KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

Mar 13th - 11.

Dear Dr Pierce

Please excuse my long delay in answering your letter of the 7th inst. but - I thought I had better write to my Sister before doing so. - She says in reply to my letter that "tho' Elsie is very well we "think it better to let her "name still be on the "Register - I would not like "her to be discharged - "At times I find it a relief "to feel that it is still

"there —
if Dr Pierce
can consent to
"this arrangement. — At
"times Elsie shews a great
"tendency to her old fashioned
"self will & it lessens the
"strain to feel she is still
"under Dr Pierce's control —
"I hope matters will be
"left as they are" —
So I suppose her certificates
had better be renewed.
if you approve —
with kind regards
Yours very truly
Clara M Barnes.

March 7, 1911

Dear Miss Barnes,

The time is now coming when Miss Adair's certificates must either be renewed or discharged. I conclude that she remains with her mother and that there is no intention of her returning to the Retreat.

The last report I had was quite favourable. As you were the Petitioner in this case I write to ask you whether she ought not to be discharged; and if you approve of this, kindly state whether she may be discharged as "relieved" or "recovered". Unless there is a decided change for the better I should think that "relieved" is probably the more correct of the two terms.

Yours very truly,

KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

Nov 9th 1910.

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque 19/2 in payment of the last acct for Elsie I am sorry to have delayed so long in sending it. By all accounts from Crowcombe Elsie seems to be keeping very well & very happy –

With kind regards I am
Yours truly
Clara M Barnes.

KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

July 18th 1910.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry for the delay in forwarding this cheque but I have been ill & not able to attend to it. It is cheering to get so favorable an account of Elsie she writes very bright letters tho' she sometimes says she would like to come back on a visit. I think it is so kind of the Committee to allow £5 towards her

maintenance & shall
be much obliged if
you will convey to them
my grateful thanks.
With sincere thanks
to you for your kindness
to Elsie Jane

Yours truly
Clara M. Barnes.

Miss O'Donoc
East Villa
Heslington Road
York

14 Wenlock Terrace
19-1-12

Dear Miss

Miss Walker has just been telling me of her writing to you about your coming to the Home by what I can gather from her is that she would much rather you came of a afternoon rather than in the evening as there are a good number of men who come of an evening & they would require a

I shall only be too pleased of that honor trusting you will give us a look up some afternoon when you do will you let me know or if going out at any time if you would like me with you I shall be delighted in your company.

Remain

Yrs very sincerely

J. L. Gill

great deal of looking
after & that means
work she would rather
you had a hour or two
in the afternoon where
you would be quiet &
enjoy yourself instead
of working & if you wish
her to write to Doctor Leare
about it she will do so.
I thank you very much
for your pleasant company
on Saturday afternoon & for
the pleasure of escorting you
& if at any time you are
at liberty & would like me
to perform that duty again

Nov. 1, 1910

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I am very pleased to hear that your daughter is doing so well. There is no doubt that she can be extremely useful when she is able to give her mind to a thing. The difficulty is that she is rather apt to allow her attention to flag, and then she thinks of something else which monopolises her thoughts and the original work is not carried out. There is no doubt, however, that she did a great deal of useful work in the garden here, and I think the open air life did her a great deal of good

There is no objection to her leave of absence being extended to a longer period and we will arrange accordingly.

We were very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs. Jackson's death. This must be a great trouble to you all.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

FORGE COTTAGE,
CROWCOMBE,
TAUNTON.

28/10/10

Dear Dr Pierce –

Excuse my not having written when our dear L's month was completed. – We have got on very well indeed – but we still like to leave L. under thy nominal care – in case she wants to do things we dont approve of, it is so easy to say – "We must consult Dr P. first" — She is very cheerful, helps a good deal – is left to herself – gets on splendidly. –

When my dear sister Mrs Jackson died - this day 3 weeks - I left Elsie in charge of her Father, who at the time was not well - I went with Kitty to Bristol - we remained 3 days away - all went on very well during our absence, so it is in my heart again to thank Her for all they having care of her -

With the help of a kind Providence I trust all may now go well. —

Very sincerely Yours &c —

Elizth Adair.

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FORGE COTTAGE,
CROWCOMBE,
TAUNTON.

24/9/10

Dear Dr. Pierce —

Excuse me troubling thee so soon again with a note — but Chice tells me she thinks her Expenses — with 5/- advanced herself for travelling, came to about 30/— which I now enclose. — I wd. prefer it not to be entered in the Account sent to my sister.

We are greatly pleased at the

decided improvement. so dear E. –
in a measure something like
her old self. – Her father is away
– he has not seen her yet. –
My sister stand with us till
yesterday – charmed with the
neighborhood. – We made an
Excursion to the top of Mills
Neck. – Again thanking thee
for all thy kindness –
Am thy sincere f. Elizabeth Adam

Forge Cottage. 505

21/9/10 Crowborough.

Dear Dr Pierce:—

You will be glad to know that Chie arrived here safely last Weng — looking very well. — Her Aunt Kindly joined her at Bristol & both came on here together — Please thank Dr McKenzie for his kind note — Every one has been very good to Chie — for which I am most grateful — Ever sincerely — With best wishes

Eliz Adair

P.T.O.

