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Nr. Helmsley.
Sep. 30/98.

Dear Dr,

Mrs Drury & I want to go up to York this week to do some shopping & I think you must have come back by

This time I am
writing to ask which
day will be most
convenient for you
to see us—

With kind regards,

I am
sincerely
Amelia Grace—

43 Hoghton Street
Southport
Octr 9th 1878

Wm Bowen
Dear Sir

Mr Coventry wishes me to tell you he has not yet heard from Dr Baker.
I do wish he would write as I assure you it makes Mr C. quite poorly with anxiety
He has had a visit

Dear Dr Fletcher
this afternoon which
pleased him very much
He is about the same
as when you were
here, but the weather
is so bad he cannot
get out. He desires
to be kindly remembered
to all, with kind regards
I remain
Yours Respectfully
Lydia Chandler

MEMORANDUM.

From H. L. Pollard,
99, KIRKGATE,
Leeds.

9 Mo 30th 1878

To Robt Baker
York

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Dr Friend

Enclosed is a Cheque on Leeds Borough Bank for Nine Pound & 11.

From thy sincere friend
H L Pollard

£9. 0. 11

P.S It wonderful how my poor dr wife holds out.

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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Charges to pay £.....s.....d.

YORK STATE OCT 18 9100 D

Handed in at the ~~Headingley~~ *Office at* 7.4 P.M., *Received here at* 7-19 P.M. Delivering Office.

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From

F. Dunsford
Headingley
Leeds

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

please send form for filling up by tonights post I will see you about ten in the morning

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From

To

Hunslet Leeds
Oct 18 78

Honored Sir I return
You my most sincere
thanks for the kindness
of thinking about me
has regards Head Carpenter
and would have been if the
Wages had been a trifle
more has I have now
35s per Week and the
House rent but I will

contrive to come and
see you Tomorrow Saturday
if you should have a
few minutes to spare
as I could have had a
little Talk about the
Situation and other things
I remain your most
humble Servent
James Smith
No 2 Balm Road
Hunslet Leeds

I shall leave Leeds
by the One Forty
Train

79 Newman Street
Oxford St. London
18 Oct. 1878.

Dear Sir,

I Enclose Cheque value £14. 3. 2 for Board & Residence in respect of Kath. Miles to 30th Sept. last, the receipt of which be pleased to acknowledge.

I return the Enclosed Statement as I presume You have sent it in Error, this being the last

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Remittance due from
me in accordance
with my previous
correspondence on
the subject.

Yrs faithfully.

Theodore Mills

P.S. Please note that
I have left Eltham
my address being now
as given above.

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York.

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Oct. 19. 1878

Dear Dr Browne,

During my seven years in York, I have been accustomed to give an annual Conversazione to the Members of two of our Societies, and to a considerable number of our circle of acquaintance in York & district.

The first one, was,

I believe, inaugurated shortly after my visit to one of your Conversaziones at Wakefield, & the whole arrangement was very much modelled upon the system you used so successfully to carry out.

I write to ask you if you would kindly arrange to give the lecture for us this year, and if so, if you would

Say what date, either towards the middle of November, or the beginning of December, would suit your other arrangements.

I should of course be happy to leave the choice of a subject entirely to you. But as our Visitors are ladies as well as gentlemen, some scientific subject popularly treated, is most suitable.

It occurred to me that your Lecture on "Mental dietetics" would be very suitable.

I enclose you a card of our last Conversazione for inspection, but please return it, as it is the only one I have left. Yours faithfully

H. Baker.

Wm. Weatherill
respectfully informs
the Secretary to the
Retreat that the Goods
named in the enclosed
invoice were sent to
John Cassons in Castlegate
this morning carriage Paid
per Leavening Carrier

Leavening 10/21/1898

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York City and County Banks

York 21st Oct. 1878

Dear Sir,

I have to debit the "Retreat a/c" with the enclosed cheque for £25 received from you on the 18th inst. and to return it to you as it is sent back to us marked "No account."

Be good enough to send us when convenient a cheque on the Retreat a/c in lieu of it —

Yours truly

W. Morrell

Genl. Mngr

Mr. J. E. Wood
The Retreat

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Brighton Rd. Bristol
October 21st 1878

Dear Sir

My very old & valued
friend Mr. Robt. Wilmott
of Compton Bishop, Somerset.
who has his Son under
your Care at the Friends'
Retreat, York. has just
called on me to ask you
by letter, if he could go

but if he puts in an appearance at your Establishment - I trust it may be allowed, as Dr. Wilmot is a Man of Warm, kind temper & Mercy & is most anxious to see his afflicted Child. An Answer by return will oblige Yours Truly

P. Church Rodgers
Sh. N. C. S. Fe

Jas. Truscott & Son, London

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Dated Stamp of Delivering Office.

CLERK MICKLE OC 23 1882

Handed in at the Lancaster Office at 2 no/ .M., Received here at 3 .M.

From	To
Engledue Pride aux Lancaster	Dr Baker The Retreat York

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Received letter This morning fully intended to stay three weeks will return today

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(Charges to pay 2s. ..... d.

No. of Message.

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To

From

GISBOROUGH,
YORKSHIRE.

26th Oct 1878

Rev D. P. Baker

The two Brothers &
Miss Nightingale will call
upon you on Wednesday
next respecting the admission
of their sister into your
Retreat

If you will not hear from me
write by return. If I do
not hear from you I will
expect them & call upon you
on the 30th - afternoon

Sam
Faithfully
A. Merrymeather

Memorandum.

Oct 28 1878

FROM

T. I. Critchley.
Family Draper & Silk Mercer.
Brook Street, Ilkley.

To. Mr Wards

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I have great pleasure in forwarding patts of Materials for Both Aprons, there are other materials used but no thing so Serviceable as enclosed patts, I do not Keep any other as this Answers my purpose best.
Trusting to be favord with your order,

I remain &c
pro T. I. C. Geo Brown

Congresbury 23/10/78

My Dear friend

I shall thank thee to let me know directly it is prudent for me to see Frederic

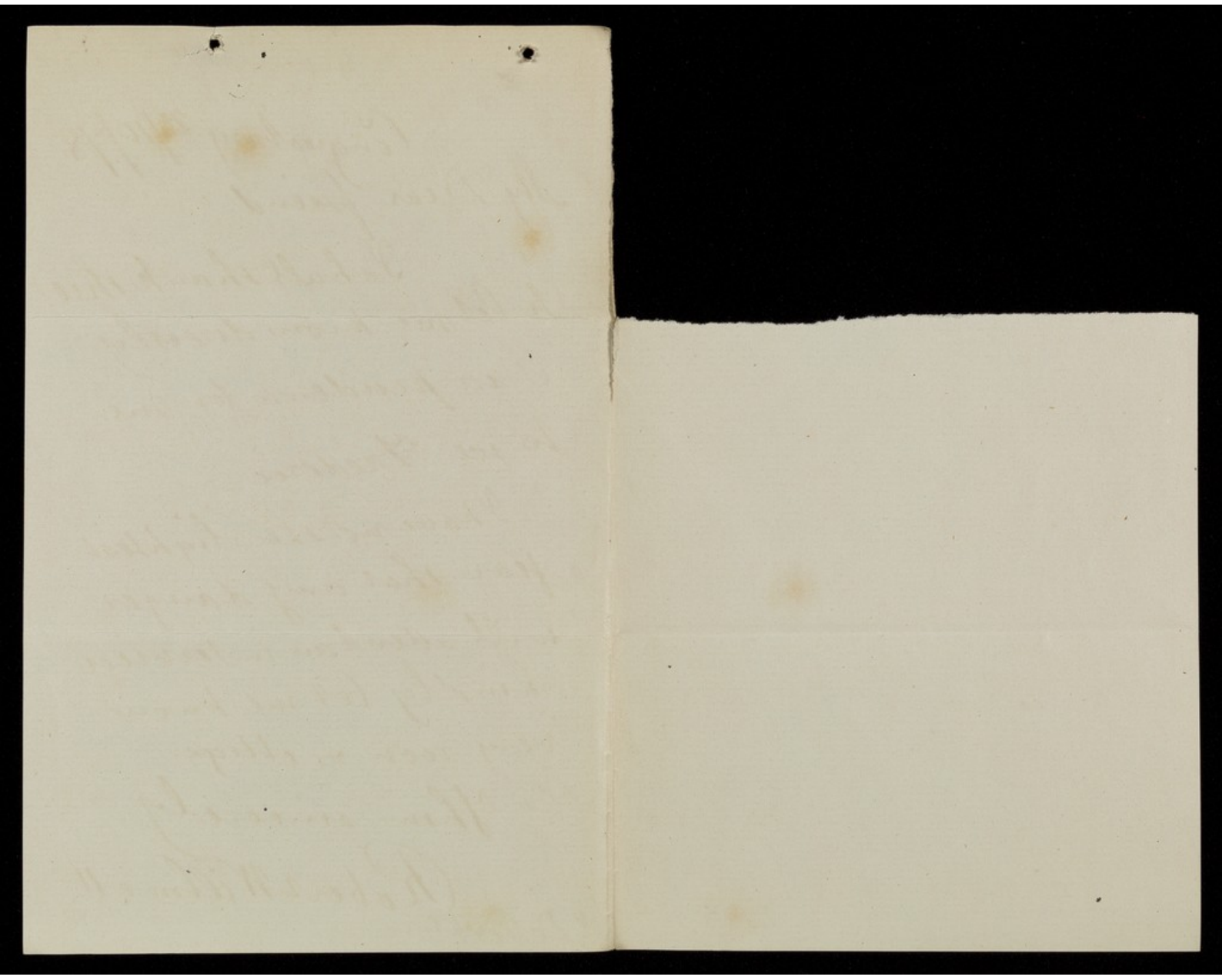
I have not the slightest fear that any danger will attend an interview kindly let me know very soon to oblige

Thine sincerely

Robert Willmott

Dr. Baker

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Hotel Hemptead
10th mo 24th 1870.

My dear Friend

I enclose cheque
value 25£ which
please acknowledge
and return the
other - and believe
me sincerely
Thine
S. S. Fuller

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Hillcrest
South Milford
Oct 28th 74

My Dear Sir,

I hope you will excuse the liberty I took on Saturday when I left my watch for examination, in order that my professional friend or friends could find out what is the matter with my dear wife, both of which I shall appreciate as they have been a source of comfort to me through many sleepless hours - I am also grateful for your kindness in telling me how you

Thursday the Medical faculty would meet on July 1st to consult about her health.

Thanking you Sir

Yours faithfully

Beaumont Thompson

Hull, 28 Oct 1878.

We have received from ROTTERDAM

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DBY
19 / Case Bulbs

which we forward to your address per N.C.R

Carriage paid.

W. & C. L. RINGROSE.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.





Rob.t Barker Esqr MD

The Retreat

York

Isle Wood
Oct 28 1848

Mr Wood

Dear Sir

will you please ask

Doctor Either Dr Baker or Dr

Rideaus to write by Return

and say how Father is

getting on and if it will

be wise for us to write to

Him

I Remain

Yours Truly

Ruell Rug

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16 Park Place
Leeds
25th Oct. 1878

My dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for your prompt reply to my telegram, and for sparing me an attendant for a few days. — I do not yet know if it will be

needful to remove
my patient from home,
but I shall be glad
if you will let me
know your terms for
receiving patients -

I am, my dear Sir
Very truly yours
S. H. Ramsbotham

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Leeds Office at 8/50 a.m., Received here at 8/54 a.m.

From

Dr Ramsbotham
16 Park Place
Leeds

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Can you send me a male attendant capable of managing a refractory patient
reply paid -

Reply paid

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Charges to pay £.....s.....d.

Handed in (Time and Date)

Office at

Received (Time and Date)

No. Delivering Office

To

From

Woodhouse 29/10 - 1878.

Esteemed Friend
R Baker

I should be much obliged to thee, if thou will kindly inform me how my Mother is, that is as regards her bodily health, and her mental condition also, as we have not heard for some time.

I am
Thy Friend
Mary Le Tall

I enclose a letter for Mother which I will thank thee to hand to her if desirable.

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Craigallt
Keattle Oct. 1878.

Mrs Struvé presents her compliments to Dr. Baker and begs to forward herewith a cheque for £206-7-3 being the amount due on Lady Mackenzie's account with The Retreat up to 30th December 1878.

Mrs Struvé would be obliged if Dr. Baker would furnish her with further details of the items

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disbursements. It would appear that this item has increased since the beginning of 1878, and as there is a fixed and limited sum allowed for Lady Mackworth's maintenance it is very necessary that care should be taken by the trustees that this sum is not being exceeded.

The account in payment of which the enclosed cheque is forwarded, would appear to extend over three quarters, the first of which was apparently £61-1-4, and the other two exceed £72-0-0. each.

If this is to continue, reference must be made to the Court of Chancery as the funds allowed for Lady Mackworth's maintenance will be insufficient

I have been had a letter from my sister since she has left here

Oct. 30th "/78

Dear Sir,

Do you think Miss H. Cooke would like to come here to stay for a month or two? It is late in the season for the Country but I have been much from home lately I thought if the

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Did not mind the
cold the change of
air might be beneficial
to her, however you
can consult with her
and let me know
The attendant must
of course bring her
Hoping Mrs Foster is
well and that you
are all well

I am dear Sir
Yrs very truly
Miss Cooke
Carnarvon Hall
Nr Workington
Cumberland

an early answer
will oblige

Huddersfield
Nov^r. 1. 1878

To D^r Baker

Sir

I enclose you twenty pounds on account, and am sorry I cannot send the whole amount this quarter but shall endeavour to do my best the next. Your acknowledgement will oblige me.
I shall be very glad to know how my Daughter is, hoping for a more favourable answer
I remain Sir

Yours respectfully

Jane Bates

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Yours Obediently
William Longe

Rockside.
Matlock Bridge,
Nov. 1st/78.

Dr. Baker.
Sir,

Wm. Procter has received permission from his brother, to attend service on Sundays at a Catholic place of worship: will you please let me know by return of post, whether this has your sanction or not.
Wm. Procter has made the acquaintance of a Methodist

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minister. a Mr. Summersides
of Ambergate: Mr. P. has
been there twice for tea, should
I encourage his going there?
I have been with him on both
occasions, but not in the house.
Mr. Procter thinks there is no
necessity for me to accompany
him: of course I took no notice
of what he said.
Mr. P. has been talking about
Catholicism, very much this
past week, at table.

Yrs affn.

46 Charlotte St.
Bedford Sq
Nov 6. 1878.

Dear Dr. Baker,

In case you have any occasion to write to me in the course of a few days, please address care of E. L. Gibson Saffron Walden Essex.
I go there tomorrow afternoon & return on Tuesday afternoon. but I could return earlier if there were any occasion.

Yours truly
D. H. Tuke

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Cameron Hall
Nov. 1st 1870

Dear Dr Baker

In answer to
your letter of this
morning I shall be
ready to receive any
Sister on Wednesday
the 5th of November
I trust we may have
some fine Weather

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Dear Mother

I am sorry my
Sister has been ill
but I hope change
of air may do her
health good

I am Yr truly
E Cooke

I do not know
by what train my
Sister will arrive

Albion Place. Sunderland
Nov[r] 1. 1873.

Dear Sir.

The wife of Mr Joseph Speciale. of this town has for several years suffered from Chronic Mania: She has not. as yet, shewn any dangerous tendencies: but at times, has delusions which make her very irritable and difficult to manage. — She is about 65 years of age and is under the charge of her husband and a confidential servant — It has been suggested

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that a consultation with you would be desirable, in order to determine whether, removal to the York Retreat would be of benefit to the patient, and if not, arrangements could be made, at home, for her safe charge and improvement.

Would you kindly inform me if you visit patients, under these circumstances and what would be the amount of your fee for such visit.

Yours faithfully

C. W. Roots.

Supert. of York Retreat.

Northumberland County Asylum.

Morpeth, 2nd November 1878.

Dear Sir,

As I am at present engaged in Asylum Statistics, you will indeed greatly oblige me by letting me have a copy of your report for the years 1865. 6. 70. 1. 4.

I am
Yours faithfully
Jno Dorrall

Dr. R. Baker.

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82 Heywood St
Moss side
Manchester 2/12/1878

Dear Friend

Enclosed I send
Cheque £14 16 9 & P.O Order
£3 9 3 which together make
the amount of Quarterly
account I am pleased to
hear a good report of my dear
Husband. With kind regards

Thy Friend
M Reynolds.

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L. H. Baily Esqre
Allerton Hale
Wr Liverpool
Nov. 2. 1878

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for kindly sending me the items of the disbursements. I have no fault to find with any of them. & it was not on that account I referred to the large amount. I knew my Brother required the clothes. & I wished him

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to have them. The
visit to Scarborough
was mine & Jennie
than I expected.
but if he enjoyed it
& it did him
good - I am quite
satisfied. but as
I said in my letter
after the lawyers
deductions I only get
about £140 a year.
so - & I have to
make up the
difference & it is an
that account I must
save other incomes to be kept
as low as can be.
but but his Beer
& Potter - a sudden
Anything - that
is really a Gamble
& with kind regards
Believe me
Yours very truly
Sarah Caldwell

3, STUDLEY TERRACE,

MOSS LANE EAST,

Manchester, Nov. 3rd 1878

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

Sometime ago
I wrote you to kindly send me
the A/c for Funeral expenses &c
against the late Ann Mottrams
Estate. As the time has
arrived for the payment of Legacy
duties &c I shall be very much
obliged if you will let me have
the A/c not later than Wednesday
morning next.

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If you should not be able to
furnish me with it will you
kindly say Probable amount
as I wish to be able to deduct
the same from the valuation
of her estate.

Your Friend Sincerely

Henry Woodhead

which may be
interesting to
Gordon

Love Dearie
Yr truly
Margaret Ogilvie

3. 11. 78

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Nr Saxmundham.

Dearie.

I have packed up the books Jim Gordon has asked for & shall forward with the 4 copies of the Church book which

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I believe is not in the Library I am informed in the future that books are sent desired I will order them from another bookseller as my husband thinks the plan should be taken between us and I am sure Stock –

The newspaper which the books are sent contains a paragraph (marked)

that thou should have been required by Father to write so unnecessarily often, as we have felt sure that he has been kindly cared for.

I am with kind regards
Thy Friend Sincerely
Robt. Kingston Willmott

to
D. Bake,
Friends' Retreat. near York,

times when he is not accountable

Congresbury,
Somerset.
11mo 3rd. 78.

Dear Friend,

A letter from thee to my father, Robert Willmott, arrived a few days ago, stating that next 4th or 5th day would be suitable for him to call at the Retreat & see my brother Frederic.

I do not know what was written by my father in reply, but I have heard that this morning he received a note from thee saying that he could fetch my brother home on 3rd day next. I think I ought to let thee know the facts of the case, so that thou may see the unsuitability of his returning unless convalescent.

We have noticed for some time, with apprehension, the failing state of father's health, both physical & mental, & there are

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times when he is not accountable for his actions: the desire to have my brother from the Retreat has become a mania with him.

The only other inmates of my father's household are my mother (who is extremely delicate & suffers from attacks similar to Frederic's) & my two sisters, neither of whom are strong;- the younger, who suffers from Paralysis of the left arm, has just returned from the National Hospital for Paralysis, Bloomsbury, only slightly benefitted, - no servant is kept.- By this thou will see that there is nobody able to take care of anyone whose mind is deranged. Although Father thinks himself able to take charge of Frederic, we know from what transpired before he went to the Retreat, that nobody could be more unsuitable, & he is less able now than he was then.

As for myself, I live near, but am closely occupied in business - besides having the care of my own family.

Father's pressing for Frederic's return has been kept secret from everyone but himself (till he mentioned it this evening to Mother) knowing that it would meet with entire disapproval from friends of this meeting who have the case in charge - & from all concerned. To-morrow I will acquaint friends of the step Father intends to take. I am sorry to have found it necessary to write so long a letter, but felt it only right to do so, that thou may know how to act as to my brother leaving the Retreat. We have felt it very kind of thee to send such frequent reports of Fred'c's state of health, & have been grieved

Monday Evening

Dear Doctor

Enclosed is a letter for Father with your permission, we think he is gradually improving, we had hoped to have done with the Trustee business by this, hope we shall be able to say so next time we write, there is now, really nothing for him to trouble about.

We thank you for your

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kindness, in writing to us
on Saturday, we were very
glad also to have one from
Father,

I am Yours
very Sincerely
A. F. Briggs

Dear Sir

There is some little confusion in our accounts and I shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform when and in what form you send our account for due the 31st March last

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Bank
John Watsons Sons.

J. P. M.

Post Office

The Bons Mellon
4/11/1878

Dear Friend

If fifth day next will suit thy convenience I purpose accompanying my wife to consult thee professionally - at the new Station Hotel at 12-30 - an answer will oblige

Thy Friend
J H Mums

Robert Baker MD —

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duty of not bringing Fred
away unless with they full
& free accord. Cousin Robert
W. is now very nearly 69
years of age & I fear any
prognosis of his mental
condition in future must need
be unfavourable

Trusting thou will not deem
this an improper interference
I remain
thy friend truly,
John Lovell

P.S. On my way to Col. Robt
Willmott's I called on my bro-
in law Wm Gregory, of Yatton, the
principal overseer in the Preparative
Meeting, who knows R. W's
state & circumstances better than
almost any one. He authorises
me to say that his judgment is
strongly against Fred. Willmott's
return home at this time.
duty of not bringing Fred.

12 Herbert Terrace
Clevedon nr Bristol
4. Xi. 1878

Dear Dr Baker,

Understanding
that my poor dear Cousin
Robt Willmott has been &
remains in a very excited
state as to his son Frederick
now in your Retreat, it seems
right that I should give thee
my decided judgment on the
question of the latter's return
home at present. I fully
believe that if rightly in-
formed as to the state of
things at R. W's parents, they
would not see the great im-
propriety, & probably, serious
danger of his return there.
His father Robt Willmott

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his father (Robt Wilmot) is, if one can trust the indications of his conduct, for the past few weeks especially, very near the dividing line between sanity & insanity – if indeed, he has not already crossed it. His poor wife (Isabella's mother) has long suffered from epileptic fits & the continued excited conduct of her husband, in addition to what she wants thro't on Isabella's ap, is much aggravating her state. It is my belief that if the latter is allowed to return, she cannot fail to grow worse & her death will be, if not occasioned, at least very much expedited by the step.

Two invalid, or at best very feeble daughters (as to health) are of course not to be looked to as competent to cope with their father & brother, & the weight will fall, I fear, with crushing effect on the mother of the family.

Not a single member or relative of the family would, I believe, approve of Robt Wilmott's return until quite sure. Even in the latter case, his father's state & way of going on would soon, I fear, produce a relapse —

R.W. talks of going to York to-morrow. I am intending to see him previously, & urge him with the absolute

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BRK-MICKLEGATE P NO 5

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From	To
R. K. Willmott Congresbury near Bristol	Dr Baker Friends Retreat near York

Father promised before leaving not to remove frederic without your full consent should he insist on removing him detain him a day and let us Know

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To

From

Congressbury
Somerset.
5/XI/1878.

Dear Friend,

I was extremely kind of thee to send a telegram this morning. Father seemed decided, before he started to do nothing precipitately, & promised to abide by they judgment; — but in case he should change, & determine to remove Frederic, I should think it a great favor if thou would detain him. Let me know & I would proceed to York at once. —— A most cheerful letter was received from Fredc this morning, after Father left. Thine Sincerely

Robt K. Willmott.

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West View House,
Bishopthorpe Road.

York.

Oct 6th/78.

My dear Sir/

I very much regret that I shall not be in York on Friday next, therefor cannot avail myself of your very kind invitation.

— I am a member of a Company of Amateur Christy's Minstrels, & if you like we should be very glad to give You a night's entertainment sometime during the winter

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at any date you could
arrange before Christmas

Again thanking you
Dear Mr Lee
Yours sincerely
Geo. W. Brown.

P. Baker. Esq.

Eden Branch

Steam

November 6th/98

Dear Dr Baker

My Father wishes
to write again to ask
if my dear Brother requires
any more Castor Oil
for Hunter near
Penrith - if so he
just begs to send them
from home he
should just observe
if you should let

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as Brown as Sarah
is convenient — Mrs.
Jewett heard that
Mr Carson Mr Nicolas Wright
had called to see my
Uncle Walter & he did
not notice him that
he did not hear
of it he did not
seem him for
some time
He stop to hope
for a change for
the better — my
Father kept sinking

Jesse answers indeed
he did. I also
have an old Mrs Sills
Bible to read — trouble
he takes to please
to Jesse as I am as
in my power to relieve
Just Sincerely
Mary Wright

Rockside.
Matlock Bridge
Nov. 7th 78.

D.r Baker.

Sir.

Yours of the 5th Inst.
duly to hand. In reply
I beg to say that I will give
it my best attention.
I have nothing further to
report this week. Than that
we are both very comfortable
I remain.
Yours faithfully
William Sowge.

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DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE,
SOLICITORS.

Scarborough.

6 Nov 1878

Dear Sir/

Mr Robson the owner will sell the 2 semi detached villas on the South Cliff for £3000 furnishing them for habitation for this sum — He wishes to sell not to let. The 3 houses of our Mr Wade's in the valley are offered at £4500 perhaps a slight — reduction might be obtainable on the latter

We have not ascertained the desired information yet as to the 2 houses in North Marine Road but will write again as soon as we do so

Yours truly

Drawbridge & Rowntree

Robert Baker Esq
The Retreat
York

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45 Warner Road
Camberwell
7.11.78

Dear Friend
Joseph Scarboro

Some months past thou wrote me saying that in consequence of the placing of the Tomb stones over the graves in the Friends Burying ground being under consideration of the Monthly Meeting - my late Brother's Stones had not yet been placed but thou would write me when so done I have not since heard from thee as to the result and as my sons with myself wish to know whether such has now been completed - I hope thou will kindly let me know at thy early convenience

With love
Thy friend
Isaac Sanders

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P.S. It may be that some of my family may have to stay at York on their way to or from Darlington & may visit my Brothers from

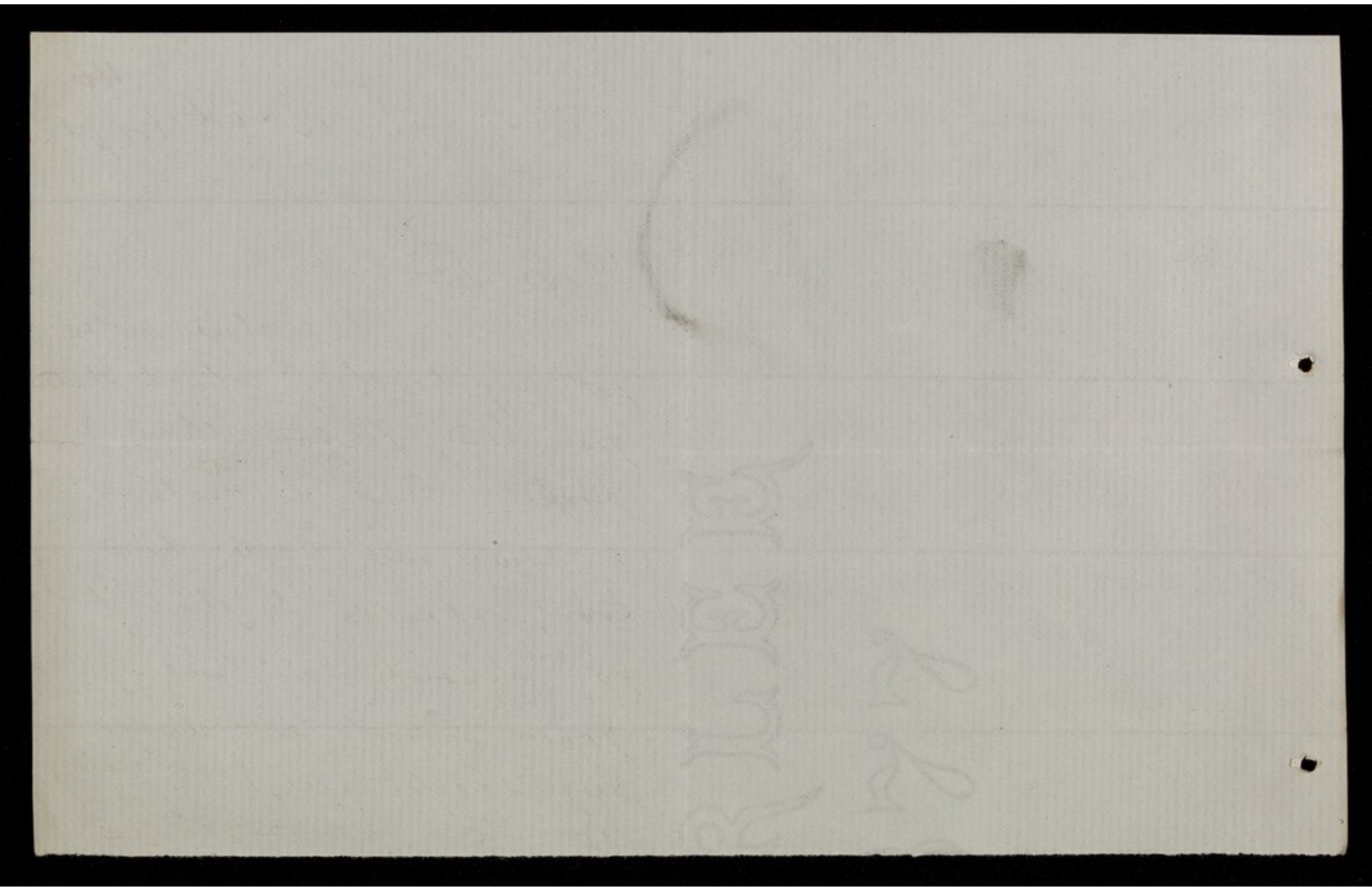
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Leeds 8th Nov 95.

