Sir William Fox was Premier for his second ministry in New Zealand when they were staying with him at Wellington

North Bailey.

Durham. July 9th. 1885.

My own precious brother,

I am so sorry it is such a long time since I wrote to you. Thank you very much for your last letter to Alfred, he sends his dear love to you & would have written but he has been so very busy.

Mr. Fox is away now in the North of Scotland for his holiday & next month the family of Fox's go away

to the seaside, to Ramborough but Mr. Fox will return to Burham for the Sundays to help Alfred.

I am beginning to feel more settled in Burham now that we have our second sitting room and on Friday I am expecting one of my Clifton friends Yeoman & Clay writes us for two or three weeks, as Miss Ramsay & in August Isabel intends coming here and in September we expect to take our holiday. – It is

so nice knowing so long
beforehand when we are
going away for we can
arrange our plans better.
Why did you not give your
Leeds address? I am so glad
you have gone there again
this year. Do you know
Miss Turner is at Leeds
now at least she may
be still there; she has
gone to live with a Mrs Jay
Thompson big. At Althorpe
House as a sort of companion
housekeeper she went on
a month's trial but may
remain on if she feels

able to fill the post.
A few weeks ago we met
a Mr. Russell who is I
believe a chaplain at
Bilbao or it - the byland
clergyman at a church
there, he comes to Durham
I believe every year ~~Dutiu~~
to keep a term so I think
in that way after he
has kept so many terms
together with a small
examination will get
a Durham Degree; we
find many men - (clergy men)
here do that. - Will this
Mr. Russell knows Mr.

Mac Lennon quite well & I think he likes him he also knows some of the other brothers. – Was it not strange meeting Mr. Burnell? well I am going to tell you something else very funny – a Mr & Mrs Shields who have a large family here of 9 children four boys & five girls are members of our congregation & who we have seen a good deal of since we came here turn out to be relatives

of old Dr Stokoe our doctor
on Rochester Rye!!
Mrs Shields Dolleen is
Dr. Stokoe's eldest daughter
& she is so like Dr. Rae Stokoe
as well as one of the boys.
I fancy about the time we
went to live in Champion
Still old Dr. Stokoe gave
the practice over to Dr Rae
who Dear died not keep
it long & has never
settled to anything since;
is it not a pity, I told
Mrs Shields who told me
this that you used to
consider him rather

clever. old Sir Stokoe
has been staying with
the Shields lately & I have
seen him several times
but he cannot remember
me his memory having
almost entirely failed
him but in every other
way he is wonderfu
& is in his 80 year, his
second wife is dead, I
fancy she died not long
long after they were married.
(Sir Stokoe) he told Alfred that he
had a practice of some
thousands a year would

often visit about fifty people a day & never take a note, he told me also that his medical friends used to tell him that he would have to suffer some day for taxing his memory, somewhat as he used to do when living on the Rye. Fred & Edwin & Baby went up to Bremner Sunday last week. Mr. Tucker stayed a few days in Renwick with them just before they left there.
Old Mr. Fox has had his brother Sir William Fox & his wife staying with him from New Zealand lately.—

Last Friday week Sir William & Miss Fox (sister to our Mr. Fox) left for Sweden where Sir William wanted to attend some conference of the Good Templars; & Miss Fox went with him for change & left Lady Fox to look after her Uncle in her absence. I have seen a good deal of Lady Fox since they left & like her very much, she does Sir William Ultimik considerable credit for she looks so delicate & is like a living

skeleton but wonderfully energetic, I had her & Mr. Henry Fox & old Mr. George Fox in for afternoon tea yesterday which was quite a success, & a very nice lady & Mrs. Smart also came, her Husband (who is now dead) was once a curate of Mr George Fox's & he knows some girls we met at Eaton. — And now dear Mother I must conclude as I have to post and write. Fondest love

I am your
ever loving child
Josephine. —

My pen refuses to write anything else but the pure unalloyed truth

If still away please forward.

This is believing the very very last
~~Mrs Lewis~~ letter I shall write to you before my darling
c/o ~~Mr Barber~~ ~~Darlington Road~~
We all is as I say to writing ~~Tom~~
Truly & truly true

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December the 31st.

Dr Baker

I thank you very much for the plain & straightforward explanation you gave me about the letters and I have heard thro Miss Hale that my letters have been sent this evening.

I think if it appears undesirable to send a letter the patient ought to be told as a reply might

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be expected as well as for other
reasons. I have written so few
that I do not think you
would have detained and
as there never was anything so
objectionable to seriously, my uncle
I always allude to & how
feeling on the brink of what
I so much dread I do not like
but to convey my thanks to you
thus, & for every act of
kindness I do the same &
am in haste, A. E. Linn.

Dr. Baker

December the 31st.

The Trustees Slim.

William F. Slim Esq.
Rosemere,
Roe Lane.
Southport.
Lancashire.

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Tuesday December the 22nd.

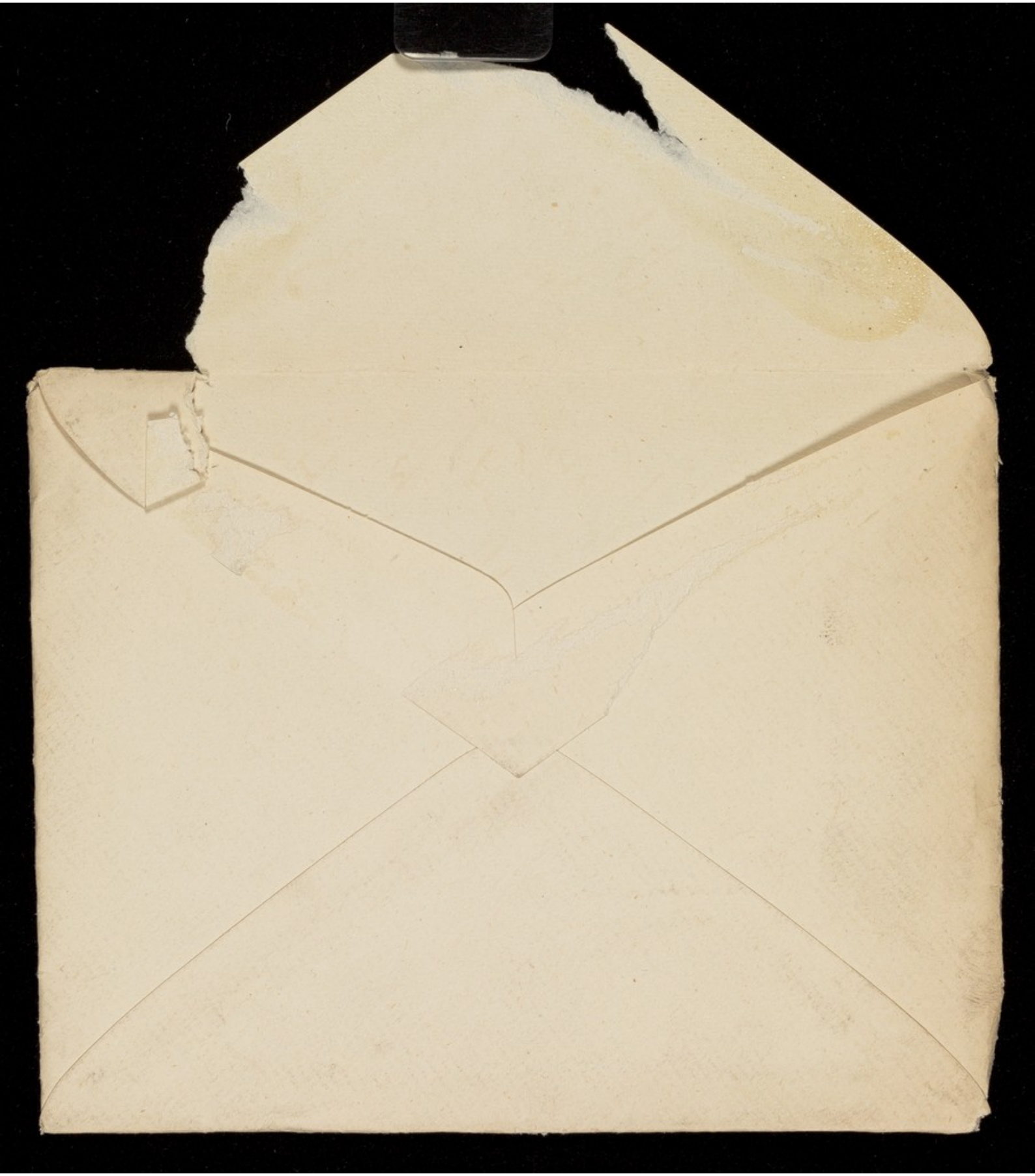
My darlings one & all! —
You have never been more thought of by me than of late! I think no one could hold another more dear than I do you, & it seems so very strange to me that we are created with such feelings, & that they are continually being made a plaie as well! always two conflicting elements ready to be called into play! Reflection can make you comprehend how my heart clings so closely to you, I have had in my journey thro life so few friends, & so often has isolation been my safeguard

