Memo. from John Wilson,

Grocer, Provision and Hardware Merchant,

FREDERICK STREET,

Bessbrook, Co. Armagh. Aug 22 1913

To Bedford Pierce M.D. York

Dear Friend,

Enclosed find ck value £35 4/8 in payment of enclosed a/c for my sister's maintenance at Retreat.

Yours truly,

John Wilson

4 March 1914

Received from the Secretary of the Retreat
Watch fixed in wristlet & purse containing
the sum of ~~Pounds~~

four Shillings and six Pence

on account of Annie E. Wilson

£ — 4/6 + wasted in wristlet Joshua Wilson

with thanks

Bessbrook
8 Mo 16 1913

Bedford Pierce M.D.
The Retreat
York.

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of yours of 13th inst enclosing statement of a/c. I am much obliged & indebted to your committee for liberal treatment & will forward cheque as

soon as possible - within
at least four weeks.

Yours sincerely,
Joshua Nelson

13th. August, 1913.

Dear Friend,

The matter mentioned in your letter was referred to the Committee at their meeting yesterday, and I am desired to say that the Committee think that the whole of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in arranging for the removal of your Sister to Ireland should be paid; but the Committee are quite willing to remit half the remainder of the expenses charged in the previous account.

I enclose a revised account.

Yours truly,

Joshua Wilson,
Bessbrook.

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The matter mentioned in your letter was referred to the Committee at their meeting yesterday, and I am desired to say that the Committee think that the whole of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the removal of your sister to Ireland should be paid, and the Committee are quite willing to pay that and the remainder of the expenses charged in the enclosed account.

I enclose a receipt accordingly.

Yours truly,

Norman Wilson,
Secretary.

Besbrook
8 Mo 7 1913

Bedford Pierce M.D.
York.

Dear Friend,

My father died on 4th inst: I will therefore shortly be in a position to pay the amount due the Retreat for the maintenance of my sister Annie E Wilson.

Your committee generously

Expenses to Dublin
in full
Balance £11-½

agreed to halve the
amount owing if paid
within a stated time
I hope they will not alter
their decision. Keeping my
Sister at the Retreat was
always a severe draw
on family resources. she is
still an inmate of County
Armagh Asylum.

Yours truly.
Joshua Nelson

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Besbrook
March 5 1913

Bedford Place N.W.

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of a/c for my sister's maintenance at Retreat. I regret I am not in a position to pay same, nor do I see any prospect of doing so in the immediate future. My father has stoutly refused to acknowledge

the amount as due by him for reasons which have little or no foundation. & until he changes his attitude which I think is improbable or his decease I cannot forward payment. I of course recognize his liability & would if I were able settle the a/c.

Yours sincerely
Joshua Wilson

THE WOODHOUSE,
ESSBROOK,
IRELAND.

I will take some
days to consider with
Bloomfield – the W.'s
don't like the thoughts
of Broughshane –

1912 S.H.W.

4th Feby.

POST CARD.

The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Nov. 16, 1912

Dear Friend,

I write again to thank you for assisting us in relation to Annie E. Wilson's account and to return Joshua Wilson's letter, with which I feel sure the Committee will be satisfied under the peculiar circumstances of the case. There is a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday next, the 19th inst., when the matter will be reported, and unless you hear the contrary you may conclude that the Committee are willing for the balance to stand over in the way proposed.

Yours very truly,

Hon. Treasurer

Robert Pedlow Esq.

C O P Y

Bessbrook, 11 Nov. 1912

Dear Robert Pedlow,

I am in receipt of yours of 5th inst. with enclosure from York Retreat. I will undertake to settle their claim for my sister's maintenance at a future date and am glad they have consented to this arrangement. Thanks for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

JOSHUA WILSON

1 encl.

Violet Vale. Lisburn
X. 17. 12

Dear Friend

Yours of 15th inst - to hand - Re' Annie Wilson - which has the necessary attention. I shall report to you later on. -

Yours truly

Rob' Todd (Sr.)

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

1. 15 PM

OCT 18 1924

Mr Richard Thompson
Hon Treasurer
The Retreat
York

Thy Rechurden Rec
Skeldergate Bridge

Copy

Oct. 26, 1912

Annie E. Wilson (Bessbrook)

Dear Friend,

We are very much obliged for the trouble you have taken in respect to this matter, and we recognize that Joshua Wilson is wishful to do all that is possible to pay off the debt as soon as he is in a position to do so.

Under the circumstances I think it probable that the Committee will not think it needful at present to bring the matter before the Overseers of your Meeting. In view of John Wilson's age and infirmity it appears desirable to let the matter stand over, and I hope that we may expect that in the course of time his son may be able to discharge the obligation.

Again thanking you for your assistance,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Richd Thompson

Treasurer

R. Pedlow Esq.

AND
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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Oct. 25, 1912

Status of Psychiatry

Dear

We are wishful very shortly to the members of the Committee the reports received respecting the defects of the Scotch law. You kindly undertook to consider this question and let the Committee know what alterations in the law are desirable in the interests of the study of Psychiatry and generally at the Retreat. Would be all right for me

Yours very truly

Oct. 26, 1912

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I send a draft letter which perhaps will answer the purpose. We have kept Richard Pedlow's letter and have taken a copy of Joshua Wilson's.

As I may not have an opportunity of a word with you this afternoon I write to say that I expect to be in Edinburgh for part of tomorrow. I am going north to see an old patient in the morning, and I expect to return either on Sunday night or early on Monday morning.

J.R.Wood writes asking for an appointment for the sub-committee appointed respecting Belle Vue. I could manage Thursday morning at any time, and this would suit

do so, and return it to me. —

His engagement to pay - seems to me a suitable ending to the matter. —

Your very truly

Rob. Sedlow (Sr.)

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ack 16 Nov 12

Dear Friend

Richd. Thompson

I sent your letter of Oct. 26 to Joshua Wilson of Bessbrook - and now enclose herewith reply had from him - which please read, take copy of - if you wish to

Oct., 1912

Annie E. Wilson

Dear Friend,

You are probably aware that Annie E. Wilson, the daughter of John Wilson of Bessbrook, was for a long time a patient at the Retreat, and was only removed because her father declined to pay any accounts or even answer letters.

The rate of board that was charged for the last two years was £60 per annum, which rate is rather less than the lowest charged at Bloomfield for members of the Society of Friends. Previous to this the rate had been 27/- weekly.

On her removal from the Retreat, for reasons which were no doubt sufficient, the Bloomfield Committee declined to receive Annie E. Wilson, and she had to be sent to the County Asylum.

Unfortunately there is a balance of £65.3.9 owing by John Wilson to the Retreat (including the cost of sending his daughter to Ireland), and as he makes no proposal to discharge this debt we think the matter should be taken in hand by Friends locally.

We are aware that the circumstances are peculiar and that John Wilson declines or is unable to deal with the question in a reasonable way, but this does not appear to the Committee a sufficient reason why the Retreat should lose so considerably through maintaining an Irish Friend, who was unfortunately a difficult patient to nurse, and who, throughout the 16 years she was at the Retreat, never paid even the bare cost of her maintenance.

Mrs. Williams of Moyallon has kindly taken a great deal of trouble in this case, and it was on her recommendation that the patient came to the Retreat; and the re-arrangement as to terms, made in Sept. 1910 was at her suggestion. We do not doubt she is as much disappointed as we are at the turn which the matter has taken in consequence of John Wilson's peculiar attitude, and we fully recognise of course that her advice throughout has been alike in the interest of the patient, and also intended to be quite fair to the Retreat.

I do not know what is the right course to take, but I should be obliged if you would place this matter before the Overseers or such other body of Friends as are appointed to deal with difficult situations of this kind.

I remain,
Your friend sincerely,

R.Pedlow Esq.

