Hill House
Barnsley
May 13/15

Dr Sir

Dr Gilmour thinks the time has now come when Mrs Barkin should have a few weeks at the Sea Side previously to coming home. So we are trying to arrange for her to go to Blackpool. The Home belongs to 2 Ladies one of whom was a Nurse at York sometime ago. If we can arrange it. I should be most grateful if you could spare a Nurse to accompany us. I well remember a Miss Pease who went with her to Harrogate once before & Mrs Barkin was very fond of her. that is why I should especially

like to ask for her. If
not we should like Nurse
Day or Nurse Goddard
if it can be arranged we
purpose going sometime
in Whitweek Your early
reply will much oblige

Yours Sincerely
E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D
York

Answered

Hill House
Barnsley
Sept 27/14

Dr Sir.

For some time now My Wife has been steadily recovering & Dr Gilmour has at last reported her Convalescent & fit to go anywhere we have kept her at Burley 2 to 3 weeks longer just to really ~~test~~ see if she could keep it up. Yesterday I had a conversation with him on the telephone. He declares her very well indeed & she must now come home. I told him we should much prefer having a nurse at home with us for a week to two. He did not seem to think it necessary

but he said I will write you on Sunday what I think how as she is coming home on Tuesday there is not then much time to arrange matters. So I am writing to ask you if you can let me have a nurse on Tuesday. Any of those nurses we had before we should like very much Miss Pierce. Mc Williams, Day, or the nurse that went to Knaresbury. Simply mention these because we know them. I will ring you up tomorrow further particulars after I get the Doctors letter in the morning. Feeling sure you will help me in this matter if possible believe me Dear Sir

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

Hill House,
Barnsley.
May 20/04

Dr Sir

Am much obliged for your letter & note all you say. Of course I am very disappointed. As she seems to fall back so often, one loses heart. & I just felt that come what would. I should feel she was looked after & cared for

2) if she was at York. However it appears she cannot come so it ends there. She will have to remain anyhow where she is for a while. I had a chat with Dr Fryer about her yesterday & we have decided to let her stay at Scalebor Park. When well & strong the Kindest & most gentle creature in the world. But when seized with a disease like this. through no fault of hers. No one wants her, she

3/ is so difficult to manage
Anything I don't know I can
do anything more. So now
I leave her in the Hands of
Him who is too wise to err,
too good to be unkind.

Yours Sincerely
E. D. Barker

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
York

15th. May, 1914.

Dear Mr. Barker,

I have had a word with Dr. Gilmour and I find that Mrs. Barker remains in substantially the same condition, and that he has not advised her to be removed home. If she was taken home he would have to discharge her because he could not undertake any responsibility.

With reference to her coming to the Retreat, I have thought the matter over carefully and consulted with my staff, and we think it better for her not to come back. In the first place I am satisfied that it would be very discouraging for Mrs. Barker. She would feel that she was beginning all over again and it would not be very long before she was complaining every bit as bitterly as she did when she was here before. A person who persistently complains of the staff, the food and her detention, and who declines to join in any social pleasures which may be arranged, is, as you will understand, a disturbing factor in any Institution. I am aware that all these complaints are due to her unhappy mental state and are unsubstantial, but you will readily understand that if a patient has

left and comes back no better, it is a very discouraging matter, and is prejudicial to the other patients in the Institution. This is the reason why I do not think she should come back. The general welfare of the Institution depends upon my eliminating as far as possible the attitude af querulous discontent which characterises Mrs. Barker.

I am writing to Dr. Fryer on the subject, and should advise you to consult him.

Yours very truly,

15th. May, 1914.

Dear Fryer,

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending to Mr. Barker. I am really sorry not to respond to his appeal for his wife to return to the Retreat, but I am sure it is not right either in her interests or ours.

So far as I can make out her complaints against Scalebor Park are no more justifiable than her complaints against the Retreat, and it must not be forgotten that when she was at Throxenby, living under almost ideal circumstances for a person in her condition, she was almost as unhappy as at Scalebor Park. Mr. Barker does not seem able to understand that this depends on her condition not on her surroundings.

If he is set on a change I would suggest Cheadle Royal or a very nice little place called Wye House at Buxton.

Yours very truly,

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I still think that for a a time at any rate she would be better under your supervision

Yours Truly
E. D. Barker

Hill House,
Barnsley.
May 14/14

Dr. Sir.

I have been anxiously waiting your reply to our conversation about my wife coming to York for what to do to do the right thing I do not know. My son went over to Scalebor last Monday afternoon & spent 2 hours

with her & he says from
the conversation with her
he really cannot see
what is the matter with her
she was perfectly calm
& collected. & did not seem
to have any trouble whatever
except she would like
to get away from there.
I have got a letter from
her tonight & she says
~~that~~ she had a talk with
Dr Gilmour yesterday
& he told her (so she says)

that if Mrs Barker talked to me for her
on Saturday she would go home.
I know for there Christmas are coming
& I must say, I think my daughter
Dorothy ~~for~~ and cannot much more
work. Furniture ~~for~~ cannot much more
yet. Do not really see how we could do
for her yet even if she is fit. If you have
her just get her home as we could
not write to me yet. Perhaps we could
send her to Telephone Dr Gilmour & ask him
& to telephone back
what he thinks about her. He would tell you
more than he will us. Really we can get very little out of him.

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TELEPHONE No 18, BURLEY.

Scalebor Park.
Burley-in-Wharfedale.
20th April 1914

Dear Dr Peice,

Was about to write you yesterday regarding Mr Barber but postponed the letter hoping to see you at Rendcombe on the 30th:

I am sorry that she is not doing better – I thought the absence of news favourable

With regards

Sincerely yours
J. R. Gilmour

16th. April, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Barker,

I am sorry to disappoint you, but Dr. Mackenzie's report to me was very decided that it would be well for you to wait patiently at Throxenby a little longer.

I know that this will be a bitter disappointment to you, but you know me well enough to know that this advice is given in your best interests.

Yours very truly,

but I think now the change to my own home, with all its duties and interest would be beneficial.

With kind regards, and hoping to have a favourable reply.

Yours Sincerely

E. Barker.

Throxenby Hall

April 14th 1914

Dear Dr Bruce

My husband has been to see me today, and we feel the separation so much that I am writing to ask if you can possibly allow me to go home, there is no doubt about my being very much better and if I can keep quiet

for a few days will you give your consent for him to come and take me away on Saturday for all our sakes, my husband, my children and my own, it is now more than two years since leaving home, he would have taken me back with him but said he could not without your consent.

Everyone here has been most kind to me and I do appreciate every thing that has been done for my comfort in every way

26th. March, 1914.

Dear Mr. Barker,

When I was over at Throxenby on Wednesday Mrs. Barker was very far from well and certainly not fit to return home, and I told her so plainly, and that I thought it would be several weeks before she was.

She was very much upset when her son was over but has improved since then and there is no doubt that she is doing her best to keep well.

The special nurse is necessary as she is not fit to be alone.

I hope to be over again on Monday and will let you know if there is anything fresh to say.

Yours very truly,

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Hill House
Barnsley
Mch 25/14

Dr. Pierce

Dr Sir.

I had a letter from my wife on Monday & among st other things she said Dr Pierce had been over to Throsnby last Wed. & she did not tell me a word you said. Only this, ~~that~~

that Dr Pierce said I had not to come home just yet, Now I am just writing back you as you have been over seen her. What you think to her. Is she going on as well as you expected. & making a good recovery. Or what do you think. I am anxious to know from you as I have no one else as an authority to appeal to. So that any information you give me will be most acceptable. I had hoped that a month or so at Throsnby would have been

all that was required. But of course she will not have to come home until you say so. I am very sorry to have to trouble you but I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly let me know exactly what you think & if she will be fit to come home shortly or you advise staying where she is a few weeks longer

Is it necessary to have a nurse for her special care as it is rather expensive with the nurse as well.

However if you think it necessary for a little while longer I will we shall get over it —

Thanking you in anticipation

Believe me Dr Sir —

Yours Sincerely

E. D. Barker

TELEPHONE:- 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Mar 12th 1914

Dear F. Price.

Mrs Barker took the disappointment of not getting home last Monday quite nicely. tho she expressed great disappointment as she felt she was a free agent now & could go when she wished. I persuaded her to stay on the plea that she had gone home too soon before & broken down. therefore it would be wise to wait the fortnight here, then you & Mr Barker could judge her state & make further arrangements. She has been exceedingly well all this week, & I feel that something definite should be done

before Tuesday to avoid another disappointment, which may put her back again -

Mrs Baker is eating better, & seems most appreciative of this home & everything done for her - I think her unsettled state last week was due to her anxiety to fix a time to go home - Mrs Goddard has tried her in many little ways to find out the state of her mind & so far we feel she is satisfactory - I had her to tea with me yesterday & she chatted quite nicely & naturally - I have written to Mr Baker much the same as I am telling you -

Kindest regards

Yrs sincerely

Edith A. Akers

2nd. March, 1914.

Dear Gilmour,

It will be quite all right for Mrs. Barker to go to Throxenby Hall on Tuesday. Many thanks for sending the Commissioners' letter. What the difference may be between a paying guest and a Voluntary Boarder I do not know, but the ruling is interesting as it implies that we may receive paying guests at Throxenby Hall without returning them as Voluntary Boarders. Hitherto we had always considered them as Voluntary Boarders, and we had previously been instructed that all Voluntary Boarders going to Throxenby Hall must in the first place be received at the Retreat for examination. So the matter is rather involved.

