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33, DRAGON PARADE,

HARROGATE.

Nov 12th 1915

Dear Mr Bedford Pierce

I thought you would be interested to know how I am getting on. Well I have been very ill in June I began to be sick which continued more or less every day, Drs could not cure it so my wife & daughters would not hear of me putting myself under your care as I have done before, & got Mr Shepherd Boyd to visit me he had a try, for a week so had me in a nursing home, with three weeks treatment which proved a failure to stomach & bowel tubes as I seemed to have a stoppage I was also fed through bowels. then he asked for Mr Franklin to be called in, as consultant & after thoroughly examining me advised the short circuit operation which was successfully carried out after 3 weeks more I began to mend & went home & now am regaining my lost stone & half at the rate

of 12 lbs a week & Dr Boyd says he is very
proud of me & had I been his son he
could not have been more interested
or done more for me.

I saw him to day he said he knew you
& heard you lecture a month ago & now
I can eat anything that comes along
but have to stop, with half what I can
eat, which I am getting or got quite used
to, the only thing which does not suit me
is sugar as it turns to acid I can eat
treacle & honey, so don't miss it.

He has also made me give up business
so I only go to Leeds once a ~~month~~ ^{week} he has
also found me a job to write new recruits
names in a book which I begin after I
return from Blackpool in about 3 weeks.
My wife was with me 8 weeks & was the
only one he allowed to see me Ernest came
from France & only saw me 10 minutes.
Life is very sweet & I feel all my courage
returning with renewed strength he says I have
young ideas & more energy than strength,
with kind regards yours sincerely
Josiah Awnack

Advised
supp. my
at once

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14, St Johns Road

Weydon Massoth 1914

Dear Mr Pierce

I feel so much happier & better than I have
done for some years I shall be 63 on Friday
but in health & spirits feel 25.

I have at last found a congenial employment
I am Agent for the Royal Insurance & Co
Fire, life, health, accidents, burglary & c & if you
could put anything of this nature in my way
I shall be grateful.

I also have taken an interest in stock & share
broking with a young friend of mine I made
6£ the other day clear of expenses
we buy when market down & when it recovers
sell & make 2 or 3£ out of every 50£ worth of
shares clear of exes I am learning both business
& watching the share lists in papers to understand
their movements.

I have also let my thirly property for 2 years so
gaining 15£ a year instead of losing 5£
I have both my daughters at home & my nurse
daughter has a post in Harrogate & comes home
often which is nice. we are a united family & I feel
now I am master of my own house which is as it should
be. I have too much energy to rust out & die
before my time I wish I had taken this steps years
ago. I have come to the firm conviction that Satan
finds something for idle hands to do,

with kind regards

Yours sincerely
J. H. H. H. H.

Mr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York



Feb. 28th. 1914.

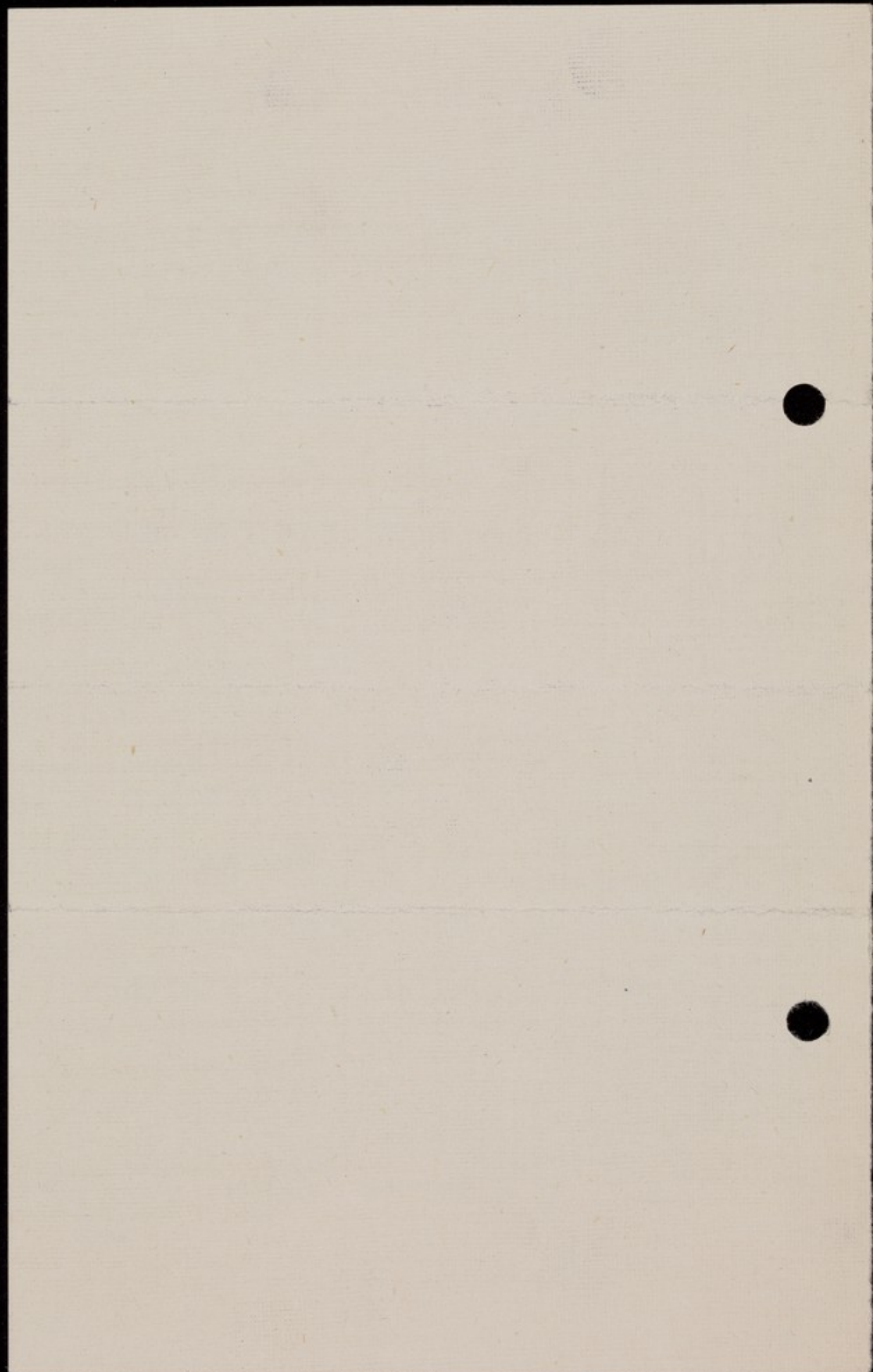
Dear Mr. Awnack,

Many thanks for your letter. I am very glad indeed to hear that you are quite your self again and congratulate you on your recovery.

In regard to the other matter you mention, I may say that I have nothing whatever to do with the appointing of Visitors to the Retreat.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,



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33, DRAGON PARADE,

HARROGATE.

27 Feb 1914

Dear Mr Pierce

I was in York to day attending the Railway Meeting of N.E. I went up to the Retreat I heard your voice, ^{but you were busy} & saw several of the attendants & Mr Mackenzie in the distance. I know you will be glad to hear from me that I have got quite my usual self again and able to take an interest in Adult School, meetings, luncheons &c but as my sons have filled up the gap without wanting or expecting much from me I am wrapping things out on my own, as you probably know I am very much interested in the Retreat shown by a desire to visit there on suitable occasions. I do not wish to appear to want to be forward by what I am suggesting, but if there was an opening on the committee of visitors & you would like me to be one like Mr Mason & Co I should be very pleased to undertake such a duty & would do it my best. John Wood of Leeds once suggested it to me Years ago but then I had no drawings in that direction. I thought you would be glad to know I am quite recovered & always feel most grateful to you & the staff for your care & patience & friendship which on various occasions I have received & benefited by so venture to name above & remain with kind regards
Your friend J L Swinack

HARROGATE

9. 15 PM

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York



33, DRAGON PARADE,
HARROGATE.

Jan 26th 1914

Dear Mr Pierce

I enclose cheque £10-9-4
in settlement of account due,
receipt will oblige.

I keep going about as when last I
wrote I go to Leeds most days & to day
we began stock taking & I helped with
it. Harrogate I find is much colder
than Thirby it is on higher ground &
more exposed with the stray all round,
as usually The L M at York has a
full programme & hope to be there on Wednesday
with kind regards

Yours sincerely

J H Sumack

HARROGATE
33 DRAGON PARADE

The Nettle
York

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23rd and 2nd

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HARROGATE

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HARROGATE

27 JAN 1900



Dec. 9, 1913

Dear Mr. Awnack,

I am sorry to hear that you are not yet first class. I have no doubt, however, that the present period of inactivity and depression is entirely a temporary affair, and I fully expect to hear that you feel better after a little while.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 9, 1913

Dear Mr. L. A. Swack,

I am sorry to hear that you are not yet

able to leave. I have no doubt, however, that the

present period of influenza and depression has entirely

been a temporary one, and I am sure that you

will be able to return after a little while.