Annie's & Fred's visit as all your visits
are, was intensely delightful & painful
& their prospects of being nearer ~~yours~~ to you
I would hail with the greatest satisfaction
on this accounts as well as the benefit
to Fred, now our darling must have felt
oftenness I should think the want of
a mother & of a sister too, but I think
Fred has done his best, & no
doubt she was much happier for
about with him as she did than if
he had been much away, & so I go
on thinking of you all, that had it not
been for my troubles, the most of you might have
been happier, perhaps in "homes" of your
own, & yet this is not always the best
end of ones existence! life is such a

mysterious thing. Oh! how often have
wished I had stayed with my dear father,
& how unprepared I was for real life
- practical life I mean! It is so terrible
to me, who have been so abundantly repaid
for all my efforts on your behalf, to
be unjustly the cause of so unjustly
of so much pain! So awful to you! for no
children could give a mother greater
satisfaction! I think you cannot
possibly know how fondly I have cared
for each in their way, & how I have
appreciated your individual characters
Oh! how I tried to make you as finish
as I could! making you "true ornaments"
in society! & then to think of the other side
& just at this time of the year, when

some few families are especially enjoying
& think of our State, & what daily any suggestion
of + war causes, decorations. or, joy
on ground of one! So the lunatic
Asylums are like Workhouses, amongst
the stains on the English Constitution
Government, so many broken hearts
do they contain! — I could write what
I fear might not be sent & here again
I think unnecessary control is in
wrong! I should not like any letter
kept — from me in such a case!
Why should people be sent far away
for one disease more than another?
Oh! dear, you know why I have not
written, but at all times you have
been the objects of my deepest affection,
& been white love but a duty. I must close
there! So with the most intense affection
& sorrow I am as always yours A. E. Sims.

Dr. Baker.



October the 7th —

It is so very difficult to arrest your attention sometimes I am obliged to trouble you with them anew from time to time, —

Please remember it is only justice to me to see for yourself what I have written so I must hope that you have given me the attention due to me for it is so very hard to feel so very isolated as we must do here

Then again it is particularly

about it, His life-long man has been wholly the selfish aim, & yet I know as I am his innocent victim it is & was my duty to do all I could for him. How fearful my life was no one knew, naturally I was patient & therefore what I did to endure was often unknown. — Still to him I must look for the accomplishment of that end which alone must be ours, I feel that you have never

needful in my case because I & my descendants are in the too awful condition I must keep you aware of.

There again I do hope that you will not misunderstand my silence towards my poor husband, if you knew the new you would ~~though~~ that, fancy there never received one line of loving interest from him since I have here, & were I to write to him it is doubtful if he has the capacity to care

about it, his affections have been so blunted, & his

It granted me an opportunity of making you better acquainted with me & now I believe it is too late for more than what I have written. In haste wishing it had been otherwise & assuring you that I am right & you & others ignorantly in the wrong I am your much misunderstood friend & respectfully being the medium ~~of~~ too great anxiety to my loved ones.

D. G. Baker. —

Wednesday Evening 18th

I could see you did not meet me very cordially this evening, but I wish I could persuade you, to give your serious attention to all that has been so very distressing to me, early one injustice after the other as I must again repeat, the Bell Rue affair & then Mrs Smith's. in both matters you certainly have given me cause for all the misery I have endured by your management of each case; but I see now, believe there has been some agency adverse to me at work but I refrain from mentioning any name, lest I have my suspicions. I can from my

If this be the best Institution in the Kingdom I cannot think how you could advise my removal knowing especially how I value the high principles & religious tenets of "Friends" how must this in your power for good or ill!

& my Memoranda must be your guides for I have not as yet, for many lessons been able to put all down as I could have wished! —

I cannot remember in either of these to me serious disturbances a single expression of interest or sympathy for me & yet you have said "your patients were your first care" separated as we are from the loving interest of our own friends how can we help making our silent comments on the actions & words of those we are so very painfully associated with in this life of living death!

life & experience from a strictly correct judgment of certain influences which you are under! And now as I fear the almost immediate approach — so very very dreadful — I may say of all to me I can but infer that I ~~might~~ yet experience from you that consideration which so far as I know I have not been unworthy of ~~at your~~ and that you will please in mercy see that my intensely loving descendants may obtain also ~~the~~ your influence from the trust I have reposed in your their too ~~awful~~ doom, for we cannot die so not one of us from the cause you know; & which I wait impatiently for here.

If this be the last I shall write from the Dungeon, I trust you will pardon my scribbling & believe me ever & ever yours

I did also not taking up Dr. Clutton's time on Monday, but I wrote to him to say that all I could hope for was, that he would place me in my true position with Dr. Baker! –

It is my awful condition that now makes me speak or I would not care about following the matter up

Did you receive my last letter?

What I found out my dear uncle thought of me, & I believe he is living still – & then

What my Mother-in-law said to my Pa

Dr Baker did, threaten me dismissal for nothing!

& I never heard he spoke to my friends about this

I think there ought not to be any secrecy but what is absolutely necessary –

~~ladies & gentlemen is without~~

Dr Hunt Wm R. Dr Baker

What is considered a delusion is a too painful truth —

Having my senses then I know that Dr. Baker's treatment of me has been most unsympathetic.

I am one who has had to contend with more secret misery than falls to the lot of many & trying to bring up a large family in the highest morality & virtue I ought to be able to judge of the actions of others at my time of life —

After your last visit I was subjected to much heartless treatment.

which I thought I had outgrown till Mrs. Smith brought about this recent repetition It was entirely Mrs Smith! —

Dr. Baker was most emphatic today when he said here in the hall that I got on implacably with patients & others in authority

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I could not have lost my good name by going to Bell Vue!
If I were quarrelsome I would have quarrelled here before, & I would not have come with my poor husband for a quarter of century nearly before I told any one of the life I led!
It was a most shy being but when you make any place your home you gain some confidence to speak (especially the truth) altho it took me years all the time proved —
I believe Dr. Baker's mind where he is not self interested but quite the reverse when difficulties present themselves!
Dr. Baker never in either of these two unpleasant affairs that I have been connected with spoke one word of sympathy to me

Subject I spoke to the Commissioner about

I Anna Eliza Stirling born 1st was born at Mullinahone in the Tipperary County Ireland.

My father was one of Nature's noblemen & I consider that it was his influence in particular that caused me to be educated in a most refined & strict manner as regards the security of Religion.

I was ~~considered~~ very like my father in disposition & like my mother in appearance.

I was early considered to have the "Grace of God" & I know as a child I was much exercised in a religious way.

I had an early attachment which also helped to shed a quieting

12th

I have not alluded to the Special sacrifice I made for home at such a cost to myself but done it in love & duty. I was exceedingly fond of my father, his presence inspired me with delight & when he was leaving B-ton he wished to have my 3 sisters at the school they attended, but unless I would accompany them he could not make the arrangement. (I would have gone to a near school) — Of course my love for my dear papa overcame all obstacles, but not having any expectations of being placed in such a situation as teacher. I greatly felt my incapacity

influence over me for it was unknown to any one even the object of it

Before I was 14 I was sent to a private school near London to an Irish priest & there in two years I gained the prize for the first class. I believe I was a favorite with the mistress my demeanour was very quiet because of what I had especially left behind me. On leaving school before I was 16 my father left very comfort in Ireland & removed to England

for taking such a position, besides I did not like teaching, nor children particularly then, (tho' now I could take great interest in young people, now that I know the guidance they require in this world of sin & sorrow. But no one knew the tears & pains it cost me to do what I did not ~~feel~~ wished for. But the proprietress of the school was exceedingly kind to me, & I often look back to the time spent there as one of the happy days of my life. Afterwards when settled at home

which was a great slight on my existence, & here in this too awful place I have thought what a mistake my beloved father made for us.

In Birkenhead where we first met made the acquaintance of the poor misguided man I married, he had just been married to his first wife & they held a good position amongst friends

Removed from the object of my affections I succeeded in studying myself against what I began to think was a terrible waste of my youth

Dear
Uncle & Aunt I am very much
pleased to hear that
Bertha is well & happy
I have been very busy
lately. Frank has left
home for a long visit - 10 days
I expect he will be home
for some few weeks. The
children are well. Mamma
and Papa are very anxious
that Frank should go to
Belle Fontaine school for him
to be with his cousins
Mr Mc Kee & Mr Shumate
Mr Shumate is very
kind to me & I think he
is very fond of Bertha
Mr Shumate has a little
daughter. Frank
is very fond of her
I have been very busy
lately with Papa's
business & also being
obliged to attend
to my Sunday School
Besides the musical
Mamma & I have
been to some few
concerts & lectures
Mamma & I are
very fond of
music & we
think it very
pleasant

In a few years my father lost his money & returned a poor man to begin again in his last line of business in Dublin.