If thou will kindly let me know what
E's travelling expenses are I wd like
to pay it – as my sister thinks the
term paid for has nearly expired –

Sept. 15, 1910

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I think it would be quite a good thing for Miss Adair to spend the month suggested with you; and I should say the sooner she goes the better, seeing the summer is nearly at an end. She is very nicely, and I have spoken to her with reference to the proposal, and she is delighted at the thought of it. She says she will come back directly the month is up. In writing to her I should not mention any time longer than the month, but of course if you get on excellently well there would be no difficulty in expanding the time. I should say that she could quite easily travel alone.

Would it be possible for her aunt to meet her at Bristol and start her on her way to join you. The change at Bristol, however, is quite a small matter, there being a connection between the Midland and Great Western as far as Taunton or Exeter.

You are living in a delightful piece of country, and I expect you will find it suits you well.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

13/9/10

FORGE COTTAGE,
CROWCOMBE,
TAUNTON.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

As we are now comfortably settled, in a nice little furnish.d cottage in very good mountain air - close to the Quantock Hills - I sh.d be glad to know if then still thinks it wise for Elsie to come thus on a visit for say a month. -

When I hear from Elsie I hope to write to her on the matter. -

Could she travel alone?
We could meet her at Taunton, if she could get so far without too many

changes – I hardly know the best route from York –

With kindest regards

Yrs sincerely

Eliz McAdoo.

12/8/10

Meadstone.
Washford
Somerset.

Dear Dr Pierce —

I am greatly obliged for thy letter & very thankful for its contents. —

Next month we hope to be more settled — we rather crowded now in furnished lodgings. By that time I hope. way may open for Ethel. to come — this month it is hard to get rooms even tho' we are 2 miles from the sea. —

We have given up our home in Stratford — It did not agree with any of us. — far too relaxing —

With kindest regards

they sincere f.

Elizth Adair

I sh. like thee to thank the Comtee for again kindly helping re Stapleall — my sister told me of it. — How thankful we sh. all be if this year were the last. —

Robin Masson

Ward
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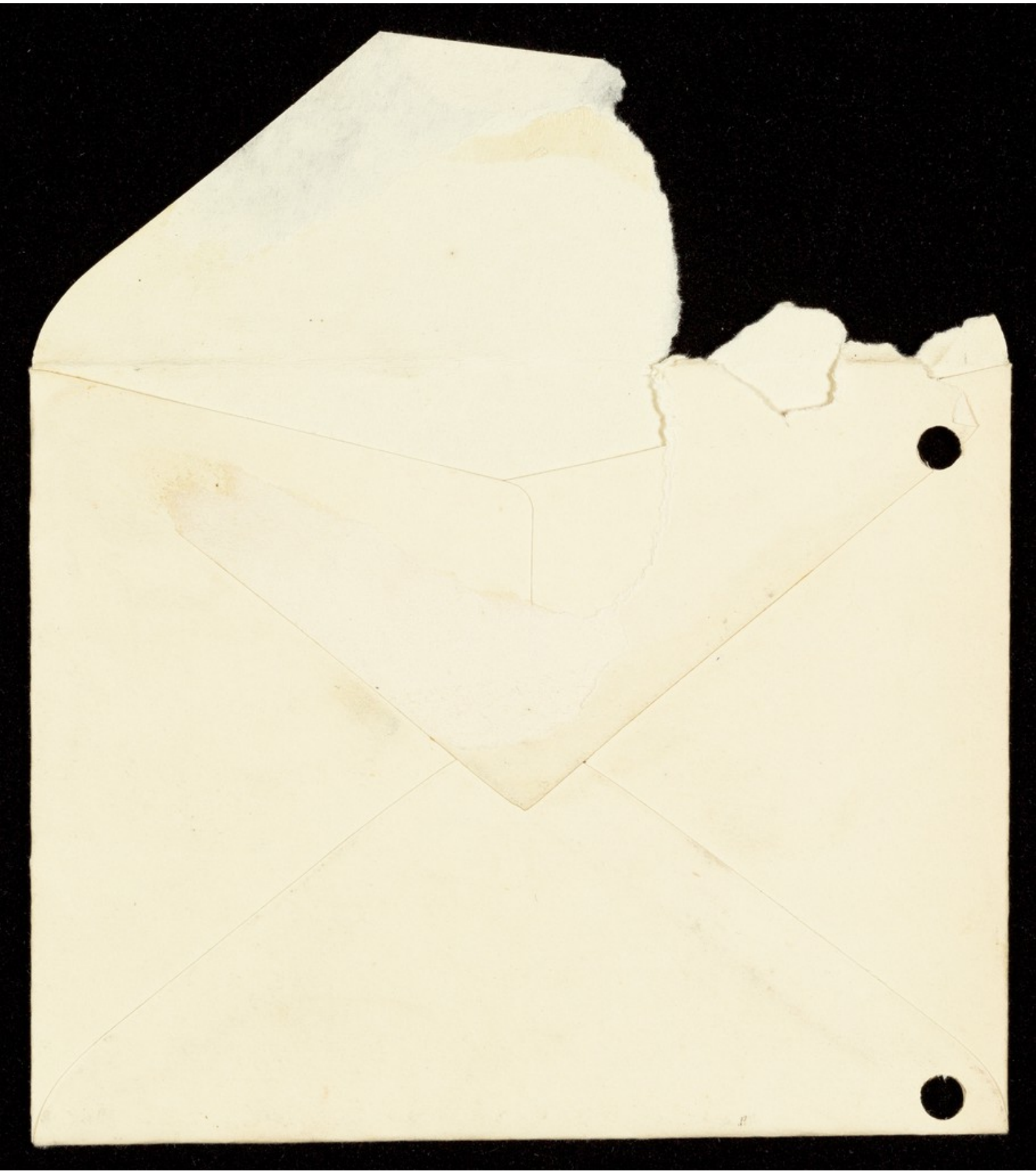
Miss Ledair
East Villa
The Retreat
York



The Cedars.

