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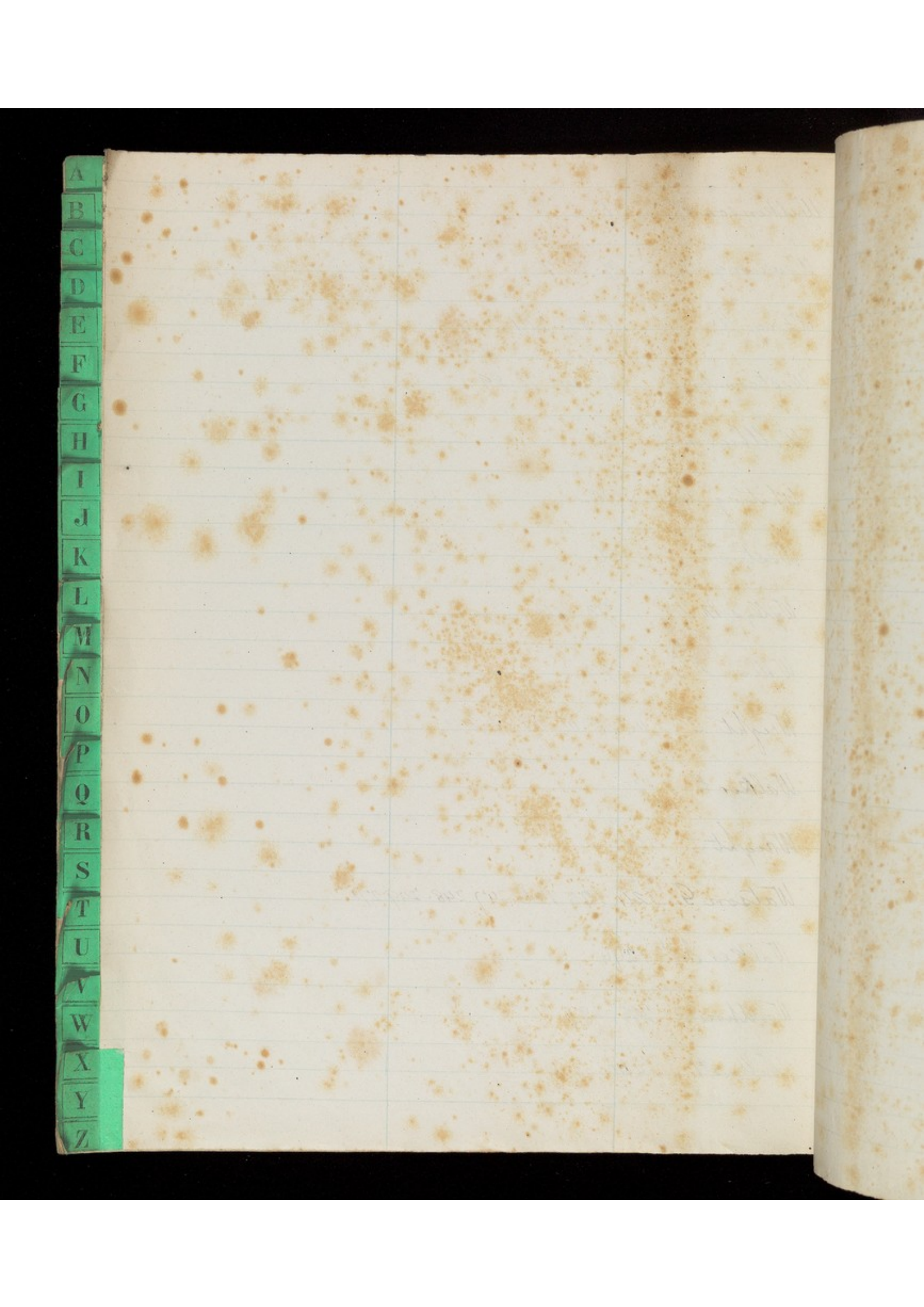
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1 ENCLOSURE.

DIBB & CLEGG,
SOLICITORS.

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Barnsley. 11th Augst. 1887.

Dear Sir,

Re Henry Wilkinson
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Referring to the previous correspondence in this matter we find that there is an amount of £13. 8. 10 claimed by you but which we submit the Committee is not liable to pay. We are anxious however to settle the matter if possible and will advise him to pay 8 guineas (£8. 8. 0) in full discharge of the account. If your Committee can see to accept this offer ~~not~~ we will forward you cheque for the amount in the course of a post or two.

Yours truly,

Dibb & Clegg

D. Baker
Friends' Retreat
York

18. Theobalds Road.

Registered address for Telegrams "JOHNSON MASTER LONDON"

Bedford Row. W.C.

London 3rd August 1887.

Sir,

We have some business in hand for Messrs W. A. Tindall & Co of Gracechurch Street London, in which Mr George Tindall, who we understand is under your care, is interested. It is necessary for us to know in dealing with the matter the state of Mr George Tindall's mind and capability. Is he capable of critically examining intricate Accounts extending over a period of years? Would he understand the nature of a Deed dealing with property in which he is interested and is he in fact capable of managing himself and his affairs? We should also like to know whether there is any reasonable prospect of his being able to attend to business again within a short time –

We shall feel obliged if you will let us have your Report as soon as convenient

We remain Sir
Yours obedly
Johnson & Master

Dr Baker.
The Retreat
York.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"TINDALL LONDON."

77, Gracechurch St.
E.C.

4 Augst 1887

Dear Edward.

Enclose a letter from Johnston & Hunter, Solicitors, to Dr Baker relative to George Tindall's State of mind and Capacity for business &c.

The enquiry contained therein has reference to his Ceylon Estate, which is under our management.

As probably Dr Baker would not make any report on his condition, unless the request came through you, would you kindly write him a line asking him to report fully & forward enclosing Johnston & Hunter's letter.

Should Dr Baker prefer sending his report to you in the first instance, of course we should not object.

If Dr Baker could express an opinion, as to whether there is any chance of George's ever recovering his "right mind", we should be glad: but we must leave this to him.

You could forward this note, with Johnston & Hunter's letter, to Dr Baker if you think fit.

Yours truly
W.T. Tindall

Edward Tindall Esq
Knaston Hall

Hoping you are quite well

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Edward Tindall

Hampton Hall

— 5. Aug. 1887 —

Dear Dr. Baker

The enclosed letter sent me this morning respecting my George T. and send them for your perusal also to give your decision as to the present state of George T.'s health, and if you would kindly send your reply to me I will then transfer the same to Mr. Wm. Tindale shall not say more for the letter will convey to you all particulars

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

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Dr Barker
Aug 14/87

Dr Sir

I herewith enclose
Cheque £15.14.8 I will
send more soon as I can
I find money comes in very slowly
just now. Yours truly
E Mansfield

A. Rudd

Ivy Croft,
Stockton-on-Tees.

Aug 22/92

Dear Sir

I am very
sorry to see that your
account has not been
paid, My Brother
to whom my late
father sold
Newsham is seriously
ill, but as soon as
he is up again
and able, I will

see that a cheque
is sent to you, you
need have no
concern as to the
settlement payment
as I will take
the responsibility of
seeing it paid

Yours sincerely
A Russell

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Miss Packers
Gainsbro' House Saroms Square
Scarborough.

My dear Sirs

I cannot bear the life I have here hidden from all my friends and treated in a way they dare not at York a heavy dress I should think twice heavier than the last one got for me and wool & does not fit me I have been over 4 months and not seen one of my friends nor children Mrs Richardson wrote to my daughter to prevent her coming with her brother I could not bear it so neither got away nor got out & was dragged down here by Rachel Simmerson the day after It is shameful the way they have behaved to me the window curtains sewn up and I am sure not one letter has got to any home I would like to see my children they would come did they but know I was with Miss Packer and a prisoner I have been out 3 quarters of an hour during the weeks for a drive It is almost unendurable my eldest daughter should come on account of my dress

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I have not one summer thing and shoes got the soles of which are like cycles ~~and~~ I cannot wear them on the foot for which they were made nice ones came and comfortable too other things just the same. It is nearly twelve months since I saw my youngest daughter I can scarcely bear It is making me nearly frantic and ill

Please can you let them know ~~#~~ my son understood from Dr Baker that you said that I had to come here he never ment I should and I wrote to you against it, my brother would help me either did he but know my last letter to him was stolen I do so wish to see my dear children I hope this is one of the places you visit With kind regards believe me to be

Yours sincerely
Jane H. Wearing

August 9th/87

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

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

August 10th 1887.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners to transmit to you for your observations and return to this Office, the accompanying original letter from Mrs Wearing a patient on the books of the Retreat, who appears to be, at present, on leave at Scarboro'.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Chas. Deane

For the Secretary

Robt Baker Esq M.D.

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The Friends' Retreat York
Aug 26. 1887.

Dear Sirs,

re Mrs L.H. Wearing.

Having now had full opportunities of visiting Gainsbro' House Scarbro', and making exhaustive enquiry into the subject of Mrs Wearing's letter to you, I beg to reply as follows.

Mrs Wearing is in a condition of Delusional Insanity, and is continually speaking of her diseased beliefs, which are of a sexual character.

Her husband & children have shewn her the utmost kindness, and have regularly visited her. The last visit however was by her son, & caused her much disappointment, as she quite expected her daughter, also. These girls are aged respectively 19 & 17. and I have thought it my duty to discourage their visits, because their Mother speaks to them of her husband having committed adultery, and speaks of sexual matters in such a filthy fashion, that it is, in my opinion, unwise for these girls to have to listen to.

It is absolutely untrue that Mrs Richardson

without hope that when Mrs Wearing ceases to Menstruate there may be some improvement in her mental condition.

It is absolutely untrue that any of the three persons named in her letter have ever treated her with anything but the greatest Kindness

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

The Secty
Comrs in Lunacy

of any one else, except myself, wrote to prevent these girls visiting their Mother.

Mrs Wearing's family take the utmost pains to provide her from home with suitable dresses - but she is never satisfied with what they send her, & is constantly accusing our company & nurses of wearing dresses of hers which they have stolen.

I have deemed it necessary at Scarbro to have the lower squares of glass in the Windows of her room obscured, as she sometimes endeavours to attract the attention of passers by.

Occasionally, at the recurrence of the menstrual period, we find it necessary to forbid Mrs Wearing going out, except in a carriage beyond the garden. as she is indecent in language & behaviour.

I have only to add that Mr Wearing, & all the members of his family, including Mrs Wearing's brother Mr Williamson M.P. have over & over again expressed their fullest confidence in my management of Mrs Wearing's case, & I am empowered by them to expend any sums I think necessary, in promoting her welfare and comfort. I am not

Dalton Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester,
July 5th 1887.

Sir,

As the details respecting me which are, I presume, preserved in the books of the establishment of which you are the head are in their nature damaging to me and as, if preserved, the books may fall into the hands of some archaeologist or historian at some future time, I should feel obliged if you would

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add to them a fact which will tend to destroy the unfavourable impression such a record might produce.

I refer to the fact that I have this year passed the Final Bachelor of Science Examination of the Victoria University in the First Class as you will see from the accompanying copy of the Manchester Examiner of July 1st 1887.

I should be glad if all the details respecting my stay at York were destroyed but I suppose that your rules do not allow of that.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

Bernard Hobson.

ROBT S. WIGIN.
SOLICITOR.

33. Albion Street.
Leeds, 28th Dec 1887

Dear Sir,

Close v. Wray
re Abraham Wray deced

Will you please inform me if you have any claim against Mr. Abraham Wray's Estate, and if not kindly state that you withdraw the claims which have been already sent in, as the same have been paid by the Receiver -

Yours faithfully
Robt S. Wigin

Robt Baker Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

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BEEVERS & SPICE,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

CHARLES BEEVERS. F.C.A.
W. HENRY SPICE. F.C.A.

26. Commercial Street,
Leeds

Aug. 11 1887

Dear Sir,

re Abm. Wray dec^d
Close v. Wray.

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday. The solicitors in this matter say the estate has not yet been wholly realised, and it is impossible to say definitely when the distribution will take place.

Yours truly
Beevers & Spice
per pro.

G. E. Woods Esq.
The Friends Retreat
York

Memorandum. S. Mo 31 1887

FROM

JOHN MORLAND,

GLASTONBURY.

To Dr. Baker

D. Friend

I am in great difficulty as to the account owing by E. S. I do not know whether he could pay it -- I am consulting with a friend who is interested in him as to the best course to adopt. I heard that his brother Dr. Shackleton had been to York & hoped that he might have talked with him about the payments. It is a very delicate matter to interfere in. I shall be glad to see E.S. the course of a fortnight.

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One thing is quite clear My Retreat ought not to close, if E. S. cannot pay others ought to pay for him. — It is however a very difficult dealing with a man who does not answer letters & who will not ask help.

Yours truly

Richmond

that they are in a position
enabling them to pay the
accounts if they should,
which I fear is not the
case with E. S.. In making
this application think do
not use my name as it
would probably be much
objected to by Ellis Shackleton
might destroy what slight
influence for good I might
have with him. I may
see E. S. next week and

Glastonbury Ct
4/9/1887

Dear Friend
D Baker

I have not yet
had an opportunity of
seeing Ellis Shackleton
but have consulted with
~~of~~ two friends who know
something of his means
& they both strongly recommend
that you should write to
E. S. brother & sister ac-
quainting them with the
circumstances. I believe it

if I do so will certainly speak when about the account; if therefore meanwhile any arrangement is made with his relations kindly let me know.

The addresses are

Joseph Shackleton
Worth House
Wortley Leeds

and Mary Hurtley
Sutton
Hull

I am very sorry your case has not been more rewarded with this poor girl.

Yours very truly
John Morland

10/- from 18.1.87

Age 72. 85-
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Elmtree
Sutton-on-Hull
Hull

My dear friend

I received your letter this morning and feel very grieved at its contents —

The only person to apply to is Fanny's uncle, her father's brother — and I would suggest that you write to him, stating all

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the particulars of
the case —
I am very sorry
that you should have
any trouble in this
matter — but we have
not been able to get
any communication
with Fanny & father
for some time
yours respectfully
Mary Hurtley

7/9/1887

address
Joseph Shackleton
Keel House
New Wortley
nr Leeds

West House Sept 19/87

Dear Sir,

I was from home when your letter of the 10th arrived, hence the delay in my reply. I have not been able to make any satisfactory arrangement yet; but hope to be able to make some proposition in a day or two. I am heartily grieved with the information conveyed in your note and was quite unprepared for it.

I am Sir,
Yours Faithfully
Joseph Shackleton

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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Dear friend

D^r Baker

On the 28^th of 4^th month I forwarded to thee by post registered, the Deed relative to Clement Jackson's Trust for use of Drawbridge & Co & I have heard nothing since either from thee or from them, I shall be glad to be informed if the Deed arrived safely, & when the Deed will be ready for the transferring of the Trust of which I am trustee to the new trustees as proposed

Thy friend truly

Thomas Wescomb

Worcester 9 mo 12. 1877

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Headingley

28/12/87

Dear Friend

Dr Barker

I have seen Joseph Shackleton today who informs me that the Trust to which his brother Ellis alludes has been wound up, but that his brother contends that there is something still due to him.

Joseph S. suggests

that his trouble be again written to, and if in reply he again speaks of this Bond, that he should be asked what amount, or if the amount is sufficient to cover the claim the Release has upon him.

J. S. suggests that he may not reply to any application made to him, as is often the case.

After having done what I shou could J. S. intimated that he should be inclined to pay part or the whole himself, although disavowing any responsibility

Clarebille, Headingley. Sep 24/87

Dear Sir,

Now that my sister (Miss E. M. Hepper, 12 Claremont Road, Headingley, Leeds) has been appointed Committee along with myself, you will oblige me by sending all letters from Mrs Fisher, addressed to her or Miss Fisher, direct to her address as above. It will save postage & time, & she will be able to decide which letters should be sent to the child, better than can be done under present arrangements.

Yours truly

J. Hepper

W. Ward,

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East Cleveden
Sep. 19. '87

Dear Sir -

I received your letter of the 14th & am sorry you should have occasion to apply for the ballance of the account. I will make every effort to settle it at the earliest moment but have had very unpaid work & many expenses lately

Yours truly
John Bennett.

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The Friends' Retreat York

Sept 6. 1887.

My dear Sir

Miss Webb writes to me regularly, giving most satisfactory accounts of Lady Ernest.

My assistant, Dr Hind, visited her recently, & I purpose doing so shortly.

Some time ago I withdrew Lady Ernest's nurse, thinking she was no longer required - and that by so doing, the expenses would be conciderably lessened - Lady Ernest & Miss Webb seem to get on together very pleasantly - the only fault I have heard being that Miss Webb is not strong enough to take very long walks -

I have advanced money to Miss Webb, whenever she has required it - & I find by our books that about £100. is owing on Lady Ernest's account.

A full & detailed a/c will be sent you at the beginning of next month, a few days after our books have been made up to

the end of the present quarter.

I am quite sure that so far the scheme I propounded to you as in my opinion the most likely to establish Lady Ernest's mental health, has proved eminently successful - and I am still of the decided opinion that if Lady Ernest will consent, she should after her discharge from my care, be encouraged to go abroad for at least six months either accompanied ~~as she~~ by Miss Webb, or by such other companion as she & her friends & relatives may prefer.

Probably Lady Ernest's relatives will feel best satisfied, & I myself strongly advise, that before Lady Ernest is finally discharged, & allowed to re-assume all her civil rights, she should be seen by Dr Seale, in conjunction with myself, as he, having known her before the present attack, will be able to express a valuable opinion, of a wholly independent character, as to whether Lady Ernest has entirely

received or not.

I hope that you will therefore write to Mr Teale, suggesting that he should give you an independent opinion.

I again mention Mr Teale, on account of his intimate knowledge of Lady Ernest: but of course, if you prefer the opinion of any one else, I shall be quite glad to confer with any one that Lady Ernest's family may suggest

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

The Rev. J. H. Law.

Bank Chambers,

Durham, 13. Sept. 1887.

My dear Sir

I thank you for your letter & observe your remarks as to Mr Salvin failing as the days advances & after much conversation.

It certainly seems to me that your arrangement is the best possible — lodging him at 4 Milton Terrace, Hall Road, with Dr. Jackson's brother & an attendant.

Yours faithfully

S. Gladstone Marshall

R. Baker Esq MRD

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Doncaster 4-10 1889.

Rec'd 7th

Dr Baker

My wife & self both think it will be best for us and Minnie to remain at York whilst she can be under your treatment. We have paid 188.14.1 and with my limited income and six other children I shall feel warranted in incurring any further expense

if - it can possibly
be helped by sending
my daughter to
Centro ——————
I found Minnie
on the whole better
than I expected I was
much disappointed
in not seeing her
With very kind wishes
I remain
Thy Sincere Friend
W. S. H. Harrison

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(Copy)

My dear Sir

The attention of the Committee of Management of this Hospital has again been drawn to the state of Mr. Cravens account in our Ledger. By the Rules of the Institution the payments for patients should be made quarterly in advance. and although that Rule is in some cases not enforced, grave inconvenience and loss arises, when the accounts rendered are not punctually discharged. The Retreat pays with great regularity the monthly accounts sent in for Mr. Cravens board & lodging; and his tradesmens' A/cs are paid quarterly. So you will see that it is of importance that the Retreat should be re-imbursed with equal regularity. The accounts are now being made out, and I observe there is about £450. due on Mr. Cravens a/c. Will you kindly therefore make some arrangement for the payment of this amount, and in future allow the Retreat

accounts to be discharged quarterly, as this is a matter of considerable importance to us.

Yours very truly
Robt. Baker

Jon. Craven Esq.
Keighley

July 8th 1887

J. & J. CRAVEN & Co

Keighley July 8. 1874.

Dr. Baker.
The Friends Retreat: York

Dear Sir.

Mr. Craven instructs me to state that your a/c will be attended to shortly — after which the writer has orders to remit quarterly.

Remaining —

Yours Respy.

Alfred Bottomley

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The Friends' Retreat
Aug. 27. 1887

My dear Sir,

As no cheque had been received up to last Committee Meeting, in payment of Mr. Craven's account, as promised, the subject was brought before the Committee last Tuesday, when I was directed to write and request a prompt settlement of the account. I was also directed to say that the amount charged for Mr. Craven is expended in payment for his expenses in Lodgings, except a small sum charged for my Medical Supervision of him - but when the account is allowed to run to an amount between £400. & £500. owing to the Retreat, the interest on this becomes so large an amount that it needs the serious consideration of the Committee - and I am directed to report to them at their next meeting, when the matter will receive their further consideration - It has been suggested that it would be better for his brother to pay Mr Cravens accounts direct from Keighley, instead of these being paid by the Retreat Committee, and that the only charge made by the latter should be for Medical Supervision -

Yours faithfully
R B Baker

A. Bottomley Esq
Keighley

The Friends' Retreat. York
Sept 6. 57

My dear Sir

At the last meeting of the Retreat Committee the Auditors drew attention to the fact of £450. being owing on Mr. Craven's a/c to the Retreat, adding that the Interest on this amounted to so large a sum as materially to interfere with the Scale of charge made for Mr Craven's maintenance and care. I find on enquiry that the actual money cost to the Retreat is about £4. 4. 0 per week leaving only £1. 1. 0 for all the care & medical supervision & management of his case.

The suggestion then was that Mr Craven's friends should themselves defray the actual money cost, and that the only charge made by the Retreat should be for supervision and Medical treatment at the ordinary rate of £2. 2. 0 per week.

This plan would of course prevent at any future time, so large an amount being owing as at the date of last Committee, but it

would involve very considerable trouble to Mr Craven's friends, & would be very difficult for them to carry out.

Now that the account is paid, I believe that if future payments are regularly made, quarterly, the Committee will allow the present arrangement to continue.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Low Mill
Keighley: Sep: 7/87.

Dr. Baker.
The Friends' Retreat: York.

My Dear Sir.

I am obliged for yours of the 6th inst to hand this morning. Mr. Craven hopes to call upon you before long respecting your suggestion in your former letter – in the meantime matters can go on as at present – and until a change is agreed upon I will see that the ages is – remitted quarterly. Kindly forward to my address as before. And oblige –

Yours very Truly
Alfred Bottomley.

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London & Continental Pianoforte Showrooms,

35 Coney St., & 90 Micklegate,

York, Oct 5th 1887

Sir

I just write a line
Dear I can take £30. Cash
for the new Broadwood Pianino
and not charge the hire. and
as there is only a small profit
on these Pianos it will be
worth six on the 3 years system

Yr. Obedt
Servt

I have a nice second hand
one I can take 24 £ for

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21. Woodstock Road.
Finsbury Park.
London. N.
14/10 1887

Dear Friend

I fear that a letter of mine some time ago quite failed to inform you of the true position of Sarah Sanderson's affairs, and the need of care in relation to the head of disbursements in the quarterly accounts. The 9th account just received represents within a few pence, her regular half yearly income, which is simply an annuity of £20.-: this with a bonus amounts to £21. 9.. per ann.

In addition I receive generally a variable grant from the York Legacy fund — being £2.5.- per ann on an average of the last 10 years inclusive.

The result is, that when payments and receipts are complete for the present

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year I shall have advanced more than £60—

With regard to the visits to Scarbro, Sarah wrote to us after the recent visit, that she was not feeling well on her return, and that the sea air never suited her. I am aware that she has also been to see one of her cousins, to which I should not think of making the least objection.

I have of course carefully refrained from saying anything to S. herself about economy in relation to clothing &c— if there is not a gentle influence on the part of those who have the oversight of such matters, she herself would not think of it, it is not her habit of mind.

It is painful to me, to make these statements. I am the only person to whom the care of this last ~~remnant~~ member of a family once well known in York devolves, and did not prudence seem to make it proper to do so, I should not have remarked upon this subject further than to request details of disbursements, – as in the former communication. –

I remain

Yours truly

Henry Hipsley

Robt Baker M.D.

Castleyate

14/10

1887

Dear Dr Baker

The Rev. R.G. on

Wednesday esq. directed the

clerk to apply to you (one of

trustees Rev. Clark at lowest

rate. I write on behalf of

the trustees to request that

you will retain for R. C's use

for clothing & necessaries, any sum

she might be possessed of on
her arrival, & send the a/c
up to 30th Sept. for maintenance
&c. I state 30th Sept. as I
think you like your a/cs to
terminate quarterly, Mar. 31st,
Sept. 30th Dec.

Yours very sincerely

Jno. Glaister

P.S. Of course the rate of change is
retrospective

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

John Welburn,
Superintendent.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

YORK DISTRICT.

Superintendent's Office,
YORK, Oct 4th 188[illegible]

In your reply
No. 1811/[illegible]
refer to this number.

Dr Baker.
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the enquiry made at my office I beg to say that I will put the special tickets in operation from Scarbro to York. They will be second class, available for fourteen days, and the fare will be 5/-

I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
John Welburn

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BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
Chartered Accountants.

TELEPHONE No. 58.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS.
BARBER, SHEFFIELD.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street.

Sheffield, 12 Novr 1887

Dear Sir,-

On my return home to-day I find your letter of the 10th inst. awaiting me. I will give the matter you mention careful consideration before we meet on Wednesday. - Four o'clock in the afternoon of that day will suit me very well.

I am much obliged to you for giving me the opportunity of considering the matter before we meet. // My Audits are made half-yearly, and of course I carefully examine the whole of the vouchers for the cash payments, check the castings of the Cash book, compare the Bank pass book with the Cash book, call over the whole of the postings from the Cash book and Journal into the various Ledgers, and examine the Extracts of ledger balances; I in fact make a complete and thorough Audit of the Accounts. It is a question whether six months would be too long a period to allow the additions of the Cash book, and the vouchers for payments to remain unchecked; but it has frequently appeared to me that the Committee were doing a great deal of work in which I afterwards followed them. /

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Jarvis W Barber

J. W. Procter Esq.,
Messrs Hy Richardson & Co.,
Skeldergate Bridge,
York.

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complete I should like to have a copy of it.

Yours faithfully

J. E. Soods

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Nov. 17. 82

My dear Sir,

I have shewn your scheme for Committee Audit to Dr. Baker, and he says he has nothing to suggest in amendment.

It seems to me very complete, and it need not occupy much time.

Yours truly

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Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowpers Court
Cornhill E.C.

York. 26 Nov 1887

My dear Friend

I have writ the Knowledge of to Robert Lucas what to enable me to say anything as to the details of your scheme. But the general idea of it I think is not only sound but of great practical value. The duties which you lead "Examination of Ins before payment is made" are I imagine those which the Committee should attend to most carefully tying in checking additions & Entries which the auditors can do as well

this being as it does
here that Interest should
be charged.-

The amount in question
I make to be about £30; i.e.
7/a week for 1 year & a half
£29, & £11 for Interest.-

I hope you will take
this application into your
favourable consideration, as
I am satisfied that it is
made bonâ fide -

I remain
Yours Sincerely
W Fowler

The Committee
of the Retreat

38 Bonverie
Square
London
21/12/87

Dear Friends

I address you as
to the case of my Cousin
Thomas Hall who has
lately left your Institution.-
There are two
points on which he writes

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Consideration:

(1) He says that when he went to York, he was assured by Dr Baker that he, as a former Member, & the child of a Life long Member of our Society, would not be charged more than he could afford. -

He assures me that the charge made is more than he can afford. - He thinks a deduction of 7/ a week should be made - I am quite satisfied that what he says is correct. -

(2) He complains of Interest charged amounting to £11 - The delay was not his fault, but arose partly from his own illness, & partly from the illness of his only brother who is in a very precarious state. -

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Barnwood House,
Gloucester.

December 22nd 1887

Dear Sir. Income Tax Assessment.

We are evidently to be the object of the first attack and upon us will therefore devolve the duty of defending our common interests.

We have been newly assessed under Schedule A upon an additional sum of £332 making our whole assessment under this head for Houses and land here £1493, upon not one penny of which do we consider ourselves legally liable to be charged. Our inhabited house duty has also been increased £389. and our profits have been assessed at £4931.

I have given notice of appeal, for there are only the beginnings of increases, and I am to have a special day before the Local Commissioners who are to be assisted by an Inspector sent specially from London for the purpose.

I shall argue the whole question of our liability under all the Schedules and if our liability under Schedule A is affirmed ask for a case upon all of them.

Full powers are entrusted to me by my committee and I propose then to place the matter in the hands of a thoroughly competent firm of London Solicitors and proceed to test our liability at all events under Schedule A and for inhabited house duty and also under Schedule D if so advised.

If necessary we should carry the question at least to the Court of appeal so as to secure a definite and final decision.

In the event of the Local Commissioners giving a decision in our favour under Schedule A but accepting — as they

probably must do – the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench on Schedule D we should not present further dispute our liability under Schedule D. but leave the Inland Revenue Department to carry the question of Schedule A to the Courts if it chooses to do so and there meet it with all the force that we can command.

I shall be glad to know that these proposals meet your views and that your Hospital will be prepared to bear its share of the expenditure.

I propose that the relative shares of the several combining Hospitals shall be proportionate to the amounts of their gross incomes for the year 1886.

The question is one in which every Lunatic Hospital in the country is deeply interested for the same process is to be applied to them all in succession and common justice seems to demand that the expenses should be borne in some proportion by them all. and not by one or two only in defending the General interests.

I may mention that the total expenses incurred by St. Andrew's Hospital in claims of the Crown have not I believe exceeded £500.

A reply at your earliest convenience that is with in the next few days will oblige.

Yours faithfully.

Edmund Ramm

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Confidential

1 Bedford Circus

Exeter. Nov. 15. 1887.

Dear Sir

Income Tax.

Consequent on a Judgment of the Divisional Court of Queen's Bench on the 2d of July last in the Case of St Andrew's Hospital Northampton Appellants & Shearsmith Respondent whereby it was held that St Andrew's Hospital was subject to the payment of Income Tax in respect of profits made on the payments for patients a demand has been made by the Local Surveyor of Taxes on the Committee of Management of "Wonford House" Hospital for the Insane near Exeter for a Return under Schedule D of the Income Tax Act 1842.

