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Memorandum No 9th 74

M Sharp to
charge of whom it belongs
That a month or
two since, M Sharp
wrote Mrs John Dunning
to the effect that she
desired to receive no
visit from her, the
same of her Relations;
so this Memorandum
signifies that Mrs Dunning
tramples upon all Sharp

contrary to any known
etiquette unless Mr Sharp's
letters are hindered
of arriving at their
destination or unless
Dr Baker wishes
to intrude her Re-
lations upon her.

Isabella Sharp brought
P. Dunning into the
Gallery & Mrs Dean
accorded Mr Dunning's
visit. Mrs Dean
was informed weeks

ago that M. Sharp did
not incline to be
visited by her Relations.

The visit from Mrs
Dunning took place
this evening when she
asked personal ques-
tions.

I am Respect^{ly}
M. R. Sharp

The Retreat
Westington Road
York

Middlebro Justice of the Peace.

Dramatis Personae
Dr Baker Superintendent
Mrs Dean 4th Gallery Nurse
or attendant
Isabella Sharp Weak Patient
P. Dunning her sister out of 9th Gallery
Middlebro
M. Sharp Resident in the
1st & 2nd called 4th Gallery.

care of
J. L. Belk Esq
Town Clerk
Middlebrook Lees



The Retreat
York
Oct 7th 1894

Dear M. J. Sanderson

I expect you
have heard of "The Retreat"
York, it seems ^{some of} the
Nurses attendants &
servants do not under-
stand whether the house
is for deranged persons
or for "Ladies & Gentle-
men" but as the ladies
& Gentlemen live apart

it seems to me it is a
sort of Monking on one
side & Monning on the
other, the men attendants
being the only gentlemen
I speak of & these I
assist & keep in
their right place together
with the Ladies & attendants
in the Saloon or Work-
room. I have a fine
battle of it & after the
war I intend to drop
previous acquaintance
& begin on proper

etiquette of society,
which I am studying;
indeed if we infringe
those rules upheld by
our Noble British
Constitution, we might
make ourselves amena-
ble to being looked
upon as "loose people".

After you receive
this letter you will
understand on my
arriving in Cleveland
again (should that be
the case) I have

broken with all my
former acquaintances

With the same kind
Regards to your father
& mother as to yourself

I am very sincerely

Mary R Sharp

~~arranged~~

Miss Sanderson
Mr. Sanderson
Late Currier
Great Oulton
Mr. Stoeckley



Little first Boots care of Grand
papa for Ida H. with Mary's
best love & she regrets having
once more to state that her
Religious views do not at
present permit of Correspondence
with her family.