Very truly,
L. A. Swack

33 Dragon Parade

Harrogate

Dear Mr Pierce

Dec 8th 1913

I thought I had better write & let you know how I get on since my return home I seem to have dropped into my old groove about as I did before I went to York,

● go to Leeds every morning. go to the Bank examine invoices & write book up & come back home again. I don't do very much though there is plenty to do, but somehow (I cannot explain) I lack the will power my eldest daughter is at home & Ernest comes at night to sleep & off early in A.M. again. I seem to simply let things drift which I feel all the time I would like to put energy into & make them go but don't, I did not used to be like this years ago I was bristling so to speak with push & go. I still am troubled with wants of sleep at night & then feel half asleep when up & about I am just off to the Picture house with my daughter

Yours truly

J H Aromack

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The Retreat
York

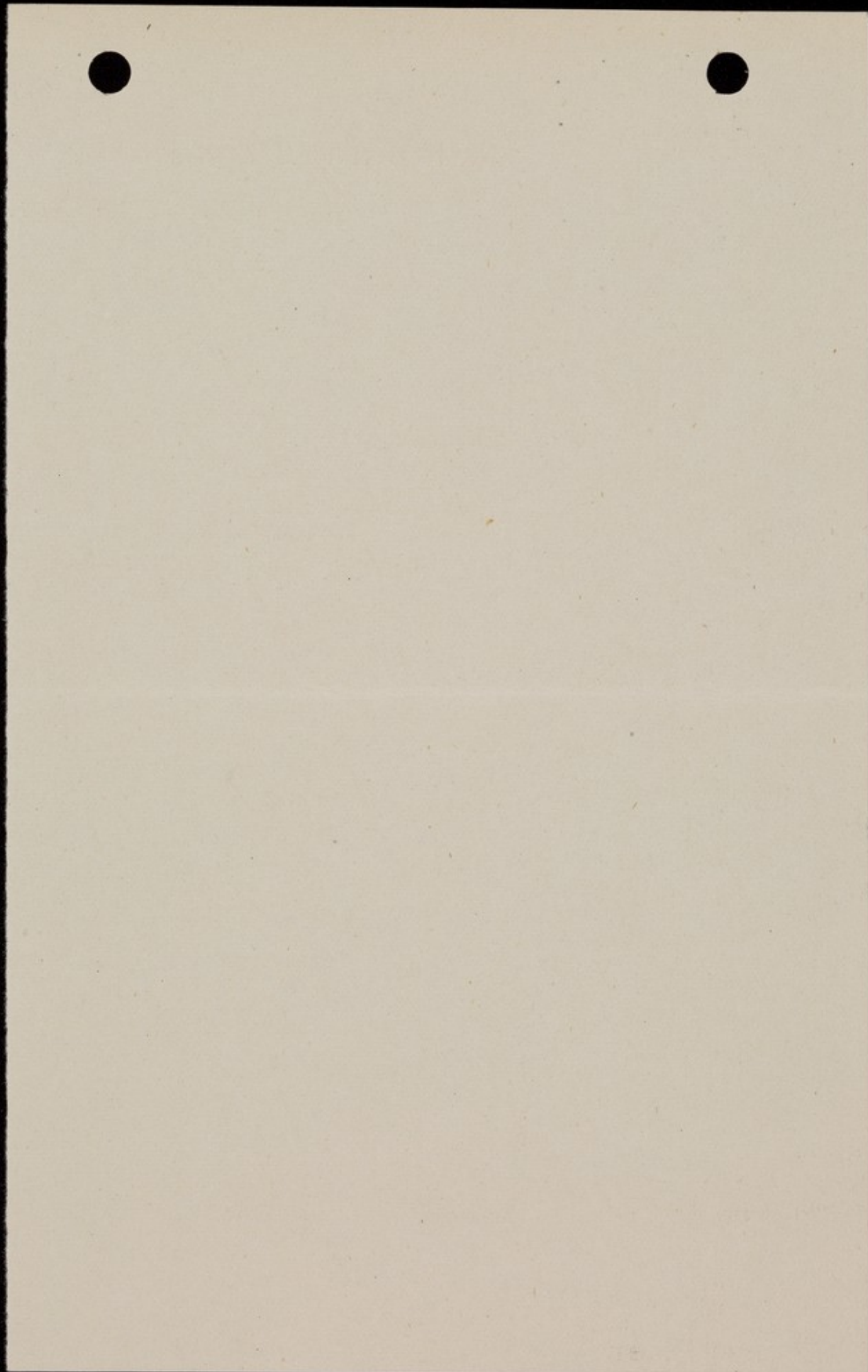


April 9, 1913

Dear Capper Johnson,

There is no reason why I should
add to your difficulties. I will,
however, write a cautious but plain
letter to Mr. Awmack, as I cannot have
him coming over here and endeavouring
to rob me of trusted members of my staff.

Yours very truly,



TELEPHONE:

177 ROUNDHAY.

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14 LIDGETT PARK ROAD,

ROUNDHAY, LEEDS.

Apr 7. 13.

Dear Percy,

I have a long talk with Mr. Aomack's sons & they both agree with me that if I hinder him your letter I should set him dead against me & make it impossible for me to influence him in future. I am therefore relying it to you.

I am leaving on Thursday for 3 weeks holiday.

I do hope the oper. went off well & that your sister is now out of danger.

Yours sincerely yours

L. Cappey Johnson

March 14, 1913

Dear Mr. Awnack,

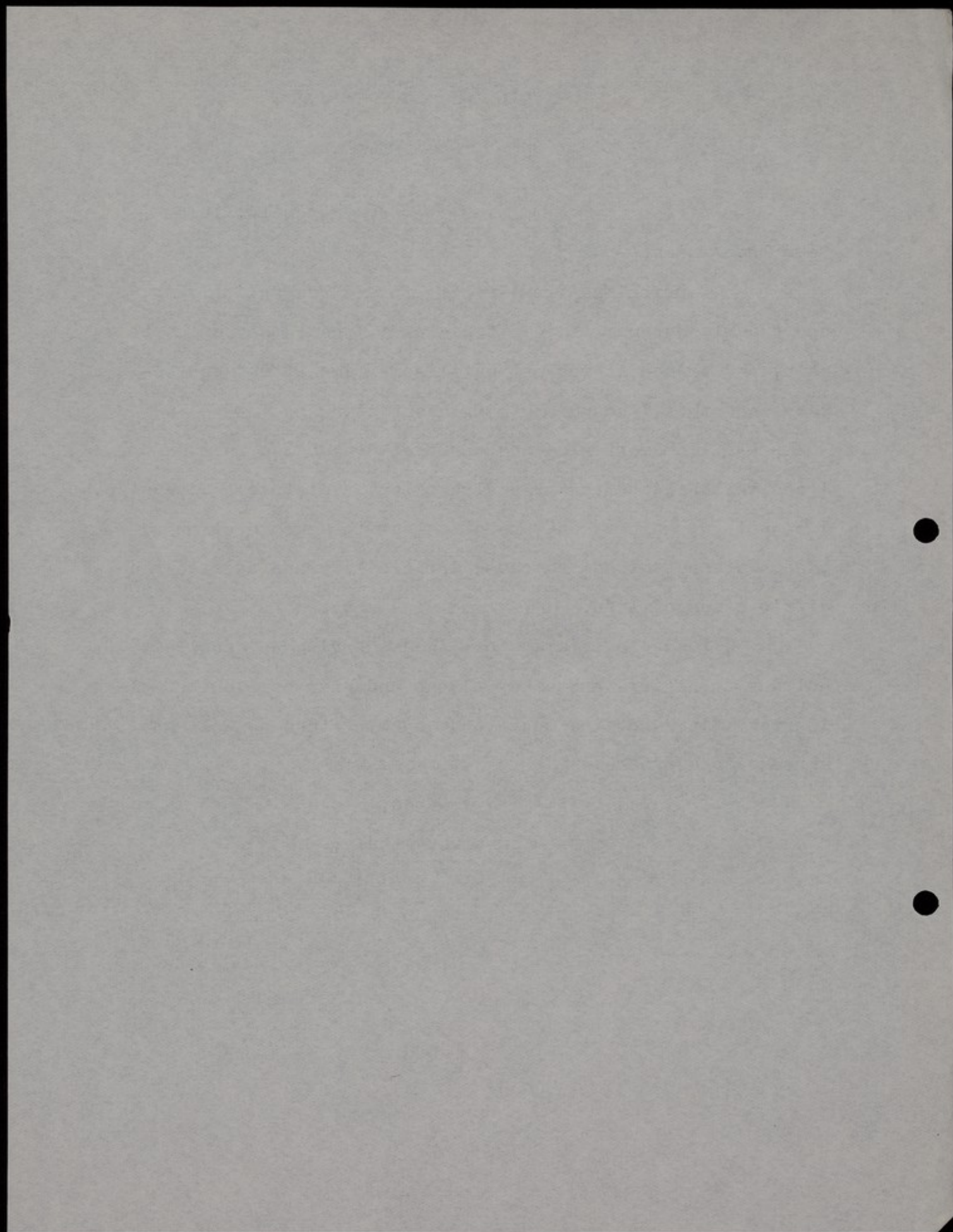
I refrained from writing to you respecting your sad trouble because I did not see what I could say or do to help, and indeed it was not until some time after your bereavement that I heard anything about it.

I am very glad to hear that you are so well, and I can well believe that the alteration in diet is a wise step. I cannot but think that many of us eat too much meat and that the excess tends to cause irritability and adds to the difficulties of life.

