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G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W

57 London Road
Worcester 9 mo 18/70

Respected Friend,

Nathaniel Miles having a legacy of £200 left him to be sunk, we want to ask thy advice respecting it. We understand his money is getting very short, & this legacy is all he is likely to have to look to: & there is no one now in a position to help him. In this case would the committee be willing to take him on

greatly obliged if thou wouldst take the case under thy kind consideration as the Executor is about closing the accounts.

Sincerely
E. J. Miles.

the meeting terms which we hear is £20 a year. If his bodily health warrants this sinking, it may be the best plan thus to secure for him about £14 per annum for life. Another way occurred to us whether the committee would take the £200 in their own hands, & keep him at the meeting rate as long as the money will last. We feel puzzled how to act for the best.

& it is with reluctance we interfere in the matter, & it is only at the request of the Executors who do so, as we are not the responsible party, Theodore Miles having taken M'Bs Annuity matters into his own hands, & tho' we do not wish in any way to involve ourselves we are very anxious this legacy should be managed for the best, & should feel

Brigflatts
W Sedbergh 5. 8. 78

To Dr Baker

I am directed by
Sedbergh Monthly Meeting to
apply for Annt Hay's admission into "The Retreat"
at the lowest rate of charge
her parents being in very
limited circumstances & not
able to pay even the lowest
charge without assistance

On behalf of the Meeting
John Handley
Clerk

55 Weymouth St
5-10-78

Dear Friend
R Baker

I have delayed writing in consequence of the illness of the childs father. I saw him yesterday but the expence will be beyond his means. so he will be obliged to place her under other care.

I am respectfully
J Grace

Hendersfield
35 New North Rd
May 9/78

To Dr. Baker

Sir

I enclose you
twenty five pounds on account
which please acknowledge.
I shall be much obliged
if you will kindly say
how my daughter is, and
if we may yet hope for
her ultimate recovery.—

I remain yours
Respectfully
Jane Bates

A



Ilkley Wells House,
Wharfedale,
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

Dear Sir

This is the only letter wrote by Mrs. Procter, with the exception of one to Mrs Irons, Dr Leeson told me he thought he some of the letters addressed to Mrs Procter, were sent to his brothers,

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not Knowing his brothers

address; I forward them

to you.

I remain Your obedient

Servant Thomas Darley

safe custody & a patient,
at the Retreat, — who
has the tendency she
has described.

6 Stamps are inclosed
in payment & the Report &c.

73 Wellington Road
Birmingham
May 10 — 1878

I shall be obliged
if the Superintendent of the
Retreat will send me a
copy of the last Report.
If the terms for patients
are not stated in this —
will the Superintendent be
so kind as inform me
by note — what the terms
are for a male patient
occupying the public room —

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and that they would be for the occupancy of the Printers sitting room. Also I should be glad to be informed if there is a vacancy in the Library at present time and if the Institute cannot send one or more suitable men to assist the Superintendent of the Institute. The Schools from whence these applications are made are pronounced partially insane by the Cato & Kitching since the 14 years since, and the last year since more than one under a measure of Printers since this time. He is however striving ingenious in making his escape from custody; and his custody needless being in control since; it is right that in the course of the next few weeks other measures must be adopted. I would however be glad to know that security there is for the

May 4th/1848
3 Day Street
Sandyford Road
Newcastle

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Dear Mr John

I note you a letter last week asking you to tell me when I had to come & see you for which I have not received any reply would you be so kind as to shud me word whether I have to come or not because if I have not to come I will look for another situation Please would you write & tell me as soon as possible

I remain
Yours affectionate Son
R Allen

5 Elgin V St. V Bristol

9 May 78

My dear friend,

Founded on the information conveyed in thy letters, our Gen. Committee has appointed a Sub Comm: to take such steps as may be needful towards answering all your questions, & so to prepare the way for the child's going to the Retreat.

Your questions are very comprehensive, & may take some little time for due consideration.

As regards payment I may state, that our Gen. Comm: did not see its way to propose either more or less than 8/- per wk, the same as for adults from our Oldy Mtg.

As regards yr- increased charge for the latter I am in correspondence with yr- Sec: Jos: Quarton.

Thy friend truly

V Barton Dell

Dr Baker

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YORK-MICKLEGATE 13 MAY 11

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Handed in at the Bristol *Office at* 10 12 .M., *Received here at* 10 1 .M.

From

Miss Grace
Sandford Villa
Hampton Rd Redland
Bristol

To

Dr Baker
Retreat
York

Letter received this morning shall look for telegram today without fail whether you go to Ilkley or not Mrs C appears suitable and can go to H- on Tuesday ——

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the West Strand *Office at* 2 P.M., *Received here at* 1.32 P.M. Delivering Office.

From

Blanchard
Ringrose
3 Salisbury St Strand

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Would Sit be prudent for me to her Sister Fri to come over, Reply to 3 Salisbury St!

(Reply paid)

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Dated

From

To

Ironmongery Establishment.
26. King St. & 182, Queen St.
Huddersfield May 10 1878

Dr Baker
my Dr Sir

I cannot tell you how much obliged I feel to you for your great kindness to my sister and ~~shall~~ must say I am very thankfull to you for keeping me informed of her condition. I am very sorry to hear that she continues so bad but I am sure she

is as well cared for
and as well taken care
of as she can be
with many thanks dear
Miss Yours truly
Thos Chisp[illegible]

G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

10 May 1878

Dear Sir

The Pyrometer must be sent back to Town. but let it remain until the Men are out on Monday next week, when they will take it in hand.

Yours truly

G. N. Haden

Dr. Barker

Dear Dr Baker,

Thank you for your note. I am glad you do not think dear Chris no worse, her notes are certainly much better, as you will see. I do so wish she would give up the thought of going back & Dr. T. then I should think her nearly well. I am at a loss to know how to advise to her. What do you think of my going down for a day to see her, if

should you think it likely to do her any good for me to take her to Sea bord for a change for a week or two. I have generally seen her much more frequently than I do now & I was always told she was no worse for it, still I wish to be guided entirely by you. Would you have me tell her that I do not intend taking her back there? I have done so before but always found it made her cross, but did not make her give over talking in the least. Do you think it will be likely to throw her back if I say nothing about it. Do write with kind regards

Yours very truly
R. C. Rust

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With Henry Stones Despatch

Banbury
5th Nov 18th 1878

19. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
London, W.C.

11th May 1878

Sir.

I beg to enclose Post-Office Order for your fee and the expenses you were put to recently in making the Affidavit for Mr. Irving and to express to you his obligations for your prompt attention to his wishes. Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige. Sir

Your obed't Servant

Joseph Hardcastle.

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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Oak Banke
Eccles
Nr Manchester

Dear Frio
RB

I herewith send
documents which I have rec
from the Com'rs in Lunacy
giving consent to remove
Anne Hunter from Cheadle
to the Retreat —
If the documents are complete
I wish her to be removed
whenever it is convenient to
you. either next week or
the following week
I shall see next Wednesday
if convenient to you —

If you have to communicate
with the Church authorities
before removal, perhaps the day
I mention would be too early
I feel disposed to leave it to
you to fix the time of
removal.
Please write with instructions
to me

Yours respectfully
William Rivers.

98 Park Row

Halifax

May 11th 1898

Dear Sir

Herewith I enclose
first halves of Bank Notes
P.O.O. together value
£98.0.4. in settlement
of Acc[t] enclosed D[r] bill
and second halves immediately
upon receipt of which
I shall be glad to receive
from you a report of the
result of your appeal to the
Board as named to your
Mr Clark who you
Yours truly
G. B. Eastwood

1892

11 May. 11. Am

Scarboro

Dear Wm Rowntree

Late last night I rec'd a Letter. (Farmer) from the Retreat at York. about the time my dear Wife requests the attention of such a person. and. knowing that you have influence at the Retreat. to Lake Evans it a great favor. and I am sure. my Wife were she able would. add. her thanks

if we could. Keep the
young woman, until Mrs
Wm Taylor says she could
be spared - If possible
please help me. Yours
Dear Mrs Rowntree
Very truly yours
F S. Layne

admirably — When
well, Mrs Laye is
a very nice person,
an old friend of my
wife's — a relative of
the Tindall family
My dear wife
is getting on slowly —
The Doctors say a little
improvement in the
Amaurosis — of course
a close prisoner in bed
she has not been
quite so bright the
last week or two
The weather so soon
affects her My
kind remembrance
to E Prideaux, who
will wish to hear
about my wife
We want a very
nice, quiet person
as nurse at least
we think we shall
have to change soon
An ordinary, respect
able, kind woman is
all we regard — My
wife does not wish
for an Institution nurse
as we had some dis
appointment — but
a quiet, nice person

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who is known
With kind regards
to Mrs Baker
I am sincerely
W Rowntree

Scarboro 5/11
1878

My dear friend

I have just
received the enclosed,
& I shall be very glad
if it is convenient, to
accede with your ar-
rangements to comply
with the request
Mr Layes son tells
me that the nurse
manages the patient

G. N. HADEN & SON.

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

13 May 1878.

Dear Sir, The Retreat.

We are sending a man from here in the morning. He will be at the Retreat sometime in the afternoon. I will proceed to make arrangements for commencing the work in connection with the water supply. It will take him a day or so to complete the job. I prepare for taking the present existing main pipes out of the Building. I shall be there on Friday to go through the whole with him.

Yours faithfully
J. Haden

Dr. Baker

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Cheadle,
nr Manchester.

May 18th

Dear Sir Basil

I certainly sent
to the bookseller orders. To
send you a couple of beds
I have written again to
him. This communica-
tion is about to be removed
to new Place in Yorkshire
a climate recommended
by my medical attendant

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He is clean in his habits and in very poor bodily condition. He uses very violent and threatening language from time to time but he works together. He is very quiet. He has delusions of persecution and I should fear he can [illegible] be trusted [illegible] liberty.

Very truly yours

S. V. Adair

S. W. Arnold

I understand you intend to start for here on Wednesday next.

And Dr Baker will kindly mark that these preliminary inquiries are made in strict confidence by one who is not an acting party. — The Patient in question is closely connected with the Social & Friendly and was brought up in it — his parents his brothers & sisters his friends & connexions are among us — probably from these circumstances that his conduct might make it amenable to the discipline. Under these circumstances — it is much to be hoped that the terms & arrangements may be made at a lower rate.

Should Dr Baker have occasion to write again — Southall would be much interested in hearing how Rebecca Sophia Southall has settled at the Retreat — and would like her love given to her if it is at all suitable.

73 Wellington Road Edgbaston
Birmingham May 13th —

Southall is obliged to Dr Baker for his prompt reply thereto enquiries and for the Report. S wishes however to explain that no room need be reserved for the Patient alluded to — as if the Patient attended to — as it will probably be several weeks before any steps are taken, and the application will then probably be made by another committee of the Society. Should such an arrangement be considered necessary — S. gratefully wishes that his name may never appear, especially as regards

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the knowledge of the Patient. She will not be the responsible agent in the affair – It [illegible] a strong intent in the case to deceive by using the present [illegible] state of the Patient this a report of also of hearing the particulars what he Asker suspicion.

I shall think the suspicion an incorrect description of the Patient or one that has been misunderstood by a room being been mistook for this insane "noisy patient." He is not noisy generally, and such appellation would be most distressing to him. He is moody & inactive, but planning & contriving. His escape would not be attributable from the house – He could not I does probably. His circumstances will not allow of a high rate of board, & his friends will be by anxious he should not be placed with any bad Patients. Such a measure would be [illegible] & [illegible] to him most worse. It is his personal habits and his neglect of his property that are the chief grounds on which his deprivation of liberty will rest. It is most likely that it will be by [illegible] a committee in Lunacy, rather than by the usual medical certificate that the desired object will be sought & be accomplished. But nothing will be done at present,

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Camberwell a *Office at* 5-17 p *Received here at* 5-35 p *Delivering Office.*

From	To
B. Ringrose 50 Lakeside Rd Camberwell	Dr Baker The Retreat York

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Should there be any indication of restored mind if only for a few hours please let me know

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YORK MICKLEGATE MAY 15 78

Handed in at the Scarbro *Office at* 7.30a .M., *Received here at* 7.48a .M. Delivering Office.

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From	To
D. Taylor 34 Queen St Scarbro'	D. Baker The Retreat York.

Please come to Scarbro' by train leaving York at five past ten today wait under clock at Station wire reply

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Received

Delivering Office

To

From

J.P.S. 14 May 1878.

Bradford.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I should be glad to have a few lines concerning my brother's state of health.

Yours very truly

Henry B. Dennant

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

May 14. 1878.

J. Baker.
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir. Your note of yesterday's date in regard to musical box for my brother is to hand & shall have immediate attention. I am hoping to get down to see him shortly. With thanks for your note I remain

Yours faithfully
Erasmus Wilson

4 Trafalgar Place
Harrogate –
May 14/78.

Dear Dr –,

I am much obliged to you for the efforts you have made to get Mrs Disney for me – as I cannot have her I must hope Mrs Curry will

do equally well -
I am expecting Mrs C.
this evening & Miss H.
leaves Dishrow Monday
night - shall we come
over & York on Friday
that is the day we
spoke of when I was
over last -

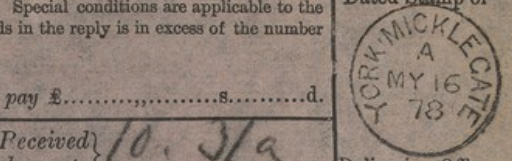
With kind regards,
hers sincerely
Amelia Grace -

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Handed in at the Scarboro' *Office at* 10.27a .M., *Received here at* 10.31a .M.

From

A. Laye
7 Crescent
Scarboro'

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York.

Are you sending two nurses today if possible please do so answer paid.

Reply Paid

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Delivering Office

Received

To

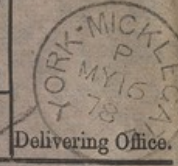
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Handed in at the Scarboro *Office at* 8 0 *M.,* *Received here at* 9 30 *M.*

From	To
Capt Loye Scarboro	Dr Baker The Retreat York

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Send another Nurse as soon as you can for I cannot do without for another hour for trouble –

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Charge ... Pence £ ... s. ... d.

Handed in at the Office of ... M. Received here at ... M. Delivering Office.

To

From

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MICKLEGATE YORK

Handed in at the Beverley *Office at* 6.24 P.M., *Received here at* 6.44 P.M. Delivering Office.

From	To
Fanny Pickering Holme Wold Beverley	Dr Baker The Retreat York

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I cannot possible Come to Scarboro in the morning as mother is not well and wants me for few days —

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From Beadnell Whitby

To Dr Baker The Retreat York

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Yes, Please send Particulars

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From

Jas Hardie
59. Cemetary Rd
Beeston Nr Leeds

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
Asylum York

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Have patient papers attendant
you wire by by
room tonight tonight first
for and post train
Male send + tomorrow

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To

From

to drink & wet his forehead. His mind dwells a deal on theological matters: and he has a great desire to become a Roman Catholic: in the winter he contemplates delivering a lecture in Newcastle in support of the doctrines of that church. He says he will go over to that faith shortly: most of our walks he manages so that we may pass the R.C. chapel one way or the other. He attends that place of worship & has been at the Priests house a few times. He has an invitation to tea there on Friday. He does not sit long reading, but gets up hastily for some purpose or

New House
May 15th/78.

Dr. Baker,
Dr. Sir,

To day is dank & not nice for pedestrianism; so I take the opportunity to write you. Mr. John G. I find is just as you said: he is many times a day in his bed-room washing, & brushing his hair, & perfuming both hair & handkerchief. In walking he frequently gets half a dozen paces ahead of me, draws himself up erect, shakes down his coat with his right hand, stops at almost all walls

other: and his reading is mostly limited to Catholic books. On Monday night he slept very well, but last night he was up about ½ past one, & again later. He has not named anything about his wife to me, except that he wishes that he had not interfered with the women. He has said that a few times to me, but I took no notice. Were he to say anything more to me on that subject I would discourage it as much as possible. If you are coming ~~here~~ over here this week end, you better send us

word so that we may be in.

Yours truly

W. B. Liebman

that three times every day, he requires the tubal administration of food, which always involves the employment of four attendants, and a medical officer.

I would also add that his linen & bedclothes require changing three times each day.

Hence you will see that the cost to the Institution is large.

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

May 16. 1878

My dear friend,

I am directed by the Retreat Committee to write to you respecting the terms paid for Edward.

It is needless for me to say more than that he requires the sole use of two rooms: one by day, & one by night.

and that the amount now paid involves a considerable loss to the funds of the Institution.

Whilst the Committee are anxious to assist out of the funds, as liberally as is equitable, they consider that in Edwards case an increased payment for the future should be made.

I have therefore to suggest for your consideration the increase of the terms to 35/. per week.

Please send me a line stating if this meets with your approval.

Yours faithfully

R. V. Baker

Richard Abbatt

Hon. Sec.

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The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

16/V/78

Dear Mr. Goodwin

It is with extreme reluctance that I write to direct your attention to the fact that the a/c due to Mr. Isaac Lucas board & medical attendance is still unpaid

The statement of a/c has regularly been

Dear Mr. Sent to Mr. John
Leader & I have mailed
four letters without receiving
any direct reply.
Under these circumstances
I am directed by the
Relief Com to make
application on behalf of
Starving Children
With Kind regard. Yours Sincerely
A. Bader

subjects.

With our dearest love
to Mrs Wearing believe
me

Yours truly
T. W. Wearing

Lancaster. 15th May 1878

My dear Sir,

Please say to Mrs
Wearing that the Children,
and myself are quite
well, and trust that
She is improving and
taking her food well,
also that Willie passed
in seven subjects in
the Cambridge Junior
Examination, failing
only in the three in
which he had to leave
the room on account
of toothache, when he
was engaged on those

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Ohio

Dr Park Esqr
Halifax
May 15/98

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith
Cables of Bank notes
for £75-0-0. Your
acknowledgement for
return will greatly
oblige Yours truly
Geo H Eastwood
Per R Parker Esq M D

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Holme Wolds
near Beverley

May 15
1878.

Dr Baker

am sorry to have to say that I am not able to go to Scarborough as I have come to se Mother as she is not well and wants me to stay a few days I only came yesterday and I received

the Telegram this morning
and sent the reply back
as soon as possible there
is no office nearer than
Beverley and it is 5 miles
from Holme I expect to
come back to York
next week and if you
have any Think I should
be very glad as I have
not heard of any thing
yet I am your Obedient
Fanny Pickering

4th Coney 82

Dear Sir

If you will kindly allow me I am coming to the Retreat to Morrow between 11 & 12 o'clock with Dr Hornby & Clifton Garth to see Yours Bath & the Windows. He this likely to have some windows done & I am anxious he should see those done by Mrs Carter

Yours Obediently

Alfred Riddas

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Cases

Total Admissions	m.	f.	Total.	Total Above:-
V. C. upon Cases Rec[d]	38.8	46.7	42.7	43.2 ✓
Relieved	13.8	9.2	11.5	11.2
not Improved	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.2
Dead	32.5	27.5	30.0	29.7
Remaining	9.4	11.5	10.5	10.6
	100.	100	100	say 100.

In the Table of Persons the per centage upon persons Rec[d] is 40.2. Should be 40.4. The remaining numbers 13.9, 6.5 and 38.6, appear to have been correctly worked upon the total of males & females: the others by taking the means of the sexes which is not so correct.

5 Charlotte St
Bedford Sq
May 16. 78.

Dear Dr Baker.

I am very much pleased to hear from you of such a possibility as that your name. The additional ground would indeed be a boon to all concerned & the delicacy of

principle. & that therefrom in your Report. It would be well to adopt a more exact mode of Calculation in similar cases.
(See enclosed)

Congratulating you (& the Retreat) on your potential if not actual good fortune

Yours very truly
D. Hack Tuke

Dr Baker

private house is quite
à la Mr Mould!
Of course the question
will be raised as to
whether a house
so (comparatively)
distant from the
main Building
meets the want
and fulfils that
at any rate

it will be folly to proceed with the proposal of the Ladies Lodge -
I had often thought of Barstons being annexed, but never
J. Barts.
I may mention in regard to the Tables sent home that some of the figures are not calculated on quite a correct

9. James Street

Liverpool 16 May 1878

To the Manager
of the Friends Retreat
York

Private

Sir,

I should feel obliged if you would give me the terms and all information for a Gentleman residing in your establishment including Board attendance and Medical treatment and all other charges including he has expected from abroad shortly but should his Medical Man find that it is not necessary for him to go in any institution may I also ask if your establishment recommend persons as attendants to live outside with patients who require some one to look after them occasionally

Awaiting your reply

I am
Sir
Yours faithfully
Thomas Leadin

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Banbury Bank.
17 of 5th 1878

To the Medical Supt
of Friends Retreat
York

Respected Friend

Emma Sara (widow)
daughter in law of Nicholas Sara
a member of the Society of Friends
of Banbury Falmouth, who for
the last 6 years was with my
late Mother in law Eliz E Hagell
of Shotley as Caretaker of
Southall who is now I believe
a patient in the Retreat was
so overstrained at the time
of my Mothers sudden decease
that after several days
attendance by their Medical

mean she became so
deranged that she had to
be removed on Sunday
morning about the beginning
of 3rd month to the private
asylum of Mrs Gabbutt at
Dunston Lodge near Newcastle
We had hoped the malady
might have been overcome in
a few weeks but as it seems
likely she of longer continuance
& her own friends are not in
a position to pay the 35/- per
week which is Mrs Gabbutt's charge, I
write to ask if you can take
her in at York & what your
lowest rate of charge would be
An early reply would oblige
as my wife is now at Shotley

& could direct her removal
My friend sincerely
Charles Gillett.

South Cliff.
Scarborough
May 17th 1875

Dear Dr Bates

In some respects her
Legs is a little better - but I
cannot say much. So far.
She had sleep after
midnight yesterday until 6
this morning, also after dinner
Call it a good six hours.
The combination of Morphine
Chloral has been decided
Service, it had a marked
effect the day you were over
Nourishing food in
kind and quantity as
ordered was taken on

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Wednesday Yesterday Morning.

At present Corn looks tolerably well but we have a great deal of trouble with the Frost. Wet days blows out the flour & rots away little Solid matter in the month. It is only by perseverance & getting up to take Single quantities that we can succeed.

Wine Bottled as before. Bonds moved by Insurance Shall be sent before Monday next.

Believe me
Sincerely yours
William Taylor

Mrs Wilson's.
Grange in Keswick
May 14. 48.

Dear Dr Baker

I write to let you know that I am still feeling very well and stronger every day, & am very happy in the possession of my daughter again; she continues to grow in grace & beauty & is on the verge of producing two more

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little. I am sorry to say baby greatly prefers her nurse to her mother at present. Ah 'tis the pangs of jealousy to assail me.
I hope you have had letters accounts of Mrs Carter lately & that Mrs Baker is keeping quite well. With love to Mrs Baker I am
Yours sincerely
Emma L. Rocker.

Henrietta Baker is in Shields & called to see Baby the day I was over there.
The country is glorious here just now & I will recommend their lodgings to Mrs Baker if I could.

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From John Stratford

To D Baker
The Friends Retreat
York

Sir If no delay we
Arrive in York at ten
ten patient rather excited

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Received

Sent At

To

From

prepare my coming & your from
London before proceeding to Oldbury
to get my directions from you.
Please excuse this hastily written
as it is just post time.
With kind regards
Yours very truly
Bessie Parkes

Barrington
May 17th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker
I am much
obliged for your letter received
this morning. I am of course
very much grieved at my
dear Husband's determination
with regard to his marriage
life, but do not doubt that
time will set it all right.
I rather regret that Jack
& Lizzy Lewis has elapsed
since we last met - it is
now nearly 9 months -
John visited us while I
was at Bridport last July
& came & see Lucia before
they sailed. I had promised them

that under. yr objection I would come & spend his Birthday with him, but just then I had a visitor, & he was in such an unsettled state as regards Mary-Lovely waiting yr & companion-ship for them - that I gave up the idea of going & York.

I have a very great desire & see him if yr thought there could be no objection & my doing so. Would yr consider it unwise for me & go down & Mary for two or three days? & friend of mine from here is going & Mary on Monday I believe, & if yr thought well of it I could go down with him. Of course I am perfectly willing & be guided entirely by yr advice in this matter. Will yr send me a Telegram tomorrow when yr get this letter telling me whether yr approve of this plan or not. We are expecting confirmation in the course of the beginning of the week & I should have a very comfortable week with regard & them.

If yr did not think it desirable for me & go & Mary could it be. for me & go & Richmond or any place easy of access from Mary there for the week & come & see me? If yr could any two suitable arrangements for me I should be very glad, & I think it might possibly help & get rid of his delusion. Provided yr think well of my going & Mary should yr

Keighley
May 17/78.

Dear Sir -

I beg to enclose cheque
value £510. 8. 0. which please
acknowledge in due course -
I hope my Brother keeps well
in health - when I saw him
some 3 wks ago I thought he was
looking very thin -
With kind regards -

I remain
Yours truly
Tom Brown

Jas Baker -

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of that monthly Meeting
is not at home just now
- but I have this A M a
note from Willm Wilson
stateing a remittence
will shortley be made
to me, after which. Thou
may expect to hear
from me wthe the
needeful. hoping for
the delay this may
be deemed suffecent
for the present. Remain
thy friend
Robt Charleton

THE LATE ROBERT CHARLETON

ON SMOKING AND SMOKERS.

ON Thursday evening, 15th May, 1862, a public meeting was held at the Broadmead Rooms, for the purpose of discussing the question of whether the use of tobacco was beneficial to those who smoke it, or otherwise. There was a large attendance, and the Chair was occupied by Mr. Robert Charleton, supported by Mr. Reynolds, secretary to the British Anti-Tobacco Society, and others. The Rev. Mr. Taylor opened the meeting with prayer.

