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Infirmity - Shrewsbury
July 26th 1856

My dear Sir

I was intending myself
the pleasure of writing to you
when I received your kind letter
this morn^g - which was forwarded
to me from Tregagan, which
place I left on Wednesday,
and I now write to say that
I purpose leaving this on
Friday Morn^g - the first of
August for Liverpool, to meet
the train which leaves that
place at forty minutes past
Three and arriving at York

at Thirty Minutes past Eight
believing this to be the
best route I can adopt
and Thanking you for
your letter

I am

yours very truly
Jane Pitt



Summer House

Escapes

Rules

Parities

Motion

Zealous

Strology

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Cathy Williams

I ^{subject} The consideration of the arrangements for providing a succession to Maria Whittier has been again before the committee. The ~~last meeting of directors having left the arrangements in this matter to the committee~~ It is agreed to propose to the next Quarterly Meeting of Directors that Eliza Kellogg the wife of our Medical Superintendent be appointed Matron to the Retreat and that an assistant matron be also provided.

II After much consideration as to the best mode of ~~supplying~~ providing for the efficient & persistent care, the social and domestic care of the female patients especially (a)

IV for an assistant matron In reply to advertisements in the Friend ³⁷ applications have been rec^d from members of the Society of Friends that appeared eligible to the committee. A correspondence has ^{thereupon} taken place with ~~one~~ is consequence of an application from Jane Pini. One of the Directors ~~and~~ as well as ^{of also} our Medical Dep^t have ~~had~~ ^{had} interviews with Jane Pini and it is agreed, subject to the approval of this arrangement by the D^{ist} Directors that Jane Pini ^{as assistant} should enter upon trial for 6 months on the first of ~~the~~ next ensuing — John K is requested to correspond with Jane Pini in accordance with the terms of this minute —

~~The first of the year~~

~~of the year 1800~~

~~was a very dry one~~

~~and the crops were~~

~~very poor~~

~~the weather was~~

~~very hot~~

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~~very poor~~

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Mr. Wendell
Waltham
Lincoln
Dec 17th 1866

My dear Mrs. Pease,

It is long now
since we met - but I do
not forget you - nor the
pleasing interviews we
occasionally have had
in the Secue - at Mr.
Webster's - I trust you are
enabled to look to "Jesus"
who is the Friend of sinners
and the "Brother" born for
"necessity" - for in every
affliction of the suffer-
ing - through deceit child
of God - he is afflicted
and ever watching
over their true comfort

eternal rest. —
Will you accept the
enclosed little prayer
book and with every
Christian love and
best wishes - putting
it into your little Bible
I have seen you with
in your heart accu-
sation, and crying
it - as intended - in
your "daily" reading
of that sacred volume
there is nothing which
can heal our souls
or soothe our griefs
except - but the Great
and Good "physician"
He cures one other.

wise and sacred path.
with the "Lamp of His
Love" - Let us then read
His blessed Word - and
trust to His redeeming
wisdom and mercy
to do all things well.
For His sheep - "For of
His vineyard - "He will
if the Lord do keep it;
I will be once it every
moment - trust - every
one - do trust it to God
it? — Our great mercies
at most - are short -
compassed - with His
are short - and if only
looking us to God through
faith in Christ - in all.

Things - resting in his
promises - and trust-
ing to his Alarming
Sacrifice - and Right
conscience - for our
acceptance - and to
the sanctifying influ-
ence. His Will and our
Holy Spirit to make
us fit for the heavenly
Substance - we may
then abide with the
everlasting love
etc. Called to part of
this method for human
utility. - I am very
truly yours - having
many desires on my
conscience - one of which
is letter writing - and