RJ

C O P Y

Bessbrook
10 mo. 19, 1912

Dear Robert Pedlow,

I am in receipt of yours with enclosure from York Retreat. The facts regarding my sister and my father's attitude are as stated in their letter. About a year ago my father contracted a delusion that my sister was mentally all right and being kept under restraint illegally and refused to pay for her maintenance any longer with the result as stated in enclosed letter. I had to take the matter in my own hands and have her transferred to Asylum at Armagh. I thought perhaps that my report of patient's condition which is hopeless would have induced my father to pay the amount due ~~to~~ Retreat which they generously reduced by half if paid before September viz. £32.11.5, but he has absolutely to acknowledge the amount as due by him. Saying let those induced him to send her to so expensive a place settle the a/c. It is most regrettable and I am powerless in the matter. It is clearly a delusion of my father all through and I cannot understand how it has occurred; perhaps the money spent nearly £1200 has "eaten in upon him" and thus affected his balance. I would be glad to have it settled, because the a/c is honourably owing.

Yours sincerely,

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return to me. As you will see he quite admits the debt due to "The Retreat" and considers that it ought to be paid, but apparently cannot get his father to see it in the same light.

The latters mind and reasoning powers has probably become weakened by his long continued illness and absence from business.

Evidently his son cannot prevail upon him to pay your a/c. The only further that I could do in the

Violet Vale
Listowel
X. 21. 12

Dear Friend

Re: yours of 18th inst – I sent it to Joshua Wilson, son of John – and brother of Annie E. – who is at present managing the small grocery business of his father – the latter being unable to attend to it, and having been confined to his house for a considerable time.

I enclose Joshua's reply which please read and

matter wd be to bring it under the notice of the meeting for Oversight at Bensbrook and if you wish it I shall do so on hearing further from you. —

Yours very truly
Rob't Ledlow

Rich: Thompson
York.

Dec. 6, 1912

Dear Street,

Miss West has been extremely troublesome and suicidal, and at one time was quite an anxious patient on account of her serious repeated suicidal attempts. She is, however, now, for the time, much better, but there is no likelihood of her recovering, as she has persistent hallucinations of hearing.. She is, moreover, variable, and cannot understand her position, writes one day saying she intends to leave tomorrow, and a few minutes later writes withdrawing her previous letter. She is somewhat deaf, but otherwise in good health.

We shall be quite glad for her to be removed, but s she will require continuous observation, and she is not to be trusted. They pay us 48/- a week. She is nursed in association with other patients in a dormitory.

The last attempt of a suicidal nature was

Yours very truly,

Bessbrook
Ireland
9 mo 9th 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am asked by Mr Thompson to reply to you respecting yours of 21st ult.

I cannot see that the debt in question is a suitable one for the Bessbrook Overseers' meeting — It is not a case of default in the ordinary sense, and it appears to me that your committee seems to overlook the real point — which is that the Father who is an old man has of late become very peculiar — which no one could foresee —

He must have £32 and ~~[illegible]~~ more at his disposal, though I may say I believe he has been paying to the Retreat more than his circumstances warranted.

I do not think I can help your

Committee any more which I regret having taken some pains about the matter — nor do I conceive that the Committee has any moral claim on me any more than legal —

I gave in my best advice & opinion in the same manner that a man in business gives an opinion about a customer to another man of business & deeply regrets should that opinion not prove correct but still without responsibility —

Believe me to remain very truly yours

S. Edith Williams

To Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat, York

P.S. If the Counter thinks that it is a matter for legal procedure —
R. A. Mullan Esq. — or William Johnstone Esq. are both respectable Solicitors — Henley is sufficient address — Edwin Harris knows the Witness & feels the most sympathetic feeling towards each — I suppose —

re Miss Wilson. Pessbrook

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I enclose R Pedlow's letter & also that of Joshua Wilson to R.P. Please have latter copied before it is returned to R.P. It's attitude is reasonable if he is willing to look on the debt as due to the Retreat, as soon as the family are in a position to pay, the case is largely met.

I think we might now reply to R Pedlow thanking him for his good offices, & recognizing the proper attitude of Joshua W. & adding that, in view of the father's age & infirmities, it is perhaps not needful at present

to bring the matter before the overseers, but that this can if necessary, be done eventually.

Will this meet the case? Perhaps you will draft the letter & I will sign it. You should keep a copy

R.S.

24 Oct 12

C O P Y

Bessbrook
10 mo. 19, 1912

Dear Robert Pedlow,

I am in receipt of yours with enclosure from York Retreat. The facts regarding my sister and my father's attitude are as stated in their letter. About a year ago my father contracted a delusion that my sister was mentally all right and being kept under restraint illegally and refused to pay for her maintenance any longer with the result as stated in enclosed letter. I had to take the matter in my own hands and have her transferred to Asylum at Armagh. I thought perhaps that my report of patient's condition which is hopeless would have induced my father to pay the amount due ~~/o~~ Retreat which they generously reduced by half if paid before September viz. £32.11.5, but he has absolutely to acknowledge the amount as due by him. Saying let those induced him to send her to so expensive a place settle the a/c. It is most regrettable and I am powerless in the matter. It is clearly a delusion of my father all through and I cannot understand how it has occurred; perhaps the money spent nearly £1200 has "eaten in upon him" and thus affected his balance. I would be glad to have it settled, because the a/c is honourably owing.

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Oct. 25, 1912

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We are wishful very shortly to send round to the members of the Committee the reports received respecting the defects of the English

17 July. 1912.

Dear Friend

The Committee of the Retreat ~~have considered the~~ requests me to write to you respecting the balance of account. £65 19. 4 owing on account of Annie E Wilson.

You will remember that ~~the arrangement made~~ in July. 1910. ~~was~~ the Committee agreed on your recommendation to reduce the terms to £60 per year for two years. I enclose ~~copies of the~~ extracts from the letters that passed at this time

As this rate is the ~~same~~ lowest rate ~~that is~~ charged at Bloomfield ~~& which Irish Friends pay for patients~~ the Committee are of the opinion that ~~it is only~~ there ought to be no difficulty about ~~right that~~ Irish patients at the Retreat ~~should pay this at the~~ ~~this at any~~ paying this amount

that ~~is~~ it only reasonable that the Retreat should be paid the whole ~~at~~ of the balance either by the relatives or from the resources of the Society in Ireland.

The Correspondence upon the matter which has been ~~read by the C~~ submitted to the Committee indicates that the circumstances are peculiar, but on the other hand if you had not acted for the family the Retreat Office would not have permitted the account to get into arrears but would have insisted upon payment in advance.

I am, however, authorised by the Committee to make a proposal for immediate settlement. ~~viz~~ ~~that if one half can be paid within two~~ viz that if one half of the balance owing when the left and ~~exclusive of~~ the expenses incurred in the transfer to Ireland be paid within ~~the~~ two months. viz £36. 3. 3, ~~that~~ this shall be accepted as a final settlement. On the other hand, the Comm^rs feel strongly that if this ~~is not~~ proposal is not accepted they ~~will not be justified in allowing~~ cannot allow the matter to rest.

July 17, 1912

Dear Friend,

The Committee of the Retreat requests me to write to you respecting the balance of account £65.9.9 owing on account of Annie E.Wilson.

You will remember that in July 1910 the Committee agreed, on your recommendation, to reduce the terms to £60 per annum for two years, and I enclose extracts from the letters that passed at this time. As this rate is the lowest rate charged at Bloomfield, the Committee of the Retreat are of opinion that there ought to be no difficulty about Irish patients at the Retreat paying this amount, and that it is only reasonable that the Retreat should be paid the whole of the balance, either by the relatives or from the resources of the Society in Ireland.

The correspondence on the matter, which has been submitted to the Committee, indicates that the circumstances are peculiar, but, on the other hand, if you had not acted for the family the Retreat office would not have permitted the account to get into arrears, but would have insisted upon payment in advance.

I am, however, authorised by the Committee to make a proposal for immediate settlement, viz. that if one half the balance owing when she left, and the expenses incurred in the transfer to Ireland, be paid within two months, viz. £36.5.8, this shall be accepted as a final payment.

