourhood well, I have never visited this place but am thinking of going there on Thursday next for 2 or 3 weeks - with love I am

Thy Sincere Friend

Henry King

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Easton Lodge
St Mark's Rd
Bristol
Aug 19 80

Dear Friend

I wrote you last week with regard to the Gravestone that was to be erected on Father's grave but as I made a mistake in with regard to your name I presume that it did not reach you.

The fact is that a friend of yours

who was at York was told that there was no stone but as it was paid for we think this must be a mistake & shd be glad to hear from you that it is so.

Thanking you for your favour of your reply

I am

Yours truly

Henry Wilkinson

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Mount Caulfield,
Newry.

Aug. 23 –

Dear Dr Baker –

My sister has written twice back to be may see her cousin – I dare find her last letter before this goes. I shall enclose it – especially as it contains some comments upon Dr Baker who

may interest you –
What are we to say to her – ? & do you think it would do her any harm to see him when she comes back ? – as she can now soon do. Jennyher Mother has been removed from her & the death in the paper this morning

2 Clermont Terrace
Bath 8/24-80

Blessed Friend

Your letter is to hand this morning for which we are much obliged. We should like our dear Julia to go to Scarborough for the 5 weeks, (as arranged)

We hope you will have fine weather and that the sea side change will

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be in before breakfast
I disappointed to all
parties. I had
hoped Polly and
another small
parcel for dear
Julia / precious
to your keeping, but
find I cannot have
the parcels completed
in time to send
it.

I remain
Respectfully
Julia Fay

Dr. Parker
Walnut

Field House
26 August 1880

Dear Sir,

I received this morning your note of yesterday, giving me so unfavorable a Report of poor Mrs Baxter. feeling condition. I feel sure that every thing will be done at the Retreat, ~~that~~ for the poor Invalid that

kindness and attention would dictate and I should wish no reasonable expense to be spared, that, in your opinion, would minister to her comfort —

I have written to her nearest relative, and also to a near relative of her late husband's to inform them of her sad condition —

I remain dear Sir
Faithfully Yours
Ch. Richardson

R Baker M.D. &c &c
"Retreat"
York —

29 Cambridge Terrace Hyde Park

Aug. 24th 1880

J. O.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 23rd inst. intimating your making arrangements for my sister Miss Steele accompanying you party on their annual visit to Scarboro' has my full approval. I trust my sister is as well as possible & that the change may be beneficial.

R. Baker Esq
The Retreat York

Yours faithfully
L. Steele

Please to continue your
address. Care of

Alexander Fletcher Esq
Lee
as I am going by the advice
of my Doctor to Ryde -

Yours

Fletcher.

2. Blackburne Terrace
17th August. 1880.

Dear Sir,

I do not know whether Miss Buckley has informed you that she found it impossible to undertake the care of the invalid lady at Ventnor, and after remaining only one day threw up the position – she is now in Liverpool, and has come to me as an old friend — Her position is a very solitary one having no relations in this country either to act or provide for her, and she has made

it evident lately, that she is unable to maintain an independence for herself, my husband is not in this country to consult on the matter, I thought write to you as having been a very kind friend to Miss Buckley, and knowing her sister, to ask whether you have communicated with Mrs Graham, and if not, whether it would not be as well for you to do so — I have not mentioned to Miss Buckley that I am writing —

Begging you will excuse this trouble I am giving you,

I am dear Sir
Yours truly
P H Woodgate.

Delamere Lodge
Nr Northwich
Cheshire

August 23rd 1880

Dear Doctor Baker

Miss Weeks having been with us a fortnight, I think you will like to have a line. We go on very comfortably and have had no difficulties, and we think she is much improved. She has never once attempted to talk in the old strain, since she came, and judging from her whole demeanour a conversation I should say she has quite lost the delusion under which she laboured. Of course I would

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not like to be positive, as the subject is never alluded to. I think she is quite hoping that she will not have to return to Belle Vue.

She tells me that she is invited to be bridesmaid at a friend's wedding in October, and "hopes she will be well enough to go"

In haste

Yours very truly

Rachael A Leather

1 Enclosure

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,
Albert Square,
Manchester.

Aug 23rd. 1880

F. R. Baker

Sir/ In Wm Blake's absence I herewith send you formal receipt for the Cheque which came last week to balance our account —

I have no doubt the explanation will be clear to Wm Blake, who is away at present for a little relaxation.

Yours obediently
Wm F. Blake
G.N.H. & S.

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Pudsey
Aug 23/80

Sir,

As I am uncertain whether my health and the state of my eyes will permit me to come over on Wednesday next as I intend to do, I send herewith P. O. order for £15 and will send you the balance in a short time I have had a great deal of extra work lately which has been much against

my recovery, but I hope now that I have got through with it, that I shall continue to improve both in health and ability to meet your requirements.

I am Yours Respectfully

Joseph Walker

Robt. Baker, Esq. M.D.

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Cameron Hall
Augt 24th 1850

Dear Dr Baker,

I received your
note this morning concerning
Scarborough it will be
a nice change for my
little if she likes it.
I was intending to write
to you to day to say
that it was my intention

to call at the Retreat
to see you and to
take Miss F. Cooke
some excursion for
a few weeks about the
2nd week in September
if she decides to go
with me she can only
remain at Scarborough
about a fortnight

Please to write soon to
say if she is agreeable
to my arrangement
I remain
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
E Cooke

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Moorgate House,
Rotherham.

Augst 24th
1880.

Dear Sir

Neither Jon
Mrs Bashley can
possibly have any
objection to Mrs
Lawrence accompany-
ing you to Scarbro'
this year as usual.

Yours truly
Harriet Stubbs

Robert Baker Esqre

2 Clairemont
Bradford.
Aug 24th 1880

My dear Sir.

Thanks for your kind letter of yesterday. - It is quite right to take Miss Foster to Scarboro' as usual. -
I am sorry I had not the pleasure of seeing you when I called at the Retreat a fortnight ago.

Believe me
Sincerely yours.
Victor Richb

Dr. Baker York

1882

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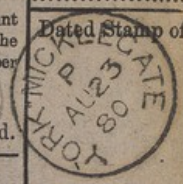
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Charges to pay £.....,,.....s.....d. 6

Handed in at the Park Lane Leed *Office at* 2.10 .M., *Received here at* 2.22 .M.

From Dr Jas Braithwaite Lillewood House Leeds

To Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Can you admit today case of mania written about last night if so patient will be sent

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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Handed in at the Leeds Office at 8 3 .M., Received here at 9 6 .M.

From	To
Matthews & Bruff Leeds	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Dr Bramwell is arranging my brother tonight will leave Headingley about eight thirty if prepared to receive him & shall not require man in the morning

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To

From

Mendon

To Superintendant of Essex
Gor R Retreat 8mo 19-80

Shall feel obliged
by my giving me the following
information

The rate charged for patients
if more than one
Would a patient be received
who was nearly or quite blind

My Sister "Judith W. Taylor"
is abt 70 - was born a friend
but married out some years
back - she is nearly blind

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very deaf— and oft confined to her bed
the Doctors now say a softning of the Brain
is going on and that she ought to be
taken care of in an asylum of some sort
Every day her means are limited
still she lays I believe enough to keep
her comfortably in a small way.

They answer will oblige

Yours &c

Joseph J. Fry

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in placing her under your care. —

I will endeavour to arrange so as to be in readiness if required.

Yours truly
Alfd Clemesha

8 Mo 21. 1880.

Dear Friend —

I must thank you for letter & Telegrams to hand.

Should the worst happen will you give me any instructions or advice you may deem fit as to what you may require me to do.

I cannot see that any good purpose will be served by my visiting my aunt — for even if conscious, I am afraid the interview might be unpleasant, I do not think she would forgive me for taking the steps I did

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Moorhams
Headingley
Leeds.

Aug 22nd

Dear Dr Baker

I am ashamed to
say my patients guardian
has altered her views with
regard to our consultation
must beg of you to regard
it as put aside for the
present - I am very

to lose the pleasure of
meeting you but hope
another opportunity will
soon present itself.

Gen. J. M. Baker

Faithfully yrs

Wm. Hall

Worcester 8mo 19. 1880

Dear friend

Dr Baker

In reference to Matilda Baker's account I observe that there is nothing to the credit from her Trustees as usual in the 5th or 6th month I shall be obliged by thy informing me if anything has been paid since the account was sent & if not if there had any information as to the non payment. If neither we should like to be informed from whom the money has been sent heretofore & whether the person who has done so, is Trustee Executor or Agent

Thy friend truly

Thomas Wetherbee

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15, Gt James Street,
Bedford Row. W.C.

10 August 1880

Dear Joseph Rountree

Many thanks for your letter of the 3rd.

I am very glad you have succeeded in persuading the Committee to agree to have the Wall towards the road faced with the red Bricks. It will make a much better job & is well worth the Extra cost.

I am inclined to think that a stone coping will be more satisfactory than one of moulded bricks. especially as the Bricks I propose using are rather porous. & unless well protected will I fear get discoloured by the wet soaking in & need frequent pointing

I hope to go to York on Saturday & if you are at home I should like to talk the matter over with you.

Very Sincerely Yours.

Wm Burgess.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,
Albert Square.
Manchester.

20 Aug 1885

Dear Sir The Mutual.

