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Trefaral,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 31st

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad
of a statement of account
& should like to settle
up everything.

My daughter was with
you 10½ weeks, the
latter part at Scarborough.

Yrs truly
Wm. B. Arncliffe

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Monday 1

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Miss Armitstead.

Admitted Nov 9.

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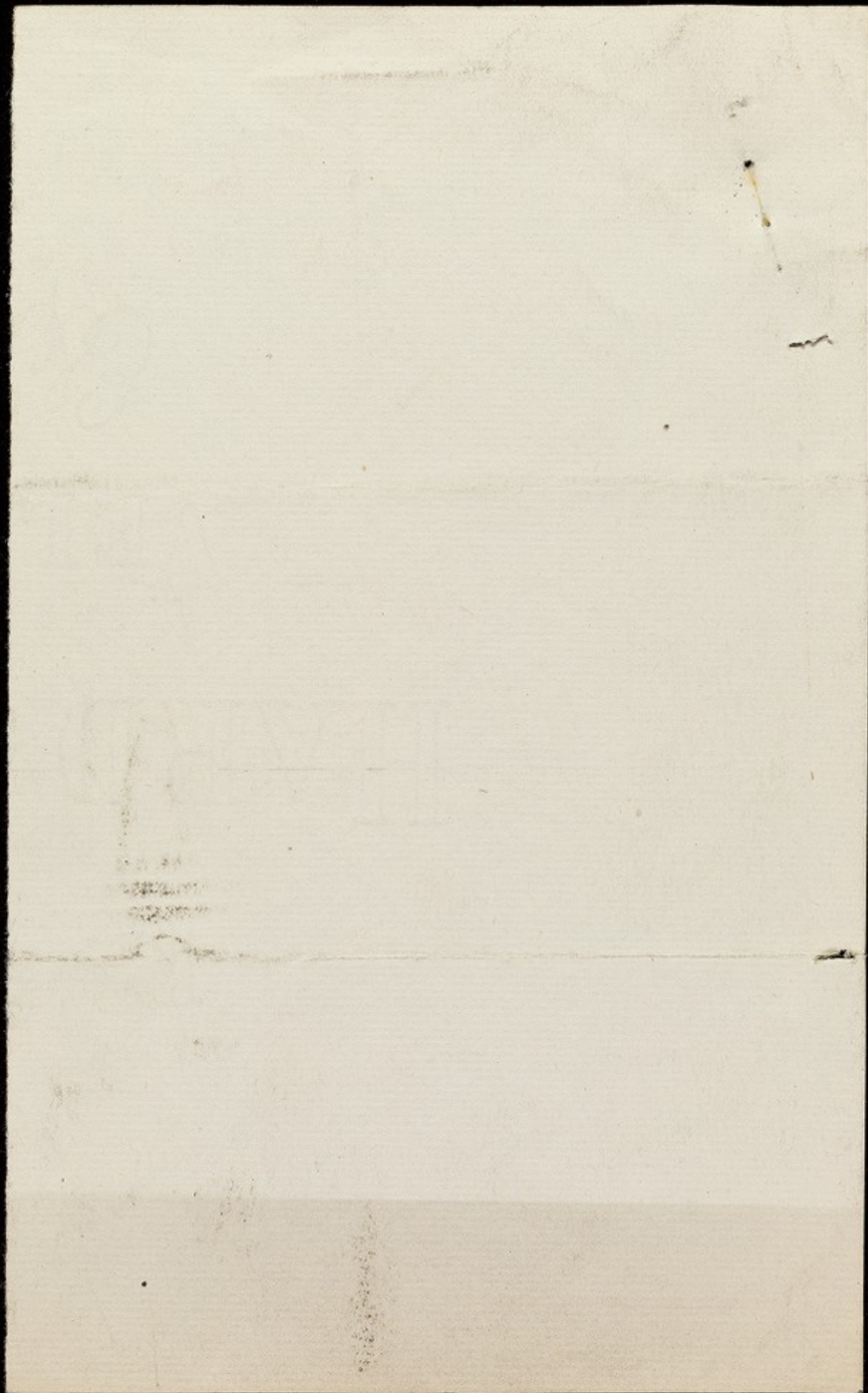
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Nov 30 1914

Dear Madam,

On going through our books
we find that there is an erroneous
balance due from us on Mr. Amiel's
account - I am sorry it has
been overlooked & now enclose
£2.11.3 in postal notes. Please
return receipt to me.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Miller

Secy.

Mrs. Amiel

Nov 30 1914

Dear Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 25th inst.

in relation to the balance due from our office

to you - I am sorry it has

been overlooked from our books

& I am sorry to hear - Please

accept our apologies for the

same.

Very truly,
Wm. B. Allen

Wm. B. Allen

1 Old School House
Fildes
Essex.

July 5. 12.

Dear W. Kemp.

Many thanks for
your letter & the registered packet
which arrived this morning. I thought
at first that some kind friend had
sent me a valuable birthday present!
I shall forward the ring at once.
Thank you all for everything
you have done for my poor sister. I
do hope she will get along all right.

Yrs very sincerely
W. Kemick Armitage

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to cheer him up too & they
get on well & have plenty of
friends. She finds lots to
do & from her letters it
seems that she recognizes
when she has wants a rest.

I cannot say that I
am altogether without
anxiety when each mail
comes in but so far things
seem to be going very
well.

My Mother is very well.

~~House~~ House³⁷
Terrace
RICHMOND,
YORKSHIRE.

Jan. 9. 13.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

Just a line to
wish you & all at the Retreat
Every success for 1913.

I thought you might like to
hear about my sister Agnes.
She has been out in India
since about Oct 14, with
my brother & seems to be
enjoying herself thoroughly.
She has helped, I think,

we have been spending
Christmas with our aunts here,
& have had a very jolly
visit.

All best wishes to you from us

Yrs sincerely

W. Kennick Armstrong

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Hal goes off to work, while I rest for a couple of hours and then read faintly. We write letters at 4.30, then golf until dark followed now and then by Badminton, dinner anytime after 8.30 very often 9.15. His programme is varied with Tennis at which I am playing vilely, and now and again small and early dances. Last Tuesday we went to a Persian Garden party which was quite interesting. Before leaving Karachi I go to Jacobabad for a week and also to Lahore.

The voyage out was quite nice I enjoyed it, it was very rough and I was the only lady who did not feel his motion, they told me I was heroic and most uninteresting. We landed at Naples and at Port Said and I spent a night on shore at Bombay.

Yours sincerely

Edna J. Armitstead

23 Kulsberg Road
Karachi

India December 7th 1912.

Dear Dr. Pinner

Just a line to wish you and Mrs Pinner a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am afraid I have missed the mail. I did not realize that Christmas was again upon us. So a good many of my letters will be late. I fear I am glad to say that I can give a good account of myself as regards to health, and that the quiet easy life my mother and I had here is suiting me down to the ground.

We play golf together most days and last week I managed to carry off the big prize of the season, in a two days competition, they have given me a handicap of 9 for 9 holes. They say now that it was a mistake giving me so much and I am to come down to 3 or 4 but first day was a stroke competition on the ladies links I did 51 not good I have done 46 before is 40 but I was easily top, on Tuesday we had to play (that is to say hit 6 feet) a bogie competition on the main course I was 1 down doing a score of 58 bogie 48 result. I was top again, my brother was highly delighted he says it is all due to his coaching. So like a man to take all the credit to himself. We come home all being well in

hag, and after that I shall try and settle down in Anglesy. Mother was so distressed at the idea of my making a home for myself, and turned me so desperately that somehow for a year or two I will look after her, and it is no use looking any further ahead.

My brother and I get on very well, they tell me he is quite a different person since I came out, poor fellow he looked awfully sad at first, but is very cheery and bright, he is away most of his day, but I have had plenty to do with my holly and I have taken up sketching again, in case it may interest you I saw you a day or two of our day. 7.30 to 8. Early tea and toast. Hal goes off to work while I take the dog out a walk and look for wild flowers. Then I arrange his flowers and brush his dog, at 11 we breakfast at 12. or

Jan 17, 1913

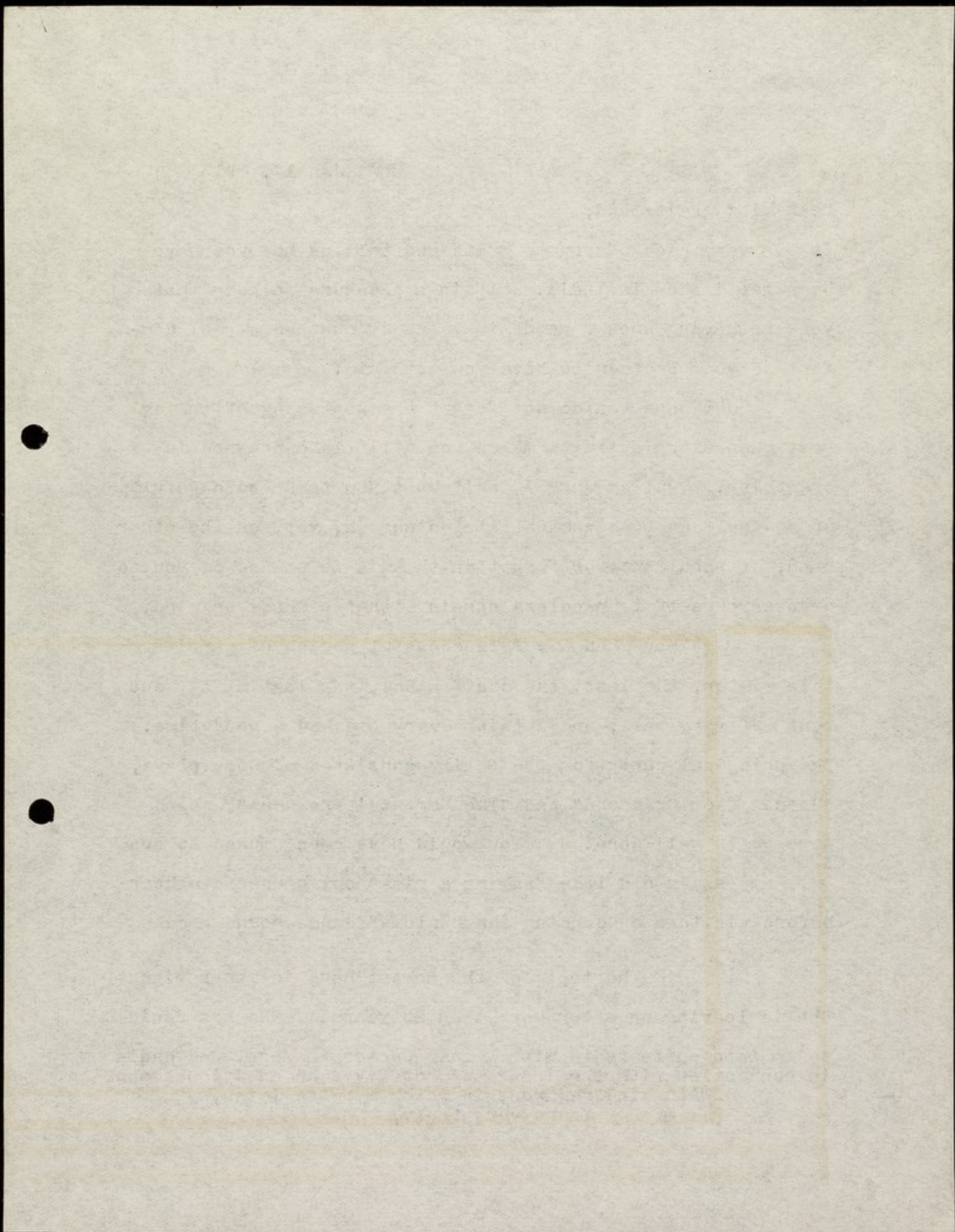
Dear Miss Armitstead,

It was very nice of you to write and tell us how you have been getting on in India. It is a pleasure to hear that you are having such a good time, and it must be a real comfort to your brother to have you with him.

I hope you do not forget the necessity of taking rest when extra activity makes you a little oppressed in breathing. I am sure I don't want you to be so careful of yourself as to become a valetudinarian, yet, on the other hand, it should not be forgotten that it is unwise of you to expose yourself to needless strain either of body or mind.

We have had a very successful series of parties this winter, the last, the staff dance, was last night, and went off very well, and I think every one had a good time. The principal party for the family consisted of some plays, "Scenes from Cranford" and "The Parents' Progress", which were quite well done. You would have been amused to see Dr. Kemp as an old lady "taking a rise" out of her daughter before visitors by dancing the "Salome" dance round a cake on a charger. The topic of the moment here is her resignation. She is leaving us after more than 15 years. She has decided to go into partnership with a lady doctor in York, and business in connection with the Insurance Act gives an additional opening.