On the other hand, the Committee feel strongly that if this proposal is not accepted they cannot allow the matter to rest.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. Williams

Aug. 21, 1912

Dear Friend,

I have your letter to Dr. Pierce, of July 26th, which was considered by the Committee yesterday. They recognize that they have no legal claim on you in this unfortunate matter, and that all your letters on which the Committee acted in accepting the patient in 1910 for two years at the reduction from £80 to £60 were entirely bona fide.

But, on the other hand, I hope you will see that, in view of your letter of Aug. 10, 1910, on behalf of her father, and of Joshua Wilson's letter of Sept. 13, 1910, stating his father's willingness to pay the £60 per annum for two years, the Committee may fairly ask your co-operation and interest in carrying through the agreement.

Our proposal of July 18, 1912, offering to halve our account up to the date of her removal by way of meeting them is much more favourable to Mr. Wilson than our fair claim of the full £60 per annum, and we hope that you will agree that this is reasonable.

If the circumstances of the family are now such that they are quite unable to carry out their promise of Sept. 1910, as now reduced by us to meet them, we cannot but think that the Overseers of their Monthly Meeting would be willing to provide the needed assistance when the facts are fully put before them. But this can be much better done by you with the suitable privacy as a confidante of the family and a well known member of the Monthly Meeting than by the Retreat Committee.

May I ask you to consider the matter on these lines and to write to Dr. Pierce in the course of a fortnight or so, as I am going from home tomorrow. He is abroad just now, but returns early in September.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. Williams

Our proposal of 18 July 1912, ~~proposing~~ offering to halve our claim up to the date of her removal is much more favourable to Mrs Wilson than ~~that~~ by way to meeting them our fair claim of £60 per ann. & we hope you will agree the full claim is v. reasonable

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May I ask you to consider the matter on these lines & to write me in the course of a week or so, as I am going from home tomorrow. He is abroad just now but returns early in Sept

20 Aug 12

Anne E Wilson ~~to~~ Ireland

Will WEW. acknowledge Mrs Williams letter of 26 July saying it will be attended to on Dr P's return from his holiday —

Comte has discussed above & leaves it to Dr P & R J to correspond further with Mr Williams ~~on their return~~

Suggested letter to Mr & W.

I have yrs 26 July to Dr P. wh. was considered by the Comte ~~in Aug~~ yesterday. They recognize that they have no legal claim on you in this unfortunately matter & that ~~all yr~~ ~~recent~~ all yr letters ~~were entirely bona fides~~ on wh the Comte acted in accepting the patient in 1910 for 2 years at the reduction from 80 to 60, were entirely bona fides. But, on the other hand, I hope you will see that, in view of yr letter of 10 Aug (on behalf of her Father) 1910, ~~with~~ & Joshua W's of 13th Sept 1910 ~~promising to~~ stating ~~his~~ Father's willingness to pay the 60 per ann for 2 years, ~~we are~~ the Comte may fairly ask for yr cooperation & interest in carrying thro' the agreement

~~£ s d~~ ~~£ s d~~ ~~£ s d~~

~~8 11 2~~ ~~6 11 2~~ ~~7 11 6~~

~~871~~ ~~671~~

NL

meeting to help –
& I don't think the
County Asylum
will be suitable.
I know of no other
where she could go.
There has been
poor trade here, &
unsettlement short
time &c – which
quickly affects the

1912

14th August

Dear Dr. Pearce

I have been
away from home
since my last
letter to Annie
Wilson, but I
corresponded with
Blumfield – &

The Counter is willing to take her for £60 excluding clothing. This would be little advantage & the father asks me if you would be so <u>very</u> kind as to keep her, for 2 years, say, at £60, & then if business improves he will pay the £80 again or remove her. He does not like to ask the Mis-

perhaps £100 -
The money will
have to go into
Chancery - I
presume - He
wants change his
will - I wanted him
to give all to the
son - subject to a
yearly allowance for
her - but kind
regards

Sincerely yours
S. Beckett Williams

The Woodhouse,
Bessbrook, Co. Armagh.

steps - & the father
is growing old &
less capable -
He is most careful
& proper in his
life & this son
is an overseer
of our mills -
They are friends

worthy of help -
& the £80 means
much to them
for the years they
have paid in.
Perhaps the
Courts could
do this for them

The father may not
live so long: then the
business will be
sold & all be
has divided between
the son & daughter.
In which case
I think Annie can
pay the £80 on

can take the
ordinary course
of letting me know
plainly.
As to John Wilson
I can do nothing
In his mental state
no one can in-
fluence him — &
there nothing to be sug-
gest — Believe me
yours sincerely
S. E. Williams

1912 26th July

Dear Dr. Pierce

I sent the letter I received on the 20th to the Wilsons & it has not been returned to me — & I don't remember by whom it was

signed, so I send this to you—

I remember very well writing the letter, the copy of which was sent me— I wrote of course, what I fully believed at the time, but it has proved that I was mistaken— I am very sorry to have unintentionally misled the Courts

If the Courts has any legal claim against me, it

A.E.Wilson: Extracts from Correspondence.

July 20, 1910

Dear Mrs. Williams,

Your letter came in time for t e Committee which met yesterday, and I was requested to ask you whether there was any special reason why Miss Wilson should not be transferred to Bloomfield as you suggested.

You will be aware that the terms now paid are considerably under the average cost of maintenance; and though the Committee do not wish to decline to reduce the payments further, seeing the patient is a member of the Society of Friends, it was asked whether it would not really be better that this patient should be removed to Ireland to be near her friends, so that she could be more easily visited. We have, moreover, a very heavy claim for the maintenance of English Friends in reduced circumstances, and t e Committee hesitate to reduce the terms further in the present case, which has not the same claim on us.

On the other hand if there is sufficient reason why this patient should not go to Bloomfield, the Committee would be willing to consider the matter again. I may add that the case is not at all a promising one.

. . . . . B.P.

14th August

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have been away from home since my last letter about Annie Wilson, but I corresponded with Bloomfield, and the Committee is willing to take her for £60 excluding clothing. This would be little advantage, and the father asks me if you would be so very kind as to keep her for two years, say at £60, and then, if business improves he will pay the £80 again or remove her. He does not like to ask his meeting to help, and I don't think the County Asylum will be suitable. I know of no other where she could go.

There has been poor trade here, and unsettlement, short time etc. which quickly affects the shops, and the father is growing old and less capable. He is most careful and proper in his life and his son is an overseer of our meeting. They are Friends worthy of help, and the £80 means much to them for the years they have paid it. Perhaps the Committee would do this for them. The father may not live as long; then the business will be sold, and all he has divided between the son and daughter. In which case I think Annie can pay the £80 or perhaps £100. Her money will have to go into Chancery, I presume. He won't change his will. I wanted him to give all to the son, subject to a yearly allowance for her.

7th September, 1910

Dear Mrs. Williams,

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, the question of the terms for Annie E.Wilson was considered, and it was decided to reduce them to £60 per annum, to include washing, but not to include other out of pocket expenses. It was agreed to accept this rate for two years, if it should be necessary, and to leave the matter open for further consideration after that date. The reduction in terms is to date from the 1st July.

Yours faithfully,
H.C.H., Asst . Sec.

Bossbrook,
9mo. 13, 1910

Dear Mrs. Williams,

My father is willing to pay for Annie in York at rates as quoted in their letter to you. Thanks for taking so much trouble in the matter.

Faithfully yours,
Joshua Wilson

Encl.

July 18, 1912

Dear Friend,

The Committee of the Retreat requests me to write to you respecting the balance of account, £36.4.9, owing on account of Annie E.Wilson.

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I am, however, authorised by the Committee to make a proposal for immediate settlement, namely that if one half the balance owing when she left, plus the expenses incurred in the removal to Ireland, be paid within two months, in all £36.5.8, this will be accepted as a final payment by way of meeting the difficulty, and they much hope that this will enable you to make some suitable arrangement with the patient's friends or with the Monthly Meeting to which she belongs.