The Cheque that you Kindly sent us does not according to our Books balance the A/C. Statement of which we herewith send you - Can do not of course know whether you consider the Cheque just to hand a settlement but as it touches so nearly the point of settlement we have thought it best to call your attention to it.

Yours Faithfully
J. Haden

Dr. Robt. Baker

Highfield House,
Winsford Cheshire.
19th August/80.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to hear that my brother did not give much trouble on the way, and hope that the change of scene and air will be of benefit to him.

He has on one or two occasions refused to take food after a change of abode - Dr Sill's experience of him in Devonshire was just the same.

I need scarcely say that his friends will be glad to hear how he is progressing as often you can conveniently report.

Yours faithfully,
W. Hebden.

Robert Baker Esq;
York.

(over)

P.S. Please note my
address.

Moorhams,
Headingley,
Leeds.

Aug 28th.

Dear Dr Baker

A patient of mine is
with me to have your
opinion upon a case of
mental alienation.
If you could make
an appointment any
afternoon I could
[illegible]

to be at your service
The name & address is
Mrs Roberts Bainbridge
Terrace immediately
below Headingley
Church & the Looking
the Churchyard on the
line of Tram.

I am dear Sir Baker
Yours faithfully
J. Hall

P.S.
In your reply will you
kindly name your fee
so I will then have it ready
for you

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,
Albert Square,
Manchester.

Aug 19th 1880

Dr R. Baker

Sir/ Your favor is to hand enclosing Cheque value £393.3.7 for which we are greatly obliged —

Before sending you formal receipt we wish to see Mr Blake about it, as we cannot make the a/c balance with the Cheque —

Mr Blake will be here tomorrow (Friday) when receipt shall be sent you —

Yours
obdt Servt
Geo F. Blake
G.N.H. & S.

a. Delchi at request of friend

B. Medicinal

Little Woodhouse
Leeds. Aug 22. 1881

Dear Sir,

I am attending a young Gentleman (age 25) whose case is so urgent that it is desirable to remove him from home as soon as possible, & his friends propose to send him to your Retreat if you have room & are willing to undertake the case. The following is a brief Sketch of the case. Thomas Briggs. Woollen manufacturer - Excitable naturally - No history of insanity in family - 1st indication 2 years ago when his brother noticed something peculiar at a meeting. Has been at business as usual until July 25. Awoke in night in state of excitement - thought burglars in room - got the policeman's staff usually kept in room & struck his brother with it - producing ugly scalp wound - I had to put him under chloroform. - Present State Is excited - occasionally maniacal - has to be constantly watched day & night - by two men - who have to hold him down - - then in intervals is quiet or sleeps (seldom) Sleep procured by Bromide & Chloral - Pulse hard - 80-85 - Temperature normal Tongue

clean - but dry in centre - Pupils rather large - Equal in size - Taken for a week.
He has become so much worse during the last two days - shouting &c - that I am afraid of the health of the rest of the family - & should much like to send him to York on Tuesday - This cd be done by carriage.
The family consists of Mother (widow) & 3 Sons & 1 Daughter - They are well off - & willing to pay what you charge - but would like to have some idea what that would be -
I should like to know by telegraph to-morrow (Monday) morning whether he can be sent on Tuesday, & the papers filled up afterwards either by myself & Dr Churton who will see him in the morning - or at York by other Medical men - this wd enable us to save a day
Will you also write - & let me know - the charges - as near as you can - for need have no doubt about the payment - The address of patient is - Alma Road - Headingley near Leeds. Please send necessary papers - If posted by early post - I shd receive them same day

Religious persuasion of patient Wesleyan

I am, Yours truly
James Braithwaite M D

The Manager - Mrs Retreat - York

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Aug. 27. 80

My dear Sir,

I write to ask you whether you would have any objection to the payments on a/c of Mr. Craven being made quarterly, in accordance with the customary arrangement of Retreat

finances.

The payments made by the Retreat on Mr. Craven's account, are made monthly, and the private expenses of Mr Craven are also paid as they accrue, and it would therefore be a convenience to us

if you could agreeably to yourself, arrange to make the payments as suggested.

Yours faithfully,

R. C. Baker

Jas. Crowe Esq

n in the day.

I am also desired to inform you that the Committee of the Retreat have arranged to sanction your visiting your husband, twice a week, on Tuesdays, and Fridays, from 3 to 4 P. M.

No visits at other times can be sanctioned, except in case of your husband's serious illness.

As you will very

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Sept. 3. 80

My dear friend,

I am desired by Dr. Baker to acknowledge the receipt of your letter yesterday morning, and to inform you that all arrangements for your husband's reception here will be made for Tuesday the 7th inst.

The omnibus, with three attendants, will be at your door at 8 P. M.

You can send your husband's luggage to-day a cab earlier

naturally wish to see the accommodation prepared for your husband here, a special visit will be permitted on Wednesday the 8th inst. at 3 P.M.

I herewith enclose one of our forms of admission, and you will please have the goodness to ask Dr. Williams to arrange for it being filled up in the usual manner.

Yours faithfully

J. B. Woods
Secy.

Mrs Wm. Baker

at his mothers house,
where G.B. was living,
& asked him "what he was
going to do".

He replied, "nothing";
and she left the house,
and from that day to this
he has heard nothing
of her.

He is now, seeing
that seven years have
elapsed since he last
heard of her, (he however

Private

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Aug. 6th 1880

My dear friend,

One of my attendants,
G.B. contracted a Marriage
in 1872, & speedily had
cause to repent.

After frequent disagreements
his wife went to visit her
relations, & wrote refusing
to resume cohabitation.

On Whit-Monday
however, in 1873 she called

has not made the slightest attempt
to find out her whereabouts;) —
made arrangements to contract a
marriage with, I believe, a girl who
knows all the facts -

He tells me that, Dale, and
Phillips, of York advise him that

such a second marriage would hold
good in law; but as this seems
to me very difficult to believe,
I write to ask your opinion -

I do not think I should be doing
my duty to two members of the
Retreat Staff, until I had clear
evidence that the step contemplated was considered
by you as legal. Yours faithfully
R.B. Baker

(300)

Gate Fulford
Aug^{t} 2nd 1880

Mr Wood

Dear Sir

As you do not say for how long you require the amount of Rates for the seperate Items I forward you them for a year

		£	Annual Value
the Rating of Bellevue is Gross		121 " "	102 –
do –	Retreat	1057 " 10 =	900 –

			£	£	
Jan^{y} 1879	Highway Rate	@ 6 on 102 is		2 . 11 . 0	Bellevue
July 1879	– do –	6 on 102 is	–	2 . 11 . 0	do –
Jan^{y} 1879	do –	6 on 900 is		22 . 10 –	Retreat
July	– do	6 on 900 is		22 " 10 –	do –
Poor Rate	April	7 on 102 and 900 =		29 " 4 " 6	
do –	6th –	7 – do – do		29 . 4 . 6	

		£		£	
Gas Rate Bellevue	80 House @ 3¼	1 " 5 . 0	Land	22 @ 1¼ =	2 . 3½
do. Retreat	800 @ 3¼ =	12 . 10 " 0	Land	100 @ 1¼	10 " 5 "

For House House Duty, Income Tax &c I have no account as the Papers are all returned to the Surveyors Office when the money is paid in, you will be able to ascertain from the last Jan^{y} Receipts the amount paid on each. I have an Highway Rate to collect of you now of £ 25 " 1 . 0 when I shall be able to get round I cannot tell as I this morning have lost my dear Wife

yours truly Thomas Lawson

Stanhope House
Tenby
South Wales.
2.9.80.

My dear Friend.

I have rec^d the enclosed letter from some unknown person in Zurich. I thought it best to send it to Nice & ask what had best be said in reply. Will you kindly send me a line with thy opinion about it. Or reply to it thyself. It seems strange the sister of Mathilde Lemaire should not know more than she professes to do. If thou writes on 7th

day to me. please direct as above - if taken thence by the day - send to Earitte - as we leave here early on 3rd day morning - staying a night or it may be two on our way home - We should not be able to attend the L. M. With kind love to B Brown & thy self - in which my husband & Margt join Love thy sincere friend

Anna Richard Brown

15. Gt James Street,
Bedford Row. W.C.

Oct 22 1880

Dear Dr Baker -

I have found that the Dobin
Ventilating Tubes supplied by the
Sanitary Engineering Co are the
neatest + best in Design -
They are made of various sections
and finished at the
top with an ornamental cap -
If colored the same tint as the
wall they are quite inoffensive -
I have not got an illustrated Catalogue
by me. so I am writing to
the Sanitary Engineering Co to
send you one -

Yours faithfully
E. W. Burges

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The widow of the late
J. T. Clark having left
Southampton. She would
be glad for the Reports
of the Retreat to be
sent to Mrs Wallace.
until a permanent agent
is appointed.

14 Richmond Terrace
Brighton
10-19-1880.

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I am glad to find that thou art much recovered from illness of Typhoid. It is often a long time ere full power is obtained.

Thy friend
Jos. Hoobard.

My brother has sent me a long letter to prove the necessity for his having some change before Winter sets in. If thou approve I shall not say "no" to a trip of moderate cost.