During the exhibition of Dublin in 1853 my hand & heart were solicited by two widowers, Englishmen, the first whom I now believe would have made me a good husband. I refused he not being known to me before & not attractive personally. The other my unfortunate husband I accepted as I had some previous acquaintance with him tho' not an intimate one. — Shortly

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considered before my own as they grew up —
Not to mention the many - many strategems I
resorted to to save my husband's reputation
& to keep all knowledge from my darling
as they grew up this was most difficult & planes one unfortunately at times
I was at last overpowered by the weight
of care & sorrow & so not long before I
came here. I broke forth in an agony
in consequence of my poor husband still
continuing his unkindness in his affected & late
he was poor man so heartily - unjust amongst

5th.

conspired in my young life to affect my health, and at the time of my engagement I was not considered very strong. ~~I was to~~ As the time wore on I felt unwilling to lift any one's existence as a wife & therefore asked my husband to give me up which he saw no reason for & I was married in the greatest ignorance & innocence to one of the worst men, perhaps, I believe that ever was —

Then indeed began a struggle

5th

My painful experiences too numerous & sad to allude to here connected with him, one however may shew my anxiety to save all. Not long before all came out I went to London before he gave up our home there, to destroy some papers that I did not wish to get into my darlings hands as they would have helped to throw light on the most painful experience of my life & my husbands unfaithfulness. They

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that yes I think he never
called upon to make.
I never have known one
happiness since the day I was
married, but being so very
anxious to do all in my
married life for my husband
(this household) I committed
in the greatest ignorance
a sin which I did not
know I was then, but I have
remembered it – here in
this lonely awful place, to new
I came to the knowledge
that I cannot die now my loved ones
& of us.

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here walled by a gentleman whose engagement has broken off in consequence of my poor husbands immoral conduct with object of his choice, this is strictly true, so could any one blame me for trying to support myself under such a crushing weight of woe by resorting to stimulants to help me to keep & keep up under such pressure. for I then could not bear my darlings to know the worst.

Dr Baker knows sufficient
to help to guide those who
must accomplish in mercy
now too awful destruction
but it must be done with "my"
because every moment here
has been great wrong to me
then where I am destroyed
daily & more yet must be
done also. Oh it is too awfully
fearfully terrible! I used to feel that I could never
die happy without my husbands
true love & respect against hope
still in the end when in truth

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& they never would or any one else from me
if I could have been up any longer for years
I may say I had false support ~~but~~ not because
of a depraved taste but for the sake of others
for I never in my early married life ~~thought~~
of such support till ~~after~~ all my darlings
were born & ~~long~~ after

So the means innocently & in ignorantly
of a unknown awfulness to my descendants to be taught

8th

Great weakness I resort to the help of stimulants & it was the over excitement caused by them & not insanity that brought me to this awful place. Such a place as this I consider right not to be on this blessed land of England! Oh! I do not know how to express the awful condition I know we are all in & never dying hope & felt caused from my too great ignorance & wonder often now how differently my mother acted towards us & taught you

Yours & affectionately & my sincerely dear ones

~~Confused~~

8th.

Yr. Ill is therefore painfully truly horrible as I state it & it was thro' slight family disagreement about my duty that I came here. —

I regarded the married state with unbounded pleasure that it is only under the pressure of yrs. & Papa's desire that I in agony disclosed some of my misery to me this place where it will be proved that I am right. I ~~decided~~ object on account of our awful condition to place some of my bodily history in the hands of those in authority.

Feb 11th 1871

A Summary of my life &
of my sad awful
& unreal State & its results.

Dr. Baker.

December the 29th.

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December the 29th.

You may think I have not been so impressed of late with our too awful condition, but it is not so, but you give me so little opportunity of making the truth known to you & writing the same thing is wearisome & not always practicable that I have neglected this only important thing in my daily life here! and beside what I have to tell of this the plain unexaggerated truth is so very repugnant to me, that ~~that~~ it is a great trial to me to make know a medical man aware of it. but it is an imperative duty to my innocent bereaved & intensely dear ones! When I came here my cup of

borrow & trouble was overflowing
& it was principally to the assistant
doctors that my tale was told. So
you have now know little, indeed
do the medical men who sent me here
They did not know the daily trouble
of my existence at that time, there
were serious irritations with regard
to my youngest daughter's engagement
which I had to deal with alone
My husband was ill, & worse than ill
& my other daughters were not likely to
understand as I did the position of affairs
but what did one of them say since to
me "mama we were not so far sighted
as you were"! & what is the testimony

of the young wife, her sister who was staying with her, Fred is a "splendid fellow," & every thing that a husband can be! & in ~~many~~ these dark days to which I especially allude, he was one of the few bright objects in my life then, and oh! to think that I, in the greatest innocence & ignorance, am the medium of so much sorrow that must be to him & his good brother too, both of whom are so very dear to me for my children's sake as well as their own! & before my crushing weight of woe I believe they would testify to my having helped them in their journey thro' life by their intercourse with my children!

I cannot now describe to you the very
mingled feelings that I had to wade
thro' in the training of my darling
but from my painful knowledge of the
world, I was made if any thing
more than ordinarily particular in my
care of such treasures! little knowing
that all the time that so hard I did
for my husband at his request (who but
with much else was so repulsive to me)
had produced the effect I state, &
that consequently he cannot die!
Oh! ~~I cannot~~ it is impossible for me
to convey to you the very slightest idea
of what I have passed thro here on
all accounts, & how little understood
my character has been even! You
have been of late unjustly annoyed with me
forgetting that I was yours here without ~~that~~ my

any "disturbance," when at last I did tell you my experience with this I may have drawn too sweeping a conclusion, yet you did not in this first serious letter appear to take much notice of my feelings & as was the case so very painfully I must again say with regard to that selfish & hypocritical woman at Bell Vue! I have naturally very deep feelings, but hidden far away & with the exception of my home misery they have never been so outraged as they have been here, from the want of that "wise sympathy & love," so especially needed in a place like this. But that is all past now, & were I a human being I have no doubt, but that I should be able to prove

your misconception of my character
I see & hear things that you do not
& as I have my reason & to act as
deep thinker I draw my conclusions!
I must repeat that daily expecting the
beginning of unknown agonies has
prevented me from writing as much as
I might have done but there is enough
to guide you all, & remember
especially that I have to be married
"home" to my husband for the end of
all & that my descendants must share
the same fate for we can not die
here if not for this state of affairs
I know there is nothing to prevent my

returning to the position in my family that I tried to hold upright, & I have no doubt that I should have a welcome from all even from he who has so wronged & from my step-daughter who made often unintentionally so much trouble for me, I might exclaim that they little knew the misery they one made for others! and you little know as I say the more than ordinary difficulties, that they so unprepared to meet! but I know my early training with my naturally quiet disposition made me able to exercise great patience under trials too sad to gain my friends with!

Picture all that is implied by my being
wrongly brought & detained in this place.

25th of July.—

I can only repeat all as I so often told you & my note of the 12th Sunday, will be a guide to all & you must be merciful to all for us. Unreal, poor unreal, innocent victims of my poor erring husband, Oh! the distractions of this place have prevented me from doing all as I otherwise would have done & beside I have been in daily expectation of the commencement of my poor awful calamity. Adonies & my lord are punctual to their

Dewhurst,
Widmore Road,
Bromley, Kent.

27th Oct. '85

My dear Amelia,

As tomorrow will be your birthday, I enclose a pair of silk cuffs, as a little remembrance, so that you may see we do not forget you. I had hoped to have popped in

again before this, you
but one thing or another
has upset my plans. My
dear Sidney when writ
I had almost finished her
top, I heard you is
were expecting Mrs Art
visitors. I have been very
glad to receive better dele
accts of your health, very
should be very pleased & glad
of a few lines from is no
yourself, saying how Kate

tter, you are discomfortable
d another in every way.
law- My wife is in bed
hen with a bad cold on
lined her chest, but hope
m is not in the mend.
hen Artie our youngest
been boy has been very
better delicate, & looking
ooth, very pale, but Sam
pleased & Lizzy he also
ood is now much better.
y hum Katie & Mary & Fanny

are so green you would
not know them —
Send you as a text
for tomorrow 2 Cor IV. 6.,
with every good wish
for your birthday.
Hoping soon to hear
from you, Emma,
Yours very affec. brother,
J. J. Mullins.

Emma has gone to live at
home at Blackheath, Harbour
Watson is living with us, has
work in the office, so the old country
is being deserted!

Dr Baker Sunday eve.