Saint Andrew's,
Billing Road,
Northampton.

Feb 4th

My dear Miss Adair.

I hope you are pretty well, and all your & my friends at the Retreat!

I am going a tea party this afternoon & wish I could look

forward to seeing you
and Sister Margaret
as my guests.
I have been playing
Clock golf it is rather
amusing and I am
giving two prizes for
competition each this
afternoon, it makes

a nice change to while
away the time over
of doors. The merry
Wives of Windsor came
to Northampton the week
before last. & I went it
was a very sweet
Company & a delightful
of Sir Augustus Harris's
company. I was more

amusing play. Please
give dear Sister Margaret
my love & I mean to
write to her in a day
or two. Miss Allen who
she knows is coming
to tea with me this
afternoon. Also remember
me to Miss Dundas &
tell Knobbert love to
yourself. I am ever
Yr most affec^te friend
Frances M Ward

July 26th, 1910.

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I have been away from home, and have not been able to reply to your letter before, and could not very well leave it to one of my Colleagues. Miss Adair is very much better than she was, and she is much pleasanter to do with, but there remains an instability of mind, and a lack of proper sense of responsibility. We do not think that she is prudent enough to go about the city alone, not that she would wish to do anything wrong, but that she lacks those necessary powers of self-control to justify full liberty. I would explain my reasons for this better in conversation than in a letter. She is industrious in a flighty sort of way. She does a great deal of useful work in the garden, and generally has I think a good time. I do not see what else can be done, but that she should remain here. There will be no difficulty in her having leave of absence for a month to stay with you and see how she gets on. This would not mean that her certificates would lapse, and at the end of the time she could return. If you should wish to follow this up, it would be well definitely to tell her that the visit

is for so long, and no longer, so that there may be no disappointment in her mind when she returns. If this be clearly understood before that she is going for a definite time I think she would be willing to return without making any difficulties.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

5 Penna Walk
Stratford on Avon

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17/4/10

Dear Dr Pierce. —

It rests a good deal on my mind to ask thee what is now thy opinion of our dear daughter — Ois, eh — they speak — she wd be fit to come home & live with us. —

— I know there are many matters to consider before coming to this decision, but to know thy opinion first

is of course the most important. —

Would she need more care than we could give her?

I often long to have her with us, but have great hopes that the time is not far off when this wish may be fulfilled.

With kindest regards

Ever sincerely yr.

Eliz. M. Adair

8 Melbourne Terrace.
22/1/09 Saltcoats N.B.

To the Committee of York Retreat –

Esteemed Friends –

My sister, who has been to York, with my daughter, asks me to let you know why we cannot offer the full amount for the care which we feel sure will be bestowed upon her –

Simply, our circumstances do not admit of it! –

My sister kindly consents to pay 15/- per week for the first month – after that

if the case requires it,
we hope with mother & daughter's
help to be able to continue
that sum. — I feel very
grateful that a home
has opened where we
trust, with judicious care
her nerves may be restored.
Dr. Pierce, I feel sure,
quite understands her need,
& I have every confidence
in his plans for her —
If occupation inclinable
opened, it wd be happier
for my daughter — but
I want her to remain
under care. —
With kindest regards
Yr. friend
Eliz. Adams

Geo J. G. B. Malcomson Esq
Cairnburn
Strandtown
Belfast.

Feb 10th '10

Dear Dr. Pierce

I expect to leave here on Monday or Tuesday night next & I should like to go & see Elsie on my way home, if you approve & do not think it would upset her in anyway? I intend crossing via Stepham & Cautbeak the journey at Leeds where the train is due to arrive at 8.3 a.m so

I expect I can get out
to York quite early &
I should like to stay
one night, if you will
kindly arrange some
place for me to stop
I shall be so much
obliged —
With kind regards
Yours truly
Clara M Barnes.

c/o J. & B. Malcomson Esq
Cairnburn
Strandtown
Belfast

Jan 17th 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose cheque £11.6.3. in payment of acct. which I received on Saturday, it is cheering to have such a good report of Elsie, her letters are always cheerful & she appears to be very happy I hoped to have been able to get to see her on my way here early in December,

but I had to leave home
rather hurriedly & the
weather was so bad I thought
I had better make the
journey as short as possible
& take my cousin's advice
& cross by Liverpool which
he thought was the easiest
way. I do not know how
long I shall stay here
but I hope on my way
home to be able to stop
in York for a day or two.
With kind regards
Yours Sincerely
Clara M Barnes.

5 Broad Walk.
Stratford on Avon

26/12/09

Dear Dr Pierce —

I am obliged for thy kind letter. — May I leave the matter this way — that as time passes, then will Kindly let me know if it be right or wise to make any change — I do feel thankful she is under such good care.

