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May 17, 1915

Dear Dr. Vawdrey,

Unfortunately there are no institutions receiving patients at reasonable terms suitable for your patient. It is a serious public want. Unless people are so bad that they can be certified the existing machinery, except for those in good circumstances, avails nothing, and they cannot be received, even voluntarily, in a public asylum. They must wait until they are bad enough for a magistrate to be satisfied that they are insane.

If your patient comes from the educated classes it is possible she might be received free at the Bethlem Royal Hospital as a voluntary patient. If she can pay two or three guineas a week there are other hospitals for the insane which might receive her, but I do not know any one who will take such a patient at a low rate.

I really do not know what to suggest. If Bethlem fails there is just a possibility that St. Lukes in Old St. might help, but I do not know the conditions under which patients are received there. It is, however, useless to apply to one of the public asylums.

Judging from your account of the case I should think it is imperative that the patient should go away from home if she is to have a chance of recovery.

Yours very truly,

May 17, 1915

Dear Dr. Kearney,

Unfortunately there are no that institutions receiving patients at reasonable terms available for young patients. It is a sad, sad world, I know. Unless people are so bad that they can be certified the existing machinery, except for the good charitable people, really only can take care of patients, even voluntarily, in a public asylum. They must wait until their case has become so aggravated to be certified that they [illegible].

If your patient comes from the adjacent counties it is possible she might be received from at the Kathleen Royal Hospital as a voluntary patient. If she can pay 2 or 3 or three guineas a week it opens other hospitals for the insane which might receive her, but I do not know any one who will take care of a patient at a low rate.

I really do not know what to say to you. If Kathleen feels there is that a possibility that it would do it might help, but I do not know the conditions under which patients are received there. It is, however, worth to apply to one of the public asylums.

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Yours very truly,

12th December, 1914.

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter. There is a meeting of the Retreat Committee on Tuesday next, when I will place the question before them as to whether under the circumstances they are prepared to take Mrs. Vance at reduced rates.

Yours very truly,

James W. Vance, Esq.
Woolsthorpe,
Grantham.

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10th December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Retreat Report, on page 42 of which you will find particulars of terms. In cases of transfer from one of the County Asylums an application must be made to the Board of Control, 66 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W.

Yours very truly,

James W. Vance, Esq.
Woolsthorpe,
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WOOLSTHORPE,
GRANTHAM.

Decr 10th 1914.

Dear Sir

I thank you for yours of Saturday's date, and accompanying report.

My wife has been confined in the Kesteven County Asylum for just one year, being admitted on 18th Novr 1913.

She is aged 37 years, mother of six children, eldest 13 years, youngest sixteen months. All confinements normal. Always remarkably good health.

Developed symptoms of insanity less than three months after last confinement, and within three weeks acting on the advice of the doctors in attendance, was placed in the

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County Asylum as a paying patient.

For some weeks the Medical Superintendent expected a cure would be effected in about six months, but time has dragged on.

I enclose his last letter which is far from cheering, and could not be more gloomy.

I also enclose a letter written by my wife to her second son, who in company with my niece, had visited her a few days previously. It is quite intelligent, and it is the first time she has asked for the baby. We brought it over for her to see in the summer, but she took no interest at all in it.

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'Crinkle letters' to which she refers, are those from her mother & sister.

Judging from Dr Ewan's letter she has a violent antipathy to all her present surroundings, and it is essential that she should be moved to some other place.

I don't know whether Your Court take her at The Retreat, but in any case, I could not afford to pay Your ordinary fees. I am Private Secretary to the Marchioness of the Belvoir Hounds & my total income is £300 a year & a house. I would cheerfully pay one guinea & a half weekly, and

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that, I am afraid, is the limit I could go.

I am not, unfortunately, closely connected with the Society of Friends. My paternal grandfather was, I understand, connected with the body that worshipped then at Killymain near Dungannon. Some ten years ago I was resident at ~~the~~ Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, and when there attended the services in the local meeting house of the Friends, and my wife was equally regular in attendance there. Since then we have never been resident near to any Friends Chapel.

