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54, GREY STREET,

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

11 Jan'y 1916

The Secretary  
The Retreat, York.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Hannah Alden do.

I am much obliged for your letter of  
the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing the Cemetery Co's  
certificate as to the purchase of the grave.

I remain

Yours faithfully

W. A. Alden

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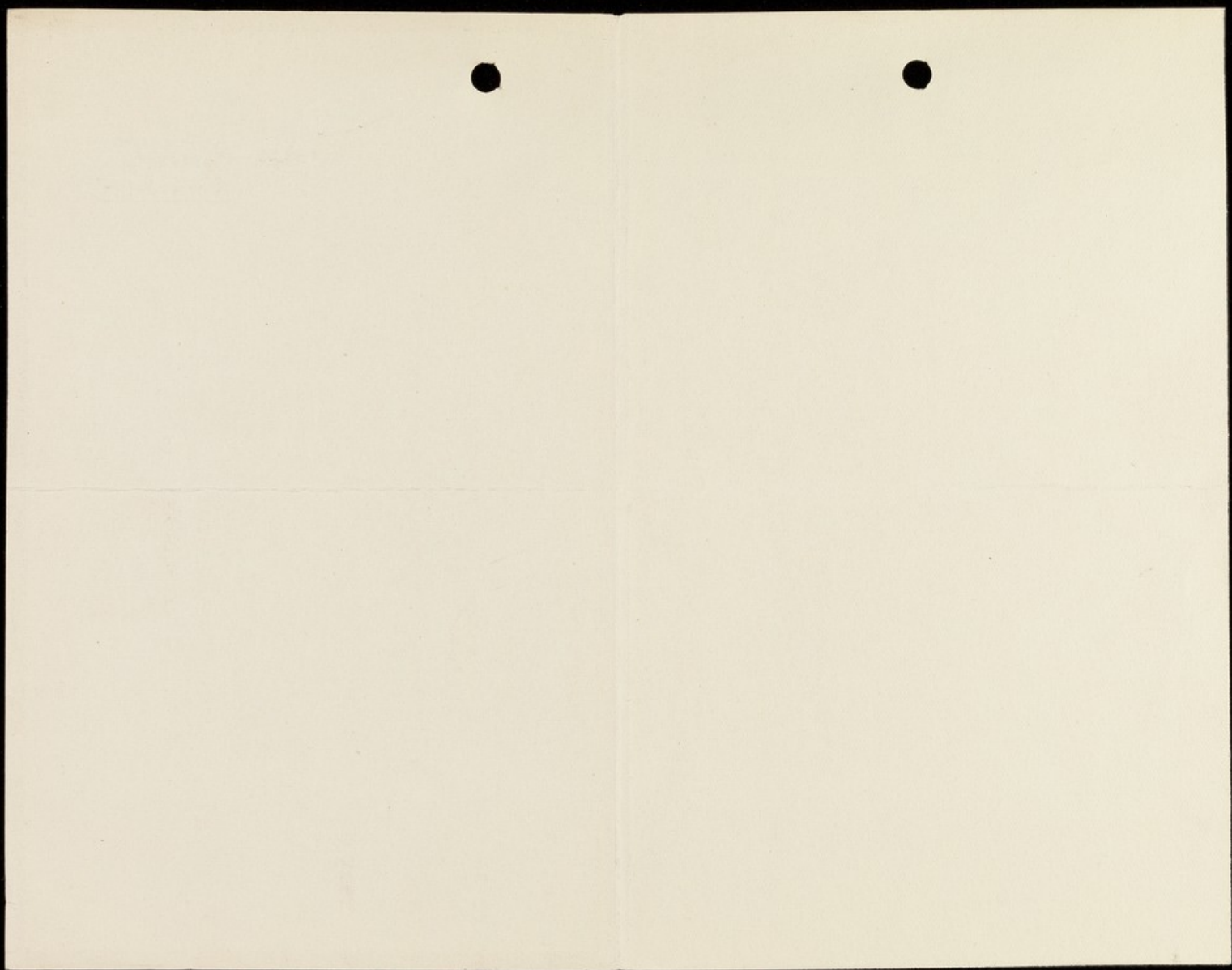
30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1915

LEADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

The Secretary  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir, I shall be obliged  
by your sending me, at  
your early convenience,  
an account of the funeral  
expenses of my late wife,  
Mrs Hannah Alden; also  
please state the amount  
returnable out of the pay-  
ment in advance made  
in July

Yours faithfully  
W.R. Alden



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54, GREY STREET,

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

6 Jan'y 1916

The Secretary  
The Retreat  
York.

Dear Sir,

M<sup>rs</sup> Hannah Alden decd.

● Shortly after the late M<sup>rs</sup> Alden's death in Aug: last M<sup>r</sup> H. P. Alden paid your account which included the Undertakers fee for the funeral. I understand that you did not send him the Undertakers bill, which should have had attached to it some evidence of the purchase of the grave from the Cemetery Co.

● As it is necessary for me to have some documentary evidence of the purchase I shall be much obliged if you will send me the Cemetery Co's receipt if you have it & if not will you kindly give me the name & address of the Undertakers. I remain  
Yours faithfully  
W. J. Alden

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Aug 11, 1915

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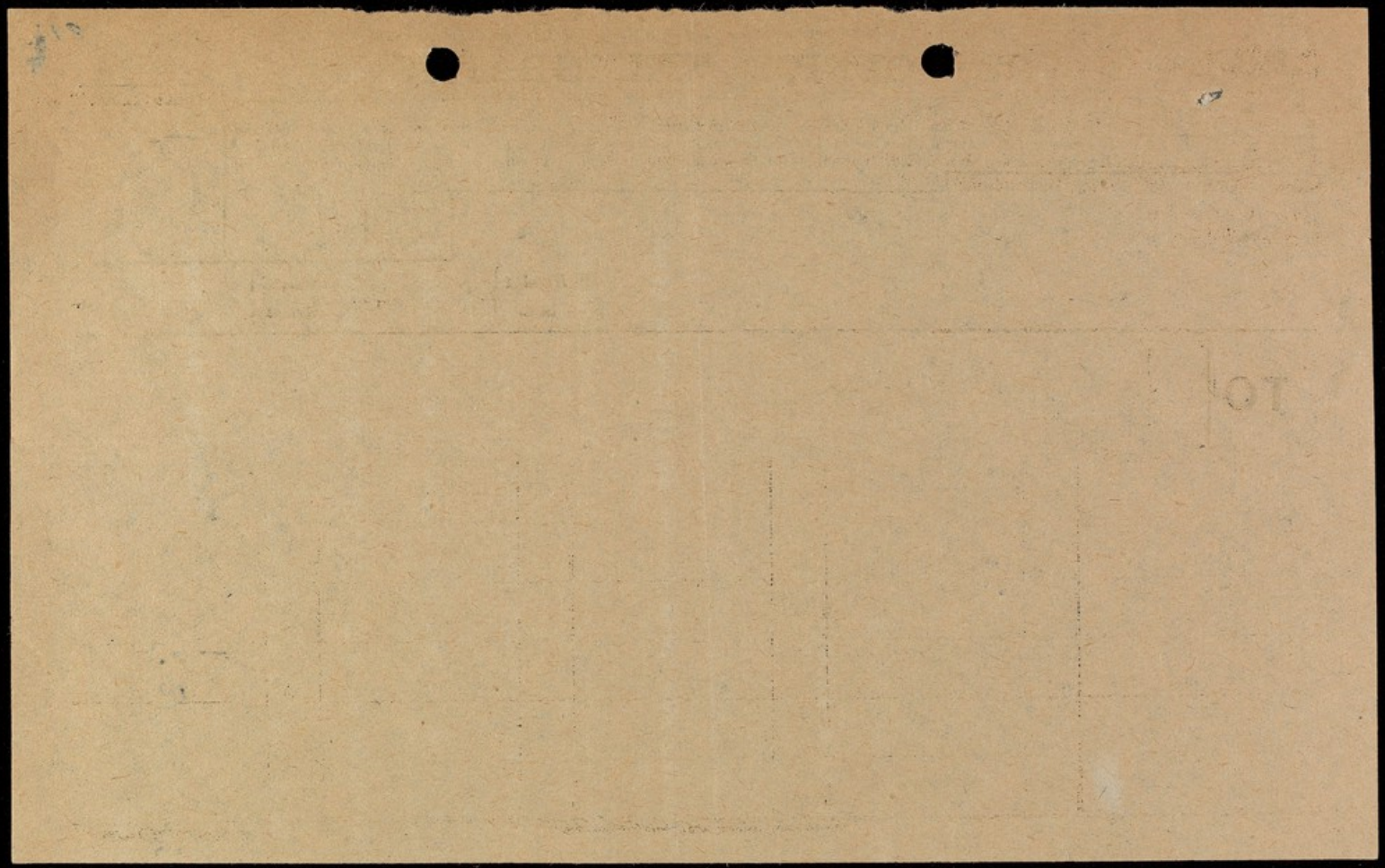
TO { Doctor Pierce Retreat