With kind regards, in which my wife joins,
Yours very truly,



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Trefanul,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 27th 1919.

My dear D^r Pencer

Thank you

very much for your letter.

Walter is pleased with

what you say

I hope you will have
a lovely trip abroad

and enjoy your holiday very
much.

I went out fishing yesterday
hand lining. we got 15
haddock of which I secured
three, and brought them
home in triumph. I hate
his pelling in process, and
coward like handred trial

part, over to his boatman,
I have only played Lawn Tennis
once since I came home, because
of his difficulty of getting 15
players.

Thanking you again for your
letter.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Agnes J. Combridge

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Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 1st

Dear Dr. Pierce,
My son has sent
me your last report
of my daughter.
You say she can come
home in a week from
now.
What shall I do about
meeting her? I can't
get to Scarbro's stock
in a day. She thinks

she can travel by
herself. Shall I meet
her at Manchester?
or what would you
advise?

If I go to Scarborough
I must stay a night
there & return next day
The poor girl is very
homesick & longs to
come home.

Thank you very
much for yr. kind
care of her.

My bro. in law
Mr Hamilton has
been here a fortnight,
he is perfectly well
& most cheerful. he
says he owes it all
to you.

Yrs sincerely
Mrs. Annibstead

J
Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 21st 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry to trouble
you again over my affairs. I
had a letter this morning from
my brother in India, and I
should like to know your candid
opinion about my going out to
him. I enclose his letter for you
to see. I should be sorry to go
if I am going to be only a

burden to him, and yet I feel that
I want a good change of scene
with apologies for troubling you,
Then I know how busy you are

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

Agnes J. Annistead

advice. Agnes does not know I am writing to you, nor about my brother's letter, so please do not mention them when writing to her in answer to her letter.

Please excuse the scumidge as I am writing in rather a hurry!

Yours sincerely

W. L. Arncliffe

Please do not write to Mother or me but to her. She has been perfectly well all this time, as if nothing had ever been the matter.

Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

1912

July 21st

Dear Dr. Pierce

My Mother has asked me to write to you about my sister going to India.

A private letter came this morning from my brother in India to Mother. I quote what he says.

"I should like her out here very much but what's to be done if she is ill. There are only the

Civil Hospitals, - I hate & loathe the
lot. I have no confidence at all in
the Civil Surgeon, Nancy (his wife).
I schemed hard not to have him
but the other man called him in.
Myself I am out from 8 in the
morning to 4-30, with only $1\frac{1}{2}$ for
breakfast 10-30-12. India is no
place to come to when you are ill. It
is only a short time before I come home
I think really the best thing would be
to let it stay till then, when it could
be talked over. —

My Mother and I feel quite
certain that Agnes will never
settle at home again, and she

has set her heart on going, so
that ~~we~~ we feel that if we
could be sure she would not
break down again, it would be
best for her to spend the winter
in India. On the other hand
my brother has just lost his
wife, and we do not want
him to have extra worry at
this time. The time suggested
for her to start was either
late September or early in
October. We feel very
apologetic about troubling
you so much, but we feel
that we can not decide
on this matter without your

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✓
Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 13th 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am writing just a
line, to say that I had a good
journey last Monday, meeting
Mother at Manchester, and that
I am getting on all right, it has
been too wet to take much

Exercise, but I have managed to do
a certain amount of Gardening.
I am afraid Mr Pageant has had a
bad time, but I hope it has been
fewer at Scarborough than it has
here,

With kind regards to Mr Pencer

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Agnes J. Cornhill

1912

Trefanall,

Glyn Garth,

Anglesey.

June 12th

● Mrs Ammitstead
sends the Secretary
of Dr Bedford Pierce
a cheque for £40-19.
She understands that
the money is refunded
if the patient does not
remain a whole quarter.
Her daughter has been
● at the Retreat 7 weeks
& hopes to come home soon.

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Ages is under to go at to
India in the autumn but it
seems risky both for her &
my brother at home. Do you
think she will be up to it
by September? Of course
she could only go with
somebody else & I don't know
if we could find any one who
is going out.

If you could send me a line
sometime & give me your opinion
on the point I should be very grateful.
With kind regards
Yours sincerely W. H. Armstrong.

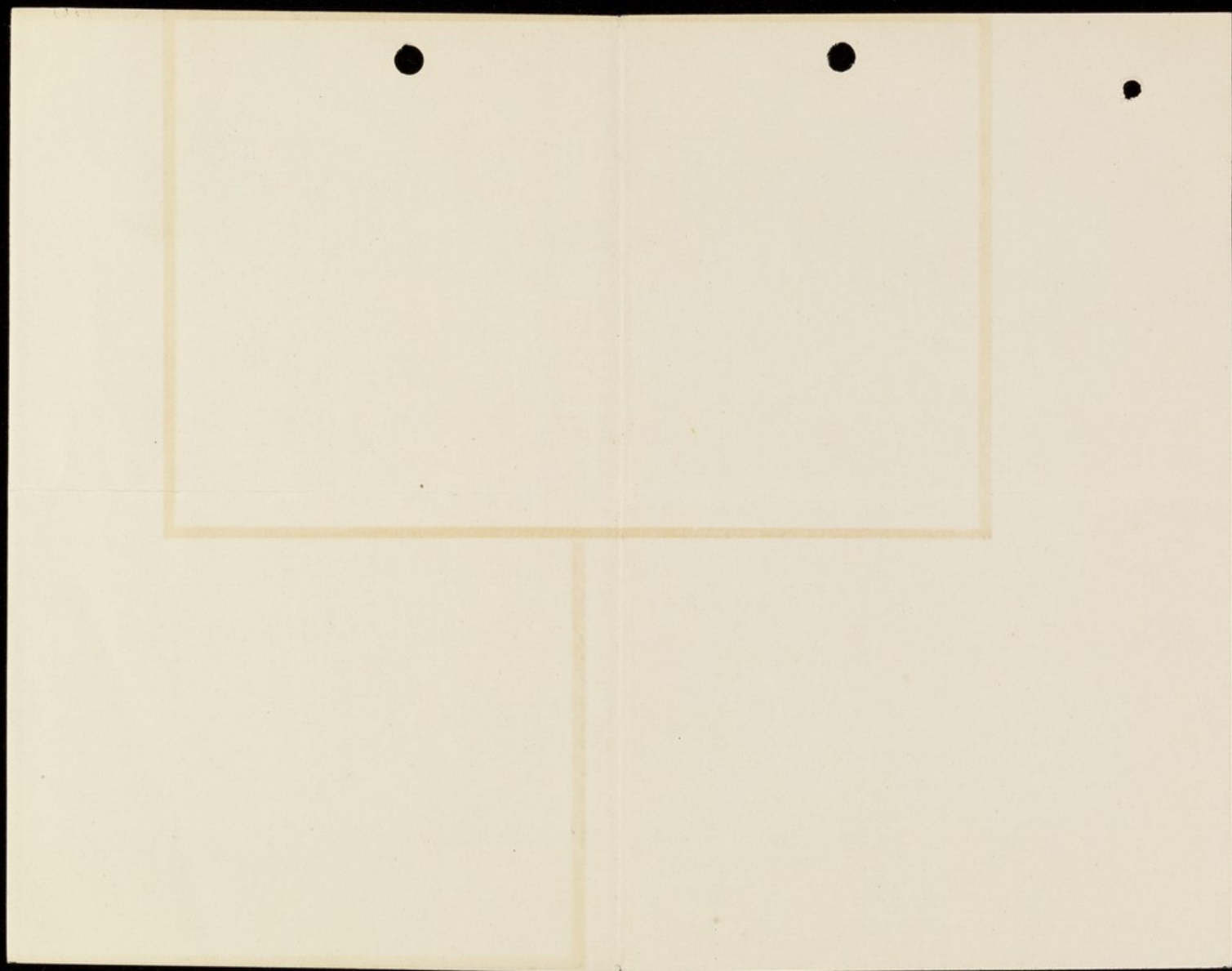
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Old School House

Felsted
Essex.

June 23. 12.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

My sister seems
to like Scarborough but she is
very homesick. I haven't had
a letter from her this week but
I expect I shall get one tomorrow.
Mother is wondering when
she will be fit to go home but
it's house hunting so
no doubt we shall be told
when the time comes -



as soon as next autumn
by herself but that we
must leave over for the
present.

Yrs sincerely

W. K. Armitstead

Black No. 586

Felsted

Essex.

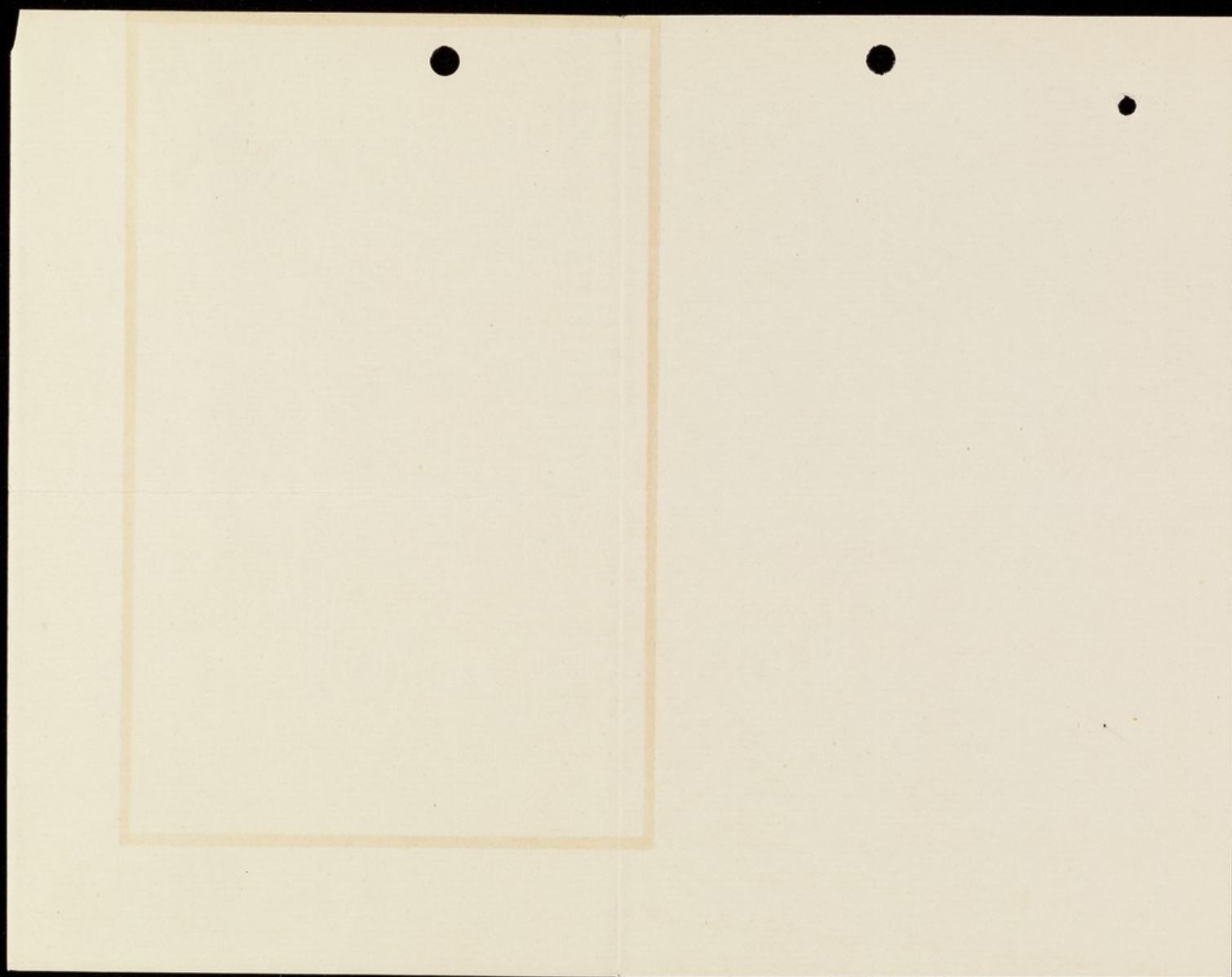
May 25. 12.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am so much
troubled by you. I was too
impatient. as the last
letter shows that Agnes realises
at last.

She doesn't fully realise
the seriousness but I dare
say that may come later.

I don't like the idea of
her going out to India.



that the thought of the visit
to India was keeping her up.
We are all deeply grateful
to you all.

