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Rasulia Longfleet Road Poole.

(40)

Thank you for explanation  
re cheque. I now remembered  
it is Elkin kindly advising  
me the £2.0.0, I asked her  
to change a cheque she was  
not going into town that week  
& gave me the money without  
I did not enter it as I ought  
to have done so forget it -

I am sorry I have troubled  
you about it. It is a sample  
of my poor memory which  
has failed sadly the last  
couple of years -

I was very keen yesterday  
of A.J. Thorpe's death, poor Fred  
Thorpe will be very lonely in his  
old age. My father Colonel O'Brien  
his wife is dying & the present  
perhaps he may ask you about me.

if you are there too. After they  
had frost on Sunday we have  
rain again - which is very de-  
pressing. A. Baker

TO BE USED FOR WRITTEN OR  
PRINTED MATTER

I am taking J. up to see Dr. Taylor  
on Friday (D.V.). Dr. Knapton is Dr. Knapton.

# POST CARD

ONLY THE ADDRESS TO BE  
WRITTEN HERE.

Deafness  
The Retreat  
Dr. D.

Yours



If you do not strongly disapprove  
(which at first sight then you may) &  
it is feasible financially I am sure we  
have one more that at this <sup>defect</sup>  
by "bad days" and (Continued)

May Dr. Peirce at the Century he  
very much wishes to have me a  
month under observation & treat  
ment at Grosvenor Hall, a fine  
home for convalescents in York  
they are sent there when convalescing  
rings about sent straight home.

It is likewise a Sanatorium for anyone  
enjoy Dr. Peirce. Usual terms are 3 guineas  
a week he offers to take me at 12/6  
a week for board & medical advice  
if I will give him the opportunity of  
studying my "unique case" for the  
"Good of Science" as well as my  
own. The 5 days he had me under obser-  
vation at York 3 years ago was not  
high to diagnose the case, he does

Not yet known the cause of the Malady  
thinks it is malarial but may be nervous  
or mental as he did not discover the  
malarial malarial in the blood, the regular  
intermittent points suggest a malarial <sup>origin</sup>  
for at least. He would like to study  
it & hopes (but will not promise) to  
do one for, he thinks to find the cause  
will lead to finding the remedy but must  
have me under observation & treatment  
for at least a month -

Dr. Wilson & Dr. Fox highly approve &  
hope I will let Dr. Peckham try the experiment  
Dr. Ashby who is always pessimistic does  
not think it will do me any good he  
says I will never be better of the bad  
days on the heart complaint that I shall  
never be well a stroke again & I must  
report it? Dr. Fox is always hopeful &  
last time said the heart was decidedly  
better.

~~(Of course there are  
the drawbacks - If I can let Keith try  
for Sept. - the P. comes but would come  
it is hardly repulsive - Jack can either  
stay here with Saff, the Malletts are  
quite kind people & will look after him  
one way or the other will be the two for 30/ a week)~~

a I can send him to F.D. Thompson  
who visited him while under my  
or his much better will have him -  
Serge is anxious to keep him but let  
him go to school at once when it opens  
in the middle of September, he also is  
anxious for me to go to Scotland  
as the "bad days" are so much  
worse "mentally" he thinks it a grand  
chance & that I might get built up  
for the <sup>morning</sup> day. I think that he doesn't  
say so he is afraid I shall lose my  
reason altogether or do away with  
myself sometime. The Melancholia  
is so dreadful almost unbearable  
unless I stay in bed all day.  
Then it is bad enough but I read & write  
& close all the time.

(at Harrogate 8 years ago? 1880)

I have never been treated all these  
14 years for the bad days except at  
D. Putters & there Mr. Putter was so  
unsympathetic & unkind & disappointed  
it did me more harm than good.

I had no compulsion in D-Rutter  
but have very compulsion in D-Paine.

Please consider the subject carefully  
& send me a wire if you approve of  
me going to Leavenworth. There is only a  
week left to decide in and we  
have these rooms till the 27th only  
unless I arrange for Sigsbee & Jack to stay on.

I wrote back D-Paine if he still  
has it in mind that he has named a room  
for me for Sept. I was to have seen

D-Fre the end of this month. D-Paine  
did not expect an answer sooner  
he himself was going for his holiday in  
August. I wrote to D-Fre in

stead of saying that he "intended" after  
with D-Wilson" whose letter I sent  
you some time ago, as you were ill  
when it arrived probably Pollie did  
not show it to you.

I told D-Paine that if I let my house  
at Leavenworth for Sept. I might be able to  
go but not otherwise.

<sup>May 5<sup>th</sup></sup>  
LIFE thinks I ought to find any case  
that it is such a chance of getting  
special treatment, & the advice of one  
of the first brain & nerve specialists  
in the country  
in a beautiful healthy place so cheaply  
that it is a pity to miss it.

me to select from this afternoon  
I am going to tea with her -

I suppose you approve of me  
taking a house as I have a  
good offer to take Cecil House

near these rooms till one of our  
nurses. I am for Sir & Jack to stay on

I wrote back to Paine if he still  
has it in mind that he has named a room  
for me for Sept - I was to have been

D-Fre the end of this month. D-Paine  
did not expect an answer sooner  
he himself was going for his holiday in  
August. I wrote to D-Fre in

stead of saying that he "entirely agree  
with D-Milner" whose letter I sent  
you some time ago, as you were ill  
when it arrived probably Pollie did  
not show it to you.

I told D-Paine that if I let my house  
at week for Sept I might be able to  
go but not otherwise.

has increased since. of late  
I am better when Lucy is here  
all day quite bright & my  
my husband Dr. D. Ashby does  
not wish me to attempt to  
get up after at all as I am  
much worse when I do -

Please let me have a reply  
as soon as possible here  
with kind regards

Yours very sincerely  
Anna Baker

You will tell the Com<sup>tee</sup> that I  
am not a member of it for  
you advise!

Pine Royal  
Parkstone Road

Aug 25th 08 Poole - Dorset

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for the  
kind note of the 2<sup>nd</sup> received this  
forenoon. I am sorry you will not  
be able to take me in at Scarborough  
before the end of the month as it  
will leave a very short time for me  
to be with you.

I have taken a house here today  
from Thursday day (Sept 29<sup>th</sup>) & must  
be back at home a few days before  
to pack & prepare to move.

When I saw you at Lidecot. I suggest  
going in August. You said thoroughly

would be occupied by my patients  
then & that you would be away  
but that September would suit  
So I made my plans accordingly.

As I live at the sea side, the  
sea air is hardly necessary for  
me. I want the matter your  
observation & treatment that you  
may if possible discover the cause  
of my illness - Would it do  
for me to go to York at first &  
then come on to Scarborough when  
it suits you? I think you said  
you go to Scarborough twice a week,  
at York you would have the oppor-  
tunity of seeing me daily which I  
think in my case would be  
desirable.

I leave this on the 1st, to return to  
Boston I could go on to York on  
Monday 7th which would give  
three weeks till the 28th -  
would that be long enough for  
your experiments? and a fortnight  
be sufficient?

I had my incoming term. I thought  
that I could do some business for  
a week after I came <sup>by</sup> back, Oct 6th  
so that I could stay the 3 weeks  
if you wish it.

Wish you will be a few days  
in London - perhaps you could  
see Dr. Forshaw a talk about  
me. The malaria and  
"ergon phobia" in the "last days"

has come to business at  
the Carters Lile books.

Would a shorter time  
than a month be any  
use? If I go with a  
worn-out mind I suppose  
the treatment can not be  
so beneficial - the exhaustion  
of body & depression of spirits  
caused by house hunting & men-  
tal strain have been very  
trying lately.

Excuse me troubling you again  
but several people's <sup>arrangements</sup> are depending  
on mine & it  
would help me to decide if I  
knew what you thought, or if  
I am able to go what dates

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Anna Baker

Pine Royd  
Parkstone

Pool - Dorset

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 08

Dear Dr Pierce

About a week  
ago I wrote to ask you  
about going to Scarborough  
in September, as you sug-  
gested, when we met  
at Lideot not having  
heard from you I sup-  
pose you are away

on your holiday.  
I should like to know  
whether you had thought  
anything more about it  
or had room for me.