Dear Sir,

I enclose notes for my brother which please give him, if you think proper. Can I venture to come over to see him soon, should be glad if you could appoint a time, Yours respects are always very acceptable, Yours respy,

Alfred Brooke



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De Grey House,
St Leonards, York.

Dear Sir

We much regret that a previous engagement prevents us from accepting your kind invitation for this Evening. Mr Draper desires me to say how

that we shall be very
pleased to help you
on some future
occasion -
With kind regards I
remain, sincerely yours
Katharine Pope

Nov. 8th -

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Newcastle
Nov. 6. 11 A.M.

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Much obliged
by yours rec'd this
morning - The letters
you speak of were
not enclosed - I
shall write again
after I hear rec'd.

Yours Truly
Henry Proctor

Wm Almond
Pleasants
nr Helmsley -
Nov. 7/78.

Dear Dr -,

As I believe
it will be five weeks
on Sat. since we
were in York I am
writing to ask you
if you can see us

one day next week
it seems about time
to be going over
again - I think
I am better than
when I saw you last
but not quite right
yet -

With kind regards
I am
very sincerely
Amelia Grace

directly to my Aunt, as we do not know what effect such intelligence may have upon her —

We wish you to act upon your own discretion in breaking the news to her as may appear desirable & when you have done so, we shall be glad to hear so that we may write to my Aunt —

I should mention that it is not my Aunts' mother who is dead but my Grandmother on my Mothers side, who has been living with us —

I am
yours very truly
Rich^d B Hopkins

The Mount
Malton
Yorks
November 6th. 1878

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker

I am deeply sorry to have to inform you of the death of my dear Grandmamma.

She has been confined to bed a fortnight with bronchitis, but it was only yesterday that we realised that her end was so near —

She died early this morning and suffered very little, if at all, in her last Moments —

I have been desired by my Parents to write to you instead of

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JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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From	To
Mrs Shelton Hemel Hempstead Herts	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Your kind letter received please write by return stating exact condition and if you think she would know any of us many thanks for your kind attention.

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FROM

TO

(Copy)

Henwood Cottage
Sharrow
Sheffield
Nov 5th /78

Mr. Wood

Dear Sir,

I write to say that my Sister Mrs Armstrong received your letter this morning & regrets that the state of her health prevents her from travelling at present, She came to live with me a few weeks since & we were obliged to have medical advice, her heart being affected and she being subject to fits. If it will be any satisfaction to the Manager of the Retreat I will meet Mr. Baker on Friday morning instead of my sister, when some arrangement might be made for the discharge of the Debt

I am dear Sir
Yours truly
"Mary Wilford"

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12, Pavement,
York.

Jan. 6th 1875

Dear Sir,

I send you annexed copy of a letter I have received from Wm. Telford, Wm. Armstrong's Solicitor, this morning. I have written to him in reply, saying I shall be glad to see him here on Friday morning to meet you. It appears to me desirable I have an interview with him first, & could then judge whether it would be necessary to see Wm. Armstrong personally. If you are aware of any reason why Wm. Telford should not come over please let me know in the morning & I will telegraph to him to stop him coming.

Yours faithfully
J. H. & J. K. Howard

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

80 Upper Fulton St
Nov. 6. 1875

Dear Sir

I enclose the cheque due for Emily M. Bryant's account, I should have so done ere this but I hoped to have her completed account returned as an authority for collecting some dividends due thereon for which I have to make an affirmation in Chancery case, but we have had only very cold winds & weather for some weeks past & I now think I must give up venturing on so cold an office this year. I am yours truly

Lydia Rickman

to D. Baker

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H^r RICHARDSON & C^o
MERCHANTS.

Skeldergate Postern.

York, 11 month 8 1878

To My dear Dr^r Baker

I saw Jos^h Backhouse & talked to him about the Conversazione but find it is doubtful whether he will be at home at the time. Further than this he has some thoughts of preparing a paper upon ancient Stone implements & also bones of the same periods & therefor with the prospect of this he would rather not show them at the Conversazione. He thinks that to show them without clear information about them would not amount to much -

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I am very glad he thinks of writing a paper upon them & after this of course I felt we could not press him.

I do not at the moment think of anything to suggest in the place but if I should I will communicate with you

Yours very truly

J. W. Proctor

4 GREAT GEORGE STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
S.W.

rel.
20 Carlton Hall
Nov. 9. 1878

D^r Baker

Nov.

Dear Sir

I forward today some 4 books that have been sent us from Sydney belonging to my brother. Will you kindly let him have them on receipt.

Yours faithfully
A. G. Osborne

The Burn Matter
8/11/78

Dear Doctor

We forward the bottle the contents are very unusual in colour owing we suppose either from the action of an aperient or the fatigue and excitement of the journey.

Yesterday Tues.

R Bakewell. I H Sparks

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Rochdale.
Nov. 5th 1878

Dear Sir,

I expect to be in York on Thursday, the 7th inst. with Mrs Kitty, Mrs Coventry's sister-in-law, & Mr Coventry wishes to call on Mrs Coventry. Mrs Merdy, having thought on this may further matter, so kindly do not mention it to Mrs Coventry in case anything should alter our plans & prevent us calling. I merely write so that you may give instructions for us to see Mrs Coventry in case you are not at home on Thursday—

Mr Coventry is with me at present & desires his kind regards to you—

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Arthur Bowen

F. Baker Esq
The Retreat York.

28. Victoria St
Manchester
8/11/78

Dear friend
D. Baker

Early next week
we propose to call in med
ical advice in a painful
case - and we wish to be
prepared with the necessary
Certificates to enable
us to carry out our intention
if they seem warranted
by examination. I am
writing to my aunt Kate
Woodhead to ask her, as

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She knows all or most of the particulars of the case - to explain from me, that I may be spared going into details in a letter. I should be glad therefore to receive as early as possible all necessary papers. I am

With love

Thy friend sincere

S. Benn Woodhead

Please direct the papers to 1 Heywood St. Cheetham Manchester

WESTWOOD,
SCARBOROUGH.

11/6 1878

My dear friend

I ought to have informed you that for the present, it is decided to make some changes, & for my sister to remain where she is a while longer — additional assistance will be obtained

W Wood (when it came to it) seemed to have some difficulty in bringing

his mind to the change proposed, although he quite feels that removal to the Retreat may be the best, & a necessary step after a while

This transition step seemed to be a relief to W's mind, & I did not wish to press the other at present

I am Sincerely
Thy friend
W Tallcott

I hope Mrs D keeps better —

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Ebor Villa,
Bath.

Dear Doctor 7/11/78

I have been prevented going to look after the omnibus by a heavy cold which was increased by the journey down. I had arranged to go with Sam yesterday morning, but felt too unwell to venture on a 2½ hr. railway ride, followed by 5 miles in an open conveyance. I am much better to-day, but Sam cannot go with me till Monday, when we hope to be able to see Rev. Fish. This delay will prevent my getting home at the time proposed

& if you really desire my presence at the next Committee, perhaps it had better be held in usual course. in the mean time I hope that Mr Bowater & Mr Eaton will run over to Scarborough & form their own opinion.

Unless something unforeseen happen to prevent I intend to be home on 7th day week.

I remain very truly

W Pumphrey

23 Red Lion Square
London W.C.
5 Nov.r 1878

Dear Sir

Your recent communications with Mrs. Struvé in reference to Lady Mackworth's expenses have been forwarded to us as acting professionally in the Estate. During previous years the total expenses incurred on Lady Mackworth's behalf in your establishment, including all disbursements, does not appear to have exceeded £250 per annum, of which £218.8.0 represents the fixed payment. — In your letter to Mrs. Struvé of the 31st ult.o, after giving explanations of the extra expense of the last two quarters, you say, — "I will take care that the amount for the future shall "not exceed £10 per quarter." — In several previous years the disbursements did not exceed £25 per ann.m — some explanation should be given why they are now increased; and we think some caution should

be observed also, in regard to making presents to servants. You will remember also that last July we wrote to you on the subject of an account which appeared to be erroneous, and that you returned us on the 20th of that month a corrected account. — We find that last month Wm Struvé remitted you £206 . 7 . 3 in discharge of an account, subsequently rendered, as we assume, to her. It is not clear to us how far this last account tallies with the corrected one referred to, nor is it intelligible why the £17 . 9 . 6 for disbursements can have been ascertained in advance, as would appear to us to be the case. Perhaps you will kindly explain this for the information of the family. —

We remain
Your obed.t servants
Bridges Lawton Heywood

D.r Baker
The Friend's Retreat
near York

3 Abbey Lane
Saffron Walden
Essex
12. XI. '78

My dear D. Baker

I little thought, when hastily passing thro' York nearly two months ago, to enter upon what I hoped would prove a good & permanent position that I should so soon be laid low with return of severe nervous illness. It is chiefly the result of anxiety & overwork during the past summer, but coming on at this most unfavorable season, I may be long unable to throw it off.

This part of Essex proves a very cold one & I already feel it much, so powerless the circulation become, whilst disturbed nights result in so worsened a condition of the head that mental ability is growing weaker daily I fear.

Enquiring after lodgings in the country & in more sheltered districts I have

heard of Several, but altho' unequal to company, an isolation in small rooms would cause the mind to dwell inevitably on self, to the increase of depressing feelings.

Owing to my poverty — I have not been making a living for many years past — I could not enter such an establishment as yr. brother in law's but if I could obtain comfortable lodgings near the Retreat, you would be able to see & treat me in a satisfactory manner. From your experience in my poor Sister's & no doubt many another analogous case of nervous depression, I have confidence in yr. ability to alleviate my suffering brain & debility. In former attacks I have found the different medical men I was led to consult, unable to understand the case & merely experimented upon me.

Awaiting to hear from you as early as possible

I remain

Yours truly

H. Lee Pattison

Robt. Barker Esq.D.

The Retreat

Sherburn
E. R. York.

Dear Sir,

I wrote a few lines to my Sister a week ago last Friday and feel disappointed not to have had any reply from her - I think there could be nothing in what I said to agitate her much & shall be very greatly obliged

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if you will kindly inform me how she received my letter — I will enclose a few lines to her in this, will leave it open for your inspection so that you may judge whether it be advisable to give it to her or not, as I do not wish to put any subject before her that may disturb her — I shall also be obliged if you will write me the proper address for the Commissioners, I think you said 25, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

With Kind regards

I am

Yours Truly

Lucy A. Higginson

— Baker, Esq

York.

Hemel Hempstead
11th mo 11th 1875

Dear Dr Baker.

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my telegram. I would have been with my Mother long before this, but having a young Baby entirely dependant upon me. I feel that it would not be right to take so long a journey with her and only hands

would be so sad.
that I could do so
little for her poor
darling - but should
the express any
wish the slightest
wish to see any of
us please telegraph
at once -
Does she mention
us in her talk? -
It does seem so
sad to think of her
dying quite away
from any. But
it is a circumstance
she always dreaded

so - I do not for
one moment
doubt but that
she has every care
& attention - and
you have my heartfelt
thanks - Do not let-
her want for any
thing that can
minister to her comfort
You will please let-
us hear daily of
her state -
I remain.
Yours sincerely
S. S. Mellor

I shall feel greatly
obliged if I can with-
out you.

I remain Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Blanchard Pinyard

Hillcrest
Forest Hill Road
Nov 11th 74

Dear Sir

I have been
anxiously looking for
some days for the letter
you kindly promised
me on the 1st Inst
that you would send
me your Report of
London, informing me of
the effects of my Visit
on my dear wife. If you
have it as by some
means you have mislaid

Newcastle
Nov. 4th 1845

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Johns letters to you duly received & carefully read. In your reply to him we are glad to see you encouraged him to look to joining his wife early next year, but he should like to know, (if you suggested his doing so at once, to him at Westbrook) how he took it? As he does not allude to this in his letter to you

Our Aunt presses for him to select his own future companion. As far as I can remember I think John has correctly rendered what I said to him, from his letters mentioning from time to time, his Sunday visits to Heaton with Mrs Hodgson, & also his having more than once alluded to Mr Hodgson's absences, confirms the statement with regard to Mr Hodgson that he now makes to you.

His acquaintance & faith in the R C doctrine & practices is evidently no passing fancy, & he expresses himself

very grateful for the liberty of Sunday attendance at St Louis. He seems conscious he did right & I hope will strictly follow your instructions. He has borne the disappointment of a further stay at Westlock manfully & almost without a murmur. I think it mistaken about the Roman Catholic Orphans He is a step too far one of Mothers Sisters.

I am rather reading a few days holiday, if you thought a few days outing each to Buxton, would be useful to Ethel, I would try & go with her instead of work & take some somewhere for a day or two.

Yours Truly

Mary Porter

asking you to write to her sister
to say that you approve of it.
I am trying if to get all her
needlework done as I think this
is the cause of her not being so
well and she does not help herself
I will not weld more as I shall
be seeing you probably one day
this week as Miss Grace seems
anxious to see you.

I Remain Sir,

Yours respectfully

F. L. Disney

P.S. Please do not let Miss Grace know
that I have written to you

Mercombe

Nr Helmsley

Sunday night

To Dr Baker,

Sir,

I had commenced a
letter to you ten days ago, but,
my time has been so completely
taken up with Miss Grace that
I have found it difficult to write
without her seeing me.

I must tell you that Miss Grace
has not been so well lately,
she sleeps but little, and is soon
fatigued on walking. We were at
Helmsley Church this morning.

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but, we were obliged to stand to rest several times on the way.

Miss Green's throat seemed much worse on Saturday there was a little blood on her handkerchief which has rather frightened her. I hear her gasping very much during the night, and she does not get much sleep in the day.

The secret of it all is, that there has been a great deal of needlework to be done besides her dress to make & bonnet to retrim. Which has worried her very much.

Miss Green has done her bonnet herself while I have been doing other things. but as she is very particular it is not easy to get it done quickly, and bend as well which she also seems anxious for me to do, as it is an effort to her to bend long continuously, before she complained of her chest, being weak it was her brain, and now it is both.

She seems anxious to remain longer at Helensburgh and talks of

Unthank P.O.
Norwich
10/11 Dec 78

Dear Friend

One of our members
(Jas Atherton) an inmate
of an "Old Mans Hospital"
has been certified to be
in a condition that
renders it needful that
he shd be placed in an
asylum - We are informed
that by one of the Medical
men that, he believes
it arises
from a tumour growing
on the brain -
We have to obtain
the approval of this Brother

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who resides opposite
away & shall probably
visit that home may be
received into the Retreat -
visit them kindly they
the terms of which he
could be taken - he
has some money in
the Savings Bank but
we do not know the
amt - after that is
expended the Mon
Meeting would no
doubt continue Pay-
ment -
He has been a Sub-
scriber under but
the last few yrs has
been comfortably pro-
vided for in the Orph
what is an Institution
for the maintenance of
needy persons of advanced
age - His age is abt
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I suppose you would
send a Car to take
Edward with them
in the event of this
going -
Yours truly
Hilary Brown

D D Bailey
York

Shipley
nr Huddersfield
11 mo. 11th 1878.

Dear friend
Dr. Baker,

Enclosed I hand
thee Cheque bk 10. 11. 2 in
payment of a/c sent herewith.
kindly ackno' receipt to
Thy friend truly
Samuel Bottomley.

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3 Atkinson St.
Dunsdale

Dear Dr. Baker,

It has been such a comfort to me. To receive your letters daily & I do most heartily thank you for your kind attention. I trust we shall have more cheering accounts of my poor husband ere long.

Yours most truly
M. Stockdale

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12. XI. 78

38 Oak Street
Manchester

Dr Baker
Dear Friend

Now dear
Child I'm sending
enclosed it is
in deep sorrow that
I have by direction
of Dr Raynor to
apply to thee for
the necessary papers
to fill up to enable
my youngest son
Frank to enter the

Rheat. He has very
unexpectedly during
the last week or
ten days shown
rapidly increasing
excitement & fear
it may be necessary
to come to you.
Awaiting to hear from
you per return that
you have room &
all necessary in
formation
From us both love
Yours truly
Lewis S. Knapp

Bookside
Matlock

Dear Dr. Baker Nov. 13/78.

I duly received yours of yesterday briefly intimating your wish that for the present only one Service per week should be attended at Hanley Church — We will of course carefully regard your instructions, hoping at the same time that increased liberty in the direction indicated will shortly be granted — As for a change of communion ship I

Can assure you of my prayers & well wishes —

Yours sincerely

John Potter

do not wish to press the matter unreasonably - but still hope that my suggestion contained in a previous note may meet with your sanction & approval -

I am as a most flourishing condition both bodily & mentally - & consider that at both these points my restoration may be safely pronounced as complete - A further stay at Matlock seems while perfectly needless in all cases, is perfectly agreeable to me - will no doubt still further reorganize the system & qualify me to engage in Commercial duties with increased diligence & application -

Having understood that Mr Tyng has written to you to report our progress only three days since I do not know that it will devolve upon me to add more on the present occasion - but thinking it best to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of Yesterday & Thursday I would at the same

The Brows Ilkley

13/11/1878

Dear Doctor

Since we came in York the swelling in the feet and ankles has considerably increased upwards - also the stiffness and uneasy sensation -

If you could prescribe at present any thing to alleviate I should feel much obliged and have it sent to Holden & Co Pavement to be made up and forwarded by Railway would be a great relief

Yours truly
J. H. Atkins

My last letter was addressed the "Mount" & went to my nephews -

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Hull Boro Asylum

November 13. 1878

Dear Dr Baker

Have you a vacancy for a nurse just now?. If so I can send you a girl in whom I am interested and who would make a very good nurse to look after a lady, being very gentle, soft voiced and kind- Lucie wife

further about her if you
require a nurse - I have
sent her to one private case
where she gave very great
satisfaction.

Believe me Yours very truly;

John A. Wallis.

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Nov. 14. 1894

My dear friend,

Very careful analyses of the samples of urine sent have been made. There is evidently not any progressive disease of the kidneys going on, although they are evidently not acting as efficiently as is desirable

I believe the condition of dropsy is owing to the condition of the heart: the poverty of the arterial circulation; with probably some degree of venous congestion. I enclose a prescription for a tonic diuretic, which I believe will be of service to your wife.

but I think it right plainly to say that she ought to be continuously under the watchful supervision of a regular Medical attendant: and I do not think she ought to take the Medicine I have prescribed without its effect being closely watched by your own doctor.

I should advise you to send for your own doctor - read him this letter, & place Mrs Hopkins under his care.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

T. Hopkins Esq. The Brows Malton.

No. 11. 78

℞

Tinct. Ferri Perchlor ℥ ii

Sp. Ether Nit ℥ fp

Tinct. Digitalis ℥

Syrup Simpl ℥ iv

Aq Dist. ad ℥ viii

M

Ft mist.

Sig

One tablespoonful

in Water three daily

Mrs Hopkins

Hemel Hempstead
11th and 13th 1878.

My dear D' Baker –

Thank you very much for so kindly writing to me about my poor mother and also it seems strange to say it – I hope you will not have to tax yourself for many days – poor dear she has been sore from us for – even so long. Still

I should like to see her & kiss her once more — I hope she does not suffer —

I remain.

Yours sincerely

S. S. Sullon

account for board, is
paid for up to Dec. 31. 78.

I have again to express
my regret that the disbursements
incurred for the quarter,
Mar. 30. to June 30, & for
the quarter June 30. to
Sept. 30, have been so
exceptionally great.

If you will name
a sum per quarter beyond
the £54.12.0 for board,
that may be expended
as disbursements, I will

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Nov. 11. 1878

Dear Sirs,

In reply to your letter
of the 5th inst. I write to
say that the apparent
discrepancy in the accounts
alluded to in your letter,
arose through Lady Markwath
being charged a quarter
in advance, as required by
the Rules of the Institution;
but which Rule had not
been acted upon, in her
case: Lady Markwaths'

undertake to see that this sum is never for the future, exceeded.

Although the board each quarter is charged in advance, it is, of course, for the previous quarter that the account for disbursements is rendered. Thus, in the cash account the board is for the quarter Sept. 30 to Dec. 31.; but the disbursements are for the quarter June 30. & Sept. 30.

Idle Wheels
Nov 14th 1848

Dear Doctor

Received a note from
Lasher on the 13th inst
were very much encouraged
Nevertheless Mother Lee
in a dilemma What
to do about Writing to
Him we should like your
advice for fear of making
him worse

Yours Truly
C Briggs

Excuse this
Scrawl

14. XI. 78

34 Oak Street

Manchester

Dr Baker

Dear Friend

I am very glad
to say that Frank
shows much less
excitement & certainly
much better & I
do hope that it will
not be necessary
to send him from
home very long

Yours truly
S Knight

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a chill may make
me worse - I suppose
you have had snow
in York, but not
like we have it here
the Country is looking
lovely - the roads are
quite 2ft deep in it -
in most parts even
where the ground is
level, other great whit-
er ridges where it has

Mrs Almond
Priestley
Nr Holmsley -
Nov. 14/78.

Dear Dr -,

I am much
obliged for your note
of yesterday - we are
so snowed up here
now that I think it

will be wise to put
off going to York till
next week. We struggled
into Helmsley yester-
day, but the snow
was firm I did not
get at all wet & a bottle of the
enjoyed the crisp, clear
air very much. this
morning there seem
symptoms of a thaw

I'd rather dread
getting about in
the damp just now
as my chest is hor-
all night. I have
been obliged to get
mixture you prescribed
for me last year
when I was at Ilkley
I feel anything I

drifted snake our
creep to look at!
I think we had
better fix our Tuesday
to go over to see you
unless we hear from
you to the contrary
& unless the weather
should be still unfavourable —.
With kind regards
I am very sincerely
Amelia Grace.

West View House,
Bishopthorpe Road.

York.

Nov. 14th/78.

My dear Sir

I should have written sooner but have been waiting to see all the members of our Company — we shall be very glad to visit the Retreat on the evening you mention viz the 29th inst. — I will get you here a programme of the entertainment

as early as possible, and should like to have a look at the rooms. Shall I come day next week

— I am Dear Sir

Yours truthfully

George W. Browne.

Arundel Lodge,
Unthank's Road,
Norwich.

14/11/78

Dear Friends

I am obliged by
their Rec'd yesterday
in reply to my enquiry
after Lunote a 1st day
the weather becomes
so wintry that the
friends who had the
matter in hand came
round to the opinion
some of us had held
before that it was
unsafe & unkind to send
so old a man such

a distance as York -
Consequently our orders
have been obtained
for his admission into
the Jerusalem Institution
(called the "Bethel")
I expect he will be
taken there today -
will report that I
shall have troubled
them unnecessarily

Yours truly

Henry Brown

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D Baker

Scarbro 15th November 78

Robert Baker Esq MD.

My dear Sir

I have written Dogn solicitor Mr Porzetts son at Sheffield & ask him why the appointment has not been made as I cannot say that it has yet taken place Mrs Megginson was over yesterday evening last night she said that she had seen you that you held hopes of her sisters recovery and had been much kinder & her than on previous visits — but said nothing of her intentions — she took from me all monetary papers which I had in charge for her — She told me last April twelvemonth that she should not oppose what was being done in applying to the Court for Miss Newton — I do not want to run into expense my wish is to protect Miss Newton I sincerely hope that she may ever be able to take care of herself — it causes me no little unpleasant feeling that she is where she is — having trouble to see after her affairs without any benefit to me — and liable to be misrepresented and wrong reflections cast upon me. Mrs M has written & my son that she considers her sister unjustly detained — it was she that took her away — and if Miss N is no worse now than then — Mrs M ought to have the blame — could Mrs M — manage her sister if she could come out? I doubt whether under such care she would be well seen to. As I said before I have no benefit & raise out of her detention (no more have you) left in trust I want to act uprightly to all and it matters not

to me who is appointed as long as Miss N is well done to & her little estate not squandered—
I dare think that Mrs Mc had suspisions that I had tried to keep her from seeing her sister. I had no such idea—I have refrained from writing Miss N because I thought it did no good. but sent her papers to amuse her but if you think that even this is better left alone I will send nomore. Did Miss Newton write her sister in getum for her letters I merely ask this to know whether she did so or not as to my daughter as she did not reply to the letter. To me it is a painful affair—

I am yours very respt

Haroon Hulbert

4 Charlotte St
Bedford Ky.
Nov 15. 1878

Dear Dr. Baker

I heard when at Valdosta that J. Smith complained of the cold and seemed rather unsettled. But I did not hear of any thing distinctly mental He called when I was in & I chatted with him a few minutes but he did not seem

peculiar. only can
planning of the cold
I am sorry he feels
he cannot go on at
W. as my brother
finds heat useful
I believe. & it seemed
a good temporary
home for L Smith
If I can procure

you more information
in I shall be happy
to do so

Yours truly
D. H. Tuke

Thanks for your
former letter als
the patient. I hope
no further difficulty
may arise.

