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Friends Retreat York  
31/10/85

My dear William Stradling

I came how I brought the view &  
iniquity of my wife & mother  
and they both of them wished me  
to be here for ever. She actually  
allowed Bert Stradling  
to sleep with her, and she  
has at least 10 children and  
I have as perhaps you are  
aware been a great traveller.  
And I have been ~~a traveller~~ <sup>on sea</sup>  
and land America & Elsewhere.  
I may tell you she has <sup>one</sup> ~~two~~  
husbands besides you & me



a man the Name of Whittaker  
He married her at York  
Church Belgium in Conny St.  
I have now been here 14 years  
& 3 months. I came here July  
30/~~1870~~ 1871. And that  
Tennant & Clark have  
stopped letters & telegrams.  
That wife of yours has not  
a month to live, & your  
own son is a bad man.

I am yours very

Truly  
Charles Cars Willmott

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years

July

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Dear Mr. [illegible]

I have just received your letter of the 10th

and am glad to hear that you are well

and hope you are enjoying the weather

as much as I am. I am feeling much better

and hope to be able to go to the office

soon. I am very sorry to hear that

you are not feeling well and hope you

will be able to get well soon.

I am very sorry to hear that you are

not feeling well and hope you will be

able to get well soon.

I am very sorry to hear that you are

not feeling well and hope you will be

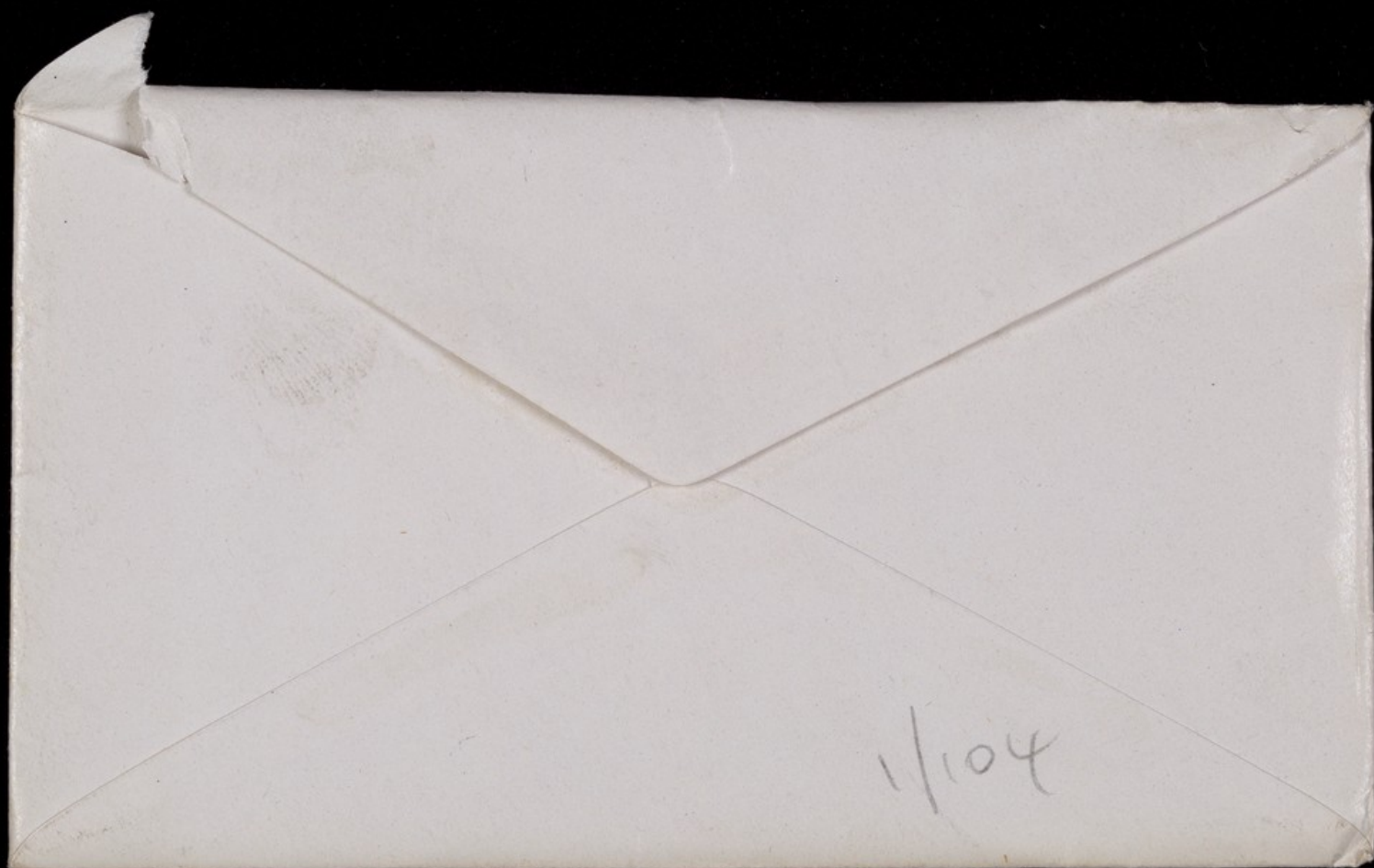
able to get well soon.

I am very sorry to hear that you are



Mr. W. Stradling  
Walworth Road  
London.

E.C.





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9<sup>th</sup> mo 8. 1885

Retreat York

"..."

My darling Matt,

It is with feelings  
of intense and pure  
love that I pen these  
few lines. The last ~~f~~  
14 years I have been  
here have as you are  
aware been to an active  
mind and imagination  
such a mind at times of  
the most intense idleness.  
I remember the old days  
of love together how

we used to sit on the lawn  
after dinner on first days  
and the many drives we  
had together and you  
remember how we used  
to cross our legs ~~to~~  
till we used to get tired.  
How we enjoyed a cigar  
with Harry and Charlie  
and lawn tennis also  
what a ~~is~~ first rate player  
Charlie was and you my  
own ~~the~~ darling Matt.

How I seem to be full  
of love for you in my



dear and precious love for  
Christ, how I offer up  
every night a prayer for  
thee, and how close  
Jesus has been to me these  
long and painful years  
you will I know bear in  
mind. You will remember  
how I finished perhaps my  
best sermon at meeting  
(Barclay of Ayr) "Ankle deep  
in Lutzens blood."

Forgive me if I have  
~~ever~~ ever been unjust to  
thee my darling



and cast them if possible  
from your thoughts.

Give my dear Love to  
F. Andrews and Wife

H Thompson H Wilson

+ Wife  
+ Bob Marsh

at Ackworth, and ask  
all of them to forgive  
me for any unjust or  
intense feeling if wrong  
doing on my part or theirs.  
Give my love to all

of them and ~~accept~~ self

The same yours ~~several~~

Your always Loving Willmott  
Charles Ewe

Miss Stradling  
Ackworth School  
Near Pontefract  
York

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Friends Retreat York

Sep 7. 1883

My Darling Matt

After an interval of 14 years,  
I hope my darling we may  
meet again, and kiss one  
another, and go rides &  
go holidays all over the  
beautiful country round  
<sup>about</sup> Gillovstone. I long for the  
old days to come again &  
live together in the love  
of Christ. I believe Dolly  
Kirtland would like to live with  
us. I hope sincerely you are



well in health, that you like  
Ackworth. I loved Ackworth  
myself as a scholar, I well  
remember swimming the  
8 Tanks from one end to the  
other. I hope we may all  
go to Ackworth General  
Meeting, and after that  
to Malvern for a month  
or two, (or before the General)  
you know matter that I have  
been a great traveller & hope  
I may again go with you or by  
myself on the New Mary (ough).  
I know you don't love the  
Sea my darling, but perhaps  
you



have got over the dislike of  
the sea, or would prefer other  
kinds of holidays. Malvern  
I know you love and we  
would take lodgings over  
the confectioners shop  
at Great Malvern  
You know it. We used to  
go and have a tart or  
an ice. And then St Ann's  
well. Give my dear love  
to F. Andrews & his wife  
and all teachers, and

Remain yours very truly  
& lovingly in the union & fellow  
ship of Christ Charles Leave  
Willmott

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am  
also well and hope this letter finds you  
the same. I have not much news to write  
at present. I am still in the same place  
and doing the same work. I hope to  
hear from you again soon.

Yours truly,  
Wm. L. Garrison

Miss M. Stradling  
Ackworth School  
Near Pontefract—  
Yorks —



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W. SESSIONS. STATIONER. YORK

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Friends Retreat York  
30/10/84

Dear Mr G. B Lloyd

I am here as perhaps you are aware  
14 years & 3 months, in other terms  
I came here in Dr Whittakers time,

The only man who keeps here  
in penal servitude is Dr Hind.

Well Mr Lloyd I dont know whether  
you are aware that my wife  
has 3 Husbands. She lives now  
with her first husband W. Stradling  
at 262 Walworth Rd London.

I have been to Madrid on a <sup>Prin</sup>  
Coach & Four. Chulst~~ation~~  
of Wales & Buckingham went  
the same. I have also been



to Copenhagen St. Petersburg  
Moscow. (China) Peking the Emperor  
I think was deaf & ~~deaf~~ dumb  
I have also been to America  
New York. He was a lady there  
Mr Mathers whom I call aunt  
she lived at a nice house in  
Brooklyn. I have been to Cincinnati  
Washington Albany. Philadelphia  
I hope you have seen my hymns  
& Monona, the Hudsons print them.  
I may add that I have not a  
son or daughter in the whole  
world. I hope Mr. Lloyd that  
I may sometimes go to Bull's  
meeting when I come from here.  
I do not know whether you



seen the manuscript of new book I  
mean to publish by the Hudsons  
Rambles in and around Florence.  
I was in that ancient city 21 days  
I met Sympathia in Perlema.  
I have also been on the Mary  
Hough which is being rebuilt  
Either in the Docks of Liverpool  
or perhaps at Glasgow.  
I have also stopped at Fal-  
mouth the City of Quakers.  
I may say that Philadelphia  
as you know is (Brotherly love)  
is also a city of Quakers.  
I over G. Burtons Curiosity Shop  
at Falmouth. I was in London  
at the Great fire in Tooley St



at the funeral of one or two, or  
may be 3 or 4 persons. The dead  
March in Saul was played by  
the band. I walked with the  
Cortege & down Shoreditch  
they buried the dead at Kensall  
green ~~the~~ graveyard.

you know I believe I was  
a student of Trinity College  
Cambridge. I then became a  
Painter of Eminence & Sculptor.  
I believe I am wanted as a mem-  
ber for Bham which I shall  
gladly accept. I believe  
the polling day 12/1/1886.

I am yours very truly  
Charles Cave Willmott

Remember me kindly to Mr Edwards & the Sec. of the L.A.  
Shoreditch  
Chas



G. B. Lloyd Esq  
Lloyds Bank  
Bham —

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own statue  
at Windsor  
The Queen my  
by the side  
of her  
own by me  
9 mo 28 1888  
York Retreat.

My darling Matt.

"My son - my son" why has thou  
forsaken me." That's the telegram  
the Queen of England has  
sent to her son on board the  
Osborn Yacht. "I am going  
to write to her Majesty  
tomorrow. She has a statue  
of me & herself  
by me. Now my darling Matt  
That's what David said to  
his son Absalom. By the  
Post the Brothers of Mr Hemans.  
Will my own darling have



given up all sinful lusts  
the lust of the flesh & the  
Pride of Life stick ~~close~~  
Close to Jesus. I have  
found him precious  
to my own soul. Grant  
Oh God that the mantle  
of thy holiness & purity  
may cover over Ackworth  
and Flounds especially  
W. Lean & all the students  
Oh Matt have you anything  
at Ackworth to remember  
me by. I believe the school  
on both sides <sup>is</sup> larger



I have ever known, and I hope  
sincerely the purity & the  
dove like humility of all  
at Ackworth will con-  
tinue and abound for all  
ages and all times.

You all ~~to~~ know that I  
have been a great traveller  
I met Sophia Derondor  
in Onduris, and went a-  
nother coach to Madrid  
& the King of Spain has  
10. or more of my paintings.  
I hope you <sup>have</sup> a few at  
Ackworth. I hope my  
darling you are well



and will meet me with  
a Kiss of Peace & Rest  
& Holiness. ~~Remember~~

Remember me to all the teachers  
& F. Anders & B. M. &  
very lady Teacher, and  
Especially F. A. Wife &  
her Children. You know  
I have been to Falmouth  
Plymouth - Edingborough  
Thandcedons - Menes.

Ryd. Soft Night ~~Ventnor~~  
Ventnor

Remain as ever

yours very lovingly  
Charles Care Williams

Remember me to young Henry and his family.

Miss Mather Stradling  
Ackworth School  
Near Pontefract  
Yorks



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7 mo 1886

Friends Retreat

Dear Mr Lloyd

I am here July 30 1871.

I have been to Russia stop<sup>d</sup>  
at the Petit Tac Hotel I had  
a boat on the Neva. (Bye the bye)  
I forgot to say that Holliday was  
from the Friends Retreat.)

I went to Devonshire House  
Meeting & Spoke an hour for  
Christ (that's <sup>a</sup> parenthesis)

I then went to the Petit C<sup>o</sup>  
Moscow, bought a lot of cigars  
& ~~to~~ at Copenhagen. I write



2 to you make my house at  
Golden Hillock Road Free.

Took a trip with Blake the  
Chermit to Shanghai, and  
we went to Peking, and what  
a long place is China.

I have been to Madrid. I stop  
at the Bel del Boulogne Hotel  
I went over the cloister. I saw  
~~Because~~ the Seguirs 10 of the  
in the cloister, & the Recardos  
10 & the Alphonso 10

I also went to Amarda the  
summer residence of  
Queen Isabella, Spain.



3. Well the Duc<sup>3</sup> of Edingborough  
has not a wife

(Bye the Bye) Mr Lloyd

I forgot to say at Shanghai

I met Alice Derondor a very nice  
looking young lady.

Bye the Bye) Told about Madrid

I stop<sup>ed</sup> <sup>as</sup> in Oudorio to Buy oranges  
and apples; I met at Oudorio

Sophia Derondor. (she ask<sup>d</sup> me  
to her Shanty I did go. I had  
then <sup>up</sup> given all <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ Christ)



4 Mr Lloyd it not wicked to enjoy  
you and go to races & ~~stop~~  
smoke cigars & have a pipe  
I have never been circumcised.  
So I shall never marry.  
I am a book writer 2 vols  
of Monona 2 vols of my tale  
of Florence 2 vols of my  
tale of Pelomo. Lovely Athens  
60 verses. I wrote a tale  
of St. Paul 800 pages of Man<sup>or</sup>  
Then was the architect &  
the Pallisers were the  
Builder. It was built  
in 1662 St. Paul  
Cathedral ~~Is it~~  
I drew in my  
Sketch book



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~~Letter~~

Well I have been to Ceylon  
I shall buy Packer's tower Hall  
and give a fair price for  
it. I had ~~to~~ an egg for  
breakfast & a little meat.  
Ish of Man Barrow & Furness  
Abbey, and Buldwas Abbey

I can find the ~~the~~ Duke of  
Edinburgh a wife if  
he wishes one. My niece

I am with best wishes  
Yours very Truly

C C Willmott

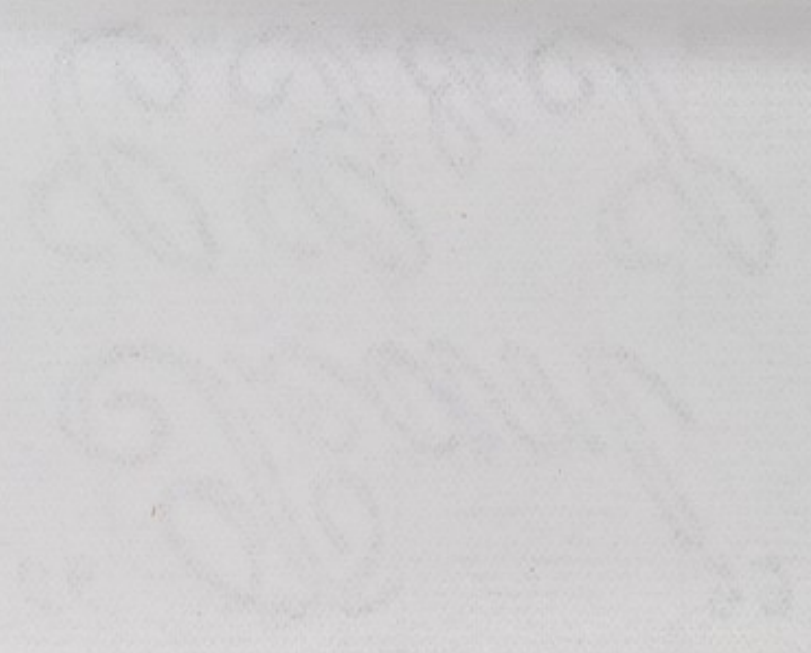
6 I have been to Matlock Matlock  
& Burton. I have been Thurst  
Darlington I spoke in Dar &  
Meeting. I then went straight  
to Newcastle on Tyne.

I have been to Talbo Telling Fox  
Folkington the Tower of  
the Jewell House. I have  
also to Cremorne Garden at  
London. I saw a horse for  
Epsom Fordom won her  
by 2 lengths of a head

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Private

Mr L. B. Lloyd  
Lloyds Bank  
Birmingham



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R. Y. R. Sep 4 1885

My darling Wife

Some months ago a man who was  
here said. Mr Willmott what  
are these flowers, I replied  
violets, he said where are the  
forget me nots. It pierced my  
soul & I burst out crying  
I remembered my wife & all  
other things. I remember when  
I was converted to Christ.  
and Charles came and took  
me home then to 31. Oh  
wife where is thy husband  
W. Stradling? He lives with



one of his relations. What about  
Seymour Broad - Jim Kent  
Jr. Jim Kent Senr? what  
about Matthews?

I am your injured  
and wronged husband

Charles Care

Willmott

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Mr J. W. E. Willmott  
Ventnor  
Isle of ~~Wight~~ <sup>Wight</sup>



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Friends Retreat York  
1/11/85

My dear Wife & William  
I have been this unholy  
at place now 13 years & 3 months  
Thank God I have no son & no  
day after. Mary Quondor has  
now a lot of children at  
Lyding. Thank God I  
bought you. Thank  
God when I went to Am<sup>er</sup>  
you told me to take the  
two Miss Marsh's with me  
You remember Thirst, and  
I bought 3 1/4 of grapes & you remember  
that at his Country houses  
we also saw 4 of my paintings  
at the Country House Mr Till he was a son at Thirst

Yellowhorn is full of children by Bert Henry & Charles

My dear Mrs. Thirst



I bought 30 of New Malaya Crayons  
1/6 Per #. Matt is now at  
Ackworth, she's been Princess  
Beatrice for years & her  
brother Harry sleep with  
me in Paris and I had 1.200  
under my pillow. He took the  
title of Prince of Bulgaria,  
He is now in Paris again  
I Sculptor ~~the~~ 44 of WE  
Gladstone & Magazine of  
Salisbury & 4 J. Storr Fry  
and 33 of myself. I bought  
the Marquis a set of Furs  
at Philadelphia. Thank



God I saw a Lady at  
Cincinnati called E  
Wells. I operated at Cambridge  
Trinity College with my 21 inch  
Muck Rake 21 inch pincher &  
her private parts were almost  
rotten. I cleared every <sup>thing</sup> from  
her, and I knelt down by  
her side, <sup>prayed that she might find Christ.</sup> and that my  
darling Matt, would leave  
to Christ. Of course I never  
touched <sup>her she is now</sup>. At Ackworth word  
~~she is now~~ I believe Dr Wood  
has operated on her again  
I clasp her in my arms &  
Kissed her lips. I saw



my little girl to attended to me  
at Trinity College, and poor girl  
I sculptured her naked and oh  
what a beautiful figure she  
was. I also sculptured  
Matt & myself as we sat  
on the side of Malvern  
Hills. just now I must just  
say I saw the ~~little~~ young  
lady at the first day evening  
service who bought cigars for  
at Cambridge I got my meals.  
G Dawson came to Cambridge  
with a black velvet coat I pulled  
my coat off my back and I sculptured  
G & him full, beautiful marks.  
I must stop here I hope my dear you  
are well in health



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Mrs M E Willmott  
162 Walworth Rd  
London  
E.C.

give my love to my stepson hopes he's well





Friends Retreat - Yorks  
Oct 14 1885

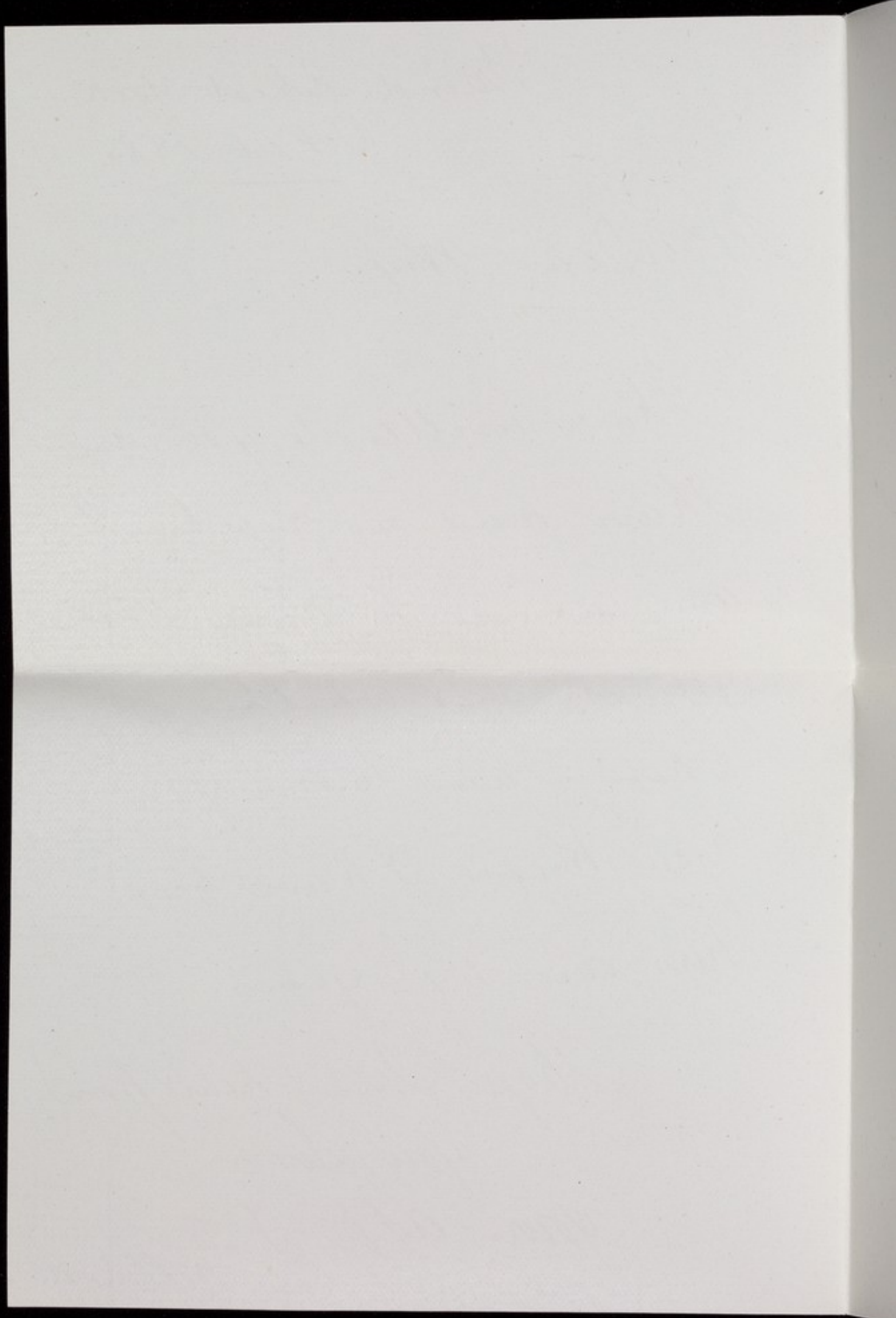
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Mr. Dear Wife

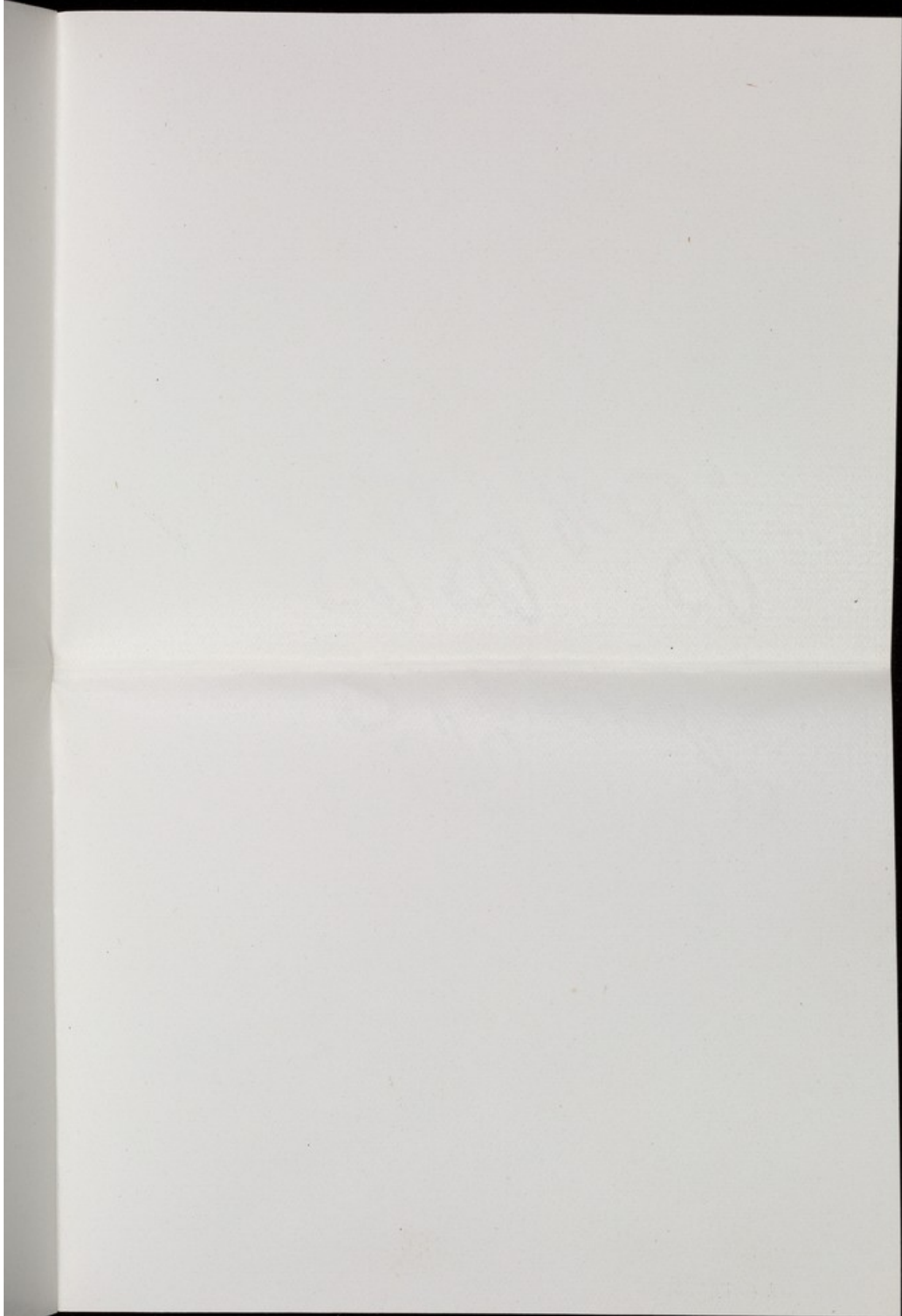
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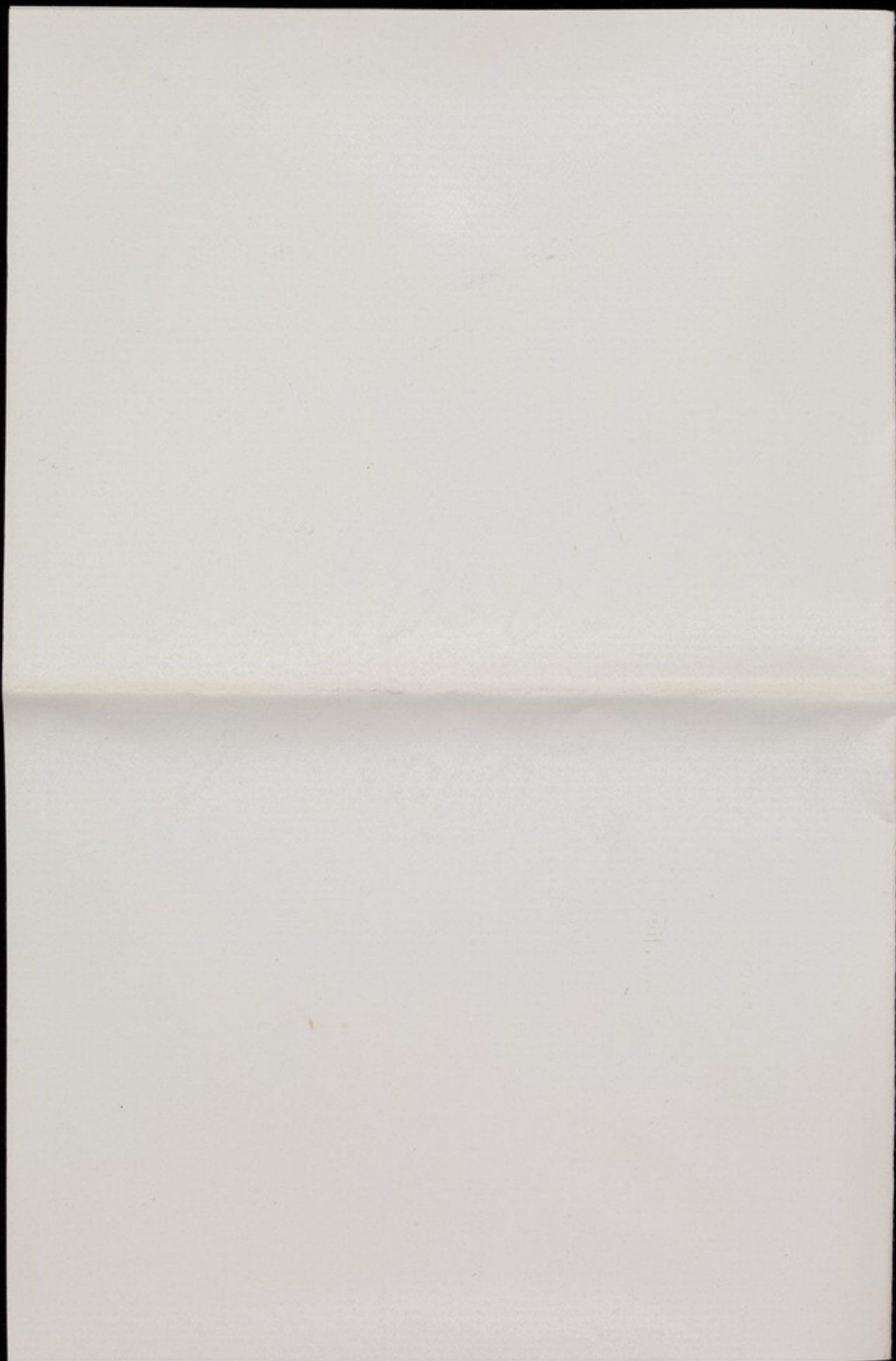
I have written to you and  
I have had no reply. I  
am anxious to know how  
you are and whether &  
when I am to <sup>see</sup> ~~me~~ you.  
You know I have been  
here over 14 years.

I hope I may hear from  
you soon  
Yours Affly  
Charles Carr Willmott











Mrs M. E. Willmott

Ventnor

Isle of Wight

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H. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK

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1 Friends Retreat York  
Feb 5. 1886  
— " —

My darling Wife  
and  
Darling Matt.