Yrs sincerely,

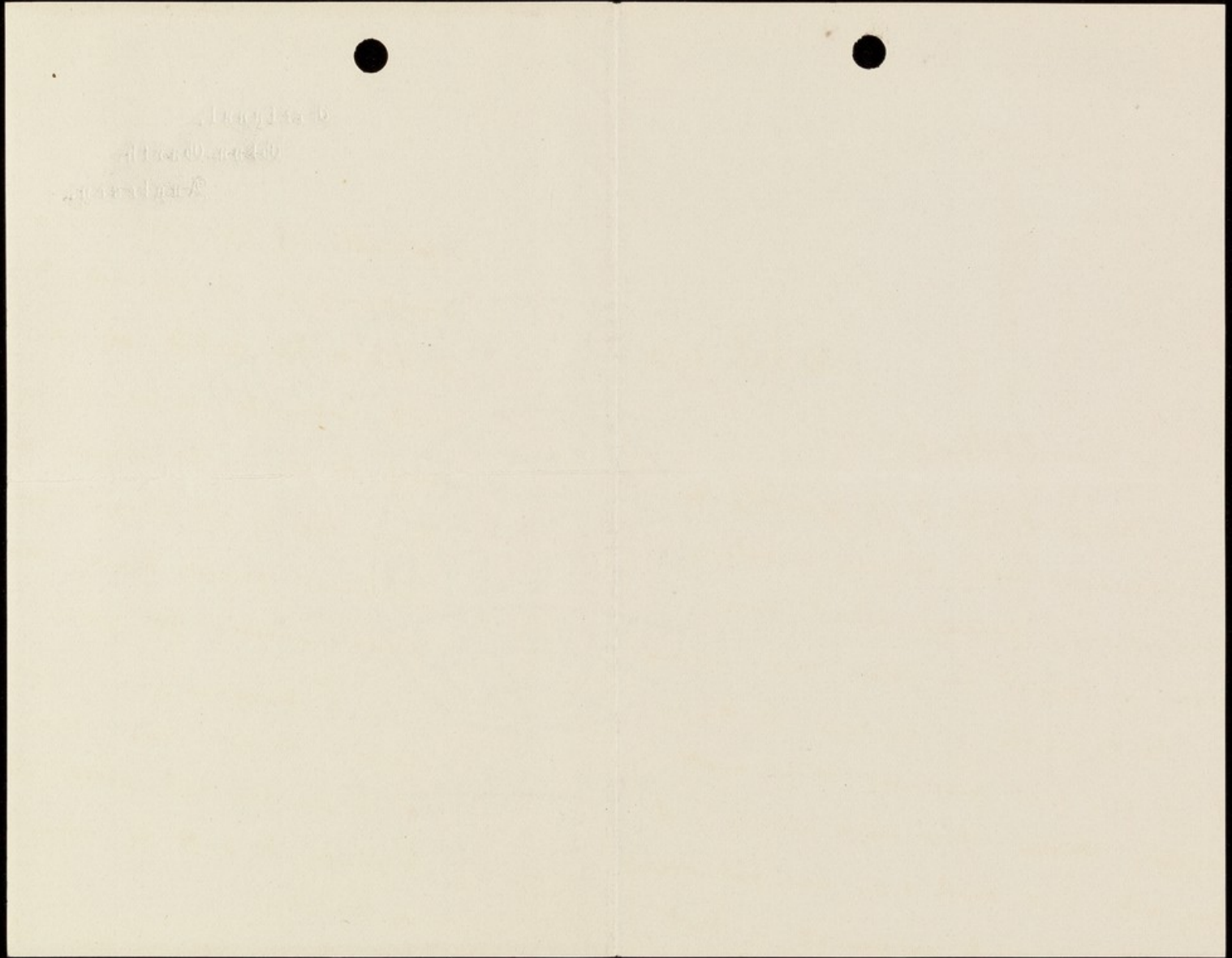
W. K. Armitstead

Aug. 13. 12

Trefнал,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Dear ~~Mr~~ Doctor Kemp.

My sister has
been very well since she came
home & seems quite herself.
We are quite willing that you
should do what you propose.
She is taking care of herself.
We had a lady nurse
staying with us for a
fortnight's visit & she said



26. July, 1882.

Dear Miss Armitstead

I do not think it is possible to give a decided reply to your questions, for no one can foresee what may happen or what troubles may arise.

On the whole I incline to think that if you feel yourself to be well, & really ~~steadfast~~ steadied down, if those who live with you are satisfied that you are quite as usual & that the recent illness has quite gone then I see no reason why you should not ~~do what~~ you might have done had you not had a break down.

I do not think the journey will be much of an undertaking for you

especially if you can have some companions or friend to travel with & the life in India with definite duties should be a help to you & be more satisfactory than living at home seeing that England must have painful associations for you.

I suppose your brother will be coming home next year in any case & if you did not settle down in India happily it will be easy to return with him.

So you see I am almost advising you to go. but yet on the other hand if you are depressed & ~~very~~ hesitating about going so far then I should let this be sufficient excuse for deferring the visit. With kindest regards -

Yours faithfully
Edmund Pease

26 July 1912

Dear Miss Brewster

I don't think it is possible to give a decided reply to your question. For we can never know about our own minds what they are capable of. On the whole I incline to think that if you feel yourself to be well, a really ~~strong~~ ^{strong} character is more than enough to get you on with your work. But for one great commandment that the recent illness has quite given me I see no reason why you should not ~~be~~ ^{be} for ever your old self. You must have a break down. I don't think the ~~best~~ ^{best} will be much of our conversation if you

especially if you can have some comparison or friend to turn to with a life in which with definite duties there is no help to you in your satisfaction. It is better to have been that I have never been in the same way.

I suppose your freedom will be coming home next year in any case & if you can not settle down in Oxford happily it will be easy to return with him.

You see I am almost certain you to go - but up on the other hand if your depression is too violent about going or for that I should let it be sufficient reason for deferring the visit. With love from your faithful friend

W. Brewster

W.B.

We are having a tennis match this aft. The home has to come
from the outside in order to find a third lady - It is a pity
you could not join us.

I pass our holiday on
Thursday - We go to Innisbrake - thence to Sudden Hill.

Miss O'Malley has met Margie and they are staying at
Fulham above Innisbrake now.

BB

The one having a tendency towards a final end, and
 from the existence of which it is evident that such
 a final end exists. The one having a tendency towards a final end, and
 from the existence of which it is evident that such a final end exists.

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Trefanul,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

July 24th 1912.

Dear Dr. Finer

Thank you very
much for your letter. You ask
me about my health. I think
I am decidedly better. Since
I came home, I am eating
and sleeping well, and I

Should say that my weight was about the same, also I have not been troubled with breathlessness, but then as you seemed to think that I was coming home too soon I have been extra careful, not to get overtired etc.

I thought of starting for India towards the end of September, if I did not go this year

it would mean putting it off until my brother went back twelve months later. Of course it would be better to do that than to risk another breakdown, what I want to know is this, is it ~~likely~~ likely to set me up, or, would it be a risk?

I do not know when I should have to engage my berth, soon I should think, as there are so many people going out in September. His journey is easy enough getting into the steamer at Liverpool and out at Karachi, where my brother lives.

Most of my relations want me to go, while some are doing their best to stop it. So between the

two I am worried.

Yours sincerely
Agnes J. Annislead

July 8 1912

List of articles returned to
Miss Cornutstead.

- 1 long gold chain & metal watch
- 1 blue necklace
- 1 green necklace
- 1 amethyst "
- 1 gold chain & locket
- 1 turquoise bracelet
- 1 gold curb bracelet
- 1 silver " "
- 1 gold & 1 silver bangle
- 6 rings
- Silver button hook set in case
- 2 brooches.
- 1 diamond ring. no. not returned
- Cash in purse £12.12.1.

Please sign an accompanying slip &
return to me - W E Walker Secy.



WILLIAM H. HARRIS

WILLIAM H. HARRIS

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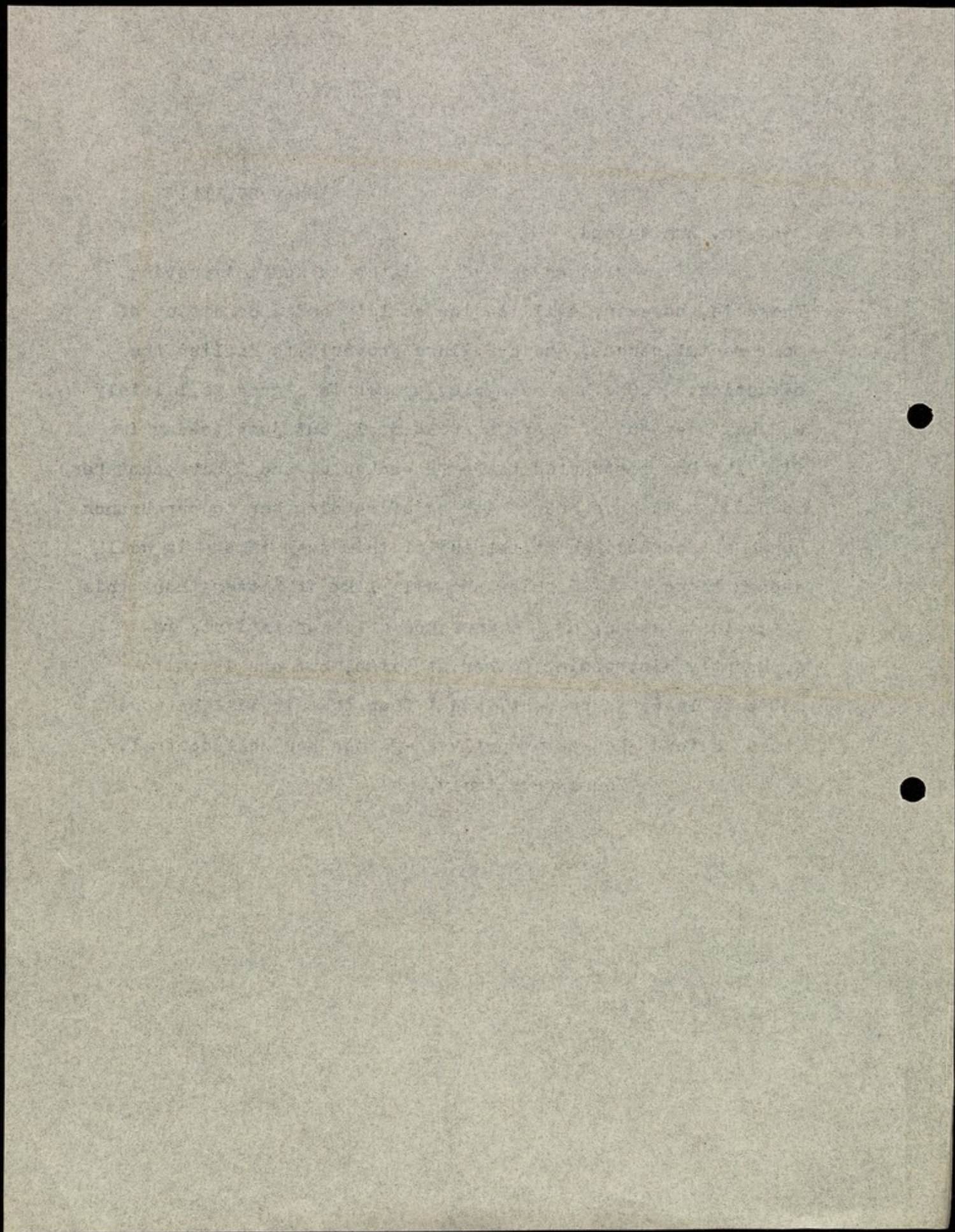
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May 28, 1912

Dear Mr. Armitstead,

I am glad to say your sister is again improving. There is, however, still an instability and a condition of some mental stress, and a failure properly to realise the situation. She has been playing tennis a good deal lately and has been out of doors a great deal, but just to-day I find she has contracted rather a bad cold, and I have sent her to bed. We have been thinking of sending her to our branch house at Scarborough at the end of this week if she is well enough to go. I think she will like it better than this large institution, as the presence of other patients is apparently distressing to her at times, but she is quite unfit to leave at present, and I fear that it will be some weeks before she has properly re-gained her self control.

Yours very truly,



Ch. makes no mention of the
second letter A. wrote from
Inglis. I wonder if she
said in it what she made out.
I do hope everything is going
on as well as possible.

I wonder if you sent me
down to London by the next train -
The St Pancras Hotel was full
so I was sent to a private
hotel in Argyle Str.

I had a pleasant holiday in
Buckinghamshire & returned
here on Wednesday.

478
Old School House
Fildes
Essex.

May 3. 12.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

I have not heard
how Agnes is so I am sending
Charley Griggs' letter to you to read
& give her if, as I should think
most likely, it would be best for
her to have it. The letter

shows he accepts Agnes' letter
breaking off the engagement
& he wishes to return some of
her presents. I hope it
will induce her to return
her engagement ring to him.

All best wishes

Yrs Sincerely

W. K. Armistead

to say that owing to her illness
(brain fever after nervous breakdown)
marriage arrangements are
postponed. When she becomes
quite strong, she might perhaps
be allowed to draw her own
conclusions more freely from
very gradual & tactful intimations.
That must take time but I
see no need for haste. My
desire is to cooperate with the
Doctors in any way likely to
benefit her. I shall await their
instructions thoughtfully & consider it
a privilege to carry them out to
the best of my ability.

