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Many kisses, much love.  
No people have sworn and  
kissed the testament (about me not  
being insane) half of the number, said  
"So 'help me God," it is a witnesses  
oath, and they kissed the  
New Testament.

I am

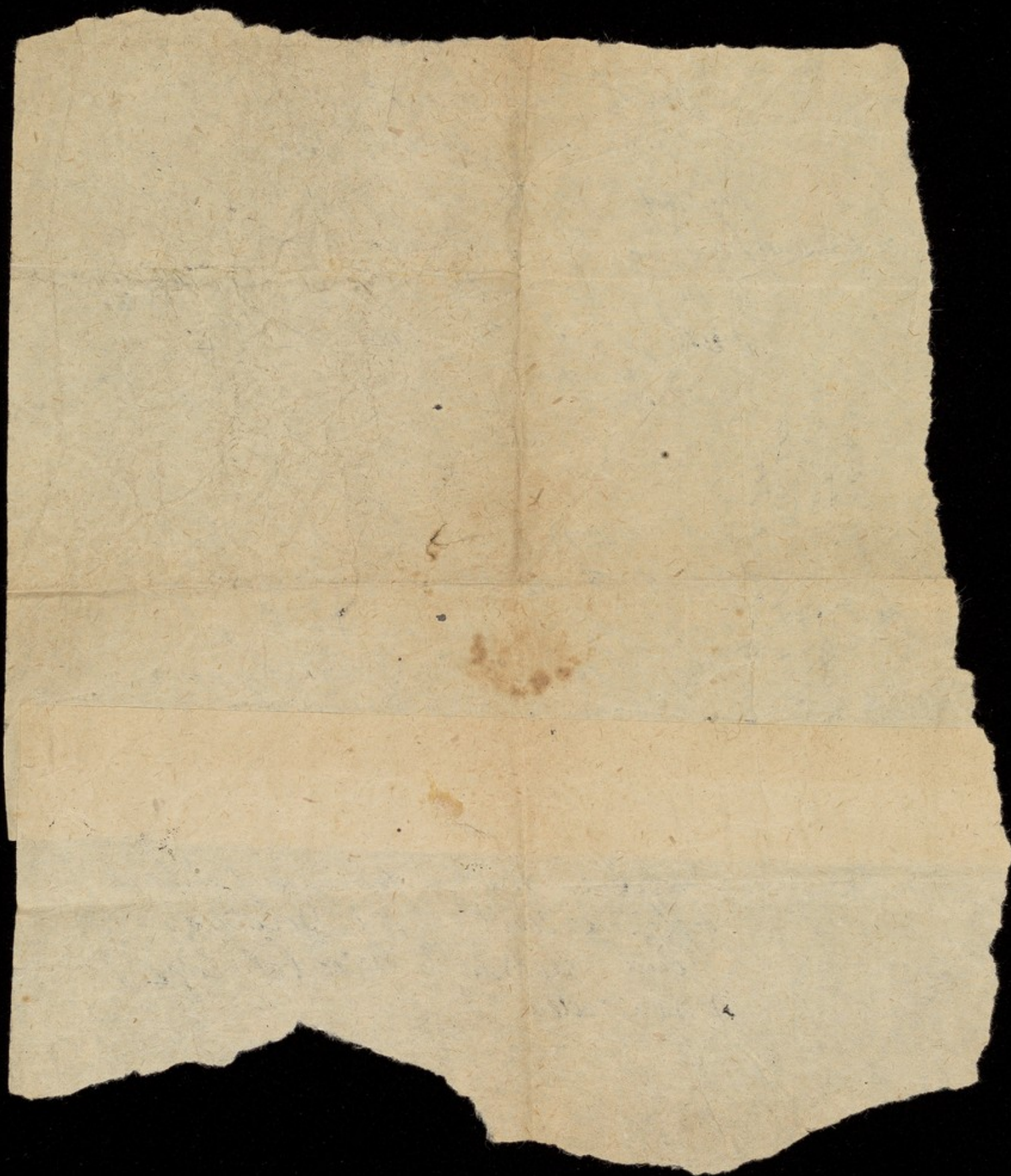
S. E. H.