I have been away for 5 weeks having an excellent hol'day in Algiers and other places and have come back feeling very fit, and find much to do on my return as well as arrears to overtake.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



for some time with pieces
of the gums which causes
all my troubles,
I am visiting a dentist on
Thursday to have the offenders
out if that is the cure
I leave here for Kettering on
Tuesday on homeward
journey, I purpose taking
Ethel a tour in Canada & the
States end of April or early
in May I will call on you
before I go & let you see how
much better I am & best of all
I am playing the game
very sincerely
H. Swinwick

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BAYLIS HOUSE,
SLOUGH,
BUCKS.

TELEPHONE 92,
SLOUGH.

Mar 11th 1913

Dear Bedford Price

It is a long time since
I heard or saw any thing of
you.

I thought you would be
interested to hear how I get
on well blast my dear
Anna just 2 months ago
& was very low spirited
for some time, I went to
Southport with Ethel for

a fortnight which did us
both good I had a circular
sent me "Food throughout"
by Kenneth Haigh sent
for the book & knocked
off meat tea coffee & cocoa
at once & a week ago came
to this beautiful place to
practice the diet I feel stronger
more thinking power & well
in every way, in fact
not been so fit for years
I would not go back
to the old regime for

any thing,
I can deal with any
business problem just as
I used to do 20 years ago
We are shutting up Ripon
shop as it is a loss & Wilfred
& wife going to British Columbia
to grow fruit & raise
poultry I went to London
yesterday to see the King &
Queen been to Windsor
to day Reading tomorrow
The Visiting list here says
I have been poisoned

is a great satisfaction to me
I am changing my boy gardener
as he got spoilt while I was
away & I have learned to
put my foot down & say I
won't stand things as I
used to do lately.

I feel all my old will power
returned both in school work
& other things as well
I was at a week end lecture
school at Richard Hopkins
on Sat there were 180 present &
a good time we had.

Excuse me writing such a
long letter to you again so
soon but I wanted to tell
you I am still "playing the game"
Yours very sincerely
Jos By Arnack

785
Claremont

Horsby in Leeds

July 9th 1912

Dear Mr Pierce

I was so pleased to receive
your letter this evening.

If I can manage it I am
expecting to go to Scarborough
to the Pageant on Friday. &
may pop in to have a game
of croquet at Lork on my
way back in the evening
& perhaps you might put me
up for the night, if convenient.
I did not think it was possible
to give such a contented

happy life. I go to Leeds nearly every day & often go on horseback to the Braggs and about ~~bottom~~ before breakfast I went this morning.

Tomorrow I am driving my wife into Leeds & will bring her & Frank back as latter coming for the night I often think of you & your cheering words & merry laughter & the remembrance of it is an inspiration, help to "play the game," as after your great care & kindness to me this last time I

should not like to do any thing which you don't approve of. I actually take an interest in the garden & the hens are a constant source of interest I made 6/4 from sale of eggs last week. I have also sold some shares & made 9£ profit on one lot & 23£ out of another which more than makes up the loss of my horse & I have a better one to replace it with. I feel quite able to manage my home & the part of business I need to manage which

I go to Ripon
to help Wilfred
every
Thursday

Belarment

Henry in Leeds

July 2nd 1912

Dear Dr Pierce

I thought you would like to hear from me that I am playing the game this time since my return home. I spent my time at first, for 10 days getting 15 barrows of needs out of the garden I go to Leeds most days & do what I choose in the business & come home when done @ 1.5 & 2.20 trains I bought a new pony a little dear & take her around a drive every day when weather permits. We have the housekeeper & a servant & a boy so get on very comfortably for help. I go to the adult school & the people about here seem very pleased to see me home & are more friendly. I read a good bit & am more content & happy & settled than I have been for many years.

Yours very truly
x am well

Dr Bedford Riviere
The Notion
York

12.45 PM

LEADS



CLAREMONT,
HUBY,
N^o LEEDS.

24 I 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I was pleased to receive your letter yesterday morning and think later on I may be able to get my wife to go to Windermere to Mrs Dixon.

I do not think that I can do any thing in regard to a housekeeper at present.

When I got home on Friday night I found my daughter & Lady help in a great state of excitement. so telephoned to Leeds to try & get a nurse for Mrs A which I succeeded in doing for Sat a.m and when she came my wife would have nothing to do with her & I had to let her return by next train.

I am not at all sure a short time at Throxenby might not be a right thing some time, but at present I feel I must see how things turn out. I got a chill my self on Saturday & was in bed while dinner time yesterday & again to day

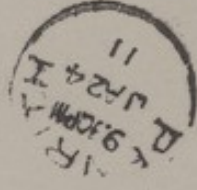
so to night I do not feel
very first-rate myself but
hope to be better tomorrow
& go to Leeds
my wife has slept in my room
& disturbed me so I could not
sleep the dr has advised her
sleeping with Ethel & so with
good nights I hope soon to
be myself again

Yours sincerely

J H. Awnack



Dr Pierce
Essexmore
Malmesbury
Leeds



Claremont

303

Henry M Leeds

June 30th 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you very much for your letter
When I wrote to you I was about dead beat what
with my self lying down for want of sleep with
care of Anna, I advertised for a working
housekeeper & chose one out of 40 add & she came
a week on Tuesday she has also had experience
in sick nursing & is quiet & now she is getting
used to the house for the present does very
well. she has tact & manages my wife very
well & Ethel is more at liberty. Mahel has just
been home for 3 weeks holiday & mother
actually agreed for them to go to Nippon for
2 days without complaining she is eating
rather better & is certainly less trouble than she
was. I have rearranged the bed rooms I
have one with a 4 foot bed in instead of 2 feet 6
& Anna gets lonely in the night & comes to
tell me & stays 3 or 4 hours she wont leave me
in the old room though there are 2 beds there
& Ethel has a room to her self & I am the
only one she seems to visit now ^{at night} as it pleases
her I dont mind. I drive her to Nippon every
Wed & come back after market Thursday

Tomorrow she is going to a Masonic picnic
^{with me} to Trassington & Kettlewell it does her good to get
out & have change. she is less trouble about
money I give her 4/- & 2/6 when she has no cash

✓ Ethel helps her to choose other
clothing & pays for it out of
housekeeping. I have made Ethel
mistress of the house & it is a
great ease off my shoulders
and for the present I might say
my worries are ended; though
her memory does not improve much
she eats better & as I feel less worried
& better have more patience & don't
take things she says quite so serious
I hope she will continue to improve
I will keep Mrs Bunnings address
& should there be need for a further
change later will write her but for
the present I think my home is more
settled that since I lived here at any
rate yours sincerely

Joseph Bonack

Mr B Pierce
The Retreat
York



June 28, 1911

Dear Mr. Awnack,

Your letter came when I was abroad, and I have only just come back, so I am afraid anything I say may be quite out of date.

I should think that you would find Nurse Coning helpful. Her home address is, as far as I can ascertain, 2 Newby Terrace, Stockton-on-Tees. I fear I do not know any one else who would be ~~at all likely~~ ^{at all likely}. I am very sorry for all the trouble and anxiety you and your daughter are having.

Yours very truly,

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she was at
morecombe
3 weeks in May
& seems to know
very little about
it now,

Claremont
Heuby in Leeds

June 7th 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I have got to a point where some
home arrangements have to be altered.
I have had a Scotch Lady help for 11 months
& she has given notice & leaves on 16th. and
unfortunately we had a trap accident & my
daughter got her arm broken glad to say she
is going on nicely.

My wife is considerable care sleeps badly
walks about at night visiting my room
& ~~others~~, previous to Sat where we had accident
daughter slept in same room with her
she wandered there, but now wont have
me in same room. It is a great tie to Ethel
at the best of times (she has tact & lets her
mother do as she likes practically) Ethel cannot
even go to post without her mother let alone out
anywhere. If Ethel is away a meal Mrs A wont eat
she sometimes is fond of me & will go out & but
often I have no influence for a time on her.

What seems to be needed is a suitable
person with mental nurses experience who
could assist somewhat in the house & keep
a servant. do you think nurse Edith Bonny
would suit & fill this place if she is
at liberty or do you know any one

else or can you suggest any
other practical plan at home
I don't wish to send her
away, she sometimes takes
an interest in sewing &
washing small articles, but
loves all her things more or
less; thinks others take them
she eats badly & at times nothing
& wants coaxing & persuading
to do the smallest things is
utterly selfish & thinks us our
especially we will do anything
for her. And it is well to see her
& talk things over after your health
thought it over yours, ^{very} much
Yours, B. B. Thacker



LEEDS
2.45PM
JUN 7 1884

York



Ans

18 Mar. '11

Dear Dr. Price -

A friend of the name of J. St. Leonard
of Clarendon, Herts, W. Leeds in writing
to know whether we could take his wife and
daughter for a visit as paying guests and he
mentions your name - He also says something
about Mr. Leonard being troubled with
sleeplessness, which made us wonder whether
it might be a mental case, and if suitable
for us? Any information you could give would
be treated in strict confidence and for which
we should be very thankful - The Country is
beginning to look very lovely with swelling buds &c

11-11-11

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and in our sheltered grounds the daffodils
are in full bloom -

I enclose a dozen snap-shots,
which my son took, which may
interest you, I am sorry to trouble
you to return them but we have
no other Copies -

