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17th November, 1915.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

It is very pleasing indeed to hear that Miss Abbatt is so well. It is a good instance of what can be done by patience and perseverance. She was a miserable and unhappy creature when you received her and was much worse before, indeed she was one of the most miserable patients we ever had. I am very glad to hear that she has got well.

I will certainly remember that you can take a resident pateint if one turns up. Just now there seem to be fewer patients than usual paying substantial fees. I have no doubt the war is having considerable effect in reducing expenses on mentally afflicted members of families.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

15 Nov. '15

Dear Dr. Peirce -

It is sometime since I informed you of Miss Abbatt's progress - I am sure you would be surprised to hear her entertaining the whole table with her funny anecdotes and she has quite given up the moaning and is always considerate and ladylike - Her appetite too is much better and she is always industrious and much enjoys helping Mrs. Dixon & Ethel in domestic matters, in which she is very clever - She has been visiting some Cousins, by herself for 3 Weeks, and is going to try staying awhile with them at Preston - In fact she is so much restored to normal Conditions that we feel that her stay with us may not be for much longer, and we are anxious to have another guest, as we see no prospect of disposing of this place in War time -

If you could recommend anyone we should be very grateful - We are quite out of the way of any excitement in Connection with the boats and are not required even to darken the Windows - In fact you could not tell from appearances that there was any war!

Mrs. Dixon and Ethel join me in kind regards.

Yours sincerely, Geo. Dixon

April 5, 1913

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

Just at the moment it would be very difficult for us to spare a nurse, but I am hoping that some will be at liberty soon, in which case one could be liberated to go away with Miss Abbatt.

The fee for the nurse is two guineas a week, and I enclose one of the usual forms. I think, however, the Committee would be willing in the present case to remit all charges here whilst Miss Abbatt is away, though only recently it was decided to make charges for patients on leave. I will, however, raise the matter at the next meeting of the Committee. I should think it likely that after a time Miss Abbatt would not require a trained nurse to be with her, and you might find a companion for her at less expense.

Yours very truly,

20 Jan 3 '15

Dear Dr Pierce -

When I last wrote to you I believe this Abbatt was just on the point of being transferred to us under the Board of Control - Immediately after, We went into Yorkshire - Great Ayton and Redcar - Where she spent 3 months with us on holiday - She was transferred to my daughter Ethel's care, and We had no difficulty in getting them to obey Rules. Of this Rules, amongst others, to the Medical Visit being only once in six Months - Since we returned home, we has a very pleasant visit from one of the Commissioners who seemed quite pleased with everything - He told us however, before he left, that he discovered from his Conversation with her, that she had not got over some of her delusions - We were rather surprised, as she had not lately alluded to them, although she has become much more Communicative - She seems very happy and greatly enjoys helping Mrs Dixon in the house, and does some really

beautiful fauny. Worth hut of Course is always
Wishing to live with her kites again -

W. Moorhouse is at present spending
a week with his Cousin, at Southport - He is
Wonderfully well and seems absolutely normal -

We should be glad of another nice Guest,
if you could recommend one, as we still have
this large house on our hands, although our family
is now reduced to our daughter Ethel, at home - There
seems, moreover, little prospect of our being able to
dispose of it under present Circumstances -

We are happy, however, in our inland seclusion,
and much enjoy our lovely surroundings, and
the feeling of immunity from raids!

With kind regards and many thanks -

Yours sincerely,

Geo. Dixon

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THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, *Victoria Street, S.W.*

10th July, 1914.

Sir,

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

It is desired to make an amendment in the Consent and Order on which this patient was transferred to the care of Miss Dixon, and I shall be obliged if you will be so good as to return it to this Office for that purpose as soon as possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Jno Bradbury

The Medical Officer,

The Retreat,

York.

To Mrs Fletcher.
Letter asylum.
Great Asylum.

July 3rd 14.

Dear Dr Pierce.

Thank you for sending the papers about Miss Abbatt. poor thing I had no idea she had been so ill. You will be glad to hear that she is very much better this last year it is quite encouraging to see her steadily improving

I am just writing to the Board of Control to find out what being responsible for her welfare means. Exactly. as they have told me nothing yet. I naturally want to know before taking the responsibility over.

Our local Doctor saw Miss Abbatt about a week ago. & gave a nice report of her. With very kind regards.

Yours sincerely
Ethel M Dixon.

29th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

I send you a copy of the necessary certificates in the case of Miss Abbatt, and I also enclose a formal notice of discharge.

I much hope the new arrangements will prove a success.

With Kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Braeside
30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood : Preston
June 28 · 1912.

Dear D Pierce

I enclose herewith a form which has been received from the Board of Control for the Transfer of Caroline Aldcroft from the care of The Retreat to that of Miss Ethel Dixon.

The form has been duly filled in as directed. We understand you will furnish us with a copy of the Reception Order &c. upon which my sister was received into the Retreat.

On receipt of the above Copy we will forward to Miss Dixon together with other documents received by us from the Commissioners.

Yours Sincerely
Dilworth Aldcroft

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16th June, 1914.

Sir,

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

As nothing more has been heard of the proposed transfer of this patient to Mrs. Dixon's care, I should be glad if you would inform me, for the information of the Board of Control, if the leave of absence from The Retreat has been extended.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. Bradbury

Bedford Pierce, Esq.

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23rd June, 1914.

Sir,

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I have to inform you that as no definite arrangements have yet been made for this patient's transfer to Single Care it will not be possible for it to take place on the 24th. The Commissioners are informed in a letter from Mr. Dilworth Abbatt received today that Mr. and Mrs. Dixon intend moving to Little Leyton on the 1st proximo, and in these circumstances perhaps you will be so good as to extend the patient's leave of absence until that date, by which time it is hoped that the formal transfer will be effected.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. W. Bradbury

Bedford Pierce, Esq.

24th June, 1914.

Gentlemen,

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

Dr. Pierce is away from home to-day, but in reply to your enquiry there will be no difficulty in extending the leave of absence for Miss Abbatt.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Control.

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK Nº112.
LEEDS Nº3877.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

18th June, 1914.

Gentlemen,

The leave of absence for this patient expires on the 24th instant, and I will write to Mr. Dilworth Abbatt and explain that the question of the transfer must be settled before that date. I do not know why you have not heard again from them before this.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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The Board of Control.

18th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

The Commissioners expected to hear from Mrs. Dixon as to her movements during the next few weeks, whether she is moving from place to place, or going to one fixed place for the whole time whilst the house is let. The transfer cannot be completed unless this is fully understood. The leave of absence from the Retreat does not expire until July 24th, but I think it would be well if the formal transfer could be completed before then.

Yours very truly,

17th June, 1914.

Gentlemen,

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

The leave of absence for this patient expires on July 24th., and I will write to the friends to remind them of this.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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30 May, 1914.

Miss Caroline Abbatt.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th instant suggesting that this patient should be transferred to the care of Mrs.Dixon as a Single Patient, and I am to ask whether when you say that Mr.& Mrs.Dixon are leaving home for three months and are proposing to take Miss Abbatt with them, the Board of Control is to understand that they will be moving from place to place during that time, or whether they will be merely going to some other address for the whole period?

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W.J.L. Rose.

Dr.Bedford Pierce.