On the other hand, the Committee feel strongly that if this proposal is not accepted they will be compelled, in justice to the Retreat, to take up the matter in some other way.

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Yours very truly,

+ they much hope that this may enable you to make some suitable arrangement with the patient's friends or with the M. M. to wh she belongs

Mrs. Williams

23rd June 1912

The Woodhouse,
Bessbrook,
Ireland.

Dear Mr Pierce

I quite understand what the Comte feels - but on the other hand John Wilson told me he had paid £1200, & that must have more than covered his actual keep - I suppose - not that that is a proper reason for default of payment -

If the Comte wishes to follow it up - I suggest that the Secty - gets into communication ~~&~~ with Edwin Harris. Solicitor Henry - He is a friend - & the Wilsons did speak to him abt. your correspondence - so he understands the situation - & perhaps may get John Wilson to sign the cheque -

It would be a pity to bury it before the mtg – In a small village it could not be kept private, & the Wilsons have held a high character here – The old man's weakness of mind is the real difficulty – & his son feels the situation keenly – He is Prep – Mtg – Clerk!

There been away & do not know if Annie Wilson has been sent to Ireland or not –

N J. Wilson pays this £53 he must borrow it from the Bank –

Yours truly

S. Cox Williams

June 21, 1912

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I am sorry to trouble you again about the Wilson affair, but I am asked by the Committee to write to you to ask whetehr you can make any suggestion as to how we are to obtain the money owing to the Retreat on behalf of A.E.Wilson. You will remember that she was taken at a specially low rate, and the account has gradually got into arrears until £53.14.3 is now owing.

If you have not any other suggestion to make, would you kindly let me know the name and address of the Clerk to the Overseers of John Wilson's meeting. It does not seem fair that the Institution should lose so much money, although I know the circumstances are very peculiar.

Yours very truly,

Bessbrook #656

6 Mo 14 1912

Dear Friend,

Bedford Pierce N.H.

I am in receipt of yours of 12th inst with a/c enclosed. As I stated before my father has refused to pay same & I am powerless in the matter. Of course the attitude he is taking up cannot be defended. It now rests with you to take whatever steps you may think right.

Yours sincerely

Isaac Wilson

621

Rosebrook
Oct 05 1912

Dear Friend,

I am in receipt of letter from N. Kemp giving particulars as to my sister's crossing on Thursday night. I understand nurses will accompany patient & myself to Armagh & hand her over to to Asylum authorities. I will personally pay all expenses from Newry. If this is not acceded to please wire tomorrow

Bedford Place
York

Yours Sincerely
Rhea Wilson

617

Memorandum.

From Bessbrook

6 Mo 3 1912

To Bedford Park Md.
York

Dear Friend,

I received yours of Saturday date & hope you have already received my letter to you I have been seeing the Asylum authorities today at Armagh & arranged for my Sister's admission on doctor's & magistrates certificate - will you kindly let me know the symptoms of insanity developed as doctor would like to know so that he may have an opportunity of proving same at once & filling in certificate ours

without delay.

As stated in my letter I will accompany the nurses & patient from Newry to Armagh, on Friday morning a distance of about 18 miles. Hoping this is satisfactory

Yours truly,

Joshua Wilson

609

Besbrook

Jan 31 1912

N.K.

Dear Friend,

I have a letter from Alfred Miller Bloomfield saying that his committee is unable to receive my sister at present. I see no other course now but to send her to local District Asylum at Armagh. So kindly make arrangements for her removal via Greenore. I will meet the nurses at Newry & proceed to Armagh & see the matter through. Thursday or Friday next would

Kindly let me have particulars as to date &c of patients removal.

Yours Sincerely
John Wilson

Bedford Pierce MD
York

be most convenient for me if it would be the same for yourselves - I am sorry my father has changed his mind in regard to the arrears due - he told me when I took the matter up that payment of same would be made now he refuses to do so - It now rests with you to take whatever steps you may think right for the recovery of same. The matter has been a most painful one as you can well understand.

600

Telephone
15 Balls Bridge.

Bloomfield,
Donnybrook,
Dublin.

30. 5. 1912.

Dear Sir

Very much regret that my committee have been unable to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of fees &c by Miss Wilson's relatives & under the circumstances they are unable to receive Miss Wilson at present.

Regretting the delay in answering your letter. Yours faithfully

Alfred Miller.
Registrar

B. Pierce Esq M.D.

589

Telephone
15 Balls Bridge.

Bloomfield,
Donnybrook,
Dublin.

21. 5. 1912.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of Jours of 20th inst - re Miss Wilson - my Committee are in communication with Mr Williams as to the method of payment and as soon as this question is settled I shall be happy

to communicate with
you again

I am,
Faithfully,
Alfred Waller.
Registrar.

W. R. Waller Esq.

May 20 1912

Dear Sir

O'Pierce has asked me to write & say that we shall be glad to hear when Miss Wilson can be received at Bloomfield — We have been expecting to have a line from you the last few days. We trust to have the removal carried out as soon as possible

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Alfred Miller Esq

May 20 1912

Dear Friend

Joshua Wilson

O'Pierce wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter & to say that we have been expecting every day to hear that arrangements had been completed for the transfer of your sister to Bloomfield — We are very anxious that the removal that we made before the holiday break —

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Esq

Mai 26 1912

Mein Freund

Ihre Frau

Ihnen wird es bestimmt
in Erinnerung sein. Wenn Sie
es kaum erwarten — mag es
sein daß arrangements sind
Complett zu die Erinnerung Ihrer Stadt
Schwarzwald — Wenn sie mir antwort
daß Sie kommen daß wir werde sehr
die Schwarzwald Stadt sind —

Ihre Freundlichen
G. Schellen
Sec.

Mai 26 1912

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Ihre Freundlichen
G. Schellen
Sec.

Ihrer Frau ?

Bessbrook
Mo 18 1912

Dear Friend,

Will you kindly let me know if arrangements are being made by Bloomfield authorities for the transfer of my sister. I have written Alfred Miller ~~signed~~ two or three times & signed the usual form. the last letter stated that he was in communication with you. Will you please let me know by return how the matter stands

Bedford Pierce
York

Yours Sincerely
Joshua Corlett

523

Telephone
15 Balls Bridge.

Bloomfield,
Donnybrook,
Dublin.

10/5/1912.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that my Committee have agreed to receive Miss Annie Wilson as a Patient subject to suitable arrangements being made as to payment of maintenance. I shall be write you as soon as the arrangements are completed. I subscribe

Yours

could send Miss Wilson over to that there would be no difficulty in having her certified on arrival in Berlin

I am,
Yours faithfully,
Alfred Miller.
Registrar.

Bradford Pierce Esq. M.D.
York.

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Letter received postpone arrangements working Knight Joshua Wilson

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Unless arrangements in Bloomfield Cottage be made in time I think she should be sent home to Bessbrook

Newry, 3 May 1912

Re – Miss Diana Wilson

Dear Friend,

I am very much obliged for your letter in this matter & I am enclosing you copy letter I have received from Mrs. Williams. I want you first of all to understand that I am not at all acting in this matter in a professional capacity but merely trying to help Mr. Wilson & his son Joshua out of a painful & unpleasant business. I greatly fear that the father John Wilson has himself become mentally afflicted. At any rate, as to the point of his daughters incapacity, you will note also what Mrs. Williams writes to me setting out that the old man's money affairs are in a bad way, & also that she fears that the son's mind is not sufficiently strong to bear a great strain. I wrote a private letter to him yesterday telling him that it would be better for him not to go to York but to meet his sister in Dublin on Tuesday next. Of course there will then be difficulty as to who is to pay for her maintenance etc., at Bloomfield as I am sure the father will sign nothing & the son Joshua is not in a position to do anything, but if she could be sent to Bloomfield I am sure that in a short time the Bessbrook monthly meeting would do their share & would request the Dublin yearly meeting to do theirs.