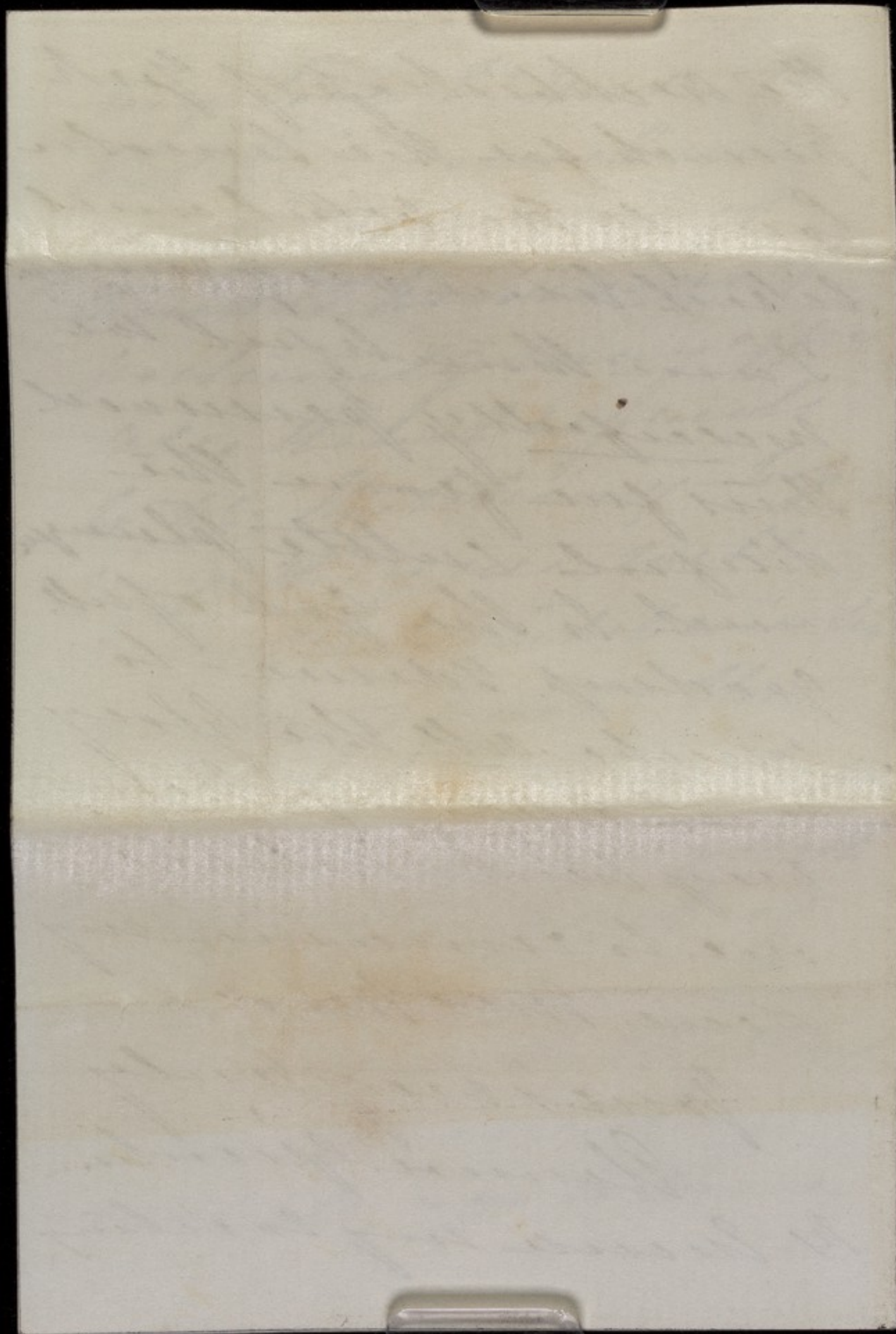


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once a fortnight -
Tracts preparing for
sending out - among
our Librarians; also
of course - chiefly read-
ing - and we have
about six or
twenty children
come for tuition
on the Sabbath -
We look & much
enjoy having - for
they seem really
fond of their
Sabbath lessons. -
Will you please give

my love to Mrs
Witching and my
early good morning
think I know - as of
positively many offer
also kind regards
to Dr. Hitchcock - hop-
ing they are well -
What a mild winter
we have had! The
beautiful snows
packed very early with
us in one part of
our domain - they
bring much cheer
I wish one day
could go to them

The Archbishop of York
preach for the Lincoln
County Hospital and
Lithol was very much
I am thankful we
unsuccessfully preserved
this fire from the
disfect little plume
much to the God of all
good and grace - to
inscribe all the glory
and blessing - May
we live - Believe
me to remain my
Dear Mrs. Wice
Yours very truly
Hannah Greenham
P.S. Excuse my writing