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29 May '14

Dear D. Price -

How any kind of you to give us such a clear explanation of what is involved in Miss Caroline Abbott's being placed under Certificate -

Mrs. Dixon, Ethel and I considered the change very carefully and, after deciding that we thought it would be best to give it a trial, I wrote to Mr. D. Abbott and have a letter from him this morning to say that he had written to you to have the transference put in hand, so that Miss Abbott may be able to accompany us in our contemplated change to Cleveland on the 20th June.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely

Geo. Dixon

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Braeside
30 Higher Bank Road
Fulwood Preston May 25-1912.

Dear D^r Pierce

I have this morning a letter from M^r Dixon of Howe End, on behalf of himself & M^rs Dixon signifying their willingness to have Caroline Abbatt transferred to their care under the necessary Certificates

On behalf of my brother visitor & self I would be glad if you would kindly let me know the steps to take for the transference of Miss Abbatt to the care of M^r Dixon.

I would also be glad to know how leave may be obtained for Miss Abbatt to accompany the Dixons to Great Ayton & to live with them there from July 1 to Sept 30 next.

Remain Sincerely Yours
Dilworth Abbatt

23rd May '14

Dear Dr Price,

Mr Dilworth Abbott has sent us your letter to him of the 21st inst. for our views -

We think Miss Abbott has very much improved while she has been with us - We are interested in her Case and should like to continue to have her unless the 'Certificates' mentioned in your letter are an impediment or impose too much responsibility on Mrs Dixon and Ethel - Perhaps you would kindly let us know rather more definitely what it would involve?

We had arranged for Miss Abbott to go with us to Ceylon for July, August & Sept: for a change which my wife and Ethel were looking forward to unless you think Miss Abbott had better not go?

Mr Moorhouse has just returned after a 5 Weeks holiday looking bright & well. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely Geo. Dixon.

Braeside
Higher Blanket Rd.
Eulwood: Preston 19.V.1914.

Dear D. Prince

We have wondered whether our sister Caroline Albatt is still on your list of certified patients. She is still living at Savorey with our good friends the Dixons and continues much the same in health - is apathetic & does not evince pleasure in her pleasant surroundings though we do hear of her conversing with people who call there & occasionally makes observations of her own. Physically she seems to be stronger rather. She has lately had an invitation to some friends near Whitehaven & Mrs Dixon is going to take her next week and leave her there. I don't think she is much trouble - is very industrious with her

fancy work but will not without pressure
go out of the house.

In a letter from Miss Dixon this morning
we read as follows:—

"Father & Mother both seem to think it a pity
" to take Miss Abbatt's off the Work list. - - -
" would you write to Mrs Pierce instead of us
" if it is best to write to him at all - - -
" but it would be better to know one way
" or the other if the certificate has lapsed"

We have been over to Bowery from time to
time to see Caroline.

Perhaps you would reply as to the
best course to take.

With kind regards I remain

Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

2nd. June, 1914.

Gentlemen,

I am not able to answer the question in your letter of the 30th. instant, but I have written to Mr. Dixon asking him to write direct to you.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Control.

Miss Caroline Abbott.

29th May, 1914.

To the Board of Control,

Gentlemen,

I have advised Mr. Dilworth Abbatt that it is time the leave of absence for Miss Caroline Abbatt should be terminated. At my suggestion Miss Abbatt went to stay with Mrs. George Dixon, Howe End, Far Sawrey, near Windermere, and the change there has been thoroughly satisfactory, and the patient has improved but not recovered.

Seeing there is little likelihood of the patient returning to the Retreat I have advised Mr. Abbatt to apply to you for a transfer to Mrs. Dixon's care. I may say that I know Mr. & Mrs. Dixon personally, and they tell me that they are leaving home for three months and proposing to take Miss Abbatt with them.

If it would save trouble and meet with your approval I do not expect the Retreat Committee would object to renew the leave of absence for a further period of three months.

I may say that the parties concerned are all Members of the Society of Friends.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

21st. May, 1914.

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

I think the time has come when Miss Abbatt's name should be removed from the books, as it is quite out of orderfor a patient's name to remain on the books when there is no prospect of her returning to the Institution. I gather that Miss Abbatt cannot be said to have recovered, in which case she must be discharged as "relieved" by your authority, unless you wish her to be legally transferred to the care of the lady with whom she is about to stay.

The Board of Control make inquiries as to the residence of persons discharged relieved, and as it is illegal for any person to take care of such for profit without the patient being under certificates, there may be trouble. There are, therefore, but two alternatives. One is that Miss Abbatt should be under the care of her own relations without payment, or that she is transferred to single care as I have already explained. You will understand that this formality only applies to persons who have not recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

29th. May, 1914.

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

All that is necessary is that you should apply to the Board of Control, 66 Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W., for their consent to the transfer of Miss Abbatt to the care of Mrs. Dixon. It would be well to explain to them fully the circumstances, and say that she has been on leave from the Retreat and has done very well with Mrs. Dixon. That the authorities at the Retreat say the leave of absence must be terminated, and you wish her transferred to Mrs. Dixon's care. Also tell them that Mrs. Dixon is leaving home for a time and proposes to take Miss Abbatt with her. They will then be able to deal with the matter and send you the necessary papers. I will send a line to them myself to introduce the matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

30 Highes Bank Rd
Fulwood Preston
27-IX-1913.

Dear D Pierce

Our sister Caroline Abbatt is still living at Howe End with our kind friends the Dixons. Mr Dixon reminds us that it was about June 3 last that C. travelled to Leeds to see you & queries whether she ought to see you again soon.

She has I think continued to improve in health & is I believe in better condition bodily for travelling than she was on the last occasion. With kind regards

I remain Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

Sept. 29, 1913

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

I am glad to hear that Miss Abbatt is going on pretty well. There is no need for me to see her for the present. I will advise you when the report comes round again, but it will not be due for many months. There is of course some objection to a patient remaining indefinitely on leave of absence, and it involves some responsibility to the Institution, but I realise that in the present case there are advantages in not disturbing the present arrangement.

Yours very truly,

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

30 Highes Bank Rd.
Fulwood Preston 18.VI.1913.

acknowledged
19 JUN 1913

Dear D. Pierce

My wife & self went on Monday to Hour End to see Caroline and I am glad to say we found her quite as well or perhaps better than we expected - She is certainly more restrained than for a long time past.

The Dixons are most kind.

In a letter from you on April 5 last you thought "the Comtee would be willing to remit all charges here whilst Mrs Albatt is away &c."

We should feel relieved to know this is the case

With kind regards Yours

Sincerely Yours

D'Ivoire Albatt

Home End
Far Sawrey.
nr. W'mere.

June 5th '13.

Dear Dr. Pierce —

I had intended to send you a line y'day - but was busy after my absence on Tuesday.

I want just to say that I feel sure Miss Abbatt has misconstrued something her Sisters may have said to her - as regards "the faithful promise that she should never return to the Retreat."

It is so absolutely contrary to the tone of their conversation with me on the same day - when they were most anxious not to lose all hold or connexion with the Institution for they evidently felt this absence was simply an Experiment which it might be impossible to continue.

Miss Abbatt greatly resented the going to Leeds, that perhaps accounts for her sullen behaviour. I was sorry!

With kind regards Yours very truly Beatrix Potter

"You will not forget the prescription?"

"Why can't Dr. Pierce write?"

May 30, 1913

Dear Mrs. Dixon,

I shall be pleased to see Miss Abbatt at 1 o'clock at my rooms. I do not think my interview need take many minutes, and there should be no difficulty about your catching the 1.52 train back. You will probably be at the rooms just a minute or two before I get there.