I took upon you two with  
more love, and trust. I particularly  
dislike my mother. There was  
always a mystery about her.

You two remember me taking  
<sup>my dear</sup> father to Malvern. He said  
I do like thy wife, & matt, &  
I said I he always liked her  
& she liked I he. He told me  
wife when he married mother  
he never loved a woman as  
he loved her that he got her  
4 sons & 4 daughters  
the mystery is I know all about



2. There <sup>were</sup> William who died of Dropsy  
a Stomach Pump. My medical exam  
iner at Cambridge Trinity  
College, Mr. Milmo to what  
would you apply in case of  
Dropsy. Oh at once the Stomach  
Pump. The tapping creates the  
water. He was the eldest he is dead  
Ellen & Mary Henry, and then  
Edward & Rachael & Annie. Mother  
laid on them, and when they  
were taken, at Hay from they gave  
them milk, the 3 died & were buried.  
Edward was my image. Now  
wife I have no brother Henry  
or any sister & Mother they  
<sup>not a bit</sup> are ~~dece~~ to me, only mad  
Mary — who no one would trust  
She ask Dr Blake to give her a turn



but not for your Maddam. Now to ~~the~~<sup>3</sup>  
Conclude this case of Harang  
~~no~~ ~~brother~~ brother, and not sister  
no mother the only jolly case  
is Ellen.

Now ~~the~~<sup>to</sup> quit this  
this unpleasant. I give  
you, one of my most ~~to~~  
pleasant out.

I left home and ~~at~~  
got London. I went to Devonshire  
House meeting, I rose & spoke  
for over an ~~at~~ hour and  
a lady said what thy  
name Charles Cave Willmott  
Where are thee stopping  
I am stopping at the  
Cannon St Hotel



4 I stopped there a night or two  
And then got on to London Bridge  
7 then to Dover, and across  
to Calais. I with a lot of ~~our~~  
people stopp'd at the Hotel  
~~de~~ de Ville. The Vendome  
Column was illuminated  
I stop nearly a week in Paris  
and then took train to  
Copenhagen. I took train  
through Finland to St Petersburg  
Summer time. I had a boat  
on the Neva. After a day or  
two in St. I started to Moscow  
Petit Clo Hotel it means a  
Small Hotel it had about  
400 Beds. On this occasion



5 I called on my friends in  
Florence. Romolo her husband  
~~Tito Tetano~~ Tito Tetano & Diana  
her friend. I stop'd there about  
3 weeks taking sketches of  
scenery. In 1864 W. Sessions  
wrote me to come to York  
to contest against Sir F. Milner  
I came in 1882 ahead of my  
colleague. I stopped at  
the Charing Cross Hotel.  
At the opening I entered  
the House, and took my hat  
off & reverently took as  
friends are allowed to do.  
That was Gladstone's Government  
Returned by 130. I was introduced  
to the Speaker Mr. Denison



6 by my colleague St F Milner. 71  
I thanked my colleague  
and as I passed the  
speakers chair, I went  
into the Tea Room. ~~There~~  
Will the member for York  
take some tea Thank you  
The House had been opened  
by Protie. There was a good  
deal of Business & stir  
in the Tea, and I then  
went into the Smoke room  
and had a couple of  
Cigars. In the course of  
a day <sup>or two</sup> the House assumed  
a quiet business, and ~~the~~  
I had I was passing by



7 The speaker he asked  
Gladstone to instruct  
me to him. I Rained by  
Top, <sup>but</sup> Name <sup>of</sup> Charles Cave  
Willmott headed the  
Roll for York 2000 over  
Sir E. Milner

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I came into P<sup>ce</sup> one day.  
A Clerk, I was known  
them W. Willmott & W  
would like ~~go~~ to see you  
I went with the clerk into  
the Tea Room. Where do you  
stop as Member for York  
Mr Gladstone I stop at  
the ~~Career~~ Charging Cross



Hotel.

He call<sup>ed</sup> at the back  
 Gladstone, and I followed  
 into another room, where  
 there were a lot big ~~men~~  
 nob, I was introduced to  
 one or two.

To make it short  
 Gladstone gave me the Shipping  
 Bill. This was Friday. I  
 just looked over the ~~same~~ <sup>said</sup>  
~~I had~~ I had to speak on the  
 Shipping Tuesday evening  
 at 7 o'clock. I rose at 1/2 past  
 6. I left off without a single  
 note & got to my Hotel  
 the ~~Chancery~~ <sup>Chancery</sup> Hotel  
 and to Bob I am yours lovingly  
 Charles Cave Willmott

P.S. The cheers were over ever again! the never was a  
 speech delivered in P.C.

Mrs Willmott  
161 Walworth R<sup>d</sup>  
London E.C.









Friends Retreat  
York

2/10/85

My darling Wife  
—“—

First of all I know all about  
thee, and I am now addressing  
thee in the love & fellowship  
of Christ. Beware of false  
errors, cleave close to  
Jesus, throw aside all sinful  
lusts, try to turn thy thoughts  
towards a loving Saviour

I have been much instructed  
by a tract I had given me  
“Access to God”. The writer  
“I know, I met him on a ship



I believe going to America.  
It speaks in strong terms  
of the Midnight hour which  
comes sooner or later to all  
of us, for my self I should  
hail it with joy, but to the  
sinful it is an awful time.

I speak of it in the deepest  
love to thee & I have not  
even an evil word on my lips  
for thee. It has another side  
this tract. It speaks of  
David in the Lions den  
how he was preserved from  
the hungry lions, how God  
threw the mantle of love



over <sup>him</sup> and he will over <sup>the</sup> my  
darling if I had given myself  
up entirely into his keeping.  
I hope Victor is fine and  
pleasant. I hope my  
darling you are very well  
I am ~~sure~~ I am thankful to say  
I am well but rather tired of  
a weary & painful ~~to~~ 14 years  
now. I was looking forward to  
a joyful meeting in Bham  
where we <sup>might</sup> go together to  
meeting and have a walk  
after & perhaps to May-  
hill. I am rather afraid

that time will never come.  
All the same I shall  
remember my darling  
at the Throne of Grace  
night by night, and I hope  
<sup>show</sup> ~~that~~ she will remember me there  
to

I am with the deepest  
Affection & Love  
Thy Husband  
Charles Cave  
Willmott

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J. N. E. Willmott

Ventnor

Isle of Wight







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Miss M. C. Baker  
Friends Retreat  
— York —









1 Sep = 21 1885

(Dear Miss Baker and  
Ladies of the Head  
Centre of the Friend  
Retreat, York.)

It is in the love of Christ<sup>th.</sup>  
that I address to you  
this letter. I was con-  
verted in a most mar-  
-vellous manner. I left  
my house that I built  
in the Golden Hillcock Rd  
Small Heath Bham at 9  
o'clock in the morning, some  
years ago now, I was transported  
suddenly 17 miles from



from Bham and 10 miles  
from Worcester. I was carried  
by the spirit of God. I left  
my home at 9 I got to  
this large field in a second  
of time I had then a gold  
watch. I Field went to  
was to me Heaven. I saw  
perfectly hollow Subjects  
boys & girls perfectly hollow  
they were in Hedges & other  
places in the Field, a light  
as from struck across my  
~~Soul~~ Soul "Whoever  
Loveth God shall be  
Saved" = Oh how sweet  
and I preached Christ



every Sabbath day <sup>in Buller</sup> at 3'ham.

I also addressed the children  
at the Wesleyan Chapel Co-  
ventry Road. It was on the  
Sabbath Evening and I  
went up into the pulpit &  
preached to the people &  
children for ~~over~~ over an  
hour. I believe I saw Miss  
Kenway & her mother there.  
My wife & Mattie was there  
also. The place was from  
top to the end all round  
the ~~&~~ galleries, The col-  
lection was very large.

I never had a single note  
I have also been a very



great Traveller. When I went  
a holiday, I went to enjoy  
and enjoy the Society of  
people in the Train, and  
on the Boat. When I lived  
in London I have travelled  
for Cadbury's I used in the  
summer take the Boat  
from London Bridge &  
go as far as Harwich  
& Ipswich. I have been  
with Miss Marsh to  
America. I went to Cincinnati<sup>the</sup>  
& Philadelphia. & New York.  
I have also been to Paris  
I slept ~~in~~ a night in an  
English Hotel and



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had for my companion the  
Prince of Bulgaria who  
married the Princess

Beatrice (so call)

I had on that occasion

~~2.000~~ 1 Thousand £

under my pillow (more

that) in my pocket

Book. I. Took the Coach

& four Horses and went

to ~~Madrid~~ Madrid

the Capital of Spain

I stop a night in

Onduris and saw

Sophia Sorondor



I am sorry to say that  
the inquisition still  
exists in Spain & its  
Capital Town. They burn  
heretics at the stake.

I don't <sup>think</sup> ~~thing~~ they have  
Bull Fights I did not  
see any notice of them  
~~on~~ in any of the papers.

In all these places  
I always went to bed  
at night and prayed  
to God for all at  
home. On ships



I never had a cabin liked  
lie down on <sup>in</sup> the saloon  
and we undressed and  
had our beds & slept the  
sleep of the just. We were  
up in good time in the <sup>morning</sup> now  
and I sometimes when I  
had a bath on Deck  
about 5 o'clock when they  
were cleaning. The  
men ~~at~~ Mr W shall you  
have a bath tomorrow.  
perhaps I shall? I went  
on deck naked. ~~that~~

We had breakfast early  
I usually carved at



one of the tables. Oh  
it was a jolly life.

Some of the men at  
Dinner went suddenly  
~~to~~ very white, and finally  
Captain allows me to leave  
the table?

I draw this des commences  
letter to a close with  
my dear love to all  
in Head Centre of this  
Friends,

I am in the love of  
Christ yours very aff  
Charles Ave Willmott



Miss Baker  
and others at  
Centre York  
Friends Retreat

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9<sup>th</sup> mo 16. 1885

Friends Retreat York

My dear Miss Simmerson

It is a very long time since I had  
the pleasure of writing to you.  
I believe I did not see you  
last Sunday Evening, so I am  
of opinion that you are per-  
haps absent from the Retreat  
but not from my mind.

I don't know whether you  
are aware of the fact that  
I have not bought "Bedford  
House". I went to see it and I  
found it was not at Bedford  
but just outside <sup>the town of</sup> Alesford.  
It seemed to be a large



Park, but no farms in connection  
with it. I valued the House  
and grounds at about from  
6 to perhaps 10/ Thousand £'s  
if a freehold would I think  
be a profitable speculation.

But I hope to go and have another  
look at it, and view its domains.

I look forward with pleasure to  
a visit to Cambridge University  
where I spent a few happy years  
Trinity College, was the one I entered.

I have as you are doubtless aware  
been at the Retreat 14 years  
and 4 months, and to an  
active mind such a mind seems  
a complete waste of time. It  
is nearly the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of my life  
but I am bound to confess that



Christ my Saviour & King  
has been  
precious to my Soul. I hope  
my dear Miss Simmerson  
you find him precious to your  
own heart. The only way to  
receive the love of Christ in ~~the~~  
the soul is to give your whole  
life into his keeping - giving  
up ~~every~~ everything to his  
will and guidance. I hope  
you do not think I am preaching  
a sermon - but I know  
that my Redeemer liveth  
I hope my dear Miss  
Simmerson you find it so  
yourself. I hope sincerely  
you are



well in health, and when  
you are writing <sup>home</sup>, kindly re-  
member me to your father  
and mother & grandfather  
and grandmother.

The ink here is none  
of the best so you must  
excuse the writing. You  
may show this letter to  
any one you like

I am your most  
affectionate  
Friend

Charles Cave Willmott

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Miss J. Simmerson  
The Centre  
Friends Retreat  
— York —





And then to Malvern for the Winter. Then to Culbertson  
perhaps you would suggest which hotel to stop

Kindly say  
where B Baker is

Friends Retreat  
York.

Tuesday Oct 18

Dear Truly

Yours truly  
J. W. M. M.

I find it seems very ~~improbable~~ probable  
that I have is no one with  
whom I am acquainted in  
Bham to come here and  
take me here. It is as  
you are aware a period  
of a century that  
I have been here and I have  
written to my friends in Bham  
and have had no reply.  
So I must rely on you



Dr Hind to appoint some one  
to take me to York Station.  
Perhaps you could send me  
by Dr Baker's trap, and I should  
of course send you something  
from Elkins ~~town~~ Bham as  
a present from me to the  
Friends Retreat. I hope you  
<sup>have</sup> heard from the lady Scall  
my wife. I have written to  
her and have not heard.  
Perhaps you are ~~not~~ aware  
that I married her at Beckham  
Meeting House London, and  
I found out <sup>afterwards</sup> that she had a



husband alive. I gave her an ample maintenance 100-000 £.

I think it was ample for two for I thought she would have Mattie to live with her.

You know of course I have been a great traveller.

America - Ireland Scotland  
Egypt. - nearly all the  
Cities. I took my wife to  
Brighton on my honeymoon  
and I have never been able  
to have sons & daughters by  
her. I believe now that  
she has about 15 children  
by other men.



I believe you know that I came  
here to get rid of a bad wife  
and a worse mother. As she  
is 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin to Matt, I thought  
they would ~~stay~~ live together,  
but I believe Matthew now  
is at Ackworth School.

If I have had letters or  
telegramms I should be glad  
to receive them, and have  
a reply from either by letter  
or by a visit. If Dr Baker  
is here, you could show this  
letter to him. You are aware that  
it is many years since I have had  
a holiday, and I think I should  
first to go to B'ham & stop a few  
days at the Swan & The Queens

Dr Hind

Friends Retreat—

YORK

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W SESSIONS STATIONER YORK

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Oct 15. 1885

Friends Retreat York  
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Dear Mr Woods  
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I supposed you know by the  
books in Dr. Bakers Room that  
I am here at the time of  
Dr. Whittaker. I have of course  
been here 14 years & nearly 3 mos.  
To lengthen it out and make it  
plainer, I came July 30 1871.  
I have been a great traveller.  
My College life was full of  
powerful events ~~but~~ Trinity  
College Cambridge. That was  
Chambers College.



I performed marvellous cures at  
Cambridge, and I am thankful  
to say I never had at that time  
anything to do with women.

Matthie Stradling who lived with  
me when ~~there~~ I resided in B'ham,  
came to see me in a professional  
manner. I am within the truth  
when I say I did not recognise  
her, she was so changed. (I never  
touched <sup>her</sup> in my life, I have no sons  
& daughters). I gave Matthie £3,000  
and I allowed my wife 100,000  
a liberal allowance for a woman  
who had a <sup>previous</sup> husband alive.  
he is doing a good business in London



I know London well, I have been  
to Woolwich Gravesend Ipswich  
Harwich Dover Folkestone Mar-  
gate Ramsgate Deal. Plymouth  
Falmouth Isle of Wight &  
Rydal Ventnor Thanduddo  
Minster Abingdon and other  
places, and I have now a  
beautiful place to live in when  
I go from here Packington Hall  
on the Coventry Road, and when  
I live there I shall of course  
go to Coventry Meeting.  
I am as you know a member of  
the Society of Friends.

I think it very likely that I shall  
go to Church in the neighbourhood  
of Packington Hall, for there are  
very few friends in Coventry.  
and it would too far for me to  
go to B'ham. Bull St. meeting.  
If it would be convenient I should  
like to go to Friends meeting  
York. I believe you are now  
the Head man here, so I address  
this letter to you

I am yours very Truly  
Charles Cave Willmott

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Mr Woods

York.

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W. SESSIONS STATION

Near 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1886

Friends Retreat York

Dear Friend W Sessions

First of all I came here to get  
rid of a Bad Wife & a worse house  
Keeper Mattie Stradling.

I came here July 30 1871 in Dr  
Whittakers time My wife has 16  
Children by other men here.

I married her I am sorry to say  
at Peckham Meeting I was then  
about 24. & she was at least 7  
years older. I married simply  
as a matter of Expediency. She was  
a good house keeper. We agreed to  
sleep together & not to touch one another  
I never touched her To quit a most  
painful subject, I may say when



I came here I was a Millionaire.  
I was obliged to keep every thing from  
my wife. She would not allow  
me to read the Scriptures. I was  
Converted to Christ in the most  
Marvelous manner. This is no cant  
it is the solemn truth. God suddenly  
(bye the bye I said farewell wife & Matt) it  
was 9 o'clock in the morning I kissed both.  
I had a feeling something was going  
to happen.) It was a said that  
~~go to~~ 9 o'clock in the morning  
transported 17 miles from B'ham  
and 10 miles was Worcester in a  
second of time. I saw a light from  
heaven, I rejoiced with exceeding  
great joy. God so loved the world  
~~he so~~ that he gave his only  
begotten son Jesus Christ to  
save the world from sin.



I have given up all to Him: wealth &  
Popularity every thing. My life has  
been a ~~marvelous~~ marvellous one  
full of a pure life in Christ &  
a splendour. I went to Cambridge  
College Trinity. I paid for languages  
but never saw my Tutor  
I made up my mind to learn Greek  
a most beautiful language  
full of purity. Easy to learn.

Now about my last Holiday.

I may say how I have not cost  
this retreat 30 shillings since  
I came here. Now to quit the

subject. I went to London 3<sup>d</sup> ~~at~~  
from B'ham. I went then to

Devonshire House & spoke of course  
it was not at that time Yearly  
meeting. A nice lady said tell me  
please what thy name I answered



Charles gave Willmott. "Oh I have heard  
of thee." I was then a Hymn writer  
a Monona writer a Florence writer  
+ a Berlona writer. I became a Painter  
of eminence I am a RA at the  
Academy + DD at Cambridge  
Trinity College. I am also a  
Sculptor of eminence. I sculptured  
two of Christ, one as a gentleman  
+ one with the crown of Thorns  
on his brow. I also used to go  
on business to Lichfield. I saw  
at then a statue of Dr Johnson  
I saw (Bye the Bye at Lichfield <sup>he</sup> ~~was~~  
was sculptured as sitting in a chair.  
I sculptured him standing from an  
old print in the Illustrated  
London News. That of ~~course~~  
course is meant for Lechfield  
The two of Christ is meant of course  
for Westminster Abbey. I know that







He did not speak to me, but a most  
beautiful looking man, I had  
then under my pillow 2/850  
I was on my way by a coach and  
4 to St Madrid. The landlord  
told me he was on his way to  
Osborn to make the Prince  
Beatrice an offer of marriage.  
I dressed and shaved and had all  
my meals at the Hotel de Ville  
he had also. He said it <sup>broken</sup> English  
farewell I raised my <sup>top</sup> hat. ~~He~~ <sup>he</sup> raised his. I then went in my  
last holiday. I took train from  
Paris to Copenhagen. I stopped there  
and bought 2 day cigars Havanna's.  
I then took ship to the Sea of Marmora  
I was warmly clad. we were almost  
blocked up in Ice it was at that time  
very cold. We all ~~of us~~ us stopped



at an Hotel in Finland, and then  
on to St. Peterborough, I stopped  
at a nice Hotel there and then went  
on to Moscow. I stopped at the  
Petit Cds. it means in ~~Russ~~  
Rhine a little Hotel. Now by the  
way it all the Hotels in the  
world you Englishmen Travelers  
Iron way Tea trade I met our  
Gentlemen from Peck Bros in  
the Tea Trade. The Russians  
want Tea as well as we do. I then  
~~went~~ got down. I may say here  
that the Petit Cds Hotel has  
400 beds they were not all full  
but very nearly.

Perhaps my happiest  
Holiday was my American  
Trip with my dear friend  
the 2 Miss Marshes, we went  
on the White Star line belonging



to the Islands. We got to New York  
in good time. Fortunately ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> of  
us were sick. I never was sick  
on sea. Here weather like this  
on sea, rather ~~stormy~~ stormy  
I was ask by a gentleman to visit  
the White House Washington. Thank  
you sir I have other cities to  
go to before we go to Washington  
We call first of all on Mrs Mathus  
a lovely lady living at Brooklyn  
an ~~acc~~ aunt of mine. We ~~then~~  
then went by train to Philadelphia  
(Brotherly love) a city of Quakers  
we went to a strawberry plantation  
kept by my brother Henry & Bob  
Everitt from Luton. We had 3 baskets  
of strawberries. They were the  
largest I ever saw. I may say I spoke  
at Washington for 3 hours

I can't ~~stop~~ stop now to say  
more. I am yours very truly Charles Cave  
Willmott

William Linn  
Printer York

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W. SESSIONS STATION

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2 you of a most interesting  
Holiday, myself and wife  
& Matt have had. We left the  
dock in London & Charlie  
my friend & companion &  
the joy of my heart saw  
me off to ~~America~~ Aberdeen.  
After stopping breakfast  
we got on to Perth & then  
from there to Edinborough.  
I fancy we were not quite sure  
that we stop a night at  
Glasgow. My wife I think  
wanted a little rest after  
a rather bustling  
journey to see the sea.  
I loved her thoroughly then



<sup>3</sup>  
I have prayed many times that  
we might meet again in the love  
& fellowship of Christ. But  
it is not to be. We spent one  
night in Glasgow. I prayed  
that night, she did cry,  
quite overcome.

Next day we left for  
Edinburgh. We stop<sup>d</sup> at the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Waverley Hotel. We took  
a Bus to Portobello, a very  
common and dirty sea side  
about 3 miles by bus from the  
city. (Tell Charlie & Harry  
Never to leave us.)

The next after I climbed  
~~at~~ <sup>scot</sup> Arthur's, the one of  
old & ~~legendary~~ <sup>legendary</sup> times



It was summer, and wife and  
Matt sat at the bottom of the  
Hill talking & other things  
they & kissed, my wife said  
<sup>we</sup> ~~there~~ are enjoy ourselves Matt  
said have hear mother.  
We went to our Hotel & had  
Dinner & Tea and walked  
up Princess Street. I had a  
Smoke. I have ask God about  
Smoking, (He answered me  
distinctly the weed was sent  
for the ~~severe~~ use of men)  
Next day we visited Holyrood  
Palace. We Queen Mary in  
bed, & Ritzio & her female  
attendant. They make out that  
some stabbed him & killed  
him, so they drop blood every



Miss Ellen Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Heath  
B'ham







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Friends Retreat  
YORK

April 21 1886

My dear Sister Mary

Before I came here, I did  
as you know July 30. 71. in Dr  
Whittakers & Dr. Bakers time.

My life at Cambridge Trinity  
College, was active & useful  
I could if I wished be an  
accused. My chief operation  
was a collapse of the whoom  
I gave the Choloform. I cut  
the whoom in an oval shape  
& did the operation in under  
3 minutes. I touched the main<sup>shy</sup>  
artery of her temple and the



2 awoke. I took 2 dead boys + 2 dead  
girls from her womb, she brought  
forth 2 <sup>like</sup> Boys + 2 like girls,  
and then the collapse took place  
my brother William died  
of Dropsy. I may say here  
I could show my dear Mary  
where he cut my fingers when  
I was an apprentice boy to J Payne  
Jamaica Row Bham, my dear  
darling Mother bound up my  
fingers, I run ~~across~~ across  
the room there <sup>to</sup> Bill it is  
right to forgive ~~over~~ even those  
that do us harm. Now to  
Cambridge again never met  
with of Dropsy I had <sup>there</sup> ~~there~~  
is no for that Complaint



only in its first stages, and the  
stomach pump would draw off  
all water from the diaphragm  
but it would begin again and  
~~eventually~~ end in Death.

Now to leave my operations  
which were many & various.

I now come to another  
I have painted at Trinity  
Hall Cambridge 10 for the  
Friends Retreat 10 for Dr Baker  
& 10 for Dr Hind. I painted  
Christ from a pictorial bible.  
I also saw a portrait of the  
Duke of Wellington I painted  
him he is now dead. You know  
he fought against Bonaparte at  
Waterloo, & Blucher the  
Belgian King & his



4 Wellington who commanded  
the English forces said "Up  
Guards and at them"

The first time the Guards  
fought in, (it was <sup>usual</sup> ~~usual~~)  
for Guards to fight.

~~Now~~ I told you I painted  
the Duke of ~~Wellington~~

Wellington. He died at

Walmer Castle never at

Dover I have never seen

it. Now to leave the

Duke of Wellington I painted

Her Majesty the Queen

the from a sketch by a

Shastough artist. I painted

10 for the House of Commons

& 10 for the House of Lords



5 Lord Randolph Churchill  
sent me Telegram he is the  
Brother of Duke of Marlborough  
whose place is called  
~~Blenheim~~ Blenheim.  
in ~~Bed~~ Buckinghamshire.  
I may here that my friend  
Blake the Chemist  
~~went~~ went down the  
Pacific to China we  
arrived at Shanghai.  
We a Lady there Do you  
know her Mr Blake he  
said. Well I had a servant  
call Bessy. She is her  
Cousin. We then went  
by train to Peking & the



6 I also went by ship and  
we stop<sup>d</sup> at Ceylon every  
thing I say is Perfect Truth  
The Indians quietly after  
me, I inter<sup>p</sup> to Pick the off  
the tree I did they were  
Cocon Berries I send them  
to Fry Sons. I was then  
in the leather teather  
~~train~~ trade. I train a mare  
to run at Epsom. I call <sup>d</sup> Benny  
Fordam rode, He just rode  
to Tattenham on the course  
he could barely hold <sup>her</sup> ~~it~~ in  
She won by two horses lengths  
I sold her to some gentlemen



7 I gave 5<sup>hundred</sup> £ pounds & a cheque  
for ~~10 £~~ 10 Thousands ~~£~~  
£. I said that the last  
I shall do in the racing  
line myself.

~~I went~~ I was then  
living in Bham in the  
Leather ~~train~~ trade

I went next to London  
and took Mr Stouges the  
Chief Warder of the Tower  
to Epsom we were allowed  
to get at the <sup>a</sup> Coach  
& 4 hired by the  
Bransby's & others.  
I saw Baron Rothschild.



8 Zephur ~~Cold~~ Colt. My Bessy  
was 3 years old. I gave  
Mr Houghs a cheque for  
10 Thousand £<sup>10</sup>

I am very  
 sure I believe I dear Mary  
 one of the Richest  
 in the ~~Whole~~ World

The Queen has some of  
my paintings. I painted  
for the Prince of Wales  
I have 10 of my paintings  
at Packington Hall  
I gave Lord Alford  
50 thousand for the  
estate. I mean to be a farmer  
on ~~my~~ another opposite  
Packington or on the road

Private

Miss Willmott

Golden Hilloak Rd

Small Heath

B'ham













he said he never saw a better.  
If you would let your man  
take me to York Station after  
you had sorted my drawers  
I would send him a little  
money. You know D Baker  
I am a very rich man. I have  
lots of money in 3% Consols & lots  
in Burdett Coutts Co. I may also  
say that before I came here I  
sent the Queen of England  
a Million. I believe she has never  
spent a penny of it. When I went  
to see her she told me she  
had a splendid allowance  
as Queen, but she very little



money besides. I reminded her of  
Crown lands & especially the  
Duchy of Lancaster. She re-  
plied that the income <sup>from them</sup> did  
not come to her now it went  
into the bank of England, to  
augment the money for the  
carrying on the Government  
of the Country. Now Dr Baker  
you know why I came here to  
get rid of a bad wife &  
a worse Mattie. I allowed my  
wife a maintenance that many  
a nobleman would be glad of  
£100,000. I gave Mattie 3000.

I hope Dr Baker I may not  
have to write again to ~~her~~  
you



you have had Mr Johns up to see  
you. I believe he has not  
been here 2 years.

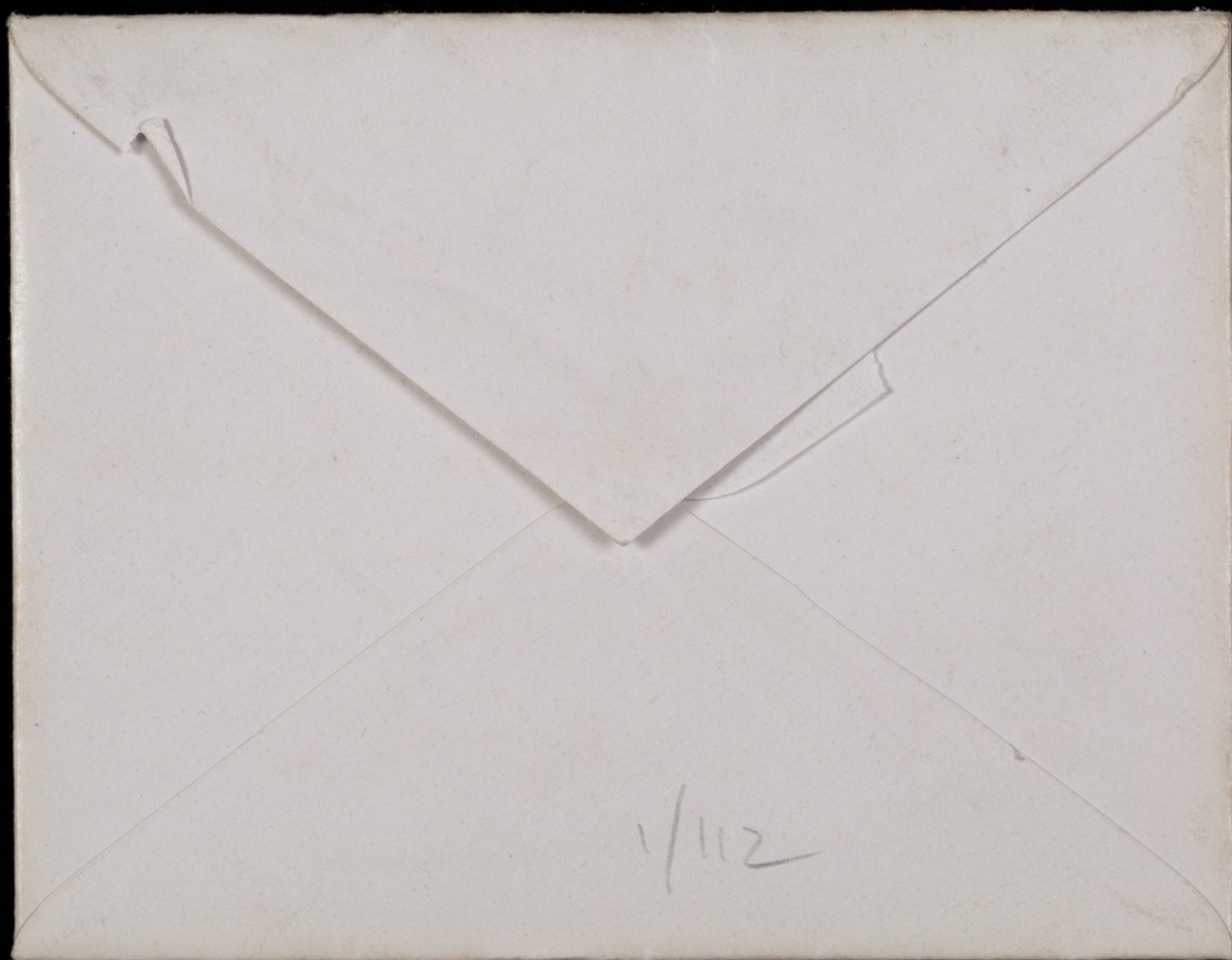
I hope Sir you will  
write to ~~you~~ me or ask Mr  
Addison to take me up  
to see you, and at  
once tell me and appoint  
some one to take me to  
York Station. I may say  
this that you have never  
let me have a holiday &  
I have never been out of bounds  
or to Friends Meetings & to Church  
at York. You give Mr Jeffery more  
liberty than I ever get <sup>Charles</sup>  
I am yours Truly Willmott



J. Baker Esqr D.D.

Friends Retreat  
York

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK

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Friends Reheat York  
Sep 4 1885

Dr. S. Baker.