Please let me
hear all about
the poor darling
Do let me know
all—
Thanks you
so much for
writing as you
have done
Thine sincerely
S. S. Mellon
I do want to
to see her but
cannot—

Hamel Hampton
Friday
Dear Dr. Baker—
I cannot
tell you how
miserable I am
to think that
it is impossible
for me to come
& see my mother
& me are so placed
that no one
can come
just now—
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Leeds 15th Nov, 1878

Dear Sir,

I enclose two notes for my brother James, which I should be obliged if you would kindly give him. I should also be glad if you would let me know, whenever you think it advisable to see him, I think I could manage to come at any time, I should be glad if he could get charge of some Loom, if he was able for it, I am sure it would do him a vast amount of good, it would take his thoughts off himself to a large extent, You however know best when it would be safe for him to leave, Yours respectfully would oblige,

Yours respectfully,

Robt Brodie,

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2 Arredale Terrace

Nov. 7th

Dear Sir,

I thank you for so kindly writing. As I am likely to remain in Hunslet will you in future address to the Post Office, Hunslet. I filled up the form before having formed any plans, so gave my Father's address.

Yours very truly

Marian Stockdale

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SOUTH PLACE HOTEL
ARMFIELD'S
Est. 1857.
LONDON

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

JOSEPH ARMFIELD,

SOUTH PLACE, FINSBURY.

16/11/ 1878

To Dr Baker
York Retreat

Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, &c. served on the Shortest Notice. 86

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LARGE PARTIES. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS.

Herewith send £2 for the benefit of Jane Ansell in respect to any requirements she may have which is not otherwise provided for by the Institution

They proceed successively

Joseph Armfield

NB this is supplied through my wife's membership as distributor to a benevolent fund for the help of Women Priests and not from the funds of the Institution.

MEMORANDUM

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JOSEPH ARMFIELD,

To

SOUTH PLACE, FINSBURY

LONDON

18, St. Ann's Square,

MANCHESTER June 7th 1876

Dr. Baker

York.

Respected Friend

We shall be glad to know how our friend Hannah Buckley is progressing and it is now six weeks since we heard about her — Is she able to sign the Warrants? — If suitable the writer would like his son Jesse to be.

My friends Messrs

Binyon & Robinson & Co

G. B. Fryer.

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you would I have no doubt you could supply me with some lively book to try to amuse her -
My brother-in-law who is a Doctor in this neighbourhood, feels certain that if my Sister is allowed to brood much longer over her troubles, she will sink into a state of imbecility, & I know so well from my own state after my Sister Kate's death fourteen years ago, that nothing but extreme

Sherburn
E. R. York.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter of yesterday, I am very disappointed that my letters have failed to induce my Sister to send me a few lines - She will have been away from me two years next Wednesday & I am most anxious

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to make some effort
to arouse her from
such a fearful state
of melancholy –
If you could possibly
arrange for me to be
with my Sister for a
week or two, I could
gladly pay for myself
the same as is paid
for her & additional
for a private sitting-
room & whatever you
might propose as
most convenient,
any restrictions that
you put upon me
I would most
strictly adhere to,
not to interfere in
any way with
the other Patients –
I would promise
not to converse upon
any subject likely
to agitate my Sister,
would have some
needlework that
might be likely
to interest her and

I will influence her
in any manner about
it - I should only
be too pleased to keep
my Sister out of my
own Income, if she
might be allowed to
be with me -
Our Mother's words were
"that I was to do the
best I could for Hannah
& she was sure Hannah
would always do her
best for me"
Must apologise for
writing at such length
& trust you will be able
to comply with my wishes
Yours truly
R. Baker, Esq. Lucy Heggison

Kindness from her
nearest relatives will
restore her to her
wonted life -
I would fain me
very much to take
any Legal proceedings
on account of the
Chancery Suit, but
I am assured that
Mr Herbert has gone
very far beyond
the powers of his
Trustee-ship - I do
not want any of my
Sister's Money or will

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Nov. 17th 1894

Dear Sirs,

Hannah Newton, was admitted here in Nov. 1896. with an order signed by her sister Mary Ann Newton. All payments for her maintenance have been made by her brother in law, Hanson Herbert, of Scarboro'. Who some months ago, in order to protect Hannah Newton's property, petitioned for her to be made a Ward in Chancery.

Her sister, Mary Ann Newton has since married, & is not on very friendly terms with her brother in law.

I write to ask whether a Committee of the person of Hannah Newton has yet been appointed, & whether, if not, Hannah Newton is at present under the control of your office, or whether her sister, Mary Ann Megginson, has still the power to withdraw her from the care & protection

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(which she so greatly needs) of this institution.

Yours faithfully

Robt. J. Baker

Ch. S.

E. & H. VEZEY. ESTABLISHED 1785.

BY APPOINTMENT TO HER MAJESTY.

Coach & Harness Manufactory,
Long Acre & Bath & 19. Milsom Street.

Bath 15th Nov. 1878

ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO LONG ACRE, BATH.

Robert Baker Esq.
The Friends Retreat
near York

Sir

We have heard from Mr Giles that you must decline the Bus owing to the height.

If we can lighten it upon getting the Bus in to come down to the weight required by your Mr H. Richardson he will let you know.

Lest Mr Giles to come up to see if we may be able to do so by putting in lighter axles & wheels also doing away with the Break Drag, as you will not require a Break having no hills in your district

We wish you could favour us with an order with a new Bus=we Build a great many & always find they give great satisfaction

Soliciting your patronage We are

Sir

Your obed. Servt

E. & H. Vezey

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7 Stonegate.
Nov. 15th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker,

I am sorry to find Mr Barker has not yet sent to the Retreat respecting the Sporting that was broken down.
A note was sent to him immediately after your call, and I have called myself twice upon him & expected he was giving early attention to it.
If he does not send

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first thing in the
morning I shall
be glad to be informed
and if you appoint
will see some one else
to attend to it.-

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor

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Handed in at the Bolton Office at 11 8 M., Received here at 11 27 M.

From

William Payne
52 Arkwright St
Bolton

To

Dr Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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Please send an attendant today to be here tonight with the necessary papers for the readmission of Martha Payne tomorrow

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Date of Delivering Office

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TO

FROM

interested. Wishing
friends the case of the
Irish. Will you kindly
the bill come on on
Friday. Gathering by
Gentlemen with the Expenses
with Mine Expenses.

I am dear Sir
Yours very Truly
J. M. Gentleman.

P.S. I. M. Gentleman
Please find my case
& my Expenses. I shall
not be present in Court
the case of the Irish.

Illinois Home
Feb 16th 78

Dear Sir,

I am my Dear
Friend & Fellow Citizen
Yours in Haste, In
Offering my Services
& Sincere Sympathies
Your Letter. In Reference
my Letter. As I Have
Given in my Case. Please
Fix Gentleman & I

Rockside,
Matlock Bridge
Nov. 18th 78.

Dear Sir,

Wm. Procter and myself attended Catholic worship at Hassop Chapel, last Sunday Morning; I could not detect the least excitement about his person, during the service. After dinner Wm. P. desired to go to Chapel to ~~fetch~~ bring his stick which he had left there and also wanted to pay a few devotions; I accompanied him, but he would not pay his devotions ~~be~~ in any

have tea with the Methodist Minister at Ambergate; he says he is helping the minister to write a pamphlet.

Wm. Procter mentioned to me yesterday that he would like, (in a week or two) to stay at the Inn near Hassop Chapel, for one night so that he could attend Early Mass next morning, fasting, and be on the spot for Breakfast.

Remain,
Yours Truly
William Longe

Wm. Baker
York.

presence. For as soon as he got his stick he walked out again.

Mr. P. has given up the idea, of giving a treat to the R. C. children. he has written his brother to that effect.

Mr. P. was talking to me about going to Hassop in a carriage and pair on Christmas Day, but he says he has given that idea up; but instead, he wants to give the two or three choir boys, presents.

Mr. P. goes once a week, to

Cliffe Grange.
Snainton.
York.

Nov. 11 - 1878

Dear Sir

My sister in Law Mrs J.C. Higginson is suffering from such great anxiety about her sister Miss Hannah Newton, who is an inmate of the Asylum that I hope you will excuse me as a Medical Man, writing to ask if you will kindly give me some information about her

Mrs Maginnis seems
to think that her sister
is now free from all
delusions and simply
suffering from depression
of spirits and that she
would be much happier
and in every respect
better if living with her
than by remaining in
the asylum - Will you
please give me your
opinion - I am Dear Sir
Yours Truly
Robt Maginnis.

Dr — Butler Esq

it the same day - I think Haywood will suit your purpose admirably -

Believe me Yours very sincerely;

John A. Wallis.

Hull

November 18. 1878

Dear Dr Baker

I send you the girl about whom I wrote by an early train tomorrow Tuesday - I think it better that you should see her - Your letter found me away from home or I should have answered

97 Fleetwood 11/18/78

Respected Friend,

About 11 mo/1 th:- I wrote to thee asking the following Questions; - "Is my Sister capable of coherent correspondence? How is her mental & bodily condition? It may be, - my Letter has miscarried - of course, I wish to follow, - (as her Medical or Faculty-Advisor) - thy Counsel in this Matter; - but as her Brother, I could not do less than make such fraternal enquiry.

Thine respectfully
Robert Clemesha.

An early Answer would much oblige me.

Leeds 18th Nov. 1795.

Dear Sir,

I have your favr of the 17th inst, I shall come to York on Thursday leaving Leeds at 9. 5 a.m. & arriving in York at 9.45. I shall come straight to the Retreat, You will of course let my brother know I am coming I need not write him again, You will give me necessary instructions before seeing him, My brother speaks of taking a walk with me but You will arrange every-thing when I come,

Yours respectfully,

John Brodie,

Sent him - books he wants
My husband Write. Send.
thinks I had me the list (99
better not send Invite. order
home from here them from A
- If there you to him - &
will learn 2nd Father the
from London what book Scripts

was made
Once such
Quantum bth
on a/c of 4 -
: please Dispo-
cully in journey
thus — I
graduate
Mary Wilkie

17-11-78

Dear Lee -
Rudeness
for London
is decency I
having more
books than
those last

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Bolton L R Office at 11 10 A.M., *Received here at* 11-39 A.M.

From

Dr Payne
Bolton

To

Dr Baker
Friends Rebreat (100
York

Party of three I have left Bolton by 11-6 train must then be at York at normanton if possible patient very rough

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YORK MUSEUM POST OFFICE 19 NOV 78

Handed in at the Hemel Hempstead *Office at* 5.0 P.M., *Received here at* 5.15 P.M. Delivering Office.

From

Joseph Mellor
Hemel Hempstead

To

Doctor Baker 101
The Retreat
York -

If will be more Convenient
to us for the interment
to take Place at York
and on Saturday will write

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Charges to pay ..... d.

Received ..... m. Date of ..... Office of .....

Handed in at the .....

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TO

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Wms. Truscott & Son, London.

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Dated Stamp of YORK MIDLAND 4 NOV 20 78

Charges to pay £.....s. 6 d.

Handed in at the Darlington Northgate Rail Office at 8.30 .M., *Received here at* 9-3 .M.

Delivering Office.

From

John Hunter
Darlington

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

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Sorry I cannot be with you tonight- will give you a lecture on Thursday evening next week

J

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Delivering Officer.

FROM

TO

Congresbury 19/11/78

My Dear friend

I have written to Frederic to ask him to repeat the things he wished me to send him as I only remembered 4 articles & I thought he told me 5. I dare say he will write soon, perhaps is poorly now

It was a noble to him that he could not clean or cut his nails & I dare say thou will kindly have it done for him & having but one pocket

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handkerchief a week he had to dry it by the fire which annoyed the other patients, when at home of course he took a clean bkf when he required one I told him in my letter that his brother & eldest sister intended to come & see him about X mas, most likely just after as his brother would be busy up to Christmas We trust dear Tis as well as usual With love &

thanks for thy kindness

I remain Respectfully

Robert Willmott

D. Baker

York Retreat

PS Thou will excuse my wishing for thee my dear friend that in thy arduous & very important calling thou mayst receive help from the upper sanctuary & be strengthened out of Zion

lest she should sink
into the same state
or similar somewhat
to S.M.'s, and that
is partly, why I
want her to go to
my brother Samuel.
S.M's last letter was
a very nice one. I
feel to long for
her home: but with-
out reference to her state
we could do better not
to have her home till
after Dec 20th, when
we break up. It is
heavy work at the half
year end. I am
Thy friend sincerely
Martha E. Smith.

Private Beach House
Nov 20th

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker.

I dont know
if my brother Ecroyd has
consulted thee about him
self: so I will leave that
matter untouched.
We hear of the death of
our brother Samuel's
wife: who resides in
the State of vermont.
we are not telling Sarah
maria about it: at pres-
ent: from various reasons.
One being, that he was
our younger sister

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Susan to go out there to keep house for him.
Susan is now with me keeping house & teaching in the school and it was very prejudicial to Susan, having Sarah Maria at home as she was, last half. I want to act for the wisest. I imagine the change to America for a 12 mo. would do Susan a deal of good. & that S.M. might be better with a non-relative in Susan's place, as Susan is very nervous by strung.
I shall be glad of a reply to a few questions, which will help me.
1st. When may we look for Sarah Maria's return home?
2nd. Will she be fit to take housekeeping charge on her: when she does return?
3rd. What special care & guard will she require from me?
In our family, the low fits are often followed by excitable ones, when extra toils are undertaken.
I find now that Susan has been dreading

Hand Hampton
11th mo 19th 1878.

My dear Friend —
D.r Baker —

If you will be good enough to be an undertaker and accompany with him for a plain Friends funeral, we should feel greatly obliged — he should use the coffin of polished oak — he will forward the

I feel very grateful to thee for thy kind care of poor Mother and only wish it had been in my power to have been with one all — as you have done —

With very kind regards
I remain
Thy sincere friend
S. S. Mellor

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Coffin age & Name
Inscription which we
should like placed
on her Coffin on
a brass plate —
We are obliged to
ask You to be
so kind as to
select the spot &
to superintend all
arrangements, as
none of us are
able to come
down at present —
My Husband desires
me to say that he
will be responsible
for all expenses —
He will come down
on Friday Evening
I cannot yet say
who will come with
him — he hopes to
reach York about
7 o'clock and will
call upon you as
soon as possible after
his arrival — the
interment will have
to be early on Saturday
as he must return
home on that day

1 & 2 Lewin Arcade
Bradford
Nov 19th 1878

Dear Dr Baker.

Enclosed I hand you half of a five pound note, & will forward the remaining half on receipt of your acknowledgment. I shall be glad if you will supply Miss Ann Clemesha with any little extra comforts this amount will furnish. It will at all events afford her a plentiful supply of Bibles, which she appeared to have and an intense longing for. I would suggest also that she have a pair of stout cloth Boots lined with real Lambskin, which will cost I believe about 20/- & wool mitts or cuffs for her hands & wrists if she has not got. I think I need not say more you will have discovered the intent of my; I should say our

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wishes (I mean my wife + self)
& feel assured you will not
hesitate to execute, according
to your judgment & discretion
the task imposed. I would
gladly do more if I could; I will
however do how as my means
will permit make an annual
contribution of this sum, if I may
still further impose upon your
Kindness to dispense it. I have
been delayed in giving effect to
the intention formed after seeing
you, by a correspondence I have
had with some members of her
family, who I thought might be
induced to subscribe a sum
sufficient to permit of her being
brought into the house. Please to
accept & convey to the Matron our
thanks for your kind attention when
with you. & believe me to remain respectfully yours
J Lazenby

Jan 27/15

My dear Baker -

I see by the B M-J. that the Hull asylum is vacant - where has Wallis gone? I worked for him for Whittingham but did not hear.

Lol

Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz

among the best of comments
in the "Whitehall Review"?
I hope Mr Baker & the family
are all well. Mrs Lewson joins
me in kind regards. &

Yours truly
A Lewson

I hope it will
Holland for L. 700
p a. rising pension
rather good shoulder
Is it true that
French Prelate is dead.
Some one told us he
had shot himself
because he could not
go to see the Pope at
Rome. did you
see her name

20. East Parade,

Leeds.

Nov 14th 1878

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12 Inst. for which accept our best thanks.

We trust if there is anything at all wanted in any way for my dear Mother that you will not fail to let us know & I shall always have prompt attention

We shoned also very much like to hear from you from time to time

I am, dear Sir

Yours faithfully

John R. Rice

Dr Baker

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Rockside
Matlock Bridge
Nov. 21st/78.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Proctor went to Hassop Catholic Chapel this morning by the 8-13 train, and attended Early Mass fasting, without my knowledge. He got two shillings from me which I thought was for Cream & Eggs, but it seems he made use of it for railway-fare.

He breakfasted at the priests

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house. and returned to Matlock
by the 11-4 train.

Irenaeus.
Louis etc.
William Longe.

a more frequent partaker of
the Holy Sacrament if you could
see your way to sanction it — but
without your approval I course I
do not intend to repeat it — To
partake on a Sunday would occasion
a rather long fast, but this morning
I was enabled to breakfast between
9 & 10 o/c — I may add that Mr
Imye assured me after receiving
your letter about a fortnight
since that he was invested with
some discretionary power as to the
attendance of Sunday afternoon
week day Service — I am not
urging however at present any extended
privilege beyond the Sunday morning
Service — Henry says in his letter this morning
he is glad I so enjoy the Sunday Service
in the hearts of
affectionate
John Proctor

Rochdale
Mallock

Dear Dr Baker November 21/70

I did not intend to cause
to trouble you with another note
as I feel there has been already
a superfluous amount of
correspondence handed to & fro
on my behalf, but I wish to
explain a little matter which
unexplained might
possibly lead to a misapprehension
of facts. I find Mr Imye
has written to you intimating
that I have been this morning
to Hasop without previously

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holding a consultation with him
on the subject. It arose
in the following manner — Early
on the Lords Day I
rather hastily decided to attend
a very short Service — This is
perhaps rather contrary to the
spirit & letter of your directions
but it is however a very exceptional
& easily explained case —
Having before receiving your despatch
prohibition about Church going —
(now some months since) I faithfully
promised to take the first
possible opportunity of receiving
the Rite of Confirmation — which
as you are well aware necessarily
follows that of Baptism — it
seemed incumbent upon me
to arrange to avail myself of
the opportunity afforded for that
purpose — The Rite is preceded
(contrary to my supposition) by partaking
of Holy Communion — I may
add without any equivocation
that I have no intention
whatever of attending any such
Day Service at Hanover or elsewhere —
Nor will I be required to partake
again
of Holy Communion until next
Easter — I am &c &c &c

Swan Arcade
Bradford
Nov 21st 1898

Dear Dr Baker.

Enclosed find
2nd half of Bank Note.
I suppose there is no
charge for the letter in
Mrs Clemesha's con-
-dition, or you would
have said.

Yours respectfully
J Lazenby

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BROWN, WILKIN & SCOTT,
SOLICITORS.

Wood Street,

Wakefield, 21st Nov. 1878

Dear Sir,

Re Isabel Benington

Enclosed we send you Affirmation as to Miss Benington being alive & shall be obliged if you will make same before a Solicitor who is a Commissioner and let us have it back by return of post if possible -

Yours truly

Brown Wilkin & Scott

per H.

Dr. Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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and I fear her sleeping powers are very imperfect. Feb 20th she left Bristol together for York, now just 9 months ago! Her letters bore continuous frequent & cheerful that were it not for other sources I should know but little of her real condition. —

I am yours sincerely
Mary Grace

Sandford Villa
Hampton Road
Nov 21/78

Dear Dr. Baker,

We have been feeling discouraged as to our dear Sister's condition during the past few weeks especially — and I shall be anxiously looking for your report after her next visit, which I believe she intends paying you the

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cup of this week –
I also feel concerned
that she should not
stay longer at
Rievaulx, where from
Mrs Disney's account,
she lacks the tender
comforts we should
like her to have, &
from her own acct
the snow & flood
having so completely
hemmed them in,
that it does seem
to me a very unsuitable
place for her to
remain: though I
have written this
sentiment very cau-
tiously to my sister,
as until quite lately
she seemed to have set
her mind on staying
at Rievaulx. She
speaks of her chest
not feeling very strong,

Redfern, Merchiston
Edinburgh.

21 Nov. 1870

Dear Sir

I purpose passing Monday evening in York, along with my wife. She should like to see my sister if you approve. My brother in London and his wife from her health, and I hope without any injurious consequences to her. Might I

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trouble you to drop me
a note in course of
post to above address

It would be in the
afternoon - some time
after 4 that we could
come. We leave next
morning for London. Helen
does not know, of any we
better yet, so far as I
am aware

Yours truly
David M Lorn

Micawber

Thursday

To Dr Gatens

Sir.

I just send you a line to say that Miss Grace intends calling upon you on Friday at the same time as usual before she did not feel inclined to write to I thought you would like to know when to expect me. Miss

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Grace is better than

when I last wrote to

you but is getting quite well again

to see you

I have not time to

add more I remain

Sir Jam. Respectfully

J L Disney

P.S.

Please do not say that I have

written

Scarbro 22 Nov 1878

Robert Baker Esq M.D

My dear Sir

I have forwarded your favours to D. H. Parrett 83 Queen St Sheffield and by the advice of his father desired him to get the case finished — I have to thank you for your kindness and sorry that you have so much trouble — Neither Mr Poore nor I have any objection to Mrs Megginson seeing to her sisters comfort but should scarcely like performing our duty if we gave her up to her to deal with as she thinks fit —

I am yours very truly

Hanson Herbert

Southampton 24/11/98 (118)

My dear Sir

Herewith receipted a/c =
In reference to Dripping, I have conferred with my Son who manages the Provision department and we have concluded to take all you incline to send us =
I would suggest to save you trouble that you clean out your empty Cheese boxes and after weighing the empty box, fill & mark on each box the net weight of Dripping =

Yours Sincerely

Jno Canning.

South Yorkshire Asylum,
Wadsley, Nr. Sheffield.

Nov 23rd 1878

Dear Sir

G. E. Gant has applied to me for a situation as Coachman on his own part. And that his wife should have charge of the Farm Cottage here. He tells me he was an Attendant at your Asylum. And was married there - but does not say how long since. If he

has only recently been
married should not care
to engage him as he
might still have a family
and I want a man to suit
without children. Would
you kindly give me your
opinion of the man's qualifi-
cations generally & say
when he was married.

Believe me
Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Samuel Mitchell

Dr Baker

Scarboro Nov 24th 1878

Sir

I Beg to inform you that I have a Prospect of being employed at Wadsley Asylum. As Cover man the length of time that me and my Wife had the honour of serving you led us to hope that you would speak favourably of us and that you will add this to the numerous Obligations already Conferred upon her I have got 2 testimonials Where I have been last trusting you will bestow us the favour Your Old and Obedient Servants G E Gant J A Gant

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BROWN, WILKIN & SCOTT,
SOLICITORS.

Wood Street,

Wakefield, 23rd Nov 1874

Dear Sir,

Re Isabel Remington

We have received your affirmation for which we are obliged - We enclose our P.O.O for 12/- upon fee which is the same as you charged before - receipt of which please acknowledge

Yours truly

Brown Wilkin & Scott

W. Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

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Colliery Offices.

York 22nd Novr 1878

Dear Sir,

Thanks for yours of yesterday, pointing out the discrepancy, which the Depot Agent had omitted to enter in my Book.

I have put the matter right, & beg herewith to hand you the account receipted, & also return you the tickets.

Yourstruly
prob Pepper

J. E. Wood Esq:
Secy,
Friends Retreat,
York

J. Pepper Esq.

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Oak Bank

Eccles

Esteemed friend

D. Baker

I herewith

send Bank Cheque 30. 14. 10

on behalf of £. S. d.

Ann Hunter 22. 10. 6

Henry Binns — 8. 4. 4

which pays up to Dec 30th

Please send rcpt of

& will oblige

Yours Friendly

Wm Binns.

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23/11/78

Dr Friend

I am sorry
I overlooked the
date which required
attorney ——

We are obliged
for yours of Friday
morning. Shall be
glad to hear you
at your convenience ——

Yours respectfully

D. Napier

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Bath

I thank you for
your letter. We
regret that I sent
a cheque yesterday
for only part of the
amount owing and
that will cause you
trouble. We found
the enclosed £6 after
posting your second
cheque £19.7.3 to
balance -

21. 11 mo 1878

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Memorandum.

Nov^r 20^th 1878

FROM
HORSNAILL & REYNOLDS,
Corn and Seed Merchants,
STROOD, KENT.

To M^rs Baker (124
Friends Retreat
York

Cheque enclosed £14 . 19 — 0 —
Please send receipt to H. & R. as above.

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No 5 Swinegate
York Nov 19th 1878

Sir

Enclosed is Receipt as You Requested also Small account of which You have had before this Mr Taylor for Repairs to Walls of Bath Room which is all that is against the Retreat awaiting further orders

Yours truly
Chas Rawling

Abbey Lane
Saffron Walden
23/11/78.

Dear Dr. Baker

I am greatly obliged for yr. kind enquiries on my behalf, and as continued bad nights increase my cerebral distress & inability I decide upon trying the lodgings of Philip Fearns. His lengthened connection with the Retreat will enable him to make allowance for weakly folks. As to the day of removal I do not feel able to fix it exactly at present writing, but will name it as early as possible. — I should require both sitting & bed-room, thoroughly dry. — 24th. Having been able to consult with Mr. Gibson, I decide to remove on Friday next. There is often cause of detention between the two Railway

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Station at Peterbro', but should all go rightly I shall be in York 1.45 P.M. — I presume if I take a cab there will be no difficulty in finding out P. Hearn's farm house in Osbaldwick Road, but it would be a help if a lad could meet me at the station; he would recognise me by a thick grey overcoat. — The next train fm. Peterbro reaches York at 3.0. P.M. but I quite expect to be there by that above named.

I need not impress upon you how imperative it will be for me to avoid any meeting with my sister L.M.; it would prove very prejudicial to us both. I quite trust she will be able to return home very shortly.

Yours very truly

H. Everard Smith

D. Baker
Friends' Retreat.

10 Cleveland Parade

Darlington

26. xi. 1878

Dear Friend

S. E Woods

I enclose Cheque £10.4.2

amount due to Friends Retreat

a/c Ann Robinson which please

acknowledge and kindly say

if there is any change in her

more recent state.

I am sincerely

Samuel Hare

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Saffron Walden 11/25 1878

Dear Friend,

My Brother in law
Dr Tuke has forwarded
to me thy letter to him
respecting H. E. Croyden Smith,
and asks me to reply to it.
I find that H. E. S. has
now fixed to go to York
for a while to be under
thy care, and I expect that
he is wise in so doing, as
he does not seem to improve.
He is in a low nervous
state, equal to very little
exertion of body or mind,
shrinks from seeing people,
and is altogether depressed,
but it does not appear to

sue to amount to insanity.
He was at Shotley Bridge,
and was closely occupied
in winding up E. B. Iregelle's
affairs, and also in bringing
out a genealogical work,
and I expect the pressure
was rather too much for him,
and has caused a reaction,
when no pressing duties
devolved upon him. He has
done very little since he
came here, except making
notes on some Archæological
remains, which I thought likely
to interest him. I quite
hope that he may be restored
in the course of a few weeks
or months.

I remain,
Thy sincere friend
G. S. Gibson

Mr Baker

5 White St
Ward St
Hulme
manchester

Dear Friend

I thought I had better send thee my address in case of need. I have not told my dear Father of thee change fearing it might hurt his feelings and that I should be sorry to do.