The Wonford House Committee are not satisfied that the Constitution & position of Lunatic Hospitals was fully & efficiently put before the Court & are disposed under of course good legal advice to take steps to obtain a definite judicial decision on the question

Inasmuch as every Lunatic Hospital in the Kingdom is interested in the result the Committee of Wonford House desire me to ask if the Governing Body of your Institution would contribute in a fair proportion to the costs to be incurred in obtaining

the definite & final decision required

The Wonford House Committee are supported in the course they propose to adopt by the opinion of the late Mr. T.K. Kingdon D.C. Recorder of Bristol taken on the subject in July 1845. a copy of which I enclose

Your early convenient reply will oblige.

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

W. Gray

Treasurer Wonford House

D. Baker

The Friends Retreat

York

Barnwood House,
Gloucester.

Nov. 14. 1887

Dear Sir,

As you are probably aware, it has been decided at Somerset House that the Registered Hospitals shall forthwith be assessed for Income Tax under Schedule D. (Profits)

I have reason to know that, if this succeeds, it will be followed by a very large increase in their assessment under Schedules A (ownership) & B (occupation) & that a considerable burden will thus be thrown, not only upon those Hospitals in which the income greatly exceeds the ordinary expenditure, but also upon such of them as are in a less prosperous financial position. Moreover, the Poor Law valuation would certainly be affected by any material rise in the assessment.

Under these circumstances, with a firm conviction that, as Charitable Institutions, conducted for benevolent purposes only, & not in any sense or degree as a business from which any personal profit is, or can be, derived, these Institutions are not legally liable to assessment for Income Tax, it seems most desirable that every legitimate effort should be made to resist the proposed encroachment.

For this purpose it will be necessary to take legal action, & it has been suggested that, as all the Hospitals are interested in the question, a test case

should be submitted to the Courts, under their combined authority & responsibility, so as to have it finally & definitely settled, once for all.

May I ask you to kindly place the matter before your Committee as soon as possible, & ascertain if they will be willing to enter into such an arrangement; the secondary liability of the respective Hospitals to be determined either by the relative amount of their incomes, or by the average number of Patients, or upon such other basis as might be considered fair & equitable.

The matter presses, & I must therefore, ask you to be so good as to let me have a reply at your earliest convenience.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Jos Needham

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

Private and Confidential

In the Matter of the Wonford House Hospital for the Insane near Exeter and of its liability to Assessment under the Property and Income Tax Acts (40)

On the 19th of May 1875 a Letter of which the following is a copy was addressed by the Surveyor of Taxes of the Exeter District to the Treasurer of Wonford House requiring a return of Profits in order that an Assessment in respect thereof might be made on the Committee -

"Exeter 19th May 1875

"Dear Sir

"I am desired to call on you for a return "to Income Tax in respect of the profits realized by "the Committee of the Wonford House Asylum that is, "the surplus of income received above the expenditure "necessarily incurred to produce such Income. I am "aware that the surplus is not divided amongst "Shareholders or any other persons but it appears "from your accounts that a large sum is made "each year, the appropriation of such amounts we "have nothing to do with, the Income Tax Act "providing that a return must be made before "such profits are divided or appropriated; whether "therefore the surplus be spent in increasing your "capital by building or paying off money borrowed "the Tax must first be paid on the actual profit "shewn. I find the Asylum is not a charitable "Institution and cannot claim exemption under 5 "and 6 Vic. Cap 35. Sec. 105. No Assessment has "hitherto been made on your Committee in respect of

"profits. I must therefore ask you to be good enough
"to make a return for as many years as your
"accounts will permit you"

"Your early attention will oblige
"I am, Dear Sir
"Yours truly
"W. J. R. Vivian"

"To J. W. Gray Esq
"Treasurer"

Consequent on the above Letter a Case was laid before the late Mr J. R. Kingdon Q.C. the Recorder of Bristol and one of the most eminent Counsel on the Western Circuit, setting forth the Establishment, nature and constitution of the Hospital and the fact that Heretofore no Assessment to Property and Income Tax had been made save in respect of the Apartments occupied by the Resident Medical Superintendent and the Matron and his Opinion was desired

1st. Whether or not the Hospital Buildings and Land were exempt from Income Tax under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act 1842 excepting such part thereof as is occupied by the Resident Officers as aforesaid

2nd Whether or not the surplus income of the Establishment was liable to Income Tax

The learned Counsel replied as follows:-

1. I am of Opinion that the Hospital Buildings and Land are exempt from Income Tax under Schedule A of the Income Tax Act 1842 excepting such part thereof as is occupied by the Resident Officers as aforesaid.

2. I am of Opinion that the surplus income

of the Establishment is not liable to Income Tax
The Institution in my opinion is an Establishment for Charitable purposes only, and its Income is wholly applied to Charitable purposes only, within the plain meaning of the 105th Sec of the Income Tax Act taken in conjunction with the third Rule to Schedule C of the Act, and its Income is therefore exempt from the Income Tax, and I advise the Committee to resist the claim

(Signed) J. K. Kingdon
Temple
July 6. 1875

A Copy of the Case and Opinion was sent to the Inland Revenue Authorities and their claim was then abandoned.

today that you have again resumed duty in York, I propose calling upon you, tomorrow, Saty. the 17th at 11. 30 A.M.

I think you will find on reference to your books, that about five years ago, Mr. Wm. Whitwell, the then Supervisor of Taxes in York satisfied himself that this Institution was purely of a charitable character, and that the whole income was expended for charitable purposes. Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

To
Mr. L. Hutchings
Surveyor of Taxes
The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dec. 16th 1887

My dear Sir,

The application for the three last Reports of this Charitable Institution for the treatment of the Insane, was duly received by me, and I intended calling upon you personally with them, but having been told by my friend, Mr. Bean, of the York Bank, that you were absent from York, I thought it best to postpone my visit until your return. Having heard

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Darlington 28. xii. 1887

Dear Friend,
D^r Baker,

Mary Bolton's &c

I have not been able till to day to inquire into this matter. I was under the impression that quarterly remittances were being made by the Brothers. I hope however to be able to send thee an instalment of the amount due before long. I am

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sorry there has been any
delay.

With our united love
to your party from us both

I am sincere
Samuel Hare

May Willis is with us just
now I would send love did
she know of my writing.

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Nov 10
1887

Dear Madam.

We received a letter from your husband Mr. Spragson on Nov-9th which Dr. Baker has not thought it advisable to answer. Dr. Baker wishes me to say that he thinks it would be advisable to inform Mr. Spragson. that

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he is at present a certified patient - absent on trial - from the Retreat, and he also requests that you will report to him on Mr. Spraggons Condition at least 3 times a week. as Dr. Baker is directly Responsible for him. whilst he remains under certificate a patient absent on leave we shall be glad to hear by return of post that you have informed Mr. Spraggon of the Conditions, under which he is absent from the Retreat. Remain. Dr. Madam - Very faithfully yrs. - Granville Sharp

committed on her husband by certain named attendants, during his residence at the Retreat. I can send you a copy of this letter; but we thought that you might to be in an official position, if you hear the extraordinary statements, to give them an absolute & official contradiction.

I am informed that J. J. Sprogon is also taking legal proceedings against Doctors Bruce Low, & Maling, who certified him to be insane

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dec. 27. 1884

My dear friend,

You are probably aware that you are the confidential agent for the Retreat in your district. In this official capacity, I am directed by the Retreat Committee to forward you a copy of the 1st Minute made at their meeting on the 20th inst. a Sunderland friend, E. A. Sprogon, has written a letter, presumably at her husbands' dictation, detailing several charges of specific acts of cruelty,

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when sent to the Retreat

It is also well for you to know that it was thought best for him to leave the Retreat when he was only "improved", & not quite "recovered", because it was believed that his continued residence amongst persons for whom he had conceived such intense hatred, was likely to inter- -fere with his further mental convalescence. One member of the Committee suggested that you would perhaps to me ~~to~~ forward this minute either to the Overseers of Sunderland Meeting, or to some influential friend there, whose discretion could be fully relied on.

Yours faithfully,

Robt. Baker

Jas. Richardson
Scott Ashfield
Newcastle on Tyne

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South Shields
Newcastle Tyne
28 Dec. 1887

Dear Friend

Thine of 27th relating to Spraggons matter is duly received, also copy of minute of the Retreat Committee.

I had not heard of the case but am pleased the Committee are able to issue such a minute.

I may add that "the accompanying undated letter signed E. A. Spraggon" referred to in the minute does not appear to be with it. Thine truly

James Richardson

charges against several of the Retreat attendants but they thought it unnecessary for me to forward either to you, or to the two absent members of the Committee a copy of the said letter. It being thought sufficient to forward you a copy of their Minute stating that every charge had been investigated, I had been

(Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Dec. 31. 1887

My dear friend,

In reply to your letter of the 28th, the Committee directed me to forward you a copy of their minute, which contains the words, "the accompanying ~~letter~~" "undated letter signed "E. A. Thompson", —

which is a very lengthy production conveying all sorts of

disproved - If however you wish to have a copy of Miss Sprague's letter, I will direct the clerk to make a copy for you -

Yours faithfully

Robt Baker

South Ashfield,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

2 Jan. 1888

Dear Friend

Thanks for mine
There is no need to send
me copy of E. A. Greaves
letter. From the wording
the minute I supposed
it might have been
omitted by mere slight

Mine Truly
James Richardson

To Dr Baker

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F. V. JACQUES, PEASE & JACQUES,
ROYAL INSURANCE BUILDINGS,
CORN STREET, BRISTOL,
SOLICITORS.

Bristol,

Saturday 31 Dec.r 1887

Dear Sir

We are instructed by our Client Mr John Fry Mullett of Drayton House Helsby Hill in this City to give to you, as Treasurer of The Friends Retreat near York, notice requiring repayment of £2000 (Two thousand pounds) part of his loan to the Committee of the above Institution) at the expiration of six Calendar months from the date hereof. Kindly inform us at once whether you accept this letter as sufficient for the above purpose, as we do not propose that the Costs of a formally signed Notice should be incurred unless you desire it

We are Dear Sir

Yours truly

F. V. Jacques Pease & Jacques

Jonathan Burtt Esq
8 Park Street
The Mount
York

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Let us know their decision.

We are dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Lemmon Wilkinson and Bridges

Dr Baker,
The Retreat,
York.

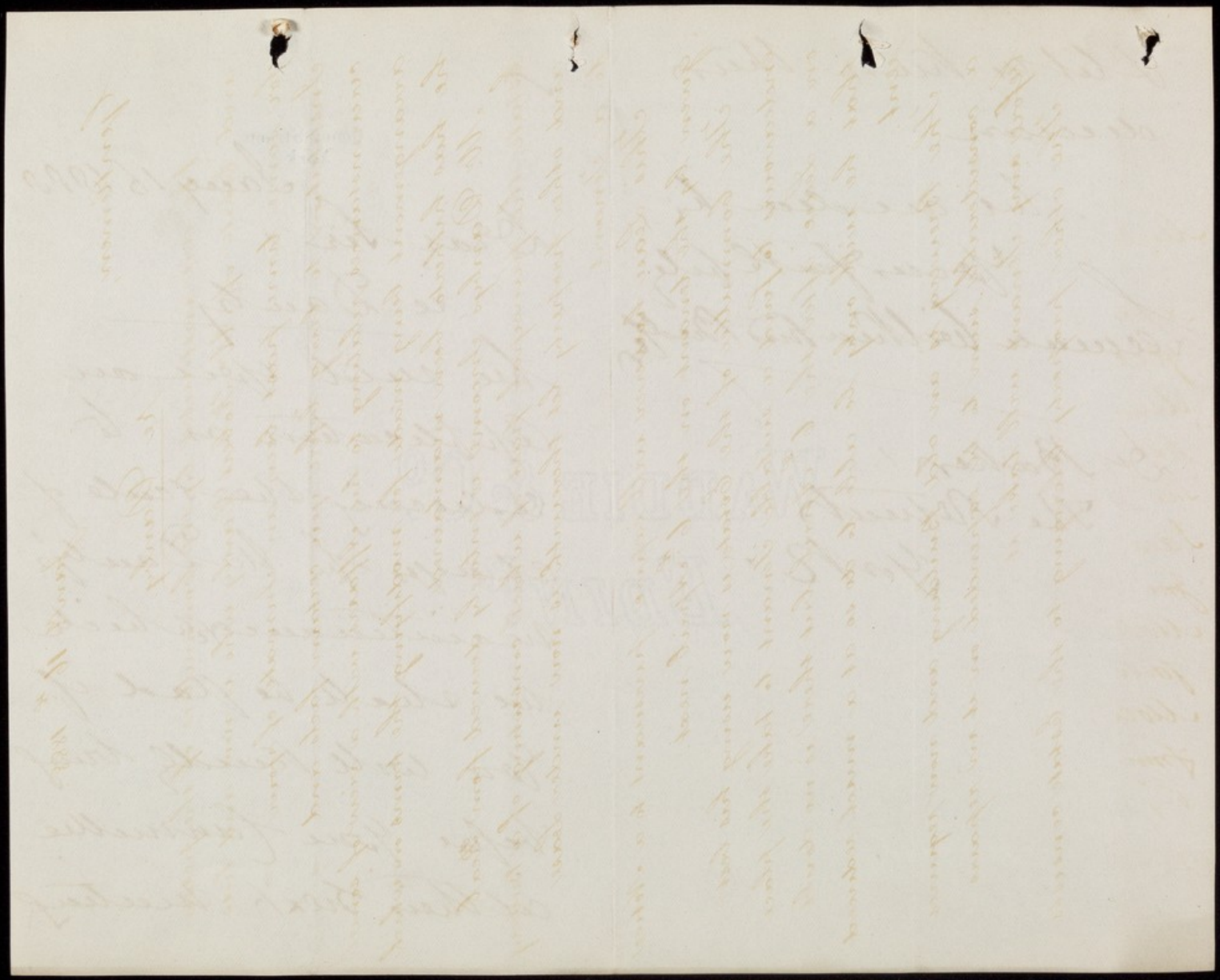
Coney Street
York

January 15 1883

Dear Sir,

re Danby

We send you an application as to reducing the scale of charges for Mr Danby's maintenance & beg we shall be glad if you will kindly bring before your Committee at their next meeting



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To.
The Committee of the Friends' Retreat, York

Coney Street
York

Jan.y 16th 1888.

Gentlemen,

re Danby.

We are instructed by the Committees of the person and Estate of Mr. Robert Danby who is now and has for some time past been an Inmate of your Institution to bring before you certain facts and circumstances relating to his Affairs with a view of some arrangement being made for modifying the terms on which he has hitherto been maintained.

Mr. Danby's Income is entirely derived from Real Estate the principal part of which consisting of a Brewery and other property let therewith is now under Lease to a Tenant.

This Lease however will expire pursuant to a Notice given by the tenant on the 6th April next.

The Committee of the Estate is now using his best endeavours to find a suitable Tenant to take the place on a Lease after the 6th April but there is no doubt that he will only be able to do so at a much reduced rent.

The Brewery is an old Building and now requires a considerable sum to be expended on it in repairs before any Tenant will take it.

The other property belonging to the Estate consists

of Cottages and a Building now used as a Maltkiln.

This property is old, constantly requiring repairs and there is considerable difficulty in keeping it let and obtaining the rents regularly.

After defraying the cost of the care and maintenance of Mr. Danby there is a very small annual balance left which is quite inadequate to meet the necessary cost of keeping up the property and leaves no margin for future contingencies.

At the present time the Estate is actually in debt.

Under these circumstances we feel justified after advising with Dr. Baker in making application to you on behalf of the Committees of the person and Estate that the annual charge for the maintenance and care of Mr. Danby be materially reduced say to £4 . 4 . 0 per week which sum we understand will be quite adequate for Mr. Danby's care and maintenance.

Trusting that you will take this application into your favorable consideration.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

Lemmon Wilkins and Bedford

9 Queen Street.
Newcastle
5th Aug 1887

My dear Doctor,

I have been from Home from some days & am glad to hear from my Aunt, Mrs Wallace, that she has been to York & that she has seen my Mother. I am sorry not to have sent you a cheque yet for my Mothers Account but the facts are as follow, my Mothers income is derived from two seperate Estates viz; that of my late Father & from that of my Grandfather (my Mothers father), the acting Executor of the latter has been from Home unwell for 2 or 3 weeks, & the acting Executor of the former rather demurs to pay any money during my Mothers present condition; perhaps as you may have had some experience with Patients who have been placed in a similar position i.e having money from Trust Estates only, ~~has~~ you may be able to tell me how the matter was arranged

I am Yours very truly
H. K. M'Allen

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Telegraphic Address
WRAGGE, BIRMINGHAM.

4. Bennett's Hill,
Birmingham.
3rd January 1888

Dear Sir,

I have been communicated with on behalf of Francis Smith (whose wife Frances is now in the Retreat) with reference to his life policy in the United Kingdom Temperance Life Association originally for £400 and to which bonuses have been added amounting I understand to £160 though I think this latter sum will be reduced by short payment of premiums which has been running over some years. The sum assured is payable on the death of F. Smith or his wife whoever dies first. At the present time he finds great difficulty in paying the premiums and I am asked to enquire whether you would take over his interest in the policy and pay all future prems and in exchange discharge him from any further liability for payments for the care of his wife subject to the provision that any surplus received beyond the quarterly payments and the amounts of premiums with interest thereon be paid to F. Smith or his personal representative

If you see your way to carry out this proposal it would be a very great relief to F. Smith who unless it can be arranged will I am afraid have to sacrifice a

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considerable amount of premiums
paid by surrendering the policy.
Yours faithfully

W. Thos Godlee

The Secretary
of The Retreat
York.

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Hunton Bridge
Kings Langley June 13. 1888

Dear Friend

At our monthly Meeting, held
today at Leighton, I was requested
to Sign the Enclosed & forward it
to Me. My Friend Sincerely
John Shillcock

Rob. Baker. Wm. -
Friends Retreat -
York

327 Mile End Rd
London
E.
1/Jan 87.

Dear Dr Baker

Will you kindly favour me with a few particulars of my brother Person Albright's ailments and fetness for employment- outside the Retreat-.

Having visited him at York and always kept up a correspondence with him, I am of opinion that a change would perhaps be (kind and) highly beneficial to him, if kept within proper bounds. I have always considered my brothers weakness to lie in his being too easily

affected by religious influences and think perhaps the counter attractions of a home and homely influences would do him good.

I have talked the matter over with my sisters and Isaac Milner of Sheffield (when recently visiting Sheffield and York) who also agree with me in thinking a change for Pearson just and desirable.

It being my duty to do what is right and best for Pearson, I feel it would be very difficult to find him a situation whilst in the Retreat, therefore propose his coming to live with my wife and self in London where I could partly employ him in my own business until a suitable place near, could be found for him. It seems to me this would be the best commencement of a change for him as he would not be tied down so much to work as if he left the Retreat to take a situation at once.

Awaiting your reply before further arranging with Friends at Sheffield

I am

Yours truly

Wm H. Albright.

P.S. my dear mother I consider to be far better off and cared for where she is than she could possibly be anywhere else.

Copy

The Friends' Retreat, York
Jan. 21. 1888

My dear friend,

I enclose you a copy of a letter which I have received from W. H. Albright. I find that Person Albright was admitted here by an order signed by you in your capacity as Clerk to the Poor's Committee of Baltimore Monthly Meeting. The letter of W. H. Albright above referred to was carefully considered by my Committee at their Meeting on Tuesday the 17th & it is by their direction that I write you this confidential communication.

Person Albright's present mental condition is markedly advanced since he has had extended to him the care of this Hospital, and he has been allowed a very large amount of liberty, which he has never abused. He is however constitutionally of feeble mental power, and is not able to control his emotions. We believe that he is placed under the most favorable circumstances possible for him at present,

and the Committee feel that if his brother's request were granted, it should be with the full approval of the person who committed him to our care - after they had been informed that we feared that when the present safeguards were withdrawn, and he was again exposed to the temptations of the world, and entrusted with his own personal care, there would be cause for continuing anxiety, lest he should commit some grave indiscretion, which might bring scandal not only to his family, but to those who have for so many years endeavoured to help him -

I may add that Pierson Albright has been seen twice a year by the Commissioners in Lunacy, and that they have never on any occasion recommended his discharge, or hinted at its advisability, but have always

expressed their opinion of the great value of such a Hospital as this, for the kindly care of persons who were not quite able to care for themselves.

I may further add that although I have no knowledge of what took place between W. H. Albright, & his brother at the visit referred to, in W. H. Albright's letter, Pierson Albright has never to me expressed the wish to leave the Retreat, nor have I the slightest reason for believing that he is discontented, or dissatisfied. This matter must now rest with the Poor's Committee of Batley Monthly Meeting. It being understood that on my day on receipt of an authorisation from you on their behalf, freeing the Retreat from all further responsibility. I have full authority for discharging Pierson Albright.

Yours faithfully Robt. Baker M.D.

C. L. Watson

Memorandum.

From Nathan Bake & Son.
Drapers, Silk Mercers, Linen Drapers &c.
Tea Dealers &c.
Bridge End.

To [illegible]
[illegible] Jan 2 1888

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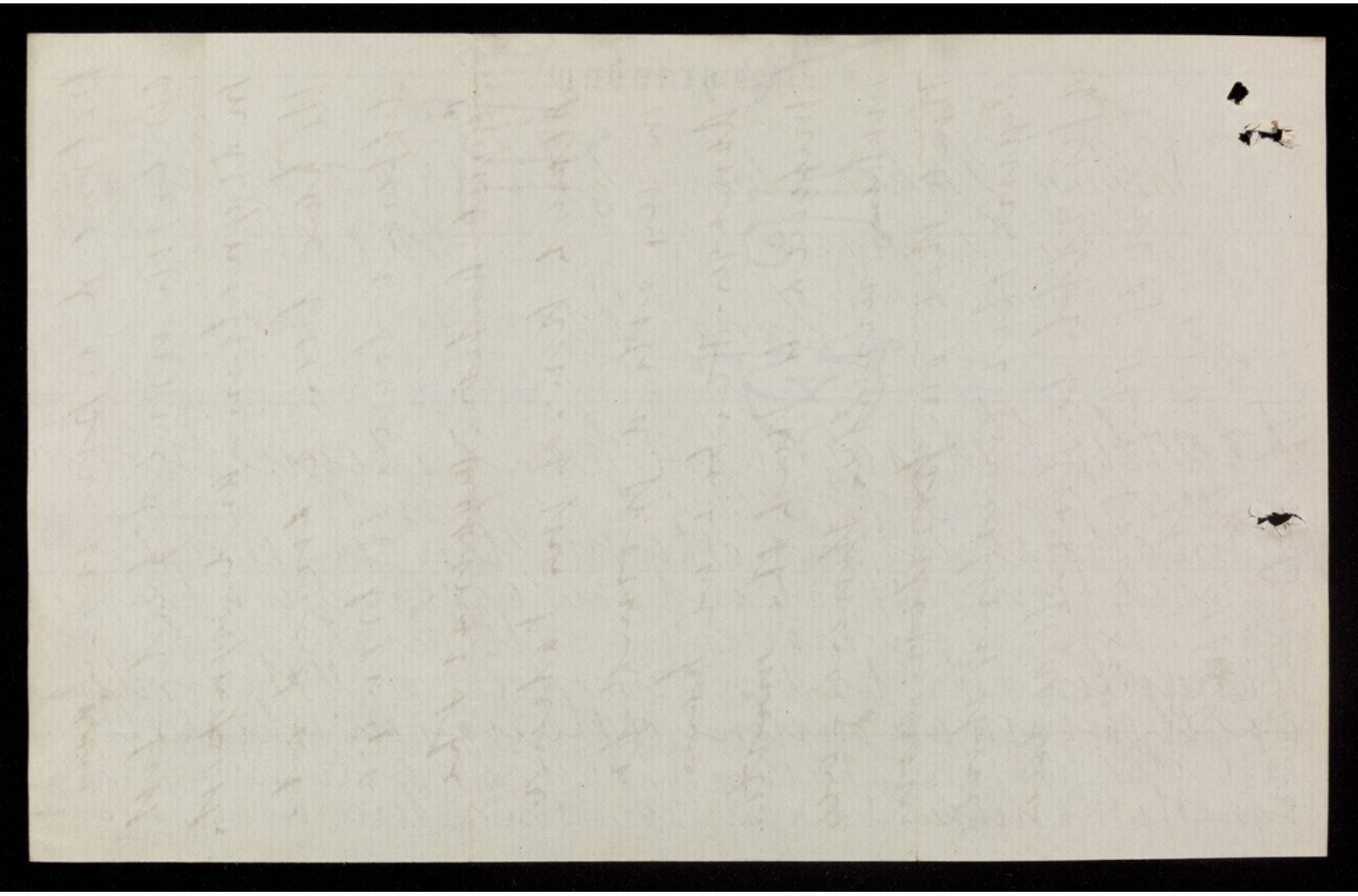

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Memorandum

Nathan Bake & Son
Tea Dealers &c.
Bridge End

To J. E. Woods Esq.
Ilkley

Leeds Jan. 2. 1887.

Dear Sir. Herewith we hand cheque £34.3.10 in settlement of enclosed account -
We find business and other matters very much changed from the past and this account is a heavy draw upon us for many years. We wish to ask you if anything can be done to reduce it -
If the writer was to give you an outline of the way in which the afflicted person who was in no way mentally strong at times before the marriage. ~~was sent here~~ since discovered was palmed upon us I am sure you will feel both indignation and sympathy. We have been advised at different times to bring a legal action against the nearest Kin of your patient on very solid ground for damages &c.

But we have preferred to keep the matter within ourselves . . . . . .

We think that our provision now requires that something should if possible be done to reduce the cost of this business -

mother a Ward of the Court of Chancery, & thus obtaining the legal power of dealing with her property. I was also directed to remind you that in the terms of the agreement signed by you, on 8th Sept. 1887 - besides the Capital sum owing, 5% per ann: will be charged by them, in accordance with the rule of the Committee. I am glad to be able to report that your mother has lately a little improved - & is now almost daily able to have a change from her own sitting-room to another parlour.

With kind regards
Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

A. McAllum Esq

The Friends' Retreat,
York.
Jan. 21. 1888

My dear Sir,

The Committee who have charge of the inspection of our accounts, sent in a special report to our general Committee on Tuesday, respecting the amount owing at the rate of £6.6.0 per week for your Mother's care and maintenance here.

It appears that this amounts now to the considerable sum of £255. 7. 9.

They directed me to write and ask you if some family arrange-ment could not be made for the payment of this account, without putting you to the un-necessary expense of making your

Spraggon
22 St Georges Place
Sunderland 9/9/87.

Dear Friend

In the case of J. J. Spraggon which has been the subject of Telegraphic Enquiry. I am sorry to say that there is such an increased development of mania as to make the most prompt measures desirable.

I write at his wife's request to ask (1) whether he can come at once to the Retreat which in the opinion of the medical attendants should be unmediately effected. & 2nd whether in the event of this being too much for the selfmotive

to be easily removed by one of his friends you would send someone qualified to help.

I should say that J. J. Spraggon has long preached & laboured before becoming a member of our Society but has of late overtasked himself in various ways, & was laid low at first by what appeared to be an attack of rheumatic fever but which at once affected the brain. He has had the kindest care from neighbours & relatives (not Friends) but their strength is fairly spent as his disease has increased in intensity, and a strong

tendency to homicidal or
suicidal mania has shown
itself which makes action
imperative —

The Doctors whom he has
refused all along to see
saw him today. He was
very quiet during their visit
but they are to see him again
tomorrow with a hope of
a change for the better & will
then issue their certificate.

I should say that J. T. Sprague
is not a person of property,
& has always been accustomed
as a farmer till recently, to
a homely sort of life. As this
attack is the
greatly aggravated successor of a slight one some years
ago

the 2nd or 3rd days of the
Retreat arrangements must
meet all that is required.

Mrs Sprague has desired
me to say what I think at least
by way of information. I
may add that it will be
very satisfactory to all our
friends here to know that Mrs.
is safely under your care

I am Yours truly

Ed. Jarvis

The Superintendent
Friends Retreat
York

St Georges Square
Sunderland
Nov 24/87

Dear Friend

After a fortnight's visit to Ispassgate, I have again reached home, the past three months seem to me like a horrible dream, I can scarcely believe that anybody was stupid enough to compound delirium after a terrible fever, with insanity, of which I never had a trace.

I could overlook the conduct of the most brutal of your men, had there been the least need of restraint, but you know well, that during that first night when, according to the Drs I ought to have shown the worst symptoms, you had not the least trouble with me. I will carry to the grave the marks of Ispatza's villainous treatment. I have seen several members of the Retreat Committee & have given them full information both in regard to your real efficiency, & the scandalous way I was dealt with by some of the others.

The Committeemen were perfectly amazed that such things were allowed, & at least

Meeting
there will be such an
inquiry as three of the
scoundrels little suspect.

Accept my sincere
thanks for the kind,
& brotherly way you
showed your sympathy
in my extreme weakness,
after the horrible, and
degrading things done
to me on that first
night, Sept 10th.

If at any time I
can do you a service,
I shall consider it a
great pleasure.

I saw a notice of the
death of old Mr Davis,
who used to shout so
loud. Is poor Robinson
still living? I thought
he would not last long.

How is your curious
specimen of a patient
Salvin, doing? and I
would like to know
if Mr Jefferies is im-
proving, so as to give
promise of permanent
cure. It seemed to me
such a pity that the
best part of her life
should be wasted.

I send you a little
book, as a token of friend-
ship, & gratitude.
I shall be glad to hear
from you at any time.