7 Devonshire Terr^{ce}
Westbourne Terr^{ce}

Hyde Park

Sir

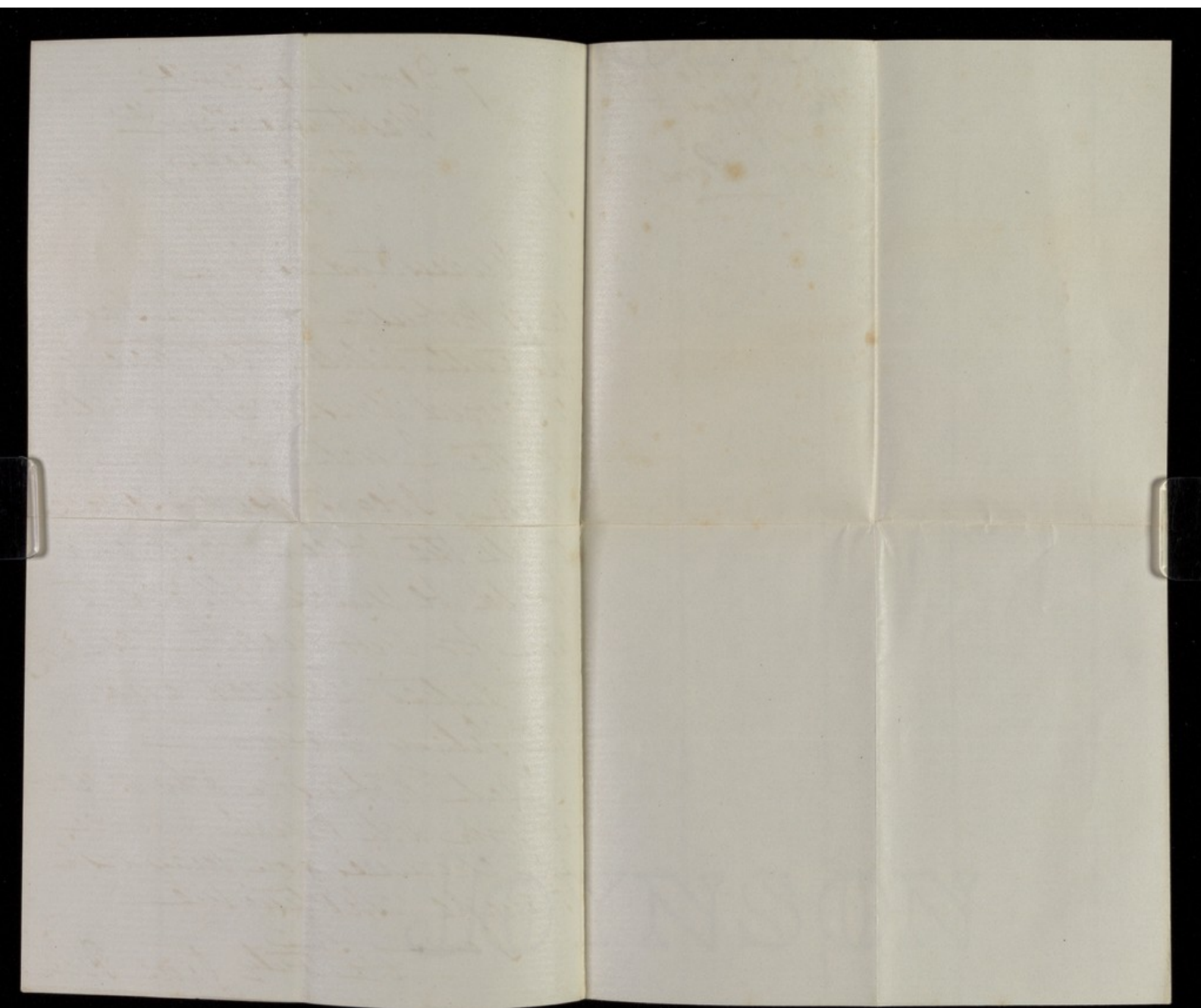
Feb^y 4th 1856

Understanding from
Messrs Robinson to whom I am
distantly related that there is
a second Housekeeper wanted
at the Lunatic Asylum,
York, I beg to offer my service
to fill the vacant post and
would be much obliged to
you for information respecting
the duties required and
the Salary given —

Mr Robinson who is now
at York will kindly answer
any enquiries you may wish
to make respecting me

I am Sir

Yrs truly Jane Pirie



Letters relating
to the appointment
of
Law Pim

7. Devonshire Terr^{ce}
Westbourne Terr^{ce}
In Hyde Park. London
Feb⁴ / 18th

I beg to apologise for
having been thus long in
replying to your kind favor
which I should have done
sooner but waited until
I obtained the opinion of
my friends - They think
I should do wrong not to
make further enquiry
about the situation respecting
which I have written to
you - I find the Institution

so highly spoken of and
the manner in which it
is conducted that I should
much like to be informed
whether a previous knowledge
of the treatment of the
insane is requisite as my
friends advise me not to
be discouraged from making
the attempt to fill the situation
providing you are inclined
to think favorably of me -
Should you have obtained
an interview with Sarah
Robinson she would tell

you that I am the niece
of the late John Pinn
of Wandswoth & acquaint
you with my history, but
I fear, poor thing, her valuable
time is now entirely taken
up with her attendance
upon the boys, the Establishment
in which she now is, being
attacked with measles -
Thanking you most sincerely
for your kind attention I
believe me

yours very truly
Jane Pinn

from that I am the more
of the time I am in the
of a day and a night
I am not the less but

I have been thinking, and thinking
there is a great deal of
the world is a different place
than the world of the Bible
the world of the Bible is a
different world. The world of the Bible
is a world of the past. The world of the Bible
is a world of the future. The world of the Bible
is a world of the present.