Please read the enclosed letter from my only brother, you hurried away so this eve I had no opportunity of giving it to you. This is the second I have received here & I do not know that I have ever had a dozen from him in my life. I have written him a reply today. Please send it.

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All with have the as I say
Amelia Jelin
Mrs Jelin
The Retreat
York.
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Thursday August the 25th.

It is so awfully terrible to me that you are about to leave home again because I am terrified that my so awful agonies may begin whilst you are away: and it is positively necessary that you should make all reparation for the years of wrong & of

before you leave England for your Tour

Do not forget that I have left here with
this time dependent on your judgment
& I have not written to my friends
as I would have done had
I not thought it
the duty of
beginning
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injustice that I have
suffered here. It will
therefore be absolutely
indispensible that you
make all the lord
awful arrangements for our
& general bollies to be destroyed.
My dear friend Dr Liffe right
I think to help & perhaps
you could hand all over to
his Kind Keeping for he is
a most Kind Kentish & skillful man.

Kentish

I think that any one who has anything sensible to communicate ought to be listened to & such interest taken in their hopes & fears, & then their case would be more thoroughly understood it is so intensely painful to be treated as worse than naughty children! I speak from my own feelings! of course! On Sunday I received a letter from my sister that has been very distressing from some points of view, but who cared or sympathized!

Then I may be interfering of my
opinions are my child's wishes! —
& then I have Kitchen "Home" as the
only refreshment for years of drudgery!

20/8.

Dr. Baker.


W. SESSIONS. STATIONER. YORK.

23. G. Sq.

To

D. Baker.

I quite accidentally left my letter to the Commissioners open, I have not the very slightest objection to your reading it, but please let it not be delayed. —

See inside please


SESSIONS STATIONER YORK
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Dr Baker, you must excuse me
in my distress telling you that altho
I know by experience you can act
in a very generous way when it is no
trouble to you, yet my other
experience is that where matters
your feelings are concerned you give
the decision consistent with your
feelings, even in this less than
trivial origin of a disturbance, you
you paid no attention to me, & I
would not have thought of coming to
you or any one else about nothing
I only spoke because you had spoken
in the drawing-room to the others
& I feel certain you were wrongly
informed, & that Mrs Smith

would not have spoken & told you what she said, only that when I knew she had been mean enough to make such unpleasantness I told her I would tell you for I am perfectly innocent in this matter.

You said I could "certainly" see one or more of the committee gentlemen, & as a "friend" I believe I could have that as a right as well as a matter of courtesy Why then did you not grant me even this little grain of justice. I think if instead of ~~texts~~ of faith which are becoming most wearisome, we could see a few at out the therefore to it would be the surest road to the desired end which can never be mine or my darling's Yours &c

Oh how I have been misjudged ~~in this~~
to awful place.

19th 9 P.M. Bed-room –

"At the altar she did not know that she was a sacrifice; but before sunset of that bridal day she knew it & judgment may be forced from her face & attitude of despair when she alighted from the carriage on the afternoon of her marriage-day". — "The bridegroom jumped out of the carriage & walked away. The bride alighted & came up the steps alone"! How this reminds me of my own experience. I always have said I felt neglected the day after I married & I believe my poor husband in his thoughtlessness left me to ascend the hotel steps after him. What a contrast on

It is truly terrible to come across this book of Lady Byron just before the typing of my awful agonies. There seems too much in it corresponding with my experiences in my so sad life with one of those character. ~~that~~ In my ignorance & innocence I had no idea of my early Quaker training was of such a guarded nature that it was only by degrees I became aware of the difficulties before me!

~~Doughty~~ for the first time after this day
from Home! on such an awfully unfortunate
wedding day. –
"She loved him with that love exactly like
a mother's, which good wives often feel when
they have lost all faith in their husband's
principles & all hopes of their affection,
"Fill the cup in heart and soul his heart fill
Oh how often I have felt like this & altho
I know too well my poor husband's unstable
disposition yet I know my place is by
his side & there I always tried to do my
best for him & ours & yet how
awful too awfully fearful he has by his
sin made mine produced the result
I cry to keep before all around me. –

Sunday July the 26th —

Another Anniversary of one of my miracles the 29th

Dr. Baker.

25th July


W. SESSIONS STATIONERY DEPT.

Monday October 12th

I can but expect all & entreat that all with whom as I have said for it has been the truth & nothing but the too awful truth that I have been trying in vain (so far) to impress on all here

7th July Tuesday long

I believe now I have done nearly all
I ever shall do in this world with
have the as I have said but
terribly awfully fearful for me to stay here
Mam angelica was at the bottom of it!

Dr Baker. –

October the 17th Saturday Eve.

I must hope in
justice to me that
you do not destroy
these documents which are my only
advocates. Powerful in their silence.

It is very hard for me to feel that after my uprightness has been proved by years here that I have to give way to misdeed & wrong for it has taken a long time to make me write with any courage! But altho I know my ~~too~~ awful doom yet I think it is not required of me to be silent ~~when~~ where there is so much injustice & wrong If you only were not afraid ~~to look~~ more closely into ~~what~~ a few things you would have the greater reward in your own peace of mind. –

You know I have not been in the habit of making complaints but what I have been serious ones. – I cannot regret them ~~as~~ except that the conclusions

I drew of Miss Delgle's character
was as I acknowledged to deserve
& I retracted that, but you know
as well as any one that our
experiences are different and
I think you may have heard from
others as well as me that Miss
Delgle is hasty, but I hope
see in our Ms. Dad lives to very
different typing, & such as me
it is very painful to be treated
as naughty children or sometimes
worse. I can venture to say
that I have seen an expression on
Miss Delgle's face that you never have
still I know her better & make all allowance
for her disposition, for at times she can do
a kindness very gracefully. But Miss Dodge
& Miss Ball are my favorites. Rachel.

Sunday October the 18th

As you never granted me the "half hour" & now I believe never will this is of course the only way open to me. I can only add that you do not know the depth of tenderness & love which has been wrapped up in what I have often felt was a cold exterior (partly the result of Quaker education & very likely also natural reserve); but years here makes one familiar with so much that is painful that one overcomes in time the shrinking at first felt in daily scenes such as we look on. Oh! how my heart yearns drawn to suffering humanity & here how very sad & painful my life has been here in consequence of this sympathy.

I can but give you these sentiments exp
who were amongst those most likely
my schoolmistress Mary Heton of Bay do
her, & said that if I had only "confide
anything
my Mother-in-law who was a woman
told me after I was married I was a "
& she was known to have said of me "Wha

Then again when my father & m
my unhappiness years ago & my mother
sentiments expressed by a very favorite
so very kind to me big "that was fit for
thought of these things & my experience here
words are completely powerless to convey to you

e sentiments expressed by three people
se most likely to know my life.
Shaton of Bryden date home after I left
ch only "confidence" I could do almost

was a woman of keen & close judgment
ich I was "a pattern to English women".
said of me "whatever Annie Glyn is she a lady."
my father & mother became aware of
d of my mother told my husband a
a very favorite uncle of mine who was
"that was fit for a prince".! & when I have
experience here & my so awful martyrdom
ots to convey to you any idea of my mental agony
& wrongs.

It may appear egotistical to you for me to make all this known to you but who not to if not to a medical man. I assure you instead of making me proud I have seldom thought of them unless in distress. I believe my most unchristian feelings is that I do feel to wish ~~[illegible]~~ that those may suffer who have thus deceit & hypocracy made misery for others! — (My son-in-law Frederick told me more than once I did not think enough about myself & my years of suffering did school me thus in forbearance for I could not bear my husband's sins to be known. So now what a task devolution you to accomplish for us.

Saturday Evening

Dear Mr Kloster

I have been unwell this week & have not been able to do much. I am very sorry that I have received with pleasure your kind letter of the 16th inst. I would be delighted to see you here & hear all about Paris & the doings of the Salon. I am very glad that Dear Mr Thompson & Miss Mie are well & enjoying Paris. I wish I could be with you in the Luxembourg Gardens & see the pictures. I have been yet made use of to offer his services to Mr Thompson & Miss Mie. Sometime I hope to see you & have a chat about Paris & the Salon. I am very sorry that I cannot write more at present but I hope to be able to write more next week. Yours truly

Wm Rossetti

Mr Kloster

time but. She is often spoke to me
but that gone away — I am very sorry
I did. Because I have been
most careful not to give any
one cause for complaint, but
in the past you did not give
me the justice I claimed at your
hands as I told you, and late
very ~~[illegible]~~ must have reminded
you should think of me & all
I suffered. Thro' being sent against
my will to Bell View.