Our time here expires  
the end of this week  
I should be glad to know  
<sup>before then if</sup>  
~~as soon as possible~~ as possible.

If you think there is  
any prospect after you  
have studied the case  
of being able to do me  
any good or there will

be any chance of  
improvement in these  
<sup>alternating</sup> miserable days of languor  
& depression I will make  
an effort to go, but as  
it will be difficult to make  
arrangements for my trip  
in my absence, & an ex-  
pensive journey I would  
not undertake it other-  
wise.

I have to move from  
Luton-Super. I have here  
at Michaelmas as George

Drumlin,  
Kendal  
August 24/08

Dear Dr. Pierce:-

My sister Anna Baker appears to have had some conversation with you recently at Sidcot in reference to her health and a proposal ~~for~~ her going to Scarborough to be under your observation to see if a cure could be found for the malarial trouble she suffers from. The enclosed portion of letter from herself virtually explains all I know about the subject. This letter was addressed to my brother Louis in Belfast who has sent it on for me to see, and in writing to my sister Anna I temporized, desiring an opportunity of hearing in confidence from you on the subject.

Anna has ever since she came home from India been constantly going from Doctor to Doctor, and I gather from medical men she has consulted that she takes an exaggerated view of her ailments. After she had been to York some three years ago (if I recollect rightly) you wrote to me that you thought she required occupation. One of the troubles we have is that we think she demands a great deal more waiting upon in her little home than is necessary, and that she might very usefully find much occupation in her small house. She certainly, from the observation of other members of the family, wears herself out in various ways on what she calls her "good" day, and is correspondingly much more depressed on her "bad" day than she might otherwise be.

Expense is a very important matter for her to consider and

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JANUARY 1954  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Dr. Rosenberg:

My sister, Mrs. Betsey Rosenberg, appears to have had some conversation with you recently, as I have to reference to her in a letter to her going to New York to see you. I am sure that you would be able to find the material which she has mentioned. The end of the letter to her is as follows: "I am sure that you will know about the subject. This letter was sent to her by her brother in New York who has been in on her for some time, and in writing to her, I am sure that she has been given an opportunity of seeing to confidence from you on the subject."

Anna has ever since the time when she has been connected with the Rosenberg family. I am sure that you would be able to find the material which she has mentioned. The end of the letter to her is as follows: "I am sure that you will know about the subject. This letter was sent to her by her brother in New York who has been in on her for some time, and in writing to her, I am sure that she has been given an opportunity of seeing to confidence from you on the subject."

I am sure that you will find this very important matter for her to consider and

we have to specially keep this in her view. Her expense on professional advice is quite out of proportion to her income and her friends consider that she unnecessarily employs professional services.

It would be a great assistance in advising her if you would be so kind as to write me in strict confidence, for the family's information on the subject, if you really think it wise for us to encourage her to go to Scarboro, or not.

I apologise for troubling you and am sure you will appreciate our desire to do the best we can for our sister.

Yours truly,

*Edward T. Price*

*I am writing from London but will be returning to Kendal tomorrow*

*I wrote Emma saying I could not express an opinion but suggesting the question might conveniently wait over as at present she is concerned in settling a plan for moving to Poole where her son George has commenced employment.*

we have to especially keep this in her view. Her expense on pro-  
fessional advice in advice and of proportion to her income and her  
[I think consider that the income really employs professional]  
services.

It would be a great assistance in advising her if  
you would be so kind as to write me in strict confidence, for the  
family's information on the subject, if you really think it wise  
for me to encourage her to go to New York, or not.  
I apologize for troubling you and am sure you will  
appreciate our desire to do the best we can for our sister.

Yours truly,

Take me in, if on what  
date, I have these some bet  
the 27th, I am I intend to visit  
London & see Dr. Fox & take  
Samuel & see Mrs. Tubby about  
his instrument if he has  
returned from abroad -

In great haste for post

Yours very sincerely  
Anna Baker

Pine Royd  
Parkerstone Road  
Poole

Aug 17th 00 Dareset.

Dear Dr. Peirce

With reference to your  
kind invitation for me to go to  
Scarboro' for ~~the~~ September, I have  
not seen Dr. Fox as I expected  
because my son George has left  
Hillm & Hambury & come here to  
Carters Brothers Lill works  
he was not happy at Hillm  
& London did not suit him  
he is getting on well here & the  
Messrs Carters are pleased with him

In consequence of such a sudden  
change in his prospects I have  
come here for August instead of  
Jug B London but have written  
to Dr Foe on the subject and  
in Dr Nelsons letter seen what  
I now enclose Dg.

Dr Foe makes no comment  
further than to say he  
"Dr Pricis invitation - I agree  
entirely with Dr Nelsons views."

Since coming to Poole, my appetite  
& sleeping is better & the confusion  
of ideas & dyspepsia less but  
the depression of spirits on the  
alternate days ~~has~~ <sup>is</sup> had  
almost unbearable.

I have a great deal on my mind

and find a horse & man here  
at Melcham which may turn  
something to do with it - as well as  
the relaxation of the <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ of Poole  
My son says is my opinion that  
I should go to Leamington if possible

If I can let my horse at  
Weston-super-Mare for September  
may be able to arrange it, but  
~~as far as~~ <sup>as far as</sup> ~~that~~ otherwise - I have let  
for August & come here to apart  
ments so as to have a rest  
for housekeeping - I have  
asked the Agents Dg what it  
is September if so I expect I  
and go -

I write now to know if it  
will still be convenient for you to

*Please return.*

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13th June, 1908.

Mrs. Baker,  
Cecil House,  
Severn Road,  
Weston-super-Mare.

Dear Mrs. Baker,

Many thanks for your letter and the photographs. I am very glad to hear that you are so much better.

I am interested to hear of your talk with Dr. Bedford Pierce. It is most kind of him to offer to take you in at Throxenby Hall for a month at 12/6 per week. Personally I see no reason why you should not gladly accept this offer. Herbert Catford, who has stayed at Throxenby Hall himself, says it is a delightful place. You would be far more comfortable there than in any Boarding House, and I don't see that you need have the least fear of people talking about your having been there. You would go practically as Dr. Pierce's guest, and could easily explain this if occasion to do so should arise, but I hardly imagine that it would. Very few Friends would know you had been there unless you yourself told them.

I will bring the account before the Finance Committee next week.

Kindly excuse a brief reply, as I have many matters to attend to, and Saturday is a half day.

Yours very sincerely,

*William Wilson*

*This was written before there was any talk of hope leaving London it seemed more feasible then than now. AW.*



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A. Baker

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of the attendance <sup>and</sup> of my  
come by & my own poor health.

Though I need the help as much  
as ever (Jack is my helper)  
since the operation <sup>my</sup> has not yet  
been able to stand or walk alone  
I have agreed to do without  
the grant, after 3 months in  
which to adjust my affairs. It  
will mean strict economy & probably  
moving into a smaller house.

My health gives way at once  
under any mental strain or worry.

I am keeping to you strictly &  
enclose a card of my regret.  
May I relax when I get down to  
16 Stone? I hope this letter is  
not too long, but I wanted to tell  
you about the request of the F.O.M.  
as a factor in my relapse.  
With kind regards & all good  
wishes for you & yours from the New York  
your very sincere friend Anna Baker.

Rasulia,  
Longfleet Road,  
Poole.

Jan 14th - 1911

Dear Dr. Pierre

I was glad to  
get your letter of Nov 29th  
was waiting for enclosed  
account book. I now send  
cheque for £4.17.6 in settlement.

I do not understand the  
item "Londrie per Mather".  
I thought the 14/- per week  
for board was inclusive  
had it been "extra carriage  
drive" I should, as I know  
there were a few cab fares  
incurred against me.