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there is a great deal of
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is a world of the past. The world of the Bible
is a world of the future. The world of the Bible
is a world of the present.



7. Devonshire Terrace

Westbourne Terrace

Hyde Park

My dear Sir

Feb 27th 1886

I received your letter
this morn^g for which I
am much obliged to you
& write to say, that I wish
my application to remain
as a candidate for the
post of Assistant Matron,
at the Retreat, as, in case,
the Committee, should
not succeed in meeting
with any one, more to

their views, they may
still deem me worthy
of their consideration

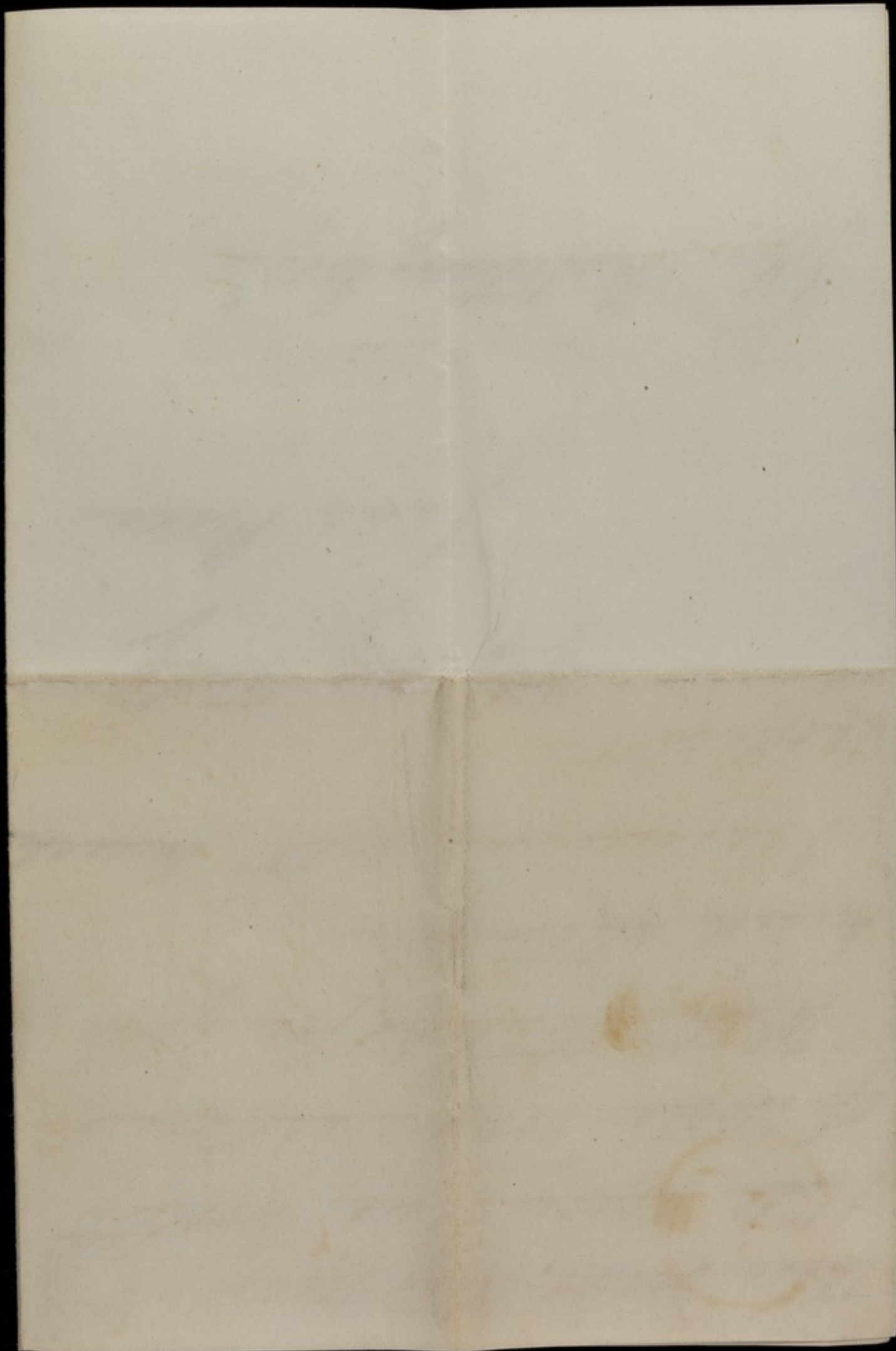
With thanks for your
kind attention

I remain, with much
respect

Yrs very truly

Jane Allen

John Thetford Esq^r



LUTON 3
Mr Ritchey

The Retreat
York



on trial for 3 or 6 months - The date which I feel

my dear friend
want of ~~any~~ acquaintance with
her ~~at~~ her ~~desirable~~ secondly
a ~~little~~ wandering in
Town today I see ~~any~~ further trace
then will ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~note~~
I ~~had~~ ~~be~~ ~~to~~ ~~Devonshire~~ ~~place~~ ~~to~~
a decidedly tall, rather
spare figure somewhat faded
middle age their appearance,
did not enquire being an
unmarried lady
quite more ~~in~~ ~~energy~~ ~~rather~~ dignified
self possessed than otherwise

as well as another
D
regards previous acquaintance
with the inmate. Has had no
experience but is now living with
a lady of strange eccentric habits
with whom it is unpleasant to
reside — "as her whims & fancies
bring those of a sane person do
not excite the same pity that
they would in a person of
insane mind" — Fine Run
had been accustomed for some
years to the charge of a coast