Sincerely Yours
Joseph J Spraggon

Spraggon's 1 Grange Crescent
Sept 1887. Sunderland: 12th Sept. 1887

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you on Saturday Evening and have now on behalf of Mrs. Spraggon to acknowledge receipt of your telegram to her yesterday evening for which she is most grateful.-

She regrets to hear that her husband is still in an excited State and refusing his food.-

At her request I write further to know whether (if she came to York for a few days) she would be allowed to see him.-

She is under the impression that as she understands his

Mrs. Boxford it was because the preliminary enquiries had been made in her name and in order to avoid confusion my letter was on her behalf.-

Now on behalf of Mrs. Spraggon's family I write in my own name

They are anxious to know the worst, supposing the case to be a hopeless one, which is the reason I have troubled you for a separate communication in addition to that you may make to Mrs. Spraggon-

I enclose Stamped envelopes for your replies.- Meanwhile

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully
Frank W. Pilcox

Dr. Baker
Friends Retreat
York.-

The enclosed letter from Mrs. Spraggon to her husband you will allow him to have or not as you see fit

peculiar disposition better than anyone else that She would be able to calm his agitation.—

Of course She feels that She is entirely in your hands and must therefore Submit to your decision as to the advisability of this course of action.—

Would you kindly write to her direct and let her know whether She may come or not

She is a Sensible woman with wonderful Self control so that She will abide by your decision without a murmur.—

The fact is that Mr. Spraggon has been treated like a Spoilt child nearly, if not all his life and I for one, cannot help feeling that during this last illness he has imposed very considerably both upon the Sympathy of his Wife and all her friends, especially the female portion.—

There has been no little "method in his madness" and we all feel that he is much better in the hands of Strangers who have experience and knowledge of such cases as his.—

If you would kindly write a few lines by return of post to Mrs. Spraggon with reference to her proposed visit to York and also at your convenience a few lines to me Stating your opinion of his case, and his prospect of a permanent recovery I should feel greatly indebted to you.—

I am a brother-in-law of Mrs. Spraggon and although on Saturday I wrote in the name of Mrs. Spraggon's Mother

15, Waterloo Place,
Sunderland.

Dec. 1st 1887

Dear Sir

Would you oblige me by sending me a copy of the Certificate signed by Dr Maling & myself in Mr Spraggon's case. She threatens an action at law against us. Is it your opinion, as Mr Spraggon states, that he was not insane when sent to your Asylum? I shall be obliged for any information you can give us as to his state

while with you.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours Truly

A. Bruce Low

The Superintendent
Friends' Retreat
York

15, Waterloo Place,
Sunderland.

Dec. 10th 87

Dear Sir

I am exceedingly obliged to you for your very satisfactory & consolatory letter received today. It has greatly relieved our minds. Mr Spragon has gone today to Durham to consult a solicitor regarding this matter. I am wondering whether a law suit can

legally be instituted by a man who is only allowed leave from an asylum on Trial.

He is rather morose, sad, & dejected at present. He wanted me to give him a certificate to say that he was only suffering from "delirium from bodily weakness want of sleep, & loss of blood" (by piles) when sent away, that he might show it to his friends that they might trust him again.

Dr Nading & I are very thankful for your letter as it supports our case incontestably.

With many thanks

I am

Yours faithfully

A. Bruce Low

Robt. Baker Esq M.D. &c.

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The Friends' Retreat
York Dec 8. 1857.

My dear Sir,

You will have received a certified copy of the order, statement, & certificates on which W. Spraggon was admitted to this Hospital for the Insane.

Any statement of his that I thought he was not insane when admitted here is manifestly absurd.

It is the duty of the Superintendent of an Asylum after two days, & before the expiry of seven days from the patients admission to forward to the Lunacy Commissioners a statement containing information as to the patients state of mind & bodily health.

Further than this on the 27th Sept. W. Spraggon had fully an hours interview with W. Frere, & Dr Southey, two of the Commissioners in Lunacy, who expressed their opinion that he was still too Insane for Discharge, and who entered

in their Official Report the following words -

"We paid special attention to every case admitted since the last visit, and are satisfied in every instance that the cases seen by us were properly placed here for care and treatment."

You will further please to observe that when W. Spraggon was discharged from here on the 19th Nov. he was discharged as "Relieved", & not as "recovered". It being the opinion of all the Medical Staff of this Hospital that he was still, though greatly improved, not entirely recovered.

Yours Faithfully
Robt Baker

D. L. Bruce Low

8 North Park Rd
Harrogate 19/4/87

Dr Barker

Dear Friend

My son Edgar who has always been somewhat deficient in intellect who has been for 6 years or more with Wm Fl Richmond formerly of Biggleswade belongs to Bethesda Meeting Latterly for 3 years or rather More he in New Zealand appears to be getting quite unmanageable & at the date of last letter to hand (dated 20th August) was in a hospital at Jesborne where he was under treatment. As soon as I see the newspaper clippings I will write more fully as to the probability of his being returned here. The ulceration of his leg came on at his arrival in New Zealand owing to Ship diet &c & he has not yet cleared it up. As soon as I get clear of it

86 Arkwright St.
Bolton 26. 2 Mo. 1888

To the Secretary
Friends Retreat York.

Dear Friend

The following minute of Hyrede Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends explains the object of my writing viz—

Min 11th of Meeting held the 2nd of 2nd Mo. 1888

"Thomas Abbatt [Kirkhall Place, Chorley old Road, Bolton] is nominated as Agent for York Retreat in the place of Shadrach Jackson removed from this Mo. Mtg. —and being acceptable to the Mtg. he is hereby appointed. The Clerk is directed to forward the name to the proper authorities."

Leonard Horner
Clerk

Please supply T. A. with ~~such information~~ instructions as may be useful, to enable him to answer enquiries respecting the Retreat.

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Worcester Mass 31. 1887

Dear friend
Dr Baker

I have received the enclosed from John Brownlee with request to sign it & forward it to thee
I suppose a power of attorney for the transfer of the stock will be sent to me

Thy friend truly
Thomas Westcombe

an acknowledgment of receipt will oblige

Bank Chambers,

Durham, 5th Jan. 1888

My dear Sir

I think I ought to inform you that W. Salvin's youngest Sister (Wm Sharpley) was on the 30th placed by me under certificates of Dr Blandford & Dr Kesteven at the Priory, Roehampton.

I presume there is no change in W. Salvin.

With best wishes of the season

from Yrs truly

C. Clement Hawksley

R. Hudson Esq MD.

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Bank Chambers,

Durham, 11. Jan. 1886

Dear Sir

I am glad to have your better account of Mr Calvin, & return as requested my Agreement & pay for him at the rate of 12 gns a week which will I understand be after this week reduced to 10 gns.

I will see you at York on Monday 16th, if convenient to you & unless you would prefer me to do so sooner

Yours faithfully

L. Gladstone Thornely

R. Baker Esq MRCS

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Friends

R.T. would suggest the following "interest" clause at end

"And I further agree to pay additional
" interest at the rate of 6 per cent
" per annum on any accounts due
" from me as above which shall
" not have been ~~paid~~ discharged
" within 28 days from the receipt
" of such account from the Treas-
" ~~Sec'y or other~~ Clerk of the ~~York~~
" ~~York~~ Retreat Hospital for the Insane"

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Mar. 16. 85

My dear friend,

I send you herewith two selected forms of agreement. I prefer that drawn up for the Bootham asylum by Wm. Wadkin.

Please forward them after you have supervised them. & Richardson

Thank you, & ask him to return them to me by tonight's post.

R. Jos.

Dear R Thompson

I prefer Mr. Walker's
form, but 5% cut is to be
paid in addition a/cs
must be rendered say
& how often the a/cs
become due?

Does not come

particulars promised
also draft making
at first for repairs
on behalf of Meeting
In fact I am not
sure whether it will
not be simpler to have
2 forms - one
for recommended &
one for unrecommended

To the Retreat Committee.

Dear Friends.

Believing that it is quite time for me to ask to be liberated from the office of Treasurer, I shall be obliged by your forwarding the enclosed to the Meeting of Directors.

With many pleasant recollections of associating with you and former members of the Comᵉᵉ, I am, with love your friend sincerely

Jonᵃ Burtt

8 Park St. 16/1. 1888

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York. Nov.r 21st/87.

a Parcel of Grocery—
Samples with Tender in
envelope marked T.K
sent to the Retreat-Lodge
a week ago, has only been
received back to day.= and
the Tender reads with sur-
-prize the following. (in red
ink) on the unopened envelope.
Containing the tender
"The Committee could
not consider these Samples,
as prices were not marked
upon them." "J. E. W."
Every Tradesman

know it would be useless to submit samples without attaching prices; — and if the samples which were carefully classified and superscribed accordingly had been opened the prices and the articles offered would have been — equally visible.

T.K. respects the result of fair competition; but feels a little dishonured in this summary treatment of his Tender: which he still thinks the best mode of submitting Samples.

To Dr. Baker
The Retreat

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
'DRAWBRIDGE, SCARBOROUGH.'

MESSRS. DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE,
SOLICITORS.

W. DRAWBRIDGE,
OFFICIAL RECEIVER IN BANKRUPTCY.

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,

24th Oct 1887.

Dear Sir.

Westcombe to Rowntrees

We beg to remind you that the Deed of Appointment of new Trustees herein has not been returned to us to be stamped. — It must be stamped within two months from its date. —

Yours truly
Drawbridge & Rowntree
cow

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

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

18. I. 1888

Sir In consequence of the recent illness of the Treasurer to the Retreat and his ~~consequent~~ temporary inability to sign cheques the Committee have decided to request the York City & County Bank until further notice to honour the Retreat cheques when signed by any two Members of the Committee

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as well as when signed
by the Treasurer and
one Member of the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee

Chairman

To the Manager of the
Lodge City County Bank.

Kilburn House,
York.

June 7 1797

The Committee
of the Retreat,

Gent.n,

We understand that our former plan might interfere with some building schemes you had in view we beg to submit another that would take a much smaller quantity of land. If you would give up this portion of land & pay half the expence of the wall, we would pay the

other half to make the road;
we are at the same time
giving up land for the
road. You will please
remember the reasons I set
forth in my last for
thus bringing this matter
before you.

Yours truly

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Inchkeith
Fremantle
Boscombe —
Bournemouth
1–13. 1888.

Boscombe

My dear Friend
Dr Baker.

I wrote at once on receiving your last letter relative to the recommend—ation of the Monthly Mtg. in regard to the 10/- per wk. and had a reply that it would be laid before the next Meeting and have attention. I think I shall be hearing very soon, and will write at once also in reference

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Bymouth of today enclosing
a/c.

Yours sincere friend

J Macnay

I have let my house
"Ladywell" for a short
time, so the above is my
present address.

25, Albion Street,

Leeds, 19. Decr 1887

My dear Friend.

I find it is impossible for me to get over to you tomorrow, as I have been obliged to make two appointments for the morning. I am ashamed that I have never yet attended any meetings, but it has been sheer inability. Under the circumstances I think it is my duty to place my resignation in the hands of the Committee, greatly regretting the necessity.

Yours sincerely
Jno. Rawlinson Ford

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Headingley

7/12/87

Dear Lee

Thy note has been delayed in the reply. So far as I see the proposals are excellent & simple & will commend themselves to the Council

Thy sincere friend

John Whitney

Lofthouse
November 25th 87

My dear Dr Baker

I am much
obliged for your letter and
sorry to see from it that
my sister does not improve
and that the Sister suffers from
her hallucinations. I trust
however you will be able
to give better news in your
next.
As to the account you

have sent me, I return it as my sister Miss Charlesworth & myself certainly understood from you when we had the pleasure of seeing you at York, that the charge per week for the rooms there as at East Hills including attendance and everything else would be at the rate of 4 guineas per week and must ask you to place the matter before the committee again.

I beg to remain
Yours sincerely
Joseph Charlesworth

Berry Field
nr Shipston on Stour
7/11/88

Dear Dr Baker,

I am sorry to say that our dear boy I wrote to thee abt from Leamington, has lately become so much worse mm Dr strongly recommends mm placing him under yr care without loss of time, as the only means likely

to restore him his present suffering condition, we shd thereby be glad if thou will send us the necessary papers when filled up. If you are able to receive him, you will have to send a male attendant to fetch him as it is a totally different case from dear Edward's & we shd not be able to bring him ourselves.

We are sorry not to hear a better report of him,

them will believe that the present is an additional aggravation of trials. My mother and wife send a cheque as E's are very shortly but has been very short of money this winter, everything being very depressed. Can hope the commissioners consider our trying circumstances.

I shall like to come if our little Charlie is near the time to explain the case but shall also like to see Edward he writes rather differently now, with love to him & kind regards

I am dear Dear
J Payne

As we are quite out of the reach of Telegrams, any [illegible] should be sent to George Payne Baker
Shipston on Stour
who will see that we have them, but please write if possible, as there will be delay in getting a Telegram

I forget whether it is necessary but will add
that the name of our dear boy is
Charles Arthur Payne age 14 -
son of Philip & Sarah Payne
Berry Field
Shipston on Stour

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 31st Octr 1887.

To
Dr Baker
Friends Retreat, York.

Dear Sir,

As the way seemed so clear as regards ordering the gas governor for the gentlemen's Lodge, I have done so, and hear that Messrs Stott & Co, 36 Boar Lane, Leeds, hope to fix it about next Wednesday or Thursday.

Perhaps it would be better that your plumber should assist their men, so as to be fully informed of the arrangement. I suggested to your plumber the placing of a stop tap just beyond the governor, as he states they are obliged at times to blow accumulations out of the service which should not be allowed to enter the governor.

I think it would be well, if you would kindly instruct your plumber to obtain a suitable tap, previously, in the town, and have it ready to fix at the same time.

Yours truly

W. Procter

Ferrand

Daisy Hill,
Rawdon, nr Leeds.

July 18 1887

F. Rutter

Dear Sir,

Our Solicitors,
through their agents,
have obtained the consent
of the Masters in Lunacy
to the amended scheme,
as you will learn from

the enclosed letter.
Will you kindly write
me the required letter
to send to the Masters,
as stated in the letter
from our Solicitors, which
I previously sent you.

Yours truly
S. W. Cate

Ferrand

Daisy Hill,
Rawdon, nr Leeds.

July 11-1887

Dr Baker
Dear Sir.
re Mr. Ferrand

By the enclosed letter from the Solicitors, you will perceive the Master has sanctioned the proposed reduction, subject to our producing a letter from you

in support of what we stated as your opinion that the two things named were no longer necessary. Will you kindly write us the necessary letter, and let us have it at your early convenience, and also please return the Solicitor's letter.

Yours truly

J. Solicitor

P.S. I also enclose this Form which the Visitors require filling up. Will you kindly complete it as before and send it to the Governess address as Miss Jackson's envelope which I also enclose.

J.S.

Lutington

26/12/87

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker

Will thou
please instruct
the Sec? to forward
the usual quarterly
bills to the new
address, not T. S.
c/o Sc. but to J. J. Feathers

himself.

Now I have pen
in hand, I may as
well tell thee I
have for years paid
the bills out of my
own money, except
"Disbursements," but
my late Sister B.
Dunning left a pro-
vision — I think
Thirty Pounds — to
be paid quarterly
through the hands of
a Trustee, on account
of my Sister Isabella,

whose name I cannot
for the life of me
at the moment —
now be neither Rendrew Kirk
viz:

I am thine truly
Thomson Rankine

Princes Terrace – Darlington
11/8 .87

Dear friend

Dr. Baker

It is an entirely unforeseen & great sorrow that I have now a case to deal with of mental derangement in one of my own children – my eldest Son having come home as thou art doubtless aware, from the West Indies, to be a burden to others, just when I hoped he was nicely settling there. — My friend Dr. Danl. H. Tuke who with Dr. Stainsby examined him for the Certificates, took a very unfavourable view of the case, & told me plainly he is never likely to recover. — With regard to terms Dr. Hime at the Retreat told me I had best send thee a letter to be laid before the Committee stating what I thought it was likely I could pay for my Son's maintenance. I have of course talked it over with my Son's wife, who came with him to England & is staying with us for a short time. — The constant depreciation in the price of Sugar & other Colonial produce & consequently of Estates & other property in the West India Islands has placed many families

including that my son had married into in a very different position as to means, from what they before occupied. We are both desirous to do what we can for him but after much & anxious conferring I do not see how we can afford to pay jointly more than £50 a year for him, the more so as there will be some extras of necessity & it seems likely to be a life long burden to me - at the very time I have been obliged rather anxiously to forecast my own circumstances & means of livelihood. I am sorry to say my son had not saved any money.

So far as I can see there is nothing in my son's case to require special privileges or extra care: he was brought up in very plain moderate living, & I have no wish nor do I see any reason whatever to ask for anything in his case, but the plainest care or treatment the Retreat provides. - I was so painfully conscious that with my family claims & circumstances I could not look to Friends' Retreat terms that is anything approaching what my Brother Tuffen's use - that when my friend Dr. Tuke advised it as the best place - my son being a member, I told him it was useless my thinking of it - I could not meet their terms & must look for the lowest possible place where he had a chance of being cared for. The heavy costs of educating my children & apprenticing & assisting my four sons later on, have given me very little chance of retrieving my own position from some heavy business losses a few years ago; & being now 61 years of age my working years are not likely to be much extended. I am obliged therefore to ask the kind consideration of the Committee in judging this case - but I should greatly have preferred paying the full usual terms had it been in my power to do so.

Yours sincerely

Theodore Watt

26, 27 & 28, THE PAVEMENT,

YORK.

Oct 18 188 5

Dear Sir,

Referring to yours of this date we have to apologise that an error should have taken place in reference to the rice on Sept 21st. We enclose credit note for the error in the charge.

We believe that there is no doubt that 1 Cwt was sent having closely questioned the young man who weighed it & also the porter who carried it into the Retreat & they both remember that there was Eight Stones in the bag. We have however pointed out to our assistant who had the execution of the order in hand that he ought on discovering that a larger quantity had been sent than had been ordered, to have written asking whether the amount oversent should be returned, or whether you would oblige us by keeping it. We believe if you will kindly enquire into it, you will be satisfied the hundredweight was sent.

With respect to the last part of your letter our desire has been to send the biscuits as fresh as possible which we have no doubt you wish, at the same time if you prefer it, we should

have pleasure in procuring any article in your order (which is not in Stock) in the City. We wish to use every endeavour to carry out your wishes in the execution of your orders.

Whilst writing, we may take the opportunity to say that we have given much attention latterly to the manufacture of Cream Cheese & Clotted Cream, like that so largely used in Devonshire & hope we shall be able to supply these articles with regularity & of the first quality.

We shall be glad if you will accept as samples the Cheese & Clotted Cream we propose to send you to-morrow.

Respectfully Yours
Rowntree Hills & Co
per D.H.

S. E. Woods Esq.

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Rowntree, Hills & Co.,
The Pavement, & Holgate Road,
YORK.

28, The Pavement,
YORK, 17. Oct 1887

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE, Pavement, YORK.

Dear Sir

We are sorry you have any trouble about this error in the rice. We have traced the whole matter thro' & according to what the persons concerned say, it seems that Lush did so. Daniel the porter who carried in the bag appears to have a lively remembrance of the difference in weight between 8 Sto & 4 Sto! Still as we intimated in our former letter, we fully admit that the first blunder was sending 8 Sto when 4 Sto was ordered; the second was in not at once advising you of the alteration when it was discovered. We will not ask you to take any more trouble in the matter, but if you will return us the book we will change the entry to 4 Sto Rice @ 18/ = 9.0 I hope we shall not make any more errors.

The Cream cheeses we sell @ 1/- can charge Rail. @ 11.
The clotted cream in tins 1/- do do @ 11
We expect to keep the clotted cream in jars, which may be preferred. When they arrive we will send quotations

Resp^y Rowntree Hills & Co.

Mrs. E. Woods

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Rowntree, Hills & Co.,
The Pavement, & Holgate Road,
YORK.

28, The Pavement,

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE, Pavement, YORK.

YORK, 27. 10. 1887

Dear J.B.P. Inow return the deed with explanatory correspondence I have signed it. I think we might ask the Retreat Cttee for a minute like this

Report is made that the deed in reference to the trust of Clement Jackson has been executed by the Trustees [their in each names] and at their request, this Committee places on record a statement that the deed has been prepared entirely to secure the interests of the Retreat, & entails no pecuniary responsibility whatever upon the Trustees. A copy of this minute signed by the Secy is to be given to each of the trustees.

Dear Dr Baker

I return herewith the deed signed by J S K & myself. I thought of proposing a minute to the above purport myself so shall be obliged if you will submit the above to the Cmtee

York 27 Oct 1887

Yrs faithfully
T.W. Crosfield.

Over

John Rowntree of Scarbro agrees with the foregoing memo
marked & minute — & think a copy of minute should be
attached to the Deed before it is despatched to the Rodney Safe —
Scarbro 29/x/07 R has forwarded the Deed to the Workington
Society.

Abingdon
Sept 24th 1817

Dear Mr Baker

I begin to find it inconvenient to pay the high fees you charge for the maintainance of my poor wife and unless you can kindly consider to make the reduction to £100 per annum I shall be reluctantly compelled to remove her

in some other establishment.
This would be much
against my wish. as I
am truly grateful for
all the care you have
bestowed upon her
whilst under your
charge. An early reply
will much oblige

Yours very truly

E. W. Hall

Private

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You will remember when I last saw you last Wednesday asking me the name of the Gentleman who is a member of the County of Hounds and to whom I advanced £2300 on some property he owned, its name is Wilson Hopkin the Merchant of Hull & Co, the only interest I have rec^d from him from the last two or three years is about £50 you will see from this one reason for my asking for a reduction

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Sheaf Bank Works
Sheffield Sept 22nd 87

Dear Sir

One of our workmen who has long been connected with Friends especially the Friends Day School work in Sheffield has given so much evidence of being unfit for his duties & I fear of destroying himself I have today seen Mrs Chas Doncaster about him (her late husband was interested in the Man) & she recommended me to write you - would there be any opportunity of getting a working Man into your institution if so on what terms or could you see the Man & advise as to the propriety of allowing him to remain at large & about the work were he to forbid him the work he would be greatly grieved - a word in reply will oblige

Yours Chas T. Skelton

R. DAVIDSON, C.E.
BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

Borough Surveyor's Office,

BOWER SPRING,

Sheffield, 188

Dear Sir

The Plans & Section of the proposed Sewer have been deposited at the Town Hall

Yours truly

Borough Surveyor

3 Isabella
2 John Burnett Esqrs
7 Strand

Dear Sir
Having had the honor to be
Brought up a Member
settled in Australia
My unmarried Sister
Harriet Hunt was a
friend & Correspondent
of the late Caleb Williams
— She died about five
years since near Denbigh
reclaiming her membership
with Joint Meeting
My father's eldest
& Son

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Statement of Mr
Wylys.

I have much pleasure
in setting before You
the following particulars
that You may be fully
acquainted with my
claims on the Society
of Friends which led to
the admission of my
son Mackerow W. Wylys
to the "Retreat"

My ancestors were among
the earliest members of
the Society — one of them
attended William Penn

on the occasion of the
"Signing the Treaty" —
My mother's Grandfather
John Hunt suffered for
his principles - he being
in America superintending
his extensive estates in
New Jersey &c - on the
outbreak of the War of
Independence & refusing
to take up arms was
tried & pitched for contumacy
— Where he died - I
possess some Fractions letters
written by his wife to her
Step daughter in England
. While attending his
prison death bed -

at the close of the War
Compensation being offered
— the one Male heir
at the time serving in
one of the King's Ships was
absent in Holland
under detention - &
the Property passed on
to the then Earl of Sterling
My immediate family
were all females Both
three of my Sisters
married in the Family
viz. Rachel Dorothea - to
John Hyde Slade
2 Maria to Chas Nayoda
Cousin W. L. Forbes

Scrip Hunts Acct at
the Retreat. he having
suffered from injury of
the brain from the kick
of a horse. This I
think was early in
the century -

My uncle Henry Hunt
of Fort Smith &
his wife nee Southall
were leading members
as also my Cousin
Anne Hunt. Still living,
& a Maiden. - Indeed
all my Kindred have
been connected, or rather

belonged to the Society of Friends from its earliest foundation & from these institutions have been supported & its funds —

James Bank

Sept. 1889

For the instruction of my Trustees —

W. H. Maddock Esq.
W. E. Wallop M.D.

To the Committee
of the Friends Retreat
York

15 Nov 1887
8 Fig Tree Court
Temple
EC

Gent.

We are requested by Mrs Wyllys of Tamar Bank Saltash Cornwall to make an application to you on behalf of Mr Mackeson W. Wyllys now an inmate in your retreat, for whom we are trustees

We beg to enclose Mrs Wyllys' statement of her claims on the Retreat and request you, at personal thereof, if you should think fit, to make a more just arrangement of the yearly expenses paid by her on acc of her son Mackeson W. Wyllys, the present payment pressing

Seeing on her finances: It is suggested by Mrs Wyllys that £60 per ann. would be a fair payment for her son

Hoping that you will give a favourable consideration to the application

We remain
Your obedient servants
Wm Wyllys Mackeson
Wm Edward Wyllys

Rutland House,
Doncaster.

Nov. 10. 1884

Dear Mr Baker

I received your letter this morning stating that the Committee of your institution had invited me to become a member of your visiting com^e^.

The work proposed will be quite new to me & I feel as tho' I should

not be of much use —
however I will not decline
the invitation but should
like to know for how
long the appointment
is made and how often
and when I should
have to visit at the
Retreat —

My husband joins me
in kind regards and
I am

Yours very sincerely
Henr. Clark

Moorfield,
Bradford

10-XI. 87.

Dear Dr Baker

In reply to your note received this morning, I regret that I cannot see my way to accept the appointment of Visitor to the Lady Patients in the Retreat. I have so many interests claiming my attention at Bradford, that I cannot undertake any more work, at present.

Yours truly

Henrietta Edw. Priestman

Newton Lodge

10/11 mo 87.

Dear Friend

Dr Bailey

In answer to
thine received this
morning - I do not
object to my name
being added to the list
of visitors to the Lady
patients at the Retreat
if the appointment

is an annual one
& for any specified
time — Thy friend
truly S. Wallis

Nov 12

York.

Dear Sir

I shall be quite willing to accept the appointment of Visitor to the Retreat if I can be of use in that capacity.

Yours truly,
Lydia Moorsle.

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J. R. PROCTER & SON.
"TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS."
PROCTER TANNERY.

LOWLIGHTS TANNERY,
NORTH SHIELDS.

4 July 1887

Dear Dr Baker

I don't think you have ever definitely mentioned the sum required for Mr R Sharp's residence at Scarbro for 3 or 6 months. I think you will run no risk in keeping her there till I write for further, & when I know the sum required I will try to get the matter arranged. We have an income of about £20 per ann. to be "spent for her benefit", & it is not in accordance with my view of the testator's intention that it should go to relieve her father of ordinary expenses.

Yours faithfully
Henry R Procter

West Hendon House,
Sunderland.

10/2/87.

Dear Friend,
Dr Baker

My co-executor & I have agreed with I. Sharp that we shall, between us, pay the extra expenses of M. R. Sharp at Scarbro' for half a year. I therefore enclose his cheque for £6. 16. 6 for the first quarter's payment; & when the dividends

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arrive, about the end of this month, I will forward a cheque for the other half of it. Please remind me of the next quarter's payment when the time comes for it.

When the half year is up, it will be a subject for consideration what should be done further, depending on the circumstances at the time, & especially the progress of M. R. Sharp's health. Yours truly

J. W. Backhouse.

West Hendon House,
Sunderland.

27/1/87.

Respected Friend,

R. Baker

I have been consulted by my co-executor for ~~H~~ S.V. Richardson, H.R. Procter, as to a proposal of theirs with reference to letting H.R. Sharp go to Scarbro'. The legacy is only a small one, so I should be glad to hear exactly what is proposed, as I fear ~~he~~ that will

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be beyond what it will provide for. Is it intended that she sh^d. go to Scarbro' just for a few weeks, or for a longer period? And would the expense be £1. 1. 0 per week <u>additional</u> to her ordinary payment?

Yours truly

J. W. Backhouse

214 Philip Road
Peckham Rye
London S.E.
Feb 18th '88

Dear Dr Baker

It is my intention to apply for one of the appointments at the York Dispensaries, and I shall feel much obliged if you will kindly say a word for me to Dr North.

I doubt whether I have much chance of being elected, but there can be no harm in trying.

With many thanks for your letter

I remain

Yours very truly

Chas. J. Cooke

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24 Philip Road
Peckham Rye
London S.E.
Feb 6th 1888

Dear Dr Baker

You may perhaps, remember some three years ago, that I was one of the candidates for the post of assistant medical officer to the Friends' Retreat, and that you wrote to Dr Davidson of Liverpool, from whom I have a testimonial, to make enquiries concerning me; you were good enough, at that time to express a wish to forward my interests, and I therefore take the liberty of writing to ask whether you can give me any information as to whether it would be worth my while to apply for one of the vacancies at the York Public Dispensaries which are advertised in the "Lancet" of January 28th.

I have been from April 1885 to Sept. 1887 in the West India Mail Service, & since then have been four months assistant & locum tenens for Dr Mason of Sheffield & have good testimonials relating to both these periods.

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My engagement in Sheffield having terminated, I am seeking a post as Medical officer to some public institution, & have applied for some, but so far with out success. Failing such an appointment I am likely to get an apaointment in the Queensland Emigration service, but am desirous of settling in England for family reasons & if you will, if in your power, be kind enough to inform me whether there is likely to be a great deal of competition for the above mentioned vacancies, I shall feel very much obliged.

Apologising for thus troubling you.

I am Yours very truly

Chas. J Cooke

(M.D. Mch)

Dr Baker

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Bradford 21. II 1888

Dear D Baker.