York

Thanks for wire kindly give  
necessary instructions will come York  
tomorrow Alden

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May 22, 1915

Dear Mrs. Alden,

Just a few lines to say that Mrs. Alden has been rather poorly lately. She is certainly rather short of breath this morning and had a poor night. It is very fine, and she is in the open air a good deal. I do not think there is any occasion for alarm, and yet, as you know, there is much uncertainty as to what may happen.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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TELEGRAMS: "PICK, STAMFORD HOTEL."

TELEPHONE NO. 301.



STAMFORD HOTEL,  
STAMFORD.

May 20. 1915.

C. F. PICK, PROPRIETOR.

Dear Dr. Peice.

I am just writing to  
tell you that I shall be staying  
with Mr. Alden at Bournemouth  
until Saturday next week  
when we intend returning to  
Newcastle again.

I hope my Mother & Reepers  
family well.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Allden,

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23rd April, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Alden,

We note that you are away for the week-end.

I send just a line to say that Mrs. Alden is very much better, and there have been no more attacks of difficulty of breathing. I expect the warmer weather is making things easier for her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Sat April, 1911.

Dear Mr. Alden,

We hope that you are away for the weekend.

I am sure that you will find the Alden is very

much better, and there have been no more reports of

any more of the same kind. I expect the winter weather

is making things easier for her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, Elmfield Villas,  
Gosforth,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

April 22. 15.

Dear Dr. Peice.

I think that I  
ought to let you know  
that I am going home  
this week end &  
my address will be —

c/o Mrs Dobinson. 674.  
Walimillocke House  
Ullswater  
Penrith.

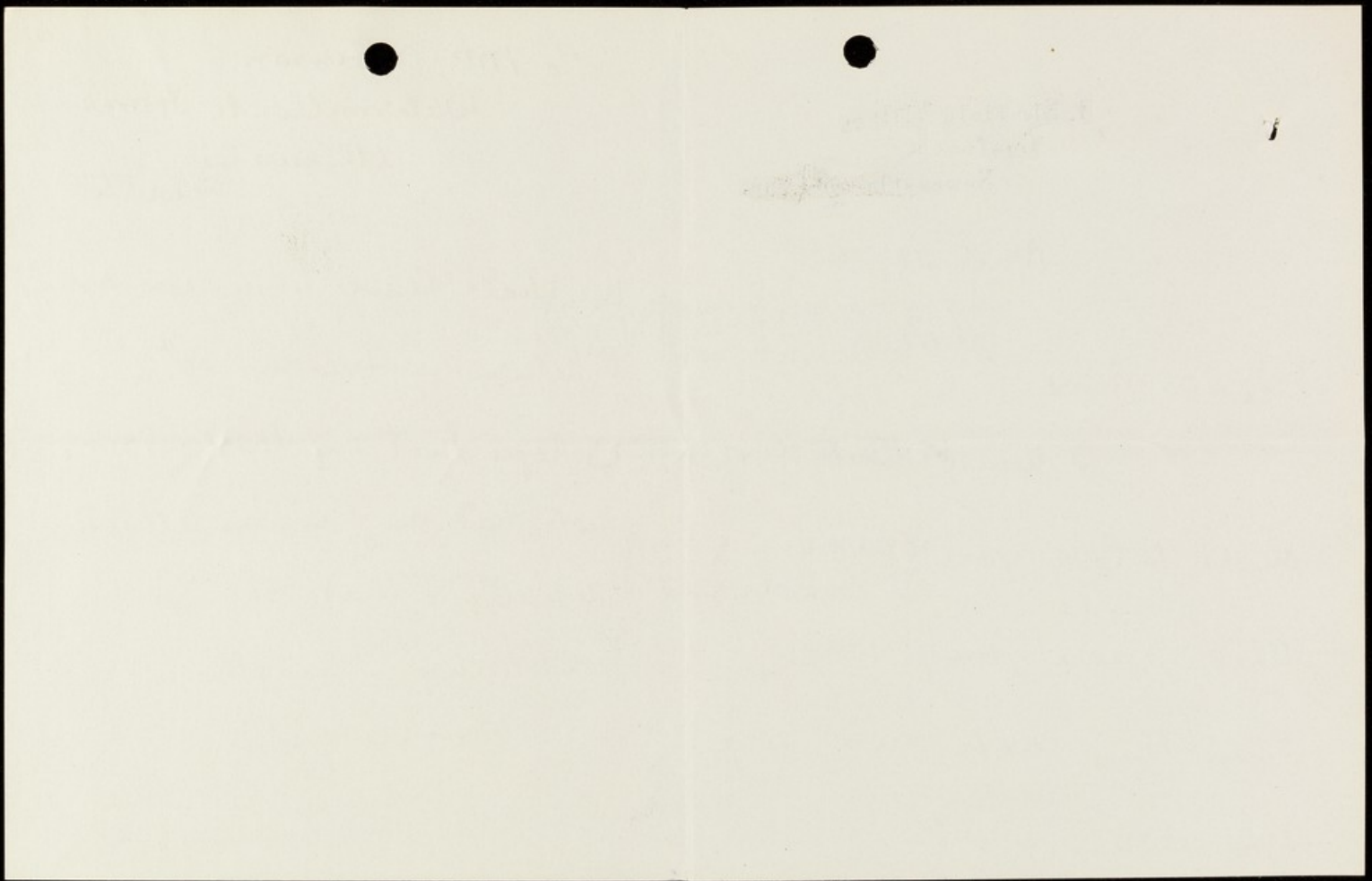
We shall leave tomorrow morning  
& return on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that my Mother has  
not had any serious attacks  
recently, that she is  
improving in health.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Allden





12<sup>th</sup> April 1915

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LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Dr. Purse,

I thank you for  
your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> & am  
glad to hear of Mrs. Alden's  
improving condition and  
that she has had no return  
of the distressing shortness  
of breath. I hope also that  
she is a little more manage-  
-able.