I also had enough mixture  
of fruit at sea instead of  
bread & cake according to  
your dietary but do not  
think these would run up  
to £2. 5. 6.

I know it is alright but for  
future prudence would like  
information on the subject.

If it would be possible  
I can arrange for it, I should  
like to go back to Thromby  
in Spring or early summer  
to finish my cure, till the  
house be open to ladies then?  
A sharp attack of acute  
muscular rheumatism in  
December has thrown me back  
a the Malaise & depression &

the "bad days" are as bad as ever  
Dr Small kept me in bed  
for a week, & that & the severe  
pain seems to have sapped all  
the energy I acquired at Thromby  
out of me. The weather has  
also been very bad & I have  
had a good deal of writing  
& correspondence with  
Dr Hodgkin almost my only  
limited income, I have  
surrendered of the success for  
reimbursement by the F.F.M.C.,  
the Finance Committee has  
asked me if I can prefer  
the special grant of £10.00  
made me 4 years<sup>ago</sup> to enable  
me to keep a competent  
servant, <sup>if possible</sup> in consideration of

Rasulca

Longfleet Road

Poole

Nov 13th 1910

Dear D. Prince

I am sorry I  
 troubled you with such a long  
 letter, it was written under ex-  
 ceptional circumstances to explain  
 some remarks in your former  
 letter. If you had read it, you  
 would have seen, that I did not  
 refer to my own health or ask  
 any questions till the last  
 half sheet (I added a P.S. <sup>outside</sup> that it could wait  
<sup>you know how</sup>.)

I made the mistake of thinking  
 you would be interested about  
 my affairs, & my delicate boy  
 & the terrible upset Mr. Dwyer's  
 illness is now at this crisis

but should have remembered  
you are far too busy to go beyond  
your own large circle of patients.

Thank you for your hint  
about Dr. Krapf & Dr. F. in  
writing to them in the future I  
will endeavor to avoid all  
irrelevant remarks & keep to  
the business in hand, they  
have always been most  
kind & sympathetic & have  
told me I loved them.

I have just had Sumner to  
Dr. Krapf about Jack's misprints  
& think the letter would have  
satisfied him & you.

I should like to have known  
whether you thought a time

would be my use at present?  
I am so weak & shaky from  
the constant missing & low diet.  
& getting up so early - & what  
weight I should reduce? I continue  
to get thinner daily.

Yours sincerely

Anna Baker -

Nov. 29, 1910

Dear Mrs. Baker,

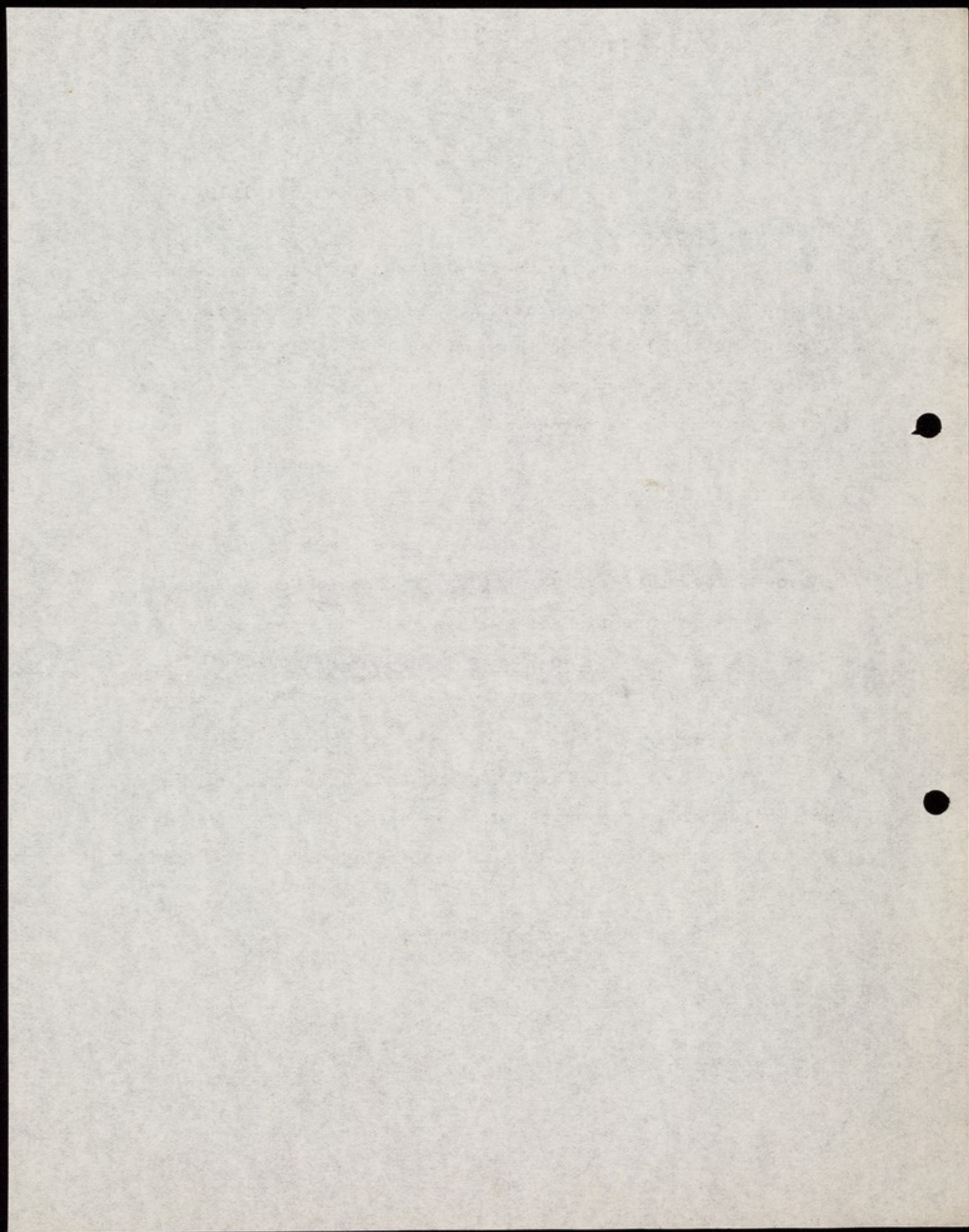
I hope you have not concluded that I am not sympathetic with your troubles. This is not the case. I returned the letter so that you could look it over and see that it was very much longer than was necessary, and it evidently showed that you were spending your time differently from what I had advised, which you will remember was to write as little as possible.

I do not think I had better attempt to give you advice as to your health at this distance. You can readily understand how unsatisfactory this would be.

We have had some very bad weather lately at Scarborough, and I should think you are much better off in the sunny south.

It was only the other day that I saw you had sent some tiles as a present to us. I hope that they have been properly acknowledged, and I am much obliged for the kind thought.

Yours very truly,



I can accommodate me day Sept 1st  
I will go, if not, I will wait for the  
response -

when you examine me at York  
Four years ago you heard my case  
was "irregular" & that you would like to  
have the opportunity of studying it, if I  
bring you can forward the course of treatment  
& help other sufferers, now that way has  
opened for me to go, I am quite willing to do so.

I have consulted my relatives & Dr. H.  
they think if you can cure or even relieve  
me it will be worth the expense, & so do I,  
as one but myself & the Lord knows how  
I suffer. If you can help me I shall  
be so grateful, not only for my own sake but  
for the hope, so that I can make home  
bright & happy for them - which I cannot  
now. I am reduced to staying in bed all  
day on the "bad days" but am as well  
& bright as any one the others -

Dr. Ashby of Weston super Mare advised  
me not to go 2 years ago. He said it  
might be misunderstood, that people might  
say "Dr. Baker has been induced to  
that it would be a slur on the boys' lives -  
Is there any danger of that?"

Dr. H. says not at Throesbury. There we had  
I need to go, he would not advise that.