You are at liberty  
to open I have two letters  
if you wish to do so.  
I hope you will <sup>appoint</sup> ~~appoint~~ <sup>to</sup>  
some one to take me  
hence so I may be seen  
no more how I have  
been here more than a  
7 part of a Century  
I hope to go to meeting  
every first & preach  
& pray for Christ my  
Saviour



I have never ~~th~~ yet been  
out of bounds and I am  
generally liked by every  
one I come in contact  
with.

You never speak  
straight & square to me  
as I do to you.

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2/27

Excuse the way I am  
writing

I remain  
yours very truly  
Charles Capen  
Wilbourn

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I shall send  
a present to the  
Religious work  
meeting. I will also  
send you a little cash

Friends Retreat - York

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1883

Dear Dr Baker.

How much longer am  
I to be at this evil  
hole? I have been here  
now 14 years & 2 months.  
I wish if possible to  
go and see the Arch-  
Bishop of York. I also  
wish to go to Friends  
meeting tomorrow the  
10<sup>th</sup>



I hope someone will call  
and take me to meeting  
to-morrow. I should  
possibly keep silence.

You ~~probably~~ perhaps  
don't know that when  
I came here first, I read  
the scripture with Dr  
Marsh who now lives  
at Dunchurch.

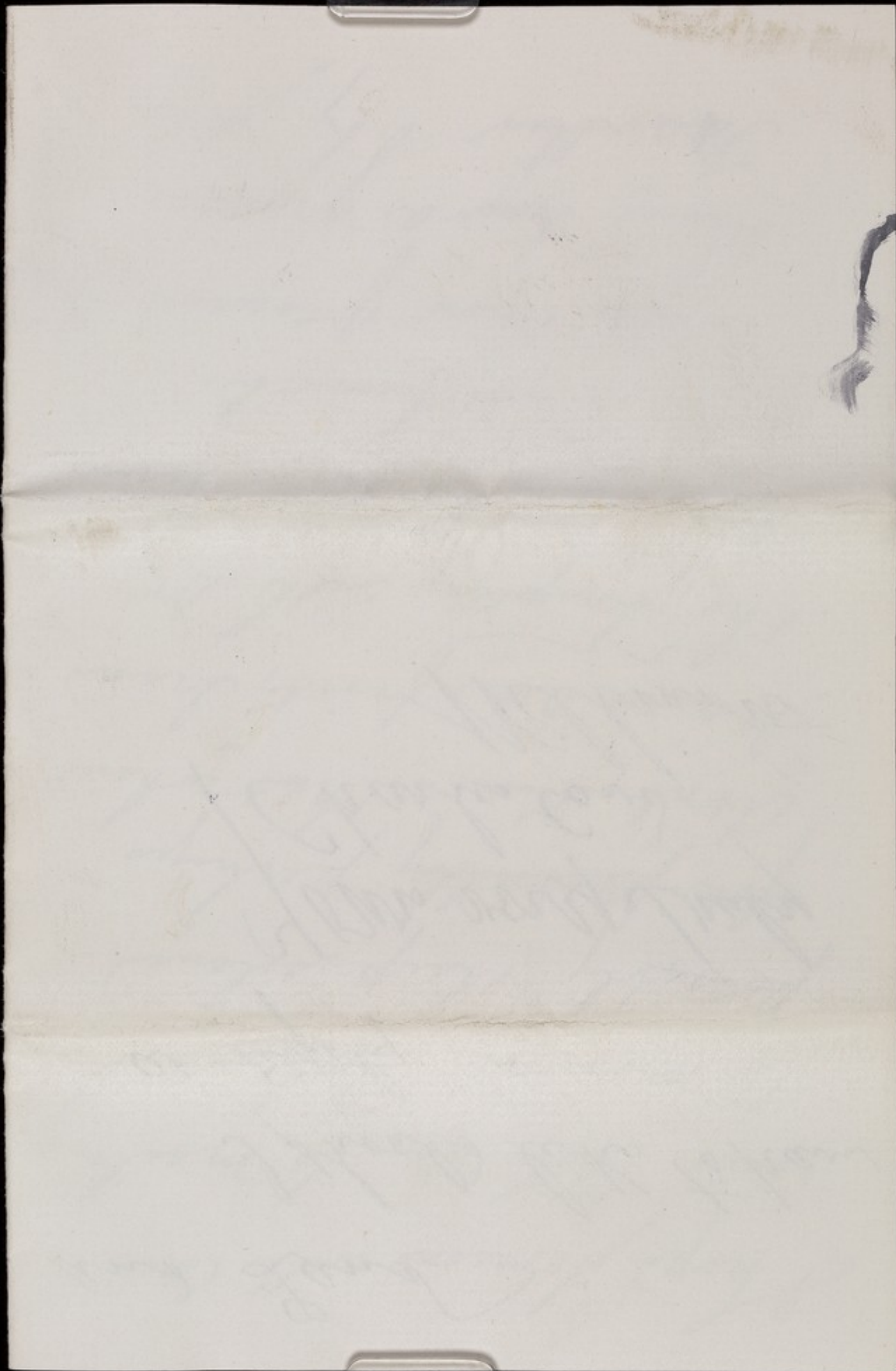
You know of course I have  
been ~~had~~ a great-  
traveller by sea

and Land.

I should like to have  
a reply

Yours very Truly  
Charles Cawd  
Willmott



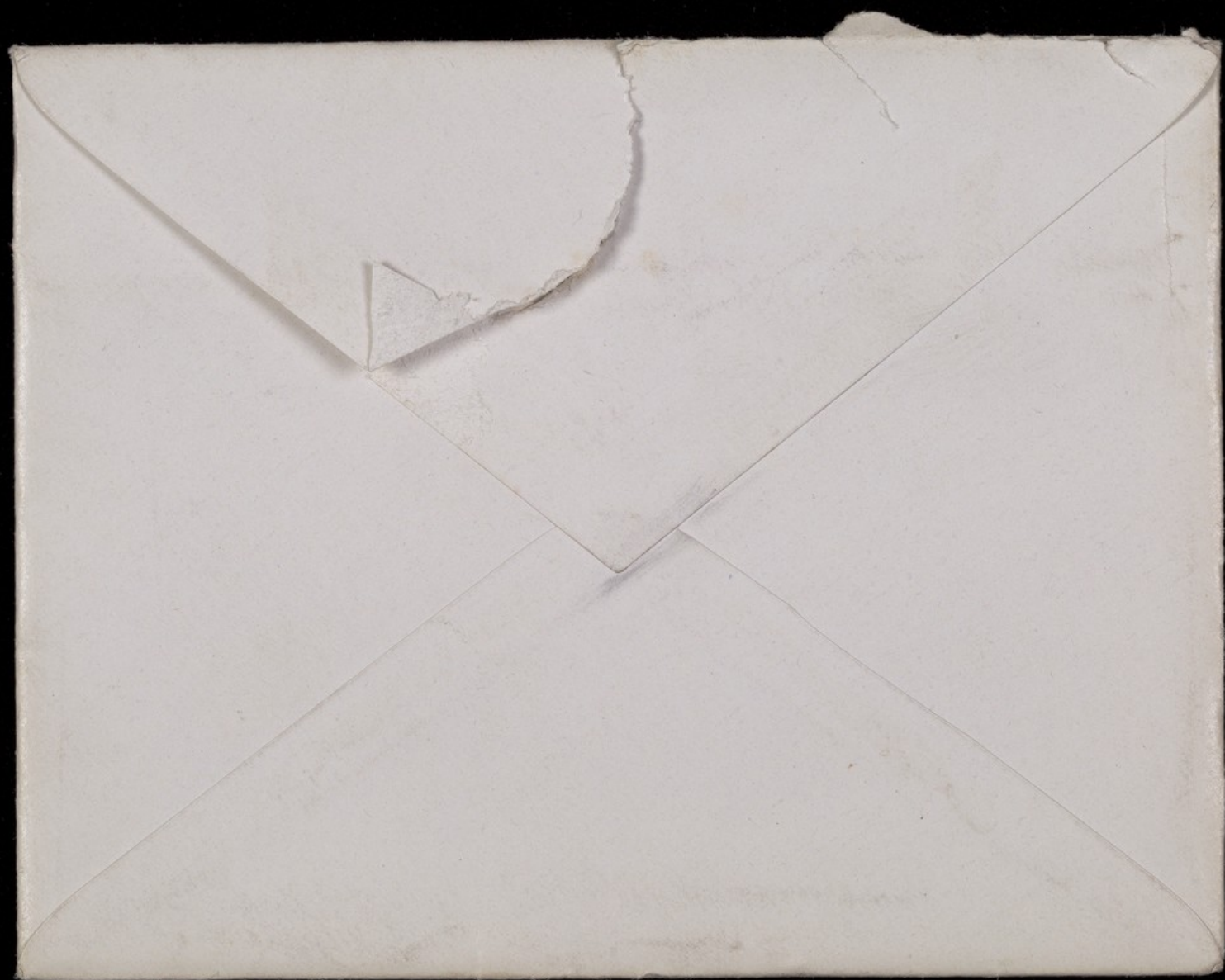


To be open by his assistant  
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G. Baker Esq DD  
Friends Retreat  
York

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G Baker Esqr D.D.  
Friends Retreat  
YORK

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W. SESSIONS. STATIONER. YORK

Friends Retreat York  
Oct ~~Sept~~ 17. 1885  
— " —

Dear Dr. Baker.

Is there any one coming to take me home to B'ham? You know when I came here Dr. Whittaker was here. When I lived in London I well remember the Great Fire in Tooley St when ~~some~~ <sup>one</sup> of the Firemen ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> killed. When they buried them they played the "Dead march in Saul." ~~The last~~ I saw them in Shoreditch they carried the dead to Kensall Green Cemetery. I have been here now more than 14 years. I hope my brother Henry Willmott is coming to take me hence, I wrote to him and I think he is doing well as a paper box maker. You know I have been a



great  
traveller. That I am a rich man  
and I am the owner of Packington  
Hall. So I hope to go hence to live  
I heard. The first time I went on Board  
ship I was very ill & Dr. Thomas said  
a sea voyage would do me good  
so I took passage on a ship at  
Stepney pier, and our first stopping  
place was Aberdeen we went then  
through & Perth to Edinborough. I climbed  
Arthur's seat. We then went on  
to Glasgow and took ship on the  
Clyde the Colombo, a beautiful  
Steamer, & then on a Canal with  
Locks, and then on the Ionid to  
Oban. We stopped at a small pub.  
The Imperial Hotel was full. We then  
went on to the North of Scotland  
and went about 6 in the morning



across to the main land to Inverness  
from there down the Caledonian  
Canal. We stopped at Fort William  
just to have a look at Ben Nevis  
we saw it well for the weather which  
has been bad has cleared up a bit.  
We got home in of course due time.  
I may say that when fully upon  
the sea at the North I never felt  
better. I have also been twice to  
Douglas Isle of Man & Harry & Charlie  
went with us. I have also been  
on ships & land over most  
of the Countries of Europe, also  
to America & Ireland. I believe  
my Brother Henry has written to  
say that he is coming to take  
me home to B'ham. Please  
say whether you think we should



write again to my wife at Ventnor?  
You looked so Baker in good  
form last night.

I am yours very Truly  
Charles Cave Willmott

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L. Baker Esqr D.D.  
The Retreat—  
York





W SESSIONS STATIONER YORK



Friends Retreat York

Dear S. Baker. Sunday.

As it appears that there  
is no one to come from Bham  
to take my head. I hope you will  
let someone take me from  
here soon. You are I believe  
aware that I have been here  
over 14 years, a very long  
time, a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> part of a century.  
I have not had a holiday for  
some years, and I think I  
should like to go first to  
Bham, and stay perhaps

a few days at the Queens Hotel  
and then I should like to go  
for the winter to Malvern.

I suppose you know Dr Baker  
that Harry Willmott called to  
see me, he said "how are you  
father." He told a deliberate  
lie. I said Harry how old  
are you he said 24, I said  
Harry I am only 43. I believed  
they had written to say that  
they do not care to come for  
me, or perhaps it is awkward  
for them to call. At the time  
of that visit I said to Harry  
"where were you born. He said in  
London. I said I was born at



Stay in Brecknockshire Wales.

He said, then we cannot be  
relations. I said farewell  
and the interview was over.

I hope Dr you will find  
it convenient to send back to  
Bham in your own trap or  
a cab.

I am  
Yours very Truly  
Charles Care Willmott

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My dear Mr. [illegible]  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am  
at present in the city and am  
very busy. I hope to see you  
very soon. I am, dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,  
[illegible]

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G. Baker Esqr DD

Friends Retreat—

— York —





W. SESSIONS. STATIONER. YORK

Sep<sup>r</sup> 10. 1885

Friends Retreat York

Dr Baker

Dear Sir.

After a long and  
to me a very useless life  
of 14 years I appeal to  
you for leave to go home  
at once. I hope wherever  
you are Sir/ you are very  
well. I have continually  
asked Mr Addison and  
the Dr who is taking your  
<sup>place</sup> but I fail to get any  
straight forward answer



to a man who now is only  
47 years old. I was born  
May 30 - 1838 - and it is  
now Sep<sup>r</sup> 10 - 1885.

I hope Sir you are  
in perfect health, and  
I may add on my own ~~best~~  
behalf that I have felt  
that Christ has been very  
near to me during this  
trying and painful time.  
I am happy to think  
that my wife is alive (I do  
not know ~~any thing~~  
anything to contrary)  
and sincerely hope we may  
meet again.



So I earnestly ask you to give  
me an immediate reply so  
that I may go hence and  
be seen no more here.

I think you will clearly  
see that an absence from  
Bedford House of some number  
of years is prejudicial  
to good order or good  
behaviour. I may observe  
further (if you do not think  
my letter too long) that  
no one in the history of  
this Institution has ever  
been here half the time  
~~that~~ that I have 14 years &  
4 months is a lifetime



P.S. I may add that if you are in London on Sunday, and call at Bow Church Cheapside, you will see something of my work.

I hope you will return here in perfect health and that you may have help from God to perform the arduous duties of the position you occupy here.

I hope you won't think me impertinent in addressing you, and I may add in conclusion that ~~at~~ I bought Bidford - Hackington Estates wonderfully cheap.

I am not quite clear as to your address, but I shall leave that part, that Mr Addison and the Dr may read this letter. I am Dear Sir

yours ~~very~~ truly  
Charles Cave Willmott

George Baker Esq D.D.

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Sep 19. 1885

Friends Retreat York.

Dear Dr Baker

I again appeal to you  
to allow me to go from here.

I cannot get any direct an-  
swer from the Dr. who comes  
round every morning, and I am  
anxious to go and look at  
another place outside Bham  
which will enable me to go  
every 1<sup>st</sup> day to Bull St Meeting.  
You know that I have now  
completed ~~the~~ 111 years of  
a dull and idle life to an  
active mind <sup>like</sup> mine. I believe  
you know that I am not

I am leaving this open so that it can be read by the Dr. Hinds

or any one  
else



the owner of the House at  
Alesford. I did not think it  
worth buying. There was a  
large park but no farms  
in connection with the House.  
I believe also that Lord Laurence  
does not wish to part with it  
and I have no love for that  
part of the country. You  
know I have a nice place  
Packington Hall which I be-  
lieve I bought cheap £200,000  
~~then~~ containing the whole of  
Meriden I believe. I may say  
that I am anxious to see if  
I can become the ~~possessor~~  
possessor  
of Culburston which I believe  
~~the~~ Mr. Tange wishes to part with



I may add that I intend to ~~send~~  
send a present from Eltham  
of New Hall to Bham which  
will be acceptable & as a me-  
mento of a 14 years at  
the Friends <sup>Retreat</sup>. I am willing to  
spend at least 50£ in  
<sup>please suggest any thing you think of</sup>  
the purchase of something worth  
having. If you are at the  
Tower of London please  
remember in love to all at  
the Tower, and Col<sup>d</sup>

Bouvier who I believe is  
the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Tower.

I am anxious to come &  
see my relations in the Tower



and ascertain what amount  
of money I have in the Bank  
of England. I am also wanted  
at Cambridge College.

I hope I may have  
an answer as quickly as  
possible as I have been here  
~~for~~ longer than any one has  
before. How is the Bridge over  
~~the~~ the Thames progressing.  
I believe you all know that  
the river had it burst at  
~~Phynymon in W~~ Phynymon  
in Wales.

I am dear Sir  
Yours very affec<sup>t</sup>

Charles Cave Wilmut  
Throne of Grace  
I remember you and your family at the

C. Baker Esqr. D.D.







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Friends Retreat York

Wednesday

Dear Dr. Baker.

You know of course that I have been here 14 years, and that I have not been idle in my life except at this place. My College life was full of life and recreation. I had often a cigar or two, and a boat on the Cam. I was too idle to row, but I had a man, & to whom I was known. You know of course that I have not a child

This is rather humbly written & rather badly



in all the world. I was very much  
interested in my visit to Florence  
Stopped in Florence <sup>21</sup> ~~22~~ days and  
went to the home of Romola  
and Diana. Tito was there also  
we had tea together, and Ro-  
mola was the most lovely  
Lady I ever in my life saw.  
She spoke English in the <sup>most</sup> simple  
way and pure, she was Dr Baker  
purity and love eminently  
combined. We had readings  
of the Bible, and we sang  
hymns, and the old father  
knelt down and prayed



I read then the 23<sup>d</sup> Psalm, and  
~~for~~ prayed ~~for~~ aloud fervently  
and honestly. I hope I may  
be able in a ~~very~~ few months  
to send a book of Florence of  
my own Composition. I hope  
to commence writing it at  
Malvern. You know of course  
the Queen of England  
has 10 paintings of mine at  
Buckingham Palace. 10 at  
Balmoral 10 at Whitehall  
25 at Hampton ~~Hall~~ <sup>Court</sup>  
15 Paintings at Osborne  
I gave them all. I went  
to the Magistrate.



Speak of Copenhagen Cathedral  
or ~~Bot~~ Bow Church Cheapside  
& Worcester. I hope dear

S. Baker I may be allowed  
to shake hands with all  
<sup>the ladies</sup>

Children & all, and if it  
would be allowed to pray to  
god or to sing a hymn or  
two, it would be well to  
do so. If you ~~would~~ would

Kindly have this copied  
it would <sup>be</sup> interesting to the  
Family at Florence

I am dear S. Baker  
in the love of Christ yours

Truly Charles Cane Willmott



Aug. 21

G. Baker Esq DD  
Friends Retreat  
York

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK

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Geo<sup>e</sup> Baker Esq. D.D.

Retreat—

York  
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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK

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Friends Retreat  
YORK

~~Fri~~ Friday evening  
— " —

Dear Dr Baker.  
— " —

I think it is very plain  
and evident to your mind  
that there is no one I can  
rely upon to take me  
from here. I have as you know  
been here now 14 years &  
nearly 3 months, and I should  
like to go away from here  
when <sup>comes</sup> opportunity. I may  
say this, I have never yet  
been out of bounds. Mr. Johns

I believe has been to Friends  
Meeting York. I have never  
been there although I have  
asked time out of number.  
If you have any fault to find  
with me Dr. Baker I wish  
<sup>would</sup> you drop me a line, or ask  
me up to see you, so that  
you might point out to me  
my failings & sins. I believe  
you know that I have been  
a great traveller. I have  
never been to Japan Madagascar  
New Zealand & Australasia.  
I have not been a holiday for  
about 5 years, I was not ask



even to go to Scarborough. I hope  
you will see that some one  
may take hence.

If I have had any letters  
I hope I may get them  
as I have lately written  
a great many & and  
have had no replies.

I don't think I have  
any more to say than that  
I should like to send you  
something in the way of  
a present from the Elkins.  
If you think I should again  
write home please say.  
I should glad to do any -

that you think necessary to  
help me to get away.

I should indeed like  
to hear from you, or to  
go and see you.

I am yours very Truly  
Charles Carr Willmott

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P.S.

Knowles said why did you not  
get out of the carriage the  
day we went to the station

I long to go then

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P.P.S. Do you think my wife would live  
with me again, or do you think I should  
write to her



G Baker Esqr DD  
Retreat  
York





W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK

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Friends Retreat York  
Oct. 14 - 1855  
— " —

Dear Dr. Baker.  
— " —

It is now getting on fast  
to 14 years & 3 months of my  
pilgrimage here. A most un-  
precedented period to be in one  
place. If I do not leave  
here in a few <sup>days</sup> ~~years~~, I  
shall have to write a  
very strong & straight arrow  
to the Class. of Darlington  
I have written to my  
Cousin at Darlington



and I have had no letters  
from anyone for years.

Please see that I heard  
in a few days.

It is now quite  $\frac{1}{7}$  of  
a century

I am your Truly

Charles Cave

Willmott

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and I have been

from my room

Please inform me

in a few days

if I can get it

Yours truly

Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.

Wm. L. G. S.

~~Sept~~ <sup>1885</sup> Oct 9 Friends Retreat York

Dear Brothers Harry & Charlie

You I believe are like me  
'are in the bank and never  
married. Unfortunately I  
married a married woman

Thank God I have no child  
She has 8 at the Retreat

Ventnor, not mentioning  
how that other man  
got her. You know also  
that my brother Harry  
was Eli Coffin, and  
that I took a trip with



Miss Marsh whom I know now  
to America. I met Edith

Wells (alias) Mattie Stradling  
heavy in the Family way by  
General Grant. I met  
her in Cincinnati & went  
to Washing & exposed  
General Grant before the  
Council, his wife was present.  
I then told <sup>them</sup> that his book  
was a perfect lie.

There was a stir, and I  
went & called upon Matt  
Aunt in Rhode Island.

Now Bros both my  
time here has been 14



years, and nearly 3 months  
And it seems almost im-  
possible for me to get-  
away from here, unless  
some one comes to take me  
away, please one of you  
come to York Retreat.  
I forgot to say that  
when I went to Washington  
I saw <sup>the</sup> President ~~Lincoln~~  
~~the one~~ <sup>who</sup> preceded Gen Grant  
he shook hands with me.  
You know about Mary my  
sister, you know I am <sup>also</sup>  
a rich man. Millions of



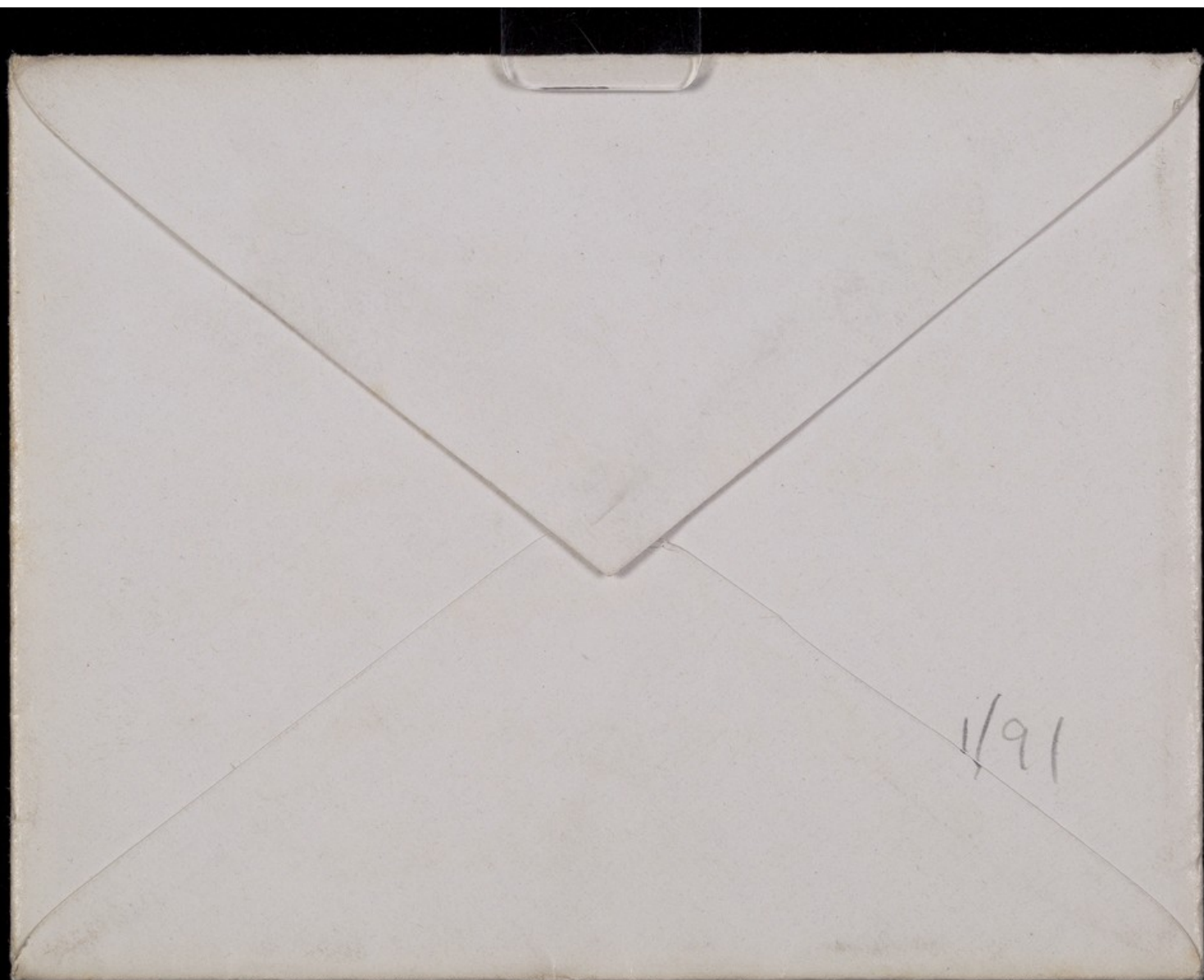
of money in Boudett Court 70  
London and in the Bank of  
England. I hope when the  
Queen gets to Windsor  
I may go to see her.  
Come May as soon as  
possible and take me  
away from the York  
Retreat. You know that  
I am in a at Cambridge  
Trinity College & a RA at  
the Academy.

I must now conclude  
hoping you <sup>will</sup> write & tell Dr  
Baker when you come.  
Yours lovingly Charles Cave  
Willmott

Mr. H Willmott  
Lloyds Bank  
Bham

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK

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9 mo 19 . 1883

Friends Retreat York.

Dear Brothers Harry & Charlie

Just a line to ask you  
whether you sent me a  
some cigars & a nice  
white shirt?

I have written a  
long letter to L Baker  
I hope to go to B'ham  
soon. You know of course  
that I never bought that  
place at Aspleyford. The  
~~too~~ human view here exceeds  
anything I ever remember  
in my life. I went to the



Has any thing come from ~~London~~ London to Ludlow New de  
Bham. - The A.?

place and I decided not  
to buy. I would ~~not~~ give 100£  
for the place. It belongs  
to an old man, and ought  
to be rebuilt.

In the continued and ever-  
lasting love of Christ our  
Saviour and Redeemer.

I am yours very aff  
C. C. Willmott

I may say this I ask Dr Hind  
this morning to allow me to go  
to Friends Meeting <sup>at York</sup> tomorrow  
You must go because you per-  
haps may speak. If you sent  
cogion I have not had one or not  
ever a letter from you. I hope soon  
to come to Broom and speak for  
Christ in meeting



+ Mr J at Gilbertstone. 20.7.

Mr H. H. Willmott  
Lloyd Bank  
— Bham —



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Friends Retreat York

Sep 7. 1883

Dear Brother Harry + Charlie

I hope I may be able  
to come to Bham  
very soon. You know  
of course I have been  
a great traveller, and  
perhaps you know  
that the Mary Hough  
is being rebuilt at the  
Latter Liverpool Dock.  
I have written to you

Several times, I hope I have  
got one or two nice ser-  
vants at Gilburstone. I of  
course shall have Matt  
and Dolly Kinton, both of  
whom I love. You know  
I believe that my Wife is  
at Ventnor, and that  
she is now in her 64 years.  
She is 3 years older than  
the Queen of England.  
I am going to write to her  
Majesty. It will be



the second time I have written  
to her. I hoped trade is  
good in Bham, and that  
Lloyds are doing a fair  
trade. You know I suppose  
that I have money in  
Gilbert - Dew & Dew of  
Bradford, and in the  
Bank of England.

Is my brother living in  
my house in the Golden -  
Hillock Road Bham.  
That's all paid for I  
believe. I have been  
here more than 14 years

hope I may be ~~at last~~ allowed  
to go hence and to be  
seen no more here.

I am lovingly in  
Christ our Saviour  
Yours very Truly  
Charles Cave Willmott

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Sunday 18. Oct 1885

Friends Retreat York.

My dear Bros Harry & Charlie

I know this that I have had a most eventful life. Here is an event - I saw when I lived in Blinley St. London down behind Walworth R. I got into a Bus at the Elephant & Castle and we all saw a conflagration at London Bridge. We had a diff<sup>y</sup> to cross the bridge <sup>the fire</sup>. It was opposite the other side of the Thames, and

I saw them squirting water over the Tower Walls, the scene was awful. Braidwood the Head of the fire brigade a most brave man. I forget whether any of the firemen were killed



several ~~to~~ people were buried in the  
debris. The fire Brigade with Bradsen  
marched behind the funeral cortege  
down Shoreditch to Kensall Green  
Cemetery. The playing 'the dead march  
in Saul.' It was a grand sight.  
I had then a customer in

Pettycoatland, a confidante. I travelled  
then for Cadbury's. When the Princess  
Alexandra passed through London  
I stood on the Balcony at Apsley  
House (the Duke of Wellington's place).  
I then said to Lady Jane Hay &  
the Duke & Sir Robert Peel "I

am going to make names  
know all over the World  
Lady Jane "He will do it to



and at the Present time the Queen  
has about 50 of Painting & I also  
became a Sculptor. I sculp<sup>d</sup>  
the little girl that attended  
at Cambridge Trinity College  
naked. A beautiful woman.

I sculped <sup>4 of</sup> Bright & 18 of  
myself & 4 of Prince of  
Wales & Dr Baker at Cambridge  
~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> the Square. I also did  
4 Lord Shaftesbury.

I have been here 14 years & 5 mo

I was here in the time of  
Dr Whittaker before Dr Baker.

I have no child in the World

I sincerely hope I may soon go

hence to Bham to my



P.S. I believe my Portmanteau has been opened Betsy Arden who is on her way to Bremen.

at Packington Hall. I hope there  
are a few servants this. I told  
my mother & Sister gave my  
love to them, that I am without  
vanity the most ~~stalling~~  
& ~~successing~~ the quelling &  
Curing diseases of women &  
men. I operated on Matt at  
Cambridge, and also on a lady  
of the name of Miss Gregory.  
Give my dear love to my brother  
Harry, <sup>or</sup> (the Quiet El Coffin)  
(the Epsom man). You know  
I have been a great traveller  
America & Europe Ireland I may  
also inform you I met Dr Blake in  
China. Dont show <sup>this to</sup> ~~the~~ my Brother  
Harry because he would not believe <sup>me</sup>  
I am as ever yours very Truly  
Charles Cave Willmott



J W A Willmott  
Lyds Bank  
Bham





W. SESSIONS. STATIONER YORK

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Friends Retreat York

Sep 4 1885

Dear Bros Harry & Charlie.

A man said to me about  
12 <sup>ago</sup> months "what are these

flowers, I said violets, he

retorted rather rudely "where

are the Forgetmenots." it

pierced by should I re-

member my bad wife &

Bad Matter. I have now

been here over 14 years

I have not had a single

letter either from you & my

wife, and in fact ~~for~~  
From no one ~~for~~



I know Susan Sumner  
has written to me, I know  
R Tanquer has bought  
E Packington Hall and per-  
haps going to it in a  
few day. I hope to be  
with you shortly.

I am as ever

Yours most  
Sincerely & devotedly  
Charles Card  
Willmott

P.S. I have a lot to tell  
you

when I saw you.



