Mr Wilkinson

6, 10, 12, 18, 19, 24, 28, 30.

ASSOCIATION EXPERIMENT

Stimulus	Reaction	Time	Repetition	Remarks
1. Head	brain	3	✓	
2. Green	leaf	3	✓	
3. Water	tap	3	spout.	
4. To prick	finger	3	a verb - pain. 8.	
5. Angel	heaven	4	✓	
6. Long	arm	8	yard. 8	thinking of something that is long.
7. Ship	sail	3	✓	
8. To plough	furrow	4	fields.	
9. Wood	pencil	2	table 3	
10. Friendly	? nothing	20	expectable 6	no intrinsic thought.
11. Table	leg	3	✓	
12. To enquire	knowledge	6	✓ 20	nothing personal.
13. Home	best	5	love	
14. Bulky	ox	5	rhinoceros 4	
15. Red	reach book - + then cloth. ~~Sponge~~ Sunset	10	madder red 5	
16. Dancing	exercise	3	✓	
17. The Sea	~~fa~~ coast	4	✓	
18. Ill	rest	20	pain 4	Thought of himself having a rest. - personal - may have thought he had been ill.
19. Proud	nothing comes	12.	conceited 8.	thinking of some other characteristic of pride.
20. Cooking	pudding	5	electric heater 8	
21. Ink	letters	3	black 4	
22. Wicked	sinner	4	bad 6	
23. Needle	prick	2	sewing 2	
24. To swim	verb pass. Sea.	10.	graceful 6	
25. Journey	train	4	motor 5	
26. Blue	sky	5	✓	
27. Bread	flour	4	over 3	
28. To fear	dread	6	✓ 5	a synonym.
29. Lamp	light	4	✓	
30. Rich	pleasant	10	sweets 8	Some suitable comment.
31. Tree	branch	2	trunk	
32. To sing	melody	2.	voice 7.	

Plant.	leaf	3.
Cover	[illegible]	12

	Stimulus	Reaction	Time	Repetition	Remarks	
33.	Sympathy			helpful	5	
34.	Grey	dusk	6	medium	15	[illegible] probably
35.	Mountain	climb	5	bulky	5	
36.	To play	pride	12	recreation	4	nothing intermediate
37.	Salt	savour	10	✓		do.
38.	New	fresh	8	✓		
39.	Dirty	stained	6	unclean	6	
40.	To ride	motion	15	sport	12	Does not think incident did arise in the mind
41.	Wall	obstruction	4	boundary	4	
42.	Stupid	obtuse	6	dull	9	
43.	Handle	grasp	5	—	?	
44.	Despise	mirror	10	will come	30	thought of self.
45.	Teeth	mastication	6	✓		
46.	Good	pure	10	noble	8	same as above
47.	People	multitude	4	crowd	6	
48.	To smell	scent	6	nose	15	not clear
49.	Book	knowledge	10	✓	8	
50.	Wrong	immoral	10	bad	10	a personal thought
51.	Frog	cold	12	✓	2	
52.	To separate	a definition seems	15	synonyms	10	a mental difficulty in finding connection suitable.
53.	Hunger	want	6	✓		
54.	White	unstained	8	✓		
55.	Cow	milk	3	✓		
56.	To arrange	to side	15	to plan	10	— a verb
57.	Pencil	letter	5	writing	5	
58.	Bad	punishment	8	wrong	8	
59.	Ball	sport	4	✓		
60.	To meet	verb a difficulty		to come together	15	
61.	Low	short	8	mean	10	
62.	Sweet	sugar	13	✓	11	thinking of noting definite
63.	Glass	transparent	3	✓		
64.	Struggle	fight	5	encounter	5	
65.	Goat	milk	5	✓		
66.	Big	[illegible]	7.	mountain	5	

Mr. Williamson's Testamentary Capacity.

On several occasions he expressed a wish to make a will – He had drafted one himself before leaving home but was not sure it was in proper form.

Told me he wished to divide his property in shares – & that certain members of his family with special claims upon him should have greater shares –

July 20th – Asked me to get Solicitor. suggested DRW.

July 21st. DRW. being from home suggested Alfred Porter – who saw him at Pt. & received instructions.