I am so much alone  
here all day. I sit with a book  
as I do in all business & I do not  
that I regret my cheerful  
social - I am full of fruit & I  
"the bad days" -  
You said you if I could  
Sept. 1st I could  
though you are a lady  
I presume this will be  
forwarded to you  
such a dear letter but I hope  
you will get it. I am  
with kind regards  
Yours very truly  
Anna Baker  
P.S. Perhaps I ought to add that  
I have had no period for 18 months  
other than some slight spotting  
when I started but I have not  
the letter. I am so much alone  
here all day. I sit with a book  
as I do in all business & I do not  
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leave by tunnel to London for  
his twenty visit to Mr. Luby

Dr. F. & Dr. W. Hodgkin decided the  
time had come, for the operation <sup>last December</sup>  
needed & in consultation of Dr. Osborn  
was performed, instead of returning home  
we immediately went into Coliseum  
Dining Room & the operation was suc-  
cessfully performed May 19th, ~~unassisted~~  
the anxiety & strain of taking care of  
Samuel at night, combined with the  
heat & noise of London did not help  
me, on our return a few days, I had  
another sharp attack of rheumatism &  
was confined bed for a fortnight, I am  
not able to get up any strength at all &  
the depression of the last day has in-  
creased almost to Delirium, accom-  
panied with extreme lassitude, & anxi-  
ety, Dr. F. who saw me twice in London  
said I required a thorough change of air.

My sister-in-law Jane H. Mavor has  
returned from California, & has kindly offered  
to take charge of the house & to  
enable me to leave home for a month

I write now to ask if you think a  
few weeks treatment under you at  
Throsby Hall would help me?

2) If you could accommodate <sup>me</sup> there after  
the 8th of September, George has just  
gone for his holidays, which expire on  
that date, I could not leave home before  
his return, & thirdly, if you can take  
me at the low terms 12/6 a week, which  
you offered me 2 years ago? You said  
at G. H. it would be necessary for me to  
get a letter from some friend in this L.R.

If you think the hazy air of Leamington  
(Boyle is very relaxing) & your treatment  
will be beneficial please let me know  
what sort of letter is necessary & I will  
consult Richard Beck <sup>of Southampton</sup> about it. I think  
he is the Agent for the Retreat, Is not  
Throsby Hall under the same management?

Expense is now the principal difficulty,  
even if you can take me at the 12/6 rate  
it will cost me at least £6. as the  
return Railway fare I must collect is 45/-  
& there will be a few incidentals

If you could think you can help me

26/10/10

Rasulix, Longfleet Road, Poole.

591

Thank you for your kind  
letter received just before I left  
Throesbury. I had hoped to an-  
swer before this, but was waiting  
for some Chemists' blue weights  
& to report generally. I am trying  
to carry out your instructions  
in every way, have laid down  
at 8 o'clock breakfast every day  
since I came home, except the  
first, when D-Small who came  
over Jack insisted on my staying  
in bed all day & have a thorough  
rest & keep in an even temper  
about the chest, which he  
found rather bad. Having brought  
me through 2 attacks of acute Bronchitis  
he was rather concerned about the cough

he quite approve of the diet & of me  
 trying to equalize the days. So I mean  
 am "a reformed character" now.  
 Every one tells me I am  
 better tho' thin. You will be  
 to hear that my delicate body has got  
 another cold. He was turned out of  
 my warm sunny room & put into  
 our spare room with a draft.  
 The lungs are not diseased but  
 is treating him as a preventative  
 the drooping for consumption.  
 My cold is nearly well. You know  
 must have been too cold. I  
 my "help" says I am a deserter.  
 she never expects to see me as well  
 so though the treatment had not  
 fair chance it has done good.  
 I am sending some of Carter's  
 & the nurse have put in a pair  
 for you, please accept them with  
 many thanks for all your kindness.  
 I suppose my bill will come  
 in due course. Jack is better again & my  
 I have to take him to see Dr. Felt as soon  
 as possible. D.S. this

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27 OCT. 1910 19

Bedford Pierce M.D.  
York.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My Mother tells me there is a likelihood of your having some alterations done at Throesbury Hall & perhaps The Retreat. No doubt both floor & wall tiles will be required so I am enclosing our Catalogues & price lists. May I commend to your special notice our Fireplace Designs. The special excellencies they possess are beauty of design, clean & bright appearance & great heating power. They can be adapted to any opening, & suited to any room. Hoping to receive an order from you sometime soon, which I shall receive special attention.  
Yours very sincerely

FOR CARTER & Co., LIMITED.

Geo. O'Brien Baker

P.S. No doubt the Seal Fireplace Co. needs is known to you. We supply them with our fireplaces, almost entirely I believe.

FOR CARTER & CO. LIMITED.

Nov. 1, 1910

Dear Mr. Baker,

I am much obliged to you for the list of tiles and

grates. I have given them to the Steward as they may be useful

in the future. Just at present we have nothing special on

the way.

Will you thank Mrs. Baker for her post card which

does not seem to require immediate reply. I am glad to hear

that the visit to Scarborough has done her good. I hope your

brother is now better and recovered from his fall.

Yours very truly,

55 WIMPOLE STREET,  
W.

(TEL: 1349 MAYFAIR.)

18 Oct. 1910

Dear Dr Price

many thanks for sight  
of your letter to Mrs Baker. The  
"Candid Friend"! I hope the  
done will do her good: indeed  
I think it will, though it will  
be a shock at first. I wonder  
how we should all get on if  
we had each of us a B.P.  
to tell us, exactly, our faults!  
Of course you are in a position  
in this case where it becomes  
an imperative duty. I am  
glad you have fulfilled it  
very sincerely A. Hingston

W

Oct. 17, 1910

Dear Mrs. Maw,

I am much obliged for your letter and have told Mrs. Baker we shall be pleased for her to remain until the 29th, but I rather doubt whether she will do so.

I am writing to her very plainly on the subject of her complaints and voluminous letter writing, but I fear that this hypochondrical habit of mind is too ingrained to be readily altered. I have no doubt, however, that the stay at Throxenby will have done Mrs. Baker a great deal of good.

Yours very truly,

writes with the Bureau  
very well the night had felt  
with an easy mind.

Really so far so Pleasant  
My father & his needs are care-  
= served the Compensation help  
in the house would be quite  
able to attend to him but  
she is too young & woman  
to leave alone in the house  
with two young men so  
long a time

Yours very sincerely  
James M. Mason

Oct. 17, 1910

Dear Mrs. Baker,

Having now given a good deal of attention to your complaints and having also had a talk with Dr. Hingston Fox about you I am writing frankly to say what I think.

In the first place I should explain that I do not consider you are suffering from any serious disease, though you do not have robust health. But it is quite clear to me that unless you can alter your habits of thought the outlook is not satisfactory. At the present time you worry constantly over your health and over your son's so that you seem unable to take a reasonable interest in the affairs of life. You will talk for the hour together about your ailments, unable to see things in their proper proportions, and when you cannot talk you write sheet after sheet to friends and others, which writing is in large measure wasted time. You spend hours yourself in writing needless questions about yourself and your boy, and appear never to think of the time of those who receive the letters. The benefit of the stay at Throxenby Hall has been largely lost through this wast of energy in writing unnecessary letters and worrying in an altogether unnecessary way about your boy.

This malady is indeed a sad one, for you worry yourself and worry those around you as well as friends at a distance, and unless this habit is checked it will certainly grow.

You fail to see that undue attention to oneself tends to produce fresh complaints as well as to aggravate those one may have already. We physicians who have much to do with disease and suffering know the way men and women meet grave disease. But when a patient brings written out a long list of complaints of many different kinds one suspects at the outset that the disorder will chiefly consist of hypochondriacal symptoms.