I am glad to hear that Mrs. Barker is so much better. We will try to give her a good time at Scarborough, and establish her convalescence.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

Hill House
Barnsley
Mch 1/14

Dr Sir. I have been waiting for Dr Gilmores letter before writing you but he only got the Commissioners reply this morning

I received a conversation on the Telephone with him this afternoon. Things appear to be in order. So we shall leave Leeds on Tuesday by the train due York at 12.30. Depart for Scarboro 12-45. So hope the nurse will be on the Platform ready to go with us & on the look out

Dr. Gilmour says this afternoon she is very nicely indeed & quite fit to go. I sincerely hope she will now soon be herself again it has been a long weary time to us all. Thanking you for all your kindness.

believe me

Yours Truly

E D Baxter

Dr Pierce M.D.

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TELEPHONE No 18, BURLEY.

Scalebor Park.
Burley-in-Wharfedale.
1st March 1914

Dear Dr Peirce

Mrs Clara Barker

I enclose you copies of the correspondence I have had with the Commissioners regarding Mrs Barker — You will notice that she cannot come to you as a Voluntary Boarder at Threemly but you can take her in as a paying guest. If you have room for her — as I hear from Mr Barker you have — you could take her at any time. I shall arrange for her discharge on a period of probation of say three months so that she can return to ~~you~~ us if there is any relapse. Her letter to you I have kept as I have little confidence in her

Yours faithfully
J H Simmons

TELEPHONE No 18, BURLEY.

(Copy.)

Scalebor Park,
Burley-in-Wharfedale.

February 25th 1914.

Sir,

re Mrs Clara Barker.

This patient was transferred here from The Retreat, York, on July 31st 1913. She has improved considerably and is not at the present time certifiable. She has however shewn a tendency to relapse and it has been thought advisable that she should not return straight home. She desires to enter Throxenby Hall, Scarborough as a Voluntary Boarder. Could I discharge her, during the time she is at Throxenby Hall, on a period of probation so that in the event of her relapse she could return to Scalebor Park ?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. R. Gilmour,
Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,
Lunacy Commission,
66, Victoria Street, S.W.

(Copy.)

February 25th 4.

Sir,

re Mrs Clara Parker.

This patient was transferred here from The Retreat, York, on July 21st 1916. She has improved considerably and is not at the present time certifiable. She has however shown a tendency to relapse and it has been thought advisable that she should not return straight home. She desires to enter Thoroughly Hall, Southborough as a Voluntary Boarder. Could I discharge her, during the time she is at Thoroughly Hall, on a period of probation so that in the event of her relapse she could return to Southbor Park ?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. E. Gilmour,

Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary,

Lunacy Commission,

68, Victoria Street, S.W.

(Copy)

Lunacy Commission,

66, Victoria Street. S.W.

27th February 1914.

Sir,

re Mrs Clara Barker.

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that if this patient is granted leave on trial there is no reason why she should not go to Throxenby Hall on the footing of any ordinary boarder or paying guest, but she could not go as a Voluntary Boarder under the provisions of the Lunacy Act without being absolutely discharged from Scalebor Park, and being admitted first as a Boarder at The Retreat.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

O. E. Dickinson,

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

Scalebor Park Asylum.

27th. February, 1914.

Dear Mr. Barker,

We shall be very pleased to receive Mrs. Barker as a Voluntary Boarder at Throxenby Hall on Tuesday next, and I have arranged accordingly with Miss Elkins, who is the Matron there.

Both the Nurses you mention are away, but I will liberate Nurse Goddard to accompany Mrs. Barker, and I have no doubt that they will get on very well together.

If you will let us know what time you are passing through York Nurse Goddard will be at the Station to meet you and go on with you to Throxenby.

Yours very truly,

27th. February, 1914.

Dear Mr. Barker,

We shall be very pleased to receive Mrs. Barker as a Voluntary Boarder at Throxenby Hall on Tuesday Next,

Hill House
Barnoldby
Feby 26/14

Dr Sir.

I went over to Burley yesterday had a long talk with the Dr. & as he dont want Lo have any more relapses. He thinks if you can arrange for a nurse to go to Throsmby & devote all her time to Mrs Barkin. by taking her out in the day & mixing up with every day life going to Sabbs &c &c. it would be the very best thing. I took her out into the country in the afternoon & she was very nicely indeed. but she wants a little more freedom & would get it if she had a nurse to herself. So if you could arrange to let her have

Miss Pierce taking her
Miss McWilliams I think
they would have a very
nice time together If you
could arrange this. I ~~fee~~ think
of going next Tuesday. I would
~~fetch~~ fetch her from Burley
& get on a North Eastern train
Leeds to Carlro. ~~Call a~~ via York
& the Nurse go on with us
from York If you could
kindly arrange this I would
let you know about the train
later My hope is quite
willing to go as a ~~v~~ voluntary
boarder. Any other information
you would like to know, ~~&c~~ me should be pleased to give you
we should like her settled as
soon as possible Trusting
to hear favorably from you
believe me Dr Sir

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

24th. February, 1914.

Dear Mr. Barker,

I am very pleased to hear that Mrs. Barker is again improving. If she is willing to come to Throxenby Hall we will gladly do what we can to make her comfortable there, and I could, if desired, liberate one of our nurses to look after her while there.

As regards terms, if she went alone it would be 3 guineas per week, and 2 guineas extra if a special nurse went with her.

I am in a little doubt as to the exact position Mrs. Barker would be in if Dr. Gilmour allows her to be away on leave of absence. I conclude there would be no difficulty in my receiving her at Throxenby Hall as a Voluntary Boarder. This, however, means that she comes quite willingly.

No doubt we could spare a nurse should the visit to Harrogate be decided upon instead, but unless she is very well it is rather an anxiety for a nurse to be with her single-handed, though Dr. Gilmour would not be likely to allow her on leave unless it is justifiable.

Yours very truly,

Hill House
Barnsley
Feby 23/14

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir.

I doubt if you will remember Mrs Banks leaving York last July for Burley in Wharfedale for a change. Since then she has been alternately up & down. but for some weeks now there has been a permanent improvement we are hoping

I send you a letter received from Dr Gilmour today and during a conversation with him this afternoon on the Telephone ~~and~~ I suggested if he thought she was well enough. that she should go to Knowsley for a few weeks. & he said just the thing. I think it the best thing we could do. So I am writing to ask you if you could see your way. to allow her to go there for a few weeks. Say with Nurse Pierce or Nurse Mc Williams I mention these because we know them

& Mrs Barker was very fond of them especially Nurse Pierce. If you could oblige me I should be greatly indebted to you. We hope after a few weeks there she will be quite recovered. Dr Gilmour says the sooner we can arrange the change the better. —
I asked his permission to send you his letter. He said yes certainly. Your early reply will greatly oblige

Yours very truly

E. D. Barker

P.S. If arranged kindly let me know terms for week including Nurse.

E.D.B.

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Oct. 1913

Hill House
Barnsley
Tuesday night

Dr Pierce
Dr Sir.

Mrs Barker has got home & is very poorly indeed Sorry Nurse Pierce is engaged elsewhere. wch you could possibly let her come as Mrs Barker was very

fond of her. If you cannot
possibly arrange for her
Nurse McCordiam is very
nice indeed but please
let one of them come as
early as possible tomorrow
as Dr Gilmore specially
said she was to have a
nurse for a week or two.

Yours Very Sincerely
E D Barker

Rec'd Oct. 1913

Hill House
Barnsley.
Sunday Night

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir.

I am sorry to say.

My wife is falling away fast again. the anxiety of getting home & seeing us all again is over. she was very nicely indeed until Thursday. & then she was very bad ~~indeed~~ sometimes she is very nice indeed for a time & then she breaks out & is nearly unmanageable then ~~quite~~ quiet again & so on. the nurses are splendid only I think they think there is no chance as she now is, as everything in the House is on the top of her she really ought at least to have gone away a few weeks as she did before. Now I am writing to ask you if you can take

her back again to York for
a time & then try her for a few
weeks away with a nurse.
The Nurses manage her splendidly
but myself & my Children seem
to upset her directly somehow.
But it has come to this. If she can
come to York can she come for
the 49/- per week. I really cannot
afford to pay the 2 guineas a week
extra unless it was for a short
period only. I much prefer her
at York. At Burley she got awfully
thin. because when she comes
to be fed. It is quite optional
if she does not like her food
she can leave it. So she has got
awfully thin. I sent in for Dr.
Fryer on Thursday & he said she
ought to get back at once. Well
we thought we would try her a
day or two longer but unless she
strongly alters it will be no use
whatever trying much longer.
If she has a bad night tonight
I will ring you up tomorrow for
your answer. If no phone tomorrow
kindly reply by post so that we shall
be prepared to act if necessary. Yours truly. E. D. Stotter

Sriel House
Barnsley
21/10/13

Dear Sirs

Kindly own receipt of enclosed cheque in accordance with your statement - value £2 two pounds eight shillings. -

Will you be kind enough to send a statement of this year's accounts as Mr. Barker has misplaced one of the quarter's a/cs. & we fail. to make the others balance without it. ?

Yours T. Truly.
p.pro E. D. Barker Rcd.