Seeing terribly my awful condition
I always feel any disturbance
especially ~~[illegible]~~ bringing my great

unwillingness to be any
thing but just — Oh! what I have
suffered from my strict education
& refined surroundings! in my early life.
So to tell I am married but
Rosy has near my upon that
be I must clear myself ~~from~~ & add
something for your information —
Mrs Chapman has told
me sufficient to support
my experience of Mrs Smith — which
is this, she is one of the most
passionate, & selfish women I ever
saw, & Mrs C has more than
once told me that she feared
a disturbance with Mrs Smith

lest she might be lent to another
part of the house — this fear
has led Mrs C. to overlook
whatever is unbecoming in Mrs
Smith to a most unjust extent
because others suffer. Peace at
any price seems her watchword
with regards to Mrs Smith — I do not
think either Mrs Richardson or Blanche
have seen what we have witnessed
of Mrs Smith's temper. Unfortunately
she governs herself more before them.
I believe Mrs Chapman has often told
me she has had "as much as she
could bear" from Mrs S. Cameron & Lepic
says I have told her she ought to tell Mrs
or Mrs Richardson.

Dr. Baker. —

October the 18th.

"It is not life to live day after day,
"Year after year, apart from all we love;

10th of October.

As I have told you before there are many hindering things in our way even here to prevent us from doing what we would, but if you search out I try to tell you you will have sufficient to guide you & others in your awful work which must in mercy to us be done, & what I have caught

"How many a woman's heart is doomed to bear
"Some secret wound, she carries to her grave
"Unseen, unguessed at, even by him who gave
"The cruel blow! Yet she a smile will wear
"Amid the darkest night of her despair,
"Nor breathe a sigh, nor consolation crave,
"Content for lonely hours her tears to save,
"Silence her refuge — ~~death her~~ alas hope & prayer!"

I met with these lines last evening & felt them to be the true, yes, the exactly true discription of my sufferings & experiences,

10th of October. Anne Eliza Linn

you will have such an unknown task imposed upon you (& for which you are in some ways so unprepared) that anything I can give you as guidance in to make you acquainted with my too awful life it is incumbent on me to place in your hands, for the destination which must be mine & my intensely loved descendants must be accomplished in the "Home"? which I shared with him whom I regard in the light of an erring son, for husband is a name the sacredness of which was violated in my too awful

experience

November the 6th!

I can but repeat all, & I must implore that justice may be done at the last! & that I may be taken home for that fate which must be to us 8, in consequence of what happened soon after I was married, & of which I have the clearest recollection!! How terrible my life has been here no words can express & then the awfulness of all; those that love their own may form some faint idea of what our isolation is here! —

Dr. Baker, to —

November the 6th!

Dr. Stiffe

Mendal.

W. SESSIONS STATIONER YORK

Friends' Retreat York.

Tuesday October the 28th.

My dear Kind Friend

I cannot tell you the intense wrong & agony I have suffered from being placed here, but when I think of the past I blame Dr Hamilton & not you from whom I have received so very many kind attentions.

I do not blame you under the circumstances for the part you took, nevertheless when I arrived here I knew I was wronged for all

I was unbecomingly excited
from the act I resorted in my
crushing weight of miseries
yet you never knew me say one
incoherent sentence, therefore
I was not insane, & if you knew
in the workings of this place the great-
injustice & wrongs I have endured
here your kind heart would bleed
as it has never done before!
In the isolation of this place a living
sepulcre, where one experiences a
living death so to speak the too
awfully painful memories of the past
often hold their sway. I think of my

honored father whose presence inspired me with love & then I think of him who carried me away from a refined & christian home & with whom I never spent one really happy day. I felt I was married for any thing but for love, you have no idea how I hoped against hope that I might one day possess that priceless treasure which is my so much needed in every married life, even true love. — —

I cannot now enter upon matters that I would wish to tell you of those years so painfully sad but I must tell you that I should conceal here that, in my great innocence & ignorance of the married

State I committed, at my poor dying husband's request, a sin to which I believe no one ever could have been tempted with before, "Oh how could" who would not willing inquire a fly be reserved for such a fate, educated as I was to live for others, & what I carried out, and to ~~x~~ what a result my poor darlings testify!

in my devotion

The consequences of this sin entails on me & thro me on my descendants a never-dying frame, therefore there are 8 of us upon whom some way or destruction must be found

I have trusted Dr Baker with every necessary information concerning the past & also with the sacred feelings of my heart but I have often turned to you in spirit

I thought that you ought to finish what
you have taken part in for I know
from past experience that I can
trust to your kind heart.

Daily living in expectation
of the great agonies I have never written
to you before altho I have often spoken
of you & thought of you till often
and now on account of some very
great wrong I feel drawn towards
you for the help which I know my
more than angelic darling & mystery
will require & also poor
innocent little Bee pet, my darling
child! Oh! dear Dr Iliffe if you
knew the workings of a lunatic asylum

you could not believe that such
places were right. The commissioners
can give you the information that
I have placed with them all of which
is as true as any word ever spoken.
I do not know how to end this
but to implore your interest in
our so fearful doom with
the ~~[illegible]~~ feelings of
friendship towards you believe
me that I tell you as well as
your old friend, Amelia Lim.

There is much that I could write to you about my loved ones & God & the time, but alas this fearful doom awaits us! —.

— — — —

Bear my poor husband nothing of ill-will — but rather look upon him as a mother does her erring son and did for him all I could as I was able. I have written to the Lunacy Commissioners today & ask for a copy of the letter — are you not responsible in some measure for my being here? —

Dr. Baker.

Tuesday Evening.


W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK.

Tuesday Evening.

I am overwhelmed with trouble & there seems to be one here who has much power or inclination to console one. Today I received a note telling me that one of my poor darlings was visiting at Henry Perry's & if there were one place more than another that I would object to, it is his house, so I have told my mother's anxiety & love written to say that she should not stay here

I hope the letter will be posted tonight. I expect Josephine wrote because the last time she was here you were away & you did not see Fred or Annie either!

I think to keep any one away from their "Home" when they are continually pining for it is refined barbarism. Those around us who are not patients see their friends & speak of them frequently but the outpourings of the hearts of the patients are met with a

chilling response if any that only makes captivity still more galling! in fact to me lunatic asylums as they are must be one of the great stains on the English Government & steps should be taken to prevent rather than cure such a malady as insanity. I think a great deal about such things from my surroundings! & yet I know nothing can save poor me or my darling who are so intensely dear to me. If the visitors the last two years could see behind the scenes how many

broken hearts should they discover
I wondered how I could converse as
I did with Mr. Colton, he might
have been at an ordinary party
& yet both our hearts were breaking
altho' guilty of this place, nor the patients, nor
ourselves were discussed!
I must repeat my inability to express
on you my wrongs, the consequent
waste of money, badly expended.
I know, but having failed in giving
a consecutive account I must, I fear
this is the last time, try to impress you
with the necessity of doing for us
innocent victims ~~[illegible]~~
as I have tried to tell you all here!
A. E. Linn!

Sunday October the 25th.—

My dear Darling John, my only brother!

Thy note arrived this morning with the enclosure which are very pretty, & such a token of remembrance. I am grateful but I should feel still more grateful for less, big loving interest, but I have little of this to acknowledge here from my "very affectionate brother". Since I left most impatiently away from a "Home" that I tried to bind together in spite of things too numerous & too dreadful to mention & with which I struggled for one for about a quarter of century, I was made the scape goat for the sins of others, & then at last I was completely crushed

Yes in one way infinitely more in another.

I was hurried away without any knowledge of the intention of my "friends" on the contrary I was told I was "not coming here or to any place of the kind!" Neither should I have received such unjust treatment for I never have been "insane" excepted I was from the use of stimulants, which I used to do my best for my darlings & for my enemies; thee never knew my provocations, if thee did & are what thee is highly professed to be a "christian" thee could not have had any sympathy with the treatment of my eldest sister & the one that has done most for thee, & had

deceived, not to speak of the fearful scenes I was plunged into, I was terrified when I first came here that the blessing of sight alone was a constant pain to see the countenances around me.

I always felt, I never could send any one to such a place as this however ill they might be, & I feel sure my Christian friends would look on this & every such place as I do if they only knew what life here is like. & I think the day must come when such a curse as the "Lunacy Laws", will be swept from so favoured a land as England, "Comfortable in every way". I have never been so grossly treated but I escaped any quarrel with any one, until

I went to Bell Vue where I was treated most heartlessly, by a weekly communicant of the church of England! So that I was glad to return here, where by some of the patients (some extraordinary) I have been more flattered than I ever was in my life. Unfortunately however about a week ago a "friend" I am sorry to say who is a very passionate woman; has made some serious implications for me out of nothing for I am perfectly innocent of having said or done anything annoying to cause the disturbance, but I have suffered silently here much wrong & there seems no redress, "might is right" here, where all are treated with suspicion.