J. T.

Bath 19 mo mo 1880

My dear friend

I am obliged to thee for thy letter and the expression of views respecting the suggested visit by my sister to her friends. My sister has written a letter on the subject and is wishing to have something decided. While I think she inclines to pay this visit, she is quite willing to leave the decision with me. I am hopeful

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that – if she were to be liberated on a visit, we should find her so amenable to our wishes, that the benefit she has gained at the Retreat, would grow & extend under the change. acting on the side of caution, which I take that recommends, I have written to my Visitor telling her I think the consideration of this suggested visit, shall be postponed 'till the Spring of 1881, when the season will be better for out of door occupation & recreation. Still I have not written in a manner which shall be a prohibition to her telling me that she will be disappointed if the time be delayed, & as that she has been thinking of it, it will be better to arrange for it, if the delay be likely to be injurious to her. I must leave it very much to the kind observation, regulating another letter are very long. I shall now thank the to send to me the most gracious & the legacy receipt form. Please have them legalized & I will pay the cost.

The Nurseries, York,

18 – X – 1880

My dear Friend

On carefully reckoning, I think that the plan we spoke of can be carried out for a cost not exceeding £20 so far as the planting is concerned. The cost of road, I give no opinion upon that is worth anything though I fancy it could be done effectively for £30 more.

Yours sincerely

J. Backhouse

Dr Baker

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Durham 18th October 1880.

Gentlemen.

Wm H. J. T. Salvin having while in the state of mind in which he entered the Friends' Retreat wasted a considerable part of his income, I beg to apply on his behalf for a reduction of the charges to £4 a week -

I am your obedient servant

Edward Shewell Wood

The Committee
Friends Retreat -
York -

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3, Great Tower Street,

London, Octr 14- 1890

E.C.

My dear Friend.

I have presented the E/C of J B Stevens and your letter of explanation to our Monthly Meeting which has been held to day. I am desired on its behalf to say - that the payment made in advance for J B Stevens - when he entered the Retreat - more than 20 years ago - was agreed upon at the time - and the low rate was - in consideration of a considerable sum paid by our No Meeting as a donation to your Institution when it was not in so flourishing a condition as at present. But apart altogether from this reason, our contention is - that at the end of J B's first quarter - you had fulfilled & our No Meeting had fulfilled the

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Cannot punctually entered upon, and the transaction Ended;- and so on with every succeeding quarter.

In 7th month last - you sent an account for a quarters board in advance for J B Stevens - Clearing your Bond Charge for him up to 9mo 30.

For this account I hold your receipt £ on the death of J B S. - You now charge for the portion of the quarter - which he lived - and at the rate which was then paid for him, - we contend that the £6.10.0 which we paid in advance in 7th month last, must be deducted; we have nothing whatever to do with the sum paid in advance when J B S. entered the Retreat. Much surprise was expressed in the Mo Meeting - at what was termed a most unreasonable Claim, for which we are neither morally nor legally liable and

I was instructed not to pay the account till the one in question had been corrected.

Yours respectfully

Smith Harrison

Please reply to Woodford.

Robert Baker Esq M.D.

10 Fennell St
Manchester 10 Nov 15/80

Dear Friend

R Baker

On reading the report of the Retreat I find in the list of Agents errors

Thos Hardcham M.M
Is Fletcher - he died 18 Mos ago

Cheshire M.M

Oswald Barnes
He is not a Member of that Meeting & has not been living in its Compass for several years.

Yours sincerely
Jona. Walker

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I shall therefore be glad if thou canst furnish me with such papers & statement, relating to the case, as would facilitate this being done, if requisite.

I am, with kind regards, thine sincerely

R. J. Fox

Dr Baker
York Retreat.

Lordship Road
Stoke Newington
Sept. 30. 1880

My dear Friend,

I am obliged to thee for thy letter, the subject of which is receiving careful attention.

My wife & myself have consented to enter into the same or adjoining lodgings with him for the winter, on the understanding that he never needs no professional care, and with the intention of immediately sending him back to York to thee, should he be taken worse.

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Granby Sep 20

Dear Dr Baker

I think you should
take Ferro after for-
say 6 months it should
be removed daily - I think
however whether it is col-
lected all at one place
or so there could be no
difficulty in his having

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two barrels on wheels
one, to stand at the Retreat
and one to go away - If he
object to the outlay the
Retreat might own them
and charge him 20/ per
year for the use of each
one - It will be very
offensive if allowed to
accumulate - I am glad
to hear of the capture

Yours truly
J W Hutchinson

I am just home from

to assist when any casualties of persons -
Have been seen / Encounters on the
Bank question

Highfield House,
Wineford, 13th Oct.

My dear Sir,

Enclosed I hand you Banker's draft for £148. 16. 8 in payment of a/c to 31st December 1880.
I have in this case paid for the quarter now running, but in future it would be more agreeable to pay on the expiration of each quarter.
I note that my brother is as previously reported.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
W. H. Verdin.

Robert Baker, Esq.
The Retreat,
York.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

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

13th Oct - 1880.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of Oct. 12th. I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that, although the certificate for Joshua D. Davy's first admission was invalid and the latest has been readmitted, you will return the original Notice which was sent back to you for amendment.

I am Sir,
Your Obedt Servant,
Chas. R. Shore.

J. Baker Esq. M.D. (for the Secretary)

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Elmhurst, Woodford,
Essex.

Oct 9. 1880.

Dear Friend.

This morning I received two separate Envelopes from the Retreat - one containing Alfred Smith's & S. Stapleton's account - directed to Smith Hanson, Woodford - the other the enclosed Envelope and a/c - directed to Saml Harrison. I return the a/c for the late J. B. Steams for correction - as I hold your receipt dated July 21st for Lunatics Board

in advance for J B Stevens - up to 9mo 30. You now charge for his board up to the time of his death 8 weeks 4 days and only credit for 2. 12. 0 as amount paid in advance - please credit the sum we paid i.e. 6. 10. 0 in place of this 2. 12. 0 - and when I receive the Corrected Statement - I will present it with the others - to our Monthly Meeting & shall no doubt - receive authority to pay the same.

Is there any explanation can be given of the unusually heavy disbursements - for both Smith & Stapleton.

I presume the charges - for J B Stevens - funeral, are the usual ones -

Yours truly

Smith Harrison

Robert Baker Esq. M.D.

Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Office

9, Clegg Street, Oldham.

October 9th 1880

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th instant but do not know to whom you should send the accounts for Elizabeth Walton's maintenance if her brother declines to deal with them.

The wife of Mr. John Taylor of Queens Road, Oldham is a sister of Miss Walton and Mrs Brierley (widow) care of Mr John Charlesworth, Westhill, Oldham is also a sister. The income from the fund of which I am one of the Trustees is only between £11 and £12 per annum so I cannot possibly meet the payments. It is only about a year and a half since I was appointed and I shall be very glad to pay over the money in my hands to anyone whose receipt will indemnify me from being called upon to again account for it. Miss Walton is no relation or connection of mine neither did I ever know her or even see her and there is no reason why Mr Walton should give instructions for the accounts to be sent to me as beyond being Trustee for this small sum of money I have nothing whatever to do with the matter and when I have seen to the proper application of the income during Miss Walton's life and to the distribution of the principal in case of her death my duties are at an end.

The letter I wrote to Mr Walton & which he has forwarded to you refers to a promise made as I was informed at the time by Miss Walton's sisters and brother to contribute towards the payment but nothing so far as I know has been done.

The matter is one that concerns Miss Walton's relatives and has no claim whatever upon me and I do not see that I can do any good by communicating with Mr Walton as you suggest or interfering in any other way.

The repeated applications which have been made to me and a desire not to have my position misunderstood must be my excuses for the candour with which I have written.

Yours respectfully

Roscoe Wrigley

Mr Robert Baker

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27 Howard St.
Oct. 11th

Dear Sir.

I return the account just received before settling it, as I think some alteration is required. For the weekly rate of 3 guineas is continued to the end of July, whereas

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Lucabertiles" and a pair of compasses — the last Miss Rous told us were in your care — if you will kindly send them I am glad to say my sister continues better.

I am,
Yours truly
M. A. Hall —

you told me that the Committee had decided that the reduction should begin on the 1st of that month. in your letter of the 28th July. As regards the Teachers visit- I see, Miss Sisters name the charge for board whilst there, is included in that for the Retreat- and the six guineas refers to lodgings only- we cannot but consider two guineas a week for the fourth part of a bedroom & a share in the sitting room a large amount to pay- The parcel containing clothing has arrived, but Miss Sister also left behind her two drawing copies the "Gipsy

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Coombe Cliff House,
Croydon.

4/10 1852

My Dear Friend

Will thankfully
have Wm charged
One Months Rent of
Guineas in advance
as I think it be
forward to continue
fairly rule one Mo.
to be continued the

The enclosed may
this morning Rec.d
from Exeter – which
I will thank thee
to return to me

I am with the Kind
Regards
My dear Friend
John Horsman

advance for your not-
If the Exeter do not
admit of this I will
thank them to take
the item out of the
case—
I regret that the
admission order
was not duly received
by Jarvis, when he
was in Exeter—
The letter was very
clearly addressed for

him at the P.O. until
called for by my Son
F. J. & I checked it for
off & it was posted
by my man servant
at the same time
the one for Exeter
& not that was sent
from the Office of
the Com. in Lunacy
I will by this post
write to the Chief
Officer & also to the
Post Master Exeter

18. Lendal.

York. 9th October 1880

My Dear Sir

I am to for your

Report. — I saw the Town Clerk

on the 7th Instant - He says that beyond

a letter acknowledging the receipt of

his Communication, he had not heard

anything from London but that

he would write again on the subject.