May I ask whether it will be admissible or advisable for me to be accompanied by a Gentleman desirous of seeing over the Retreat on the occasion of my approaching visit as per Appointment Sometime this month?

In conversation the other day with my friend Dr Thurnam Briggs of Bradford J.P. who as a Magistrate is a visitor of, and much interested in, both Wakefield and Menston, he said he should like to see over the Retreat & the good arrangements, and management of which he had heard. And on my saying I should be going there soon he expressed a wish to accompany me; and there the matter dropped.

Now if it is admissible I would let him know before I went to York, and if not would say no more to him about it.

A line in confidence will oblige Yours respectfully

Robt Parkinson

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Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowpers Court
Cornhill. E.C

York. 23 Dec 1887

Dear Baker

I think copies of the minute might be sent to the parties you name — y —

Mrs Spray for
Mr Commissioners in Lunacy
The two Doctors

& also to James Rackerdem. And wd it not be well, in writing to Jas R, to put to him the question as to Spraggon's coming again to the Retreat. We must try to carry the friends in the locality with us throughout this business

The arguments which you, as a Medical man feel to weigh against S. coming back & which

Jas Rankin have named I see is to be brought
before James Richardson & Disappear
he would bring them before the Sunderland
Friends

Jas A/Bell
Sh Romdier

I suppose Alf Hopper gave his formal
assent to the minute. Nothing is to be
done with it till this assent is obtained

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OAKLANDS
WATFORD

16 Apr. 1858

Dear Sir / I shall be obliged by payment, at your convenience, of the amount of Annuity (£10) due to me on the 1st inst. I inclose a Letter received from my Brother: the reason for his address being Cheltenham, instead of Chepstow as before, is, that he has been staying

for the last two months
at the former place
with one of his daughters
who resides there. He
seems to be under a
misapprehension, that
some such identification
as that referred to in
his Letter has been
required: I did not
ask him for anything
of the kind -

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

Mr. J. E. Woods
York

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.
Mar. 28th 88

My dear Sir,

After conversing with W. A. H. Spence, & also with some other members of my Committee, I write to ask if you are prepared to offer your loan of £1000. at the rate which we are at present paying; namely 3¾ per cent. We are only needing £2000. £1000 of which we have on offer.

The security is undoubted,

as the Balance Sheet shews a plus quantity of £53,289- to the credit of the Institution.

An early reply is requested, as if you are willing to lend us your £1000. at 3¾ %, I will bring your offer promptly before my Committee, & withhold our advertisement from the "Friend", & "British Friend."

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Wm Thos Beaumont

Fairfield House,
Cheltenham.

April 14/88

My dear Brother

In reference to your letter of the 12th inst- and my being identified by the Clergyman of my Parish, I have to say, that I am not acquainted with him by either sight or name: that if he Knows me by sight and name that is all; and that certainly he does not Know who I am or any of my relatives: this last remark applies to neighbouring Magistrates also:

That I could not think of asking any one to certify to my identity for a legal purpose, unless such person could do

To Ruthfully & Sadly;
finally that, the only person who
I can call to mind who is living
And can do so is yourself.

N.B. I believe that the registra-
tion of my birth was at
the Friends Meeting House
in St Martins Lane
London.

I am
Your affect Brother
Eliza Harrison

Edward Harrison Esq
Watford
Herts.

Freshfield Cottage Fishergate York

March 1888

Dear Sir

Yours of the 28th to hand—

I have perfect trust in the integrity and honour of those who conduct your institution———

But as you will be aware I should have preferred 4 per cent yet I presume as the times change you must change with them———

When suitable to you any day will be convenient to me for a personal interview when I will hand to you the sum specified as heretofore.

Sincerely Yours

Thomas Beaumont

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Freshfield Cottage Fishergate York
April 18th 1888

Mr J G Woods

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
minute from your Committee
for the acceptance of one £1,000 from
me on April 3 1888 on behalf of
the Friends Retreat

Yours Respectfully
Thomas Richmond

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Freshfield Cottage Fishergate York

April 3rd 1888

Dear Sir

In accordance with your request I have this day paid into the city and county Bank £1.000 to the credit of the Retreat for which I received an acknowledgement — Subsequent communication I leave to yourself.

Sincerely yours

Thos Beaumont

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Mar. 31. 1888

My dear Sir,

I advise that you pay in to the credit of the Retreat, at the York City & County Bank, your proposed loan of £1000.

They will give you an acknowledgment that they have received the amount on behalf of the Retreat. On Tuesday the 17th apl. our Board will meet, and then a formal Minute signed by the Treasurer, will be sent to you, as security for your loan -

Yours faithfully
Robt. Baker

Wm. Thos. Beaumont -
Freshfield Cottage
Fishergate, York

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Edward Briggs

D. V. Baker

Herewith deal

Ch 20 £ on behalf of my
daughter Emily which please
send receipt of & will oblige
I will send the balance shortly.
Will you be so kind as to in-
form me whether I could
have her transferred to
Lancaster County asylum;
where the payment would be
about 10/- per wk as I
cannot afford to pay 15/- per wk
I prefer her being at the Retreat
if the payment can be made
10/- per wk

Yours respectfully
Wm Binns

Eccles
1/28/88

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HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge,

York, 13 Mar 1888

To Mr S. E. Woods
The Retreat

Dr Sir

In reply to yours of 10th J. Wright St Andrews gate offers very good hay (my enquiry to him was for the best) @ £5 per ton delivered at the Retreat. This is 7½ per sto & I believe you may depend on his sending really good quality. As this is ½ per sto less than Mrs Fowler (& in asking Wright I made no reference to her or any other offer) I should recommend your having some from him. You do not say for how long the 10 to 15 tons would last? I should myself be disposed to buy abt 2 mos' requirements & see more & then try again. If you will let me know how many tons would last this time & if you will send me your written order on Wright I will arrange with him to supply it as you want it, a load at a time. A load wd be 1½ to 1¾ tons. You might have one load stored & the rest to wait orders.

Yrs truly
J. W. Procter.

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£27-15-0

HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY.
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 15 Mar 1888.

To
Mr. S. E. Woods
The Friends' Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th, & have filled in your order for 4 to 5 tons of Hay, & have requested Wright to send you the first load the middle of next week. Please give him a few days in each case before you require the further loads. I enclose you herewith his offer.

Yours truly.

H. W. Procter.

P.S. I will try to get it possible on Tuesday at 11. but this a very busy month.

AWR 15.3.88

27, St. Andrewgate,

York,

March 12/88

To

J. W. Procter Esq:
Staidergate Bridge
York

Dr. Sir

Price of Hay.

We will be glad to deliver good Hay produce of 1887 at the Retreat for £5 pr. ton.

Yours truly
J. Wright.

Ordered
4 to 5 tons Hay as required
15.III.8

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27, St. Andrewgate,
York,

To
S. E. Woods Esq:
~~Friends Retreat.~~

April 17/88

Sir
I enclose Invoice for last load -
I have the unpleasant duty to advise you of an increase in the price of Hay of one halfpenny pr. Stone, it will probably be temporary only -

I am, Sir,
Your Ob.t Servant
J Wright.

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27, St. Andrewgate,
York,

To
S. E. Woods Esq:
The Retreat.

May 10/88

Sir

Since my last Letter to you, I find I have overlooked a Letter from Mr: Procter which pledges me to supply you with 4 or 5 tons Hay at 7½ pr: Stone, I therefore ~~then~~ beg of you to accept my apology & inform you there is yet another load to deliver at that price - which you will order when ~~you~~ required ~~it~~ -

I am, Sir,
Yours very respectfully
J Wright.

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27, St. Andrewgate,
York,

May 1/88

To
J E Woods Esq:
The Retreat.

Sir

In reply to yours of the 27th ult, I beg to say I did not pledge myself by my offer of the 12th of March to any length of time - & I hope you will not expect so - as you know it has been an exceptionally prolonged consuming time for Fodder (dry) & it has consequently got very scarce.

I hope you will be satisfied with this explanation - Hay is most difficult to buy at a reasonable price

I am Sir,
Yours very respectfully
I Wright.

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Springfield Mount.
Leeds.

9th of 5th Mo.
1888

Dear friend
S. E. Woods

I am very sorry
I find it quite impossible
to fulfil my engagement
to visit the Retreat so
far this month, and
now as I am going from
home there will not be
any opportunity for doing so

during the remainder
of the Month.
I allowed my name to
stand on the appointment
under pressure, and I now
believe it was a mistake
my doing so my time is
so fully occupied with
a variety of work.
Will Thos Priddy inform
me how often the friends
on the appointment are
expected to visit? and if
there is a stated time for
doing so?

Thy friend Sincerely
Celia Walker

25 Knowsley Street
Bolton
May 14/88

Dear friend Robt Baker.

Enclosed I hand
you cheque value 28/11/2 the
amount of Enclosed a/c.
My Mother wishes me to enquire
whether my brother requires as
much attention as he did at
first & whether he could not

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be put upon a cheaper rate?
Her income is much reduced
The last year or two the expense
of my brother's keep is a serious
matter.

Yours Sincerely

Alfred E Wright

17 Clifton, 21-4-'88.

Dear Friend

Dr Barker,

The time has now arrived, when I must again ask the Committee for a Reduction on the charge made for my daughter. I cannot meet the Expenses each of my Income in consequence of

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repeated serious losses over which I have no control; I have much this week expended there for each of money left me by a deceased Relative. such this is such disappearing such as a Friend, I think I am entitled to some consideration. such I cannot suppose my child's actual expenses amounted to the sum charged.

If there will kindly represent my case to the Comrs when they meet, much I shall be obliged.

I will endeavour shortly to remit this Rec'd Dear Father is so much distressing case I receive so little encouragement to hope for recovery. Dr Shinch is most kind whenever I call.

I remain,

Thy Friend
Cath. Brickes.

85 Mansel Street

Swansea, April 12/88

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith Cheque for £11. 10/- in settlement of a/c for my brother Valentine George to 31st Ultmo.

Some years since the charge for Quarters Board was £5.-, it was afterwards raised to £6.10/-, in consequence of a great rise in provisions &c at that time, but as the cost of living has been much lower for some years now than it was when the advance was

made, I should feel obliged if the terms for board could be again reduced to the old rate, provided it did not interfere in any way with the attention to, or comfort of my brother. My principal reason however in asking for the favor of a reduction is that through slackness of trade I have lost a situation as Merchants Clerk, which I had held for upwards of 22 years, my employers, Messrs Henry Bath & Son of this town, having been obliged to reduce their Staff of employees.

Trusting that you and the Committee of Management will take this into your kind consideration,

I remain dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

John Clutton.

Darlington 5 mo 5 - 1888.

Dear friend

Dr. Baker

My friend, John W Watson, informs me that he has been compelled to place his daughter Gertrude in the Retreat, and asks me to endeavour to procure for him some exemption from the higher rates of payment.

I presume he applies to me as one of the Overseers in our Monthly Meeting.

He says he could not pay £2 per week but might perhaps manage £1.

If I am not presuming too much on thy kindness

I should feel obliged if thou would inform me how the matter stands, whether any relaxation can be granted, and if so, what means should be taken to obtain it.

Thy friend sincerely
Wm Coor Parker

The Retreat
York

Darlington 5 mo 13 - 1888.

Dear friend

Dr. Baker

Thanks for thine of the 12th inst.

Perhaps I may be allowed to add to my first letter, that Saml. Hare & myself think that £1 per week is as much as J W Watson could reasonably be expected to pay.

Thy sincere friend

Wm. Coor Parker

to

York

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Please accept my most kind wishes for Mrs Baker, yourself, Wm. Woods, John Hodgson, Stead, Addison, and wherever due; and believe me,

Yours in the love of truth,

Henry Steer,

F.R.Hist.S.

1, Iron Gate, Derby.

11. May 1888

Dr. Baker

Dear Friend

When with you, I found the want of something to hold my lecture copy by the corner without piercing the paper. I then invented my scamers, and the first were made here. As they were highly approved by practical people, I patented them; and have much pleasure in handing you a pair herewith for the acceptance of the establishment. They are fully described in the circular, and are very neatly noticed (without fee or

remand from me,) in Cassell's go-
thereon.

I am in, and in possession of the business here; and I trust settled.

My dear wife and children are just gone to Australia, much to my regret; but we may some day be united again.

When in London, I made a Gospel temperance, criminal entertainment, in which I took the principal part; being speaker and reciter. We were all paid for our services. It has excellent notices in the London temperance press, etc. My lectures have also very good press and other notices; and recently I had an ornamented address from the "Home & Class" Literary Society of the Y.M.C.A. of Lepel Hall; in acknowledgment of my voluntary labors, and of my lecture in the Council Chamber of that Hall:— "praying for guidance and blessing for my future efforts in the spreading of the truth."

Business is first, now.

I noticed your india-rubber caps to clean feet, and their great advantage; and have been unable to get them from upholsterers. I think they are made for some other purpose. Will you kindly favor me by saying where I can obtain them?

York City and County Bank Ltd

Telegraphic Address.
"CITY YORK"

York 14 May 1888.

Dear Sir, I have had the interest on the Retreat a/c examined, & find that by a clerical error, the charge for interest for the 1/2 year ending 30 June/86, was £10 too little, which explains the difference to which you called my attention. When you are at the Bank I will show you the entry. Of course, being so long ago, we shall leave the entries as they stand

Yours faithfully
W. W. Morrell
Secretary

J. Edwood Esq.
The Retreat.

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Mar. 29th 1888

Dear Madam,

Your letters were considered by the Committee at their last Meeting, and I am directed to inform you that the amount paid by you was undoubtedly owing for your daughters' maintenance, that the account was examined by the official auditors of the Retreat, & passed by them, three years ago. The Committee

therefore must decline to reopen the matter.

Yours faithfully

~~Robt Parks~~

J. E. Dodd

Sec'y.

Mrs J. S. Cooper
Post Office
Whitby

29, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

6th March 1888

Dear Dr Baker,

It would be a great convenience to me to know the exact amount now owing by my brother-in-law to the Retreat & I hope it will not be long before you are able to bring the matters referred to in my letter of the 1st ult. before the Committee - I sincerely trust that their decision will be to allow a considerable reduction in the account.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Yours truly

Jno. Barber.

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29, Bank Street,
Sheffield.

1st February 1888

Dear Dr Baker,

I shall not be exaggerating when I say that I was astounded to get the account against Mrs Liordet this morning.

In the first place the last account rendered to me (which I now enclose) shewed a balance owing of £26-17-5 - The present account commences with a balance owing of £61-15-4 - It is true that an interval of three weeks has to be accounted for between the end of the September account & the beginning of the present one, but, as Miss Ball received £25 on 3rd September, I cannot understand how a liability for £35 can have been incurred between that day & the 30th of the same month -

Referring to your letter of Sept. 3rd I find you state "the salary for Miss Ball I arranged to be at the rate of 15/- a week all expenses" Yet I see £1-1-0 a week is charged in the account.

In my letter to you of August 5th I said "I want if possible to keep the whole of the expenses in connection with Mrs Liordet within £300 a year", but I see the amounts remitted to Miss Ball for the four months October - January are at the rate of £360 a year; & this does not include the expenses of your visit, supervision &c &c, & presumably Miss Ball's salary -

I feel a delicacy about

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referring to the charges for
supervision &c. They are
in themselves perfectly reasonable
& I am sure are far from
being an adequate equivalent
for the great care that you
have bestowed upon this case,
the result of which I consider
has been simply wonderful.
If a decrease in the charges
refer to would mean loss
to yourself I would not for a
moment suggest any such
thing, as I think they would
be all too little to repay you
for your time & trouble, but
if only the Retreat funds would
be affected by such a decrease
I hope you will oblige me
by seeing if you cannot get
the Committee to allow a
substantial reduction.

I dont think they could find a
worthier case for such a course
than the present - they bother
in law had to give up a good
business in consequence of his
wife's illness & got into debt to the
extent of several hundreds of
pounds on the same account.
His present income of a few
hundreds a year requires the
most careful management to
enable him to provide for his
wife & child, to pay a heavy
life insurance premium, & put
something by as a fund for
paying his debts. I do hope therefore
that the Committee will see
their way to somewhat lessening
the burden upon him.

It may seem to you strange
that I should wait until now
before saying anything about this.
I have not however been consulted
about any of the recent changes
made by the Hospital & I confess
I had no idea that expenses

G. N. BURTT,
COAL MERCHANT
and COLLIERY AGENT.

103, Micklegate,
YORK.

2/5 1888

Dear Sir

I am sorry I omitted to acknowledge your letter of the 27th ult. referring to the Contract for Coals to the Retreat. I beg to state that I shall be glad to supply ~~~~ The Retreat with St Johns Steam Coal ~~for~~ until March 31st 1889 on the same terms as during the past 12 mos.-

Yours truly
G. Norris Burtt

29, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

were accumulating at the rate that they have been doing.

I am extremely anxious that you should understand that I do not consider the account in itself unreasonable as a whole: My point is that under the circumstances it will be a great burden on my brother-in-law to have to pay it.

I enclose my cheque for £100 on account, the receipt of which please acknowledge. I also return the present account in which I sincerely hope there may be some reduction.

Yours truly,

Jno. Barber.

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27 April 1887

Mr. E. N. Burt

103 Micklegate.

Dear Sir,

Coal contract – Friends' Retreat.

In reply to your offer of Mar: 26th – the Committee accepts your offer of St Johns large Steam coal for the Engine & Boiler department at your offer of 11/3 per ton, delivered at the Retreat; the terms as regards curtailment of the contract in case of inferior coal being delivered, & any other points, to be the same as in the last contract, for Range and Fuller 1887

The Stanley Main best house coal has been tried, but is not liked & we have therefore accepted another tender for the house.

On behalf of the Committee.

Wm Rowntree

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Mr. Edward Lewis

Mr. & Mrs. Brent

103 Mitchell.

Dear Sir,

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[illegible]

[illegible]

23, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

27 April 87

Messrs Rotherford & Co
Tanner Row. York.

Dear Sirs,

Coal contract - Friends' Retreat.

Referring to your letters of Mar 20 & Apl 3rd, the Committee accept your offer of Glass Houghton Wallsend best house coals at 12/6 per ton, delivered as required at the Friends' Retreat up to the 31st March 1887. subject to the same conditions as last year, & to your not only taking care that the deliveries are satisfactory as regards freedom from dust & rubbish, but that there may be sufficient care exercised by the men who take up the coals to avoid any damage to the premises I make this request as you will be aware of injury has been done by a man taking in a load & having to leave 1 of the doors without proper control.

On behalf of the Committee.

W. J. Coates.

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ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants.
AND
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row.
York 28th April 1888

Yours truly
Rotherford & Co.

Dear Sir
Coal for Friends' Retreat

I W Procter Esqre
Skeldergate
York

We are in
receipt of your letter
notifying acceptance of
our tender for the supply
of Glass Stoughton Wallsend
Coal for 12 months ending
March 31st 1889. We
will take care that future
deliveries are made
satisfactorily & that
all damage is avoided
to the premises.

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ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants
AND
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row.

York April 3rd 1888

Dear Sir

Referring to your note requesting us to suspend the supply of coal to the Friends' Retreat, until further notice. As you are trying some kinds of coal we ask you would try our South Kirby Hard House coal. We can deliver it at 11/ per ton. We have contracted for the supply of it for the year to the Workhouse, after 3 months trial the Barracks York have contracted for it for 12 months instead of Glass Houghton which has been used up to the end of last month. It is a good sample & a very smooth coal.

Yours truly
Rotherfords

J. S. Woods Esqre
Secretary
The Friends' Retreat
York

Quite unfit for the purpose

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ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants.
AND
Colliery Agents.

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Tanner Row.
York March 28th 1888

Dear Sir

We hereby tender for the supply of Coal to The Friends' Retreat for 12 months from April 2nd next at the prices named on the fly-leaf - If we are favoured again with the contract, we will do our utmost to oblige you

Yours truly
Rotherford & Co

S E Woods Esqre
Secretary
The Friends Retreat York

accept

per ton

Glass Stoughton Wallsend 12/6

Beckfield Steam Coal. 9/6

Manvers Main { Best. for 6 months ending Sept 30th } 12/.

We are willing to accept the contract for Manvers Main for Summer months at 12/. & Glass Stoughton for the 6 Winter months at 12/6 by which arrangement you will save 6d per ton during the Summer & get an equally good Coal. In Winter we cannot afford the Manvers Main Coal at less than 13/. per ton

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& I shall be glad if you will give the Stanley Main Best a trial for the house as it is a Coal that I feel Confident would give satisfaction.

Yours truly
G. Norris Burtt

G. N. BURTT,
COAL MERCHANT
and COLLIERY AGENT.

103, Micklegate,
YORK.

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4.IV.88

3rd mo 20th 1888

To the Committee of the
Friend's Retreat

I desire to tender to you for Coals as follows:—

	per ton
Locked Ds'	
✓ Stanley Main Best for household purposes	12/6 Not suitable
Accept St John's Steam for Engine	11/3 ✓

These prices include delivery to any part required for the use of the Retreat: The Steam Coal is the same as I have supplied for the last Contract

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WILLIAM PEPPER.

HOUSE, FORGE & SMITHS COAL.
BEST FOUNDRY & FURNACE COKE.
BUILDING & LAND LIME.

ADELAIDES,
SAINT HELEN'S,
TINDALE,
PEASES' WEST,
BOWDEN CLOSE,
FLOCKTON,
FOXHOLES &
MONK BRETTON
COLLIERIES.

Colliery Offices,
4 Railway Street
York, March 23rd 1888.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your Memo of 20th Inst. I shall be glad to deliver Coal at the Friends' Retreat at the following prices.

except Foxholes for Dr Baker's House if not exceeding price of Monk Bretton

		s	d	
Monk Bretton House Coal for	Sitting Rooms	13	4	per ton
" " " "	Kitchens	11	8	"
" "	Treble Screened Nuts	12	4	"
" "	Large Steam Coal	12	-	"

for 12 months from 1st April next.

Terms of payment as usual.

Yours truly
pro Wm Pepper.
J. Oldale

S. E. Woods Esqre
Friends' Retreat
York.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
'DRAWBRIDGE, SCARBOROUGH.'

MESSRS. DRAWBRIDGE & ROWNTREE,
SOLICITORS.

W. DRAWBRIDGE,
OFFICIAL RECEIVER IN BANKRUPTCY.

74, Newborough Street,
Scarborough,

24th Feb 1888.

Dear Sir.

re Clement Jackson

We are sorry to find that your letter of the 18th inst has been overlooked.-

The Appointment of the new Trustees is complete & the bonds have been duly transferred into their names.—

Yours truly
Drawbridge & Rowntree

Dr Baker
Friends Retreat
York

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74 William St.
Rochdale 11 March 1888.

Dear Friend
Dr. Baker,

I enclose a cheque value £7:7:0 in settlement of the accompanying a/c on behalf of Isabella Sharp which please return to me receipted in due course —

Will you please at the same time inform me whether for an increased payment any special privileges, & if so what benefits, & at what rate could be granted to Isabella Sharp? —

I am not sure yet what can be done by us, or whether any thing can be, but I wanted to know a little of what is possible & at what cost to increase the comforts & happiness of a patient in her condition — And any suggestion you can make shall feel much obliged for —

I am Yours very truly
J. J. Sparkes

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York.

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ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants.
-AND-
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row.

York March 12 1888

Dear Sir

Re Carter

Still adheres to his statement
therefore we will take an
early opportunity of calling
to examine the several
places where the damage
has been done. In the
meantime we will abstain
as you request.

Yours truly
Rotherford & Co

J E Woods Esq
Secretary
Friends Retreat
York

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 3 month 2 1888

To

My dear Friend

Inclosed a note from E. R. Allen about Mary D Greestone - It will I think fully explain itself - When we meet perhaps you will return it me & let me know whether you think anything can be done - I have acknowledged the receipt of the letter & said I'd let him know if anything could be done. = I was so busy last comtee day that (fortunately for myself - but

quite unintentionally)
I entirely forgot your
meeting till between
4 & 5 when it was
too late to be of any
use -

Yrs faithfully
A. O. Procter

Dr Baker
The Retreat.

ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal Coke Lime & Salt Merchants.
AND
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row.
York March 8th 1888

Dear Sir

We regret to have your complaint of damage & have seen the Carter who had charge of the horse which committed it. He says that it has only occurred when he has been leading & the basement & that he cannot do harm with leading with 2 carts & the Skip-Lobe, Villa or Gentleman's Lodge. We will therefore take care in future that all supplies & the basement are sent with a man in charge of one horse only.

Yours truly
R Rotherford & Co

J E Worth Esqre
Secretary
The Friends Retreat
York

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1 Chichester Terrace,
Antrim Road,
Belfast.

28th Nov. 1886

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Thanks for letter
received, also the packet
written by my sister S. M. Smith
It is very comforting to
have the report of "satisfactory
improvement".
When the time comes for
her leaving you I shall
be glad of early intimation
of same, that arrangements
may be made: as it is
doubtful if it would

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be well for her to go back to my sisters at Airton.

It is truly kind of the Comtesse to accede to the request of lowering the terms to 1½ Guineas, & I take it as a favor.

Herewith please find a Cheque on Belfast Bank £11.0.0
& 2 Swaledale & Wensleydale Bank notes 5 ea £10.0.0
Total £21.0.0
as payment on a/c.

I remain
Yours truly
Edward Smith

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re Sarah Maria Smith

WEST BANK
YORK

14/11 : 88.

Dear Friend
Dr Baker,
I have had a letter from Edward Smith, telling me about his sister Sarah Maria being brought to the Retreat; & asking if by any means she could have the advantages and comforts she now has, at a lower rate than

the £3. 3. per week,
which I have named
to him. The family
are all in poor
circumstances, and
Edward Smith, him-
self but little better
off than the rest, -
would have to bear
the full expense,
which he feels he could
not possibly afford.
(I believe S. M. S. has
only £17. of her own).
I was sorry to miss
thee when I called
the other day, but
I gathered then,
that the request
would have to come
before the Comtee - so
may I ask thee to
do what thou can
in the matter.
I remain
Thine Sincerely
M. J. Backhouse.

J. DENISON.
SOLICITOR.

31, Westgate Road,
(Opposite St. Johns Church)
Newcastle on Tyne.

March 28th 1888.

My dear Sir.

Many thanks for your Kind letter conveying to me the decision of the Committee on my daughters Case. I am glad to hear that she is in good bodily health & hope soon to have favorable news of her improved mental condition. — Perhaps you will kindly inform us if it will be prudent to pay her a visit in a few weeks time.

I enclose my cheque for £16. 5. 0 amount of / Ludlers payment. Thank the Committee for reducing the payment.

I am dearsir

Yours faithfully

J. Denison

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

1 Chichester Terrace,
Antrim Road,
Belfast.

29- 1mo 1888

Dear Friend Doctor Baker

We were glad to receive the wire at Ayton on the evens. of the 24th - from York Station - Thanks for your good care in sending such efficient attendants for my sister Sarah Maria Smith of Kellifield.

As to terms the circumstances are much altered since she was with you before; I hope the Managers will admit her on the lowest terms. Being responsible for payment please send all accts. to me

Yrs

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If she be still with you when the end of life draws near, & there be a removal of the mental depression, please give timely information to my sister Martha E. Haynes at Ariton, as it would be a great comfort to her to see her then.

One more point; should she write either of bitter letters to her sister - please restrain these & destroy - as they would needlessly hurt.

When convenient to reply I will thank thee for opinion on her case - Remain

Thy sincere friend

Edward Smith

Saunders on Road
Jesmond
Newcastle on Tyne
Feb 27. 1887.

Dear Sir.

I understand that the lowest rate of charge for patients at York retreat is £1 a week. but that special terms are made for "Friends" or those connected with "Friends" according to their circumstances — Neither I or my children are Friends but I married my present wife who is a member of your Society, a few years ago at the Friends Meeting House North Shields and have since then with my children attended Meetings with her. — The children on their own Mothers side are descendants of Friends. Were my position such that I could afford to pay the £2 I would willingly do so. but under the circumstances would not £1 be sufficient? I cannot well afford to pay more. I may also state here that 2 of my children have been for some years at Ackworth School. One has recently left & the other is there still.—

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
J Denison

Baker Esq
York Retreat
York

The Dennisons
Wish to invite
You this evening
themselves and
will be very glad
if as early a reply
as convenient to
You

The girl Kate D
has always been de-
-scribed as intellectual
I believe — and
very studious —
which has now
assumed a stronger
form of Development
With kind regard
I am Ellen Richardson

130 Rye Hill
Newcastle
2 mo 27 88

To Dr Barker

A young woman
named Kate Dennison
was received into
the Retreat while
You were absent
a week or two ago
Therefore when her
Father & Brother
called — they had
not an opportunity
of Conferring with
You —

They are now paying
£2 2s 0 per week

for them daughters but they feel unable to continue it as while they have comfortable quarters - their wants are supplied and two of them daughters were learning the printing business for a means of livelihood

The Dennisons is not a member of the Society of Friends but his wife is - and the girls have been educated at Select the School

they visited me in write on their behalf asking for a release from the Sheriff and stating their circumstances at the same time which I gladly do -

I wrote to my cousin Henry Richards of Jersey City again asking for information but he and his wife had gone to Bath - and I have not yet had a reply

South Ashfield
Newcastle Upon Tyne
28 Feb. 1888

Dear Friend

I understand from Margaret Denison who called on me last evening that her husband Joseph Denison hardly feels able to pay the rate asked for his daughter whilst under My care about this. I do not propose to make any remark, but may say that although not members of our Society they are closely associated with us. Joseph Denison is a frequent & had almost said constant attender

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of our First Day morning
Meeting and Margaret Denison
his wife (second wife and not
the Mother of thy patient) has
long been a member of our
Society and for many years
a teacher in our First Day
School.