I do hope he continues

Nicely I should be so
delighted to have an
account of him from
thee and with
dear love to him and
thyself I am
thy obliged
friend
Elijah Greathead

Bradford
Nov 25/78

Dear Sir

I beg ~~to thank~~
to thank You for your
prompt & kind reply to
my note & shall be
obliged if you will
consider it as withdrawn
& the application made
for the reduction to be
to 2 Gs per week

Yours Sincerly
Geo. Edwards

Dr Baker
York

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Beach House

Nov 25th

Dear Friend,

Dr Baker

If thou could spare time to reply to Ecroyd's. (he may have heard from thee ere this) it would relieve him greatly I also would beg for a line. I expect thou art busy, but we are in a considerable difficulty

Thine in haste

Martha E Smith

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The Green
Idle Nov 25/1878

Dr Sir

I have received a note from Mr Briggs. Enclosed in one from you to Mrs Briggs As an old friend of Mr B, and one to whom he has been accustomed to unburden his mind. I feel anxious to write him, and that he should see it. His naturally irritable and hasty temperament make him very sensitive as to any slight or neglect. I therefore feel persuaded that it might help to sooth and settle his mind. Mrs Briggs joins me in this view

Hoping this may meet your approval

I Remain D^r Sir Yours Truly

John Dibb

To D^r Baker

Friends Retreat

York

12 Glendi View Terrace
Upper Bangor

To Dr Baker

The patient is much
the same has just
the same pulse, is about
her family and herself
talks just as bad —
if she had a chance
her color is better
she coughs a little

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night & morning
she tells us that she
is thinking quite as
much about poisoning
when at work as if
doing nothing working
does not make her
forget anything she
is very deceitfull she
is trying every way to
make people believe
her she tries to make
us think she is
ill sometimes and
not able to walk out
also other things.
her Bodily Health
is very good much
the same in other
ways

M. A. Turner

Hull Asylum
Nov 28. 1878

Dear D Baker,

I found that Ann Heywood had left the no address when I wrote to you last and failed in obtaining it until my return home. I am very sorry and trust you have not been inconvenienced.

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I was obliged to go to Whit-
-tingham the morning after
I wrote to you and had only
time to ask my head nurse
to look up Nurse Heywood's
address - This she failed to
do, and you were left without
any explanation - Should
you still require her I
can send her to you at any
time - Believe me Yours
Very faithfully;

John A Wallis

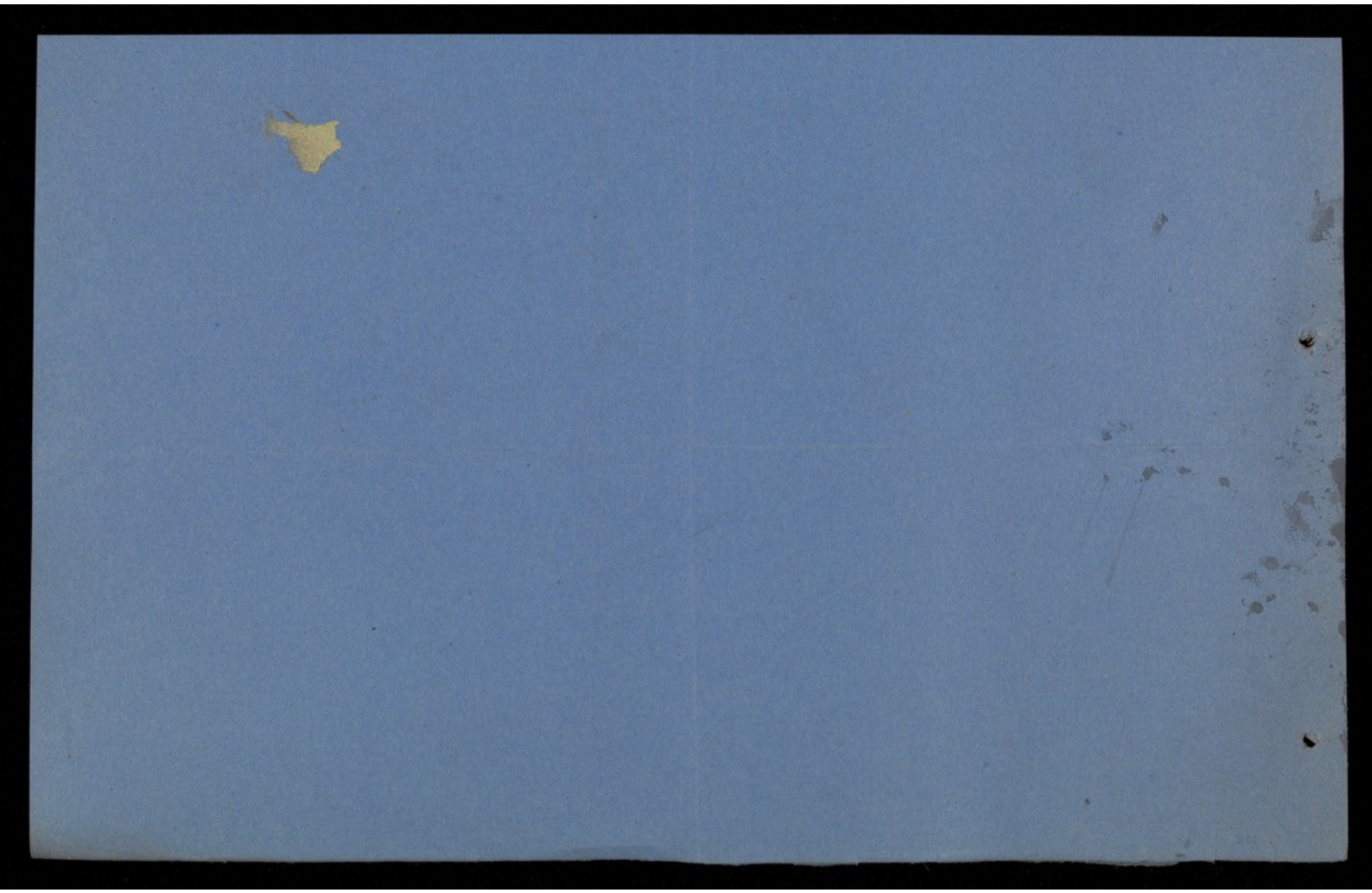
Goodramgate
Friday

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My dear Sir

I find the cheese I am
sending you is a very fine kind
and at such a price that you
would do well to have 2 or 3 more
stick — Yrs truly

Thos Terry



Idle Wheels
Nov 24th 1845

Dear Doctor

We thank you kindly
for yours on Monday
We think by Father's letter
He is improving a little.
Mother did not write to him
has Mr Dibb had written.
will you please say in your
next what effect it had
on him
We should be very much obliged
if you could reduce the
charge. Notwithstanding

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we should like him to have
Every attention
Waiting your answer
I am Your
Very respectfully
Orvell Briggs

Rockside.
Matlock Bridge
Nov. 27th/78.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Procter & Myself attended the Morning service at Hassop Chapel. last Sunday as usual; I have nothing more to say than that we are very Comfortable.

Remain.
Yours faithfully
Wm Songe

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From PLEASE QUOTE THE ADDRESS.

JOHN WOOD,
Newhouse,
Denby Dale,
Huddersfield.

To Dr Batty
The Retreat
York

29 of 11 Mo., 1878

Dear Friend

Please oblige by informing me when the Committee of the Retreat will be as it will be needful for me to see them about the terms charged for Alf Bot.

Yours truly
Jno Wood

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28 Bishopsthorpe Rd.

27. XI. 1878.

Esteemed friend.

Dr. Baker

A short time ago Leslie Lamb wrote to say she should like to come down to see us.

We do not know whether she is well enough to come or not. I do so thank her. Glad of a line.

As the opportunities for seeing her are not

frequent. We shall be glad
of a line from Sarah any time
only we feel it a little —
difficult unless we know
the letter is written with
Her sanction

Yours sincerely

Geo. Benson.

Aldenworth School
29th Dec 1878.

Dear Friend
Robert Baker

In a letter from
Bombay this morning Mrs
Butler tells me of the unexpected
weakness of our dear Arthur
Wellesley which induces me to
ask you if you think it would
be desireable for me to come to
Ryde to see him. I am anxious
to abide by your judgment in

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the matter, as the last time I
saw it the Retreat Gun rose
on my Brothers part in sign
of recognition, & he seemed to
glass & retreat with his Cavaliers
as a tired weary child might
do. My Brother Henry is just
now particularly engaged with
many business cares. that I
do not think he could meddle
here home unless it were quite
necessary.

Awaiting thy reply, believe me
Thy sincerely Alleged friend
Rachel E Stone.

Renwood Cottage
Sharrow
Sheffield
Nov. 27th
1878

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

I have been very remiss in not waiting to you to ask you to be so good as to convey to the Committee my warmest thanks for their Kindness in lowering the terms for my dear Husband. Will you Kindly do so now and say it is such a relief to my mind and I shall always endeavour to send the money as soon as I receive my Dividends from Stockton. Hoping you, Mrs Baker & family are quite well

I am

Dear Sir

Yours truly

Jane Armstrong

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The 28th

Dear Friend
Robert Baker.

It would have been very pleasant to accept your invitation to give a lecture on Niagara & America, had it been a week later; but I fear it is almost impossible next week. All my spare time will be taken by N. H. J. Work, & the next evening I am to lecture

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at Peckitt Yard on my
journey thither, leaving
Niagara for another occasion.

If, however, this would
not suit your arrangements
& you have any difficulty
for next week, I would do
my best without making
any special preparation.
Such a lecture, I suppose,
you like to occupy 3/4 hr
to an hour. I should
be glad to see the slides, or
their subjects, beforehand.

Sincerely, J. Clark.

your kind care?
I dont dread the boys
coming back. S.M.
always does the best
with the boys in the
house: a useful
check they are.
I suppose thou quite
understands we are
in no hurry for
S.M. to come home:
we would wait months
rather than weeks:
if they were needed
to improve her con-
dition. I am,
Thy friend sincerely
Martha E. Smith.

Beach House
Nov 28th

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker.

I received
thy letter yesterday aftn.
and am glad of it, to
help to arrange my
plans. I am glad H.C.
croyd is under thy
care and there is no
need for Sarah Maria
to see or hear much
about him.
I think that it will
be best to keep S.M.
"in abeyance" a while
as we are placed very
peculiarly.

Will thou be agreeable to tell her nothing about the time of coming home yet? I thot. of writing to her in about three weeks to tell her of my sister-in-law's decease and of the prop.n for Susan to go over for a visit for a year: then she will need a little time to get over this. We intend Susan proposes for her to sail for America before S.m. leave York. to avoid all parting: then I must get a little rest. ere taking up the care of S.m. again: and the bulk of house-cleaning would be better done first: so that I should hardly be ready for her till about the middle of January: and if, as thou says she may not sustain so well at home, is she at all likely to be still more improved by a longer sojourn under

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Memorandum.

FROM Tennant, Jesper & Co.
YORK.

Agents for
H. BRIGGS, SON & Co LIMITED.
WHITWOOD COLLIERIES.

A. & Son York.

Nov 27th 1878

To J. W. Baker

Retreat .. York

Dear Sir

Replying to your attention to-day
to Silkstone Best Coal: which has been
delivered in quantity at 13/11 per ton at
the Retreat Works duly

Yours truly
Tennant Jesper & Co

Congresbury 28/11/78

My Dear friend

Will thou kindly
inform me how our dearest
Frederic is to oblige

Thy sincere friend

Robert Willmott

D. Baker
Friendly Retreat

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Hereby Certify, that Miss Osborne has Consulted me for a severe bilious attack, and I am of Opinion that She requires a few days rest, before She is Enabled to return to her duty

Charles D. Fenton
M.D.

Lancaster Nov 28th 1878.

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Grand Hotel
Doncaster
Aug 28th 1878

Dear Woodhouse

Arrived

After I attended
Race Yesterday I was
taken very ill and
as you would have seen
from the Telegram
I sent to you back
evening, Really was
obliged to be carried
to bed when

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Home I am block for
a Blackcurl cockade
from Dr Fenton
and as soon as possible
Send letters to my
Mother as I am very
anxious to do the best
I can I feel quite
unable to resume
them but hope to
be able to do so in
a few days

Sam Braden
Yours Sincerely
E. D. Braden

"Portico"
Manchester
30 Nov 1878.

Dear friend
Dr Baker

I was much pained
to read yr last report
of my sister — who
seems to have sadly
relapsed indeed —
but we may surely
hope it is but temporary
& that we may look
for an early restoration
at least to a calmer state

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As to an increase of
expense as a consequence
of this — I wish that
the opportunity — viva voce of
explaining the difficulties
I have been in meeting
present charges in her a/c
Whilst fully sensible
that during the acute
symptoms of relapse there
must be much attention
yet I trust it may soon
improve — & thus render it
unnecessary
With so much of the burden
falling on my shoulders —
& with losses Every day in
general business — so that I
have now retired from it
— you will see — & feel for my

difficulty in the matter —
I fully appreciate the kind
& delicate way in which
You put it to me & only
wish I could more
adequately respond

But Let us hope the
next Year will in every
sense bring brighter and
better days

Believe me
Very truly Yours
Fred Cooper

Enclosed A/C Kindly
have receipted & returned
to me at oblige

Illinois Penitentiary
Nov 30th
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Dear Sir.

I received your letter of the 22nd inst. and in reply would say that I have not received any letter from Mr. Goodwin since the one you mention. I have written to him several times and have not received any answer. I am sorry that I cannot give you the information you desire, but I do not know where he is at present.

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I should be only too
pleased to see, but
this I wish to be
guided by your opinion.
entirely. In my position
this is my business
my support in Scotland
I assure, if he does
not come, & from his
letters. he appears most
unlikely to return here.
I am quite to act for
the best. I see no use
in, it would be to our

if he coming too soon
should I send him back.
I should always regret
it. Do you consider
him better from letters
I see him? His letters
are very good better
written, but very short.
he always was a poor
correspondent. even
at the last time of his
life. With kind
regards.
Yr Sincere
J Brown Esq
Jo Dr Stuke
Jas Dry Stuke
Mr Colmore

J. H. KIRTLEY
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT

Rochdale 30th Nov 1878

Dear Sir,

Mr Crumby is very anxious to know if you think Mrs Crumby may venture to visit him, of course with her attendant, before very long. If the matter will permit before the Spring? Will you let him know what you think about it when you write next week. I was in Southport yesterday & promised him I would write to you.

Southport is I believe considered a milder climate in Winter than in Spring.

With love to Mrs Crumby & kind regards to yourself,

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Arthur Brown

Dr Burton
The Retreat
York

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46 Pembroke Place
Liverpool Nov: 29th

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I write on behalf
of my Brothers & Sisters
as well as myself to entreat
earnestly that thou
will not give permission
for dear Sarah Maria
to leave your care till
she is so far recovered
that she would not
be likely to loose
much ground on going
home. We feel

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Thou hoped for her
improvement, but should
grieve if ~~she~~ her stay
with you should be
rendered useless by
too early return, which
we do Martha would
bring about if possible
& this must undesirable
on Martha's acct.
I am sorry to trouble
thee thus but have
been requested by
several relatives to
write this. Do not
trouble to reply, I have
thy kind letter when
at Egremont yesterday.
Of course Sarah Maria
must know Gothing
of Ecroyd being dear.
With love & thanking
thee for thy kindness
I remain
Thy friend sincerely
Annie A. Davies

Beach House
Nov 30th

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker,

As S.M. is looking to coming home. I will not disappoint her: she is such a difficult one to suit with rooms, and it would be so dull for her, after all the variety you can produce: that I will make a push to get ready rested for her by the be-

It will be absolutely needful to avoid, parting scenes: so Susan will sail as soon after the boys leave as she can get ready: Should S.M. hear of this by accident: please put a veto on her coming till after Susan has sailed.

ginning of the year.
Perhaps it will be
best not to name
a day & then, to dis-
appoint her, but
to look to the 3rd of
January, all being well.
It would much more
accord with my views
to have her under
my own care direct
from thine: and
I am sure she will
brook this little
delay for my sake.
She will do any
thing for others' sake.
should any thing occur

I have written thus
to her, in thine, please
read it, and hand
it to S.M. if there
does not disapprove.
I will let her know
the other particulars
nearer the time:
so as not to burden
her mind with
too many things
at once.
I am thanking
thee for thy
letter.
Thine sincerely
Martha E. Smith

P.S. R.V.O.

P.S. Perhaps you may think it well to give the enclosed letter from the children to her. If I cannot come on Friday will write or send telegm

S W W

Lancaster
1st Dec 1878

My dear Sir.

Will you kindly say to Mrs Wearing that our colds are much improved, and give her our dearest love.

My coming on Friday will depend upon the state of Mr Williamson, who is now so weak as not to be able to raise himself in bed. If I am prevented coming on that day most likely I may be over on Tuesday following. With kind regards believe me

Yours truly
S. W. Wearing

over

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Idle Nr Leeds
Nov 30 "1848

Dear Doctor

We got a letter from Father this morning were surprised He did not mention Mr Dibbs Letter. we thought that it would have pacified him a little He seem very anxious ~~about~~ to come home.
Do you think it would be wise for mother to come next week

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we are sorry we cannot say that we have done with the Trustee again yet It is waiting the descision in London

Yours very Respectfully
Otwell Briggs

P.S.
Be good enough to answer
Prof. Dill's letter

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

Dr Baker The Retreat 20 Nov. 1878

Dear Sir

I have today dispatched addressed to you - three out of 4 parcels that my brother asked for. The other 2 vol. Thompson + Taits Philosophy is I am told out of print + difficult to get hold of but I shall hear further in a fortnight or so. Would you kindly transmit this information to my brother -

Yours faithfully
A. G. Ogilvie

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Leeds 30th Nov. 18—

Dear Sir,

I have been expecting a note from you. I trust my brother has been round the worst of my visit, when we don't hear from you, we are somehow inclined to imagine "ebbs", so I hope you will send us word at once, I daresay I won't be long of being over to see you, in the mean time kindly keep us "rested a/c". The weather has been very disagreeable lately,

Yours respy;

John Brodie,

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Rockside.
Matlock Bridge
Dec.r 1st/78.

Dear Sir.

I accompanied
Mr. Procter, to Hassop
yesterday as usual, and
attended morning service, he
did not show any signs of
excitement whatever.
We took a long walk after
dinner, and then waited
at the Inn until 7-10 p.m.
then departed to catch the

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7-40 Train to Matlock.

Below is an account of presents Mr P. intends to distribute at Christmas viz.

	s. d
To the Bathsman	5-0
Two waiting maids 2/6 each ..	5-0
To the Boots	5-0
Christmas Cards & Confectionery to the Catholic Children at Hassop	8-0
	£1-3 0

Remain
Yours Truly
Wm Jonge

Elder Mozat

Stevens

Dec 22nd 98.

Dear Dr Baker

Father Mothes

Me to let you

if you will kindly

let us know how

my Brother is,

he have not heard

since the 15th Inst.

Heads are pooling
deep burned
Also please say
if he objected any
pleasures of Jas
Winter Reed

Yours truly

Jerry Wright

Malton 2/12/1876

Dear Doctor

We have delayed writing in order to report the effect of the medicine which has been taken according to prescription - but latterly only early morning & evening as it seemed to increase constipation

When Hartley called a day or two ago he reported the action of the heart was more regular and the pulse stronger and less swelling

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of the feet and ankles -
with an Rnd upon
Some Thy Friend
I Am Hopkins
The Bro
Robert Baker M.D.

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

FARDON & SON,

Wholesale and Retail Chemists and Druggists,

[redacted], STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE.

ESTABLISHED 1844.

Dec. 2nd 1878

To Dr Baker

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Acct. for £13 11. 3
as per last Statement rendered.

Yours truly
Thomas Fardon.

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MEMORANDUM.

FROM

TARDON & SON,

Wholesale and Retail Grocers and Druggists,

41, STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE.

ESTABLISHED 1844.

To

Scarboro Dec 3rd

Dr Baker

Sir

Kindly let us know if there is any change in Mr Burwell's Mental condition & oblige

T.W. Burwell
91 Wesboro
Scarboro

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Foredom Vicarage
near Newark
Notts
Dec 3rd 1878

My dear Sir

I suppose I shall
see my Sister on Thursday
(at 11 o'clock) the 5th inst
& hope that I may be able
to see you

Yours very truly
Brooks Matthey

To D. Baker Esq

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Dec. 5th 1874

My dear friend,

As I can find no precedent for a personal application to the Jeneal Committee, I thought it right to consult the confidential members of the Retreat Committee, before replying to thy letter.

I am directed to say that the time of the next Committee will be most fully occupied,

and that it would be preferable to have in writing any proposal that thou may have for this consideration.

During the time of my Superintendentship there has never arisen a case where it has been thought desirable that an application should be brought forward in any other way than through me.

But if thou would prefer

applying to the Committee directly, they can either write to the Treasurer, or John Casson, they views, or they would arrange to meet them at John Casson's office, at such day & hour as might be mutually convenient. I am faithfully

(signed) Robt Baker

Rochdale.
6 mo 24th 1878.

My dear Friend

I herewith send another Dividend Warrant which requires my Cousin H. Buckley's signature, so perhaps she will sign this one, and the previous one at the same time. I fear she is no better, or I should have heard e'er this. I shall be glad if thou will kindly

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send me a few lines
and to know if there
is any improvement
since thy last.
I am staying till next
2nd day at the following
address.

C. J. Thwaite
The Hollies
Rochdale.

With love to T. Woodhead
& thyself
Thy Friend
Sincerely.
I. Houltking.

P.S. Please give my love
to Hannah if suitable.

Lord Chancellor's Visitors Office,
45. Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, W.C.

19th Novr 1875

Sir

I am desired by the Lord Chancellor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and to say that Miss Hannah Newton is a Chancery Patient, that her Committee of the Person and Estate have been approved

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approved of by the
Masters and their appointments
only await to be confirmed
by the Court -

Some delay on the
part of parties to the
proceedings have hitherto
prevented the completion of
the appointments

Sir Stanton Herbert

and his Co Committee will
have power to place
Miss Newton where they
please when the Court
has confirmed their appointments
and Mrs Haggerston like
wise have no further
right to interfere as regards
the residence of her little

I am
Sir
Your very obedient Servt
J. R. Wade

Dr Barker

Lord Chancellor's Visitors Office.
45. Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.
London, W.C.

22nd Nov 1878

Sir

As the appointment
of the Committee of Privy Co
Rectors' personal Estates does
not rest with the Visitors
I can give you no satisfactory
answer to your question on
this head -

You must yourself
refer

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best know in what terms
you received Mrs Wellton under
your care -

Ordinarily speaking
the person who signs the
order for another's detention
has the power of removal -
until a Committee is
appointed - Then the
responsibility rests solely
in the hands of the Committee -

In this case it would
appear to be well that the
appointed Committee should
before the completion of their
other appointments so as
to have full control over
the person and property of
Mrs Wellton -

I am Sir
Your most obedt. Servt
J. M. Hadow

Dr Baker

Scarbro 2 Dec. 1878

Robt Baker Esq M.D
York

My dear Sir

My eldest son who is appointed off by the visiting Com^r for Com^ty will be passing through York soon. Can you oblige by allowing him to see his aunt as he particularly wishes to do so. Mrs Megginson has written & me that she intends doing all she can & get her sister out of the Retreat also that if all the doctors were to say that her sister had or has a suicidal tendency she would not believe them as her sister declared to her that she never had such a thought thereon.

I am of opinion that in case Miss Newton comes out that her sister is scarcely the person to have charge of her or be her companion— In your next please say whether you allow Miss N— to have the papers. Does she take any interest in them, whether she answered her sisters letters and if her mind takes slight the same as Miss Richardson told me last spring that she argued the improbability of her sisters marriage & would not believe it—that it was so— I am anxious to know about her so if you have any little incident to relate shall be obliged by your relating it

I am yours very truly

Hawson Herbert

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Idle Wheel

Decr 4th 1878

Dear Doctor

Enclose is registered

order for the amount of the

check received back

Please acknowledge by return

And Oblig

Your Respectfully

Cowell Briggs

74 Rodney St.,
Liverpool,
Dec.r 4. 1878

Dear Dr. Baker,

I pray accept my very sin-
-cere thanks for your kindness in inviting me
to your house if I should visit York & I
had some hope of being present on the 19th
inst. at the annual meeting of the Work-
-house Committee League for promoting the
repeal of the C.D. Acts; but I now fear
that engagements will prevent my from

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attending. If I should be able to do so however, I shall certainly avail myself of your kind invitation. If I find that my engagements permit of my going I will either write or telegraph to you.

Of course I do not know what your opinion of these Acts is. My own feeling with regard to them is one of unmitigated horror & distress. The principles which underlie them appear to me to be anarchistic, unphilosophical, & morally suicidal.

I remember some eight or nine years ago on the occasion of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Permissive Bill being a subject, having a long conversation with Dr Kitchen, who had come to Hull from York, to attend the meeting. I did not know until a few weeks since that he was dead, & that he had succeeded you at the Friends' Retreat.

With kind regard,

believe me,

Yours sincerely,

William Carter.

Bolton 3-12-78

52 Arkwright St

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Thy kind letter came acceptabel to hand a week ago last 6th day for which we are very much obliged Though thou could not speak of any improvement in our dear daughters case

The time certainly was short to expect it; but it is now what has seemed to me two long weeks to day since she left us & feel ready to hope there is some improvement by this time or I fear she will be very much upset, &

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well as trying to [redacted] which
would be trying to her natural
disposition It would be
a great relief to hear of her
again if [redacted] would kindly
oblige us at the early convenience
I expect a message of love
to her from us all could not
be appreciated by her or we
should be pleased to have
it given to her

I remain with kind
regards My friend Sincerely

Hannah Payne

HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT,
LIMPLEY STOKE,
Nr BATH.

Dec^r 3^rd 1878

My dear Friend

I believe it is time for me to send the report of my husband, and I am thankful to say he is improved very much, and we intend to remain here until the end of Jany. The variety of company is

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beneficial to him
and an help to me —
If there is a balance
due to me, which I con
clude there is, I should
feel obliged if it could
be sent here, as effects
are heavier than at
home —

With kind regards
I remain Yours sincerely
A W. Liddiatt

D. H. PORRETT,
SOLICITOR.

2, Bank Street,
Sheffield, 4 Dec. 1878.

My Dear Lord

R. H. Newton.

My partner Mr Wright writing you I write now that I have been almost daily expecting the communication by letter of the appointment of the Committee.

The Master required some of his queries in the Report clearing up by affidavit which cannot be done within the time, when I hope the Court can proceed at once. I have written my Agents today informing them of the danger of delay & urging expedition. If necessary we must apply to the Court for an injunction to restrain Mrs. Higginson from talking her writ from the Robert. I have also written urging Agents to issue the writ of sequestration & the Committee to take possession of the Property & Effects of Mr Higginson.

Yours faithfully
D. H. Porrett

Rt Hon Baron Lyveden
The Retreat,
York.

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Memorandum.

From T. Watson & Co.,
Family Grocers, Tea Dealers & Confectioners,
6, Fargate, Sheffield.

12 mo 5 1878

To Dr Baker
The Retreat York.

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Dear Friend.

I have been requested by the Poors Committee to write & ask the how Pierson Albright was in health now. When I went with him to York Dr Prideaux told me that he would probably so far recover that he would have to come out of the Retreat. If that is likely to be the case we should like to know a little before hand as it

is very difficult to find any suitable employment for him.

Yours sincerely

Chris S. Watson

Ashworth St
Bolton 12th 5 mo
1878

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

From time to
my Son this am We are very grieved
to find our dear Daughter is no better
after 2 weeks under such good care &
the fact of her having had 2 bad nights
makes us exceedingly anxious as to
whether there is not danger of her
sinking under it, if thou thinks
there is, will thou on receipt of this by
letter or Telegram kindly say whether
it is desireable for her Mother to go
at once

with love
Thy sincere Friend
Wm Payne

1878

St. Paul's Sqre

York - 15/XII-78.