You may glean from this what my daily life of suffering has been here, & I never thought of writing a complaint until to

I was called a "liar" & told I was "no lady
nor never was one"! by one professing
to be a "Christian gentlemanman" for
speaking the truth! {the language you hear is something dreadful from the patients}
I have written to Dr. Iliffe this first week
& he would never have sent me to Bellevue if he knew
but I have been told that the letter
may be suppressed, is not this wrong
to stop free intercourse with one's friends
& I know he was ill advised or he would
not have acted as he did.
And now all this brings me to the only
thing that is insurmountable; & that is
my moral condition, & that of my darling
& the "little pet" whom I love dearer than
life itself & for whom I labored as I did
to make them ornaments of society which
they are, for where will you find any
girls more anxious to help others & do
right themselves.

I had the highest compliment a mother could have had lately from one of them on this head & now so full as I do & as I ought never to forget if it were possible, that I am innocently & ignorantly the medium employed to produce the unreal state I know we & are in. I cannot tell them now, ~~for~~ this might not be sent but Dr. Baker knows & it is a perfect truth – & for this reason & this alone I am kept here suffered to have this "delusion" – & I could say nothing about it but that I know it is the ~~his~~ awful truth, & therefore you have all to be prepared as I

hard tried to keep the fact hopeless.
I refrained from writing, in daily
expectation of what ~~it~~ would be too
awful; but injustice & wrong
made me break this silence, for
there is no need for my memory lie under
all this wrong, it is sufficient that
I have been made the innocent medium
of unknown agonies (she) for us.

Oh! how can I believe in a God
of "Love & Mercy", "How is it that" ~~I who~~ from
childhood, loved ~~all~~ good things
~~all~~ things beautiful & good, should have
been connected with so much sin.
& sorrow! & should have been tempted
to commit an unknown sin! by him

who entreat me from the care of this
refined & gentlemanly father
whose presence alone inspired me with love
Besides the anticipation of seeing
very soon as I say I am ~~as a day~~
enduring the unjust opinion of those
whose favor is very desirable here
I say nothing more; I may
perhaps, be able once again to
send a few lines today to my
intensely dear ones, whom I look
upon as far above angels, so
I must conclude by impressing
on thee the truth of all contained here
that thee may have a picture of such
misery as thee have never seen or know of
My ~~dear~~ deeply interested & affectionate sister,
Amelia Sim

Henry John Miller Esq.
Deerhurst
Widmore Road
Bromley Kent

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Return to Writer

The Rev
Alfred R Tucker.

William H. Lee Esq
Ravenscroe
Roe Lane
Southport
Lancashire

Return to Writer
The Rev
Alfred R Tucker.

There is
another you promised
to send when I was in a mind
to engage Dr Hinds for safety.

Tuesday the 8th September.

My much loved son.

It was so truly terrible for me to see again here two of my sweet lovely darlings, I was struck with their unusual refined ~~appearance~~ manners something not seen every day in this selfish wicked world and to think that I am so innocently & so innocently the medium of their so awful condition; for my aim was to save them from all unnecessary pain, as well as those (to do the best for each one) for whom I have not so intense an

interest ~~in~~ If it were not for this
the pleasure would have been so
unspeakably great to have had
such a treat in the enjoyment
of the society of those who any
deserving person could see were
endeavoring to regulate their lives
by the highest rules. What must
it be to me to feel that such
unreal loveliness belongs to me
If they were real beings the possession
would be almost too valuable
If it were possible for me to keep
them all before my mind continually
it would be ~~right~~ best-delight and
indeed I might say they are the back ground
of all my thoughts one tall with the sweet

& those so dear & good to them!
for I ~~could not~~ look on you & Fred as part of that invaluable Stro.
We have had each of us in the past our various trials from mut-
understanding the actuating motives
of one another but when these
have been swept away & the
light has been revealed does it
tend to cement more firmly the
only true friendship "brotherly love"?
I can truly say that those who it
is my duty to love & yet have
made me unhappy ~~I feel~~ I feel for them even
I tried to do my best in hope!
And now how much sorrow that had
never been born than have been made
such use of

In such meetings as yesterday there is so much pent-up feeling to give expression to in so short a time that I could only give you an idea of all. – But oh my beloved Alfred I must entreat of you in whom I repose the most perfect trust that you will see that all that is necessary will be done for us may in awful condition it is too awful to fearfully awful for you to my other beloved son to have such an undeserved fate but I and my unreal more than angelic darling the innocent little pet & my self are the victims I try to offer to make you aware of!

I am writing in the midst of much disturbance but I know you will receive all in the most charitable light & if you can picture what my life must be here living in the daily expectation of Lucy's confinement for me & mine.

In concluding what must be to you & know as last epistle I can but repeat every expression of tenderness & love knowing that all is really awfully true as I say. I am as I have ever been sincerely & devotedly all that I have said to you & of you all. Adieu Eliza Lucie

Dont forget the tale waiting here.

could a mother receive a higher compliment than what my poor unreal darling said to the other "I always try to do everything as I was taught"! Once before "Mama it has been all your doing." And Oh! how truly unspeakably terrible that in my ignorant desire to be all a wife should be, ~~that~~ my poor erring husband has made us the two awful victims we are

Forward Mr Baker.

& my dearest friends & relatives

Sunday July the 12th

Please let this letter be
in time to go
on Sunday

W. SESSIONS STATIONER YORK

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Sunday July the 12th

This is to me a too fearful anniversary
The thirtieth anniversary of my eldest murdered
It is too awfully terrible to think in the first
place of what we all are & then to think
of how changed we all are during my
unlawful detention, unlawful it is altho'
I know it has been done in ignorance
could imagine anything so dreadful as our
unreal conditions.
I have from time to time given Dr
Baker all necessary information on all the
painful aspects of our condition as well as
necessary to help him & others in the too fearful
duties they must have to perform for us
unreal beings the beloved, my darling & myself

3 Dr Baker must have produced the so unnatural state we I are in & Oh how terrible my life has been here in consequence none can imagine & how often have I felt injustice & wrong indignities besides the daily wrong of my life & yet to have to comply. Among all this it is so indescribably terrible that no words could convey any idea of what we are & what the anguish of my spirit has been here not to speak of the suffering in my own Home where in spite of all I labored incessantly for the good of all

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I know my friends would not have sent me here unless they hoped that I should have been benefitted ~~for~~. I can easily think they feared for my mental condition, but my poor darlings little knew my over wrought state, ~~state~~ and it was in consequence of this that I ~~supported~~ resorted to the support of stimulants & ~~consequently~~ as I know I was over come by them on some occasions it was my excitement & not insanity that alarmed them for I know I was goaded on to do some unbecoming things but I never was insane & on reflecting ~~on~~ my troubles & distance here, ~~after~~ my awful realization at Harrogate on the early morning of October 2nd 1880 I remembered what I have ~~to~~

This is written for the guidance of all who will in Energy be found to see after us as I have so often, so very often tried to keep before those who are in authority here, & for those who by the ties of Kindred much as "christians" see that we are destroyed in our "Home" for be I can never die as mortals!