Robert Lee of York

J W H. Willmott  
Lloyds Bank  
Bham

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9mo 8. 1885

Retreat York

Dear Brother Harry &  
Charlie,

I have not written to  
you very often but I have  
after a very idle life of  
14 years to an active man  
like me remembered the  
happy days of the past, how  
we enjoyed a good dinner  
on first day and a cigar  
after dinner and a nap  
on the lawn, and a game  
at tennis on Saturday after-  
noons, or a ride on our Tricycle -  
all these I thought have



come to me in love and  
friendship, a longing that  
the old days might occur  
again. You are not perhaps  
aware that all the lectures  
we have had here, perhaps  
the best was one on Prince  
Charlie, of course a mythical  
character but an intensely  
interesting character. The  
other was one on Madagascar  
& other countries by Isaac  
Sharp, this was a <sup>most</sup> ~~man~~  
humbugging affair, who do  
you think was I Sharp?  
Bob Marsh of Ackworth  
School. He ought to have



trained for the stage. He  
was dressed as a Man of  
80 - or 85, and there was  
a picture of the map of  
the World, and a man  
of Tenrippo or some  
where else 25 feet high.  
Your own father secured  
the vote of 1 hunk, or  
Bert Father.

I must make the  
letter short. The last  
lecture was on Volcanoes  
in France. It was a well  
spoken lecture but the  
most ~~all~~ awful rot  
ever known. Mag<sup>TK</sup>



[illegible]



Mr Harry Willmott  
Lloyds Bank  
Birmingham

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Friends Rehearsal Yard  
12<sup>th</sup> mo 1883

My dear Brother Henry.

I have been here as you are possibly  
aware 14 years & 4 months

I came here in Dr. Whittaker's  
time July 30 1871. I am as  
you may be aware, ~~at~~ anxious  
to hence to Bham.

I know you are very busy  
with a Glasgow order, and  
Mary is helping you. If when  
you have finished it ~~that~~  
it up if you could spare a  
day or two. I should be  
glad to see you, and so.

P.S. Give my dear love to Ellen Mother Mary



you know I have been a great  
traveller I took my two friends  
the Miss Marshes to New York  
Cincinnati. Philadelphia I took  
them to see the land where  
you & Bob Everett grew  
strawberries. I bought them  
a set of furs in Philadelphia  
I went also to Maunby

Montreal Quebec.

Wienconsin a German settlement  
of Friends. I spoke for 3 hours  
at Washington, and at Friend  
Meeting at Wienconsin. I also  
accompanied them to the  
Isle of Man, and had a dive  
from there into the sea



They went to Ackworth where  
I was then I ask<sup>d</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Peter  
to let me swim the tank.

He got a long ladder  
undressed I swam the entire  
length it was 8 feet deep.

I have not cost this institution

10 £ since I came here. You

know I own Backington Hall  
the Stone Bridge Hotel.

I am strong and active I was

as you know born at Hay

Brecknockshire 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 30<sup>th</sup> 1838

1838, so I am now 47 & 1/2

I should be glad to become

the traveller for N.S.P.

if they have no one in

Bham? My life at Cambridge



a single ~~not~~ not. I stopped there at 1 hr

was active & useful. I should  
uncommonly like to have had  
to come with me to Washington  
and live with me. I have  
been also to Harbinger  
and divided from the Spaulds  
the seat was in 1864 elected  
for D. for York York  
I reached he  
colleague was Sir F. M.  
When I reached me  
humiliated the  
first looked over, and  
Speaker called upon  
at 6.30. Mrs. Ada Marsh  
was at my speech. I finish  
at 10.15 to 11 o'clock in  
the morning without

Truly  
yours  
Charles



Private & Confidential  
— " —

Mr Henry Willmott  
Bot Manufacturer  
St George's  
B'ham





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Mr. Harry Willmott  
Lloyds Banks  
— Oham —

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Friends Retreat York  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1885

Dear Harry.  
— " —

I have as you know  
been at this place <sup>year</sup> 14-2 mo.  
You have seen a little of  
life so hard I.

I heartily wish you  
good health. I hope my  
dear Mother Ellen & Mary  
I am well.

If you could conveniently  
come to the Retreat to take me  
back to B'ham, I should  
be exceedingly obliged to  
you. Perhaps you had better



write to Dr Baker to tell him when  
it would be <sup>the day for</sup> ~~a time~~ for you <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~  
come here to take me back.

to Bham. Perhaps you are  
not aware that legally I  
am not a married man.

When I married my wife at  
Peckham Friends Meeting  
I believe she had a husband  
living. We are getting some  
very bad weather here now,  
how is the it in Bham.

I hope the box trade is  
good and that you are

doing an increasing business.

I believed you took your girls  
to Malvern <sup>for a holiday</sup> Am I right?

It is a beautiful spot  
for a holiday. I hope

when I come to B'ham

I may speak in Meeting  
as I sometimes did in times  
of yore.

I am yours very Truly  
And Affly your brother  
Charles Cave Willmott

P.S.

My mother & sisters never write to me.



My dear Mr. [illegible]  
I have the pleasure to inform you  
that the [illegible] of the [illegible]  
is [illegible] and [illegible]  
for a [illegible] of [illegible]  
which [illegible] to [illegible]  
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
[illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible]  
[illegible]

Mr Henry Willmott  
Bot Manufacturer  
St Georges  
B'ham



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1 Friend. Retreat York

— " — 26 June 1886

My dear Brother William

— " — " —

First of all I came here in 7 mo  
30-1871. I have ~~therefore~~ been here  
14 + 6 months. There were two  
D<sup>r</sup> here then D<sup>r</sup> Baker & D<sup>r</sup>  
Whittaker (etc) they both slept  
with my wife the latter married  
her. she told me she was a widow  
her first husband W Stradling  
is alive & well. G. Gregory or  
D<sup>r</sup> Baker slept with my wife  
on the very eve of my wedding  
day, and got her then 16 children  
so I never touched her. Now  
dear Brother I mean God willing  
to have a Holiday most <sup>likely</sup> years  
well not every year but in  
the future. Next year for

You my dear Brother will doubtless  
 have a Holiday this year but  
 I think we have decided to settle  
 down for this year at Packington  
 & Hall. Now William I gave 50 Thousands  
 I saw the Prince of Wales there  
 & Chamberlain. & other Ladies  
 &c &c. If possible I meant to  
 buy it. & I have the Lloyds  
 have the deeds, I have the most  
 perfect trust in their fidelity  
 but I know of them.

Now when I come to Lloyds  
 bank I shall put 10 Thousands  
~~it's~~ to your ac. In 1864

W. Sessions wrote me a most  
 kind letter, to come to York  
 to contest it with Sir F Milner <sup>Bart</sup>



as a candidate for Parl<sup>t</sup>  
 I beat Sir F M Bart by  
 2.8.86. I went to Parliament  
 when Parliament opened. It  
 opened 2 mo 1865 with a  
 Majority of 130 for Mr  
 Gladstone. He sent to  
 me in the tea Room and  
 he Mr Willmott & the <sup>Sir J Denrison</sup> Speaker  
 thinks you speak well  
 on the Shipping Bill.

The mace was on the table  
 I rose ~~for~~ at 6.30 I said Mr S.  
 I am about to speak on the  
 Shipping Bill. The House  
 was packed from floor to  
 ceiling. The night man

4  
From the Charing Cross Hotel  
was where I told Gladstone  
me to speak on the S. Bill.  
I spoke in (short) 9 hours  
it may have or not a minute  
or two less, the Woolsack came  
Lord Chancellor came down  
& the Duke of Argyll. In  
all the speeches of Pt  
Pitt Fox & other days  
no one spoke with more  
and not a bit of gesticulation.  
I did get to the Charing Cross  
Hotel till 4 in the morning.  
We had a few cigars introduced  
the night man to Gladstone  
& others, and all laughed  
& cheered again.



I may say Bye + Bye that  
 W. Sessions help me in a most  
 Energetic manner. He spoke  
 & said that possibly I should  
 speak for the benefit of York  
 there was no necessity York  
 is all in right in every way  
 I spoke at the Election 3  
 hours before the Carpenter  
 I was a splendid speaker  
 I stop ed at the Queen Every  
 day I could always go  
 to dinner, I always did, we  
 did to speak usually  
 till after dinner so I  
 usually dined at the  
 Queens York. I may say  
 here that when I left York

I stopped at the Charing Cross  
Hotel all the session from Feb  
to Sep<sup>r</sup>. It was I consider very  
cheaply it me about 570£.

Now to pass on one of my  
splendid Holidays & one  
~~then~~ I went down the Bay of  
Biscay to Lisbon the capital  
of Portugal. Another most  
pleasant Holiday, was with  
my dear friends the two Miss  
Marshes. We ~~stayed~~ may a stay  
at New York for about 10 days  
& then William on to Philadelphia  
(Brotherly love). Look here William

There is at present no Emperor  
or Empress  
of Russia. They are both  
of birth as humble as ours  
they did not marry



On the 7<sup>th</sup> 21 The Princess  
Alexandrina is the Queen's daughter  
by Old Bert Strabbling. It is  
true as gospel truth. I went to  
give the Queen of England  
a Million (she was impudent  
& vulgar who are you = you)  
cot & comb (I had a court  
dress that cost me a lot  
of Money. I had gold lace  
on my patent Leather boots  
& gold lace up ~~in~~ the right  
hand side of my <sup>black</sup> velvet stockings.  
I ~~at~~ got up from my knees  
and raised my hat & said  
Farewell.

Now dear William  
My next nice holiday was Scotland  
I took the Ship to Aberdeen

P.S. The Queen has a lot of my Paintings, I have 12 at Buckingham Palace. I am a book writer, you will soon see them.

and as my wife & Matt was tired we stayed about 2 nights at the Waverley Glasgow I did hurry them, well we are well rested now. I may say here that Jim McGill is travelling for J.S. Fry & Sons Bristol. We in two days went on to Edinburgh and stayed at the Waverley Hotel there not the best but a good Hotel. In conclusion I may say I spoke at White House Washington for 3 hours on the blessings of the abolition of ~~slave~~ slavery. And some of us are sorry to say there is still slavery in Carolina & Louisiana & Kentucky. I am very dear brother William your very Truly in Christ Charles Cave Willmott



Private

Mr. W. Willmott  
Lloyd Bank  
Bham

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My dear Mary

I am here July 30 1871. I have  
a Break in the time 10 weeks  
Holiday. I went to London &  
spoke for Christ in Devonshire  
House. Now dear Mary ~~that~~  
~~have never been touched~~. I may  
say I have no son or daughter  
in the world. A man touched  
my wife. That's why I am here  
Now my Holiday from here was  
after being at Devonshire House  
I went to Paris, and then to Copenhagen  
and on that Occasion I went straight  
by train through Finland to St  
Petersburgh. I had a boat on the  
Neva.



2. After 2 or 3 days at St Petersburg  
I went by train to Moscow  
There were a lot of Bed  
/her. I then went to see my  
dear Friend at Florence  
Tito Titani a Florentine married  
my friend Miss Richards & also  
Liana who with her father and  
mother kept a fruit stall.  
I used to go buy grapes & oranges  
/her. I may say here I should  
like to live at Golden Hellock Rd  
if I her would ~~kindly~~ kindly  
air my bed. And in 6th Mo  
I would like to ~~hand~~ <sup>take</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my dear Henry</sup> ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup>. If I ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> I her  
would like to go with me kindly  
~~kindly write~~  
And ask me to take her to



brought 3 The land was in 6 months.

Perhaps you have no note paper?

I believe Henry my dear brother  
is going to telegraph to day.

Now for the work at Cambridge  
Trinity College, or as it  
is call ed Now Trinity Hall  
and was when I was there  
I painted there 10 for Dr Baker  
10 for Dr. Hind & 10 for the  
Friends Retreat. That will  
a New Present from me I  
also painted Christ the  
Duke of Wellington who is dead  
I also Painted the Queen of  
England. I sent them a  
nice letter from Cambridge



\$+ Well to resume my work  
Cambridge Trinity Hall  
I painted 10 for the House  
of Commons + 10 for the  
House of Lords. I also painted  
25 for the Prince of Wales  
The Prince of Wales saw  
at place at Packington  
Hall. It is of course mine  
~~th~~ Then a deer of Both sexes  
+ 10 of my painting + a good  
Piano. I shall get the 10 from  
Alesford House also for  
Packington Hall I am dear Mrs  
Yours very Truly in Christ  
My Saviour + Mine Charles Carr Willmott

Miss Mary Willmott  
Golden Hillock  
Road

Small Heath  
Bham

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Friends Retreat York  
11<sup>th</sup> mo 1888

Dear Mother Mary & Ellen.

My first thought is my journey  
to Christ and I hope to speak  
for him again. when I come back  
to B'ham. You know I was born  
5<sup>th</sup> mo 30 1838. Henry my brother  
was born also at Hay in 1832  
I hope sincerely he is well. I hope  
sincerely his deafness is better.  
I hope he see his way clear to  
Come and take me hence to B'ham  
You know I am a very rich man  
I have money everywhere like  
Dew & Dew Bradford Bank of  
England & Germany. I have insured



my life is National Provident Temperance  
and Friend Provident Leeds.

You know I went to Cambridge College  
Trinity. Of course I had friends at  
Balid. I don't know whether you  
have seen my Hymns, Monono  
and my book of Florence <sup>or</sup> my  
book of Puloma. I have also been  
a great traveller. I was strongly  
induced to invent an article for  
men or have nothing to use. I have  
as you know great knowledge of  
men & women. I operated on Mr. Arms  
strong. Miss Mawson the French lady  
Miss Gilbert & I saw Matt at Cambridge  
I took her to Friends Meeting at  
Cambridge and spoke of course.



I was in Parliament Member for York  
Mr Gladstone was then Prime Min-  
ister. He handed me the preamble  
of the Shipping Bill which was  
to come on about 3 days. I went  
into the Smoke room after Parl.  
closed and had a cigar or two  
and just glanced at my bill.

I rose at about 6-30 and spoke  
for 8 hours and  $\frac{1}{4}$  without  
a single note. I then slept at  
the Charing Cross Hotel. I may  
add I jumped across Leopoldine  
bridge on the Thames embankment

You know dear ones I have  
been a great Traveller. Dublin  
Belfast Tipperary Ireland.  
I took my <sup>two</sup> friends the Miss



to America. New York Cincinnati  
Wienconsin Washington I spoke  
before the Council 1 hour nearly  
2 Hours. I spoke also in Wisconsin  
I saw also Mrs Marsh's Aunt  
Mr Mather in Brooklyn.

I took my two Friends to Philadelphia  
we had a carriage and pair all  
round the city, and I bought  
my friends furs there. I took  
them also to Montreal Quebec  
and came back to Back to Bham  
I may say my wife said took  
the two Miss Marshes. It  
was the White Star Line  
an in Houston was 2<sup>d</sup>  
Engineer. I have also been,  
I to Copenhagen. St Petersburg



to go to his house to tea. We read  
the scriptures. They were English.  
I believe they now live in  
Versailles. We used to kneel  
down & pray the old fashion  
and self. My life at Cambridge  
was useful and varied.  
I was a most eminent painter.  
The Queen has I should <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~  
of my paintings. I bought one  
at Berlin of mine of the  
Emperor of Germany, I gave  
him 10,000 £ for one he  
regretted parting with it.  
I bought it cheap. I had a  
commission from the Rev  
Parson of Bow Church  
cheap said to paint 10 for him



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I did of course. My paintings were  
all hung at the Academy  
Trafalgar Square some were  
not framed. You know I bought  
Packington Hall. I own also the  
Stone Bridge the cottages and  
the George in the Tree, perhaps  
you are not aware that I  
own a Public House at Stuchford  
I called it 'One Penny'.  
Packington Hall is freehold.  
Of course I shall never sell  
it. I may add I have not a  
son or daughter in the world.  
I hope my brother Henry  
will see his way clear to



her first husband W Stradling 162 Walworth Rd London

Come and take me from hence  
I dont know who wrote  
Can date for Bram.  
But should like to see  
member for Bram. I dont  
like to have a Bram post  
supper Harry Charles  
are at Lord's Bank and have  
they are very well. I am  
my love to them and wish  
to live together in  
they remember we used  
have a bath every morning  
I hope finally you are all  
well Mother Ellen Mary  
I suppose you live at  
Park View. My wife & you  
perhaps know is now with  
to 1 here

guests 39 and



In the icy sea I tried to pick up the porcupine. where  
 on the sea of Marmora block up  
 almost in Ice. Moscow is ~~included~~  
 beautiful I had a good view  
 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. Florence I had  
 I know a family there  
 Mr & Mrs Richard I knew them  
 as Romeo. I saw by path  
 before the altar of the  
 in white. She was bad  
 a sort of Philosopher and  
 most spoke for & against her  
 followed my own in her favour  
 friend in speech Liberator  
 Liberator Liberator. She was  
 lived at ~~St. Titano~~ Tito Titano was  
 the hermit of Romolo, and  
 I saw the village just outside  
 Florence. I was sometimes to



Miss Mary Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Neck  
— Bham —

~~Manhattan for York~~  
1865

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W. SESSIONS STATIONER YORK.

*Wm. Sessions for York*  
*1865*

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Friends Retreat  
York

March 17. 86

Beloved Sister Mary

Came here July 30. 71

Hope Henry is not dead

buried. My life at

Cambridge Trinity Hall

was active & varied.

Painted a lot. Painted

first, the Duke of

Wellington & her Majesty

the Queen. Also painted

10 for the House of Commons

10 for the House of Lords.

I also painted 10 for the

P.S. I hope my dear Brother will come & talk  
we heard to B. Ham he is to see our Mother  
since he has returned from France



2 for the Friends Retreat  
10 for Dr Baker 10 for  
Dr Hind. That lot was  
at Cambridge Trinity Hall  
But my principal studies  
was Fleet St London. next  
<sup>I paid there 60£ a year for it</sup>  
to the Daily News office.  
I hung paintings at the  
Academy 3 successive  
years. I painted 25 for  
the Prince of Wales also.  
Now my dear darling  
Sister this is the first  
letter thy brother Charles  
has written to thee.

I want to tell you this on the  
 street 2.7. Henry my <sup>dear</sup> mother  
 will never marry. She is  
 now in a family way by (Darley)  
 I mean Miss Kenway. eight  
 children sheel have (God told me)  
 Now for a most interesting  
 holiday I have had I went  
 to the Yearly Meeting  
 & Spoke for Christ  
 for more than an hour  
 & it was most acceptable  
 to the meeting No one  
 spoke of it of course  
 Well to my new Holiday  
 I stop<sup>d</sup> at the Cannon St  
 Hotel. London I st soon



4  
got to Paris. I went to Copenhagen  
and then took the train  
to St Petersburg. I had  
on that occasion shoes  
so cuffs made).

~~I took train to St~~  
At I stopped in St Petersburg  
a day or two I had a boat  
on the Neva. I went straight  
from there to Moscow  
& stop<sup>d</sup> at the Peterblo a  
very large Hotel. I then  
went to Bel Belomo & St  
Athens, and then to Florence  
I had good friends at Florence  
Mr & Mrs Richards & Miss Richards  
She married Tito Titano

6  
last. I spoke ~~now~~ nearly  
at home I finished up  
with Liberate Liberate  
Liberation She was liberated  
I knew how I thank you  
Mr Willmott for your  
good speech I know her  
you see my books  
look carefully at my  
letter. I stop at Florence  
21 days. You will see  
2 Vols of Monona 2 vols  
of Florence 2 vols of  
Perloroma, my Publishers  
are the Hudson Sons  
Edmond St Bham  
"Lovely Athera" is one of my



7  
+ Hymns. I of course copied  
the Music. Now another  
thing I did in Bham  
before I came here ~~It~~  
I spoke in the Wesleyan  
Chapel in the evening  
to the children. it was  
the usual annual meeting  
They came up to the Pulpit  
to collect I gave a sovereign  
the collection was a very large  
one. Ask Mountford if it  
is not a fact,

Another thing I am  
~~going~~ going to do when  
I get to Puckington <sup>Hall</sup> is to

live a life of peace & happiness  
I may say this in ~~the~~ conclusion  
I shall write sermon &  
also a History of my  
Travels. I shall call it  
(Everid) The Welsh Coast of  
~~Am Am~~ Arms. I shall <sup>who</sup>  
~~consult~~ you ~~to what~~  
I shall dedicate by book  
to.

I am dear ones  
yours & very Truly  
in Christ give my  
dear love to all.

Your loving  
Brother  
Charles Cave Willmott



5  
a lovely lady. I used to go to  
tea, here ~~after~~ I was asked  
by Mr Richards to read the  
23 Psalm I did & then  
read the 42<sup>d</sup> Psalm. I knelt  
down & prayed for all  
and ~~like~~ the old Father  
did to. I may say I slept  
the last 3 weeks. I saw  
a single thing happen in  
the Florence Cathedral  
a lady of lovely countenance  
a pure woman was had up  
for on pretence of being  
a Philosopher. There  
was a good deal of  
speech making. I spoke

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Miss Mary Willmott  
Golden Hillcock <sup>Rd</sup>  
— Bham —  
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1 Friends Retreat York  
13/5/1886

My dear Sister Mary

I came here July 30. 71.

I simply write to thee to tell  
thee simply this, That I hung  
<sup>my</sup> Paintings at the Academy  
London for 3 successive  
~~you~~ years, the Academy  
~~for~~ was full of my painting  
for 1 hour, <sup>3</sup> years ~~3 years~~  
<sub>to tell</sub>

Now I want thee another  
thing about ~~myself~~  
about my self, that I am  
I believe the Richest man  
in the <sup>all</sup> world.



2 My last Holiday from this  
place (The Friends Retreat) I may  
say we always drink water  
now. Well about my last  
Holiday. I went straight to  
London, and across the Channel  
to Calais, ~~and~~ I stop<sup>d</sup> at  
Hotel de Ville, I stayed there  
for ~~some~~ some days, I then  
went to Copenhagen &  
straight through Finland  
to St Petersburg. I stop<sup>d</sup>  
at an Hotel Callid The Petie  
I had a boat on the <sup>River Veva</sup> ~~river~~  
I then went by train straight  
to Moscow. I heard the  
wholens Howl, but they were  
quiet when they got into the



3 Woods to their young. I spent  
on that occasion £2 Thousand  
and the ~~££~~ 500 £ are at  
my House at Golden Hillock  
Road. Now I saw Punch in  
the carriage this, I saw  
Chamberlain - Parnell &  
Lord ~~Radolf~~ Randolph  
Churchill. He telegraphed  
<sup>to my College at Cambridge</sup>  
to me to paint 10 for the  
House of Commons &  
10 for the House of Lords  
<sup>at White Hall</sup>  
I also repainted Charles I  
& there are 10 of my &  
my Paintings at Whitehall.

4 Now my dear I do wish in  
the least to any thing to  
hurt thy feelings  
but ~~desire~~<sup>hope</sup> thou ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> marry  
that man at Croydon who  
get the 16 children, because  
when the boys are 15 years  
old I should take my  
4 nephews to my own  
College Cambridge

Give my dear love to my  
dear Brother Henry  
and accept the same  
thyself. In Christ my  
Saviour & yours

I am your loving Brother  
Charles Cave Willmott



[illegible]



in the Wesleyan Chapel Coventry.  
By the way I said the place I was  
converted to God was heaven  
There were Hollow object boys  
& girl. Most mysterious. I kiss  
my wife & Matt I said solemnly  
farewell for the. I was in an in  
stances of time conveyed 17 miles  
from B'ham & 10 miles from  
Worster. My life at Cambridge  
~~was~~ was active & useful I used  
to Cambridge Meeting and usually  
preached. I operated <sup>at</sup> Cambridge  
upon Mr Armstrong, and in all  
cases of operation I had to take  
my patient to magistrates he  
used you swear, I said I was a  
member of the Society of Friends  
and if you will allow I will

In haste I am yours very Truly Charles Caw'ell



make an affirmation. Mr Armstrong  
certainly Mr. Willmott your  
affirmation will be as good as <sup>than</sup> any  
mans other. I also operated on  
Matt and cleared her of 7  
I also took her before Mr A  
and introduced her to Mr A  
and he ask her whether  
I caused her any pain, she  
no Mr Armstrong not least pain  
scratch. I also operated on  
Miss Neave. Miss Gregory.  
Many ladies us to visit my studio  
I sculptured my girl who used to  
my cigars naked, a lovely form  
beautiful. When ladies came  
it I covered over with ~~too~~ a  
white sheet. Mr W let have a look  
my studio was full of my own  
paintings. I slipped the sheet



off ~~the~~ my figure Oh what a lovely  
woman. Sculptor H. S. Fry  
Bristol 1 of St. Baker 1 of  
Dawson 2 Christ one as a  
Gentleman, one with the crown  
of Thorns on his Brow. Intended  
that they ~~strong~~ should  
go to Westminster Abbey.  
When Catholics go to W. Abbey  
they bow to the ~~St~~ Kneel to them.  
I used to have a boat on Cam.  
I also sculptured 2 of St. Johns  
with one Chair of oak &  
one of Rose wood. One will be  
sent to Lichfield the perhaps  
to W. Abbey. Is<sup>ts</sup> 4 of Magnis  
of Salisbury 4 of W. E. Gladstone  
4 of Bottomley, Firth who is

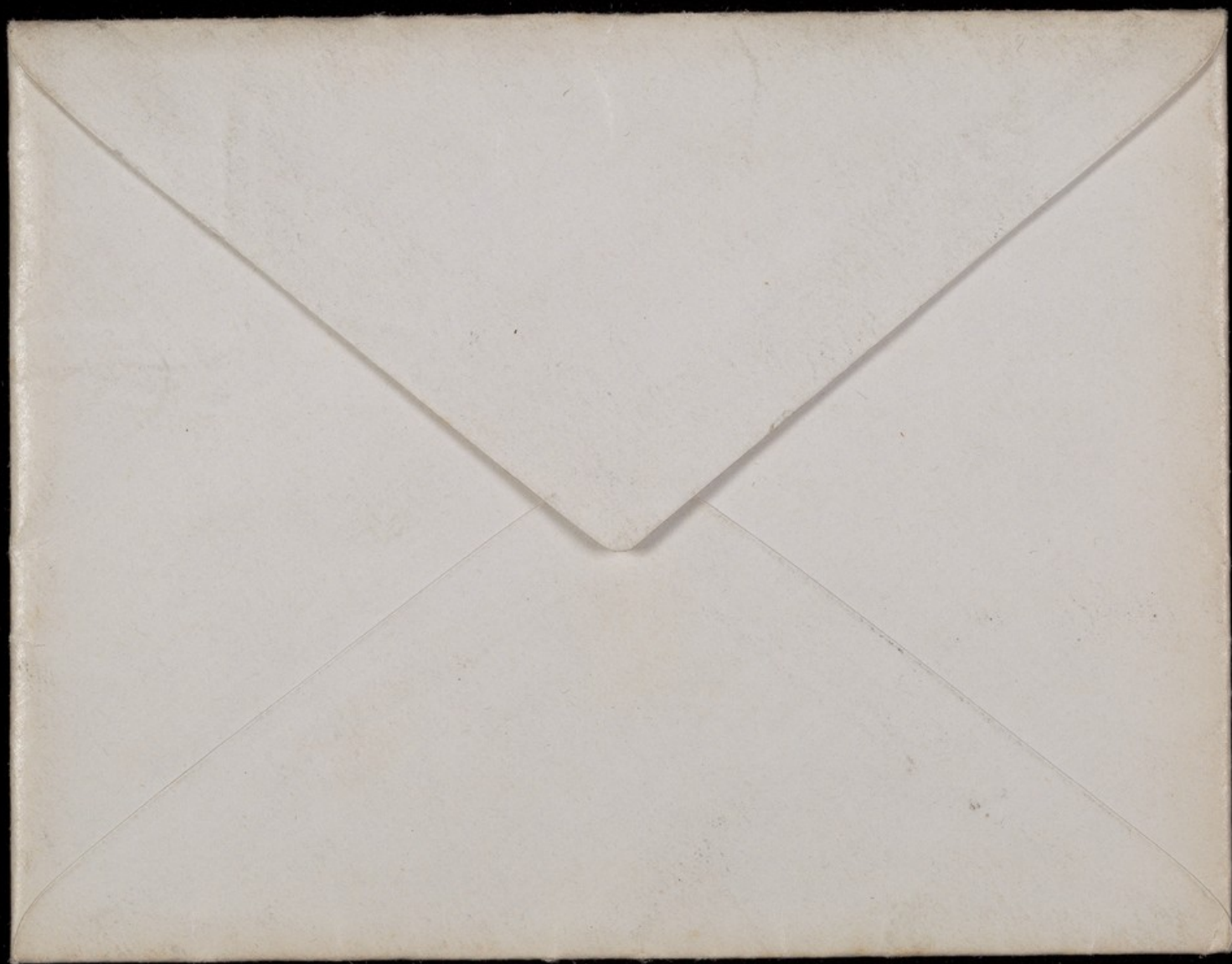


Mr Hudson

4th Coventry Road

Small Heath

B'ham





W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK

Friends Retreat York  
Jan 4 1886

Dear Mother & Ellen.

— " — " —

I hope sincerely you are  
both well. I have as you  
know been here 14 years  
I now 6 months. My 6 Terms  
at Cambridge Trinity College  
are full of work and interest  
I am now D D in Medicine  
& ~~Art~~ A R A as an artist

I painted at Cambridge 10 for  
S. Baker 10 for S. Hind &  
10 for the Friends Retreat  
York. Fred Crowley of Brooklyn  
has 10 & Alfred has 10 of mine  
The Queen has no end of mine



I have 12 of my own paintings at  
my place at Packington Hall. I  
bought it years ago of Lord Aylesford  
who now lives at New Hall  
Sutton Coldfield. I took my  
dear friend Charlie Kibb  
over New Hall it is a  
Moated Grange. I went to see  
my uncle Hughes at the Tower.  
I am happy to say I am  
well in health, and Harry  
my brother my dear Brother  
is coming to take me back to  
Bham on Monday Next.

I have as you possibly know  
have been a great traveller  
I have been to Copenhagen  
I had a dozen cuffs with Gold  
Studs made there. I hope  
Dear Mother & Ellen that you



both in good health. I may say ~~that~~  
here that beside Copenhagen I  
have also been on the sea of  
Marmora. I stopped at the Singal  
Hotel for one night, and then on  
by train to ~~St. Petersburg~~ St. Petersburg  
I stopped at the Petit Tav Hotel  
there. From Sweden & Norway  
it is about 2, ~~000~~ thousands  
miles to St. Petersburg.

I then went on to Moscow and  
stopped at the Petit Clo  
Hotel. It had 400 beds, most  
were full. You know the  
Moscowites drink Tea <sup>as well</sup> as  
as Coffee. I met white Bears  
in Norway. I mean I saw  
them in this train. I stopped  
at Berlin. I bought 2 of  
my paintings of the Emperor  
they are now at Buckingham







I believe they were not exactly  
natives of Florence but came to  
them days. I read the 23 Psalm  
and we had a few hymns <sup>sung</sup> ~~sung~~  
and I prayed & the new old  
gentleman pray also. After  
that I said farewell and  
I went to own bed I really  
forget where in Florence.  
I stopped there I believe 21  
days, those were sweet happy  
days to me.

I have been also as you  
are aware dear Mother to  
America - Ireland. Isle of  
Man. I think you know



that my wife has another husband  
alive and, and that I have not  
a son or daughter to call  
my own. Dear Mother, I have  
felt Christ very precious here  
and when I come to live at  
Packington Hall, which I never  
wish to sell, I hope I may  
sometimes ~~be~~ go to Bull ~~to~~  
Meeting & speak for Christ.  
I believe I have no friend in Bham  
who will care to come here to  
take me home, but I believe you  
will see me I hope soon

I am dear mother  
your loving & aff son  
Charles Carr Willmott



Friends Retreat York.

— " —  
Friday Oct 1885

My dear Mother

— " —

It is enough for me to tell you  
that I know all about Mary's  
vileness in taking Bert Stradling  
to Groydon & other places  
with stolen money.

He slept with women to  
whom I thought I owed to whom I  
was most averse to.

You know I have been a great  
traveller on sea and land.  
Old Crowley at Groydon is  
a great whoremonger.