Yours very truly,

With the Compliments of the

York Waterworks Company.

LENDAL BRIDGE,
YORK.

27 MAY 1913

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Moore End
Far Sawley
W. Pde more.

28. V. 13.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

You will have heard from Mr Abbott of the arrangements for his sister to meet you in Leeds on June 3rd? When I am expecting to accompany her.

The journey will be rather long & tiring for one in her weakly state of health - & we are anxious to make it as easy for her as possible.

Leaving here at 9, we

ought to arrive in Leeds
by 12.52 - & leave again
at 1.52 - just an hour.

We shall take a cab straight
up to 6 Park Place, imme-
diately on arrival. If you
could possibly help us by
such an early interview,
we would keep the cab
waiting & drive straight
back to the station & get
some refreshment before
leaving at 1.52.

If we miss this train
we should not get to Howe
End before 9 p.m. wh. would make
too tiring a day I am afraid
for Miss Abbott.

If this is in any way incon-
venient or unsuitable perhaps
you will kindly let me know

In case of a post-or two. & oblige
Yours truly with very kind regards
Mrs. E. Dixon

30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood Preston
May 21. 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce

I duly rec'd your letter yesterday morning and have forwarded it to Mrs Dixon of Hower End, who will be replying in due course.

The arrangement will be probably that Caroline will travel to Leeds to see you on Tuesday June 3 & will return to Hower End the same day. We are making arrangements for a caretaker to be with her at Hower End for some little time at any rate.

The change seems to be doing well for her.

I enclose the matron's report for the matron to be duly filled in.

Mrs Dixon in her letter speaks highly of

Nurse Day and adds that Caroline says -
"Oh! She could not have been kinder"

Remain Sincerely Yours
D. Elworth Abbott

May 19, 1913

DearvMr. Abbatt,

On or about the 5th June the reception Order for Miss Caroline Abbatt will lapse unless I see her and give a special report and certificate saying that she remains of unsound mind. This is a statutory obligation which cannot be helped. I did not realise that the date was falling due when Miss Abbatt left. If the report is not sent Miss Abbatt must be discharged as "Relieved", which will raise the question of the legality of her remaining under Mrs. Dixon's care, as it is not lawful for any one to receive a person of unsound mind for profit except unde certificates..

The alternative is that Miss Abbatt should be brought to see me in my rooms in Leeds, and I would suggest Tuesday, June 3rd for this purpose.

The only other alternative I can see is that Miss Abbatt should be formally transferred to Mrs. Dixons care, but it is possible that Mrs. Dixon might not wish to take the whole responsibility of the patient in this way.

Of course if Miss Abbatt returned to the Retreat for a day or two that would answer every purpose.

Yours very truly,

c/o Mrs Dixon
Howe End
Far Sawrey
Windermere
11/5/13

Dear Dr Potter.

Many thanks for letter received.
Miss abbots Sister & Sister-in-law came to see her yesterday
They are writing you this week about a final arrangement for Miss Abbot. They want to try her with some one who isnt trained & who would be less expensive so that I expect to be free by the 13th & should very much like to

go with the party to Switzerland
Miss Abbot is much the same
as she was when she left York

I remain
Yrs truly
I. Day

May 1, 1913

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

You will no doubt have heard that your sister went away with Nurse Dey, whom she preferred, last Saturday, and I hope everything will go on satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

April 22, 1913

Dear Mr. Dixon,

I should almost think it would not do to have both Miss Abbatt and Miss Davies at the same time. The former is queer and unsociable, but not very troublesome. The latter is now quite convalescent, and I think she would resent being associated with Miss Abbatt with a nurse at any time.

Yours very truly,

April 22, 1913

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

We can spare a nurse to go with Miss Abbatt when Mrs. Dixon is ready to receive her. I have, however, heard that it will be a little while before this is the case.

Yours very truly,

please examine blot -

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19 ap. '13

Dear Dr Pierce -

Many thanks for your note of 18th inst. re Miss Abbatt - We have not quite finished our Spring Cleaning - May we leave it that we will let you know as soon as we are ready?

We have a note from Mrs Davies of New Barnet, asking if we are at all likely to be able to have Miss Davies for a few weeks - Mrs Dixon has got the idea that she had a little bilious tendancy, and when they last applied to us we declined - We understand she has been at Shrewsbury for about four weeks months but that you now think her quite fit for a change - Would it be suitable to have both Miss Abbatt and Miss Davies at the same time do you think, and if so, Would the nurse be able to take a general responsibility of them - I understand Miss Davies would not require her attention at all? With many thanks

Yours very truly - Geo Dixon

30 Higher Bank Rd.
Fulwood Preston 15.IV.1913

Dear Mr. Pierce

I enclose chq. Value £35.14.11 in payment of the a/c. herewith.

We have not heard from Mr. Dixon of Sawrey but as it is about 3 weeks since we were there & this being the period she spoke of being without a maid we presume she will have found one & be ready to take our sister Caroline for her visit there.

We hope that you may now have a nurse at liberty or that such may be the case soon. Yours Sincerely Jas

Dilworth Abbott

30 Higher Banks Rd.
Edlwood 4.IV.1913.

Dear Mr Pierce

I have delayed replying to your kind letter of March 19 until we had had an opportunity of seeing Mrs Dixon of Hower End.

My wife & self went to Saurey yesterday and had an interview with the Dixons.

We found them quite willing to take Caroline with a Nurse but being at present without a maid, it would not be convenient to take them in for a fortnight or three weeks.

The charge made is five guineas per week - 3 for Caroline & 2 for the nurse.

To stay for less than a month seems too short a time but expense is a consideration.

In addition to the above there would be your charges for the nurse but we have wondered if it is usual or if it could be arranged that the Retreat furn

could be abated during the time she is absent from the Institution?

I hope you don't mind my asking these questions but as C's relatives will have to bear the charges I thought it well to be informed

I am Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

We should like to arrange for C. getting away as soon as convenient

To yourself & the Dixons

March 19, 1913

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

I hardly know what to say about Miss Abbatt going away. She is really very unreasonable. She will not come down to my office to talk things over, and when I speak to her on the subject, all she says, in a sort of artificial, whining voice, is "I want to go away".

It is difficult to know exactly what is in her mind, but I think she has some delusions in relation to the Retreat, and possibly in relation to myself, but what they are I do not know.

She wrote a letter to Mrs. Dixon of Howe End, Far Saurey, Windermere, asking her to try to get her away. This letter Mrs. Dixon sent on to me. I thanked her for sending it, and at the same time asked her how they were situated, and if they could take Miss Abbatt if it could be arranged. I understand this is possible.

I should feel quite easy about Miss Abbatt going to stay there, and perhaps a nurse could be found for a time to see her settled in, but just at present we are very short-handed and it would not be easy to spare a nurse.

It is quite clear that Miss Abbatt has not recovered, and yet it is worth while trying to see how she gets on away from the Retreat. I see no reason to fear any hishap if she has a trial.

I do not, of course, know the place you speak of at Grange, and cannot form an opinion as to whether it would be preferable to Mrs. Dixon's. I have been to Far Saurey, and it is really a delightful house.

Yours very truly,

30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood Preston 18.iii.1913

Dear Dr Pierce

My sister Caroline Abbatt has written many plaintive letters lately craving for a change of abode. Our sister Annie saw Caroline a few days ago also Dr Kenya and the Sisto - the latter in conversation thought a change of scene might be of advantage.