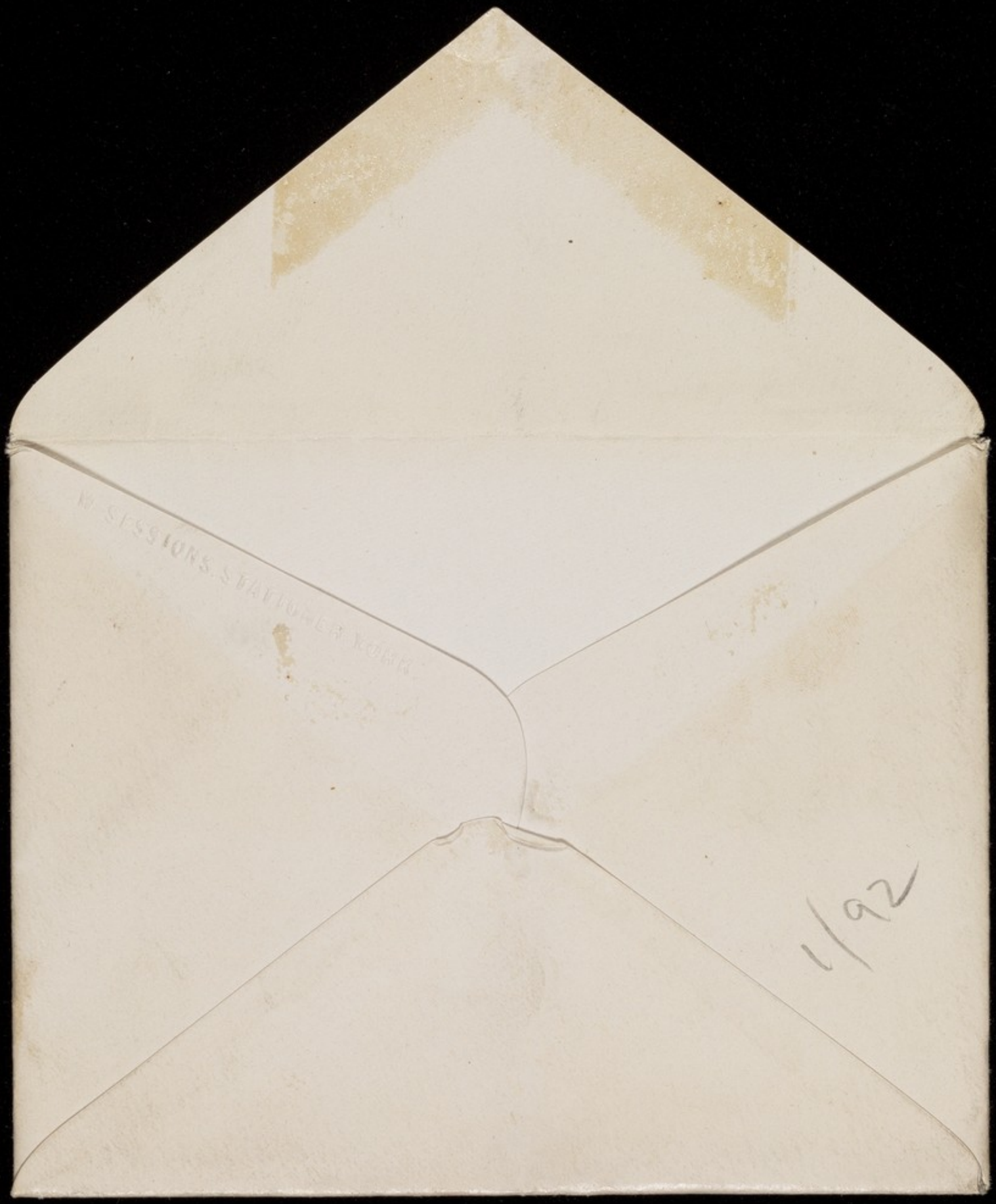
Anna Elizabeth

It is still more terribly useful to me
She is in the hands of unwillingness
doctor who knows nothing of me or mine

I wish to see one or two of the committee
Gentlemen.

D. Baker.

October the 20th Tuesday.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Tuesday October the 20th

As you do not give yourself the trouble to investigate some things, you have once again (May I use the expression) saddled the wrong mare"! for we were told at breakfast that, ~~the~~ what was at the root of the matter was found out & it appears that the two other ladies are now at variance! if it were not so very painful it would be ridiculous & I have been dealt with in a manner that may count a subject that I told you was too trifling to claim such attention. Good Lord Mr C.

Anne Elizabeth Lin —

P.S. again.

Mrs. Richardson has told me of your saying decree about this room for as I told you I have never quarrelled with any lady here when I found Miss Lucy so ungrateful for much that I had done for her I simply let her alone.

P. S.

I'm sorry to Mrs Chapman I must say that she has a slate to Mrs Smith's wishes & demands & she knows I told her as much that portions of Mrs S work was troublesome & difficult & her were done by Mrs C. even I suspect & I consider her consequently that I always did a mean & selfish woman especially to make a disturbance out of nothing but her own ill temper.

Honestly tell you the truth but also nothing is of consequence to me here but the awful room which you have in your arrangement for me & mine

Dr Baker.

Monday October the 28th.


W. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK

Your visits are so fleeting that you dispel the subjects that I want to talk to you about. How would you tear your wife or child to suffer the injustice that you have caused for me this past week! Were I a humanitarian I would treat such ~~injustice~~ with contempt, but you should know how my feelings are specially wounded on account of my unjust & sad condition! Ought we not to be able to receive from you as a medical man the care & comfort of a friend. Mrs. Smith still continues to address me — but I avoid her as a burnt child the fire, till my doom arrives, for she is & has been all day & now Mrs Chapman is a coward at present!

I do not know what to write to you, but I must implore the attention for me & my descendants that I tell you we will need & that all is true of my state & consequently our wrongs. you may think I have been angry but I have raised my voice in distress & agony of mind and not — I am afraid I have wished here that I was born with a temper! they seem useful here!

Tuesday September the 15th

I just returned from a drive in the "carriage" the noise from the windows & the closeness ~~there~~ enough to irritate instead of refresh the heavy nerves, not to speak of the company, ~~Offie~~ Dr Baker I wonder if you have any idea of the indignities some of us suffer here.

If there was any alteration you needed from the "Friends" you would not hesitate I am sure to demand it, you must not then consider it more necessary when it is the question of the

to helplessly afflicted
those intended to be placed under
"Christian" care — Dr. Amen
concluded the sermon on Sunday
evening somewhat in these words
(if not word for word) "lose no opportunity
of doing good to man"!
I have always thought Dr. Amen
kind & gentlemanly but now
I really do not know what to think
Picture your wife or children
such circumstances as we
are under here & then decide
on the measures to be used!

You know Dr. Baker that I have from

time to time tell you it is a
very difficult thing to give you
much of an idea of what
I feel here for you pray under
very ~~flying~~ hasty skills, you
must therefore excuse my
taking this means of making you
aware of what is absolutely
necessary for I may now
conclude these few remarks
with reminding you that
my case is what I tell you
that the awful means that must
be taken for me & my descendants
must be completed in that

"Home" of mine ~~[illegible]~~
~~condition~~ such a unit homes
from the two awful life I have led
& my present condition is the
result of ~~[illegible]~~ I have to tell
& what is necessary for you to know
in your professional capacity

January the 21st.—

I was secretly painful that my behement endeavor to place my position before two medical men today, was of no avail, & those two men paid by the Committee of the "Society of Friends" for alleviating as far as possible our mental agonies, & surely if Dr. Smith felt it such a very grievous thing that a patient here should wound his feelings, he ought to be very careful not to wound theirs, & it seemed a very ungracious thing to bring it forward after the lapse of more than a year! It also appears

very wrong to tell a patient that any trouble of theirs should be a "forbidden subject" ~~[illegible]~~ it should on the contrary have the very closest investigation, in such a place as this, could anything be more slavish? because of the peculiarly trying life here any one ~~worthy~~ who could be trusted, ought to have all confidence shown them, & not be unfairly dealt with, that the oppressor might go free!

Dr Groth ought to have known from me what

the oppressor might go free!

Dr. Groth ought to have known from me what I had to say on the matter if he has heard the other side, & on account of my fearful state I am obliged to repeat the truth of all I said for I am not ~~so~~ young or inexperienced as to be incapable of forming an opinion of what passes around me. I believe I may truly say that I had not the very slightest sympathy, from the one source it ought to have come from—! Oh! all is too terribly awful!

January the 20th Summary of Truths.

Neither my darlings or the wee-pet or myself can die.

Therefore we must be destroyed! —

It is in consequence of the sin I committed so innocently

(This I can tell by my state of reflection because I have been a great sinner)

I maintain that I was never insane, but excited as I stated to Plein

Everything therefore must be done from this aspect

And all the money spent on me here for board & lodging &

medical attendance has been unjust & therefore

all such money must in justice be refunded to help the

expenses which may be very heavy for such a broken down family.

My various papers & the writing in Endymion must guide all

Dr Baker. —

1/57

Dr. Baker.

18th July Friday.


F. SESSIONS, STATIONER YORK.
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Friday July the 18th

Here am I, still waiting for all as I say for his 8 innocent victims. & I tell in my early married life was apparently (only so) in by far the most enviable position, am now the the very opposite in every worldly sense. For while my sisters are in affluence & my brother in a good position, & what did I not do for them all & even my uncle darlings have done much,

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The son-in-law far away now at Balmoral
the other having his Rector away what are
we to do! Oh! it is so awful
so awfully fearfully awfully terribly terribly awfully
A young "doctor"? so who knows nothing of me —
I know that I have been often injured here unjustly
but that is nothing for if there be a heavenly God why
I should have nothing to dread on this side but this is
as nothing to my anguish at the secrets

2 there too, & oh to think all our sacred state
is the result of my sinning in the greatest ignorance
& innocence It is so awful I cannot give any
idea of the reality of a such a state, and to
think of a "God of love & mercy" permitting such
a thing, it seems impossible that there is such
a being the sorrows & suffering of humanity
would seem enough & too much I am sure the
life of any woman is fraught with a
an amount of suffering to make life sufficiently

Since you have so carefully guarded Mrs Smith by removing me from her presence, she has made 3 unsuccessful attempts to speak to me, does not the whole proceeding therefore seem ridiculous as well as I know it to be unjust.— If I were so very obnoxious surely she would rejoice at the removal of but I know it has all arisen from her own temper I said nothing to irritate her, & the information you have received was either partial or incorrect— but I believe it was both. My feeling here is that any one

so dangerous to a fellow patient is better not spoken
to at all & then there is no danger in this unsafe
place. It is my first experience of the kind!
Miss Lucy's case was quite different, Mrs Richardson
insisted on knowing what Miss Lucy said of her in
the sitting-room, not privately! & I was driven to
the remark I made by pressing acts of hostility
(I avoided her consequently)
If I were a human being I should mostly pass all
this over, but it is absolutely necessary that you
should know from the poor victim that I am,
some ~~aspects~~ of the truths that you are ignorant of

should know from the poor [illegible]

some ~~aspects~~ of the truths that you are ignorant of

I who am nearly old enough (born 1832) to be your mother

one supposed not to be devoid of common sense

must be aware of the various phases of

things passing around me & from the unjust

circumstances of my position I am led to give

you necessary information

Of course I cannot help your being misinformed but you

could help being so unkind & unjust as ever to refer

to Bell Vue, this is what I wanted to see a committee

gentlemen for, you said "certainly" I could see one, then it was your duty to me

to give me any help I needed.

