

Inquiries into incidents relating to staff conduct

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Kate Pullen.

Ind

Had been gradually settling

May 5. & 6 - Diarrhoea at night - { Sarah Barber } disturbed.
 { Lydia Idelbert }

Lydia Herbert

Bathed three times - dirty in habits -

Trouble to prevent clothes being removed —

Resisting violently.

Fell out of bed one morning - jumped out of bed to get to door -

Thinks that the bruising occurred.

during the bathing -

also at night - struggling at night -

Says she has never seen any roughness whatever -

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Lydia Herbert

May 3 - out of bed - knocking at door - jumping out.
came in sleep -

could not sleep -

May 5. } just as bad - - (dirty at night once).
— 6 }

Thinks she did not bruise herself at night -

Lilian Child.

May 5 - Helped feed her - troublsome -

refused food - Struggled -

Has never seen anyone rough with Mr. Palsir -

Isabelle Threapland

{ Balked. 1. May. 4 } because
3 — 5 dirt.
2 — 6

3

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didn't.

May 4-6. Troublesome - dirty - struggling -

Edge of Bath is rough - sharp - struggled
all the time - dressing + undressing -

May 6 - Fell out of bed - jumped out together
gally - & knocked her arm against the bedstead.

Mr. Holmes

Very excited when bathed on May 4th

Struggled when getting into bath - & set
"Beat her elbows back against wall" when
out of bath - + "throw herself on the ground" -
Struggled all the time -

Sat. morn. May 6 - rushed into gallery where
men were cleaning - knocked herself against
the bedstead -

Has never seen anyone unkind - says the
charge nurse has always done her best to persuade
the others to be patient - + has never seen
this nurse rough -

Miss Cox

May 4 - was called to see Bathing -

all the girls were excited - panting - + flushed -

No sign of bad temper - ~~no sharp words~~

No sharp words -

door open + patient looking in.
Patient was nude - had scratch on elbow -
said to be due to trouble in removing clothes -
she had not then been bathed -

Set to wash her own clothes when ~~none~~
~~was~~ in a nude condition - urging her to
do so - she was standing dazed -

Miss Cox has never seen anyone rough -
but has heard harsh speaking -

H. Pullen again -

Says that the left elbow was grazed in removing a tight fitting sleeve from M.P. on May 4-93.

That the arm was injured again - on May 6th when she jumped out of bed -

That she did not intend her to wash her dirty linen in a state of nudity -

She thinks the bath was dangerous - the dressing & undressing difficult - dangerous -

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Kate Pullen & others
Mr. Palliser's bruises.

Mr. Palliser -

May 9. Reported that she has a large number
of superficial bruises all over her body -

The fact that she was troublesome was
reported to Miss Cox on ^{May 4} ~~May 5~~ 1893.

~~May 9~~ ~~Mr~~

Conclusions.

- (1) That the nurses were not properly careful -
but that their neglect was not wilful - or thro'
bad temper -
- (2) That the majority of the bruises were due to
the bath - which has a hard sharp edge - easily
likely to hurt anyone -
- (3) That repeatedly bathing, replacing & taking off
a tight fitting dress was not wise -

- admonished

Reprimanded Kate Pullen - May 11.

Jan. 18. 1897-

Mr. Lenagh - Cook. -

wished to see me - & saw me with Miss Peters ~~was~~ at 6 p.m. -

Asked whether I was satisfied -

As regards the cooking, ^{whole} on the [^] was satisfied: but said
pastry not always satisfactory. [Cook could not be reconciled with ^{turned not head}]

Cook said all were against her -

said that Miss Peters had had ^{her} 1 1/2 talk with L. Lockwood
(an occasional helper) ~~in order to~~ ^{who} ~~who proposed~~ wished
to persuade her to take a Mr. Spanton back as char-
woman
accused Mr. Spanton of theft -

That girls were always the charwomen were trusted
more than she was -

She expressed her wish to leave tonight -

told me on leaving that I knew that she was driven out of
the place - & that she would not sign receipt for her money
but would see the Com^r tomorrow -

Miss Cox informed me that ^{Cook} ~~she~~ objected to Mr. Byrne's having
her bedroom door open at night - on account of her
spying upon her movements -

Louisa Lee informed me that she thought Cook queer,
that they have been frightened of her - ^{Had given notice on}
She told them they ^{the maids} should not stay ^{this account} - & threatened to turn them all out.
Had ordered them all to give notice on Jan 1. pay day
Had threatening looks often -

She was thankful she had gone -

Miss Peters had thought her strange for a long time - she
was totally unreasonable - tells me that the general
impression among the staff was that the Cook was
'not right' -

Diagnosis - Delusions of Suspicion -

Mr. Lenagh -
book -

Jan 18th 97

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AND

6, PARK SQUARE,

LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 391X.

Miss Sturge

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

Nurse Lush

Says that N. Forbes pulled Miss Sturge's hair to
gather up - there were 5 present.

N. Ellis - Keenan, Elder Markell.

Nurse Keenan

does not think the hair was pulled
she was shaken - but she certainly did not see
anything of the kind.

Nurse Ellis

Said N. Forbes did pull patient's hair.