In consultation with my brother & sister this morning we arrived at the conclusion that, subject to your approval, Caroline might try a change for a month (or longer if found beneficial) at Grange or in the Lake District accompanied by a nurse - say in a month's time from now.

If you find that such a change might suitably be tried we have wondered if

you could recommend some suitable place.

We have thought of a Mrs Walker High Nest Farm Mr Keswick as possibly likely but we have not written. Caroline herself has mentioned Grange.

From past experience Cs. anticipation seems to exceed the reality of any satisfaction in visiting places.

With kind regards

I remain Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

14 Mar. '13

Dear D. Price.

Many thanks for your kind note. With regard to Miss Abbath we should be glad to have her if you and her friends think it suitable. Perhaps a nurse could accompany her and they till the land lotted in? We conclude she has not been suicidal at all? I wonder if she herself would like to come here. I always think they little better when they wish to come themselves.

The Spring flowers are coming on quickly now with the open weather and it is beginning to look very Springlike. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Leo Bryan

11th. March, 1913.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

Many thanks for your letter about Miss Abbatt. She is really rather better and there is some talk of her going away for a change. For a long time she has given us very little trouble, but she is queer in her ways as you judge from her letter.

I do not know what the relatives may think, but I should be glad to know whether you could receive her for a time, provided she left here on leave of absence. She is very anxious for a change and I think she is about well enough to go away.

With kind regards,

I remain, Yours very truly,

G. Dixon, Esq.,
How End,
Far Sawney,
near Windermere.

Dear All

Pleas when
are I coming
home to my home
Mrs Riley would
so any Stay
with me I feel
I Cannot bear
to be away me
Ster day. I
was promised
home if I was
quiet and

The nurses. O do let me
come to be under the
dear old roof again
I am so weary if it does
O let me come.

With love Carrie

Thanks for pencil.

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now I have been so
for one year or
nearly so. I
could sit & work
at home &
cook I cooked
the dinner on
Christmas day
at Elys's &
nearly all of it
& it was beautiful
the ices would
melt I have a
change from here
& so do lots of

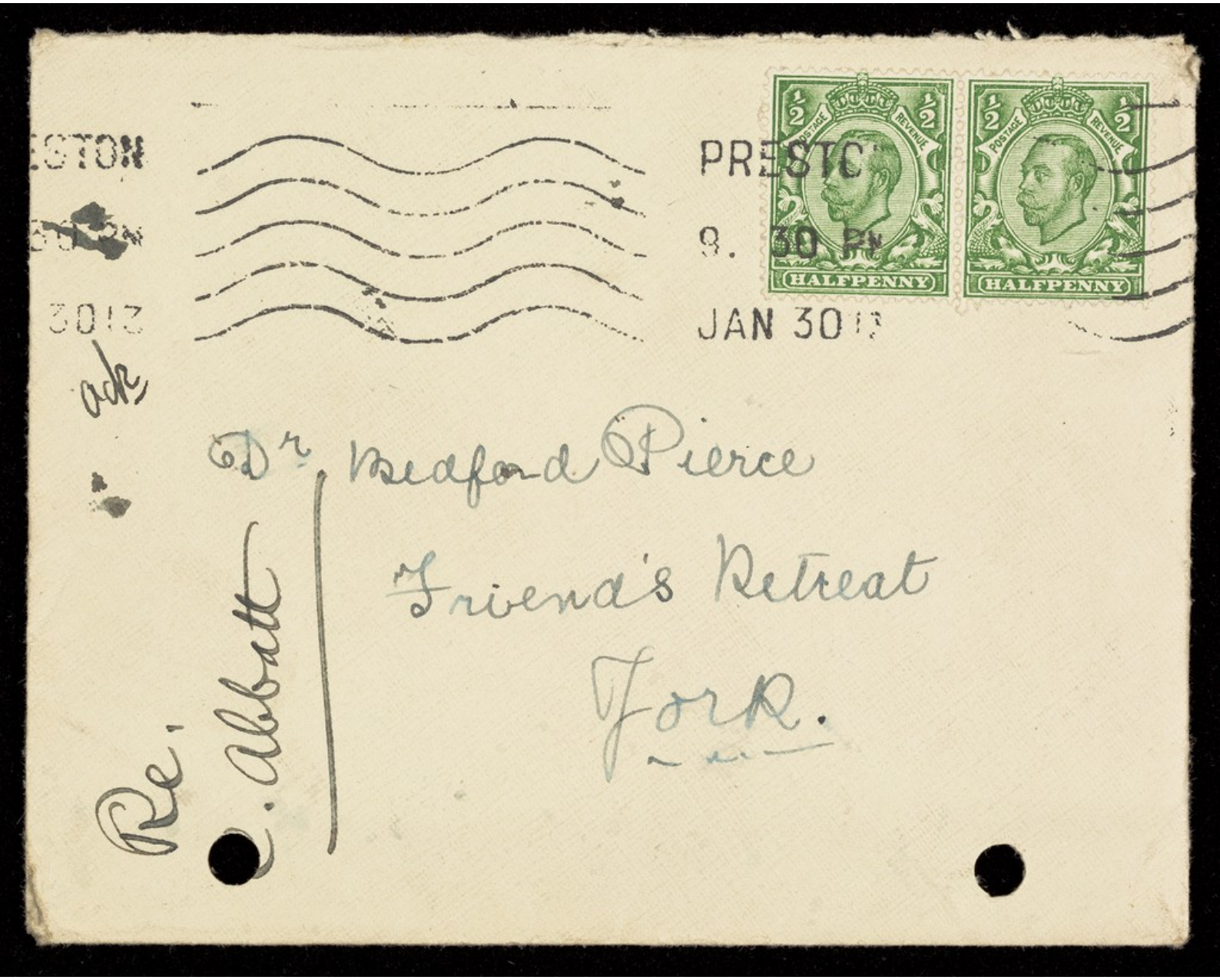
Dear Annie

Mrs Riley tells me that Eliza told her that you are getting ready for me to come home to you. Tell me if it is so, & that I shall see the dear hills again from my bedroom window. Mrs. Riley would be so glad to come with me. I want to come very very much I am so tired of all the

terrible worse in
this place & I want
other employment.
lots of them want
me to go to my
home at Pastore
I don't want a
bit of a fuss
nurse with one
but somebody dies
& Mrs Riley too.