warden's household taking the over-
sight of the rooms, beds &c

whilst her sister who has just obtain-
ed the appointment of Matron
to the Mewsby Hospital took the
Domestic & Housekeeping part —
— She does not feel qualified
for the housekeeping department
nor does she understand that
these duties will devolve upon her
I sincerely hope this may be ^{the} case
as I am fully satisfied that there
is abundant scope for the distinct
duties of a Matron, as well as
housekeeper in the Retreat —
or believe it false economy to do —

pende with the latter —

I explained to her as well as I was able
what I conceived ^{to be} the duties of a
matron ~~there~~, as regards the care & over-
sight of the patients & nurses — & to
these she appeared to think she
might with the help of Elph
Kitching soon become accustomed
& felt quite willing & desirous
of devoting her whole energies
to the work — In a short inter-
view it is difficult to form a very
decided opinion but I should
be quite inclined to allow
Jane Pin to take the situation

5 Nov 16.

John Hitching Esq^r

The Rectory

York —





J. Devonshire Terrace

Hyde Park

May 8th 1856

Dear Mr. Hutchings

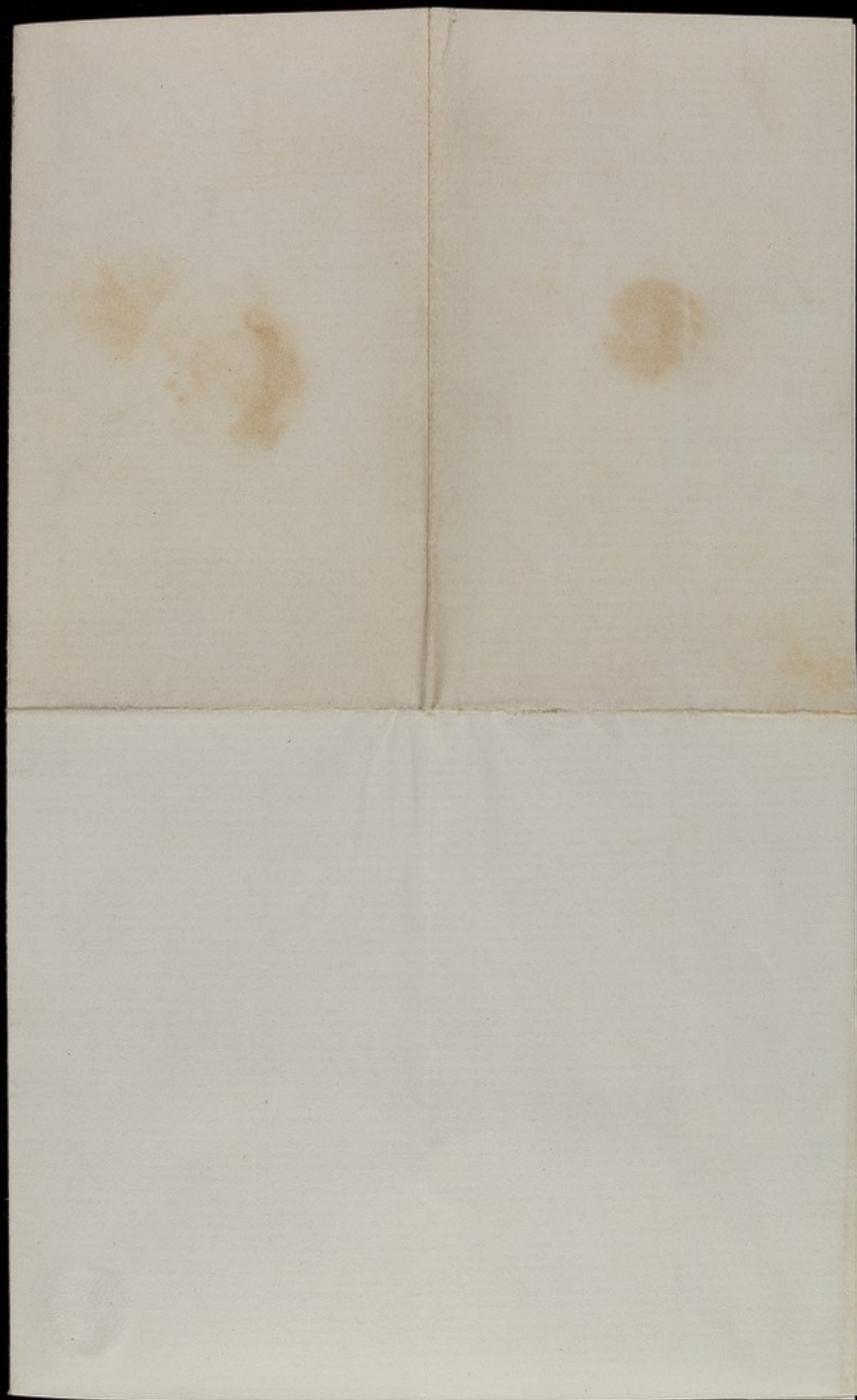
I received your letter this morn^g
and the Copy of the Rules for the Pastors,
which I have read, and, for which
I am much obliged to you - It is
of decided importance that you should
enquire into the religious views of any
person you may think of receiving
into your Institution, and, with
reference to the subject in your letter,
I have only to express my surprise,
that such a misrepresentation
should have been made to you, having
no connection or association with
that body of Christians who are
called, Plymouth Brethren -
I had a very slight acquaintance