I thought perhaps I should
not be out of place in
letting thee know their
relation of our Society
and remain Thine
Very Truly

James Richardson

To Dr Baker

JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 26/3 1888

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

Your letter of 22nd
was handed me on
Saturday night, on my
arrival home & I pur-
pose replying in a
few days, before seeing
my Co-trustees. Both
my sisters were at
York on Thursday & no
doubt you would see them

Yours truly
Josiah Hall

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JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 14/3 1888

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I am in receipt of yours of 13th and am only very sorry, you did not give me the information, after receiving my last note, drawing your attention to the matter, which would have been quite satisfactory to me & done away with the necessity of my writing to anyone else; but after being assured that you would bring my letter forward on a certain date & then giving no further information, as to what had been done, not even after I reminded you of it, I am sure you cannot reasonably blame me, for applying to the only other person I knew connected with the Retreat. If I had only been concerned myself, a little extra delay would not have mattered much, but as our family (4 brothers 4 sisters) were all anxious to have my Mothers affairs settled up, — at our different meetings the question was repeatedly asked, "any word from Dr Baker"? & as the answer was always in the negative, I thought, after the lapse of 6 months, from my first writing,

I was quite justified in applying to some one else.

In reading over the copy of my letter sent to Joseph Rowntree, I do not see that I have made use of any very strong expressions, it is simply of a purely business character, having reference to actual facts at the same time, if it has wounded you, I deeply regret it, for I am well aware that persons in your position, need all the sympathy possible & especially from those who have patients under your care. I am sure that personally, I feel very thankful that there are such institutions, and men to be found, who are willing & seem voluntarily adapted to superintend them.

My brother has repeatedly assured me of your kindness to him during the years he has been with you & for this, I heartily thank you, as it is a great comfort to us, to feel that he is contented & comfortable with you.

Again expressing deep regret that there should have been any occasion for this correspondence & hoping that for the future all may go on smoothly.

I am

Yours Sincerely

Joseph Hall

(Copy

The Friends' Retreat

York Mar 13. 1888.

My dear Friend

Your letter to Joseph Rowntree, with a copy of his reply has been forwarded to me.

I hasten to say that I only am to blame, and that I desire to accept your censure in so far as I have erred. and I hereby tender you the fullest and amplest apology for not writing to tell you that the Committee had not yet been able to come to a decision respecting your application for a reduction of terms. The matter was down for the -discussion at the Feb'y. Committee, but unfortunately we did not muster a quorum.

The matter however stands first on the list for Tuesday the 20th inst.

I do not think it necessary, seeing I have offered you an apology, to enter into the further details, in explanation of the delay in settling this application.

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There has certainly been no want of consideration for your brother, nor thought of discourtesy to yourself. I note that your letter is wholly condemnatory. It avoids any courteous expression of gratitude for the unnumbered deeds of kindness extended to your brother, during the fourteen years I have stood to him in loco parentis. I marvel that the remembrance of some of these things should not have caused you to stay your hand, ere you penned some of the expressions in the letter before me.

Yours truly

Robt Baker

Joseph Hall.

York
Mar: 7 1888

Dear D:. Bakes

I have this morning received letter as enclosed from Josiah Stall, Cockermouth to which I have replied as under Please bring ~~the~~ Stalls' letter before the next committee

Yours truly
Joseph Rowntree

Copy

" York
Mar 7 1888

"Dear Friend

I will bring thy letter before the next Retreat committee which will be held in the course of the present month, when it will receive careful consideration. I am unable to explain the delay in answering thy former letter. The rule is that communications of this kind are

brought before the next Committee for decision

& the answers sent shortly after

Thine truly
Joseph Rowntree

To
Josiah Hall
Cockermouth.

JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 7/2mo 1888

Dear Friend

As I understand thou art a member of the Committee of the Friends Retreat, I take the liberty of addressing thee, having failed in getting any satisfaction by writing to Dr Baker, whether it is from pressure of engagements, or want of due courtesy to clients I cannot say.

It is now almost 6 months since I wrote Dr Baker, asking for a reduction in the payment for my brother William, & explaining that the provision left by my Mother (Mary Hall) was not sufficient, to enable the trustees, to pay quite so much, as has been paid during the years he has been in your care. I suggested we should pay £15 pr qr. which with clothing &c would make the annual payment somewhere about £85. Dr Baker replied that he would be glad to bring my letter before the Committee, who would meet in a few days, but since then I have heard nothing further from him, though I have written him again on the subject. In business, when we write letters, we look for replies by return of post, & though I do not wish to reflect

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on the management of the Institution, I do think that more prompt attention ought to be paid to correspondents. I shall take it as a great favour if those will kindly look into this matter & see if the Committee can fall in with our views.

In making the Reduction proposed, I feel sure the Committee would not think of depriving my poor brother of any of the comforts he has enjoyed up to the present. On the whole, I believe he is very little trouble to the officers & it is only periodically, that his mental condition is ~~unsettled~~ unsettled.

Apologising for the liberty I take & trusting you will kindly make enquiries about my previous letter

I am with Kind regards

Yr Friend Sincerely

Josiah Hall

JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 7/2mo 1888

R Baker M D
York

Dear Friend

It will be in your remembrance, that I wrote you a few months ago in reference to the payment for my brother William, & though you acknowledged the receipt of my letter, & stated you would lay it before the Committee I have not yet received any reply — As the time there will now be another quarter due, I shall be glad if you will kindly send the a/c through, amending the figures, according to my suggestions & it shall receive attention —

Rusting William is keeping pretty well —

Yours Sincerely
Josiah Hall

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JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 25/11 1889

Dear Friend

I shall be much obliged for a reply to my letter in reference to the payment for the care of my brother William. I think you said the Committee met last Tuesday week.

Yours very truly
Josiah Hall

JOSIAH HALL
SUCCESSOR
TO
JOSEPH BROWN

Cockermouth 18/10mo/1887

Dr Baker
York

Dear Friend

As I understand from Wigton, that my brother William's account has been sent in for 1 qrs expenses amounting to £26.12.3, I write to ask if your Committee can kindly see your way to charge a little less.

You are aware that since the last payment was made, our dear Mother has died & the provision she has made for William is not sufficient to pay for his maintainence, at the same rate as our Parents have been doing in the past. We think if you could make the quarterly rate for board say £15.0.0 instead of £19.0.0, it could be managed comfortably, which I suppose would make the gross annual payment something like £85 to £87.

We trust you will be able to fall in with our views, without taking away any of the Comforts William has enjoyed during the years he has been in your care, & that he will not be made aware that any change has taken place. Hoping to hear

Your favourable reply
soon
I am
with kind regards
Yours sincerely
Josiah Hall

BEEVERS & SPICE,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

CHARLES BEEVERS. F.C.A.
W. HENRY SPICE. F.C.A.

TELEPHONE. Nº 348.

26. Commercial Street,
Leeds 22nd Mch. 1888.

Dear Sir
re Anne Rice

We are obliged by
your letter of today's date
& have communicated its
contents to the executor.

Yours truly
Beevers & Spice

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

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BEEVERS & SPICE,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

CHARLES BEEVERS. F.C.A.
W. HENRY SPICE. F.C.A.

TELEPHONE. Nº 348.

26. Commercial Street,
Leeds 29th Feb. 1888.

Dear Sirs

Escr. of L.R.W. Rice

The amount hitherto paid by the executor for Mrs. Rice's maintenance — viz £100 a year — has been partly contributed by a relative who has recently died — as the funds available from the estate only amount to £70 per annum & we are requested to ask for a reduction in the charge made by you — if possible to £70. Waiting your reply we are

Yours truly
Beevers & Spice

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

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BEEVERS & SPICE,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

CHARLES BEEVERS, F.C.A.
W. HENRY SPICE, F.C.A.

TELEPHONE, No. 348.

26. Commercial Street,
Leeds 14th March 1888.

Dear Sir

Exor. of J. R. W. Rice

With reference to our interview today I trust you will be able to induce the Committee to accept £70 for two years maintenance of Mrs. Rice (or at the rate of £70 for the proportionate time if she should not survive the year) — The surplus income from the property — which is the only fund out of which the Executor can make the payment has been as under for the last 4 years

1884 £37.
1885 £65.
1886 £49.
1887 £71.

so that the Exor. is considerably out of pocket already & cannot consent to ~~give~~ any further money to the estate.

Yours truly
W. Henry Spice
(Beevers & Spice)

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

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Western Hill

Durham

2nd April 188.

Dear Dr Baker.

I am sorry there has been this delay about my visit as it gives you extra trouble, but I suppose it was unavoidable on account of the holidays coming now; as I wrote to the Commissioners the very day I heard from you.

With kind regards

I am

Yours faithfully

Maria Theresa Reynolds

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"BRAY, LEEDS."

GEO. BRAY & Co
GAS-LIGHTING ENGINEERS.

Blackman Lane.
Leeds. Oct 20 1887

Dr Robt Baker
The Friends' Reheat
York.

Dear Sir I beg to ask your attention to my letter to you of Dec 22/86, regarding Mr Rice's maintenance at your Reheat, and to ask that it may receive your careful attention and a reply.

Yours truly,

Geo Bray.

Encr J. R. W. Rice

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Telegraph immediately
I receive the "Copy of
appointment" I
suppose you will send
a duplicate with
Miss Reynolds. I think
it will be better not
to send Miss Reynolds till
I have all the papers

Yours faithfully
A. P. Russell.

30th March 88.

The Lawn,
Lincoln.

Dear Baker.

I have not received
either an order or
Miss Reynolds receipt for
Copy of appointment of
Committee. Probably
the Office will be
closed by Easter & so the
Copy of appointment
will not come till
May 1st week. I will

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Western Hill

Durham

28th March 188.

Dear Dr Baker.

I wrote to the Commissioners as you advised, and have been directed by them to apply for two offices (Copies of my being appointed Committee of Person to send to Dr Russell, which I have done this morning and [illegible] Dr. Russell will receive them

by Saturday.

Thanking you for your

kindness I am

Yours faithfully

Maria F. Theyenard.

Western Hill

Durham

30th March 188

Dear Dr Baker

I have not

yet received the Office

copies of my appointments

as committee to my sister,

I expected they would

arrive this morning

I have sent Dr Russell

the forms A & B. alluded

to in the enclosed letter

telling him that I shall

send the others when
they arrive.

Would you kindly sign
this certificate for us
again & with kind
regards I am

Yours faithfully

Marion J Reynolds.

Western Hill, Durham.
March 30. 1888.

I, the Undersigned, Maria F. Reynolds, being the person appointed Committee of the person of my Sister, Miss Mary Reynolds, hereby authorise & direct that she be transferred on Saty. the 31st March 1888 from the York Retreat, to the Lincoln Lunatic Hospital.

Signed. Maria F. Reynolds
Committee of person

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

March 27th 1888.

Madam,

With reference to your application of the 26th instant I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that Miss Mary Reynolds, having been found Lunatic by Inquisition, can be transferred to the Lincoln Lunatic Hospital on

Mrs Maria F. Reynolds.

your furnishing Dr. Russell with an Order of Reception (which may be in the accompanying form marked A) signed by yourself, and two <u>Office Copies</u> of that part of the Master's Report, as confirmed relating to your appointment as "Committee of the Person" of the patient.

These Office Copies may

be obtained for a trifling sum at the Office of the Masters in Lunacy, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London. One of them is to be retained by Dr. Russell and the other to be sent by him to this Office together with a Notice of Admission (B) and a copy of your Order (A) for which I enclose

forms.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant

Chas. Sp Percival

Secretary.

Western Hill

Durham

5th March 188

Dear Dr. Baker.

Many thanks for your kind letter.

We shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly write to Dr. Russell about my sister and make the necessary arrangements if they will take her for £100 per ann.

I am yours faithfully

Marian F. Reynolds.

28th March 88. The Lawn,
Lincoln.

Dear Dr. Baker -

I have received your letter saying that my Report will be sent on Saturday. Will you tell the Nurses when they take a call to avoid being taken to the County Asylum at Bracebridge.

Yours faithfully -

A. T. Russell.

14th March 1868 The Lawn,
Lincoln.

Dear O. Baker -

I shall be willing
to take her Ladyship
& Mr Reynolds at the terms
mentioned in your letter
if the change is likely
to do her any good. &
She can return to me
as expected -

Yours faithfully.

A. T. Russell

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Western Hill

Durham

29th Feb 188.

Dear Dr Baker.

The enclosed came this morning which I think must cancelled for. I wrote to Lincoln last week to ask them their terms, and got a printed form in answer, saying they were from 30/ a week. Of course we could not expect them to take any less for that.

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We thought there was plenty of time to find out more particularly, as the move was not to be till the end of the quarter.

My brother whom I saw the other day is exceedingly averse to my sister being moved, because he is so well satisfied with her present home, and also on account of the expense it would incur.

He wants me to find out the probable cost before we undertake the move. As my sister's income is not sufficient for her present requirements we do not feel justified to go to any extra expense what ever the court may say.

Could you kindly help me to find this out?

With many apologies for troubling you so, & with kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Maria Reynolds.

Western Hill

Durham

14th Feb / 88.

Dear Dr. Baker,

I delayed answering your very kind letter, till hearing a reply from the Visitor which I now enclose.

I made my letter even stronger than you put it, but still they persist as you will recall.

Later on I suppose we must make the arrangements for

my sisters removal, and
I am afraid I shall
have to trespass on your
kindness again to tell
us what must be done.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Maria Reynolds

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

31st January 1885

Madam

I am directed to say that the Visitor, Sir Coleridge Kennedy, upon reading your letter of the 27th inst. is glad that you consent to her removal to the Lincoln Hospital for six months on trial. A change like that proposed is often productive

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of beneficial results. The Visitor quite agrees with you that if at the end of that time a change for the better has not taken place in the condition of Miss Mary Reynolds, she can then go back to the Friends Retreat.

Be so good as to inform the Board of Visitors as soon as arrangements are made for her removal to Lincoln.

I am Madam,
Your obedient Servant
J. M. Wade
Chief Clerk

Miss Maria F. Reynolds
Committee

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Re Storrs.

70 Clifford Rd.
Stoke Newington
London
March 12 - 90

Dear Dr. Baker

I find it is necessary to write to you in reference to the terms charged for Miss Storrs at the Retreat when she was admitted two years ago, the agreement for 3 guineas per week was on account of her there requiring a private sitting room and as

attendant to herself, and we were desirous she should have every advantage hoping she would soon recover.

Miss Storr's income is barely £145 per ann. quite inadequate to meet the present rate of payment which with expenses for clothing &c. would amount to £180 or more.

It is therefore incumbent upon me to ask for a substantial reduction in the terms and I shall be much obliged if you will bring this matter before the Committee at their next meeting

I am

Yours sincerely

Eliza Winstone

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4 Alexandra Place
Ilkley
II. 19. 1888

Dear Friend,
Dr. Baker,

I shall be glad if you will bring the enclosed letter under the notice of your Committee. With kind regards

I remain
Yours sincerely
J. W. Dixon

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4 Alexandra Place
Ilkley
11. 19. 88

To the Committee of the Retreat,

Dear Friends,

My brother (C. T. Dixon) has now been under your care nearly a year, and I find that I cannot afford to pay the share of the expenses which has fallen to me.

When I arranged with Worcester Meeting to help me in supporting my brother at York I understood that the Charge would be 15/- per week, not thinking that extras would raise that amount to nearly 18/-. None of my Friends warned me of the additional charges that would be made, though some of them are very experienced men.

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I have appealed afresh to the Meeting again to help me & they have generously increased their aid by half the previous amount.

My object in writing now is to ask if you can by any means make the 10/- an inclusive charge for my brother. I should then have to pay about £6 a year, the Meeting providing the rest.

If you can see your way to do me this favour I shall feel much obliged & relieved, for my salary as teacher in a private school is barely sufficient for the necessary expenses of my own home.

I remain

Yours sincerely

John Wm Dixon

From G. B. WETHERALL
TEA DEALER AND GROCER
35 HIGH STREET
WORCESTER

20 of 11 1888

To Mr King

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My dear friend

I am writing on the supposition that Thou art on the Retreat Comtee. as to settlement of terms for admission of Patients. & if so to seek to interest thee & to ask for thy intercession on behalf of a present inmate of Retreat who is a member of Wor[r] Meeting. name Campbell Dixon. his Parents are both dead. & left no means his only relation who is able to do anything at all for him is his brother J H Dixon. Teacher in a school at Ilkley. in compass of Yorr 24 hrs. The history of the case is as follows. the brother applied to the meeting for help in the matter. Our Meeting has the privilege of nominating a pat[t] to the Retreat at the lowest scale of admission whatever that may be; at present it is 1/- per week. we also decided

pay half this Term. & JWD. agreed to find balance 5/
but he find the & this he cannot afford
more. Our Mistress has agreed to advance from 5/
to 7/6 per week. & JWD. on my recommendation as a
private person only & not as one of the Committee of this Mtg
who has the matter under care. has applied to Committee
of Retreat to make the charge of 10/- per week an
inclusive charge covering all disbursements,
If the Committee can do this. JWD feels he
may be able to keep his brother at York. but
not without. as his means are only what he
receives in salary & he has a wife & child —
I told him I would write to thee on the matter
& try to interest thee in the Case. but should it so
be that thou art not one of the Committee. may I ask
Thee to be Kind enough to give this note with any
Thou likes to add. to some friend in York. who is?
With dear love to thyself & family
I remain thine truly JW Metherall

P.S. we have had Snow almost daily now for 10 days. but no great depth

RAMLEH,
ST. PETER'S GROVE,
YORK.

23/2/88

My dear Friend
Dr Baker

The enclosed
I received yesterday
from S R Wetherall &
forward to them to make
any use of which they
think needful
Thy sincere Friend
Henry King

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reply from you will you kindly state this to the Committee but that she may inform me the result when I paid Dr Baker's amounted (viz the sum) £4.5.11½ took all I had having borrow of the Bank a sum to enable me to leave Having stated these particulars I shall be obliged by your attention thereto without further delay

Yours Truly
J. Scott Cooper

To Postmaster —
Whitby March 13. 88

Dear Sir

It is several weeks since I wrote you respecting a sum of money, Dr Baker induced me to pay to you to the School which I had no right to pay but did pay therefore I requested you to be so good as to state this to the Committee of the School but hitherto I have not

P.T.O.

J. S. R's answer.

Madam,

Mr. J. S. Rowntree asks me to write & say that your letter of the 13th. came safely to hand last evening. He also received another letter on the same subject sometime ago which he acknowledged. If you have not received his letter it must have miscarried. He wishes me now to repeat what was in his former letter. That he is not a member of the Retreat Committee or in any way connected with its management. He sent your former letter to his brother Mr. Joseph Rowntree who is a member of the committee & who undertook to bring the subject before the committee. He will now forward your letter of yesterday also to Mr. Joseph Rowntree & ask him to give it his attention.

Respectfully Yours,

Joseph Mason.

Mrs. J. S. Cooper.

Illness of my daughter
Mrs Nelson My son paid
Dr Baker £30, telling him at
the same time, there were very
serious over charges, if the case
were investigated, & that he
should decline to pay more
Dr Baker wrote to Upton asking
me to go & see him. when there he
pressed me to pay the Balance
saying that if I did not
Mrs Nelson would not be re-
-ceived into the Retreat. Under
the pressure he thus exercised I
was induced much against my
mind to pay him £92 10 0

c/o Post Office,
Whitby: Jan. 7, 88

To J. Stevenson Rountree

Dear Friend

As I understand you are
connected with the Retreat
& having known your Mother
for many years. I wish to
bring before you a short state-
-ment of the manner whereby
Dr Baker treated me two years
since There was a dispute
between Dr Baker & my Son
relative to the settlement of an

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he had no right to threaten
him to coerce me I appeal
to you to look into the matter &
see if I can not do black & dress
under such circumstances ?

Yours truly

J Scott Cooper
late Thornhill.

Dear Jos.
Might appleton a
some one write me a
suitable answer to this

J S R

Dear Dr Baker
John S.R has sent
me this to reply to. Will you
coach me up about it

J S R

the next meeting of the committee.

Yours truly
Joseph Rowntree

York Feb 9 1888.

Mr. J. Scruth Cooper
c/o Post Office
Whitby

Dear Friend,

Your letter addressed to my brother John Stephenson Rowntree was handed by him to me as I am a Member of the Retreat committee & he is unacquainted with the facts to which you refer. I am sorry that the letter has remained so long unanswered & now write to say that I will, if I hear nothing from you to the contrary, lay it before

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[illegible]

passing through my hands

Yours truly
Joseph Rowntree

York
Feby 9 1888

Dear Dr Baker,

Referring to enclosed correspondence I leave home on Monday for a fortnight & therefore shall not be at the next Retreat Committee. I have written to Mrs Cooper as pr press copy enclosed & would now ask you to bring the matter before the Retreat Committee and any further answer that is needed might be sent direct from the Retreat to Mrs Cooper without

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came before the Committee many times - and I was directed to see the Mother, & get her to be responsible for the payments, seeing it was doubtful whether Fred.k Cooper could be found -

I did this, & on 22.nd 1.mo 1885, Mrs Cooper paid £42. 16. 11, Her daughter being then in lodgings in

The Friends' Retreat,
York. 26. 7. 88

Dear Friend,

Mrs Cooper's daughter left on 24.th Nov. 1884.

The Committee fixed the charge at 2 guineas per week.

The Order for her admission was signed by her brother, Fred.k Cooper of Manchester.

He however went off to Canada, & the matter

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Nunnery Lane, so as to be still near me. We have a letter from Mrs Cooper making herself responsible for the payment of the Lodging account, as she wished her daughter to continue under my professional care.

There is no word of complaint, and the accounts were all passed by the Committee of Auditors. The Mother has been under care in the North Riding Asylum, York, & the daughter is there now; as I saw her there a few evenings ago.

I should advise your brother to reply that the letter will receive the attention of the next Committee.

u R. a. Nelson

P. S.

As a proof that there was at the time no policy that I had coerced, or used undue influence, Mrs Cooper visited me shewing her gratitude by making my wife a present

A small jet brooch.

K. B.

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re Walter Hammerton.

Maidstone
13. I. 1888

My dear friend

I wrote thee last night: & by this morning post there is an ltr with post note;- in regard to the latter we shall still value a further expression of thy opinion. In a former letter we understand thee to say that your committee would take whatever the Lords Justices thought fit to allow for his maintainance: & I replied they would only allow the interest

to be drawn. I find you still charge the £2.2.0 per week. Of course we do not expect him to be kept for his simple interest, but I did hope some reduction might be made. As I explained to Mrs, his illness has been very serious to me, & I may plainly say I looked to some compensation when the end came. His will is made for the benefit of my brothers sister & myself although all the sorrow has fallen upon me

Yours very truly

Chas: Hammerton

D. Baker

York

"Eden"

Maidstone
12.1.88.

My dear friend

I was at Canterbury yesterday where I met Herbert Headley who brought a very poor account of my brother. We shall be much obliged if you will send us a report, and any opinion of him

When my wife & I were at York we bought some wool for Walter Brown to make up. As we cannot get any news of it from him we shall be glad if Rose will ask him to finish the stripes and have them sent on per post.

My wife unites with me in best wishes to you for the New Year.

Yours very truly

C Hammerton

F J Baker

1 Summerset Villas
Landship Road
Stoke Newington
24/2/88

Dear Friend,

Not having received a reply to my letter of the 20 ult.o in which I informed you of my intention to remove my Son Fred.k William Clark from the Retreat I now write to tell you that his Brother will be with you to fetch him away on the 30.th of March next. An acknowledgement of the receipt of this will oblige

The letter above referred to was enclosed with the last remittance

Thanking you for your kind attention to my Son Fred.k

I remain Dear Sir respectfully

Ann Clark

To Robert Baker M.D

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1 Somerset Villas
Lordship Road Stoke Newington
London 20th January 1888

Dear Friend,

I have been thinking matters over with regard to my Son Frederick, and learning from the last two reports that he is so much improved, also taking into consideration his Blindness which places him at a great disadvantage in your Institution; I feel it right to give you notice that it is my intention to

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have him home on the 30th of March next, when his brother will fetch him.

Thanking you for your kind care of my poor Son during his stay with you,

I remain

Yours respectfully

Ann Clark

To Robt. Baker Esq. M.D.

P.S. Will thou kindly forward a Report of the Retreat for the poor's Committee

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280 Western Bank,
Sheffield, Jan 30th 1888

Dear friend

I am desired by the Poor's Committee of Balby Mo Meeting to inform thee that after full consideration of thy letter they have come to the conclusion, "That it is undesirable at present for Pierson Albright to be removed from the Retreat at York to the home of his brother Wm H Albright at London"

Thy friend truly
Joshua T. Leah
Clerk to the Poor's Com.ee

To Robt Baker M.D.
The Friends Retreat
York

P.T.O.

327 Mile End Rd
E.
June 22. 1888

Dear Friend
Dr Baker.

You will remember in letter kindly written in answer to my enquiries respecting my brother Pearson, you said you would write me again after having brought my letter before the committee on the 17th inst. As I have not heard from you I take the liberty of writing first and asking you for a clearer or rather a deeper insight into any of Pearsons failings past or present, as I am exceedingly

Is that so to your knowledge and has he any suicidal or otherwise dangerous tendencies?

You will please forgive Dr Baker my being so explicit but I am bound to be so for my dear wifes sake, as I would not on any account do anything which would be a constant source of distress or anxiety to her.

We are not in a position to entirely maintain my brother but are willing to help him as much as lies in our power.

I have not written Sheffield Friends on the subject yet but await your kind reply to this.

Apologizing for so much encroaching upon your valuable time

I am
Yours truly
W. H. Albright.

anxious not only for his & my own sake but more especially for my wifes sake to be very cautious in undertaking a responsibility which be beyond our means and power to meet.

When I wrote of Peirsons coming to live with us I meant that our home should be his home until he obtained a suitable situation and a resort and home for him after his business hours. This brings the question clearly to a point, viz— Is Peirson in a fit state of mental & physical strength to permit of his taking a situation where he would ~~be~~ during his occupation be away from our guardianship & care, and is he likely to remain in that state. May I ask what was the particular temptation my brother fell so powerless to resist and would there be any risk of its recurrence?

My sister said she once happened to see a book of Peirsons and on one of the pages he had written something about his having been tempted to drown himself.

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Dear Friend Joseph Armfield

as thee are agent for York Retreat and knowing W Albright is endeavouring to get his brother release from there & to come and live with them & knowing as we do that they are not in circumstances able to keep him as they are in great difficulty & in debt too & then I think he, it would be very uncertain if he could obtain employment leaving come from that Institution & should be thankfull if thee could make this known to the Committee of York Retreat for we know it would be a burden & responsibility for them

with love thy Fd John Henley

Confidential

South Place
Finsbury Eg.

My dear friend 2/3mo 1888

Having received the enclosed letter from W. Hallenghs father-in-law I have engaged to forward same. Should the circumstances of this brother of the patient affect the question of his removal I certainly think it would be unwise for those who placed him under the care to remove him

without such a letter proof of the care which will probably be needful under such circumstances

My friend sincerely

Joseph Mansfield

Doncaster 14-3-1888

Miss Fairn

Mrs Baker

In answer to mine of yesterday I may say we both quite unite with my views in dear Minnie to stay with you as a voluntary boarder, extreme thankfulness that such a source of Sorrow has revealed to your labours that she can now be dis

change from her
childish ideas I hope
will fill her mind
at least once in her
life.

If in May next
she might go with her
sister myself - and
perhaps for a few
days might afford
her pleasure and I
hope do her no harm

With very kind regards
I remain
Yours Sincerely
Mrs. T. Harrison

Can assist, come
to dinner

opinion that if the attention of the Comm^rs. in Lunacy was directed to her case, at their approaching visit, they would exercise the legal power vested in them, of discharging her.

At the same time I fully recognise that the Retreat was established for the cure & care of any Members of the Society who might become insane; & that

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

May 12th 1888

My dear friend,

Since our conversation on the 29th ult. I have given my most careful & thoughtful attention to Miss Harrison's case, and to the various intricate & delicate questions affecting it.

I am distinctly of the opinion that she is well enough to be discharged from the Retreat, & I am of

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the opinion of Mr Harrison & yourself.
Yours faithfully
E. B. Baker

it is the bounden duty of the
Officials, not only to minister to
these during their period of illness,
but also to assist in any way in their power in
caring for them after
their recovery, & to endeavour to
assist their Relatives in making
every possible arrangment to
prevent a Relapse, & do to surround
them as to ensure the further
establishment & consolidation of
their recovery. After mature
thought, I advise that whilst it
will be my legal duty to request
the Committee to discharge Miss
Harrison from her certificates, on
Tuesday the 20th, I shall at the
same time advise that she be allowed to
remain with us as a "Voluntary boarder",
(which the act of Parliament allows) for
a further period of 3 or 6 months - Miss
Harrison fully appreciates my anxieties desire
to assist her, & consents to this arrangment
Please send me a line to day if this meets with

MEMORANDUM.

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From

S. Southall,

WHOLESALE TEA DEALER,

27, CROWN STREET,

Leeds.

J. Whitehead & Son, Lith. Leeds.

To Wm Wood
The Retreat

Feb 11th 1888

Dear Friend Wm Wood.

I have often wondered whether it was likely that I could do any business in the way of supplying Tea for the Retreat. I dont know who is the right person to apply to, but thought if I sent my application to her would kindly put it into the right channel. I should be pleased to submit samples and believe I can supply as good quality as any house in Yorkshire.

I also thought that the large amt of money I am paying to the Retreat gave me perhaps some claim to be favourably considered. I should explain that I am not a wholesale grocer, but do in my little else besides Tea & Coffee.

Yours sincerely

Sam'l Smith

Hotel Breuer
Montreux.
Jan^{y} 28th 1888.