Do not think that I am unsympathetic. If I were so I should not trouble to write at all. On the contrary I know that you are very much alone in the world and have many difficulties and trials. I have telephoned to Miss Elkins saying that I hear you can quite conveniently stay at Throxenby until the 29th. If you are prepared to make a fresh start about this worrying and needless letter writing I hope you will stay, as I think you will get real benefit from the change of scene.

As ~~the~~ regards the chief complaint, "good days and bad days", I should say all were bad. The staff at Throxenby see little difference between them. Dr. Frank Rutter said the same, and



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My advice is "Throw physic to the dogs"! Give away your clinical thermometer, make it a rule never to mention your health in letter or in speech except when absolutely needful: then in the fewest possible words. Remember that a worrying mother injures her children, and when illness has to be faced a worrying nurse is a bad nurse.

The difficulty is how to alter. I believe you will find assistance in this direction at Throxenby if you desire it, and if I can be of any further help I expect to be over again on Wednesday.

Yours very truly,

*You may like to see the above - but I  
doubt whether it will do much good. I believe she has decided  
to do.*

BB

*I am so sure that we did not get some time  
for a good talk as when you were here but it happened  
unfortunately.*

It is clear that the Commission has failed to not know any thing  
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Yours very truly,

admit of my being always  
near him. passed.

So now please advise Mrs  
Baker to the best of your ability  
remembering her <sup>means</sup> ~~circumstances~~  
are limited, but one thing I would  
beg of you, & in this I am joined  
by my nephew George do insist  
that she shall not write before  
breakfast even if you have to  
take writing materials away  
from her. She sometimes  
begins at 4 a.m. & always  
at 6.0. The letters that have been  
coming day after day 4 or 6 <sup>sheets</sup>  
not pages, have been most trying  
& bewildering all about home

Rasulia,  
Longfleet Road,  
Poole.

Oct 15. 10

Dear D<sup>r</sup> Pierce

With regard to my  
sister-in-law Mrs Baker  
who is now at Lhaspely I want  
to say that if you think it will  
be best for her to stay till the  
29<sup>th</sup> I think I shall be quite  
well able to arrange for her  
to be away from home for the  
extra week.

Dr. Lay who I understand  
is to be with you tomorrow will  
know Dr. Small's opinion  
of Jack; but I am sure from  
my observation the lad is improv-  
ing nicely the last few days.  
His temperature is down  
quite nicely, only 98.8 yesterday  
& the day before at noon & I am  
working towards getting him  
on his feet again. That is  
the great difficulty. These dread-  
ful instruments worry him  
so, that as long there is temp.  
about it runs up & down  
bearing them. If it were not

for this he might be back to  
natural life again.

I shall endeavor to engage  
a woman who has some know-  
ledge of sickness & I am sure  
this will not be difficult  
as there is a large women's  
school here with an exceedingly  
nice lot of women attending  
& among them there will surely  
be one who will be glad to come.

I am sorry I cannot stay  
myself. I am thankful to  
say I have been able to help  
Jack both spiritually &  
mentally and only sorry  
my circumstances do not

as a day scholar to the Friends Ulster  
Provincial School Lisburn has a  
Belfast accent. I am told that could  
almost be cut with a knife. I can  
imagine you if interested in accents.

Another question I wanted to ask  
but forgot was, As Sunday will  
be a "hell day" if it would be suit-  
able or feasible for me to go over to  
York to meeting, I see my old Indi-  
an friends Joseph & Katherine Taylor  
they are due there to say farewell  
to their only child Eric who they are  
leaving at Boston. Joseph Taylor is  
now Senior Missionary <sup>in India</sup> there. He & my  
husband were schoolfellows at York  
& worked hand in glove together in  
India. In India most draught work  
is done by bullocks in pairs, after  
my husband's death, Joseph Taylor  
said "he felt like a bullock that  
had lost its fellow." <sup>they are always helping</sup> he lived with us  
before he was married, I missed him though

you think it would be -  
I should like to  
take this opportunity  
of saying how much  
I consider him  
Mrs. Elko & all the  
staple of the  
my first dear  
with love  
Scally across the  
ready to do a task  
I never enjoyed it  
ready to do a task  
I had a rest after dinner  
I have her letter of 18th  
I acknowledge will  
and I reply to you care

Dear D. Pierce,  
I said yesterday  
I was sorry you were coming as  
it was one of my "bad days". I  
could not think of all I wanted  
to say to you, though I don't forget  
something, perhaps I was just  
as well you should have seen  
me there, I saw you in a slipper  
but individual I am not  
day, so different that it is almost  
a possibility to believe in  
titles in one body.  
R. L. Stearns  
I always say my "bad day" is  
my D. Jekyll day

Probably you remembered the difference  
when you saw me at York 4 years  
ago, I am one those mental exercises  
when I think you proved my brain  
does <sup>not</sup> act equally well on the two days.

I am glad you are going back  
Dr. Fox, though I have been under  
his care since for 11 years, even he  
is an average three times a year,  
he has only seen me about half a  
dozen times in the last days. I can  
time visit him with those & Mr.  
Libby about Jack, it is quite useless  
going to see the latter in ill days. I  
can not take in his directions.

I write now saying that on receipt  
the letter from Ireland received last  
evening, <sup>which I could not take in</sup> ~~at the time~~  
and my sister said much  
that she is sure with my sister  
return home if it is thought des-  
irable for me to stay longer here.

That she expects she will be able  
to go to Port to look after the  
boys & house for me when Mr. Mann  
leaves on the 20th, she says she  
is getting on <sup>very well</sup> ~~very well~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~now  
will try to <sup>last</sup> manage without her, as she  
is the invalid. My sister thinks  
she must not leave, I suspect  
will be alright. Mrs. O'Brien has  
been a chronic invalid since she  
lost her only son 14 years ago by  
sister has lived with her ever since  
& practically mothered the boys. She  
has just gone to Boston this term,  
My sister cannot leave home for 24  
hours without getting a "locum"  
to look after the house & boys, now she  
is at school may <sup>make</sup> matters easier  
his name is F. Lucius O'Brien  
if you take any interest in Boston  
boys it wd be kind to speak to him  
he has never been for home <sup>alone</sup> before.~~

clash with you cough medicine  
which I took as usual. I had a  
beautiful night's sleep, the first for  
me since I came to the hospital  
when I was so tired from the journey. I slept  
from 10.30 till 4.15 without  
waking, when I told Miss Elkin  
she said "see what the magnetic  
influence of Dr. Perceval does." It had a  
great deal to do with it, as you see.  
My mind at rest about everything.  
The accounts of my boy are improving  
daily. My cough is better & the skin  
attack has cleared the system. I now  
feel in a state of benefit & the  
treatment, which has not had a  
chance yet - if my sister as I expect  
she will, does go to Poole, I shall feel  
able to stay with her easily & in  
a fortnight longer & perhaps a month if  
you think it will be advantageous -  
I do not wish to go to the expense unless

serious attacks of fever, it was in  
our neighbourhood he & his wife became  
engaged & they were married  
from our compound - I helped  
Kate & nurse her twin boys who  
both died, & they came & met of my  
made all arrangements for my return  
home when my husband died.

Circumstances have prevented  
me seeing much of them during their  
recent furlough, not just a few  
times at Yeovil meeting. They went  
to Poole while I was <sup>in London</sup> with Jack  
for his operation. I should so like  
to see them again, they sail from  
Leam Charing Cross on the 20th inst.  
It would not have time to come to  
see me here - If it is fine do you  
think it would be fit for me? Sister Kate  
says that is not convenient. I  
had no opportunity of consulting  
Miss Elkin till just now. She is doubtful

I think I had better not attempt it. I can do anything on the 'well days'; it would also give me the opportunity of seeing my nephew & nie Taylor, I am sure. Fielder Thorp or Essie Rountree would give me a drive & see me to the station. I would ask Essie to meet me.