Nurse Forbes says she saw no one ~~there~~

to pull any hair or shake the patient

Nurse Ramare says just the same - that

there was nothing wrong in the case of

Miss Sturge.

Nurse Phelps

MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester

Dec. 12 1895.

re Mr. Titley -

Jane Page - About 6:20. Saw patient into her bed-room,
went downstairs for hot-water - leaving her alone in her
room un-locked, returned ~~Returned~~ with hot water
left her washing -

Left room - went downstairs - into kitchen,
looked round - then told Kate to go upstairs
to look after Mr. Titley - about 2 minutes only
afterwards gave this order - Kate Barker went

up at once & returned immediately saying she was
not there - Looked round & sent over the centre:

could not find patient - Then went upstairs
& found top door open - Ran down - met both

Kilmer - Went straight to gate ~~to~~, & found

it open - & ran out - afterwards was overtaken
by D. Pierce - ~~told him~~ told me that ~~Mr. J. D. S.~~ J. D. S. was
after her -

Remembered signing the notice -

On Sunday? ~~D. Stanwell~~ ^{or another.} Henrietta said that D. Stanwell
said none need stay - but only give an eye occasionally.

On Friday or Sat? Key was stolen from Miss Cox's room -

Knew that Mr. Titley wished to escape - & was
warned several times by Miss Cox ~~that~~ & D. Stanwell
that this was likely to happen - Was in the past

frequently spoken to you of running away -
The top-centre door is frequently left by laundry maids
or others.

Jane Page
— Mrs Sitter

Dec. 12 95.

She remembers Mrs Cox telling her that she herself could not give permission to be left in a room alone - but she would ask the doctor.

She also remembers Mrs Cox returning with instructions that the patient was only to be left ~~with~~ in room alone with the door locked -

This was on the day that Mary Clark went on day duty. (about a week ago-).

Mrs Mrs Cox tells me that ~~she~~ Jane Page - did not want to be charge nurse.

Nurse H. Hudson says on Monday that J. Stanwell told her that she need not stay continuously with Mr Sitter. ~~in Mrs Cox's~~ She was at that time in her bedroom -

Mrs Cox's bedroom - & Mr Foley was opposite. H. H. was cleaning. She had signed the suicidal notice - & thought that it was still in force -

Told Jane Page what J Stanwell had said - but did not mean to give the impression that Mr Sitter might be left at any time -.

J Stanwell says the instructions he gave were as follows:-
That H. H. need not stay in the room while Mr Sitter was in bed. That she might go on cleaning Mrs Cox room - frequently look at the patient. The door was open - & H H was ^{tried to tell} Mr Foley to watch the door opposite.

Dec. 12 1895.

Conclusion

The nurse in charge had had a very busy day & was at the time seeing ^{onward} her patients to bed, also the preparations for the afternoon had ~~been~~ considerably increased her work -

There were only 3 on duty in the whole centre, ~~one of whom~~ Mrs. Jitley was however the ~~only~~ only dangerous case - but two others are destructive & very troublesome - altogether there are 13 patients under her charge -

She had undoubtedly much responsibility & was possibly ~~overworked~~ ^{unduly} pressed with work at ~~occasional~~ ^{times at} the time.

There was no justification for her leaving Mrs. Jitley for even a short time -

When the patient was found to be some-
times unduly agitated & was confined.

1895 - escaped in Dixley

The Retreat,
York.

Nov. 11. 1892

Mr. Rowntree —

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Since seeing you I have examined the contents of sundry parcels which were being taken out of the gate; in consequence of which I have

- (1) summarily dismissed an old indoor charge nurse Coulton.
- (2) discharged with week's wages an old outside night nurse Mr. Elis Brown
- (3) suspended for a week another night nurse
- (4) reprimanded two indoor nurses —

This will I hope have a wholesome effect.

I propose to submit to the Com^{ee} a short report as to plan & to fill the vacancies & also to do away with