Is Miss Brindson a  
lover? do tell me.  
Did you like the last  
long piece of crochets?

Mr. Kepper has not been this  
week to see me, tell me are you  
very well. Kys are good for  
the chest, don't be afraid of  
the "exams". Mr. Kepper does not  
like slang remember in the holidays  
he might think "exams" slang.  
Mr. Cooper uses slang.

I am a conservative but I don't  
vote. I can't afford politics.  
Kind regards to Miss Coleridge &  
Miss Innes.





J<sup>r</sup> Baker  
The Fork Retreat  
Fork  
Forkshire.

Sep<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1885.





Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher thinks  
it needful that J<sup>r</sup> Baker  
should be acquainted with  
the fact, that she, Mrs. S. E. F.  
has received an invitation  
respectively from each of  
her home relations to go  
to each of their homes in  
Readingley and Girdlestone  
and near Leeds, and perma-  
nently to leave York.

W. Hepper said no one  
will help him to detain  
his sister at "the York Retreat"  
and he has not any wish  
to detain her at it. will J<sup>r</sup> Baker  
grant Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher's dismissal  
or discharge?



Mr. Hepper said he never heard Mrs. Fisher of Halifax Yorkshire tell an untruth in her life, and he did not believe she would either: he said Mr. Hind, Surgeon, said he had always seen her in excellent health, he had not any fault to find with her.

Mr. Hepper distinctly said he would take

Mrs. Sarah. E. Fisher home with him; this month or to his sister Emma's house, but Dr. Baker was not at the Retreat when he came in September, he said



either Miss Packen or  
Rachel Simmerson or  
Rose Mayser could go  
a fortnight to Mrley  
either into lodgings or  
to New Rhedding with  
Mrs Sarah E. Fisher, for  
the latter never to enter  
an asylum again as long  
as she lived, as he had  
not found Dr Baker at  
the Retreat near York  
when he came in Septem-  
ber; he said, if Mrs S. E. Fisher  
went immediately, Dr Baker  
came back to the Retreat  
at York; she could stay a  
month with Miss Packen at



"Ben Widdie" near Shirley  
or if Miss Emma Heppner  
came she <sup>could</sup> go back with her  
to Hadingley or to Mrs. E. Fisher's  
home, near Leeds it has  
now been made, as ~~the~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~has~~  
caused her "few belongings"  
to be removed to another  
place. Every doctor, including  
Dr. Banks, said, Mrs. E. Fisher  
is not insane when spoken  
to by them. Every nurse  
says it too, and Mrs. Richardson  
the matron of the York Retreat  
said she would speak a  
good word of Mrs. Sarah E. Fisher  
to Dr. Baker to send her to her  
sisters house, or to Shirley with  
Miss Packer. The latter promised  
to go with her in a few days if  
Dr. Baker wrote her to come.



sometimes, but they should  
not interfere with me or  
it might help to get me  
fastened in; I do not  
trust John Kepper & Co.  
every nurse says I am  
sure we shall think him  
insane if he does not  
quickly take you away  
from the Retreat at York.

Mrs Richardson said  
this morning, "he has only  
to come and demand you  
to go home, and no  
person can keep you here  
Mrs Fisher". Anne do  
help me out and entreat  
Leonard to hinder J. Kepper  
sending W. Middleton.



There is not a day to lose  
to hinder John Hepper  
sending Mr. Middleton  
if he threatened.

D<sup>r</sup>. Baker is a great  
tease, a great flirt and  
often tells untruths we  
all know, as I have not  
seen John Hepper's letter  
I don't know it is true  
he has written to D<sup>r</sup>. Baker.  
I write in great haste.