Inside

Imelda Greig to W.K.A.

Copy-

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,
FELSTED,
ESSEX.

March 24 12.

Many thanks for your letter. It
raises the great question which I
have had in mind since Agnes
fell in. If I felt there were
any chance of our marriage
bringing any goods either of us
I should wish to go on with it. I
have of late entered very
prominently into Agnes' life & my
abrupt banishment would
probably be dangerous. There is,
I imagine, no need to tell her
much just now. How would
it be for the moment merely

I have written out an account of
Agnes' doings so far as I can
remember from the 4th to the 8th
of the present month & have forwarded
it to my sister for any additions
or corrections she may be able
to make. When she returns it I
will send it to you in case it may
be of any use in treating her

Coxe —————

Copy of my sister's letter.

Posted May 24.
8.45pm.

I had an interview with Dr. Pierce both
Yesterday & today, Yesterday rather
upsetting but today quite satisfactory
I think. He says I am not to write
to Charlie until he writes to me. I have
not had a letter yet & I think it is
some underhand work of Nurse
Ashmore. I wish you would write
to Charlie for me. I talked it out
with Dr. Pierce today & he said he
could hardly believe that any nurse
could tell me such lies. I told him
it was true nevertheless. One day
she was no less than seven persons.
p.s. Her friend Miss G.
(whom she has never seen, W.K.A.) &
when Miss G. she was engaged
to you
over

Mr. Pierce is very straightforward
we talked it all out, he is writing
to you I believe but for goodness sake
write to Charke & say I am pining
for a letter. I have promised
not to write again. Mr. Pierce
tells me that he has forwarded
on to you several (4 I think) letters
from me to Charke which will improve
matters. I also wrote to his
mother which I should like to go
to her.

I trust you absolutely. I am
just breaking my heart for
Charke.

Agnes J. Armitstead

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BROOKSIDE,
SANDBACH,
CHESHIRE.

Sept 27 1912.

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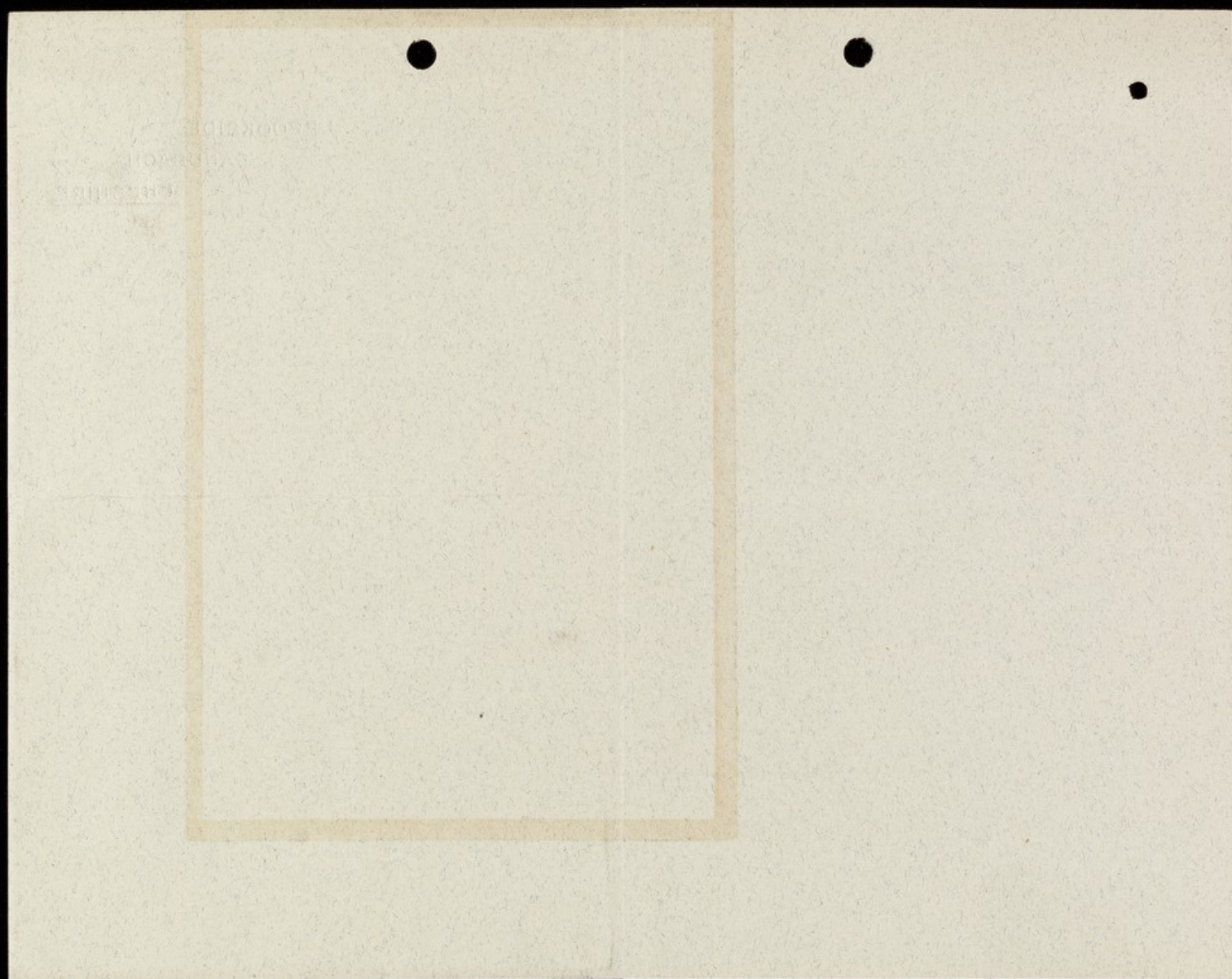
Dear Sir

I enclose a letter addressed
to Miss Brantford who is
under your care, so that she
may receive your assistance
as to money & to her

It is from her Mother.

Yours faithfully

John Kennedy



Infant

Glyn Garth

Angsey

April 18. 12

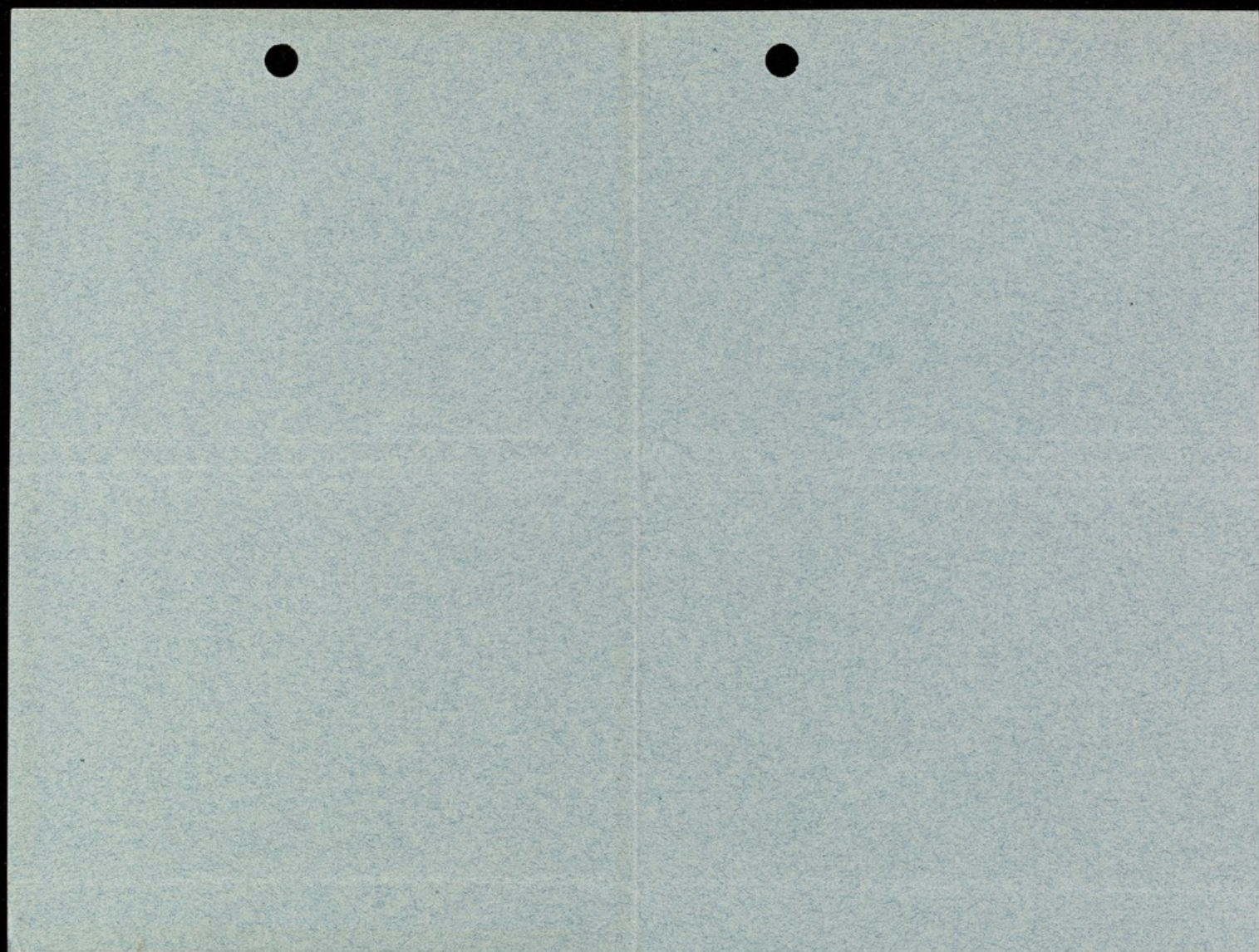
Dear Sir

I enclose a cheque
for the Rebeck account.

We can't be too grateful for
all the people at the Rebeck
have done for my sister

Yrs faithfully

W. K. Armitstead



Hester this morning - but I think
that she still has hopes of the
marriage coming off. She has
been told - she says - that brain
fever often recurs after 3
years & then is done with.
I am distressed about this
but I don't think I can do
anything at present. I
expect Mr Greig will be leaving
England very soon for the Balkans.
She told Mother she can't settle
down here but I expect after
a quiet rest she will be

Irifanal 393
Glyn Garth
Anglesey.

Wed. April 17.

Dear Dr. Pierre.

We had a quite a
successful journey yesterday &
Agnes was not tired after it.
We only changed at Manchester
as we found the 9.57 a better
train than the 10.12.

Agnes is wonderfully cheerful
but I am afraid she is not
through with her trouble yet.
She has told both Mother &

most settled when he leaves
Lennis begins in June.

Anyway we must hope for the
best.

He will write to someone soon.

Thank you once again - all
of you - for what you have done
for her.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

W. Kenneth Armitage

April 12, 1912

Dear Mr. Armitstead,

Tuesday will be quite all right. Your sister keeps quite clear and is thoroughly self controlled, but she is sad, as one would expect, seeing that her future is so altered.

I hope to be at home on Tuesday. Could you come up first thing in the morning, as I shall be busy later in the day.

Yours very truly,

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There are 5 weeks to Mar 31.
Last time we paid for 9
weeks from Wednesday
to Wednesday & as the Year
Business first letter said
the charge would be £3.3
per week ought you not
to start from Mar 9,
irrespective of the Quarter
ending on March 31st?

The second point is as to the
special nursing ^{to} of £6.6 -

Mr. Peice kept on the Nurse
I brought with me for 2 weeks

Went to
Merrill Bridge Station.

April 12. 12.

Trefanul,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your
account which arrived
this morning forwarded
from Felstria. Unfortunately
it crossed my letter which I
wrote yesterday.

There are two points I should
like to bring up.

My sister arrived at the
Retreat on Saturday March
9 at 10 p.m. & I don't see how

I have already paid £2.2
to that Nurse for the 14 week.
Does my payment of £2.2
make any difference to
this?

I am awaiting your answer
to my letter of yesterday.

Yrs faithfully
W. Kenneth Armitstead

Mar 10 5 22

Returned?

I am sorry for the delay in
paying. Owing to the death
of my Father last January all
our money matters have been in
the hands of our lawyers &
these had to be straightened out
before my Mother could sign
cheques.

Yours faithfully

W. Kenrick Armistead.

(Last time I wrote from The Orchard
House, Hales Essex).

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Menai Bridge Station.