Yours faithfully,
Edwin Harris

Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D.
The Retreat, York.

3.6.

BRIGHOUSE MONTHLY MEETING

OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Memorandum from the Clerk:

J. ELEANOR ATKINSON.

POSTAL ADDRESS ~~4 WOODSLEY TERRACE,~~
32 Springfield Mount. LEEDS.

Dear friend

I have asked our Treasurer, Mr Bernard T. Ford - to send on to you the first quarter's payment for Dorothy Willson - I do not know the exact date of her admission into the Retreat but you will let Mr Ford know that in acknowledging the money - I am not ready to sign the Form guaranteeing the 14/- a week, as we are not quite clear yet as to how much the family can manage. The Monthly Meeting is on the 9th January, when I will try to get the matter settled - I am sorry for the delay but did not even know she was away until about a month after she was with you.

Yours sincerely
J. Eleanor Atkinson

To Dr Bedford Pierce

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7 Marcus Square,

Newry, 30th April 1912.

Dear Madam,

Mr. Joshua Wilson a member of our Society called with me yesterday in reference to his sister Miss Annie Wilson at present a patient in your Retreat. He told me that he feared his father had great delusions in the matter and that his father still maintains that Annie Wilson his daughter was not mentally effected at all.

This morning I called on Mr. John Wilson her father and he showed me some correspondence that he had had in the mattter and after long conversation I persuaded him to allow his son Joshua Wilson to go to York and bring back to Dublin his sister Annie Wilson, of course in charge of a competent nurse, and to place her at any rate, temporarily in the Friends Asylum at Bloomfield, Dublin.

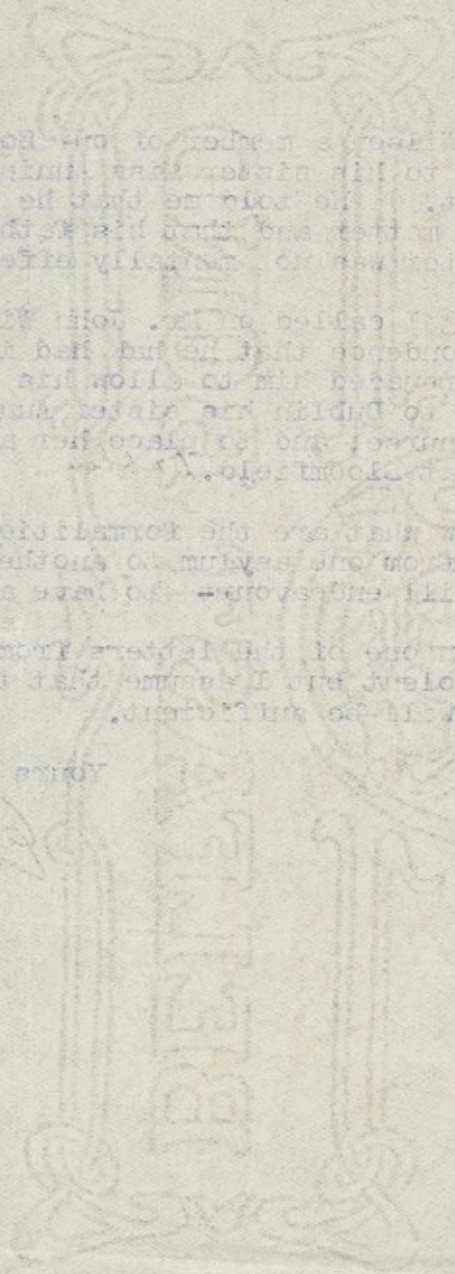
I dont know what are the formalities required for the exchange of one patient from one asylum to another, and if you would kindly let me know I will endeavour to have all carried out here.

I notice in one of the letters from the Retreat she is stated to be rather violent but I assume that the presence of her brother and the Nurse will be sufficient.

Yours faithfully,

Edwin Harris

Matron, Friends Retreat,
York.



28th April

Dear Dr Pierce – I duly recd your letter & copy of that to J. Wilson – & sent yours down to Joshua Wilson, & must now leave him to deal with it. If he will not reply for his father, or sign the needful application for Bloomfield – the

Law must take
its course — The only thing I
can suggest is that your
Secretary would be so kind
as to write to them once again
stating what that course
will be. I myself don't know.

2/449

they are wholly ignorant.
e.g. Will A. W. be deposited
~~with~~ at their door, or can
she be conveyed to the C—
Asylum in Armagh direct?
The brother is abt. 30 years
of age — the only relative she has

Would it be wise or am
abt. it please write to the
Mr. Jones

except his father -
He is to be felt for - as he has
never been allowed to take any
initiative & I believe he is
afraid to act - but if his father
is out of his mind - will the
Police Force limit to sign as the
Doctor here? I am leaving home
this week - so if you are kind

P.S. I would have replied before, but hoped Joshua Nelson would come & speak to me – ask it – I feel I can interfere no further – now –

THE WOODHOUSE, 414
ESSBROOK,
IRELAND.

18th April 1912

Thank you for your letter & enclosed copy — I think the course you suggest is the only one to adopt.

E. Guilliam

POST CARD.

Dr Bedford Pearce
The Retreat
York

Bessbrook 494

9mo 13. 1910

Dear Mrs Williams,

My father is willing to pay for Annie in York at rates as quoted in their letter to you. Thanks for taking so much trouble in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Joshua Wilson

encl

7th September, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Williams,

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, the question of the terms for Annie E. Wilson was considered, and it was decided to reduce them to £60 per annum, to include washing, but not to include clothing and other out of pocket expenses. It was agreed to accept this rate for two years, if it should be necessary, and to leave the matter open for further consideration after that date. The reduction in terms isito date from the 1st July.

Yours faithfully,

Asst. Secretary.

July 20, 1910

Dear Mrs. Williams,

Your letter came in time for the Committee which met yesterday, and I was requested to ask you whether there was any special reason why Miss Wilson should not be transferred to Bloomfield as you suggested.

You will be aware that the terms now paid are considerable under the average cost of maintenance; and though the Committee do not wish to decline to reduce the payments further, seeing the patient is a member of the Society of Friends, it was asked whether it would not really be better that this patient should be removed to Ireland to be near her friends so that she could be more easily visited.. We have moreover a very heavy claim for the maintenance of English Friends in reduced circumstances, and the Committee hesitate to reduce the terms further in the present case, which has not the same claim upon us.

On the other hand if there is sufficient reason why this patient should not go to Bloomfield, the Committee would be willing to consider the matter again. I may add that the case is not at all a promising one .

We are interested in hearing particulars of Miss Richardson, and I am very sorry she is not less distressed in mind. I was hoping that as time went on, even if she

might not recover, the intensity of her trouble would lessen. The next meeting of the Committee will not be until August so there is no immediate hurry for reply.

Yours very truly,

Annie E Wilson

July 17 1912

Dr. to The Retreat, York.

The Rules of the Institution require that each Quarter be paid IN ADVANCE.

Overdue Accounts will be charged with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

It is particularly requested that a printed receipt, on the Official receipt form of the Institution, be obtained for each remittance

		£	s.	d.
To Disbursements to June 30 1911	14.5			
" One Quarter's Board to Sept 30 "	15.0.0			
" Disbursements "	1.2.10			
" One Quarter's Board to Dec 31 "	15.0.0			
" Disbts "	6.4			
" One Quarter's Board Mar 31. 1912	15.0.0			
" Disbts	1.5.0			
" Board to June 7	11.4.6			
" Disbts "	5.0 £			
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	29.19.0			
Expenses to Ireland	6.6.8			
	£ 36.5.8			

Cheques should be made payable to "BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., or order," and crossed "London Joint Stock Bank, F.R. Account."