D-Fox knows what I am all for. I go up for Poole & on 8th Oct. to see him. Mrs. Tubby, the nurse must snicker. Dr. Hodgkin & his representative <sup>at the office</sup> help Jack round & return by the 5.40 to Poole - I don't feel the least fatigued that day, am treated & talkative but very tired the next - Will you phone tomorrow Saturday & say what you think. I am quite willing to do what

you think best & wish. I suppose I would have a glimpse of D-Fox too, but that is not necessary <sup>as I saw</sup> him so recently. Sent for him at Collier's House & see me in bed on one of the 'bad days'. The nurses there were rather alarmed about me I was so faint, & was doing that hot spell in June & I was a good deal overdone attending to Jack after the operation.

Thanks to Thos. Hall I am a very different person now.

Any cough & cold is much better today with your permission to take Homeopathic medicine. I have taken *Ipecacuanha* 000 *Bryonia* <sup>3x</sup> & *Pillula alternatim* every 2 hours, when they did not

down when this is finished as I can  
hardly hold my head.

I had my three walks yesterday but  
felt so badly I could hardly drag my  
self along, the breathing & cough were so  
trying, & my legs were so shaky -  
the cold combined with the usual "bad  
day" & the change in diet ~~must~~ have  
made me feel weaker.

I came here hoping to gain  
strength, but am really weaker  
& not able for as much exertion as at  
home even in the relaxing climate, it  
is very disappointing, but you will  
be glad to hear the depression of  
spirits is decidedly better if I let my  
self find way it will come on the "bad  
days" but I am fighting against it.  
I am counting time fast as my time  
is so short, one week gone already I thought  
had better let you know as you will not  
be over for some time I suppose -

Dr. Kemp, who has examined my chest & will  
know how it is, it seems done much  
worse since then, the cold more developed & coughing.

to relieve me as far as possible  
I am out with the cough. I  
wonder if I have  
to have kept me in bed,  
I am not answering to  
the doctor's orders if only  
help & only suggest if  
it is the only way  
I was so exhausted it is  
a well day. It is so of  
the cold & the coughing.  
I have not been able  
to get out of bed for  
the coughing & the cold  
has prevented me from  
leaving bed. I feel  
the cold & the coughing  
large rooms & passages  
hoping that the cold  
will be over before the  
winter sets in with the  
pleasant weather.

I have not been able  
to carry out your  
instructions but am sorry  
that the Bronchial cold  
improve, though I am  
it as you said, going out  
the same & getting as much  
on as possible, the cough  
trying, is worse than  
had for 4 years when I had  
Influenza with heart  
complications. I was in  
bed for three weeks.  
I had a night nurse & Dr. Ashby  
of Wash-emp. I have enjoyed  
travelling.

As I feel it is capturing my strength  
& interfering with the benefit I  
hoped to derive from coming here,  
I take this opportunity of writing  
to ask you if any thing more  
can be done than taking the  
cough mixture which I have been  
doing? either to walk or lie down  
does the breathing so much  
& both chest & back down & the  
waist are sore with the racking  
cough, the whole chest seems  
full of mucus & has the cough  
up from the waist, & I wheeze like  
a broken winded horse.

I always find a simple light  
broiled poultry & when one greatly  
put on at bed time, they do not  
wear much as I take cold after  
them, I might have one to help me

Asleep & be rubbed with some  
embrocation or Camphorated oil,  
any of these remedies help me.

I was sitting up half the night  
last night with the cough, did not  
sleep till 1 P.M. when I got up &  
warmed the cup of milk left  
for the morning, it soothed the cough  
& slept till 2.30 P.M. when I was  
wakened with another paroxysm  
almost like whooping cough, & have  
not slept since & am worn out,  
my head aching badly. at 7. I could  
have gone asleep, & asked Nurse Dore  
when she came to ask if I could  
have my breakfast before getting up  
I felt so exhausted, she brought  
me a message from Miss Elkin  
that you wished me to get up that  
morning the household cold. of course  
I struggled up, but shall have to be

PATIENT admitted to

THROXENBY HALL, SCARBOROUGH.

Date of Admission Sept-22<sup>nd</sup> 1910,

Full Name (~~Mr.~~, Mrs., or Miss) Anna Baker,

Age 57.

Married or Single Married

Home Address 'Kasulia'

Poole.

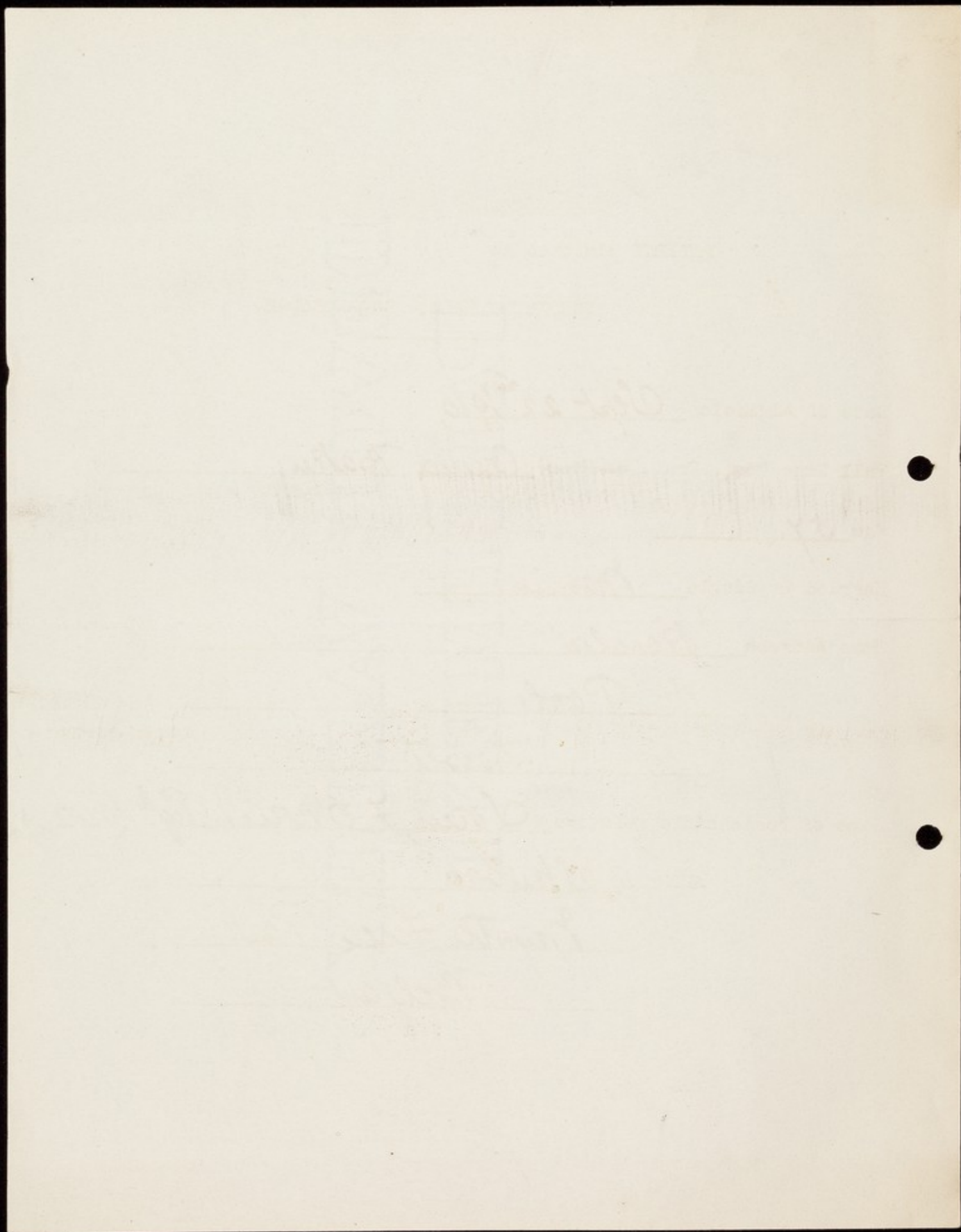
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Name of responsible relative Louis, F. O'Brien, Esq. (brother)

ADDRESS 'Shubra'

Myrtle Field Park,

Belfast.