Yours very truly  
W.R. Alden



10th April, 1915.

Dear Mr. Alden,

On the whole Mrs. Alden has been a little better. We got her out of doors the other day for a little time, and the fresh air seemed to do her good. Since then she has not had any of the distressing attacks of shortness of breath. Her colour is not very good, and there is no doubt that she remains in a precarious state, though for the moment there is no need for anxiety.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1913, April, 1913.

Dear Mr. Alden,

On the 15th of April, 1913, I received your letter of the 10th and was glad to hear from you. We were out of town the day before for a little time, and the 15th was added to the list. Since then we have had a very good distribution of the material. The color is not very good, but there is no doubt that the material is a good one. I have for the moment been in the hands of the printer.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

5<sup>th</sup> April 1915

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Dr Purce

Many thanks for your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> received this morning. Being so far away & unable to come, it is a comfort to know that the best attention is being given to Mrs Alden & every thing possible being done for her; also her daughter going to see her at short intervals. While of course it is our wish and our duty to prolong her life if possible; I cannot help feeling that in her state, mental & physical, it is only a prolongation

of suffering, which I hope may not continue very long.

Thanking you for your promise to write again if there are any fresh developments

I remain

Yours very truly  
H. R. Alden



29<sup>th</sup> March  
1915

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

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Dear Doctor Purice,

Thanks very much  
for your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> with  
enclosure. I anxiously  
await further reports; regret-  
ting that it is quite im-  
possible for me to travel

Yours very truly  
W.R. Alden





1, Elmfield Villas,  
Gosforth,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

March 20. 15.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Thank you very  
much for your letter received  
this morning - I am very  
sorry to hear such a bad  
account of my mother -

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I am afraid she has had  
one of the heart-attacks we  
have feared for so long, but  
so far as I can judge from  
your letter, she has not had  
any severe pain.

I would like to come &  
see her & propose doing so  
on Monday unless you  
think it better that I  
should not - if so will

You kindly telegraph to  
us early on Monday  
morning.

With kind regards.

Your sincerely  
Margaret Alden.

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30th June, 1914.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 24th instant was carefully considered by the Sub-Committee which met yesterday. The Committee had already been informed that Mrs. Alden was no longer able to occupy one of the better rooms at the West Villa, but there is really not very much difference in the amount of attention required because the nurses have almost continuously to have her under observation on account of her frail health and manifest heart disease even though she resents attention and the comforts which the Institution would gladly provide. The Committee propose that the terms should be raised from £5. 5. 0 to £5.10. 0 dating from to-morrow, and hope this will be acceptable to the family. It is quite clear the case is one which gives great anxiety to the family.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Alden.

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Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst. was  
received and is being considered.  
The Board has already been informed  
that you wish to loan \$10,000.00  
at the rate of 5% per annum. It  
will be very glad to consider the  
application and to make the loan if  
it is found to be in the best  
interest of the Bank and if the  
loan can be repaid within the  
period of 10 years. The Board  
proposes that the loan should be  
made in 10.00% installments, and  
that the balance of the loan  
will be acceptable to the Bank.  
The rate in the case of the loan

Yours faithfully,

W. Allen

Feb. 18, 1914

Dear Mrs. Allden,

It is very difficult to know what to do about Mrs. Hannah Allden's teeth. We got a dentist to come and see her, but she flatly refused to see him. The bottom plate, as you know, was deliberately broken by her. We will do our best to get it repaired, but it is not easy to do this without taking an impression. Besides this, two teeth are wanted on the upper plate, and I really do not know what we can do if she will not let a dentist see her. The matter, as you say, is the more serious, as she takes meat fairly well and does not like soft food. We will, however, do our best in the matter; but it is a painful case, and it seems quite useless to make an appeal to her to be more reasonable.

Yours very truly,

Jan. 18, 1914

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very glad to hear from you and to know what you are doing. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been busy with my work, but I always find time to think of my friends. I would like to see you very much and to hear all the news. I hope you will write to me soon and let me know how you are getting on. I am always your affectionate friend.

Yours truly,  
[Name]

1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Feb. 16. '14.

Dear D<sup>r</sup> Pierce.

When I was at  
The Retreat this afternoon  
Sisli Florence told me  
that my mother had broken  
her teeth & that you were  
going to ask the dentist



whether he can mend them.  
Will you be good enough  
to let me know whether  
he can or not. What is  
the best thing to do about  
them, as I am afraid it  
will be almost impossible  
to persuade her to have

new ones made.

She appears to be very  
much thinner and Dr.  
Bernie tells me she is  
refusing her food & I  
am afraid that having  
no teeth will make her  
worse - I am very sorry  
indeed to hear that my  
mother is still so troublesome.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Allden.

Ans. Encl B  
Nov 25<sup>th</sup>

1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Nov 24. 13.

Dear Dr. Percie.

As I have not  
heard from my Mother  
for some time I am  
feeling anxious about  
her, and I shall be  
much obliged if you

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE  
GOSPORT  
D. SIMPSON & CO.

with let me know how  
she is.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Allden.

June 17  
Ans CMB

16<sup>th</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> July 1913<sup>499</sup>

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Mr Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir,

I intend travelling  
to York to-morrow (Tuesday)  
& calling to see Mr Alden  
on Wednesday morning,  
unless you think it not  
advisable to do so, in which  
case kindly let me know  
at the Station Hotel.

Perhaps you will be able  
to grant me a short inter-  
view before seeing her

Yours very truly

W.R. Alden



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Ans  
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July 13<sup>th</sup> 13

1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

July 11. 13.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I received the  
account for my mother's  
maintenance this morning  
but ~~not~~ the usual report  
as to health & mental  
condition was not enclosed

Will you kindly let me  
know whether the omission  
is merely accidental, or  
whether there is any change  
in my Mother's condition  
& especially whether she is  
more reconciled to her  
confinement & any less  
difficult to manage.

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Alden.

being "attacked by people  
"who wanted her to go into  
"a room with most horrid  
"lunatic persons to sleep".  
which seems to indicate  
that she has required some  
forcible control & I would  
like to know whether such is  
the case, & any particulars  
you can give me.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Alden.

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1, ELMFIELD VILLAS, ✓  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

April 29. '13.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have been very  
much surprised to receive  
a letter from Mrs. Alden,  
which my mother had written  
to her, & which is quite  
rational & from which she  
seems to be very much



distressed at her position.

I shall be very much obliged if you will let me know whether there is any marked improvement in her mental condition & generally how she is both physically & mentally. In a letter I had from her

yesterday, which was much more rational than most of those she writes she said she wanted a comb & brush - Will you kindly ask the Matron to let me know whether she does need anything of the sort, so that I may get them for her.

He also complained about

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1913

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LADBROKE,

CHINE CRESCENT,

BOURNEMOUTH.