22nd – Draft will sent to me. Mr W. asked me to read it or have it read to him & did he make some comments verbally – I left the will & he put these comments in writing & these I gave to Mr. Porter next morn. at his office. & it answered to have the will in duplicate

26th – Mr P. came at 10 a.m. to ~~draw~~ complete will – & I & he witnessed it. in Board room at Retreat.

Mr W. delusions do not affect his testamentary capacity –

He understands what relatives have claims –

He gave clear explicit instructions – the original ones being ~~suggested~~ from notes made by himself.

The whole circumstances clearly understood –

B.B. 26th July. 4/1

11th November, 1914.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

It is exceedingly kind of you to make such a liberal present to our staff. I knew that you were intending to give them a present, but the actual amount I do not seem to have heard before your letter now to hand. Consequently the Secretary did not include it in the account. I will consult with Dr. Mackenzie, and will arrange for the gift to be distributed proportionately to the attendants who had most to do with your brother.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

41 Queen's Terrace
Newcastle-on-Tyne
10th March 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce.

My brother Joe mentioned that he had requested you to divide £10 amongst the Attendants who looked after Robert, and to include the amount in your account. Upon looking through this statement I

do not see the amount included. If it be not paid to you will you kindly let me know; then a cheque will immediately be sent.-

Mr Percy Corder has the business affairs in hand, and they look like going through all right.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Thos. W. Cleaver

1 Camp Terrace
North Shields Oct 12th

Dear Dr Pierce

Thanks for your letter of 10th. We are much pleased with the arrangements you have made with regard to the distribution of the things belonging to my late brother. It is very gratifying to know they will be so much appreciated & so useful.

I suppose you will let us have the account shortly

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W B Williamson

over

P.S. I should just like to let you know, what a great pleasure & satisfaction the receipt of your letters has been to my Sister WBW

3/355/24

Camp Terrace
North Shields Oct 16th

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me have the account against the estate of the late Robert Williamson. Also Solicitors charges for making the will and oblige

Yours truly
J. B. Williamson.

The Secretary
The Retreat York.

12.2
100.16
2.2.0
103.4.0

Bristols. Wine 30. 3.15.5
Boars 17 103.4.0
Bristl. 4.4.1
Hotlbs & Packet fee 3.19.0
115.2.6

July 20 Cash 111.13.11
Int. mar 4.15.6
June 14 - July 1 2.2.0
113.15.11

1.6.7

P. S. Parcel per pass train carr paid. will be sent off Thursday or Friday WHO

CAMP END,
NORTH SHIELDS.

October 7th 1914

My dear Mr Pierce

I am sending you a dress coat, and a number of white shirts, which may be useful to some of your staff. You already have the dinner jacket &c. This will complete the dress suit.

Trusting they may be made use of behoves me

Sincerely yours

W Wolff Lamson

over

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.

7 October 1914

SIR,

I AM directed by the Board of Control to request you to forward to this Office a formal Notice of the death of Mr. Robert Williamson. ~~for which purpose I enclose a blank form.~~

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles Raithby

for the Secretary.

The Medical Officer
York Retreat.

(93,418). Wt.45,405—1044. 125. 3/14. A.&E.W.

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Arnwood.
West-Cliff.
Bournemouth.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

It was thoughtful & good of you to write me so fully, I did not think it well to trouble you knowing how much your time must be taken up & so write to Dr. Mackenzie, your letter means much to me & I appreciate your kindness.

Last Thursday morning on waking I felt happier & better than I have done since Robert left home, I went to my sisters

I told her I we at-once planned to motor to the New Forest; we did this having a very happy day, returning at-rise; you know what-was in the telegram waiting for us. I believe it-was Roberts' bright-free spirit-in some way sent-relief to me, you know some--thing of his beautiful nature—

Yours very sincerely
Sara Williamson

Camp 2nd Bde [illegible] Thirsk
September 30th 1914

Dear Dr Price

Your kind letter with the will of my Brother, was duly received for which I thank you. I am sorry to have been so long in answering you, but I have been much engaged.

On behalf of our family I desire to thank you and Dr Mackenzie, for your untiring care & attention shown to my brother during the long time he was under your very kind care. We are satisfied that every precaution was observed in the treatment, consistent with some confidence necessary, [illegible] Mr Williamson's case, if any improvement was to be expected.

Please convey also our thanks to the Daily Mrs Simpson & any others who in any way helped to make his life less irksome.