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Sex *57*

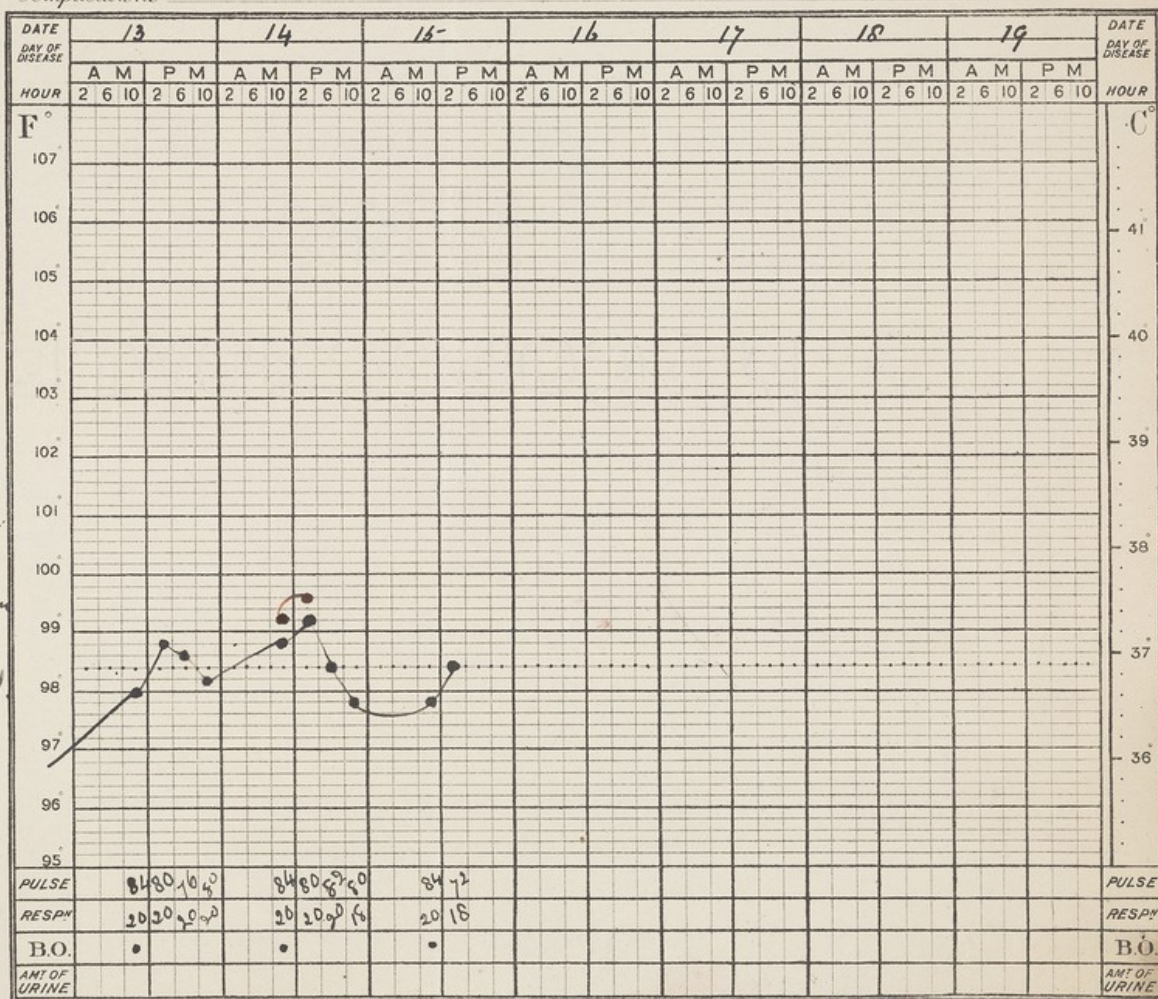
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Notes of Case.

*Two*  
The red marks are  
the times when the  
Temp. differed.  
The black being when  
I took it & the red  
when Dr. Baker did.



Entered at Stationers' Hall.

S. Maw, Son & Sons, London.

CLINICAL CHART  
OF M.A.W.S.