Thy sincere frd —

— Elizabeth Adair —

Dec. 24, 1909

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I really do not know what to recommend in respect to your daughter. She has latterly done very well here, working hard and steadily and keeping good tempered. Some of the quieter ladies have passed remarks on her boisterous ways, but I think this has been distinctly helpful and it is good for them to have a bright active person about. She has done a great deal of work in the garden and has earned the money we have paid her quite satisfactorily. But I do not see how she can suitably be encouraged to take up a situation. She does not seem to have the stability of temperament to enable her to keep long at any one thing, and I think it is not unlikely that whatever we do she will again have an attack of irritibality and restlessness.

Many thanks for your kind messages for Christmas. I hope you also will have a pleasant time and a happy new year.

Yours very truly,

5 Broad Walk.
Stratford on Avon.

21/12/49.

Dear Dr Pierce –

Tho' I judge by my dear daughters' letters, that she is much better, I am concerned to know the opinion of her –

She is happy with plenty to do – flatters she is under good care is a great help to me, but I want thee, as time passes on, to tell me if any change wd be made, to her advantage.

Remember me

Kindly to Mrs Wife & sister –
I suppose the Children
are quite grown up now.

Very sincerely yours –

Eliz Adair –

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KURNELLA,

116 REDLAND ROAD,

Oct 13th 09. BRISTOL.

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque £11. 11. 3. amt of acct due on behalf of my niece C E Adair – I am much obliged to Dr Rempf for her kind letter. it is very cheering to know that Elsie is so much better – I do not know anyone in York whom I could ask, as you suggest, to go & see her but as I gather from Dr Rempf's letter that you do not think it would unsettle her in any way, I hope to go myself, if

I go to Belfast shortly
I find I can break the
journey at Leeds & cross
by Stapham but I dont
know yet when I shall be
going.

With kind regards
Yours truly
Clara M Barnes.

5 Broad Walk. 302
Stratford on Avon.
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20/7/09

Dear Dr. Pierce –

My sister has this a.m. informed me, of the great kindness of yr. Comttee – Will thou express to them how deeply grateful I feel. – also for all the care bestowed on our dear child. – Her letters are so changed – she has wonderfully improved – & writes of being very happy at Thoresby Hall. –

The Rural life always suited her – perhaps later on – thou

My daughter has her home now with Lady
for guests — the house has got full up —
She purposes calling it "Invisballa."
We have had ~~some~~ ~~battles~~ ~~x~~ Ladies
who not only
Once again thanking thought brothers, —

might find some regular
work for her here — It is
such a relief to us, to know
that she is under just the care
needed. — surrounded with
everything to help her recovery.

Again thanking thee on
my husband's behalf (who is
still in Scotland) & my own
I am sincerely thy fd —

Eliz Th Adair

KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

July 19th '09

Dear Mr. Waller

I received your letter yesterday returning cheque & informing me that the Retreat Committee have so kindly granted £10 towards the expenses of my niece C. E. Adair. I think it is extremely kind of them & I should like my most grateful thanks conveyed to them at their next meeting & I am sure I may add those of C. E. Adair's parents –

I enclose another cheque

£4.14.0 & with many
thanks I am
Yours Sincerely
Clara M Barnes

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KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

July 2nd 09.

Dear Dr. Pierce

In reply to printed letter I received this morning I shall be very glad if my niece Elsie Adair can join the party going to Scarborough. I am sure she will enjoy the change. Her letters have been quite cheering of late she seems so much better.

Yours sincerely
Clara M Barnes.

17th June, 1909.

Dear Mr. Cotterell,

The Committee of the Retreat have been considering the distribution of the Grants from the Income of our small Endowment Fund. We are wishful to use the money to the best advantage, and I am writing to you to ask your opinion upon the following allocations to patients coming from your neighbourhood.

Elsie Adair - £10, (who is paid for by her Aunt, Mrs. Barnes, who lives at Bristol,) and who was formerly a Nurse here. Mr. F. S. Linney from Weston - £5. Wilfrid Milner - £5. Ann Bennet - £5.

I quite expect these are all suitable recipients, but should you know of any reason to the contrary, please let me know.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

June 1, 1909

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I am glad to say your daughter is a good deal better. She is much more cheerful, joins pleasantly in all that goes on, and a good deal of the instability has passed off. I think we should be able to arrange for her to go to Throxenby before long. She is still unable to keep steady, and I do not think she has anything like sufficient stability to follow any regular employment. She is moreover very much in love with the Church. There is no particular objection to this in itself except in so far as it shows some departure from her normal inclinations.

I hope your daughter's venture will prove a striking success. If I have an opportunity of recommending some one to stay with her I will gladly do so.

Yours very truly,

1 Evesham Place.
Stratford on Avon
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31/5/09.

Dear Dr Pierce.—

It is some time since I heard from thee, how my daughter really is. Her letters are quite cheerful now — telling of games & the beauty of the flowers & so forth. — She wd greatly like a change to Leatbro' — would that be out of the question? — I trust there is a real improvement no

her health. — I shall be glad of any particulars at thy convenience. —

Thou will kindly notice the change of address — My daughter Kitty has or is about taking a house here which she looks to using as a Boarding House & also taking paying guests. — We have a house in view tho' the Agreemt. is not yet signed.

Elsie knows we are here, but I have not told her as to Kitty's prospects — so it wd be better not to mention it. — This place is greatly visited with a few boarders, ah! — helps to make a home for us. — Trusting thy own family are well,

Am thy sincere fd.

Elizth Adair.

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8 Melbourne Terrace
Saltcoats N.B
31. 3. 09.