Yours faithfully,
James Wance

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WOOLSTHORPE,
GRANTHAM.

Dear Sir

Would you be so good as to give me the terms & conditions under which patients are accepted in The Retreat.

The lady on whose behalf I am writing has been in the County Lunatic Asylum for a Year as a paying patient.

Yours faithfully

Samuel Wance

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London 4 February 1914

Dear Sir,

Your favour of 15 ~~ultimo~~ was duly received and we thank you for all you tell us.

We have been waiting for further news from Dr Losé Callantes of Málaga but so far he has not written again.—

There is no doubt that he wishes to keep the remedy as a proprietary one & to make a profit from its sale.— From all he writes us & the reports of cases he has sent it appears to be a good remedy.— So far we have the cases in our office but we should be pleased to send you a case if you would give it a trial in suitable cases.

Thanking you for your help in this matter

Yours faithfully
Virgil Boys & Co

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Londres, 14 January 1914

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

We duly received your letter of 10 Decr which we note with much interest and we thank you for all you write us.-

Dr Callantes has since written us but he does not give us the proportion of the ingredients in his specific.- He gives us a cutting from a Málaga newspaper which prints the certificates received from Gibraltar signed by magistrates & the Colonial Secretary there regarding two cures effected by this specific.- We send them for your perusal and should much appreciate any suggestion you can make as to the best way of getting this anti-epileptic remedy tried in this country.-

Thanking you in anticipation,-

Yours faithfully
Virgil Boys & Co

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Dec. 10, 1913

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 4th, I hardly think it likely you will get members of the profession of standing to give a new remedy for epilepsy a trial unless the constitution of the remedy is plainly stated and that it is in no sense a proprietary one. As you are probably aware, the profession have always held that no person has a right to derive exclusive profit fro m any method of treatment for disease, whether this be by medicines or by operation or in any other way. I note you state the ingredients of the medicine in question, but nothing is said as to their proportions, and it would seem that your client is keeping some elements of it secret. If I am doing him an injustice you will no doubt let me know.

We have here very few epileptics, and there is not much opportunity of trial at the Retreat, but one would be only too pleased to hear of a remedy likely to give assistance in this refractory and disabling malady.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Virgil, Boys & Co.

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Londres, 4 December 1913

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

We have a client in Malaga Dr José Collantes who sends us his crop of lemons and he wishes to introduce in England a medicine made by himself which he has found of great value in treating epileptic patients.-
In Gibraltar too it has been tried by doctors who speak of it in the highest terms and quite recently he has received certificates from there legalized in the form of cures effected on a girl of 14 years and on another 22 years old.-
He has sent us 2 cases of his specific & in each case there are 3 bottles which is the minimum quantity that the epileptic patient should take and from that you could judge its effects.
He would like your opinion & if after trials it was found satisfactory he would like to introduce the medicine to the English public.-
The specific is composed of Bromuro, belladonna and Boric acid.- On hearing from you we will write Release and Sale for 1 or 2 cases to try.-
Our Dr Bridgil Boys is a friend & thought you would interest to us the discovery of introducing this specialty dealing with Epilepsy.
Yours faithfully
Virgil Boys

Specific to the attention of the medical faculty from

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Murray House,

Perth.

7th October, 1910.

Dr Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat, York.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Will you kindly prepare an obituary notice of Dr Baker for the next number of the Journal. Perhaps you will kindly drop Dr Rayner a note that he may expect you to favour us, at your early convenience.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

E. Rayner

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Oct. 10, 1910

Dear Dr. Urquhart,

I shall be glad to collect some particulars for the obituary notice, but I do not really think I can undertake to write it. You probably know that I never knew Dr. Baker when he was actively engaged in medical practice, and though I saw a great deal of him during the last few years I should not like the memory of this to colour any obituary notice. Is there not any one who knew him when at his best who is able to write something for the Journal?