With love

Carrie

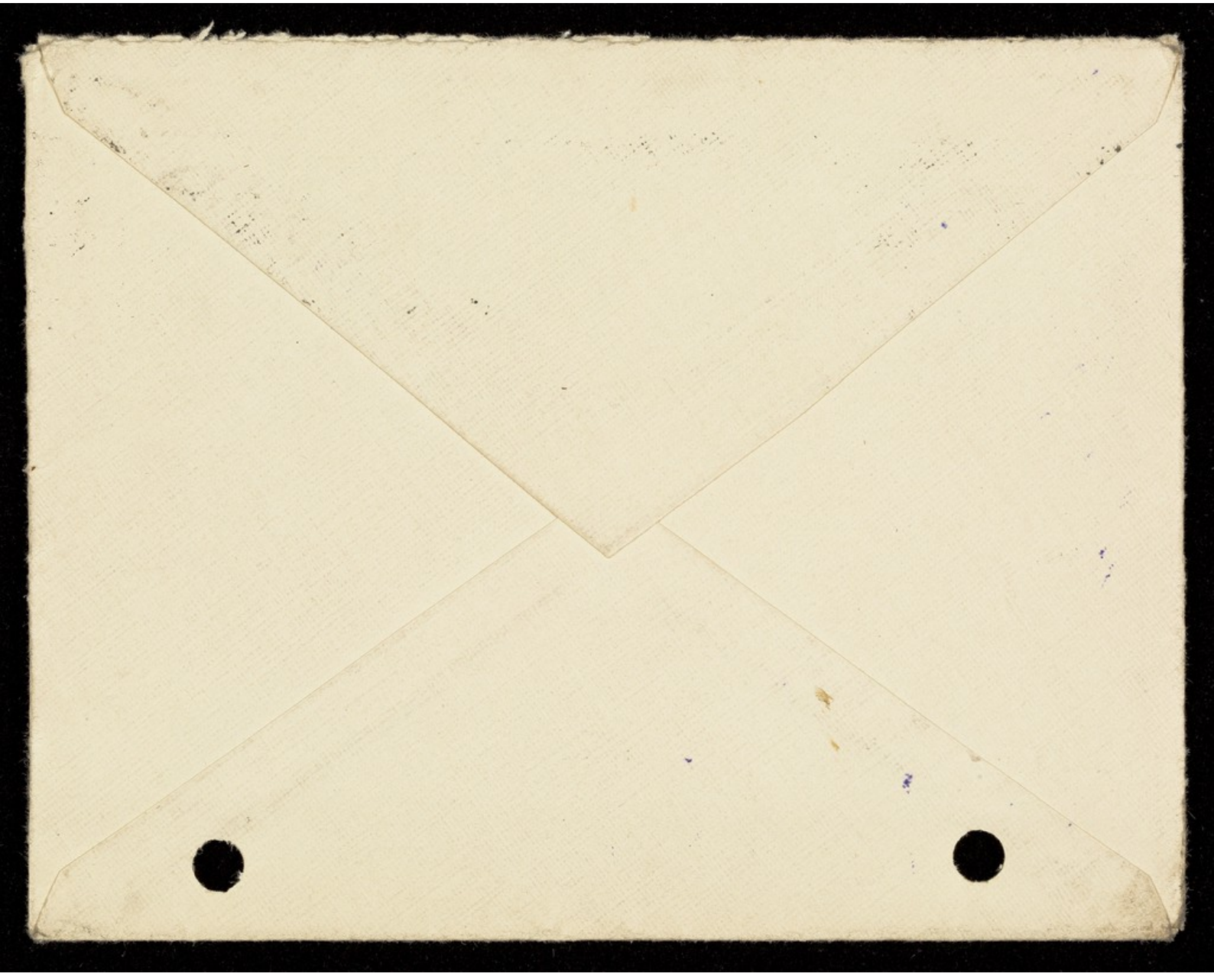


Dr Bedford Pierce

Friend's Retreat

York.

Re
E. Abbott



[redacted] ROAD,
FULWOOD,
PRESTON.

January 30th

Dear Dr Pearce

I enclose two recent letters from my Sister for you to read, I have also had others written in a similar strain. We have not thought of removing her from The Retreat & I have not mentioned any

& I could not possibly manage her alone. Can you suggest what might be done to help her. It is distressing to me. to receive these letters & makes it very difficult to answer them.

With Kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Annie E. Abbatt.

such thought to Eliza (Miss Pickard) Dear old home is at present let this makes it practically impossible to bring my sister there & I much question if it would be advisable to come amongst her old surroundings with a possible return to The Retreat which would be painful & upsetting. My sisters affection for Mrs Kilney is great I believe, & Mrs K I thought very kind to her I was last over in York My sister sends me some beautiful work, some paintings, also a little poem, her own composition I am sure she is in good hands at The Retreat

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30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood Preston
16.IX.1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you for your full explicit reply to my letter.

My sister Annie & myself are intending to be at the Retreat between 2 & 3 o'clock next Wednesday though having had such a clear statement of our sister's case put before us there seems not seem to me to be much to enquire about.

It is evident to my brother and self that Caroline is hardly yet fit to leave the institution — certainly not to live with our sister Annie who is not ~~well~~ of the right sort to stand much worry.

Miss Pickard Saulsbury advising this view do not quite approve of her well meant action in the case.

Remain Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

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30 Higher Bank Rd.
Fulwood Preston 13.1x.1912.

Dear Fr. Pierce

Letters we have recently had from Eliza Pickard seem to point to a considerable improvement in the health of our sister Caroline Abbott.

Eliza Pickard is of the opinion that it would be a wise move for Caroline to return home or at any rate to be put under care of her sister somewhere not far away from here.

My sister is Pleasington rather anxious to have her back to live with her.

My brother Henry self & wife however feel strongly that we should take no risks in the matter and we would naturally prefer to be guided entirely by your judgment.

We should feel better satisfied to have a quiet talk with you over matters and if you would be so kind as to fix a time & day convenient to yourself - preferably next week - two of us would arrange to meet you at the Retreat.

Trains from here are awkward - our best train arrives at York about 2.15 if we return the same day our train leaves York at 4.25.

I remain Yours sincerely
Wilworth Abbott

30 Higher Bank Rd.
Fulwood
Preston 3.IX.1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

My sister Caroline Abbatt encloses this morning a letter she has received from her cousin Eliza Pickard of York, in which the latter states that she has received permission to take Caroline out for a few days to stay with her - we understand without an attendant.

We should be very glad to think that our sister was well enough to be able to visit her relation in this way and hope it may be so.

Not knowing exactly what condition she is now in we thought we had better write to you as we feel a little doubtful until we know your opinion as to whether such a visit is desirable.

We hope it may be.

With kind regards Yours
Yours Sincerely
Dilworth Abbatt

Dresden 3. IX. 1913.

Mein liebes Gretchen Gilbert wundere
Dich sehr, daß Du die Karte nicht von
Deinem lieben Papa bekommen hast. Er wollte
Dir selber gleich Geld schicken und
Dir sagen, Du sollst Dir Deine Sachen
selber kaufen. Nun hat er es vergessen
und ich will es Dir sagen, damit Du
Dir nicht Deine Sachen selber kaufst.
Du bekommst es dann von Papa.

Ich schreibe Dir jetzt nicht mehr,
weil ich Dir es ja sagen will.

Viele Grüße
Deine
treue Schwester

Nov. 11, 1911

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

There will be a meeting of the Committee of the Retreat on the 21st, when the question of terms will be considered. I do not think there will be any difficulty in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Caroline Abbatt admitted May 28 1909
Terms 48/- members.

30 Higher Bank Road
Fulwood Preston 9.X1.1911.

Dear Dr Prince

Re. Caroline Abbatt

Since my letter of the 19th ult to which you replied on the 21st we have as suggested seen Barclay Clemesha and have asked him to write you.

B. Clemesha is no longer the Agent for the Retreat having resigned the duty more than 12 months ago and no fresh appointment has been made by Preston monthly Meeting. Barclay Clemesha, however advised us to write to you direct and explain how matters stand as regards my sister's income &c.

Since writing you last month we have made fresh arrangements in respect to the house rented by our two sisters whereby Caroline's income will be found from some obligation which will be a set off to some extent against the loss of income alluded to in my previous letter.

My brother and self find it impossible to say what C.A's income will be during the next year or two but it is clearly evident that it will be considerably reduced.