Dear Mr Pierce

Needless to say we are very disappointed to hear this morning's account of my sister. I wired to my Aunt asking her if she could go - as Mother is quite upset since this morning & do not think it wd be wise to leave her.

She replied that she can go (tomorrow) I wrote to my sister the same post as I wrote my last to you Or perhaps that may have had some effect as I told her how she was upsetting Mother by not being contented to stay for the present where she is until she is better.

So if she is better you do not think it necessary for my Aunt to go to York would you wire to her in the morning so that she may get it before she would otherwise start - her address is 116 Redland Rd Bristol but I am afraid this will not be so

Yrs Sincerely
Kitty R. Adair.

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KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

Feb 27th '09.

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque £6.10.0 for two months for Elsie I heard from my sister that it ought to be paid in advance, I should have sent it before but I was waiting to hear what reply she had from the Committee I think the next will be due in advance on the 19th prox. as I am contributing a little towards

if my sister asked me
to send it to you direct
to save time. I hope I
have sent the right-and
by the month, if not, will
you please let me know.
I am sorry to hear Elsie
has been giving so much
trouble but I hope she will
now make a great effort
to control herself & that
that will do her good.
Who ought I to write to
when I want to know
about her clothes? she
is so fond of giving them
away that I think a
little oversight would
be well. She would
like me to send her a
little money, now & then
do you think it would
be wise to do so? I haven't
sent her any except a
few stamps occasionally,
fearing what she might
do with it.
I am sorry to trouble
you with so many
questions —
Yours truly
Clara M Barnes.

8 Melbourne Terrace
Saltcoats
29. 3. 09

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry to trouble you again with another letter. but we have just received a letter from my sister in which she says she is now at West Villa not sleeping well. in fact her remark is "I am very sleepless" I thought I had better

write tell you as she may not mention it to any one else

Was she not able to be managed at Clarence Villas? We had such a bright letter from her when she was there saying she was sleeping so well I think I mentioned this to you when writing

Yrs sincerely

Kitty R. Adair.

P.S. Was she trying the drilling exercises you spoke of? They might help her sleep.

March 15, 1909

Dear Miss Adair,

There is no doubt that your sister has been very well lately, and there has been very little difficulty. She goes out alone to Church and the friction seems to have subsided a good deal.

If you can quite conveniently come to see her I think it would be well to do so, and we shall be glad to arrange for you to stay the night if you wish.

Yours very truly,

as from Saltcoats
19. 3. 19

Dear Dr Pirie

Many thanks for yr letter - We are so thankful to hear that my sister is better. Much as I would like to see her I think unless it is necessary it would be better not as it might only unsettle her. She is very anxious to spend

Easter with us, but this is out of the question partly on account of my mother fears it is not likely we shall be in Saltcoats then as our movements are still very uncertain.

If however you think it would be best for me to come see her if you would let me know sometime before Monday morning I would feel grateful

Thank you for asking me today for repeat I do not think I will be very glad to go.

With kind regards

Yrs sincerely

Kitty R. Adair

as from
8 Melbourne Terrace
Saltcoats

13. 9. 19 ✓ H. B.

Dear Dr Pierce,

As I expect to pass through Leeds probably next week or beginning of week after do you think it necessary that I should go to York to see my sister? I had a very nice letter from her about a fortnight ago. Mother

also heard from her a
few days ago She seemed
from it quite contented
I would be very glad
if you could let me
know how you think
she is. I think my
going to see her - if you
do not think it
necessary - might
only upset her. But
as I expect to be so
comparatively near I
thought it best to ask you.
With kindest regards
Yrs sincerely Kitty R. Shaw.

P.S. I'd be glad to hear from you as
soon as possible as that depends
~~on the~~ arrange to go to York if
you think it necessary.

wire me at once - it wd never do for her to come here - but if thou can put before her the danger of upsetting me, I think she would yield. -

With kindest regards
thy sincere fr.
Eliz. M. Adair.

It is only recently Elsie told me she had joined the Church (in Bristol -). I doubt if she has resigned her membership with Friends.

8 Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats. N.B.
11/2/09

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Dear Dr Pierce -

In reply to thine received this a.m. - I have written to my daughter urging her to submit willingly to thy wishes for her - & also to those around her -

I have told her, that if she wishes for permission to take a situation, she must first show a willingness to carry out fully thy wish for her -

I also said, how glad I wd be if she could have had a change to Scarboro' - but that this was

out of the question, tho' she gave up her own Way at Clarence Villa - It is just possible that my letter may have some weight.

In the mean time it wd to my mind, be very unwise, to send her here - We have done our utmost in the past - If it is eventually concluded that she must be placed under fuller control would not yr Certificates signed by me, be sufficient to place her under care?

I wd much prefer she shd remain under my supervision - than go to Dumfries - but I still have a hope that she may yield to lighter treatment. - Is her mind really affected? - It seems to me she can do right, if she wishes - If her nerves could be strengthened, perhaps she will wd improve -

If absolutely necessary my daughter Kitty & I could come to York - tho' on acct of my health, it wd be better not. - but shd Elsie insist on leaving please

8 Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats N.B.