"The Chairman, in commencing the proceedings, said he considered that the subject which they were met that evening to consider was one of great national importance. The consumption of tobacco in this country had been of late years very rapidly on the increase. In the year 1850, there were consumed in the United Kingdom about 27½ million pounds, and ten years after, in 1860, that quantity was increased to 35 million pounds. The money value, taken at the lowest ground, of tobacco, was enormous. It amounted to considerably more than £10,000,000 sterling—an amount very much larger than the whole of what was raised in this country for the poor rates, and not much less, if any less, than the amount of the income tax. He then adverted to a leading article which had appeared in *The Bristol Mercury*, with regard to the question which they were met to discuss. The article, he said, was a cleverly written one in favour of the moderate use of tobacco, and the writer had made out as good a case as one could possibly be expected to make out. At the close of that article, however, the editor made an exceedingly important and very candid admission. He told them that, while it was impossible to coincide with the Anti-Tobacco crusaders, it must be deplored that boys should adopt the habit of those older than themselves, before they had attained the age to make the moderate use of tobacco innoxious. Hence they had trembling hands, dull brains, weakened memories, unhealthy stomachs, and a general demoralization of the system, which were the necessary results of those errors, and many of the doubled-up frames they observed in places of public resort were to be clearly ascribed to this practice. The editor of the article concluded by expressing an opinion that fathers of families should do their utmost to stop the evil. Now, he (the chairman) would just remark in relation to

that, with reference to the moderate use of tobacco by the mature aged, they conceived that it was only by getting those of mature age to abstain from the use of tobacco that they could hope to influence the young, which the editor desired them to do. All human beings, especially the young, were to a very large extent creatures of imitation. They all knew that example was far more powerful than precept, and if a boy saw his father or his elder brother smoking, he was sure to want to do the same, and in many instances he would certainly do it, notwithstanding any advice given to the contrary. The editor deplored the fact that boys indulged in the use of tobacco before they arrived at an age when the habit would be harmless, but he failed to tell them what that proper age was. Supposing, for the sake of argument, that that proper age was 21 years, then it might be said that if smoking were an innocent practice for a young man of 21, it could not be very injurious for one of 20, or even 19. Moreover, they knew perfectly well that many precocious youths were, physically and mentally, as much men at 17 or 18 as others were at 19 or 20, so that, practically, it would be a work of difficulty, not to say absolutely impossible, to check the use of tobacco by the younger part of the community so long as they did not attempt to stop its use by those of maturer classes. If the use of tobacco by the young was found to effect such fearful results, which were so truthfully and so graphically described by the editor—if it produces trembling hands, dull brains, weakened memories, unhealthy stomachs, debilitated frames, and general demoralization of the system, and if those fearful evils were the necessary results—not the accidental results—of those errors, then it seemed to him, (the chairman), that they ought to be very sure that there were some countervailing benefits of the most important kinds to justify the continued use of tobacco, if they were to use it in spite of the known fact that it produces those results in a large number of cases—the necessary results of the free use of tobacco. He thought that there could hardly be a more fitting subject for discussion, and they might go into the question whether the article of tobacco possessed any such advantages as could justify its continued use by the community, notwithstanding the evils it brought upon them.

At the close of the lecture, "the Chairman, in order to give a practical turn to the meeting, asked those who were willing to join a Bristol Branch of the British Anti-Tobacco Society to hold up their hands. About one-fourth of those present, upwards of 200, held up their hands, after which the intending members were requested to remain, in order that their names might be taken."—*Western Daily Press, Bristol, May 16th*, 1862.

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Wadbergh R S Yorkshire
7th day 18th 1878

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Dear Friend
R Baker M D

I regret I cannot at once send a remittance for Ann Haggarth, but in a short time now I hope to send the whole £13 as per bill rec^d the defect is we are to have from the Swarthmore Monthly Meeting a gift towards her Maintance in the retreat, & the Treasurer

Barnsley House
May 18th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your telegram. I am intending to come down to York on Tuesday, and will call on you early in the morning.

I will take care not to celebrate your Russian anything of any movements.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very truly

Rennie Smith



Bank House.
Clarendon Road.
Leeds.

Sunday Afternoon
May 19th 98.

My dear Sir

It is my painful duty to inform you that my father died this morning after a short illness. The disease which has hastened his End is Contraction of the bladder and inflamation of the kidneys. The Case has been a rather peculiar one. the Doctors being rather puzzled with the symptoms and wishful to make a P. M. Ex.

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I think that he caught cold when in York. a week last Friday. and he had a severe shock to his nervous system when he saw my mother for the first time since she has been with you.

You must of course use your own judgement about telling Mother of this sad event. We should like very much to hear how she is getting on.

We inter on Wednesday. Should you wish for any further particulars. Shall be glad to give them.

Kind regards
from. Mr. H. Rice.

The Lodge York

May 18th 1878

Dear Sir

I shall be happy to take part in your weekly entertainment on Tuesday Evening next. I will endeavour to be with you at the time mentioned or a little after.

Yours truly

W. Brown

Dr Barker
Ben Rhydding

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Fleetwood 5/17/78

Respected Friend;

As the only Brother left in Europe, of my sister Ann Clemesha, I deem it my imperative Duty, to make inquisition of her state of Body & Mind.

I feel therefore anxious to ascertain particulars as to the probable, or otherwise of her realizing again sound Mentality & Corporeity. — By giving me thy opinions on the Matter, I should feel much obliged.

Thine respectfully

Robert Clemesha.

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GOLDEN TEA POT,

No. 48, DOCK STREET, AND No. 3, CHURCH STREET,

Fleetwood, ... 187

M .....

Bought of ROBT. CLEMESHA,

Wholesale and Family Grocer, Tea Dealer and Coffee Roaster.

DEALER IN DUTCH YEAST.

The Military and Shipping supplied on the most reasonable terms.

50 Eastlake Road
Camberwell
May 18th 98

My Dear Sir,

Should you have occasion, &c, ~~telegraph~~ me on Sunday, "to morrow" please address to

3 Salisbury Chambers
Strand
W. C.

as I always spend the Sabbath here

Yours faithfully

Blanstard Rimmer

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6 Belmont Villas
Leicester
19 May 1878.

Dr Baker
Dear Sir

I am leaving home for a few weeks. Therefore, until further notice, will you have the goodness to send all communications from or about my father, to "Miss Radley. Philip Lane Tottenham"

Believe me
Sincerely Yours
Mary Radley.

E9

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Leeds 5 Mo 20 1878

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Hearing that a friend of mine (Mr James Brodie) was on Saturday sent to the Retreat as a patient, suffering from acute mania, may I trouble you for a few lines giving your opinion of his case.

It seems so very sudden that I trust it may be only temporary. I know no one of whom you could say more emphatically that he was "all there" and am totally at a loss to account for his derangement except it be the somewhat disgraceful failure of a brother in Dundee about six months

since. He was always extremely sensitive about the "dignity of the family" and it may have preyed upon his mind though he showed no outward trace of it when I saw him last. Apologizing for troubling you, believe me to be

Yours friend sincerely

John E Whiting

Beach Lawn.

May 25th.

Dear Br. Baker.

I was greatly surprised to receive your letter a few days ago. It grieved me much. as I had understood that every account with the Outbreak had been settled two years ago. I have written bro. Joseph. Leathes, who has the Management

of His Late Brothers affairs
in his hands - And I -
hope you may soon hear
from him. I trust you -
are all well. Write soon
& remember me. Very Kindly.
to Mrs Baker & Old. Woods.
I believe me.

Yours faithfully
Mary Goodwin.

WOOD GREEN,
BANBURY,
OXON. 20 Sept 1878

Dear Friend
R Baker

I am much obliged for my letter & have written to the Comrs in Lunacy to obtain the necessary transfer of Eliza to the Retreat. Will write again as soon as I know which day she can be with you. Can you find an attendant to travel with her from Newcastle or should I request Mr Gaubert to send someone? If the

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Can seems likely to be
of many weeks continuance
I shall be glad at an
early date to hear it complete
before the Committee & apply
for a reduction.

Very friendly yours

Charles Gilbert

Ilkley Wells House
May 19 1848

Dr Baker
Dr Sir,

The weather has not been extraordinarily favorable here during the last week: there has not been a day, but what it has rained some. However, we have been out a deal, & have walked good distances. Mr Procter has good lasting powers, & could live out two like myself. If there is any difference in him he is improving in appearance; but if his eccentricities have improved any, it is not much. Perhaps he feels himself getting

better every day. He is very fond of stopping at wells & streams to bathe his face & head. Occasionally, he kicks out his right leg in a nervous sort of manner: as if he were kicking his trousers down at the bottom. It is very well you are not here to day, as the rain is coming down in torrents. When you come over, please drop Mr P a note, so that he may have a days notice. I have not told him that I visited you before coming here.

Yours truly
W B Lishman

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Dated Stamp of YORK MIDDLE GATE A MY 21 78

Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Stockport Office at 12-0 M. Received here at 2.28 P.M.

Delivering Office.

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From

Mrs Richardson
Stockport

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

Leaving here twelve thirty arrive York four twenty three please meet the train

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Clerk's (to pay £ ..... s. ..... d.

Handed in at the Office at ..... m. Received at ..... m. Delivering Office.

To

From

in paying the money over to us, seeing Nat. Miles, as a person of unsound mind, is unable to give the Executors a legal receipt; and our Committee have no locus standi in the matter.

As a matter of individual advice, I should think it would be best for the Executors to invest the £100. paying over the

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

May 21. 1878

My dear friend,

In reply to your letter I write to say that our Committee would not feel justified in taking into their own hands the £100. legacy, which Nat. Miles has had left him.

Indeed, I am of opinion that the Executors would badly be justified

annual interest accrued for the his clothing and other expenses, so that when his other funds are exhausted, and he comes to be recommended to us by the Monthly Meeting, at the lowest rate of payment, namely 10/- per week he will still have the advantage of a small allowance for things which perhaps the Meeting might not be willing to pay for.

Yours faithfully

Rob.t Baker Sen.r

L. I. Miles
57. London Road
Worcester

about with her. It would have seemed like old times to see & have a chat with dear Mrs Richardson whose great Kindness to me I shall I trust never forget.

We left for London yesterday morning at 11-20 – 200ft course We were nearly at the Metropolis before Mrs R. would reach Manchester. We have come up as usual to attend the Yearly Meeting

26 Spital Square
Bishopsgate Street
London.

26 Spital Square
Bishopsgate St. 5mo. 21st 1878.

Dear Friend
Dr Baker –

I was very sorry when thy letter was put into my hand to be unable to accede to Mrs R's request. Had I been at home it would have given me great pleasure to welcome her to my little house and I should greatly have enjoyed going about with her. It would

and are staying in our old lodgings at Spital Square. We are a party of four ladies & expect the mother of one of our set to join us to-morrow or 5th day. Under these circumstances I feel sure Mrs R. will excuse my non attendance upon her.

I hope Mrs Baker & the Children are all quite well. My head aches rather so I am sure you will excuse this poor letter — but I am very well as a whole — & my advice of days gone by has I think not been in vain. I owe much to thee under the Divine Blessing.

Remember me to my old friend Mrs Dean also to Kate Woodhead & any who remember me — Miss M'Laren especially — I went to hear her brother preach on 1st day night — I have heard him two or three times & always enjoy it.

With love to Mrs Baker & thyself & Lily who may possibly recollect me I am Thine very sincerely H. Buckley.

P.S. My love to Mrs Richardson in law when you see her

John Fraser Esq:
Coilibeg:
Strone
by) Greenock
Scotland:

May 22nd 1778

Dear Friend:

I am sure it is due to you after your kindness to myself and brother, to tell you I reached Glasgow comfortably, and safely on the 6th of May. We all left

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P.S. Please convey my dear love, and constant thoughts to Martyn, and do ask him to let me have a few lines very soon. ——

I sent Martyn two addressed stamped envelopes, & if he likes to use them, it will do nicely, as Mr Fraser goes to town by boat every day, and can send them

From last Wednesday
May 15th for the
coast.
Will you be so kind
as to ask Martyn
to write, as I am
beginning to feel
weary for a letter
having had no
home news since
I came.
The children are
ill with the measles
so that I am very
busy indeed, and constantly
occupied: we are very near
to Loch Lomond. – We expect
to be here for two months. –
Laughing your family circle
are pretty well, and with kind
regards to Mrs Baker
I am
Very sincerely yours
Mary Miller.



Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

May 22nd 1878.

Dr. Baker,

Sir,

The next time you see Mr. Proctor, I think you will find an improvement in his appearance. He is physically in good conditions, & can endure a deal more exercise than I. There are objectionable things in his behaviour yet, but I should say they are not so evident as when I came here first: but that might possibly be that I am now used to him. We take long walks, & get all the fresh air we can. He leans very much to the Romish church, & says he would be more at peace were he to go over without delay. He states you gave him leave to do as he likes in this respect.

Yours Truly

W B Lishman

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Marlborough House,
Burgess Hill,
21st 5 Mo 1878.

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My dear Friend,

From the tenor of thy letter we can have no objection to increase the terms as mentioned by thee; and are truly sorry you should have such trouble and expense to the Institution with respect to our Son.

I am, thine very truly
Richard Abbatt.

Friends' Meeting House,
12, Bishopsgate Street Without,
London, E.C. 22/4 1878

My dear friend

Joe. of all England
washed this morning,
the Meeting being unan-
imous in thinking that
it had no Jurisdiction.
Where are we now?
Yours

Yours affly

Jno Carlton

D. Baker
York

5-9 Cemetery Road
Beeston Hill
Leeds
22nd May.

Dear Sir

We have received
your two letters & feel
much obliged D you for
writing us so frequently
concerning the matter.
I trust you will continue D do so, & that
soon you will be able
D give us more favourable accounts —
You will let us know

If you have omitted
to send any thing
you think he would
require – We are
very distressed & anxious
about him –
You will let us know
when you think it
advisable to see him.
Again thanking you
Believe me
Yours sincerely
Agnes E Brodie

28 Park Place
May 21st 1894

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 16th inst. I may state I was not in any way connected with the Friends previous to entering your most valuable institution, neither am I aware that any of us have at any time attended the Friends meetings.
The reason I asked you to apply for a reduction is that the fund at my disposal is happily reducing & with the bad state of trade during the last 2 years I do not see that I could myself undertake to find the funds I am very anxious to make her money reach out as long as possible & I find that I have only £135,0,0 now left in hand so if anything can be done I hope you will kindly let me know hoping that the Countess keeps well with my best wishes

I remain
Yours faithfully
Geo. H. Eastwood

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

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Ilkley *Office at* 1-25 P.M., *Received here at* 1-29 P.M.

From John Procter Ilkley

To Dr Baker York

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Your favour to hand will be happy to meet you as directed with conveyance

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To

From

Wells House
May 23rd 48

Dr Baker

Dr Sir

Mr J. got your note this m.g & told me of the intended visit of his wife & yourself. He cautions me to say as little as possible in regard to his tendency to Roman Catholicism or to his intention of taking a young Catholic boy from this neighbourhood for a companion at Melrose. So please draw these matters out of him yourself, & let him know nothing as being communicated by myself. He does not know that I was at York seeing you, nor that I write you occasionally on the state of his health. I expect you will find him improved. Hoping the weather will be propitious tomorrow, I am

Yours truly,
W B Leishman

D

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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Charges to pay £.....,,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the Epping Office at 7.42 P.M., Received here at 8.2 P.M.

From

C. Abbott

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

I leave Epping tonight by
next train for York Wide
Come at once

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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From

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

Handed in at the West Strand *Office at* 3-26 .M., *Received here at* 3-58 .M. Delivering Office.

From
B. Ringrose
50 Eastlake Rd.
Camberwell

To
Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

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No letter this morning suppose missent please wire reply to 3 Salisbury St. Strand as I feel anxious

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To

From

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

May 23. 1878

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir.

I am purposing to come down to York on Saturday next to pay a brief visit to my brother. I would bring a musical box to play hymn tunes with me.

Yours Sincerely
A. G. Ogilvie

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G. N. HADEN & SON.

15, St. George's Chambers,

Albert Square,

Manchester.

24 May 1878.

Dear Sir,

I omit to take out a Patent that we "Promoter" has been received by them from York. Would you kindly look into this & let that our Agent be instructed?

Yours truly

J. Haden

W. Baker

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Memorandum.

FROM

JOHN FALLAS & SON,

90, BRIGGATE,

LEEDS.

May 24th 1848

To Mr C Meeke

York.

Dear Sir

We have forwarded sent to your Esteemed order today (by Rail) Paid & trust you will find the things satisfactory = Kindly inform us by return when the parcel is duly to hand & much oblige

Yours obediently

J B Fallas

Confidential.

Friends' Retreat, York. 74
May 27th 1878.

My dear friend,

I went over to Ilkley on Saturday with Mrs John Proctor, to see your brother, and now write to convey to you my opinion of his present condition.

I detect no apparent impairment of his intellectual faculties. I consider he is in that condition of partial recovery, in which there is chiefly manifested a departure from a healthy emotional condition.

I find that although he promised me at my last visit, that he would not visit the Roman Catholic Chapel, or the priest, he persuaded Mr Eshman that I had agreed to allow him complete liberty of action in these matters; that he has visited the chapel and the priest several times: that he has attended Mass fasting: that he has offered to give the scholars of the Roman Catholic schools, a treat at his expense;

and that he has arranged with a Roman Catholic juvenile to accompany him to Melrose: that he has obtained an introduction to the Roman Catholic priest at Galashiels, and that he has arranged to drive to Dalkeith Palace Chapel, on Corpus Christi Sunday.

He distinctly affirms that he has a letter from Fairfield approving of his carrying out his Roman Catholic proclivities, and that he has a letter from his mother, approving of his having only a juvenile companion.

There continues to be a marked departure from a healthy emotional feeling towards his wife. He states that he believes the holiest life is a celibate life and that he wishes he had gone to Oakley for rest, previous to marriage, and then he would have seen it was right for him not to marry.

He speaks of hoping to return into Society, in Autumn. But fences cleverly any question as to the probable time when he would like again to live with his wife.

He has spoken to persons at the Wells House about the altered state of his affections, in a way that I think no sane man would have spoken. Another departure from a healthy standard that I noticed at my previous visit, was detected by accident.

One of the young men of the house chaffingly said, "Have you been to see the Dairy maid, Mr. Procter?"

I asked your Brother what this meant and he put me off by saying that it had reference to his calling frequently at a farm house, for a glass of milk.

I found out however, from a confidential communication made to me, that he had propounded the unhealthy theory, that it

was lawful for a man to have sexual connection with a woman, such as a dairy maid, that it was far better to do so, than to have connection with a prostitute, and when he was asked about the consequences to the Dairymaid, he replied that "she must take her own risk".

I find then that this had given rise to a good deal of undesirable chaff; and as your brother has all along shewn excessive vanity; a morbid love of being noticed, and a desire to dangle after such persons as Mrs P. (whose conduct with your brother so much annoyed Mr Innes and myself) I feel that there is cause for anxiety, lest there should be developing, an increased departure from a healthy emotional, or moral standard. I am therefore of opinion

that your brothers' present condition is a somewhat anxious one - By the continued exercise of judicious care, by the careful regulating influence of a healthy educated companionship, by the endeavour to direct his thoughts from unhealthy channels, through the agency of change of scene and association, there is a reasonable hope that he will gradually attain to a healthier emotional standard.

If however, he is allowed to do as he likes and no check placed upon his eccentricities and unhealthy emotions, I am afraid that we shall find that not only will he give an immunity of trouble, to those interested in his welfare, but that his present condition of partial recovery, will, ere long, be replaced by more marked evidences of

insanity, and to an unhealthy emotional condition, will be added more or less impairment of his intellectual faculties.

As to the practical point, my advice is that he should leave Ilkley Wells House, and be moved to Matlock Bank.

That he should have again as companion Mr. Jones, whose judicious guidance and control were of the highest value.

That on no account should he be allowed or encouraged to believe that his friends approve of his having the companionship of any of the juveniles he desires.

That he should not be allowed to go to Melrose. Firstly, because it is merely to carry out his Roman Catholic views, that he wishes to go there, and secondly because his removal to Scotland, where English certificates of lunacy, are of no avail,

would render him absolutely his own master.

I have thought it right, thus plainly to express my views, but you will, of course, merely take my opinion for what it is worth.

You and those most interested in your brother's welfare, are about to discuss the plans for the future.

Should you be of the opinion that he is sufficiently recovered to be liberated from his certificates, and again restored to the exercise of his civil rights, I shall be glad to withdraw from all further connection with the case.

But I think it my duty plainly to state that in my opinion he is still a person of unsound mind.

You will therefore clearly understand that if, after reading this letter, Mrs. Proctor,

and you, and your family, think the time has come for his discharge, as you who so decide, will for the future rest all responsibility respecting your brother, and I shall consider that having given you my opinion, I am freed from all and every responsibility.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Robt Baker

M.D.

Henry Procter Esq

Mess. H. Procter & Sons

Northumberland Flour Mills

Newcastle on Tyne.

I shall be able to give you a definite answer the early part of next week if that will be soon enough.

Thanking you very sincerely for your kind offer

I am.

Yrs: faithfully

John Ivors.

25 Nelson St.

Sunderland

May 24

My dear Sir

I propose sending in my resignation to Mr Nicholson today - and if he will release me within reasonable time I need not say, I shall be glad to rejoin Mr Procter as Companion on the same terms as before.

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The Glen
Newry 5 mo 22 1878

Dear Friend

I have been requested to apply to you to ascertain whether you could recommend a pious gentle & experienced Miss who could take charge (as maid) of a young lady Friend suffering from mental delusion on one particular subject but who is in good

bodily health & otherwise
Sold — She would require
a most faithful trustworthy
& cheerful person as much
responsibility would rest
upon her — Should
you be able to recommend
a suitable person or
should feel much
obliged — or in case
you had not any one

to recommend perhaps
you could kindly say
to whom we might
apply with the hope
of procuring such an
attendant —
An early reply will be
much obliged
My friend kindly
A. N. Bancroft

To the
Secy of Retreat
York

Derwent Hill,
Shotley Bridge,
Co. Durham. 24. 5 mo 78

Dear Friend

I expect that
ere this my Son in Law
Chas Gillett has arranged
for you to receive Emma
Sara late your Estab:
Have the kindness to
inform me whether
there would exist
to send any of her
Boxes of Clothing &c to
they came -
An early reply will
oblige Thy Sincere Frd
E. O. Tregelles

LL

W^m D. S. Ward's
Albert Street
Harrogate

1^st day

My dear friend,

This is just to tell thee our whereabouts, in case thee should be over here during the coming week — I cannot send a flourishing account of my dearest — Till an hour or two after breakfast, he is very nicely; & then a very little knocks him down — It is a sad experience, to find walking tries him so much sooner than it did — but —

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I will not enter into further particulars, but hope to gain a little sejour before returning home on Friday -

With our love to Mrs Baker & Myself I remain very sincerely

E. Pumphrey.

Tarelby House
May 24 – 1878

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased, to return Your Patient, looking better in every way, & I think as thoroughly enjoyed his visit, Stanbrook also has been very attentive,

But the Attendant who sent him, to Derby had not sent him, the Under Vests on, he has never been accustomed to be without, I have

Bought him 2 Angola ones, for Summer his Chest requiring warmth,

I am surprized to hear he does not occupy the little Bedroom, with the Red Curtains, which I have always been shown Because my Agreement with Mrs Pilkington was for a Private Bedroom, I do not Like him sleeping in a room with Others, they might injure him, & keeping such high Terms for one who causes so little trouble —

Hoping you will attend to it — We shall set them off, By the Train that leaves Derby - at 12-20 There being 2 Carriages that come direct to York, & hope they will arrive safe, & be comfortably settled, we shall be glad to have a line to that effect,

With kind Regards

Yours respectfully

L. Lovell

Dr. Baker

Friends Retreat

West Hewitt.
May 25.

Dear Mr Baker,
Many thanks
for your kind note;
which ought to have been
answered before.
How is Papa? I enclose
a letter for him. Hoping
sincerely he is better.
Do you think there's any

chance of his recovering for a short time. I should be so lonely without him, as I should be without any relation there.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs Baker & the children.

Yours truly
Mary Holden.

25 Nelson St
Sunderland
May 27.

Dear Sir

I quite understand that your offer of the post of companion to Mr. P. is conditional and thank you for kindly promising to recommend me to his family.

At the same time I must remind you that

I am not certain whether I can be released from my present engagement soon enough to enable me to accept the offer should it be given me — However when the post is definitely offered me - I shall doubtless be in a position to give you a decided answer

Yrs: faithfully
John Ivons.

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any letter from Henry bearing date
in the upon this subject, since this
present has come to mind I feel
bound to send you a line
mentioning it but I can scarcely
believe that this can be the letter
Henry referred to in speaking to you.
If it is not that letter could the
point of essential difficulties with the
knowledge of the essential conditions
of his family, in us the event existing
of any difficulties of this kind in the
family it would occurred to us at
first but the whole tenor & limit, of it
is perfectly certain that I entered
upon the marriage with my eyes
open.

Please to destroy this letter —
but it seems bad writing as may
need it thanks.

With kind regards & thanking
you very much for all your kindness

Yours truly
Bessie Parkes

Rose Cottage
York
May 27th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

Since parting
from you this morning
I have been thinking much
of Henry's statement that
that he had considered it
his duty to have one of their
sons before his marriage.
I remember that in his letter
to me at the time of our
engagement he added a
Post Script saying "I have
had his mother's peculiarities
& infirmities" but from this
I certainly did not gather
that he considered this to
be an unfit state to marry.

Any one who believed in Spiritualism
in its occasional, or by clairvoyance
can must necessarily never be
considered free from peculiarity
but many who believe in these things
are never considered insane, & talk
over the subject to Miss I supposed
(& must especially by clairvoyance)
that Henry alluded. All my
relations saw that letter & few
never one of us suspected that
Henry was hinting at any mental
disease. I quite hope I may still
have that letter but have not
seen. I thank you many times
I kept all the letters I received
upon the subject of our ugly quarrel
but rather glad I destroyed them
at this time of our sadness.
If I still have the letter I shall
be most happy to show it to you
Affectionately Yours Brookline Sunday
I think it would probably be if
still in existence. There certainly
was never any thing said in our
visits upon either of John or his
family in such a manner that
<u>insulted</u> dread of insanity, &
if this is the letter in which Henry
alludes there was not even a
hint as to it in connexion with suicide
I should never have married into
a family afflicted with such a
terrible malady, neither would
any relations ever have allowed him
to do so. It is a great comfort to me
to feel that it is a theme that has
never upon me & not one hair which
I have grey Gratefully & kind regards.
Henry Denick is positively to you

Lancaster

27th May 1878

My dear Sir.

Will you kindly say to Mrs Wearing, that the Children and myself are quite well, also that her Mamma is a little improved and her Father not any worse. Please give her our dearest love and believe me

Yours truly

J. W Wearing

7. Crescent Scarbro
May. 27. 1878

Dear Doctor Baker.

My kind Friend and Doctr Mr Taylor, has advised with me about the future of my dear Wife - and. he tells me he very greatly fears, her present state of wandering reason, is likely to be of some continuance - Nurse Tanner, both Taylor and myself like very much, and I beg the favour of you, to allow her, to become my servant. The Girl Emily. from Whitby, is quite willing, to exchange my service we have a Nurse Louisa from Lincoln, and with a Girl I should.

engage her - we think would be a very efficient staff, and after a time perhaps I might dispense with one of these, but I would prefer Turner to be the head - if you can kindly come up to my views -
Emily Hogg. when I have arranged with the Scarborough Girl would leave.
My Wife sat up in the Chair Entirely from 11 - to 4.30. P.M. she takes a good deal of support and her General health is improved - She strong Beef Tea. Milk Eggs & being more food. than she took She was herself.
With respect to payment of the nurses. if you will advise me what I have to pay - I will send you a cheque - or pay the Girls myself; as you think proper. I can only add my most grateful. Thanks, in the trouble you took to supply me in my need, and intending what I consider to efficient a person as Turner is.

I remain dear Doctor Baker
Very truly yours
F.J. Laye.

May 27th 1870

Stratford Place,
Broomspring Lane,
Sheffield.

Dear Mr Baker,

One of our deacons, who is at present staying at Harrogate, told me of his intention to come over to York sometime during the week to enquire for my husband - I have taken the opportunity of sending another walking-stick for him. I noticed the one he has needed repairs - Mr Robertson will bring this back with him, & I will P.S.

have it repaired—
I do not know that my
husband would like to
see Mr Robertson, though
they have always been
very friendly! I rather
think not but will leave
it with you—
With kind regards
I am
respectfully yours
Eliza M. Stanton

FRIENDS' INSTITUTE MANCHESTER

5/27/78

Dear Friend

R.P.