Affectionately  
Sarah G. Hooper

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N. B. John Hepper this  
month wrote me an invi-  
tation to his house. Is he  
mad? not having taken me  
back yet.







D<sup>r</sup>. Baker has not a single  
supporting opinion, if he  
should say I am 'insane':  
that is if he says of me.

Every Nurse at the Retreat  
Jork, says to me, "we have  
never seen you insane."

Every Doctor says the same  
of me, except D<sup>r</sup>. Baker and  
I simply have not asked  
him his opinion, but he  
says to me "you are very well."

Last night D<sup>r</sup>. Baker said  
to me "I don't want to keep  
you." I said I believe every  
Nurse in the Retreat Jork,  
would oppose you if you  
tried to keep me here, for  
they every one say I am  
not insane: he said,



Many of the nurses have  
their brothers and also  
their lovers as "men atten-  
dants" at the Retreat York,  
that it is not only packing  
the nurses of the female  
sex but each of their relations  
on the men's side. when  
any of us want kindly  
advice as to the habits  
and ways of Dr. Baker  
because you see as I do  
that I have not Quaker  
sentiments and I heartily  
despise them as in the  
"minority" in the land in  
giving opinions even if  
they do help to rule.

We see both sexes at  
the entertainments.



I believe truly every nurse  
at the Retreat, York, both  
likes and thoroughly respects  
me; but they like me well  
enough to be ashamed  
of any one keeping me here  
as they every one pity  
my dear daughter, and  
say "even strangers might  
feel for her let alone  
your relations Mr. Fisher."

Dear Anne, please write  
and tell John Hepper  
and me you want me to  
leave the Retreat, York,  
and you know Emma  
Martha will house me  
until I get my house  
ready. A week or two



I can be settled down in  
in Haddingley or else in  
Snaresbro. I shall choose  
a little bit of furniture for  
a very small house at  
first, as mine is at or  
near Leeds.

Leonard sent me a written  
invitation to visit you  
at the Abbey House Kirkstall  
I shall have to leave York,  
as Kirkstall is not here.

Thank you for any kind  
act you may have shewn  
to my child Marian. I  
know my first act of kindness  
will be to visit my now  
fatherless child and the  
next kindness to bring her  
back with me to Yorkshire.



John Hepper promised  
me faithfully W. Middleton  
should not come to see me  
here again. Dr. Baker says  
he won't answer W. Hepper's  
letter written this week, to  
him, saying W. Middleton  
perhaps will come soon.

Amen I pray you hinder  
him coming, as I know  
not for what purpose  
and this is not a place  
to see lawyers in.

Dr. Baker said to me, "I  
know you won't believe  
me if I say W. Middleton  
is coming." neither do I.

Stop him coming. Nobody  
here thinks me insane,  
lawyers place in these places



"Do they? Then let them  
all to help you, I don't  
want you here."

I am crocheting working to  
trim my clothes to go to  
Ilkley with next week, for  
a fortnight before going  
home to Headingley.

D<sup>r</sup> Baker told me some  
days since to write to you  
to ask you to come here  
at once and take me  
back with you either to  
your house or to my  
sister Emma's house, as  
she wrote to me, "I will  
gladly welcome you."

The mistake you make  
is in not coming when I  
write for you; D<sup>r</sup> Baker doesn't



write for our relatives to  
come, he trusts every patient  
nearly to write for this or  
her, the patients' relations, to  
come when he says; write  
and tell them to come and  
take them away home.

I ask and entreat you  
to come now, at once, to  
take me home with you;  
I am certain John Hepper  
has been uncertain if it  
would please or need you  
if he took me home, he  
told me to write and induce  
you by persuasive words to  
come here and take me  
home with you to Niskotale.  
he said "perhaps Leonard  
will take you back when he  
comes to see you, hasten his visit."



Mrs Cooper  
The Abbey House  
Kirkstall.

Seeds.

Forbushia.



There is a  
General of a man  
Patient to-morrow.  
2 patients they sent  
to "Bethlehem  
Hospital"