31/1/09

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Dear Dr Pierce

You will feel sure
I have no, if seeming impatient
to know how our Dear Elsie
is - & also to hear your opinion
of her state. - now that you
has seen something of her -

I presume there is no reason
- except her own fancy -
why she shd - not write letters,
I am hoping daily to hear

from her. — I presume the
Com^tee have not yet decided
as to terms. — My sister
is anxious to know. —
also when payment is to be
made — to whom we may
write — Mr. Elsie not favor
us occasionally. —

With kindest regards
Yrs f^ly — Eliz^th Adair

I wrote to Elsie a few days since — & think
she had no money but a Sixpence Enclosure —
I suppose it is but for her back fare
anything she needs — money might make
her feel too independent. Please say
Hastily what those thinks of her. —
Adieu —

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Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats N.B.

11/1/09

Dear Dr Pierce.—

In a letter from my Sister this am. she asks me not to wire — that a letter will be quite time enough.— So I am writing her now to day — as per thy wire — that thou can find a Companion for Elsie at any time.— Probably she will write to thee — when she sees how

Elsie takes my letters, which are waiting to be given her, when we heard from thee –

My sister considers Elsie could travel alone, as there is no change – if the Guard was "tipped" – look after her – but this course certainly does not meet my views. – but it shows she cannot be very me reliable at present – which is a comfort. –

With fondest regards

Thy sincere f.

Elizabeth

22/1/09. Salt Coats

Dear Dr Pierce –

Need I say how thankful I feel that matters have opened as during the past week. – My sister asked me to write to the Comtee; perhaps enclosed note will explain sufficiently

Shd thou see any in a
provocat. in our Dear
Child, thou wilt kindly
let me know. –
With kindest regards
thes fr.
Eliz McAdam

8 Melbourne Terrace
Falkirk N.B.

12/1/09 –

Dear Dr Pierce –

Lest thou sh^d be wondering why my daughter does not turn up – or any tidings re Companion – I just write a line to say I have rec^d a letter or note every day this week from my sister – stating she has postponed giving Elsie my letter on the subject. –

She says "she has been pretty unwell the last few days" so possibly may do nothing further till next week. –

Thy Sincere fr^d

Elizth Adair.

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KURNELLA,
116 REDLAND ROAD,
BRISTOL.

Jan. 18th '09

Dear Dr Pierce

I have heard from my sister & Adair that she has been corresponding with you with regard to Elsie going to Clarence Villa to be under your care for a short time I think she is at last persuaded that it will be best for her to do so

& she says she will come tomorrow. She would prefer my going with her to a companion coming down for her & I should also like it better as I shall perhaps be able to see you & tell you exactly how she has been of late. So, if you approve, I purpose taking her tomorrow by the train leaving Bristol 12-20 reaching York 5-49 Could you send someone to meet us there? Of course she may possibly change her mind, as she has done already, but if she does & we can't get off I will wire to let you know. & should tomorrow not suit you for us to come will you kindly wire to me early

Yours truly
Clara M Barnes.

Feb. 18,1909

Dear Mrs. Adait,

I am sorry to say that your daughter is not showing any signs of improvement, and it will be necessary now to place her under certificates.

For this purpose either you or some responsible relative must come to York.

If you will let me know when to expect you I will make the necessary arrangements.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Feb. 10, 1909

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I fear I can only give a poor report respecting Miss Adair's progress. She was rather better for a time but is now almost unbearable. The nurse in charge at Clarence Villa reports that in every possible way your daughter tries to irritate her, apparently with a sort of idea that she will be discharged if she is very troublesome. Her behaviour at meals is distinctly bad, and she is restless and unable to follow any steady employment and is peculiarly impatient of of any advice or control. I think you must be prepared to make up your mind what to do next, as I think it not unlikely the present arrangement will break down in the course of a few days. Either your daughter will signify her wish to leave or we shall find her behaviour impossible in this little branch house. The two alternatives are, first, that you should come to York and arrange for her to be placed under certificates and detained at the Retreat as a certified patient. The other is that she should be placed under care elsewhere. You are aware that if Miss Adair wishes to leave she cannot be detained, and unless steps are taken legally to place her under care I shall have no alternative but to allow her to leave; in which case I would send her to you with a

nurse. I need hardly say I am sorry she is not doing better, and that I have to place such unpleasant alternatives before you.

Yours very truly,

Feb. 1, 1909

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I cannot report any decided change for the better. Your daughter is uncertain and uneven. At one time she is tolerably reasonable and easy to to with. At other times she is excitable and restless and somewhat difficult to manage. I am told she is forward in her behaviour out of doors, so that care has to be taken where she goes. She asked to attend a military service at the barracks yesterday which I declined, and I am sure she would not have wished to go if she had been in her normal state. The position is not very satisfactory, but we hope the quiet at Clarence Villa will tend to promote progressive improvement.

Yours very truly,

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Ardmore,
Archfield Road,
Cotham, Bristol.

Jan 6th 8.