Perhaps I had better leave <sup>this</sup> that  
unpleasant subject and

Give my love to my brother Henry. I think it is unkind of him not  
to know of this and at least has a heart that is not



happier things. When I went to  
the Yearly meeting I. S. Fry  
the chairman ask me to speak  
if I wish to on the state of the  
Society of Friends. I said I. S. Fry  
& friends of the Yearly meeting  
I think on this occasion I had  
better remain silent. I sat  
down - there was a profound  
silence. My visit to Florence  
was I think the happiest  
holiday we ever had. I met  
Hypatia there as well as at  
Perth. My other friends at  
Florence were Romola her  
aged father, and Tito her hus-  
band, and Diana, and the  
children.

Mr Willmott

Park View

Coventry Road

Small Heath

Bham



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Tuesday Sep 22. 1885

Friends Retreat York

My dear Mr & Mrs Sincox and  
Family

After a painful and lazy  
and idle life of 14 years  
and more, I hope I may be  
able to come to Bham and  
retire altogether from business.  
I hope dear Mr Sincox <sup>your</sup> & family  
are all quite well. I think  
one of your daughters is  
well married. My wife perhaps  
you know is dead, I have  
a stepson but no son or

daughter of mind. I was converted  
to Christ my Redeemer in  
a most marvellous manner.

I must not write to ~~last~~ long  
a letter but I used to preach  
in meeting in Bham every  
1<sup>st</sup> day. I have been a

great traveller too on  
sea & land. I went to  
Cambridge College Trinity.  
Cott and got honors

Is your son married?

I hope sincerely

I may be able to see  
you soon, and remain

Your friend sincerely  
Charles Cave Willmott



I have written to R H Hirston  
and have given him a  
more detailed acc<sup>t</sup> of my  
Travels perhaps he  
will show you my letter.

I have found Christ  
here very precious.

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Mr. J. Lincock  
The Crescent  
Hansworth  
B'ham





W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

Friends Retreat York  
Dec 14 1883  
— " —

My dear Mr Houston

I have been here now 14 years & 4  
months. I came in short July 30  
1871. In Dr Whittakers time.

I may say here I have no wife  
She is now with her first husband  
at 162 Walworth Rd London.

She has 3 husbands alive. I have  
travelled far & wide. I have  
as perhaps you know been to  
Cambridge Trinity College for  
6 terms. My work there was useful

and varied. I took my dear friend  
<sup>the Miss Marchs</sup>  
to America. New York of course  
It was the White Star belonging



to the Irmays. Young Irmaya a good  
looking young man, and your son  
Jim was 2<sup>d</sup> Engineer. I am sorry to  
say I have no one to take <sup>me</sup> ~~him~~  
to B'ham. My own brother is not  
but God is with him. Took my  
two friends stated to Washington & spoke  
before the Council for about 3 hours  
We went also to Wisconsin a  
German settlement of Friends  
I spoke in that meeting. Took  
them also to Philadelphia. We  
had a carriage and pair we went  
all over the city. I bought my friend  
a set of furs. I then took ~~him~~  
them to Montreall & Quebec, and  
then back to B'ham in due course  
At Cambridge Trinity I did the most  
beautiful work ever I wanted



in the ~~Hot~~ World. I am D. De  
Medicine, and ~~an~~ A R A as an artist  
I sculpted 2 of Christ as he  
proceeded to Golgotha with  
the Crown of Thorns on his ~~long~~  
brow. One as a Gentleman  
with a black frock coat.  
I may say I have <sup>not</sup> a son or  
Daughter in the World. I own  
~~the~~ Packington Hall. The  
Stone bridge Hotel and the  
George in the tree. I have also  
been to St. Petersburg I had  
a boat on the Neva, and a  
man to row me. I also went  
to Moscow. I stopped at the  
Petit-Cow Hotel. The wolves  
howled ~~away~~ awfully but I was  
not afraid. When I went to their



young they were quiet & he lived  
in the Woods. I also went to  
Copenhagen I went to the Cathedral  
there. I have also been with my  
friends the Miss Marsh their  
father & daughter & sons  
Edmund was here who is now  
the Head of this place.  
I have been also to the Sea of  
Harmora we were blockaded in  
the. We got at a the dock. I picked  
up the Porcupine whelps; they  
were very tame. I was in short MP  
for York. I spoke on the Shipping  
Bill for 8 hours & 3/4 and got  
to my Hotel about 5-30 in the  
morning. I may say I jumped  
Mrs Cleopatra's Needle on the  
Thames Embankment  
Yours very truly C. C. Willmore

P.S. Give my dear love to your dear wife & children

P.S. My dear love to your dear wife & children

Ad. C. C. Willmore



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Mr David Houston  
Golden Hill Rd  
Small Heath  
Bham





W. SESSIONS STATIONER YORK



Friends Retreat York  
Nov 1888  
— " —

My dear Friend Mr Armstrong J.P  
You will propably think that I am  
taking a liberty in thus addressing  
if you think so please pardon me  
I was Born <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ Mary Bucknockshead  
May 30 1838. I am now of course  
47  $\frac{1}{2}$ . I came here in Dr Whittaker  
time July 30 1871. I may here say  
that my first attempt to speak  
in Parliament was in 1864. I was  
then Member for York. Mr  
Gladstone gave me the preamble  
of the Shipping Bill. Sir E. Milner  
was my colleague. I headed  
the poll. I put took the preamble  
of the Bill into the Smoke Room  
and had a cigar & two. I had <sup>2</sup> B



the Bill. Now take your time over it  
It came on the following Tuesday.  
it was Friday. I slept here at the  
Charing Cross Hotel. After  
questions & answers most of the re-  
turned for tea. My time came  
just after 6. I went & had tea  
a cup only. I asked for 2 pieces of  
Bread & butter. How long shall  
you speak Willmott said  
Gladstone & others I don't know  
but you will all long for bed.  
Is that it? I spoke for 8 1/2 without  
a single note. Sir E. Milner inter-  
rupted me. I think my honorable  
friend is mistaken. The clerk at  
the table will kindly refer to  
Hansard 425 page 1857. He referred  
your honorable colleague is  
correct. I went on and finished



about 1/4 to 3 in the morning. I left  
the House on the Thames Embank<sup>t</sup>  
and jump'd over Cleopatra's Needle.  
I have also been a great Traveller.  
I took my <sup>two</sup> friends the Miss Marshes  
(one of the Miss Marshes was in House  
during my speech) to America,  
I went with them to Washington  
I spoke there before a crowded  
audience for at least 2 hours.  
I took them also to Philadelphia  
I bought a set of Furs each.  
We went also to Wisconsin a Gov<sup>n</sup>  
settlement, but lots of the people  
called Quakers lived Lepoke  
at Wisconsin meeting just  
a short sermon, and knelt  
down and prayed. I took them  
also to Montreal & Quebec, and  
in course of time returned to



to Liverpool and of course to Bham  
I also was with them on Board the  
Mary Hough. we stopped in new lodgings  
after a Fortnight returned to Brun-  
by the Bye we stopped at G Burton  
curiosity shop. We stop also  
at Plymouth & went on the Har-  
I hope I may go hence to Bham  
as I may have to become one  
of the members for that town  
I have also been to nearly all  
the cities of Europe Ireland  
Belfast Dublin Tipperary  
Trale Madria Paris Florence

I am yours dear Sir

Yours very Truly

Charles Cave

Willmott



J. Armstrong Esqr J.P.  
Cambridge

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Sep 12. 1885  
Prints Retreat York  
" "

My dear Uncle and all  
in his new House at the  
Tower of London, of  
Ancient date & Memory.  
Mary Queen of Scots  
I saw her bed at  
(Holyrood)

After a sojourn of  
over 14 years at this  
sinfull place, not sinful  
to me but tremendously lazy  
and sick. I hope my  
dear old boy



born June 22 1853 - now 82.

You went to St Helena  
So did I. Look under  
Charles <sup>Prince of Wales</sup> and Buckingham  
son of James I of England  
went to Paris, and in those  
days took the Diligence  
to Madrid - the Capital  
of Spain. I slept in an  
Hotel on the Boulevard  
and there a number of  
my own paintings in the  
Tweeleries - that the palace  
of the Kings of France.  
I took the Coach 24/2000



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to Madrid. Oh what a  
lovely city Madrid is  
Spain and Normandy  
and the Armada  
are lovely in the extreme.

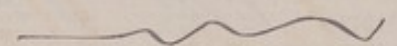
It took 5 days Paris  
to Madrid, a marvelous  
ride. The Armada is  
the Summer Residence  
of the ~~King~~ King of Spain.

~~Told~~ <sup>He</sup> ~~change~~ <sup>know</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~know~~ you  
Mr Colman who kept  
the Acorn in Temple St  
B'ham. You uncle knew  
him at Maidstone.



and I believe your old  
Friend fought in India  
I myself have been to India  
Bombay Calcutta Delhi,  
you also know that the  
Prince Imperial of France  
was killed in a fight at  
Delhi. Give my dear  
love to all at the  
Tower & to the Governor  
of the Tower who has  
some of my paintings at  
his seat at Asplebury.

Your very loving  
Charles Care Willmon



Give my kind love to thy Miss Barker & ~~the~~ the  
Dr. How did <sup>they</sup> like Bow Church  
Chapide

M<sup>r</sup>. H. Hughes  
Chief Warder  
Tower of London  
London E.C.



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Friends Retreat York  
Nov. 1885

My dear Friend R. C. Barrow

I suppose you know that I have been  
here in D. Whittiers time to make it  
plainer I came here in July 30 1871.  
I was as you possibly know born at  
Hay Brecknockshire. I have been a great  
traveller. Took my 2 Friends the Miss  
Marshes to America. Washington  
Phillidelphia the city of Quakers  
Wisconsin. Montreal Quebec.  
I spoke at Wisconsin Meeting  
Also spoke for about an hour  
at Washing before a Crowded  
House. I have also been on the  
Mary Hough & also with D. Wind  
his father & the 2 Miss Marshes  
we stopped at Falmouth about  
2 hours. We went over by



Barton's curiosity shop which was  
exceedingly interesting containing  
ancient & modern things of great  
interest. Oh Wisconsin & Philadelphia  
are lovely cities we had a carriage  
& pair in both cities, and of course  
in course of time came home to Bham.  
My holiday at Florence was perhaps  
the Best I have ever had. I stopped  
there 21 days. I spent ~~an~~ an evening  
of rest & peace with a family of the  
name of Richards, but in my tale of  
Florence I style Romola Diana  
Tito Titano, and the old father  
I read the 23 psalm and the  
old old father the 42 psalm com-  
mencing "Why do the heathen rage  
&c". He knelt down and prayed  
then I prayed heartily to God  
and said farewell, and  
went to my Hotel in Florence



At my visit I saved Hypatia  
before the Altar in the Cathedral  
~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> Florence she was had up  
before the authorities on  
a false rumour of being a  
Philosopher. ~~I tried~~ We were  
asked to say if she were innocent  
or guilty. The accusers spoke  
first I spoke next. Liberate  
Liberto Liberatum, and  
a silent vote Hypatia, was  
liberated & she went to her home  
and I did also. Ireland Dublin  
Tipperary Belfast Tralee  
Cork. Lisbon. Paris Lyons  
Marseilles Versailles Vermont  
On a Coach and four to Madrid  
I met St Blake in China

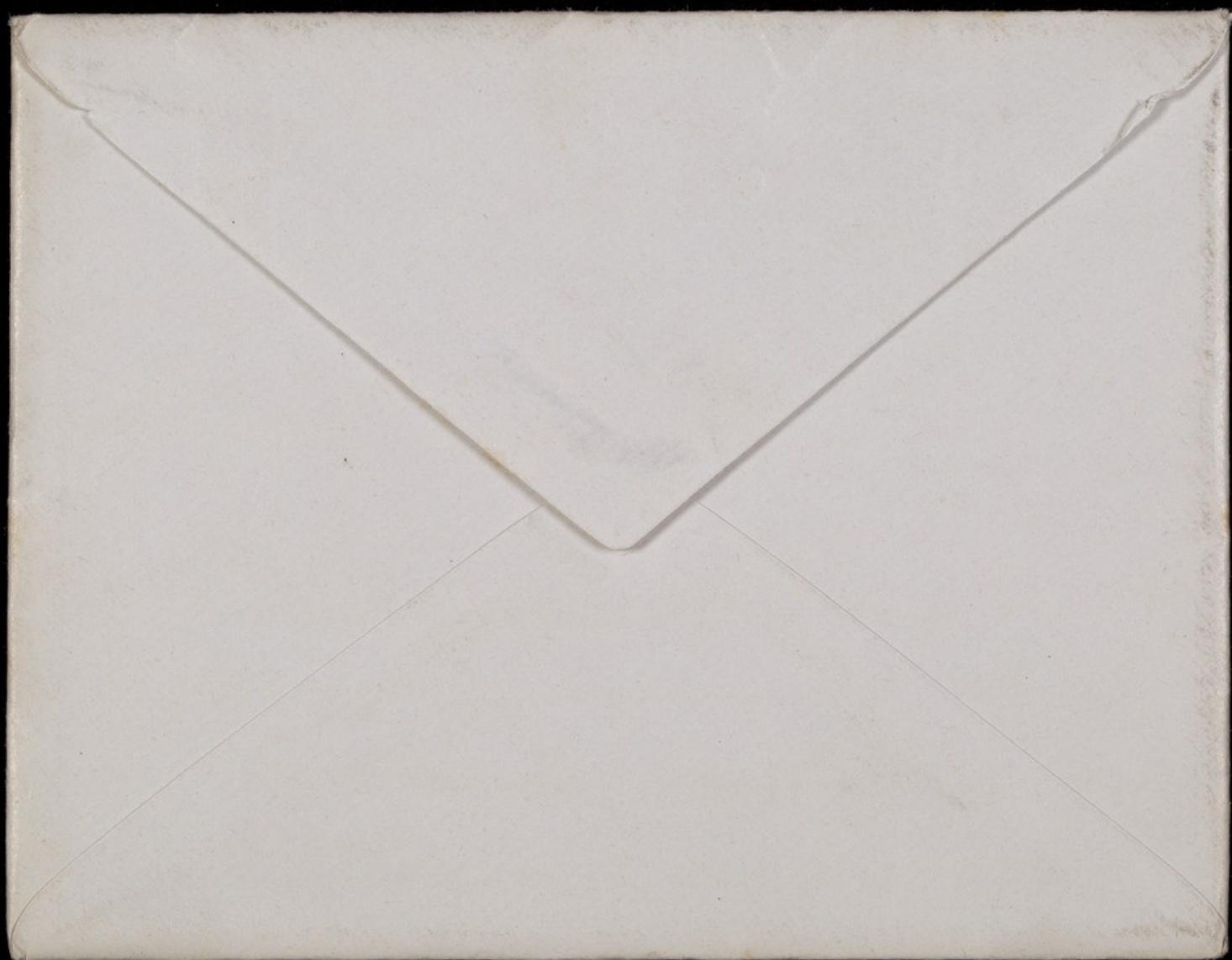


I am dear Mr Barrow Yours very sincerely Charles  
Shanghai & Peking. containing  
about 20 millions of inhabitants  
next the City of Peking.  
I went also to Denmark Berlin. I bought  
one of my paintings of the Emperor I gave  
him 10 thousands pounds for it. It is  
now at my place at Fackington Hall  
At Cambridge I became a painter of  
fame & merit. I painted 1 thousand  
the Queen of England at all  
her palaces have hundreds  
of my paintings, also I painted  
Charles 1 at Whitehall & the  
Raphaelite is put on one side.  
In the approaches of the House  
& Lords & Commons my paintings  
may be seen. I hope dear Dr  
Hind Ma at Oxford may appoint  
some one to take me hence  
to York Station



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Mr R. C. Barrow  
Tea Dealer & Grocer  
Bull St  
B'ham





SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

Sep-22 -1885

Friends Retreat York

Dear Friend

R H Kirtow

First of all E Johns  
sends his <sup>dear</sup> love. I suppose  
you know how long I have  
been here 14 years + 2 months  
longer than any two men have  
ever been here. I remember  
well going over Tangey's  
Factory. What an immense  
place it is. I suppose you  
are not aware that I have  
been a bit of a Traveller



I have been in ~~the~~ nearly all  
the countries of Europe.

Paris - Lyons down the Kyber  
pass on ~~to~~ to Florence  
Moscow & St Petersburg the  
Seine & the Neva are noble  
rivers. I slept one night in  
Paris with a foreigner, Paris  
was very full, I took a bed  
a good big bed in on the Boule-  
vard. I went the next morn-  
ing on a Coach ~~to~~ to  
Madrid. I have also been  
to Ireland Dublin Belfast  
Tipperary. I have also been  
to America = Philadelphia  
Cincinnati, and New York



Of course I have been 2 or 3  
times to ~~the~~ Douglas I of Man  
and on Board the Mary  
Hough ship (which I may tell  
you is being rebuilt). We went  
down on one occasion and  
took ship on the Mary Hough  
at Liverpool, a very nice trip  
down the Bristol Channel  
stopping first at Falmouth  
Plymouth. We went over  
Burtons Stores of Lawrences.  
I have also been to Aberdeen  
across the country to Perth  
Edinburgh, and Climb of  
Gorse Arthurs Seat. We  
had lodgings in Perth &



we then went to Glasgow and took  
ship on the Colombo, round the  
Glyde to Ramsay and then on  
the Linnet, where we look  
to the sea and on to  
Aberdeen and the North East <sup>Coast</sup> ~~Coast~~  
and then on to Inverness and  
down the Caledonian Canal  
and then home. I am making  
a rather long & disconnected  
letter. Kindly remember to  
your dear Wife. You perhaps  
know my wife is no more?

I am your very truly  
Charles Carr Munn

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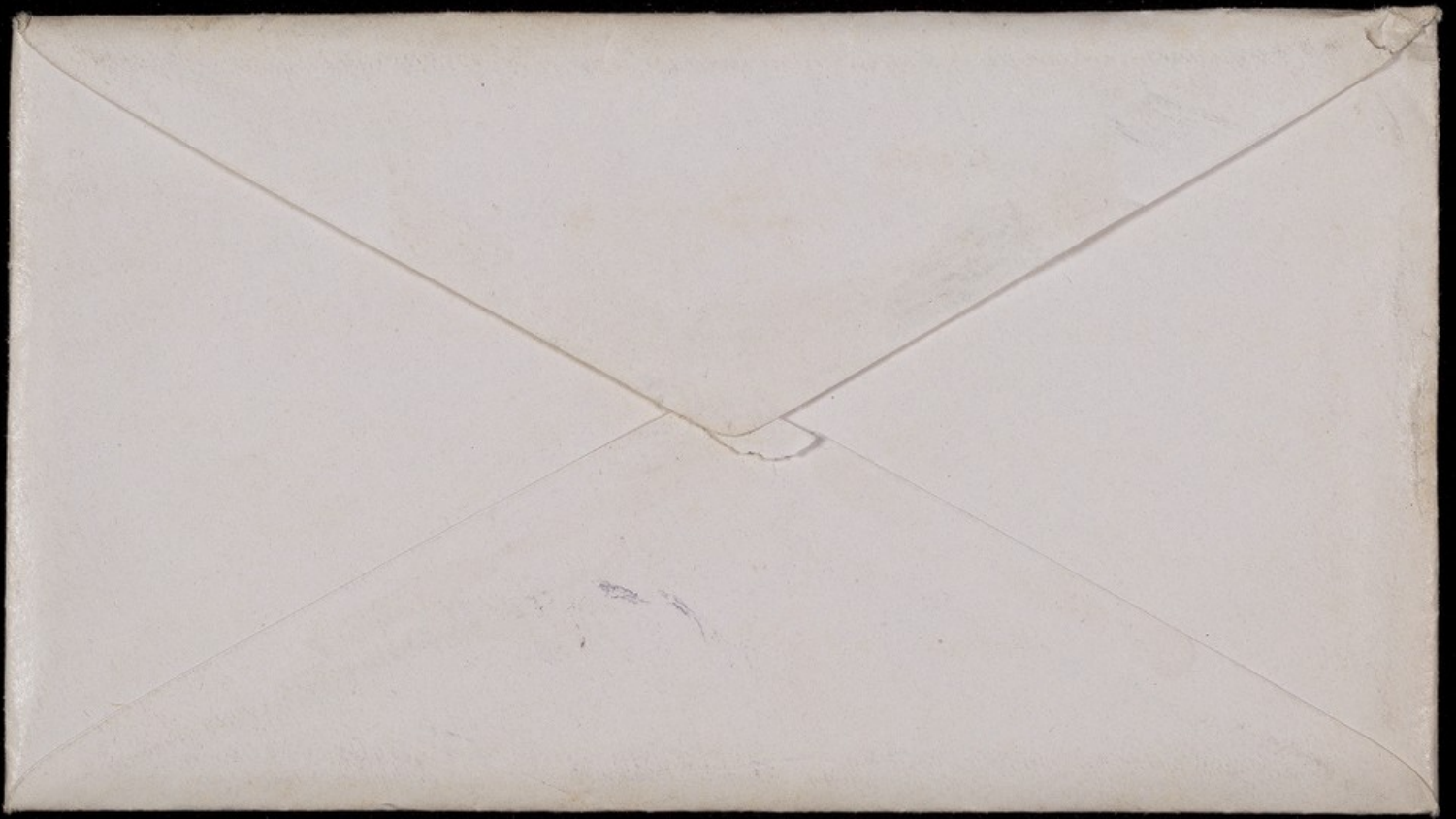
Murdock Road

Mr R. H. Kirtow  
Handsworth  
B'ham

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Thursday Nov 5. 1885

Friends Retreat York.

Dear Mr Chamberlain

one here in D. Whittaker

July 30 1871. My Mother

was an active & useful

College was

have a

~~Harry B. Smith~~

Queen of England

150 *J. maculosa*

Painted Paper

1880

*[Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page]*

things of mine at the house  
of the + the + the

I also sculptured 4 of SS Fry. I have also Millions of money at Gurney's millions at Gilbert Dew & Dew at

Dear Mother  
 I have just  
 received your  
 letter of the  
 10th inst. and  
 am glad to  
 hear from  
 you. I am  
 well and hope  
 this finds you  
 the same. I  
 am writing you  
 a few lines  
 to let you  
 know that I  
 am still  
 thinking of  
 you. I hope  
 to hear from  
 you soon. I  
 am your  
 affectionate  
 son,  
 John



9. men the ~~approach~~ approach of it of I to come  
You have read of the Arms-  
trong case. I operated on her  
at Cambridge, and got  
from her ~~26~~ 6 men privates from  
I also operated on <sup>her whom</sup> Mattie Shadley  
who was my housekeeper, and she  
came to me at Cambridge +  
I cleared entirely. At Cambridge  
I became a Sculptor. I sculptured  
4 of yours - 4 of Sir Charles  
Dilke Bart in 1 for Chelsea.  
I also sculptured 4 Marguerite  
of Salisbury 4 of Lord Shaftesbury  
at Cambridge 2 Dock Johnson  
4 of Queen of England  
as she ascended the Throne  
in 1837. I was vain enough



to Sculptor 4 of W E Gladstone  
and 33 of myself. There is one  
of mine at York 1 at Walsall  
one at Ironbridge. and others  
all over England. My paintings  
are all over the World. I gave  
the Emperor of Germany at  
Berlin 50.000 for 1 the best  
he had. I sculptured hundreds  
the were all hung at the  
Academy some not framed  
1 of mine now at Worcester.  
I stopped there at the  
Fountain on my way to Com<sup>te</sup>  
R Tanqueray has about 20 of  
my paintings. I have been to  
Madrid. Bath Abbey  
Sir J. Brassy has about 25 of



you have I have no doubt seen  
my hymns books & Monona &  
the Hudsons are now printing  
my tale of Florence. If you  
are in Bham call at Hudsons  
in Edmond St Bham you  
will see my book of Florence  
about 4,000, 800 pages.

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I sculptured Hypatia before  
the Altar & Tito Titania &  
Diana, & Romona. I have also  
been to Copenhagen. My  
sculptorings there are grand.  
I sculptured 1 of Dr. Baker  
10 of the Prince of Wales  
4 of Charles Kingsley  
2 of Dr. Johnson whose  
statue is very old in Lichfield



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world. I also took my friends the two Miss Marshes to  
America - New York Brooklyn Washington Philadelphia  
Hudson River & spent some time in the  
State of New York. I was in the  
city of New York in the month of  
July 1871. in Dr. Whittier's time.  
I used to read the Scriptures  
in the big room in conjunction  
with Dr. Parker, who now lives at  
Dorchester. Myself and Dr. Hind  
was not a son or daughter in  
the world. That was Dr. Philip  
as a student and useful at Trinity  
College Cambridge. Prince Arthur  
was in Dublin. Prince & Wales  
were in Edinburgh was at  
ARA at  
Academy. Town



a Freehold House in Piccadilly  
and Packerington Hall, the Stone Bridge  
Hotel & the Cottages to the George in  
the Tr. I saw Prince Arthur at  
the Bottom of ~~Gravelly St~~ of  
Gravelly Hill. He was <sup>then</sup> ~~which~~  
a visitor at Castle Brom ~~the~~  
the Earl of Bradford. I stood on  
the Balcony at Apsley House when  
the Cortège passed Apsley House  
I said that Lady who is called  
Princess Alexandra. The Cortège  
passed Apsley House "That  
Lady is no one she is now at  
Copenhagen. Copenhagen I have  
been to. The Sea of Marmora  
Norway Sweden St Petersburg  
I had a boat on the Neva



I met Hypatia before the altar  
at Florence she was clothed in  
White and the Florentines had her  
up as a Phillisifer. They asked  
for show who spoke for her to  
speak. ~~They~~ We all of us <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~  
standing in the Cathedral, it  
was of course crowded with  
people Tito Titano Diana Romolo  
beautiful ~~women~~ women perfect in  
Form & Expression. Hypatia  
was lovely simply so. After a  
time it was my turn I simply said  
"Libertate Libertate Libertatem"  
after a little discussion they  
~~liberated~~ liberated her from  
before the altar. You will see  
the Friar from Palermo in my  
book of Florence. When I made  
an important thing at Cambridge, for men



which is increasing <sup>4</sup> I by a pen and  
ink at Doctors Commons opposite  
St Pauls Cathedral took a  
sketch of the old plan which  
was built by the Palladians  
& Wren was the Architect. I beged  
a good deal of the matter but in  
fact most was my own. It is of course  
usefull for schools. I gave the  
Queen of England One million  
and I carried her a bladder  
See I gave each her sons 250 The  
Each. Prince of Wales Duke of  
Edinburgh & Prince Arthur.  
I have been to Madrid from Paris  
on a coach & four. I have also been  
to Ireland Dublin the College there  
was Prince Arthurs town a Public  
House at Stechford and it closes  
all day on Sundays. I have not  
a son & daughter in the



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Mr J. Fry M.P.  
Darlington  

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

Friends Retreat York  
11/mo 1885

My dear Friends Mr & Mrs Targy

Perhaps you are not aware  
that I have been here 14 years  
& 3 months. I came here in  
Dr. Whittakers time a perfect  
gentleman. I have been a  
very considerable traveller.  
I took my two Friends the  
Miss Marshes to America  
We landed in New York  
in due time, I am very fond  
of the sea. I went with my  
Friends to Cincinnati, Philadelp<sup>hia</sup>  
we had a carriage & a pair



over all the City. It is indeed a  
beautiful city. I went also  
with my Friends to Washington  
and I was ask to speak & then  
I addressed a crowded  
audience for two hours,  
I took my dear Miss Marshes  
also to Montreal & Quebec  
and in course of time I came  
back to Liverpool and  
then unfortunately to  
this place. I may say I have  
not a son & Daughter in  
the World. I have also visited  
most of the Countries of Europe  
Europe. Denmark Copenhagen  
the Sea of Marmora & bound



up with Ice. On our way to America  
we met Icebergs. I may say that  
my life at Cambridge Trinity  
College was useful & fruitful  
I am B. Sc in Medicine ARA  
in Art. My Happiest Holiday  
to my friends at Florence  
Tito Titano, a Florentine Roman  
we aged further. We used  
to read the scriptures after  
tea, I knelt down to pray  
to our united ~~Redeemer~~  
Redeemer. I may say I have  
given up my whole life  
and soul to God, and hope  
in a day or two to come home  
to live in B'ham. I may  
say that I was member for York



for York. I spoke 8 1/2 hours on  
the Shipping Bill. I hope  
I may not have to be a  
member of parliament.  
I may say I was born at  
Brecknockshire, and became  
a painter of great eminence  
and a sculptor, I may say  
that I have been to Moscow  
Perth and saw a statue of the  
Marble of Athens. Sculptured my  
young Lady Naked. I got  
cigars. Ladies came to  
see her. I covered her with  
a white sheet but they would  
see her. So I took the sheet  
off her down to her waste

Oh Mr Willmott what a lovely figure she was

Oh I think the best described was 4 or 5 ft high



Mr Richard Tangye  
Silverstone  
Coventry Road  
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Friends Retreat York  
Nov. 1885

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My dear Friend R. Cadbury

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My life here has been full of ~~the~~ hope  
& trust in Christ my redeemer.

Sincerely hope I may speak of his  
name when I come to Bham. I may

at once tell you that I have not  
a son <sup>or</sup> daughter in the whole world.

I have a wife whom I married at  
Peckham meeting. she has living at  
the present time 3 husbands. &  
straddling with whom she is living at  
152 Walworth R. London E.C.

My life at Trinity College was varied  
and active. I am a man of the  
finest science and application  
I have operated on Mr Armstrong



Mr Hornblower Miss Neave and  
Bottomley Firth is watching my  
Case in the Old Bailey, ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~  
of Mr Armstrong. In cases of operation  
I always have to take the patient before  
a magistrate at Cambridge as a  
Friend I did not swear, but I took in  
every case an affirmation 'that I bring  
this lady Mattie Stradling, and ~~possible~~  
if you ask whether in my operation  
of her I have injured her, she will  
answer in the Negative. The Magistrate  
(by the by he was the brother of the Bishop  
of Peterborough. I went there to see him  
some years ago. I have also been all  
over Europe Denmark Copenhagen  
St Petersburg Moscow Florence  
Perthoma. I sat in the seat of Popes  
in the Vatican. I sketched myself  
and the Coliseum, and that



will be called Rambles in and about  
Perloma. The other Florence I  
sketch Hypatia before the altem.  
Hudsons & Smith Elders & Smith  
Sons are my publisher. I should  
recommend you to go to the Hudsons  
and see my Supreme books & other  
books of mine under the present  
invented at Article for the use  
of men wanted such (think I met  
it at Trinity College Cambridge).