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The usual Vacation would no doubt have interfered with the necessary attention to the matter.

I trust that you have got your health. Charming day Established

Yours truly

Wm. Walker

R. Baker Esq^r M.D.

WONFORD HOUSE,
EXETER

8 Oct: 1880

Dear Mr. Baker,

No transfer deed in the case of Mr Horseman has yet received. It seems to have been lost in transit. So I wrote to the Commissioners & have been told that the conveyance cannot be considered valid. I have written to Mr Horseman and enclosed the Commissioners' letter.

Yrs truly,
S Rees Phillips

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Batley 7th Oct. 1880
Yorkshire.

Sir/-

We understand that Mrs Sarah Ann Sheard of this town is under your care and has been so for some time.

It is necessary/to obtain/if possible/Mrs. Sheard's signature to a document relating to her late husband's affairs.

We are given to suppose that she has lucid intervals during which she would be capable of ~~undertaking~~ understanding, the nature of a simple business transaction.

We shall be greatly obliged if you will inform us whether you consider that Mrs. Sheard is in a position to execute such a document at present or is likely to be so soon.

If you wish it we will consider your reply confidential

We are Sir

Your obedt. Servts.

Schofield & Taylor

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York.

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to know what course you wish me to pursue.

I observe from the letter from Roscoe Wigley enclosed in your last, that some arrangement appears to have been pending with Mrs Brierley, but this is a family matter that I do not see my way to interfere with.

But as Roscoe Wigley evidently does not write in your view that his Trustee-ship makes him liable to pay the accounts, I hope

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Oct. 6th 1880

My dear friend,

I have to remind you that Eliz.th Walton's account is getting greatly into arrears, and that you being the person who signed the order for her admission to this Hospital, are legally responsible for the quarterly payments. As the accounts sent in have been returned both by yourself & by Roscoe Wigley, you will understand that I am in some difficulty

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You will see your way to a satisfactory
Solution of the present difficulty

Yours faithfully

Robt Baker

Coombe Cliff House,
Croydon.

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Dear Friend

I am obliged by the telegram. Will she kindly allow the attendant to go through with my son to Exeter say by the 7.30 Midland train. The attendant will find an ~~arrival~~ addressed to Mr Jarvis the Midland Inspector at the Post Office Queen St Exeter — They go thereon to Dr Phillips, Wonford House, Topsham Road & on 2nd day to

Hon Williams
Ringmore House
Budleigh Salterton

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when they will find first
J Fot — They take the
Sidmouth train from
same Station they came
to — The Budleigh Salterton
Omnibus meets the
train at Sidmouth
Station
If the attendant cannot
go through please to
in that case to telegraph
me on receipt of this & I
will have William
met at Darley for another
to go with him in the
same train — If they
efficient a handkerchief
out of the window
the man will know
their compartment
I hope these particulars
will be understood
I am thy obliged Fr
John Horniman

It has occurred to me
that the North trains
Even to St. Davids
Station — a distance
from the Post Office
therefore the attendant
can drive to the
Post Office for the
Letter before going
to the ~~Lord~~ St S
Wonsford House

89. Upper Parliament St
Liverpool.
Sep. 29. 1850.

Dear D. Baker

I write to thank you for your letter & the testimonial you sent me yesterday. I am only applying for the post in Paris because Dr. Carter, who is so, excellently & kind advises me to try for it.

But my pupils for the Upper Bell Vat is so acute as that nothing will ever heal that

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Instead. Oh! D. Baker why did you not speak to me yourself, & have allowed me the opportunity of explaining any circumstance that appeared suspicious about me, - then I should not have been in this intense misery.

Yours faithfully
E. Buckley.

Coombe Cliff House,
Croydon.

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Dear Friend

Please not to
get a discharge for my
Son, for my F.J.H who
is at Exeter Hamlet
he (Walt) had letters he
under oversight of Dr
Phillips Wanford Hom
& will get him leave
there — so as during
his stay at Budleigh

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to be still subject to
over sight —

I am with Kind
regards
Thy sincere fr
John Sturgis
to Exeter
the proceeds as named
in my last. enclosed
my Sons will write them
to the Contrary —

Coombe Cliff House,
Croydon.

My Dear Friend 26/9 80

Since I last wrote
I have made arrangements
with Joseph & Sarah
Fot to have my son with
them, they are going into
the west of England as
they did last year to winter
J. J. F. having given up his
practice
They will be ready to leave
Stoke Newington at the
end of this week & I would
like Walt to go with them

next 7th day if it can be made convenient for him to do so. I presume he could learn Salbarn at once if I will write him to do so. This will allow his attendant ample time to pack up his things for preparatory to leaving the Retreat.

I shall be glad if it can be done this week as he is now well; if so I will take charge of him from his attendant at Derby, if they book him by the train that leaves York at 7.30 a.m. — Say first class to Exeter — Any extra Luggage can be booked to Exeter to go by Goods train — If this can be done that this can be carried out at the time I name please address me by letter in due course of post

I am with kind regards thy friend

John Ammon

84 Upper Parliament St
Liverpool
Sept. 24. 1860.

Dear Dr Baker,

I write to ask you to be good enough to send me my letters of introduction which have been in your hands since last April twelvemonths. Also to ask you if you will kindly give me a testimonial as to my housekeeping & administ

qualifications.

Since his return to Liverpool I have been under Dr. Carter's care, & he is strongly urging me to apply for the post of Assistant Lady Superintendent to the "Hertford British Hospital" Paris.

I do not like to go so far away from the children & their Mother Ones. But Dr. Carter urges, as nothing else presents itself, that the thorough change would be the best thing for me.

Some time ago I sent payment of a small sum to Mrs Baker & postage stamps. As I never heard they reached her, I presume they may have miscarried.

I am,

Yours faithfully

E. Buckley.

Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Cray's Inn Square,

London, W.C.

24th Sept 1880.

Dear Sir,

Jules Przyjemski

The Count Melchior Lyrowski de Wezele (the Committee of the person and Estate of the above named) desires us to inform you that he intends visiting the Lunatic to morrow unless prevented by special circumstances.

Yours faithfully
Denton Hall & Fox
per H.F.

R. Baker Esqre M.D.
The Friends Retreat
York.

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With Kind regards.

Believe me,

Yours Sincerely.

E. Buckley.

Royal Southern Hospital
April 28. 79.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I have written a letter of application to the Chairman of Jos Committee as Jos recommended one & enclosed those letters you left; may I trouble you to be so kind as to take charge of them as I should not like to lose them.

Mrs Gale the president of the "Home" succeeded

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has kindly written a
letter for me to you-
& Mr. Baker of Cheadle
has also written the
check I imagine
you would receive
this morning -
I hope Mrs Baker
reached home comfort-
ably & did not feel
any the fatigue after
her journey -

Royal Southern Hospital
Liverpool
April 28. 79.

To the Chairman of the Committee
of the "Retreat" York.

Sir,

After having had an interview
with Dr. Baker respecting the
post of Companion House Keeper
at Belle Vue & heard the full
particulars from him of what
the duties would be; I beg
to offer myself as a Candidate
for the appointment, & herewith
enclose you ~~my~~ some letters of
introduction & reference.

I am Sir
Yours Faithfully
E. Buckley.

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Friends School, Saffron Walden

23 Sept 1880

Dear Friend

I have to thank you for your kind & prompt answer to my letter. I have seen the friends of the young man in question. They report that he has been away for a month and has returned so much better that there seems no present need for action, so that the matter drops. At the same time I have little doubt the difficulty will recur. With kind regards

Yours truly

Geo. F. Currey

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

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15 Grays Inn Lane
London. W.C.
18th Septr 1880.

Dear Sir,

Re J. Przyjomski

We are in receipt of
your letter enclosing certificate
that the above named person
is living for which we are
obliged - Will you be so good
as to inform us by return of
post whether the Asylum is in
the Parish of Fulford - The
Annuity Office require to know
this before acting upon the certificate

Yours faithfully
Denton Hall & Jos
per H.J.

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

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127. High Holborn.
London. Sept 21st 1880
W.C.

Dear Friend —
Robert Baker —
Herewith I enclose
Cheque £24 . 12 . 1 on a/c
of my Cousin Walker Wood-
ward and £12 . 2 . 7 per
the Mo Meeting on behalf
of Ea Willis & Martyn
W Miles — In reference
to the latter thy letter
to Richard Dell was
read at our M M last
Fifth day — Friends were
asked to bear his case in
mind and see if any
Employment of a light
Kind could be found for
him — I am afraid that
there will be some diffi-
culty in finding a place
suitable for him —

Thine truly
Henry Neighbour

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Friends School, Saffron Walden

18 Sept, 1880

Dear Friend

I am asked by the friends of a young man (not a "Friend") to get to know if he could be admitted to the Retreat. He is in a good position & I believe payment is sure. He would be willing to come under your care; no certificate would be needful, tho' it could be obtained. He suffers at times from mental disease, induced by overwork in Sunday School, Mission &c. after his usual business hours. Will you please direct me in the matter, that I may be able to reply.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Geo. F. Binney

Dr Baker

The Retreat

York

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Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Cray's Inn Square,

London, W.C.