My dear Friend.

I send the enclosed

in confidence for the Bread;

That from Margate came

the latter end of last week

and that from Newcastle

this morning - I am afraid

the poor lady is getting worse,

& am advised not to go alone

to see her, as she seems so ady

excited - so have written a kind soothing letter to him; and as King in another note Mary Graham, with her Mother, to think of, & treat the strange conduct alluded to, as mental disease.

It would be a great relief if poor Blanche de Landelle were under suitable care, but this, in her circumstances is difficult legally to obtain.

I hope you are all pretty well this wintery - yet seasonable weather.

With love, & hoping thou will excuse my thus troubling thee

I am Thy sincere friend

Elizabeth G. Dinsdale.

thee so.
I am glad to
hear of H. E.
through S. M.
Had I better come
for S. M. to York?
in order to get a
little advice from
thee as to her future.
as I want to know if
I am to let her work
or withhold it from
her. &c &c. In haste
Martha E Smith

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker. 176

I shall be
greatly obliged by
a line per return
of post. to say
positively, if
Sarah Maria can
stay with you
till the 3rd Jan

without detriment
to herself.
My reason for
writing is that
Susan must take
her berth before
hand and she
would sail on
Jany 2nd. if she
were coming on the
3rd. It would
be a great
hurry to get Susan
off before that.
and other engage
ments crowd me.
but if thou &
I fix that date
it shall be kept.
if it can be.
I have a change
of officers to arrange
also.
I must apologise
for troubling

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the 17th Inst., if Fine & my
Wife Visit from Worcestershire.
I have not written to
Gentlemen Friends
who wish accompany
us to Austria, as I have
for my Movements at
the first to be determined with
my Brothers,
With kind Regards
I remain
Yours very Truly
W. Gentlemen

P.S.
Can you recommend
any Hotel in Newton

In the 17th Inst., if Fine & my
Wife Visit from Worcestershire,
I have not written to
Gentlemen Friends
who wish accompany
us to Austria, as I have
for my Movements at
the first to be determined with
my Brothers,
With kind Regards
I remain
Yours very Truly
W. Gentlemen

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

No. of Message 111

Dated Stamp of

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

Charges to pay £.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Batley *Office at* 11 44 a.M., *Received here at* 11 59 a.M. Delivering Office.

From

C. J. Critchley
Batley

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat,
near York

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Sarah sheard again unwell can you do with her today and say who can meet her at Leeds or York

reply paid

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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Idle Thurs
Dec 6 - 1848

Dear Doctor

we are glad to say we have finished with the Trustee Business and have nothing further to do with it. will you kindly tell Hatsberg if you think proper. If he should seem not to believe this statement can send you a Copy of Receipt

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Anxiously waiting to Hear
Further from You

Yours Most Respectfully
Odell Briggs

5th It can by the addition of tubes be made to raise one part of the body higher than the rest, and thus increase pressure.
6th By the temporary removal of one or two tubes, it affords room for the introduction of a Bed pan.
7th It can be inclined to any angle (even when filled with water) to suit the condition of the patient, whilst the ordinary water bed can only be used when in a perfectly horizontal position
8th It is free from the noise and surging, which is so disagreeable to the invalid, on changing his position when on a water bed.
9th In case of injury or accident to a tube, it can be withdrawn, and a spare one put in its place, at a comparatively trifling cost, and without loss of time, whereas the water bed, if injured, in any part (from being in one compartment) is rendered completely useless, and the leak generally causes considerable damage to the bedding before it is discovered. (180)
10th The whole arrangement is so simple, that a clean case can be changed, as easily and as quickly, as making an ordinary bed.
11th A special advantage which beds of this construction have, is that in the treatment of invalids, especially the insane, who are paralysed, and have no control over their evacuations, they cannot lie in a pool of wet, as they must do, when either a water bed, or water sheet is used, the space between the Tubes allows the Fluid to pass away, and thus a fruitful source of bedsores is avoided.

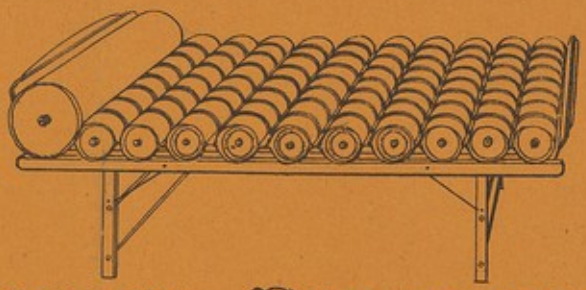
A special modification is made for this class of cases, for which see separate prospectus.

PRICES.

Bed complete for Air of 11 Tubes 6ft. × 3ft.	5. 10. 0
Extra Tubes for ditto	10. 0
Bed complete for Water of 11 Tubes 6ft. × 3ft.	6. 10. 0 ×
Extra Tubes for ditto	12. 0 ×
Head Pillows	17. 0 ×
Folding Bedstead	17. 0

Cases of Linen or other material, and Valves can be had at stated prices separately; also Waterproof Sheets of any size and quality

THE UNIVERSAL INVALID TUBULAR WATER AND AIR BED.





POCOCK BROTHERS,

Patentees and Sole Manufacturers,

235, SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD, **LONDON**, S.E.

This Invention, consists of a series of separate and distinct Cylinders, any diameter, and suitable length, made of waterproof material either for water or air as may be desired, these fit into a case, which keeps them side by side but slightly apart, and in this way a bed or cushion can be made of any size.

It thus forms a water or air bed, or it may be a combination of both, for some of the tubes can be filled with water (hot or cold) whilst others may be filled with air.

One of the chief improvements claimed for this arrangement being that instead of having a bed formed of one compartment only, as is now done, this, consists of several quite independent of each other, and the result is, that a bed constructed on this plan, has advantages over the water bed, in the following particulars.

1st *It is quickly filled and easily adjusted*

2nd *It is warm and light, being waterproof and portable it is well adapted for a camp or field bed.*

3rd *It admits of ventilation in the space between the tubes.*

4th *It can be regulated so as to relieve pressure from any part required.*

235 Southwark Bridge Road.
London, S.E. 7th Dec.r 1878.

Mr. Robert Baker.
The Friends Retreat
N.r York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 6th inst. for which we thank you we have pleasure in giving you price as requested & will send forward the Bed next week.

We enclose you a price list which will give all particulars as well as we can explain in a letter. it is specially set up for Institutions and off it we cannot allow any discount. Since we have framed the price to come within every institutions reach and are not earning an exorbitant profit out of it as is generally done upon the Water Beds of the ordinary kind.

Our price for Bed & all extras as you state will be £8.10.6 which will include "mattress of 11 Tubes. 1 Extra Tube. Head Pillow and Hydro Syringe sheet with Bellows to inflate the Bed when air is needed

Trusting this will be satisfactory to you

We are Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Pocock Bro.

Bristol. Dec 7th 1878

From John Fell Baker.
52. Queen Square.

To M Dr Rob: Baker Bro
Retreat, York

My dear Sir /

I beg to hand you Cheque £11. 7. 2
to be used for the benifit of Matilda — daughter
of the late Samuel Baker, Bristol — deceased
Kindly acknowledge the same to me per return
to the "George Hotel. Shrewsbury" to oblige

Yours dear Sir

Yours very truly

John Fell Baker

Chorlton Road
Manchester.
8/12/78.

My dear Friend

I was truly glad to receive thy letter & to hear that dear Hannah is now really improving, it is quite a relief to me, that she has been able to sign the warrants, I duly received the two sent, and I received this A. In. a ~~receipt~~ from your Secy for the one retained.

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I was so pleased she was able to send me a few lines, although I perceive she is far from being herself yet, it gives me a good idea of how she is, she must be very much worse this time, how very sad it is. If she is wanting anything in way of warm clothing, I shall be glad to send, if you let me know, Miss Woodhead will perhaps say, my love to her please. hoping Mrs Baker & self are well

I remain Yby Friend
Sincerely
Jane Houlding.

105, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
COOPER, BOX & Co
(STRAW HAT MANUFACTORY, College St. St Albans.)

London. 27/11 1878
E.C.

My dear friend

Some days since I heard from my Sister that the Dr sent in for expenses in poor Alfred's case were much more than when he was accommodated at Acomb.

This morning I have learnt that there will be unhappily no dividend at all in "Norton Brothers Limited" Concern - I am not aware that the Rolls sent £300 in the Concern but it will be a serious drawback on her limited means not to receive even a much smaller dividend that has been usually divided.

I do not know any of the friends who manage the funds of the Retreat or I would ask them if the amount paid on Alfred's account could be reduced by any means -

His mother I know would deprive herself of many comforts that he might be made himself comfortable -

Should I chance to come across any of the parties who have the power to serve her in this case I would name to them we should all feel

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greatly obliged
with love
Sam
Shine off
Hds Bay

From PLEASE QUOTE THE ADDRESS.

JOHN WOOD,
Newhouse,
Denby Dale,
Huddersfield.

To Dr. Baker
York

6th of 12th Mo., 1878.

Dear Friend,

Thy favour of yesterday to hand, I am sorry if I have made a proposal which the Committee of the Retreat consider a piece of impertinence on my part, but it did seem so natural to me in connection with a business in which probably thousands of Pounds are at stake, that the parties should have a personal interview especially in a case like the present, where I am not

the present, where I am not a Principal and do not feel quite at liberty to write all I might say to the Committee, but as the Committee decline to serve I suppose I must leave the matter in their hands with the enclosed note from Thomas Bosc which I fancy I could have supplemented had I been allowed to do so. Shall be glad to hear from thee after the Committee on the 17th inst.

Thine sincerely
John Wood.

Leeds 7th Dec, 1875.

Dear Sir,

I had your note for which I am obliged – I expect my brother in Dundee has written you, to arrange about my brother James going to Ilkley or Harrogate, for a short change, If he has not done so would you kindly make arrangements at once? I gathered from your note, that some one from the establishment should go with him, We hoped my brother James will be able to leave your hands by the end of the year. I shall be glad to hear from you soon,

Yours respy,

John Brodie.

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Colchester.

12mo 6. 1878.

The Secretary.

York Retreat.

Dr. Friend,

I have received 2 copies of the Report for 1878. which I presume are for our meeting -

abt a year ago we intimated to you the death of Thomas Catchpool your late agent here & received a letter stating you desired me to take that office for our Monthly Meeting.

The widow & daughters of the late T. Catchpool

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are not friends and have
expressed some annoyance at seeing
papers with his name still appearing
in the list. It will be desirable
that this error should be corrected
without further delay.

I am yours truly

Wilson Marriage

HYDROPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT,
LIMPLEY STOKE,
Nr BATH.

Dec-9th. 1878.

My dear Friend

The P.O.O and stamps came to hand on 7th for which I am obliged - but did not know it would be so small an amt - or should not have written - and was not aware that I should have to pay my own hands expenses at Godshill as well as at Scarboro'

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I thought it would only be the extra for the lodgings and journey I am quite of opinion that his name need not be continued on the books any longer and hope he will never have to leave his home again —

With very kind regards in which my husband unites.

I remain Dear sincerely
A W Liddiatt

P.S. I notice there is on the bill for Cash and Sundries

£ 4-7-9

which seems a great deal for six weeks is this correct? —

52 Arkwright St
Bolton 10th 12th 78

Dear friend
Dr Baker
We feel much obliged
for thine of this morning and
very thankfull thou could
say the slight improvement
continues in our dear daughters
case Though we still feel she
is sadly afflicted poor child
I expect she has a tasking time
of it I hope the severity of the
attack will not prove too much
for the Brain to recover itself in
time A few lines will be
most thankfully received when
thou can favour us
And remain thy friend
Sincerely Hannah Payne

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Friends Retreat

Dec 9th 1878

Dr Baker,

I gave Mrs Shearer a bath on the third day after her admission here and found her free from Bruises or Marks of any recent injury.

Annie Cook

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Ackworth School
3 - 11 mo 1878.

Dear Friend
D. Baker

I am much obliged by thy kind note of the 4th Inst which fully corresponds with my feelings on the subject - If seeing thy dear Brother again once in this life we hope to be at the Retreat some where about - Prospect 2nd day next. Yours

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Thy sincerely Obliged friend

Rachel Elizth Stone

L. Robt Barkley Esq

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Rockside.
Matlock.
Dec.r 10th/78.

Dear Sir.

Wm. Procter and myself are going on the same as usual; I have nothing further to report. than, that Wm. P. says he would like the Summer to set in. before returning to business.

Remain,

Yours respectfully
Wm Longe.

D. Baker
York

Cath Villas

Shirley. Dec 10th 1848

Dear Friend,

Dr Baker,

I am much obliged for your note just rec'd & hearing the rooms required at liberty would be very glad to accommodate the gentleman & his attendant for 3 or 4 nights for cure at this season. Would you please let me know whom I might expect them as I should like to have the rooms well aired

Yours truly

Emily Prentice

11. 12. 78

Sizewell House,
Leiston,
Nr Saxmundham.

My dear Ci –

I hear from
Ivor Gordon that
he wants either
Don Quixote or Gil Blas
in Spanish – Will
you ask him
which & procure
the same for him

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I send by later
post — the only
remaining book like
Spanish language
for me — we have
in library — Jr Sadan

Yours

symptoms you have of
leaves off from the present?
With Mr Codrington's kind
regards — believe me
dear Sir — yours truly
Daniel Codrington —

Thursday Three Doctors
Dublin —

Dear Sir /

I the Postscripts
you have to send us —
send us a text on your
son, make us feel regard
for Mr Codrington being very
unwell, & he will thank you

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so sorry, I have disarranged
him from attempting to go
to York just at present—
he would feel greatly obliged
however if you could kindly
send us a few more
Testaments &c—
We are anxious to know whether
he is much better than

when he was before the last
attack, & whether he is at
all able to express himself—
as we mentioned the
words "I cannot" as
if he wished to see us—
Do you consider now that
he is likely soon to have
another Hgge—& have the

Basingstoke
Dec. 11th 1878.

Dear Dr Barker

I am going down to Bridport on Saturday next to spend Xmas & that my address for a few days will be St Mary's Clipsham

Bridport

Dorset

If you have occasion to write to me.

I continue to get good accounts from my dear Husband. He has never intermitted attending Services at the R. C. Chapel & was in one of his letters. Supposed

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to have some idea that I shall not approve of it. I think it therefore wish to keep quiet about it. He need not know dear that I shall object to anything that you can do.

He writes very regularly & seems happy & contented at Rockhill & to be looking forward highly to his being allowed down to see you by next Summer.

I am very much hoping you may consider it suitable for us to give him in January but I shall be guided by your advice. Please give me a word or two on this before you write me & let me know if you can manage it & so do I shall have a few little things

to attend to during the Christmas week. With very much love from Father to Mother & dear Bertie & Gwen & Granny

Ever your affectionate Father

Bertie Russell

She never attempts
to inquire herself now
that is the only Improvement
since I came to her
she is just the same
in every other way
she will take with
she has the opportunity

Dr A Lowe

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12 Grand View Terrace
Upper Bangor
Dec 9th

To Dr Baker

The patient is much
the same in every way
only takes her food better
She has been told of
the death of her friend
father it did not take
much effect she just
cried for a short

Annie has not mentioned
it since she still keeps
to her Xtmas exactly in the
same manner as at first
says she will do whatever
we wish her to do only
stop letting or thinking
about the poisoned family
she will not for it is
quite true and no one
shall ever make her forget
it She has certainly
improved on one point

Architectural Metal Works.
64 Clement St: Birmingham.

Dec: 11th 1878

Dear Sir,

We should feel obliged if you would kindly remit to the amount of our a/c Dy £2 14 0 which has been due now 12 months, your prompt attention to this will greatly oblige

Yours truly
Thos Brown & Co
per A.G

J. E. Woodroffe

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the same (Ey-y-o Jno
Woods) as Idiè while
Alfred was at Acomb;
my brother seemed
evidently misunderstood
a communication I
made to his wife a
short time since.
I will take care the
mistake is rectified
Owing to the general
depression in trade,
& other causes, my
income has latterly

Woodland Mount.
Nortonthorpe.
near Huddersfield.
Dec 11th. 1878.

My dear Friend,
Knowing how
valuable thy time is, I
am extremely sorry to
have caused thee the
trouble of writing to me
respecting the sum I
pay to the Institution,
I am perfectly aware
I am paying exactly

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been greatly diminished of
course causing great inconvenience,
under these circumstances, a
reduction in the charges for any
sort would be a relief, but I feel
very reluctant to urge in the
matter, lest any concession that
might be made should involve
any change in Abbott's position;
rather than decline him, in any
way voluntarily of his present privileges,
I would make any sacrifice, or endure
any inconvenience.

I greatly appreciate thy kind
desire in offering to lay before the Com-
mittee any proposal from me, but
for the present prefer that I decline
to do so. Thanking thee for thy
letter; I am with kind regards,
thy sincere friend.
Mary Bot.

the statements of a/c that have been forwarded to them, then will see that the charge made for Alfred is £7.7. per week; exactly the same sum as was paid for him at Acomb.

The only difference being that while at Acomb, £4.4.0 of this sum was paid to Mrs Wright, & £3.3.0 to the Retreat.

Probably this misapprehension has arisen owing to thy not noticing that them now pays a quarter in advance, in accordance with the Retreat Rules; so that now Alfred's board is paid for

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Dec. 18th 1878

My dear friend,

A letter from John Wood enclosing a note from Thomas Bock has come to hand, in which the following passage occurs.

"Some days since, I heard from my sister that the a/c sent in for expenses in poor Alfred's case, were much more than when he was accommodated at Acomb."

I think it best to write to the Clerk to correct this misapprehension.

On closer examination of

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up to 31st December 1898, and the account that will be sent in to the early in Janry. will be for the coming three months.

Having given this explanation, I have only to add that if there feels the expenses of Alfred's maintenance here to be more than is convenient to them, I will gladly bring before our next Comm. such proposal as they may desire to make, and I am sure that it will receive their most careful attention. With kind regards

Yours faithfully

R. Baker hon.

(Copy.)

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Dec. 12. 1878

Mr. Pepper

Dear Sir,

I regret to have to make a complaint about the quality of the coal you have been sending us: the best loads make sadly too much ash; but some loads have come in which are so small & powdery, that heat cannot be got up with it.

In fact, some of the

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galleries have been without hot water in consequence.

If you wish your contract for the supply of coal to the Retreat to continue, you must be good enough to see that nothing but really good stuff is supplied.

Begging your immediate attention, I am,

Yours faithfully

J. E. Woods

Secy.

34, Queen Street,
Scarborough.

12 Dec: 1878.

Dear Dr. Baker-

Thank you for your good
tiding of poor Barwell.
I have communicated
the contents of y. letter
to his family this morng.

They wish you to exer-
cise your discretion as
to when any one should
see him & I have told
them you think it is

better that he should be kept free from excitement.

I have always found large doses of Iodide of Potassium suit him on previous occasions - for the reasons I gave you -

I have just come off a Post. Sanitary Inquiry at Malton & have had a very rough time of it. -

Yours faithfully

H. Taylor.

Dr. Baker.

Baker

12/12/78.

Dr Baker

Dr Sir

Enclosed

You will please find

Key for Mrs Shands

Lot, We shall be pleased

to hear the Settler

plant note

Yours Truly

W. Crutchley

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2, Bank Street,

D. H. PORRETT,
SOLICITOR.

Sheffield, 12 Dec. 187[illegible]

My dear Sir

R. H. Newton.

I have done all I can to push this matter & my agents have fixed an appointment to-morrow. I intended them, as I stated in my last, to write you as soon as the appointment has been confirmed, & that you might have the first news I had.

Yours faithfully

D. H. Porrett

R. W. Baker Esq. Jno.

G. & R.

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46 The Broadt-
Dec 13th

My dear Sir

I am much
obliged for your note,
I am glad to hear my
Husband remains so
quiet and is no worse
in health. I trust there
may be some hope of
this recovery. The

studs I sent - not of
little value but as you
object - to them I will
try to get a common
stone before I come again
on Monday. He was
always very careful over
his things & never
attempted to destroy
them in any way
he appeared to value
a trouble of his watch
being taken from him.
Perhaps after a little
time you will allow
him to have it again,
if it gives him any
pleasure. I should prefer
his having it.

Believe me
Yours very truly
Rebecca Darnell.

Lascelly House
Dec 13 – 1858 –

Dear Sir

I feel anxious to hear how my Brother keeps this severe weather, for I see by the Papers, it is the same at York.

When My Brother was here last, I promised he should come to spend Christmas Day, but if you will tell him, it is not fit for him to travel in this storm – but shall have

I am thankful to say, we are all pretty well, hoping Mrs. Baker is better than when I last heard.

With love to my Brother & kind regards to yourself

Yours respectfully
I Heald

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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Home in the New-Year as
soon as we can - I shall
send a small Hamper,
for Him, for Christmas
Eve, which I hope will
arrive safe,

The young Lady who
is with me as companion,
wishing to go home for 10
days, I thought she had
better get her holiday
over first, if you will
explain it to Him, that
he will have his visit,
as soon as she returns,
& the storm is over,

St. Paul's Sqre.
13. XII. 1878.

My dear Friend.

Thou hast most probably heard of the sorrow my dear Brother Joseph's Family are in, from the death of their youngest Son, William Stephenson, which occurred between 12 & 1 Hr. last first day morning. P.M.- He has been suffering from the effects of Typhoid Fever, some months, which left him in a

v S. Reynolds, Brenture & Jean with me at present - for really it is perilous - People, Horses, & Cows, all with diffinulty Rup thro' fut, & all, of those, I know, have had painful falls & accidents.

I trust your large Family continues fairly well, & do not suffer very much from the severe cold -

With Kindest love to all, (thy own family & those who remember me) with my dear Brother, included.

I am Thy sincere friend.
E. G. Dimsdale.

I have not heard any more of B. de Landille.

weak condition, and on 7th day afternoon he became much worse, & after a very restless night, entered, I trust-heavenly glory - the following day -
The funeral takes place at Willesden Cemetery tomorrow 7th day morning
He was the youngest Son, an undergraduate at Cambridge - about 20: and his life seemed to promise great happiness, & blessing & usefulness, for future years, to those around him - but his Saviour has called him for higher service, in His Praise & Joy, Above.

I am very much obliged for the kind Invitation for New Year's Day - It will be a great disappoint - ment if the weather prevents my accepting it - and we may hope the fog & slippery roads may not, by then, render it dangerous - It is the only plan & time I have any present intention of going to, this Winter - as I decline evening visits generally, now, entirely -

The same cause makes me hesitate to ask my dear Brother,

Monkton Lodge
Jarrow on Tyne
Dec 13th. 78

Mrs Richardson will
be glad to know on
behalf of a friend
of hers - if there is a
vacancy in the "Friends
retreat" for an elderly
gentleman who has
lived some years
in the family of a
Medical Man &in

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Consequence of his death it is necessary to remove him — He is perfectly quiet and manageable — & yet is not well enough to be without medical care —

Mrs Richardson will be glad to know the terms on which such a patient would be received into the establishment

L24/3/22,

W.H. PEPPER
COALS & LIME
COKE

Colliery Offices.
4 Railway Street.

York 13th December 1878

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday to hand. I am sorry the coal has not been up to the mark, in both sample & quality.

I have given the matter my prompt attention, & trust you will have no further grounds for complaint..

Yours truly,
pro W.H. Pepper

J. E. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York

J. W. Pepper

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Mrs Almond

Rievaulx

nr Helmsley

Dec. 13/78.

Dear Dr,

Will you be able to see us one day next week – say Friday? I should

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like to go over to York again before Xmas —

With kind regards

Sincerely

Amelia Grace

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

13 Dec 1878

Dear Sir

Enclosed we beg to hand you receipt for Cheque which came due in due course & for which we tender you our best thanks.

Yours Truly
G. N. Haden & Sons

Dr. Robt. Baker

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Valley Paper Works.
Smithies. Near Barnsley. Dec 14th 1878.

The Secretary of the
Friends' Retreat Asylum
Heslington Road
York.

Dear Sir

Would you kindly inform me by return of post the terms of your Asylum for taking in Lady patients. I have a Sister-in-law, a lady aged about 44, the widow of the Rev Mr Sayer, who kept a Boarding School at York up to the time of his death. She is unfortunately affected with Melancolia.

Awaiting your early reply

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Thomas Marsden.

J.G.

December 13th 98

Dear Dr Baker,

As you kindly advised me to do, in case it was deemed necessary for my husband to remain longer than the end of the year in the Retreat, I write to ask if it is possible that there should be a reduction of terms – Now that we have no longer the income from the Blinds, I am quite unable to meet the expense of his remaining

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the expense of his remaining at the Lodge,— all I have to depend upon is under £60. per annum, + though I have been anxious for several months past to make something by letting lodgings, I have not been successful as yet
I am very glad to hear he is steadily improving, + I earnestly hope before long that he will be sufficiently recovered to leave—
I hope to come over to see him next week, I could not conveniently do to this, as he wished me to do— With kind regards I am respectfully Yours Eliza W Stanton

could not conveniently do this

4, PARADISE SQUARE,
SHEFFIELD.

Dec 18 38

Dear Sir

Lawrence

You are desired
from Mr your Letter
to have written the
Robert & Mrs Pashley
Morning Room

Mr Robert address
-ed. The Tower Sheffield

Yours faithfully
Newton Bagshaw
Robert Baker Esq

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12, PAVEMENT,
YORK.

16th Dec. 1874

My dear Sir,

I have seen Mr. Lyon with reference to the property about which you enquired of me. He promised to let me know as soon as it is decided whether it is to be sold or not. He seemed to think it would not be long before a decision was arrived at & I shall hear from me as soon as I have anything further to communicate.

Yours faithfully
T. Wood

Robt. Baker Esq. M. D.

Bredon nr. Tewkesbury
15 Dec: 1878

Dear Dr Baker.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send your account for the services of your attendant J. Stratford, without delay, to

"Messrs. Johnson Barclay & Johnson
Solicitors
36 Waterloo St.
Birmingham"

a statement

The court of Chancery requires all the amounts ~~debts~~ owing from my

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husband's estate.

Yours truly

Margaret Evans

Rockside.
Matlock.
Dec. 15/78.

Dear Sir,

I have nothing further to report this week than usual; we are going on very smoothly.

Yours etc.
Wm Tongl.

W. Baker
York.

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Leeds 14th, Oct, 1785.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your last letter, & I am grieved to hear my brother has not been quite so well, trust he is better again by this time, we are anxious to hear from you again, A few lines are quite sufficient. If he were once able to bear the strain of mixing with some of his friends (not in Leeds) I am confident he would get on rapidly, & by that time some more speedily. Do know of no better place than Wales, Ilkley or Harrogate would be very dull places to live at just now, for any length of time.

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I have a brother who lodges just outside London, & my brother James might go there day & bye, & be as quiet as he likes, if it is considered too far to go to Broadoak Wales.