My dear Madam,

I am sorry to trouble  
you but shall be much obliged  
if you will kindly tell me how  
Mrs Alden is getting on. From  
the enclosed very distressing  
letter, which please return, I  
fear she has been giving  
more than usual trouble &  
needing some forcible control.

Thanking you in anticipa-  
I remain,

Yours very sincerely  
W.R. Alden



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April 7, 1913

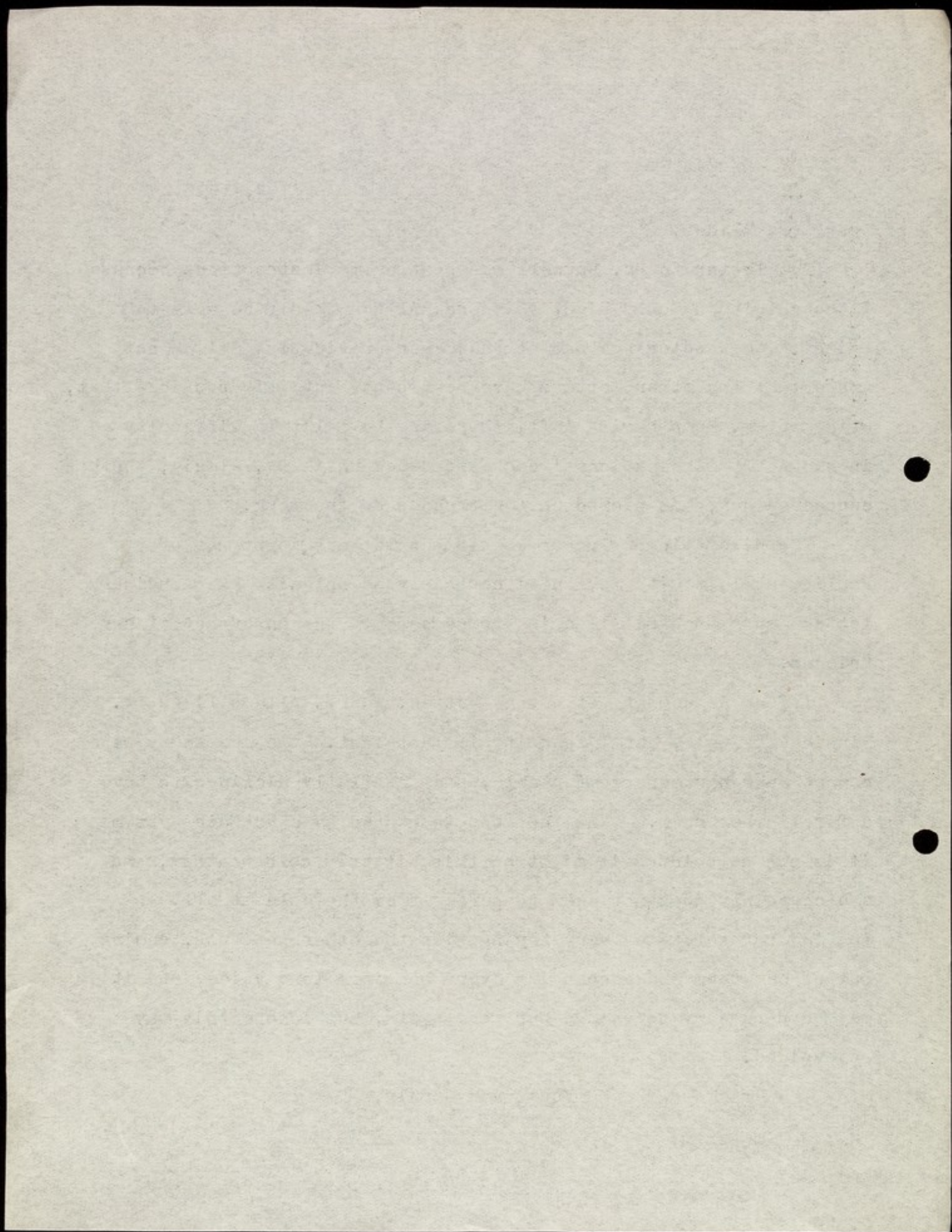
Dear Mrs. Allden,

The letter to Dr. Burnell was sent by my instructions because I thought it was only right that Mrs. Allden should be able to write to the doctor who had attended her previously. I am not aware that any other letters have been sent, but it is possible that, owing to Dr. Kemp having left, there may be a little difficulty in respect to the patients' correspondence until Dr. Birnie, who has succeeded her, has picked up the threads of the work.

The discretionary power as regards letters is by Act of Parliament left with me, and I certainly do not wish extraordinary letters such as Mrs. Allden's to be sent to the annoyance of her friends.

I fear we do not get on any better. Mrs. Allden likes Dr. Birnie very well, but I fear it will not last. We are sorry we cannot make her more comfortable, and she flatly declines to have a fire in her room. As the room is heated by a hot air system it is not so cold as it might be this bitterly cold weather, and she certainly does not seem to suffer from the cold at all. We find her sometimes very trying with the other patients, coming out of her room and denouncing every one in a loud voice, and it may be necessary to change her room again, but I hope this may be avoided.

Yours very truly,



1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

April 6. 1913.

Dear D<sup>r</sup> Pierce. ✓

I am very much  
amused to learn that  
a letter has been sent  
to D<sup>r</sup> Russell from my  
mother & I don't know  
what other letters written

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE  
GOSPORT  
D. HENFIELD, VICTOR  
SALIV. QUERNEE D

by her have been forwarded.  
Can you let me know if  
any other letters have  
been posted & if so to whom.  
When she came to York  
you told me that no  
letters would be forwarded  
except those addressed

to me & Mr. Alden & I  
shall be much obliged  
if you will see that no  
other are posted.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Alden

Adm. 13 Feb. ~~1913~~ 1912

10th. 1912 H. Alden

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She is suffering from delusional insanity. She tells me that this is a nation's house & a house of refuge for kings. She says that all the nurses here are idiots & insane & have changed her blood & heart into water. She is often noisy & abusive & at times is destructive tearing up her clothing.

She is in poor health; she has mitral stenosis & rheumatoid arthritis.

1.2.13

H.A.



YORK CORPORATION.