Oct. 20, 1913

Dear Mr. Barker,

We are very sorry indeed to hear that Mrs. Barker's return home has not been altogether successful. She possesses the power of concealing her ideas and making herself out to be much better than she is with a view of getting away from care, but unfortunately she cannot keep this up for long, and then there is a break-down.

With regard to her return to the Retreat, should further institution care be necessary I fear we cannot take her here at present. As she is on leave of absence from Scalebor Park she must return there if she is not well enough to be at home. I cannot but think, however, that you will be ill advised to move her from there at present, as she had not been there very long. The question of terms at the Retreat need hardly be discussed. I need only say that the cause of the additional expense was that Mrs. Barker had so much special nursing. You will be now realising that special day and night nurses are expensive. I am very glad you find the nurses satisfactory. I am quite sure they will do everything possible and spare no pains.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 15, 1913

Dear Mr. Barker,

I am delighted to hear such a good account of Mrs. Barker. I always said she would get well, and told her so a hundred times, and it is gratifying to find that my judgment was correct.

Nurse McWilliams has started for Barnsley, and I am sure she will be a help.

With kind regards, and congratulating you on Mrs. Barker's return,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Oct. 15, 1957

Dear Mr. Barker,

I enjoyed to meet with a good memory of your father. I always will see in [illegible] a [illegible] a [illegible] man, and it is [illegible] to find [illegible] judgment was correct.

Mrs. [illegible] has already [illegible] and I am sure she will be a [illegible].

When [illegible] remarks, [illegible] [illegible] you on [illegible] [illegible].

Yours [illegible],

[illegible]

BOSCAWEN PRIVATE HOTEL,
CLIFF ROAD,
FALMOUTH.

July 23/13

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir

I am sorry about the error in the cheque sent it has been quite an oversight will send the balance when I get home. I have written to London for the transfer of my trip to Burley. When I receive ~~them~~ it do I send ~~them~~ it on to you or to Burley I have not told Mrs B we were coming but I thought it would upset her seeing she could not come as well. I shall be glad to hear if there is any change in her this last week My daughter told her she was going to Burley for a change. of course she declared she would not go Dr Gilmore said in a letter he could do with her at the end of July or the beginning of August If she is to have a change I should like her to go as soon as it can be arranged. So that she will have a chance to recover before the winter sets in.

Yours Truly

E D Baxter

Hill House
Barnsley
July 17/13

Dr Pierce
Dear Sir. I am sorry you were not in York when my daughter came over to see her Mother today.

I am sorry we have not been able to complete the arrangement for her going to Scarboro Park Burley in Wharfedale. But we are like you we think a change will be beneficial & as soon as you & Dr. Gilmore can make the arrangements I think the sooner she goes the better. But she declares to day she won't go anyhow. But I think if you will engage a Tacci & send a nurse with her that will be the safest way.

I am going off tomorrow to Falmouth ~~to~~ I leave here Friday Night travel all night arriving sometime on Sat forenoon. Shall be away a fortnight Mrs B. does not know we are going away. We thought it best not to say anything about it when it would only upset her more. Much let her when I come back. I enclose a Cheque for A/C £54-0-0

Kindly send receipt home.

My address while away

E. D Barker
Boscawen Royal Hotel
Falmouth
Cornwall

I think this charge of Special Surveying the first 2½ mns in this year is very heavy. However I happen to have no say in the matter so I must bow to the Committee's decision Yours Truly

E D Barker

Hill House
Barnsley
July 12/13

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir.

Dr Fryer called this morning & read me the contents of your letter. He quite agrees with it, so I have written the Med Supt at Burley in Wharfedale to see if we can arrange for Mrs B to go there. I am sorry to change her, but I will do anything to get her right again

Your two accounts I have received this morning & I must say, the contents quite staggered me. I showed Dr Fryer your letter dated Apl 7 which was the first intimation I had of any advance in fees I had paid the First Quarters a/c & nothing was said whatever about any advance. Now in the a/c today you put down Special Nursing 2½ months to Mch 31st & then 3 mos Special nursing to June 30th. Now I don't say anything about the

Special Nursing to June 30th.
You intimated the Committee
might ask for an advance
but for the Jany to Mch. 2½ mos.
I received no intimation whatever
& I think with Dr Fryer that seeing
I was never asked or consulted
many way. The a/c was paid &
settled it is hardly reasonable
to ask me to pay for the first
2½ mos. Special Nursing £ 2/2/0 paid
as well. I enclose the a/c for
your inspection. & I must ask
you to kindly strike out the
£21-0-0 & I will send you
a Cheque to Balance.

Yours Truly
E. D. Baxter

Dr Pierce M.D.

P.S. I suppose Mrs B is
much the same or I
presume you would not
have written Dr Fryer

TELEPHONE No. 7.

2, EAST GATE,
BARNSLEY.

13. VII. 13.

Dear Dr Pierce

Mrs Barber is quite willing for the change you suggest for Mrs Barber & would be glad for you to see to her removal. Cheadle he does not care for as her father was there, & Scotland is too far away. He is inclined for Scalebor Park & is writing them re terms. He has found the change since then was an increase more than he can afford for long & hopes for a little less there

Doubtless you will be cleared
from him if he succeeds in
fixing up with the people at-
Burley.

Yrs sincerely

J B Rye

28th July, 1913.

Dear Mr. Barker,

I have received the Transfer Papers which are all in order.

I am writing to Dr. Gilmour today arranging the transfer, which I have no doubt will be carried through in a few days.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

28th July, 1913.

Dear Mr. Barker

I have received the Transfer Papers which are all in order.

I am writing to Dr. Gilmour today arranging the transfer, which I have no doubt will be carried through in a few days.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

28th, July, 1913.

Dear Gilmour,

I have the Transfer Papers for Mrs Barker, and could send her any time that may be convenient.
We are rather short-handed. Would you like to send for her this time? It will give two of your nurses a nice motor ride, but if you would prefer I should arrange it, we will manage somehow.

Mrs Barker is really a little better just now, and I should not at all be surprised at hearing that the change proved distinctly beneficial.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Kelly, M.D.,

Dear Gilmour,

I have the Transfer Papers for Mrs Barker, and could send her any time that may be convenient.

We are rather short-handed. Would you like to send for her this time? It will give two of your nurses a nice motor ride, but if you would prefer I should arrange it, we will manage tomorrow.

Mrs Barker is really a little better that now, and I should not at all be surprised at hearing that the change proved distinctly beneficial.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

July 24, 1913

Dear Mr. Barker,

There is not much change to report in Mrs. Barker's condition. She is certainly no worse lately, and has been able to be up in the drawing room with the other ladies a great part of the time. She is still depressed and unreasonable, and declares she will not go to any other place. You need not be anxious about this, for as soon as we have received the transfer papers I can arrange to send Mrs. Barker over by motor to Scalebor Park.

I saw Dr. Gilmour in London, and told him I saw no reason why she should not recover, and you can rest assured that she will receive every possible care and attention there.

Yours very truly,

July 14, 1913

Dear Sir,

The account sent in was according to instructions, as I was unaware at the time of rendering the previous account of the special nursing that Mrs. Barker had had. There is a meeting of the Committee tomorrow and I will submit your letter to them. There is no doubt that Mrs. Barker has receiv d care and attention for long in excess of the payments you have made, and I hardly think you realise the cost of the continuous supervision which has been necessary for her. You were, I understand, informed early in the year that Mrs. Barker had been moved from one department to another, and she was visited by friends in this single room, where for a long time she had a special day and a special night nurse. Though this arrangement was made witout your previous sanction being obtained, it nevertheless was done because the patient earnestly begged to have a change, and at the same time the nurses in the ward were altogether worn out with the care of her.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

Hill House
Barnsley
July 14/13

Dr Sir.

In reply to yours of this Evening. I can assure the Committee I have no wish whatever to shirk any payment. If as you say Mrs Barker has received care & attention far in excess of the payments I have made I certainly was not aware she had received so much more attention this year than last. Anyhow if that is so if you will kindly return the a/c I sent back as it is, I will send you a cheque for the amount. As I have no wish whatever not to pay for the services rendered to Mrs B. while at the Retreat I still think 4/10/0 per week are rather stiff charges. anyhow they are for me. I appreciate very much what has been done for Mrs B. am only sorry the results

So far are not what one would have hoped. However I hope the change recommended by Dr Pierce will have the desired effect. I have communicated with Dr Gilmour of Burley on Wharfedale, the co-author with Dr Pierce or is hoping to see him in London at some meeting or other tomorrow. If the arrangements can be completed I should like Mrs B. to get away this week. As I have arranged to go on a holiday down to Cornwall on Friday & I had hoped to have arrangements completed by then, so that I should know she had got safely there. Any how that can be arranged by the Doctors afterward.

Yours Truly

E. D Barker

Mr W E. Waller

Esby

P.S. Kindly ask Dr Pierce not to say anything to Mrs B about my going for a holiday it will only upset her.

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BOSCAWEN PRIVATE HOTEL,
CLIFF ROAD,
FALMOUTH.

July 26/13

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you have all the Transfer Papers I have received this morning from the Commissioners in Lunacy & as far as I am aware they are all signed & in order.

Yours Truly

E. D Barker

Kindly let me know if they are in order & say when the patient is removed. Am at the above address until next Friday after then at Hill House Barnsley.

Ans June 4th Mrs B.

Hill House
Barnsley
June 3/13

Dr. Sir.