4 HOUR CHART

Mr. Baker



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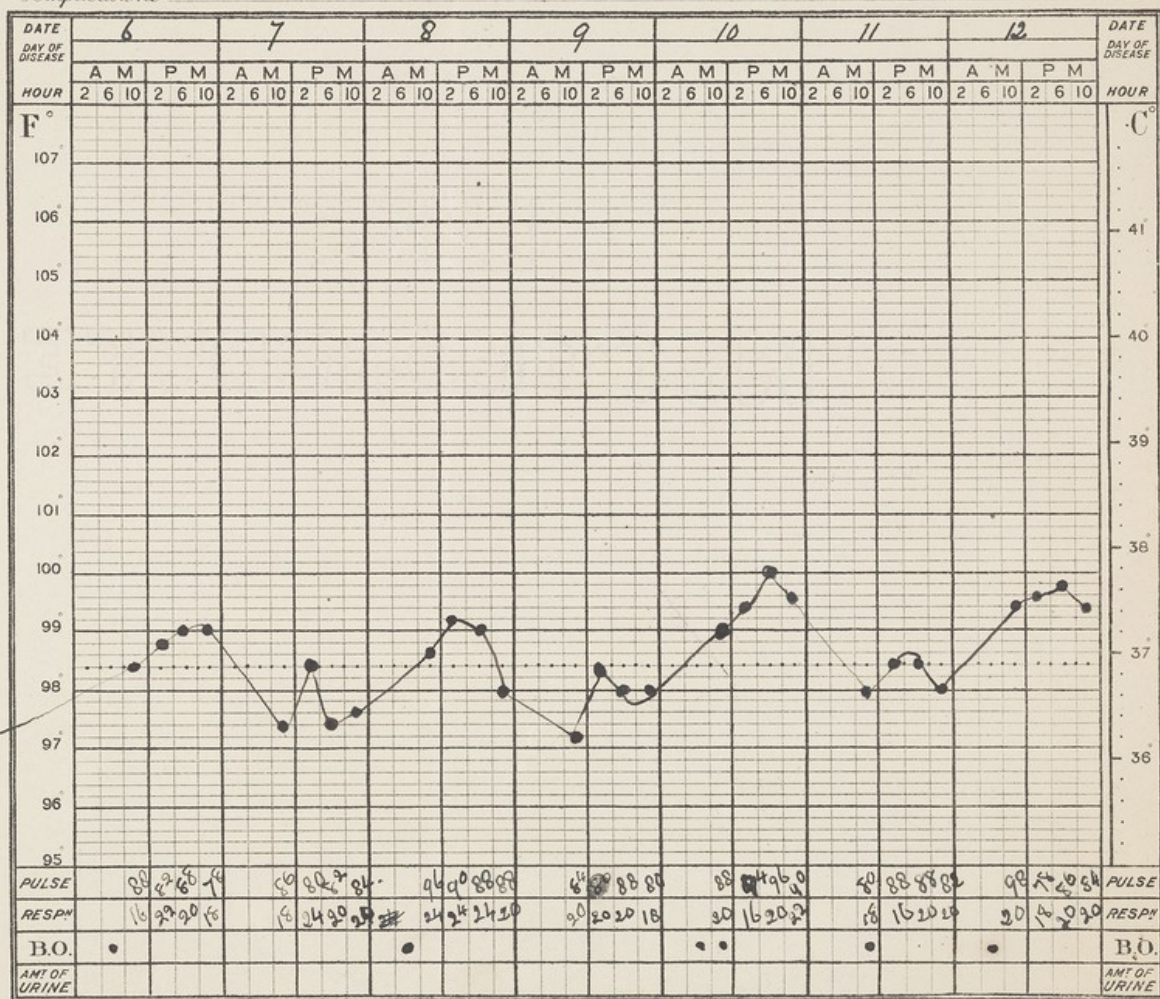
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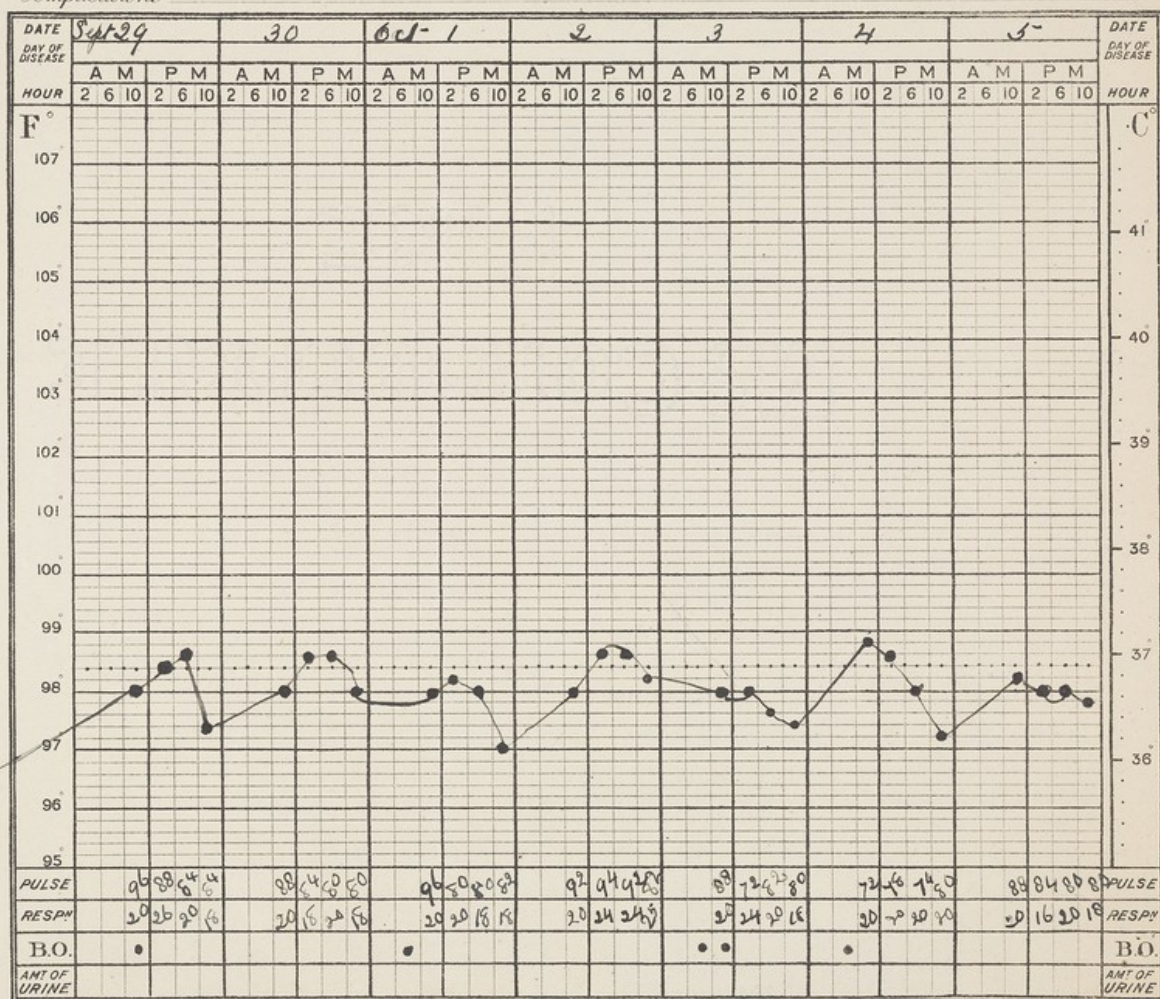
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## DR MAW'S CLINICAL CHART.

Name *Mrs Baker*

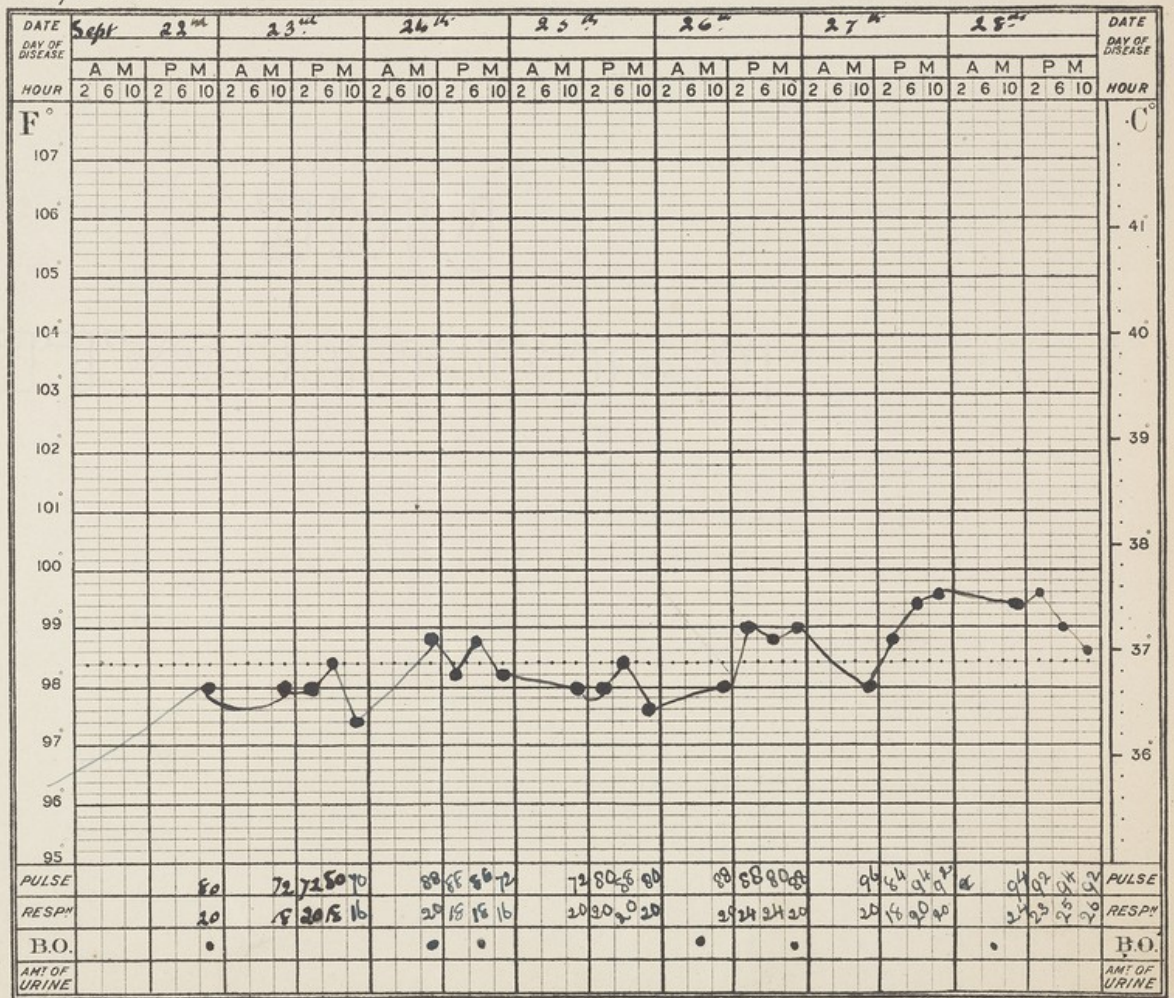
Sex

Age *57* Occupation

Diseases  
Complications

Notes of Case.

Day of arrival



Entered at Stationers' Hall.

S. Maw, Son & Sons, London.

CLINICAL CHART

4 HOUR CHART