*The City Treasurer  
begs to enclose receipt for remittance  
with his respectful compliments and  
thanks.*

*Guildhall,  
York.*

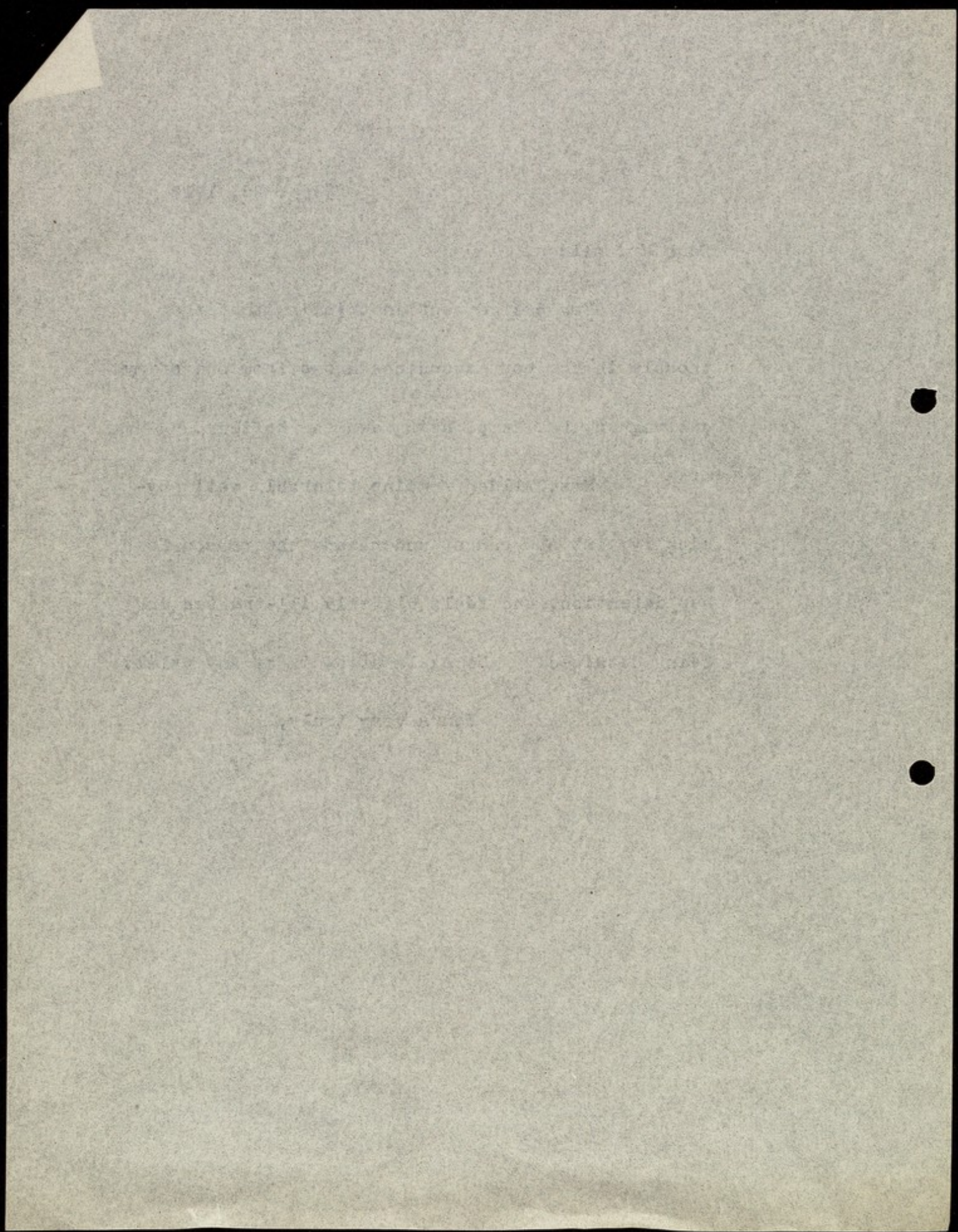
Sept. 26, 1912

Dear Mr. Alden,

You are correct in thinking that the trouble in the correspondence arose from one of my colleagues, Dr. Kemp, being away on holiday.

Mrs. Alden remains tolerably well physically, but she cannot understand the reason for her detention, and feels bitterly ill-treated in being detained. No explanation is of any avail.

Yours very truly,



24<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1912

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Dr. Paine,

I thank you for your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> enclosing many of Mrs Alden's letters, which I am sorry had been overlooked - Perhaps someone was away on holiday. I am sorry that she continues so troublesome & hostile to the attendants, also that she is not so well physically.

I have received a letter from her to-day, addressed here, but containing no reproaches for not going to see her, but saying that <sup>she</sup> is quite well able to travel

to travel to Bournemouth alone.

With kind regards 967

Yours very truly

W.R. Alden

F. Edward Wright  
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21<sup>st</sup> Sep = 1912 <sup>964</sup>

1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Dear Doctor Kemp -

I thank you for  
your telegram received  
yday & acting on your  
advice I am going to  
Manchester to-day, on to  
Bournemouth on Monday  
without coming to see Mrs  
Alden -

I shall be further obliged  
if you will kindly write  
me on Monday to Ledbury,  
Chine Crescent, Bournemouth,  
telling me how she is - We are  
rather concerned, not hearing  
from her for so long, as she  
usually writes so often

1 ELMFIELD VILLAS  
GOSPORT  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

Yours very truly  
W. C. Alden

Aug. 20, 1912

Dear Mr. Allden,

I am sorry you should have had the trouble of telegraphing about the spectacles. I was at Scarborough all day on Saturday.

Except in cases of serious illness I do not write letters on Sunday, and yesterday I fear the matter escaped my memory.

The blue glasses had already been sent to the opticians to be repaired when your letter came. If they are not right I shall let you know.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Know all men by these presents, that \_\_\_\_\_

of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas,

do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_

is the true and correct copy of \_\_\_\_\_

as the same appears by the records of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.

My commission expires this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1912

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LADBROKE,

CHINE CRESCENT,

BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Dr Pierce

Will you kindly tell me whether Mrs Aldens teeth are being attended to, as I cannot make out from her letters, which appear to be getting worse than ever

Yours very truly

W.R. Alden

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



4<sup>d</sup> June 1912

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I thank you for your letter of yday, as, altho Miss Thomas-son answered mine of May 29<sup>th</sup>, I am glad to have the fuller particulars contained in yours.

I am very sorry to hear that Mrs Alden has been so troublesome, necessitating another change of room, & tho, of course, I cannot write unkindly to her, I have remonstrated as strongly as I could, but fear it will have little effect.

I am afraid nothing will be gained by removing her from your care, & that of your staff. I am confident you