With regard to my Brothers belongings, we would like any of his personal property, as his watch sent to me. With regard to his clothes, books &c. please make the best use you can of them, either amongst any of the poorer class patients, or any outside cases you know so that it may help some needy one this winter. With kind regards to yourself

and Dr Mackenzie
behind me
Very sincerely Yours
J Williamson

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6, PARK SQUARE,
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BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M
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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

25th Sept. 1914.

Dear Mr Rowntree.

I regret to have to report that Mr. Robert Williamson committed suicide at Throxenby Hall by cutting his throat in the bath-room with nail scissors. This occurred at 10 p.m. on the 23rd. inst., and in spite of treatment by Drs. Maingay and Everley Taylor he died at 5.50 a.m. the next day.

The patient went on leave to Throxenby Hall on the 14th inst., although at the time he laboured under delusions of persecution and he believed there was a conspiracy against him. The step and the consequent relaxation of supervision was taken after careful thought, and his relatives were duly informed.

On the 19th. inst., I spent two hours with him walking in the woods and confirmed the arrangement previously made that the attendants were to keep near him, and within earshot, but that he need not be under continuous observation. These instructions were carefully followed by the staff.

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was outside the bathroom door, which was ajar, listening to all his movements, and directly he was suspicious went in.

In reviewing these circumstances I do not think the Attendant was to blame. The death occurred through the relaxation of supervision which I myself ordered in the belief that the patient's mental state justified it.

At the Inquest the verdict was death by suicide whilst insane. The patient's brother, Thos. S. Williamson, who was present, spoke to the Coroner and The Jury after the verdict was given, ~~words~~ of high appreciation of the treatment his brother had received, quoting words the deceased had said to him on the matter. Mr. Allan Rowntree attended the Inquest on behalf of the Committee.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Bedford Pierce.

10th. Septr. 1914.

J. B. Williamson, Esq.,
Camp End, North Shields.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

I cannot report any satisfactory improvement in your brother's condition. Things seem to be almost in statu quo. I think he is a little thinner, and the Report says he does not take food well. He slept very well last night.

We can make arrangements for him to go to our Branch House at Scarborough for a change shortly. It is a beautiful time of the year at Throxenby, close to Raincliffe Woods, and I think the change would be desirable. We would send his present Attendant with him. I have spoken of the matter to Mr. Williamson, who hesitates a good deal on the subject, but I am inclined to think that the right course is to make all arrangements and to put pressure upon him to go. We could arrange this next Monday if you thought that suitable.

With kind regards,
I remain,
Yours very truly,

Camp 2nd North Midlands
September 11th 1914

Dear Dr Pierce

I have to thank you for your letter of 10th & regret to note that you can report no improvement in the condition of my Brother.

I have talked the matter over with my Brother John, & My Sister Mrs Watt, & we are all agreed that the recommendation you make should be tried.

Kindly therefore make your

arrangements for him to go on Monday & we can only continue to hope that some good may be the result.

I have thought a good deal about his lonely meals. Would it be possible for him to join a congenial spirit for dinner at Clark's. Also might I suggest your ordering him a glass or two of claret, or if that is not permissable, a small bottle of cyder or even ginger ale to his dinner.

With very kind regards
Sincerely yours
J B Williamson

5th August, 1914.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

I am sorry to say that your brother has been more distressed of late, and last night he was in a painfully agitated condition. He seemed to think that something was expected of him, and that some calamity was on its way, and though at that very time we were expecting a declaration of war and could hear the soldiers cheering at the barracks he was not at all disturbed on this account. I had a long talk with him again to-day and there is no improvement. I have felt it necessary to arrange that he should have continuous supervision, as he might be tempted to do something rash in such a painful state of mind. I thought I would let you know even though I have such a poor account to give. We have advised him to stay in bed and rest as he seemed to be doing no good wandering about.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

9th August, 1914.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

I am sorry to say that your brother has been more distressed of late, and last night he was in a particularly agitated condition. He seemed to think that something was going of kind, and that some calamity was on its way, and though at that very time he was expecting a declaration of war and could hear the soldiers cheering at the barracks he was not at all distressed on this account. I had a long talk with him again to-day and there is no improvement. I have felt it necessary to arrange that he should have continuous supervision, as he might be tempted to do something rash in such a painful state of mind. I thought I should let you know even though I have been a poor account to give. He has obliged him to stay in bed and rest as he seems to be doing no good work at the school.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

HOLTBY & PROCTER,
SOLICITORS.
ALFRED PROCTER,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
TEL. 176.