I am much obliged for your kind attention to Ann Hunter & also for sending me word of her removal.

If she requires any thing special will you have the goodness to write. I am

Yours respectfully

Wm Binns

Willm Pilkington Esqr
Roby Dale
near Liverpool
May 29th

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Dear Sir.

I shall feel much obliged if you would kindly let me know how my Brothers I have not trusted you before as I have trusted that no news.

was good news."

I enclose kind regards

Believe me dear Sir

Yours very truly

Sarah Caldecle

Low Fearr Garsdale.

5th mo 27th 1878.

Dear Friend,

I write to say that I intend to send of a parcel of clothing for my daughter Ann, to-morrow by the passenger train that leaves Hawes Junction at 10.25 a.m.

Please see after, - from

Thy friend

Wm Haygarth

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per Y.N.

4 Trafalgar Place
Harrogate.
May 27/78.

Dear Dr.,

We are getting on very comfortably on the whole, tho' I have felt rather weak & incapable since I saw you last — As a fortnight is nearly

up suits me more
in York shall we
come in on Friday
next?

With kind regards
very sincerely
Amelia Grace

Salem Mass

May 28th 1778

Dear Dr Dalton.

A kind friend of
ours (Dr Eppes) has
left us today to
join my dear Brother
Thos Jefferson
Hastings. Believing
that you are ready
to hear about all
that Brother, Dr Jefferson

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Scalp Stuck. There
is no Mental Infirmity
Does he not know
the Name. (Mary) -
I would Go to
Town for Jar. He asked
the time. He is
very fond of Grapes.
(Grapes) & videos
the Seeds - & Skins
Let us have it
Go get them - &
Jar Small Seeds

Nuts - is Instructed
Would oblige us -
& Thank for Jar
Jar Enclosed
I by Aller Stanton
Letter -
Yrs Truly
Mary Mills



Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

May 29/78

Dear Dr Baker

Since writing last
to you I have thought it best
possible that I may have
had to present views on the
Melrose question. It is true
I am personally disposed to
give it a decided preference
on grounds previously explained
but I have a note from

but I have a note from
the North with a flowery
description of the Matlock
district & neither plan being
provided with Bp's Mss renders
it comparatively unimportant
as to which plan is eventually
decided upon. With respect
however to the choice selection
of a companion to accompany me
to either place, my own feelings
are as decided as ever. I am
well aware that you can object
is to put me well upon my confidence
out of your hands & consider
the skill which you have dis-

the skill which you have displayed in my case calls forth on my part for a yearly acknowledgment a grateful tribute of thanks - giving both to God & man - I am aware also that when you were over in this quarter you were disposed to give a preference to an adult person, as forming a more suitable companionship, but I have now become so exceedingly robust & strong that I think a "juvenile" friend would not only be much more congenial to my feelings, but would form fully as "suitable a companionship" as Mr Evans or any other itinerant Curate or Tutor - I feel sure you will not take amiss my thus freely expressing myself I am so clearly that both you & my Faithful friends have but one object in view & that to have me restored & Reinstated confidence & to Leeds early in the Autumn - all that I can ask therefore in the meantime is a kind & diligent consideration of my expressed wishes which I hope will not be found to be inconsistent with your own "Second thoughts" which are often said to be the best. Yours sincerely

J Bunt Rowles

A room so quiet, when I roused the Attendant, would sleep here in the room, but I must say the whole Month I slept with out any Mistakes, or inattentiveness, of any kind. I feel very happy to have given him a Chance,

With kind regards

Yours respectfully

L. Heaton

Dr. Bucke

The empty Box you sent arrived safe

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Lanelly House

May 29 - 1878

Dear Sir

I am pleased you think my Brother looking so much better, for his Visit, & returned back so cheerfully to York,

I am obliged by your attending, to his Bedroom, for if you recollect, you told me when last at the Retreat, that Charles liked

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From	To
Dr Stockwell Battery	Dr Baker Retreat York

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Shall reach You with patient about 3 oclock should like to see you if possible

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Ironmongery Establishment
26. King St. & 1 & 2, Queen St.
Huddersfield 18

3 Belmont Terrace
Scarbro
May 29/78

My Dr Friend

My address until
next monday will
be as above, shall be
glad if you will send
any communications there
Dear Yours Truly
Thos Chrispin

7. Crescent
Scarboro May 29
1878

Dear Doctor Baker

I am exceedingly sorry that you cannot spare Mary Ann Turner longer than Thursday next, therefore she shall return to you, as you require her to do on that day by the 7. P.M. Train

When you send me your charges for her services, and her travelling Expenses I will remit the money

I must also give you my best thanks for your great kindness throughout the whole matter

I remain Dear Dr. Baker
Very faithfully yours
T.S. Cayley

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Leeds 30th May 1878,

Dear Sir,

I am glad to have your reports of my brother's condition, & think there is now a decided improvement, would it be advisable to write to him, or to go & see him soon?

Yours respy,
John Brodie,

Fairfield
May 29th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I was sorry not to be able to write when writing as I knew you were to answer it at once but my working with regard to the new factory was unsatisfactory until I was enabled to get the matter satisfactorily settled in time for the

It is agreed that Mr Ross is the right person for the position and that Mr Mulock is suitable person for them to be at the time to that we both think your advice

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upon both of these points.
Henry tells me he is going to
visit you today, & his letter
will no doubt ask you to be kind
enough to make the necessary
arrangements both with Mr
Jones & with the Proprietors
of the Shydunpatheic Bibliotheque
at Montreal. When you have got
the matter arranged I shall be
glad of a line from you saying
all is fixed.
Mr Jones is going to be invited
to come over here to spend Sunday.
With Kind regards
Yours very truly
Ruskin Proctor

Ilkley Wells House.

May 30/18

Dear C. T. Baker.

Thanks for the cheque - receipt enclosed: I post a stop to Proctor

tea dances at 12-30 &

also tea at 6 30 a.m.

and send him the

Menu later this week

as the foregoing
with the other people.
Here is your money
Well indeed

Sincerely Yours

A. Lincoln

Ireland? if so arranged —
The situation is open at
any time as my friend's
present attendant / the
family Nurse / would leave
as soon as a more suita-
ble substitute is ready
to take her place. —
Yours truly
A. P. Bancroft

5/29 1878

The Glen
Newry Ireland

Dr Friend

Thy kind reply to my letter
& photograph enclosed reached
me this morning — for both
of which I am much
obliged — I am forwarding
by this post
& the parents of my pro-
young friend. —

The person of whom
thy letter speaks appears
to me very likely & suit-
able & I cannot do more
than thank thee for thus

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entering into the matter
or say anything definite
until I hear further from
my friends. —

I suppose "Annie Cook"
would be willing to come
over for an interview
(all expenses being paid)
as I think my friend's
relations would be best
satisfied if they saw
& conversed with the freedom
attendant before making
a final engagement —
especially as the young
lady is not in Ireland
at present — change of scene
being recommended for her.

Would then kindly say
whether "Annie Cook's" posi-
tion is that of a regular
Nurse or Companion &
Caretaker? for instance
would she expect to have
her meals with her charge
or elsewhere — I ask the
question as sometimes
a misunderstanding may
arise on these trivial
points.

When will A. C's engage-
ment with you terminate?
When could she come to

Mrs Webster Ruffforth
his sister will advise
with you about
his removal to be
under your treatment
and how it will
be for his benefit
have written to
Mrs Webster by this
Post-

Yours
M Robson

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3 Alma Square
1878
Scarboro May 30

Dr Baker

Mr Bean was
kind enough to see
you yesterday about
Mr Hilo Ruffforth
Mr. Nelson Accounts
& Dr. Anderson Work
have been attending
him and will Entirely
as to his State and

Fairfield
Gosforth
Nr Newcastle

Dear Dr Baker.

I must trouble you with a short note - (or rig(ht)) We find Mrs John Procter so very passionate that it is useless attempting to discuss with her anything about her husband - She

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seemed very much
agitated when
she was writing
to you this morning -
we do not know
what she may have
said, but we
wish you to know
that our confidence
in you regarding
John continues
unabated and that
we place the same
faith in your
judgment that
we have always
done -

With kind regards
I am yrs truly

E. Procter Jr

May 30

said he had got a note from you to that effect. said he had got a note from you to

You better explain to Mr. P. it is for his good to have a grown person for a companion.

I don't see any reason why his wife should not go with him now. When you were here, he did not appear so natural as when we are alone. He is really very much the same as he was before taking seriously ill. No doubt his mind is still occupied to a large extent with religion. Very little opportunity to write now.

Yours truly
W. B. Johnson

Wells Depot
May 30th 1848

Dr. Baker

Dr. Sir

Mr. John would rather go to Mr. Allock with the boy, than to Jackson with Irons. He takes a rebuff badly. Suppose that is from his usually having had so much of his own way. Does not go to the church now – either parish or Catholic. As he has not to go to Easter, won't go to former. Let me know particulars of final arrangements as soon as you know them. Leeson has not heard from you yet; but yesterday he told Mr. P. he had to take his meals with the Company, & had not to get tea in bed. Leeson

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Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.
May 29th 1870

Dear Friend
Dr Baker.

I am much obliged by your favor of the 24th ult. from the contents that you will consider John of unsound mind, notwithstanding a marked intellectual improvement. We have great confidence in your judgement & experience & leave no hesitation in leaving the case entirely in your hands. We quite agree with you that it is about time John left Ilkley, especially as he has formed undesirable connections here, & as from your explanation, Malvern, or any other place across the border, is out of the question. We do not think he can do better than at Matlock. We should be glad to hear what establishment you propose, & hope you will be able to arrange for John & his companion to be accommodated on more moderate terms than at Ilkley. Without

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assuming their comfort & advantages. It will be a great disappointment to John. He goes South instead of North, but when he once gets settled in it will be all the same. He also writes opposed to Mrs Irons, but we understand you are interested that it is an unfounded dislike, or only resulting from the closer contact he exercised over them; we shall therefore neglect if you would engage them as proposed. As Mrs Procter & Mrs John Procter have not been Mrs Irons & would like to make his acquaintance

I am writing to ask him to spend next Sunday with us. John equivocation, unreliability, want of truth, feebleness & moral courage were always weaknesses in his character, but now intensified by his illness, that it must be more difficult for anyone not knowing him previously to judge when he has attained to that normal state of mental health beyond which it is not likely he will ever recede. As to what it is reported John Grant said about the Daily Mail it could only be stupid chaff or more likely mainly false, if that dissolute man who seems to live at Ilkley will have more the disfavour. We all think it was high time

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.

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Am going to the Roman Catholic Chapel near Ropped, not because of its being the Roman Catholic but because the excitement near dangerous & the influence the priests implet gain over, & also perilous.

I expect Mrs Dodd has written today to say that we concurred in all you proposed, but there. not thought well to show you

letter at home — as after I explained the position fully to them all they saw that you were right.

Thanking you for your very kind care of this case I am

Yours very truly
Henry Procter.

I thought Dodd in his imprudent generosity proposed to give a treat to the scholars he was abstaining from taking any drinks to save up money for it — This showed some thoughtfulness. He is weak but wishes to do well —

You will be sorry to hear that Henry R Procter is laid up ill at his brothers Edmunds house.

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Bessie has a letter from John this evening in distress at the idea of leaving Mrs Brown with him

If you think well please post the enclosed —

medical point-of view.
I had myself fancied that what we heard some time ago, of his tendencies in this direction, had been caused by his unsound state of mind, & had not supposed in his now improved condition they would still be prominent as they appear to be, and therefore infer, that they may possibly remain with him, even if entirely recovered; and though this would doubtless not be what

Fairfield
May 29th

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I have long intended to furnish you with some particulars respecting my Brother John previous to his illness, and thinking also it might throw some light on his present condition, I venture to do so now.
We fear from what we have just heard,

that he is further removed from complete recovery than we had any idea of advanced as is the point he is arrived at, compared with his state some months ago.
From his recent letters, so thoroughly sensible, well expressed, hopeful & happy, as they have been we had augured that his health of mind & body was now rapidly returning, and that in a short time, a younger companion, such as he has been wishing for might have been really sufficient - We are therefore a good deal disappointed to find that you think he has been retrogading instead of improving during the time Mr Tichnor has been with him at Ilkley.
With regard to his Roman Catholic proclivities, I believe none of our family, would wish to stand in his way any longer than you deem needful from a

natural shyness & aversion to being thrown amongst strangers. That after being there 3 months, & his desires ~~being~~ continuing unabated his Teacher wrote advising his return home, adding, That his inability to partake with other Boys might have been very disastrous to him, while there, had it not been for the power which he then had, of sketching amusing figures which ~~related~~ related his companions:— He had I may observe his friends would have desired yet he at any rate would not wish to distress his already long distressed mind, by urging him to renounce them, thinking also, that opposition might fan the flame.

With respect to his having sometimes absented himself from the dinner table at the Wells's House which he understand, has been the case, I may just say, that

these public meals are in all probability much more of an ordeal to him than you would conceive possible. I would be sure he entirely himself, and with regard to his reluctance to take animal food. I may mention that this arises not from his having been brought up to it, as we are not a Vegetarian family, & the custom has never been advocated in our household, but from an inherent dislike to it which has clung to him (though now I think partially overcome) from his ~~earliest~~ very earliest days when no one was able to persuade him to taste the smallest portion. I may also mention in reference to my brother's earlier life that it is to be feared the want of regular school education has been a great loss to him. He was sent to a Boarding School, but so intensely at that time, was his

was very marked; though much worse than he is now. She had not the slightest difficulty in controlling him. As her smallest wish was instantly responded to and day by day, his quietness & rational-ness increased. We should be glad to know what you think of the feasability of this in case my Mother should be able to accomplish it.

I think it is quite possible my brother had got the great natural talent for drawing. The practise of Art was not however at that time, so popular among "Friends" as it has since become, but I am inclined to think if that gift could have had free exercise & training, the imaginative part of his brain (no small one I believe) might have had healthy employment, & the result been greatly more satisfactory than has proved the case in his career as a Man of business,

some brain weakness have
I fully believe, made
Office work extremely
distasteful & oppressive
to him, & causing much
headache & bewilderment
of mind, if practised.

To some extent we
imagine his feeling of
oppression in the Company
of those with whom he
is not thoroughly familiar
continues — and it
would be a false position
to us, if in your judg-
ment, suitable for his
state, if My Mother
could see a little of him,

before his transfer to
Matlock, if this step is
decided on. — It is
long since she has seen
him, she is getting
up in years & far from
strong. So that to go and
return in one day would
not be possible for her,
and if she could have
had 2 or 3 days quietly
with My brother like
fancy it would suit
both him & herself
the best; his improve-
ment during the 3 days
she last spent with him,

impression she might
spend a week or two with
him when she did come.
Though I believe the Capt'n
if time had not been
named, and it was
also correct that she
had expressed a hope
at the time of his dis-
appointment about the
boy Allen that a suitable
"Juvenile" Companion
(quoting his own word)
might eventually turn up,
meaning when he was well
enough for such company
duty.

I suppose,

as far as can suitably
be allowed. Whatever
adds to your Patient's
composure & serenity of
mind, will promote &
hasten his recovery to
a sounder state of
mental health, but
of course we must leave
it to you to decide as
to what is or is not
suitable in my brother's
certainly very trying
case.

We have felt some
apprehension that
having been looking for-
ward to coming Northward

on leaving Ilkley has disappointment at preceding in the opposite direction may have an injurious effect but we hope it may soon pass off, and are well aware of the difficulty of getting suitable localities for him and the superiority of the one you are now thinking of. In many respects - I doubt also if there is any good Hydro except Ilkley within such a distance of Leeds. My Mother wishes me to thank you for the care & attention you

* Scotland being out of the question

have given to the Case
which has been "very
grateful" to her and
also to ask if you
will kindly Consider
these particulars
given in Strict Confidence

With Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely

Jane C. Tucker

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Concluded

Fairfield
Thursday evening

Dear Dr Baker

I am truly pleased to receive your letter this evening, I was glad of course to find that my dear Mrs Hand is well & we both rejoice to be kept remembered.

I leave the choice of Com. pieces & place of departure entirely in your hands, & shall be satisfied & willing to go when & where you think it necessary. I regret much indeed that I may be interfering at all of the plans but I regret more sincerely

That any of Jesus relations is living & likely to be discovered is charming even to his devoted friend. Mrs Parker tells me a satisfactory explanation of this has been sent to you. I can't the library forwarding the letters & Bancroft & my Brother as I think he ought to see them.

I intend returning to York next Tuesday. Would Tuesday morning or Wednesday morning be a suitable time for me to see you? With kind regards

Yours very truly
Burris Parker

P. S. Please excuse this bad writing as I am very shaky today.



May 31. 1878.

My dear Sir.

I think that the Mr. Taylor to whom you allude must have been Laundry Superintendent. She was right smart in my employment & became used to the ways of the Insane but before she had been employed

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hear them. I found
her heart steady &
intelligent but I am
afraid that her temper
was very bad. & that she
& her assistants could
not work together.
Still if you can reason
her up with caution
& kindness this you

might as much worse
than give her a trial.
I liked her & there was
a great deal of good in
her.

Believe me to be

Yours faithfully

Robert Smith

17. Stonegate,
York.

June 1. 1878.

Dear Sir.

I have arranged to go over the See Hill of Rufforth this afternoon, and feel no doubt about being able to fill up the certificate. If therefore you will send your men to be there about 6 or at any later hour that is more convenient. the

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certificate shall be
ready for them to bring
along with the patient

Yours sincerely

Tempest Anderson

To
Dr Baker
The Retreat

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The Royal Lunatic Asylum,

Liverpool, May 31st 1878

Dear Dr. Baker,

In reply to your letter of inquiry respecting Annie Byrnes, I beg to say that she was for some months attendant here; but she was discharged because she could not agree with the other attendants. I always found her quiet in her manner, sober, but exciting without energy, & at the same

time however she was
attentive to her patients &
cleanly in her habits.

Believe me,
Yrs Faithfully,
Stanley A. Hill.

17. Cheltenham Crescent

Harrogate 31. V-1878.

My dear Friend.

I send a line to tell thee of my present direction having come here yesterday - thought I trust my dear Brother's health will continue good, and be no cause for anxiety.

The morning has been beautiful, and admitted of a long walk. This afternoon is

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cloudy, & apparently as if rain
was coming - It continues cold
when the sun disappears, which
still makes fires requisite.

Hoping you are all as well
as usually; with love, I am

Thy sincere friend.

Elizth G. Dinsdale.

Congresbury 31/5/78

My dear friend

Being Frederics birth day next first day the 2nd of June we are going to send him a parcel & letter which please give him Will thou kindly inform us how he is Our kind friend S Melford wrote to him & it appeared to do him good & he speedily answered it & also answered a former letter of mine & one of his youngest sisters which relieved our anxiety a good deal

This beautiful weather is very pleasant & if Frederic could enjoy it with us & we have the happiness of his company it would be somewhat approaching to perfection

I have had trials before my
first dear wife was ill all the
time we were married nine
years but she was so very
happy a christian that she
not only bore her sufferings
patiently but by her patience
& cheerfulness very much
comforted us that were around
her though terribly afflicted
with glandular swellings &
constant gatherings about
the region of the neck
Frederic's severe sufferings
were very painful to witness
but the termination in mania
so upset us with some other
trying circumstances that
I am sure I could hardly
tell which was deranged
he or myself & can scarcely
tell now I seem so to want
him near me to wait upon
He was a very good boy & youth
& like my first dear wife very
favoured in his mind & no
doubt is so still
please excuse my garrulity &
believe me with much esteem
& respect
Yours sincere friend
Robert Willmott

Dublin from Commencing my Journey.

I thank thee for my last - I wrote to T. A. 2. wishing to save thee trouble.

The musical Entertainments every fortnight, mainly started from the information thou gave me; are continued & with greater results to the enjoyment of the Lyric & more profitable than I had dared to hope.

Thy friend Jos Theobald

Bath 2nd 6mo 1878

Dear Friend

R. Baker M.D.

I have to day had a letter from my sister Maria Barrie of Henley who says she intends reaching York 5th day morning next. She wishes our brother Thos. H. Theobald to accompany her 6th day morning on to London & likewise

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Henley. There will be a
(Leppet) at C. Robinsons
Near you. The proposal
is that Thomas shall
return on 7th day week
by night train from
London in Company
with his Nephew
Edward Simpson who
will travel by night-
train from London to
York. If nothing
has arisen to make
this plan useful to
be attempted, then
will please make it
known to Thomas at the
proper time and give
needful orders. My
sister will travel 3rd
Class. If thou knows
about Tourists tickets
and they are more ad
vantageous Thomas
might have one pro-
cured. (York to London
+ back.) If nothing
occurs this proposal be
carried at this time
or at anytime please
give me early notice
that I may stop any

Kindly inform
me
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
J. H. Richardson

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2, Rodney Street,
Liverpool. W.

May 31/78

My dear Baker

Can you receive
a friend of mine,
a gentleman by
profession a solicitor,
who has gone wrong
in the head, as a patient
in the retreat —
He has been & is at
present in the Ashton
St. Asylum, but I am

not satisfied with the small comforts the establishment affords

Kindly send me a report of the terms if you can take charge of him -

Ten years ago he was for six months at Haydock Lodge & quite recovered & now he he got adrift - again & has been in Ashton Hs for the last 8 or 10 weeks

Occasionally he is violent - his delusions are chiefly religious - If you can take him it will be necessary you send one or two attendants to conduct him to the retreat

I do not know what forms are necessary for removing a patient from one asylum to another - If any

in an very shaky
railway carriage

Yours sincerely

Mitchenson

June 10/78

2, Rodney Street,
Liverpool. W.

Dear Baker

I wrote you
last night but
fear I did not
address my letter
properly & that you
may not get it

I want to know
if you can take
charge of a gentleman
at your asylum

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he suffers from
religious mania
is occasionally violent
& has a tendency to
be destructive, so
he requires to be
closely watched
For the last 10
weeks he has been
in Ashton St Asylum
but I am not
satisfied with
the treatment he
gets there — Ten
years ago he
was at Haydock
Lodge for the same
condition ~~& [illegible]~~
recovered after six
months confinement
If you can take
him let me know
terms &c —
Excuse my writing

Huddersfield
June 1st/1878

To Dr Baker, M.D

Dear Sir

I forward to you a cheque and receipt which I shall be much obliged if you will see that my daughter S.E. signs when they have been penciled, and then return both to my address. —
I enclose a few lines to her explaining that I intend reserving the money for her future benefit when she returns to her home, I only mention this that if she objects in any way you will understand my intentions, of course I wish this to be a private transaction. — by attending to the above you will much oblige yours truly
Jane Bates

35 New North Road

this that if she objects

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Fairfield
Feb 2nd 58.

Dear Dr Baker

We were
over spending the day, & I
am very sorry to find from
him that his stay at Mount
Vito Mr Nicholson's with
us cannot until the end of
July, as that there appears
no chance of getting him
for a Companion for dear John.
I am very sorry for it as he
seems to suit Cath.
I shall come to York on Tuesday
& we can talk the matter
over then as much if it suits
you & he can return Tuesday

evening or Wednesday morning

evening or Wednesday morning.
Wilt Rick regards
Relieve me & remain
Yours very truly
Burris Porter

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5 Ainsleo Street Leeds

June 3rd 1878.

Madam or Sir, Kindly inform me the total charges (including fee) per week for Female inner Patient with every other necessary information (per return) and oblige

Yours truly

J. Smith

To
Superintendt.
The Retreat
York

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Wood Green,
Banbury,
Oxon. 2 Dec 1878

Dear Friend
R Baker

I have at last obtained the necessary papers for the transfer of Sara & shall be glad to hear that she is safely with you.

I will write to Mr Galbraith tomorrow but forward the papers to day in order that no time may be lost

I send Mr Galbraith's last letter for perusal & return & remain Mine Sincerely

Charles Spilling

has seen her.

With kind regards
I remain Thy Sincere
Friend
J. Houlding.

3 Tynwald Terrace
Chorlton Road
Manchester.
6 Mo 3rd 1878.

3 Tynwald Terrace
Chorlton Road

Dear Friend
Dr Baker.

I am sorry
to have to inform thee
that I fear my dear Cousin
H. Buckley will have to
come to be under thy
care again. We returned
home only last evening
I could not prevail upon
her to come home before,
indeed I did not want her
to go to London, but she
had made up her mind

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had made up her mind to go, she was better after we got there, & attended only some of the sittings of the Ch. but on 6th day afternoon she went to the Houses of Parliament, after being at meeting in the morning, and seemed overdone; did not sleep well that night, nor since, indeed she has been quite hysterical ever since.

Dr Noble has been to see her, & also Dr Blackley, they both think unless there is a change soon she had better leave home

she had better leave home & come to York again, Dr Blackley said he would see how she was in the morning; she is very quiet at present, does not talk much, complains about her head being very bad, & also her heart, she takes her food well, and now she is sleeping, I hope she will have a better night tonight, but I fear there is not much hope, it is very sad.

I will write again to-morrow. after Dr Blackley has seen her -

London
June 3. 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I have got your case admitted into the Journal of Mental Science. The Editors were full. but made way on the ground that this is your maiden article in the Journal -

It is a very interes

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case - I well worthy of record
I think it bears more
upon the question of
mechanical restraint
than anything else.
Great credit is due
to you for resisting
the temptation to
resort to it. Not
for the general good
of the inmates in

asylums it was better
to avoid I dont doubt, but
whether it was best for the
particular individual, to
be nothing of the asylum
officers admits of question
I think.

Yours very truly
D. Hack Tuke

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H. Barcroft Leeds	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Expect to call about four
forty to make final arrangements
Respecting Annie Cooke hope it
may be Convenient to You

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....6.....d.

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From	To
J. Houlding 3 Tynwald Terrace Chorlton Rd	Dr Baker The Retreat York

Manchester

Please send as soon as possible the needful papers and female nurse to return with patient if Convenient ——

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.

June 3d 1878

Dear Friend
Dr Baker -

I expect Mr Lewis will be writing to you to say he cannot get away before end July - If you think will have it ready to present - Mr Richmond staying on with Mr Wilson at present; or going with him to some other place -

Yours truly
H Procter.

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T. COOKE & SONS.

Buckingham Works.
York May 7th 1878

Sir

We have to inform you that the Pyrometer kindly sent for repair some short time ago, is so much worn, that it is impossible to repair it in a satisfactory manner. We have tried in a great variety of ways to make it perfect, but as soon as one place is repaired it goes way in another, and we advise that a new one be purchased.

We make no charge for the endeavours to correct the old instrument—

The Cost of a New Pyrometer to fit the same way as old one will be £4 15s—

Trusting to be favored with your orders we are

Yours Truly
T. Cooke & Sons

W. Baker.

5 Elgin Pl^ce — Bristol

3 June 78

My dear friend,

After very much expenditure of time & pains, we have obtained the opinion of 2 medical men respecting the little boy of whom I have written. Each has seen the child separately, & neither has any hesitation to sign the needful certificate.

Having thus cleared the way, could we get clear of the Institution at Bath?