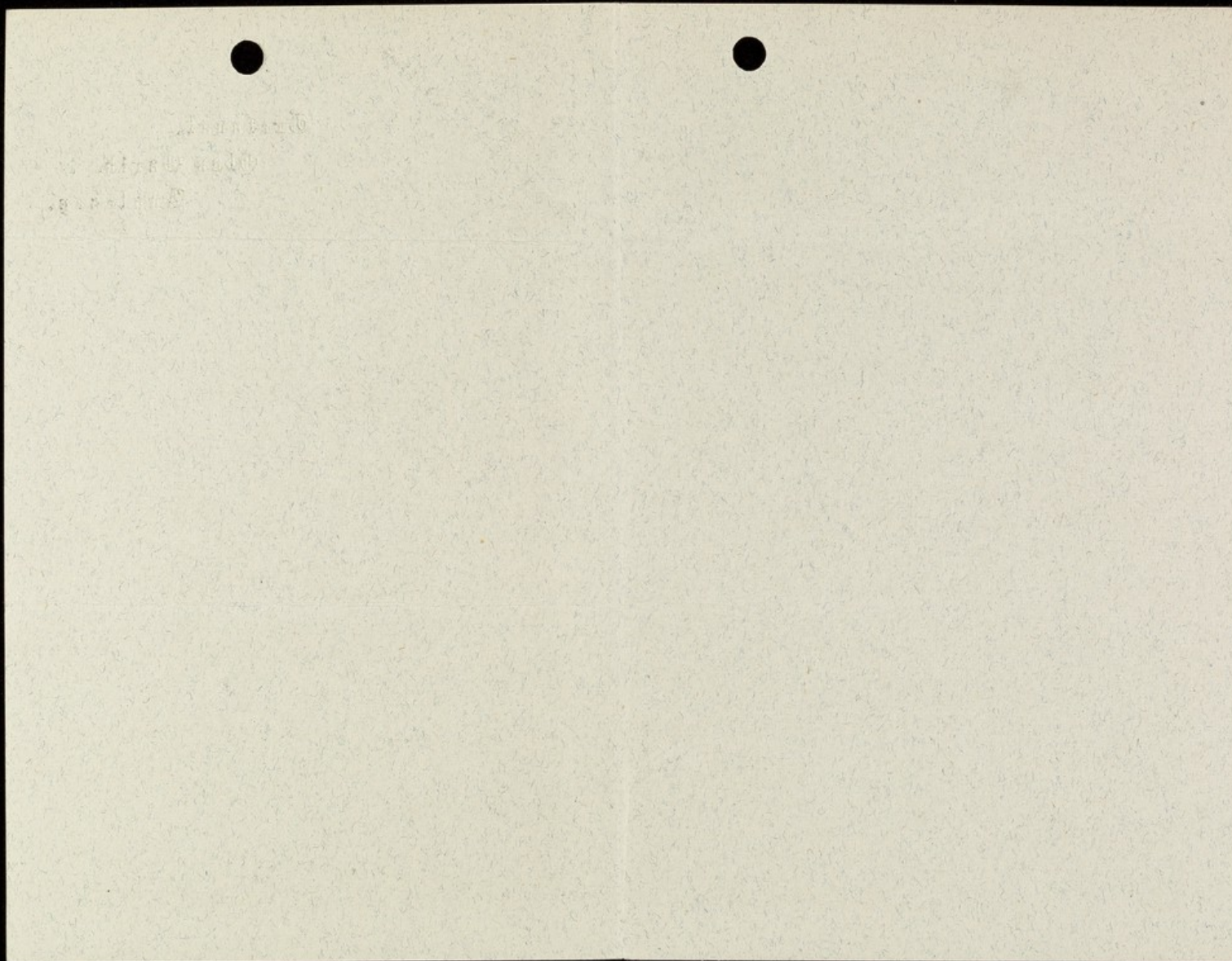
Apr 11. 12.

Trefanall,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Sir.

The 28 days for my
sister's account expire on April 19th.
As at present arranged I am to
take her from The Retreat on
Monday or Tuesday next.

Would it not be simpler for both
parties if I paid the proper
amount directly she is discharged
ex instead of paying you for one
quarter then having the balance



If it distresses Agnes ● I
haven't suggested this to her —
I could meet her at Manchester
if the trains are reinstated.
She wants to come home
for a week or so & then I
propose to take her to
Chester myself.

I hope you can manage
the Tuesday part —

Yours sincerely

W. K. Armithead

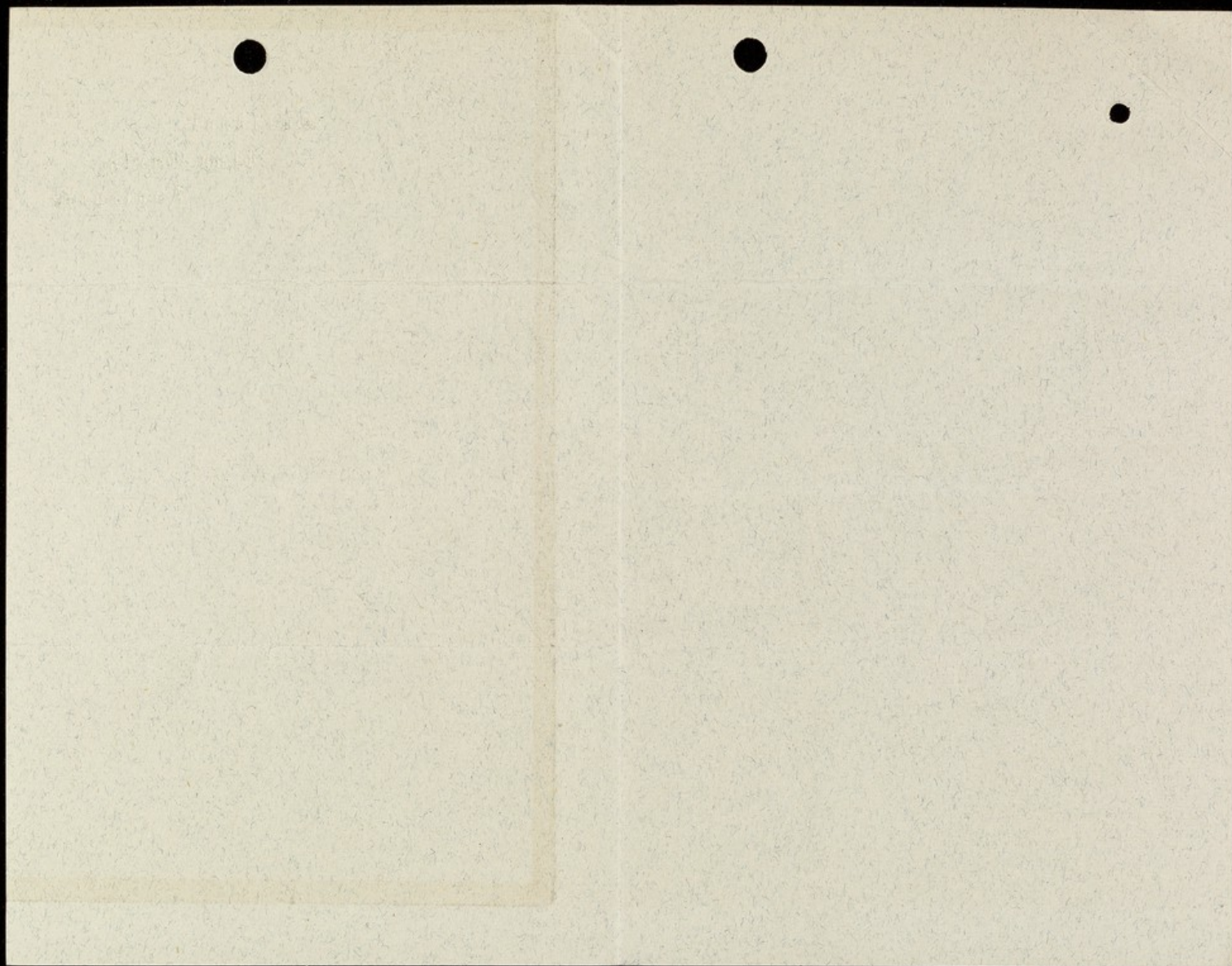
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Trefanal, 1912
Glyn Garth, April
Anglesey.

Dear Mr. Pierce.

I can't get to
Leeds & back in a day so I
should much prefer to come
to York on Monday & bring
her home on Tuesday.

The trains are still uncertain
No prospect of improvement
on Monday but I think it
would be wise for me to
see you —



Younger sister are going abroad
about April 22 for a month or so.
Mother returns on May 15th. I owe
must arrange for Agnes to
be somewhere for about 4 weeks
apparently. I return to Fildes

on May 2nd. So if as seems
likely she leaves you before
May 2nd. I can come & fetch her
& bring her to Cheshire.

Agnes wrote on Tuesday asking
me to ~~take~~ bring her home this
last week. So it appears she is
beginning to wish to come out.

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Hafanal 358
Glyn Hafth
Anglesey.

April 7. 12.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

Thank you for your
letter of yesterday (April 6th). Mr.
Greig sent me a letter for Agnes, which
I sent on to her yesterday. At his
wish I read it & there was nothing
in it which could excite her at all.
We have practically arranged
that she shall go to her aunt
Mrs. Kennedy at Brookside,
Sandbach Cheshire - where we
used to live - My Mother &

I expect Agnes will write to me again
+ say definitely how much she
realises. poor girl. I never quite
knew what to say to her when I
write

Yours very sincerely,

Walter Armstrong

that all is at an end & we would
all be deeply grateful to you if
you could manage to put it to her.

Mr. Greig's advice is I am sure
quite impracticable but I am also
sure that he will fall in with
anything we do. It is far better

that she should realise that the
engagement is broken off before she
leaves your care -

Of course I am quite ready
to come over if you think there
is any thing to be gained by it.

✓ Infants 358
Glynis Garth.
Anglexy.

April 5.12

Dear Peter Pierce.

I am very sorry
I haven't answered your letter
before: at the end of term we are
very busy & I was travelling
12 hours yesterday.

With regards to your letter to Mother
we are all agreed that it
would be far better to get Agnes
to recognise as soon as possible

but at present travelling is
decidedly difficult.

I shall be home for some time
now + I hope soon to have
good news of Agnes.

Yrs very sincerely

W. Kennick Armitstead

to your approval, it would
be best for her to come
home & live quietly here
with mother - I think

mother will almost certainly
cancel her visit to Florence.

She would be much happier
here with Agnes. I am
sure she would worry so far
away -

We all want to do what
is best.

Agnes is showing fine spirit

Parrots-
Manai Bridge Station.

Manai
April 1911

Mon.

Trefanall,

Glyn Garth,

Anglesey.

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Dear Dr. Peice.

Many thanks
for your wire. Agnes wants
me to come to York & I do so
with pleasure if it would
do her good but it would
be better if possible for me
not to come until I can
bring her away.

She also wants to come
home I am sure. Subject

I hope she will keep it up -
I am rather afraid of a
reaction, poor dear.
We can't be too grateful to you
all & we want to help in
anyway.

Yrs sincerely
W. Kenneth Armitstead

March 4th, Monday.

Agnes and I travelled together from London to Manton. On the way she was very forgetful and would on several occasions have lost her purse, had it not been handed to her. She was very excitable and frequently insisted on talking about her previous illness. She said that during that illness she had brain-fever and spent most of her time singing. She said that one of her nurses, for whom she had a great dislike, once poured boiling water into her bath, giving her a great shock and delaying her recovery. The nurse seems to have made her promise not to tell Mrs Armitstead of this. She often referred to this nurse subsequently and invariably gave me to understand that she bullied her in every way, by word and deed. (Unless these accounts are imagination, it is to be hoped she will not again be attached to Agnes). She also spoke with great loathing of one Capt Glazebrook, with whom I am slightly acquainted. She had often mentioned him to me unfavourably on other occasions. -She dined that night quietly with my Sister and Brother-in-Law. I called after dinner, when she sang some songs and we discussed wedding arrangements. She was terribly excited.

March 5th, Tuesday.

Agnes and I had a long and satisfactory talk with my Mother in the morning. She seemed much less excited. We were together most of the day. She wrote many letters. She had a marked tendency to reiterate the experiences of her last illness on every possible occasion. She gave me an appalling description of the unkind remarks, which, she said, were made to her by the nurse already

mentioned. (I do not want to detail these unless requested to do so. After dinner she told me that she had no sensation in her hands.

March 6th, Wednesday.

In the morning Agnes and I went for a short walk. On the way she discussed botany. After that she wrote letters and we again discussed wedding arrangements. After lunch she and I played golf. She played a good game and said she had never felt or played so well before. But she complained of feeling sleepy, which we both attributed to the change of air. During the game she found the leaf subsequently enclosed in her letter to Mrs Bent. More than once she reverted to further descriptions of her previous illness, saying that she suffered from small-pox, typhoid, and brain-fever simultaneously.