I have not had this Quarters account. I think it must have been overlooked If you will kindly let me have it I will send cheque

Yours Truly
E. D. Barton

P.S.

I have had one or two short notes from Mrs B. she does not say much but seems restless & unsettled so I dont suppose there is much improvement is there?

BARNSLEY
11. 45 PM
2 MAY 1

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

BARNSLEY
11. 45 PM
2 MAY 1

Dr. Pierce M.D
The Retreat
York

TELEPHONE 353. ESTABLISHED 1849.

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FROM **ROBERT BARKER & SON,**

Barnsley, May 2 1913

I purpose ringing you up tomorrow (Sat) about 6 p.m. If you will not be there will you kindly write & say how Mrs B. is? How she has been getting on since the last time I had a talk with you just a fortnight ago. & all particulars oblige

Yours truly,

E. D. Barker

Hill House
Apl 8/13

Dr Sir.

Thanks for your reply to my letter. Perhaps I was looking for something better than I ought to have done & felt a little disappointed & yet on thinking it calmly over. On the whole I think it is a fair bargain

With regard to the extra fees. Still I must say when I was over last I certainly did think the Bed sitting room in which Mrs B. occupied was certainly a Beautiful room. but it is not necessary. It will help matters forward earlier. Well! But if it will not, well the fees which run about altogether to about 8/- per day are fairly stiff. At the same time I am entirely in your hands. I shall leave the

Matter ~~entirely~~ with you.
It is a very bad business
at the best. But am
quite satisfied with
the treatment. And
can only hope that
she will soon again be
all right. Thanking you
for all your attention
believe me Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce. M.D.

April 7, 1913

Dear Mr.Barker,

I can well understand your anxiety respecting Mrs.Barker. She is certainly gaining weight, and for some little while has been under better control and able to associate with other patients and attend some entertainments, but she still insists that "it is all wickedness" and that she ought not to be here, and says that she must go home at once. For some little while she has made no suicidal attempt, but as the depression continues to be severe we have not felt justified in relaxing supervision. It is strange how she changes from time to time. To-day she resents everything, will not do anything the nurses want without complaint or resistance. At other times she seems to see things more correctly, and apologizes for the immense amount of trouble and anxiety she has given them and says how sorry she is she should have said such terrible things. I have told her that I cannot recommend her to go home until her depression is less marked, but that I see no objection to her being transferred to any institution, as she may well be thoroughly tired of her present surroundings, but she says emphatically that she will not go anywhere else. There is nothing to be done but patiently to wait. I myself feel quite convinced that in time she will recover, though how long this may be delayed I cannot say.

I am showing this letter to Mrs. Barker.

Yours very truly,

April 7, 1913

Dear Sir,

The question of fees will be considered by the Committee next week. I think you are aware that for the past twelve weeks we have given Mrs. Barker a special day and night nurse and one of our best private rooms, the value of which is 6 or 7 guineas a week. She continues to occupy the same room, but has shared it with another patient since February 13th. It is probable that the Committee will ask for an increase of terms under these circumstances.

Yours very truly,

Hill House
Barnsley
April 6/13

Dr Vence
Dr Sir.

I am anxious to know officially how my wife is getting on I rang you up last Saturnight but you were not about. So I got Mrs Bantons nurse to come & talk to me & from her report things seemed to be progressing very favorably. So I have let another week go by but I really cannot wait any longer. My wife used to write me once or twice a week some 2 or 3 months ago when she was bad. But something seems to have possessed her I dont know what it is. But she wont write a word to us one way or another & for 9 weeks I have never had a line from her except the day before you came home from your trip & she just wrote about 6 lines

saying you were coming home on the morrow. I was to bring Dr. Fryer over to see what was to be done. That is all the letter I have had for 4 weeks since I was at York. I should like to know if her improvement is permanent & if she is getting on toward a permanent recovery. I suppose from the nurse she is gaining weight fast & that is a great thing. Is she at all agitated now & is there any likelihood in the near future of having her at home again or is she yet to be removed to Scarboro. Any information you can give me will be gratefully received as from that she wrote I cannot form an opinion at all. Do you think her not writing has anything to do with her complaint. Can you explain it in any way. I suppose coming to see her shortly as I cannot bear this suspense much longer. Your early reply will greatly oblige

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce MD
York.

ans
A.R.

Mill House
Barnsley
Feby 2/13

Dr Pierce.

Dr Sir

Having not heard officially for the last 2 or 3 weeks I am anxious to know if there is any improvement in my wife health. From her letters which I receive occasionally. she complains bitterly about being confined in a room all to herself if that is so. I am afraid there is not much improvement if any. As she says she is not allowed to move never to mention getting up a little. Do you think she is getting worse, Mentally? I should like to know what you really think about her. She has been now over a year.

I one begins to wonder
what will be the next
~~However~~ Has she made
any more attempts lately
at doing herself harm. Is the
fanning weight. Is she confined
a room to herself. Has she
to be watched at every point
Is she ever dressed or takes
an interest in anything. I shall
be glad to have a few particular
as I get very anxious about
her sometimes. Yours Very Truly

E. D. Barker

The Home
Barnsley
Nov 23/12

Dr Sir.

Enclosed please find Cheque to Balance enclosed account kindly send receipt shall be pleased to hear if there is any improvement in Mrs Barker's condition since my daughter was there & about a fortnight ago. We sent yesterday 1 Box containing some Night dresses by Post if not to hand kindly let me know.

Yours Truly
E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce
York

A.R.

C. Barker

Oct. 3, 1912

Dear Mr. Barker,

Many thanks for your letter. I did not at all think you were dissatisfied with what we have done for Mrs. Barker, but the question of the removal of a patient who seems in a stationary condition is a perfectly proper one to raise, and I thought it should be considered. I am very glad Mrs. Barker has written more cheerfully since. To-day she is very unreasonable and says she cannot possibly stay here, and I am not able to get her to listen intelligently to any words of encouragement.

Yours very truly,

Barnelm
Oct 2/12

O. Baiker

Dr Sir.

Thanks for yours of this morning. You appear to have misunderstood the meaning of my letter. I did not write to you with the least idea whatever of removing my wife from the Retreat. But just to shew you what she thinks of me. & what she thinks the Nurses of the Retreat think of her. to use her own words "and they despise me at this place" Now whatever she thinks of the treatment at the Retreat. I cannot say. But we are quite satisfied with it. Now in that letter to me written last Sunday. ~~to me~~ she seemed in the depths of despair. Now on the following day. Monday. She writes.

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two long letters one to my
Son & the other to my
Younger daughter.
& in these letters you would
not believe how different
to the one sent to me.
So full of gladness &
thankfulness. & enquiring
about embroidery. & such
beautiful & tender messages
you would not believe
the same person had
written I never saw 2 more
beautiful letters penned
in my life. She must
have had a very happy
hour or two when she
wrote them. "Well written
in ink". I think she
could not be in bed
when she wrote them.
I do see any necessity
in consulting Dr Fryer
for as I said before
we are quite satisfied
to know. you are doing
your best with her

Yours Sincerely

Dr Pierce E D Baker

C Barker

Oct. 1, 1912

Dear Mr. Barker,

I gather that Mrs. Barker's request to be transferred is due to the idea that the family is ruined and that she ought to be maintained at a minimum of expense. There is of course no difficulty in arranging a transfer if you should wish it. It is just possible that a change of surroundings might be beneficial, but I myself think that wherever she is this unhappy condition of mind will continue for the present. She believes that she has been a wicked woman and ought to be imprisoned, and that this is not the place for her. As has been previously explained she is seriously disposed to self injury.

I would suggest that you talk over the matter with Dr. Dryer.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Hill House
Barnsley
Sep 30/12

C. Barker

Dr Sir.

I am sorry to trouble you again so soon. But I received the enclosed letter from my wife this morning & from it I gather she must be in very low water. I send it just as you can see. How her state of mind is Mind you it is her own suggestion entirely about her being despised by everybody at York. Of course as for myself it is a awfully painful reading I get a many letters one sort or another. but this takes the bun. it cut me to the quick. When you have read it. Kindly return it but dont mention it to her I have sent it for you to see

I know it is a matter

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of time & patience. Do you think her worse than when you wrote me about a week ago, as somehow I seem to get the impression she is getting worse instead of better. You see she does not wish to see any of us now, not even myself; so I fear she is in a poor way. Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.
York

Hill House
Barnsley
Sept 14/12

C. Barker

Dr Sir.

I tried to get you on the Telephone the am & again this afternoon but they could not find you. I think it was the Matron answered but whether there was something matter with the phone or not I cannot say. but could not make out half she

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she said & as I am very anxious to know of my wife is keeping up to her good days she had last Sunday & Monday. I am afraid from what little I could gather, she is not so well again, the Lady said something about her going about the House or another part of the house but could not make it out So I thought I would write back you. If you would just write & tell me how she is going on since Monday or if it would be more

convenient to you. If you would ring up 353 Barnsley on Monday anytime between 10 & 11 a.m. I would gladly pay the Trunk Call.

Yours Sincerely
E D Barber

Dr Pierce M.D.
York

C. Barker 893

27, Victoria Road,
Barnsley.

8/9/13

Dear Dr McKenzie

If at all possible I should be glad if you would allow Mrs Barker – my mother – to be out of bed tomorrow when my sister & I are hoping to come over & see her.