With kind regards -

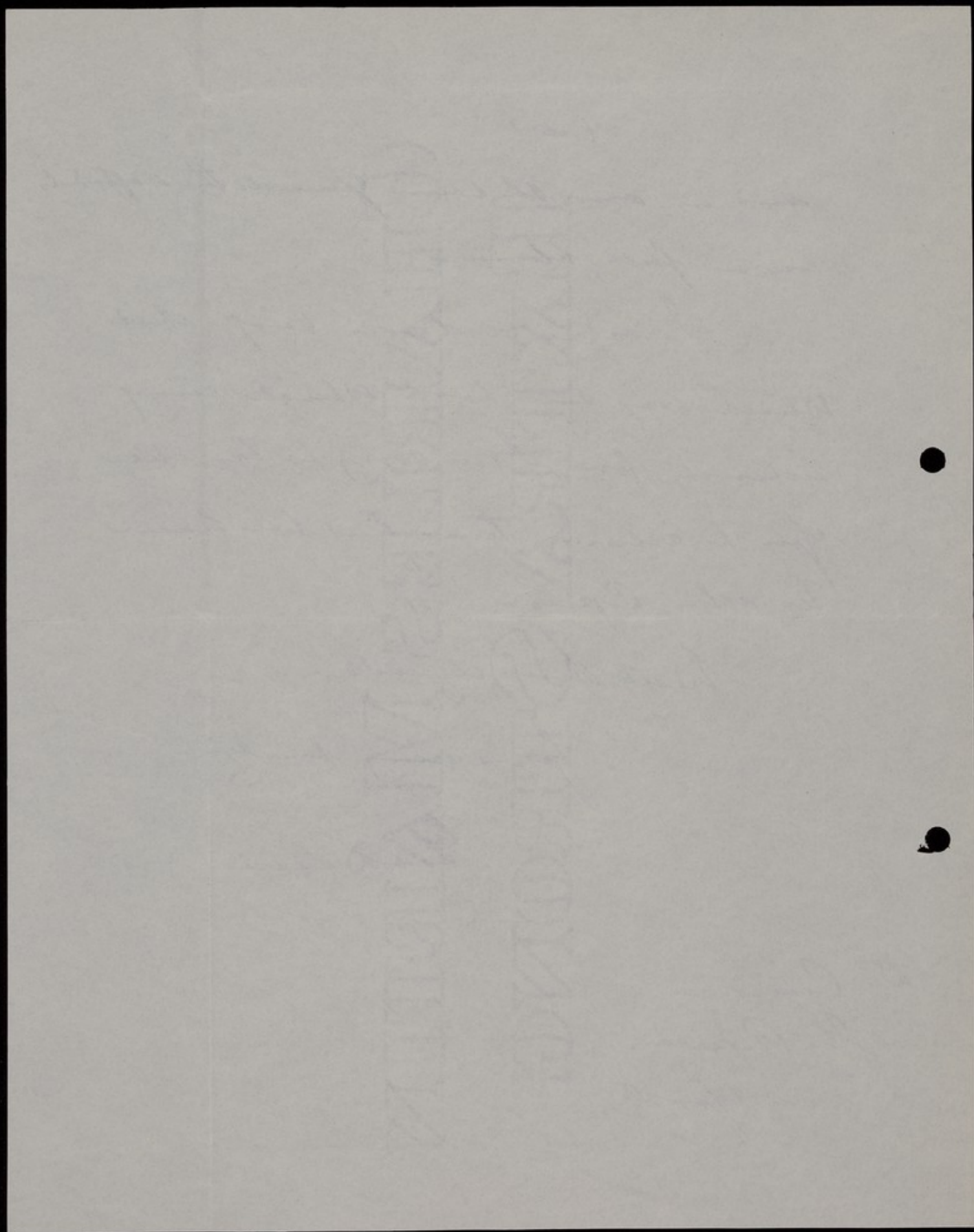
Yours very truly

Geo. Dixon

D. Prince -

The Rectory.

York.



CLAREMONT,
HUBY,
NR LEEDS.

May 24th 1909

Dear Friend

When I was at The Retreat
or Pierce was to ask Committee
to reduce fees from 2¹/₂ guineas
to 2-2-0 how is it made up
to 10-14-0 I have not received
any a/c before. please correct
amount & I will remit.

Yours very truly

J H Stumack

To

William E Waller

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
LIBRARY
500 EAST 57TH STREET
CHICAGO, ILL. 60637

Joseph H. Sumack

May 26th 1909

Dr. to The Retreat,
York.

The Rules of the Institution require that each Quarter be paid IN ADVANCE.

Overdue Accounts will be charged with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

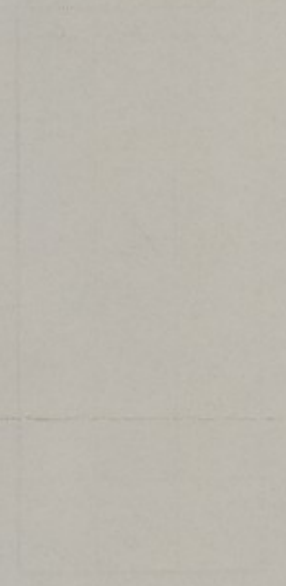
It is particularly requested that a printed receipt, on the Official receipt form of the Institution, be obtained for each remittance.

24 days @ 7/- 150/-	66.0	£	s.	d.
3 wks @ 3/-	9.0			
Palate Fee	6.5			
1 S. G. 1/2	5.0			
20 Account rendered	7.6 5	10	14	
		£	10	14
3 weeks @ 2-2-0	6-6-0			
3 " washing 2/6	7-6			
	6.13.6			
Why 10-14-0?				
The garden also owes				
me 16 hours @ 3 4/-				
which I don't mind about much				

Cheques should be made payable to "BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., or order,"
and crossed "York City & County Bank, F. R. Account."

THE ROYAL
OFFICE

ALBERT
JULIUS
TODD



Feb 24th 1909 116

✓ 8 New Buggate
Seeds

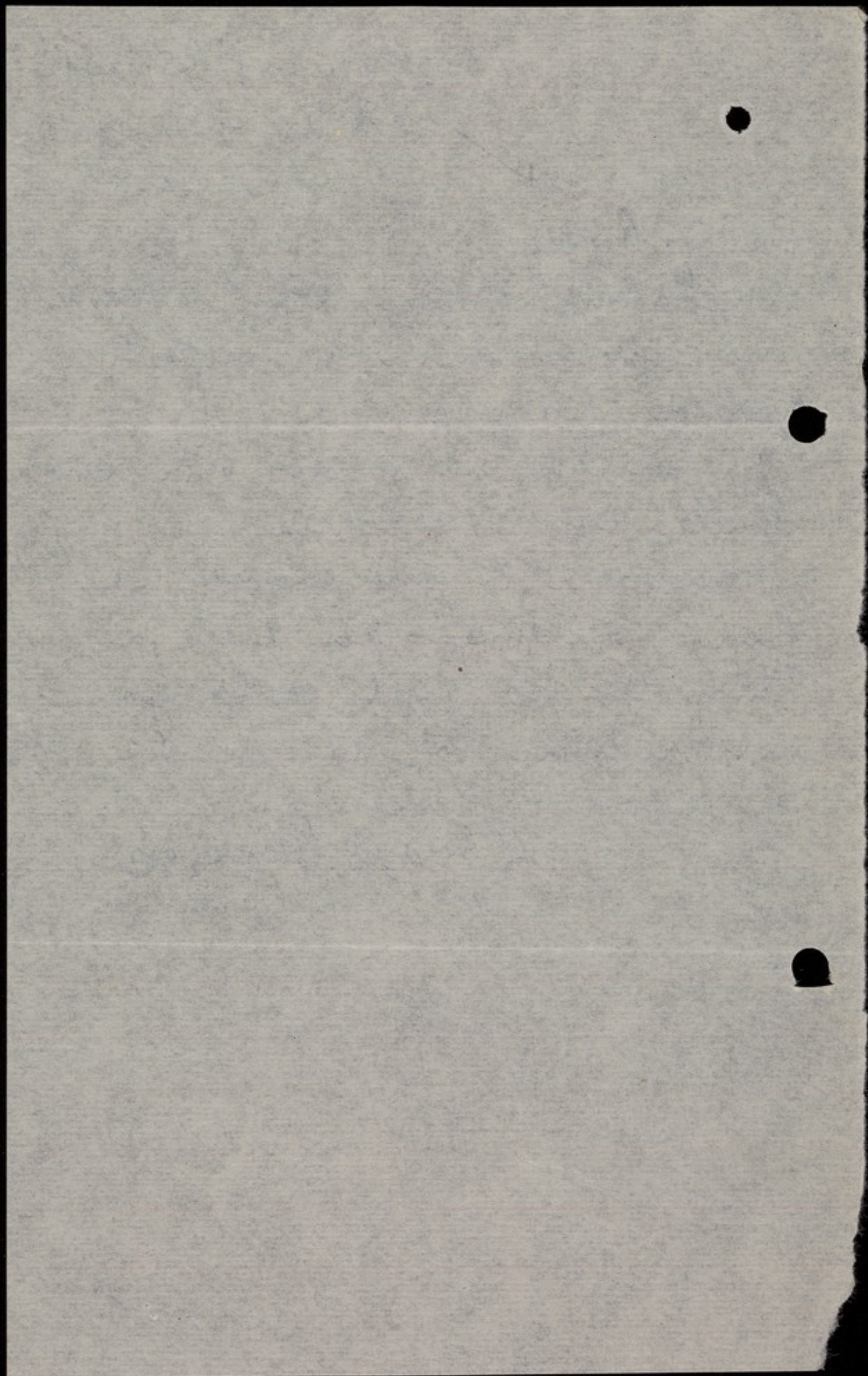
Dear Dr Pierce.