Annie E Wilson

July 17

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7 Marcus Square,

Newry, 28 June 1912

Re - Miss A. Wilson.

Dear Sir,

Yours received herein to day. I fear I can give you very little assistance. As a matter of fact John Wilson father of Annie Wilson has latterly become very queer. In any case I doubt if he is worth following up legally for this money. I understand he is over drawn at his Bankers & they of course would hold any security of his. He has got into his head that his daughter was improperly taken away from him, what he calls "kidnapping". His son Joshua would be only too glad to have this debt paid but the poor boy is powerless in the matter, & merely acts as shop assistant to his father. If you write Mrs. Williams of Bessbrook I think she will corroborate what I have stated.

Yours faithfully
Edwin Harris

Bedford Pierce Esq.
Retreat. York

June 26, 1912

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I am writing to Mr. Harris as you suggest, and will report the matter to the Committee at their next meeting. No doubt, during the 16 years Miss Wilson was with us the aggregate of payments on her account has been considerable and may have reached the sum mentioned, but it must not be forgotten that the average cost of maintenance at the Retreat is about double what Mr. Wilson paid, and from the point of view of the Committee it may be said that he has received charitable assistance upwards of £1000.

However, it is not really a matter of £.s.d. I feel sure our Committee would want to do the right thing under the painful circumstances.

Yours very truly,

June 26, 1912

Dear Sir,

I write to you at the suggestion of the Retreat Committee to ask whether anything can be done to obtain the balance of £65.19.9 due to the Retreat on behalf of A.E.Wilson. I may remind you that Miss Wilson has been maintained at about half the cost of maintenance all these years, and being an Irish Friend she has no real claim upon the charitable resources of the Institution; and the Committee expect that this sum shall be paid.

Can you offer any suggestion as to what ought to be done?

Yours very truly,

Edwin Harris Esq.

June 12 1912

Dear Sir,

Send me a statement of amount owing in Connection with your sister Miss Wilson. We are aware of the difficulties in this case but as our Committee meets at the beginning of next week I must ask you to let me know what you propose doing so that it may be considered by the Committee. Yours faithfully

Wm E Waller
Secy

Miss Wilson Esq.

June 13 1912

Dear Sir,

Enclosed a statement of account going to Committee but you basis thus believe. We are aware of the difficulties in this case but as our Committee have at the beginning of most work found such up but was from that up higher during so that it may be considered of the Committee. Yours faithfully

E. Mitchell Secy

Robert Wilson Esq.

June 4 1912

Dear Sir,

Dr. Pierce has asked me to let you know that Miss Wilson, accompanied by two nurses, will leave York on Thursday night, June 6th.

They leave York 9.35 P.M.
arrive Greenville 6.55 a.m.
Leave " 7.20
arrive Henry 7.50

I remain
Yours truly,
M. Kemp

June 4. 1912

Dear Sir,

We have the honor
to let you know that
this video, accompanied by
two numbers, will leave Paris
on Thursday night, June 6th.
They leave Paris 9.35 p.m.
arrive Brussels 6.35 a.m.
Leave " 7.20 "
arrive Ostend 7.30 "

I remain
Yours truly
M. Ferry.

June 1, 1912

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have at last heard definitely from the authorities at Bloomfield that they will not take Miss Wilson, and I have therefore no alternative but to send her back to Bessbrook.

I propose that she should travel of Thursday night via Holyhead and Greenore, accompanied by two nurses. I should be o liged if you would arrange before this with the Poor Law authorities for the reception of Miss Wilson into an institution for the insane, as she is certainly not fit for family life.

Yours very truly,

June 1, 1912

A.E.Wilson

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your letter, and regret you cannot take Miss Wilson. Seein the way we have been treated in the matter, I think your Committee is acting wisely in insisting on a proper guarantee for payments.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Miller Esq.

May 4 1912

Dear Friend
Joshua Wilson

Dr Pierce wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May that the Retreat Committee gave definite instructions that Mrs Wilson should be removed by last Tuesday — As however the circumstances are somewhat peculiar Dr Pierce thinks they would be willing to consider a delay of a day or two but the removal must be made within a few days

Nov 4 1912

Dear Frank

Yours truly

O'Donnell Irish has telegraphed
to request your help. They
feel the Federal Committee have
definite instructions that this letter
should be issued by next Tuesday -
I know the Government are
somewhat hesitant. O'Donnell's
they would be holding Convention a
day or two after that the letter
must be made public. Yours truly

BESSBROOK,
CO. ARMAGH.

3/5/12

Dear Friend,

I received your letter & my father wants me to arrange for my sister's removal to Bloomfield so will you please defer sending her across until the necessary arrangements are made which I hope to have completed within a week. I am writing Bloomfield authorities in the matter

& when I have their reply
I will write definitely.
The arrears for maintenance
will be paid & on receipt
of a/c when she leaves you
a cheque will be sent.

Yours sincerely.
Johnston Wilson

Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

May 2, 1912

Dear Friend,

We are very glad to hear that Friends are taking up the case of Annie E. Wilson. Only last night I wrote finally to John Wilson and to Joshua Wilson separately, saying that A.E.Wilson would be sent over to Ireland and that two nurses should leave her at her father's house. I had previously heard from Henry B.Pim, one of the Committee of Bloomfield that they would not receive her there unless a relative took the necessary steps with respect to certificates and the Monthly Meeting guaranteed the necessary payments.

In view of your letter to the Matron, provided arrangements can be made with Bloomfield in time, I would suggest that the nurses take the patient to Dublin and that Joshua Wilson meets them there and carries the matter through. The nurses will, of course, give him any assistance they can. May I have a letter or wire saying whether this alteration in the proposal is approved? If I do not hear, my instructions from the Retreat Committee are that the patient must be returned to her father's house.

I need hardly say that the whole situation is a very unpleasant one, and I have never before had a case where the relatives of the patient declined to take any steps whatever in respect to patients under care. Yours very truly,

E.Harris Esq.

1. May 1912.

Dear Friends

You did not reply to my recent letter so I write once again to say that our daughter, Annie Wilson, will come to the Retreat on Tuesday next by the train to Greenore by the 9.15 boat accompanied by two nurses. In default of other instructions the nurses will take her to your home & leave her in your care.

They will at the same time inform the poor law authorities or the police whichever may seem best that they have left Annie Wilson a person of unsound mind with you so that in case you do not provide proper care for her she may not be neglected.

With regard to the nurse, that is owing to the Retreat for her maintenance, the nurses will personally apply for payment & will bring an account with them. If this is not paid I shall have no other course but to report to the Committee of the Retreat that you have refused payment.

I am sorry to have to write in this way to a member of your church, but as you will not reply to letters I have no other course.

I remain
Yours sincerely
Beaufort Deane

John Wilson
Bessbrook - Co Armagh.

1. Jany 1912.

Dear Sir,

You did not reply to my recent letter so I will now express it as my that my daughter, Annie E. Wilson, will have the Interest in Wexford and ~~any~~ right about accompanied by two women. The defrayal of other instructions. The women will take her to your care. I have her in your care.

They will at the same time inform the Poor Law authorities in the Parishes whatever they may hear that this have left Annie Wilson a person of unsound mind with you or that in case you cannot provide proper care for her she may not be rejected.

Visit report to the owners that is coming to the Ireland via Queenstown, the nurses will personally explain the payment would bring an account with them. If this is not paid I shall have no other course but to report to the Commissioners of the Ireland that you have refused payment.

I am sorry to have to write in this way to a member of Parish but as you will not reply to letter I have another course I remain

Yours sincerely

Stanhilden

Boardmaster - C Connell.

Stanfield House

1 May. 1812.

Dear Sir,

I understand you are the agent of Samuel E Wilson and as your father will not take up the matter I wrote to you to say that your Doctor will be sent over to Ireland on Thursday next.