with a lady, who, I believe, has
recently embraced those opinions
and my sister has occasionally
written to her, but our intercourse
had no reference to her newly adopted
views, nor, do I know what the Tenets
of this sect properly are — The
place of worship I am in the
constant habit of attending, is,
the Established Church, and with
Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and
a humble trust & reliance on his
promises, and, looking to Him
for strength & support, in all my
trials & difficulties

I remain

Sincerely yours

Jane Kim



7 - Downshire Terrace
Hyde Park
May 23rd 1856

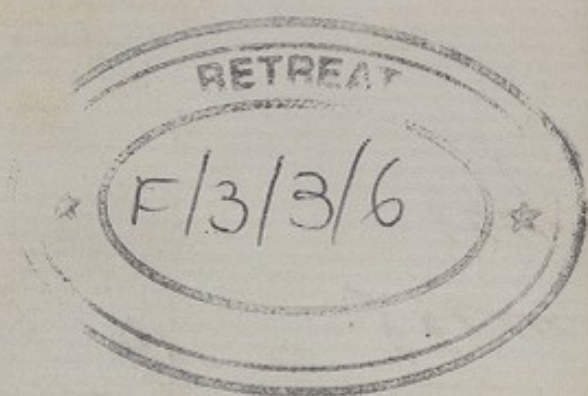
My dear Sir

The proposition that I should
visit the Asylum at Colney Hatch is
quite in unison with my feelings and
I should wish to devote a few days in
the early part of next week to the
purpose, so that I shall be obliged
to you to write to the Nation as early
as will suit your convenience, the
week following, will be my last in
London, and I shall have many
things to occupy my time - If it
is deemed expedient that I should
visit the Asylum at Lancaster I will
try to accomplish this also, but, whilst
in the country, I think it very desirable
that I should give up as much of my
time as possible to the reformation of

my health & strength, that I may
be the better prepared to enter upon
my duties at the Retreat, but that I
am by any means out of health, but I
have had much to go through from
anxiety & other causes for some months
past, and I feel that a few weeks of
rest combined with the delicious
country air, will be very acceptable
after my long sojourn in London.
I purpose spending a week with
my sister in Shrewsbury, en route
to Anglesey, and there is an asylum
in that neighbourhood, I believe, for
paupers, into the interior of which
I should be able to get an insight,
as my sister is acquainted with
Dr & Mrs Blower who have the ma-
nagement of it - I will be guided
by the wishes of the Committee, but
it strikes me, that the knowledge
I shall gain at Colney Hatch &

Hanwell may perhaps be sufficient for
me - I should have gone to Hanwell
to day, but waited for a letter of introduction
to Dr Crowly - Hoping to hear from
you again