By course we must have the nurse entirely with you, as if you consider it would not be beneficial, please let her remain in bed.

I do hope we shall find a little improvement.

Yours truly
R. D. Barker.

June 21, 1912

Dear Mr. Barker,

I am sorry I have nothing satisfactory to report. Mrs. Barker continues in the same incessantly worrying state of mind, demanding to leave instantly, and saying there is nothing the matter and there has been nothing the matter with her.

It is only fair to say that a little while ago she told me that it was really untrue that she had committed terrible crimes, but I think this change of statement was really made with a view of persuading me to let her leave.

We are still nursing her in bed, as the friction is much less than if she is up. The other day I arranged for her to go a walk round the grounds, but no sooner was she outside than she struggled to escape, and it took four nurses to bring her back. This was very bad for her, as she became extremely agitated, and scenes of this kind must be avoided as far as possible.

She made a suicidal attempt on Monday last in the early morning, trying to tie a sheet round her neck, which was at once prevented, of course, by the nurse.

You will perceive that the case is one of considerable anxiety to the nursing staff, and the paroxysms of distress are acute. I can give you no idea how long this sad state will last. One cannot but realise that the chances of recovery this time are not as good as they were last time. On the other hand we must not forget that the previous attack seemed at one time to be becoming hopeless, and yet it cleared up so satisfactorily.

She does not now work, and cannot interest herself in anything, and she never talks upon any other topic but her inability to stay here another moment.

Yours very truly,

Hill House
Barnsley
June 20/12

Dr. Pierce

Dr Sir.

I am wondering very much if there is any change in my wifes condition, Better or worse, I should like to arrange for my Holiday if possible, but I suppose you would not like to say if it is at all likely as to whether she would be able to go with us. say end of July or August I don't mind waiting even into Sept if necessary if only she was well enough to go with us any encouraging particulars about her welfare in any way, as to whether she is as agitated as she was

or Calmer. or interests
herself in any or any
Is she losing weight
or gaining, doing any
kind of work. Is she
still in the same Quarters
she was before. Or have
you tried a change of
any kind. Any ~~th~~ information
as to her welfare
will be very gratefully
received by Yours Sincerely
E. D. Barker

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Hill House
Barnsley
May 16/12

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you have Cheque to Balance enclosed Kindly return it settled My Lord delivered your Message would you kindly let it stay as it is ~~too the~~ end of the month If my Wife is then in the Home & ~~it~~ requires the attention

which you say she does now. If you press it we shall have to meet you. Of course it is very expensive, but we cannot help it. I hope she will be convalescent by Wednesday. Thanking you for your kind attention to her.

I am Dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

Ans
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Hall House
Barnsley
May 29/82

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir. I rang you up on Telephone this morning but you were not at home.
I receive very sensible letters from my Wife occasionally, one this morning. But what she seems to lack in my opinion is a little more freedom. She says she is very well in health but she has been kept in bed for over a fortnight. ~~I looked it~~ now to her bed so long & under lock & key. while she cannot more is to be like her with a very sensitive nature most irritating & then one desire is to come home & be free. So the reason I am writing is to ask you if you do not think she might be moved to another part of the House to what used to be termed the West end. where she could have more freedom to go into the Garden &c. Do you not think if she were allowed to be in more congenial company. in another part of the House & with a little

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extra supervision, a little more freedom, she would have a chance of thinking about seeing other things & not be in bed fretting all day. I know this will entail extra expence, but I am so anxious about her. I should be quite willing to pay the extra expense if you ~~could~~ can see your way to do it. Of course this is my suggestion only. If you can fall in with it I shall be deeply grateful

Kindly think it over & then let me know as soon as possible what you think.

Yours very truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

P.S. Your secy never send receipt for cheque sent some ten days ago.

we thought it sounded very
good indeed. I should like
your opinion about her
& if you think there is any
improvement. Is she still
agitated & is she much
trouble, does she sleep well,
take her food all right
Any other information
you can give me will be
greatly appreciated by
Yours Truly
E. D. Barker

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.

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✓ N.R.

Hillstone
Barnsley
Feby 15/12

Dear Sir.

I had a very nice
long letter from my wife
the early part of this week
which was full of sound
common sense & although
a little agitation showed
itself yet on the whole

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Hillstone
Barnsley
Monday Aug 4th

Dear Sir,

I propose coming over to York tomorrow Tuesday to see my wife. My Daughter will be with me. Shall be up at the Retreat somewhere about 10.30. Have not said a word to Mrs Hunter. Will leave that to your discretion. Hope to have the pleasure of seeing you. Yours truly

E. D. Barber

P.S. If it should be very wet day shall not come.

IF USED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD THE ADDITIONAL POSTAGE REQUIRED SHOULD BE SUPPLIED BY MEANS OF ADHESIVE STAMPS.

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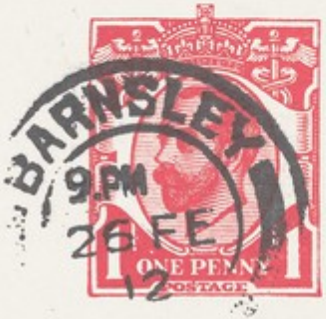

Dr. Pence. M.D.
The Retreat
York

Jan 18 1912

Dear Sir,

At the Retreat Committee on Tuesday the terms for Mrs Barker were fixed at 48/- a week –

I enclose the usual form of Agreement which kindly return to me when completed –

Yours faithfully

E. E. Waller Secy

E. D. Barker Esq.

Jan 18 1912

Dear Sir,

At the Debtors request we
therefore be sent for the Charter
now fixed at £8/- a week -
I trust we have your
agreement that I may take it
for then completed -

Yours faithfully
G. E. Mellor Sons

E. D. Martin Esq.

N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by The Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mrs Clara Barker of ..... as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcote, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessaries, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 20th day of January 1912

Name E. D. Barker

Residence Hill Top Bradley

Occupation Fellmonger

SIGNED by the said E. D. Barker

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Arthur Woody

Address, and Bank House, Wombwell

Profession. Bank Sub-Manager.

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

Hill House
Barnsley
Dec 16/07

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir.

You will be pleased to hear my dear wife continues first class. she has been at home now 3 weeks & is improving well. She has never shown the slightest

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agitation or trouble of any description. She has seen most of her friends & is busy doing a little every day. She is very pleased with everything, & everybody. she is gaining weight & strength every day. So if she is not already out of your hands. I shall be pleased to relieve you of any further liability with regard to her. I think she is better every way than I have known her

for some years I thank
you & your staff very heartily
for your patience with her
& now she appreciates all that
has been done for her. If you
will kindly instruct your
Secy. to send me a corrected
a/c. up to the end of Oct & the
Nurses Charges for Harrogate
I will send you a cheque
to Balance. I may say
Dr. Fryer called in on Sat
& said he was very pleased
indeed to see her looking so
well. believe me
Yours very truly
E. D. Barker

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TELEPHONE No. 7.

HOURS:
DAILY [illegible] TO 10 AND 5 TO 7;
ALSO WED. AND SAT. 1 TO 2.

2, EASTGATE,
BARNSLEY.

Reserved

15. XII 07.

Dear Dr Kemp.

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I have not had opportunity to see Mrs Barber until yesterday. So far as I can judge from conversation & which her relatives say she is completely recovered. She is going about & doing pretty much as usual & looks much better & is evidently regaining her

normal weight. But the other husband supposed that she was already discharged

Yrs truly

L B Ryan

23 Dragon Parade
Harrogate (94)
Nov: 15th 1907

Dear Dr Pierce

Mrs Barker's improvement, I feel almost sure is real though there is something about her that is a little strange, perhaps it is only a little nervousness, but it is,

said nothing about coming

Mrs B often asks me if she has been alright during the day & if she has improved &c.

Mrs B: quite expects to go home tomorrow week

I believe Mr Barker suggested that a daughter should come & stay with Mrs Barker for a few days but Mrs B said she would rather wait till she

I should say more felt, than seen,

I do not know what Mr B's weight was at York, but she now weighs 8 stone 5 lbs, she certainly does looks better, brighter & not so pale, though the anxious expression has not quite gone.

She is always enquiring if I have heard from you, or if I have written to you. Mr B happened to ask this morning again, just after your letter came, I told her I had, & she was most anxious to know what you said, & if you said anything about her going home & if you were coming to see her, & she seemed to be rather relieved when I said you had

P.S.

Could I know for certain if I am to return Monday or not.

B.P.

got home before she saw any more of her relations.

I do not think the delusion that she has neglected her husband & home has quite gone yet, though it has not been mentioned for nearly a week.

Mr Barton is very

that she does it

She takes more interest in her personal appearance & very regretful that she has allowed herself & clothes to get in the neglected condition they are

I find it difficult to tell you exactly how Mr Barker is, because she is so well & yet there are little things about her which shows she is not quite herself yet.

I am
Yours truly
B Pease.

cheerful & bright, she reads, does needlework or crochet, walks, goes to concerts & behaves as any ordinary person would do

She still rubs her hands together, & goes her hair a brush with her hand, these are two nervous habits she had at York but it is seldom now

P.T.O.

(942)

Hill House
Friday Night

My Dr.