Dear Mr. Baker,

I leave Lady Ernest next week - on February 2nd - as the time fixed in our written agreement will then be at an end, and she says that she does not need me longer.

She is very well now, better even than when we were at Lucerne, and quite able to take care of herself - But any extra worry about money matters, (which are not yet satisfactorily arranged), tells upon her, preventing her sleeping at night, and making her gloomy and discontented with everything - Charlie's time with Mr. Hill is nearly up - and he will probably come out at the end of next

week to join his mother here -
in which case I think they will
stay abroad for at least some
months longer - perhaps going
from this to Geneva, when the
winter is over, when on to the Ita-
lian lakes - but that is merely
one of many proposed plans -
If it is decided for Charlie not
to come to Switzerland, Lady Er-
nest says she will go back to
England next month -
We have been very comfortable
here, and the weather has been
generally good, so that we have
got out a great deal - It has
been pretty lively in the hotel too,
and I think Lady Ernest has
enjoyed the society, and also the
Concerts at the Kursaal - She
visits occasionally some friends
of hers, the Richardsons, who have
a villa at Clarens -
It has been a pleasure all along
to see her getting better, and Sam

glad to have been with her for the six months -
I go from this to Lausanne, where I intend to spend a week or ten days before going on to England.

I remain

yours truly,

Edith Webb.

Rue Bardineau 11,

Bordeaux. 23 Feb/88.

Dear Doctor,

It is a real pleasure to me to write you - I am passing the winter agreeably at Bordeaux, a very nice town, & clean - so much so that I have not perceived a single bad smell since being here. I already had acquaintances at Bordeaux, & my Amecy friends to supplied me with introductions - I don't think I should have found suitable quarters without the help of my new friends, but owing to their generous aid I secured nice rooms overlooking the fine Jardin Public &

Spanish people of means live at Bordeaux, & there is are ~~signs~~
influences here indicating the nearness of that country to us.

I know you will be pleased to hear that I am enjoying
very good health — & I often bless you for it —

With kind regards, & will you please convey the
same to Mrs Baker & to your family,

I am,

Very sincerely Yours,

E. Newsom Brigg.

I take my meals at a restaurant where I have very cheerful society.

Provisions at Bordeaux are excellent, especially the meat. We have watercress & salade all through the winter. Do you know this town? if so you will remember the grand Théâtre. The troupe is fairly good this season, & with the usual fine orchestre. I have been to several dances, & to two or three balls. The Officers' ball was a good one, & I had a nice group of friends there.

We had a heavy fall of snow on Sunday, & they are not well fit up here for clearing the streets. Our climate in winter is a showery one, but the sun is so agreeable that one does not much notice the weather. A great many

Chelmsford May 21/88

Dear Dr Baker

I am obliged for yrs of the 18th & the information therein as to Essex Zeln. But may I ask a little further. 3

What amount was contributed by Suffolk quarterly Mtg - which is now joined to Essex.

& what amount by our different Monthly Mtgs. some of which I believe contributed independently of our Zeln.

also

What number of agents we ought or are entitled to appoint.
our Monthly Meetings are
Witham
Colchester
Thaxted
Coggeshall
Woodbridge

I think this will Enable me to fully report to my Lett which takes place in about a fortnight

Yours truly
Joseph Tupper

Monthly meetings have not contributed separately from Q. mts -
are Donations & amounts paying for personal privileges to be specified, as well as amount to acquit from Q. mts - included

If wished copy will be sent showing how the money has accrued.

Suffolk 370-8-0
Essex 479-1-0

Queen Street
Newcastle.
27th Feb: 88

My dear Dr Baker.

Unfortunately the
legal adviser of my Fathers
Executors Mr Daggett of the
firm of Ingledew & Daggett
of this City has been laid
up for this past month
Consequently he has not got
the document prepared that
they require they will hand
me the necessary funds to pay
You Bill against me for

My Mother's Maintenance,
Kindly explain this to your
Committee & ask them to
accept my apology for the
delay.
I shall be hear from you shortly
that my Mother is will
Enough to see me
Believe me to Remain
With Kind Regards
Yours very truly
H. F. McAllen

THE UNION CLUB.

NEWCASTLE upon TYNE.

24th Jan: 88

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst and sorry there has been so much delay in coming to an arrangement with the Executors of my father & grand. Fathers estates however I think I have now got them to agree to pay me £200

What is required for my
Mothers maintenance
under the advice of their
Lawyer so much to
Remit you the Amount
you name shortly.
I am glad to hear my
Mother is improving Where
do you think I might
come there to see her
Give Kind regards
Believe me to remain
Yours very truly
H. H. Williams

These Letters have already been before Committee.
E.W.

Fern Bank,
Cockermouth.

Dear Friend 5/4/88

In reply to yours of 22nd inst we are much obliged to the Committee for the consideration they have given to my previous letter which we do not wish to be too pressing, yet seeing William has been with you so long & has paid rather a high rate the whole time, we think that as provisions are now very much lower than they were,

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taking into account the way William has been left by my Mother, you may be willing, after a further consideration, to make some little reduction, if not able fully to fall in with our views. Could you meet us so far as to make the terms £70 per annum instead of £78 as at present, & allow William the same comforts which he now enjoys? The amount is derived from a small estate of land the rent of which is now £20 less than it was a short time ago. It will be all absorbed.

Hoping to receive your favourable reply soon

I am

Yours Sincerely

Josiah Hall

R. Baker M. D.

York

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

25 Albion Street
Leeds 27th March 1888.

Dear Sir

Frederick William Smithson lately residing at 76 Caledonian Road Leeds has been certified by 2 medical men today (Dr Hollingsworth & Dr. Hudson) to be of unsound mind & upon their Certificate a representative from your Establishment has been over to Leeds & has no doubt removed Mr Smithson to the Retreat by train from Leeds this afternoon. Our object in writing to you is to say that Mr Smithson was entitled under the Will of his father to a certain share of his father's estate We represented the trustees of the Will & paid over that share when he attained 21 & there is now standing in the Bank to his credit a sum of about £600.

It is our intention to take the necessary proceedings to enable us to apply this fund towards his maintenance & of course to the payment of such liability as may be incurred in your Retreat. Our wish is to ask that Mr Smithson may be dealt with

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in such a way as his pecuniary position entitles him to with as much comfort as can possibly be reasonably supplied. If you will kindly inform us what the weekly payment will be it will assist us in the application that we shall have to make to the Court.

Yours truly.
Fred Warren

The Manager
The Retreat
York

April 11, 1888

Springfield Boswells,
Chelmsford.

To Dr Baxter

Dear Sir.

I am directed by our Quarterly Meeting to ascertain for what object Agents are appointed by it for your Retreat & what rights our Dell has in connection with that appointment.

Jane Burtt when I corresponded with her thereon in Dec last informed me that Quarterly Meeting had formerly contributed certain sums to the Retreat against

certain rights thereby. No doubt yr books give full information. Can you kindly let me know. What sums were contributed from Essex meetings — When? — What for — & the rights acquired thereby.

I am told that one privilege is to promenade so many galleries at a lower rate of payment

Yours truly

Joseph Fisher

Since writing the foregoing I have read a letter from Mr Lake who says Mr Rowntree informs him that this information is all clearly set out in yr books

Please Quote the Address.

From

John Wood,

Newhouse,

Denby Dale,

Huddersfield.

To Dr Baker

York

5 of 4 Mo., 1886

Dear Friend

I thought that
I would be pleased to
hear that we have
had a visit of a
few days duration
from A. J. McBoat &
I am very glad to see
so much improvement

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Both in his health
& manners generally
he talks more like
other people and
seems lively in his
behaviour altogether
We can only hope it
may continue still
further

My dear Fred

Leo Wood

12, Pavement,
York.

8th May 1868

Dear Sir

re Baldwin

We have made out costs herein. In consequence of the Court fees agency charges & Sheriffs Officers fees it amounts £12.17.3 but as the amount recovered is only £20 we shall be content to accept £10 in discharge.

Mr. Baldwin has given all the trouble he possibly could.

Yours truly

J. & R. Wood

J & R Woods

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Friends Retreat

12, Pavement,
York.

24th Jan.y 1888

Dear Sirs,

re Baldwin

We have a letter from our agents this morning saying "the defendants' agents "intimated that they "would advise their "pay agree £20 in full discharge "of defendants costs" -

Totally the best plan will be to accept this offer. Please instruct us in the morning.

Yours faithfully
J. B. & R. Woods

J & R Woods &
The Friends Retreat
York

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12, Pavement,
York.

20th March 1888

My dear Sir.

On the other side I send copy of a letter received this morning from Mr. Baldwin so that it may be considered along with the facts stated in my previous letter by your Committee this morning.

Yours faithfully
Wm Wood

Rob. Baker Esq. M.D.

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(copy).

Howden
East Yorkshire
19th March 1888.

Dear Sirs

Myself ats Burt

My Agents write me that you have a Meeting of the Directors of the York Retreat tomorrow & that you think the Bankruptcy proceedings must proceed unless the £20 I offered in settlement is forthcoming.

I have done my best to raise the £20 but have failed however I feel that I can raise it if you will allow the matter to stand over another fortnight. I have arranged the matters with the Stockbrokers I mentioned to you.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours faithfully
"Wm Baldwin"

Messrs J.P. K. & J.R. Wood & Co.

12, PAVEMENT,
YORK.

March 14th 1888.

Dear Sir,

re Baldwin.

The offer to pay £20 was made by Mr Baldwin through his London Agents to our London Agents & they accepted the offer according to our instructions after seeing you. The 1st inst. was the day when the £20 should have been paid & our Agents have been & are pressing for payment but so far without result. One of our Firm was in Town last week & took the opportunity of conferring with Agents as to whether any further steps could be taken to recover payment of the amount due to the Retreat & they concurred with us in thinking that the remaining course was to make Baldwin bankrupt.

This would necessitate laying down some £12 for Official fees stamps & expenses (exclusive of Lawyer's costs) with the risk that Baldwin's estate might not realize enough to repay that amount.

We shall be glad to hear after the Committee Meeting whether we are to make Baldwin bankrupt or not.

Yours faithfully
J. & W. Wade & Co.

J. E. Woods Esq.
&c &c
The Friends Retreat.
York.

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

To Baker
April 9/88

Dear Sir
I hope to send you
a remittance soon
Trade has been very quiet — this
winter + money is very scarce
I am Yours truly Stansfield

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From

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

Dr Baker
June 1888

Dear Sir

I am very sorry
I have not been able to send the money
but I shall very shortly do so.
I am very anxious that Nelly should
stay at York & I will do my best

to Keep prompt mayments, I Know
She is well attended to, which gives us
a great amount of Comfort under the
very painful affliction, I hope
to be able to send you the money
in a week or two —

I am Yours truly
Ed Stansfield

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From

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

Dr Baker
Feb 6th 88

Dear Sir I am very sorry
indeed that I have not been able
to pay promptly trade has only
been very quiet & money has come in
slowly I have sent Cheque for

Twenty Pounds & I will send
again as soon as I can I
hope things will be better & I
can keep my payment prompt
in future Ian Yours truly
E Stansfield

Mayfield Grove
Harrogate
Feby 6th 1888.

Mr S. E. Woods
Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir, I duly received both your Communications & regret that I unintentionally overlooked replying to the former. In reply to the latter I beg to say that I shall have pleasure in paying the amount due to your Board when it is in my power to do so. At present it is not so

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& it is impossible to say when
I can pay the whole. I will
Endeavour to let you have the
odd amount at end of March
or earlier if I am successful
in getting a friend to help me.
If this will not satisfy the
Committee kindly let me know,
that I may try to arrange
accordingly.

Yours truly
Wm McLeod

1 Crosby Terrace
Kirkmoorside
Jan. 22nd 88

Dear Dr Baker

I apologize for not answering your letter but I was too ill to write. I am extremely sorry your a/c has not been attended to, I will try my utmost to attend to either the whole or part of it.

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but shall not have any money for a few weeks. I have asked My Brother in law to speak to his Mother about it and I trust Sincerely trust she will do something for me. My position is a most unfortunate one, I am here left with 8 children not one able to do anything for them selves. I shall have to try for something and my Idea is this to take a house in Leeds where I can let some rooms. Should I decide on this I will let You know, and should esteem it a very great favour if You would recommend me to any of your numerous friends.

Holly House,
Boston Spa,
Yorks. Tadcaster March 15th 88.

My dear Sir,

Your letter did not reach me here until this morning, since you last wrote me I have changed my address, to one above, I will lay your letter before the lawyer in the matter of Abm Wray, as I have nothing whatever to do with it.

Yours faithfully
Chas. J. Wray.

Janry 14th 1888

Dear Sir

Has requested I have made enquires about the 2-17-11 you state is still owing by Mr Robertshaw I am informed that he was with you 12 weeks and 1 day at 2-12-6 per week which amounts to 31-17-6 the Records show 32.0.0 have been paid. what were the disbursements and where are they, Mr. Robertshaw brought nothing away with him but I understand the following articles belonging to him were not returned

1 Felt Hat-
Handkerchief 1 New woolen shirt-
1 white silk handkerchief and
1 flannel singlet 6 pocket-
handkerchiefs 2 pair of Bisbaus
1 pair of stockings, will you
kindly furnish us with a
list and cost of the articles
supplied to Mr Robertshaw
I fail to see why this was
not properly settled at the
time of his removal

Yours Truly
L Walden
To Mr Baker Collingwood
Joel J.

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Bullingdon
Dec 28/87

Dear Sir

I am in
receipt of your
letter of the 24th
I am much surprised
with its contents
to the Best of my
knowledge your a/c
was paid when Mr.
Robertshaw was removed
from your Estate to Bond.
but I will Enquire
into the matter
in a few days

Yours Truly
Lucas Bros

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2 Rose Cottages
East Clevedon
March 26. 88

Dear Friend

I received your remembrance of my account to the Retreat some days ago. I am sorry it has not been settled by now, & I hope to do something towards it soon. We have had a particularly dull time this winter & money has been very scarce, but I have the will & hope soon to have the power to pay. Yours truly John Bennett

Darlington 30. iii. 1888

Dear Friend
Dr Baker

I have received the enclosed note from Joseph Eden. What must I say? Will thou be willing to wait a time for the next instalment of £10? I forget what is the balance still owing. - Joseph has only a moderate salary. and under the circumstances he names I do not wonder at his feeling in rather a strait spot. But

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on hearing from thee I will
let him know thy decision

I am with love

Thine sincere

Samuel Hare

Darlington
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Dear. W. Hart

Would you kindly pay my Salary in full. this time the £10. you shall have before next pay. day. my reason for asking you to favor me is that I had 9 months sickness in my house last year & my Wife had to under-go. an operation & I was compelled to engage a Nurse from the Hospital that and the Doctors put me to a very great expence, and now my Wife has to go to London to undergo the same operation next month. the previous operation was not succesful trusting you will oblige -

Yours truly
J. Eden

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able to make the necessary
arrangements.
My Sister in her letter
seems anxious to have
for a change
Hoping to hear from
you that she is still
keeping well
Believe me
Yours truly
Dan'l. Clay

Hollins Steam
May. 26. 1868

Dr Baker.
Dear Sir.
I was surprised to
receive a letter from my
sister this morning from
York as we were under
the impression that she
had gone to Scarborough
last Monday. I understood
you to say that she would
go on that day.
I hope that she has not
been any worse since I
was up. and presume her
not having gone is on
account of your not hear

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Bradford
May 31. 88.

Dear Dr Baker

I am obliged by yours of the 26th and in reply I quite hope to be able to attend the mtg of the Committee on the 19th June, and if the time of the mtg is fixed for 11. am I will endeavour to come at that hour, though the trains suit much better for meetings at 3 pm. I am yours very truly

J. Priestman

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

My dear friend Earnestly I hope you will be able to attend the Retreat Annual Meeting at Bradford on Thursday the 26th at 12 o'cl

It is Essential to the right Government of the Society that the meeting shd be attended by 10 Members who constitute a legal quorum. If this number are not present the new Treasurer cannot legally be appointed & the Retreat will be placed in a

Yours faithfully
R Baker

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84, MICKLEGATE,
YORK.

May 18th 1888

My dear Mr Woods
Frank Ellis.

I enclose two Cheques
£ 8-8-0 for Mrs
7-7-0 for Mrs
I hope the Children will be right- I
have done the best- I could to
obtain the Mother / but it
is by the Law a
Mystery to me

Yours W Hunt

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
AGENT GENERAL FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

7, ALBERT MANSIONS,
VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON. S. W.

No. 423

2nd March, 1888.

Sir,

I am directed by the Agent General – Sir Charles Mills – to ask you to be so good as to inform him what would be the terms for admission into "The Retreat" of a gentleman who has become lunatic under the following circumstances.

Yrs

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For many years he has occupied the position of Judge of the Supreme Court of the Colony; but his intellect has now given way, and the Court has declared him to be of unsound mind and has appointed a Curator.

He is the father of a large family who are wholly dependent upon his by no means large pension for their support.

It is therefore of extreme importance that he should be placed in an asylum where he will be well cared for; but where, at the same time, the expense incurred will not be great.

Thanking You in advance for any trouble I may be causing You.

I am, Sir
Your obedient Servant
Henry Wilson Hose

To Dr Baker.
The Retreat.
York.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
AGENT GENERAL FOR THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

7, ALBERT MANSIONS,
VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON. S. W.

N 435

5 March 1888.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your note of the 3rd Instant, I am directed by the Agent General to express his best thanks for the information contained therein. It will be forwarded by the next outgoing mail to the relations of the lunatic in the Colony, with whom will then rest the decision as to what steps shall be taken

in

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in the matter.

I am, dear Sir

Faithfully Yours

Henry Wilson Fox

Robt Baker. Esq. M.D

The Friends Retreat

York.

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 19 Mar 1888

To Dr Baker
The Retreat

Dear Friend

I enclose two letters in reference to terms charged for Kate Denison Newcastle—

Will you kindly read them over & if necessary bring it up at the Comtee tomorrow.

Please also inform me at the comtee in reply to the letter from Mr Allen wh I sent you. I understand the coal contract is completed this month — This shd be taken up at the comtee.—

I will try & come at 11 if possible

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It seems to me that it must be a higher rate of charge than such a case demands; can there not be some reduction? I do not know whether thou art on the committee now or not? but I thought we would write to thee in the first place, rather than to Dr. Baker, to solicit thy kind help in

130. Rye Hill
Newcastle
2nd Mo. 22nd

My dear cousin
Henry Richardson

Being debarred from writing myself, owing to a sharp attack of lumbago, which confines me to my bed, I am making use of an amanuensis in writing to thee, in

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order to ask thy advice.

From thy intimate Knowledge & long connexion with York Retreat, I think thou will be able to help us in this instance.

A young person, named Kate Denison aged 22 years, has been taken to the Retreat lately. Her father, Joseph Denison, Solicitor in this Town, married a young woman a member of our Society they were married at the Friends' Meeting House & he & his children attend Friends' Meetings with her. Two of the girls have been sent to Ackworth School, one of whom is there at present. The family are in comfortable, but rather limited circumstances, & they find that £2. is more than they can well afford

getting some reduction
It was found needful
that Kate Denison
& her sister should
do something for their
Maintenance were
engaged in the Millinery
department; under
these circumstances
would £1. per week
not be sufficient?

Awaiting thy Kind reply
with Kind love to thy dear wife
& thyself, I am thy attached cousin
E. Ellen Richardson

P.S. Please may Esther
& Ellis shortly be addressed
Miss J. & E. Bayliss at the
Committee?

TELEPHONE NUMBER 302.

ELSWICK LEATHER WORKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, 9 Mar. 1888

FROM EDW. & JAMES RICHARDSON, TO

Ack 10th

Dear Cousin
Mrs. G. Procter

Thine of 6th addressed to Balla Gray has been forwarded on here and I thank thee for the kind enquiries. I am much better but my eyes dont come quite right yet

About Joseph Denison, I am rather at a loss about his means, he is a small Solicitor and says he is quite unable to pay 1/2 per week. He is not a member of our Society, nor with, as far as I know, any blood connection, he is a pretty regular attender of our

First Day morning Meeting, his
Second Wife is a Member
and a regular teacher at the
First-day School of many years
standing. I did not
Know Cos. Ellen had written
to Thea[illegible] this I Knew & She was
interested in the case
I made free to write to Dr. Baker
setting forth pretty much, as above,
the connection the Denisons have
with Friends, and I rather
gathered from Joseph Denison
in a few words I had with him
after Meeting last First day, that
he would propose to pay 25/- pr
week. I hear he has
his brothers family pretty much on
his hands so that I dare say he
has as much as he can do. If
I can further help or obtain any other
information let me Know. I trust the
Family are well. Yours James R[illegible]

Gunby nr Selby 25/5/1888.

My dear Nephew

Dr Baker

I think we cannot attempt to give legal security, satisfactory to J. F. Mullett's Solicitor at 3 3/4 per cent and therefore am of the opinion that it would be best to advertise in the "Friend". I have no doubt that the committee will take the same view.

I expect to be at Bronte this evening.

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Thy affectionate Uncle Jos. W. Baker

from you letter that you have not secured another suitable investment -

I make this request in my individual capacity, & without the knowledge of the Committee.

But I may inform you that at the June & July Committees, a proposal for the gradual extinction of the Retreat

(Copy)

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

May 28th 1888

My dear friend,

We have already received £1000. to replace the £1000. of which you have given notice of withdrawal.

Would you be willing to allow the second £1000. to remain for another six months with us, on the same security, as I gather

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loans is to be considered, & that therefore it is desirable to have as few changes as possible in our investments - until the Committee arrive at some definite scheme.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

J. F. Mullett

Drayton House,
Arley Hill, Bristol.

29/5/88

Dear friend,

I am quite willing to let £1000 remain with you for 6 or 12 months.

Yours truly

J. J. Mullett

To Friends Retreat
York

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of the Whole £2000. on
Saturday next.

Please notify to him
that only £1000. has
been called in by you.

I am faithfully
Rob. Baker.

J. J. Mallett

Copy

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

~~July~~ June 27. 88

My dear friend,

At the Retreat Committee
Meeting it was agreed to
accept your offer, & to
retain for 6 months
£1000. of the £2000. You
had notified your intention
of withdrawing.

I have a note however
from the York Manager
of the National Provincial
Bank, requesting payment

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Drayton House,
Arley Hill, Bristol.

28/6/88

Dear friend,

I am sorry if I have made any mistake, I thought the bank would send the note to you — I wish you could have seen your way to have left the

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money for a term.
Self interest, I shall
loan ½ %— and
in reality no better
security.

Yours truly
J. L. Mullett

Drayton House
Ashley Hill
Bristol
27 — 6 — 88

Dear Friend

I have received a line from the Nat. P. Bank saying they had forwarded the deposit note
Respecting the £1000 — you wish to obtain for a few months, with your guarantee the note, and say the payment is postponed to 31/12/88. or if you prefer some other way —
Please send cheque and endorsed note (if you endorse) to the Nat. P. Bank and oblige

Yours Truly
A. F. Mallett

To
E. Maude Esq
Frenches Retreat

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Chelmsford 16. V. 1888

To Lolen S. Rountree

Dear Friend

Quarterly Meeting of Mo. Mo Agent to York Retreat.

In consequence of death of Wm Bott who was Agent. our Dele appointed me to make Enquiry as to the duty of Agent & the Privileges which our Dele or dele Mo. have in Connection therewith.

I have before me a letter from W. M Duke to E Robson in which he says that you informed him that the donation Trust to be there from

are recorded in the books
at the Retreats. I wrote at
6 weeks ago to Dr Baker to
claiming Darkness for a copy
as far as it concerned Eyer
Meetings. I have received no
Reply of any sort.

Can you either supply the
information or forward this
to the right-person to do so
— or put me in way of
obtaining it.

As our Yearly occurs in
abt 3 weeks I should like
if possible to be able to report
them I pressed sincerely

Joseph Grubb

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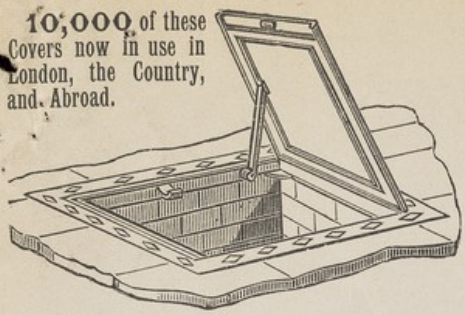

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2, DRAYTON GARDENS, FULHAM ROAD,

London, Mch 13 1886

Dear Sir

The Covers are quite ready we do not find your name on our books & therefore we must ask you to send us your esteemed cheque for the amount of the enclosed

Yours truly
A J Angell

MEMORANDUM.

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17 May 1888

To Robert Baker M.D.

FROM

JOHN S. ROWNTREE,
MOUNT VILLAS,
YORK.

Dear Friend

I have received the enclosed, complaining thatthe writer's letter remains unanswered. If this be true I presume it has been mislaid. Isuppose a copy of the printed rules of the Retreat, and a line stating the benefactions received from Essex Q.M. is all that is required. If you will send them to me I wil forward to J.G.

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W. H. BROWN,
MILLER & CORN MERCHANT.
AGENT TO
ROYAL INSURANCE
COMPANY.

Great Northern Mills,

Luton, 19/5 1888

Dear Friend
O. Baker

I write on behalf
of Luton & Leighton Buzz. Guard
respecting Rebecca Ann May
who is at present an
inmate at the Retreat.
It appears she is a member
of above Guardian Society
and as her Mother is
unable to pay the cost
of her maintenance it
seems that if the necessary
enquiries they can find a
considerable part of the
expenses will have to be
borne by Ellen Ann. the
Such being the case we
should be glad to know
the lowest terms on which
the circumstances of which

This matter requires immediate attention
W. H. Brown

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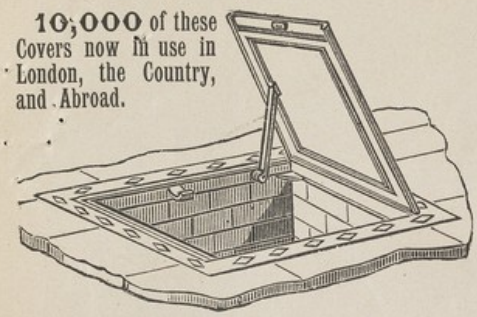

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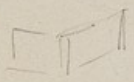

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29, BRAZENNOSE STREET,
ALBERT SQUARE, MANCHESTER, April 18 1888

Dr. Bakers
Friends' Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

As our Mr Acland was in your district the other day, he called at the Retreat, and by command of Mr Wood, your Secretary, was shewn the Billiard Table. Our traveller reports that you are sadly in want of a new cloth, in fact the rubber cushions will soon be spoilt if they are not seen to at once. As we shall have one

of our workmen in York in a week or so, we take the liberty of suggesting it would be a good opportunity to have your Table seen to. We can supply you with a fine West of England cloth complete for bed and cushions including mans time (whilst in York) and expenses fitting same to Table - for £7:0:0.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind instructions

We are, dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Burroughes & Watts
Ltd

Cadogan Moor
Church Road.
6/7/88.

Dear Mrs Evans

I was wondering why Dr. Baker did not answer my letter. he had told me before that if I removed her to the County Asylum which I informed him 2 months ago I might have to do, that he should only require a few days notice. Some weeks ago the matter was taken up by Lady Collier who wrote to a friend of hers Mr Radclyffe Esq of Strickland, a magistrate, and he on receipt of her letter wrote to me saying he did not think I should have any difficulty in getting her in free of charge. telling me what to do. Mrs Matthews has very kindly been 2 or 3 of the Guardians and been with me to the Relieving Officer Mr Perry and they say that as she is now at York the only way is to get Dr Baker to send her to their County Asylum and they will communicate with the One at Harrogate requesting her removal

Poor Comty — to which she belongs
Thro living in Bournemouth since
the age of 16 years, and this will
bring the matter before the Guardians
tho all this is very painful in
regard to Reba is conveying her
from one place to another in her
state, I see that it is the only
way to receive permanent
help, because the whole matter
has been canvassed in the Quar-
terly Meeting as well as the Ma
Meeting & ~~and~~ here and at
Leighton of which meeting she is
a member and acknowledged
by them as such. That meeting
deputed Henry Brown and W.
H Brown to pay according to their judgment for
the tonnage. ~~the~~ six
quarter and was to pay the
remainder (say £3. which £2 is
due at the end of this month
but was to understand that
this was entirely without prej-
judice for any future help from
the meeting, and they could
not say whether any thing

more would be allowed.
The Quarterly Meeting of Middlesex
Surrey & Hants fixed the sum
of £5 to be paid yearly as long
as required if the rent to York
but when that it was found her
certificate had been overlooked
and not sent with ours - it paid
nothing and she it was returned
to Brighton Monthly Meeting.
I should very much prefer now
that Friends should not be asked
again but avail myself of the
right to apply for her to be kept
out of the Rates, being that pro
childs case is likely to be a
permanent one, and probably,
and that it is quite im
possible for me to earn
more than my own living.
I would not have applied
for help from any source could
there kept her by my earning
and as I am assured she will
be well cared for. I have
brought my mind to ask for
this as many others have had
to do - painful this it is.

I have not heard again from Henry Brown, so I think nothing more has been allowed by the Meeting - his letter was read. I think you will understand all I have said I have tried to make it plain. You know 10/- a week and sometimes it is more, is a good deal if it has to belong continued. Wish I could have more and paid all this if you but could not well do as his along time since I am

Yours Kindly Love

Jim Lyons affec-y

S MacKay

Excuse mistakes in haste & cold feet

fond, but has no marked propensity. She bears the ordinary indications of a disordered mind; but otherwise is in fair health. I think she has been gradually approaching her present state of mind for many years, but those near & dear to her have been slow to realise it.