H.

5, NEW STREET,
YORK

29th July, 1914

Dear Sir,

We beg to inclose an Account of Charges for Mr Williamson's Will as arranged with you.

Yours faithfully,

Holtby & Procter

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Heslington Road,
York

808.

41 Queen's Terrace.
Jesmond. Tyne-on-Tyne
29th July 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce.

My Brother and I had a walk over the moors, arriving back shortly after five o'clock. I did not trouble you further, as nothing of special interest took place. He was rather quieter and perhaps a trifle more reserved than when I last saw him, and he referred little to his

troubles, or the question of a change of scene; indeed I was disappointed to find him apparently resigned to existing conditions. He told me the details of his meeting with the Solicitor, but asked little about his business affairs. The interval between my last visits was rather long, and I purpose coming through again soon — one keeps in better touch I think. Your place is very beautiful, and it is good at least to know that Robert has every interest and attention; but it is a sad business.

Yours sincerely.

Thos. Williamson

Campbeltown North Ships
July 13th 1914

Dear Dr Price

I did not think it necessary to disturb you again yesterday. My Brother & I discussed the question of going away, but we practically did not get any further than when you were present. It seems to be very doubtful if he will be able to make up his mind to leave work at present. I asked him to tell you the conclusion we had arrived at. I thought you might be able to have a little further conversation on the matter. I asked him to try & put confidence in his friends. That none of us would suggest anything that could possibly bring him harm.

He was in very fair spirits yesterday, and did not once revert to his troubles. He is suffering from constipation & I am sending some tabloids that did him good previously. Will you kindly hand them to him if you approve.

Thanking you sincerely for the personal interest you are taking in my brother

believe me Yours truly
M Williamson

~~should~~ to take such an interest in his doings, that they had spies & detectives watching & reporting on his movements.

I was very glad to have a word with you before leaving

With kind regards

Sincerely Yours

J B Williamson

CAMP END,
NORTH SHIELDS.

April 2nd 1914

Dear Dr Price

I had a pleasing visit to my Brother Robert yesterday and think he was glad to see me. He looked stronger and more alert, & indeed more like his old self than on my previous visit. The delusion still continue. It is strange to think, that my brother, one of the most retiring of men should think it possible for papers like the Times, Punch & other leading journals

4 Lambton Road,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

February 13. 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I wish to let you know that Miss Williamson is laid up with an attack of Pleurisy. She writes regularly to my Brother and perhaps he may miss her letters and wonder what is the matter.

When I was over last week seeing him I told him that she was in bed for a few days as she could not throw off her cold.

Dr. Alfred Nail is in charge and we have got a Nurse, the news this morning is much better and the Doctor is satisfied with her progress, he removed some fluid from the right lung on Wednesday and if there is no further accumulation he is very hopeful of a good recovery.

I heard from Darley that you were confined to the house with a chill, but hope that you are quite well again now.

It is very sad that Robert is not making more progress, it is distressing to see him in such a state of depression.

I did not think he looked any worse and certainly when we were out in the grounds he was a little brighter, especially when we were watching the hockey match.

I go down frequently to see my Sister just now, and if you have time to send me a line I should be glad to be able to give her any news.

With kindest regards and very grateful thanks for the care and attention you are giving my favorite brother.

I hope that someday you may see him in his normal condition which is delightful.

Yours sincerely

Mary E. Trail.

41 Queen's Terrace.
Jesmond. Newcastle on Tyne
28th January 1914

Dear Dr. Price.

I was through seeing my Brother on Monday. He seemed more alert, and not so despondent as when I last saw him (3rd Jany), and he talked upon a variety of topics; on two or three occasions a bit of a laugh was raised, and to tell the truth my visit of 3 hours seemed all too speedily over.

The delusions of course remain, and this I understand is really the crux of the whole affair; but it does seem that any evidence of brightness and interest should be beneficial. When I saw you we spoke of the position of affairs as regards the executing of documents by certified persons. I send you a copy of the Law Times; on page 266 appears an article upon the subject – odd that one should hit upon it. A lawyer friend was speaking to another, and remarked that it was the ablest and most comprehensive summary of the position which he had seen. Do not return the paper, for I think you may be interested to have a copy, from the way in which you spoke, & I am obtaining another.