It is a very great disadvantage to be of an amiable disposition here! how splendid a high spirit must be! yet one should not boast of either for they are natural gifts but the latter is the most necessary here to contend with the wrong which must be met with in some shape or other!

I should do nothing all day long if it were possible but lament my unreal inconsequently unjust position & the my doubtful & two awful state too!

It is hard indeed from the whole household seem rather bound to be nothing at all. There was a time when I might have been silent, but my condition need all the explanation I can give you.

Wm Baker.

Saturday October the 24th —

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Opened to Record Oct. the 17th of Oct.

Dr. Baker

To be opened as occasion may require.

It is considered very bad taste to remind any one of what they retracted! How many times have I been reminded of what I once said of some one, & that on reflection I wished ~~it to be~~ forgotten. Oh it really is too dreadful what I have had to endure in this too awful place. How can one believe in a God of love & mercy.

Written in confusion.

Monday July the 30th

To Dr. Baker

"Alapsus linguæ"! you said to the statement I made to you of the way in which Mrs Richardson spoke to me! How differently have you taken things up that I have told you truthfully & in confidence, I am supposed to have a delusion but a delusion does not make you incapable of judging of other things passing around you, — I have felt very anxious on the head of truthfulness, because I know even when is supposed to be my delusion is the so awfully plain truth, & consequently the so terrible end that I anticipate must

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unpleasantness arising from the decided falsehood that has been told by Mrs. Lucy to Mrs. Richardson ~~that~~ I have been the object of much cliff-by her when on the other hand Miss Lucy seemed as others remarked made much of. Until this affair for some considerable time Mrs. Richardson had been unusually kind to me for her, but I could tell you much that would surprise you if I had the time or opportunity which I fear I never will. I am perfectly sure even now that if the "Committee of the Locking Friends" knew how I was treated at Bell Vue Mrs. Edmiston would not be employed by them, ~~but~~ it does seem to me so terrible

the mercy be for us & unreal beings for all is as I say & I am consequently illegally controlled here, as that you will have to refunde all expenses for board & lodging as well as see all done for our hospital destruction as we are the victims I tell you so often. I think you hardly yet understand my character & it is so very important on acct of my unreal state & that of my descendants that I am forced to trouble you from time to time with these scraps, any of which I would be ready at any time to repeat as being written in all sincerity. I do not think Mrs Richardson has ever really liked me, but of course she must have her favorites as every one else has but in her position she has shewn very much more partiality than she ought for instance since the

publication which brought the decision of the court against the

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there is so much going on here from time to time in such a place as this that they
would highly disapprove of I am not the only one who sees
this take Miss McLaren for one & I have heard the
same sentiments from others there seems to be ~~[illegible]~~ ~~thrift~~ of care sometimes in simple things (for some)
very great ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ in this place surely
the members who visit might look more into matters
than they do they should make free enquiry of the
patients, what I never heard them do and I will
just add that I believe if you really knew what ~~was~~ changes
needed you would from your position & kindness
of heart have things very soon made different —

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

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

Septr. 14th, 1885.

Madam,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to return you the letter enclosed in yours of the 10th inst., it being contrary to the rule of the Commissioners to forward letters. But I am to add that they think Dr. Hind exercised a proper discretion in declining to forward it to your son-in-law.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

Geo. Martin

for the Secretary.

Mrs. Sim.

I shall not trouble the Commissioners by forwarding the letter enclosed with your letter, but I will return it. I should imagine, by the tone of the letter, that the writer is a lunatic. But the best proof of insanity is the fact that he has not been placed under restraint by them or by some other proper authority.

I think this decision is anything but in accordance with the teaching of the Bible in fact it is the decision of a system of slavery worse than any black, the stop of your communication with your friends. Your liberty is taken from you & then you are prevented from sending the outpouring of your heart to those few that are intimately bound to by the ties of kindred not to speak of the heart wrung feelings of affection

It would be a very simple matter for some one to have a little more expressing very ~~[illegible]~~ remarks the doctors of such places think necessary, but from my experience I consider all such places one of refined cases of England — Why should not all medical men study the brain as well as every other branch of their profession & thus do away with such ~~places~~ institutions by placing within the reach of all the talent suited to their state, These places too are impositions on the friends of such afflicted men who send them away, in ignorance hoping the best. Why any one should be expelled their "home" by the fiat of 2 medical men for one kind of disease seems to me too dreadful. In the case of the poor I would say let them remain at least in some place near their friends who could see them if they wished, The country's money is badly spent in this way as well as many others.

to write it, & then did not send it; it was to my son-in-law Fred Inskip after the birth of his first unreal little girl; & altho' there was the old true story, it was a nice letter, but Dr Banks who was sometimes very unsympathetic & to whom I gave it as he asked me to write it withheld it, he told me so.

I think this letter from the Commissioners most unsatisfactory & I believe if my friends knew the real state of the case they would make it public; supposing even that I had written something really bad no law ought to prevent the letters of lunatic patients go more than any other from reaching their immediate friends ~~relations~~; It would be a very simple matter for some one to send a little notice expressing any ~~necessary~~ remarks the doctor of such places think necessary, but from my experience I consider all such places type of [illegible] — why should not also

but sometimes you do not convey the exact impression you wish to be very particularly so when

Dr. Baker.

I am making memoranda on what as they suggest themselves to me & as your patients are your "first care"! Will you be kind enough to give other pressing the attention they demand if you remember I never have sent a complaint "Home" of any one before the unpleasantness with Mrs. Edmiston, then I think it was time to vindicate ~~your~~ my perfect innocence.

I told the Commissioners I did not remember your stopping any letter tho' cautioning the same allusion but Dr. Barto did mine, a letter I think you would have sent, he asked me

X Had there been anything against the Institution or anything else that might appear objectionable I would not have been so astonished as I am, but I have written so very few letters to my friends hardly a dozen I think in nearly 5 years that it seems a species of tyranny too awful to be connected with the Society of Friends. I know such a letter would be to my poor darlings some little source of comfort altho painful too, so I can see no motive but something quite the contrary in this decision. If I could I would send this to either Gladstone or Ruskin I too of the foremost champions for GOOD in this repudiated religion & covertly bad kingdom What part of Christianity comes to in England in the present day.

How fearful to have played Christ
last night & I so near Jesus in his
agonies, but it is all the same
whatever I do, it is so terrible for my dear Christ to
suffer this awful & undeserved fate!

25 9 — month ~~to~~ My bed room!

29th 9 mo.

29th 9 mo.

I did not expect to be able to add anything more to all that has gone before, and now I can only repeat all & when you recall all my repeated assertions of what is true of my realizations here & my mental agonies for those so fondly loved by me you will in the end be obliged to do your part in atoning for the unintentional wrongs to me & mine & of us done by my poor erring mistaken but for my devotion & must receive us for our too awful doom. As I have titled your words are powerless to express my state

It is quite necessary for you to read my last communication & there is one now waiting for you & depend upon it in my room.

Yours &c.

"Strong as the love of woman is to
"guide an erring man, to settle &
"control a vacillating one; over a
"thoroughly vicious one it has almost
"no effect, or an effect so passing that the
"light-flickers into only darker night."

Oh! how this & many many passages I
have met with here ~~only~~ makes me
feel the too great anxiety of my life
& of course still more that of my intensely dear
Anne Elizabeth Tiers

If I should die as I shall sometimes
think I may during the night, I have
little anxiety. I have
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

W. SESSIONS, STATIONER, YORK

Sunday
after the 10th
terribly awful
anniversary of the 8th —
I cannot but repeat all that
I have truly said of all. —

Oh!
How little
I knew of the
world & how
fearfully I was taken
in no words can tell! —

innocently
Oh! so innocently for
I did not think in my
Great innocence that any one would
want to marry me unless for love —