In my last I suggested a reduction of £20 per annum in the amount of fees paid but under the fresh arrangements

made, we think a reduction of £10 per ann. for the present might be sufficient.

If the Committee can see their way to allow this reduction we should feel much obliged.

If - in a year or two's time - we find that C.A.'s income is sufficient to pay the present fees we would advise you of the fact and would gladly revert to the present scale.

Remain Sincerely Yours
Dilworth Abbatt

Perhaps I might add that at our M.M. held last night an appointment was made to find some Friend willing to take Barclay Clemesha's place as Agent for the Retreat in Preston Mo. Mtg.

D.A.

Ingrgate
Preston Dec. 30. 1911.

Dear Sir

Re Caroline Aldcroft

Thanks you for your letter of Dec. 22 stating the decision of the Committee to reduce the terms for Miss C. Aldcroft from 4s/- to 4s/- per week to date from Oct 1. 1911.

On behalf of my brother & sister we would like to thanks the Comitee for so kindly considering the case.

I remain Yours Sincerely

Dilworth Aldcroft

Mr Wm E. Waller
Yorks

Dec. 22 1911

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee it was agreed to reduce the terms for Miss Abbott from 4/- to 4½ a week, the alteration to date from Oct 1. 1911

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Sec

Edwards Abbott Esq

Dec. 29 1911

Dear Sir,

We have received your
favor of the 27th inst. and
have taken the liberty of
drawing on you at 30 days
sight for $ 1.50 net,
the amount of your
account.

Yours truly,
Chas. Phillips
Per

30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood Preston 2-XI-1911.

Dear Dr Pierce

Thanks you for your letter of the 21st ult.
to which I hope to reply fully before long -
after consultation with my brother visitors.

We have not yet received the q.r.
for the present quarter - it has usually
been out a month earlier than this
We should be glad to have the
usual health Report also.

Yours sincerely
Silvester Horlbatt

Oct. 21, 1911

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

As Miss Abbatt is a member of the Society of Friends I do not think t ere will be much difficulty in making a reduction of terms if she and her friends are no longer able to meet the charges now being made. I shall be glad to submit a proposal to the Committee of the Retreat when they m meet in about a month's time. The lowest rate is 12/- a week. This can only be obtained on the recommendation of her Monthly Meeting. In the case of reduction of terms it is well, if possible, that the application for reduction should be supported by a letter from our agent in the district. The agent for Preston is Barclay Clemesha, Garford House, Walting Road, Fulwood.

Miss Abbatt has been doing better since she has been at Belle Vue, but I cannot say that she is in any sense convalescent.

Yours very truly,

30 Higher Bank Road
Fulwood : Preston 19.X.1911.

Dear Mr Prince

I feel loath to write this letter - but for some time past we have felt that sooner or later we must ask if some revision in the amount of the fees paid on account of my sister Caroline Abbatt could be arranged.

At the time our sister entered the Retreat some 2½ years ago - the terms suggested by you were accepted on her behalf and it was our hope that her income would be about sufficient to meet the payment.

We find however this is not so.

It has been necessary to draw on my sister's capital to the extent of £35 - and three fourths of a further sum of £30 will have to be raised by her two brothers and sister to meet the payment now due. The fund from which Caroline Abbatt derives her income has recently suffered considerable loss by a collapse of building property and the forced realization of investments to meet the cost of rebuilding. This entails (and will in future continue to do so) a reduced income. We should feel much obliged if you would kindly use your good offices in the matter. We have wondered if it would be possible to reduce the annual fees by £20 leut at the same time keep her at the Retreat.

On behalf of my sister and brother very Truly Yours
Sincerely Yours Delworth Abbatt

We have not yet received the October Statement and &c.
I think it has usually been rec'd before this W.A.

30 Higher Bank Rd
Fulwood : Preston July 18. 1911.

Dear Mr Pierce

I enclose herewith cheque for £47.12.10 in payment of the a/c. attached.

My wife and self propose coming over to York to-morrow and we hope it may be convenient for us to see my sister for a short while - probably from about 5.15 to 6.30 PM our train leaves York at 7.5.

Remain
Sincerely Yours
Dilworth Abbatt

Braeside
Higher Banks Rd
Fulwood. Preston
July 2. 11.

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Dear Dr Pierce

I duly received Dr Kemp's letter this morning respecting our sister.

We quite agree that the change Caroline has had has been sufficiently lengthy and we should, return as soon like her to

Yours sincerely
Dilworth Abbatt

Remain

as possible now to the Retreat.

Some of us had hoped to have visited her at Scalby but it has been inconvenient to do so - probably before long one or the other of us may come to see her again at York.

From letters received from her of late we think her delusions are not so persistent as they were. That which seems to trouble her being the natural strong desire to return home.

This we feel and have told her is out of the question until she is able to control the moaning noise she makes which must be wearisome to those who attend her.

With kind regards

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From DILWORTH ABBATT,

TELEPHONE 91X. 154a Friargate, PRESTON, 31. V. 1911

Thanks you for letter. We should feel obliged if you would arrange the holiday as best you can at or about the date mentioned the 24th June.

Sincerely

Dilworth Abbatt

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

STAMP HERE.

30 Higher Bank Rd 249
Fulwood - Preston 22.V.1911.

H.R

Dear D. Pierce

We should feel obliged if you could arrange for my sister Caroline to have a short holiday at some farmhouse or other suitable place comfurably near the Yorkshire coast - Whitby or Scarboro' way as you suggest and as soon as can be conveniently arranged.

We should be glad if the cost

of the outing could be kept as low as possible for my sister's income will not allow us to draw upon it for any of the expense — and the cost will therefore devolve on us. We do hope the change may be of benefit. We think it would be well that she should understand that she will return to the Retreat until well enough to come home.

Truman Sincerely

Dilworth Abbatt

With kind regards

I remain Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

30 Higher Bank Rd

Eulwood Preston

May 9. 1911.

Dear Pearce

We have had several letters from my sister Caroline — none however during the past two or three weeks — in which she expresses a strong desire to get away to the sea side for a holiday.

We have written to her once or

twice saying we would consider the matter when the warmer days came.

We wonder what you think of a short change for her - whether it might be beneficial and if such a holiday is practicable. Would it necessitate two nurses?

Could you if you think a holiday is practicable recommend some place - we have thought somewhere on the Yorkshire coast.

The last letter or two we had from our sister gave us a little more cheer than ~~some~~ those we have had at rare intervals for a long time back.

We should be glad if you would kindly say what you think of her condition.

having already a good
many small delusions-

Yours very truly
William A. Fox.

INGLEWOOD,
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS.

Nov 14. 09

Dear Dr Pierce

Thanks for your letter,
I know Mr Harmer's Home
and am making Enquiries.
My patient might go to
Sweden, or Even Holland, if
for Queen of a Suitable place
Could tell me.

Great Ormond did not mention
you not having applied to
him, nor has he said that
he has had any applicants.

We are both on the look out for a good resident patient. I hoped to have met you at Sawford Knapp's last summer when I believe you dined there and I could not.

This was the reason why I failed to write and report as to Miss Abbatt a neurasthenic who came to me on your recommendation, for 3 months rest cure.

She was not a success as she arrived with a determination to oppose everything & carried this line through the whole time, finishing up by getting measles & giving me an extra 3 weeks as a "fever patient".