In haste, Yours respectfully,

Robert Brodie,

he is allowed a liberal quantity at Abingdon & it would be a great risk to his health at his great age to deprive him of them altogether - though perhaps it might be done gradually - Mrs Richardson has understood nothing of the kind is allowed to the Patients in "The Friend Retreat" - If Dr Baker considers the case insuitable for the establishment. She will not expect to hear from him again — A comfortable

Monkton Lodge,
Nr. Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Dec 16th 78

Mrs Richardson is much obliged for Dr Baker's letter - but she is afraid the expenses for the accommodation required for the Gentleman in question would be more than can be afforded - He is an old Naval Officer 86 years of age - & his pension is only £80 -

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few years. He has been living at Abingdon Northamptonshire under the care of the late Dr Prichard for the past 12 years - with clothes found & every indulgence possible for that sum - it is scarcely likely another establishment can be met with. Where he can be kept for so small a cost. Owing to the death of Dr Prichard the Establishment at Abingdon is being given up - and the patients have to be removed from there by the middle of January - His daughter has been looking out for a home for him for some time but at present without success - Before going to Abingdon he had been in the habit of indulging in stimulants to an excess -

Monkton Lodge,
Nr. Jarrow-on-Tyne.

Bedroom that would
answer ~~it~~ for a sitting
room as well - would
be all that - he would
require - as he does
not rise till nearly
middle day - And
he has sufficient clothing
by him to last his
life time ——

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Illinois Penn
Dec 16th 78

Dear Mr Stetson,

The Secretary
being in very poor
health & confined
to bed most of my time
since he came
home from Peoria. As I wished
to follow your instructions
in the matter,
I have written to Judge
Underwood & Congress

Gentlemen Please to
Observe, I Hereby
Notify and Warn Each and Every
One of you not to Leave the
Jury Room or Have Any
Communication with Any
Person Whatever, Touching
the Business Before You
Without Leave of the Court,
Neither Shall You Yourselves
Separate Until You Have
Agreed upon Your Verdict,
Or Been Discharged by
the Court.
With Your Leave Gentlemen.
I Now Leave You
Hereby Strictly
Enjoining You

P.S. The Above Words by
the Court Written Before the
Jury Were Sworn & the Court Rose at 11 Oclock

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

17th Dec. 1878

I, the undersigned, being the person who signed the order for the admission of Edward Coleman into the Friends' Retreat, York hereby request his discharge.

John Coleman

Witness.
R Baker.

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Whitton
Nr. Ipswich 12mo 16th 1878

Dear Friend

Dr Baker

At the request of our friend Edward Bishop who has recently lost his wife, I herewith enclose the a cheque for £7.6.6 on a/c of M A Beale as per bill enclosed which please return receipted & oblige

Thine sincerely

Jno Braysher

P.S. The bill may be returned direct to E.B. early as convenient, to present to our preparative mtg. to be held in a few days

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Memorandum

Dec. 17. 1878

To Dr. Baker
York.

From Geo. Benington & Co
Wakefield.

Dear Friend

Yours of 12th inst. is to hand;
My brother expects to be over very soon
on his official visit & my Cousin L. Benington
and your request shall be attended to
either then or very soon. With kind regards
I am Yours truly
Henry Benington.

17/12/78

Dear Reeve

I regret my engagements prevent my attending the Court today.

Would you kindly ask someone to send me a line informing me as to Joseph Rigg's condition — Would it be seemable for his wife to come over?

Thy sincere friend
John Wheeley

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The Coppice,
Nottingham.

17 December 1878

My dear Sir,

Will you kindly
tell me at what sum the
salary of the Head Supt
of your Asylum commences
and what was the highest
amount received by the
late Dr. Kitching during
his tenure of office —

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I trust you will pardon me
for troubling you, but I am
about to apply for an
increase of pay and should
like to be prepared to
answer questions as to the
salaries of others Med. Supts
should they be asked —

Very faithfully yours
H. H. Yates

Dr. Baker —

Castlegate 18/XII-78

My dear friend

I reached home last Eng at 10.15 and found your Committee dispersed! I hope you did good service.

Please order Grave No. 180 for Sarah Williamson – the Interment to be on Sunday morning 9.45 – could not manage any other time. I go to Bradford this afternoon and hope to return on Friday Evening

Thine very truly

Jno. Carson

Wm Stone
20 Q.
11. a.m

Sale 21/12/78

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Memorandum Dec 19 1878

From W. H. White.
Eagle Tea Warehouse.
Foss-bridge.
York.

To S. Baker.
The Retreat. (228

C. Robinson & Co. London

I acknd the enclosed but not having acknd the amt. yesterday I trust I am not sorry to be kept another month.. waiting for it- as I am informed others have been duly paid. = I was requested to make up my a/c to Oct- 31- & did so.

Rich. W. White

Dehradun School
17 - 12 mo 1878.

Dear Friend
N. Baker
Thank thee for
thy kind note of this
morning the contents of which
do not surprise me since I think
the prospect I think for what
Lamorniere first may bring, but
as these troubles may clear
may revive things get some

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days. Of course his present feelings is to remain at the School for the present and go to Bombay when the Holidays commence Sept 6th Indy. I have written to my brother Henry & this effect & enclosed my note to him. Let me ask thee to write but once & be informed again in a day or two of my letters. Note he looked so weary & sadly as if he desired rest - when I last saw him that I trust he has not, has still suffer pain during the it may be, short time he remains here.

Believe me dear Friends

Thy friend sincerely

Rachel E Stone

York Decbr 14th 1878

I have examined the land containing

3 A. 2 R 27 P

with the House Stables Greenhouses and out Buildings with all fixtures situated in Haslington Road in the occupation Mrs J Bush is freehold Land top redeemed tithe free Gas & water Laid on I think the Property will sell for £4000

Thos Fawdington

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Hardshaw East Monthly Meeting

held at Manchester. 14th of 11th Month, 1878.

Copy of Minute. 13. The Friends appointed to nominate a Friend as Agent for York Retreat in place of John Hodgson removed to a distance propose Jonathan Walker for the office; which being acceptable to this Meeting he is appointed accordingly.

To D Baker
York.

× Jonathan Walker
Frnnel St
Manchester.

Memorandum Dec 19 1878

From W. H. White.
Eagle Tea Warehouse.
Foss-bridge.
York.

To R Baker. 232
The Retreat-
York

I am obliged by your note. I had calculated and made arrangements in accordance, as a family trade like our. We have at this time of the year a lot of money in the books. And as I do not keep a Banking a/c. I have to manage financial

Matters in accordance.

Yours Truly

My Best Thanks

The Coppice,
Nottingham

19th Decr. 1878

Dear Dr. Baker,

I am exceedingly obliged to you for having so kindly and so fully answered my letter. With kind regards and every good wish,

Very truly yours
W. H. Tate

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Piccadilly

Thursday

Dec 19th

To Dr Baker

Sir

I write to say that I think Miss Grace will not go to York this week the weather being so damp & the feast taking cold, she feels of writing to you to morrow but in case you are expecting us it might just you to some inconvenience

so I have ventured to write this unknown to her.

Miss Green has worried a great deal for the last three weeks. Her greatest trouble is that she is rather dependent upon the aperient pills. and has worried herself a little about money matters but altogether I think she is better. we have a good wealth every day and her appetite is very good but her sleep is not very satisfactory yet.

As the Postmen is coming I cannot say any more

I remain Sir
yours respectfully
F. L. Dicey

Bradford
6 Dec 1878

Dear Sir

I can only say I am very much obliged by the consideration shewed to me by you & your Committee. We all hope that trade will begin to improve though there is still a very dark look-out all through the Country. With kind regards & wishing you & the Compliments of the Coming season

I am
Yours Sincerely
Geo. C. Leach

Jr. Baker M.P.
York

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Please to tell Charles
There is a Letter for
him in the Parents
Paper ——

O. B. ——

Lasells House
Dec 19 — 1878

Dear Sir

Having sent the
Christmas Hamper this
Morning for C. G. Heath
which I hope will arrive
safe — I beg your acceptance
of one of the Pheasants &
a Pork Pie hoping all are
well — Yours Truly
O. Heath

Dr Baker
Grind Retreat —

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Mrs Almond
Revault
Dr. Helmsley-
Dec. 19/78.

Dear Dr,

There was
rather a heavy fall
of snow last night
& the more threaten

to-day, so we think we must give up going to York tomorrow. Good - All things considered it seems best to put off going now until the end of next week. Will you let me know some time before Friday if you can see us then?

I am
very sincerely
Amelia Grace.

dear Rest wishes. Love
from herself - Remain
Yours very truly
L S Richardson

Dec 20th 78

Monkton Lodge,
Nr. Jarrow-on-Tyne.

To Dr. Barnes

Dear Sir

I have handed your letters to Miss Collins. The daughter of the Gentleman I have written to you about - It was her wish & intention when the time arrived for her father to leave the late Dr Richards establishment to take him under her own care & to devote herself to him for the rest of his life but at present she is unable to make suitable arrangements for doing so. Her own means are very limited — If it was in accordance with

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your ~~Rules~~ Regulations she would much like to have gone with him to the "Friend Retreat" as his companion & attendant & would pay the sum of £210 per year. if such an arrangement met with your approbation - but if that plan is objected to could you take Captain Collins for three or four Months at the Terms you mention £200. per year - including all extras - for a continuance - it would be impossible for him to pay more than his Pension - £180. per year - at his advanced age his life is not likely to be prolonged many years - and his daughter is naturally anxious - that his mind during his last days should be soothed & comforted as much as possible - - - Should your answer be favourable to either of these plans - Miss Collins will most likely come to York - some

the back of the hand & the
skin of the patient beneath
this brisk stimulation acts
on the great ganglionic centres
& the cerebro spinal centres
by a reflex action strengthening
& invigorating the whole
organism — notably the heart
The duration of the operation
is from 7 to 10 minutes
no pain should be felt only
a sense of warmth
very faithfully yours
E V Dale

Tolcarne House
Scarborough

My dear Dr Baker

I did not know to
whom I could advise
W Robinson to apply for
his relief — I thought you
were a good Samaritan
& if you could not minister
to him yourself you would
kindly point him where
he ought to go

He is suffering from

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left hand and the patient the other in his right hand (varying it sometimes to his left hand) then after dusting the skin of the body with flour or starch, and the free hand of the operator in the same way - the "solar plexus" region - (called the electric hand) an ordinary faradic apparatus stroked over the entire surface of the body of dried skin - from the induction coil. The operator with right hand holds the handle in his left hand and passes the sparker rapidly past between

low vitality and a very feeble circulation In these cases I have found faradization of the nerves of the skin over the precordial region

Leeds 20th Dec/78.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you last week & expected to hear from you. I earnestly trust my brother is no worse, I think that perhaps this severe weather is against him. I hope he is able to go out a bit, I believe exercise in the open air would be about the best thing for him. I trust you will write by return.

I remain for post,

Yours respectfully,

John Brodie

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Woodbrooke 12. 20. 1876

Esteemed Friend
R Baker,

I am very sorry
to hear that my dear Mother
is not so well as usual and
should anything occur which
requires me to be with her,
I will endeavour to go,
though I have been confined
to the house 7 weeks on account
of ill health. Should any
particular change take place
I shall feel obliged by thy
writing. Thy Friend
Mary Le Tall

1112

Mount Caulfield,
Newry.

1/28/78

Dear Baker

Myself has now been about 7 months attending upon her immediate relatives during her illness which has been of a most distressing character & I must feel that I must now be making more

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[illegible] as soon as possible

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Camp address
c/o
Richard Routh
Sibford School
nr Banbury
23/12/78

Dear Friend
Dr Baker
In the course
of my recent visit
to York (that 'll
remember I was
there 2 months ago)
my dear Sister
Isabella, who
continues to speak

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cheerfully of your very kind conduct
from all the duties devolved on
I the matter when deprived of
her own independent Resources
Kindness from this Precinct, as the
Dr Pickeans (with due regard
also to my own Comfort
Reserve) may appear expedient on
necessary — My Dr P. as her
Doctor, and Mr Rees. For all the
Kindness & Care shown towards

(H, as I believe, respect as she speaks) highly of thy kindness & that of Dr Ridsdale, was decidedly in the complaining way touching certain required duties coming I think literally under the category of "the washing of cups" &c. the accompaniments of which service she deemed & deems most foul to her

health, & rather than she should undertake to take them any more, she would leave the house & find a home elsewhere. Therefore, I have since heard from her & the Rule Officer, & have as I trust, well considered the matter, (as has, especially the former excellent, very critical Governess) which is decidedly in favour of a return to my dear Miss Isabella's service, & I am now writing to Dr Ridsdale to that effect.

SCHOFIELD & RICE,
OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL.

18, 19 & 20, East Parade,
9 & 10, Park Lane,

Leeds Dec 26 1878

Dear Sir

We have this day sent a parcel directed to you for Mrs Rice & will thank you to see that she receives them. We shall be glad to hear from you how she is at present.

We are Sir
Yours respectfully
Jno R Rice

D Baker.

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N.B. All Letters to be addressed to the Secretary.

Yorkshire
Fire and Life Insurance Office.

York, 18 Dec. 1878.

D: Burke
The Retreat, York.

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Dear Sir, 146130

We are prepared to pay the amount
claimed for damage caused by the late fire
(£15)
and shall be glad if you can make it
convenient to call at this Office

I am Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
F. L. Marsley
Gen. Manager.

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Banbury 12th Nov 1878

Dear Friend

I was just employed in answering your kind letters of yesterday & the day before when your telegram reached me & it seemed best to reply at once in the same way as regards the many questions I must ask you to arrange for me such needful preliminaries as accord with a quiet Friends funeral. Ido not know of there is a Burial ground adjoining the Meeting House or if the Retreat has a special place for interment but should be willing to fall in with what is usual under similar circumstances

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My Sister Rachel from Ackworth will Expects accompany me & we are the only members of the family that are able to be present — I assume that Saturday would be considered a suitable day, just at this period of the year absence from home Extending into next week would be Exceedingly difficult for me — Perhaps I may look for a line by return mentioning the arrangements that are made & I will see you as soon after my arrival in York as possible If there should be any unknown reason why it would be needful for me to be in York on Thursday instead of Friday I would endeavour to start tomorrow. But such I trust will not be the case

Yours Sincerely
Henry Stone

To Dr Bowly

We have on former occasions as a family been accustomed to a good plain Oak Coffin with plain handles but with no coffin plate

12, Pavement,
York.

18th Dec. 1750

My dear Sir,

Mr. Gray has informed me today that it is not intended to sell the property about which you enquired, but that the family will continue to reside there -

Yours faithfully
E. Wood

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

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Architectural Metal Works.
64 Clement St: Birmingham.

Dec^r 20^th 1878

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of cheque value £-2-4-0 in settl^t of our a/c^t for which we enclose receipt herewith.

We remain
Yours truly
Thos Mason & Co
per H.G

J. R. Woods Esq

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Wm Almond
Rievaulx
Nr Helmsley-
Nov. 25/78.

Dear Dr-

My mind has not been quite easy since I saw you on Friday, because I don't think I said quite all I might

times with a sort of horror & I know it is that that keeps me from being quite happy again - I believe I am better here in the country than any where else because the beauties of nature always have a charm for me it takes my thoughts

have done — You
said you were at a
loss to know why
I did not sleep better
at night & feel as
though there was
quite sufficient reason
because my mind
has never got settled
yet on the one point
that troubled me when

I left Bristol I mean
the mystery of in-
spiration in preaching
call that sort of
thing — I don't dwell
on the subject &
read all that is
most matter-of-fact
like in regard to religious
subjects — Still it
comes over me some

away from Dupsey
to go about among
them also to see your
old associations for a
time — every thing is
so different from
what I am accustom-
ed to in a busy town
life & the influences
are so pure & health-
giving that I think
I must get right here

if I stay long enough
Indoors the quiet
gives me opportunity
for many little oc-
pations that Denjoy
& Mrs Disney is always
ready for reading with
me when I have come
to an end of my
own resources, so that
I don't think I could
possibly do better than
I am doing - You
must excuse my
writing such a
big scrawl about
myself, but I think
it is better said -
I am
With Kind regards,
Very Sincerely
Amelia Grace

makes me think a great deal about my dear Sister & the propriety of her remaining in such a completely country retreat as she is, still it is evident she has considerable enjoyments in it, and I feel I must not in any way (Knowing to her) make suggestions for a move. I shall feel satisfied with your decision

Sandford Villa
Hampton Road
Dec 16/78

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged to you for sending me my Sister's note, which should have been returned to you earlier has it not been for my absence from Bristol.

This severe weather

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after you have again seen her and also heard from Mrs Disney as to whether her cottage home supplies her with needful comforts — again, do you think it well she should be so entirely shut away from intercourse with the outer world? I know she is not strong enough to do with much society —

With kind regards, I am sincerely

Mary Grace.

Beverley
Dec 22nd 178

Dr Barker
Sir

It is about
three weeks ago that
I received a letter from
Miss Woodbeach in
which she stated that
my sister was much
the same as when
I last saw her
We sincerely hope
she is much improved

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since then and well
in health.
You must know
D^r how anxious we
feel about her and
especially think of
her at this season
when we should have
liked her to be with
us as in times past
but of course that
cannot be this Xmas
Will you kindly
tell me how she really
is, giving all particulars
about her and if we
hope to see her
down amongst us
again.
Anxiously waiting
an early reply
I am Sir
Yours truly
Annie G Reece

but shall be very glad
to have a line stating
how he is
Hoping that you & yr family
are well and desiring
that many blessings comme
with this season may be
Yours
Believe me
Ever truly
C. Stearns

Is Matilda Seemann
better

Jos Lewis
Wallock Bank
12/22.78

Dear Friend
De Baker
I am sending
by the train today a
box containing various
things for my brother
which I am sure you
will kindly see that
he has, amongst them
are a warm wrap for the
neck, warm gloves & a
pr of bedroom slippers
but having heard lately
how he is makes me
hope that he is better

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Hassop.

Rockside.

Matlock.

Dec. 22nd / 78.

Dear Sir.

W. Procter & myself are going on the same as usual; I have nothing special to report. Wishing you the Compliments of the Season.

I remain.

Yours Truly

Wm Tonge.

Dr Baker

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Bryfield House,
Batley.

23rd Dec 78.

Dr Baker

Dr Sir

Mrs Shaw's friends would much like to hear how she is. We are all well & hope she is better

I am, dear Sir

Yours truly

J. Crosland

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Claverham
Yatton
R.S.O. Somerset
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Dr Baker
Nfork.
Dear Friend,

I am directed by the Charitable Trusts Committee of Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting to send the inclosed cheque for £16.0.0 ~~xxx xxxxxxx~~ in payment of money due to "The Retreat" on account of Frederick Willmott. — His father Robt. Willmott is unable without assistance to pay the charge for his son, & F.W. has now been entered as a patient at

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by the Quarterly Meeting at the lowest rate of payment.

Please credit the enclosed account with £16-0-0, the balance of 7/10 being carried to the credit of next Account

I am
Thy friend truly
Edward Sturge

12 Grenadier Terrace

Upper Bangor

To Dr Baker

Dec 23rd 92

The patient continues the same from day to day no change since the last report. Takes her food and works well

Jn A Turner

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Fernleigh,
Cheltenham.

Dec. 18th

Dear Sir,

I have sent today by the train, a box for my sister, directed to you, the contents of which, I hope will give her some pleasure to believe. I shall be glad to have some account of her. Believe me,

Yours truly
Georgiana Cooke

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C. J. W. agnew Esq.

Summer Hill,
Pendleton.

Manchester.

23. Dec. 1878.

Dr Wake.

Dear Sir.

I dispatched from London on Saturday last a parcel addressed to you containing a set of Shakespeare that my brother asked me to get for him. Will you kindly give it him when it arrives.

I am spending my Xmas holidays here It will be my address till the 13th Jan. when I return to town.

With kindest good wishes to you & yours

I remain
Yours sincerely
A. J. Agnew

N.B. I have received my brothers note. I will get the Gil Blas for him & send it on shortly: also the other one he asks for.

I thought I had sent the Dr Morgans Differential Calculus

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Lr M and if not in actual
work considerably lower the
rent a tenant would have
to pay, as Stabling is scarce
in the neighbourhood. And
there must be no communication
between the Stable and the
premises.

Yours truly
William Reid

Dr Baker.

3, St LEONARDS PLACE,
YORK.

3 Oct 78

Dr Dr Baker.

I forgot to tell you
this morning that there is good
Stabling and Coach house attached
to the house in Moffat Road.
that M from the garden and
premises, although enclosed with
high walls, - and approached
by the side entrance leading
to St Peters Grove

There are at present

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Messrs Backhouse & Son are much obliged for the remittance of £ 10. 16. 6 kindly sent in discharge of their account. They await the favour of future orders which shall have their careful attention.

York 19/12 mo. 1878.

P.S. I should have paid to the shilling for the Phlox 2 or 3 weeks ago. We therefore return the amount in stamps herewith.

J. B. & Son

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87 Cleveland Terrace
Lansdown Lyn
Xmas Eve 1878

Dear Sir
My kind friend
Mrs Richardson has
handed to me the
correspondence &c. she
has had with you in
my behalf in the kind
hand she in my diffi-
culty in finding a place
of abode for my Father.
fearing I may be obliged
to remove him from
Abingdon Abbey before

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Heir to a strange place
if it can be avoided —
Nevertheless I fear I
must do so — if Mr. Richard
is unable to have him
after the middle of Jany.
As soon as I have Mr
Mr. Richard's reply — I
will tell you on what
day I will come to York —
& see you & the arrangements
for my Father —
I am — Dear Sir —
Yours truly
Margaret Mrs Collins

F. D. Baker —

I can get settled in
a suitable house where
I could have him
under my own care
which is what he wishes.
& I also am encouraged
by W. Pritchard in
thinking it the best
arrangement —
I am aware that
it is necessary to decide
promptly - so as not
to cause you or anyone
unnecessary delay
or indecision - Now I
am really unable to
say at once, that I will
avail myself of your
offer to receive my Father
as an inmate of the
Friend's Retreat (or on
the conditions mentioned
in your letter to Mrs Richardson) I am waiting
W. Pritchard's reply to
my enquiry - if it is
possible for my Father
to remain a little longer
at the Abbey than the
time already fixed - I
dread with distress
my Father by transferring

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St Paul's Sqre
York - 27/xi-1878.

My dear Friend.

I am commissioned by my dear Brother Joseph to get a Fine Turkey, Ham, & Sausages for dearest Johns New Years Day dinner, and I hope it will go to the Retreat on Third Day with other little matters - I regret the weather prevents my asking

him to come home. but surely
this intense cold must depart
ere long - I am hoping to be with
you on the 4th day evening -

With love Thy sincere Jas
E. J. Dinsdale.

Leeds 27th Dec.r /75.

Dear Sir,

I had your note, & I am sorry my brother is making so little progress, I hoped the unfavourable symptoms, will soon disappear, & that he will soon be decidedly better, please let me hear from you soon, as we are always anxious to hear about him, You might please try & get him to write us a line, if possible, I need not say that the ideas he has, to which you refer in your note, are altogether delusional. You will of course kindly give him a change to some place in the neighbourhood of York, whenever you think this advisable, & possible,

Yours respy

John Brodie,

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Ashburn,
Ilkley. 26/12/78

Dr Baker

I have this morning read the address
packages note from
my sister in Bristol
the Ring that perhaps
my daughter Mrs Roe-
ter address is with us.
may be able to deliver
it to Mrs D. see her
return to York tomor-
row, but it is not likely

[illegible] Mrs Dymond

had seen dear Mary
in this illness seems
to have had that Ring
consideration for
others which is natu-
ral to her — We under-
stand that it is with
they conduct that my
sister remains in her
country retreat — if she
had the needful comforts
it is not prevented from
the Ring proper explanation
as absence of the snow
which of course is never known
in that secluded district
I have no doubt it is better
to comply with her wish to

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the care Dada. It has
occurred to us to send
it to Alice & ask them
to have it to Mrs D.
without any dister Benj's
Brandeys — as we hear
the intended sayda
York tomorrow —
We are a good deal
disappointed that Benj
had not made further
progress towards recovery
unless the deems this
not to have been so
well for some time
past — Does thee think
the cold weather has
anything to do with this
or can it be not be at-
tributed to any par-
ticular cause? We do
not fear it to any to in-
fluence her — We think
if she remains at Re-
nardy where she has
so few comforts that
she ought to have a
good warmer at night &
if there would be freedom
it for her to Drink she
and be willing to comply
we would also be a great
comfort to Mrs Disney

Moorgate House,
Rotherham.

Decr. 26th

Dear Sir

I was very sorry
to hear from your
letter of the 15th instant,
addressed to Messrs
Newbould & Gould,
of the illness of my
cousin, Mrs Lawrence.
I shall feel greatly
obliged if you will
kindly inform me
how she is progressing.

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being one of the visitors
appointed by the Court,
I expect early next
month receiving the
papers requiring certain
information to be given
by me as to her state
of health &c. I should
have visited her at the
Retreat, but have been
for some time an invalid
myself. Believe me
Yours faithfully
Harriet Tubb.

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Monkton Lodge,
Nr. Jarrow-on-Tyne.

To Mr Baker

Dear Sir

Thank you
much for your letter
which I have sent to
Miss. Collins - She is
now looking after
a house that she think
may possibly suit her
so that she cannot
for a few days decide

how she will arrange
for her Father, and
in this case of course
if you have an applica
tion for the present
vacancy she must
~~take~~ loose the opportunity
of placing him under
your care - which
in my judgement

is a pity - but she
promised her Father
that when he left his
present home - she
would endeavour
to make one for him
with herself - & he
naturally clings to the
idea - Remain

Yours truly
L S Richardson

Though separated so
far my thoughts are
as much as ever
centred in my dear
Brother: I do thank
you very sincerely
for the kind interest
you have shewn on
his behalf, please
accept my heartfelt
thanks. I can assure
you it has been
a great trial to me
to be separated, but
I have endeavoured
to submit to it, and
have tried to feel
reconciled, as you

see I have alone my best, but Anne
feeling comfortable, but Anne
feeling comfortable, very much
my dear brothers, as you know
the trouble and
sufferer. You need have no
fears about my unsettled
mind, as I have no intention
or wish to do so: but fully
understand & appreciate your

15 Derby Crescent,
Kelvinside.

Dec. 4/78.

Dear Friend
Robt Baker.

I was very pleased to hear how nicely dear Martyn was. I trust all is going on well, & as it seems now some time since he wrote me, I should much like to hear from him.

Kindness in mentioning it to me. — What I now request is that you will kindly drop me a line at once when any change is made as having taken so much interest all thro life in my brother & being his nearest relative I naturally am constantly thinking of him.

Distance is certainly making my love to him stronger than ever. It is a hard struggle to be separated but with the blessing of God I will endeavour to bear it, as I

pleasure as hearing
of or from my dear
brother. –
Are his brothers taking
any interest on his
behalf?
Is any business being
looked out for him.
I think much of
my pleasant homes
at the Retreat and
of much Kindness
received from many
there, not forgetting
Mrs Baker who I
trust is well, as also
your dear little girl
& boy.

Tell Martyn I am
longing for a line
+ that nothing keeps me
v in such good spirits
& helps me to perform
my duties so much
as a few lines from
his dear hand. –
I dares say you will
think me foolish
but if you knew
all my family
affairs you would
not be surprised
at my valuing so
much my only brother

I shall continue
to wait patiently
trusting that ere
long a bright star
of hope may gleam
out of the darkness
And I feel sure if
I continue to trust
in God's promises he
will at last send it
that in time to come
we may be united
With every good
wish for the coming
Season of merry
Xmas & happy new
Year.
Letting you to accept
my heartfelt thanks for
all you have done for me
see from what you
say that it is best
to leave him at present
but I feel often very
lonely without him -
The friends here are
very kind, and I was
at a large Xmas dinner
not long ago, & hope
to be at another next
week. I am working
very hard in household
sketching, but he is
object of my life
to get on so as to be
a help & comfort to
my dear Mother.
I see many strange
faces, & try to be
happy, but nothing
will give me so much

Refer to Land on interview with yourself at the same time and purpose passing through York on Wednesday Jany 1st arriving at York about 12-40 shall proceed direct to the Retreat If this will suit your time and convenience I shall feel indebted by having seen you respecting her.

