Insane, I asked for a report from Dr. Beemer, superintendent of that institution, upon her present condition. In an eminently satisfactory report, shewing that his examination has been most thorough, Dr. Beemer states that there is no reason to doubt Mrs. Argles's present sanity and her fitness from a medical point of view to be intrusted with the care of her child.

Upon the material now before me I am entirely satisfied that the care and custody of her daughter may with perfect safety be committed to the petitioner. I am equally satisfied that the father is not a suitable person to intrust with the responsibility of caring for and supervising the education of this young girl. His past conduct warrants this conclusion. His present mode of life—without a home of his own, a mere lodger in a boarding house—renders it inevitable. The age and sex of the child but confirm it.

The child will now be delivered to the petitioner. An order will issue that she shall have its custody during minority, subject to further order. Provision may be made that the father shall have access to the child and an opportunity of seeing it at the home of the mother on such day and at such time as may suit her convenience for two hours once in each week. The material now before the Court is insufficient to enable me to pronounce any order providing for payments by the father for the maintenance of the child. Leave will, however, be reserved to the petitioner to apply at any time for such an order.

The respondent must pay the petitioner's costs of this application, including Dr. Beemer's fee for examination and report made pursuant to my direction.

In the interests of the child I direct that the material filed in connection with this application—which I declined to hear in camera—be now sealed up by the Clerk in Chambers and forwarded to the central office, to be there retained under seal unless required for use on an appeal from my order, or for future use in other proceedings before the Court.