17th Sept. 1880

Dear Sir,

Re Jules Przyjemski

Kindly let us have by return of post the Certificate asked for in our letter of the 15th inst. & also a duplicate.

We desire to act upon them both immediately.

Kindly send us the quarterly Account when due.

Yours faithfully

Denton Hall & Fox

per W.P.

Dr. Baker,
The Friends Retreat,
York.

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COOMBE CLIFF
CROYDON

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My Dear Friend

When we were at Salthouse last week we
saw W.H. expressed an earnest
desire for a change to some
quiet neighbourhood in
the west of England and
as he has been now long
in the Retreat I think it
desirable to accede to his
request, especially as I learn
from his attendant that

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his state of mind, has for
some six or more months
been nearly or quite free
from the excitement for-
merly experienced

I therefore propose to
depute a person to go for
him when the quarter
expires, at the end of the
present month.

I hope this arrangement
will prove judicious
& tend to his comfort.

We have not an attendant
in view, can you kindly
recommend a well conducted
person (unmarried) that
would be likely to suit as
servant & care-taker. —
If not inconvenient to
you, I would like his
present Room to be retained
as before

As the expiration of the
quarter please send the
a/c for disbursements

I am with kind regards
Yrs Sincerely
Jno Stevenson

J. Barker

Encl:

Denton, Hall & Fox.

15, Gray's Inn Square.

London, W.C.

14th Sept.r 1880.

Dear Sir,

Re Jules Przyjemski

We require a certificate from the Chaplain or Minister of the Parish or a Justice of the Peace for the District that the above named is still living -. Will you kindly obtain and send us if possible by return of post a certificate in the form enclosed. It is required for the purpose of collecting an Annuity - We will remit you any fees you are required to pay -

Yours faithfully
Denton Hall & Fox
per HP

D.r Baker.
The Friends Retreat York -

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remarkably well
Hoping Mrs Baker
& Family are well
Believe me
Yours truly
C M Stewart

23 Burdon Terrace
Sept 11th

Dear Dr Baker
On my return from
London yesterday
I found your note
of 26th Augt
Mrs Graham's address
Mess[rs] Symes &
Singapore
James & Daisy
returned yesterday
with Mrs Starr from
Hamsea - They look

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the necessary expenses of the journey shall be defrayed.

I am truly yours

Mary E. Ball

6 Cotham Gardens Bristol

Oct. 31st /80

Sir

An old person, - the daughter of a member of the Society of Friends, - being out of her mind so as to require care, and the greater part of her very small income being in my hands as Trustee, I should be glad to know, without loss of time, whether you can receive her into the Retreat. Should an annuity be purchased for her I believe that she would have £40 a year from this source

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while a distant connection allows her, I believe, £6 in addition. Could she be received for this amount? It has been suggested to her brother that she had better go to a County Asylum, but he very naturally shrinks from such a step, and it seems a pity that it should be taken when she possesses a little income of her own.

It is possible that Mrs John Taylor of Peckham Rye may also be writing to ask this same question, but as there ought to be no loss of time I do not trust to this. Mrs Judith Taylor on whose behalf I make this enquiry is now in lodgings with a very kind woman, but she says that Mrs T. must be removed as quickly as possible. If she can be recived at the Retreat on these terms, will you be good enough to say whether you can send a suitable caretaker for her. She is blind. I would then arrange for her brother or nephew to be on the spot to ~~or~~ authorize her removal. A certificate has not yet been obtained, but this I will endeavour to get at once.

I will of course arrange that

Ackworth

13. X. 1880.

Esteemed friend
D Baker.

Enclosed please
find P.O.O. for £3-9-9.
& ½ of £5 Note. Please
acknowledge & I will
forward the other half.
There seems to be some
misunderstanding as to the
Clerk of our Mo. Mty.; there
have been 2 since I H Clapham

Thine truly
Albert Sumner
Clerk to Pontefract Mo. Mty.

D Baker
York.

52 Chancery Lane, London
5th Nov. 1880

My dear Sir

A Severe Sore Throat has prevented me from acknowledging before this your polite note of the 30th ult.

Allow me to thank you for it & to add that I shall be happy to send any Complimentary Tickets you may require.

I hope there is information to trace some Relations in the family. I presume the Mrs Tabeshell there whom she came to you Relative was her Son Mr. I went to the General Registry Office for Births Deaths & Marriages for a Certificate of the Death of this Mary: the death does not appear to

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have been ended there - I had hoped to have found the Record of it - & some sort of description of the deceased.

I need hardly say that I shall receive any further information it may be in your power to afford with thanks -

I presume the contingent legacy of £ 100 stock left to your Society was duly paid.

Yours very truly
Arthur J Head

There is an entry of the death of one Mary Tatchell on the 6 Feb 1846 but she is stated to have died at Walworth but she is stated to have been a Domestic Servant

Robt Baker Esq LL D
The Friends Reference Library

Bridlington

October 16th 1880

Dear Sir,

re W B. Shaw

I have pleasure in enclosing Cheque for £42. 2. 8 the amount of the enclosed Bill.

As the Trustees are restricted to £150 for the maintenance of Mr Shaw by an Order from the Lunacy Board, I must ask you to be good enough to keep down the disbursements as much as possible

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the Cheque and oblige

Yours faithfully

Thos Hartley

Robert Baker Esq M. D.
The Retreat
Near York

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Bennell House
Brentham
W. Boreham
Octr 19/80

Dear Sir)

When at The Retreat on the occasion of my dear husband's leaving I showed you the bill which had been sent me for the Quarter for July to Septr telling you if you recollect Theodore West understood from Dr Baker in April that the amount at the end of June was to be reduced to £2/0 a week - you asked me to leave it with you which I did saying perhaps as it was in conversation between Dr Baker & Theodore no memorandum had

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been made of it I have never received the enclosed I thought it possible among your many engagements it might have escaped your memory as no remark was written on the bill —

You may think it only a small matter & seeing dear Suffern is so much restored I should not mention it but the expenses of his illness have been very heavy. He is I am very thankful to say be able to say very well on the whole it is not to be expected he is equal to what he was & often suffers much pain in his head He has not attempted to paint or draw since he left — Daily walks & the garden occupies most of his time — Neither does he at present gather collections So I sincerely hope health may be granted to him — He desires his kind regards & thanks to Dr Baker & Dr Campbell as also to yourself & wishes to be remembered to the Attendants with whom he had to do — The parcel of clothes that Suffern left behind we received safely by rail with your letter at Scarborough for which I am obliged On hearing from you I will send a Cheque for the amount due

With kind regards & thanks

Yours sincerely

Wm Wood

Wm West

Maldon
W^m Maldon
Essex

dear friend
R Baker 10mo 27 = 80

In 8^th^ mo last I applied to thee for some information respecting admittance to the Retreat. Thee kindly gave it and requested my Sister (the person on whose behalf I made the application) means &c I forwarded thee all I knew and rather waiting to hear something more — could thee kindly tell me any thing as the person with whome my Sister is lodging has again written me stating that

she cannot keep her longer

I have again written to the medical man who attends her to say if he can or will sign a certificate which I suppose is necessary before any thing could be done

Yours sincerely

Joseph Storrs Fry
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from days & believe me
to remain
Yours sincerely
Sophia Ivay

19 St Georges Sq.

P.S. Hope you are stronger
Yours very sincere Sister yr.

adr. c/o J. Clemsey 19 St Geo. Square
Sunderland 20.X.80

Dear Sir.

Upon our Parish account
my father Dr. Ivay of Tottenham
& your patient Col. Szyprowski
were much attached friends; indeed
I used to call the Col. my Uncle
& treated him quite like a near
relation, & it has been a grievous
loss to us, that his fine &
loving nature has thus gone to
sleep. — Under these circum-
stances you if I could see him
in my return (from my brother's
home)

Clark is returning to London in about 2 weeks (today, fortnight) & if I could see him, & have the pleasure of exchanging a few rational thoughts with him (as my brother-in-law Dr. Stone did, some months ago) then I would come early & stay 2 hours in York so as to give me the needful time. He knows Dr. Stone directly & seemed pleased to see him; but the Colonel was much more intimate with me, when living near us. I do not know in which way this might affect him; but I so long to see him, as he used to be, once more that I thought it best to explain fully to you, & ask for your kind advice. I need not say that deeply as our friends state distresses me, I could promise to keep calm, while in his presence, that might make a difference. - Will you send me a line here, in a

19 Oct 1880

Dear Sir

I've observed that the Messengers sent to deliver telegrams at the Retreat are, as a rule, much too long in returning to the Office. They complain that they are kept waiting for

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payment of the postage fees. If this is the case I shall feel greatly obliged if you will be good enough to give directions for the boys to be detained as short a time as possible as their delay in returning causes much inconvenience.

I am, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
T. Stevenson
Asst

D. Baker
Esq
Reformatory

36, Jermyn Street, St. James's.

London, S.W. 18 Oct. 1880.

Dear Sir,

Re J. S. Barton.