Perhaps after all it would be best for Nurse to stay to the end of next week on account of being company for Miss B. I am pleased to say I don't think there is the slightest pretence about her being better I am quite convinced in my own mind that the cure is a real one or I should not be so positive. Anyhow she shall stay at Harrogate until the month is up I put her on a weigh scale on Monday & she drew 8st 7½. & she said the last time she was weighed she was 8 stones. We would some of us have gone & stayed with her but think it

would perhaps be better
for Nurse to stay if it
is convenient to you
perhaps you will be getting
a report from Miss Pearce
& then you will know if she
thinks same as I do.
Please say if you have heard
& if it is ~~too~~ convenient for
the Nurse to stay.

Yours Truly
E. D. Barber

with Annie. I took her in the evening, and nurse in the afternoon for a short walk. Will you please tell Dr. Pierce she is going on well, as I am sure he will like to know.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. de T. Peters

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23. Dragon Parade

Harrogate

Nov 4th/07.

Dear Dr. Kemp.

In reply to your note Dr. Pierce's wish shall be regarded; I am very sorry to hear there is a necessity for it. Mrs Barker does not read much, she goes out a good deal, and spends her time in crotcheting

when in the house; on
Saturday we went to the
Concert at Kursaal.
which she liked very much,
You will be glad to hear she
is going on very comfortably,
her appetite is good; she
said to-day she is feeling
much better than when she
came. is of course looking
forward to going home
at the end of her stay here.
She went to Church yesterday

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Hill House
Barnsley
Nov 12/07

Dr Pierre
Dr Sir

As I heard such a good account of Mrs B. since she has been to Harrogate I went over on Sat afternoon & staid until Monday night at Miss Peters. And I am very pleased to say I found her even better than reported. In fact she does not appear to have a single trouble left. She was very calm & collected every bit of the time I was there. & she was singing & playing the piano for us on Sunday night even so long. In fact Miss Peters says. she was not the slightest trouble she has had the run of the house ever since she went. There is no irritability whatever that I can see & I have watched her very closely. In fact in my opinion she is calmer & more collected that she has been for years. & when I left her she was quite jolly. I wanted her to stay the month out. before she came home. But as she

explained to me the
reasons for your home &
letter quite drove away
day like. That element
only thinks little to me
time & money, week & stable
the matter out with this
letter the opinion is that
Mrs Chase is quite fitted for
anything. We quite agree
with you, life that there is
so necessary whatever for
a change to come home with
Mr. & Mrs. Chase the Navy
magnificency expected be
marred by your & Mrs.

when she will have been 3 weeks. Of course
she is company for Mrs B when they go
out together & up to now, it has been quite
necessary. We meet a good deal amongst
the Crowds on Sat & Sunday but neither Police
nor Soldiers had any effect on her whatever.
No doubt you may have heard from Nurse
Pearce or Miss Pettus. So I shall be pleased
to hear what you think about our Suggestion

Yours Truly
E. D. Barker

Barnsley
Sunday Night

Dr Mr Pierce.

Your letter is duly to hand & contents noted. I have received a letter from Miss Peters. & the terms — 5 Guineas & 2 Guineas Nurse seem very heavy. But if they have the desired effect. we shall get over that. I hope the Nurse you send with her Lord be one my wife likes for I can assure you she has her likes & dislikes & a Happy Nurse will go a long way. toward helping her to recover. Likewise if possible please don't let her wear the usual livery) as I know my wife would very much prefer the Nurse in her private attire so that people may not notice them so much. I have written to Mrs Peters accepting her terms so I suppose the way is now clear for you to send

her off at once & remedy
home & may result in her
speedy recovery ~~[illegible]~~. Tell her you
send her off. please drop
me a line. & say if you
advise our going over
to see her perhaps one of us
say one day a week, would
it help her. or do you advise
our stopping away. or
any other thing you can
suggest.

Yours Truly

E. D Barker

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Am

Mill House
Barnsley
Feb 22/07

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My Dear Sir.

After our last conversation I understood you would write me in a few days & let me know what effect my visit had on my wife. I have told her true you & if she is still continuing quieter & try to get better ~~would~~. Could you give her say a month to see if she kept herself all right let her come home & try & let a nurse come with her. It is just a year since I took her back again. Of course I have explained to her that I cannot possibly come just yet & take her home but I will soon

if she met only
try to you give her
permission I am
afraid She will be
troubled tomorrow
for she is dead set
on coming home
And she told my Daughter
that she had half a
Sovereign hid away
somewhere in her dress
& she should certainly
come at the first
opportunity. So
Kindly let me
know what you
think about her. Any Arrangements
Yours very truly
E. B. Barker

P.S. This letter was written early in the Evening
before I had got your letter or Mrs Dyke

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Ans

Mill House
Barnsley
Oct 22/07.

10/30 pm

My Son. Your letter to hand I have been in & had a consultation with Dr. Fryer & have decided to try the Harrogate scheme provided the Expense is not too heavy. Dr. Fryer suggests trying it for a week or a month & we shall know by then whether there is any likelihood of her settling down or not. But to distinctly let her know that if she settles down all right it is with the view of her coming home after she has been there. And if no improvement then she would have to go to another home. Will you kindly get to know what the expense would be. It will depend entirely on that. And you could explain to her that she distinctly understands if she calms down & behaves herself. Her destination after then will be home. But it depends entirely on herself. And as soon as we get to know what the expense is she can go straight away.

Dr. Fryer, rather is in favor of her coming home & having a nurse here, But we eventually think we will try Harrogate first. & see what that will do. I promise you would undertake to see here sent to Harrogate. And the sooner the better. As soon as you hear kindly let me know.

Yours Sincerely

E. D. Barker

11.15 P.M.

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York
Sept 18th 1907

Dear Dr Rice,

After thinking things over I have come to the conclusion that I would prefer having some one to be with me at home, instead of staying here & doing as I am at present. I am

writing to tell my husband
& shall be glad if you
will write to him &
make arrangements
for him to come for
me at once as I can-
not possibly stay here
under present circumstances

Yours Sincerely
C. Barker.

Hill House
Barnsley
Sept 17/07.

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir.

I am writing to ask if there is any improvement in my wifes case. Since I heard rather over 3 weeks ago she has done a lot of very nice work & sent it home & has written some very nice letters to her children the last week or two. & when I wrote & asked her last week to tell me exactly how she felt & if she really felt. she was getting stronger. & if she was watched as much as ever. Her reply was she never can get better there, she is never allowed the chance. & she is watched more than ever. In fact she says she cannot

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scarcely more before she is pounced on by two or 3 nurses. She has not the slightest liberty & when she appealed to you the other day you told her you could not do anything for her. Is her condition so bad as that? She has been now 1 year & 8 months & are there no indications of her recovery. Or is she trying to work on my feelings for she is so persistant in her appeal to have one more trial at home. As of there, she is certain she will be all right. It is these Nurses which seem to irritate her so. They watch at every turn. Cannot she have a little more liberty. — As to me so very sensitive as she always was. It is very painful to be so narrowly watched. I should very much like to come & see her But her pleadings in the past have been so very painful to me. She has always

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been worse after my visit Will you kindly write & let me know what you think about her. Do you think she is likely to recover soon, or what.

You kind reply will greatly oblige

Yours very truly

E. D. Barker

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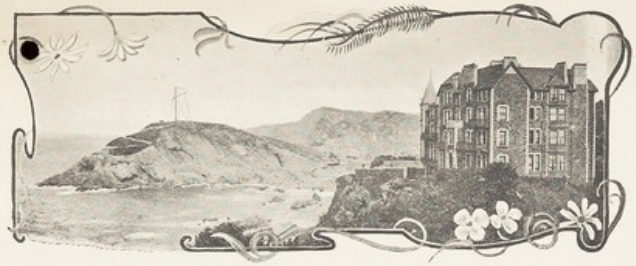

The Granville, Ilfracombe.

W. R. FOSTER, Proprietor.

Aug 22nd 1907

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir. I have rec'd a card from home this morning sent by Dr Kemp saying that Mrs Barker had been sent back to York & she was no better. I must say you have not given her a very long trial. And I am very much grieved. That you should have taken her back so soon. Because from her standpoint. She liked the place very much indeed & I do think it would in time it would have had the desired effect. I should like to know the reason why she was so suddenly without saying a word to me ~~to have~~ to have removed her back to York. She has written me in dreadful trouble because she has been sent back to York. I should like if possible ~~the~~ for her to be sent back to Scarboro

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I shall be here until next Thursday. & I shall be much obliged if you will write explaining matters. & saying if the car ~~but~~ be sent back to Scarboro

Yours very truly

G. D. Barton

The Granville
Ilfracombe

Hall House
Barnsley
July 26th

Dear Sir.

I was very pleased to receive your letter this morning and to hear you intended sending Mrs Barker to Throssenby Hall early ~~next~~ next week

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I hope you will not fail to get her off as early as possible & give her a chance while the fine weather is with us. And that she will have a ~~bright~~ nurse suitable to her disposition as some of the nurses she is very fond of &c

You should have your sister sent home if such is practicable. Such a crucial tendency is more to be than reality and when the facts of such surroundings have the most have a tendency to the increase of nothing but that bestow her care. Please have a line from some one as soon as you can get her away.