I have a very painful impression of our last meeting but shall be happy to receive you

72-74 Mount Lane West
Manchester
Dec 28 1878

Dr Baker
Dear Sir

I anticipate my Father (Hanson Herbert of Scarboro) will have written you on the same subject I am about to trespass on your time with That in view of the approaching confirmation of the Master in Lunacy's report respecting my Aunt Miss Newton I am desirous to see her and also would

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so as to terminate as early as
possible such a repitition as to cause
Aunt as little emphasis
ness as possible but if you deem
such a repitition justifiable
and its consequent results I shall
place myself in your hands as
regards seeing her and content
myself by having a few words with
yourself. I have been home to
spend Xmas but thought that
time in returning not a very fit me
to intrude and the hope Year
is not more importune

Awaiting Your reply
I remain
Yours faithfully
T. Herbert P.

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

14/12/78

Dear Sir

I regret to inform you that yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in a portion of our Turkish Baths. At my request our Surveyor (Mr E. Taylor) has examined the premises & has sent me in the enclosed estimate of amount of damage done

I shall be glad if you will send your Surveyor

at your early convenience

Yours faithfully
R. Baker M.D.

Mawdsley Esq.

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

December 14th 1878.

Dear Sir

Having examined, at your request, the damage done to a portion of the Turkish Bath Buildings by the Fire of yesterday, I beg to report that the Floor of the Shampooing Room is so much damaged as to necessitate the removal of the larger portion of it. The cost of which, with sundry minor matters, I estimate at Fifteen Pounds (£15. ". -. ")

Yours Truly

Edward Taylor
Architect & Surveyor

B. Baker Esq^r M.D.
The Retreat

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Bingley Yorks.

28th Dec. 1878

Sir

Having a brother whose mind is disturbed I am anxious to know on what terms or how patients are admitted to the York Retreat or Asylum

Yrs and any other information will much oblige

Yours truly

Wm Logan M.D.

The Superintendant
York Retreat.

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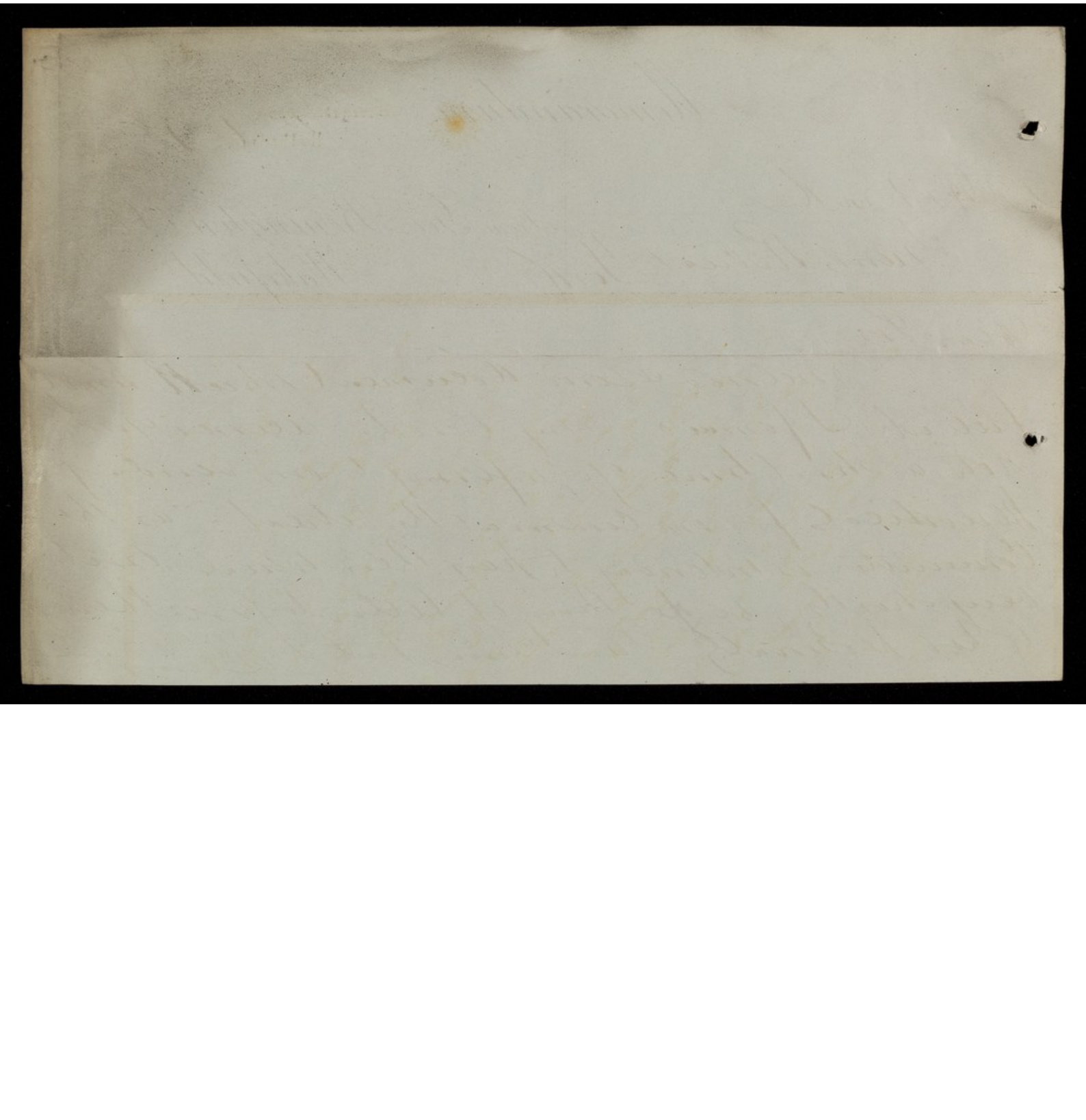
Memorandum 28/12 1878

To Dr Bakes
Friends Retreat York

From Geo. Benington & Co
Wakefield.

Dear Sir

Inclosed I send document which Rowntree
left at Thomas's my Brother desires you
not to change your time of, referring to our sending
Periodicals for our Committee at the Retreat — as the
Committee is intending to pay their usual visit
very shortly; he also begs you will write them
to her personally — and remains Yours G Benington



H. M. Customs

Cardiff 27 Dec 1878.

Dear Sir.

I trust you will excuse my troubling you, but as you will know our anxiety is great I feel you will.

I should feel very greatly obliged to know full particulars about my only brother Edgar Stockdale of Leeds who is an inmate of your retreat.

Whether there is any hope of his recovery, and how distant that recovery may be. and if he is sensible, with to

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the form of his insanity
&c. &c. . . . Again apologising
for troubling you and
wishing you the compts
of the season

I am dear Sir
faithfully Yours.

Thos Stoddart

Dr Baker

it has been very healthy
for those able to bear
it. I hope Louisa is
more lively, and
communicative,
And I trust your
Husband allows the
Dentist to see her
teeth every six Months.
The one she used to is
conscientious good man
and would do no more
than was necessary for
her relief that is the
opinion I formed of him
With every kind wish
for yourself, and family
Believe me
Yours Sincerely
A Steel.

Dec 28th 1/ Bruce Castle Street,
Tottenham
Dear Mrs Baker
I write this
a Card to
Acknowledge
Receipt
of
Christmas
One
I have received by a letter
from my eldest son
that you thought the
Things I sent dear Louisa
had been sent by his
Wife; I have forwarded
lately a Scrap Book,
Comforter and two
Caps with a Christmas
Card; I ought to have
let her know they came
from me, but I was
very much hurried
Selecting & other things.
I hope now in hand
a White wool Comforter
2/01

on a much larger
scale for her, and
if I can manage it
she shall have it by
the 1st I have often wished
to know how she is
getting on in every
respect, for I have only
received two notes
how much your
time is occupied
with your young
family. If you have
your sister still with
you, perhaps she will
give me a few lines
at your Husbands
dictation telling me
about her, and things
and every thing with
interest to me. I hope
Annie Cooke is still
with her. I trust your
own health is good
notwithstanding the
severe weather you
have had, such
which for the last
fortnight we have
experienced. Snow
many inches deep,
with intense cold,
to day there is every
Symptom of a
thaw. Tho' severe

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Moorgate House,
Rotherham.

Dec^r 28^th

Dear Sir

I am much obliged by your kind letter of yesterday, and am pleased to hear that Mrs Lawrence is going on satisfactorily. I received the enclosed this morning from the Lord Chancellor's Office, and shall be

glad if you will
supply the answers
with regard to Mrs.
Lawrence, and after
signing it return it
here, for my own and
Mrs. Bashley's signatures,
I will then return it
to London.

Believe me

Yours truly

Harriet Stubbs

Beach House
Dec 29th/78

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker,

I write to say that all impediments are now removed, and that we are ready to receive our sister Sarah Maria the first suitable day. I am obliged by thy offer of sending a care taker; which proposition I gladly avail myself of, as Ecroyd does not prefer my

I shall smooth the suddenness of the news to S.M. by telling her Susie was uncertain, till the day before she started.
I shall be obliged by thy advancing travelling Expenses, and letting me have account for disbursements, in due course.
With many thanks for thy & Mrs. Baker's great Kindness to Sarah Maria.
I am,
Thine sincerely,
Martha E. Smith

visiting him. I am sending him back word I enclose his note wh please to burn when read. if he is harming herd damp. would he not be safer in the city. or nearer it? I will thank thee to make the needful arrangements, and S. K. will let me know the train & day, when fixed.

Can you spare an attendant on Wednesday, Jany 1st?

I should prefer P.M. travelling on a fine day: if there is a choice. But if they come 2nd class. (the attendant can get a return ticket for a guinea) & have foot-warmers: they may come such a day as we have it to-day nicely.

I see a train Lond N.W. 9.30. York. 1.50 Liverpool. wh returns same day at 4.15. reach York at 9.15.

I will meet any train any day named.

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AGENTS TO THE SINGER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY.
AGENTS FOR THE SUN FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE OFFICES.
AGENTS TO MESSRS CHUBB AND SONS, LOCK AND FIRE PROOF SAFE MANUFACTURERS.

HARRISON BROTHERS,
IRONMONGERS
AND
HOUSE FURNISHERS.

12, FAWCETT STREET

Sunderland Dec 28 1878

Dear Sir,

I endose cheque value £2. 6. 6 in discharge of the a/c for Mrs. Harrison Board &c Sept 30 to Dec 31 & shall be glad to be favored with your usual report as to Mrs. H's present condition bodily & mental, & if she has kept clear of illness the late severe weather.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

Yours respectfully
W. T. Harrison

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From

Memorandum.

W. H. Kitching.
Brush Manufacturer.
Kingston Brush Works.
SCHOOL ST.
WALTHAM ST.
Hull.

Hull Dec? 27 1878

To Mr. Wood

Secretary

Retreat, York

Dear Sir.

Your Esteemed order came duly to hand but in consequence of Xmas holidays I have not been able to dispatch the goods as early as I could have wished but hope to do so early next week

Yours Respectfully
for W. H. Kitching
W. Pratt

From PLEASE QUOTE THE ADDRESS.

JOHN WOOD,
Newhouse,
Denby Dale,
Huddersfield.

To Dr Baker.
The Retreat
York
21st of 12th Mo., 1878.

Dear Friend,

I have of the 16th duly received, for which I am much obliged, at the same time, I am very much grieved by the contents thereof. I have purposely delayed writing to thee in reply, so that it might be written after "mature reflection," which I have now given it to the best of my ability, both night and day.

I have come to the conclusion that thou art punishing the innocent for the guilty, for the following reasons.

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1st I am satisfied that Mary Box needs some reduction of the terms.

2nd That she deserves them.

3rd That the institution could have given them in a time, at least, without any harm to the Institution

4th That she is perfectly helpless, in the matter;——

I still feel that it was very unkind to her, not to hear, what I had to say on her behalf.

The poorest pauper in the land is allowed an interview with the "Guardians"; the poorest tax-payer is allowed a hearing before the magistrates; any tax-payer of assessed taxes has a right of hearing by the Commissioners; but it appears the same rule does not apply in a republic like the "Society of Friends."

All I can say is, that I am deeply grieved at the result, both for the reasons last named, and also for the reasons, which apply to this particular case.

Yours sincerely

Jos Wood

advisers, were right in preferring to adhere to what has hitherto been found a satisfactory rule.

On receiving thy letter with Thomas Box's enclosure, I was extremely surprised to find in the latter, a statement totally at variance with other information in my possession.

I therefore thought it best at once to place myself in direct correspondence with Mrs Box,

I herewith enclose the

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

16. XII. 1878

My dear friend,

In my letter to thee of the 5th inst. I fail to find any expression that in the very least degree implies the erroneous impression that has deduced: and I am of opinion that on mature reflection thou will see that the members of the Committee who constitute my confidential

a copy of my letter to her.

I have not Mrs Box's permission to forward thee a full copy of her reply; but in order to correct a misapprehension on thy part, I think I am justified in sending thee the following extract.

"Knowing how valuable thy time is, I
"am extremely sorry to have caused thee
"the trouble of writing to me respecting the
"sum I pay to the Institution -
" I am perfectly aware I am paying
"exactly the same (7 guis. per week) as
"I did while Alfred was at Acomb.
" My brother must have entirely misunderstood
"a communication I made to his wife a
"short time since - I will take care the
"mistake is rectified."

Mrs Box concludes her letter with -
- holding her permission to my making a proposal to the Committee for a reduction in terms. Under these circumstances, I

to the last evening, but was too unwell to do so.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

P.S.

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

thought it my duty as our Committee Meeting yesterday, to read the whole of the correspondence that has passed on this subject.

The Committee arrived at the united judgment not at present to reduce the charge for S. M. Bott's care & maintenance at the Retreat.

I should have written

5 Elgin Pk Bristol
31 Dec. 78

My dear friend,

The correspondence between our Q. mtg. & yr Committee goes on slowly. You will shortly hear from the Committee appointed by the former. In the mean time M. Gillmore's a/c accumulates, whatever terms may be eventually agreed upon.

As our accts are made up to the end of the year, I venture to send (as Treasurer) on my own responsibility - 20£ on a/c (viz M.G.)

The small balance to be carried forward will be unimportant.

I sincerely hope yr Committee considering our circumstances, will not press for the advanced rate on a/c of patients recommended by us, already under your care.

Thy friend truly
W Baston Dell

Dr. Baker

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agree with you that she the proper thing to do — Indeed Ishave all been thinking of it — but have been prevented by the inclemency of the weather — Mrs Hallen is subject to neuralgia at times & he thought it best to keep them at Bangor until the back of the winter was broken, when ever the term of their engagement at their present lodging lapses. they intend move up towards York — I intend to arrange (what effect — As this is the general season for squaring a/cs. might I ask how much more we have to pay — Mount Caulfield, Newry. 12/31/78 Mrs McClaughry Mrs Richardson Mrs Baker

Many thanks for yours — The decease of a near & dear relative quite lately — prevented my going to Bangor during the holidays — We had had some thoughts of doing (under your sanction) —

As regard moving my sister means to York — I quite

E3C

I thought to my Dear boys
that you had so restless and
low Memory somewhat impress
ed. the appearance of Copper
was the way to enter
I trust your cold is the pass
ing

Jam Jacob Jeh

B. Pinyerro

Care of Dr Robt Thompson

Kirby Hall Farm

Settle Yorkshire

Kirby Hall Farm
Settle Yorkshire
Dec 24 /P

Dear Sir,

When I called on
you the other day Friday
"Morning Jan" I forgot
to leave word that I was
coming here for a week or
ten days, and to leave my
address. Should you have
occasion to write, I
shall take as I shall be in
and out the meantime my
address if you can let books
be as for Jan

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From

MEMORANDUM

31st Dec 1878

CHARLES Jas. CRITCHLEY & Co.

Woollen Manufacturers,

BATLEY.

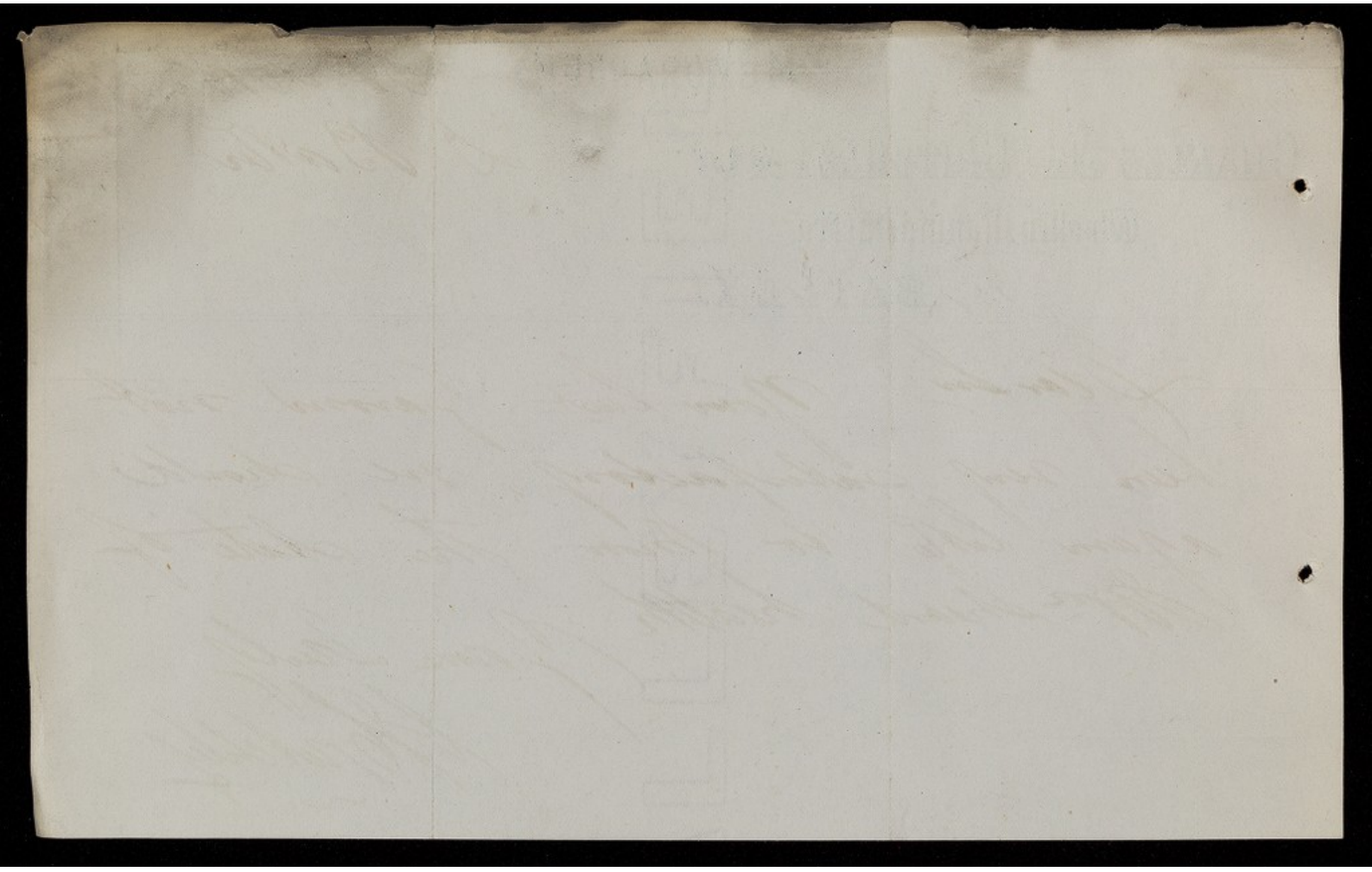
To Mr Baker

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J.H. Taylor, Lith. Dewsbury.

Dear Sir, Your last favour not
been very satisfactory, we should
again like to know the state of
Mrs Shaw's health.

Yours truly
C. Critchley



Rockside.
Matlock.
Dec. 31st/78.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Procter and I are going on the same as usual;
Wishing you a Happy New Year.

I remain.
Yours Truly
Wm. Tonge

Mr. Baker
York

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Great Ayton
1. 1. 1879

Dear Friend
Dr Bakco

I write in place of my mother who is not well, to acknowledge your letter, which preceded the telegram by only a few minutes. We were just making arrangements who should come, when we received the news of my Uncle's death: + whilst we regret that we could

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not see him again in life. We are thankful on his account that he is released from infirmity & suffering. My mother's failing health will prevent her being at the Funeral, but some of her children intend to be present.

If convenient to you we propose that the interment should take place on Saturday morning before 12 o'clock, as one of the party is on her way South, and will want to leave early in the afternoon. My sister & self expect to reach York on Friday afternoon, & will make an early call. If you wish to make any different arrangement please let us know as early as possible.

With love in which my Mother unites

Yrs. sincerely

Margaret Fox.

Mother wishes me to add that any necessary expenses will be defrayed by the Trustees.

Beverley, Dec 31, 1878

Dear Sir,

The time is at hand when I shall have to forward you a quarter's Board in advance for Miss Ellen Nicholson

Probably you are amaze that Miss Nicholson is my Sister in law. I may also State that I have a large family. You will thus infer that Miss N.'s condition is a grievous burden to me, I nevertheless wish to do the best I can for her.

My object in now writing is to ask You to allow her to go without a Special attendant

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If you can see your way to make an arrangement of this character I will remit at once your fees on receipt of the notice

Please understand that I am quite satisfied with the care and attention which she receives and which I now thank you for

My only desire, as I said before is to be kind to the sister of my dear wife and just to myself and family

Yours respectfully

J. Colpell

Dr Baker

52 Arbourghl St
Bolton 1-1-79

Dear friend

Dr Baker

Thy kind letter
of the 23 of last mo^th was
truely acceptable for which
we are much obliged It was
cheering to find thou could report
a steady improvement in the
condition of our dear daughter,
We hope she still goes on im-
proving in every way and will soon
be less care & anxiety to you
than she has been hitherto
as I am sure she must x.

Hoping thou will favour
us with with a letter

x have been a great care

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at thy early convenience

I remain with love

Thy friend Sincerely

Hannah Payne

Willm Pilkington Esqr
Roby Hall
Liverpool
Dec. 31 1878

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Decr Sir.

My Brothers letter was forwarded to me from Bedlington & I need not say what pleasure it gave me. To receive it, & as it proves to me how kind a letter

he is mentally.
I am coming for a
week to Galt. Next
week. When I hope
to see him — I
enclosing you all
a very happy new year
with kind regards
Believe me
Yours very sincerely
Sarah Caldwell

34, Queen Street,
Scarborough.

New Years Eve. 1878.

Dear Dr. Baker -

If you think it necessary that I should come over & talk matters over with you about poor Burwell I will gladly come, but I am very much engaged just now & on Saturday I am going down to Cottingham for Sunday so that all my spare time is pretty well absorbed -

I hope you and yours have kept all right -

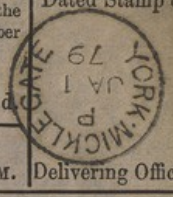
thus this very dangerous
"Mince Pie" provok-
wishing you all the
good wishes of the
coming Year -
believe me to remain
Yours Sincerely.
W. Taylor

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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From	To
Rebecca Fox J Aylon	Dr Baker York

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Leave You at- liberty to
do as you think best-
it food can result- will
write to say when coming

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Received in at (No.) Office at M. Sent here at M. Delivering Office.

To

From

1892

as principle ~~that~~ I object to being surety for anyone, I would without hesitation be bound for him.

Yours faithfully

B. T. Baker M.D.

Physician Superintendent of the Blinds' Retreat

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perfect mental health, and has been employed as Secretary by Fisher & Co. and by us as Manager of the department for the first-class Gentlemen patients.

On account of the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which he performed his duties, he was selected by the Committee to succeed Mr. Tuke.

I need only add that I have the most perfect confidence in Mr. Woods, and that if it were not

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

9/12/78

Dear Sir,

Mr. Phillips tells me you wish to know if Mr. Woods during the past year has been here as a patient or as a servant.

Mr. Woods was under my care in 1893 at Lawrence House. He was then in a condition of Melancholia but made a most complete recovery.

Since his discharge in 1894 he has continued in

The Guarantee Society,

for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required &c.*

19, Birchin Lane,

London, E.C.

11 Decr. 1878.

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 9th inst. with regard to Mr. Woods of the Friends School for which I thank you and now have the pleasure to inform you that my Directors have agreed to grant the security required of him by the Friends School

I am Sir

Your obed Servant

R Bakes Esq M.D.

York

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

13. XII. 1878

My dear Sir,

The Retreat Committee cannot understand how it is that your Directors have thought it equitable to charge for Mr. Woods guarantee of £1000. the sum of £20. per annum, whereas £10. per ann: was the charge for our late Secretary Mr. Tuxford. I am directed to say the Committee have such confidence in

Mr. Woods' integrity and fidelity, that they consider the sum proposed to be charged by your Directors is out of all proportion to any risk incurred; and therefore unless your Directors are willing to accept the guarantee on the same terms as previously charged, (viz: £10. per annum) a Member of the Committee

Offers to become
surety for Mr. Woods
instead of our submitting
to a charge that they
consider inequitable.

Yours faithfully,

Robt. Baker
M.D.

P.S. Should the extra charge
have been made on account
of Mr. Woods' former attack
of Melancholia I am sure
that any physician experienced
in the treatment of mental
diseases will unite in the
opinion that I entertain,
viz: that it is most unlikely that
any relapse that
might occur in Mr. Woods'
case should assume a
form that would lead to
any departure from strict
honesty & fidelity R. B.

I. Mezzé Esq.

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The Guarantee Society,
for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required.*
19, Birchin Lane,
London, E.C.

14th December 1878

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date which I will submit to my Directors at their next Meeting and I feel that with me they will regret to read your remarks on the premium proposed for the security of your Secretary, Cashier & House Steward

The Society's charges are founded on results of many years business and while the rate may seem high to the uninstructed it can be shewn without doubt that my Directors are warranted in requiring a suitable premium in a case such as that under review. Recent Events with Quarton confirm their experience, & fresh Evidence were necessary I and personally I am surprised that your Committee should have expressed themselves in such strong terms on a question which the Society unfortunately are only too well able to offer an opinion.

The Society has paid in claims upwards of £300.000

and has thus obtained such data for the proper conduct of business, which if ignored would have a most serious effect on the Society. Then again in this case three offices are combined in one person, Secretary Cashier and House Steward, and if any doubt existed as to the nature of the risk, it would be removed by looking at the amount of the security required, which implies a position of considerable responsibility.

Taunton, from the number of years he had paid premium to the Society was specially considered in the year 1873 when the security to the Retiral was granted, my Directors fixing the premium @ 25/ ₰ Cent against which Taunton appealed, and in consideration of his having paid about 20 years premiums previous to the Society, the rate was further reduced to 20/ ₰ Cent — So that his was a special

case it were otherwise, he had been connected with the Great Northern Railway Company for many years paying the Society the rate for Railway Officials, which is almost a nominal figure, and therefore it was not considered by my Directors out of the way to reduce the charge, which would otherwise have been demanded for the security to the Retreat — the result, as you know, has been a heavy loss to the Society —

With all this how can the Society's charge be open to the censure contained in your letter, knowing as I do that it is not has led me to put you in a better position to judge — &c

Perhaps the Retreat Committee would feel disposed to reduce the amount of the security

Yours faithfully

J. [illegible]

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

The Guarantee Society,

for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required.*

19, Birchin Lane,
London, E.C.