521 I called there & saw the Manager, who informed me that the regulation respecting a quarter's

notice is inflexible. We give therefore a quarters notice, & in 3 mos we shall be able to get the papers signed, as required by y^r^ rules.

I am in correspondence with Gov^r^ Quarton respecting your raising of terms; but the present case is, as I think, obviously exceptional, & my own private opinion is that we must throw ourselves on your liberality, — & shall I say on your sense of equity.

Thy friend truly
Barton Bell

Dr Baker



Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.
May 27/78

Dear Dr Baker

I thought I would send you a few lines to say how exceedingly nicely we are getting on. I seem to be gaining strength every day - in fact I feel that I could now go to any part of the country, or even out of England altogether - We went to the Parish Church yesterday, & I have abandoned the Idea of attending the Catholic Church at Mydelton again

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to your expressed wishes - I would be glad however if my friends would be careful to discriminate between overtaxing myself with undertaking Classes of young persons, & giving Treats or Addresses to Children, & a mere attendance on the Services of religion -

With respect to a Companion after Lisbon leaves I must confess I feel very strongly against a younger person than Mr Evans (a younger person who (on other points as well as age) is not one that is altogether congenial to me - Gaining

ground as I am with Mrs C
treatment & bracing air, I
feel that I have much indeed
to be thankful for, whether a
temporary companion happen to
be congenial or otherwise – at
the same time I quite believe
it to be your wish to meet my
feelings as far as you can
without an undue interference
with your decisions concerning
my case as a Medical Adviser –
& to permit me to take as a
temporary companion a youth

from the Sunday School (who lives
out far from the Wells Road) ✱
who bears a high character, would
indicate a confidence in me which
I am satisfied you would find
was not misplaced –
I also have a strong preference for
Melrose if you can see your way
to transfer your affections from
Matlock to that quarter – Doubtless
the former Est- is a little further
from Barnsley than the latter
but as my wife has now paid me
a visit at Ilkley intends shortly
to go into Derbyshire & visit her Uncle
& as it is hardly to be expected that
she will visit me if I am united my re-
establishment at or near Newcastle
in the early Autumn & my brothers
could come over to Melrose to see
me for a day or two almost at any time –
Kind regards to Mrs Scott thanks for past kindness believe me
yours truly
J. Mc Scott

Wall House
May 21/46.

L. Baker
Dear Sir,

The note you will get along with this is from Mrs S dictating. In regard to yesterdays revocation although the said note is true to the "letter" yet the spirit of it is almost entirely false. Yet as he has promised me faithfully to obey your instructions the remainder of my time with him, I agreed to write as he requested. He is my opinion he is now fully received into the Catholic ch; although he has not told me so. Certainly a boy companion is very objectionable. You might possibly give in to his preference for Melrose, provided he promises to abstain from theological matters entirely. and

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if Mr. Irons is not to be his companion, his wife should. He is much against Mr. Irons companionship, and will leave no stone unturned to prevent him. And he will use every endeavour to get a boy, & to fit for Melrose. He says his wife could go there almost as soon as to Matlock by the Express trains. He is quite well enough to have his wife with him, only she will have very great difficulty to keep him in good order. You see she cannot go about after him in his walks as I can. May God help her in her endeavour. Have difficulty to get this written

Yours truly
W. B. Lishman



Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

May 24/78

S. Baker Esq.

Dear Sir

agreeably to your request I write to inform you of our movements & progress. We walked to the Devonshire Arms after tea on Saturday as suggested & much enjoyed the outing. Yesterday we went to the Parish church (Ch. of England) & I find that Mr. John is quite inclined to accede to your wish & to keep away from the Roman Catholic church & Priest at Middleton. With respect to the boy whom he would so much prefer

to Mr. Drons, it is not for me to offer an opinion; but I have seen the letter from Mrs. Procter of Fairfield to which he alluded on the Ilkley platform wherein she expresses a hope that some "juvenile" companion will be found agreeably to Mr. John's long expressed wish for a youthful friend with whom to go country rambles, in preference to an older person. And in respect to the particular boy he names, I find from inquiry that he bears a very good character. Mr. John expressed himself very strongly on Saturday evening against having Mr. Drons for a companion. If you could see your way to accede to his wishes in preference for a younger person. as I have already stated

I would be overstepping my province if I were to intrude my own views on the matter, but at the same time, as Mr. Johns sincere well-wisher, I believe a little concession as regards a choice of companionship would greatly please him, & might I think tend to make him observe all the more studiously your directions on other points.

Yours truly

W Whitmore

9 James Street

Liverpool 4th June 1878

Robt Baker Esqre
The Friends Retreat
near York

Private

Dear Sir,

Your favr of the 18th Ultimo came to hand during my absence from Town and as the Gentleman I alluded to in my previous note was expected almost daily after your letter came in my hands I thought it best to let the matter stand over until his arrival when I would then communicate with you for I then thought be in a better position to know his requirements ——

I am glad to inform you that he has arrived and and is considerably better than I had been given to understand from abroad the Sea Voyage or change of scene may have done well for him so much so that his friends consider that with care he may follow his usual avocations again. under these circumstances I shall not have occasion to seek your help, but should circumstances arise that I have to do so I feel I have every confidence in you. Know that you formerly belonged to the

Yours

Yours faithfully
Howard Vaden

P.S. I am also in receipt
of the Report and Form but
I am obliged —
H.V.

25 Nelson St.

25 Nelson St. June 3. 1878

Dear Sir -

By this time you will have received Mrs John Proctor's letter and will know that, owing to Mr Nicholson's refusing to release me until the end of July, I am quite unable to accept the post of Companion to Mr P.

Mr Nicholson could not see me until late on Saturday night or I should have written to you before this

I am

Yrs: faithfully

John Jones.

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I spent the day with the family at Gosforth yesterday and was thus able to explain matters to them.

And while they are disappointed at my inability to join the Procter, they quite see that I cannot do otherwise under present circumstances.

It is a matter of much regret to me - as a 3 months' stay at a Hydro: Establishment would have been most valuable to me and I am extremely sorry also to disappoint such kind friends as the Procters have shown themselves.

I trust that I have not put you to any serious inconvenience - I hope that you will soon hear of some one suitable for the post

The Mount.
Malton.

June 4th 1878

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker

We should like when convenient, to have some report of our Sister's mental, and physical condition, and if you still think it desirable she should undergo the proposed operation. In her last she said

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she thought You did not
think her strong enough
to bear it, but we feel
anxious to have your
opinion respecting her.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Thos. Hopkins

(S.J.H.)

Dunston Lodge
Gateshead
June 4th 1878

Dear Sir,

In Mr Garbutt's temporary absence I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3rd and to inform you that Mrs Emma Sare shall be ready for transference to York on the day appointed in your note.

I am Dear Sir
Faithfully Yours
W Marshall Taylor MA
Asst Med Officer

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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Lancaster

4th June 1878

My dear Sir.

I was sorry to find from your last letter, that Mrs Wearing had not been so well, but hope soon to have better news from you, please give her our dearest love and say that we are all well and her Mamma improving With kind regards believe me

Yours truly

L. W. Wearing

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THE LARCHES,

LUTON.

4. VI. 78.

My dear Sir,

I am sorry to say I have an Aunt, 75 yrs of age — a member of the Society of Friends — who I am afraid will have to be placed under Care, & I shall feel

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obliged if you will
send me your terms
& forms of Application
to your establishment.
– we should like her to
have every Care & the
best attention.

Waiting your reply.

Believe me

Yours Faithfully

J. W. Bell

To
Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

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Pickleridge Delivering Office.

From Mrs Richardson

To Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Left with patient by train 11-47

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FROM

1857

Manchester
6 Nov 3rd 1878

11 Oclock.

Dear Friend

Dr Baker.

Will show

Kindly send me the
necessary papers to be
filled up by the Doctors
Hannah seems worse
this evening. I fear she
is going worse very fast
so please send me
the papers as soon as
possible as Dr Noble is

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going out of town I decide
in haste

Thy Friend truly

O. Houlding.

but that I am convinced that this is right and real kindness to my dear wife to do so. I could not undertake or continue it. — I have the fullest confidence in your judgment & discernment. —

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W. B. Caplin

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Shaw House

Near Steeton & Silsden

5 June 1878.

My dear Sir.

Your letter with the various enclosures reached me this morning. I had a most distressing letter from Mrs Caplin. which impelled me at once to go over and see you

I saw Mr Dickenson and learned from him that the conveyance

and contrived about
which she complained
was due to the weather
yesterday. and not
that she was denied
liberty. which I told
her she would have
freely - with Carriage
exercise. - I learned
that the letter was
written on Monday
night the day of her
arrival. But to day
she seems more pleased
and reconciled - and
you will personally
oblige me by explaining
that it was under
medical advice that I
refrained from seeing
her - hoping to do so
shortly. - This is the most
painful ordeal I ever
went thro in my life

June 4th 78

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2, Rodney Street,
Liverpool. W.

My dear Baker

My friend
William Clare
will come to you.
His brother Allan
S Clare has written
for an order of
removal & on
receipt of this
you shall hear

again so that
the necessary ar-
rangements may
be made for the
removal

Thanks for your
prompt attention
& reply

Yours Sincerely

A Wickersham

Jno A Baker

Derby Terrace
Drake Street
Rochdale
June 6th/78

Dear Sir,

Mr Coventry is very anxious to visit - Mrs Coventry would be obliged if you would give your opinion whether it would do her any harm - Mr Coventry's medical adviser does

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not think it would do
him any more harm
now than his constant
worrying to go - Should
you deem it advisable
I do not think he
could go for two or
three weeks from
now. Kindly reply
to me, his return if
not if possible.
With kind regards

Yours truly
Arthur Bowers

P.S. I.O.
Dr Baker

Dr. Bowers
Rec'd
Mr. Chas. McAdow
Asheville
Buncombe Co.
N.C.

4 Trafalgar Place
Harrogate.
June 6/78.

Dear Dr,

I had a delightful ride yesterday & came back as hungry as a hunter – I had a good rest after & am really better for it I believe – I

from Ilkley today & next week I hope to go & see about the lodgings at Bolton. I hope Mrs Baker is better. My love to her please

Yours
very sincerely
Amelia Grace –

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am writing now because I want to give up the medicine altogether - indeed I have given it up & do not intend to take any more unless you think I'd better. If you really think I ought I will try again, but ~~for~~ several times the phosphorus did not settle at all comfortably, & I tasted the oil one or two afternoons so I think I am much better without any medicine - My appetite is rather variable, but generally I enjoy my food very much & eat well - I am expecting Mrs Dymond over

should be glad to have a little talk with you concerning him, if it were convenient for you to be in at about that time.

Yours very truly
John B. Dennard

Dr. Baker
York.

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Friends' Prov. Inst.
Bradford 7 June 1878

My dear Sir/

I expect to be in York tomorrow and intend to call at the Retreat. I shall not be able to do so until after tea, probably about half past seven. I imagine that it will be suitable for me to see my brother this time. If

THE LARCHES,

LUTON.

6. VI. 78.

My dear Friend,

In reply to your letter this morning, my Aunt's bodily health has become much worse, than when I last wrote, so much so that her Dr. says she is not in a fit state to take the journey, we think it

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better to engage an experienced nurse & abandon the idea of sending her away for the present, but should we unfortunately be obliged to do so, I will Communicate with you again.

Yours Faithfully

S. W. Gould

J. D. Baker

The Umbrella he mentions was one given to Willie by Mother when he was in Liverpool & which he asked me about 3 weeks ago, as he had lost it out of his room with a brown silk cover bright brown stick with a knotted handle. — I shall be glad if you will kindly tell me how you think Johnny is & if he is still longing for home. I also give me your opinion on the subject I am writing to you —

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Dear Mrs Baker

I have been long in writing to thank you & Mr Baker for your most kind reception of me when last I was with you, & also for your kind sympathy during the short visit I made you: but please do not think because I have been long silent, I have not fully appreciated both yours & Mr Baker's

kindness & consideration,
indeed I do & wish much
I could repay you. You will
have heard from dear Jack
how my Mother sent him
some under clothes - of which
I enclosed a list —.
I shall be so grateful to
you if you can ascertain
for me, the expense of
sending Johnny with a
competent & trustworthy
companion — I mean one
you wd consider sufficiently
companionable — & tidy
in some petty annoying
places. Of course lodgings
might be taken both as
the extra charges of hotels
not incurred.. I cannot
but think — & time matures
my thought, that the
surroundings of the Retreat
are most painful to him,
& indeed enervating, I
mean with regard to the
Society into which he
necessarily is thrown, &
even the outlook from
his own private room, in
which he now is —

at Thomson's
10 Dutton Edinburgh Street
5 June 1878

My dear Dr Baker

I feel almost
trouble you both
a few lines to
request the favour
of you to let me
know if you think
there is no hope

I am your sincere
old friend
J Thompson

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My dear Thank
Mrs Bruyeres
Recovery I am so
glad to hear about
her I also thank
you for see the
good care and
kindness you have
for her
I hope Mrs Baker
Yourself and
Children are all
Well
I sent yesterday
to the Mr Shackle
who I am sorry to
say is far from
Well The doctor
with Jessie & Helen
desires to join
me in kindest
Regards to
You

Dunston Lodge
Gateshead
May 29. 1878

Dear Madam
Yours of the 27th inst
only received this morning.
Mrs Sara is much improved
in her mental condition though
she is suffering a great deal from
debility in consequence of having
had a most severe attack of
Acute Mania – She is now
sufficiently strong to be
removed to the Retreat so that
if you get the necessary papers
forwarded to York Dr Baker
will arrange for her removal
of course until she is removed
as you signed the order you
are responsible for her maintenance
I do not anticipate that
Mrs Sara's illness will now be
of long duration as she is so
very much improved
When applied to by the Commissioners
we were under the impression
Mrs Sara was going to be
removed to Wales to her own
home hence we asked for a
little time so that she could
gain a little more strength as
she is only going to York she
might be removed at any
time
I am Dear Madam
Faithfully Yours
Wm Carbutt

1145

Mrs J Hingston Fox.

Friends' Meeting House,
12, Bishopsgate Street Without,
London, E.C. 28 May 1878

Dear Dr Baker

By this post I send a small parcel of flowers & a book to my dear father: no string or anything objectionable to him opening it

Yours very sincerely
Mary Radley.

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Laurel Cottage
Halton
Leeds.
May 28th 1878.

Dear Sir.

At the request
of some of Mrs Rice's
friends, I think of coming
over to York on Thursday
or Friday next to enquire
about Mrs Rice — if
this time is not desirable
will you be kind enough
to let me know —

I am
Yours sincerely
L. A. Phillips.

Dr Baker.

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Handed in at the Batley Office at 6.52 P.M., Received here at 8.12 P.M. Delivering Office.

From Dr Stockwell Batley

To Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Can you receive the lady whom you had from the last year she is entering the same state again on reply paid

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH

To

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Woodhouse 5/20-1872

Esteemed Friend
Robert Baker,

As we have not
heard lately from any source
how Mother is, I should
be much obliged if thou
would kindly inform me,
also if thou would think
it advisable for me to
write to her occasionally,
I am quite unacquainted with
the usages of the Retreat,
and as I am not likely to
be able to leave home
for some time, I thought

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perhaps a few lines from me might be acceptable to Mother. I wonder if she knows that she was 88 years old yesterday.

My husband unites with me, in sending our love to her.

I remain
Thy Friend
Mary Le Tall

ACID WORKS,
RUNCORN & WINCHAM,
CHESHIRE.

Horrocks Lane, Red Bank.

ESTABLISHED
1810.

Manchester May 28th 1878

Dear Friend

re Ann Hunter

I have of 23 to my co trustee William Binns has been sent on by him — we are well satisfied that the removal has been accomplished so satisfactorily & hope for the best results.

After A. H. has been at the Retreat for a few weeks we should be much obliged for a line from thee to say what thou thinks of her case.

Thine Truly

George Brooke

Dr Baker
Retreat
York

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Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.
May 28th 1878

Dr Baker
Dear Sir

The enclosed came this morning - Have not seen the a/c rendered - If it is all right please forward the enclosed cheque - Dr Leeson has had no payment from me.
Thanks for your enquiry favors rec'd this morning & shall not leave

Opportunity to give it due attention before leaving
Yours Truly
Henry Procter.

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JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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Charges to pay £.....,.....s.....d.

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From

C. J. Crichley
Batley

To

Dr. & Baker
Friends Retreat
York R

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Going away a few days
Should like to Know how
Mrs Sheard is did you
receive her box please wire

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TO

TO

Shaw House

7 June 1878.

My dear Sir.

I saw at your House this Morning wishing to consult with you as to the prudence of removing Mrs Taplin to private lodgings in your vicinity - so as to continue her under your Medical care. My daughter having become very unhappy

caused by the omission.

I shall not see you for a few days - I hope in the meantime if Mrs Taplin improves that you will entertain the idea of removing her to Lodgings - the thought of her present position in the Asylum being very painful

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W B Taplin

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and despondent about
her Mother being in
the Retreat. -

Mr. Redeaux advised
me that she was much
calmer and more re-
conciled and had ex-
pressed her willingness
to stay a few days
longer - Mentioning
particular reasons
why this course is
desirable - I strongly
fully deprecated that
his advice was heard.

As his suggestion
I then sent for Stall
the Surgeon and asked
him to write you very
decidedly on one or
two points about which
my poor wifes mind
is greatly disturbed
he will write you to-
night, such letter
that you can show to
her. if thought desirable.

Sending the form with
the queries answered
it was filled up in a
great hurry - and I am
sorry for the trouble

7 St. John's Terrace,
St. John's Street Road, E.C.
Dec. 7th, 1878.

My dear Friend
F. Baker,

As I am anxious
to wind up the Estate
of my dear Father
I shall feel obliged if
thou will forward
to me the £. for the
Funeral Expenses,
and if there is any

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other of. I shall feel obliged if thou wilt forward that also.

As I have to fill up the Form for Legacy Duty, may I ask if there was any list made of the Articles my dear Father left behind him, such as his Watch, Dressing Case &c. if not could you furnish me with such List.

With kind regards, believe me to remain,

Thine sincerely

Jno. D. Appleton

Cale House
Ambleside

June 7/78

Dear Sir

I shall feel
or kindly advising the proper authority to do so.
obliged by your sending me
the particulars as to
terms &c of the Retreat
& by informing me whe-
ther there is a vacancy
for a male Patient
& whether an attendant

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Could he sent to travel
hence with him on
receipt of telegram
to that effect.-

Yours faithfully
Augustus Johnston

The Med. Supt

June 4th 1898

Wells House

Dr Baker

Dear Sir,

We hoped to have heard from you as to our going away from here, ere this. I think it would be well to send Mr. G. to Matlock from here, provided there would be less likelihood of him coming in contact with the Roman clergy at that place. He won't go to any Protestant service: which to me, is proof enough of him having joined the Catholics. (They find themselves not to attend any Protestant services). We are getting along well enough together. I have not much to say about him: only he is well enough in body; but little change otherwise. He is in seeing the Catholic priest while I am writing this. Presumes he considers it a farewell visit.

Yours truly

W B Richman

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Cannot get opportunity to write you any fuller or more frequently.

Will Barbee

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Burton Pidsea,
Hull. June 4/78

Dear Miss Woodhead.

I am sorry to say Mrs Raines, still continues very unwell, & she has asked me to write to know how Miss Shepherd, is going on, as she is unable at present to visit her. Will you kindly write & say when Miss S. has been seen by Mr Bower. Yrs truly

J R Raines

The Avenue 7/6 mo.
Southstead 78

Dear Friend
Dr Baker,

I write by my sons wish to ask for the account of my late dear Husband, as it is necessary to have the amount in winding up the affairs: We have looked about for the Eye Glass, but cannot see it - but dont' trouble more about it —

With kind regards
Thy friend Eliza Appleton

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Wakefield.

June 1st
1875

Dear Miss Woodhead

A Lady of my acquaintance has a daughter whom she would like to place in an asylum as nurse, and she has asked me to write to you if you

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any vacancies. She is
over nineteen very tall
a good dressmaker &
a clever pianiste, and
her character is irreproach
able. Would you kindly
communicate with me
if you have any open-
ing. Having lived in
Wakefield, in the life
time of her father, in rather
a good position she
very naturally objects to
take a situation in this
house.

Trusting you are in
the enjoyment of health
I am,

Yours sincerely

H Mastledine

101 Alston St.
Ladywood
Birmingham
June 8th 1878

Sir

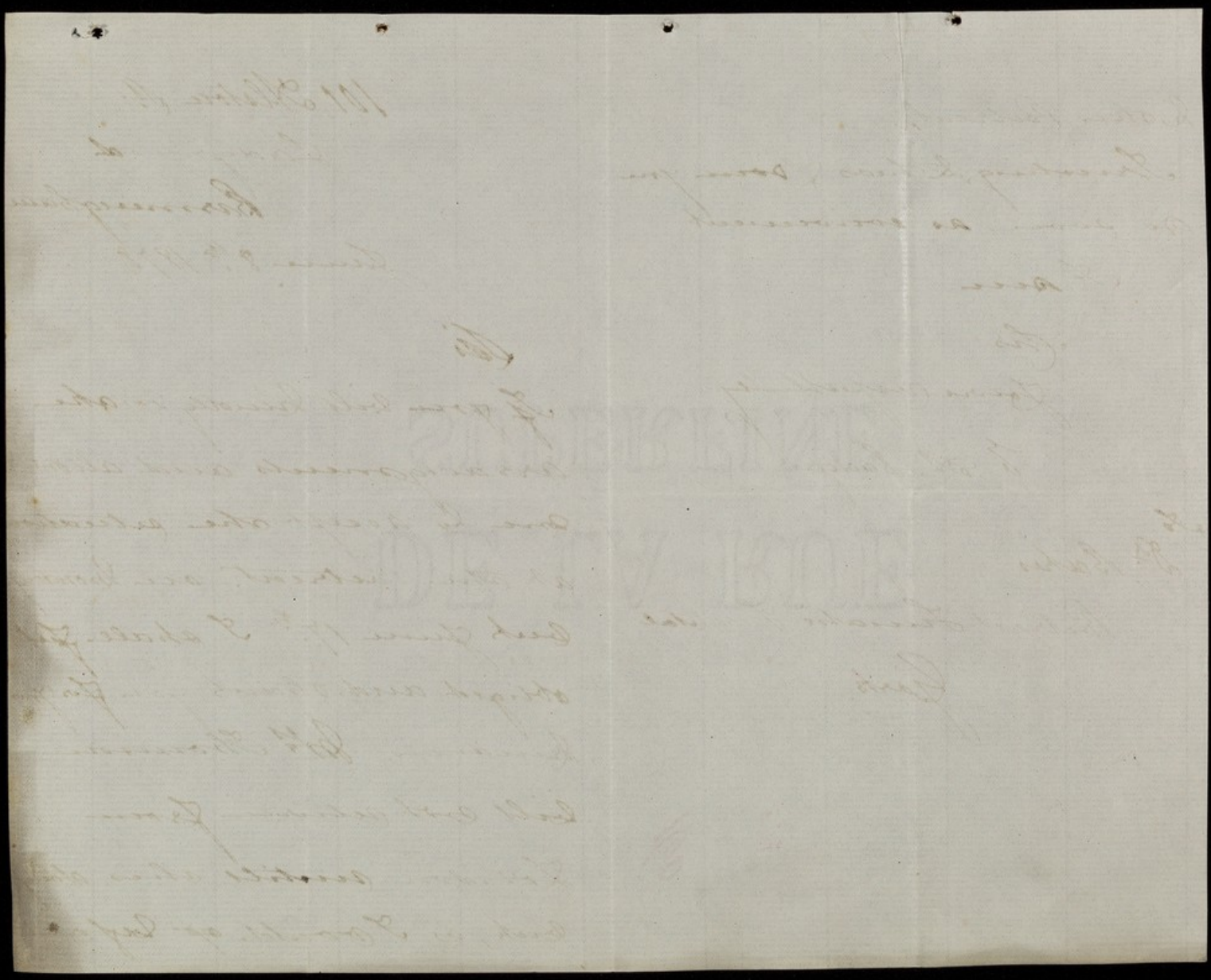
If you will kindly make arrangements and allow me to accept the situation at the Retreat. on Monday next June 17th I shall feel obliged and thank you for your kindness. Mr Thomson will not return from London until this day week, as I expect up before

To the Retreat,
Treating, Thomas Down
As soon as convenient.

I am
Sir
Yours respectfully
T. H. Badger

To
Dr Bakes
Retreat Lunatic Hospital
York

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from him a Promise not to attend any Catholic place of worship. Let the Promise be clearly & distinctly made or he will excuse himself in some manner.

Anything I tell you should not be named as coming from me, as he tells me these things, & cautions me not to divulge at the same time.

Yours truly

W B Lishman

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Wells House
June 7th 1876.

D. Baker

Dr Sir

Should you fix for me to go to Matlock & you don't want Mr. P. to become vegetarian or to attend nearest Catholic church you should let the Physician there understand: because if he can, he will adopt the vegetarian diet gradually if not altogether. And he will attend the nearest Catth. church (about 11 miles off) I believe, unless you exact

Leeds 8th June 1875.

Dear Sir,

I write a line to ask if it would be advisable for my two sisters & myself to run to York, on Tuesday, to see our brother, if we could hear from you on Monday we should be obliged,
You do not wish to do anything improper.
I shall write my brother, next post,
Excuse haste,

Yours respy,
John Brodie,

59 Cemetery Road,

1875

Wigan

June 8th 1870

Dear Sir

I am the owner of a Life Policy on Charles Caldwell confined in your Retreat and shall feel obliged if you will kindly inform me the Kind of Lunacy he is now suffering from and as to his State of health.

Yours truly

Thomas Heald

Solicitor

The Proprietor
Asylum Retreat

York

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Mr Caulfield.
Nr Newry.

6/8/78

Dear Dr Baker

Enclose cheque for which hope may arrive safely.

Am very glad that my parents decided to call you in that I had the opportunity of meeting you, for altho' he had previously had medical advice in Dublin

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Chest pain about the case, as ~~occas~~ for this should be done as occas. you may require — With kind regards I remain Yours truly James McClelland

PS — As it is evidently of great importance to have your treatment put in force soon — should be glad if you could let her be with them as early as possible — the should write to Dr Collins to keep Pauline the Continuum — To stay when she will arrive — I receive and keep

occasions - yet none of them possessed the special knowledge & experience which you could bring to this sad case —

When your Nurse arrives, prompted as she will be by you - I shall feel for the first time the satisfaction that we are really cutting at the root of this horrible stopping of voice —

I think the Nurse should come with a note from you of the treatment you would recommend whilst on - also any hints as to diet exercise & put on paper could be confidently referred to for this if not too much trouble I should feel obliged — and while on this subject permit me to ask what your fee would be for

If he were living with her
this private, I doubt he
would give her very little
consideration, & would expect
her to participate him in
everything.

When you come on Wednesday
ask him in a direct manner,
(& before I have had time to
speak privately to you) if he has
been at the Catholic Church or
the Catholic Priest or the Schools since you
were here & how often. And
ask him in a spontaneous
fashion if he has joined the
Catholics yet & when, making
him think his people at
home requested you to ask
that question. Exact what
promises you think will about
him going to church at Matlock.