Yours very truly,

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21st Sept. 1910.

Dear Miss Vigor,

It is really unfortunate about the dog, and that you have bought another. You might let me know whether your heart is too firmly attached to the new one to justify my buying it fro m you, and your taking Badger, as was long ago arranged. If the new pup has already won your affections, I do hope you will allow me to repay you the cost, as I should be very grieved if you would not accept a dog from us.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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March 12, 1909

Dear Sir,

I have written to Dr. Brown respecting the terms at the Retreat. I fear they would be prohibitive for the case on whose behalf you write, as our lowest rate is 48/- a week.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Rev. T. Urmson

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THE RETREAT.
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Dear Sir,

I fear your patient about whom the Rev. T. Urmson has written could hardly be received here on account of the expense, as our lowest terms are 48/- a week.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. R.E.Brown

WILLINGTON RECTORY,
CO. DURHAM.

March. 11. 1909.

Dear Sir,

The Parents of a young Woman in this Parish between 20 & 30 are anxious to get her into a Home for nervous breakdown, on the doctor's advice. They are respectable People and would give some help towards the Retreat for their daughter, they are working people of the artisan class. – The Medical Attendant is Dr R. E. Brown,
Willington.
Co. Durham
who can give you full

particulars of the Case.—

Kindly let me know on what terms, if any, the Case could be admitted, and how soon?

Yours faithfully,

T. Urmson.

Rector of Willington

Dr. B. Pierce

The Retreat,

York.

March 12, 1909

Dear Sir,

I fear your patient about whom the Rev. T. Urmson has written could hardly be received here on account of the expense as our lowest rate is 48/- a week.

I would suggest that application be made to Dr. Hitchcock, Bootham Park where I believe patients can be received at considerably less in suitable cases.

I remain,

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9, RAVENSWORTH TERRACE.3
DURHAM.

12. Decr 1906

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform me whether you receive voluntary boarders for treatment, and your charges for such. The patient is a young engineer suffering from depression, and has not done any work for 9 or 10 months.

Yours faithfully

D M Vann

is a somewhat serious matter to us especially if he should have to remain for a lengthy period. He is 28 years of age and up to 9 mths ago was an Electrical Engineer upon the staff of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Corporation Tramways. Since Easter last he has been unable to work and the whole of his savings have been exhausted in seeking and following medical advice. He is therefore dependent upon myself & another brother, as our Mother is a widow without means and residing with us, we have also 4 sisters to provide for. With many thanks for your kindness

I am

Yours faithfully,

Ernest H. Veitch.

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NEVILLE'S CROSS,
NEAR DURHAM.

Dec. 18. 1906.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Vaux has shown me your letter and also the Report which you sent him. I enclose herewith a letter containing some further particulars. My brother is desirous of coming as a Voluntary Boarder if you are able to take him. He could, I think, wait for a short time. With regard to the fees for Voluntary Patients will you kindly let me know what your lowest charges are. Though we would not like him to suffer in the matter of comfort in any way, yet the question of expense

troubled with hypochondria — with fixed ideas that his heart was diseased, & that the sexual organs were out of order, testicles wasting &c. Since that time (having in the meantime read a good deal of the advertised Sexual literature) he has gradually become very depressed, with convictions of loss of power & early death. He can discuss his condition with intelligence & can talk on ordinary topics quite well.

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NAT. TEL. 0154.

9, RAVENSWORTH TERRACE,
DURHAM.

17 Dec 1906.

Dear Sir:

I am much obliged by your letter in reply to mine enquiring as to voluntary boarders at the Retreat. The young man, with reference to whom I wrote, appeared in the spring of this year to be

I cannot make out any actual delusions and I do not consider him insane in the ordinary acceptation of the term. At the present time I certainly would not feel justified in certifying him & I believe that with a very moderate supervision & suitable mental influences that he will recover. He is by profession an Electrical Engineer & might probably make himself of some use in that direction in the Home.

Yours very faithfully

A M Vanne