Dear Dr Pierce

In reply to yours this morning - I have shown your letter to Miss Barnes, (the aunt with whom Elsie Adair, is living) & she thinks if Elsie could be got to ~~voluntary~~ voluntarily to Clarence Villa, it would be very suitable, as you could judge better

the state she is in, she has been rather better, her Aunt says this last day or two, but when she hears again from Mrs Adair, she hopes something will be decided on for her – so I expect they will write you shortly. Thanking you for writing so fully. Yours sincerely

Ed Jackson

be spared, I would wait before letting Elsie have her letter, lest she sh^d go back of it, by having too long to think about it. — My sister will let thee know I expect, exactly how the land lies, when Elsie hears from me. —

Trusting all may be ordered for the best

Am thy sincere fr^d

Eliz^h Adair

Can send more any time

8 Melbourne Terrace (1)
Saltcoats N.B.
19/1/09

Dear Dr Pierce —

I have delayed replying to thy last kind letter, with enclosure, waiting to hear from my sister — to whom I forwarded thine. — She is wishful also that Elsie sh^d be under thy care — & offers to pay for her for the first week or two — if I can accomplish by my letter I may write to Elsie, begt her consent to go to York. —

I do not think it w^d do for Elsie to travel up alone — neither

would suggest her Aunt
going with her. — Would it
be possible for thee to send a
nurse — say Monday, Tuesday
or whatever day suits thee. —
paying her Return Railway fare.
Either of my sisters would
I have no doubt, put her
up for the night. — & then
she & Elsie could leave the
following a.m. copy of enclosed
I purpose writing a letter to
Aunt Elsie* — that she may quite
understand she is going to

*So that she may think this is my first letter to Elsie

tour, under thy care — just for
her nerves. — & that I shall be
thou will advise her as to
her future movements, &
possibly may know of some
post she could fill, as this
desire for work — is her
weak point at present —
indeed I may say always
has been — & then undertaking
more than she is able for.

If thou would give to me
thy consent to this course
& what day the Nurse could

receive a salary – but to put her under they care for a few months – without her quite understanding she was a patient – or any one outside either. – Except to a person who knows her well – she appears very like her old self. – but certainly needs medical oversight. –

I think she shows the change most during "monthly" times – Would that affect her?

The last note I had from my sister, will show how it appears to her. — tho' as I have not been over there myself — she makes the best of matters for my sake. — My J.A.'s & Kitty are with me here at present —

I trust all thy family are well — Mrs P. & her sister — the children grown up now.

With kindest regards
thy sincere f.—
Eliz. H. Adams

8 Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats N.B.

18/12/08

Dear Dr Pierce —

Not knowing if this note will find thee at home, I am sending it, in the hope that at thy convenience, thou will kindly give me thy advice about our Elsie — whose illness at the Retreat & all thy care for her — thou will remember —

She has never been her self since that time. —

me last year — to not appear to make to much of it — but to keep her employed. — He also said she wd do better away from home. — since she was offered for her to go to her Aunt, & she is now passing thro' the same anxiety we had, about 18 months since. —

Would it be possible for thee to make a way that Elsie could go to York — as a help of some sort? — not of course to

tho' tho a little over 2 yrs since, she showed the change most. — We were at the sea side in 9th mo 1906 — Her leg got so sore the doctor kept her in bed treat it, treating it at the same time — then her nerves got in a strong — which has been more or less the case ever since. — She lives now with my sister in Bristol. — Has been in various situations, which she arranges all about, without letting her Aunt know; then returns after a few weeks — not being able to hold out. — tho she is appreciated as a treasure usually on arrival. — We want of course to do what is best for her. — I have been hoping that it wd pass off. a Doctor in Dublin advised

my sister's address – where
Elsie is –
116 Redland Road
Bristol "
c/o Miss Barnes.

8 Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats. N.B.
4/1/09 –

Dear Dr Pierce. –
Enclosed letter from my married sister (Nurse Lily's mother.) makes it imperative for us to decide what is best for Elsie. – It passed thro' my mind, whether it would do for thee to write to Elsie, & let her know I had been in communication with thee as regards her nervousness. –

Tho' not in a position now to pay £3 – pr week for her, we do want to do the very best for her. – My sister Clara write a few days ago, as tho' Elsie was better – so I let the matter rest, hoping to hear from thee what the lowest terms would be for Scarboro'. – Would it be wise for thee to invite Elsie up to Scarboro'. – & then see for thyself what would be best. – I know it is putting an extra burden on thee – but if I mention to her – that I have written to thee – it is difficult to say what she may do – or where she may go. –

Unless she went nominally as a help – I doubt if we could induce her to go as a Boarder. ×

With kindest regards.

Thy Ld Elizabeth Adair –

× we imagine of course that Anna is arranged

Dr Pierce could see her & decide about York if necessary but she might be able to stay on at the place in Scarboro' & she would be under proper care & control – I do feel deeply for you & John – could you not have her with you for a short time, & then decide yourselves, what ought to be done, but she really ought to leave Clara at once –

Hoping to hear very soon, with much sympathy

Your affec.ate Sister

E L Jackson

Ardmore,
Archfield Road,
Cotham, Bristol.

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My dear Lizzie

Many thanks for yours which reached us at Weston & all the kind wishes expressed therein, Lil hoped to write you, when she got home, we all left on Thursday afternn (Ted & Doyle left Monday) & Lil went on to London by the same train – They seem very happy in each other & get on well, Doyle certainly is devoted to his wife –

Poor Clara is in sad trouble she was here for an hour last

ly, & is quite broken down, cries constantly, & says she does not know what to do with Elsie – she is no better, & makes Clara quite miserable, wont do anything she asks her, so I thought I must let you know at once the state of her nerves & health, it wont do, to leave Elsie any longer there, so I told her I would write to you, as she said she had not heard again from you, about Mr Pierce's proposition – can't her father act in the matter, as Clara is not the one to put her anywhere under care. & something must be done immediately, to get her away from Clara, she is so worried that I think she will break down altogether, I will gladly pay her fare to the North, but I could not have her here, last time she upset us so much, & now of course she has become quite uncontrolable – She is doing all she can to get another place, & of course that will entail a lot more trouble, as Auntie will never take her back again – I am sorry to have to write all this, but I dont believe you have any idea, what Clara is passing thro' & how serious the matter is – If she could be got in at Scarboro' as a help, then