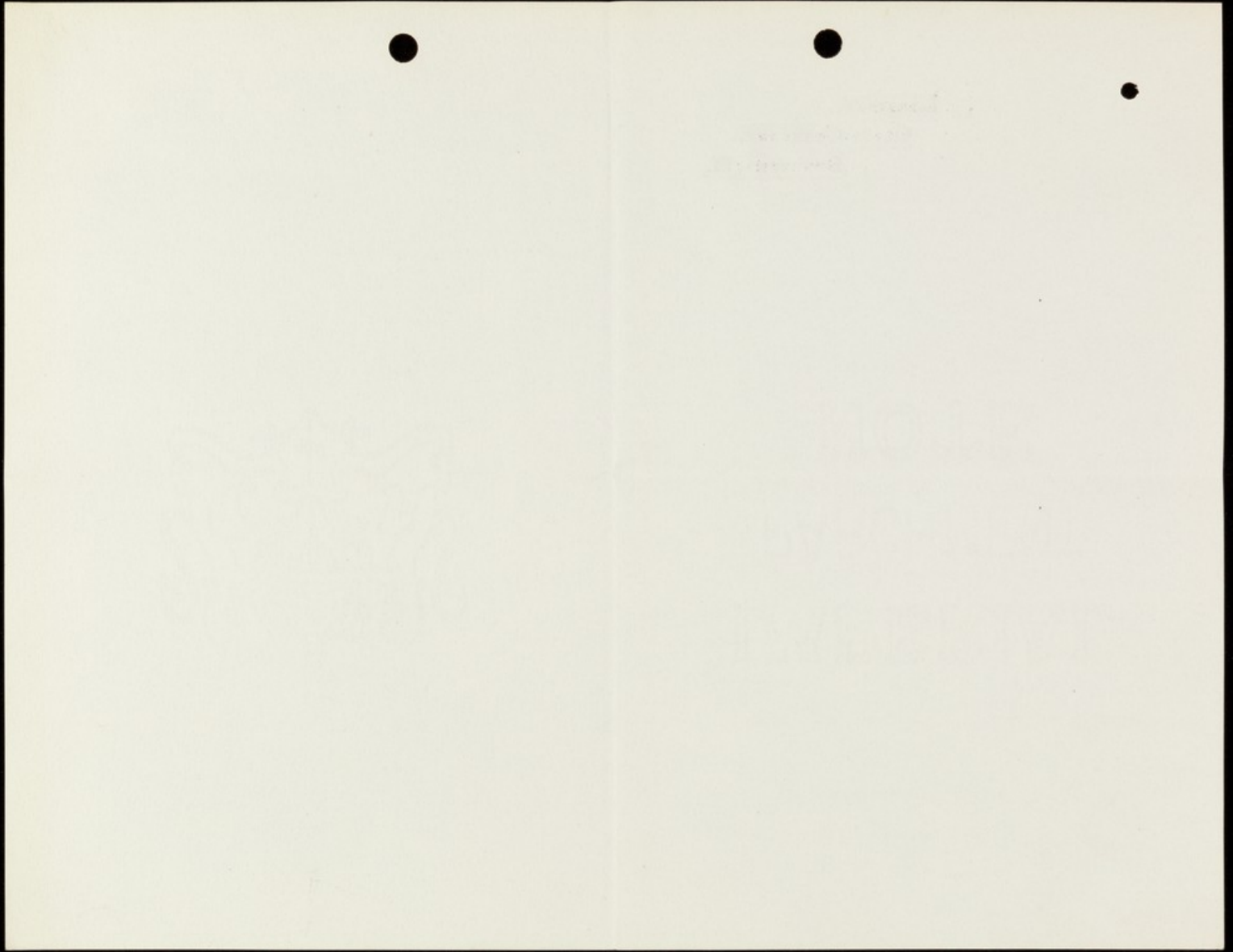
will do your best for her & fear<sup>620</sup> she would be no more contented anywhere else.

I thank you for your enquiry as to my own health - This anxiety about my wife is of course very upsetting & I have been laid up with bronchitis since returning here, but am getting better -

Believe me

Yours very truly

W.R. Alden



Miss  
Cly

29<sup>th</sup> Mar 1912

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

St Gorah Camp  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Madam

I shall be much obliged if you can spare time to tell me how Mrs Alden is getting on, particularly if she is more amiable & reconciled to her surroundings - I should be so glad to know that she is getting out in the grounds so much as possible in this beautiful weather - Her letters to me I am sorry to say are still very incoherent & she doesn't

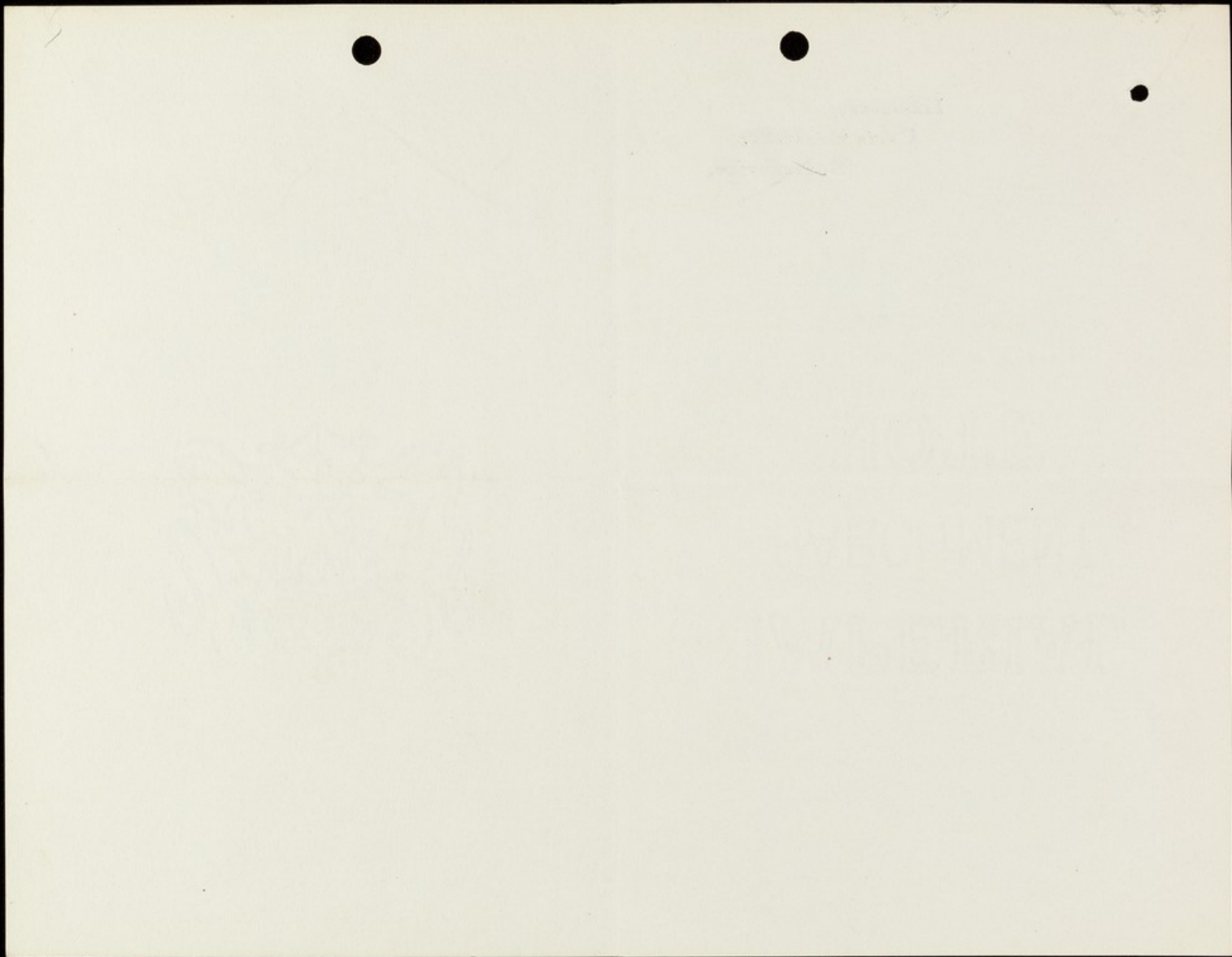
appear to have any writing paper -

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W.R. Alden

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The patient is now duly ar-  
ranged, & a magistrate has  
signed the petition. Removal,  
is the only question now. This,  
of course, will be done as soon  
as possible. I'll either write  
or phone you for two notices, if  
necessary: though it is possible  
she may go by train with her  
own people. If she comes by  
motor car, I'll ask for two  
notices from you.

Mr. Alden suffers from mitral  
disease of the heart, which is both

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34 OSBORNE ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Febry. 11. 12.

Dear Dr. Bedford Price

I'm very sorry to be  
the unwilling cause of so much  
trouble to you.