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

Hall House
Barnsley
July 24/07

My Sir. I have not had a line from you for about a month. & I am feeling rather anxious to know how my wife is going on. from her letters. especially such now. She is about giving up in despair. She seems quite to have come to the conclusion there is not the slightest hope for her ever coming home again. She will never be any different. her letters this last day or two are certainly very distressing. How do you think she is? is she getting worse or better. Cannot you send her for a change to Throsby. Or do you suggest anything

else, as unless there is a change soon I shall begin to despair. I feel quite sure when the brighter weather came she would get herself again. But from what I can gather she gets so far & then goes back again. She has not made any attempt to do herself any harm lately!! Has she? Any information you can give me will be acceptable. Kindly send me all particulars at your early convenience.

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

Fell House
Barnsley
Friday Eve

My Son. I have been thinking over to day my Wifes letter to Mr. Whaley. And after thinking it carefully over. I dont think it would be a bad plan to get Mr. Whaley who is a Chemist & to whom her letter was written asking for the Salts of Lemon. To get him to make up a dose of Epsom Salts & to label them Salts of Lemon & send them to my Wife. with a letter advising her not to take them if he was her. but to use her own judgement. It would partly try her if she would

take anything of
the old furniture
they would do for
them. I think it
would give her a
shock which might
cure her laziness
and give her a
fright I am sure.
~~Faith~~ How what
do you think?
Shall we try it
shall we let it
alone for

Mr Whaley's tomorrow
afternoon. I could send
it on in a letter addressed to
her. let her have it to do as
she likes with it dont mention
it to her. & then you will see what
she will do. Will you kindly
write me tomorrow Morning

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be there & once
see to it myself

Yours Truly
E. D. Barker

P.S. I should like a
line or two saying
what you think to
her is she worse or
do you think she is trying
to frighten us a little.
Is she likely to go to
Thoroseby soon

Sundays Thursdays Saturdays

address.

Barker Fellmonger
Barnsley

If you advise the trying my remedy. write saying. Send it on. If not say Don't send it

If you dont get this letter before noon tomorrow write to Whaley Chemist

Wakefield in the afternoon as I shall

Hall House
Barnsley
June 24/07

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir

From Letters I am receiving from Mrs Barker of they are anything to go by she seems to be progressing favourably. She is most anxious to come home, but says you have told her you are arranging for her to go to Throscoby in a fortnight as I have told her before I shall be guided entirely by you. ~~I suppose~~ I should like to hear your opinion of her. how she is progressing

and any other arrange-
ment you might
suggest. I would
come over to see you
but perhaps should
be best at first that
my Daughter Mrs Moody
& Mrs Tohaley who have
both been before should
come over to see you &
then you can tell them
what you think &

they will stay an
hour or two with my
wife & then they will
see for themselves
& we should suggest
that you do not mention
about them coming
to Mrs Barkin until
they arrive. They
intend coming on
Wednesday next
& we be up sometime
between 10 & 11 o'clock

Yours truly
G. D. Barkin

Hill House
Barnsley
May 19/07

Dr Madam.

I enclose you a letter I received this morning from my Wife. I am sending it to shew you just at present where her trouble seems to lie. That she is not allowed for a for a single moment out of the sight of a nurse. Has her letters recently seemed to me to shew a very great improvement on the whole I am writing to ask you if you think you could relax a little these nurses following her every footstep. As it is certainly very trying is it not? to be followed & watched every moment

I am not unwilling to
intefere in the slightest
but if it could be
done with safety I
should be glad if you
would try it. Please
return my letter & do
not tell ~~me~~ Mrs B
I have written to you
& if you can spare
a moment I shall be
glad to hear your
opinion, if there is
a little improvement.

& if you can comply with the request
Yours. Very truly
G. D. Baudin

Dr Dora Kemp

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Hall House
Barnsley
Apl 30/07

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir.

We are anxiously looking & hoping for better news about Mrs B. & we had decided to let her stay a whole longer off York. hoping that the bright spring days would help her to recover

evidently you had mentioned to her about a change. But she most strongly resists any change whatever except to come home. She has so persistently demanded that Nothing whatever and even do her any good except to come home. & I have so often had to tell her it was impossible until she got better. That I am rather afraid now she is growing upon despair.

& by her letters she says
her health is giving way
& unless she is brought
home soon, she will die
Broken Hearted. And
from a letter I received
from Mrs. Armitage
last Sunday morning
I gather. She seems to
think she is altering
& I have wonders if some
such scheme could not
be tried. Now I am writing
to ask what you think.
Do you think it would
be wise or safe, say,
to let her come Home
with a Nurse. Stay with
her, or would you rather
recommend say that
she should go to Mrs.
Armitages with a Nurse
for a week or two &
try that. Or do you think
it safest to stay where
she is a while longer.
I want your opinion
as you are competent
to judge better than I

5) Only I am beginning
to feel, if she does not
get a change for the
better soon. She is not
going to live long.
Of course I may be
wrong. I hope I am.
but I am feeling anxious
& I want you to please
write & say. what you
think in the matter.
I don't want to run
any risks. But she
seems so to feel it that

she is so terrible treated
a enemy fraud that she
says she cannot move
a hand anywhere but
a nurse is after her in a
moment. So that looks
very like as if you could
not yet trust her at all.
Anyhow I am anxious
to hear all you can tell
me about her. As I have
perfect confidence in your
judgement.

Yours Sincerely

E. D. Baker

Hull House
Aug 11/07

Dr. Sir.

I was sorry I was unable to see you when in New York on Wednesday. I asked Dr. Fryer to see you if possible & have a little conversation about Mrs. B. & what was your opinion about her. & if you thought a change advisable. Not that I personally wish for a change far from it. And as she seemed to have a change for the better which lasted 3 or 4 days. I had abandoned the idea as I thought she might go straight on. But it appears to have partially passed away. As she was most persistent with me in her demands to be taken home. And as I left her for lunch with the understanding I would return to her. Which I did not do. I expect she would be a little wild after I left. But Sister Mary not thought ~~my~~ with me it would be best not ~~to~~ go to see her after lunch so we quietly retired. & I have wondered many a time to day how she took it.

I have received a short note from Dr Fryer from on Board a Steam Ship & posted at Rotterdam this Evening saying that you agree with him that a change of scene should be tried & he suggest a choice of 4 places which you recommend & the one that strikes me the most likely is that of Dr Dixon of Buxton. As Buxton air is bracing & always did suit her. Bradford is too near home & as I have Friends in that neighbourhood my wife would not like it. Rotherham is too near home & Edenbridge is too far away. If Mrs B. ~~is~~ has gone back again. Do you think the Brine at Buxton would be the best change. Please understand if you think she would best recover where she is. It will be quite right time I was to do the best for her interest only she does seem to have got to a standstill now. If we decide on a change I suppose she will not require any such certificates except those which you would fill up & forward to the place where she goes. & I would either write to them or go over & see them. Kindly let ~~you~~ me have your candid opinion & all particulars & oblige

Yours sincerely

E. D Barker

Dr Pierce M.D.

Hill House
Barnsley
Mch 9/07

Dr Madam.

As I receive numerous letters from my wife. I have a pretty good idea how things are going on. But I like to know occasionally, officially. So I shall be obliged if you will let me know how Mrs Barker is really going on. Is there any abatement of this terrible malady. Or do you see any signs of any improvement or do you think she is getting worse. Or do you think now the weather is brightening & she will

be able to get out more
that there is any likelihood
of her pulling round
soon. I should like to
know you candid opinion
about her. She complains
sometimes about being
put in a room with the
very worst patients in
the House. Who shout &
make terrible noises & as
she says How can she
improve under such
circumstances. At other
times she writes & says
that everybody is doing their
utmost to help her to get
better. How patient they
are with her. So we go
on, one letter full of trouble
the next letter. So on.
There is a very long time
in getting a turn for
the letter. I keep hoping
for better news. I am trying
to hear from you soon

Yours Truly

E. D. Barker

P.S.
Would it improve matters if I came to see her?
No Why?

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Hill House.
Barnsley

Nov 29th/06

Dear Pierce

Dear Sir.

Mrs. Barker has been back at your home now a month to day what astonished me most was that as soon as ever she got away from the Retreat she seemed to lose control of herself somehow. It is a mystery to me. I have not heard from her for more

than a week but it seemed
to be the old cry I must
come home Can you explain
how it was she fell back
so. I should like to know
what you think about
her. & is she any calmer
this week than last. Do
you consider her likely
to recover soon, or what?
I shall be glad for
any information

You can give me, I have no doubt
before that because I did not mind
Thursday, But simply I wanted to pass
the little time to settle down, If
she would, so that you could tell me
just what you think about her

Yours truly
E. D. Barber

what you wish in the matter it shall be carried out whether it be bad weather or not. Yours very truly

E D Barker

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Hill House
Barnsley

Feb 19/06

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir

I am sorry to trouble you again but if you still think it would be the best for me to take my wife to Grange I wish you would have a word with her & tell her she really

must go away for a few days. Even if the weather is bad. Because she has written this morning saying that the weather is bad & it would be dreadful to be from home in such dreary weather. So she wants us upon our coming straight home. I quite agree with her & personally should prefer coming home. Only I want to do the best for her. Can I trouble you to settle it for us. & tell her tomorrow finally what you think taking the weather & all things into consideration & your decision shall be final. I am writing to her to say, she must see you as you know what will be the best & if you would kindly drop me a word tomorrow certain or instruct one of your Clerks. Saying

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Hill House.
Barnsley.