I patented this thing at St. Canons  
just opposite St. Pauls Cathedral  
I wrote a book of about 800 pages  
of the History of St. Pauls Cathedral  
The Hudsons & others are printing  
You know ~~Wren~~ Wren was  
the architect and the Pallisers  
were the builders. Also at  
Cambridge Sculptured 4 of my Friend  
Bottomley Fifth - 4 of J. S. Fay



W. I hope to have a shake of your hand. Remember me to your Brother  
George

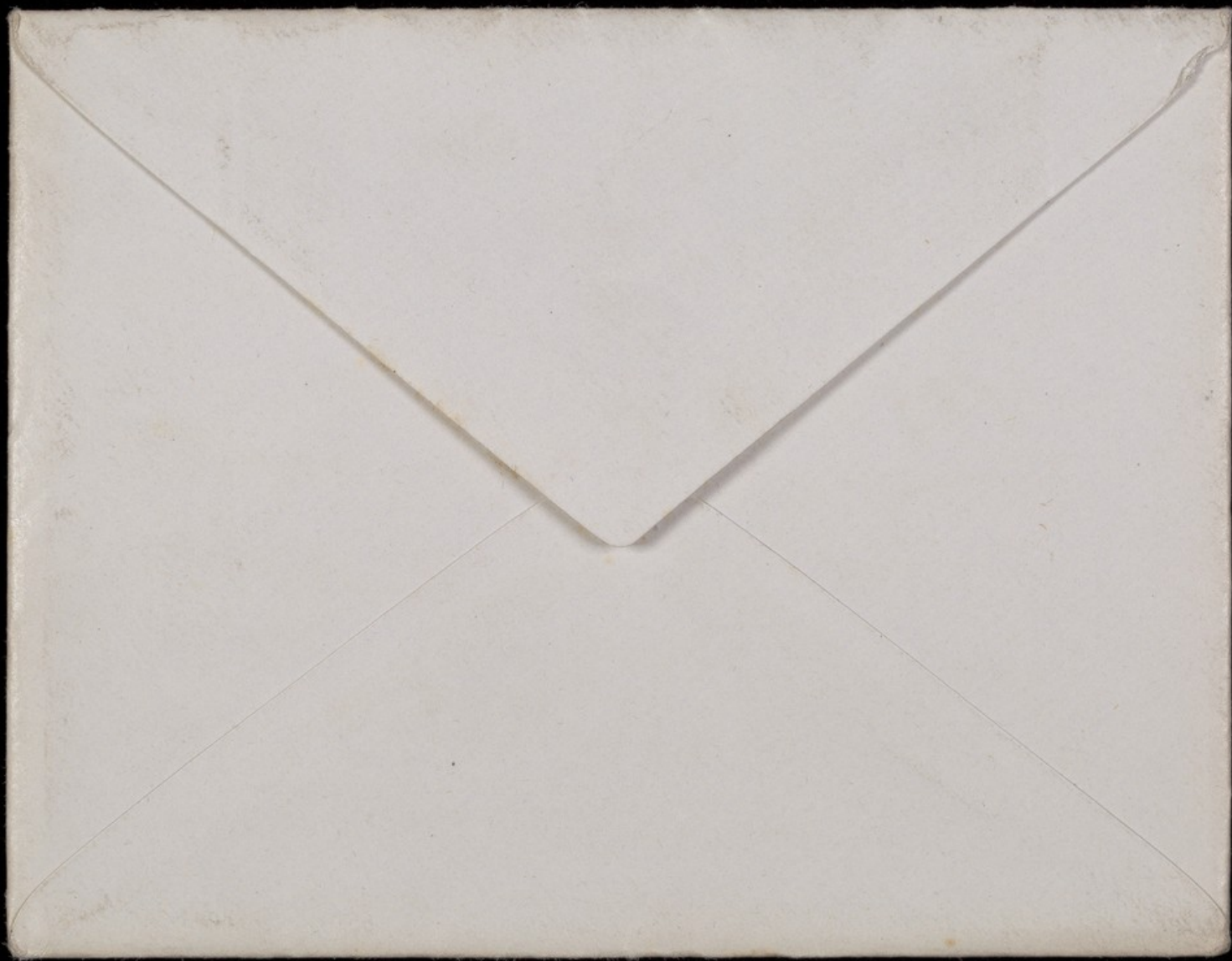
4 of St Bright 4 of Chamberlain  
4 of St Chas Duke Barb MP for  
~~Chichester~~ Chelsea. I also sculptured  
2 of Christ one with the Thorns on  
his brow the other as a gentleman.  
Suffice it to say that I was vain  
Enough to sculptor 14 of myself  
4 of the Queen <sup>in 1837</sup> as she ascended  
the throne with Chairs of Malakite  
& 8 of the Prince of Wales.  
I was born 5ms 30. 1838 & I have been  
here in St Whittens time. I came here in  
1871, so have been here a larger  
number of years than 2 other  
men. I took my dear friend  
the Miss Harris to America  
Philadelphia Quebec Montreal  
Washington & spoke nearly 2  
Hours at the Seat of Government  
which was of course crowded. In  
haste I am yours very Truly  
Charles Cabot Willmott



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Mr Richard Cadbury  
Moseley Hall  
Near B'ham

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

Sep<sup>r</sup> 27. 1883

Friends Retreat Yorks  
— " —

Dear Lord & Lady Aylesford  
or Dear Brother & Sister  
— " —

After a period of to me  
a painful season of 14 years  
and 3 months I hope I may  
depart <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ a day or two. I suppose  
you know I have been a  
great traveller. I have been  
over the greater part of  
the Continent of Europe.

I may <sup>say</sup> nearly of all of the  
Countries. Copenhagen Florence  
Dublin Belfast Tipperary.

I met Mary Davis in Belfast



I met Dr Blake in China. The Emperor of Peking was deaf & dumb. I held a short-conversation with him by signs.

You know a good deal of course of History. You know Charles Prince of Wales & the Duke of Buckingham ~~who~~ went to Paris together to try to win the Panta - or the Princess of Spain. Charles failed to gain her, and you know he was executed at Whitehall and on the ~~the~~ Block surrounded by the Cromwellians he said "I am not guilty of my Peoples blood". He married Maria de Orleans of France in the time of the



~~Times~~ Prince of Bulgaria who  
 was coming to England to  
 Court the Princess Beatrice.  
 He spoke not. I did not see him  
 make water at all he had really  
 nothing. I had under my  
 pillow in my pocket book  
 1; 2.50 £ in notes and gold.  
 I went on to Madrid in a  
 Coach & Four. I stopped  
 one Night in Ouduris, and  
 I met Sophia Derondor who  
 became my brother Harry's  
 wife. I went on by the next  
 Coach to Madrid. A splendid  
 City. The Ladies of Spain  
 are the most ~~best~~ beautiful  
 of any in the World. I had



Conversation with the Emperor.  
who was a splendid looking  
young man. He was not married  
I was introduced the Prime  
Minister, and the English Am<sup>br</sup>.  
I stopped two or 3 nights at  
Quart's Br<sup>ad</sup> Hotel. A splendid  
hotel. I have also been to  
Falmouth Inverness and  
Edinburgh. and a great  
many other places of interest.  
I took my friend C. Kibble of  
New Hall Sutton Coldfield  
were you lived. As a Londoner  
he was delighted with a Mounted  
Grange. I must draw my  
letter to a Conclusion, <sup>and</sup> I  
am yours very aff<sup>ly</sup>  
Charles Levee Willmott



Luis. We had a lecture by the way on Volcanoes in France which was all bunkum. The Magic Lantern slides were by the Frith (a friend). I have been all over Paris Lyons Marseilles and there are no volcanoes ~~canoes~~ canoes. The only one I know of is Vesuvius.

Charles Prince of Wales son of George 1 of England & Buckingham went from Paris on a Couch of 4 to Madrid. I did the same, I also ~~start~~ started from Paris. I slept all night at an English Hotel on the Boulevard, and who I slept with me, <sup>but</sup> The



P.S.

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I may say that Fulmouth is a  
City of Quakers. I went over a  
marvellous shop of Curiosities  
Kept by G Burton. I hoped to  
go ~~on~~ again. I went also  
to down the Caledonian Canal  
and we stopped at Fort William  
And had a good look at  
Ben Nevis. I have also been  
to America and called upon  
an agent of matters in Rhode  
Island. I went also to the towns  
of Cincinnati & Philadelphia  
of course to New York;  
You know of course I am  
a rich man.

Good bye. I hope with  
your leave to Bring Mr to me  
Jeffries to New Hall. Please  
write & invite

The R<sup>t</sup> H. Lord Chylesford  
New Hall  
Sutton Coldfield  
Near Bham



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Friends Retreat York

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My dear Sister Mary  
+  
Your Husband Lord Aylesford  
After a period of idleness  
and a painful senses of  
by my wife + mother who put me <sup>very</sup> ~~to~~ wrong done me, Remember  
with feelings of love our brother  
~~to~~ William who died early in  
life. I believed dear Mary you  
were then in Croydon. I have  
as you are aware been a  
great traveller on Sea &  
land. Falmouth, Madrid  
Plymouth Hampton Court  
Harwich Ipswich & other



Douglas Island man. I have been  
several times, and went  
drives all over the island.  
I have been to Ireland. Dublin  
Belfast and met Mary  
Davis and had a <sup>talk</sup> view to  
her governor. I have also  
visited Tipperary. I have also  
been to Paris - visited the  
~~the~~ the seat of government  
I went also through the <sup>high</sup> Kyper  
Pass, and almost all over  
Europe. Suffice it to say that  
when at Cambridge College  
'Trinity'. I became a painter  
I dare say you have seen a



few of them at Packington Hall  
The Queen of England has some  
of them.

I came here to get rid  
of my bad wife, and my bad  
Matty. Dr. Blake told my  
wife & Matt that there was  
nothing the matter with me.  
Thank God I ~~never~~ hardly  
ever touch<sup>d</sup> my wife & I never  
touched Matt. I would I had  
touched her for worlds.

I whispered <sup>to Dr. Blake</sup> that they wanted  
other men to touch<sup>them</sup>, and  
I came as a lamb to the  
slaughter. I hope my time  
is almost over. It seems to me

a time of great weariness especially on Sundays I ask  
Continually to be allowed  
to go to Friends meetings  
at York but I have not been  
allowed to go. I have had  
a period of 14 years over  
and I hope I may soon  
go back to Bham.

Remember <sup>me</sup> kindly  
to all friends  
I am as always  
your loving Brother  
Charles Carr  
Willmott

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Lady Chylesford  
New Hall  
Sutton Coldfield







11<sup>th</sup> mo Wednesday

Friends Retreat York  
— " —

My dear Brother Henry.

You I believe were born at Stay  
so was I in 5<sup>th</sup> mo 30 ~~1838~~ 1838. I came  
here in July 30 - 1871 in Dr Whittakers  
time. I came here to get rid of a bad  
wife & a worse matter. You know  
I believe that I have been to Cambridge  
College (Trinity) was mine. I am the  
author of Hymns & a tale call Monona  
You brother have been to America  
I regret which Part. I took my two friends  
to the Mrs Marsh's. to America.  
I took them both to Washington  
Phillidilfia Wisconsin Montreal  
Quebec. I spoke some time at Wash<sup>g</sup>  
and in Wisconsin, and in New York  
friends meetings. I have also been



a painter of eminence. ~~of~~  
The Queen of England has a  
lot of mine. I repainted Charles  
I at Whitehall, the ancient one  
was painted by Raphael. When  
Charles I was on the block to be  
executed by the Cromwellians  
"He said I am not guilty of my  
Peoples blood." Raphael omitted  
that but I remembered it.

Charles I as you ~~pretty~~ probably know  
was the son of James I of England &  
Scotchman. When Prince of Wales  
he & his friend Buckham ~~also~~ went  
to Paris <sup>+</sup> from there to Madrid  
on a coach & Four. I slept in  
Paris myself at an English Hotel  
on the Boulevard. I have also  
been to Copenhagen, I bought one  
my own Paintings of the Emperor



at Berlin  
of Germany. I gave him a cheque on  
Burdett Coutts of London for £10.000.  
I have also been to Florence Athens  
Moscow & Petersburg. The pleasantest  
holiday I had I think was my visit  
to Florence I made friends with  
a family there ~~with~~ which I will  
simply style a. Romola & the old  
father (R) father Tito Titano her  
husband & Diana her friend  
a ~~lady~~ lady. I spent 21 days in  
Florence. I went to tea (they were  
English), but Tito Titano was a Florentine  
as was also Diana. We read the  
23 Psalm & the old Gentleman  
read the 42 ~~Why do the people~~  
do the hart pant after the Water  
Bapt; we then knelt down & <sup>Brooks</sup> prayed  
both of us. To conclude I hope I may  
go hence please say whether you  
could come to take me from hence



I am your very lovingly

Charles Cave Willmott

P.S. I may say here that I have  
not a son & daughter in  
the whole world

I may say also I have been  
to Dublin Belfast Tipperary

Tralio. I have also <sup>say</sup> let's Charles  
& Buckingham I have also been  
on the Couch & Four to Madrid

(I also ~~met~~ met Dr Blake of

B'ham who was also my tutor  
in Cambridge Trinity College in  
Medicine.) I met this same

man Dr Blake in Shanghai

& Peking China. I believe Peking  
is about 15 millions in pop

Farewell

I know also that you have <sup>to be</sup> here C.C.W.

JW Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Heath  
Bham

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.



1 Friends Retreat - York  
Dec 25 1888

Dear Henry.

First of all I am here  
in Dr Whittakers time July 30  
1871. Another thing I am  
about to tell you I have  
never had a line from any of  
you, and not one of my  
Kin shall ever enter  
Packington Hall. I have as  
Mary Knows written for a letter  
and a daily Post neither  
have come. I am sorry to my  
heart that I have no brother  
no sister & mother they  
all hate me. I shall also turn  
~~I shall enter the streets of Bham~~



and she will have to keep another  
Brothel, she's kept altogether  
about 6 in her time. You actually  
sent her money to Wakefield  
to bring her to Bham. You also  
& Mary gave my gold watch & kept  
the present of the Pease to a  
man who slept with Matt at  
the 3 Tons York. first of all he slept  
with Mrs. Williams. He lost his  
cock & balls at the 3 Tons York.  
I know of Matt & George Dixon  
Bham. To quit this awfull and  
shocking recital.

Now for another matter if  
you believe me and you never did  
I took train from my house the one  
(you now inhabit) and you'll have  
to stay there till you die.  
for a holiday to the Continent



I then stopped at the Cannon St  
Hotel. I went to Devonshire House  
Meeting and spoke for an hour & 1/2  
and knelt down and prayed. I then  
on Monday took the train from  
London Bridge by the Tidal train  
to go Dover & then to Calais.

& then to Paris. I stopped at the  
Hotel Deville in the Boulevard  
by the bye, I sleep at the Hotel Deville  
and then on a coach & 4 to  
Madrid, we had a carriage span  
and went to a nice country place  
outside Madrid also to Armadon.  
We stop at the Hotel De Bolaguer.  
(This is by way of parenthesis)  
I took train from Paris to Copen-  
hagen. I went to the service in the  
Cathedral. I took ship from the



Port to the sea of Monrovia, we were  
Blocked up in Ice. I was well & glad  
I picked up the porcupines we kept very  
tame. I saw 1 here & 1 White  
Polar Bear. I stopped at an hotel  
in Finland for a night & then on to  
St. Petersburg. I stopped at the  
Petit Tat. A splendid Hotel. Of  
course I had some champagne with  
the Landlord & ~~apart~~ and smoked  
after ~~the~~ dinner and then I then  
of course to Bed. I had a boat  
on the Neva. I then went by  
train to Moscow. I stopped there  
at the Petit Colo, meaning in Russian  
a little House. There were 400  
Beds all full. They were the  
vilest cigars. I said gentlemen  
(they were travelling in the smoke  
room at the Petit Colo how many  
have you have been to Madrid)



2 They 6 Gentlemen Held up there hand  
they were English. After Tea we  
Went into the smoke Room & had  
a cigar or two I bought in Copenhagen  
Bye the Bye the cigars in Spain were  
grand Havanas. By a round about  
way I got from Mexico to ~~to~~  
~~Peterson~~ Florence. I saw Romola  
Tito Tinania Diana Tito Titania  
was Romola's husband Hope I stop  
in Florence 21 days. I say Hypatia  
before the altar in the Cathedral  
had up before the Authorities as  
as a philosopher. They spoke for  
and against her and when  
it came to my time to speak  
I spoke in English, I finish  
with Liberate Liberate  
Liberatum. They at once liberated  
Hypatia. I used to go to my friends



3 hours to tea we read the 23<sup>d</sup> Psalm  
+ the 42<sup>d</sup> "As the Hart Panteth after  
the water Brooks + a favorite  
with all of us. I may say here in  
passing it is only in tale she was  
callid Romola. Her real name  
was Richard + the old father  
was a grand type of the English-  
gentleman, after reading I knelt  
and ~~for~~ prayed + the Old father  
did. I got of course back to Bham  
in due time. When we get to our  
place at Packington Hall I do not  
think we can go to meeting so  
Henry or myself will read the  
Scriptures + kneel down + pray.

Now about my other very pleasant  
Holidays. I took my dear friends  
the Two Miss Marshes to America  
I of course paid all expenses.  
I took them by the White Star Line  
first Cabin. We arrived in New York



4 in about 8 days. It was a screw steamer  
I took them to Philadelphia I bought  
furs then we had a carriage & I  
went to see Henry's Strawberry  
Plantation. I bought them also  
rice fans. We had 3 baskets of  
strawberries. I took them also to  
Washington. I was asked to speak  
there I did of course. We three  
friends went to Wisconsin a  
beautiful place I spoke at Mt. V  
there. 'You know William that  
I have given by all to Christ')

I took them also to Montreal  
and Quebec. I believe ~~to have~~  
I have never been to York friends  
meeting meeting ones that  
was when I was elected member  
for York. I was head of the Poll  
I beat Sir F. Milner by 2852 votes



5 The Prime Minister Gladstone gave  
me the Preamble of the Shipping  
bill. I took it at Harcourt. and I mastered  
all of it. The message on the table as  
a sign of Parliament. There was  
never known a speech like mine  
Miss Alda Booth was there behind  
the Speaker's chair. Rose at 8.30  
Tuesday Evening. I was Speaker  
I spoke for 8 1/4 hours without  
a single note & without the  
least nervousness. My life at  
Cambridge. I got to the Cadogan Place Hotel  
about 3.30. I had a few cigars  
with Bright & others after my  
speech. My life at Cambridge  
Trinity College was unfull and  
varied. I am a painter of emmenes  
the Queen has hundreds of mine I am  
also a hymn writer. Memoir writer  
Throune writer & sculptor

I hope you will come and take me back to Bham  
I am in the low of Christ  
I am in the low of Christ  
I am in the low of Christ



Private.

Mr Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Road  
Small Heath  
Bham

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W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

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Friends Retreat York

12mo. 1885

Dear Brother Henry

I know you are coming to take  
me back to B'ham on Wednesday  
next. I suppose you have written  
to D. Hind, his College was Oxford  
M.A. Jan DD at Cambridge

Trinity College. I made operations  
on Ladies. Mathe Mr Armstrong  
Miss Mowrie a french lady, and  
on one whose whom had collapsed.  
Took out 4 dead babies 2 boys & two  
girls. I applied (I gave her chloroform)  
I did all & attended the eight cells  
in her whom, and I said to her  
husband never touch her again.

I took her to Mr Armstrong 1st & 2nd  
at Cambridge & told them what

and come soon and take me back to B'ham



I had done that I had given her C<sup>ov</sup>  
and I told them that I touched  
the ~~v~~artial vein in her forehead  
and she woke up. I said did you  
feel any pain she at once said  
will you kindly tell the Magistrate  
she did. I came to Mr Willmott  
as we heard he was a Spiritualist  
in those cases. My wife is at 162  
Wallworth Road London, has 2  
Mens. privates in her whom she  
cant live long, because decomposition  
has set in. I have a not a son  
or daughter in the World. I have  
as you know been a great  
traveller (America New York  
Philladelphia we went to see your  
Strawberry plantation, they gave  
3 New baskets. Took my 2 friends  
the Miss Marshes who are here  
I bought them a set of furriers



in Philadelphia, we had a nice  
carriage and a pair of horses and  
went all over the City. I spoke  
at ~~Washington~~ Washington the  
Capital for 3 hours. I spoke also  
at Friends Meeting Wisconsin  
I took them also to Montreal  
& Quebec. When I went my holidays  
from here I went to my studio  
in Fleet St London, and took  
my paints and repainted Charles  
I. Raphael was the painter a  
poor he forgot to the most important  
speech Charles I ever made  
"I am not guilty of my people's  
Blood" The old painting is put  
on one side. When I went to Cam-  
bridge I had a telegram from  
Lord Randolph Churchill  
to paint ~~the~~ for House of Lords.



10 for House of Commons. I also  
Sculptured 4 of the Queen  
as she Ascended the throne  
in 37 with a train of 6 feet  
such sculpturing was never  
seen before. The train was  
of separate I connected it with  
the dress with hook & eyes.  
I had a boat on the Neva  
My happiest holiday was  
Florence & Palermo. I say  
My pathos at the latter place  
I saw her also before the Altar  
at Florence. My friend Romola  
and ~~Isabella~~ Tito Titamand  
Florentine & Dianica a Lady from  
the Country. I stopped there 21 days  
we used to read the scripture &  
the old father knelt down & pray  
so did I. Yours very lovingly in  
Christ Charles Cave Wilbur

P.S. Give my dear's love Mother Mary & Ellen



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Mr Henry Willmott <sup>Rd</sup>  
Golden Hillock  
Small Heath  
— B'ham —





W. SESSIONS STATIONER, YORK



Friends Retreat  
York

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 4 1886

My dear Brother Henry  
all my dear Relations

— 11 —  
There is <sup>no</sup> morning in Madrid.  
So Madrid is out of the  
question. But at the latter  
end of April we will get  
to the Tower & go over the  
Jewell House. I mean all  
of you, and a favorite servant.  
We will then get to Paris  
& stop at the Hotel de Ville  
and after a week or two

book for Vienna, It will  
be through a great & varied  
Country, we shall of course  
go ~~down~~ through the Kyber  
pass through the M<sup>c</sup>Genis  
Tunnel 10 miles long, we shall  
also stop at Rome to take  
up passengers, and then  
to Vienna the Capital of  
Austria, and from there  
to Moscow. We will stop  
at Vienna a few  
or two, and then on to  
Moscow. We shall stop  
of course at the Petit  
Col. Stop there a week or



so. Henry & me will go of course  
in the Smoke room at the  
Petit Clo. As I told you before  
it contains 400 beds.

I me to take Henry my dear  
brother who is coming here  
tomorrow. I shall take Henry  
Mary her favorite servant  
& Ellen & Mother. You know  
I am very rich, so you pre-  
tend I could <sup>it</sup> afford it.  
We then go by train to  
St Petersburg & stop at  
the Petit Tau, and come  
back by way of Berlin &  
pass through the Burlington



ton Bridge in a carriage  
Hain. We shall then  
get to Copenhagen the  
Capital of Denmark  
and take our time there  
spending about <sup>4 or 5</sup> months  
on the Continent. At the  
End of Oct<sup>r</sup> Next Henry &  
self self will get to London  
to see the Lord Mayor  
day on Nov 9, and then  
back to Rackington Hall  
I am dear ones  
Yours very truly in Christ  
Charles Cave Willmott

you need not fly to the

P.S. Saml 11 above in West St



Private & Confidential

Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock B  
Small Heath  
Bham







9 mo 25. 1885

Friends Retreat York  
— " —

My dear Mother Ellen  
— " —

I do not know whether you  
go to meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> days  
but I hope in the Love of  
Christ that you do. I believe  
that Harry <sup>at Lloyds Bank</sup> sometimes speaks  
in meeting, and I hope to come  
from here to Bham very soon. Dr  
Baker has returned from his holidays  
and looks remarkably well.  
But I could not make him un-  
derstand that I wish to leave  
here at once, for I have been  
here over 14 years, and to me



it has been a tiresome and uneasy time  
I have not in the least lost the re-  
membrance of my dear father, I often  
remember poor Brother ~~William~~  
William who died if you remember  
early in life. I dare say you have  
seen my hymn Books, and my  
other book Monona, I believe they  
are all over the ~~Hot~~ World.  
I do not think that you are  
aware that I was a student  
at Trinity College Cambridge.  
I have a lively memory of my  
conversion to the Spirit, and  
if you remember I used to speak  
in Bull St Meeting. Sincerely  
hope my darling Mother & Ellen



that ~~has~~<sup>as</sup> you advanced in age you  
also advanced in love and alle-  
giance to Jesus Christ. I hope  
when ~~leaving~~ I leave here I may  
speak for Christ in B'ham as  
of yore. You know I have been  
a great traveller I have not  
only ~~been~~ been a seafarer  
but I have travelled farther  
afield. I well remember taking  
a trip to America, to see an  
aunt of mine. I am as you know  
a good sea ~~sailor~~ sailor, and  
never was sick on sea in my  
life. I have on more than <sup>one</sup> ~~one~~  
been on the Mary Hough. I think  
it is now being rebuilt.



I may mention that I have been  
to Falmouth Plymouth Isle of  
Wight Spain Madrid. I have  
men D Blake of Bham in most  
Countries. I am now as you  
know 47 years old a little over.  
I feel strong & well. I wrote  
yesterday to W Wade Willmott  
& his wife & family at Darlington.

I am going to write to Mary  
Lady Aylesford at New Hall  
Sutton Coldfield. I well remember  
years ago taking friend Charles  
& Kibble of London over New Hall.

I am affectionately  
~~too~~ yours very lovingly  
Charles Cave Willmott

Mr Willmott  
Park View Coventry  
Rd  
Small Heath B'ham









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— " —

Friends Retreat

York

My dear Brother Sister Mary

— " —

I feel a greater love for  
both of you than you  
may think. My life at  
Cambridge Trinity Hall was  
useful & active. I graduated  
and came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. I stop &  
~~another~~  
~~one~~ term and graduated  
and came in first. Now  
I shall give you both  
5 Thousands extra. And hope  
to buy Packington Hall  
cheap. There is 10 of my



2 Paintings I have, and 10 at  
Aylesford House. I hope my dear  
Brother you help me to get  
them. Now my work at  
Cambridge Trinity Hall  
I painted a naked woman  
first 4 times. I want the  
Queen to 2. I shall have two  
myself. Of course I put  
~~garage~~ linen round her loins  
to hide her private <sup>parts</sup>. Of course  
she was a myth. I also painted  
10 for Dr Baker + 10 for Dr  
Hind. I also repainted Charles  
1 at Whitehall. Raphael  
painted him with a  
naked head. I painted with  
a hat (velvet) as though he had



I been out for a walk.

In ~~these~~ those days King  
seldom left London. My  
dear father is dead &  
William my ~~fr~~ brother is dead  
also. Now to Proceed to  
relate about my painting  
at Cambridge Trinity Hall  
I painted Christ The Duke  
of Wellington "who fought  
Against Bonapart at Waterloo  
you remember perhaps the  
memorable saying <sup>up</sup> "guard  
and ~~see~~ at them"

I have not much more  
to say, but this I have  
I shall buy Pakington Hall



4  
and it will be a nice place  
for us to live. Now to tell  
you about myself.

I wrote 2 vols of Monarchs 2 vols  
of my tale on Florence &  
two vols of my tale of Pericles  
"Love Athens" sixty verses  
~~also~~ after we have been  
a holiday, which I will  
speak to you about when  
I come home from here. I know  
my wife & Matt long that  
I might get back to my house  
~~Lydian~~ Golden Hill Rd

I am yours in love  
& Truly Truly & Truly  
your Aff. & Brother  
Charles Willmott



Private

Mr H. Willmott  
Golden Hellock Rd  
— B'ham —

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1 Friends Retreat  
York June 28  
1886

My dear

Brother Henry

I came here July 30 1871

Before that time I bought  
Packington Hall of  
Lord Aylesford. I gave  
him 50 Thousands for it

Thrus Deer & Staggs in  
my Park and 10 of my  
Paintings. Thrus also 10  
of my Paintings at  
the House of Aylesford  
House near Bedford



2 I hope some day to get  
them to Packington Hall.

Now dear ones I may  
begin to. That my time  
at Cambridge Twenty Hall  
~~was~~ active & useful.

I simply then painted 10  
for Dr Baker 10 for the  
Friends Retreat 10 for  
Dr Hind. I painted Christ  
I also painted Duke of  
Wellington who died at  
Walmer Castle ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> Dover.  
I also painted the



~~2~~ 3 The Queen. I also painted  
20 for the House of Lords  
14 feet High. But my  
principal studies was  
Fleet Street London  
~~At~~ I filled the Academy  
Trafalgar <sup>Place</sup> ~~square~~  
square ~~to~~ with my  
paintings for 2  
successive years.

The Emperor of Germany  
has 20 of ~~his~~ paintings  
at Berlin. I had a carriage  
and pair over the  
Burlington Bridge



4 The Queen of England has  
60 of my Paintings 40  
at St. Georges Hall Windsor  
+ 20 at Buckingham  
Palace. So she has

60 of my Paintings all to  
Now about my books. ~~I~~<sup>She</sup>  
~~I wrote~~ I wrote 2 vols of  
monastic vol. of my tale  
on Florence, 2 vols of  
my tale of Perlorio.

Lovely athen bright  
and Fair 60 verses  
I also wrote a book  
of St Pauls &  
Cathedral. Weren



5 was the ~~Builder~~ Architect  
and the Pallases for  
the Builders. I may say  
there are now 30 of my  
paintings at the Academy  
at the present time  
That of St Pauls house  
never written mortal  
before 800 ~~pages~~ pages  
of Manuscript. I never  
bigged a sheet. When  
get to Packington I shall  
perhaps two book with  
my poetry & Hymns  
Now my dears one I hope  
# (I may the date of



to of St Pauls Cathedral  
was 1662

I hope sincerely Henry  
and Mary will  
come to bring me  
back to ~~the~~ Golden Hill  
Road "Ingliside." I only own  
10 £. for it.

I may go to ~~the~~  
Golden Hill Road  
in a few  
days

I am yours ~~with~~  
affectionately



to

Charles Cave

Willmott

P.S. Hooks of Cave about  
H Cave of Enfield

I advertised in the Bham  
Post. You I employed  
a lawyer about

I Rowland

Farewell



Charles Lane

Wilmington

W. Hoot of Lane school

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Friends Retreat

York

June 3. 1886

Dear Henry & Mary

I hope to take you  
to the Ill & Man.

and stop in mine  
lodgings, and then  
to Frankfort. a

City of China. I have  
been to China.

with dear love to

all I have also been  
to Madrid Lisbon



2 twice to Russia  
Antennae Dublin  
& ~~at~~ Maunby. I shall  
also make my will  
and all to my dear  
Friends & Mother  
and all. I have been  
to Ireland two

I am Dear yours  
very dearly

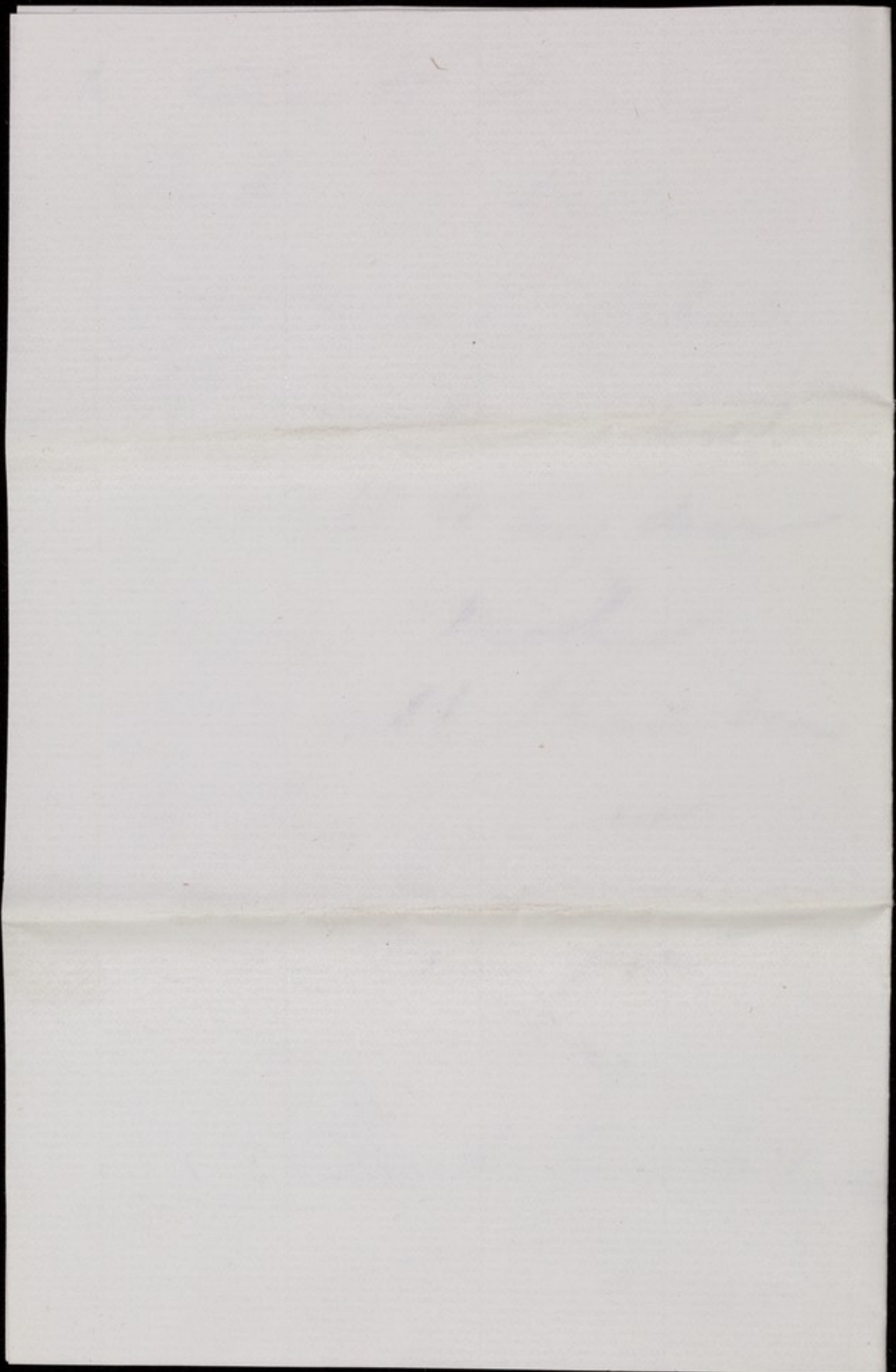
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~~Dear~~ <sup>Mr</sup> Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock  
Boord Smell  
Bham

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Friends Retreat York  
Jan 27 1886

My dear Brother Henry.