I am sorry I could do little for her, and I fear she will give her people a good deal of anxiety yet, as she promises to go much further mentally,

but the sum of the cost
and - then should there
should one in my hearing
and one in the minds
of the council here to
have herself
Then has the person
it is not safe
they tell me this
Doctor, said he could
not certify this child
as any as she was
able to manage her
own affairs
And when a person has

The Papers
Albert Ry (210
Sherwood.
Preston
May 12' 09

Dear Sir Rose
This Albert's person
should here to know
to this child can
be certified she
can manage her
own affairs Court
after, things generally
do the Country
She is sensible enough
to come in as a V B

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ens one, and a very
different patient to
manage, one day.
She is quiet and
would mind anything to
do with me and
another. But, as Sister
Mrs. Beaton used to
be and her usual. Only I
She sleeps alone, I sup-
pose they think she cannot
do any harm after-
I Come first her;
She has taken a great-
dislike to me.
Yours Sincerely
Jane McKay.

of suicide does it
not make a difference?
I am alone or rather
the ward, and I,
and I alone, like
the Idea of a person
running about on
this Island alone.
Daisy, Mamie, Jane.
Daisy's and talking
of suicide. —
apart from that,
this island is very

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Braeside 30 Higher Bamb Rd. Fulwood Preston

15. XI. 1910.

Dear Mr Pierce

Thanks you for writing in respect to my sister. and I will read your letter to my brother and sister here and see what they say. Personally I feel rather doubtful as to the wisdom in making a change at present. I remain Sincerely

Dilworth Alcock

forms of delusion or semi-
-delusions and my brother & self
(and I am sure my elder sisters also)
would like to have your advice
concerning her.

We have not broached the
subject to my sister but feel
that she would in all probabil-
-ity gladly come to York to see
you along with one or the other
of us or any wife.

Before we decide to arrange
anything however, we would be

Address 74 Briargate (920

PRESTON.

Dear Dr Price 12. X 1. '08.

In consultation with my
brother this morning we came
to the conclusion to write to
you respecting our sister
Caroline Abbatt.

My sister has been out of
health for the greater part of
a year and has during that
period suffered from various

glad if you would kindly
state your fee for a consultation
& thorough examination.

Truman Sincerely

Dilworth Abbatt

Dec. 31, 1909

Dear Miss Abbatt,

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter. I am sorry to say that to a large extent Miss Abbatt has relapsed, and the old depressed ideas that she is lost eternally dominate her mind, and she loudly moans and bewails her unhappy lot. We cannot do anything to comfort her. In fact the more we say to encourage her the worse she seems. Before this relapse came she herself said that she did not wish to go away, and the last time I saw her she implored me never to send her away, and I assured her there was no likelihood of my doing so. I do not think her unhappiness is quite as great as the outward signs would indicate, but I fear there is no doubt she suffers a good deal mentally.

Yours very truly,

Albert Road
Salwood
Preston.

Dec. 28th

Dear Dr Pierce.

I was cheered by your last letter dated Nov. 27th but since then I cannot help but doubt there has been a somewhat hardening in my dear Sisters condition, she has not written to us as she did her last ~~short~~ note of about a fortnight ago was extremely short & I should be so glad if you would give me a few particulars. I feel so sorry there is so little response to all your Kindness & care. I just want to express that we all feel that every-thing is being done for her

best welfare & to assure
You how much we appre-
-ciate the Kindness of Drs
& Nurses. I have a
feeling that my Sister has
hoped to be home for
Christmas & when she
could not have any
Management from us
she has probably
given way & is not so well.
I hope & indeed my fears are
groundless

With Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbate.

Albert Road
Fulwood
Preston.

Nov. 26th 09

Dear Dr Pierce.

I shall be so glad if you can give me any improved account of my dear Sisters health.
I have heard from her several times recently & gather from her letters that she is somewhat better. She tells me she has been into the City to a Café.

With Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbatt.

Nov. 27, 1909

ss Abbatt,

There is no doubt your sister is a good deal better
e was a month or six weeks ago. She is able to con-
a little, does a little work, and the moaning is but
But she is not able to take an intelligent interest
goes on. She declines to attend any religious service
o any entertainment. She does not read or occupy
in a sensible way, nor will she enter into any convers-
but stands about, idle and discontented. She tells
se that she resents all that has been done for her
he has been with us, and apparently quite fails to
and how very bad she has been. She went out one
tea in the City and did very well; and we would gladly
r further privileges if she would respond.

Yours very truly,

Albert Road

Fulwood

Preston

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Oct. 3rd

Dear Dr Pierce.

I expect to be able to come & see my sister on Tuesday afternoon, probably from 2 o'clock. or 2-30.

Thank you for your communication Saturday

Kind regards.

A. E. Abbatt.

Oct. 4, 1909

Dear Miss Abbatt,

It will be quite convenient for you to see your sister tomorrow. Unfortunately I shall be in Leeds as I have made an appointment to go there in the afternoon.

Oct. 1, 1909

Dear Miss Abbatt,

I regret I cannot report any improvement in your sister's health. Physically perhaps she is a little better, but she is in a poor miserable state. She seems to understand well all that goes on and frequently asks whether she is going to get better, and I tell her what I think to be true; that I see no reason why she should not do so after a time. She unfortunately makes a great deal of noise, which is worse when she is spoken to or anything is done for her. This is a kind of cry which is repeated during the greater part of the dame she is awake, and it is most distressing to any-one anywhere near. It is often heard right at the other end of the grounds.. Hence you will understand that her condition is very distressing, but yet I hope you will come to see her, as I believe she is quite able to appreciate a visit; but I fear it will be painful for you yourself.

Yours very truly,

Albert Road
Fulwood
Preston.

September 30th

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Dear Dr. Pierce.

It seems long since I heard anything of my dear Lizzie. Will you kindly tell me what you think of her mental condition & she any stronger physically. I should be so thankful if you could report even slight improvement I wonder if you would think a visit detrimental in any way. as I have some thought of coming next week, unless you consider that in any way it might upset her.

With Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbott.

sister. Well sure it would upset me very much, at the same time I would be quite willing to do so, if she should ever express a desire to see any of us. but both my Brothers think it had better be left a little while. I am going from home for a short visit. I could not bear to think she felt

N.R

Albert Road
Fulwood
Preston

28 August. 1909

Dear Dr. Kemp.

May I ask you to get my sister to sign the enclosed in the space initialled & Kindly return to me. Of course I have mixed feelings with regard to visiting my dear

neglected in any way
whatever. Dr Cross spoke
very cheerio yesterday & I
do so hope she may improve
& that she gets sleep &
is able to take her food.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbott.

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Albert Road
Jellicoe
Preston.

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Aug. 17th

Dear Dr Pierce.

I write to ask if a visit to my dear Sister would in any way be helpful to her or do you think it would upset her & be unadvisable at present. Can you tell me anything with regard to her condition & does she take any interest at all in the letter I send her each week.

With Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbate.

P. S. Do you think my Sister would care to see me?

July 30, 1909

Dear Miss Abbatt,

I fear my report cannot be very favourable. The intensity of the depression and restlessness is not so great as it was, and though Miss Abbatt means a great deal and still remains unable to take a rational interest in what goes on, I think there is no doubt she does not suffer as she did. It is a most painful case, and unfortunately there is little that one can do to brighten her lot. I fancy she notices and listens to what goes on very much more than one might think, and there is a tendency for her distress to become more automatic, by which I mean that though the outward signs of distress may be there, the real feeling that prompts them is not so intense.