I've been asked by the daughter  
& son-in-law of your prospective  
patient, Mr. Alden, to write &  
ask you to reserve a room for  
him in "The Retreat" - if possible  
the one they saw.



enlarged & hyperplastic. She also has rheumatic  
arthritis, with deformed hands feet. At times the  
blood tension runs high: though, at times, very  
low. Please accept my apologies for the rather  
curious one.

Yours sincerely  
A. E. Osborn

June 3, 1912

Dear Mr. Allden,

Dr. Kemp has been from home, and I am afraid your letter of May 29th was overlooked.

I am sorry to say I can report no change for the better in Mrs. Allden's general condition. She is just as unhappy and discontented, and the same difficulties of management recur.

She has lately barricaded her door at night so that the night nurse could not visit her, and we have in consequence been obliged to move her to another room in the West Villa. Sometimes she has been very noisy, loudly complaining of her treatment.

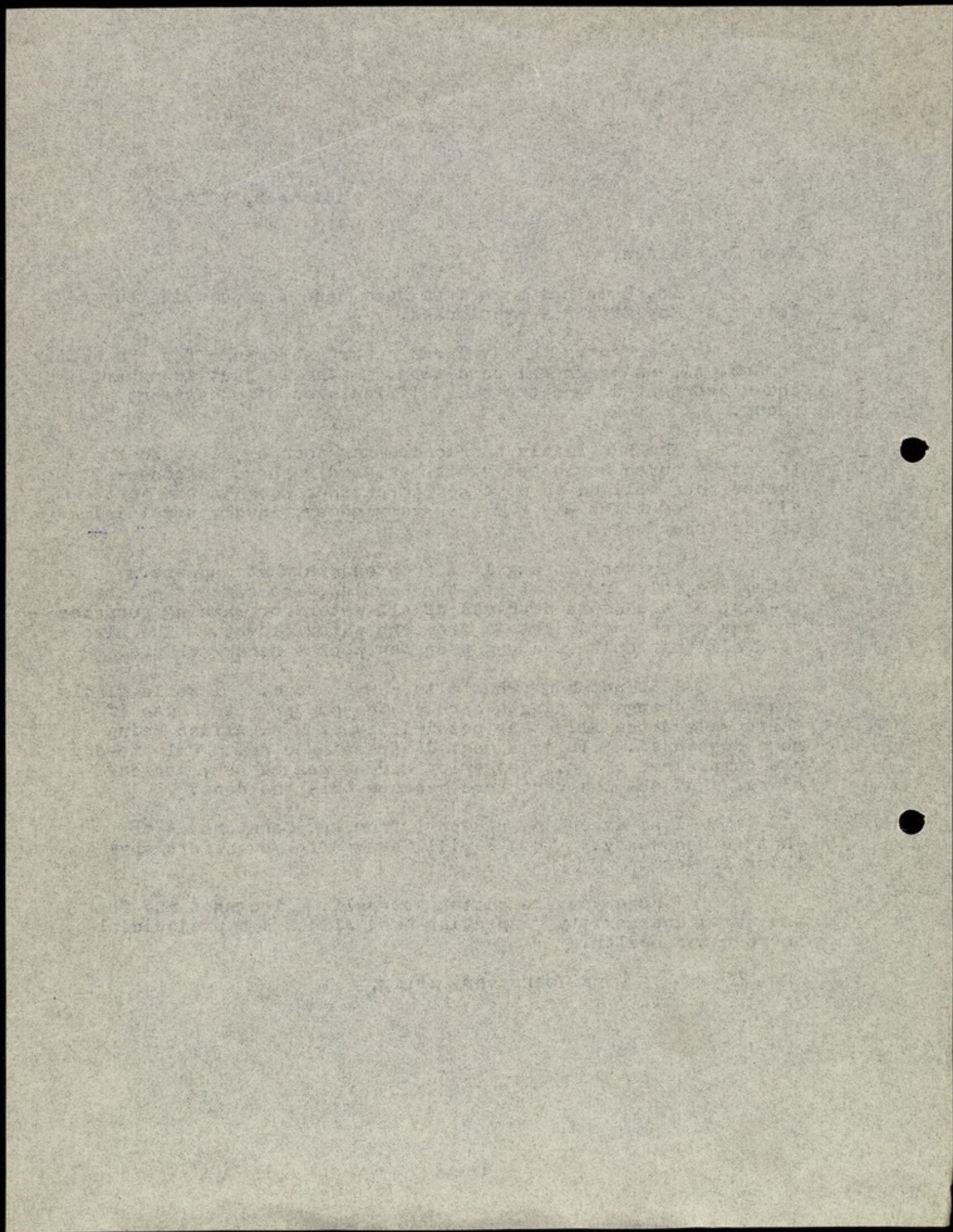
She very strangely misrepresents what happens. Thus, she told Mr. Constant, the dentist, who came to see her to-day, that she was deprived of all water for washing purposes and was compelled to get it from the water closet. She also told him that opium was put upon her pocket handkerchiefs.

I do not know what else can be done. I would gladly suggest a change to single care or to some private house if there seemed the slightest possibility of Mrs. Allden being more contented. It is a most distressing case. Only to-day she complained of Dr. Weatherley having gagged her, and declared that she was sent here because this was done.

I am expecting a report from Mr. Constant as to what is necessary. This I will forward to you before anything is done.

I hope you are better yourself. I cannot but fear the worry and anxiety respecting Mrs. Allden are prejudicial to your own health.

Yours very truly,



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1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

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Dear Mr. Percie,

I understand that my  
Father proposes to come to the  
Retreat on Thursday to see Mr.  
Alden, & I am afraid that he  
will find the interview a very  
trying one. He is not very strong  
& I am rather anxious about  
the effect it will have on him, so

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE  
GOSPORT  
1 BRIMING AVENUE

I am writing to ask if you will  
be so good as to see that they  
are not left too long alone.

I fear that a long interview  
will be very trying to him if his  
humour is similar to that in  
which I last saw her.

With kind regards.

I remain

Yours truly

W. T. Alden

1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

April 15. 1912.

Dear Mr. Peice .

Mr. Alden has asked  
me to send you the enclosed  
Cheque for Boards & I enclose  
one on my Mother's account  
for the rest.

As I have to keep an account  
of my Mother's money will  
you kindly ask the Nation  
to let me know what the

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE  
GOSFORTH  
4, ELMFIELD VILLAGE

Sundries per Inalien  
represents - I shall be  
glad if you will ask her in  
future accounts to give  
me particulars.

I shall be glad also to  
hear how my mother is  
going on, I have had no  
letters since our visit.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Alden.

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14<sup>th</sup> March 1912

LADROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

for £3.3 due to your 275  
"Trained Nurses' Department"

I shall be much obliged  
for any information you  
can give me as to my  
Wife's progress & present  
condition & remain

dear Sir

Yours very truly  
W.A. Alden

Dear Sir,

I enclose cheque  
£68.5 in payment of your  
charges for one quarter for  
my wife, but I understand  
that the £5.5 per week  
includes £1-1 per week  
for a special Nurse, as  
quoted by Dr Kemp to  
my son. His wife on  
her visit to the Retreat  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> January.  
Kindly express this in  
the bill before receipting  
it & oblige -

I also enclose cheque

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.  
The Retreat  
York





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1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

to: Pierce

30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1912

Dear Sir,

As you have probably heard, we came to York on Saturday & arranged with Dr. Kemp for you to take my wife's Mother, who is also my Father's wife.