Copy sent to Elsie. 9/1/09

Dear Dr Pierce —

For some little time I have been feeling a wish that Elsie — who was Nurse at York — should have a little kindly care taken of her Nerves — which have become a bit unstrung at times. — Either by over-work. — or strain in some way. — Would it be at all convenient to Elsie

& let a Nurse go down for
her – as Mrs Ridley
let Nurse Lily return to
Dublin with her? — they
could then come back
to the Villa – & perhaps
Elice could be there as
a Boarder for a week
or two under my care. –
It wd be a great relief
to my mind to do the
very best in our power
for her. —

Hoping this may meet
they views &c
Ever Sincere Yrs
Eliz. M. Adair

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8 Melbourne Terrace.
Saltcoats N.B.
22/12/08

Dear Dr Pierce. –

I am grateful for thy kind letter – which I have sent on to my sister – & told her, I wd Enquire what the terms (reduced for Scarboro') might be, in case we decided to Encourage Elsie to go –

Perhaps thou wilt
kindly let me know.
& if convenient wd —
like to have my sister's
letter returned — (unless
it has been destroyed —)
Am sorry thus to
trouble thee

Thy fd —
Eliz. M. Adair

TELEPHONE:—
No. 20, KIRKBURTON.

STORTHES HALL ASYLUM,
KIRKBURTON, NR. HUDDERSFIELD.

Dec. 15. 1908

Dear Pierce.

I am much obliged for your explanation re Miss Hughes transfer. As this is a County Asylum for pauper patients. I am a bit doubtful whether the Commissioners will not raise some objection, particularly in the face of Section 58 of the Lunacy Act. I am writing the Commissioners for a ruling on the case & on receipt of their reply will communicate with Mr. Hill.

I have never had a case like this before.

With kind regards.

Yrs Sincerely

Stewart Adair.

Jan. 21, 1909

Dear Easterbrook,

The patient about whom I wired was a nurse here about 8 years ago. She left after an attack of typhoid fever. She is a member of the Society of Friends and comes from an excitable and neurotic family. She has now agreed to stay as a Voluntary Boarder in one of our villas, but I very much doubt whether she will remain, and if the present arrangement falls through there seems no alternative but to certify. She is in a mild maniacal condition and not easy to manage in a private house. It would seem to me very unfortunate she should come here under certificates, owing to her previous connection with the Retreat, and if they become necessary your institution would be, under the circumstances, very much more suitable. I am glad you can take her at as low a rate as 20/-. The family are in very poor circumstances indeed and will have to be helped to pay this.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 19? 1908

Dear Mrs. Adair,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear that Miss Adair is so unstable, and requires medical treatment. I fear that any attempt to come here in any capacity in which she was half nurse and half patient would be a complete failure. She would expect to have keys and privileges as she formerly did which would result in her being entirely out of control, and it would not be long before some difficulty arose. I think it is only right for me to say that before this serious illness we had noticed a certain amount of excitability and instability of temperament, and though she did a great deal of good work and was as kind as any one could be to the patients and willing to do all that was possible, we doubted whether she would have those qualities of steadiness and constant and persevering habit of mind that are necessary for the responsible work of nursing. No doubt the serious illness and the troublesome complication from blocking of the veins has aggravated her condition. If it is really necessary to make a change from her present surroundings, could she not go to Throxenby Hall, Scarborough as a voluntary boarder, letting her know plainly that she can only go in that capacity. Of course a voluntary boarder can leave when she wishes and she would not be a patient in the sense of being obliged to stay. I send a prospectus of Throxenby Hall.

As regards the question of terms, no doubt under the circumstances the Committee would wish to meet you as far as was necessary.

At Throxenby Hall no doubt we could find her plenty of useful employment, and she would have the satisfaction of helping with patients there as far as she was able.

With kind regards and much sympathy with you in the difficult position in which you are placed,

Yours very truly,

Jan. 5,1909

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I have a letter from Mrs. Adair asking me to suggest what should be done for Miss Elsie Adair who I am sorry to hear is far from well.

I had suggested Throxenby Hall, but since I wrote the Matron is leaving there and there will be some difficulty in finding a successor.

I so happens that we have near the Retreat a house, Clarence Villa, which is managed by a senior nurse. If Miss Elsie Adair liked to come there as a guest for a week or two it would be all right, but we have no convenience there for nursing any one who needs supervision. This assumes that she goes in and out as she pleases and practically does what she likes. It would enable me to see somethi ng of her, and then I might be able to advise further.

If this is not suitable the only alternative seems to be that she should come here as a Voluntary Boarder. We could then arrange what might be needful provided she was wishful to stay in that capacity. Of course a Voluntary Boarder can leave if she wishes. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Adair.

If the Retreat is objected to of course there are other excellent places which I could suggest.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

8 Melbourne Terrace.

16/2/89. Saltcoats N.B.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I hardly like to trouble thee with a letter – but I do not know to whom to write – I am wishing so much to know how our daughter has been since being moved to the Retreat. – She has not written to me for more than a week. – Thanking thee in anticipation for kind

Reply – & trading matters are
improving – with kindest
regards thus f.
Eliz. Blair