I came here in Whittakers  
time & D<sup>r</sup> Baker. They both  
slept with my wife & old Bert  
<sup>the father</sup> slept with mother in  
the 3 Tons Hotel York. Took  
his Cock & Ball from mother  
Belley Old Bert straddling & another  
skeliton cock or ball as hard as  
stones. Packington Hall is lovely  
Deer Male & Female My life at  
Cambridge Trinity College was  
active and useful I painted  
the Queen of ~~England~~ England  
and she has no deer, or even  
Cows I mean to buy horses about

I painted also 25 splendid  
Paintings for Osborne House  
I painted 20 for for the  
House of Lords & 20 for  
the House of Commons  
The Queen by me is 8 feet  
Ht & high. You know in  
Scripture Paul appealed  
to Caesar. In it ment  
that Paul wrote to the  
King of Rome. I have myself  
sat in the Chair of the Pope  
at the Vatican. I sketched  
the Coliseum. I hope you  
will at once come to to my home  
to Bham. I may say here I painted  
10 for S. Baker  
10 for S. King retreat  
10 for the Friends. ~~retreat~~



Look here Henry Bob Price  
is ~~the~~ Treasurer of the Friends  
Meeting Bull St. I shall give  
him (not Fred Andrews we  
were not there in his day)  
I shall give Price 10 Thousand  
Lbs I gave W. Sherrin  
10 when I was Elected Member  
for York in 64. ~~At~~  
Gladstone was returned  
to Parliament by a majority  
of 130. He gave me the  
Preamble of the shipping <sup>looked</sup>  
Bill. I just glanced over  
Hansard 1851 The man was  
on the table. I was as cool  
as a cucumber I was at 1/2 past  
6 o'clock. I spoke first for

Cease on nine hours

19 hours without a single  
note. The best speech ever  
delivered in Parliament  
since Par<sup>t</sup> began. I have  
12 of my own paintings at  
Packington Hall. I bought  
two at Berlin of the King  
of Germany. I gave him  
10 Thousands for 2 of them

I hope dear Henry you  
will find it convenient to  
come and take me to Bham  
as early as possible, for  
you and Mary put me here  
14 years & 8 months ago

I am yours very truly  
in Christ

Charles Cave Willmott

As I hope I may will write to me to day or tomorrow



Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Heath  
Bham

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Friends Retreat York  
1/1mo 1886

My dear Brother Henry.

I am at Cambridge Trinity College was varied and useful.

I am the author of Hymns and take call's Monna 2 vol and took of France Book 100

Perthshire. At Cambridge Trinity became the painter of the other to the Duke of Marlborough

Commission me to paint the House of Lords & House of Commons.

Painted 20 for each House 6 Feet high. I also sculptor one of G Dawson, one of G Baker Esq.

"I am not ~~at~~ guilty of my People's Blood"

My dear brother whom I have known since I was a boy how do you get on at Cambridge? I have been very busy with my work and have not had time to write to you. I am very glad to hear of your success in your studies and in your painting. I hope you will continue to improve and become a great artist. I am your affectionate brother, Henry.

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DD Balaio College Cambridge.  
I may say in passing. I possess  
implements of ~~retro~~ unusual  
fitness. A Muck Rake of Silver  
1 and 20 inches long the all through  
@ When at the Tower of London I paid  
my uncle Hughes a visit, I said  
I should like to the room were  
Lady Jane Grey was sleeping, after  
she arose from sleep she dressed  
and washed, and look out the  
window on to Tower Hill. She  
looked and smiled for it was  
about 10 in the morning of a  
certain year nameless, but it was  
in <sup>the year of</sup> Henry the VIII. Lady Jane Grey  
was engaged to Lord Darnley  
& Henry said if you marry Lady Jane  
I'll have your Head, I defy you



I'll fight you in ring. He was the  
best Fitter in the Ring at Greenwich.  
Henry was a ~~cow~~ at brought to  
his senses. Darnley marry her  
I will endow her with a  
fortune. She saw him on  
Tower Hill, and he came  
her father was then Governor  
of the Tower, a Lucrative  
appointment. He married  
her I believe at Buck<sup>ing</sup>ham  
Palace. Darnley was the son  
of Lord & Lady Darnley. The  
Elders. By the way there is  
a moat all round the  
Tower. When I take Henry to  
the Tower & Mary & Ellen & <sup>mother</sup> ~~the~~  
I will ~~st~~ show them the  
Mint. My life at Cambridge



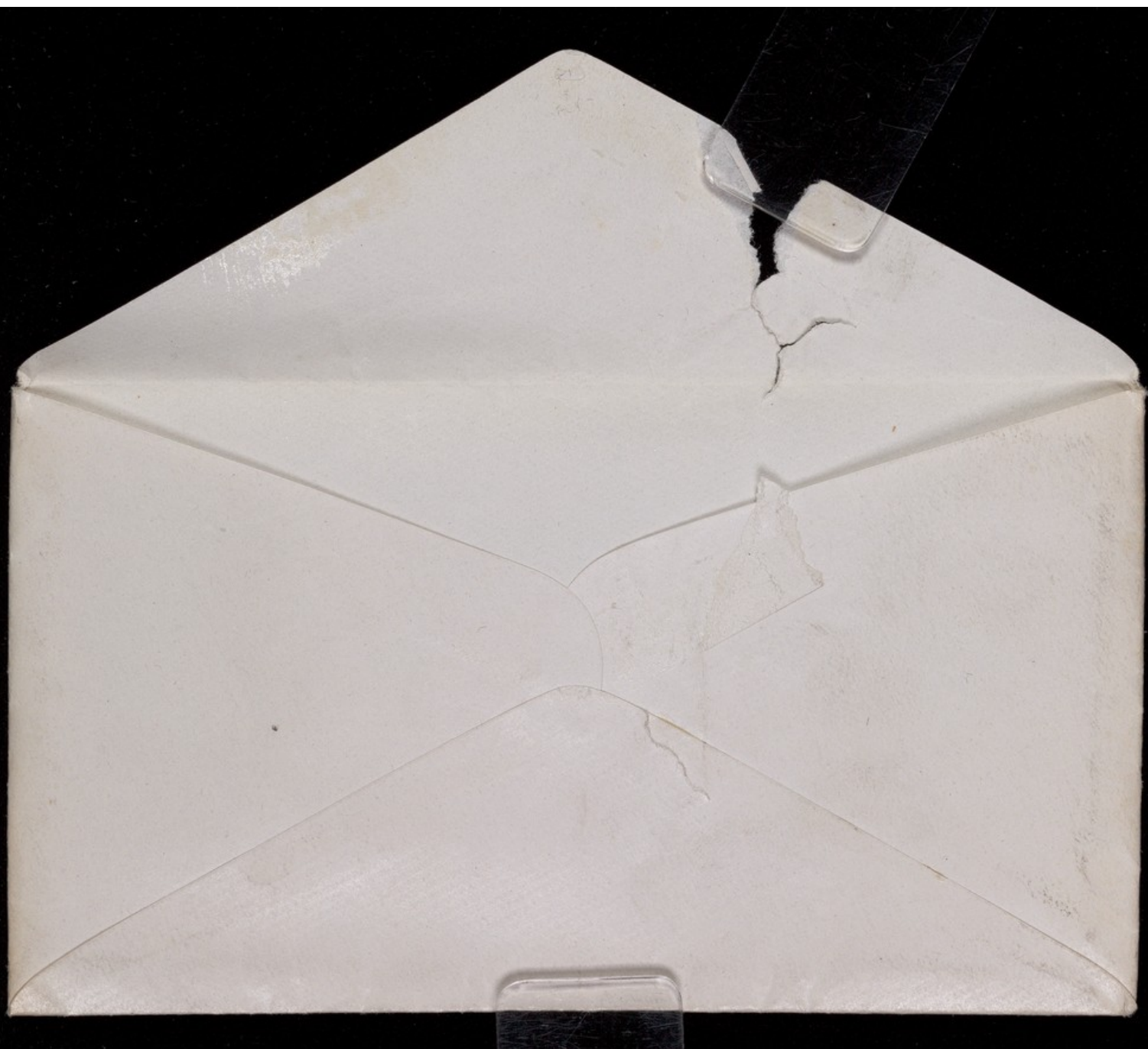
was active & useful. I sculptured  
~~out~~ Duke of Wellington 1 Dr. Johnson  
not sitting down in Lechfield he  
sit down. He was the friend of  
Cecil Addison & Shakespear.  
I also sculptured 6 of Prince of  
Wales, & 6 of myself & 4 of her  
majesty the Queen as she  
ascended the Throne in 37  
I also sculptured 2 of Christ  
one with the Crown of Thorns  
on his brow, the other as a  
Gentleman. Sculptorings such  
as mine <sup>have</sup> ~~and are~~ never ~~seen~~  
<sup>been</sup> ~~seen~~ ~~had been~~ in the World  
before, and will never be excelled  
by any man. I may say I repainted  
Charles 1 at Whitehall. I simply  
wrote at the Bottom his memorable  
Speech before the Cromwellians  
cut his head off

Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Heath  
— Bham —

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Friends Retreat York  
July 7

My Darling Sister Mary

you know I believe that  
I came July 30 1871. I am very  
Happy to say I am only  
48 year old. The red  
Tie is very nice indeed  
and the yellow silk  
ankership is quite nice  
and look well in my coat.  
Brown is making me some  
new things to ~~con~~ cover  
my nakedness.



2 No to tell you my last  
from here (The Friends Retreat)  
I spoke at Devonshire House  
for Christ, and straight  
by ~~Land~~ Train through  
Finland to St Petersburg  
I stop at the Petit Saed Hotel  
I had a boat on the Neva.

I then went straight  
to Moscow and stop<sup>d</sup>  
at the Petit Celo Hotel

I may tell this (that God  
made <sup>for</sup> made  
~~has~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~was~~ ~~made~~ ~~for~~  
I gave and for the service  
the service of man)  
of man



Well I had so cigar at  
the Petit Cdo Moscow

I said in English, Gentlemen  
How many of you have  
been to Madrid. about 6 held  
up their hands (because they  
were travellers in Tea Shop &  
trades). When I went to  
Madrid I stop<sup>d</sup> at Hotel  
del Boulogne in what  
may be terms High Broom  
(or New St Perhaps)

Well to proceed I went to  
Amada (remember I am speaking  
of Madrid, that the summer  
residence of the King & Queen



4 of Spain. I should like  
to take you then my darling  
and over the Cloisters I mean  
(in Madrid) Recard the First  
never he was Ancient & Dead  
~~the~~ then the <sup>the dead</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>ones</sup> ~~the~~  
then the Alphonsos the  
dead ones. Now about another  
place I want to belong at & I  
stop <sup>at</sup> Kandy & I approached the

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Now dear Sister your name  
now is different to mine  
You have of course 4 Sons  
& 4 Daughters, by your  
You know <sup>husbands</sup> of course that



5 That I took the two Miss Marshes  
by the White Star to New York  
I went to see a lady Mr. Mathers  
Matty trading me that Mr  
Mathers of ~~Road Island~~  
New York  
near ~~road~~ the Sea.

William Penn made a  
Treaty with Indians and they  
gave him land, which of course  
he paid for. He call the city  
"At he built Philadelphia"  
"in English ~~Brotherly love~~"  
Well that was I believe the  
only treaty never Broken  
There had of course been a lot  
~~The have no end of~~

Treaties made by one nation



5<sup>th</sup> or the other. I bought the  
Miss Marshes Furs & Furs  
in Philadelphia.

I took them to Montreal  
& Quebec. Canada of course

I hope my dear  
Brother Henry may get  
some money from Lloyds  
my bankers, and bring  
me back to Longside Golden  
Hillocks.

I may say here that  
the Duke <sup>of Edinburgh</sup> has a lovely wife

Now I may tell you  
I went down the Bay of



6 to Liston of Biscay to.

I may this I have been to  
China with Blake the  
Chemist of Bennett Hill  
and would not let <sup>us</sup> approach  
too near the Emperor of  
China at Peking. They  
did ~~and~~ admit us to his  
presence. We simply bowed  
almost to the ground &  
left the presence of the  
~~the~~ Lord of China

I am with to all yours  
very Truly  
Charles Cave Willmott



7 I may see the Queen has  
60 of my paintings. ~~I have~~  
I hope to buy Packington  
cheap. I may say ~~the~~ here  
that life at Cambridge  
Trinity Hall. was varied  
and useful. I may also  
tell you I painted. 10 for  
Dr Baker 10 for Dr Hens  
& 10 for the Friends Retreat  
I also painted Christ  
The Duke of Wellington  
& the Queen of England  
and 20 for the House of  
Lords 14 feet high



I give my dear to  
my dear brother & tell  
tho is 10 of my own  
paintings at Packington  
& 10 at Aleyford  
House marked E C W.

So they are mine  
— " —

Farewell

I deer & Staggs in  
my Park

I shall if build a farm



and Exhibit some of them  
at the Cattle Show  
November  
~~at~~ in November.

Good bye all.

N.B.

When your sons  
are sixteen I shall  
take them to my College  
(Cambridge) Trinity Hall

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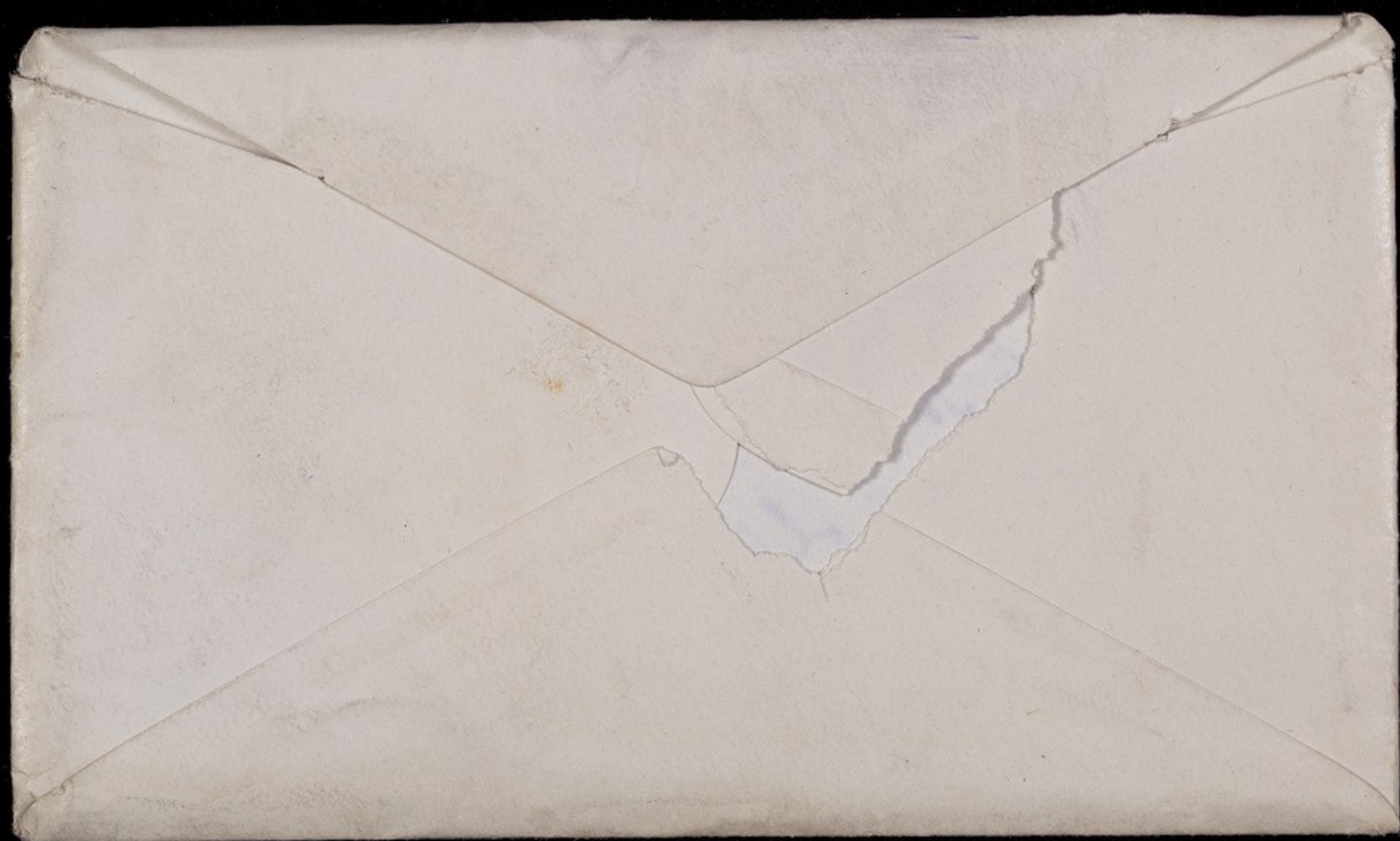
I then went to Liverpool  
N.B. I forgot to tell you I have  
been to Ireland I stop<sup>d</sup> at the  
Sabbot Dublin, met Mary Davis  
in High St Belfast & also  
met a gentleman & then also



Private

Mr. Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Small Heath  
B'ham —

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Friends Retreat

York 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 24  
1886

Dear Brother Henry.

I don't think you know  
anything about me. Perhaps  
you don't know where I am  
~~and~~ I came here 1871, and

Henry don't know anyth.

Well ~~at~~ at once I bought  
Packington Hall of Lord Aylesford  
for 50, Thousand £. There  
is 10 of my paintings & there  
are deer & stags in my  
Park. Look here my life at  
~~my~~ London Fleet my studio



I was there. I hung paintings  
there for two successive years  
at the Academy it was full  
of my paintings. I may say  
here that the Queen has  
60 <sup>of my paintings</sup> in St George's Hall Windsor  
and 20 in Buckingham Palace  
I may say here that I repainted  
Chairs 1 with a velvet cap with  
Black feathers. Now I may  
tell, that was my work at  
my studio at Fleet St  
London. Now for Cambridge  
Trinity my College. I painted  
10 for Dr Baker & 10 for  
Dr Hind & 10 for the



3 Friends Retreat. I also painted  
Christ, the Duke of Wellington  
who died at Walmer Castle  
I also painted the Queen  
and 10 for the House of  
Commons & 10 for the  
House of Lords 14 feet  
High. ~~My~~ Now about  
my book. I wrote a tale I  
called St Pauls Cathedral  
800 pages <sup>four books that will be</sup> of Manuscript.  
I did not beg a leaf.  
Now the next tale Monarchs  
2 vol of my tale on Florence  
2 vol of Perloma Lovely Athens



46 verses and. And my hymns  
are beautiful. I have nice  
Friends in Florence Tito  
Tetanus a Florentine who  
married my Friend Miss  
Richards. I went to tea there  
once only. I read the 23 Psalm  
and 42. The old father  
read also. I believe I went  
twice. I then read ~~and~~ chapter  
I knelt down and prayed.  
I wrote a very polite letter  
to Dr Baker to ~~ask~~ ask him  
to allow me to go a Holiday  
He appointed Simmerson  
to take me to York Station  
He gave him 10 Pounds



5 I promised Dr. Baker that  
I would come back to the  
retreat. I came here, you  
said you bugger get  
back to the Friends Retreat  
you might of said I go <sup>will</sup> to  
Friends Retreat and ask  
Dr. Baker whether take my  
Brother's box back to Bim.<sup>m</sup>  
You really now want to  
Burn my shirt. I have  
had a letter from and  
any of you. And now  
another thing. I ran a  
man of at Epcom called



6 Bessey after my <sup>old</sup> servants.

There were Thousands went  
to Tattenham Corner to look  
at my mare. I had not  
Lewis then. In 68 W Sessions  
(who now is dead). If you  
have <sup>it</sup> seen ~~his~~ please keep it.

My horse came in first she  
had good tits. I sold to my  
mare to  
Baron ~~Red~~ Rothschild. <sup>for</sup> 50£

~~Seven~~ I may say my man that  
rode my mare was Fordam  
I gave 5 Hundred £ and  
a check for 10 Thousand.  
Now for another theme.  
When I came in 1871



7 I was a Millionaire ~~then~~<sup>then</sup>  
I was elected M P for York  
and Lapok 9 hours on the  
Shipping bill without a  
single vote, I finished my  
with a peroration of  $3/4$  of  
an hour. I finished give  
Glory to God the supreme  
Head our Saviour  
& Redeemer

I took my dear wife &  
Matt to Aberdeen to  
Aberdeen and we stop?

1<sup>st</sup> Waverley Glasgow  
I joined Arthur sent  
My dear wife and Matt



O. I hope you will come and take me back  
 to Bham. You don't perhaps it is never  
 to me. I had been in my clothes  
 I went to Lloyd's Bank &  
 straight to London  
 spoke in Devonshire  
 straight to Paris  
 how to to St Petersburg  
 then a boat on the  
 then went on to  
 and here. No letter  
 my dear ones yours  
 very Truly in Christ  
 yours very lovingly  
 Charles E. Cave  
 Willmott

Private & Confidential

Mr Henry Willmott  
Golden Hillock Rd  
Bham

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Friends Retreat York  
Feb 10 1886

Dear Brother Henry.

Just to say I heard Mother  
say just before tea that  
she never wished to see  
me, she hoped to see  
me in my coffin. I should  
not be afraid to die but  
I have a long life before  
me. One of a very pleasant  
holiday I spent was in  
a big ship to Aberdeen  
<sup>with</sup> wife & Matt. We got to A<sup>r</sup>  
to an early breakfast

Ury was the home of the  
Barckleys. I finished  
my best sermon at Bull  
St "Angli' deep in Litton's  
blood." That's a singular  
Coincidence. When I went  
to Aberdeen with wife  
& Matt, we went to London  
with our friend Charlie  
from Lloyds Bank, it was  
very warm. He came on  
Deck and shook hands  
with me and wife & Mrs  
Matt. I used to give Matt  
60 £ a year as cook and  
Housekeeper. I used to take  
her rides with Bessy in our



trap I drove her to our old  
home Forgay Hall, there was  
a large garden & 3 Pasture  
fields. The Great Western  
line had not been finished  
then when we lived at Solihull  
or Lillill, there was a splendid  
Coppice or woods by the side  
of Forgay Hall. My dear  
father read the scriptures  
every first day. We used  
to ~~st~~ sit still from about  
11 to 12, and then we would  
go into the garden & fields  
in the summer time till  
dinner time. Dear father  
worked for Hop Kins the  
Baker & Confectioner at Solihull



I hope you will soon come  
to take me hence. You &  
Mad Mary put me here  
14 years & 6 months ago.  
The holiday of ours to Scotland  
was most enjoyed at all. We  
stop<sup>d</sup> at the Waverley  
Glasgow. In the morning  
we went through Perth to  
Edinburgh. I climbed Arthur's  
~~seat~~ seat. I could see a big  
distance. Cousin Jim Mc<sup>the</sup>  
travels for Fry in Edinburgh.  
Princes St. is Grand. I never  
saw even in America a finer  
street than Princes St.

I am dear Brother  
Henry yours very lovellingy in  
Christ  
Charles C. Williams



Private

If you ~~don't~~ reply to this I shall  
have to write to Dr Baker & Dr Hind  
to send me to Bham

W<sup>m</sup> Henry Willmott

Golden Stillock Rd

Swentland Small Heath  
your humble Bham

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1 Friends Retreat York

Dear Brother Henry

I hope you consent to bring  
me back from the Friends  
Retreat I came here July 30  
1871. I hope you bring back  
in a day or two to my  
place at B'ham

Now Henry I painted  
my studio was in  
Fleet St London

I fill the Academy  
with my paintings 1 year  
and 2 years & 3 years



2 Hundreds every year  
~~He~~ I actually joined the  
Academy with my painting  
Thru summer ~~you~~ years

The Queen has 50 of  
Windsor Castle  
Paintings. 20 at Buckingham  
Palace

I actually repainted

Charles I he was painted

by Raphael. He painted

Him with a Velvet Hat  
~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~

~~Surcoat of~~ surcoat of Velvet

and black Stockings. Off

Course he had Stars on his

Breast - Knee breeches.

3 There's 10 of my Paintings  
at White Hall. And the  
Charles the 1 by C. Cave  
Willmott  
is also at ~~the~~ White Hall  
in Parliament St.  
at Cambridge ~~Spain~~ painted  
10<sup>th</sup> Friends Retreat 10  
for Dr Baker 10 for  
Dr Hain, I also painted  
Christ and Her Majesty  
the Queen of England  
10 paintings for House of  
Commons & 10 for  
the of Lords. I also painted  
25 for the Prince of Wales



4 Those I have at Aylesford  
House I shall to ~~Harwarden~~  
Harwarden

I also painted & a Naked  
woman <sup>over</sup> twin ~~over~~ <sup>Lovely breast</sup> ~~lovely~~

~~Breast~~, my men at Cambridge

They will part with them

# She is with her father

I am dear Brother

Henry

Yours Truly

Charles Leavell Willcox

P.S. My books the Audsons are <sup>my</sup>  
<sup>doing</sup> Printing "Lovely Atho <sup>and</sup> bright"  
<sup>long</sup> and fair" 110 versers 2 vol

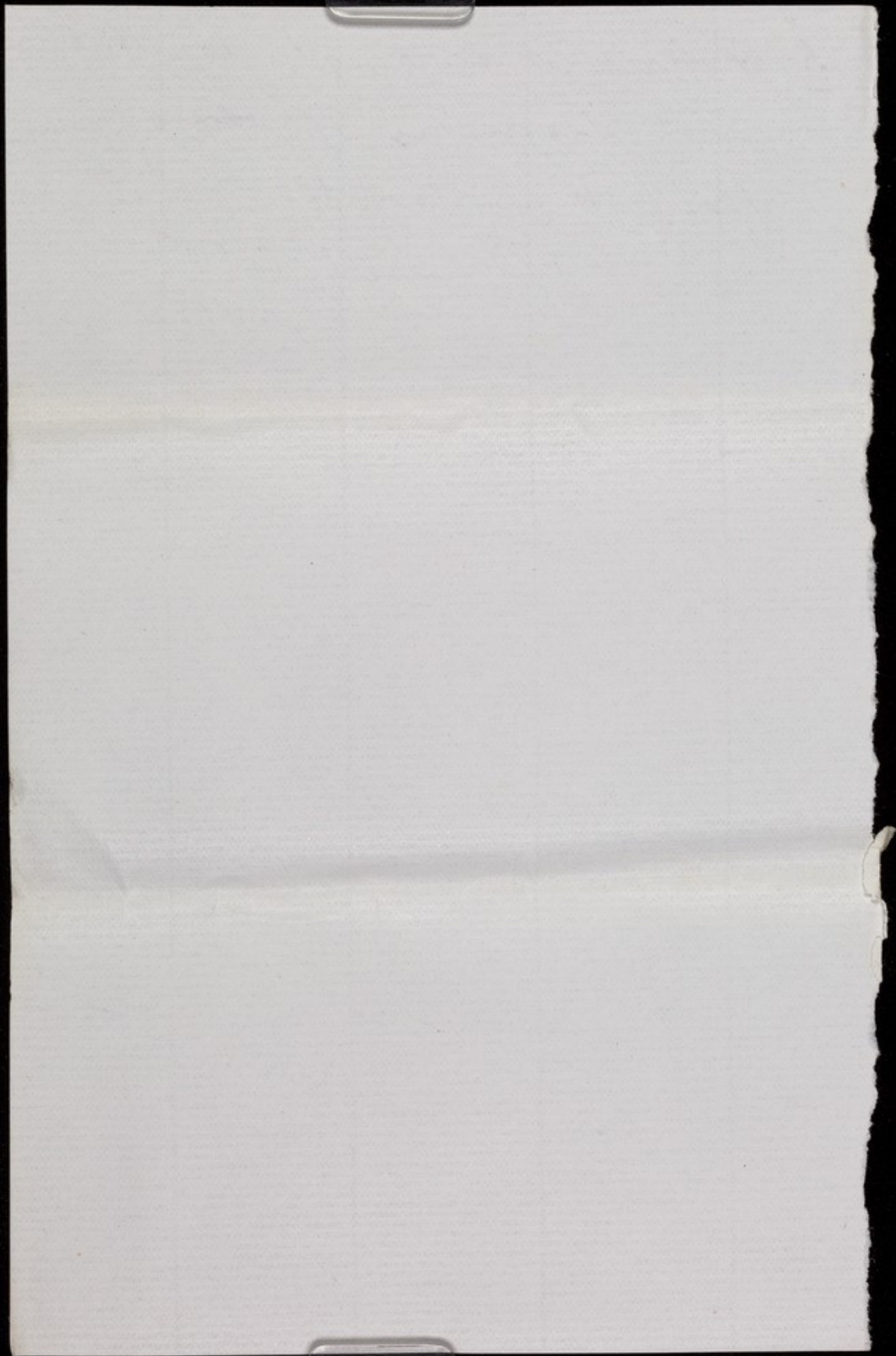
of Monno 2 vol of Book on

Florane 2 vols of Perlonne.  
with lead type

5 I shall at Packerhall Hall  
write sermons. 10 ~~sermons~~ sermons  
for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours devotion for Christ

Farewell till I see  
—— at the  
Friends





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Friends Retreat  
10/3/86

Dear Brother Henry  
You remember again  
I remember how you  
showed your cock & Ball.  
I came here July 30 1871  
You will be with the  
Leads in Hell when you  
die. You went to the  
Sagoreum Arm I drank  
a lot of beer then meat  
Whisky. In 1864 I contested  
York and beat St. F. Miller  
by 2.000 odd. Gladstone  
in a fortnight after the meet<sup>ing</sup>

P.S. I had not began yet at the Mission  
I hoped you will call to me. Henry



2

gave me the Preamble of the  
Shipping Bill, I passed  
over Hansard on the subject  
I spoke for just 9 hours  
and my peroration was  $3/4$   
of an hour. I finished  
In ~~our~~ <sup>all</sup> our deliberations  
we ask God & Prayers to  
still the waves so that  
there may be no more  
wreck, ~~still~~ still the  
waves and there will be  
a calm. I went down the  
Rougher Sea in this world  
the Bay of Biscay, Oh  
to Lisbon the capital

Portugal a lovely City. I stop  
 at Hotel del Boulevard  
 Madrid. I left the Hotel  
 de Ville in Paris and went  
 straight to B Madrid. There  
 were a lot in Hotel and  
 we had a carriage & pair  
 we went to Aramada  
 (Bye the bye the Spanish  
 Aramada was fought in  
 Berry's time. We went  
 of the Christmas I saw  
 Crown of the Porcians &  
 Segurians & Alphonso.  
 The Porcians attended the  
~~Throne~~ Throne of Spain about





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2 I learned in an hour to feather.  
Paston had a boat he peached  
it means to ~~scum~~ <sup>scum</sup> the ~~river~~  
surface of the river <sup>with the oar</sup> & for another  
subject I saw Shapson house  
in Stratford upon Avon. I went also  
a Holy day to Warwick I went  
over the Castle. It of course belongs  
to the Earl of Warwick. I set  
down in chair (Bye the Bye)  
we paid a sh- to go over. The  
first thing we ~~saw~~ <sup>saw</sup> was  
Guy Earl of Warwick. Punch Bowl  
It would contain about 6 glass gallon  
of Punch, having seen all at Warwick  
Castle (bye & bye) it was holiday of



3 The C L A are then on our to Grey  
Cliff a splendid place. Parson  
Porter read a nice essay on the  
Subject. It was not amusing  
of course. Now to resume my  
work at Cambridge. Trinity Hall  
I painted 10 for Dr Baker 10 for  
Dr. Hind 10 for the Friends  
Retreat. I also painted Christ  
the Old Duke of Wellington  
& the Queen of England. I also  
painted 10 for the House of  
Lords & 10 for the House of  
Commons, by the bye! I painted  
the Queen from a sketch from  
a Strasbourg artist. She has  
never had her likeness taken

4 I shall have Mary's likeness taken  
at Thrappe & Henry. I shall shave  
before I do. I may say I have  
10 of my paintings at Becking-  
ton Hall and a new Piano. I  
have no lodge I shall never have  
a Lodge. I hope to get 1 horse ten  
from Abingford House to my  
own House at Packington. I shall  
buy Mary fur in October &  
a string of Pearls for Maudie  
in 6 Month. We'll take a good  
Hollyday there stop getting for  
6 months. I should take about  
£ Thorne and £.