Dr. Kemp told us that you would be able to let Mrs. Alden have the room at the S.W. corner on the ground floor of Nest Villa, from Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at a charge of £4:4:0 p. week, subject to the approval of the Committee, with a further charge of £1:1:0 a week each for special day & night nurses.

Will you kindly arrange for a special day nurse in any event & whenever you think it necessary or advisable will you also

Let her have a special night nurse.

M<sup>rs</sup>. Alden is at present at Bone House, Ellison Place, Newcastle, & is being attended by Dr. Drummond & Dr. Burnell who has today advised us that she should be moved to York, not later than Saturday. They have undertaken to make all arrangements for certification & I will ask Dr. Burnell to give you any necessary particulars as to your prospective Patient's mental & physical condition.

Dr. Kemp told us that you could send two nurses to take her to York & that you could also arrange to hire a <sup>closed</sup> motor car for the journey & as this appears to be the only practicable way, I shall be much obliged if you will do so.

Will you kindly let me know whether you can send on Saturday for M<sup>rs</sup>. Alden & if so about what time. The car & nurses may be expected at Bone House. Of

course it is advisable that the journey should be made as early in the day as possible as M<sup>rs</sup>. Alden is far from strong physically. It will be necessary for the nurses & chauffeur to have luncheon which cannot be provided at Bone House, which is a private hospital & I shall be much obliged if you will provide them with the money necessary for their expenses which I will refund, or if you will let me know the probable cost including car hire I will send a cheque at once.

I am making these arrangements at the request of my Father

M<sup>r</sup>. W. R. Alden  
Ladbroke, Chine Crescent  
Bournemouth

to whom all accounts for maintenance &c. should be sent & if it is your custom to have a signed undertaking as to payment will you please send him the necessary form.

I remain  
yours faithfully  
W. R. Alden

1<sup>st</sup> July 1912

LADBROKE,  
CHINE CRESCENT,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Sir or Madam,

My son, Mr. W. F. Alden  
of Newcastle-on-Tyne, informs  
me that he has arranged  
with you to send a Motor-  
Car on Saturday with  
two Nurses to Newcastle  
to fetch my wife as a  
patient in your Retreat.

Please note that I am  
responsible for all charges  
due to you <sup>for her</sup> if you like  
to make inquiries about  
me, thro' your Bankers, of  
Messrs Barclay & Co Bankers,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne. I have  
no doubt you will receive

satisfactory information 114

Yours faithfully  
W. F. Alden

The Superintendent  
The Retreat  
York



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1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Feb. 25. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I intend coming  
to York to-morrow to visit  
my mother & shall leave  
here at 9-50.

Should you think it  
inadvisable for me to  
come will you kindly  
wire me early in the

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE  
GOSFORTH  
5 BRIMFIELD AVENUE

Morning so that I may  
get it before leaving.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Alden.

34 OSBORNE ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

14. 2. 12.

Dear Sir

Many thanks for

your letter to Mr. Alden.  
It is very kind of you  
writing.

Considering the patient's age,  
his cardiac condition, the state  
of his vessels etc. I, too, take  
a bad view of his case.

With kind regards.

D. Ruford Puleo.

Yours Sincerely  
A. C. Burnett



34 Osborne Road  
Newcastle on Tyne

Think it advisable could  
you send a second note  
if I wire you?

Please be kind enough  
to wire me if you can  
admit Mr. Alden on Sun.  
day.

I'll be pleased to give  
you any particulars I can  
of her case.

I am

Yrs. Very truly

A. C. Burnell

Burnell.

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34 OSBORNE ROAD,

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Sunday quite  
convenient nurse if  
can stand

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1912

~~required Miss  
D. P. Price~~

Could you take

Mr. Alden in on Sunday, if  
we can manage to get her  
off? I have filled in the  
certificate & Dr. Drummond is  
to see her to-morrow.

It is proposed to bring  
her by train on Sunday, as  
there are fewer people on  
the move. If Mr. Alden

34 OSBORNE ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

4<sup>th</sup> July 1912

LADBROKE,

CHINE CRESCENT,

BOURNEMOUTH.

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Dr. Pierce

The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir

I thank you for  
your telegram rec<sup>d</sup> yday  
evening - I understand  
my wife has been better  
the last few days & the  
severe weather decided  
my son to defer her  
journey to York for the  
present.

Will you kindly send  
me one of your illustrated  
pamphlets & oblige  
Yours truly  
H.R. Alden

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also because she is at  
present quiet.

In asking for a nurse, not  
for nurse Atkinson again, I  
feel I must explain this is  
not because we found nurse  
Atkinson in any way wanting.  
She was in every way satisfactory,  
& even the patient, in her better  
moods, expresses this opinion.

Mr. Alden always seems a  
shade better for any change, &  
this is the sole idea in not  
again asking for nurse Atkinson.

34 OSBORNE ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Febry. 2. 12.

Dear Sir

I would do. day to you  
for a nurse on behalf of Mr.  
Alden. This, I hope you can  
do for me. - For the present  
it is proposed to keep Mrs.  
Alden here, not because of  
any improvement in her mental  
condition, but owing to the very  
cold weather for travelling.

Mr. Alden, I fear, must some day, sooner or  
later, be satisfied, if his son do be done  
with! His own my case, it is my wish that  
she should go to you.

Thanking you for all the trouble you  
have taken in this matter,

I am  
Yrs. Sincerely  
A. E. Corbitt.

P.S. Did you find her by phone for Mr.  
Alden at the Huber's annual to  
mother. Many thanks.

A. E. C.

D. B. Burdette  
The Huber  
Park.

34 GARDNER ROAD

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1912

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LADBROKE,

CHINE CRESCENT,

BOURNEMOUTH.

Dear Sir or Madam

Referring to my  
letter of yday & presuming  
that my wife will go to  
you to-morrow, as arranged,  
will you kindly send me  
a wire on her arrival,  
telling me shortly her  
condition after the journey.

I enclose a stamped  
telegram form

Remain

Yours very truly

W.H. Alden

The Superintendent

The Retreat

York





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1, ELMFIELD VILLAS,  
GOSFORTH,  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 1912

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for  
Dr. Mackenzie's letter which I received  
this morning.

The doctors now appear to  
think that it may not be advisable  
to let their patient travel to York  
on Saturday, & if they so decide, it  
will be necessary for her to come here  
& we shall require either one or two  
nurses, and I hope that you will  
be able to supply them.

Dr. Burnell has promised

3. ELMFIELD VILLAGE

GEORGETOWN

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

to communicate with you direct  
& let you know definitely what  
is decided, and, as it will certainly  
cause confusion if we both make  
arrangements, I will leave all details  
to him.

I thank you for the suggestion  
as to the hire of a car from here.

My reason for proposing a car  
from York was partly to avoid  
publicity (which however will not  
matter if Dr. Burnell hires it) and  
partly because I understood  
from Dr. Kemp that you knew

of a suitable & reliable car for  
hire.

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
W. T. Alden

Dr. Pierce