Yours truly

Thos. Williamson

Sorry my fountain pen has leaked.

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CAMP END,
NORTH SHIELDS.

July 23rd 1913

Dear Dr Pierce

I duly received the agreement form which I have completed and return herewith. I also at the same time received the account for three months board and special attendance which is quite satisfactory.

I will send you the amount in notes by registered letter in a few days. Very

rather from Wrongly there was a distinct improvement observable in our Williamson's condition since his last visit. We feel great confidence in leaving him under your skilled treatment & do hope that in a short time you will be able to send us a favourable report

With kind regards believe me sincerely yours

J Williamson.

Dr Bedford Pierce
York.

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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Jan. 21, 1924

Dear Dr. Williamson,

Just a line to say that I hope to be here tomorrow afternoon and shall be glad to have an opportunity to talk things over with you.

I am sorry Mr. Williamson is not making much progress.

Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE 460
NORTH SHIELDS.

10, CAMP TERRACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

January 20th.1914.

Dear Dr.Pierce,

I propose visiting my uncle, Mr.Robert Williamson,on Thursday afternoon, and should be glad to know whether for any reason you think it inadvisable. I was with Mr.Williamson a good deal during the few days prior to his admission to the Retreat, and I am wondering whether a visit from me is likely to unsettle him. If you see no objection to a visit,I shall be much obliged if you can give me the opportunity of seeing you for a short time,either in the afternoon or the evening. Unless you think it would be unwise for me to see my uncle do not trouble to reply to this letter.

Yours faithfully,

J.B.Williamson. (M.B.)

Enclosure.

58 Percy Park,
Tynemouth.

January 12th 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce.

Please find cheque enclosed £28.9.9 in payment of account. I do long so to hear of my brother's improvement it would be very cheering to have a word or two from you when you have time. I hope soon to come to see

him but have not been very well since he went from home.

Yours very sincerely

S. Williamson.

530.

Telephone,
National No. 1181.

6, SAVILLE PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
Jan. 6th, 1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am very much obliged to you for writing me about Mr. Williamson, in whose case I am interested.

It is surely a very unusual experience to find a man of his intelligence and business acumen develop delusions of such a striking character with little or no warning. I have known him for a good many years and have always regarded him as one of the most level-headed and intelligent people of the commercial life of the district.

I hope sincerely that the case will turn out to be, as you suggest, melancholic rather than delusional, and that it will not be long before some decided improvement is evident.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

David Drummond

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No. 170

The Retreat,

York, Dec. 3 1913.

Received from Robt. Wilkinson Esq.

the sum of Nine Pounds

— Shillings and Pence

on account of

£ 9 . 0 . 0

Received
Wm Walker.
Secretary.

Jan. 5, 1914

Dear Dr. Drummond,

Mr. Williamson, whom you kindly recommended to come to the Reé treat, has now been here a month, and I thought I should like to write and tell you how he is going on.

There is, however, no great change to report. He continues to be depressed and is convinced that hewis under special surveillance at home and at Newcastle, and that if he returned home or left this Institution the espionage would be resumed. I do not think, however, that these ideas are as fixed as they were, and there has been no development in this direction connected with the Retreat, although on one occasion he asked whether I had heard of any enquiries made about him in this neighbourhood. There is a good deal of depressdon and sense of unworthiness, which makes me hope that the case is really melancholic rather than delusional in character.

He takes his food fairly well, but in spite of being largely nursed in bed he has lost a little weight. He is a particularly nice patient to do with; gives a minimum of trouble. Indeed he is very anxious in this direction and is afraid that he is a burden to me and to the staff.

I incline to think that there may be some repressed complex, some fact of history not yet disclosed, which may be a factor in the production of his symptoms; but though he talks to us quite freely I have not yet unearthed anything of the kind.

Yours very truly,

Jan. 8, 1914

Dear Dr. Dammond,

Mr. Williamson, whom you kindly recommended to go to the Bessarabian, has now been here a month, and I thought I should like to write and tell you how he is going on.