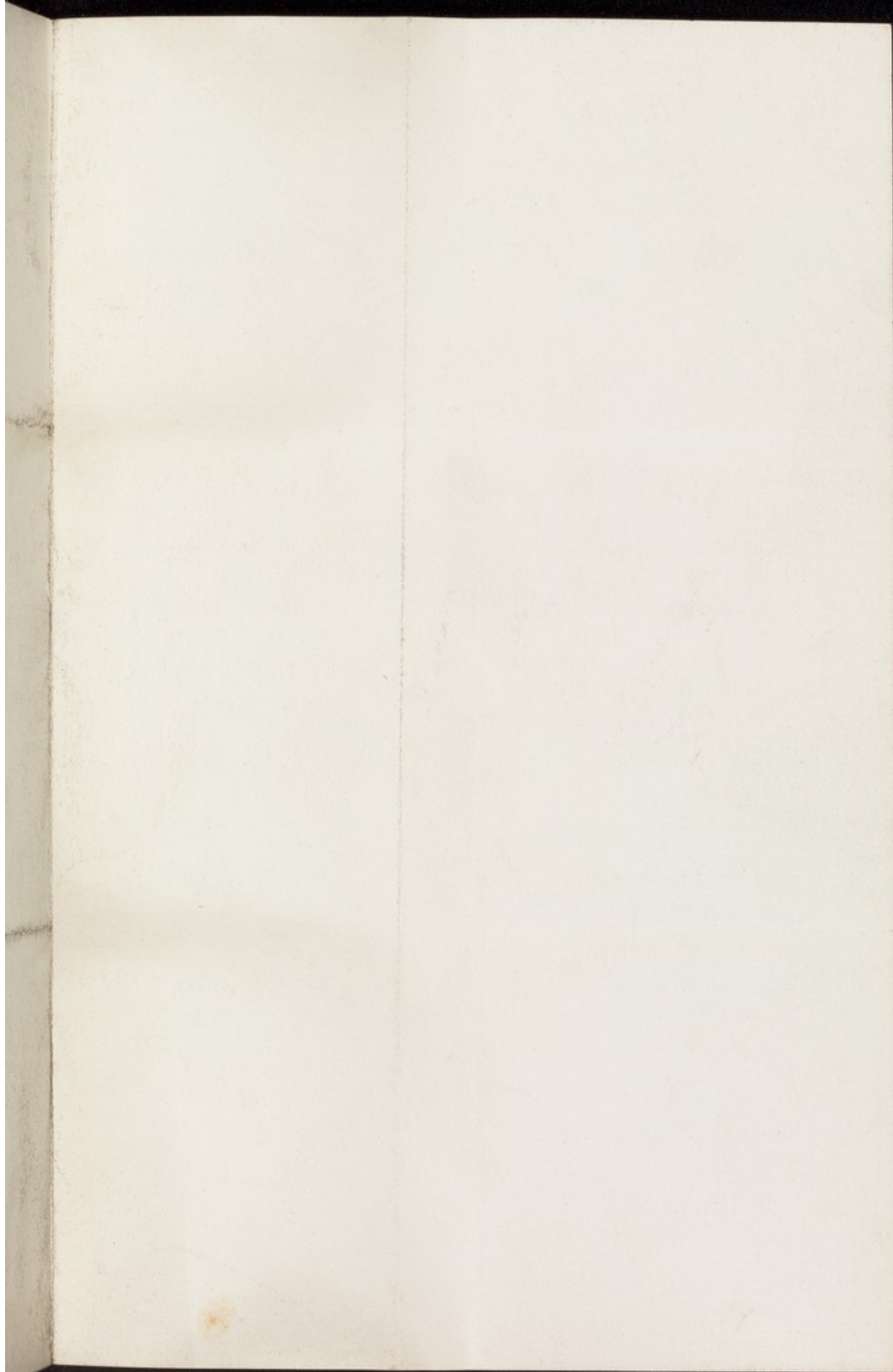
M^r-Coulson

M^r-Elio Brown

Visitors report —

confer with Isaac Picard





the char-women - night-nurse altogether.

I enclose an amended report
from Parker with some additional
matters -

I remain

Yours very truly

Bedford Pierce

H. J. has seen this

What a revelation this is
altho' not unexpected

JK

Dec: 28. 1894

Nurse Emma France.

for the decorations
Mrs. S. Helped to cut out letters - to put up in.

^{Nurse E. F.}
She told her second nurse as she went out on Thurs-
Wed: that she was to see that Mrs. S. did not eat holly
berries.

Did not think it possible that she could have
got much yew or evergreens as Mrs. S. was under
constant observation -

Never saw her eat anything & never heard that
she had attempted to do so -

Fanny Yowse.

Was with Mrs. S. when she helped with the decorations.
also when she was in the garden on the day of her
death. Never saw ^{eat} or heard that she had
eaten anything injurious -

Was well aware that she was suicidal -

Isabelle Threaplands.

Never see Mrs. Stevens eat anything immaterial
when in charge of Mrs. S. you never let her out of
sight. Knew that she was suicidal -

Was told by Emma France that she was to see
that Mrs. S. did not eat holly-berries.

Gertrude Robinson. has not been with Mrs. S. this week.

Saw her to bed on Sunday night -

Knew she was suicidal - never eat anything -

Dec: 28. 1894

Nurse Lillian Child -

Never let Mrs S out of sight - knew she was suicidal - Several times with her lately -

Never seen her eat evergreens - or anything - never heard that she did so -

Emma France said that Mrs S might eat berries so often reminded the nurses -

Sarah Barker.

Was with Mrs S. about 10 mins yesterday - & during the meeting - knew that Mrs S was suicidal -

Never let her out of sight. - never saw or heard that she eat anything unsuitable. ~~this~~

Mary J. Smith.

Was in charge of Mrs Stevens on Wed? night - never left the room. sat near her while Mrs S was sewing.

~~Dear~~ knew that Mrs S was suicidal

Never seen Mrs S eat anything - Was impossible that she could have done so when M.J.S was in charge.

Nurse Lydia Herkert.

Not in charge this week -

On Sat? was with her when she helped with decorations - She threaded Holly leaves - helped

with wreaths - knew she was suicidal - never left her alone when in charge. Never heard of her eating anything -

Dec 28. 94
re Mr. Stearns -