I am dear ones in  
the name of Christ - Charles Cave Wilmore

P.P.S. I have now for supper 1 Piece of bread & Butter & then to bed  
and a glass of water



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1 Friends Retreat York  
— " —

My dear Brother Henry.

First give my dear love  
to my dear father. I do not  
want to take to the Tower  
because we go down Pettycoat  
Lane (to what was Petty coat  
Lane). Dear father should take  
to over Friends Meeting  
Devonshire House, but I must  
go to ~~Tottenham~~ Tottenham to see  
a Friend of mine a chemist.

Now to serious we should  
straight to London by Express  
from ~~Brix~~ Brixham they pick up  
the water for Engine as the goaling



2. We get to Milleston before you  
can drink 50 times, and a tram to  
Broad St. and <sup>then</sup> in a Brougham  
straight past the mint to the  
Tower. They open the gates to  
the Tower. You would to see <sup>but we</sup> <sup>should</sup>  
Lady & Jam Grey's bedroom <sup>have 2/6</sup>  
and then over the Jewell House.  
We shall to pay ~~down a lot~~  
~~lot lot~~ to over the  
Jewel House. When I should  
take straight to Paris and  
stop at the Hotel Deville.  
Baye at the Cannon So  
Hotel to get some food  
to ~~be~~ <sup>eat</sup>. I should sleep  
at the Cannon So Hotel  
by myself. Sleep so much  
better. ~~for~~ perhaps another



at 3 you may allow to sleep with  
your wife (that is in passing)  
Well after a night at the  
Cannon St Hotel we get to  
Dover and engage beds. We cross  
at 4 the small bridge between  
Dover & the coast we then soon  
get Calais, and engage beds at  
Hotel Des Villis on the Bow the  
Boulevard. The bright down the Kyber  
Pass, and the M<sup>r</sup> Linie Tunnel  
10 miles long. Now the train  
in that district, and to stop at  
~~Vienna~~ the Vienna the capital  
(bye the bye) Athens. We stop at  
at the Petit Ca<sup>n</sup> Moscow. Smolensk  
and then to St Petersburg.  
After a 14 <sup>days</sup> years in St Petersburg



4 get to Copenhagen (before to  
Florence I want in you to my  
Tito-Titanis to introduced to my dear  
Friends Mr Tito-Titanis & her children

I am yours very Truly

~~Charles~~

Charles Cave Willmott

— or

Mr Henry Willmott  
Golden Hill  
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Friends Retreat  
York 3mo 1886

Dear Brother Henry

I hope they will get  
it in time to telegraph  
back to B'ham.

For a little more news

Blake and myself went down

... to China. It

Return The state of Peking is million  
upon millions of people. The

Emperor we were not allowed  
to approach. He has a Harem  
of 50 Maratt Girls. Prostitution

is unknown in Pekin. Inet Aliv

<sup>Business Co. in</sup>  
~~Director~~ of Essy in Shanghai has

the English part of China. Now  
another bit of News. I went to the

<sup>o.p.g.</sup> I forgot to tell all about to Randy Colom  
I picked the local Bern from the

2 The Yearly Meeting I said  
I think C Willmott has something  
to say of the state & condition of  
the Society of Friends. I did  
not touch on that but I spoke for  
Christ nearly ~~a~~ a little above an  
hour. I then went to dinner & the  
Cannon St Hotel. I went then  
to Lond Bridge Station & straight  
to Dover, and the Calais, and then  
Paris the Hotel <sup>de</sup> Ville. I said to a  
gentleman Bonsoir Monsieur  
(good night). I then in the took  
train from the Boulevard. It is a  
town in Paris. Walk on the Boulevard  
at night you see ladies no end  
of English. Please tell me your  
name Sir, Mr Charles Cave Willmott  
Oh Mr Willmott how are <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>going</sup> ~~going~~ <sup>tiptop</sup>.  
The Vendome Column is set up  
by Gas on the Boulevard



3 My dear friends from Florence are  
now in Versailles Tito Tetas his  
dear wife ~~Mr~~ who was Miss  
Richards. I saw a statue of  
Diana at Athens. Now to resume  
my narrative. I do love Paris about  
any city of have ever been to.  
Will to pass on Spokane 3 hours  
at White House Washington  
Spokane for Christ in Wenatchee  
meeting. We went to Montreal  
& Quebec and bought buck rock  
and Longengas. I had the Miss  
Marshes with me. Now to another  
stop from Paris the station was  
on the Boulevard to Madrid  
I actually stop at Andorra because  
the train ~~stay~~ stay here to take  
up passengers. I saw Sophia Derouder  
in Andorra she asked me to her  
shanty no shanty for me.

4- I stopp'd at a nice Hotel & then  
straight to B Madrid. I had about  
three thousand Pounds in notes & gold  
I stayed about a fortnight in Madrid  
I stayed at the Bel del Boulounge  
Hotel what would call the High in  
Bloom I and two other Gentlemen  
to <sup>a</sup> Carriage & Pair, And went to  
Armada (you remember Mary in  
Elizabeth's days ~~how~~ how the  
Spanish Armada came in Ships  
to Conquer England. They went  
back to Spain humbled & sad.

To continue my narrative. We went  
to Amada & over the Cloister, saw  
the Graves of the Kings of ~~Spain~~  
Spain. The Ponce. The Seigniors  
and Alfonso's. It is a singular  
there are ~~generally~~ generally ten Kings  
of Spain. Years ago the burned



5 Heretics at the Stake in Madrid  
you ~~must~~ remember dear darling  
Mary that Shadrack Mesack  
& Aben de go go was cast into the  
Fire the burning fiery furnace  
in time of Nebucassur the  
King. He was a fourth in the  
fire the Son of God and there  
was not a small of burning  
Nebucassur shouted out  
Heat seven times times again  
they did ~~leave~~ they come from  
the fire as well and strong  
What a lesson for us who  
dare to place our trust and  
our in ~~God~~ God & Christ our  
Saviour & Redeemer who died  
on the Cross for our sins &  
those of all the world

I went also down the bay of Biscay  
to Lisbon, a lovely City. I also  
went to Ireland I stopped at  
the Talbot Hotel. I met my  
~~poor~~ Friend Sam Wareham in  
High St Belfast & my dear Friend  
Mary Davis, she's Housekeeper  
to a Friend a grocer I walked  
with her ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ship her  
was a member of the Society  
of Friends ~~but~~ did he speak or  
not for Christ I know not.

I was not Converted to Christ then  
or else I should have asked Mary  
Davis were meeting. At Lynmouth  
there is a Friends meeting we  
were there. We were there a fortnight  
we stood by the George Hotel and  
looked on the ~~commenced~~ sea



7  
We also Henry my darling sister  
Mary saw an iceberg in the  
Atlantic ocean at the White  
Star. Jim Houston was 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Engineer on the White Star  
~~Ship~~ & he is now on the Allan  
Line. Now took my dear  
wife at Matt to Aberdeen.  
There went tired of the journey  
& dear Matt was sick and  
stop<sup>d</sup> at the Waverley Hotel  
in the enormous city of Glasgow  
we then went to ~~Edinburgh~~  
~~Edin~~ Edinburgh and  
I climbed Arthur's seat it  
was not a very difficult. We  
walk<sup>d</sup> down the Castle St to  
Holyrood Palace, and Queen  
Mary in Bed, & Retzro the  
Adels ~~bro~~ blood on the floor

They did kill him & he stabbed him.  
 We walk up Prince Street on the  
 Streets were Grand in Prince  
 St Edingborough. I hope dear  
 Henry you will see it incumbent  
 on you to come to take me hence  
 to Bham. It is now 14 years  
 & 8 months since I came here  
 There is no one at Packington  
 Hall. There is no lodge &  
 not a man or woman in my  
 Place.

I am dear ones  
 Yours & Christ our  
 united Saviour & Redeemer

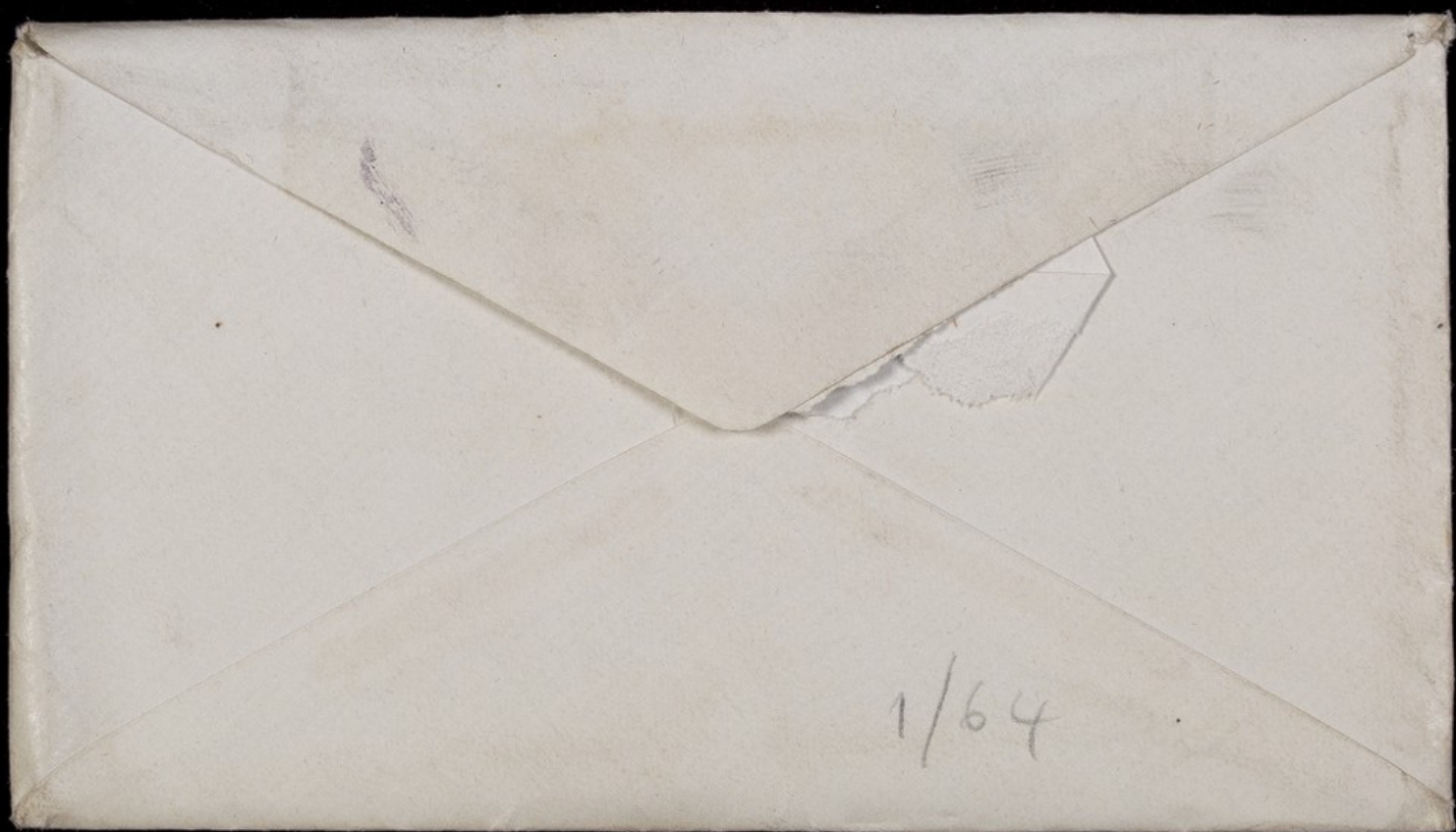
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P.S. I forgot to say I went to  
 Tipperary in Ireland  
 Give my dear love to darling  
 Ellen & my darling mother



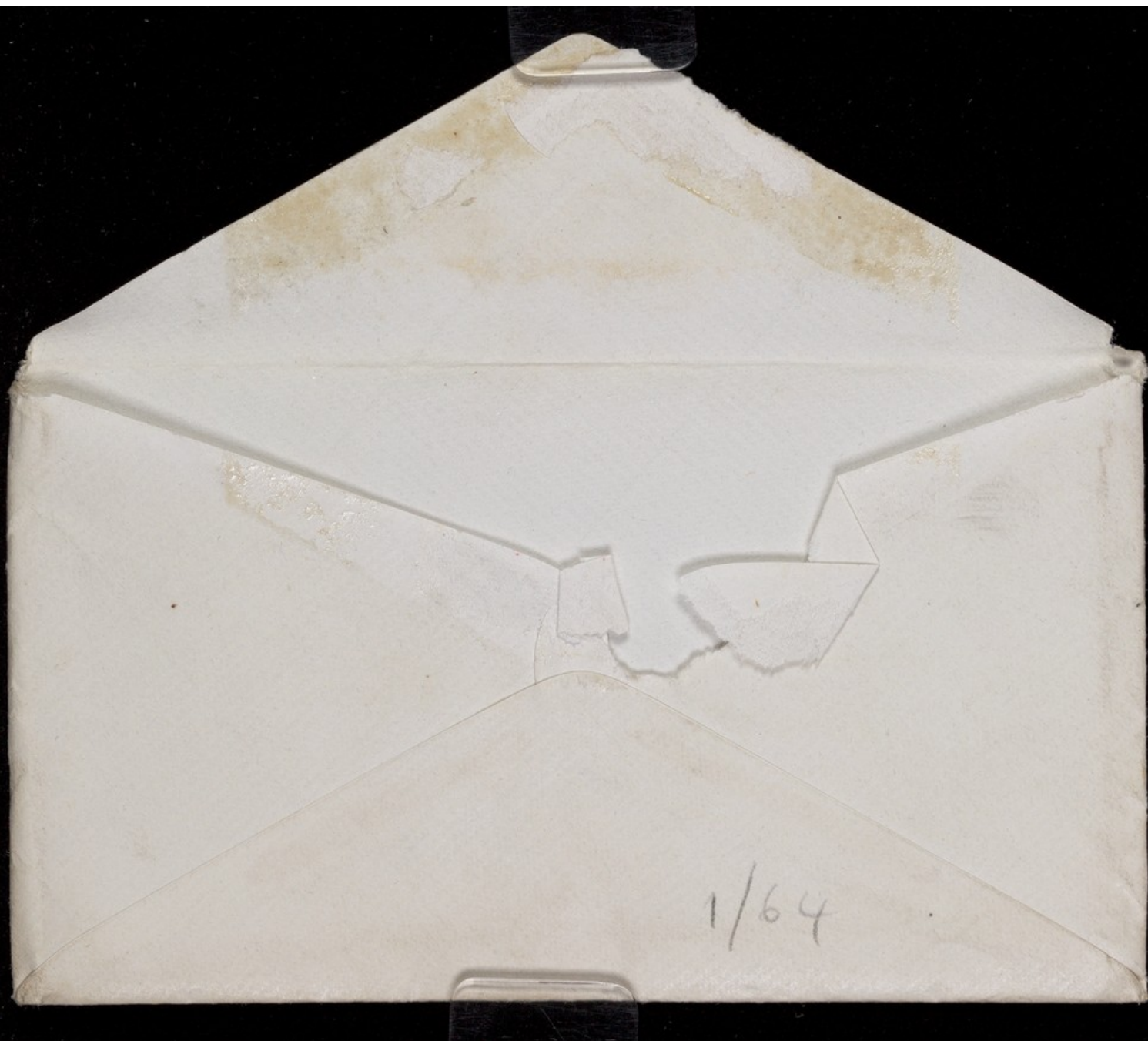
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his brow as he proceeded on his way  
to Golgatha, Joseph of Arimathea  
carrying the cross on which  
our redeemer was ~~crucified~~  
crucified. I also sculptured  
2 of old Dr Johnson with the  
chair of solid oak, I also  
sculptor 4 of Lord Shaftesbury  
who is on his death Bed at  
Folkestone or just outside.  
4 Marquis of Salisbury  
whose place is at Daventry  
and Dieppe. I went to Dieppe.  
I also sculptured 4 of Gladstone  
I also did 4 of Bottomley Finch  
4 of Sir Chas Dill M P  
for ~~Chelsea~~ Chelsea.



with B. Firth. I was of born at  
Hay May 30 - 1838. My dear mother  
called me color blind, but  
I have proved myself otherwise.  
I repainted Charles I at Whitehall,  
I should think the Queen of  
England has more than  
a hundred of my paintings.  
There are some of mine in the  
House of Lords & the House  
of Commons. I hope my dear  
brother you are <sup>able</sup> to walk with  
our cousin Edward Willmott  
the son of our uncle Abraham  
Second wife you know he <sup>now</sup>  
lives at Ross. I went to Ross  
and called upon him he

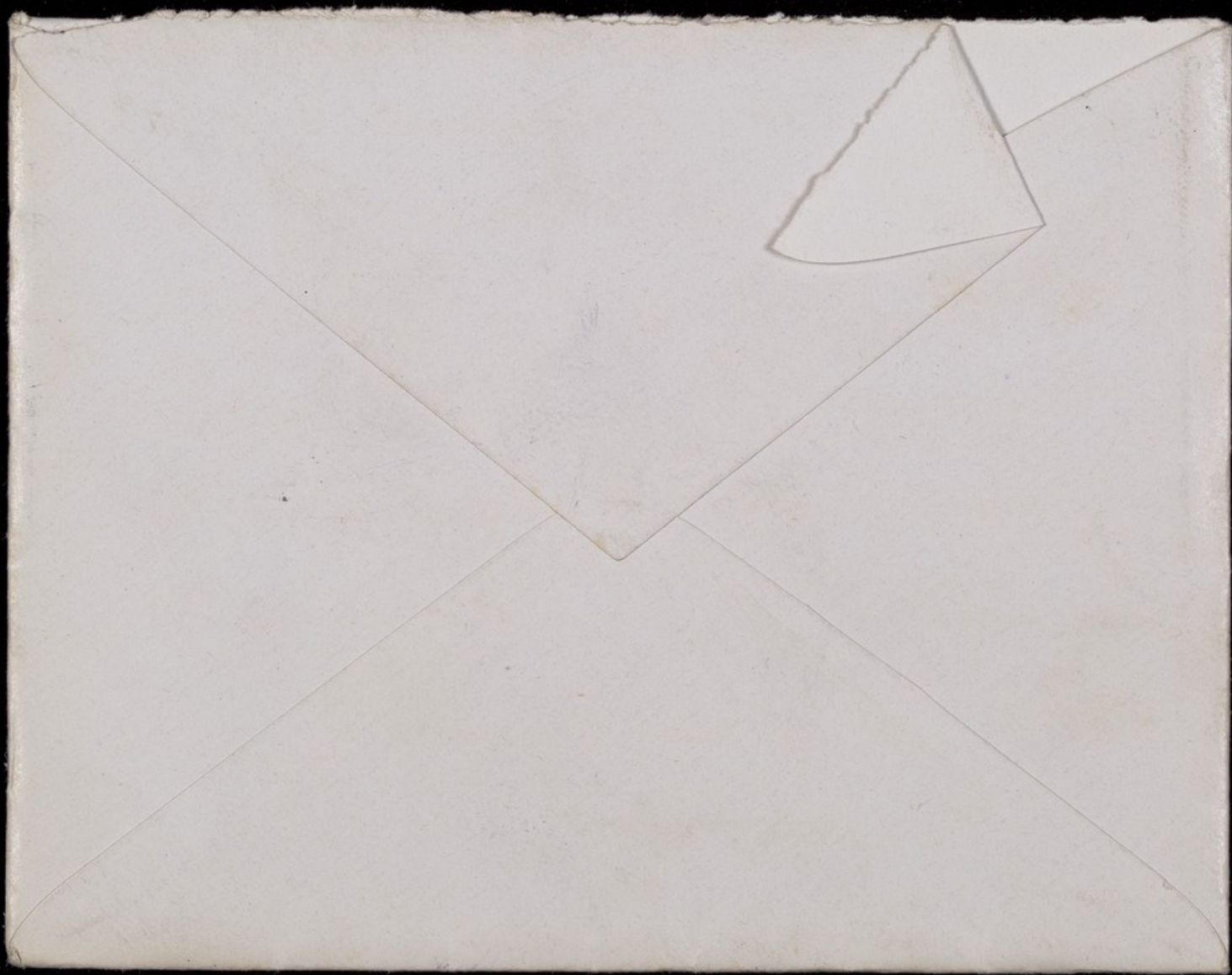


looked remarkably well. You know  
~~I believe~~ I believe that I was on a  
ship and put into port at  
Candy Belim the capital  
of Ceylon. I walked quietly  
to a tree, and the Indians  
men & women made signs to me  
to pick the fruit, they as much  
as said pick all I did. I dare  
say ~~at~~ Ceylon choc. I can't  
stop to say more but I have been  
to Madrid Moscow St Petersburg  
Lug I had a boat on the Neva  
& Florence you will see a book  
of mine on Florence very  
shortly I hope. It is now  
at Buckingham Palace waiting

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1 Friends Retreat  
York April 26  
1886

Dear Henry

I came here July 30. 1871  
And I have no friend  
or relation in the World  
I have no brother he said  
you ~~bugger~~ get back  
to the Friends Retreat  
You have 64 children  
<sup>in America</sup>  
You brought to my  
<sup>my</sup> bed 28 degrees of  
Arsenic & a dagger.  
Now for another theme



2 No ~~letter~~ letter I met  
Mary in Oxford St  
London heavy in the family  
way. Mr Wilson said  
Mary she seems in a  
family way.

Now to a another  
theme (bye when Lewis was  
you, you said here my <sup>Mary</sup>  
Aunt, and look here you said  
to Blake fuck me.

Took Blake down the  
Pacific Ocean to Shanghai  
I met Alin Dorondor there



I went then on to Peking by train  
I went to London by train 3<sup>d</sup> class  
and then to Devonshire House  
and spoke for Christ for  
an hour. The last preaching  
I had at Bull St. I finished  
a sermon of an hour length  
"Angels deep in Luthers blood"  
It was Barclay of Wry  
I have never been to Wry  
But I have to Aberdeen  
Barclay is dead but he  
married & has left  
descendants. I that I had  
a Par Bene Fratrum but  
I have not, on an ugly



4 ~~St~~ Santa Maria.

I am going to do good  
never Evil. I have never  
ever had a letter from my  
whom I gave 20 Thousand  
to she has 10 children  
by a man nameless

Now for my life I was born  
at Hay Breaknockshen on  
the Sea. I dear Mother suckles  
me for Christ. The Queen  
has a lot of my painting  
I have 10 of my painting  
at Packington Hall  
& dear of Both Seas



6 Trinity Hall 8 Times. I got  
all the press for Medicine  
I painted the top I painted  
10 for Dr Baker 10 for Dr  
Hind 10 for Dr Frisitt  
Retreat I painted Christ  
I painted the Old East  
of Wellington. I did  
at Wagon. I also painted  
Dover. I also painted  
the sketch by the  
of Strasbourg. I  
Telegram from Lord Randolph  
Churchill (who is brother



7 to the Duke of Marlborough  
of Blenheim. His is call  
that. It is in Buckingham,  
to Well the telegram from  
Sir Lord Randolph  
Churchill was to this  
effect. Paint 10  
for the House of Lords  
& 10 for the House of  
Commons. I was member  
for York. I affirmed that  
I would true to the Queen  
& to the laws of the land.  
I have dear Friends at  
Florence. Tito Tettano married



8 My dear friend Miss Richards  
I was 21 day I went to tea  
I read the 23 Psalm & the 42<sup>nd</sup>

No to speak of my books  
2 vol. of Monona

2 vol. of Florence. 2 vol.

of Perlmans. And the

last and perhaps the

most marvelous book ~~ever~~ <sup>ever</sup>

written, was a book of

S<sup>t</sup> Pauls Cathedral

800 pages of Manuscript

I did not beg a shill

When was Architect

& the Pallies were the

Builders. When I got to

Packington I shall write



5 I mean to have a Farm built  
~~th~~ not on my Park but towards  
Meriden. I may here say I am  
God told me <sup>that I am</sup> ~~the~~ one of the  
richest  
Man on the Earth. I have  
not a Son & daughter in the  
world. Nor have I the Mary.  
The Parson would sell land  
willingly for the Farm.

~~But~~ Now for a little more  
News. I painted 25 for the  
Prince of Wales. I hung  
Paintings at the Academy  
3 successive years.

I ~~heard~~ I was Cambridge

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Friends Retreat  
York.

Dear Henry.

I hope you and many my  
dear sister will write to me  
I have never had a letter for  
years. Young Bert who was  
born at Letson Germany.

The last sermon I preached  
in Bull St Bham I finished  
a nice sermon "Angled up  
in Letson's Blood" that was Barclay  
of Ury. He afterwards became an  
eminent <sup>the</sup> member of the Society of Friends.

He used to write to me as 'Dear father'  
I am not 48 yet. Now about my



2 My work at Cambridge Trinity  
Hall. I shall go again & they  
create<sup>me</sup> a Fellow of my College.  
I painted there 10 for Dr Baker  
10 for Dr Hind & 10 for the Friends  
Retreat. I also my dear Henry  
painted Christ, The Duke of  
Wellington (who died at Walmer  
<sup>near Dover</sup> Castle). I also painted Her Majesty  
the Queen of England. Lord Randolph  
Churchill sent me a telegram<sup>me</sup>  
to paint 10 for the House of  
Commons & 10 for the House  
of Lords. I hope my dear  
Sister Mary & the my brother  
will both write to me. I also



3 at Fleet Street-London repainted  
Charles I. The Cromwells had  
his head cut off. But he married  
Marie de Orleans. ~~That was~~  
I also hung my paintings  
at the Academy 3 successive  
years. The Academy was  
full of my paintings every  
year. The Queen has some  
of my paintings. The reason  
I gave 50 Thousand for  
Packington Hall. There are  
10 of my Paintings. And  
a green House. A nice  
piano. I hope in course of  
time to build a farm not



4<sup>th</sup> on my Park, but in that land  
on the way to Shapinsay House.

I hope my dear Henry  
you may write me a nice  
loving letter. I will take you  
to Thandudno. We will stop about  
8<sup>th</sup> weeks there, go to Menes Church  
to on First day. And then to  
Betercoyid & Capul Curing, and  
we shall see Snowdon

I am dear ones

Yours in Christ

Charles Cave

Willmott

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Friends Retreat York  
Feb 20 1886

Dear Henry

I know not whether you or  
that Bloody Mary are alive  
or dead or drunkards

I am happy to say I have  
never been drunk in all  
my life I am as good

looking as ever. There is

a packet of cigars for me

"Mr Willmott" address gets they  
are now in the cupboard in my room

I hem for me. You seem to be

all drunk or dead I have not

had a letter for now 20 years

You drunken <sup>lot</sup> now if you



if you do not come in a  
day or two tell other drunkards  
to write to me, not if you  
will ever get to Packington <sup>Hall</sup>  
I shall get 2 new men &  
8 servants & get there myself.  
Now for another piece of  
news, you know you black-  
hard that my publishers  
Hudson want me, and you  
stole my watch & keys &  
you are all drunk together  
& all thieves if you put  
me in mind of the 40 Thieves  
Mary has 16 children by Bert

+ that woman you employed  
as cook has 16 children  
by Bert Shadling & she comes  
from the Globe Hotel Aylesford  
I have not a friend in Bham  
all a drunken dissipated  
lot.

Now for another piece of  
News, in 1864 I contested York  
I won by 2.862 over Sir F. Milner  
I spoke for 9 hours on the  
Shipping bill without a  
single note, and I stopp'd  
at the Charing Cross Hotel  
all the sessions from Feb  
to Sep<sup>r</sup> 1865, I spoke  
most nights. I came here  
in July 30 1871, and you are  
all thieves & scoundrels



On of my pleasanter Holidays  
was down the Bay of Biscay  
to Lisbon, the Capital of  
Portugal. I have not cost this  
place 20<sup>th</sup> shilling in the  
14 years & 6 months you have  
kept me how for ought I know  
you are all dead & buried.  
I have trillions of Millions  
in London 3 per cent Consols  
I have no brother or sister  
Mother. I dont care 2<sup>nd</sup>  
for the whole bag of  
drunken women & men  
I am your rich & offended  
Brother  
Charles Cave  
Willmott

P.S. That person at the Charing Cross Hotel cost  
me about 5 to 6 hours in

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Friends Retreat  
York  
22/2/86

My dear Brother Henry  
and all dear Ones

I have now a most vivid  
view of the Love of God  
in Christ my & your Redeemer  
Now dear ones I went on several  
occasions to Devonshire  
House Meeting, and always  
spoke for Christ. On one  
~~at~~ occasion I spoke I  
think with more power &  
spirit, there were a lot of  
young men & women, they  
threw earnestly to give up  
all for Christ. I spoke

of the blessedness of working  
for Him and living in purity  
and love together. One of  
my nice holidays was to down  
the Bay of Biscay to Lisbon  
the Capital of Portugal  
I was accompanied by D. Blake  
to Shanghai & Peking. My  
other holidays you know.  
I hope I may soon go hence  
to B'ham. I long to be with  
my old friends. I had a very  
precious time in Wisconsin  
meeting speaking for Christ.  
I well remember speaking  
for Him in Bull's, and



Ending with that quotation  
from The life of Barclay of the  
about 2 miles from Aberdeen  
He was an eminent Soldier  
This was what I ended my  
~~Sermon~~ <sup>Sermon</sup> "Angle Deep in  
Lust Lutsons blood"

He became the Head of  
the Deacons House of  
Barclay. One occasion  
I spoke for Christ at  
Devonshire House, a lady  
Friend asked my name I  
said Charles Cave Willmott  
She said her husband had a  
bad cold that they lived  
in. Finsbury Square, a place  
I know in London. I raised

(my top hat to the dear Lady & her sons  
& Daughters two of each, pure & peerless  
Oh! Henry what good wives they  
would make), I thanked them  
for their kind ~~invitation~~  
invitation, and told them  
that I was staying at the  
Cannon St Hotel, where I had  
dinner Tea Supper & then  
to Bed. I stop ~~ed~~ there another  
night & then, to the Continent  
that was the Holiday I had from  
here, and you persisted in sending  
me back here with not watch or  
Keys. I hope you will all if you give  
your whole life & thought & inclination  
to ~~for~~ Him who died on the Cross for  
your sins & mine. I hope I may soon  
go hence to B'ham

I am dear ones yours in the  
love of Christ C. C. Willmott

P.S. I spoke for Christ at the Wesleyan Chapel  
Coventry Rd



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