We shall be much obliged if you will kindly let us know the present state of the above Gentleman and whether he is capable of signing the Document required to enable his Co-Executors to receive a sum of money from the Bank of England and also of making a Declaration relating to some Stock in a Gas Company held by his Testator and which is required by the Company.—

Our Client writes us that from the sensible letters Mr. Barton writes to his Family he should quite think him capable of signing the document in question.

If your opinion should be that Mr. Barton cannot sign the document and make the Declaration we must present a Petition in Lunacy for an Order that his Co-Executor may act without him.—

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Robinson & Hilder

Dr. R. Baker

The Friends' Reheat

Nr. York.

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Anstey Grange
Nr Leicester
28 Octr

Dear Dr Baker

Will you be so
good as to inform
Mrs Taylor at Ayston
early as possible what
the cure you for expects
to — Also inform her
to me (which you prefer)
what are your charges
for all your trouble in
this painful business —

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The patient is now gone
to Boughton with her
Mother & Sister — I should
be very glad to have
your opinion as to
the probable future
of the case & the best
way of dealing with
it — You may write
quite freely to me

Yours very truly

W. W. Ellis

Dear friend

Dr Becker

Elizabeth Hopkins formerly a member of our Meeting, but recently removed to Stourbridge has lately become affected with mental derangement: though not of a dangerous character we think that it will be better both for herself & friends that she should be placed in the Retreat. I therefore write to inquire what are your terms & what preliminary steps should be taken.

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E. H. is about 68 years of age single, & in very limited circumstance & her brothers would not be able to give her much pecuniary assistance, indeed two of them could not from my own knowledge

A few months ago I inquired how many patents Worcestershire & Shropshire Mo. Meeting ~~was~~ is entitled to recommend at the lowest charge. I shall be obliged by information

Thy friend truly

Thomas Wetherbe

Worcester 10 Mo 28. 1880

Nunnie —

2 Nov 1880

Dear Friend

I find that when
Matilda Leeman left
Nunnie the left her
watch & I am asked
to [illegible] and "to" thee to
that it may be sent
with her other belongings.

If the should be
removed by Death, it
will be undesirable
that the Watch should
be left there —

With kind wishes

Henry Brown

Dr Baker

York

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52 Chancery Lane. London

28th Oct 1850.

Sir

I am about to take legal steps to realize the interests of certain claimants under the Estate of a Mrs Charlotte Clifford whose maiden name was Satchell who died several years ago.

I observe that ~~your~~ the Society of which you are Treasurer became entitled on the death of Mary Ann Satchell the Widow of Wm Satchell a Brother of Mrs Clifford to a considerable benefit under her Estate.

If this benefit has not yet been received I can be of use to you in realizing it.

This is one of my reasons for addressing you. Another reason is this. That it will be necessary for me to produce evidence on behalf of the persons claiming to be next of kin of Mrs Clifford who she probably left the Legacy

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to your Society there is any connection with it I should esteem it a favor if you would refer to your Books or any other source within your power & inform me whether they refer to any generation of the Satchell family so as to enable me to establish a link between Mrs Blessard & her Progenitors.

I shall be happy to pay any Charges that you may incur in prosecuting this Enquiry.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully

Arthur J. Head

The Treasurer
of the Lunatic Asylum
Society of Friends
York

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Oct. 30. 1880

My dear Sir,

I find on reference to the case books that a Mary Tatchell was admitted to this Hospital on 20th March 1873, & died on 6th Feb. 1874.

She had previously been a patient in Bethlem.

The address recorded in reference to this case is Wm. Tatchell 124. Upper Thames St. London.

This is all the information I am able to give on this matter at present.

Yours faithfully
Robert Baker
M.D.

Arthur J. Head Esq
52. Chancery Lane
London

Darlington 5. xi. 1880

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

F. Harnold

I find Dr Mackie in his visit to his patient yesterday found him rather better & does not recommend his being sent to you just at present. We shall endeavour to get him to a more cheerful locality & surroundings than his present location, & I shall be glad indeed if he necessit

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of his coming to you should
pass away.

With love I am

Yours sincerely

Samuel Hare

Darlington 4. xi. 1880

Dear Friend.

Dr Baker,

Thanks for thine with the form for use in T. Yarnold's case. What I have heard since writing does not give much hope of present improvement. I shall aim at bringing him on 7th day ~~the 6th~~ by train due at York 3.55 PM. I cannot of course be sure that we shall succeed in inducing him to come.

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I will inquire whether the conveyance from the Retreat is in waiting - and if not take a cab. If the driver should come down, he will, I suppose, after waiting a short time, return, if we do not put in our appearance.

I hope to be able to say in which department our friend is to go - but cannot say as yet. I should hope that for a time, at any rate, he may be in the part named by Thee at 2½ per week. I fear this will be more than can be paid permanently - but this we must leave for the present.

With love I am
Thine sincere
Samuel Hare

10 Cleveland Parade

Darlington 2. xi. 1880

My dear Friend
D^r Baker

I am sorry to say that one of our Missionaries in the Colliery district, a Friend named Fossbrook Yarnold, shows some signs of mental derangement & it may be needful to send him to you for a time. Will then kindly send me the needful papers, that I may have them in readiness in case

they should be required

I am sincere

thy friend

Samuel Hare

Earith 26. 10. 80

My dear Friend

I am much obliged for the sight of the letters. I only received the packet yesterday. (2nd day) & fully meant to reply by that days post - but somehow or other unaccountably I quite forgot to do until too late - I hope my delay has not seriously inconvenienced them.

I know nothing of F. Michel. & have no idea whether he is related to M. L. - but it does seem to me something more should be known of him before poor Mathilde is given up to his care -

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under the circs is altered I should feel Dr Gowy When as she used to be a great care & trouble & was often writing to Mathilde for money - which she sent her out of her small earnings. Her conduct in other respects was a great trouble. Would it be well for Dr Baker to enquire if some person in authority in Zurich abt the Darby who writes to him? I can see it is really desirable for Dr. should be with her own friends - & I should be glad if it can be suitably done. Hom will recognise that F. Nicholl is the person who wrote to me some 2 or 3 mos. ago. & With kind love I am Yours sincerely

Annie Richard Brown

& see Ab's letter to HB 2/9 mo 80

Arundel Lodge,
Unthank's Road,
Norwich.

27/10/80

My dear Friend ——

I inclose to send thee the enclosed letter from Ann Brown rec'd this morning, but expected a 2 day before from both others. ——

Thee will of course use thy own judgment as to Ann's suggestion about making enquiry of some one resident in Yarmouth — It has occurred

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town whether C Vigel who wrote in the first place respecting Mrs. might be a suitable person to write to, being I think in a responsible position as Principal of a Public Institution

I did not remember as Ann Brown supposes, that I Michel had written to her — but we find the enclosed which died perhaps about 2 mos since, to which I replied & rec'd the letter it refers to, thinking it better that Ann should write herself.

I have not now a clear recollection of what the letter contained, but will write to-day & ask her to forward it to her, in case it has any bearing upon the question now pending —

Yours

Yours truly

Henry A Brown

R Baker M.D. York.

Zurich, October 12th. 1880.

To Mr. Dr. Baker,

York.

Sir,

In the name and commissioned by Miss S. Leemann, sister of Miss Matilde Leemann, who is in your privat-establishment, I beg you to give me some informations about her.

We know that she is living in your house several years ago, we know that the religious „Society of friends" is defraying the expense for her, as she has no means of her own; but we also know that the named society can withhold the payment at any time.

To present this latter case, her sister, I myself and my sister, we all have determined to take her in our own family, where she will have the best care possible.

Therefore I beg you to tell me without delay, if it is possible to transfer poor Matilde at Zurich. If yes, I would come myself in England to take her and to accompany her till here.

Looking forward to see my urgent petition granted I beg to sign

Yours most respectfully

Frederick Michel,
Wohllebgasse 4,
Zurich.

21st 1880.

Dear Sir I brought your letter before the meeting of the Committee of management of this Hospital, on the 19th inst. and I am directed to inform you that we shall be glad to give you every assistance in our power for managing for Mathilda Leeman's transfer from this Hospital to her friends in Zurich. I think however it would be better for Miss Leeman's sister to come for her, as a lady would be much more practically useful during the journey than a gentleman. But whichever of you arranges to come over it will in my opinion be essential for a nurse from this Hospital, who knows the special requirements of Miss Leeman's case, to accompany her home.

I think it right also to add that in my opinion it is doubtful if Miss Leeman can be suitably cared for in your own private family - she is sometimes so excited and so destructive that it is probable you will find her case unsuited for home treatment. But should that be the case no doubt you will be able to secure suitable care for her in one of the Hospitals of your beautiful city. Yours very faithfully
Robt Baker Secy

not be right to refuse
compliance if the
removal can be suit-
ably undertaken, —
Still I doubt if they
have realized whether
mental condition is, —
Possibly the reply to
Mr Michel's letter (which
I thought most suitable)
may have altered
their determination —
will however to the
expenses of the removal
(if undertaken) I am
authorized on behalf of
our Monthly Meeting,
to authorize her to

Arundel Lodge.
Unthank's Road.
Norwich.

16/10/1880

My dear Friend.

I duly received
thy letter of the 21st
ult. & enclosure and
am obliged by thy
attention to the subject.
We think if it is
the will of Mr Jeremiah's
relatives that she
should be under their
own care to be placed
in an Asylum in their
own Country, it would

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advance the expenses of the
Friends who kindly proposes to
accompany the Patients —

It does not appear whether Mitchell
is a relative or not — Return the
copies of his letter & they reply —

I am
Thy friend sincerely
J Henry Brown.