I enclose a copy of a letter I some weeks ago to your father

I remain
Yours sincerely
Bedford Duke

Joshua Wilson
Doobrook
Co. Armagh

1 Nov. 1912.

Dear Sir,

I understand you are the
Secretary of Francis William Austen
your father will not take up the
Bentley. I write to you to say
that your letter will be sent on
to Richmond on Monday next.

I enclose a copy of a letter
I am writing to my father

I remain
Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Austen

Richard Austen
Secretary
C. Council

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THE RETREAT
YORK.

1 May 1912

Dear Friend,

You did not reply to my recent letter so I write once again to say that your daughter, Annie E Wilson, will leave the Retreat on Tuesday next, May 7th. Crossing to Greenore by the night boat accompanied by two nurses. In default of other instructions the nurses will take her to your house & leave her in your care.

They will at the same time inform the poor law authorities or the police whichever may seem best that they have left Annie Wilson, a person of unsound mind, with you so that in case you do not provide proper care for her she may not be neglected.

With regard to the money that is owing to the Retreat for her maintenance, the nurses will personally apply for payment & will bring an account with them. If this is not paid I shall have no other course but to report to the Committee of the Retreat that you have refused payment.

I am sorry to have to write in this way to a member of our Society but as you will not ~~answer~~ reply to letters I have no other course –

Remain
Yours Sincerely Bedford Pierce

Mrs Wilson
Bessbrooke, Co Armagh

April 25, 1912

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I am sorry to trouble you again, but as the time is now approaching when I shall be obliged to send Miss Wilson to Ireland, I should be glad to know whether she is to go to Bessbrook, or whether arrangements can be made for her to go to Dublin. I have received a letter from Henry B.Pim, concluding as follows:- " . . as regards our position in the matter, Bloomfield will <u>not</u> take Miss Wilson unless the necessary papers applying for her admission are signed by some <u>responsible</u> person on her behalf and that <u>payment</u> is <u>guaranteed</u> to them by her Meeting".

The time proposed for her to cross is the night of May 7th. Perhaps in the mean-time you will be able to communicate with local Friends to ascertain whether they are willing to take the matter up. I would write to the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting direct, but do not know his name.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Re. Miss Wilson.

3, RAGLAN ROAD,

DUBLIN.

24. 4. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I waited to answer your letter until after our Committee met last Evening - I am afraid I can add nothing to my last letter, except that I believe Friends in Lurgan are taking up the Case with a view to something being done, but when I know something more definite I shall

let you know - of course as regards our position in the matter. Bloomfield will not take Miss Wilson unless the necessary papers applying for her admission are signed by some responsible person on her behalf and that payment is guaranteed to them by her Mother -

Yours sincerely

Henry B. Fiske

April 16, 1912

Dear Friend,

Your letter of March 23rd was read to the Committee today, and I am requested to write to you to say that they are not prepared to undertake the care of your daughter, Annie E. Wilson, beyond three weeks from the present date, and I am to request you to make arrangements for her proper care in Ireland. She is decidedly of unsound mind, impulsive, and sometimes violent, and quite unable to look after herself. She is unfit for private care, and must be placed in an institution for the care of insane persons. I believe the authorities at Bloomfield are prepared to accept her if some one will make the necessary application.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Wilson Esq.

April 16, 1912

Dear Mrs. Williams,

I have had the enclosed letter from Mr. Wilson, and it is quite clear that he cannot be relied upon to do anything.

I have to-day formally written to say that the Committee direct that Annie E.Wilson must be removed within three weeks from the present time.

I have also heard from Henry Pim that the Bloomfield Committee would probably receive the patient there if application be made by a relative or some other person on her behalf. Could not Mr. Wilson Jun. undertake this duty?

If nothing is done it will be my duty to send her over with nurses and deposit her in the care of the Poor Law authorities, which of course we hope never will happen.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Private.

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3, RAGLAN ROAD,

DUBLIN.

March 27. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce. Please excuse the delay in replying to your letter of 21st inst. re. Annie Wilson, but it went to my father's house & it slipped his memory, also I waited to answer it until after the meeting of the Bloomfield Committee last evening. This case is rather a peculiar one, as the poor father owing to monetary losses, appears to have

become more or less mentally weak himself. Bloomfield Committee are prepared to consider the case, as soon as the necessary application is made by some responsible person on her behalf, but of course we cannot move in the matter until the necessary papers are in order. I understand that Friends in the North of Ireland are making a move in the matter. In any case things are too unsettled at present to make any immediate change. If Bloomfield decide eventually to take her we can no doubt arrange mutually for her transfer at some suitable time.

If I can facilitate you further in any way later please write me again.

With kind regards to Mrs. Price yourself & family

I am

Yrs. Sincerely

Henry B. Price

COPY

From

JOHN WILSON,

BESSBROOK

3 Mo. 23, 1912

To Bedford Pierce Esq.,

York

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 21st I beg to state my daughter was sent to Bloomfield 14 or 15y years ago by a conspiracy not then known to me and after a short time there I had a letter from the Matron of that Institution saying that she was not insane and sent her home saying that if the Lord Chancellor came to know he would put them into damages. After a short stay at home the same conspirators got into league with you and your institution where she was taken and remained ever since at a great cost. I am now thinking of giving the whole matter into the Lord Chancellor's hands and claiming substantial damages.

Yours truly,

JOHN WILSON

April 16, 1912

Dear Henry Pim,

Your letter and one from John Wilson were submitted to the Committee to-day, and I have been instructed to see that Annie M.Wilson is transferred to Ireland within three weeks from the present date. It is quite clear that John Wilson will do nothing; but will not the Overseers in his Meeting take the matter up?

I am sorry to trouble you in this way, but, as you say, the circumstances are exceptional The Committee felt there was no alternative but to take a decided step and direct the patient's removal.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Memorandum.

From Phil Wilson
Bessbrook

600—11-9-07.

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Yours truly
John Wilson

Annie E.Wilson

March 21, 1912

Dear Henry Pim,

This patient has been at the Retreat since 1896, latterly at the rate of £60 a year. For the past six months or thereabouts her father, John Wilson, has paid nothing for her maintenance and has declined to answer all letters.

I am instructed by the Retreat Committee to send the patient to Ireland, and I enclose a copy of my last letter to him.

Mrs. Williams of Moyallen House is familiar with the circumstances of the case, and I gather that the patient is rightly chargeable to Friends for her maintenance if her father is unable to pay for her.

If your Committee should decide to accept the patient we will of course willingly arrange the transfer at a time that will be convenient to you. In any case it does not seem prudent to send a patient so far in the present unsettled state of affairs.

With kind regards from my wife and myself, and all good wishes,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

March 31, 1912

Dear Friend,

I have received no reply to my letter of March 1st, and, as stated therein, I reported the circumstances respecting your daughter, Annie E.Wilson, to the Retreat Committee. I am instructed by them, as soon as the railway service reaches its normal condition, to arrange for your daughter's removal to Ireland. In the mean-time I should be glad to hear from you whether she is to be taken to your home at Bessbrook and left with you, or whether she is to be sent to Bloomfield, Dublin. In the latter case some relative should meet her at Dublin and take the necessary steps for her admission at Bloomfield.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Wilson Esq.

March 1, 1912

Dear Friend,

For more than six months no payments have been made for Annie E.Wilson at the Retreat, although the reduction of terms to £60 per annum was made by the Committee conditional upon the payments being made in advance. The account is getting seriously into arrear, as the last payment only covers what was owing up to June 30th last.

I am requested by the Treasurer to write to say that the present condition of affairs cannot be allowed to continue, and to explain that the account sent in for £47.3.7 must be paid before the 16th inst or the matter will be reported to the Committee.

Unless some satisfactory arrangement be made for the future the best course will be for the Committee to discharge A.E.Wilson from the Retreat. Seeing that she is altogether unfit to be at large and quite unable to be trusted, it would then be our duty to send her to Ireland under the care of nurses, and what would happen there would depend upon the arrangements made by you or other relatives.