Yours sincerely
W. B. Wilson

Wells House
June 9/18.

Dr Baker
Dr Sir,

Your note received
this morning. If you are
coming on Wednesday, please
inform us by what train we
may expect you. I have not
told Mrs P. that you have
written to me. He was
telling me last night that
he knew it was his duty to
have back his wife as soon
as possible; but that at
present he considered living
with her would be against his
improvement. But his mind
is very unstable: his opinions
change so much & so often.

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West Heath.
Abbey Wood.
Kent.

June 8th
1878

Dear Dr. Baker.

I write to thank you for your kind note. as I was very anxious to hear how papa was. My proper address is West Heath, there are three houses

connected with school.
a I once lived at the
one known as Glen
Head. I often write it
at the top of my letters
by mistake.

Yours truly
M. Holden.

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New York
Saturday

Dear Dr. Baker.

I shall be glad to hear how my dear child is getting on and whether she still seems as anxious as she did to go to London, or to return home. I was so afraid my not answering on the subject might upset her. You must

Will you please either let her, or her maid write when she wants her work, or wool as she will not be happy to be idle. I hope you will be able to give a good account of her.

Do trust believe me yours sincerely

A C Gray

let me know when you think I may go and see her as of course I am thinking it very long for I should not like to do so till you give leave. Does the wife more with the others yet? I found at home when she could not come and see friends, she did not object me taking them to see her & at last she would had Shaw asked her. I dare say, but just going in first & saying I had brought a friend to see her appeared to please her. & I am sure did her good for them to sit with her a little

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WOOD GREEN,
BANBURY,
OXON.

8/6mo

Dear Friend

Ere this I hope that Emma Sara has arrived safely at the Retreat

I am very desirous of knowing how she is — & the prospects as to her recovery

feeling as I do much

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interested about her
I shall therefore be
much obliged by a
line addressed here
care of C Gillett
informing me on the subject
If convenient I shd
be glad of the reply
posted on the 10th that
I may receive before I
leave. Yours truly
D Baker E. O. Tregelles

3. Lynwald Terrace
Chorlton Road
Manchester
6/11/78.

Dear Friend
Dr Baker.

I have filled in the date as directed, I hope that is all that is needful, & that it is all right now.
I am much obliged for the information about dear Hannah.
I shall be glad to know when there is any improvement, and

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thy opinion of her case, when thou can make it convenient to send me a few lines, and thou will greatly oblige

Thy Friend

Sincerely

Isaac Hoopes.

Scarbro June 10
1878

Dear Sir

Mrs Sayer must sad loss of reason; Wm Wm Taylor says has now become chronic, she is very quiet and docile and I must I suppose trust to time to bring about improvement. if not a return to what she was before this sad attack, I do observe a great difference in her from one day to another this most desirable state of things makes me very desirous of now putting my household on a permanent footing; and I wish to know

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what is owing by me
for the nurses sent here
by you.
Emily Hagg I had her face
and she has told me, she
considers herself yours
servant, and that you
engaged her at 15/ a week.

Emily Breadsell, when I
paid her face, said she
was at liberty staying with
her mother. and had nothing
to do with the Retreat
I wish you to say please
how far I am in the
Retreats debt, and how

the Girls statements
agree with, what you
think is right and your
due.

I remain dear Sir
Very faithfully yours
F.T. Laye.

Dr. Baker.

hours or two on his knees
& then again conversing
with some imaginary inter-
locutors & listening for
their replies; at times
again he is apparently
quite rational. - thus
I have as briefly as may
be given the best answer
I can to yr query. Kindly
let me hear from you at
earliest possible opportun-
ity when I shall Commu-
nicate with Mr Chester.

Yours truly

Augustus Johnston

Cale House
Ambleside

June 10 78

My dear Sir

My Patient left
this morning for his home
at Mr Chester but his
wife who with a friend
from hence accompanied
him & who forwarded
yr letter to me to a
relative at Mr Chester
yesterday letter request

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that I did wish you
respecting him: Whether
he wd. be fit to associate
with 4 or 5 Gentlemen
in a drawing-room is
a somewhat different
question to answer. He
is when himself a remark-
ably pleasant agreeable
Gentlemanly fellow - he
has been under my care
at intervals for about
3 years last he having
been the subject of oc-
casional (I mean infrequent) attacks of Dip-
somania against which

he has struggled very bravely & on
great occasions successfully: he has been
now about 10 days or so for somewhere
about 3 weeks previous to that been pre-
sent[illegible] "sober" - now to
I understand his unfavourable symptoms
history whatever - & down as the
"Cantankerous"
Case Schizophrenic
"Eccentric"
Case Schizophrenic
"Cantankerous"
"Eccentric"
Case Schizophrenic
chief
"Eccentric"
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"Eccentric"
Case Schizophrenic
chief

St Nicholas Hotel
June 10th 1878

Mr Parker

Sir I was not able to receive your despatches respecting the House next to mine until I had seen Mr Stevenson which I did this morning and he tells me that he does not think of leaving unless a House is built for him in the Convent

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Agreements which the
Sheriffs will probably
in the case could be
posted if Mr. Thompson
would take a written
notice as it must
be ready in that case
event if that would not
be too long for the
Sheriff to wait - I would
let you know as soon
as Mr Thompson took down
notice I am Sir

Yours Respectfully

Henry D Thompson

Leeds 10th June 1898.

My Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 9th Inst, enclosing a letter from my brother We have no wish to go & see him, if there were any chance of hearing him. We leave it entirely in your hands. We should be glad to have a note from you every second or third day, as we are always anxious to hear how he gets on.

I sent a registered letter last Wednesday, enclosing a note from my sister, & two cuff studs, which my brother did not take with him, I have they come to hand & if not I must make enquiries at the post office.

Hoping that very soon I shall be able to go & see him,

I am
Yours respectfully,
Helen Brodie,

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3, STUDLEY TERRACE,

MOSS LANE EAST,

Manchester, June 10th 187

Dear Friend

Would you kindly inform me in what County or district the Retreat is situated as the Probate office require more particulars and I can only say near York.

My Friend Sincerely

Henry Woodhead

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Castlegate 11/VI-78

My dear friend

I omitted to mention yesterday that it is proposed to hold the next Committee on the 25th instead of on the 18th in course, the latter being the day for the School Examinations here. If no serious objections to this please instruct Quarton as to the notices. We have a Revd. Baptist staying here who would like to see — Walker, Bookseller late of Leeds, would there be any objection to his doing so to morrow

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between 12 and 1 o'clock.
If I hear nothing to the
contrary I will bring
him up about that time

Yours very truly
John Cawson

Dr Baker
The Retreat

Wigan
June 11th 1870

Dear Sir

re Chas Caldwell

I must thank you for your letter of the 9th inst.

In order to aid my Calculations will you kindly give me the probable duration of dementia in such a patient - and also if there is such a chance of his committing Suicide

I do not expect to trouble you without paying you again

Yours truly
Thomas Dealtry

Rev. Backhouse
The Friends Retreat
York

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W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

24. North John Street.

Liverpool. 11th June 1878

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith the Commrs order for the removal of my brother from Ashton St. Lunatic Asylum to the Friends Retreat. I have handed the duplicate order to Dr Gill, and shall feel obliged if you will now communicate with him as to the removal of the patient.

As I mentioned to Dr Backerstaff I suggested that I would accompany my brother on the journey; but in my last interview with Dr. Gill, on Friday last, he told me, in reference to his having raised objection to me or Mr Bakerstaff being my brother, that it was partly in deference to the latters expressed wish that he had done so: that the patient requested all friends might be kept away from him until he was better, as their presence caused him pain. If this is really his feeling I should of course prefer to act in accordance with his wish. However you can better advise me as to this after you hear from Dr Gill; and I shall esteem it a favour if you will do so.

Yours truly

Wm. & A. Clare

Dr Baker

deference to the latters expressed

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4 Trafalgar Place
Harrogate –
June 11/78.

Dear Dr,

I cannot very well go over to York on Friday as I had arranged & be at Ilkley then – Mrs Dymond could not

have me at the
beginning of the week
Would you be able
to see me on
Monday if I came?
I hope to go to Bolton
on Wednesday (next
week) if we are
successful in obtain
ing lodgings—

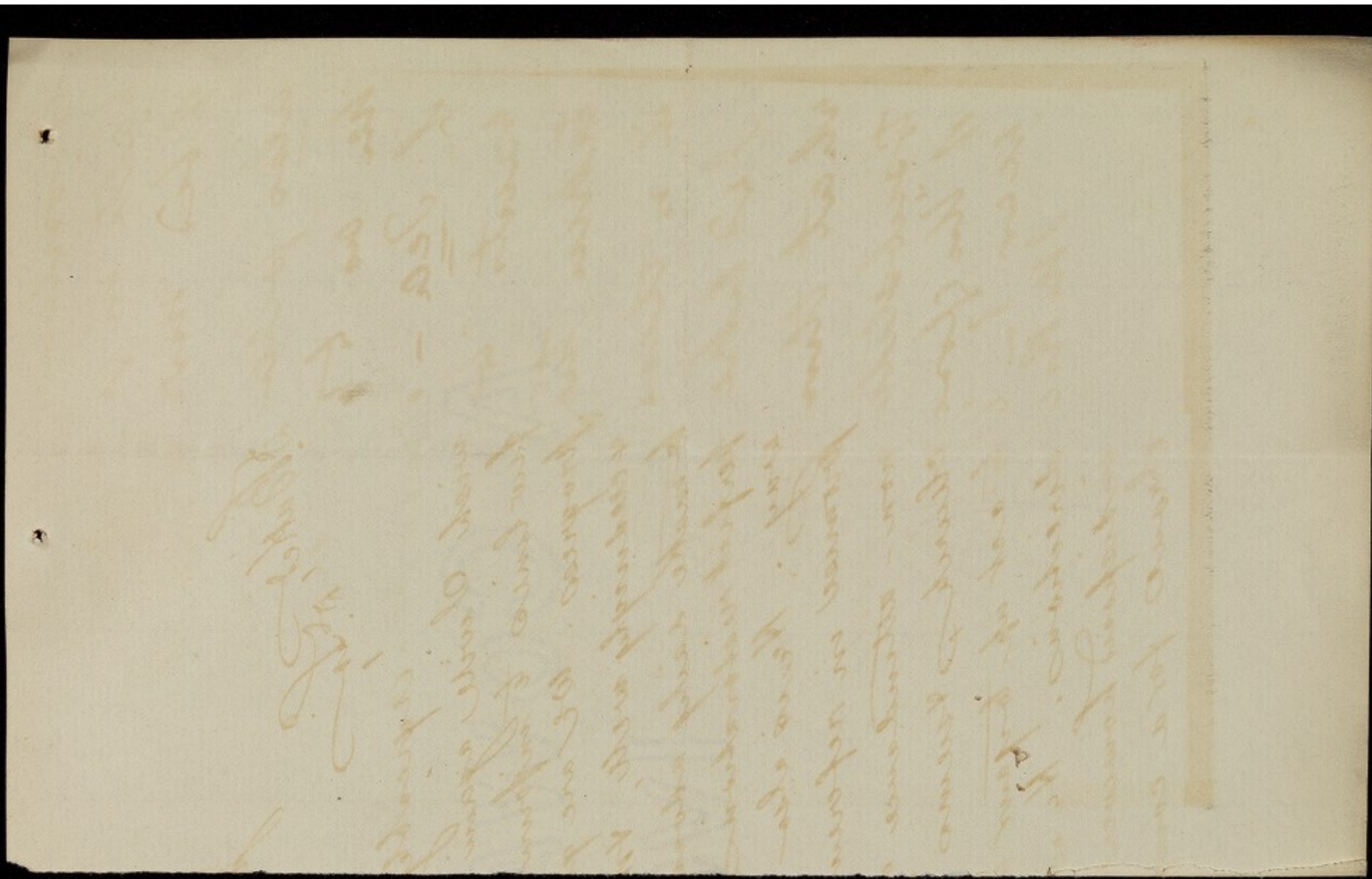
I am glad you ap-
prove of my leaving
off the medicine.
With kind regards,
Very sincerely
Amelia Grace.

Dr. Baker,

Dr. Sir,

The enclosed is from dictation.

Perhaps you better see Dr. Leeson tomorrow before you say anything to Mrs. G.; so that he (Mr. P) may think you have got your information from the doctor. Mr. Leeson knows Mr. G. frequently walks over in the direction of the priests.





Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

June 16/78.

D. Baker, Esq.

Agreably to your wish I will again send you a few lines to inform you of our progress. We are getting on exceedingly well, & Mr. John seems to make daily advances towards perfect restoration in every way. He is also keeping his promise in reference to the non-attendance of the R.C. church & seems inclined fully to act up to your wishes in every direction. He is still strongly indisposed however to have Mr. Drew for a companion, hoping that liberty will be granted him to select a more youthful person according to his long expressed wishes. As I have said in a previous letter it is not my place to express my own opinions in the matter, but in furnishing you with the desired intelligence concerning our movements I thought it would not be out of place to defer to Mr. John's wishes in that particular, the granting of which, for my own part, I think might perhaps please & encourage him & tend to stimulate an honest endeavour to act in other directions both up to the spirit & letter of your recommendations.

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We attended the Ilkley Parish church services yesterday &

also had a walk into the
Country.

Mr Henry has Kindly
forwarded ~~Mr~~ John a large
new Portmanteau so that
all difficulty in packing
is obviated.

I am dear Sir
Yours truly
W B Liddman

to continue to spend
baths on getting out
of bed mornings —
also please instruct
her as to the use
of Tea — Miss W.
wants to know whether
taken twice a day
it is desirable? —
I'd like to know
what their purpose
to substitute instead
of "the stones" for night
wear? — Thine sincerely
I. M. Richardson —

2 day

Moyallon House
Co. Down
Ireland

Dear Dr Baker

Miss Walters
will I expect inform
thee of the address
to where the nurse
will find them
when she is ready
to leave — as I
shall not be there
to inform her of
her position, please
read to her the following

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and to him that following
that as I have
full confidence in
his matters I
wish him to have
the management of
all ~~the~~ local &
domestic matters,
& I believe she
will endeavour to
support the nurse
in his attention to the
medical duties as
she may instruct
her so that I trust
they may help to
encourage one another
in everything concerning
the care of our
Daughter —
Be kind enough to
tell the nurse to
continue "the ladies
strong bath" which was
given at Matlock
it can be used
in the middle
of the day without
undressing — also

her so that I trust
to continue typid

Congresbury 12/6/78

My Dear friend

We were much gra-
-tified with dear Prudences
letters & that she is indicated
improvement as we thought
but a few lines from her returned
in the stamped & directed enve-
-lope which I forwarded
I hope would oblige thy obliged
& respectful friend

Robert Willmott

D^r Baker
Friends' Retreat

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West Heath.

June 12. 1878.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I am going to spend the Excat, wh: begins Friday 14th & ends Monday the 17th, with one of my Schoolfellows, so I write to tell you my address.

C/o Admiral Hay,
The Oaks,
Front Road,
Tunbridge Wells.

Please give my best love to dear Papa. & Believe me,

Yours sincerely
M. Holden.

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Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,
19, Whitehall Place, S.W.
12th June 1878.

Emma Sarah Yaplin

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to request that, as required by the 28th Section of the Act 25 and 26 Vict., c. 111, you will have the goodness at once to transmit to them the "Statement" of the mental and bodily condition of the above-named patient, which should have been sent to this Office within Seven days of the 3rd June, the date of her admission into the Friends' Retreat

I am, &c.,

N. J. Compton
for the Secretary.

Dr. Baker

(250 5|74—McC. 1944)
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Gale House, Ambleside
June 13/78

My dear Sir

I have rec'd this morning from Mr Parkinson Boothia a letter requesting me to get the necessary papers from you – I have filled them up & will forward by tomorrow's post. I have likewise telegraphed him stating that if he writes for an attendant today they can be ready to start tomorrow as he seems very wishful to get away as soon as may be but on sending telegram to office they tell me wires are broken by lightning & thinking it possible they

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may be in same predicament between W'Chester & York both you to days I have written him stating how case stands & that under circumstances I have written for to-day expecting a Dead attendant as usual.

Yours truly,

Augustus Johnston

Dr Baker

The Patient is
Mrs Williams Beresford residing & belonging
at Brunswick Villas, Maple Roads,
Bowdon - Cheshire. —

Southport the attendant has letter in Post Office
See Rec: Letter
Samuel Beresford
Exchange Restaurant
17 Chapel Street
Manchester

I am writing this letter to Manchester in case the
letter are there written for attendant should
proceed in first instance.

June 12th 1875.

Stratford Place,
Broomspring Lane,
Sheffield.

Dear Dr Baker

I could you have seen my husband's letter to me this week, I am very pleased to have it, to see the improvement, but will you kindly tell me in your next note as to whether you think it would do him any harm for me to come over & see him, as he asks me to do so, either the end of this week, or the middle

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of next, I do not wish
him to think me unwilling
to come to see him neither
do I wish to unsettle him—
I am glad Mr. Robertson
did not see him—

With kind regards

I am

Yours respectfully

Eliza H. Hamilton

The Club,
Scarborough.

12 June
1895

Dear Sir

I here with send cheque for the amount due to the Friend Retreat and thank you very sincerely for the kind help you have given me.

Very faithfully yours
W. T. Laye

Dr Barker

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In this - as in other matters
no doubt I am ignorant -
Again thanking you very
much for your kindness &
sympathy, & hoping we
may soon have a few lines
from W. Booth, with kind eyes

Believe me
Very truly Yours
W Sibthorpe Whitaker Wallis

Pall Mall
12 June -

Dear Mr Baker -

It grieves me
very much to hear such
sad accounts of my poor
Brother - & I think you can
imagine how sad you have
have made Mother - We
trust in a short time you
will kindly let us hear
if there is any amend- any
so you consider time unfit
to leave the Retreat for
change - for the present
that idea must be given

ch aside - Before I conclude
you will be much amused
we are indebted to you
for the Sitting room we
now occupies, in that case
tho we appear to you we
think it only like the
Great Kindness & consideration
you have always shown
my poor Brothers - My
Mother was not ashamed
when I wrote to you, or I aware

the contents of my letter -
I dare say the Lodge
occupants have somewhat
to put up with; my Brothers
unfortunate infirmity -
(& with his faults) - much
render it so = at the
same time, nothing I
think can compensate;
neither superior intellect,
or skill - for the want
of social refinement -

relapsing into that state of
excitability in wh. she becomes
quite beyond all Control — You
see there is no one who can
have a suitable Control
over her - & a good influence
I sent her last Letter to
her Mother, who says in reply
"I hope she may stay longer,
@ the Retreat - as there is
no place so suitable" &c,
and she as a "Convalescent"
stay under Dr. Control &
get have a little liberty = &
thus gradually unloose the
restraint? For me it is
an awkward & most perplexing
Case! Kindly Let me
have an Early Reply - & Direct
H.C. @ Portico -
Mosley St. Manchester

Dine 28 Brown Street
OPPOSITE MARRIOTT'S COURT.
"Portico" — Manchester 1/11th June 1878

Dear friend
Dr Baker,

After your last letter
I thought it wiser not then
to write to my Sister lest
it should disturb her = & yet
I think I had better come
& see her — which I might
Conveniently do next week
Probably about Friday or Sat.
if so I will be @ home.
Without wishing to
prejudge — I must get
Confess I am very fearful
of the consequences of removing
her — so afraid of her again

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With many thanks for
Yr courtesy & attentions
Believe me
Yrs very truly
Fredk Cooper

Dr Baker
"Retreat"
York



Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

June 12/78

Dear Dr. Baker

I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday, from which I see you have kindly arranged to meet me in Leeds tomorrow. We will leave Ilkley at 2.50. due at 3.40. We will proceed at once to the First Class Gentlemans Waiting Room on the London & N. W. platform as requested.

So soon therefore expecting the pleasure of a personal interview it is needless now to enter into further particulars — I believe Dr Simon has also kept you informed of my proceedure & progress. I feel exceedingly robust, highly encouraged in anticipating the future.

Yours sincerely

John Hooker

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Lancaster. 12th June 1878

My dear Sir.

Please say to Mrs Wearing that we are going on much as usual and in tolerable health, her Mamma improving, and her Father not any worse. if there is no objection I should be glad to have a letter from her. Will you kindly give our dearest love to her. With kind regards believe me

Yours truly.

T. W Wearing

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Colebeag Cottage
Strone
via Greenock
June 3rd 88.

My dear Friend Dr Robert J. Baker

I was very pleased to see dear Charley's welcome handwriting last- We are all enjoying the Coast- Clyde much- the children have got

Sincerely see that
Yours
Charles Wilson
Jamieson
Please excuse me
writing to you
with my
left hand
I have
injured my
right hand
and cannot
write
with it

nicely thro' the measles. I sat up two nights with the baby, but am sorry to say have since had a heavy influenza cold myself which has not yet left me. You will perhaps be interested to hear that I last week witnessed the funeral of the late Duchess of Argyle. Kilmun near us being the burial place of the Argyle & Campbell family: the remains were brought from Rosneath Castle in the Duke's Yacht "Lorne" and met by the Duke's barge & pinnace. The Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh & the Prince of Wales came to Rosneath very unexpectedly to meet the remains. Mr Gladstone was also present. The latter looks very aged & ill. I saw him & Mrs Gladstone at close quarters as we passed down the Gareloch & he looks a great deal older as the Scotch papers say he does. He is receiving a great deal of attention.—

I shall be very
much disappointed
if I do not receive a nice
long newsy letter from
Martyn on my
birthday June 30th
as I get very few
letters then, so
do hope he will
write to me
Again with kind
regards
I am Yours very sincerely
Mary Miles.

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my address till
august is:

Miss Miles;
c/o John Fraser Esq
Colebheag Cottage
Strone
via) Greenock
Scotland.

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, LONDON.

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CLERK'S INITIALS PE JUL 19

Delivering Office.

From

G. T. Addison
Bowdon
Cheshire

To

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Certificates are all filled in we may leave by the twelve fifteen train from Manchester to night but are not decided if we dont will write to night Mrs Beresford

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, LONDON.

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From Addison (2) To Baker

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wishes to have private rooms
no matter what the cost
not violent or noisy Mrs
Beresford or brother will come
with me

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JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, LONDON.

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From

G. T. Addison
17 Chapel Walks
Manchr

To

D Baker
The Retreat
York

Mrs Bresford is trying to coax him away but cannot Dr Crosbie is going to insist removal tonight by midnight train please have private rooms ready

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

Bradford 13 June 1878.

My dear Sir /

I had not forgotten my promise to obtain some information about a Hydropathic Establishment at Matlock, but the occurrence of Whitsuntide had hindered my meeting with the gentleman who could give it. I have seen him this afternoon. -

I find that the establishment which he knows about

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is Captain Burton's at Matlock Bank. I believe it has some name but I forget it. The situation of the house is high, so that it stands above the mist when Smedley's Establishment is shrouded. It is a place of considerable size I find. My friend's father stayed at it for a considerable time and got much good, hence they speak well of it. I do not know whether there may not be other places quite as good, but at any rate this appears to be a likely one.

Yours faithfully

John B. Denman

Dr. Baker

York.

Carlisle City & District Bank,

Cockermouth, 13/6 1878

Dear Sir,

Will thank thee to let us have an answer and with the particulars of the terms at the Retreat for a female member of our Society now suffering mentally, and if there is a vacancy for one limited in circumstances.

We are hoping a change in the country but wish to be prepared if she gets worse.

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Remain thy friend true
Horatio

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Wonford House, Exeter.

14. 6. 78.

Dear Dr Baker

Dr Bevan Lewis of the West Riding Asylum is about to become a candidate for the East Riding vacated by Green. Would you feel inclined to give him the advantage of your influence? You know how industrious and perseverng he is and how largely he has contributed to the knowledge of asylum pathology &c. Dear Gill is to be a candidate but from what you told me I did not feel sure that you would not rather support some one else.

I have been excessively busy. I was much obliged to you

assistant for writing about
the hypodermic injection
of Hyoscyamine. Hope he
persists in his observations.
Have his letter laid aside
for acknowledgement after
I have had time to think
about and try his formula.
Kind regards to Mrs Baker and
the children,

Yours
Dear Dr Baker
Yours sincerely
R Lawson.

Manor House.
York.

14 June 1875

Dear Sir,

We fix that Tuesday evening next will suit us best. I forgot to ask you what time you would like our people to be with you — Perhaps you will kindly let us know —

Yours faithfully
A. Buckle

Dr Baker

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June 15th 1878

Sir

Will you oblige me by stating whether the Letter for

Mrs Jane Bates
35 New North Road
Huddersfield

posted on the 3d Inst. ~~was tendered~~ and on which stamps of the value of 3d was attached was properly tendered for registration; and if the usual official receipt was obtained.

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You will also be good enough to state at what Office the Letter in question was posted.

I am, Sir
Your obed^{t}
Wm Featherstone
Dep^{y} Gov^{r} York

D^{r} Baker
Hutchead

The Royal Lunatic Asylum.
Liverpool June 14th 1878

Dear Dr Baker,

In reply to your letter of the 12th Inst, I beg to say that Monday will suit me very well for the transfer of Mr Clare. The reason I have not allowed his brother to see him is because the meeting of the brothers caused my patient to become very much excited, and did him more harm than good. I think it will be much better for Strangeways to fetch him, and I am of opinion that two attendants had better be sent. My patient has been suffering from mania with religious delusions and is at times very violent, but he is now much better than he was. I will have all ready for your attendants to receive him on Monday.

Believe me
Yours faithfully
Stanley A. Lilk.

from Mania with religious

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low & Mrs Manley said she was prepared for any change that might occur.

But I am sure I shall hear before long and will then let you know all the particulars

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Thos Hiscock.

19 Hyde Park Road
Leeds
June 13th 78

Dear Sir

I beg, though so tardily to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 5th inst. with the inclosed letters, for which I am obliged.

I have been daily expecting news of Mr Manley and had hoped to have been able to send you a good account of his health before this — but I have only heard once, at Easter, and then he was very ill in bed - and very

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7 Wellington Parade
Dec 13. 1878

Dear Friend

We have not received the account for the last part of the time my husband was with you, we thought you has perhaps omitted to send it —
How will be glad to hear my husband

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has been very nicely ever since his return home, he is very cheerful and comfortable, though not excitable —

With much love
Thy friend
Annie B. Burtt

Kindly direct for me to my brothers

R. G. Brown
Elmhurst
Nr. Gloucester

& there is no albuminuria.
I can only suppose that the hemorrhage was caused by a slight fall I had, tho it did not seem enough to account for it.
I did consult Dr Johnson about 14 nos since, when I was feeling a little out of sorts. He examined my urine, said there was nothing amiss with me, & rather laughed at me for my pains.
Baby is as plump & rosy as you need wish to see. Has Heath!
Please poke up Quarton about my a/c!

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Preston
North Shields
13 June 78

Dear Dr Baker

You will be pleased to hear that we have been at home since Monday, & that my wife is very nicely & seems to find housekeeping quite a pleasure
I am all right again the renal hemorrhage was quite unaccompanied by inflamation & nothing was to be found under the microscope but blood corpuscles

With Kind regards to Mrs Baker & yourself I am

Yours very truly
Henry J. Winter

PS If you are quite done with the number of R.A.Proc. I shd be glad of it, as I am going to get them bound.