18th December 1878.

Dear Sir,

I have as promised submitted to my Directors your letter of the 13th instant as to the premium in the case of Mr. Woods, and they regret that they are not in a position to reduce the percentage mentioned in the account rendered.

I have already anticipating this decision, gone fully into the question in my letter to you of the 11th instant, and it will therefore be unnecessary for me

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to trouble you with the particulars again, but I may say perhaps that my Directors' confirmed the suggestion I ventured to make that 80 or Committee should agree to reduce the amount of the security to say £500, this would not [illegible] as to the expense.

Yours truly

[illegible]

R Bakes Esq MD
York

(Copy.)

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

23rd XII. 1878

My dear Sir,

I read both your letters to the Members of the Retreat Committee, and they gave their careful consideration to the question of the amount asked by your Directors for Mr. Woods' guarantee.

I was directed to inform you that although the number of the Committee is quite wishful to accept the liability, the Committee thought it preferable to effect

guarantee with your Society if your Directors were willing to accept a fair rate of payment, and I was therefore empowered to write & inform you that the Committee of the Retreat would meet your Directors half-way, and would be willing to pay £15. per annum for Mr. Woods' guarantee for £1000.

Yours faithfully

R. Baker M.D.

Sec.

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Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

26/12/78

My dear Sir.

I much regretted to find from your letter that your Directors were not willing to accept the compromise offered by my Committee. If however your Directors are desirous of meeting the Committee in this matter I shall be glad if you will send me a definite proposal which I will at once submit to the Members of the Retreat Committee.

Yours faithfully
R. Barker

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The Guarantee Society,

for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required.*

19, Birchin Lane,

London, E.C.

24th December 1878.

Dear Sir,

I have this day submitted to my Directors your letter of yesterday's date with regard to the case for Mr. Woods security and I beg to inform you that while desirous of meeting your Committee if possible they do not feel in a position to make the reduction in the premium you suggest—

Yours truly

R. Baker Esq. M.D. F.R.C.S.

The Friends Retreat

York

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Copy

The Friends' Retreat
nr. York 30/12/78

My dear Sir.

I herewith enclose you my cheque value £70. being the amount charged for Mr. Woods' guarantee for £1000.

The Policy will be an agreement between your Directors & Jonathan Burtt as the Treasurer for the time being of the Friends' Retreat.

Yours faithfully
R. Baker
M.D.

I. Mugis Esq

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The Guarantee Society.

for providing Security for the FIDELITY *of Persons in Situations of Trust, where Sureties are required.*

19, Birchin Lane,

London, E.C.

27th December 1878.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date and beg to say that my Directors carefully considered Mr. Woods Proposal and your suggestion for the Committee to reduce the amount of the pension required, and they decided that in the face of their experience they were not warranted in making the per centage less.

I have I think already

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suggested that your Committee might reduced the amount of the security as this might meet the difficulty of the Expense.

Yours truly

[illegible]

R Baker Esq M.D.

The Friends Retreat

York.

Austey Grange
Jan 3. 1879

My dear Friend

Thanks for yours two rolls to Dona Mau Burgess —

I have advised her near relatives who are very few —

I dont see that any advantage would arise from trying to see the poor old man but I may yet say

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that we wish can may
be done for her comfort
that is desirable

In the event of the
illness terminating
fatally which appears
likely. I should come
over to the funeral
if possible

Yours very truly

W. H. Kelly

R Baker Esq M D

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Handed in at the Middlesbro *Office at* 5.35 *Received here at* 5-43 M. Delivering Office.

From

Dr Veitch
Middlesbro

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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Will You send a nurse to Mr Harris Grove Hill Middlesbro at once Kindly reply to Mr Harris

Reply paid

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London

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Handed in at the Banbury *Office at* 2 50 .M., *Received here at* 1-16 .M.

From	To
H Stone Banbury	Dr Baker 307 The Retreat York

Funeral must be at York
Suggest Saturday I will be
at York, Friday afternoon make
such examination as You Kirk
right I will write

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To

From

Charitable Trusts Committee.

Royal Insurance Buildings
Corn Street, Bristol.

1 mo 31 1879

Dear Friend,

By direction of the Bristol & Somerset Quarterly Meeting's Committee, I forward herewith, nomination for Frederic Wilmott, which please acknowledge.

Thy friend truly

Henry Lace

The Secretary
Friends' Retreat
York.

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MEMORANDUM.

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From PLEASE QUOTE THE ADDRESS.

JOHN WOOD,
Newhouse, Denby Dale,
HUDDERSFIELD.

To Dr Sattes
York

4 of 12 Mo., 1878

Dear Friend

My Father received the
hand bill thou sent me
on the 17th
the hour at which it would be
convenient for me to see the Committee
shall be much obliged for the information

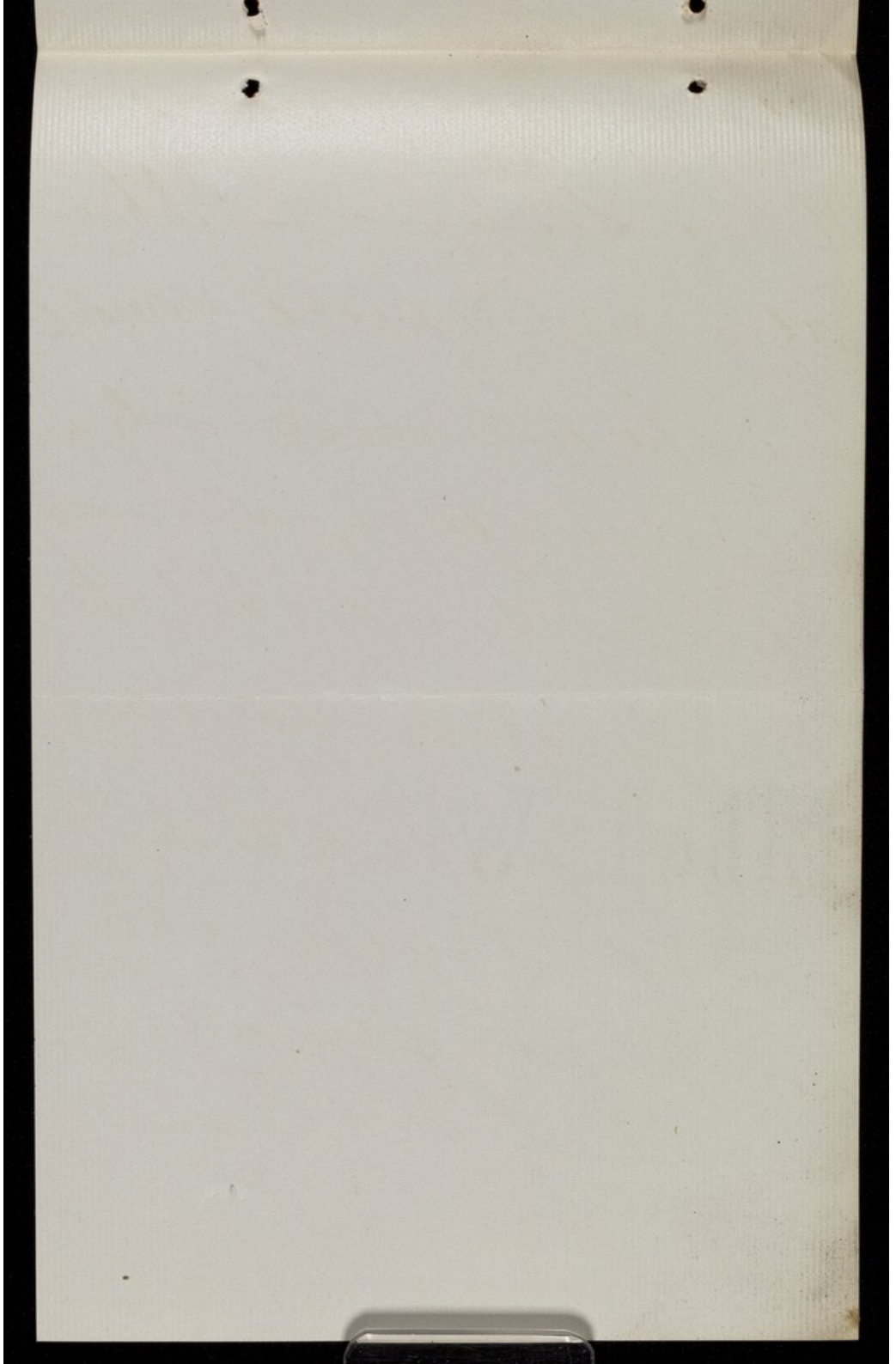
Thine sincerely
Jno Wood

May 2/79

My dear Dr Baker.

The cummerbunds that are in the L.B. and one we they ought to be of Turkish red. Twilled cotton 8 feet long & 18 inches deep. I hurt to

Stiftung Wissenschaftsgeschichte



get some made
this summer. I have
also put a piece of carpet
in the hot room only
to walk upon, not under
the couches. so that the
perspiration does not
drop upon it. Wishing
you & Mr Baker the
compliments of the season
in which Mrs Leeson
joins. Believe me Dear
Sir Yours Truly
A Leeson

52 Arkwright St
Bolton 3-2-79

Dear friend
Dr Baker

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My kind note and dear Martha's letter were very comforting and cheering accounts: we are much obliged for both and trust the steady and none I think rapid improvement may go on and soon restore our daughter back to us I enclose

a few lines for Martha
which thou will please
let her have if suitable

Perhaps we might send
her a small parcel for
her birth ~~day~~ day the
20th of this month

With love I remain
thy friend sincerely
Hannah Payne

79 Newman St.
Oxford St.
London. W.
27th Dec 1878

Dear Sir.

R. Miles.

Enclosed letter received from the "Friends Prov. Inst." which requires your attention in order that the Annual Meeting may be fixed on the first

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Next Month.

Jury Court

Witnesses

Thos. Emily

D. Baker

Friends Return

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Agreement No. 47.946.

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THE GUARANTEE SOCIETY.

OFFICES, 19, BIRCHIN LANE, LONDON, E.C.,

31 *day of* Dec. 1878.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the remittance of Cheque for £20 — — due on the Guarantee Agreement that has been granted in favour of Mr. S. E. Woods by this Society, and herewith enclose the Official Receipt for the Amount.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES MUZIO,
Secretary

To Mr. T. Baker Esq. M.D.
—

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Chorlton Road
Manchester.
Dec 2nd 1879.

My dear Friend

I send the enclosed Dividend Warrant for thee to kindly get my Cousin Hannah to sign, I trust now she will be able to do so, without exciting her too much, it was a great relief to me that she was able to sign the others, and to receive the last letter from her.

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I thought it best not to write to her at present, till she is somewhat stronger, I hope she still continues to improve, if suitable give my love to her.

With Kind remembrance to C. Woodhead also Mrs Baker, & self

I remain Thy
Sincere Friend
Jane Houlding

Dr Baker.

Rockside.
Matlock Bridge
Jan. 3rd "/78.

Dear Sir.

Will you please send me the last quarter's salary owing to me, as I am getting short of funds; as I am a private attendant I expect my salary will have been raised from the time I came to Rockside.

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Trusting I have given
you every satisfaction

I remain.

Yours Truly

William Tonge

Dr. Baker.

York.

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35 North Marine Road
Scarboro Jan 3/78

Dr. Baker

I suspect you will know that Darley & his family propose coming to our house for a week, as they have had the Scarlet Fever, we did not feel satisfied to take them for fear of any infection without your candid

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occasion as regards being safer I shall be greatly obliged if you will write by return of Post — as they require an answer by Monday Morning —

I Remain
Yours &c
John Bottenell

P. S. Mrs Bottenell sends her kind regards to Mrs Baker & family, & wishes them all a happy New Year

As Mr Rumphreys proposed coming this winter some time, as his Medical adviser told him to have frequent changes we should not like our visitors to suffer from any mismagement on our part

JOHN ROWNTREE.
FAMILY
GROCER
AND
TEA DEALER

47 Newborough St & 20 Westborough.

Scarborough 4 — 1 — 1872

Dear Friend
Robt Baker

I duly received thy
letter of the 2nd inst — also the
Reports of the Sub Committee re
the erection of a "Ladies Villa" &
a convalescent Villa — I think
the suggestion to purchase the
Bellevue Estate a good one
— & the amount of Purchase seems
to me reasonable — I hope to
be able to attend the Committee
on the 21st inst — when the details
will be (I suppose) further gone
into — Have any recollection

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of the house (but it is more than 30 years since I was in it) the rooms are small — & I should have thought more in number would be required — but these points can be discussed when we meet — There will be an ample margin left out of the £7000 to make the needed alteration — Has the Retreat a right of road on to the narrow strip between "Bellevue" & the Retreat Estate? If it would seem desirable to make the communication between the two as easy as possible for the Superintendents & officials

Yrs faithfully sincerely

John Rowntree

Friends' Provident Institution.

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

LIFE ASSURANCES,
ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES,
ESTABLISHED 1832.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

27 of 12 mo. 1878

Respd Friend

Ann 7. 10063. III. R. Miles

The first half yearly payment of £6. 18. 1 will fall due on the 1st of next Month. On that day. the Superintendent of York Retreat should give a Certificate that R. M. is still living there. On receiving such Certificate we will remit thee the amount due.

The same process should be gone thro' each half year as the days for payment come round.

I am respectfully

J. S. Dymond
Secy

Theodore Miles
79 Newman St
Oxford St
London W.

The "Golden Boot" Boot and Shoe Establishment.

154 Friargate. Preston 1 Mo 24th 1878

Respd Friend
Dr Baker

It seems at present very probable a woman friend from Preston may require Care and treatment in the Retreat and I would be glad to be informed in what form the application must be made with the particulars known to proceed, and also the Expense in connection with her maintenance there Her husband is but barely making a living

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The medical man
in attendance upon her
is coming in the morning
in Company with another
Dr for consultation upon
the Case.

Dear
Thy Friend

Jonathan Abbatt

Jany 4' 79.

Dear friend
D. Baker

I am obliged by your kindly sending me yr last report as to my sister — & tho' it is as yet far from satisfactory still I think you observe some improvement in her condition — tho' much, very much still remains to be desired — I can only hope that time, together with yr experienced care may yet bring her to a better state of health.

With thanks for yr kindness, under very trying circumstances & best wishes for the New Year

Believe me
Yours truly
Fredk Cooper

PORTICO
MANCHESTER

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and we got a nurse from the Cottage Hospital on Friday evening but the excitement increased and by Saturday she was evidently delirious. We saw that the best chance for her recovery was in experienced nursing. If you can allow Agnes to stay until she thinks she could leave her safely you will confer a great favour upon us.

I had the pleasure of meeting you when I was staying at Scarboro with my Doctor of North Shields who is Sister in Law to my sister Wife to be

Grove Isles
Jan 5 [illegible]

Dear Sir
Mrs Carter is ill
Yours Sincerely
Marcus Morris

We are truly grateful to you for sending us so valuable and efficient a nurse. My sister has taken both food and medicine from her and has had some nice sleep both in the night and this morning. The first which she has had since Wednesday

Both doctor and
nurses think there
is an improvement
in her condition today
and we begin to hope
the attack may
pass off rapidly.
If you can possibly
spare Agnes Miller
we are most anxious
that she should stay
as her headquarters seem
so effectual. And a
change of nurse might
undo the good which
my sister has received.
The illness to assume
as we fear, entirely
the result of bleeding
and attack of bronchitis
coming on. When her
system was already
lowered through the
treatment she has
undergone for an affection
of the liver has reduced
her strength completely
She became hysterical
on Thursday night

Grove Hill
Middlesborough
Sunday

Dr. Baker

Sir

I arrived at
Mr. Harris last night
about 10.30 and found
Mrs. Watson his sister
in a very excited and
violent state brought
on by a cold and
Bronchitis: want of food
and sleep had no
sleep for three days

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and nights.

I hear from Dr Keitch this morning. in consultation with Dr Philipson of Newcastle yesterday. it is something approaching Delerious Mania. the Dr thinks more favourable of her this Morning, Mrs S. had 4 hours sleep from 2:15 till 9.30 this morning and 4 times food they have one of the college nurses as well, Dr Keitch asked me how long I could stay. I said I was afraid not long. He thinks it will be apity if there to leave Mrs Watson as she has taken to me and strangers excite her so much

I am yours obt Servant

A Steele

Jany 6th 1879

to improve, I hope to see
him again before long -
I hope you have quite recovered
from your indisposition, & with
kind regards
I am
Yours respectfully
Eliza W Stanton

Accept my grateful thanks
for your kind response to
my application in my last
& may I ask that you will
also convey them to the
Committee -

January 6th 1879
95. Broomspring Lane
Sheffield

Dear Sr Baker
I must apologize
for writing on this subject
again, but I find that
there is a strong feeling on
the part of many in the
Church, that now they would
dearly much like to have
their husbands back again
amongst them as their
pastor, even though they
had to look forward to
this for a considerable time
One of the office bearers,

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Mr Tomlinson is anxious to come over to York to see what you think about it, that is in addition to the probable length of time &c as to whether it would be advisable for him to return to his old sphere of labour when sufficiently recovered to do so — I know my husband is very anxious to do this himself, but would like to know whether you would think it wise or not to see Mr Tomlinson would like Mr Stanton if you have no objections, and I believe Mr Stanton would be glad to see him, he has always considered him as a friend for whom he cared, I think also he might be trusted not to say anything injudicious, but of course I will leave this with you —

Mrs T. proposed to come over on Thursday afternoon, if that would be convenient to you —

I am sorry to trouble you about it, but I do not feel justified in acting, that is in declining on my own responsibility, especially under present circumstances —

I trust my husband continues

Field House. 6 Jan 1879.
Whitby.

Mr Richardson presents
his compliments to Doctor
Drake —
He has to day sent a Hamper
Hamper for Mrs Baxter
addressed to Miss Woodhead.
The Light Blue Shawl
it contains is a present
to Mrs Baxter from Miss
Richardson formerly of
Scarborough, but now
living at Whitby —

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Jan. 6. 1879

Sir,

I have had forwarded to me your letter to my patient Mrs. Craven, and I therefore beg to notify to you that I shall not pay any fees to you on his account unless the amount is previously definitely fixed & appointed by me.

I see that you advertise your fee as £1. 1/6. Will you therefore let me know your charge for attending to Mrs. Craven's ~~business~~ business, & I will then decide whether or not I can sanction his visiting you at Leeds. Yours &c

Robt. Baker
Esq.

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3rd of Jany 1879

Dr Friend

Dr Baker

ah your leisure I should feel much obliged to you if you would kindly give me your opinion of the actual state of M. W. Miles this probable recovery, quick or otherwise The case has been going on now for some time and makes me very anxious and unhappy as I am very sorry to say I find I am unable longer to undertake further responsibility about it and must shortly confer with friends about it —

When I paid up matters for him at his lodgings I had some boxes and a bookshelf of his brought here to take care of for him, and I have had the boxes done down with iron - I did not suppose I should have had to keep them so long. They are rather in the way now and I should be glad to get rid of them - Perhaps the secretary could tell me if I might send them to York - Possibly they might be sold for his benefit. I would be pleased to pay the carriage but I should not like myself to undertake the sale of anything for him

Yours truly

Edwd Miles

12 Phenix Queen Terrace
Upper Bangor
Aug 7th 79

To Dr Baker

The patient has been complaining with a pain in her back the last few days but says it is a little better to day it is in the middle of the back there is nothing to be seen no enlargement or discolouring of any kind it does not pain her to walk, or when she gets up in the morning

but feels it every day.
Y. sponge it well with cold
water every morning
in other respects she is —
the same no change
would Dr Baker kindly
write and tell me if it is
necessary to do any thing more
for her

M A Lunn

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8 York Square

Leeds

Jany 7. 1828

Sir

I have to send
My charge for attending
to Mr Craven's feet
will be £2. 11. 6
If he wants them
done he must be
here to morrow
(Wednesday) as I leave
for London to mor-
row night.

I am Respectfully
Yours
Porter & Simms

Mr. Baker Esq
York

Mr. Procter takes my advice in all matters, except one thing. and that is in Keeping his window open during the night; he cannot keep the window shut all night; for if I shut it during the night, I am sure to find it open the next morning. Mr. Procter has neva once taken cold through it, but I have frequently.

I have nothing further to say.

I remain,
Yours faithfully
Wm Conge

Wm Procter, Esq.
Salop

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Rockside,
Matlock Bridge
Jan. 7/79.

Dear Sir.

Wm Procter I

I am going on as usual.

Wm. Procter is in very good health: he complimented me, the other day, upon his good health; he told me that he looks, and feels a deal better under my charge than under any one else.

Manshes Pickering

7th January 1879

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to fill in the answers to the Questions contained in the enclosed Report as to the Condition and treatment of Miss Margaret Shepherd and forward them to London in the enclosed envelope.

Yours truly

J. Gower

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

Greenville
Wigan.
Jany 4th 1878.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to hear that my cousin Mrs. Lawrence has so quickly recovered, glad also that I have just received your report so that my intended visit this week may be just moved for a

short time -
trusting the change
may be beneficial.
Believe me
Yours truly
Helen Shipley.

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MOORGATE HOUSE
ROTHERHAM

Janry 7th

Dear Sir

Mrs Gashley and I having signed the enclosed paper, I return it to you now as requested. I am very pleased to hear that Mrs Lawrence is sufficiently recovered to be removed for change of air.

Yours truly

Harriet Stubbs

Robert Baker Esqre M.D.

Preston 1 Jno 7/79

Dear Friend
Dr Bakers

I am much obliged for thy note and accompanying form for admission which I have put in train for careful filling up and hope to return it tomorrow or the day after As far as I can see I think it likely an assistant may be required to fetch the patient as during last night and to day there seems to be an increasing disposition to be intractable

We are awaiting the Dr's opinion tomorrow as to how soon she may be moved this exceeding cold weather

and hope to send word tomorrow along with the ballad up town when I suppose we shall have to await thy reply when she may come

I am sincerely
Thy friend
Lou M. Abbott

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Idle Wheds
4th
July 4 1849

Dear Doctor

We are very anxious
to Hear what effect my visit
had on Father if it made
him worse or is He continuing
to improve. He seem to be
His own Self for about – 2
Hours. But when I was leaving
He returned to His old notions
a little

Shall Sell extreamly –

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Obliged if you will drop
a line by Return

Yours Very Sincerely
Owell Briggs

Please address this letter to Eton Rise
Slough to Farnham Bucks

99 Newman St.
Oxford St.
London W.
7th Jan. 1879

Dear Sir,

R. Mills.

I enclose Cheque just
received from the Friends
Prov. Inst. being 1/2 year's
Annuity on Pol: 10063.
Please acknowledge same.

Yours faithfully
Thomas Mills

D. Baker

Hobberley House,
Janv. 7th 1879.

Dear Sir,

I receved the letter from my Son Abm. Wray at Christmas in which he said should like to come home for a week or two. Will you kindly let me know how he is and if he is able to come home again.

Yours truly,
Wm. Wray.

Bierley
Nr Bradley
Yorkshire
Dec. 30th

To Dr Baker

Sir,

I write to give you the address of the Attendant I spoke to you about on Friday, it is, Miss Davis.

Ringcoed.
Llandenny
Nr Usk.
Monmouthshire

You will be glad to hear that

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Miss Grace enjoyed the day at York, after doing a little shopping we met Mr Richardson who took us to his house to tea, and Mr Proctor went with us to the Station we arrived at Bicester at 9.30.

On Saturday we walked to Helmsley, and again yesterday to Morning Service, we are just going again to post these letters.

Miss Grace has slept much better the last three nights and is having passperdelief without taking the aperient pills.

I have nothing more to add. I remain Sir

Yours respectfully

Fanny E. Disney

34, Queen Street,
Scarborough.

30. Dec: 1878.

Dear Dr Baker.

Burwell appears to be writing some extraordinary letters to us all here - I presume you see them - one to me yesterday - requests me to go over and judge of his condition - as to his coming home ten another to his wife - asking for a Sovereign to buy Cigars. Will you be good enough to tell me how he is progressing, and if you think

Have you any idea how long it will be necessary for him to remain with you? wishing you all the good wishes of the season.

I am Yours Faithfully

H. Taylor.

Dr Baker
York

there is a probability of his returning home soon.

I may mention that his affairs here are not in a satisfactory condition & therefore his friends & relatives have to use the strictest economy.

The poor fellow has no idea whatever of economy - indeed he has overstocked his shop to such an extent that that is the cause of his financial difficulties - There is plenty to pay with - but time is required - He does not realize this - & it is a question whether he ought to be told or not.

I advised his friends to send no more money to him - but if you think it necessary of course some shall be sent -

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55. Fore Street and 12. London Wall. E.C.

London Dec 30th 1878

Dear Friend
D. Baker

I have forwarded the a/c for our poor friends from Devonshire House and Mulins Viz Ann Watson & Jane Thresh, I think for one Quarter, our Meeting prefer'd the old course of paying it yearly — will you Kindly let me have the a/c at once, & I will send a Cheque as soon as our Treasurer Comes which will be in a few days.

I cannot lay my hand on the a/c sent last Quarter and the only excuse I can offer for my neglect is that I have entirely Remodelled my business here, and have Removed House to Highbury Terrace from Finsbury Sqre I knew they are placed away carefully but in the great muddle I cannot tell where

In haste
Thy Sincere Fd
Chas. H. Harris

From

Memorandum.

W. H. Kitching.
Brush Manufacturer
Kingston Brush Works.
SCHOOL ST.
WALTHAM ST.
Hull.

Jany. 2. 1879

To Mr. Wood
The Retreat

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Dear Sir.

Your Kind order is sent off, with my best thanks. I trust they will meet your approval. I have executed it as I have been accustomed to, but if you would wish for any alteration of sorts in future shall be glad to make it.

I am dear Sir
Yours respectfully
W. H. Kitching

Royal Insurance Office,

PARK ROW.

ROYAL INSURANCE BUILDINGS,

Leeds 30 Dec. 1878.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH
LIFE DEPARTMENT.

My dear Sir,

Send you Cheque for £15: on account of Mrs Taplin I cannot put my hand on the bill - and do not remember the correct amount - but I will rectify any error on hearing from you. —

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
W B Taplin

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10th of Jany 1879

Dr Friend

Dr Baker

I am much obliged to you for your note You have evidently said all you can My boxes must I suppose be kept for the present

I am not myself very sanguine as to Martyn's entire recovery I have rather an idea that if he should be well enough to come away - he would be little use unless he had someone who would undertake to be a caretaker for him

It is this conviction a good deal in my mind of the necessity of lengthened treatment joined to there being peculiar features about the case which I cannot quite make you understand that makes me anxious to clear myself of responsibility in it Doubtless it was a mistake on my part to come forward as I did when the parish was prepared to take

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such but I was urged on by relatives and had a wish to behave kindly to him I had thought myself of doing what you suggest as to calling on J neighbour — I should be sorry to act hurriedly or in any way improperly so shall think it over a bit

You see Martyn is not my own brother - I knew very little of him for years before he became affected it cost my a good deal before he was admitted to your institution — and whilst I am very far from being a rich man I have children of my own to maintain and have great annuities and expenses

Yours very truly

Edw Miles