Oct 18/06

Dr Pierce. M.D

Dr Sir

Thanks for your letter & contents & was very pleased indeed to receive it & on your advice have arranged to go

with my Wife to Grange
for a week. So I shall
be up at your Place all
being well on Monday Morning
about 10 o'clock as I wants
to get back to Leeds in time
to catch a good train early
in the afternoon. Will you
Kindly ask your Secretary
to have my a/c ready up
to date. So that I can
settle with him. I just
Mrs Barker is still continuing
all right. Thanking you
very sincerely & the
Nurses for all their Kindness
believe me Yours Truly

E D Barker

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Hill House,
Barnsley.

Oct 14/06

Dr Pierce
Dr Sir.

As the time is drawing nigh in which my wife persistently stick to its that she is now quite well & you have promised her faithfully she can come home handy Monday

for awhile to be careful ~~constantly~~ with her. A Lady friend of ours was with her yesterday afternoon & she write to say, as far as she can see & judge, she seems perfectly right & sound in every respect. I am afraid it will be an awfully blow to her if she cannot come I have not given her a word of encouragement about coming home, until I heard from you. I shall therefore be pleased to hear from you & to take your advice as much as possible. I can only say I shall be very pleased indeed to come & take her home if you say so. Waiting your reply. Yours Truly

E. D Barker

the 22nd inst I write to ask
if that is correct? I have told
her it rest entirely with
you then. and if it is so
I shall only be too pleased
to take your advice on the
subject. I had hoped to take
her to the seaside for a week
or so. but the weather has been
so bad there would be no
pleasure in going away.

but she would much rather
come home. than go anywhere
else. so I am wondering if
it would not be better to
gratify her wish. to do
you think it necessary
that one of the Nurses who
has been with her should
come & stay here for a week
or so. of course I have two
grown up Daughters at home
& a Married Daughter who
does not live very far away
as it will be necessary

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HILL HOUSE,
BARNSLEY.

Sept 22/06

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir. In reply to your of ~~Saturday~~ Friday morning I have been down to Dr Fryer to see him but he is from home until Monday night. I scarcly understand some of your remarks thus. - I should like to make some change. # Do you mean

you will like to remove her
elsewhere, for a change of air
or what.? Dont you think if she
went elsewhere it would up
set her very much. Unless she
thought she was coming home
I mean a fresh place & fresh faces
Dr Fryer ~~on~~ once mentioned something
about a place you have near
Scarlos. Is that what you meant.
Personally I am willing for anything
that is for her good. Her speedy
recovery. From her letters you would
scarcely think there is anything
the matter She enquires as about
everything & everybody. There is
only just that. I must come home
about a fortnight ago. I wrote
to her fully explaining it was
impossible to come home until
you gave permission & I did my
best to instil it into her. & I think
I must have done so. As it is
now nearly a fortnight ~~&~~ since
she wrote me. & before that she
wrote twice a week. So she is
paying me out for my advice
by not writing to me at all.
I will shew your letter to Dr Fryer
all being well on Tuesday & see what
he says. Yours Truly E D Barker

good I would make the effort to come see her. Thanking you for all the trouble & patience you have had believe me Dr Madam

Yours Sincerely

E. D Barker

Dr Nora Kemp

Said Dr P. would write in 2 days.

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Hill House,
Barnsley.

Sept 18/06

Dr Madam.

As it is about 3 weeks since you sent you last report. I should be glad to hear from you as to how Mrs Barker is getting on. The state of her health. Mentally & Physically. Since your last report. In your opinion from what you

see of her. yourself. Is
she likely to be fit to be
removed soon, say in
a Month, or two months.
or earlier, or later. Is she
wanting anything, ~~for~~
wearing apparel I mean.
Does she talk much.
Eat well. sleep well.
In a word, any ~~thing~~ little
thing she does. I should be
interested in. We send her
some fancy work some time

ago. does she do any
Does she do a little time
work in any way. I am
very sorry to trouble you
with so many questions.
But you know she is every
thing to me and it seems
so long since she left us.
and yet I feel as if I could
not come again to see
her. to leave her behind
me. it would be too
painful Yet if there
was not any little chance
for her coming home soon
I feel would do her any

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Hill House,
Barnsley.

Aug. 28/06

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you have cheque in settlement of enclosed a/c. please return same stamped receipted & oblige

Yours truly

E. D. Barton

P.S.O.

Dr Sir. I shall be pleased
when you report as to
how Mrs Barker is progressing
as her letters are every
great improvement I showed
the last one to Dr Sayer this
week & of her general health

is anything like what
we think it is. & as she
says she has no delusions
whatever except that
she wishes to come home
we are full of hope that
she will be able to come
home very soon.
What is your opinion?
your reply with any other
information will be
appreciated by yours truly
Dr Pierce M.D. E. D Barker

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Hill House
Barnsley

July 25/06

Dr Pierce

Dr Sir.

My reason for writing you this morning was. a letter from my wife saying she was in a fearful way. & if I did not come at once & take her away. she was not likely to live much longer & that you had removed her to the lowest place in the

I had hoped she had made a little improvement & was beginning to pull herself together I wrote you sometime ago. about the fees & you said you would have to lay it before the Committee which met on the 17th inst but have had no reply I shall be glad to have your report Have you noticed any gleam of improvement, or is she where she was, Any information I shall be glad to hear

Yours Truly

E. D Barker

Dr Pierce

Home. So I really thought
she was either very ill or
something was likely to happen.
after I had wired you I called
in to see Dr Fryer. Had a talk
with him. as I could not understand
what this lowest phase you
had put her in, meant, & I was
for coming off at once to see
you. but Dr Fryer has persuaded
me not. unless you think it
would do her good.

A fortnight ago (about) she
wrote me a beautiful letter
saying how different she had
felt & hoped soon to be herself
again. How she appreciated
all that was done for her
said she had been very rude
to the Nurses & officials but
was going to show you what
she could do. This I suppose
was a ~~glimpse~~ gleam of
brightness, unfortunately it
has passed away. Do you
think it advisable to come
to her, personally I have
not desire as this too painful
to me but if it would do
her any good I would come

me know. all particulars
about her. Is she taking
her food any better. It
seems to me a terrible
long time before she begins
to mend. Is she in need
of any wearing apparel
or anything else we can
get her. Your early reply
will great oblige

Yours Truly

E. D Barker

Dr. H. Kemp

(476)

Hall House,
Barnsley.

July 5/06

Dr Madam

I wrote Dr. Pierce
about 10 Days ago. I in my
letter asked him to tell
me how Mrs Barker was
getting on. I presume he
is not at home as he
has not replied.
Will you kindly let

Hill House.
Barnsley

June 25/06

Dr. Pierce.

Dear Sir.

As Mrs. Barker has now been in your Home 5 months & from your last report does not appear to be getting much better therefore in all probability will be with you for some time yet. I am writing to ask you if the charges

could be reduced. The Quarter is nearly up. The Charges for the Society of Friends ~~[illegible]~~ Two pounds per week. ~~Seeing~~ Mrs B. has already been 6 months can she be put on the same. As my Income is very limited it is coming in rather heavy. I should not have asked if there was any likelihood of her coming out very soon. I had hoped she would have recovered by now. I thank you & the other Doctors & Nurses. for your Kindness & attention to her. & when you reply. I shall be pleased to hear your opinion about her at the present time.

Hoping to hear favourably from you Yours sincerely

E. D Barker

Dr. Pierce M.D.

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Hill House
Barnsley

June 3/06

Dr. Nora Kemp.

Dr Madam.

It is now
3 weeks since I had any
report from you about
my wife. And as she
wrote me a very nice
sensible letter last
Friday we are hoping
now she has got the
worst over & she
beginning to improve
shall be glad to have
your report. & any
information you have
to give me about her
in any way. or anything
she requires. will have
my best attention

Yours very sincerely
E. D. Barker

Ans
14/2/06

Hill House
Barnsley
Feby 13/06

Dear Madam.

You kindly sent me a note a fortnight ago saying my wifes case was developing. & to my surprise the day following I received a very nice note from her since then I have not heard a word from her & am beginning to feel anxious lest she is worse. I would you kindly let me know how she is. Is she confined to bed altogether or does she go out in the grounds does she talk at all. make any friends. or does she simply sit & speaks to no one. Is up to bed, or feels herself. I suppose she has full liberty to write to us, or to receive letters &c. Is she in want of anything I can send her

any particulars about her welfare. If she is not putting you to too much inconvenience I shall ~~consider~~ be very grateful to you. If at your early convenience you would drop me a line or two. Thanking you in anticipation believe me

Yours Sincerely

E. D Barker

Dr. Kemp.

P.S. Will you try & persuade her to write to me. As I can form a pretty fair idea how she is getting on by her letters.

E D B

TELEPHONE No. 7.

HOURS:
DAILY, 9 TO 10 AND 5 TO 7;
ALSO WED. AND SAT. 1 TO 2.

2, EASTGATE,
BARNSLEY.

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Dear Mr Walker

Your letter places me in a difficulty. Mr Barber told me at first he could only afford £2.2.0 for his wifes maintenance but would like her to go to the Retreat. I asked on the telephone what the fee would be & Dr Kemp told me £2.8.0 per week. Mr Barber then said he would try to manage the extra few shillings. He is not

in affluent circumstances
& I feel sure that if he
had known that 3/3/-
was to be charged he would
have felt compelled to send
her somewhere else where
the fees were smaller.

Sorry that your letter has
remained unanswered for
a few days owing to
pressure of work.

Yrs sincerely

S. H. Ryan