Mr Compton would be able to afford from £1. to 25/- per week - to include every expense for the maintenance of his unfortunate wife; but, not having had any experience in cases such as this, I do not know how arrangements are generally made, and what expenses, the terms usually asked

10 Dents Road
Wandsworth Common
London 30th Apl 88

Dear Sir,

I beg to furnish the following particulars respecting Martha Compton, whom it is desired to place in the "Retreat."

Her husband - Mr Ambrose Compton - emigrated to California about 16 years ago, and was married to the person above referred to - about 3 years thereafter, she, having gone over to America for the purpose of becoming his wife. The issue of the marriage is three children viz:- Two girls aged respectively

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12 years and 8 years, and a boy aged 4 years.

Mr Compton had to struggle against circumstances for many years, and earned, only a precarious and small income, which necessitated the assistance of Friends in this country. He is now - though in better pecuniary circumstances than he was - still, in receipt of only a small Income, which he derives, principally, from "Bee" Culture. He is therefore wishful, that his wife should be placed in an Institution, at as small an expense as possible, commensurate with proper and kind attention to her wants. This, he desires, in the interest of his children, more than in the interest of himself.

The state of the case being as described above, your Committee will see, that in making my application, the Terms for keeping the Patient in the "Retreat" would require my grave consideration.

Mrs Compton is about 36 years of age - is perfectly harmless. I brought her from Yemescal, in California, with her children (and my wife) about four months ago. She is very vain, and full of delusions; but, has no suicidal tendency, and, is easily managed. She is inclined to be wasteful of her

are expected to cover. whether, clothing and medical attendance, is - or is not - included in such Terms.

When does the next Committee meeting take place? The case is not urgent, as the Patient is now in good Keeping, but at an expense which necessitates her removal - in the interest of her husband & family - at as early a date as possible.

I presume medical Certificates as to the ~~Patients'~~ sanity - would be necessary, in case your Committee consent to receive her into the Retreat.

I may here mention, that I am a civil Servant and hold the position of

an Inspector of Inland
Revenue, somerset House,
London. W.C.; and Mr. Ambrose
Compton is my Stepson.

Yours kind, and early
attention will much oblige

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly.

I. A. Blofeld.

Robt Baker Esq.

re Compton

10 Dents Road.
Wandsworth Common
London. SW
24 May '88

Dear Doctor,

Not having heard from you since the 15th inst: - the date on which I understood the case of Mrs Compton would be laid before your Committee. I am anxious as to whether I have omitted anything in respect to the case in question.

I have considered that the order for reception of the Patient, should not be filled up & forwarded

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until terms had been
agreed upon, &c &c. I
hope I have not been
wrong in my conjecture.

With kind regards,
believe me,

Yours very truly
S. A. Blofeld

W. Bakes
The Retreat

No 10 Dent's Road.
Wandsworth Common
London
26 June 98

My dear Sir,

The heavy expenses to which Mr Compton is being put, through his wife's prolonged stay at the place in which she is at present located, urges me to ask that your Committee will be good enough to settle the matter, at once; as to whether they will

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admit her to the Retreat, and if so, terms &c.

It is now nearly 3 weeks since I saw you in London, and tho' I then intimated that the case was not one of urgency, yet I certainly expected it would be dealt with at the regular Committee meeting viz May 19th. It is now June 26th

I am sorry to have to trouble you again in this matter.

I remain
My dear Sir,
Yours very truly
S. A. Blofeld

D.r Baker.

ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE MANAGER.

National Provincial Bank of England Limited.

York. June 27th 1888.

Dr. Baker
The Retreat.

Dear Sir.

We have this morning received the undermentioned documents from our Bristol Branch, with a request to intimate that the Debentures will be presented for payment on Saturday next.

Kindly say whether we are to present them at the Retreat, or to your Bankers, and whether Interest will be paid. and if so what this amounts to. We are asked to ascertain this.

Faithfully Yours

Wm. Hartley.
Manr.

Debenture	£1000.	J. B. Mullett.
do	£600.	do.
do	£400.	do.
	£2000.	

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

June 7 1888

Sir,

Miss Gertrude Watson.

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that they are not satisfied, on reading Dr Jackson's further Report in this case, that there is now sufficient cause for the patient's detention under certificates. At the same time they would not desire to urge her immediate return to her father's house.

If she would agree to remain in the Hospital as a Voluntary Boarder, the Commissioners think this

might be tried as an experiment.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Chas. S. Rowe

Secretary.

R. Baker Esq. M. D.

mental development,
liable to paroxysms of
uncontrollable excitement,
and evidently cherishing
unhealthy views respecting
her father & mother -
(whom I have known
from my childhood, &
whom I know to be
persons of most estimable
character.)

If Miss Watson remained
here as a Boarder, with
full liberty to go in & out
as she pleased, I should
have the grave responsibility,

The Friends' Retreat,
York.

June 9th 1888

Dear Sir,

re Gertrude Watson -

I will bring your letter
of the 7th inst. before my
Board at their next
Meeting on the 19th inst.
but I do respectfully
to say that I cannot
see my way to advise
my Committee to accept
the advice of the Comm^rs.

Miss Watson is a
young lady of feeble

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of guarding my friend's daughter from
any possibility of evil, when I know
that she has unhealthy sexual pro-
-clivities - on the other hand, if my Comm.
discharge her, she will return to her
father's home, with a probable repetition
of previous acts of violence, & have to
return here in a much worse condition
than that in which she is at present.

I should be glad if the Comm.
would be willing to withdraw their
letter of the 7th inst. I wait until
some of them have actually seen
my patient; & I believe that they
would then agree with me that this is
just one of those cases for which the
Retreat was primarily established by the
Society of Friends. I may add that
the payment for Miss Watson is only about
half the estimated cost - Yours faithfully,

Robt Baker.

re Watson

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

June 11 1888

Sir,

re Gertrude Watson.

In the circumstances mentioned in your letter of the 9th inst, I am to say that the Commissioners are content to let this matter rest until their next visit.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Chas. Le Fevre
Secretary.

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

Christchurch School.
Hants. June 8. 88

Dear Friend.

I wrote to Mrs Macnay on receipt of yours to ascertain to which meeting her daughter belongs - for tho' I knew there had been some doubt about it, I could not remember the circumstances - and now inclose her reply. If there is anything further you think I can do, I shall be very pleased to do it - but as she is unwilling

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to have help from the meeting, I do not like to do anything without her consent.

With very Kind regards

Yours truly

M. A. Evans

Dr Baker

I do not know whether you know Mrs Massey & her daughters lived at Luton after they left Leeds. She & Alice Standing left Friends while there; & I believe joined the Brethren, owing I think to some part they took in meeting for worship not being quite acceptable to Friends here or something of the sort. But I am not sure of the exact particulars. After they had lived in Bournemouth some time, they were re-instated here & I suppose as they were not members when they left Luton, there were no certificates to send for them, & Rebecca's was overlooked and so she would remain their member while living in Ox M. M.

21. Woodstock Road.
Finsbury Park.
London. N.
16/6. 1888

Dear Dr. Baker

In a letter from Sarah Sanderson to my Wife, she speaks of some of the pertients being at Scarboro, & expresses some apprehension of having to go herself, saying in effect that she much wishes not to go. This is quite her own motion, as we have said nothing to her on the subject.

As I have before stated to thee, the expense of this excursion has added materially, (in addition to other Extras) for some years, to the excess of expenditure over income, in her case, and seeing that, as she has more than once said

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it is not desired by herself, I do hope that it will not be carried out ~~in~~ this year & in future.

Sarah appears, from what she says, to be in fair health and spirits. -

My friend very truly

Henry Shipley

Bridge Mills.

Kendal July 13 1888

Robt Baker M.D.

Dear Friend.

I enclose cheque £52.0.1 in payment of quarters a/c for my brother. Please return a/c receipted as usual.

I have again to complain of your secretary addressing incorrectly. I enclose envelope that you may see that he has addressed to my brother at his old address, tho: you have him in your establishment. I have before informed you that I am trustee for my brother

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that all communications relating to him must be addressed to me here. In such delicate cases as you have under your care, you must feel that great trouble might be caused by careless direction of envelopes.

Yours truly

J. H. Jeffreys

Trowells Lane

Derby

June 11th 1888

Dear Mr Woods

Can you tell
me please, whether my
brother is likely to go
to Scarbro' before the
22nd of this month?
I shall be happy
to be answerable for
his going to the amount
of £5 or £6, &
hope Dr Baker

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will kindly allow
him to go, among
the first party of
gentlemen patients.

With kind regards,
& my love to my brother,

I am very truly
Eliza C. Bateman

Jefferys

Bridge Mills.

Kendal

Oct 14. 87.

S. E. Woods.

Dear Friend.

I find that some of the letters written by my brother S. A. Jefferys are posted to James Thompson & possibly to other people. and as trustee I must request that this is not done in future, but that anything of that he writes that you think worth sending out is sent to me at the above address.

Jas. Thompson has not been well for some time & the receipt of this letter has done him considerable harm.

Please acknowledge this postage.

Yours truly

J. H. Jefferys

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Coney Street
York

8th June 1888.

Dear Sir,

re Danby.

We are in receipt of your letter of this morning which we have laid before Mr. Copperthwaite who hopes to be able to send you a Cheque before the end of the month.

We are, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Lowman Victorian & Lodge.

E. Woods Esq:
The Friends Retreat
York.

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Castlegate

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Dear Sir

Thanks for yours enclosing Mr. Cloak's 7/-.

I am aware it was rather out of course & might be somewhat inconvenient to you however it at the time as you have kindly done; the reason was, this first full quarter we wished to get into form: Please apply cash brought by Mr. Cloak when she

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arrived at the Retreat in dis-
charge of petty Exs. Tender to
the overseers just due &c for
maintenance. The overseers
decline to pay in advance
& I think when you reflect that
the money is provided from a
fund entirely supported by the
voluntary subscriptions of our
members you will see there
is reason for our course of action.
Again thanking you for prompt
acquiescence in my wishes

Yours sincerely

Wm. L Woods. Jno. Glaisyer

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B. DALE.
G. H. NEWMAN.

TELEPHONE No 1095.

75 & 76, Cornhill, London, E.C.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"TERRASSE, LONDON"

13th June 1888

Dear Sir

re Lady E. V. Tempest.

We have written Lady Ernest for instructions as to payment of the account mentioned in your letter of the 7th inst.

Yours truly

Stretton, Hilliard & Co.

W. J. E. Woods
Secy
The Friends Retreat
York

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29, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

16th June 1888.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 9th instant, but am sorry to say that I am not in a position to discharge your claim against Mr Lorder at present. I hope before long to be able to send you a substantial sum on account.

Yours truly
John Barber.

Mr J. E. Woods.

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89, BANK STREET,
SHEFFIELD.

which is needed. If he could sell part he would possibly be able to pay what he owes Bryan, but there is no demand for houses at Shipham. Fanny's other relatives should pay up the accounts & arrange for the future; I understand they can afford it. Ellis Hackleton is a prematurely old man & is already sufficiently crushed down by his losses & his daughter's illness.

If application were made to Henry Bristol Grace, clerk to the Somersetshire Charities

Private & Confidential

Glastonbury 14/June/88

My dear Friend

When Clark saw E. Shackleton & spoke as to his payment for his daughter I came to the conclusion that his own income was so small that it was hardly enough for him to live on in the simplest way. In fact his income consists of the difference between the incomings & outgoings on some heavily mortgaged house property but

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I expect a grant might be obtained for payments coming due after the next meeting of the Committee in December, but there are of course many claimants for Friends' charities. The Committee do not grant money for debts already incurred.

I don't think I have any power to help the Committee; you cannot get money from E. S. simply because he has not got it.

Yours truly

John Rutland

D. R. Baker

GOULD & COOMBE,

THOMAS GOULD,
JOHN NEWTON COOMBE,

SOLICITORS.

4, PARADISE SQUARE,
SHEFFIELD.

21st June 1888

Dear Sir

re S. A Lawrence a Lunatic dead

We have received account but it does not appear to us to be correct. The account is made out as follows:-

		£	s	d
1888 3rd mo: 31st to 6 mo: 14th.	To Board 11 weeks	69	6	0

It appears to us however on referring to the last a/c that we remitted you on 23rd April last £95-7-6 which is stated to be for one quarters board in advance from the 3rd mo 31st to 6th mo: 30th disbursements - It appears to us therefore that the Committee want credit for 16 days instead of being debited with 11 weeks - Is not this so?

Yours truly

Gould & Coombe

Robert Baker Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

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GOULD & COOMBE,
THOMAS GOULD,
JOHN NEWTON COOMBE,
SOLICITORS.

4, PARADISE SQUARE,
SHEFFIELD.

23 June 1888

Dear Sir

re Mrs S. A Lawrence

We certainly do not understand this. In 1875 September or thereabouts we received an account claiming £151 - 7 - 7 as follows:-

"1875			
VI. Mo: 30th -	To One Quarters Board	47 - 15 - 6	
	" Disbursements	14 - 8 - 2	
IX Mo: 30th -	To One Quarters Board 126/- per Wk.	81 - 18 - 0	
	" Disbursements	7 - 5 - 11	
		£151 - 7 - 7.	

151-7-7
34-2-6
117-5-1

" Terms advanced to 126/. per week "

Subsequently however apparently at " Christmas in the same year we received an account as follows:-

"1875.	To balance of acct	117 - 5 - 1	
" 12. 31.	To One Quarters Board	81 - 18 - 0	
"	" Disbursements	8 - 13 - 4	
"		£207 - 16 - 5	

~~Only £30 Legacy~~ From this we should infer that although the increased accommodation was discussed or arranged for in Sept. 1875 Mrs Lawrence did not get the benefit of it probably till Christmas in the same year - and the subsequent accounts being generally stated to be in advance would appear to corroborate this -

Yours truly

Gould & Coombe

Robert Baker Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

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GOULD & COOMBE,
THOMAS GOULD,
JOHN NEWTON COOMBE,
SOLICITORS.

4, PARADISE SQUARE,
SHEFFIELD.

26 June 1882

Dear Sir
Laurence

We are under the impression that Mrs Laurence did not get the additional accommodation for some time after it was arranged for - and has owed £4 plean why the a/c in September 1875 shows sent in as £151-7-7 but the same a/c in Jany 1876 shows as appear as arrears £117 5-1.

We do not see that at present Messrs Barber & Walker can help us

it appears to have been at the date when the Extra Comforts were given

Yours truly
Gould Coombe.

Jas Baker.

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STRETTON, HILLIARD & Co
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J. A. HILLIARD.
B. DALE.
G. H. NEWMAN.
TELEPHONE No 1095.

75 & 76, Cornhill, London, E.C.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"TERRASSE, LONDON."

28th June 1888

Dear Sir,

re Lady Ernest Vane Tempest

In pursuance of the letter we received this morning from the Secretary of the Friends' Retreat, we beg to enclose herewith our cheque for £100 on account of your claim. Lady Ernest is not in a position at present to instruct us as to the residue of your claim.

We do not remember having received particulars of the £5-10-9, the £15-9-1, the £31-10-6, the £20-2-6 and the £11-17-3 for which we wrote on the 28th April last. Perhaps on your acknowledging receipt of the enclosed cheque you will feel disposed to forward these particulars.

Yours truly
Stretton, Hilliard & Co
p.a.

To Robert Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "DOULTON, LONDON."

TELEPHONES { GENERAL OFFICES No 4621. SANITARY OFFICE .. 9119. CITY SHOW ROOMS .. 1960.

Lambeth Sanitary Engineering Works.

DOULTON & Co

Albert Embankment,

In your reply give this reference. W. C.E.

London, June 30th 1888

S.E.

J. E. Woods Esq
"Friends' Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

In reply to your p.c the 4 black handles, 6 cones & 24 buffers were sent you last night but we cannot trace having sent the 4 black handles you speak of on a previous date & shall be glad if you let us know when you received these. We are aware we wrote you on the 19th but we were under the impression that we had to hold the things back in consequence of something not being in stock.

Yours faithfully
Doulton & Co

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9, EAST PARADE,
SHEFFIELD.

28th June 1888

Dear Sir

I am instructed to take out letters of administration to the Estate of the late Mrs S.A. Lawrence an inmate of the Retreat. To enable me to complete the accounts I require a Statement of her effects in York. & shall be glad if you will inform me whether she left any Jewellery or other valuables there. Also let me know the value of the piano which I understand was obtained for her - perhaps it would be easier & more convenient if you would kindly instruct some local Valuer to view & value these effects for administration - or give me the name of a Valuer who you could recommend for that purpose.

Yours truly
Matthew Fenwick.

The Secretary
The Friends' Retreat
York

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West Town
Dewsbury
7 mo. 30. 1888

To Robt Baker M.D.

Respected Friend

Thine to hand (per S.E. Woods) respecting J. Morley's a/c. Herewith I enclose Cheque for the amount £10.17.5.

I cannot account for the difference between the figure you mention (£11.10.11) for the corresponding quarter and the amt minuted by our clerk at that time which is £4 10.11. But when I have an opportunity I must examine your statement of that date -

I am respy
Samuel Gill

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B. DALE.
G. H. NEWMAN.
TELEPHONE No 1095.

75 & 76, Cornhill, London, E.C.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"TERRASSE, LONDON."

1st August 1888.

Dear Sir,

Lady Ernest Vane Tempest.

We are obliged by your letter of the 30th ult. & will write Lady Ernest for the further particulars required as we do not wish to put you to any unnecessary inconvenience with reference to the details of your payments.

As to the latter part of your letter you will remember it is only 4 weeks since the sum of £100 was paid to you on account.

Yours faithfully,
Stretton, Hilliard & Co.
p.a.

J. E. Woods Esq.
Sec.
The Friends' Retreat
York

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RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH STATION.
BASCHURCH.
C.W.R.

BOREATTON PARK.
BASCHURCH.
Nr SHREWSBURY.

30 June

Dear D Baker.

I think I have answered your principal questions in my letter that crossed your. If your nurses (2 boys nerds) will come up this way on Monday according to my programme they can be here easily by Tuesday. They

ought to telegraph
to the Borcaldon Arms
for a fly whether they
arrive only on Tuesday
morning, or if they stop
at Baschurch for a
bed on Monday night
they could get a bed at
Chester on Monday night
& take an Early train
from Chester to Baschurch
on Tuesday — the bed
would be much
Darlington as far as Stockport
Gen. at Chester than
at Baschurch — for
Baschurch is only a
village.

Yours very truly
W. H. D. Sankey

10. 2 a. m

As your Attendants ought
to be so Early they should
perform a part of the
journey on the previous
day. and Sleep either
at Chester or Shrewsbury
according to which route
they travel by. I might
Engage them a bed room
at Bascherch of I knew
on what day it would be
required — There is a very
good tavern at Baschurch
Station called the Boreatton
Arms. & thus can be
had. from it — in the

morning to fetch Mr Coles from this.

I send these suggestions as suggestions only: if you have made your own arrangements to avoid confusion. I shall adhere to your views

W. H. D. S

a Syphilitic cause. & therefore perhaps the Cerebral disease is a Syphiloma of so. it is at the back of the head. in the sensory area. the patient is deaf I have prescribed Iodides but the patient is very irregular in taking medicine

She is troublesome & very abusive towards her attendants She is not quite on a level socially with my usual class of ladies and it is mainly on that account (which please to consider confidential) that I have desired her removal.

I remain Yours very truly
W. H. O Sankey

Dr Baker

RAILWAY & TELEGRAPH STATION.
BASCHURCH.
G.W.R.

BOREATTON PARK.
BASCHURCH.
Nr SHREWSBURY.

29 June 1888

My dear Sir

I have received the Order for the transfer of Mrs Coles from this House to the York retreat & she can be fetched as soon as you can make it convenient. & the sooner the better. Her Sister has unfortunately informed Mrs Coles that she is to be transferred and the patient has

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been fretting & exciting
herself ever since

She will I think require
the Escort of 2 attendants
She will I fear be difficult
to get away at
a very early train as
she is very averse to
going away from this

There is a train to
Manchester (by which
route I think it will
be best) at Early as
8. 30 but by this I fear
it will be impossible
to get the patient ready.
but there is another train
at. 10. 20 & a 3rd at. 12.35.
They reach Manchester in
about 3 hours

Mr Cole's case is one
of cerebral Disease attended
with Epileptiform attacks or
what is called "Petit Mal."
& she has had from time to
time distinct Fits. in which
she has fallen & been con-
vulsed but not since
she has been with me.
There is some suspicion of

Westfield.
Coatham. Redcar.
4 mo. 30. 1888.

Dear Dr. Baker.

After six weeks of ominous silence. I have received a very unhappy letter from Gertrude. All her letters previous to this last have been very cheerful and amusing, without any complaint. Three times she mentioned the kindness shown to her either by "Agnes", Miss Pullen, or Miss Cayley.

Some of the things that are now irritating her, seemed to me to require only mentioning, to be remedied, as.
"I am obliged to sew a great deal. It tries my eyes very much."
I have no doubt this is quite true. Her eyes have been always weak, especially her left eye, and sewing is a trying and even depressing occupation to her. She does very little at home. It is important that she should have some em-

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ployment. and if something could be found less taxing to her eyesight. I should feel relieved.

She also says "I have had my own night-dress on, only one fortnight (I believe it was a fortnight) since I came".

"The doctor has begun to make me go out with Miss MacKay. I don't like her."

Another thing that troubles her. I would not have mentioned had it not been her own request that I should. "Would you please ask that I need not have to attend the Sunday meetings. They are held in the same room as the dances. I have a horror of that room."

You letter to my husband in which you spoke of her occasional irritability, & inclination to be obstructive made me uneasy.

Excuse my troubling you &
Believe me to be
Yours Sincerely
Anne W. Watson.

Beech Hill
25. F. 88.

Dear Doctor Baker.

My Mother is indeed grateful for the news you received from you this morning of our darling Invalid, may God in his infinite mercy, restore to him at least his peace of mind.

I sent to Mr Jackson yesterday, inclosing it to Major Woodward, but most probably you will receive this first; I asked him to give me a private address, as we are anxious to keep matters as quiet as we can, and to all the kind inquiries, we have said that my

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brother was suffering from low fever: we have done this more for his sake than our own, for if God restored him to his senses, he might not like people to know what has been the matter. It is a most awful trial to be so, so unlooked for, so unexpected. My brother left us in the best of health, and spirits, his one thought was for his dear Mother to take care of herself in his absence; his life was a quiet one but he had taken to carpentering this last two years and as he was always busy, then he had his men and the tenants to look after, so you can imagine that his time was well occupied. I am sure it is not necessary to ask you to do all you can for us so dearly beloved, if he knew what we were suffering it would break his heart. Yrs sincerely

W. B. Nicholson.

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

July 25th 1888.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to furnish the Commissioners with a report of the mental and bodily condition of Miss S. S. Charlesworth, and to ask whether "East Villa, Heslington Road," whence she writes, is a part of The Friends' Retreat, and in what circumstances and in whose charge she is residing there.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Chas. S. Ward
Secretary.

Dr. Baker.

July 22/88

My dear Sir

I duly received yours dated 19th inst. and note that you have sent my sister to Whitby in place of Brridlington & have no doubt you acted for the best —

In my last letter I did not wish for one moment to cast any reflections on your actions or motives, and if such did bear any such impression I beg to apologise for it.

I will strictly act within the understanding arrived at during our conversation. and leave her alone entirely for the month; trusting to find her much-improved thereby.

Our people have some things for her in the way of wearing apparel. shall they send them to Whitby —

I wrote to Miss on the 13th inst but have not had reply yet — I carefully used guarded expressions in the same, so that she could not put any construction upon the same I expect however she is annoyed at me not fetching her home

I do not wish to sign the
inclosed memo you send for
my signature, at any rate —
for the present, so will lay
aside — It would be foolish
to add my signature to such
unless I brought over with
me to see her, some medical
man. I suppose I could do
this but I have not any
wish to interfere with your
good offices relative to her

Yours sincerely
Jam Clay

I found your sister still suffering from the effects of the recent visit, & therefore not only did I put the institution to the inconvenience of liberating an head nurse, but I also sent Emma Pearce with her.

I understand the arrangement was that you gave her a chance to recover by leaving her alone for a month; but if, as appears from your letter, you think my treatment is wrong, & that it would be wiser if you gave her every facility

(Copy)

The Friends' Retreat,

York.

July 19th 1888

My dear Sir.

I have purposely delayed answering your letter of the 15th. I have taken unusual pains to make the best arrangements for your sister, & I am surprised at the tone of your letter. I went over to Bridlington, but could not obtain lodgings satisfactory to me, and as I understood the matter was left entirely with me, I obtained very satisfactory rooms in Whitby, and I am of opinion that Whitby is equally suitable to your sister as Bridlington

In the way of change of Counsel to them it will be wisest for me to resign any further connection with the management of her case, & leave you to take such further action as you think best.

Yours faithfully

Robt. Baker

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Jas. Clay Esq

Park St. 18/4/1888

My dear Nephew

Dr Baker

When the subject of laying on the City water to the Bath & Closet at Bellevue was before the Comm^ee^, I had forgotten that when I was there, the water would not rise to the height of the closet-cistern & often failed to reach the one in the kitchen. When it did come on, it was only for a short time in the night, so that it would not have done for the bath. I suppose it may be better since you have enlarged the pipes, but it would be well to ascertain how high the water will rise before you incur much expense. –

Thy affectionate Uncle

Jon^a Bush

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16, CLIFFORD'S INN,
CHANCERY LANE.

ROBT. AYLWARD,
SOLICITOR.

July 16th 1888

To The Principal
East Villa
Heslington Road
York

Dear Sir

I am instructed to make certain enquiries as to a patient said to be detained in your establishment.

May I ask you kindly to inform me whether it is your practice to answer questions as to the circumstances attending any particular case.

Yours faithfully

Robt Aylward

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July 18. 88

Dear Sir

The family are desirous of saving expense and for that reason I have been requested to ask you to recall the junior attendant × and as Mr. Talbot is very

× on Saturday next

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kind permission -

They took care to
understand their work
very well & have given
complete satisfaction

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

A Mundo Jones

R Baker Esq M.D

must better there seems
to be no reason why
we should not now be
able to dispense with
their services -

The Senior attendant
(Wm Smith) the family
thinks like at present
certain with Jones

84, MICKLEGATE,
YORK.

August-1-1888

My Dear Sir

I enclose a Cheque for £5.5.0
as an acknowledgment of your kind
help in Mr Nelson's case

Mr Nelson is anxious to pay for
himself, that you would not
stand. If it is to be paid for
him by me then I would
wish it

Yours Truly

J W Nash,

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J. B. WETHERILL.

17, THORNTON ROAD,

BRADFORD, Sept 12th 1885

YORKS.

Dear Sir

Re J. Wilkinson 411

The Lunacy Commissioners are very slow with their work but I have been there Lord Warm this morning in Leeds and they are expecting the appointment daily when your account to hand shall be paid at once apologizing for the delay caused but money safe I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

J. B. Wetherill

ATTORNEY
ADMITTED
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Clareville, Headingley. July 1/88

My dear Sir.

If my sister would like to go to Scarbro' for a change you may take them. The expense, I think, is about £7.7.0.

Please lay the decision with her, as her views on the subject last summer were peculiar, & I fancy they are not much altered yet. I expect she will refuse to go, but I do not wish her to think that she cannot.

With kind regards

Yours truly

J. Hepper

Dr. Baker

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FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61, Albion Street.

Leeds 4th May 1888

Dear Sir,

re Smithson

We have been waiting to hear from you as to the total cost of the maintenance of Mr. Smithson at the Retreat. We have now to give evidence of this, & we have to state how it is payable & whether or not ~~it is payable~~ in advance. The authorities are considering the amount of the allowance they shall make for the maintenance, & in doing so, they have in view the fact that Mr. Smithson's property is only about £600 or £700.

We understood that the state of his health was such, that he probably would not live very long.

Can you, in reply to this letter, give us your opinion on that point? Will you please also say what is now due to the Retreat?

Yours truly,

Ford Warren &

R. Baker Esq.
The 'Friends' Retreat,
York

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(Jan. 6 - Houghton 1-0)

which does not appears to be charged in the account.

Will you kindly examine into this, as in its present state I am unable to pass the account.

Yours faithfully

J. S. Woods

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The Friends' Retreat,
York.

Feb. 8th 1887

Sirs,

I have now duly received Jan 1st to 31. Jan. - the first account has never reached me.

On checking it through with the coal tickets, I find the following tickets are wanting -

			Each way Barnsley	T. C.
Nov. 30	(Houghton	✓		1-0 3/4
Jan. 6	"			1. 3 3/4 ✗
not- 7 ✗	"	½d.	✓	1-1
31	"		✓	1-3½-

On the other hand I find I have one ticket

ROTHERFORD & Co
Coal, Coke, Lime & Salt Merchants,
AND
Colliery Agents.

Tanner Row.
York Feby 11th 1887

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter respecting the Coal &c. The first item Nov 30th was carted by one of our men & delivered at the East Ving basement. The item on Jany 6 was carted by Mellor & was ordered for the Retreat but it appears was taken to the Hospital Monkgate to meet an urgent demand. The carter forgot to alter the entry next morning & our Clerk also omitted to correct the entry. The item on Jany 7 is not that date. It is the 6th & the alteration on our a/c means the 6th not the 7th. The correct weight is 1. 1. 1 not 1. 0. 0 as you state. The item for the 31st is also correct. We enclose copies of the tickets which you should have in your possession & agree with the deduction of the load for Jany 6th leaving a balance of £102. 6. 10 to pay.

Yours truly
Rotherford & Co

J G Wood Esqre
The Friends Retreat
York

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Sycamore Cottage 31-7-88

Dear Robert

I was glad to hear thou had such a good Offer but still more glad to hear thou was willing to stop a while longer at the Retreat.