My father has seen Dr L. C. Johnson
who advises him to visit the
Retreat for a few weeks.

He will arrive today with Miss
Loxley about tea time.

With regard to your charges we
find $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas per week a
heavy item to meet, could you
not reduce the fees to £2-2-0.

Yours sincerely
Wilfred G. Cwmack.



Coleremont,

Huby.

Mr. Leeds.

Sunday.

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Feb 21/1909

Dear Miss Thomasson,

In reply

to your letter, Mrs. Quonack
thinks she can dispense with
a nurse after this week, as
her daughter is at home
& so will be able to manage.

Mr. A. has been very
depressed this afternoon, &
really wants to come to
St. Retreat, but Mrs. A.
will not hear of it.

They would like to delay
until the week is up, & I
am quite willing to finish
Tuesday's lesson & would
be back in time for the
lesson Friday. It would
save another nurse coming
for such a short time.

With kind regards.

J. W. Loeley.

psd 21

I talk my future over
with you & I
should it be best I should
return on Monday as now
arranged of course I will
do so & leave you soon,
but in any case I prefer
time lengthened now & return
a short time & perhaps spend
a few days at Throxbury
later on when I could much
better talk to you about
if you will write tomorrow
Sunday & say what I had
better do about returning
I shall get it here by 8 am

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RECEIVED
MAY
18 LEEDS.

20 III 1904

Dear Bedford Pierce

I telephoned & found you
were not coming over
yesterday, as I wanted to talk
to you.

I with Frank spent Thursday
am with my accountants
who have audited my
books for several years
& we were able to come
to a satisfactory arrangement

to my self and equally
advantageous 7c to each
son,

The articles of association
for the company are
ordered & proof will be
ready about Wednesday
for being passed & the
Company, J H & L Ltd will
date from Mar 1st also
it has become desirable
to change Banks so I have
done so & gone to Lloyds
Harry W Beck (a friend) whom
I am well known to for
25 Leeds & in order to have

a proper beginning I have
given him a consent to sell
I bought for £17 which I shall
now realize £210 & the transfer
won't be ready to sign until
Tuesday.

I don't wish to leave you
shabby but wish to be
quite straight & clear
feeling as I now do my
confidence quite restored
all round, what I wish is
to have leave of absence
extended & if you come to
Leeds on Tuesday, see you

fully to you as we are
such old friends than I
otherwise should have
done & hope to see you
shortly, with kind regards

Yours Sincerely,

J H Sumack

CLAREMONT,
HUBY,
NO LEEDS.

should I not get a letter
I will get Wilfred to telephone
for instructions & he can
telephone me here at exchange
at a given time so I shall
know what to do.
My wife is far from well
I am sorry to say, and
prefer to see her rather better
before leaving.

this afternoon Ernest who
has: day, Ethel & I have
cycled to Harrogate & just returned

& had tea.
I feel a great load of my
mind having got this
business matter really
settled or on the way
to be very shortly,
I will tell you all about
it when we meet
as our conversation put
heart into me for which
I shall always thank
you. I feel it was quite
right of me to go to the

Retreat this last time
& the plant cleaning was
just the job to occupy my
hands & eyes while my
brain thought out the
details of business details
upon which I have acted
in the main, it will cost
me all told 85£ to do it
& is quite worth it to have
peace of mind & £ and a
steady settle income of
sufficient size to keep those
& self who depend upon me
I have written rather more

Feb. 25, 1909

Dear Mr. Harvey,

With regard to the terms for the nurse, about which you wrote recently, I spoke to the Treasurer on the matter, and he thinks that the terms might suitably be reduced from 2 guineas a week to 31/6. This will not involve any reduction in the commission to the nurse. From her point of view it will be the same as if 2 guineas was being paid. May I have a line to say if you think this will meet the needs of the case.

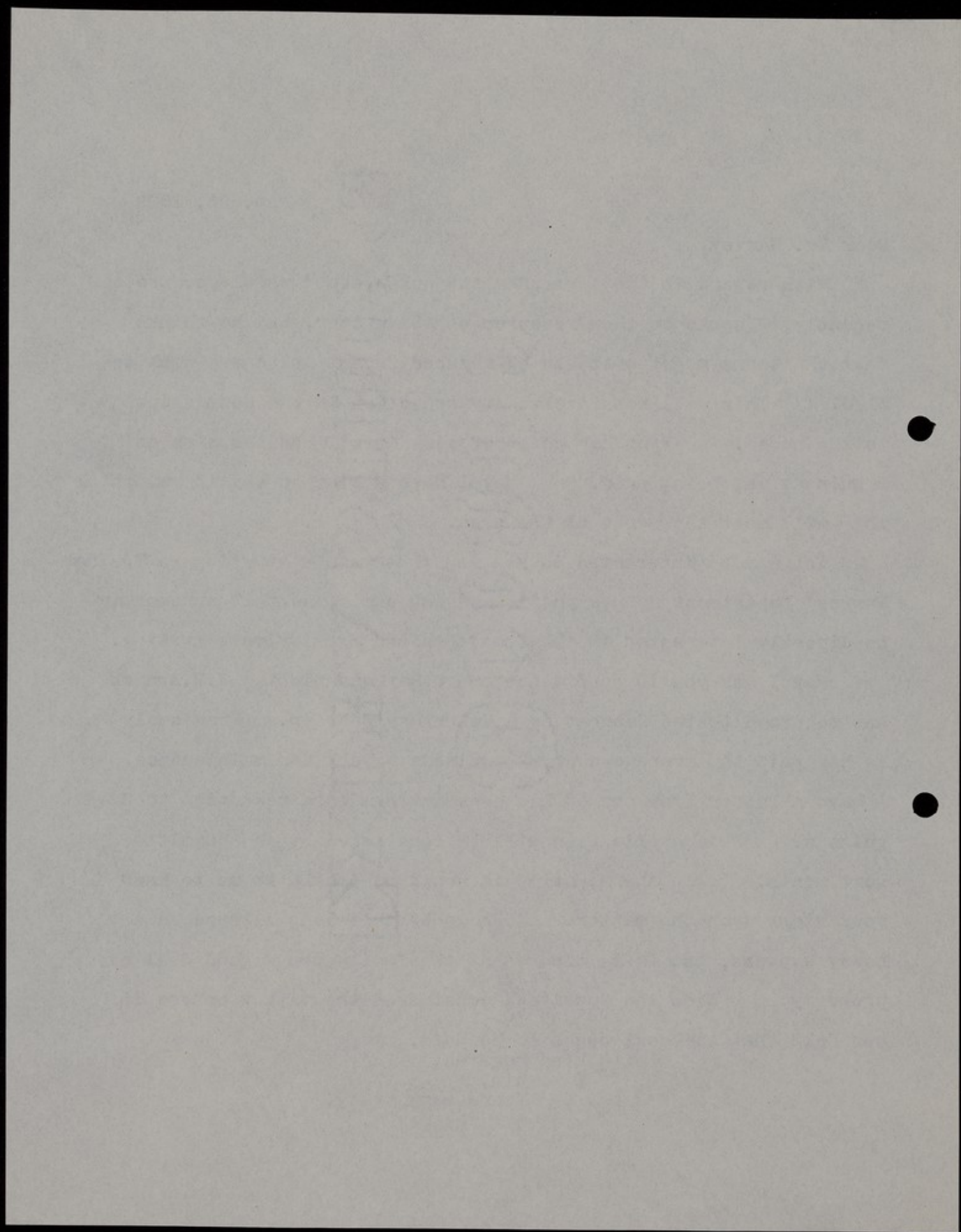
You may be interested in hearing that we are starting a Trained Nurses' Department upon a profit sharing basis, so that nurses may be directly interested in the fees obtained from private nursing.