W D Baker
York

P.S. Should the question be asked
whether it is likely the friends will
withdraw their contributions when
maintenance, I think it would be
right to say that they have no
such intention

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Nov. 19. 80

My dear friend,

I have thought it best to write to you my opinion of Fosbrook Garnett.

As I told you, when he was admitted, his condition appears to me to be one of considerable anxiety.

His mental condition is highly delusional, & his general bodily health is very unsatisfactory.

Especially as his state is complicated by his having a double mitral murmur.

Hence he needs keeping at present in a horizontal posture, in an even temperature, & carefully guarded from everything likely to cause excitement.

He is quite unfit to mix with the other patients.

Under these circumstances as his proper care will

detail as to special expenses. I write to ask you if you will lay this letter before the Mun.ᵗ Peace, & ask if they will be willing to pay the expenses of F. Jarrold's care and maintenance, which I should estimate at two guineas a week.

You will of course understand that I ask you to make this application as the representative of the Retreat Committee, & not in any way in my individual capacity.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robᵗ. Baker

Samuel Hare

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Nov. 18th 60

My dear friend,

Your letter of the 12th was fully considered at our last Committee Meeting - and I was instructed to write to you respecting the payment to the Retreat for Mrs Judith Taylor.

Have you yet received word of the amount of the

£350

cumstance that you would obtain for the payment of the £350?

There is another way of meeting the money arrangement, namely by your paying to the Retreat the £350. instead of paying it to an Insurance Company, on condition that the Retreat authorities undertake the care & maintenance of Mrs Taylor for the rest of her life -

But in this case you will require to give the Natal authorities an indemnity in case any relative should after her death claim any portion of the £350.

I suppose you have satisfied yourself that as Trustee, you have the power to deal with the principal, as well as the Interest.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

To

Mary E. Ball

6 Cotham Gardens Bristol

Nov: 12th

Dear Sir

Will you be good enough to give the enclosed to the Chairman of the Committee.

I sent the paper with which you furnished me to Joseph S. Fry, — the brother of Mrs Judith Tayler, requesting him to fill up those parts having reference to her early days. His reply is that he cannot do this, as he has not seen her for two or three years! I then requested him to return the paper to me as it is; to which he pays no attention. I must therefore ask you to be

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good enough to send me another.
I hope that I shall carry this
thing through;— but it is not a
small matter to undertake for
an entire stranger,— with all her
friends strangers also, and living
at a distance. I have not said
that she also lives at Peckham
Rye:— 32 Heaton Road.
I am very truly yours
Mary F. Ball

4 Victoria Terrace Durham

12th November 1880

Gentlemen

I beg your kind attention to the following.

My daughter Mary Ingoldby has been in the Retreat now for more than 3 years during which time she has been paid for, I believe at the highest rate; but owing to changed circumstances, I find I am unable to pay so much

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being now a Widow, & I have a large family; all I could afford would be £100 a year if you could allow her to remain on these reduced terms I should be grateful. —

I should be very sorry to remove my daughter to another place, so I hope you will be able kindly to take my case into consideration & allow her to remain in the "Retreat."

I remain
Gentlemen
Your obedient servant
Maria. Reynolds.

Nov 16. 80

Dear D. Baker,

Many thanks
for letting me
know the result
of the election.
Of course I must say
I have no doubt
that Banks will

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Respectfully the expectations of the Committee

Mr. Jas describes herein as "under and for" D. H. Smith

You are requested to file the said Mortgage to be filed

Excuse haste

Yours very truly

D. H. Smith

could train himself
in his own way?"

Which Nurse is some
Nurse in Paris to set
against the other
round Peter Lemay
Reference.

On the "Worsley" factor
I really do think that
this rhythm time of Cadwell's
language & is deep has
been somewhat disturbed

by his family training, such as I know it to be. This
work against the training of the Sunday Schools
On the Sunday School
matter, I am a grand
advertisement in Banks
Row — that you are
This Wednesday to visit a other
Yours very truly
5: H: Tuke

Friday Evg.

This evening the Surgical
Registrar of Univ: Hospital
happened to call on me
about some business, & I
took the opportunity of asking
him whether Banks
got on well with the
nurses. He said he
got on excellently

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well with them and was extremely liked by them - mentioning their best nurse as leaving recently spoken in strong terms in his favour.

As this was a point on which I could not speak from actual personal knowledge I thought I had better ask you know this.

When speaking to a man today on the point of Mr Rich having been in an asylum, he replied that would not be the proper term having a man whom he

an interview with M. Fox about the Colonels affairs we have heard that transpired at the Comté with Lyon. He has gone off again, like a comet, without acknowledging a letter I wrote them. How strange that the old Colonel should actually succeed in getting free of paper again

22 Henrietta St
Cavendish Square
Nov 1. 1810

Dear Dr Baker

A University College man, by name Banks, is applying for the assistant medical officers place at the Retreat. He is an excellent fellow a hard worker & I have no doubt thoroughly steady, with an excellent head piece so that whatever he learns he knows accurately

permanently.

His defect, if it be such
dwelling upon, you will
perceive at once, is
a certain shyness & diffidence
I dare say, but this I do
not think is sufficient to
counterbalance his other good
qualities which are many.

If you wish him I will
write you a line & have
done so. I hope you will be
fair & kind to him.

He applies as an M.R.C.S.
but I may tell you in
confidence that he will
in all probability be an
M.D. in a few days &
I expect will do well
in London. —

Very truly Yours
R. J. Godlee

P.S. I am ashamed to
say I have never had

26, Grafton St. W.
Fitzroy Square
Nov. 8th 1880

Dear Sir Baker

I am much obliged for your intimation respecting the selection of candidates.

I am sorry that I have been unable to send the enclosed testimonials earlier, but hope they will be of use.

I am
Yours truly
W. Banks.

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26. Grafton Street W
Fitzroy Square

Nov.r 5th 1880

Dear Dr Baker

I Enclose the photograph for which you asked —

and remain

Yours truly

W.m Banks.

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26, Grafton St., W.
Fitzroy Square
London. W.C.

October 30th 1880

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

You will have doubtless ere this received from Dr Tuke my application for the post of Assistant Medical Officer to the York Retreat. With this I send half

hope Dr Tuke has explained to you that I have had absolutely no "experience in lunacy practice".

I am
Yours truly
William Banks.

-a dozen Copies of testimonials to be appended to my application.

The number of testimonials would be larger, but for two reasons; first, that it is not easy to catch a Surgeon or Physician at the Hospital able to spare time to write a testimonial at once (the Enclosed were all collected in little over 24 hours); secondly that I am just now extremely busy, preparing for an examination which begins next week.

If you consider the number of the Enclosed testimonials insufficient, & will kindly intimate your opinion to me, I will procure additional testimonials, & will forward Copies of them as soon as possible.

Before concluding, I must say that I

26. Grafton Street W.
Fitzroy Square

November 18th 1880

Dear Dr Baker

I am sure you will pardon my not having written before this in acknowledgement of your letter, on the ground that I have been very busily engaged yesterday & the previous day in Examination work.

The announcement of

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gather from your letter who D! Hastley was; & do not remember hearing his name when I was in York last Saturday.

I shall come to York next Wednesday; before closing, I must thank you for giving me till next Wednesday to make my preparations &c for migration.

I am

Yours very truly

W. Banks

my election was very pleasant news, & none the less so because it was somewhat unexpected; for I felt that my want of experience would very naturally tend to affect the decision of the Committee adversely to me. It gave me very great pleasure to hear that the election was unanimous; that fact will, I think, prove a strong incentive to me to do my best not to be unworthy of the kindness they have shown me.

Allow me to thank you very sincerely for the kind expressions conveyed in your letter. I, of course, feel a little apprehensive, coming, without any experience, after one who has been so successful as Dr. Campbell. But I hope that the inconvenience which must result from my inexperience will soon be at an end.

I am very glad you are provided with a substitute till my arrival. I did not

104 Waterloo St

Oldham 15 Nov/80

To Dr Baker

My Father wishes me to ask you which is the best way to adopt for the removal of Elizabeth Walton from the Retreat, as he intends her to be placed in the Oldham Union, where her income will nearly maintain her. As she has two Sisters who are able, but not willing to contribute towards her maintainance, he is determined no longer alone to bear the expenses himself.
He will clear off the a/c now owing.
Your early answer will oblige

Yours

Lees Walton

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Bank Chambers.

Durham, 8th Nov.r 1880.

My dear Sir.

I beg to communicate my wish and authorization for the discharge of W. Bryan John Francis Salmi who was made an inmate of the Friends' Retreat by my request and representation on the 17th of August last.

I have to express the high appreciation of W. Salmi's friends of the care and attention which he has received from myself personally and from the Officers of the Retreat.

I am yours faithfully

E. Gladstone Marshall

R. Baker Esq M.D.

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Bank Chambers,

Durham, 8th November 1880.

My dear Sir

I have just telegraphed the following answer to your telegram

"I will write fully today and authorize discharge Shall write please let him either wait till tomorrow or go accompanied."