Isaac Sharp Esq
Southfield, Illinois
Middlebrough

THE CADDEN
GENERAL PAPER

York Retreat
Sept 10 74

Gentlemen

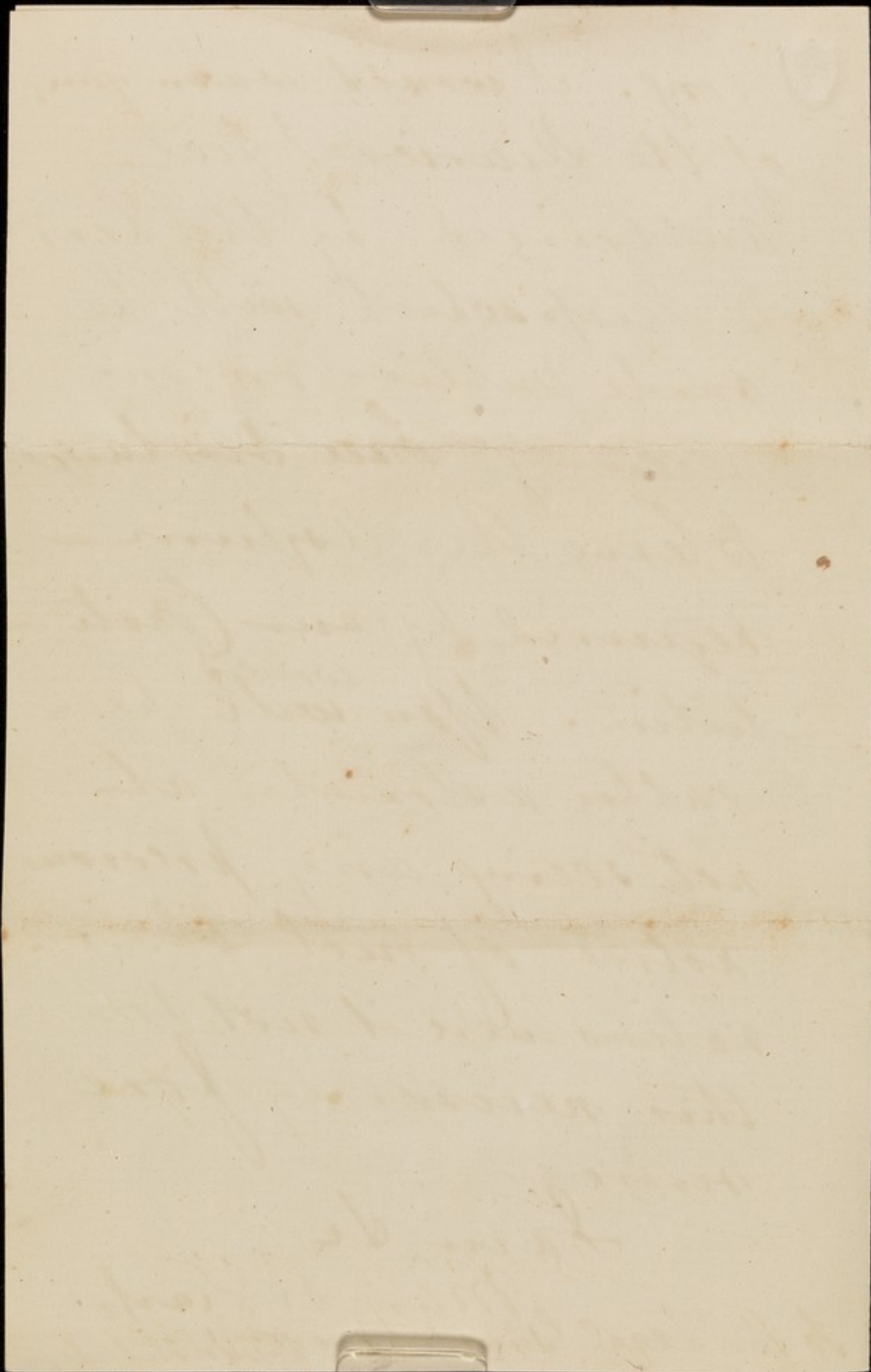
As I am detained
here, under the impression
I have the Spirit of God
in Revelation, I offer to you
what I believe the Gods
will concerning The Park
field. i.e. piece of Ground
enclosed by Retreat walls
at the corner bounded
by the Common & Westington
Road, I mean the Road
leading from ~~the~~ York. i.e.
That the Day has not quite

arrived for Building on
it, but I write in the fear
of the Lord & inform you
another Story is wanting
upon part of the Workroom
& also upon 4th Gallery.
The hoists extended &c.
before Building is
commenced with, have
you earnestly ~~traved~~
asked the God Almighty
Blessing on your en-
deavours to recover
the Insane you have
had in trouble so

long. I would warn you
of the Diaries I feel
authorized by the Lord
to keep which will be
made public on my
receiving free Discharge
leave the Asylum
required by our Consti-
tution. You ^{would} ~~will~~ be
rather astonished at
not seeing any previous
notice of such obser-
vations were it not for
this necessary fore-
runner.

I am &c

Mary R Sharp
To The Legal Guardians of the Institution



~~xxxxxx~~

J. Burtt Esq
or other Committee Gents
care of Dr Baker
The Retreat
York



~~Barber~~

Memo. M. Sharp to Mr Barber.

I submitted the Rent of 56 Webster St
^{after last month}
to your charge & Messrs Newby Pickman
& Stratton. In case of change of tenant
care will be taken of my desk
& pictures, as the former had some
important Memoranda in it.
I could do with them here with ac-
knowledgment to Sprink's charge of them.
M. Sharp. over

address

Miss Sharp
care of Dr. Baker
Pittsford
York —

Dear Miss Mc Donald, with
yourselves

most fully

Edgar C. Clark

The Retreat
York
July 4th 1874.

Mrs. Mc Donald

Dear Madam

As we had no
last word, could you
kindly let me have a
single line to inform
me that you had
received money all
right for everything that

you had obtained
I paid for me as
when I entered the
Establishment I made
a few remarks to the
effect that I could not
have any solicitations
on my account apart
from anything I had
arranged previous
to coming. I had
~~found~~ ~~made~~ this Retreat
containing Ladies
who receiving dis-

charge stayed on, &
there should be some
distinction I suppose
between these two
classes in the amount
of responsibility either
class might be inclined
to take in having things
set down to the care
of the Retreat either
with you or in York &c.