There is, however, no great change to report. He continues to be depressed and to imagine that he is under a secret surveillance at home and at Kerasotile, and that if he returned home or left this Institution the persecution would be resumed. I do not think, however, that these ideas are as fixed as they were, and there has been no development in this direction connected with the Retreat, although on one occasion he asked whether I had heard of any suspicious men about this in this neighbourhood. There is a good deal of depression and sense of uselessness, which makes me hope that the case is really not mental but rather that constitutional in character.

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Yours very truly,

CHARLES TURNBULL. TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-"ASTRONOMY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE." T. S. WILLIAMSON.

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STEAM SHIP OWNERS
AND
SHIP BROKERS.

TELEPHONE No 1447 CENTRAL.

Queen's Buildings, Quayside,
Newcastle on Tyne.

19th Decbr 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce.

It may interest you to know my general impressions. It seemed to me that your treatment has had a marked effect. There appeared to be much less unrest, and the topic of the delusions, which was much in evidence on the previous visits, was little referred to. Also my Brother was noticing outside affairs — the grounds, birds, other patients etc, and also took interest in general home affairs. Probably he was making a special effort, but that in itself seemed favorable. He intimated to me that the arrangements at "The Retreat" were as admirable as seemed possible in such an institution, and he has gained great confidence in you personally. Your

interested kindness leads me to mention these facts.

In his business affairs we touched only the fringe. Mr Corder and his Brother thought it best not to deal with more important matters, as it might lead on to others; and cause worry. Robert has not raised them.

I do not think that my Brother has knowledge of the fullness of the clause in the partnership agreement referring to his condition. It is fortunate indeed that the agreement is between two men of such straightforward and generous natures; it gives your patient every confidence, and renders matters easy at this end.

Do not trouble to answer this. Any accounts etc. you might send on to me.

Yours very truly

Thos S Williamson

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CHARLES TURNBULL. TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-"ASTRONOMY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE." T. S. WILLIAMSON.

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TELEPHONE No 1447 CENTRAL.

Queen's Buildings, Quayside.
Newcastle on Tyne.
16th Decr 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I thank you for your kind letter, and will come by the earlier train tomorrow, due at 11.24. I shall await your arrival round about the bookstall, at the main entrance

Yours very truly
Thos S Williamson

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41 Queen's Terrace.
Jermond. N.W.
14th Dec. 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I thank you for your letter of the 11th Inst. I understand that my Brother sent a cheque through to my Sister on Friday, and I trust that this has eased his mind for the time being upon financial matters; his consideration for others causes him to be particular on such points.

I hope to run through by the 10.28 train on Wednesday morning, so I may see you on that day.

Yours truly

Thos S Williamson.

41 Queen's Terrace.
Jermyn St. Piccadilly.
10th December 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I enclose Dr. Wright's Statement, which I trust will aid my Brother in grasping that no such supervision as he speaks of actually exists. —

I wish that he could have heard the very definite assurances which the Chief of Police gave to me.

My Brother also referred to a man named James; but Dr. Wright informs me that all

instructions etc. must come to himself personally, and that none exist in this case

I sent a telegram this afternoon stating that the Statement was being forwarded by post, so that my Brother might know that there was no delay.

It is, as you say, a sad phase of the malady, that he cannot see the unreasonableness of it all, when the assurances of all whom he trusts, and who have such intimate knowledge of everything relating to him, are of so definite and downright a nature.

Yours very truly

Thos. S. Williamson

I was sorry not to see Dr Mackenzie, but found that there was no train between 6.15 and 9.15 — which latter was too late for my sister.

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9th Decr 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce.

My Sister was wishful to come through today, so I accompanied her. Unfortunately not having noticed from the heading of your note paper that you are away from York on Tuesday.

I received your letter, and before leaving this morning called at the Chief Constable's office. Unfortunately he is out of town today; but the

junior in charge assures me that in no wise have they any enquiry or instructions regarding Robert Williamson, also that any secret service enquiries would be bound to come thro' them, and they have none such.—

I have explained, and stated very definitely to my Brother that I did not say, nor intend to convey that I had knowledge of any act of espionage; for I have neither seen nor heard of any such thing, excepting only from himself. and I am absolutely convinced that they exist only in his imagination.

I shall see Dr Wright (the Chief of Police) tomorrow, and endeavour to get him to give a written certificate to the effect that there is not - and has not been - any supervision. — I will write to you tomorrow.