I remain
very truly yours
Jane Kim



Sept 16

John Hitching Esq^r
The Retreat
York



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7 - Devonshire Terrace

Hyde Park

May 16th 1856

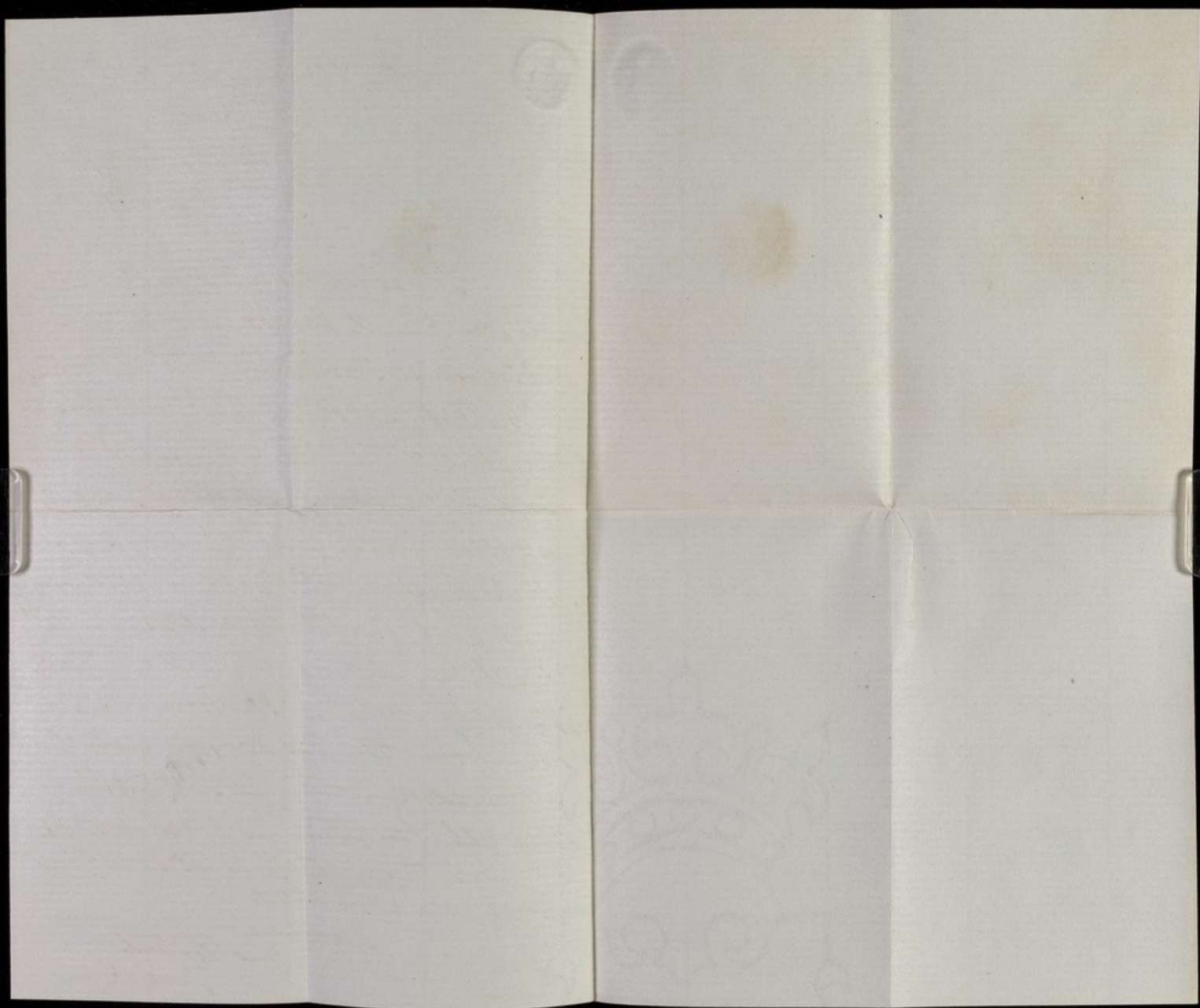
My dear Sir

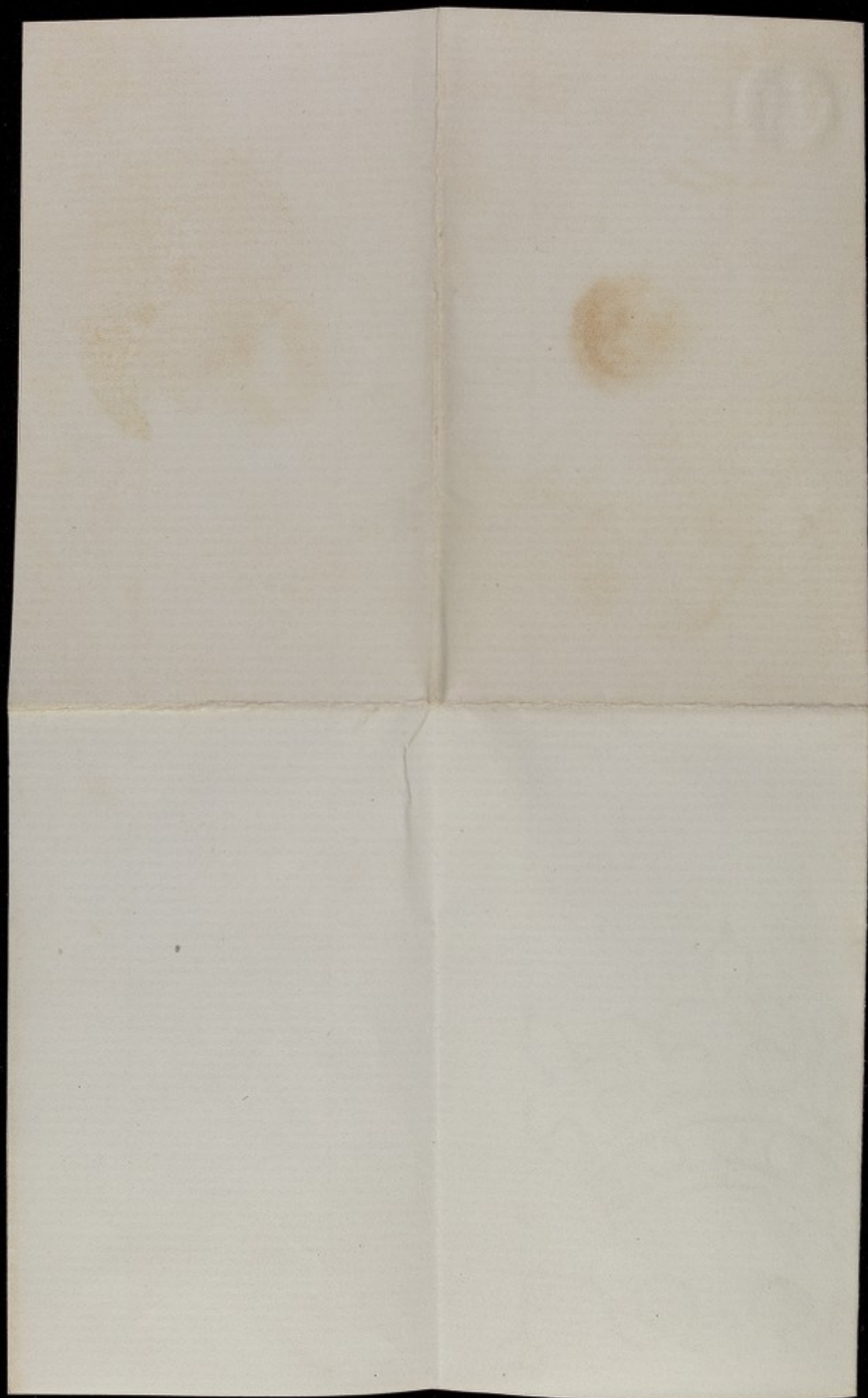
I was under the impression . . .
when you kindly favored me with a visit
at Devonshire Terrace that the appointment
of Assistant Mission, at the Retreat, was to
take place on the 18th of the present month;
but, as that day falls on Sunday, I must
have been under a misapprehension -
I shall therefore feel obliged by your informing
me on what day the appointment will
take place, and, if you will not think
it a liberty, might I ask from what source
your information was derived respecting
my connexion with the Sect called
Plymouth Brethren? as I feel most anxious
that, upon this point, all doubt should be
removed from your mind.

I remain

Yours very truly

Jane Allen







Mr. Tutting Esq^r
The Rectory
York

5/20.56



7. Devonshire Terrace

Hyde Park - London -

May 20th /56

My dear Sir

I have this morn^g received
your letter informing me of my
election to the Office of Assistant Master
by the Committee of the Retreat -
It is quite satisfactory to me, and I
am much obliged to you for anticipating
the approval of the ^{Meeting of the} General Committee,
my future movements being dependent
upon the information so kindly
given - It is my present intention
to leave London on the 9th of next
month and should you favor me
with any communications after that
time, I shall be found at Mr Lloyd's
Tregayan, Anglesey, at which place,

I shall probably remain for some weeks.
In accordance with your suggestion
I purpose visiting the Institution at
Hasswell before I leave London -
Respectfully thanking the Committee

Believe me

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Jane Williams