I remarked as you
will remember that
I preferred the case

of the Retreat, & any
extras they would
venture to order for
my use should be still
under the same care,
ready for me to take
up again ~~to~~ on receiving
receipts. Bills from
John Drumming who
I understood would
pay all expenses incidental
~~take up~~ on their becoming
due & be refunded ~~to~~
some day of my leaving there.
~~me~~ thro. my own Agent
Solicitors of course. All
this for Mrs Richardson

P.S. Aunt's dear love.

The Retreat

Heslington Road

York

19th 8th mo 85

(August)

My dear Father

We are looking
forward with much
pleasure to seeing
thee, tho' Aunt Sis is
oppressed with cold, may
the kind protecting
care of Our Friend be

over our hope than
with be here for din-
ner & tea on 6th day;
with supper I dare not
meddle at present or
lunch, tho' ready no
doubt if liked here,
the lecture or narrative
will be attended I
believe by Dr Baker,
a friend like him
thought he would try
& catch thee for to mor-
row eve-g for he was
going away on 6th day

however the wind
now seems favorable
for bth day evening
& I hope all will go
well. In case I do
not see him before
I wonder if it would
trouble the valued
Treasurer of the Inst^y
to invite cos J. M. Procter
to the lecture, if not
intruding. In answer
with best thanks for
letter of 10th (a few lines)
I believe you will
be kindly received

tomorrow night tho'
late at Park Place
& on 6th day evening ditto.
I am my dear father
Thy attached
daughter

Mary R. Sharp
4th day

To Isaac Sharp Esq
Travelling in the
Friends Ministry; to
morrow leaving Carlisle.

I Sharp Esq

John Burth Esq
Park Place
York

M. Sharp. Retreat. York wishes to
certify by this line that she is likely
to receive within a few months a wal-
nut wood work table, should it
arrive earlier & a description be de-
sirable to Mr Woods & the Friends
Party of Governors do not throw any
obstacle in the way of its being in the
bedroom occupied by me M. R Sharp
at such a time, a description according-
ly if required D. B.
June 23rd 1886

Mr. Ford
Friend Robert -

Kind care Dr. Baker
Friend John
& Dr. Mearns

The bet I understand, must be the one $\frac{1}{4}$ yard
or more square. & half that high, deposited
at Mrs R's, for office, I think 30th of Dec 85. noon.
13th Jan. 86

Kind care

Dr Baker

The Retreat

Kind care
" Dr. Wm "

Friends Retreat

May 1 1886

This is to certify that
M Sharp has a memo
to say that Thomas Pherrit
expected to "send cabinet
away" from Middlebury
& has sent me the
directions for opening
the case in Isaac
Sharp's letter this morn-
ing's delivery, with a
new key. T Pherrit
expected to send the
cabinet on the 30th this
morn. Without this

notice to Friends Super-
intendent or Office Staff
They will not perhaps
like the case to quit
the standing place
for the 9th Gallery
Room opposite the
kitchen or allow
Mr Sharp or a joiner
or other person to
unscrew it according
to directions.

With courtesy

Mr Sharp

To
J^{ds} Superintendent & Staff York

Super.
Staff
ps

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iner

duy

—

York

Friends Retreat Super^d
& Staff
Work

York Retreat
To The Masters of the
Goods Depots

A large box
or package would
probably enclose the
Cabinet I mentioned;
it was detained to
varnish. An informal
or formal announcement
having been heard of
its arrival either in
York or at The Retreat
from Middlebro' probably

it is lying aside for
want of a word to
the 9th Gallery oppo-
site "The Kitchen" Friends
Retreat. Westington R. York.