4 Victoria Terrace

Durham

11th June 1878

Dear Dr Baker

We are much concerned

to hear of the unsatisfactory

condition of our daughter

by your note of 18th We are

anxious to hear of

for your next report, &c.

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Hope you may be able to send us a more hopeful account of her state.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

N. Hughes

FRIENDS' INSTITUTE
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BISHOPSGATE
WITHOUT
LONDON E.C.

within 3 months his
Wife chose to take him
out & so far as I can
learn - he has gone
on steadily & settled
to work - I Mills at
Macclesfield Found was
kept 5 years at Bt
this Wife & Brothers
persuaded him well
out Dr Kitchen Baker
left protestor - yet the
Lord has visited a King
Providence & took
him home 3 yrs ago &
he has done well ever since

London 4th 1878

My dear friend Joseph Rowntree
(Printer)
Excuse my use of pencil
I am nervous & hurried
I learn with deep regret
that thy father is ill & York
I am informed by a London
friend who visited me
consider good that he
& even thy father before
he was sent & that in
his opinion there was
not sufficient cause for
the proceedings he un-
derstood that Tottenham
& Mr Mf & thy Sister

nounced the two Doctors
to sign the certificate
Can those state who they
were? was Dr Kitchen
the Friend alluded to
Said that they [illegible]
I sorrowed much
at the prospect - May
I say that under such
dangerous to the
Public or the Patient
to Son might be cried
to the incarceration of
Parent - I know some
London or Forty Years
seen very Cruel to

really desire Jobs done
for this the cheapest
place & they are fairly
attended to - how many
old murders have
thus been sent from
the Earth & Cheated the
Gallows at Retford -
If the be sent by the
Sisters request with
her Signature - then
she has the legal power
to fine and Execute
& take the Friend out -
Edmondson the Tailor
was sent in 1877 &

Bos

Bonsall Brailsford & Adkins Mss

6mo 14. 1878

Dear Friend Robt. Baker

Our friend J. Rowntree (all England) has been conversing himself about my Father. Sound theatre production (if this worth the pence) and would desire to express a hope which may be needless that he will not be allowed to see my Father if he should call at the Retreat.

Now that I am writing I should feel best satisfied to ask whether it appears to thee yt that my Father might occasionally attend meeting at Castlegate? — There is something to him that intensely enjoys a good Friends' Meeting — and I do believe if he were allowed to attend

occasionally & duly cautioned against attempting to speak &
would be greatly soothed & comforted
He has always been "very religious"
in this particular and I do not
suppose he is past the condition
of enjoying the "walking together to
the kirk in a goodly company"—

I would not press it — or wish to
interfere — but may assure him
that I do greatly desire we may
give him all the liberty and
sensory freedom which will be good
for him.

The sense of having him
so away from his friends is at
times a very severe trial to
his children

Hope Thos are well —
perhaps holiday making
now. I am a close prisoner
over our building operations
my family are except a little boy
all over in England

With kind regards

Ever sincere friend

Joseph Radley

Said J. R at the Retreat meeting
I have spoke or rose to speak 72 times!

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Huddersfield
June 16. 1878

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter dated the 11th inst with the enclosed cheques and receipt all safe and for which I am much obliged, & much regret that I did not acknowledge it at the time, and beg you to accept my apology for the omission, the only reason I can give is that I was ill and it has since been neglected. —

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Remain yours very truly

Jane Bates

To Dr. Baker, M.D

York

New York

Dear Dr Baker,

Thank you for forwarding my dear child's note, the first page is very nice. How I do wish she would leave off talking of Dr J's. I suppose you cannot suggest any thing to help us? I found the nurse changed very bad + the letter she was the 4th she talked of him + returning. Does she talk to you about it or the nurse?

at present. Has she quite left off talking as she did when you first had her? With kind regards

Yours truly

A C Rush

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I shall be very thankful when you think it will not hurt her to see me. Do you think if she has continued dis appointment any way will weaken it may unsettle her? I shall be glad when you go to the sea, as that has always done her so much good.

Could see work that she has been doing be kindly returned in the box, I sent some in yesterday. I had it sent as usual to Miss Woodhead, so please let it be opened as I find dear C wants more work. How I wish she would take to painting it would be such a change for her but she seems to take no pleasure in it

little summer like.
Hope Mrs Baker is
better I hear she has
been.
With kind regards,
I am sincerely
Mary Grace

Sandford Villa
Hampton Road
June 15/78.

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Dear Dr Baker

I hear from
my sister Amelia that
she is likely to see
you on Monday - and
as your last account
of both patients and
companion was not
so bright as I could
have desired I shall
feel very glad to
receive a few parti=

culars from you
after Sharcliff's visit.
I have been very
thoughtful about
Mrs Curry, but from
all I hear, keep hope-
ful she is proved
herself better calcu-
lated for her present
duties. I saw at first
appeared - I believe
she is very desirous
of doing right, there-
fore by receiving
full instructions from
you, she may still
further improve; I have
just queried whether
she exercises her own
judgment sufficiently?
I think it will be
pleasant to my Sister
to have a change
from Harrogate, espe-
cially if the weather
should become a

Dear Doctor Baker.

Will you kindly at your earliest convenience, let me know when you can send the nurse to us. To enable me to make arrangements for the nurse, we have to return to Ireland.

Yours truly

Alice G. Walters

Co. Cody from Bettws-y-coed

June 13th 1878.

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Basingstoke
June 17th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I heard from Henry today, & there is a paragraph in his letter about dear John which I think I had better send you. It runs thus: "A few days ago Willie Ives in London had a letter came from John A. Father Kelly" in which he stated in him that he had joined the Roman Catholic Church but did not wish it known as yet, and also asking him if he took the chair at a lecture he was going to give in Newcastle in the behalf of the Roman Catholic Faith. I hear

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Kelly is a good and pleasant old man, but of course it is extremely unsuitable for Joan to be allowed to lecture in public". Henry Murdoch writes to tell Jackson of the proposed change of lantern for dear Joan, & also expresses a hope that you may be chosen. He is engaging the services of Lord Ivor Spencer Churchill, & those of some other persons whom you do not either especially sanction. I shall be glad to hear that all is satisfactorily settled.

I find Charles James has not yet received a copy of the letter you were going to send him. Please to bear it in mind

& return Communist letter.

With Kind regards

Yours very truly

Annie Besant

P. S. I should just explain that Father Kelly is one of the Roman Catholic Priests at Lincoln.

W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

21. North John Street.

Liverpool 17th June 1878

My dear Sir

Thanks for your note & for the arrangement you have made in reference to my brother's transfer. I hope that by this time tomorrow he will be safely in your charge. Will you kindly let me know how the journey affects him.

I purpose coming over to see you as soon as you have had an opportunity of considering & forming an opinion upon the case. Probably by then my brother may be able to see me also. I left my private address at the Asylum, to be given to your attendants, so that they might in case they wished to do so communicate with me this evening after I leave here. I live some 3 miles out.

Yours very truly
Wm. J. Clare

Dr Baker

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19 Hyde Park Road
Leeds June 17th 78

Dear Sir

I have received the painful intelligence this morning that Mr. Manley has finished his life of labour & disappointment

At 3 o'clock in the morning of the 18th of May he breathed his last without a struggle having been only confined to his bed about a week, and he was perfectly clear & conscious within 2 or 3 hours of his death. 2/3

The physicians attending him did not think such a termination so imminent but his friends thought at times he would soon be well & his system would respond to the medicines he was taking but the fatal decline was very rapid & took the poor creature in the prime of life and the most active in the family and at Rockfield Hamps Manley acted in this matter as he was so anxious to do. It is a comfort to know that he was able to get home amongst his friends but it is a very sad end to a energetic humorous & remarkable man

Yours Sincerely
Geo. Naish

Dr. Robert Baker

MOODY. TURNBULL & GRAHAM,
SOLICITORS.

73. St. Thomas Street.
Scarborough.
June 17th 1878

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is the usual official receipt for Mr. Holden's Annuity due the 19th ult.

Kindly return it to us duly signed & certified at your early convenience

With kind regard to Mrs Holden who we hope is better

We are
Dear Sir
Faithfully Yours
Moody Turnbull & Graham

Dr. Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York

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Liverpool June 17th 1878
6-30 p m

Dr Baker

Dear Sir

We arrived all safe and have seen Mr Clare also his attendant from whom i have got all the information i could We start by the 11 a m train to morrow and arrive in York at 3-10 p m — i have taken Mrs Carter her parcel but Mrs C was out i left word that i would call again and bring back any parcel Mr C might have to send We have got Lodging at an Hotel — near the asylum

I remain Your
Obedient Servant
G. T. Addison

Dear D Baker

It was very good
of you to think of me,
but I am not going in
for the Beverley Asylum
I only applied last time
on condition of the amal-
-gamation of the two In-
-stitutions being carried
out. Believe me. Yours
very truly;

John A Wallis

Hull Boys' Asylum

June 17. 1878.

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Hobberley House,
Shadwell,
Nr. Leeds.
June 17th 1878.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly
let me know how my
Son is hoping he is a
little better, if he is able
to be seen, at your earliest
convience.

Yours truly,
Wm. Wray.

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YORK MICH JUN 18 7 AM

From G. J. Addison Victoria Station Manchester

To Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

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We have started by Eleven
train all well please meet
twenty past four at York

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

21 Scot Lane

Doncaster

June 17th 1878

Sir

I beg to forward you my adress, in order that you may remember my application, if any thing should turn up likely to suite me. trusting you will pardon my liberty

I am Sir

Yours Most Obediently

Wm Freeman Hodgson

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7 St. John's Terrace,
St. John's Street Road,
E. C.

6mo. 18th, 1878.

My dear friend,
J. D. Baker,

I enclose Cheque
value £28 " 16 " 11
for dear Fathers a/c.
which please acknowledge.
I hope thou will
excuse my troubling
thee about the articles

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that were left, as we simply wanted it for the Legacy Duty.

Dear Mother has supplied me with the List.

Please accept my sincere thanks for thy great kindness to my dear Father. I am quite sure it was very great.

With our united love, believe me to remain,

Thy friend sincerely

Jno. D. Appleton

4 Trafalgar Place
Harrogate.
June 18/78.

Dear Dr.

Before I rec'd your note this morning I was going to write to ask you what I should do about the book I

Please let me know as soon as you can if I have to scramble through them or send them back

With kind regards,
Very sincerely
Amelia Grace.

Address after Wednesday P.M.
Mrs Brown
Holme House
Barden
by Skipton.

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got from Sampson's yesterday – I had no difficulty in getting what I wanted, but on looking at the printed regulations on the back cover after I found that the time allowed for reading is 1 week. Have you any special privilege by which you can keep the books indefinitely? (I have taken them out in your name) or must I send them back by post next week only half read? I have "The Queen's Diaries" by Whyte Melville – 2 volumes.

STEAD, SIMPSON & NEPHEWS.
LEEDS.
LEICESTER.
NORTHAMPTON.
DAVENTRY.

130, Kirkgate,
Leeds June 18th 1878

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
York.

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly oblige me with forms & instructions &c for Admission of an insane person (female) —

She is at present at home but violent & irritable at times & some friends here the Misses Jowett advise the Retreat as the best place to send her if it should really prove necessary —

I hope for the best as a Calm sleep followed the weariness last night. —

Yours truly
J. W. B. Blackburn.

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MEMORANDUM.

From

HOPE AND CHAPMAN,

Wholesale & Retail Stationers, Booksellers, & Book-Binders,

Great Paper Hangings Warehouse,

20, CASTLEGATE, YORK.

June 18th 1878

To Dr. Baker

The Retreat

Dear Sir,

We have to bind for you Macmillan Parts Jan to Dec. 1877 — Jan to april form part of Vol. 35. - May to oct. Completes Vol 3 & Nov. & Dec. form commencement — of Vol. 37. ~~Kindly~~

The Years Sunday mag. also contain parts of two incomplete Vols. Kindly say how we are to proceed with these

Yours Respectfully
Hope & Chapman

discretion in naming this to Mrs Wearing, her Mamma is improved. With kind regards, believe me

Yours truly

T. W. Wearing

Lancaster 18th June 1878

My dear Sir.

I was much pleased to find from your letter, that Mrs Wearing's cold was decidedly better, and sorry you are unable to report her mental condition improved, but trust that you may be able soon to send me good news. Please say to her that we are all well and give her our dearest love. her Father I regret to say is much worse and to appearance the end can not be far off. We your

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BERESFORD'S RESTAURANT.

Chapel Walks,
Manchester 17 June 1878

Mr G. T. Addison

Dear Sir/

My brother appears to have taken a turn for the better in a remarkable degree. There appears at present every reason to expect his recovery without sending him away. I hope this may be so.

Yours truly

J. Beresford

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Rockville June 16th

Dear Sir

I have much

pleasure in forwarding you

our prospectus of terms and

beg to say we shall be very

pleased to see you and

to do our best to make

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Your stay pleasant &
beneficial to you
Should you decide to
favor us a visit —

I am Dear Sir
Yours Truly
L Burton

W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

24. North John Street.

Liverpool. 17th June 1878

My dear Sir.

I am greatly obliged by your note: and am thankful to find that my brother did not appear to suffer from the journey-

I return the queries, answered so far as I am able to do so: but I could, if I saw you, give you much more information on the case, some of which might perhaps be of use in treating it: and I therefore propose to come over to York & see you. I will wait until next week, as that will afford time for the patient to settle down, & give you an opportunity of observing the case. I do hope that the change will be advantageous to him & that shortly we may see some definite signs of improvement-

Yours very truly

W. & A. Clark

T. Baker.

P.S. I should be glad to know whether he is in want of clothing as I could bring with me, when I come, anything he requires-

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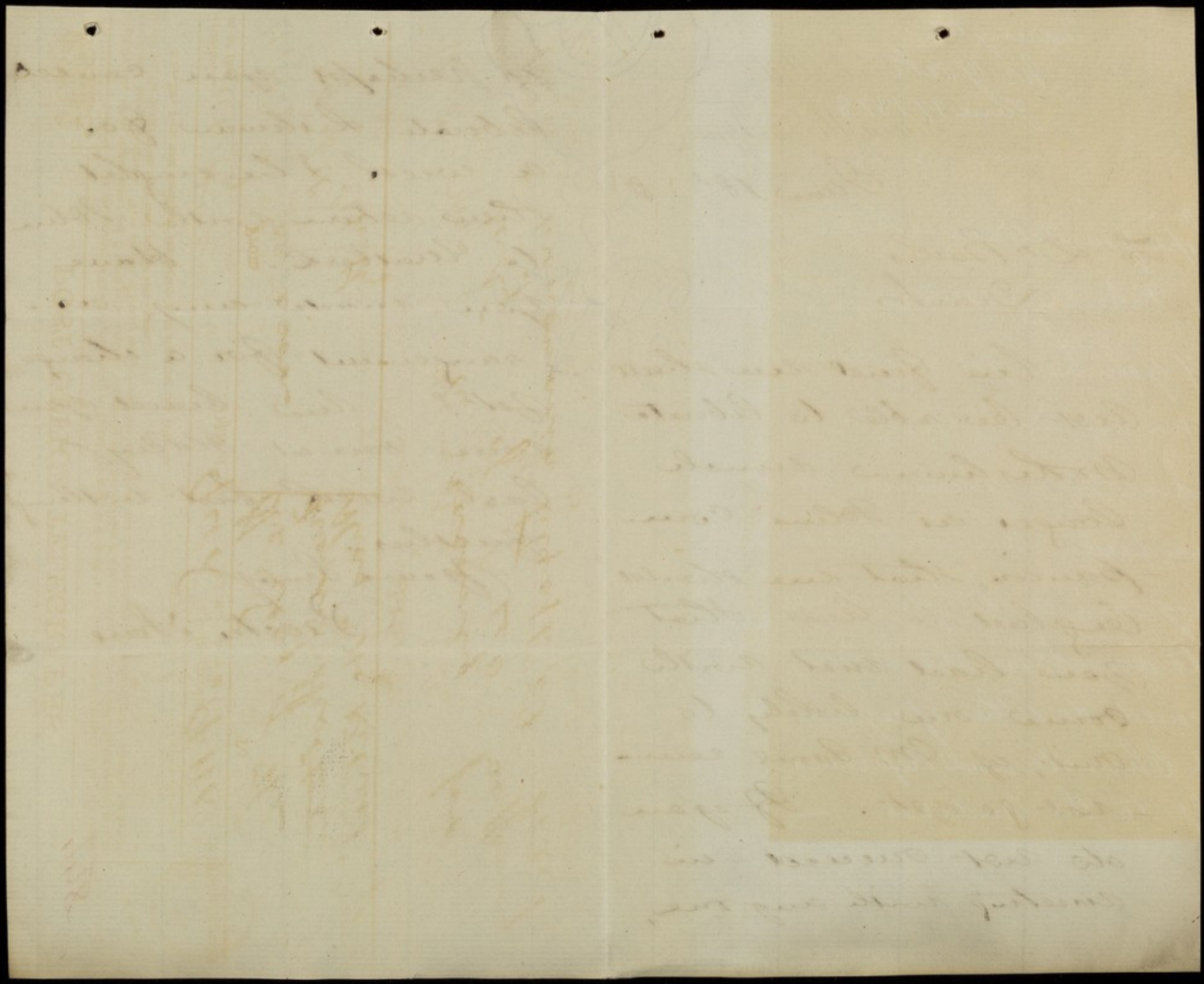
Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.
June 18th 1870

To Dr Baker
Dear Sir

We fear we shall not be able to liberate Mr Kirkman much longer as Johns companion, that we should be glad to hear that you had met with some one likely to suit, if Mr Sons cannot so yet. If you do not succeed in meeting with any one, perhaps you could liberate Kirkman for a week, I he might then return with John to Matlock. Have you made any arrangement for a change yet? We heard you were over at Ilkley last week, but nothing further.

Yours Truly
Procter Shaw

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CATE ST 1920 YORK.MICK

From

William Jameson
Bagnall
Whitby

To

The Secy of the
Friends Institution
Mais "The Retreat" York

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Have you a vacancy for
a lady of 40 suffering
from monomania telegraph at once

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From

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CATE ST YORK JU20

Handed in at the Newcastle Office at 10 53 ~~Mr.,~~ Received ~~here~~ at 10 09 .M. Delivering Office.

From H Procter

To Dr Baker The Retreat York

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Letter from Basingstoke says you are arranging for John to go to Matlock this week Lishman can go with him for week or ten days

Terrington

Nr York

June 19 1878

Sir

I hope you will escuse the liberty
I have taken in writing to ask
you if you have got any vacancy
in your asylum either as --
attendent or as gardener as.
I have lived 16 months in -
an asylum as 2nd gardener
and to assist in the wards -
but could do either if required
Good Character and References -
apply to the Medical --

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Superintendent North Riding
Lunatic Asylum Clifton
York an answer will greatly
oblige I am Sir your —
Obedient Servant —
G H Pickering
Jervaulx
York

4 Victoria Terrace Durham

19th June 1878.

My dear Dr. Baker,

I was very glad to get
yours of 16th, & to hear a
more favourable account
of my daughter. if it pleases
God I hope the improvement
may continue & that she

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will regain her former
state of health. Do you
think I might venture
to call & see her in a
little time? I will be
guided by your advice
in the matter, I shall
hope to hear again from
you in the course

of a few days.

Believe me,
Yours very truly
Thomas
Mexico, Sept 8th D.C.

In writing to him he never has alluded to existing fr. a boy company, but seems very [illegible] pleased with Fishman's movements. Enclose him to Coalbrook.

With Kind regards

Yours very truly

Rennie Forbes

P. S. Please let me know where from you to Coalbrook in Wales and to Rhos Chirk to direct to him.

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Basing St Rd
June 19th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your letter re. Conrad Tidy; it was very kind of you to send me the note from Fishman Ward. I shall be much interested in reading it. I did not know whether you intended it to go to Fairfield, but as you said nothing about it I send it back direct to you. The prospectus I shall forward to Fairfield.

I am very pleased with the prospectus of the Hydropathic Establishment at Coalbrook.

If you find all this variety
let you to it, & can only be in-
duced to take pleasure in it
by which not have much time
for studying theological questions.
I trust you may be enlarged
in praying for Ewin & for them
We was greatly indebted to you for
all this trouble you take in our
behalf.
I gladly agree with you that the
former plan of getting away from
Kelly the better. I should be
afraid from what Lieutenant says
the R. C. Priest there is obtaining
an influence over the Chiefs in
his present state, & very undesir-
able.
You seem quite delighted over

& for Chattock, in fact he tells
me in a letter received from him
yesterday that he is "looking forward
to it with pleasure", & that he is "in
daily expectation of definite in-
structions from you". He tells me
you "spoke of Monte Video as a
likely place to proceed to from
Chattock". We want to know
for our wedding trip (I do not know
whether he told you so) & one of
the places we have greatly pleased
with. He varies in objections in his
letter & one is going there beyond
saying "my longing eyes turn
to Cuba southwards".
He tells me he is "in a raging
daily perspiration."

looking girl –

I have spoken to my mother about the matter you mention & they quite agree with me that it is desirable for the nurse & the baby babies to correspond with you occasionally.

With kind regards

Yours truly

James M. Richardson

6/18/78

Dear Baker –

I have been from home which must be my excuse for being a little tardy in replying to your letter –

I am very much obliged to them also for the photograph of the nurse a most pleasing likeness

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Dr Baker

Sunday morning

Dr Sir,

When you arrange for us to go to Matlock, please arrange for me to have his letters, the same as here.

After leaving you at Leeds, he was quiet & absorbed in the train. What he did say (& what showed how his thoughts ran) was such as: "I think I will still get my way yet in regard to "going to a farm & having a young Companion "I never thought I should have to go back to Mrs "Wales again." "The doctor just says as Mrs P. says".

The following evening while we were out walking, he flushed in the face rather, his eyes flashing out signs of anger, & said "I will not live with Mrs P. "till I have my full liberty in religion & diet for six "months & till I have been on a farm for that "length of time, with a companion of my own choosing". I have no faith in him remaining away from the Catholic chapel while we are at Matlock, in spite of his promises; but I will inform you

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of his proceedings. On Thursday he did not tell on the truth about his attendance at the Catholic chapel & the priests house. He considers himself all right in mind, & thinks his own views & ideas, in regard to where he should go, what sort of companion he should have & the conducting of his own life, are the best & should supersede the commands of others notwithstanding that your views be commended by the whole of his friends.

He says, it is such a nuisance going from one place to another in Wales when you have a bicycle & will get over the ground in a quarter of the time & with less fatigue.

I went to the R.C. chapel with him this morning & I am writing this while I am waiting for him outside; please say nothing about this till I tell you how the matter is at Mattock. His only & entire study is Catholic doctrine & how to defeat the plans of his friends when uncongenial to him. He has quite a small library of Catholic works which this priest recommended him to get, though there are only cheap 1/- copies.

Yours sincerely

W.B. Ishmael

Leeds 20/6/78

Dear Friend

A lady has just called upon me on behalf of a gentleman at Liverpool whom his friends wish me to have for under care — It seems they would not object to £4. or £5 per week. Would you kindly write by tonights Post to say if you could take him in. The address on the other side Thy sincere friend

John Whitley

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Mrs Sage
9 Chatham St
Liverpool

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.

June 20th 187[illegible]

Dr Baker
Dear Friend –

Hearing my letter of yesterday implied- tend to unsettle any ar- -rangement- you might have made about- getting John [illegible] to Watlock, I wish that Lishman could go with him – But we should be glad if you could arrange to liberate him by say next- Monday week, for a week at- any rate if not- altogether –

In haste
Yours truly
Henry Procter

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W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

24. North John Street.

Liverpool. 20th June 1878

My dear Sir.

I feel deeply obliged to you for your consideration in letting me know that the journey & change have not, apparently, been prejudicial to my brother. It is also a very great satisfaction to me that he is pleased by the change, for I feared that he might resent it, as being suggestive to him of a continuance of a restraint against which he was beginning to rebel.

Yours faithfully

Wm. J. Clare

D. Baker

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Royal Asylum
Morningside
Edinburgh

16 June 1879

Dear Dr Tuke. I had made all the arrangements for the interview of Dr Bakewell papers & divided the original article of Nicholsons into two but he has unfortunately so strongly wishes it published for some special purpose that I have to intend to do all he has an old contributor, and poor.

poor Dr Bakewell's article. I should be glad if he could wait till our Oct. No. into which I could insert it's insertion. Of course if he wishes it I shall send the MS. back as only at least the last paper which reached me for this No.

Yours truly
J. Crichton

Dr. Hack Tuke.

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4. Prospect Place
Newgate

Madam -

I am writing to
ask you a favor, which
I shall be glad if you
can accede to. I must
first tell you that about
3 weeks ago when in
London I had an
accident which has
caused me to require
a little more attendance
& in arriving at York

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engaged Sarah Gains to
come with me to Harrogate
until the 29th inst. When
She would return to
come to your situation
on the 1st of July - Our
time here expires on
the 4th of July - & I am
writing to ask you if
you could arrange for
her to remain with me
until then & enter on
her situation with you
on the 5th - If you
cannot do this of course
She shall come to you
on the 1st - I shall
feel Obliged if you
can let me know at
your earliest convenience

I am
Madam
Yours truly -
E. A. Wood

June 18th 1878

Address, Miss Wood
4. Prospect Place
Harrogate

Leeming Mill
Bradford
June 18. 76

My dear Sir,

You will think I always write to you when I am just = I regret to say that my mother was in London with Mrs Dicey has had some stimulant - She insisted on going out alone & with that result, we allowed it at Ilkley but it won't do here - Mrs Dicey

anyone, ladylike. firm not flighty (excuse this but any mother is jealous of any one who makes more favor with any gentlemen than herself) - If you can oblige me I should be glad. Ilkley would be a nice home if they can put up with mothers ways - Kindly write me

Yours sincere
Fredk Craven

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however will go out with her now -

I am sorry however that Mrs Disney has to leave us, though it will be a nice change for her to be with her husband.

I believe she has had to put up with a good deal with my mother -

The latter returns to Ilkley when Mrs Disney leaves her, & she has had two or three very hot words with me about entirely dispensing & with a companion at least for a time.

I feel this cannot be though I partly promised to try her & [illegible] her, but after this "do" in London I can take back that promise.

It would never do to have any trouble at Ilkley Wells House.

I really write to ask if you know

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From	To
Mrs Lizz 95 Chatham St	Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

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Thanks patient gone to Establishment nearer home

The Avenue 20th Oct
1878

Dear Friend Dr Baker,

I received the account
in due order & should at
once have replyed but was sorry
I should like to add the are fully
satisfied with the amount:
I have no doubt my son John
Di Guerries concerning his late
Fathers property was made,
in order that he might carry out
properly his office, as Assignee.
I am sure he think all & every thing
was well packed up & sent us, & my
many thanks for the trouble taken
& the kindness he received.

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With kind regards and to L.
President.

My sincere friend
Eliza Appleton

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Direct.
"Portico"
Morley St=

From Frederick Cooper,
Manchester.