May I ask you in confidence one other question? J.H. Awmack has returned to the Retreat as a Voluntary Boarder. Previously he has paid the average cost, 2½ guineas a week for maintenance. I have a letter from one of his sons asking for a reduction to 2 guineas. This application will be considered by the Committee next month. In the meantime it would be a help to us to know your views upon the matter. No doubt this long illness is a heavy expense, but it is clear that the family own a good deal of property. When the Committee considered the matter before it was felt that the cost ought to be paid.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

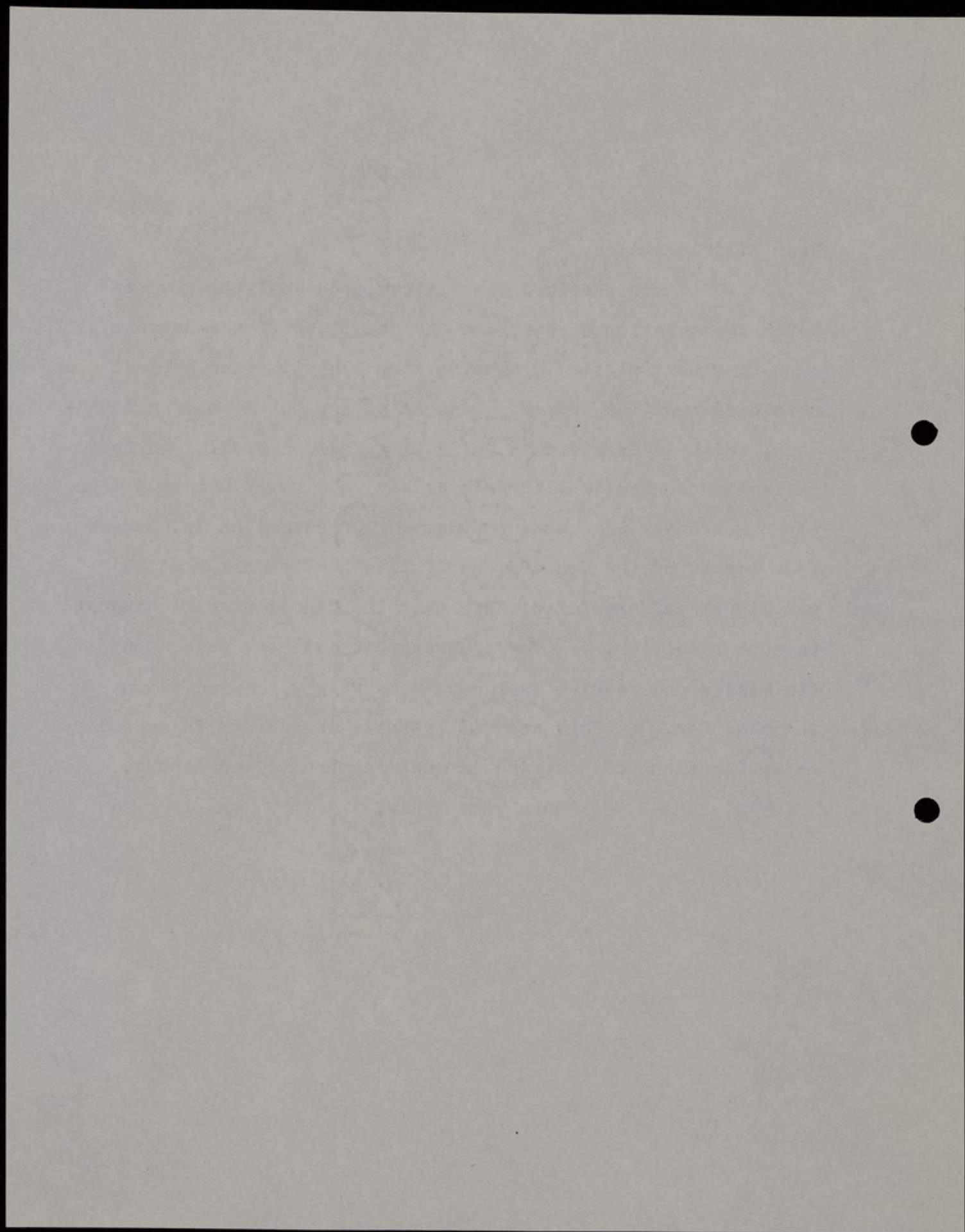


Feb. 25, 1909

Dear Wilfrid Awmack,

I have received your letter, and shall be glad to refer the question of terms to the Committee of the Retreat when they next meet. The feeling last time the subject was mentioned was that Mr. Awmack ought to pay the cost of maintenance, which is in his case fully $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas a week. In fact patients unconnected with Friends having similar accommodation pay 3 guineas a week and upwards. Of course as Mr. Awmack is a member of the Society and if this sum is more than he can rightly afford I feel sure that the Committee will consent to some reduction. They, however, treat each case upon its merits and require explanation as to why the reduction is asked for. This you will readily understand is necessary as applications of the kind in question are very numerous.

Yours very truly,



103
FARM MONT.
HUBY.
MC LEEDS.
Feb 16th 1909.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Just a line to let you know how Father is getting on — We have removed from Leeds into the country, to Huby about 4 miles from Harrogate, & have been here about a week but Father doesn't seem to settle down, finding it very quiet & gets down in the dumps at times & can't see anything for him to do but to return

to the Retreat as a voluntary border. Will you telephone me tomorrow morning (tel 654 Leeds) as I should like to talk to you about him — Of course, though he is very anxious to come to the Retreat we do not want him to go.

Yours sincerely

Wilfred Thomack

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HUBBY
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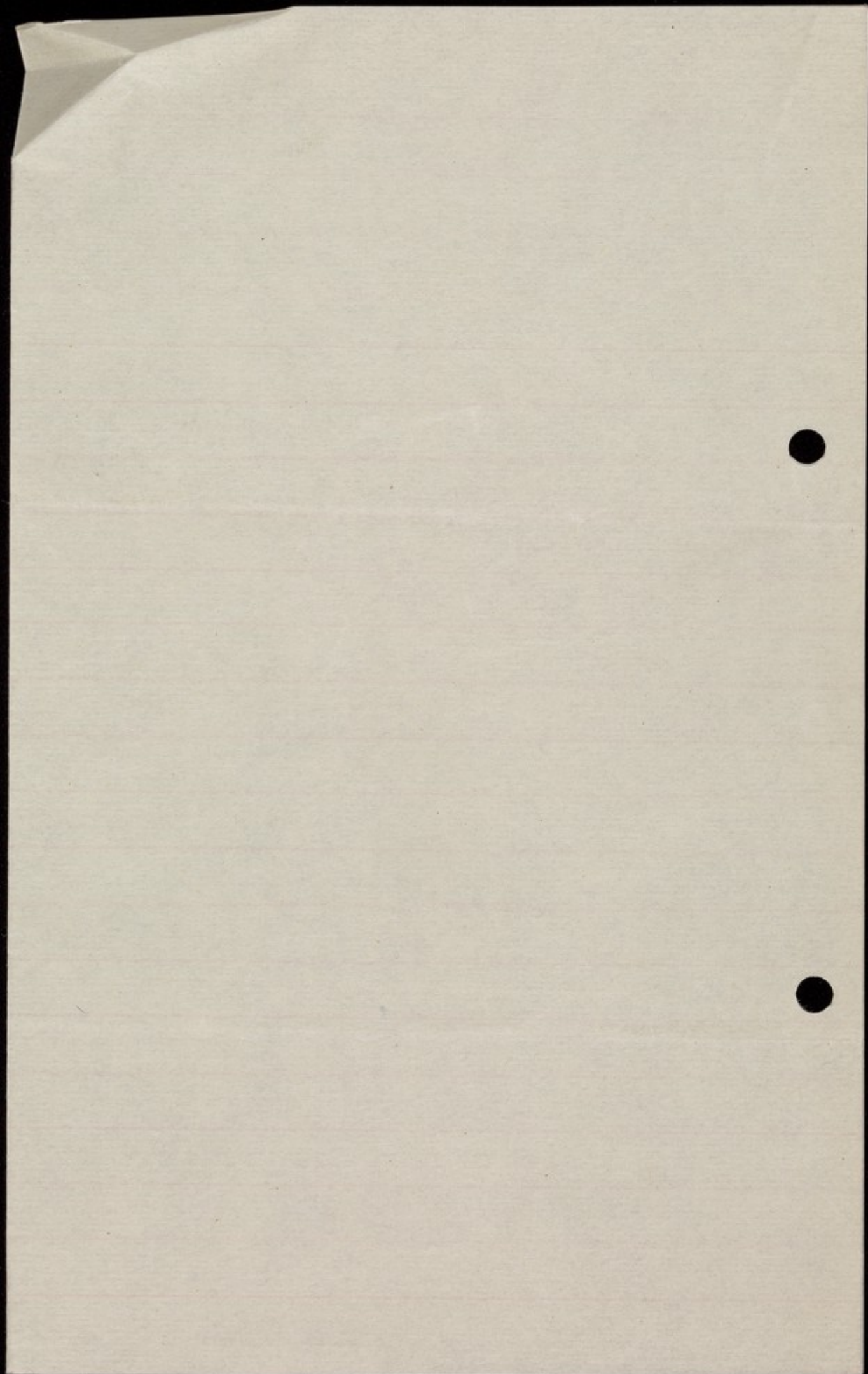
8 New Briggate
Leeds
Feby. 24th 1909

Dear Sir,
Enclosed please
find Cheque value
£2 2 0 for the enclosed
account. Kindly send
the receipt to me at
the above address
also when sending the ac for
Fathers board &c you
might send it here to
the shop so blue

Yours faithfully

H. Frank Rawmack R

10m & Walter Esq.



208 HYDE PARK ROAD,
LEEDS.
January 2nd 1909

Dear D^r Pierce

As it now three months
since J. H. Aromack returned
home the time you recommended
that he should be on trial,
has expired & as he continues
well I should be glad to
receive a certificate saying
he is discharged cured

Yours truly

Anna J. Aromack

203 HYDE PARK ROAD,
LEEDS.

plenty to do which
she could see her
way to do less
the above is quite
private

Sincerely,
Your friend
J. H. Awnack

✓
209 Hyde Park Road
Leeds 15 X. 08

Dear Sir Pierce

812
Enclose cheque in
settlement of a/c its date
which I trust is in
order.

Re Mrs Awnack request
for my discharge
cured. your reply is
quite satisfactory
I think & wise as I am

quite well & what I want
is to be in a position
to prove it, however
I am acting the same
as if I was discharged
& to the general public
need make no difference
I had a nice time at
Larleton & we arrived
home on Monday
I was at business all
day Tuesday

Yesterday afternoon
I took Ethel a walk
& repeat it I expect to
do.