Mary. R. Sharp

—

The Retreat

Westington Road

W York

Saturday 24th April 86

for
to
how
kind
York.

sp

ad

86

Care of
The Office Directors
or the Superintendent
of Furniture of
York Retreat &c

P⁵ July 1 P⁵
My dear Sister

Thou wilt see our
leaf I am expecting a call
from Uncle Thornton, if
I see him out of the window
down this morning, first
with Superintendent, then
with Aunt J. He certainly
had the air of a
grand gentleman
poorly disguised &c. I
certainly found your
letter interesting as usual,
I think I don't
fail to say so, tho my
answers may not be

look out.³ Splendid drive
thru park & lovely environ-
ments; at another time
Chivers mounted. Church
at — not sure of
name English Episto-
palian I suppose; was
then before "Landlady
party gone, "deceased"

One of the ladies gave out
while there that the
"head" of this place
had lately sat in the
netts bet to the Prince
& Princess of Wales in
a London Theatre. We
were supposed ^{to meet} him in
the Station York just coming
from some nearer occasion.
I shook hands with him
but one "attendant" said
he had not got from London

Chichester, 30/6/05

of such comforting length, each
creature has its prejudices,
habits. Scarborough is I think
a cut between Edinburgh &
Naples & very beautiful as
seen from Clive's Mount
&c &c. Aunt is usual, visits
her brother & understand
daily for a short time.

Got some seaweed & shells
pebbles & grasses at Scarborough.
Have come to Tides, & style

Post script.

Miss H. interesting
& expect. Hope
you get on well.

I thought after
Nunt had gone
she had said some
thing about tall
Miss Morley? Glad
you enjoyed visit
ful stay at Rev^r

Dear love
To E. Herleed & Bon Lea

South
[unclear]
[unclear]

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road or Queens
Parade on 16th
I think, Splendid
views & pretty
from N M Road
side also. Attic
view Sea side
beautiful.

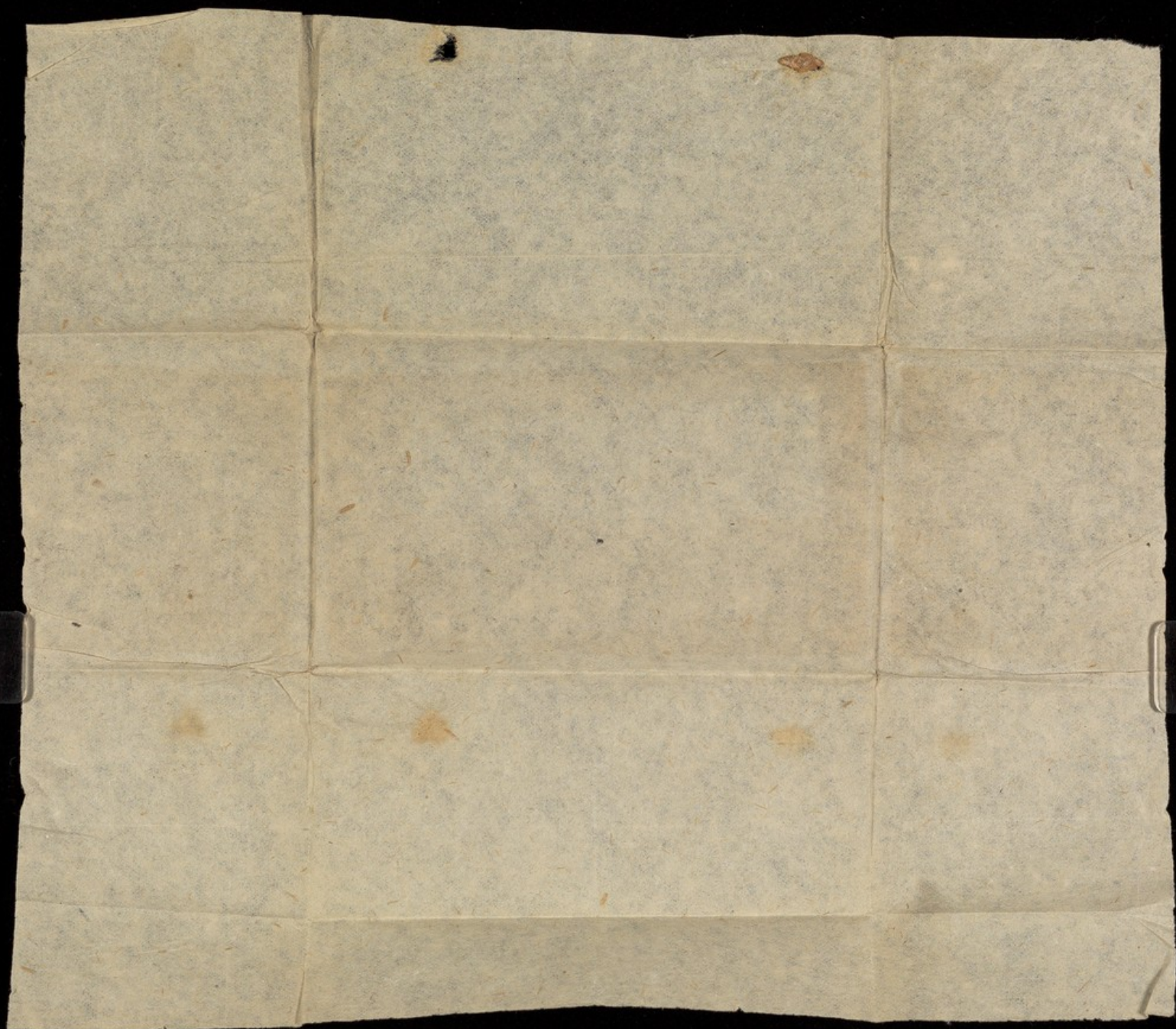
All the children
young people are
remembered by