19/6 1878

To My Dear Friend
D Baker

I fear it will be very inconvenient for me
to come to York this week — so I will
try to come over & see you next week —
Either Wedy. or Thursday — which ever
day suits you best. I shd reach York
@ 12 noon = & shd have to leave @ 3. to 4
Yours truly

You will in your discretion Let
My sister Know I will
Come & spend an hour
or two with her = but
I fear rather the propriety
of disturbing or Exciting
her

Batley
2d June 1875.

Dear Dr Baker.

Mrs Thwaite's friends,
not having heard regarding
her for some time, are very
anxious to know as what
state she is; please kindly
drop me a note saying &
giving such information
as you may think necessary

Yours faithfully

Geo. H. Thwaite

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Just Leaving
Mary Magdalene

Eden Bank
Stanmore
June 21st/98.

Dear Dr Barnardo

along with this letter
I send a sketch Map of Island
for my dear Brother. He
asked to be my Guide of
Island - & these are to
put in his book of Camp
& they with Love -
Trusting you Sunday Fell
Room - Best Love Mary Ann

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Green, & that poor Girl
Father's birthday last.
This week — & he had 82 —
years of age — but I fear
he will not take any notice
only I was anxious to know
if he died — The accounts
from you and from
our friends that have
been to see him are
not favourable as regards
his mental condition
he are sadly grieved
to hear it — he did hope
there might be some

Signs of improvement.
Poor General. Send letter,
We think you had better
a little at home and
the Lane comfort.
I will be dear about.
Yours Ever Grateful —
We hope you will continue
to give him such drink
as you think is good for
him. would you kindly
write and let us know
if he noticed the flowers
sent — —

where I could get it made up—

I think I shall like it here very much it is pleasantly open before the windows & the house is nicer than I thought now we have has the windows open a bit—

Kitty Mrs Baker is getting on, & with Kind regards, I am very sincerely

Aurelia Grace

The Holmes House
Barden
by Skipton.
June 21/78.

Dear Dr.

I am very glad to find I need not hurry with the book— there is so much that is romantic in our surroundings here that I do not care to leave

much. Whyte Melville will be a great resource if we get a wet day. We had a delightful drive here through Blubberhouses on Wednesday. I was not at all overdone but slept really well Wednesday night. I think the pills must be suiting me. I believe I am stronger than I was, but I shall finish what I have today, so that if you wish me to continue them you had need send me a supply. You did not give me any prescription & even if I had one there is no place nearer than 6 miles

date much as I should like to do so.

At the end of July - Mr. N. will leave it to me to decide whether I return to him again after the holidays or leave him for good. If a companion for Mr Procter should still be required ~~for Mr P.~~ at that time I should be at liberty to accept the post ~~supposing~~ if it were offered me. But, otherwise, I shall return to my old

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25 Nelson St.

Sunderland

June 21st

Dear Sir

I have bound myself to remain with Mr Nicholson until the end of July - by way of compensation for the 5 weeks he allowed me at Ilkley in the Spring.

It is therefore quite impossible for me to join Mr Procter in 10 or 12 days from this

quarters here as Mr. R. is anxious to retain me

I can scarcely think you will be able to find a Companion for Mr P before the end of July – but if such should be the case and you should still think of me as suitable for the post I shall be much obliged by your giving me an early intimation of your intentions so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements.

Thanking you for the offer.

I am yrs faithfully.

John Irons.

I post tomorrow night
I remain Dr Sir
Your faithfully
E. Rigby

50 East la Rw Road
Camberwell
June 21st 78

My Dear Sir,

I am extremely obliged
to you for your kind allusion
to my dear wife, and for
your early account of her
condition, but I am getting
extremely anxious to see her
and if you can conclude
her visits Mrs Faith, & myself
coming over, if you think
she is worth it, the anxiety
and of dangerous excite-
ment to her, is worth
to a great comfort to me
please to state in your

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Dundee 21st June 1878
14 Victoria Chambers

My dear Sir

Your various reports regarding my brother have been duly transmitted to me from Leeds, and I am very glad indeed to hear he is getting on so well.
I was much pleased with your place when I came with him to put him under your care, and I know you have been most attentive and kind every way for which I thank you.
We are hoping now you will soon see that you can let him go.
Perhaps you will send me a line when you can conveniently write.
I send James today an Edinburgh paper, and I shall write to him soon

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to which, I suppose, you have no objection.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Walter Scott Brooks.

Dr Baker

York.

Leeds 22/6/78

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I have been spoken to on behalf of the friends of a Mrs Blackburn who has made application for her admission into the Retreat, but have been informed that the Ladies department is full.

I reluctantly write to thee on the subject being so confident that thou will not have only objected to receiving her on suffrance

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grounds, but if anything should seem the refusal to admit to order her admission possible will show be made enough to help them.

Thy sincere friend
John Wesley

addressed
Headingley

Leaves writing above the envelope has been opened since I left home can an authority for the case consider them kindly may to which I take answer by Wednesday next, and return all to me.

BLYTHESWOOD,
OSBORNE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

22nd June
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My dear Sir

I am pleased
any at the fearful
amount of trouble you
have over John.

I write him a very
close letter few days
ago urging caution
&c: but this seems
only to have intensified
his trouble-dealing.

It appears he has
joined the Dominion
Club. Whether they are
aware that he is
married I cannot
tell. The enclosed
letter we considered
quite unfit to be
put in the hands
of the person he knows
it is addressed to
though we had better
send it to you.

Mr. Davidson is a
large miller in New-
castle with whom John used
to know quite well.

Some of the language
in this letter is odious.
Another letter will

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Dr Brennan sent two addressed to Catholic Priest near Gateshead. In this he announces "my happy reception into the Roman Catholic Church". I am to pray for the priest in question, Rev. J. Kelly. I preside for him at a lecture on the Anthony "In defence of the Catholic Church". I know Father Kelly. He is a decent old man, & with Henry's approbation I wrote the letter & sent him with one from myself & Jemima & Dr's benediction.

I have sent a copy of Dr's letter to the priest, & his wife, & mentioned, in writing to Mrs Jordan, the old letter to Brockhill.

You can return the letter to Dr. Davidson next time you write to my brother Henry.

Yours truly
Edmund Ryder

My sister Emma Ryder was here a few days ago & seemed like & Henry well.

Oak College
June 22nd/93

Dear Dr Baker

I am sorry
I have transgressed
in writing to Mrs Dean
but as I understood
the matron was
away, and of course
expected the nurse
had the care of
my poor daughters

for the payment
of Nellie's dues
I remain
Yours truly
S. E. Stansfield

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wardrobe, I wished
to mention a few
articles Nellie has
sent for that he
wished taking care
of. We are naturally
desirous that dear
Nellie should have
all that may help
to please, and have
judged from her
letters that she
is considerably better
at times. It is
a great trouble
to me that I can
get no answer
to some of my
questions, but suppose
it is against the
rules. I don't know
if you are aware
that we have as
yet got no notice

Basing Lodge
June 21st 1878.

Dear Dr. Baker

I was very glad to find from your letter received today that you had been so favorably impressed with the Hydropathic Establishment at Matlock. If Dr Bird should write only after I saw him & get Mr Baker at his Establishment the arrangement altogether seems a most satisfactory one.

I am also glad you were so well pleased with Captain Burton, & that you found him a person with whom you could calculate in detail, & rely upon his co-operation. This seems to be if it might be a very decided advantage, & more

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than counter-balance any disposition of Style in Ilkley. Provided John has all things necessary for his comfort 'style' is quite a secondary consideration. Very probably it is smaller but Gabriel himself the patients may get more supervision from the Principal than they can possibly do in such a large place as Ilkley Wells House. Gilbert, I fancy, needs a little help in the management of dear John.

Our friend, Mr. Wallis, returned home from Ilkley a few days ago. He tells me Gilbert is most devoted to John, & exceedingly anxious & the whole to abandon his recovery. R. Wallis considers him a very nice fellow, & greatly admires him for his devotion to John. John is however, I am afraid, Ilkley had. Vanity of his good looking, and makes him walk twenty miles a day however cold it is. Gilbert is not very strong (Henry told me they feared there was a tendency to consumption) & of course John ought not to impose upon him in this way. John has been attending the Roman Catholic Chapel daily, meeting Gilbert there & then walking for him (even if it is pouring with rain) until his errand there is accomplished. R. Wallis said he "went to Chapel or to something or another each day". He tells Gilbert & the Priest & also to Confession once every day & sometimes twice. He tells people that Gilbert is his "best Friends" he was the first person Gilbert saw, joining the R.C. Church is another step & the next step will be into Heaven". He works

the boy & show he regrets his folly.
I pity poor Lizzie exceedingly
I am his first & most dissipated
one, & shall gladly be his best
& his only friend for now. I shall
be very glad if he gets a little
assistance from Captain Burton
& entering now carry out your
directions more closely than he
seems to have been closely called.
Please do not say any thing to
John or Lizzie about this
letter.
With kind regards
Yours very truly
Bessie Porter.

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Sunday

Dr. Baker

Ilkley Wells.

Dr. Sir

If you can find time write to Mr. Proctor (at Knaresborough) by return of post that you were surprised to hear he has been a joined Catholic for some time; that he has been attending the Cath. Chapel during the past week, several times, in spite of the many promises made, that he still continues to buy & pore over Catholic books & that the constant study of these books is entirely against his recovery. ask him for an explanation of his conduct; & lead him to think you have got your information from Dr. Lesson. Tell him also you have taken steps to be made aware of his movements at Knaresborough on Sunday & as well as other days.

Yours truly W.B. Christmas

Hello! Cath. Ch. today! Will do as you wish while I am waiting for him.

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Leeming Mill
Bradford
June 23. 78

My dear Li

Mrs Disney writes me that she will join her husband on Tuesday —

Meanwhile my mother stays with her brother near Byd. She is very excitable & I dare not let her go to Ilkley alone —

Yours ever
Fred Abraham

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small umbrella or
parasol if you will
get them, we will
send the money, or
bring it. If she
objects to the feather
in her hat, will you
please take care of
it also of the different
articles she has sent
for, the purse was
a present from her

Oak Cottage
Mr Shipley
Sandfield

My dear Mrs Digby
I have sent
Nellie a few things
that she asked for,
and am at a loss
what to do about
a dress, as I don't
know if she likes
altered or not.
We will send some
clothes
her wish when

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they are finished and anything else that she may require if you will let us know. I should like to see her if it would do no harm, sometime when she is at her best – if I only knew that time. – I am so thankful that she is so happy. her letters are a great comfort to us. In the last letter she mentions a cousin John William Does she mean Willie Thompson? – I should have sent her watch but it is not in repair. I think she will need a

patient. both physician and patient. but then we agree in this as in all things and I appreciate your consideration in sending the patient to a Quieter and healthier place.

I am dear Dr
Yours faithfully
W B Kesteven

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SMEDLEY'S INSTITUTION,
MATLOCK BRIDGE,
DERBYSHIRE. June. 23. 78

Dear Dr Baker

Our arrangements admit of Turkish baths to residents as may accompany the ordinary prospectus.

Had it been otherwise I should have had pleasure in making an exception in favour of your patient and should be happy to oblige you in any way that lies in my power. He is generally considered Hysterical. that eccentricity is the distinguishing mark of the hypo-

Leeds 25th, June/78.

Dear Sir,

I have yours of the 22nd & 24th, last, Our foreman Mr. Milford, asked me if he might call upon you when in York, he has a great regard for my brother, & seemed anxious to see him, I told him there would be no harm in calling, but said that perhaps you would not allow him to see my brother, as you had given us no authority to come. I am very sorry his visit has had a prejudicial effect & trust that the excitement will soon pass off. I am sure, we did not intend to interfere with you in any way, Mr. Milford merely went on the chance of seeing him

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I was quite perpared to go away again,
had without seeing him.
Trusting to have better accounts soon,

I am,

Yours respectfully,

John Brodie

No one shall go again, without first
getting your permission,

25. Nelson St.
Sunderland.
June 24

Dear Sir

Ere it is too late - I write to say that, as matters are in such a state of uncertainty I would rather not pledge myself to accept the post of companion to Mr Procter in July supposing you should be kind enough to offer it to me. Mr Nicholson

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is most anxious to retain
me as the boys are going up
for Examination next year.

And, as an inducement
for me to remain, he promises
me an increase in my stipend.
I remember too, I am half
pledged to take the post
of temporary Tutor to some
boys in Worcestershire during
the Summer Holidays.

I much fear you will
think me selfish in thus
acting and hope you will
forgive me if I have
put you to any inconvenience

I am
Yrs: faithfully
John Irons.

I hope I have made it plain
that I have now given Mr
Nicholson a decided promise
to remain with him.

BERESFORD'S RESTAURANT.

Chapel Walks,

Manchester June 24th 1878

My Dear Sir/

I enclose P.O.O.
for £2. 10. 8. which kindly
acknowledge per return
marked private.
My brother is still at home,
he appears much better mentally
but is very weak & low.
Yours faithfully
Jas Beresford

Robert Baker Esq.
York

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Rockside

June 24/78.

D. Baker 5.40 p.m.

We have just arrived & there is no time to lose to catch the post. We have got here all right & are now going to have tea. Our room is very nice & I think we shall be comfortable. 192

Have rec'd your note of introduction. Yours truly

W. B. Eitman

Lancaster 25th June 1878

My dear Sir.

It will be two months on Monday since I visited Mrs Wearing, and should be pleased to see her, with my eldest Son, who is now at home for his holidays, if not injurious to her, on Tuesday next. We are all very well and desire you kindly to give her our dearest love. Her Mamma is decidedly better, but her Father gets gradually weaker. I would be

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glad to have a letter from Mrs Wearing before we come, if well enough to write me. With kind regards believe me

Yours truly

S. W Wearing

G. N. HADEN & SON.

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

28 June 1875.

Dear Sir,

I cannot find the Estimate which you say was returned to me. It is not here among the papers. So I send you a copy of it from our books. But I am inclined to think that you might find the original at Mr. John Cassin's. If I remember rightly you left it with them at the close of business one evening when I was there.

Do not trouble to answer.

Yours Faithfully
J. Blake

G. Baker.

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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.

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HARRISON BROTHERS,
IRONMONGERS
AND
HOUSE FURNISHERS.

12, FAWCETT STREET

Sunderland 26 June 1878

Sir,

I am requested by my Brother who is confined to his room by a rather severe illness to enclose you Cheque Value £20·8·0 for Mrs Harrison Board &c

He will be glad to know if Mrs H is in her usual state of health, mentally & physically, — & if her usual stationary, state still continues

I remain
Sir
Your respectfully,
A Harrison

Robt Baker Esq M.D
Retreat
York

FRIENDS' INSTITUTE
13
BISHOPSGATE ST.
WITHOUT.
LONDON. E.C.

26. vi. 1878

My dear friend

I will not be possible for me this year for me to let my Scalby house for lodgers. Another year, if I have ~~see~~ not my children there I may possibly be able to do so. This yr. however so many

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reasons it is out of the
question.

Excuse my delay
please — I am up with
the matriculators. I
hope they may be suc-
cessful.

I am
Thy sincere friend
Thomas Walton

Ilkley Wells House.

June 21/75

Dear Mr Baker.

Jour just to hand
yesterday Mr Procter
and I handed Mrs William
about her Je. when Mr
Procter brother was at
here. I had him about
the Priest & asked.

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Priest wherever he goes. I
thank the Priest (Mr Pope) ought
to be written to and told the wrong
Person Proclaim'd. I see he has
put a <u>set of heads now</u>
such the exception of Religion.

Procter really seems all right =
If comes you are aware Mrs Craven
is in Town and has been for some
time Sunday Mrs Baker & family are
all well I believe to remain
Sincerely yours
D Leeson

P.S. Of course you have heard of
"Queens" Cricket & Southampton Asylum

him if I should stop
him going to the Priest
or write to Mr Pope.
and tell him all about
Procli, but he said
No I was to let him
go as much as he
liked as it might
hurt his Mind &
as he has gone just so
as often as he liked.
he will soon be

25 Spring Terrace
No. Shields 6/26/78

Dear Dr Baker
Knowing that you
are sometimes in want
of helps in the Retreat,
would also at L— House,
I write to inform you
that at present I stand
with two Mrs Agnes Steel
who will be at liberty
Aug 1st and would like
a permanent situation
in an institution. She

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Robert Agnes Steel
26 Spring Terrace
North Shields

who lived with a friend
in her early days; lately
she has gone out as
sick nurse &c – She is a
respectable, steady woman,
of obliging manners, good
looks – tells me
she can give references &c –
Should these be opening
an early reply will oblige –
With love to Mrs Parker
and yourself
I remain sincerely
M Bentham

Derby Terrace
Rochdale
20th June 1878

Dear Sir,

I have just been to Smithurst to see Mrs Coventry. & find he is a little dissatisfied with your last letter to me. After my visit to York you wrote to me that Mrs Coventry was in her usual state & not in any way affected by my visit. & in your last letter to me you say that you do not consider it advisable for Mrs Coventry to visit Mrs Coventry as

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It was sometime
before she received
her usual Composure
after my visit. I
have not got your
two letters by me,
Mrs Curwen has them,
& therefore cannot
quote your words
exactly, but they were
to the above effect.
perhaps you will
kindly explain the
apparent difference,
as I promised Mrs
Curwen to write to
you on the subject &
send him your reply.
Please tell Mrs Curwen
that my sisters Esther
& Nannie from Phil-
adelphia are here at
present & send their
love to her.
Yours Mrs Curwen

is keeping well, kindly
give my love when —
Mr Coventry is much
the same, but I think
feels this hot weather.
With kind regards
Believe me
Yours faithfully
Arthur Bowes

J. Baker
The Retreat
York

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New York
Thursday

Dear Dr Baker,

I am wondering very much how my little child keeps this enfeebling hot weather, as I know the heat generally tries her very much. Have you any nice berry to fix under? as at home she sat out of doors so much last year in the heat of the day under trees and as we are on a hill there is always breeze. I trust she will get on well. I am wanting much to see her when you

1871

think it may not hurt her. I am sure you will let me know. I trust when you go to the sea she may forget her desire to go to London Will you kindly give her the enclosed Trusting to hear a good account of her

Believe me Yours
very truly
A C Rust

I dont know if you have had any thunder storms but dear C is much affected by them once she was thrown back for some time, but a very severe storm I have found shutting the shutters & lighting the gas make it better for her

Oak Cottage
June 29th 1898

Dear Dr Baker

I should like to see my dear girl, when in her most sensible state. I shall feel much obliged if you will write me when that

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is likely. May
I trouble you to
ask Mrs. Richardson
if she can get
summer dresses
for dear Nellie, or
shall I do so.

Yours very truly
S. E. Stansfield

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Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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Handed in at the Cheadle Cheshire *Office at* 12 55 .M., *Received here at* 1 15 .M.

From	To
J W Mould Cheadle Cheshire	Dog Baker Friends Retreat York

Can you let us know when your patient please she may be expected

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To

From

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STEAD, SIMPSON & NEPHEWS.
LEEDS.
LEICESTER.
NORTHAMPTON.
DAVENTRY.

130, Kirkgate.

Leeds June 28 1878

Dr Baker York.

Dear Sir I am very sorry to learn by your telegram that you cannot spare a Bed - I have written Dr Moult of Cheadle this post Thanks for your kindness

Yours truly

J. & B. Blackburn

1194

4 Victoria Terrace.
Durham.

28th June 1878.

My dear Dr Baker,

I got your note this morning, and as my daughter still sometimes bathes poorly in health, I shall feel obliged if you will kindly arrange

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for her going to Scarboro.
I hope the change may
prove beneficial to her.
I that I shall hear in
time hear again from one
you of her welfare --
Believe me,
Yours faithfully,
M. Reynolds

Byd

June 28.78

My dear Sue,

My mother wishes me to write that she has a Companion in view. I doubt this, but perhaps you will be on the look out without actually doing anything. At present she is staying with "Sue" friends - Mrs Dixon has gone -

Yours sincerely

Fredk Bowen

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June 28th 1878

Stratford Place,
Broomspring Lane,
Sheffield.

Dear Dr Baker

I am quite willing for my husband to go to Scarborough and am very glad to know that he is sufficiently well to go.— He has always been fond of the sea, and of bathing, and I do hope that entire change will prove beneficial.

I am very glad to hear that there is a little more improvement in his condition

With kind regards

I am

Yours respectfully

Elisha W. Stanton

20 Beaufort Rd
Birm.m
June 28 1878

My dear Friend

I scarcely like to trouble thee and yet should be glad to have a few lines to say if thou considers my dear husband is still improving, the tone of his letters is certainly better - he wishes to come home soon, and I have referred him to thee telling him thou will not wish to keep

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him longer than is
necessary and than
both
art is better judge than
myself — I shall be
glad when the right
time arrives for him
to return — If he is not
sufficiently restored
I think of going to
Manchester and could
come and see him
from there —

With kindest regards

I remain Dear Sir Yours truly

A W Liddell Esq

An early reply would much
oblige

Dr Baker —

The Holmes House
Barden—
June 28/75.

Dear Dr—

There really does not seem anything very fresh to report— I hope I am getting stronger, but I still find that if I exert myself to do

that we are rather too near the Corr. yet & the atmosphere is apt & then a little strong sometimes! Mrs Curry is much better since we came here & we both have good appetites for the nice farm house bread butter & delicious milk— On Wednesday next

much I get very
tired_ We walked to
the Abbey for service
on Sunday_ about
three miles although
we took lunch & rested
before we walked
home I was quite
good for nothing the
rest of the day_ Since
we have been out
very little_ The wea-
ther has been so hot
that we have found
the house the coolest
& pleasantest place
we have thought_
We enjoy our little
sitting room very
much, there is such
a lovely view over
the river to the
Bardon woods_ The
only draw back is

We have arranged
to move on to the
next farm. house
down the valley — a
"little better than a
mile" from here. the
place I took a fancy
to when we were
looking out for rooms
but the apartments
were engaged then.
Our address then

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will be
Mrs Young
The Laund Nook
Bolton Abbey
by Skipton -
I shall be very glad
to be nearer the
Abbey & think we
shall like it there
very much - I am
much obliged for the
pills which came
quite safely -
With Kind regards
I am
very sincerely
Amelia Grace -

SCHOFIELD & RICE.
OPPOSITE THE TOWN HALL.

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

Leeds June 28th 1878

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly let us hear more frequently as to Mrs Rice's condition. It is now a long time since we had a letter from you. And you can understand that our trouble and anxiety have naturally increased with the painful experiences which we have passed through.

We should like to hear from you at least once a fortnight. as I shall not be able to come over to York so often as my Father did. If there is any additional expence which would be incurred we will willingly pay it: Kindly let us have a letter as early as possible

And oblige.

Yours faithfully

W A Rice.

J Baker
York.

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of a journey to York
would be more than would
suit her if she was
not brought back
with love affectionately
M Linthorst

25 Spring Grove
6/28/78

Dear Dr Baker

In reply to mine
received this morning, I
cannot but think that
Agnes Steele would be
valuable to you. She
has filled a place of trust,
has seen something of
insane persons, has
nursed two gentlemen
in delirium tremens

1881

which is much the
same – She is middle
aged, from the short time
she has been with me
I am favourably impressed
She is reliable & conscientious,
an early riser, and good
time keeper – She would
like to know something
of the duties required
and the salary given –
then she could be better
able to judge whether
whether she could undertake
the duties – the expense

New Parks

Friday

Dear Dr Baker,

It seems
to me very desirable
for my daughter to go
to the sea as bathing
always does her so
much good, but I should
be glad to know about
what the additional expense
would be. I understand our
friends Mr Heyer had

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that a trip to the sea
was included in the
terms. I dare say the expense
would not be heavy,
as of course the living
would be the same
any where. As Miss
Woodhead is not at
home, you might not
mind, if she wants
any cool dresses for
this hot weather, or
if she would require
any thing for the seaside
her parasol was warm
One night and another
Believe me yours
Sincerely A. J. Hine

The Rectory,
Kirkby Thore.
Penrith

My dear Sir

Will you kindly give me your advice upon a little matter of business respecting my poor child.[2] I hold of his 25 shares in a Co-operative Society in London worth 1£ each - I can't sell them because poor Alfred is unequal to sign a Transfer of the shares. A barrister Mr Gladstone is a friend to my son in Law Captain Pitman and I now enclose letters to me from each of them.

1874

will you kindly tell me how I had best proceed to recover the £25. Tell me please what would be the entire cost of a "Petition" to have poor Alfred declared "non compos mentis". If it would be much, I must abandon the claim which I can ill afford to do. I would not trouble you on the matter did I not suppose that similar cases must have been presented to you, and that you would not have any difficulty in directing me how to proceed. Pray pardon me for thus troubling you but I know of no one who could so well aid me in my difficulty. Please to mention my name to my darling child. Believe me ever

Yours faithfully

Edwd Cookson

P. S. Kindly return me the two enclosed letters. Major Gladstone was a brother officer in the Artillery with my son in law Capt. Pitman but has now become a Barrister in the Middle Temple.

The Library
St Bart's Hosp.

Dear Dr Baker.

I am staying at
3 Upper Cranfield Road Brockley S.E.
& arrived all right it is
very hot. beat York. I think

Yours Sincerely
Emily Read Evans

Dr Baker.

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Rockside Hydro Est.
Matlock.

Dr. Son,

We are doing very well here, but the weather is extremely hot. Mr. F. is little different; but it is a good job he is now out of the way of the R. C. Priests. He declared to me yesterday, when we were at Buxton, that his illness was brought on through want of sleep caused by excessive & unsatisfied sexual desire. That being the cause of remaining awake all through the night. Yours truly W B Y

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UPPER WIDCOMBE MILLS, &

Stall Street.

FROM
COLEBY & GILES,
CORN MERCHANTS.

Bath June 25 1878

To Dr Baker
York

Dear Doctor,

I suppose you will not be coming to the medical conference to be held here in the Autumn. If you have any idea so doing we should be delighted to see you. As I am entirely lost and dare say you are the same I will not bore you any more but subscribe myself

Yours sincerely
Samuel Giles.

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~~##~~ Adns

$$39 \overline{)1300} \; 33.3$$
$$117$$
$$130$$
$$117$$
$$13$$

39 Adns
27 Deaths
12
13 Recovd
8 deaths

$$54 + 83 = 137$$
$$4 + 8 \quad\quad 12$$
$$58 + 91 \quad\quad 149$$

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

YORK DISTRICT.—PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

Local Superintendent's Office,

No. 354 YORK, 27th June 1878.

Dr Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter of yesterday, I beg to state that I am back because in giving instructions for tickets at the special fares during such of your patients during this season.

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Jno Watson
Loco Supt.

1878

Cheadle,
nr Manchester.

June 24th
1878.

Dear Sir Baker.

I have written to
Sir Blackburn my brother.
stating your wish to
visit Cairo.
He can put us all two
but I have thought it my
bounden duty to state
two. and Ball both

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as many as I can away during the summer.

I take them the pleasure of calling upon you shortly as I am very glad to see you back again and expect to be called to your neighborhood.

I fear I cannot render any assistance in this matter as I do not

times prior to using this language.