I dont wish to say a word wrong about J Priestman presiding the other day, he did very well Considering he was quite strange to the business, but if he had been more used to the routine it would have been better,

I suppose thou will have heard

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about the discussion we had,
where, and how, the yearly meeting
can be held to get more Directors
to attend; which is left for
5 Friends & your Committee to
consider; - I have thought since
if it could be held at Sheffield
next quarter, instead of Bradford
this, you could make your
accounts up to the same time
as at present, it would
only make them 3 months longer
before they pass the Dis's meeting.
There is no meeting of money matters
on 4th day at Sheffield so I think,
and L. J. W agrees with me,
that it might be held at 3-30
or 4 o'clock on fourth day it would
be better attended at that time
you would have more to
choose from for Directors,
and you might encourage all
who accept the appointment
to attend as often as they can
Could you hold the yearly meeting at
York? I believe it is better to
keep to the old way of appointing
the Directors in open meeting as
you will lessen the interest of
Friends that they wont attend the
meetings
Eliza joins me in love
My dear Uncle & Partner
Yours affec

28 Stafford Terrace, Kensington

20th August 1888

Dear Sir - At least I have managed to get my Sisters Mrs. W. Austin Mrs Thomson & Miss C. Steel appointed Co Trustees with myself for the management of our Sister Francis Affairs in lieu of the late Rev. A. M. W. Steel

I now enclose a cheque for £120.13.2 - in payment of the enclosed Bills and shall forward the account due for the Quarter ending 9th March the moment I receive the Policies & the Queries put in the

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respectfully beg leave to enclose

I must request I have
detailed account of the
goods ordered by my Sister
with the letter able I pledge
them myself -

If you will but comply
with my request in these points
you shall never have cause
to complain of any delay in
my payments

I am Dear Sir
Your faithful
Humble Servt

28 Stafford Terrace Kensington
2d. August 1888

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of the 28th Inst. I think however the Dress accounts Cnld be more clearly shown. And regarding the increased charge for the Scarborough Visit I think there may be some mistake, as after writing to you I found amongst Miss Dorina Neil's Bills &c. a letter from you of 20th July 1887 implying that the Charge was to be £6.6.0 as in former years. (Letter is Enclosed.)

I regret Extremely that this Letter, of the Existence of which I had lost the slightest recollection, should not have been discovered before I penned my previous letter.

I have now the pleasure to enclose a Cheque for the Amount of the Account for the Quarter from 30th June to 30 Sep. 1888 - Viz £3-3.0 which would seem to have been a mistake in your Office

I remain
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Robert Baker & Co
The Retreat
York.

Thanks attd.

Pitsford.
nr Northampton
Aug 21st 88.

Dear Sir.

Mr Dunkley wrote to you some time ago respecting my brother John T Payne, but as he has never had a reply we conclude the letter got lost & never reached you. I should be very much obliged if you would write & let me know how he is. Judging from the letters I have received from him I am afraid he is not much better. Do you think he has improved & do you consider it a case that can be cured? I think the arrangement was, that we should pay £1.0.0 per week, please say to whom we shall make the cheque payable & I will see that the amount is forwarded at once. Hoping to hear from you soon, as I am very anxious to know how my brother is. I am yours truly

Edward B Payne.

To Dr Baker.
York.

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(New) Salisbury Club,
S. James' Square.
S.W.

Aug 22nd 1888.

Dear Sir,

I am duly in receipt of your letter which has been forwarded on to me, from my return North in the course of a week or so it shall have my attention.

Hoping you will excuse the delay

Believe me to remain

Yours very truly

H. F. McAllen

113 Druids Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
Aug 6th 1888

Sir,

I am sorry that I am unable to send you any money at present as trades have been far from prosperous lately I will do so as soon as possible.

Yours truly
Joseph Walker

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Berry Field
Sept 18. 88

Dear Friend
Robert Baker

I now enclose Cheque
On. Charles a/c. 18. 16. 10
We. have never received the
a/c. marked rendered 11. 0. 6
and cannot understand
why it was not sent. I shd
if it had been received before
made an effort to pay it
although my income being
very limited I find it very
difficult indeed to find
money enough to pay off
for both my dear boys.
I am quite unable to pay
anything towards Edwards a/c

this time but hope after
harvest that I may be able
to pay the a/c reasonably.
We were glad to hear from
Charles last week saying
he was enjoying himself
at Scarborough. he wrote
us quite a nice account
of his experience there and
he said he should like
to return home instead of
going back to York but
I suppose you do not think
him sufficiently recovered
to come home. I see your
report says as well as usual
and you do not say he is
improving so that we feel
afraid his letters though
written very rational do
not show his real state
It would be a great pleasure
to us to have him home as
early as you think him safe
for removal, saying nothing
of the comfort of having
him in the family circle
again. We do not at all
see as present when it will
be possible to meet the
expense attendant - if his
being at York moderate
as it appears -
Please excuse my writing
so much - and believe me
to remain My Dear Ted
Yours affectionately
Philip Magee

North Eastern Railway.

Engineer's Office,

No. H.C.

York Aug 3 1888

My dear Sir,

I am sorry to say our funds are so low, that we cannot afford an extra 10 Jas for a trip to Scarbro for Mr Danby; at all events this year, I am anxious before incurring any further expences, to wipe off the debt at present owing to your institution.

Yours faithfully
W. Johnstone

Rob.t Baker Esq M. D.

Ivy Croft,
Stockton-on-Tees.

Sept 26/94

Dear Sir

I had not
forgot your account
I am waiting with
a great deal of
trouble in getting
my bad debts
all in to settled, I can
assure you that
nothing will be wanting
on my part to bring
the matters at issue

to a close, & I
to continue & must
ask for your patience
a little longer, and I
give altough my
future affairs need a
certain rest, as soon
I expect a settlement
I will pay to you my in
start and of my own
pocket

Yours respectfully
of Rueb

DILBRIDGE HALL,
COLCHESTER.

Jan. 30. 1888.

The Secretary. York Retreat.

Dear friend:

I am directed to inform thee that at the meeting of Essex Suffolk 2dly Mtg held at Saffron Walden. Jan 11. 1888. the following were appointed Agents of the 2dly Mtg in their respective Monthly Meetings for the Retreat at York. viz.

Coggeshall Monthly Mtg. Robert Doubleday Coggeshall

Colchester do do. Wilson Marriage address as above

Thaxted do do. Edmund B. Gibson Saffron Walden

Witham do do. Joseph Gripper Chelmsford

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Woodbridge Manilla Mfg. Co. Samuel Alexander

The Bank, Woodbridge

Suffolk.

I should be much obliged if they will send to the agents a list of the times when the Directors meetings are held so that in case any of the agents happen to be at York at the time they might be able to attend occasionally.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Wilson Manning

Clerk.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Mr Woods
The Secretary
Friends Retreat
York

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Mrs. H. England D.V. will
call next Thursday
at the Retreat.

Mansfield Grove Oct 1st/88.

20 Lawson Rd
Sheffield.
Sept. 29/88

D. Sir,

Yours to hand with agreement but I find you have made an error in the terms. When I was over in York I made arrangements with Dr Baker for two & a half guineas per week. If you will give me authority to alter to this amount I will complete agreement at once & send cheque for the first quarter.

Yours truly

J. Glockler

Mr S. E. Woods.
York

20 Lawson Rd
Sheffield
Oct. 4/88.

D. Sir,

Enclose agreement duly signed.
Dr. Baker certainly priced the terms @ £2.12.6 per week. If you will send me the d/c. I will attend to it at once.

Yours Truly
J. G. Cocker

Mr. E. Woods.
York

12, Pavement,
York.

21st Sept. 1888.

Dear Sir,

Mr England has
sent us £4.0.9 on
account. What are
we to say about payment
of the balance?

Yours faithfully
J. B. & J. R. Wood & Co.

S. E. Woods Esq.
Secy Friends Retreat
Heslington Road
York.

HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY.
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York: 28 Sept: 1880.

To Mr S. E. Woods.
York.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 27th, I regret I cannot give you the address of either carpenter or hittle, but I rather think Little is now at Brannah in Syria. As regards the priestman, I cannot at all say whether it is "Edward" or "Edmund". Either of them are quite likely, but if the original minute, which you will doubtless have, does not give the name in full, it will be impossible to say, but it would do no harm I think, and be perhaps the safest way to send one to each.

Edmund Priestman's address is down in the 1887 list as "Birch Field, Abbey-dale, Sheffield." Possibly Victoria Road may be his business address, but the above will be safer.

Edward Priestman's address is still "Moorfield Manningham, Bradford".

I received your note about the cows. and will endeavour to see the matter carried through, though I am sorry to say William Hutchinson is not willing to take any part in it at present. I have therefore written to ask Benjamin Walker

Yours truly.

J. W. Procter.

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4 Whitmore Road,
Small Heath,
Birmingham.
Sept. 16th 1888.

My dear Sir,

I should be much obliged if, at your convenience, you would let us know in what state my father is now. If possible a little more in detail than in the quarterly reports, in which of course I understand there is not scope for many particulars.

After the severe attacks to which he was subject a year ago his mind seemed a little clearer — has this continued or has his mental state reverted to the old condition?

Does the "increased bodily feebleness" alluded to

the quarterly reports cause
him to keep his bed or is
he able to get about freely?
Is he still free from pain
& does the happy frame of
mind that formerly
characterized him ~~continue~~
continue?

If, when you are able,
you would furnish me
with answers to these questions
or with any information that
your knowledge may suggest
I should consider myself
indebted to you.

Yours faithfully

H. C. Wilmott.

Dr Robert Baker.

Mr. Wickelhwaite
Ackworth
W. Pontefract
16 Sept/88

Dear Sir

After my visit to my daughter to day I have come to the conclusion to take her Home to Newcastle on my return on Tuesday first as I think she is not as well mentally considered, as she ever will be -

Kindly therefore inform the Matron that we shall call for my daughter on that day about 1. o'clock.

Thanking you & Dr Hind & the other officials of the Institution for the great Kindness & attention bestowed on my daughter

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
J. Dewsch

Dr Baker

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10 Crescent
Burlington
Sept 2 15th

Dear Dr Baker

I have been here
for the last fortnight
with my daughter Charlotte
& three of my grandchildren
I purpose returning to
Belle Vue on Tuesday
& shall be greatly obliged
if I may have the
three little ones there

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for a week or ten days when Mrs. Wright will call for them on his way to Carlisle. My daughter Charlotte will return with me to pack up our winter things & go on to Carlisle with Mrs. Wright to help in house hunting &c. Mrs. Gates would have told you Mrs. Wright is leaving Sudbury.

With kind regards

Yours truly

L. Edmiston

Bootham
12. IX. 88

Dear Dr Baker.

You will remember my calling on you in reference to a loan to the Retreat. Joseph Rowntree told me after the Committee that you would be likely to know shortly whether it would be wanted, and recommended me to write & ask before making any other ~~engage~~ arrangement. Hoping you have had a refreshing journey, & enjoyed your

Yours truly John J. Allen

Carperby,
Bedale,
Sept. 17. 1888.

Dear Sr. Baker,

In reference to your letter of the 12th inst. may say that being unable to have access to our papers while here, I should be obliged if you would allow me to defer my decision as to the proposed change in the rate of interest, until I am able to enquire into the value of the security which I hold for the Loan.

I am not clear as to the value of the Minute of Contè which, as I remember is the form of security given.

We hope to return home in two or three weeks, and will then decide the matter.—

Trusting the delay may not inconvenience you,

I am
with kind regards, in which Mr. Cotton unites,

yours very truly
Charlotte Cotton.

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203 Wilmslow Rd
Rusholme
Manchester

13-X-88

To Robert Baker
Superintendent of
The Friend's Retreat
York

Thou requested me to give thee in writing some information to lay before the Committee to guide them in fixing the rate for me to pay for my Son Alfred Wilkinson while he is resident at the retreat —

Well I have not made more than a living for three or four years and I trust Very Plainly and Respectfully

servant: my desire was to get something to support me when the cloth failed — I have had to get help since my son broke down and I must pay the charges at York. So I request the Committee to put me at as low a rate as they can —

I would be glad to pay the full charges if I could for the Institution deserves it —

I in the shop

Thy Friend Truly
B. Wilkinson

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36 Ducie St. Cornbrook
Manchester 15/x

Dear friend

I think B.H. has fairly stated his means as far as I know: he is a very independant-spirited man & is wishful to do his best-without assistance from us as overseers but I know that up to the time his sons health failed they worked the business in the family ie B.H. wife & 2 sons. I hope the Comte will make as low a charge as practicable as it is only a matter of circumstances which causes him not to be in membership Thine

William Rusk

I trust your family are all well, please give my love to Mrs Baker and with kindest regards to yourself. I am very sincerely your friend

Mary Robeson

Aytoun
Princess Road
Westbourne
Bournemouth
October 13- 188

Dear Doctor Baker,

I have received the ape for my daughter from Appleathen it had been sent there by mistake, for I think I gave you our address when I was in York.

I enclose a cheque for the amount, £25.15.1 which is rather larger than sometimes

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previous I think. Will you kindly let me have a bill for the disbursements that I must depend upon the best way I can by making and providing the clothing for it is a great pull on my small income of 280 [redacted] a year and dear Isabel and her sisters will not have more than 25 £ each yearly, I am told, and with an invalid here and the expence of moving for climate on dear Mary's account I feel it very hard to get my means to meet payments and shall be greatly obliged to you if you can help me to get something taken off poor Isabels payment not to have her moved to less comfortable rooms but hope I may ask for this without encroaching upon the institution having been a member of the Society of Friends

Bath Grove
Bramley
Nr Leeds

15th Oct. 88.

Dr Baker M.D

Dear Sir

In reply to
Your Memo at foot of Mrs Accounts agst me
I am glad to say that I shall be able
to pay Mrs the balance on or about the
25th Inst

Mrs Pickard

Wm Pickard

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ULLSWATER
GREEN LANES
FINSBURY PARK
N

Oct. 8. 1888.

Dear Friend,

F. Baker,

In reference to your letter of the 12th ult., I am willing to accept 3 3/4 pct on my Loan to the Retreat. I see that 3 mos' notice is required on either side and I suppose this will apply to any change in the rate of interest.

The copies of the minutes which I hold are in my Mother's name, but of course the new minute will be in my own name.

With kind regards
yours truly
Charlotte Cotton.

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Briarcliffe,
Doncaster.

Oct. 4. 88

Dear Dr. Baker;

You have learned as an inmate Mrs. Robert Wilton, whom I know very well -

The case is a sad one - They lost me on Snowdon some years ago. You may remember the case. His body was found after many days search -

They lost another son a very fine, promising

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You board -

I was nervous a Committee from the attendance of which I learned more, & in the proceedings of which I was more interested -

I am so glad the Directors have been enabled & induced You to remain for five years longer - We could ill spare You! Hope you are all well -

I am Yours very truly

Joseph F. Clark

young man, by drowning in France since recently. These losses have caused them great distress - and I believe have been the cause of her mind going -

They are be respectable family, and the girls have all shown considerable ability and have done very well -

The father is a coal merchant here with a limited income They will find the cost of the Retreat a great burden upon them - and my object in writing is to speak for them, & let you know some of the circumstances, so that the charge may be placed at as moderate a rate, as can be done, consistent with the interests of the Institution -

I often think with interest of the time when I was upon

we have done our best & have given the least we could get really good cows for.

Yrs truly
W. Procter.

Mr S. E. Woods
The Retreat

Ashcroft
Hunthorpe
York

3rd Oct 1888

Dr Sir

Benj: Walker & I have bought two cows this evening which I think will prove good milkers but they are very dear this fair & we have had to give £45. 10. 0 for the two.

I got two cheques from Thos Bunt &

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for safety asked him to cross them "Under seventy five pounds" so as both cows are from one man (Ky Jillah Wilberforce) I am filling in the cheques for £24. 10. 0 & £21 tho' I think I should put one cow at £25 & the other at £20. 10. 0 if they were separated.

Please enter the cheques & they will require adding to the last pay sheet for the auditors to check. I will get a receipt from Jillah tomorrow & enclose it herewith - Backhouse is to fetch the cows in the morning before they are milked. We have not done so well in price as I should have liked but at any rate we

Rowntree, Hills & Co.,
The Pavement, & Holgate Road,
YORK.

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE, Pavement, YORK.

28, The Pavement,

YORK, July 20 1888

Dear Sir

We shall have great pleasure in supplying you Retail with Groceries &c till the end of year.

We thank you for letter giving us information of same

Yours Respectfully
Rowntree Hills & Co

Queen Street
Newcastle on Tyne
8th Nov: 1888.

My dear Sir,

I enclose Bank Draft for £215.16.1 being in settlement of my Mothers Account up to 30th Inst. owing to my Mothers income being denied for several years there is always a certain about of time routine to go thro' before I am placed in funds to honour your Committee kind personal guarantee, I trust they will allow the Account to stand over sometimes a little longer than the strict letter of the

Rules of your establishment.
I shall be glad to hear from
you at your convenience your
opinion on my Mother case
if you can now give any
more definite views as to her
recovery. I shall probably be
passing thro' Yorkshire shortly
when I will call and see you

Believe me to remain
Yours very truly
H. V. McAllum

P.S. One of the Executors from

If the Estates from which a Portion of
my Mother's income is derived Pays
a Dividend for £100: 11: 3 which I
think is about it you should send
the Cheque

H V McA

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

December 5 1888

Sir,

I am directed to say in reply to your letter of the 3rd inst that the Commissioners in Lunacy would not insist on a child aged 5 being placed under certificates while residing by the management of her parents, in a farm house, in charge of a former mental nurse.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Chas. Sh. Purcell
Secretary.

R. Bakes Esq: M.D.

Hy Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams – Richardson York.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 14 Dec.r 1888

To
The Secretary of the Retreat Committee.
The Retreat.

Dear Sir.

As I fear I shall not be able to be at the committee to-morrow, I send a line to say that attention has been given to the coal supply, though on inquiring thoroughly into the matter after the last committee, it did not appear that there was then so much cause of complaint as there had been a few weeks before, when we complained to the sellers. They have promised to try and avoid the small being sent again, but they state distinctly that the coal supplied is the kind of quality contracted for, but, that as it is rather a soft coal which easily falls, it is liable to cause in handling & hauling a considerable proportion of dust after having been riddled at the colliery. I think no further action is necessary at present in the matter, but we must keep an eye upon the quality for the future.

Yours truly.

J. W. Procter.

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ESTABLISHED 1828.

Memorandum

Dec 15 1886

From

Frederick I. Webster.

HOUSE & SIGN PAINTER,

PAPER HANGER, GILDER, DECORATOR, &c.

8, St. Saviourgate, YORK.

To The Committee of the Funds Retreat

York

Gentlemen

Dr Bailes having informed me that you had closed my account for not sending my bill in Monthly I beg to state that I was unaware that you had made such a rule as I never received Notice to that effect. Having worked at the Retreat for such a number of years and always endeavoured to give Satisfaction and the Retreat being one of my Fathers Oldest Customers I should be sorry to lose it.

I therefore hope you will reconsider your decision and employ me as usual

Your Truly

Fred I. Webster

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BARBER BROS & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers,
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TELEPHONE No 58.
TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
"BARBER SHEFFIELD"

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street,
Sheffield

27th Oct. 1888.

Dear Sir,-

The writer's absence from home, and press of business since his return, has delayed a reply to your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing copy of the Committee's Minute of the 16th instant with reference to our audit charges.

In a continuous audit from year to year we base our charges on the amount of time occupied taking one year with another. As a matter of fact the audit fee of twelve guineas from 1880 to 1885 considerably underpaid us for the work done. Our time for 1888 if worked out at ordinary accountants charge would amount to £21.2.3. The time occupied last year was somewhat in excess of any year since 1880. Taking the whole time spent on the audit from 1881 to 1888 it works out to an average yearly charge

of a little over £19. 0. 0.

We trust this explanation may be satisfactory to the Committee

We remain, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Barber Bros. & Worley

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

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS.
BARBER, SHEFFIELD.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street.
Sheffield. 3rd Novr 1888

Dear Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult we beg to say that our charges are worked out at the rate of £3.3.0 per day Principals' time, and £1.1.0 and 15/- Clerks'

Weare, dear sir
Yours faithfully,
Barber Bros & Wortley

S. E. Woods Esq
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York.

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897 Cemetery Road
Beeston Hill
Leeds
Dec.r 6. 1888

To the Committee
The Friends Retreat

Gentlemen,

I am sorry to have to appeal to you in relation to the charge for my husbands maintenance at the Retreat, but the continued difficulties arising from diminished profits in our trade leaves me no other course than to ask you to make some substantial

Education in the present
charge. My faith in Dr Bakers
great skill & admirable
method of treatment would
be sufficient reason for
me to make every effort
to continue him under
Dr Bakers care & the idea
of having him to remove
is intensely painful to me,
& I am striving to my
utmost to avert it; but
find it impossible to
keep on the present charge,
& hope the Committee will
favorably consider the matter

I Remain Gentlemen
Yours Respectfully
Decima Pool.

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

FRESHFIELD REYNOLDS,
(Late of Harvey, Reynolds & Co., Leeds.)
Pharmaceutical Chemist,
STATION ROAD,
HARROGATE.

To Dr Baker
The Retreat
York
14/11/89

Dr Friend It may become necessary to place a nephew of mine under regular treatment for break-down of the mental powers, whether permanent or only temporary I cannot say — The youth is about 19 & resides with us, his father (my brother) died some years ago, & his mother married again & went to America, deserting her 2 children who, became our charge from that time for education & everything else — I mention this because, you will better understand that with a family of six ourselves, the matter of ways & means is a serious one to us — My nephew is not a member, although his father was up to a few years before his death — He was educated at

Alston School, & Ralph Dixon the superintendent has always taken a very kindly interest in the boy -- since leaving School he has been in the employ of the Late R W Shaw draper here - R W S was extremely kind to him, & to the sad circumstances of the former's death by his own hand, we may trace the beginning of my nephew's mental trouble -

In case our Doctors here decide that he must be under further restraint I want to be prepared by knowing what the expenses would be -

Yours sincerely

Reshfield Reynolds

Spring Bank,
Headingley,
Leeds.

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Dear Dr Baker.

I have been seen by Mrs Poole whose husband is in the Retreat with regard to the charges paid for him, what she + a Mr Bell who is carrying on the business say they cannot continue to pay. My interview with them was a hurried one as I had to leave to fulfil an engagement. But they said they c^d manage 2/- a week to pay part of the arrears. They seem very anxious not to have to remove

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Mr Poole from the Retreat.

I have not yet had any opportunity of Enquiring as to the means of the family, but judging by the locality they reside in I do not suppose they have more than moderate means. I Mr Bell and the business had I must charge out to them & only just manage to get along.

I wrote T Burt last week that I should not be able to get over tomorrow tho' I have not heard from him I hope he has secured some one to join him in the audit of the Yes

Yours sincerely
Tom Harvey

Harrogate 12/x/88

Dear Friend Dr Barker

I expect Frankfield Reynolds will be writing thee about the admission into the Retreat of a nephew of his Foster Reynolds. who has become decidedly defective Mentally - he is a Youth well on his teens - Father was a Member of our Soc[y] - Mother not so hence the Youth is not a Member he has attended our Meetings with his Uncles Family ever since they came to reside in Harrogate. I sincerely pity the Youth has never been Mentally up to the average & his nerves got a terrible shaun when his Mother deserted him as a little boy - deserting home & a little sister at their Uncles door. I feel much for Frankfield Reynolds who has to and does struggle hard to maintain his own large Family in respectable & decent style & he has asked his nephew to your care. when will have him placed at the lowest tariff for such cases.

I expect my son whom I wrote to thee about some time ago - will be starting from New Zealand next Month - he there about March - I think he will have to come to you -

Hoping Friends Isaac Pickard

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5. Bishopsgate St. Without,

London.
E.C.

& 32 Oakhurst Grove
East Dulwich 17/12/88
S.E.

The Secretary,
Retreat
York,

I sent you a telegram today about a case demanding immediate attention, & trust you have been able to arrange it with T. Willis, & that R. Henley may be safely in your institution ere you receive this. The signature of his father can be obtained afterwards if necessary, as he was most desirous it should be carried through at once.

As I have just been appointed agent for you, in Southwark Monthly Meeting, would you kindly instruct me what my duties are. Would you also please let me have one or two forms for certificates &c, & any other necessary papers, to be at hand in case of another emergency: the one in this case I obtained from Dr Hingston Fox almost by accident. Please also inform me whether our M.M. is on the lowest scale of charges, as I

understand there is a difference. Also any other points it would be well for me to know.

Yours truly
Edward Alexander

At Southwark Monthly Meeting
held at Peckham 11. XII. 1888

Edward Alexander
of 32 Oakhurst Grove
East Dulwich
London SE

was appointed its agent for the
Retreat at York in place of
Thos. Stacy Waton who signified
his wish to resign, if agreeable
to your committee.

Wm Henry H. Alexander
Clerk Southwark Mo. M.

26 Bousfield Road
St Catherines Park
London S.E.

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but I entertain a fear over-
came them lest after my
release I should again
relapse, they would not
be willing to have any
further trouble or responsibility
This I think, though wise
in part, is making the worst
of matters. I for myself
gives no hope of victory
of self over sin nor yet
supposes Christ as a special
helper in every trial or
time of need.

I firmly believe the
lack of whole-heartedness
a persistant endeavour
to obtain a complete con-
quest of sin, mentally, morally

The Retreat
York
28.11.88.

Dear friend
Joshua Seale,

Having written to
J. H. Barber about my desire
to leave this Institution,
he informs me he is not
on the Committee appointed
to consider this matter,
refers me to Thyself as
the Clerk of the Com^tee

I am come to the
conclusion that remaining

longer a prisoner in many ways is not the least thing for me, now that my mind is thus far in the riches of Gods mercy restored.

I am also convinced that I am capable of some Kind of employment for the most part out of doors, whether gardening or work on a steam ship as fireman or any of the 1001 Kinds of work extant

I hope you will Kindly bring this desire before the Comtee appointed so that something may be done.

If any of my relations whether it be my sister at Shiffd or brothers, are able to find a suitable situation for me or the Comtee I shall be pleased if you will endeavour to make the necessary arrangements for my release.

I believe my case has been before friends some time since; whatever conclusion they arrived at in the past I do not pretend to know all

My health has I think been much improved by resorting to athletic exercise, which I have practised for some considerable time also to the frequent use of cold water.

I have reason to be very thankful both to my Heavenly Father on mail. 7-11 & to those friends who have acted so beneficial an interest on my behalf during my stay there.

Hoping to here from Thy self long & with best wishes for Thyself & family I remain with Kind regards Thy friend Peirson Albright.

Physically has resulted in my weakness of mind & body in past years; a bad habit contracted in youth ignorant at that time of its insidious way, but since informed both by reading & by experience of its evil effects only by the power of God's Holy Spirit can I say I have & am continually thus watching & guarding enabled to overcome & surmount all the foes which may & have attacked me

But apart from this, living here during my present state of improved

healthy seems to weigh down unduly the desire for manly exercise of those qualities which can only be obtained in a more larger field than the confinement which I am enduring at present can give.

I endeavour to make the best of my situation it is true but having such a limited amount of pocket money subject to saving much of that which appals besides living continually under the sense of being little better than that of a pauper makes me pant for another trial in the broader sphere of the world with resources.

You will now I trust look into my case seriously as a duty no less than that which became the lot of those whose part it was in the state in which I entered this Institution.

Western Bank,
Sheffield.

XII. 8. 88

Dear Friend
Robert Baker M.D.

The two letters enclosed herewith have been sent to me from Pierson Albright.

I have brought them before the Poor's Com^ee and am desired to ask thee for thy opinion as to their

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contents.

Thy friend truly

Joshua L. Leake

SADDLESCOMBE.
BRIGHTON. 10 Nov 1888

Dear Mr Woods—

My sister-in-law Mrs Elgar has forwarded to me your letter of Nov 1 asking for a reduction of interest on the £2000 of hers that the Retreat holds on loan

I am sorry that the question has been raised— She is an elderly lady of little or rather no means health much broken knowledge of business and adverse matters are disturbing to her, and in this case if my memory serves I suggested among other considerations that I thought it might spare any further trouble as to future investment of this money during her life if she did not disturb it herself.

It appears to me that 4% is a very moderate rate of interest for the Retreat to pay under the security they give—

The Meeting for Sufferings holds on loan many thousand pounds on doubtless smaller security invested in new build mgs adjoining Devonshire House all I believe at not less than 4%

I have myself several thousand pounds out on loan but in no single case at not less than 4% on what I believe to be as good security as you can give

If the Retreat is really losing money on the property which I understand a loan was required to purchase after taking into fair consideration the advantage to the Institution from its acquisition. my sister would I have no doubt forego the ½% asked for— but I do not see that I can advise her to do so with my present limited knowledge of the circumstances—

I am respectfully
Martin Robinson

P.S. Future communications on this matter had (in due time) better come direct to me

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Lea Cotham New Road

15th Nov 1888

To J E Woods

Dear Friend

In reply to thine of the 1st Inst. I suppose we must accede to thy proposal to reduce the interest on thy loan to the Institution as there has been some slight reduction in the funds lately & a similar reduction

Thine sincerely

Richard Kidd

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York
Nov. 3rd 1888.

Mr S E Woods
The Retreat York

Dear Sir,

I agree to the reduction of the rate of Interest on the loan of £150 from 4% to 3¾%.

For the sake of simplicity in book keeping it will be better for the reduction to take effect from the 1st January 1889.

I am faithfully
Joseph Rowntree

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East View. Holgate
York. Nov: 8 - 1888.

Dear Mr Wood,

In reply to your note of the 1st instant, relative to the loan of £500 at 4%, I beg to state that I have concluded not to take a lower rate of Interest.

Yours truly.

E. Cussons.

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