me affectionately

me affectionately
my dear love if
which able & prudent
to little ones. I am
if also kindly put
the same or forward
for Mr. Ho on my leave
my vicinity for Mr. Ho &
with the attached is
me Respect

or else I mis-
understood her,
the same name
was at the Pen-
sylvanian Hotel, Scar-
bro that night of
going; being 16th of
I think in Scar-
bro paper. We
arrived at
North Marine

M^{rs} Hjerleid
1 Bon Lea Terrace
South Stockton
north of
Yorkshire



I enjoyed
the 2 manted
piece cards, that
is the top layer
of those beautiful
very much second
the I mended
beautiful
M. I should
the I should
I believe
pleasant
new year
very dear Father

I wrote a line
that I should I. B. be
very pleased to see thee
on the 28th, intimating
also the Superintendent
was likely to be absent,
with best thanks for
very interesting letter.

A Superintendent
came round the other

evening when I was present,
sent, & he took occasion
to remark kindly that
he had had a letter
from my father, pro-
posing 28th to call, &
that he had written to
him to ask him to
come a few days earlier
as he was going away,
& if he would lodge
at Jonathan Burth's;
I do not know whether
it is spelt with two
t's. I hope all will
go well. I did not

mention what thou

thought if thou was
offered a bed at R^l
or not about ^{cos} William
Proctors, being a good
time ago; & in reference
to Narrative or Lecture.

In answer to letter I
expect I am much better
for Scarbro; have had a
gathering or 2 on hand, but
the traces will soon have
disappeared, if no back
work. Had a sting from
something like a bee, a week
ago; no pain worth mentioning
have not mentioned above
to Proctors' care.

I hope thy health is better
than when mentioned a
little time ago; late. on.
I am glad to say brisk.
I am my dear Parent with
love thy affectionate daughter
Hella R. Sharp.

Isaac Sharp Esq
Trevor Lodge
Broadstairs
Kent

8 mo Aug 10. 85
From ell: Sharp
The Retreat
Westington Road
and York

To Isaac Sharp Esq
7 Broadstairs
Kent, now in Scotland.

The Retreat. Tuesday. To Dr Baker's

M. R. Sharp finds the ^{kind care} ~~larger~~ box she
ventured about New year had
not up till yesterday reached
Trevor Lodge Broadstairs,
in case she should have
sent stamps for parcel post,
& the box is still "hovering at
The Retreat" she encloses 6 stamps
if wanted; kindly sent by her father