My dear wife has
settled down into her
regular ways of
constantly straightening
the house which I
presume will last
as long as life itself
as it adds to her
happiness to have

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8, NEW BRIGGATE,

LEEDS, 15 Oct 1908

To The Retreat

Enclosed is Cheque value
£ 7 - 17 - 0 which balances
Account as at foot.

Receipt by return of post
will oblige.

Yours truly,

J. H. AWMACK.

which I trust
is in order

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Oct. 16. 1908

Dear Mrs. Hornsack

Thanks for Cheques, Receipt
for which is enclosed — There
may be one or two small items
still outstanding for the four days
in October but I do not anticipate
that it will be more than a few
shillings —

Yours truly
B. E. Waller.

Oct. 16. 1908

Dear Mr. Brewster
Thanks for cheque, receipt
for which is enclosed -
I have
kept the one in two boxes
since returning for the four days.
I believe that the old
that it will be more than a few
shilling -

Yours truly
W. E. Brown.

825

209 Hyde Park Road
Leeds - Oct 13th 08

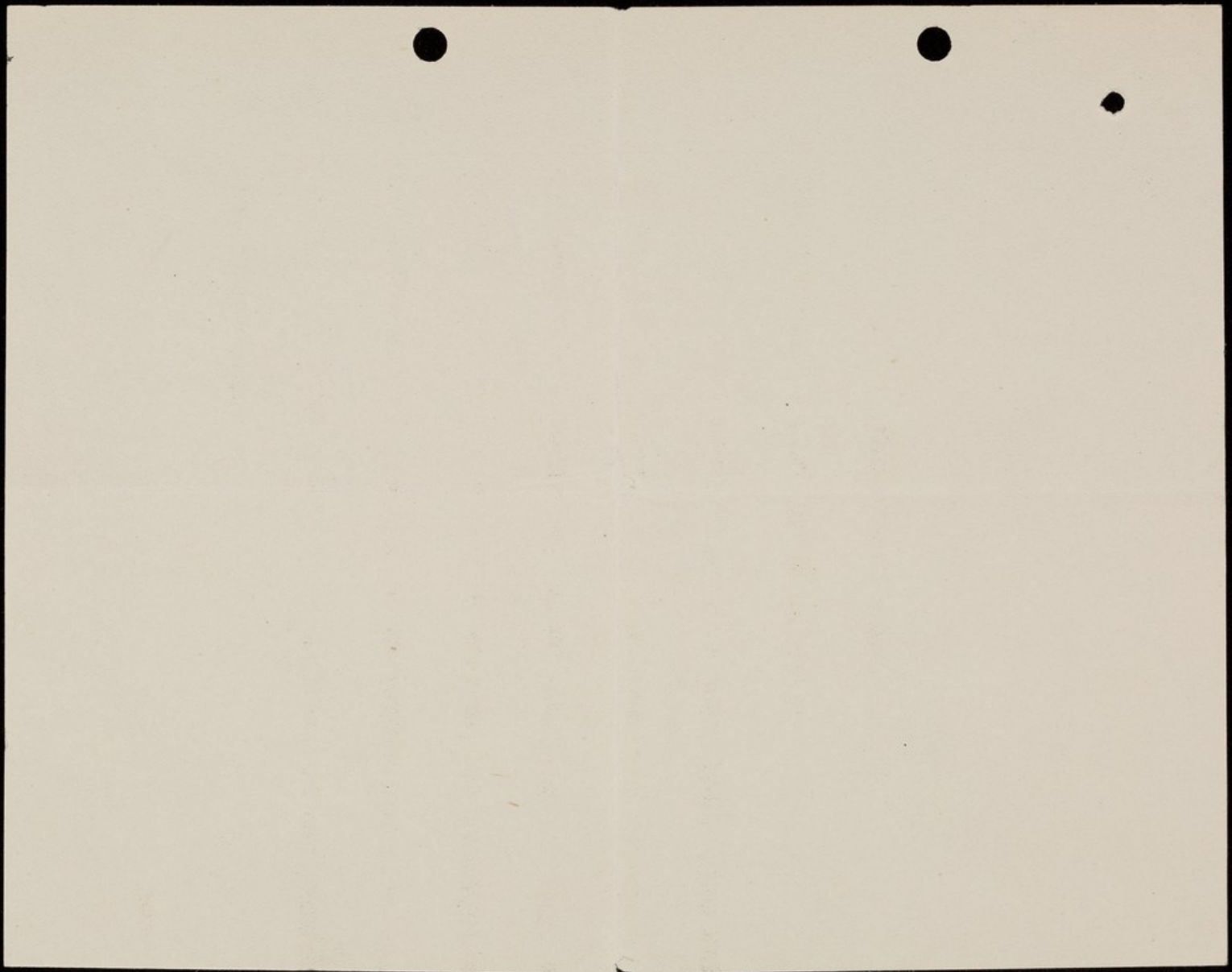
Dear Dr. Pierce ✓

Will you kindly let
me have the Certificate of
my husbands discharge
from the Retreat at
your early convenience

Yours truly

Anna J. Thomack

Mr. D. S. Selden



Oct. 14, 1908

Dear Mrs. Awmack,

I have your letter respecting Mr. Awmack's discharge.

You are quite at liberty to discharge him from certificates at any time, but kindly say whether you consider he can be discharged as "recovered" or as "relieved". It would seem to me in such a case that the discharge should be postponed for at least three months, so that sufficient time may elapse to see whether he remains quite well.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Doctor,
Enclosed please find
a/c. Will you please send a corrected
bill as father left on Oct 3rd
Re the charges for washing & mending
The washing charges used to be 21/- per
quarter + 18/- extra for mending seems
lot - Please also furnish details
of Amusements &c per head attendant
£ 3-8-8 + oblige

Louis faithfully

H Frank Awmack

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Throsenly Hall
Searlboro

22. IX. 08

Dear Mr Pierce

My wife & daughter came
to Searlboro from Castleton
from Thursday to Sat a m
last week with our cousin
from where they are staying.
I mentioned to Sister that
I should like to stay here
another week so that they
could spend a week here
of which she approved.

so I have at her suggestion made arrangements at Mrs Woodheads at the bottom of the lane for them (my wife & daughter) to lodge & board themselves from Monday next for a week after which I should like to return to Leeds with them. Anna quite thinks the time has now come for me to do so,

I thought I would like to know your views about going home. I have enjoyed being here very much & feel the effect of the more bracing air. we have talked our future over & think it well to take

lodgings at Wetherby about 18 miles beyond Leeds on the Harrogate line where Wilfred & Ernest could get home to sleep, & go in to business in the morning in time for opening.

I generally go out the walks with the rest we went a nice long one yesterday morning along the Gorge Valley & back along the top of the hill by the moor. we turned up at the road where the tickets are given up when driving that way, with kind regards I remain yours sincerely

J L C Howarth

209, HYDE PARK ROAD,

LEEDS.

June 26th 08

Dear Dr. Pierce

I was very sorry to hear from you this morning that my husband is again not so well & destroying clothes & bedding. The last time he did so he said he did it to make ropes so that he could get away. It is very trying that he does not seem to make any progress in getting better.

Yours sincerely,

Anna L. Hornum

209, HYDE PARK ROAD,
LEEDS.

will at any rate be willing to
halve the amount.

Sept 23 1908

Yours truly
J. E. Saller.

Dear Friend

H. F. Armack

Opie wishes me to thank you
for the Cheque £6.80, receipt
for which is enclosed — We
would remark with regard to
the amount deducted for damages
that Mr Armack destroyed a
considerable number of articles such
blankets & sheets — No notice was
taken of the damage in the padded
room — I am directed by the
Treasurer to say that he hopes you

Sept 23 1908

Dear Sirs

H. F. Howard

Office makes no attempt
for the Chicago Bldg. Co. receipt
for which is enclosed - as
would remain with regard to
the amount deducted for damages
that the insurance company
considers a number of other
damages to be - as there has
taken of the damage is the full
room - I am directed by the
insurance company that we refer you

will copy not be missing &
value the amount.

Yours truly
D. E. Allen

20, HYDE PARK RD.,
LEEDS.

June 3rd, '08

Dear Mr. Pierce

Thank you for letter
received this morning I
was very sorry to hear
again of his not being
so well - I believe one
of my sons are intending
to go over tomorrow to
see him

With kind regards

Yours truly

Anna J. Armistead

209, HYDE PARK ROAD,

LEADS.