She dined with my Sister and Brother-in-Law, and I afterwards heard that she was unusually excited during the meal, talking most wildly and confusing names. She had a marked tendency to prefix the title of "Doctor" to all names of men. Soon after dinner she retired to her room, where she sang incessantly. About 11 p.m. my Sister went to her and suggested that she ought to rest. She replied "Certainly, but I shall begin again in the morning". (She began again the next day at about 7 a.m.). During the night she burnt her hand badly in two places, but evidently suffered no pain, which appeared to confirm her previous statement that she had no sensation in the hands. (She afterwards stated that, whilst reading in bed, she upset a candle. In Dr Beaumont's opinion, however, the shape and nature of the burns argued that the hand had been held in a flame. There were no traces of any accident

* My Sister found her sitting up in bed singing & combing her hair. The room was in darkness.

with a candle. Is it possible that during her last illness she similarly burnt herself and that the idea of small-pox was suggested to her by the marks?)

March 17th, Thursday.

Immediately after breakfast, without telling anyone, Agnes went out and (as subsequently transpired), without ringing, entered the Adkins' house, which is about two minutes walk from where my Sister and Brother-in-Law live. Mrs Adkins was away and Adkins, who is a Master of Uppingham School, was out. In the house she seems to have come upon one of the servants and to have enquired whether Mrs Bent lived there. The servant replied that she did not. Agnes then told her that her mistress had written her a rude letter about botany and that she had brought an answer to it. The servant objected that her mistress was not Mrs Bent, whereupon Agnes deposited a letter on the umbrella-stand and left the house.

Thence she seems to have gone to the house of the Mansel-Carey which is quite close. There too she entered without ringing, and, after traversing part of the house, met Miss Mansel-Carey. Of her she seems to have enquired "Are you Mrs Bent?" - Miss Carey replied in the negative, and Agnes shook hands with her and departed. (During her illness Agnes had a clear recollection of this incident, which she described to my Sister. Her description tallied ~~th~~ with the account given by Miss Carey.)

About eleven that morning I called for Agnes at my Sister's house. She had by then returned and was writing letters. None of us then knew what had happened. She told me she had been out and had bought three etchings, which she had noticed in a picture-shop, of a girl similar in appearance to a governess employed by certain friends of hers. She showed them to me. I noticed nothing

peculiar about her then, but, passing by her bedroom soon afterwards I noticed that she was sitting on the floor with her hair down. About midday we went to golf, taking lunch with us. During lunch she was odd, telling me not to stare at her. Later, whilst we were still at lunch, the wife of one of the masters entered the room. I introduced Agnes, but she refused to take any notice, continued to eat, and refused to speak to her. After lunch she played almost as well as on the previous day. Only after a short time she complained of fatigue. So after playing nine holes we decided to go home. Near Uppingham we were met by a Policeman, who asked Agnes whether she was the lady who had entered the Adkins' house that morning, leaving a letter there. I told the Policeman to go away and come later to our address, if he had any business. But Agnes insisted on talking to him, holding his hand. She told him that my Mother had written her a rude letter, that it was a matter for the Police, and that she was glad to see they had taken it up. I then insisted on the Policeman going away and took her home. On the way home she was unable to give any coherent explanation of the incident, but she seemed to be under the impression that my Mother had written her an insulting letter and opened letters addressed to her. We had scarcely reached the house when the Policeman was announced. He explained that he had been instructed to ascertain whether she was the lady who had entered the Adkins' house. Agnes then fainted, the Policeman withdrew, and the maid and I tried to revive her. Failing in this, I called Dr Beaumont.

That was the actual beginning of her illness.

March 30, 1912

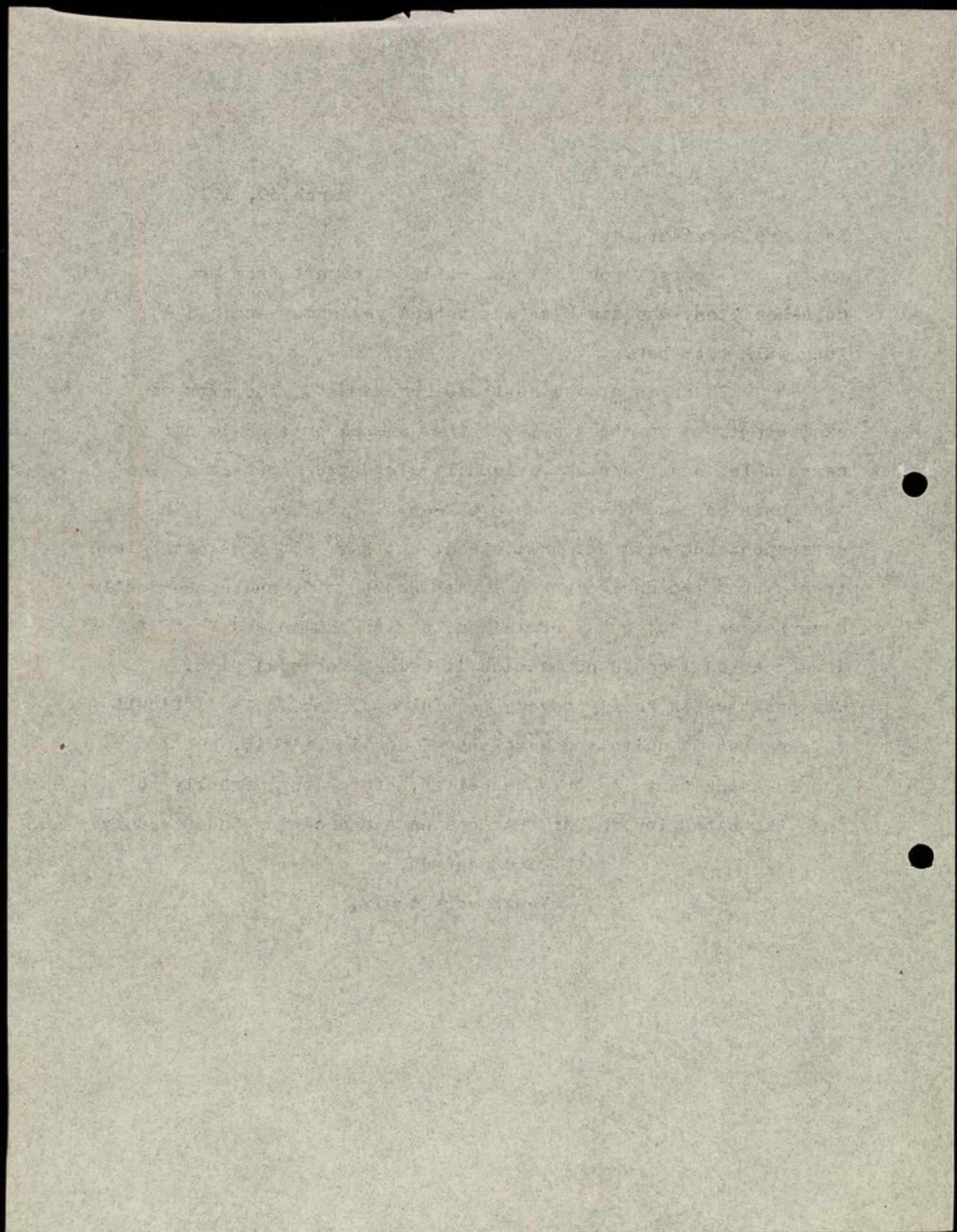
Dear Mrs. Armitstead,

I expect you will be getting a report from Mrs. Cole-Hamilton, who saw Miss Armitstead yesterday and had a long talk with her.

There is a good deal of improvement. The extreme excitement has passed away, but the general outlook is not yet reasonable, and there are evidently distorted memories of the incidents connected with the break-down. I have been in correspondence with Mr. Armitstead, but have not been authorised to say that the engagement has been broken off, and consequently have not said so; but I explained to Miss Armitstead that if I were asked I could not advise it being proceeded with. The position is really a very painful one, and it is difficult to see what is quite the best way of dealing with it, but I should think that it would be better, before long, frankly to face the situation rather than postpone a decision indefinitely.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Parcels-
Main Bridge Station.

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Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

March 29th

1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

My Mother would
be very grateful if you could
send her a report of my
sister's condition.
If the news of the broken
off engagement has had to

be told her we should
much like to know how
she bore it. If, however,
it has not already been
thought advisable to
tell her, would you kindly
let us know after this
has been done. My brother
has been in correspondence

with Mr Greif I believe,
but we do not quite know
how matters stand at
present.

Yours sincerely

Mr. H. Armitstead

like (2) puts everything into our hands + I am ready to leave everything to you.

As regards (1) I am dreadfully puzzled. I am writing today to Agnes saying that she is having a Rest Cure + letters are not encouraged - I am sending this letter by you so you can suppress it if you think fit.

I don't know if C.G.'s diary will help at all : please send it back sometime -

overleaf Yrs sincerely
W.K. Armitstead.

319
Old School House
Kelsted,
Essex.

Tues. M. 26. 12.

Dear Doctor Pince.

Thank you for your letter. I am sending some of the letters on : others I am keeping at present. I am sending you enclosed copies of

(1) a very pitiful letter to me from Agnes

(2) a copy of letter from Charles Grig -

+ also a diary Ch. has made up of events for Mar 4-8 -

I think it is quite clear that

I have from the start dreaded the time
when Agnes has to be told that
the marriage is ~~broken~~ off. Of course
she doesn't know there has ever
been anything wrong with her brain.
That is I suppose quite usual.

W.K.A.

March 23, 1912

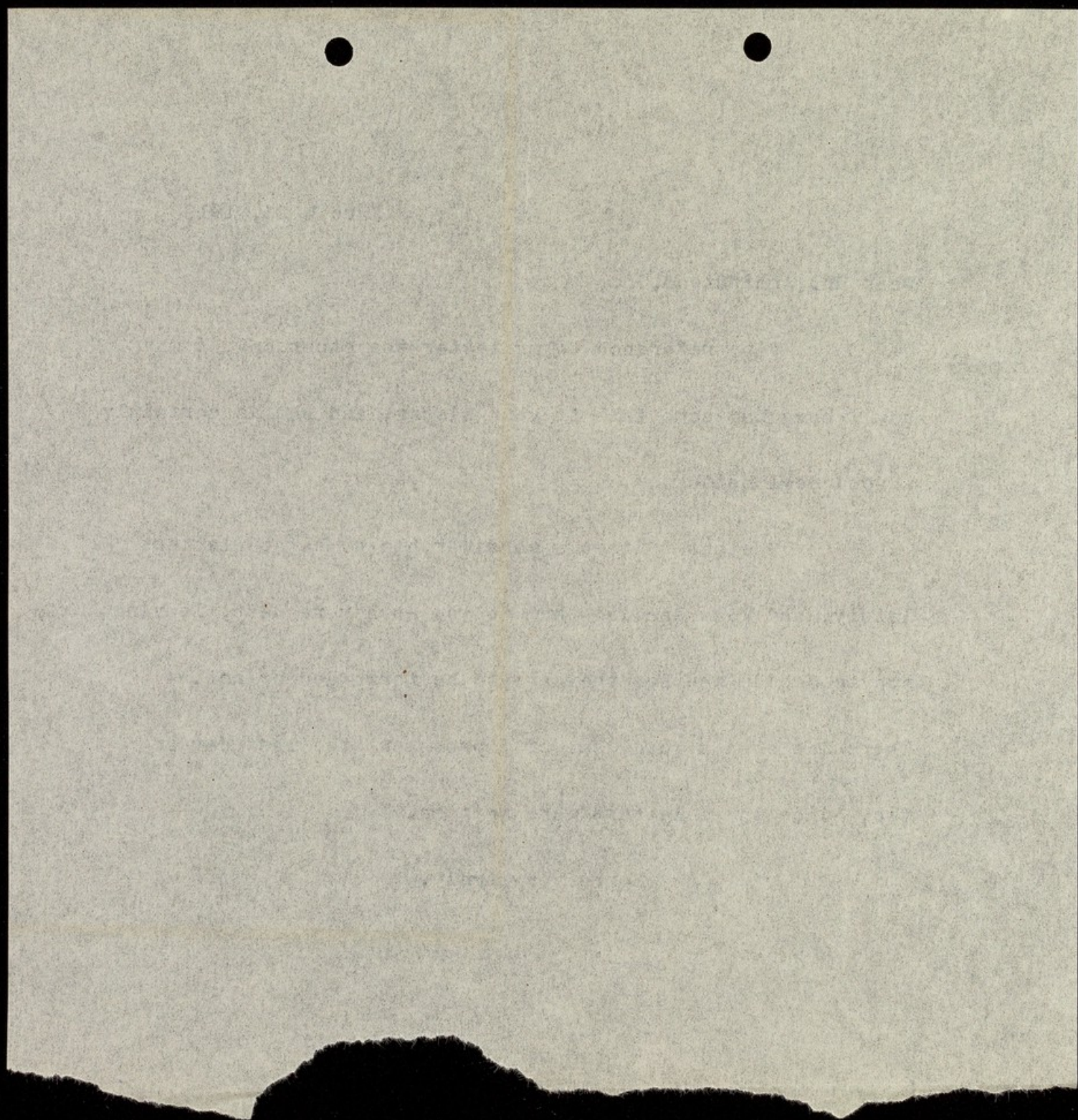
Dear Mr. Armitstead,

With reference to my letter the other day, I may say I have had some talk to your sister, and she is certainly a good deal better.