I am sorry I missed seeing you on Saturday, but have no doubt that Dr Campbell & Mr Woods have communicated to you that I had to stay.

Mr Bryan Salvin is engaged on an important measure in the arrangement of his affairs and I should not like even the appearance of what I may call coercive influence.

He has chosen to go to Aberystwith & it must, if you please, rest entirely between him & yourself whether he is to make the journey alone or whether you will, as you kindly offer, send some one with him. Your advice will doubtless, as it should do, rule the question.

I enclose a formal letter authorizing (as you request) his discharge.

Yours faithfully

R Baker Esq M.D. Gladstone Marshall

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West Bank
York.

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My dear Friend,

I have traced out on the enclosed plan what I think should be. The darkened patches may be partially planted with ever-green & other trees, & fringed, in places, with Roses, Perennials &c.

I can describe more fully when we meet. It is doubtful whether I can go down this week, but

I will take an early opportunity. The design would not be at all an expensive one to carry out so far as the planting part is concerned. I think that £100 would do it well (i-e, in addition to the portion already decided to be planted — which is, of course, comprehended in the plan). If a costly set of specimen trees were needed, it would probably cost much more, but I think this sum would do it, both in trees & ornamental plants & shrubs, well.

Such a change, if accompanied by the abolition of the Farm Buildings, would revolutionise the look of the "whole place", & be, I think, much more in harmony with the character of the Institution.

Yours sincerely
J. D. Hackhouse

Whitfield House
Congleton
Nov. 4th 1880.

Dear Dr Baker

We have intended
sending you the cheques for
my life for some weeks but
have been so much engaged
in preparing my lectures
house & wedding festivities
since the Bride & groom re-

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friend home that our own affairs have been quite neglected. I enclose 2 cheques which you will see amount to £37-14-2 the sum total of the two notes (Mrs Leathes & the Principal) except 16/- which I have deducted from the £4-16-0 charged for the nurse about which there has been a mistake. The date in the ark is printing 9th Sept 10th so I only had her from Aug 9th until Sept 6th - exactly one month. Mrs Leathes kept her as it was not convenient

to send her to Hartford. Baker & Hayward keeping her. Mrs L said she that she would be responsible for any sum which might be charged over the month. I have been with Mabel Wales for three weeks since I left Delaware the sea-air after being indoors for so long braced me up.

Warm wishes with me in kind regards to Mrs Baker Maj Rowe Mrs Edmiston & all at Belle Vue

Believe me

Yrs Truly

E. O. Wales.

19 Blake Street
York
17 Nov. 1880.

Dear Dr. Baker,

Will you kindly allow Mr. Abraham Wray to use a Communion of some kind at York which is still standing in his name conjointly with those of his father and the Rev. J. Nagle although he is no longer a trustee Mr. Wray attends. The newly elected Stock is being sold for the benefit of the trust. You will see

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

that Mr. Wray's and Mr. Nagle's have already signed.

Yours faithfully
W. B. Cobb.

you can receive her on these terms. I am afraid that the only alternative is a County Asylum. It is true that she has a brother living, but he is in very small circumstances and seems from his letters to be very weak minded.

Perhaps I had better say that Mrs Judith Taylor is blind, but not at all violent.

I am Gentlemen truly yours

Mary E. Ball

Since writing the foregoing I have remembered a small amount, probably under £50, which can be added for the purchase of an annuity.

6 Cotham Gardens Bristol

Nov: 12th 1880

Gentlemen

Mrs Judith Taylor, - born in the Society of Friends, but disowned on her marriage, though I believe continuing attendance at Meeting as long as her state of health allowed, - has become so troublesome to the very kind woman with whom she lodges that it is necessary to remove her. Medical men will I believe feel no difficulty in pronouncing her to be in need of control, and therefore I as trustee for the larger part of her little property apply for her reception at the York Retreat.

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Dr Baker has informed me that the lowest ordinary terms are 28/6 per week. She has not nearly so much as this, but as I suppose that in cases of need persons are received for as much as can be paid for them, I will just tell you what her means amount to. I have (left in my charge for her by my Uncle Dr Ash) two Bonds representing about £300. I ought to have received information as to what these would produce in an annuity, but in some way it has missed. When you know that she is 69 years of age you will probably be able to judge. In addition to this some distant connections allow her £12 a year. Not long ago a ~~dear~~ friend left her £50, which she gave to a friend (Mrs John Taylor of Peckham Rye) to keep for her, but whether we could legally add this to the sum which I have for the annuity, – without her consent, – is I suppose more than doubtful. That is all that she possesses, and a part of the £12 a year of which I have spoken, is no doubt dependant on the life of an aged lady.

I think I may say that ~~she~~ I will undertake that her necessary clothing shall be supplied, – or paid for.

Will you be so good as to let me know as soon as possible whether

Bank Terrace,
Glossop.

Nov 7/80

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I am much obliged for your kind letter and inquiry about my son. I am also pleased to inform you that he continues very well indeed, but is now beginning to commence doing something.

He fancys being a clerk in the Bank again, & we think it will suit as well as anything we can put him to. I have spoken to the Bank Manager about him, & he promised to name it at the head quarter. I wonder if your opinion is the same on this point.

Our desire is to do that which will be best for his future

welfare if we only knew what that was. We do feel pleased that he continues well, and now desire to thank you for all your care and kind attention over him whilst under your care. We are satisfied that did all you could for him & Albert will ever remember your kindness.

I shall be pleased to drop you a line or two now & then to let you know how he is going on.

I shall try to go and see him in a few days.

I am

Yours truly

Walter Thorp

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4 Victoria Terrace Durham

12th November 1880

My dear Dr Baker.

My eldest Son and daughter called to see you last week to explain matters as Major Reynolds my late Husband died last month. There is a large account found due to the Retreat for my daughter Mary Reynolds. which I find I shall be able to meet

P.S. Has my daughter Mary been told of her fathers death. or would it be better not to tell her at present M. R.

as soon as my late Husbands will is proved. I will then faithfully send it to you, I feel sorry it was allowed to run so high.

The enclosed will speak for itself: by your kindly laying it before the committee with a good word from yourself I shall be greatly obliged

My eldest daughter much regrets you have not the day she called, & she would better have told you of all matters. In future I shall pay to you quarterly (that is if my appeal is granted by the Committee)

I Remain Sir
Yours faithfully.
Maria. Reynolds.

London Oct 28. 80

Dear D. Baker,

I know a young medical man whom I consider to be so well calculated to prove a most valuable assistant for the Retreat, that I write to you about him in the hope that the Retreat may secure his services.

I have however certain difficulties in the way, so that if

in answers, I scarcely know any who are really what we wish to see at the Retreat but they might be very good elsewhere - and I certainly know no fellow that I had rather have by me, if in your place, than William Banks, the man in question. for his moral tone and more than feeling are worth all the special knowledge he at present lacks - but would

you consider they seriously lessen the probability of his appointment, he may know at once, if you will so. Then tell me do. 1st He has had no experience of the special kind you appear to require in the adv.t I was rather surprised to see his name, as Dr Rorke had told me the other day he preferred having an assistant who knew less of the subject. But this however as it may I am sure you would impress a superior man to an inferior man with lunatic experience. Now of young men I know who have been clinicals or assistants

the steadiness & consci
entiousness of his char.
acter both have & during
his career in London
He is a Wesleyan &
a consistent one, with
the objectionable characte
istics of that body
& Mr, I am persuaded,
will in with the ways
of the Retreat Excellently
He had not intended
to apply tho I spoke to
him of his interests
only such a short time
if in any case -
However if this lack
goes seriously upon his
mind, it will
be better for him not
to apply under his ci
cumstances. For -
2: He goes up to his
M.B. exam. in a few
days - & this raises the
other difficulty. if
it Mr be needful
for him to present

himself on a day
wh. falls in the
period of the Exam.
He could not have
finished this till the
17th (inclusive). He
could recommence
come over for the 13th
but it wd not be
worth for him to do this
if he had only a
poor chance of success
on account of the
first objection.
He is now in R.C.S.
& is abt 25. and
has worked most
successfully - being
twice promoted in
his profession.
He was pupil to a
med. practitioner at
Inhumette of wh. he is
a native - & my son
was his fellow pupil
& I have known him
for years - & adhered

P. S. Having mentioned Wayne & Watson in my last letter, I should add that I should wish to have the Slightest Shade of choice in my Choice between the Three —

(on my part)
of the Retreat, asked him to write them enclosed application — He has to get his Testimonials and as the time is so short now, I am afraid he may not be able to get a proper time But any defect herein will certainly

not be from reluctance on the part of his former Teachers to supply them - as his character is Esteemed by all who know him —

Could you kindly tell me what is the latest day we should be allowed to enter upon his duties?

If you can find time for an early reply to my enquiries I shall be glad - as I should wish to leave his mind free from the subject, if he honestly think he has not a very good chance -

Yours very truly
D. H. Tuke

Darlington 11. Nov 1880

Dear Friend,

Dr Baker,

It is possible we may bring F. Yarnold to morrow afternoon (12[2]) by train due York 3.53. He must be arranged for at the lowest rate as he has not means - and in his present state, being unconscious for half the time where he is, the part of the Institution in which he is will not signify

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He is worse than when I wrote last & all seem now satisfied that he must come to you.

I am with love

Thine Sincerely

Samuel Hare