Yours very truly,

Albert Road
Fulwood
Preston.

July 29th 1909

Dear Dr Nicol.

I shall be so glad if you can report even slight improvement in my dear sisters condition. She is naturally very often in my thoughts, perhaps more especially so as I am entirely alone. Does she take her food well, what does she sleep, are her hallucinations still about our dear Mother, her own lost condition, I do you think she is unhappy feeling all this sadness as much as apparently appears to those around her. With Kindest regards I earnest desires that you Nurses staff may be helped in your endeavours to alleviate all the suffering nes under your care. Yours sincerely

Annie E. Abbatt.

July 9, 1909

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

Please do not in the least hesitate to write and enquire how Miss Abbatt is as often as you like. We do not in the least mind writing frequently as to the health of patients and the quarterly reports are professedly only a mere formal information as to how things are going on.

I regret I cannot report any material improvement. Miss Abbatt is still very noisy and uncontrolled. She throws herself about, pulls at her hair, makes strange inarticulate noises, often for a considerable time without intermission. At other times she is quiet and scarcely speaks.

There is no sign of enfeeblement of mind because in between times she makes quite sensible remarks. It is an unusual type of case, and one cannot but think she may recover in spite of the fact that there has been such a long history of mental trouble of one kind or other. Of course her age is against her, but we never give up hope until a patient shows signs of mental enfeeblement. I am not surprised to hear she is unable to write herself.

Yours very truly,

Braeside
Higher Bents Rd.
Sedgwood Preston
8.VII.1909.

Dear Dr Pierce

We do not want to trouble you by making frequent enquiry as to our sister & do not suppose that we shall do so, but seeing that she has been at work for some time, we are rather anxious to know

if she has been long enough for you to form an opinion of her case. As to whether we may hope for any recovery from her disorder.

We should be glad to hear at your convenience, though in future we understand it is your custom to give reports quarterly. With kind regards

Remain Sincerely

Dilworth Abbatt

Do you think it is any good our writing to Caroline? My sister has done so I think weekly but C. does not reply.

Braeside
Eccleswood Preston
15. VI. 1909.

Dear D. Pierce

Thanks you for your letter this morning.

In reply I may say that the terms suggested by the Committee - £2.8.0 p/s work - are accepted by my brothers, sisters & self.

It is perhaps too early for you to form an opinion as to

my sister's case, but we should
be glad to hear in due course
if you can give us any or
much hope in her case.

With thanks & kind regards

Remain

Yours Sincerely

Dilworth Abbatt

17th June, 1909.

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

The terms for Miss Abbatt were considered at the Committee Meeting on Tuesday, and it was suggested that they should be at the rate of 48/- per week, a sum which closely approximates to the average cost, and which is the lowest rate at which persons unconnected with the Society of Friends are admitted. I hope this will not be more than can conveniently be met.

I am sorry I cannot report any real improvement in Miss Abbatt's health. The last two days she has not been quite so distressed, but the depression and agitation continue. Her right hand and arm have been much swollen; she herself says this is due to the sting of an insect, and its appearance corroborates this view. At least, I have seen persons who are sensitive to bites suffer in very much the same way; what insect it was I do not know, but suppose it would be a sleepy bee, or something of that kind.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

Braeside
Fulwood Preston
3. V. 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce

On November 20th. last you will remember our calling to see you at Leeds with my sister Caroline Abbatt who was then in a 'neurasthenic' state.

On your advice we sent her away to be under the care of Dr. Fox of Grange where she underwent 'rest cure' remaining there rather over 3 mos.

Unfortunately she had measles during the last month of her stay there, which may have, in some measure, retarded the slight progress the Dr. told us she had made, for on her return home to her sister we did not notice much improvement. After staying with her sister (they live together with a young servant) for 10 days we sent her away again to Mrs Dixon's at Sawrey, near Windermere whom you will probably know. Here she stayed five weeks when in order to reassure her that her stay was not to be a permanent one

Mrs Dixon suggested a week's visit to her home.

She is now again at Sawrey and we hear from Mrs D. to-day that she is no better and that Mrs D. & daughters feels so much the strain of looking after her and that they prefer she should leave and arrangements are being made for her return on Wednesday next

My sister is in much the same state as she was in November - the delusions she then had are not so prominent perhaps, but the self centred thoughts are more there than ever and she is ~~at times~~ more or less restless & fidgetty.

We have discussed her case to-day and have come to the conclusion that it would be better to have her at home under a strong minded attendant who would be able to make her do some work in the house and garden.

We see advantages in sending her away but fear that if she did go from home there would not be the same

chance for her working in the household matters - getting meals ready ~~x v~~ gardening &c.

Her sister would of course go away & the attendant would have full scope to do for my sister as she thought best - and although in her own home would be practically isolated from the members of her family and friends.

We understand that you send from the Retreat nurses who undertake private cases such as my sisters and we

should be glad to know by return if possible if you could send some kind but strong willed nurse – not in uniform – who would undertake duty for 3 mos. and the fee for the term (or weekly)

We should also be glad to know (if the terms &c. were such as we could accept for my sister is not in affluent circumstances) if we telegraphed on Wednesday whether you could send a nurse to us the same day.

We do feel that much firmness (along with kindliness of course) is needed in my sister's case for she is not responsive to advice.

Yrs Irmain With kind regards Sincerely Yours

Dilworth Abbatt

I am at business between 10 & 11 A.M. to-morrow Wednesday my telephone number is "91 X. Preston"

There is no suicidal tendency so far as we are aware & the soda habit has been all but given up – she is now well physically

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

Caroline Abbott
The Poplars
Fulwood
Preston

Brothers —

Dilworth Abbott
Braeside
Fullwood
Preston

Braeside ✓
Tulwood May 25. 1909.
Preston

Dear Dr Pierce

My sister makes very little if any improvement and we begin to think with Nurse Mc Kay that the best course to take would be for my sister to go as a voluntary boarder to the Retreat or some other similar institution. We

would prefer the former but whether we could get our sister to agree is a little doubtful.

Would you kindly send the necessary document for her to sign, so that we may be prepared should we decide to send her to York.

I remain Sincerely

Dilwoth Abbatt

May 26, 1909

Dear Mr. Abbatt,

I am very sorry to hear that your sister is not improving. We would arrange to receive her as a Voluntary Boarder if she is prepared to come, and I enclose the necessary form. I think she had better come to the Retreat rather than to our branch house at Throxenby in the first instance. She could of course go to the Cheadle Royal Asylum near Manchester in the same capacity, in which case you should make application to Dr. Scowcroft. This is a first class place and she would receive every possible care, but the terms might be heavier than at the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

The Papers
Albert Rd
Gateshead
Feb 10 09

Dear Dr Kemp

Thank you, for your letter
Miss Abbott has not been a Doctor, for over two months, That is why her Brother asked me to write to Dr Reid

the Patient not
any better, or worse,
her temper does not seem
to certify her or send
her away.

But I think she would
be better, in the
Retreat:

Miss Abbott, says it is the
same as Dorin, he,
would just be Silly,
to gether and he
doesn't not, know how
Sad, He really was

She also had an
She wanted to afraid
to take her life,
her people. Think she
wanted and do any
thing.
So she find out wanted
to. Thing see.
I can, obey Eric with
her.
Think you again
Yours Sincerely
Heidi McRae