She has written a considerable number of letters lately, and I am sending them to you at her request, leaving you to decide whether they are to be forwarded or not.

There has been a good deal of improvement the last day or two, since these letters were written.

Yours very truly,



has heard definitely from him.

The moment I hear definitely I shall
let you know - We can't be
too grateful to you if you will
undertake the 'plain talk' to
my sister.

Nurse Ashmore wrote me a long
letter about Agnes & the utter
impossibility of it all - Do you
think it would help if you wrote
her a definite medical opinion
on the matter which I could send
to Mr. Greig?

Agnes still keeps ideas she formed
on the way up from Leppington -

310
Old School House
9 Fildes Road
Epsom

Friday Mar. 22nd 1912

Essex.

Dear Dr. Peice.

Thank you very much for
your letter. I was meaning to write
to you but was hoping for a final
letter from Mr. Greig.

At present, though I have put it quite
straight to him, he has not told me
that the engagement is definitely
broken. The only thing he has

written to me was that he agreed
to the expression "indefinitely postponed".

I am hoping to hear from him any
time, & to hear that my sister

She then arranged that I should
marry a great friend of hers, & when
she asks me if it is true that I am
going to marry her.

In affairs my Mother doesn't realise
the gravity of it either so I am
not intending to worry her more
than absolutely necessary.

I'll send you word the minute I have
absolutely definite news.

I am sorry to trouble you with money
matters but there are two things
I should like to say about the

"special nursing" fee of £2.2 a week.

The first is that I paid Nurse

Askinore £2.2.0 for her week
& the second is this: will it be
necessary ^{to have} for "special nursing" all
the time? and when I send
a cheque for the quarter will
something be remitted if a
special nurse be not required
all the time? I am sorry to
trouble you but I am acting for
my Mother in this matter ~~and~~ is
her money.

With all best wishes

Yrs. very sincerely

W. Kenneth Arncliffe

which she asked me to read.
In this letter written about April
6 or 7 I think she released him
from the engagement in a
very nice letter. Now she says
she never wrote it.

She has written to Mr Greig
asking him to settle one way
or the other & has asked him
to answer her at
c/o Lt Col J. Kennedy

Brookside
Sandbach
Cheshire

where she & I are going tomorrow.
Until she gets this answer

Sunday 21.12.
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Trefarnal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

I am sorry to have
to bother you again. The situation
seems to be getting serious again.
I have just been talking to Agnes
& she says that your final opinion
was that it was perfectly all
right for her to marry any time
soon or late. It is later that was
not my idea of what you advised.
Secondly she disclaimed
all knowledge of the letter she
sent to Charlie Greig by me

I can't do any more but I am
afraid of another breakdown
when he is staying there.

I went over to our Doctor today
to get his advice: his opinion
is that marriage is absolutely
out of the question for her always,
I take it yours is the same.

We must hope for the best but
I am very nervous about it all.
I'll let you know later how
things go on.

The sadness you spoke of
can't have lasted long. She

is too cheerful, I fear. She was
depressed a little the first evening.

Yr. very sincerely
W. H. Armitstead

Armitstead
Brookside
~~Sambach~~
Sandbach

Nurse arrives Crewe at 11:32
and Sandbach 12:20
Dinner.

13/3/12

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am so deeply
grieved & hear
my niece, Miss
Armitstead is ill
again; & just
when her prospects
looked so bright
a happy engagement
& marriage in April.

W.° she fit to see
me next Sunday
as my husband &
you will be in York
I'd come abt 2.
o'clock to see her
if you thought it
wise. My husband
wants to see you
all before we leave

Yorkshire the end
of the month.

Yr sincerely
Ch. Hamilton

March 13th

ans
To Rev^d J. W. R. 265
Brocklebank
Hillside
Warminster

March 12th

Dear Dr Pierce

My Mother would
be so grateful if you would
kindly send us a report
on my sister's condition
towards the end of this
week. We shall be at the
above address till Monday

next. We should like to know if we ought to write to her, or not, and about how long, in your opinion, the illness will last.

As at present arranged we were both going abroad about the middle of April for three weeks, but if my sister is likely to be able to return home before the middle of May

we must alter our plans.

Yours sincerely

M. Hester Arncliffe

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Tudor House,
Uppingham.

In my opinion Miss Agnes
Jessie Armitstead is a
person of unsound mind
& that it is necessary that
she be put at once under
proper control

A R Beaumont

F.R.C.S.

29th March
1912

THE
LIBRARY OF THE
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mar. 21 1912

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Retreat
Committee on Tuesday the terms for
Miss Armistead at the Retreat
were fixed at \$5.00 a week &
in addition \$5.00 a week for
special nursing whilst necessary.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. E. Waller Secy

W. H. Armistead Esq.

Herewith the Agreement from Wm. E. Waller

Mar. 21 1912

Dear Sir,
At the meeting of the District
Committee on Tuesday the 19th for
this month at the District
our first of business a week &
in addition of business a week for
which having what necessary.

Yours faithfully
W. H. Williams

W. H. Williams Esq.

Thank? before the agreement from 1900
done complete.

N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by The Retreat.



YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive *Agnes Jessie Armitstead* of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with *Richard Thompson*
of *Dring etc, The Mount, York* the Treasurer of the said Hospital,
to pay or cause to be paid, to the said *Richard Thompson*
as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the *22nd* day of *March* 19*12*

Name *William Kewrick Armitstead*

Residence *Old School House - Felsted - Essex*

Occupation *School Master.*

SIGNED by the said *W. K. Armitstead*

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Francis Wilfred Stocks

The School House, Felsted, Essex

Schoolmaster.

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



May 12, 1909

Dear Mr. Armitstead,

Many thanks for your letter. I will submit your proposal for 3 guineas a week to the Committee on Tuesday, and I have no doubt it will be accepted by them.

Miss Armitstead is not yet sleeping very well, and she is still noisy, singing a good deal, and generally excitable. The impression on my mind is that there is a danger that the case will develop into one of marked excitement which may last several weeks, but I remain of the same opinion; that she ought to recover thoroughly. Do not be discouraged if reports show increasing excitement. Miss Armitstead is out in a shelter today, and we shall probably continue the open air treatment.

I have made a note as to the address of Mrs. Kennedy.

Yours very truly,

Comilla

Menei Bridge Station.

Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

✓ Tuesday, May 11th
1899

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My wife arrived
home yesterday & has
asked me to write you
a line that I quite
agree to the terms of
three guineas weekly for
acquiring my daughter

Miss Agnes Armstrong
into our home, the
Reheat Fork: I presume
the 3rd weekly includes
everything: My wife was
very much pleased with
all ~~the~~ ^{she} saw at the
Reheat, and I sincerely
trust that my daughter
will make herself quite
happy there & regular
improvement —

My wife begs me to

say that when she sees
a list of those to whom
my daughter might correspond
with, she quite forgot
to mention the name of
my sister Mr. Kennedy of
Brookside Sarsfield,
Dorchester, to whom my
daughter is deeply
attached.

Thanking you for all
your kindness

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
The Reheat
Fork for Miss Agnes Armstrong

Henri Bridge Station.
Huttala-

Dec. 1st

Trefanall,

Glyn Garth,

Anglesey.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am sending
the P.O. ~~for~~^{to} you, and
very glad of this
opportunity of telling
you that my daughter
is quite well. The visit
to your home cured
her completely. It is
a great mercy to

have her all right
again.

Very many thanks
to you for your kind
care of her.

Yours sincerely

J. B. Ammitstead

July 28, 1909

Dear Mr. Armitstead,

It is a great pleasure to hear that Miss Armitstead is so nicely. I think that you are aware that we discovered some weakness of her heart on her arrival at the Retreat, and though this improved a good deal I should think it possible that something of the sort remains; and this may account in part for her being easily tired. No doubt Dr. Hepworth will keep this matter in view and advise Miss Armitstead as to the amount of exercise she may rightly take.

I enclose a receipt for the cheque.

Yours very truly,

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Parcel-
Post Office Station.

Trefanul,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

✓ Tuesday July 27
1909

Dear J. Pierce,

Enclosed
cheque for £5.3.7
in settlement of enclosed
account. I am thankful
to tell you that my daughter
is going on very well:
and is I hope on
the high way to her

her former health &
strength, tho' she is
rather easily tired;
but we try to prevent
her doing too much.
My wife and I again
thank you & Mr. Pierce
for all your kindness
to her when at the
Rehearsal and our thanks
are also due to Dr.
Kemp for all her
goodness to her

Believe me

Yrs very sincerely

Edw. Henry Armstrong

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Rehearsal
York

Purcell-
Main Bridge Station.

July 15th 1909.

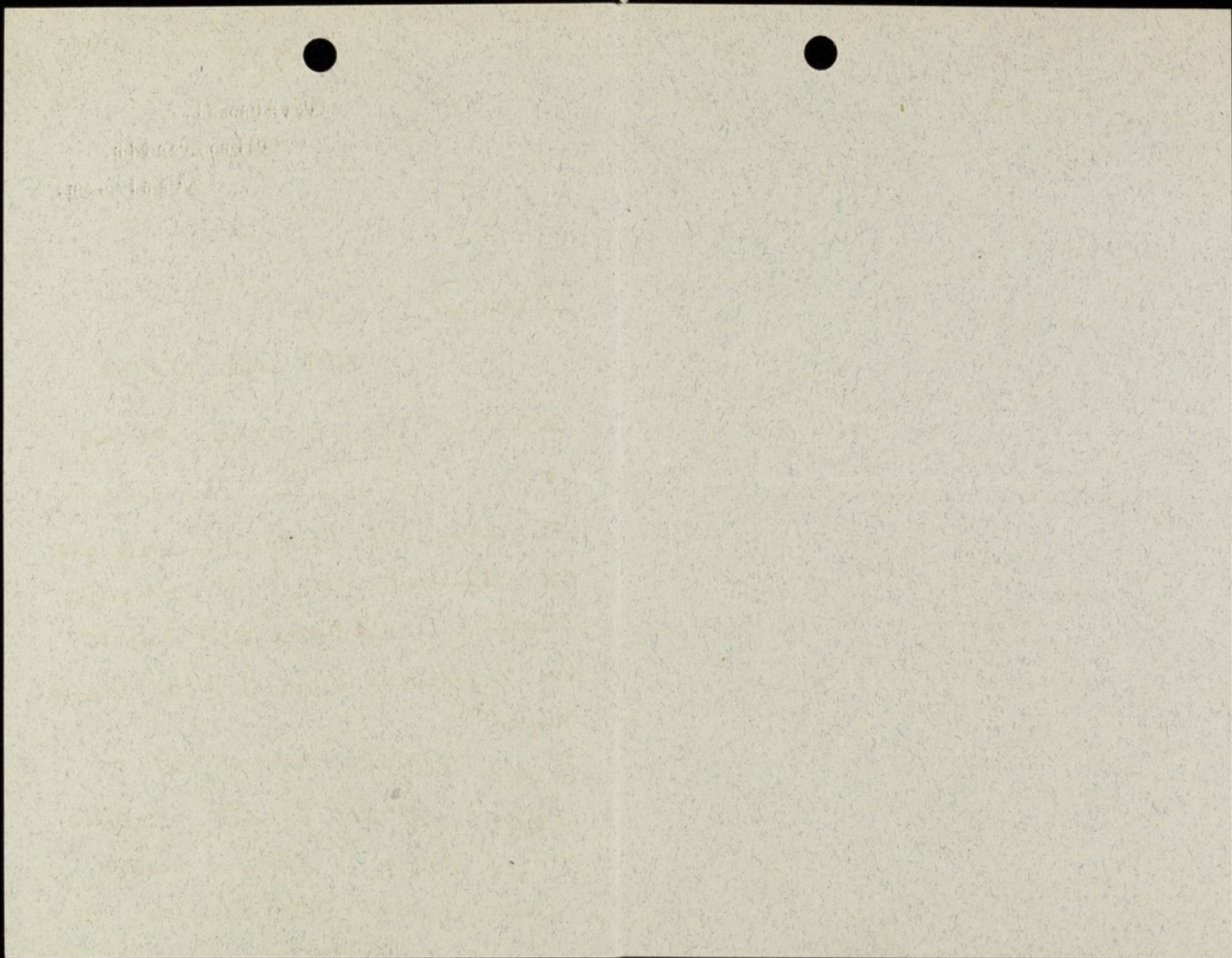
Trefarnal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Dear Dr. Price

Thank you very

much for taking care of my
little possessions. I am only
sorry I gave you too trouble
of having them sent after me
I am very flourishing. Dad and I
play golf every morning. Of course
I am dreadfully off-

Yours sincerely
Agnes Jameshead



Leam - York -
an Oxford -

● 23
2.30

Parcels-
Barni Bridge Station.