Very truly yours

J. W. Arnold

F. Baker.

50 East Lake Rd
Camberwell
June 29th 78

Dear Sir,

I shall return in a few days if you wish kindly as you desire, answer me the following enquiries as to the condition of my dear wife

Yours Dr Sir
Jane Faith Pike
Plaistow Rectory

1st Is she in her physical condition is she able to sit up and moves about or confined to her Bed
2 Is her excitement confined to utterance of Speech,
3 does she yield to persuasion or are you obliged to restrain
4 Has she made any enquiries after home.
5 Does she know you, or even realise that she is under restraint
6 Do you suppose Her she suffers much pain

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1 Have you formed any opinion as to the cause, or the nature of the disease,

2 What is the condition of mental, & physically compared with a month ago

3 Does she continue to be afflicted with the same delusions as when she first came & does her mind wander from one subject to others.

4 Has she ever had any natural movement

as we know
a line per return will
oblige
Yours Respy
Fred Thompson

Dr Baker

H. Trafalgar Sqr Scarboro
June 29th 1878

Dear Sir

We think the Drawing Room
will be at liberty with Double
Bed and single Bed Rooms
on July 13th. terms £2.12.6
Extras. Gas 9/6 per week, Attendance
left. The Dining Room we cannot
give a decided answer about.
We have waited until to day
hoping to say positively, but
the party occupying the Room
cannot yet decide
Will write You as soon

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To Lucie
Matlock Bank
6/30. 78.

My dear Friend

Thine to hand this morning for which I am much obliged - In one sense I was truly grieved to hear of the illness of my dear brother but in another, when we reflected what a life-long affliction his has been & we may trust that when his afflicted tabernacle is laid aside he will be forever in the presence of His Saviour surely we may say that it will be a translation

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for his inexpressible
pain – If I could possibly
leave home I would
immediately come but
with a house full of company
it is very difficult –
I will send a P. O. Order
for any additional
little things he may
need in a day or 2 &
will write to my
sisters &c – Thanking
you all much for
your kindness to him
and for thy letter
Hoping to hear again
soon
Believe me
Thine truly
C. Stowe

Please give my dear love
to him if able to receive it

St. Dominics — Newcastle-on-Tyne

June 29th 1878

Dear Sir

The Father John Procter
spoken of in the notice of Chan-
ges in the Tablet is one of
our Community here — Your
Patient must have seen the
notice & probably imagined
himself the same person —
I am glad to understand
that your Patient is the
brother of the Miller Mr —

Procter, whose Mill is not far
from our church — Hence the
jumble, no doubt, of ideas in
your Patients' mind of Domini-
cans — St Dominics church.
Osleburn — Corn market — Quay-
side &c — Anyhow the
Father John Procter mentioned
in the Tablet & your Patient
are two different persons.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

Jos. Vincent King

× Procter's Moss Mill is not far

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, London.

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Handed in at the Leeds *Office at* 10 M *.M.;* *Received here at* 6 37 *.M.*

From

A. B. Taplin
Royal Insurance
Bds Leeds

To

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

Shall be with you today
at two forty five

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where the nearest Catholic Ch. is, you suppose he attended the Service at that place, & ask him for an explanation. You can say it in what manner you think well: you understand the position I think.

Otherwise we are doing very well & are getting about to see places, but he is little different.

Yours truly
W.B. Lishman

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Chesterfield
June 20 1847

W.B. Lishman
Esq

As I expected, we are at this place, having walked 9 miles to attend the Catholic Ch. where Mr. P. is at this moment. If you like, you can write to him, but do not lead him to suppose I have given you the information. You ~~can~~ perhaps had better write to me (to mislead him) saying you hear we went to Chesterfield on Sunday, and as that is ~~the~~

Derby Grove
Rochdale
June 29th 1848.

Dear Sir,

I think you have misunderstood my letter of the 20th. Mr Crowley was not at all dissatisfied with your opinion, but quite willing to abide by it, & I am sure will always be glad to have you express it freely. I was perhaps wrong in using the word "dissatisfied". At the same time he wished me to ask you to explain the apparent difference between your two letters, as in the first you said that Mrs Crowley was in her usual health & not affected by my visit; very likely thinking she had shown more agitation after you had written.

I regret exceedingly if my letter misled you, for Mr Crowley's Dr is desirous that nothing should agitate him. I shall be very much

obliged if you can write me a line again to send or to them.
I am very sorry to put you to much trouble, I write kind regards remain

Yours sincerely
Arthur Bowes

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

New Parks
Monday

Dear Dr Baker

I am sorry
to find it is a mistake
about the trip to
the sea not being included
in the arrangements made
as I find it is a serious
expense as it is.
I feel so anxious
that she should try
the sea. that I think
I must get you to take

I leave it with you
knowing you will
do the best for her
but I am very anxious
for her to miss nothing
with others if possible
because this hasty note
Believe me yours
very truly
R C Read

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here, & hope you will not find the extras will not be quite so much as you name. Do you think it would do if she had a large bed room & if possible, to take her meals with the other ladies, she has not been used to a private sitting room except at home and I suppose you think it would be better for her to join the other part of your family, if she could, she did before and this might be an opportunity to buy it again even if Hurd had a sitting room in reserve it would be better to have it, & ~~not~~ to have to pay & not need it, than to require it but

20 Braithwaite Pl
Birm^m July 1^st 1878

My dear Friend

I am much obliged for thy letter rec^d yesterday & very pleased to hear that William continues to improve — I am quite willing for him to have the advantage of Scarboro' as thou proposes and will expect a report during the course of his visit

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there. Then if Thou
still considers that
he is well enough
to be liberated on
trial to come home
shall feel obliged
for instructions as
to my proceedings &
My son Wm Hawks is
anxious to see his Father
and if Thou thinks
there is no objection
he may as well do so
as it may be long before
he has another opportunity if Williamsons
horse - as it is a long
journey to Newcastle
he once I believe
write to thee -
With my kind regards
I remain thy friend sincerely
A W Liddetter

Basingstoke
July 1st 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I do not at all know when you will be likely to be going over to Eastbrook to see dear John, but if you could kindly let us know a few days beforehand we should be glad, as we hope to get some flannels ready for John to wear & would send them to you to take them over with you.

I had a letter from John this morning which I enclose as there was not a line for me. I think you may like to see.

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Yr will notice that on Saturday when he was writing this letter his idea of celebrating had some what altered.

He seems quite pleased with Eastbrook, & likes us that things in some respects it is not quite up to Derby it is very comfortable. he is very well satisfied with the Establishment, & also with the neighbourhood.

Yesterday I suppose he spent it Derby. He met Revd Mr Sutton there is a R. C. Chapel there that he had planned & attended. With kind regards & thanks

Yours very truly
Bessie Porter

P. S. Yr will not like to know that I have sent his letter as Yr as he very likely would not like it.

W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

24. North John Street.

Liverpool 1st July 1878

My dear Sir,

I was greatly gratified at receiving my brother's notes: it is a decided improvement that he has the capacity or will to write - I have replied promising to see him as soon as possible: and I purpose, unless you think it undesirable for me to do so, coming over to York this week; probably on Friday afternoon, so as to have Saturday there -

Yours very truly
Wm. & A. Clare

Dr Baker

35 North Marine Road

Scarboro July 1/74

Dr Baker

I beg to inform you that we are anxious to have the whole of our house ready to receive you on Tuesday next 9th inst If you can possibly come at that date you will greatly oblige us as the season has commenced every day is of importance

Yours Truly

John Botterill

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3. Tynwald Terrace
Chorlton Road
Manchester
7 Mo 1st 1878.

Dear Friend

I am much obliged for thy letter I am sorry dear Hannah does not improve much, I hope she will be some what better now, and I shall be much obliged if thou wilt get her to sign the enclosed Dividend Warrant when thou thinks she

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seems in the humour

seems in the humour
to do so, and then kindly
return it to me, I hope
thou will have a better
report to send one next
time, she will have felt
the hot weather we have
been having, I am glad
it is cooler now.
I hope Mrs Baker is better
than she was awhile ago.
With love I remain
Thy Sincere Friend
Jane Moulding.

35 New North Road
Huddersfield
July 2. 1875

To W. Baker.

Dr. Lei

I enclose you
Fifteen Pounds 3/5 as per
Enclosed note.
Please acknowledge by
return & you will oblige
Yours faithfully
Jane Oates

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7 Wellington Parade
Gloucester
Jan 2 - 1878

Dear Friends

I enclose cheque £26.13.6 which kindly acknowledge -

Yours truly

Annie B. Burt

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80 Upper Fulbeltfire
July 1 Surrey
1878.

Dear Sir

I mostly send this to you by way of Mrs Spence. but as I do not know her address at Wentley dale. I think I had better send it thus. as you will be the better judge whether it should wait her return to York or be forwarded to her - I am preparing to leave home for some paintings & as perhaps you are by the Jaspers great heat & constant Thirst are our pictures dry. I have put a Sufficient envelope at hand to please excuse the disorder Yours truly

Lydia Rickman

to "Baker Esqr Dr. L.

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Tuesday

July 2nd 1878

Dear friend Mr Baker

I was quite unable
to get away last Friday
but will try to do so
this Friday – I hope
to find you at home

Yours very truly
Fred. Cooper

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Ashwood Villas.
Headingley. Leeds.
July 2nd 1878.

Dr R. Baker,

Dear Sir,

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let us know at yaur earliest convenience, if there is any improvement in father's health; it is now some weeks since we heard, and we naturally feel unxious especially as father has discontinued writing.

I am
Yours Respt
H. Walker.

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Aspy and
Buffalo
July 3rd 1878

Dear Dr. Baker

Dr. Brother (Wesley)
has been here to day
and we have had
some talk about my
going to him. he wishes
me to see you and
proposes our meeting
you at York next week.
Thursday Friday or Saturday
of next week will suit
Dr. Barker. will you

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Kindly let me know
soon or if any of those
days will be convenient
to you. and also please
let yr Brother know
Trusting you are all
well and with kind
regards to yourself and
Mrs Baker.

I am Dear Mr Baker
Yrs very Truly
W. Willis

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Bath
2nd July 78

Dear Sir

I will you please be kind enough to let me know what is the amount of the Family Map

Come out to us

Yours truly

E. J. Patches

Dr Bath

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Huddersfield
35 New North Rd.

Dr Sir

I have sent a parcel off this evening by Jubilee train containing two dresses for my sister. And hope they will please her. The parcel is addressed to your carriage paid.

From Your Respt.
H J Oates

July 31st/78.

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From	To
R H Carr 24 north John Street Liverpool	Ivy Baker The Friends Retreat York

I shall arrive in York by Evening train and will be with you tomorrow morning

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From

To

W & A. CLARE,
SOLICITORS.

24. North John Street.

Liverpool. 3 July 1878

Dear Sir,

My brother's letter contains a request that I will bring him a Bible &c & some money. How far will it be desirable for me to comply with these requests? I should of course prefer to do so, if I may: but you must say. I suppose coming over either on Friday or Saturday next —

Yours very truly

Wm. & A. Clare

Dr Baker.

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THE VICARAGE,
HIGH HARROGATE.

Dear Sir

I am told by Miss Cash, that you will be very kindly willing, as well as able to give me information, about "Rituals" at York or Wakefield.

A servant who has lived with us more than 4 years, has

you suppose, I shall be greatly obliged.

I am

dear Sir

Yours truly

L. M. Gibbons

3/13

had an attack of hysterical mania - The attack has passed off - but has left her feeble - & at times she becomes much excited. We feel that she ought to be removed from home, indeed it is very difficult for her Aunt to keep her. She has no Parents.

We should be so glad to hear of some charitable Institution, where she would be kindly cared for at little or no expense.

If you can, & kindly will give us information & help for the

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.
July 4th 1878

Dear Friend
Dr Baker—

We are obliged by your favor with its enclosures for perusal which now return—
The reply from St Dominics is satisfactory as there is a possibility of mistake we can give Allen the benefit of the doubt.
It seems impossible to influence him—for we could not blame Peter's plans here we did about Rob Allen & juvenile companions, Charlie Parsons, as enclosed received this morning from Kilburn Street—. With regard to my Sisters letter I think she has written most—unadvisedly. Certainly writes so plausibly & pleadingly that there seems a difficulty in knowing what to say, but will be more careful in future.
Most kindly asked that there is no desire to frustrate or interfere in any way with your management of the case

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If he were liberated before he was well enough, we, his brothers would have no control over his mind & would if trouble might result.

You will much oblige if you can arrange to liberate Dishman at once, say on Saturday April 1st for altogether, if possible, if not, at any rate for a week or ten days.

Yours truly

Henry Rhodes.

Basing Park
July 4th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your letter received yesterday, & also for sending me Johns letter & Ld Harrison's which I now return; I have been much interested in reading it. In no other case that letter could, I should suppose, for the moment doubt his insanity. I am thankful the letter was stopped, as I should be exceedingly sorry for such a person, who has fallen into the hands of any one but most intimately connected with his case.

Edmund had Kindly written & underlining one of the paragraphs in "The Echo". You, I hear regularly take the Paper, it seems me. Johnnie that he has not written

yet but he promises for [illegible] to come for you & take them to Frederick with you on Saturday if he can get them ready.

I shall be much interested in hearing the result of your visit to Johns Hopkins you can spare time to send me word. I am afraid Ld Hoods must be feeling no better & Ernest in giving him so much writing.

With Kind regards

Yours very truly

Bessie Baker

P. S. I should have returned the letter yesterday but I had a very busy day, so I know you will excuse the delay.

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this matter, & likewise the delicacy that it concerns himself.
The copy of Father King's reply to your letter I am forwarding to Flair. field as I feel sure you would like them to see it.
I am sorry you & Mrs. Holmes're making satisfactory progress. It was very pleasant to find you were likely to spend Sunday at Matlock, & I trust you may be able to come to some satisfactory arrangement with Ryan & his management. Let us know as to how matters ultimately in your hands.
I regret to say that Jane has been visiting to-day fairly severely & Mrs., but I trust your remonstrances may put a stop to it. It is a marvel how people can so persistently follow out their own ideas when they know that those ideas are not in accordance with Dr's in the treatment of a patient under his charge; as no doubt in the matter calmly can consider it & kindness & humour are invoked in things likely to be injurious & this to retard his progress.
I heard from Mrs. Lyons yesterday. he did how he was likely to get on & getting home in on the things in connection with the Prince & Princess of Wales' visit & that city. I hope he enjoyed the day.
I trust you may be able to make some suitable arrangement for Mrs with Ryan & the Companies Store Mr. Lineman leaves, either until you can get Mr. Mrs back, or if they cannot return for a longer period. Charles James is hoping to send

I cannot thank
Dear Dr. you enough
I must try to see
you before Balmoral
Yours very truly
Frances Evelyn Maude
Ashley Park
Walton on Thames
4/78

We came to
our new quarters yes-
terday & find everything
scrupulously clean
& nice. I think me

Yours sincerely
Amelia Grace

There was most in-
vigorating so pure &
bracing - like the
Ilkley Moors - I think
we shall go again -
I take the six pills
a day very regularly
& have enough left
to last over Sunday
I find there lodgings
are let for August &
where I shall go then

shall like it here very much – the air is very sweet with the new cut grass everywhere, & the country is looking very lovely now. I certainly am getting better & think I hardly need issue weekly bulletins now! I began to recover when, as it was cooler, we betook ourselves & the kids for the day & roamed over Barden Fells for hours, climbing Simon's Seat in a leisurely way & when we were tired lying on the heather – the air up

should there be any change in
her condition, indicating that
it might possibly be any
comfort to her, to see me
please to telegraph or write

I remain Dr Sir
Your faithfully
Blanstard Pinyon

30 Eastlake Rd
Camberwell
July 4th 97.

My dear Sir,

Accept my thanks for
your prompt reply to my enquiries
received on Monday Morning
I had entertained the hope that
her condition was not so bad as
your reply would indicate
I learn from them that it could
not, ~~be~~ possibly be any comfort to
my dear wife to visit her in
her present condition. otherwise
it would have been a painful
pleasure for me to do so
I am in receipt of yours of yesterday
and, am happy to learn that
there is a slight improvement

Lancaster 4th July 1878

My dear Sir

We arrived safely home at 1/2 past 6 this evening and found all well. Please give our dearest love to Mrs Wearing. With my kind regards believe me

Yours truly

L. W Wearing

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3. Tynwald Terrace
Chorlton Road
Manchester.
7th mo 5th 1878.

Dear Friend

I sent a letter to thee on 2nd day last the 1st inst with a dividend warrant enclosed for my cousin H. Buckley to sign, there is no hurry about signing it, but I am feeling anxious to know if thou has received it safely, a line on a post card by return of post.

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will greatly oblige
Thy Sincere Friend
I. Goulding.



THE DOMINICAN ORDER IN ENGLAND.—The following changes have recently been made in the English Province of the Dominican Order. The Very Rev. Father G. V. King has been re-elected for the third time Provincial of the Order in England, and now resides at St. Dominic's, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Very Rev. Father Antoninus Williams has been elected Prior of St. Dominic's, Haverstock-hill, London; and the Very Rev. Father Edmund Buckler, Prior of the Noviciate House at Woodchester, near Stroud. The Rev. Father John Proctor has been appointed to St. Dominic's, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and the Revv. FF. Paul Uttill, Hyacinth Arden, and Cuthbert Wolseley to St. Dominic's Priory, Haverstock-hill.

St. Patrick

My Dear Sir

I do not know whether concerning myself I may not say "out of sight, out of mind." but I thought I could make free to send you a few lines but to let you know that I was still alive & not only so, but hope moreover to re-appear in commercial circles during the ensueing Autumn. I thought it might possibly interest you also to be informed I am disappointment falling to my lot in S. Dominic's Church at Newcastle. My brothers have long supposed that I had allied myself to the Jesuits, but you will see from the paragraph which I enclose from "The Tablet" (June 8th) that my new sphere of labour is in connection with a Society in the Church known as the "Dominicans." I quite hope some of my old friends from the Corn market will honour me with their presence at the delivery of my maiden Sermon, which will probably be on the subject of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady.

I am thankful to say that I am fully restored to robust

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Ilkley Wells House.
Wharfedale.
(Via Leeds) Yorkshire.

Feast of S. Patrick 187

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Sister St. Stanislas obtained a perfect cure of both the maladies under which she had been suffering.

THE PRESTBURY CASE.—Lord Penzance has appointed the 13th inst., at Lambeth, to hear a further application for a *significavit* in the case of the Rev. J. Edwards, vicar of Prestbury.

THE DERBY.—Mr. Crawfurd's Sefton won the Derby, beating Count Lagrange's Insulaire, Lord Falmouth's Childeric, and 19 others. Sefton won by a length and a half, Insulaire finishing a similar distance in front of Childeric for second place. Sefton started at 100 to 8, Insulaire at 100 to 30, and Childeric 100 to 8. Priscillian fell at the turn into the straight, and H. Jeffery, his jockey, had his collar-bone broken.

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I am fully restored to robust bodily health, & complete composure of mind, & am ready for an immediate re-introduction to Society. My brothers however advise a few months longer stay in the Country, & no doubt it will be best to act upon their recommendation. I am out among the hills every day, associating myself with the peasantry & speculating in bacon & honey among the farmers. I frequently enjoy a cup of tea with the Dairy Maids, some of whom are very attractive looking creatures, with bright complexions, & judiciously developed in the region of the Chest. They are thus calculated favourably to impress the minds of Wholesale Merchants who may happen to be wandering about the Moors in a state of progressive Convalescence.

My brother Alfred who lately called to see me on his way to London informs me that your brother James has purchased an extensive mansion in the neighbourhood of Wortworth & that you have largely extended the frontage on the quay at your Mills - I find also that additional Stores & Warehouses have been added at the Ouseburn. I hope I may take all this as an indication that in spite of the general depression in trade throughout the Country, that the Wholesale Millers of Newcastle are achieving something more than merely holding their own.

Yours respectfully
John Wooler

Mr Robert M. Davidson
Newcastle on Tyne

Portside Hy. St. Edmt
Mallard
June 29/78

Dear Dr. Baker

I do not know that I am under any directions from you to write concerning myself, & I believe Lishman intends sending you a note in the course of a few days; but I thought it was almost time that you were furnished with some particulars of our progress & procedure.

I have received a note from Fairfield which I think

Lishman leaving, I presume further plans are rather held in abeyance until it is found for him to return to Newcastle So that whether it is proposed for me to travel about for some months & come with a companion or to proceed pretty soon to join Mrs Proctor in Wales I am not as yet aware.

I has disposed to think the former arrangement the best - everything considered, but will be glad to ascertain your views on the subject.

Yours sincerely

J Smith Fowler

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I cannot do better than enclose for your perusal. You will see from it that they are anxious that my wishes should be met as far as possible, & full civil & religious liberty granted without needless delay.

I am not unmindful of the many privileges & liberties already enjoyed, & of the efforts made to further my restoration & welfare; but feeling myself now so strong & vigorous in mind & body, it is only natural that I should consider the time arrived for the full restoration of all civil rights, & a free discharge from medical supervision as indispensable to that feeling of freedom & independence the delightful heritage of all free-born Englishmen.

I do not know what definite arrangements you may have made or may be likely to concert with my relatives north & south, but having received no definite word about

2 Claremont Terrace
Bath 4/4. 78

Esteemed Friend

We are much obliged by your favour of this morning and in reply should much like our dear Julia to have a 3 weeks change (1st commencing) to Scarborough. In your note, you have stated that dear Clemence there 2 weeks last year but the use our Aunt invited Her at Xmas was for 3 weeks viz £3-3/ which we settled

We conclude this

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is only an oversight
but shall be glad
to know how long it
was, lest any such
take should have
occurred.

With our united
regards

I remain

Very respectfully

Julia Fry

We must act accordingly to circumstances when a vacancy occurs.

The Bruce is possessed of nothing in the shape of income but what the relations allow her to send little help from Jamaica.

Alma
St Jamies Terrace
Wigton

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Carlisle City & District Bank,
Cockermouth, 5/7 1878

Dear Bruce

In reply to thy letter in reference to the admission of a female friend to York Retreat from this neighbourhood, I write to say that as the Institution is full she has been placed upon the list of a house in the County for the present, and when there is a vacancy I shall like to know, the present change may be a beneficial one

Toulouse
Malloch Bank
7/3.78

My dear Friend

I am much obliged
for thine and glad to
find from it that my
dear brother is no more
I now write to say that
I shall be pleased to
have thy company to
dinner here on Tuesday
when I shall be glad
to have further conversation
In the mean time
I remain
Thine truly
(Dear love to C. & Stephen
John

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Friends' Prov.t Inst.n
Bradford, 5 July 1878.

My dear Sir/

Would you be kind enough to send me a few lines concerning my brother's condition? I have been wondering whether he has recovered sufficient ground to be fit to go to Rivaux, according to the plan talked of when I saw you last.

Yours faithfully
John B. Dennant

D. Baker

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Rockside Hy. Estab.t
Matlock
July 4/78

Dear Dr. Baker

As we are so soon to have the pleasure of a personal interview with you - it seems almost needless to trouble you with another letter - but I wish to explain a little matter in respect to what you refer to in a note to Lishman"
I find a letter I sent to a friend of mine at Newcastle has been misunderstood. There appears in a recent number of "The Tablet"

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in a serious light. Perhaps you will not think it needful to correspond with any of the Catholic Priests on the subject which would appear to me as an exceedingly absurd proceeding - & a course which I hint after my explanation you will think altogether needless. Further than a natural sympathy for the Catholic Church I have no more to do with the Dominican Order than you have - & if you wrote to the Master of that Society at Newcastle I would almost consider it my place to write & give also, apologies for having written on the subject of an appointment in the Church in a manner possible to be taken in a serious light, which I found had been misunderstood in such an extraordinary manner.

Yours sincerely
John Waters

a list of Dominican preachers appointed for Newcastle, & among them a namesake of mine — Mr Lishman & I were somewhat amused at the coincidence, & he suggested the propriety of extracting the notice referred to, & forwarding it to one of our clerks, of course as a mere Joke. The idea rather commended itself to me as likely to afford a little amusement at a time when the secular press was singularly devoid of striking intelligence — I thought however instead of sending the said paragraph to the Clerk I would forward it to an old friend of mine (Mr Robert Davidson of the Firm of Messrs Davidson Millers Newcastle) & last nr. Idea that he would suppose any thing but that it was a joke — I had thought of adding a postscript explaining the matter, but concluded that it would be an insult to his common sense to suppose him capable of taking the matter

Basing Vicarage
July 6th 1878.

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged for your note & also for your & Kindly sending me dear Johns letter. Shall I also return. I have been much interested in reading it. I trust his explanation of the affair is a correct one. If so it was a very foolish & ill-judged act, but better than his laboring under the delusion that such an appointment had really fallen to his lot. If Johns symptoms & conduct of any thing of this kind I think he would do well & discourage it; as after an attack like John has passed through such as these are likely to be attributed to insanity.

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You will probably hear from Mr Lisle Norman on Monday. Whether Mr Davidson's statements with regard to it are correct.

The other proceedings mentioned in part of his letter, unfortunately are capable of an explanation, they certainly cannot be looked upon as any thing but the result of his very sad malady.

I am glad you have found Mr Gillatt's successor in Mr Lisle Norman who is thanked back at the Ends.

Do you know any thing of Mr Stokes now, or is he dead. Have you heard of Mr Crosier lately & Mr Ch.?

I hope Father Fortunato for us that you do not go to Chatsworth until Monday, as we shall not get the Tenants ready until Wednesday. The stamps only came this morning for the remaining ones, & Charles James is so exceedingly busy just now that he cannot get them ready for the afternoon Post. We will send them to Chatsworth & you will find them there on your arrival on Monday.

I shall be much interested to hearing about your visit to Mr Ch. & trust you may be able to send me a satisfactory report.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Bessie Parkes

JAS. TRUSCOTT & SON, LONDON.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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D. K. Baker
Friends Reheit York

Cannot find Rodgson possibly gone
Mattock by train bringing me
here will waite here till
him Thirty

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

25 Spring Terrace
North Shields
July 5th 1798

To D.r Baker

Sir

I beg to inform you that there was an understanding between Mrs Instthank and myself that I would stay with her till the first of August. It will not suit Mrs Instthanks convenience to liberate me before that time

I am Respectfully Yours
Agnes Steele

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20 Braithwaite Rd
Birmingham
Jan^{y} 7. 1878.

My dear Friend

I intend to go to Manchester for a few weeks on Tuesday (9th inst.) and send them my address there.

I am very hopeful that my dear husband may continue to improve and be well enough to try home. Glad as I shall be to have him back I

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should be sorry to do so before. Thou quite approved it – his letters until the last have been much better, but no doubt the dry sultry weather helped to the press limit. I shall be looking forward for a report from Scarbro' which please address to me at

Mrs W. Ryder Richardson
Colleyhurst Lodge
Whalley Range
Manchester –

With kindest regards believe me to remain thy friend sincerely

A W. Liddle

Northumberland Mills.
Newcastle on Tyne.

July 6th 1878

Dear Friend
Dr Baker —

Am glad to hear that you have met with a companion for my brother — so that Richmond may return on Monday. Also that you hope to get over to Westlock. Have a letter from Potter in which he explains what he said to Mr Davidson as a joke — which is better (however foolish)

Here if he had been deceived —
Write to
Yours truly
Henry Proctor

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