Yours sincerely.

Thos. Williamson

Certainly my Brother is quieter today, and he appears to be less positive regarding these imaginary delusions.

41 Queen's Terrace
Jesmond
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
5th Decr 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I return the form, filled in, which you gave to us.

You mentioned that letters of a pleasant nature might be sent to my Brother. My Sisters have written, just about pleasant family topics. If you have any news of a reassuring character, as to his being less worried, it would

be comforting to them all.

Thanks for your kindness when Dr. Harker and I were through. I trust that you have effected the placing of the rocky boulder all right.

Yours sincerely

Thos. S. Wilkinson

Dec 18 1913

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee the terms for Mr Robt. Williamson were fixed at £8 8 0 a week so long as special day & night nurses are required –

I enclose the usual form of agreement which please return to me when signed & witnessed –

Yours faithfully

Wm E Walker
Secy

Jas B Williamson

Dec 18 1913

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Entertainment Committee the terms for the Mr. Williamson's were fixed at £8. 8-0 a week as long as special day & night horses are required –

I write for the second time & personally think these terms are the very lowest possible –

Yours faithfully

W. E. Wallace Secy.

Jas. D. Williamson

Dec. 11, 1913

Dear Mr. Williamson,

I have seen your brother and had a talk with him about the matters referred to in your letter. He has also seen your letter and the certificate from the Chief Constable, and he tells me he is reassured as far as that is concerned. One can hardly expect that his mind would be at ease yet, as the mental illness which produced the delusions is still there. I think, however, it has been worth while dealing with the matter.

He has been asking whether he can sign cheques. This is a difficult and unsettled question, but I have told him that I see no reason why he should not make out a substantial cheque in favour of yourself or your sister for current expenses. If the Bank people know that he is under legal care they may make a difficulty, in which case probably the best plan would be to arrange a loan account upon which some members of the family can draw.

Mr. Williamson is taking food fairly well and is not sleeping badly. On the whole he is doing quite as well as one can expect.

With kind regards,

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N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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TO { Dr Pierce The Retreat York

Forwarding Certificate from Chief Police tonight

Williamson

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PLEASE ADDRESS
ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

City & County of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Chief Constable's Office,

Newcastle upon Tyne.

10th December 1913.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry I have to state that your brother Mr.Robert Williamson is not wanted by the Police under my command for any offence.

He has not been under Police supervision at any time in Newcastle-upon-Tyne,and he could not have been, without my knowledge.

I have not received enquiries from any source with reference to him.

Yours faithfully

J B Knight

Chief Constable.

T.S.Williamson Esq
41 Queens Terrace
Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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T.S.Williamson Esq
41 Queens Terrace
Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Unknown

Camp End

Northfields Dec 8th/15

Dear Dr Pierce

I duly received your letter and am sorry that my brother is still under the impression that he was watched previous to leaving home. I am absolutely assured & certain that there was never at any time any such watching or espionage as he suggests. I am intimately associated with Supt. Hirst chief of police here, and with the Clerk to the justices (Mr Kidd) and should there have been anything of the kind I should most certainly have heard of it. I would therefore ask you to assure my brother, that I have never at any time, believed that he was watched in the way he thinks, that no evidence bearing on this has come under my notice, and that I have never at any time heard anyone say he was under supervision by the police or by anyone else. Will you convey to my brother my very good wish, & say how glad I will be to come over to see him anytime he wishes. Believe me with kind regards

Yours sincerely

[illegible]

Mrs S. W. Williams -
Queen Terrace
Jesmond
N/C

Dec. 6, 1913

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Many thanks for the form, duly received. Your brother has done quite as well as expected since coming here. There have been no fresh developments, but the delusional state of mind continues. He has slept fairly well and has taken food reasonably: we are keeping him in bed.

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I remain,

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Yours very truly,

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 Robert Williamson of 58 Percy Park Tynemouth as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringelo, 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 Twenty Second day of December 1913

Name J B Williamson

Residence 1 Camp Terrace

Occupation North Shields.

SIGNED by the said J. B. Williamson

in the presence of Thomas Sadler Williamson

Witness's Signature, Thos S Williamson

Address, and 41 Queen's Terrace. Newcastle on Tyne

Profession. Shipowner

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.