● 11th

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Trefanall,

Glyn Garth,

Anglesey.

Dear Dr. Thompson.

We had rather
an awfully journey. losing
our luggage etc, but finally
we arrived luggage and all.
at about 8.0. I was not
really tired I am all right
this morning after a real good
night.

I am awfully sorry, but I
have left my small black
jewel case a silver half
hundred and gold chain. and

When I arrived -

a small box of brooches -
Nurse thought no one had
got them, and I only
discovered when I was on
my way here that she
had not; she says she packed
them up for me at Richmond,
and Nurse Foxley gave them
to me today -

With best love

Yours sincerely,

Agnes of Armistead

My dog was wild with delight.

Parcels-
Dunoi Bridge Station.

Trefenal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

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June 25th

Dear Mr. Pierce,

We have had
such lucid & natural
letters from my daughter
Cately that I am waiting
for a line back for
advice as to the date
of her returning home.

My wife & I are
going to stay in Yorks

at Portsmouth for 2
nights on July 8th &
on August, if you
approved, we might bring
her home with us on
Saturday July 10th —
Of course if you did not
think it wise for a
her to return so soon
we shall be ruled
entirely by your advice.

I may say she would
be perfectly quiet at

home at that time, my
wife & I being quite alone.
I cannot express how
grateful we feel to
you & W^m Pierce & all
the authorities at
the Retreat for the
kindness & attention that
has been shown my
daughter whilst she
has been there.

I remain
your very sincerely
Henry C. Southwick

Warrila-
Manti Bridge Station.

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Trefenal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

June 28th 1909

Dear Dr. Pever,

Thank you very
much for your letter & for
the good news. You give me
of my daughter - If things
go on well & safe and
I will come to the Rehearsal
on Saturday July 10th
& will bring my daughter
home: & I shall be much
obliged if the Secretary

will like my daughter's
account made up to date
for me to settle.

I think there seems
every chance of the weather
improving & I hope my
daughter will thoroughly
enjoy the expeditions &
excursions from me so
kindly planning for
her in the meantime.

Believe me

Yrs very truly
Edw. Hay & Mrs. Wood

J. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

July 6, 1909

Dear Sir,

You will be pleased to hear that Miss Armitstead is doing well, and we think she is now about well enough to leave. She is perhaps just a little talkative, but not much; and she takes an active interest in all that goes on. I believe it is intended for her to go home, when you will no doubt see her. The only doubt in my mind is as to whether at home she will have quite sufficient variety of occupation and interest. One cannot but realise that many patients do better amongst strangers than they do at home even though home surroundings may be ideal.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Hepworth

I regretted very much to hear that she had a relapse on her arrival at Richmond as she had been to all appearance quite recovered for about a fortnight before her journey there.

The family history is, so far as I know, a good one. I think the girl has been "sick to marry" & a disappointment in this respect has been the chief factor, though there is to a certain extent surmise on my part.

TELEGRAMS:
TROS-YR-AFON.
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TROS-YR-AFON,
PENMON,
BEAUMARIS. R.S.O.
ANGLESEY.

✓ April 19th 1909.

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter received this morning concerning Miss Annit. I stand & am glad to hear that your prognosis is good. She had a slight attack of influenza at the end of February which terminated in acute delusional insanity;

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J. H. DEWITT
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Again thanking you for your letter.

Yr. sincerely

J. H. Dewitt

Parrela-
Mendi Bridge Station.

June 18th

Trefenal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Thank you very
much for your letter. It
is very satisfactory.
We certainly do not want
Agnes to come home before
you think it advisable,
it wd be terrible to start
the illness all over again.
My other daughter Elsie
is going away from home
on July 9th for 7 weeks
so that

my husband & I will be
alone until my son
comes home for his holidays
the end of July or beginning
of August. So Agnes wd
be quite quiet here, we
need not ask anyone to
look after the house, & I wd
look after her.

When she is well enough
to come, one or both of us
will come to fetch her,
possibly we can stay

with my other sister
Mrs. Fore Hamilton
near Pontefract on our
way to York, as we can
get there & back in a day.
I hope you enjoyed
your holiday, Switzerland
must be lovely at this
time of year.

Again thanking you
very much

Yours sincerely
Mrs. B. Armitstead

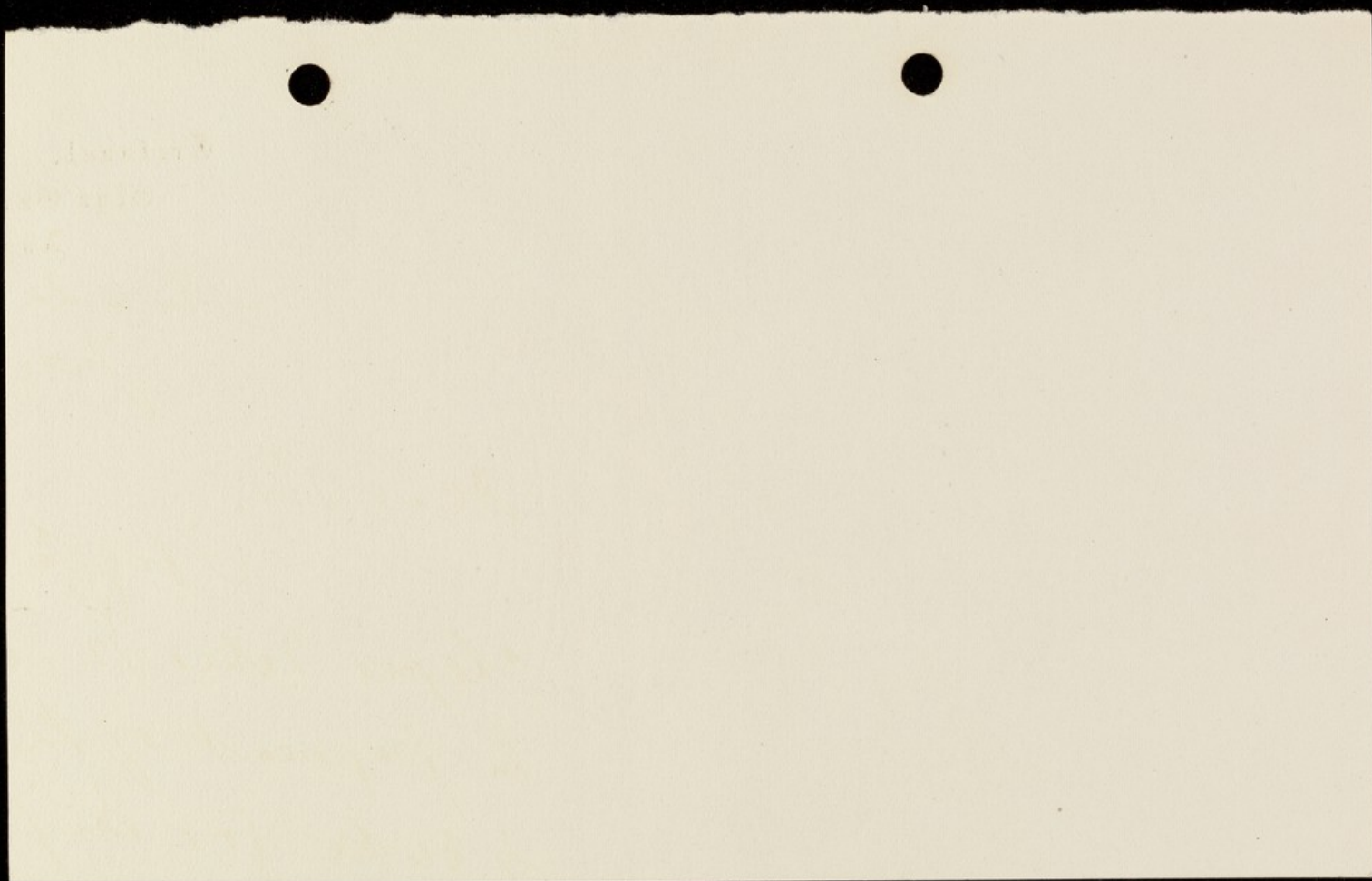
at Mrs Arncliffe
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York
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Glyn Gorth (telegraph)

Anglesey.



Parcels-
Bristol Bridge Station

Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

Thursday
June 3rd 1909

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose

Cheque value 12 : 12 - 0

in payment of the
4 books for Miss A
J Armstrong at the
Reheat, fork, com-
mencing Saturday

June 5th 217. according
to arrangement.

Remain

for further

Spd Henry Armstrong

To W. W. S. Waller

Secretary

The Retreat,

York

in the way I suggest. —
which arrangement will I
trust be agreed to by
the Committee.

The last time I heard from
my daughter she seemed
contented & happy: we hope
to get a good accⁿ from
Miss Rye, who is calling
to see her tomorrow.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Edw. M. Munkland

J. Bedford Pierce

The Rectory York

Parula-
Bridg Street.

Trefanal,
Glyn Garth,
Anglesey.

May 21st 1909

Dear J. Pierce,

I have received
this morning a note from
W. Walter saying the
Committee have agreed
to my daughter's remuneration
an increase of the Rent
at the rate of 3s per week

and have enclosed Mr.
an agreement to sign
pledging me to pay
quarterly in advance the
sum of Forty Pounds
sterling - I am
sorry to say my circumstances
will not permit me to
do this, as I am only a
retired Clergyman with
a small income - I
am quite willing to

and have enclosed Mr
 an agreement to sign
 pledging me to pay
quarterly in advance the
 sum of Forty Pounds
^{sterling} shillings - I am
 sorry to say my circumstances
 will not permit me to
 do this, as I am only a
 Retired Clergyman with
 a small income - I
 am quite willing to

pay MONTHLY in advance,
 & by ~~the~~ ^{the} clergyman
 12 - 12 - 0, for the
 month from Saturday
 May 8th to Saturday
 June 3rd - and on June
 5th will send a further
 sum of 12⁵s for the
 following month, that is,
 of my daughter's expenses
 in the Home - I
 return the agreement that
 it may be attended

RICHMOND,
YORKSHIRE.

✓

May 17. 09.

Dear Dr. Bedford Paine,

Owing to her hurried
departure I did not get
any close examination made
of Miss Armistead.

The refusal of Dr. Williams
to certify rather bothered
me. I let her come thus
hoping that as you had
seen her you would be able
to admit her in some way.

I should be much
obliged if you would let me

Know what you think of
Miss Armstrong's condition
now.

Have you any papers for
certifying licenses for any
institution or only for your
own? Is the former
case for such use a
let to keep by me in
case I need or if latter
only please send a set
as if I had the selection
of an institution in a
private case I should like
to send them to you.
Yours sincerely
Hugh Egner.

17th June, 1909.

Dear Mrs. Armitstead,

I have just returned from a short holiday in Switzerland, and am glad to find Miss Armitstead distinctly better. She is, however, not yet well, being unduly talkative, and not showing that steadiness and calmness of demeanour which I conclude is natural to her. There do not appear to be any unfavourable symptoms, and the more noticeable departures from health have now passed away.

I would have suggested her going to our Branch House at Throxenby, but I believe she is really best off here at present, as this House is occupied by patients from the Retreat who are paying an annual visit to the sea-side, and there would not be much suitable companionship.

It is a little soon to talk of leaving us altogether, but I think it will not be long before she will be well enough to travel, or stay in some quiet country place with a companion or friend during the rest of her convalescence.

Miss Armitstead went to the Gala with my wife and myself this morning, and was much interested in the flowers. Nothing was

noticeable with her except that she was more talkative than was quite reasonable.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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CHICAGO, ILL.

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May 18, 1909

Dear Dr. Eyres,

Miss Armitstead is not very much better. She laughs and is excitable, but is not unmanageable. She lives largely in the open air in a shelter in the garden, and she seems to understand all that goes on, but whether she knows that she is a voluntary patient and can leave at any time if she wishes to I am not quite sure, but she did understand this at one time quite well.

Further observation leads us to think that this is a case of mania and that she ought in time to recover. If you come to York be sure to come up to see us and see how your patient is getting on.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Agnes Jessie Armistead of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Doncaster, Yorks the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or
cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 24th day of May 1919

Name Spencer Hay Armistead
Residence Thornhill, Glyn Gwent, Anffylwy
Occupation None

SIGNED by the said Spencer Hay Armistead
in the presence of

Witness's Signature	} <u>Rose Doodgale</u> <u>The Durham-Sandwich</u> <u>Spencer</u>
Address, and	
Profession.	

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