I am respectfully

Mary R. Sharp

Jan 12th 86

Respecting Postage & kind
care

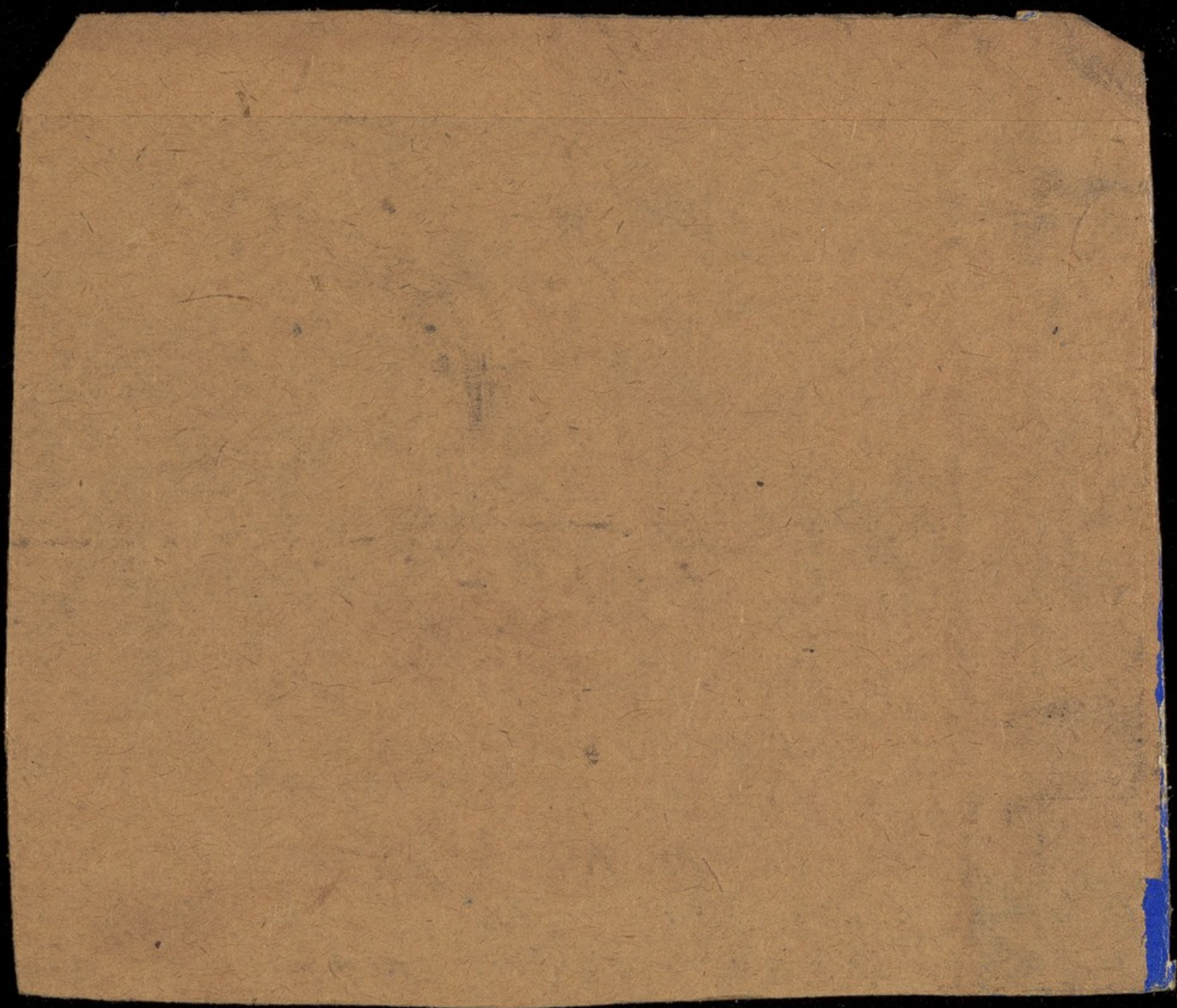
Dr Baker

The Retreat
York

from M. R. Sharp R^t

all sharp to I sharp.

Some cap pieces once
mentioned with love &
A birthday pennipes
began at Scarboro
1884; finished there
1885 in honor dear
father's Jmo 4. 1885
With my best wishes & af
York again — bmc 29.05



& find this ^{memo} Lost Box - Kind care Dr. Buls
Extract from letter of Isaac Sharp
Broadstairs, Kent, dated 1.11.86

" On the bare possibility, however of the
said box still hovering at The Retreat
I enclose stamps, for parcel post, & if
they are not wanted for the box, then
will find a use for them, I have no
doubt, in other directions."

Now Mr. Sharp's apology to Dr. B
or other faculty manuscript post &
if apology is required or acceptable

is that I wrote on box care of Dr Baker's
Parcel department, instead of "Leary
Letter," the box contained letter, so
myself want the "Leary letter" weigh
the recent July charge. I enclosed
the 6 stamps care of Dr Baker
yesterday & to Mrs R. a few words.
She said she said no traces of
parcel about.

13th of Dec 88 Respectfully
Mary Richardson S
(Sharp)

P. Dunning
Lever House
Broadstairs
Kent

Should like sending my dear friend
to inquire for similar fruit. By J. Sharp
directed care J. D. Bennett
Haver Hill.

To J. Sharp
Haver Hill
Mass.

I think by post. I trust best will
sell my dear father much rewarded
by sharing. at present very comfortable
as it appears to have one on the whole

Will love to all
My attached son
J. M. R. Sharp