She is, I understand, eligible for admission at Bloomfield, and if the authorities there can take her she could be re-certified on her arrival in Dublin. Failing this the only alternative seems to be that she should be handed over to the Poor Law authorities of the district in which you live, which I hope will never be necessary.

I write very plainly because it seems necessary that you should understand that the matter is urgent.

Yours very truly,

John Wilson Esq.

1/3/12

1 Copy for Mrs. Williams

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THE WOODHOUSE,
BES[illegible]ROOK,
IRELAND.

Feb. 26th 1912

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I quite agree to your proposed plan of action – It wd. be well to save all expense possible in the transfer. It is well that Bloomfield is willing to receive her!

Yr. loving father

S.S.

POST CARD.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

16th July -

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am entirely puzzled abt the Wilson affair - The Bloomfield Courtes will take Annie, but the old Father flatly refuses to sign the transfer Form - or to pay any more money for her anywhere - She was "smuggled over to England" against his wish - "is perfectly well" he says - The son abt 35 - cannot sign any cheques, & hesitates to sign the Form, so there it rests - The old man is, no doubt, feeble in mind - but very

determined. I don't know if such a case has come before you, or what you can do – There is no doubt also, that if the business is carried on much longer the way it is – there will be no money – but in that case, at Bloomfield the Y. Mtg – & Mo. Mtg – take the matter up –

I am sending this via Bloomfield – just to explain – The son suggested your sending a strong letter to the father which might bring a crisis of some sort.

Yours truly

S. S. Williams

Feb. 24, 1912

Dear Mrs. Williams,

The Wilson affair is certainly difficult, and I should think the proper course is for the Retreat Committee to discharge the patient and send her to Ireland with nurses. On arrival in Ireland she would be re-certified and sent to Bloomfield, and the brother should see her and see the matter through. I think Irish Friends would no doubt be able to make arrangements with Bloomfield for payment

As regards the arrears at the Retreat, we should have to put pressure on Mr. Wilson in the best way we could. This is the course which I propose to recommend to the Committee, but before doing so I thought I would like to consult you as to what you think. If this step is taken I would send a very plain letter to Mr. Wilson and send copies of it to yourself and to the Bloomfield Committee, so that the exact position of affairs should be plainly ynderstood. Perhaps it would be well to fix the date for departure at the end of next month. This will be the end of a quarter and will give a little time to make arrangements.

You will understand that we do not at all wish to act in an arbitrary manner, but it is clearly a case in which the matter must be firmly dealt with. I am very sorry to trouble you in this way.

Yours very truly,

24 Jan.1912.

Dear Friend,

We are sorry to trouble you but the account for Annie Wilson has again got into arrears. I will enclose a statement made up to date so that you may see how matters stand. When the Committee reduced the terms to £60 a year from July 1910, it was understood that in accordance with our rule the accounts should be paid in advance.

We should be much obliged if you would advise us as to what will be the best course to pursue,

Yours truly,

GEW.

Mrs.Williams.

Feb.1 1912

Dear Friend,

Mrs Williams

Dr Pierce has now seen your letter re A.E.Wulson and wishes me to say that he thinks that probably the best course under the circumstances would be for Miss Wilson to return to Ireland with a Nurse who could then hand her over to the proper authorities at the County Asylum.

Miss Wilson could not be transferred to an asylum in England as her place of settlement is in Ireland.

If this plan is adopted we should be much obliged if you would kindly assist us in making the necessary arrangements.

Yours truly,

The Woodhouse,
Bessbrook, Co. Armagh.

17th July

Dear Mr. Pearce

Annie Wilson's father has consulted me & asked me to do the necessary correspondence –

He is very old & feeble & the business is not so prosperous

you for a reply –

My sister is just the same – She lost weight first so now abt. as she left York – We see her every few months – with kindest regards

Yours truly

Sarah Gillman

(a grocery) the
says he cannot
continue to pay
£80 a year -
Would you Comm
reduce it to £60
or shall I arrange
for her to be brought
over to Bloomfield?
that is their
minimum fee
for Friends, &
I think that
aunt would be
possible for the
present - I am
sorry to trouble

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK Nº 112. LEEDS Nº 391X.

THE RETREAT
YORK.

7th September, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Williams,

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, the question of the terms for Annie E. Wilson was considered, and it was decided to reduce them to £60 per annum, to include washing, but not to include clothing and other out of pocket expenses. It was agreed to accept this rate for two years, if it should be necessary, and to leave the matter open for further consideration after that date. The reduction in terms is to date from the 1st July.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. Hunt

Asst. Secretary.

Please tell me if this is satisfactory & will write in reply -

G. Lee

if the debt to the Bank increases — he cannot pay the fees —
I wonder what you wd. advise —
Bloomfield wd be no cheaper — but where the fees cannot be paid the Ins. Mtg. & Yearly Mtg — are bound to make

THE WOODHOUSE,
BESSBROOK, CO. ARMAGH

26th January —

Dear Walter
I went to see the Wilsons & find the affair rather complicated —
I think the old man is "doting" — she refuses to sign the cheque —
They seem to be in difficulties, owing

money in the Bank
sparing large
interest on it -
against abt -
£2000 securities -
the bar dwelt on to you
this evidently.
has persuaded
himself that
his daughter should
come home &
"earn her living"
that she is "not
insane" &c &c -
I am sure this
money will be paid
but the case is
full of difficulties
for the future -
The grocery business
is not prospering

Is she ~~confid~~ certified? would there be much expense in transferring her?

I am sorry to give you trouble about it.

Yours sincerely

J. R. Williams

up £50 for a Friend patient — another alternative is to bring her home to the Co. Asylum in Armagh — or could you transfer her to a Co. Asylum in York?

I had no idea of these money troubles – I am glad you wrote.

They are respectable, honest people + if the old man were not getting so feeble in mind – he would have faced it all before –

The worst – write, he says – or pay!

I would be very glad if you would consider the whole question + advise in the matter –

Sept. 28, 1908

Dear Madam,

I have your enquiry respecting Miss Annie Wilson, but you do not say what relation you are to her or why you are writing for particulars.

It is not customary for us to give details of a case except at the request of a patient's relatives, though we are, of course, always glad to give information when all is in order.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. M. Purdy

Bessbrook 844
11 Mo 2 08

DP. away
due write on
return

Bedford Pierce M.D.
York.

Dear Friend,

As my means are not so good as formerly, I have thought of placing Annie with a distant relative - a farmer near Moy Co. Tyrone - kindly say would she be able to dress & undress herself & not give much trouble also anything else you

would like to communicate
I would feel obliged for.

Yours sincerely

John Wilson

adress

Mrs Purdy
Killyman
Moy
Co Tyrone
Ireland

Killyman 7th
Sep. 26. 08.

Dear Sir

Would you kindly let me know how Annie Wilson is affected or if she is troublesome in any way.

Please send me all particulars about her

I enclose postage stamp for reply

Truly yours
M Purdy

Fredrick St
Bessbrook
12/11/01

W. E. Walker Esq
York.

Dear Friend,

Your letter of the 7th inst. to hand & contents noted. In reference to any change in my financial standing there has been no improvement for the last ten or fifteen years with a fluctuating adverse balance in my bank a/c of £900 to £1000. – pretty high interest to pay on same & with all other household expenses I have had to keep very close to business to

make ends meet & have denied myself a holiday since the year 1886, in my younger days I had fondly hoped I would have been able to live with less worry & more ease at my present age, but it does not seem very likely However I would like to do all I could towards the additional outlay of the Institution & will pay £5 per annum more trusting this may meet the views of your committee.

I remain
Very sincerely yours
John Wilson

1911

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 Annie Elizabeth Wilson of Bessbrook Co. Armagh, 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 30th day of September 1896

Name John Wilson

Residence Bessbrook Co Armagh

Occupation Grocer

SIGNED by the said John Wilson

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Samuel Everard Woods

Address, and 1 - Belle Vue Terrace York

Profession. Secretary

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.