

Letter: Frederick Needham [Medical Superintendent], The Asylum, Bootham to Dr Kitching [Medical Superintendent of the Retreat] re. the Asylum's four married attendants, also the general numbers of attendants there and arrangements for married attendants

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The Asylum, Bootham, York.

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Dear Dr Kitching,

I have now four married attendants all of whom have leave every night after 8 o'clock.

Altogether I have 14 male attendants & I allow half of them to be married. To four, as above, I allow leave of absence every night, and to the other three, three nights a week.

As all the attendants have leave from 8 to 10 three nights a week, this plan insures always at least 3 attendants in the house such night from 8 to 10, in case of emergency - and 7 after that time - or one to such fallery.

I have found this plain
to work efficiently - and
I only regret that at present
I have not the full number
of married men, but I
never engage them - for
if I do so, it deprives me
of a means of rewarding
honest & long service if
any of our other attendants
desire to marry.

My four married attend-
ants have been here
respectively 22, 10, 7 & 5
years.

I shall be very
glad to give you any
further information
in my power.

With kind regards
Dear

Yours very truly
Ed Needham.