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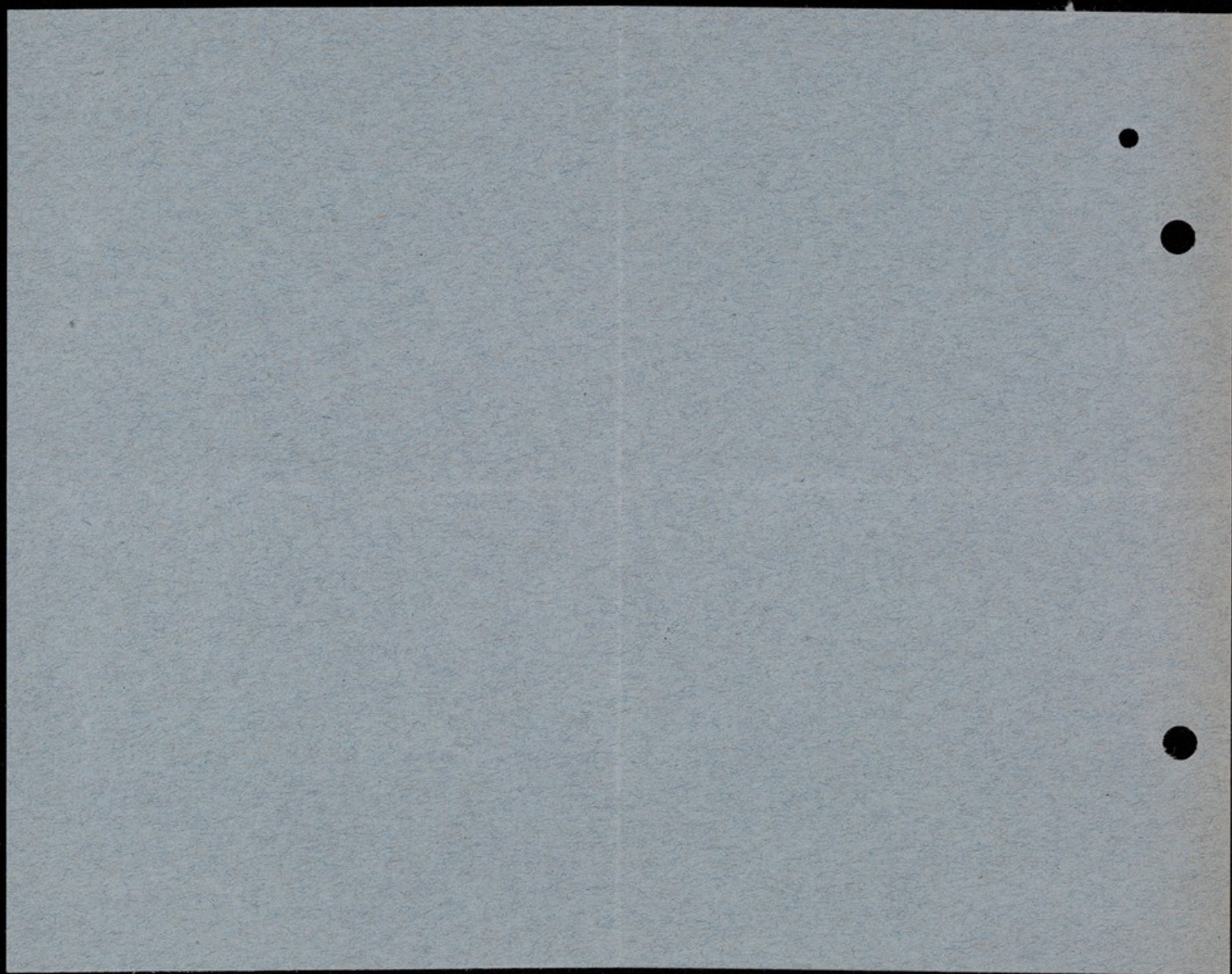
209 Hyde Park Rd
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Dear Dr. Pierce

My husband has
asked me to-day to
cancel the certificate
I signed in March
last. Will you kindly
let me know if it
would be right for
me to do so, or not;

Yours truly

Anna T. Hornack



Awmack

THE ROWANS,
WESTOVER ROAD,
SCARBOROUGH.

1061

30-11-'07

Dear Mr Pierce,
Friend Awmack
addressed us in
meeting yesterday
morning, reciting for
the benefit of the
children a long
ditty about a little
pilgrim Marian who
had sat in an
apple tree, & on
pilgrimage lost her
shoe in a puddle -

when she had been
landed in the Palace
Beautiful it seemed
best to request him
to desist; which he
did at once - but
such incidents do
not tend to edifi-
cation - I thought
it best that you
know of the incident,
I then hope, will
probably take such
steps as you may
think best to

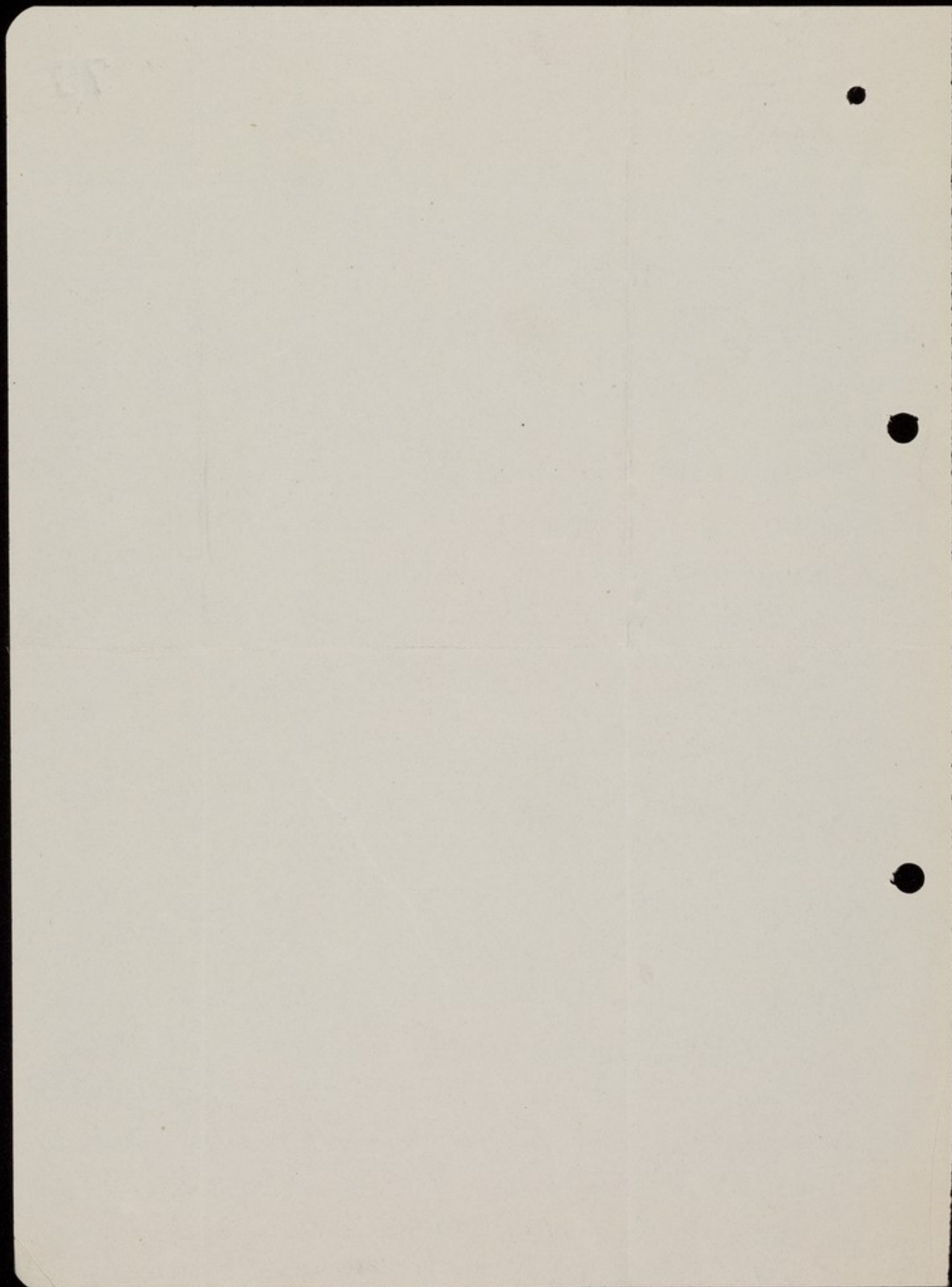
prevent any repetition -
With best wishes
for the new year to
you all I remain
Sincerely yours
John Norton Lawrence

8 New Briggate
Leeds.

December 30th 1907

Dear Dr Pierce

Mother has asked me to write to you re father. We were very pleased to have your report about father this morning & I think the time has come for him to go away as suggested to Bournemouth & so I have made arrangements to be at liberty to go with him. I think if we started from York on Friday morning, then if you thought best father could come to the Retreat a day or two before when you would have him under your eye & see exactly how he was getting on. — There is a train which leaves York at 10 x 23 AM arrives at B at 5 x 20. I could come from Leeds to York & catch that train with father — of course if this meets with your approval I should like you to give him fully to understand he was out on trial & would have to behave himself properly. If on Leeds tomorrow aft I should like you to ring me up Tel no 654 so that I can have a word with you. Yours sincerely Wilfred Gawnack.



1845

✓ WESTWOOD,
SCARBOROUGH.
29. Dec. 1977

Dear Dr. Rennie

I believe John is writing
you about A. R. R. I think
the majority of those present
this morning would have allowed
him 1. forest. John knowing
what he was not knowing the
reason I think though it
might go on for another 1/2 hour,
he began by saying the
children might be interested
in this account of the little girl

who had been reading *Belgians*
Proper though she might be
sit with herself. It perhaps
was too long for a meeting for
frankness, but we generally have
so little for the children & they
were quite interested, there as
he had only about 1/2 a dozen
more verses to repeat. I think
he might as well have been
allowed to finish & I think it
would be a pity to discourage
him too much, or do more than
tell him that lengthy rhymes?

He had to rather too much for
an ordinary meeting.

Yours sincerely

Alfred Portine

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209, HYDE PARK ROAD,

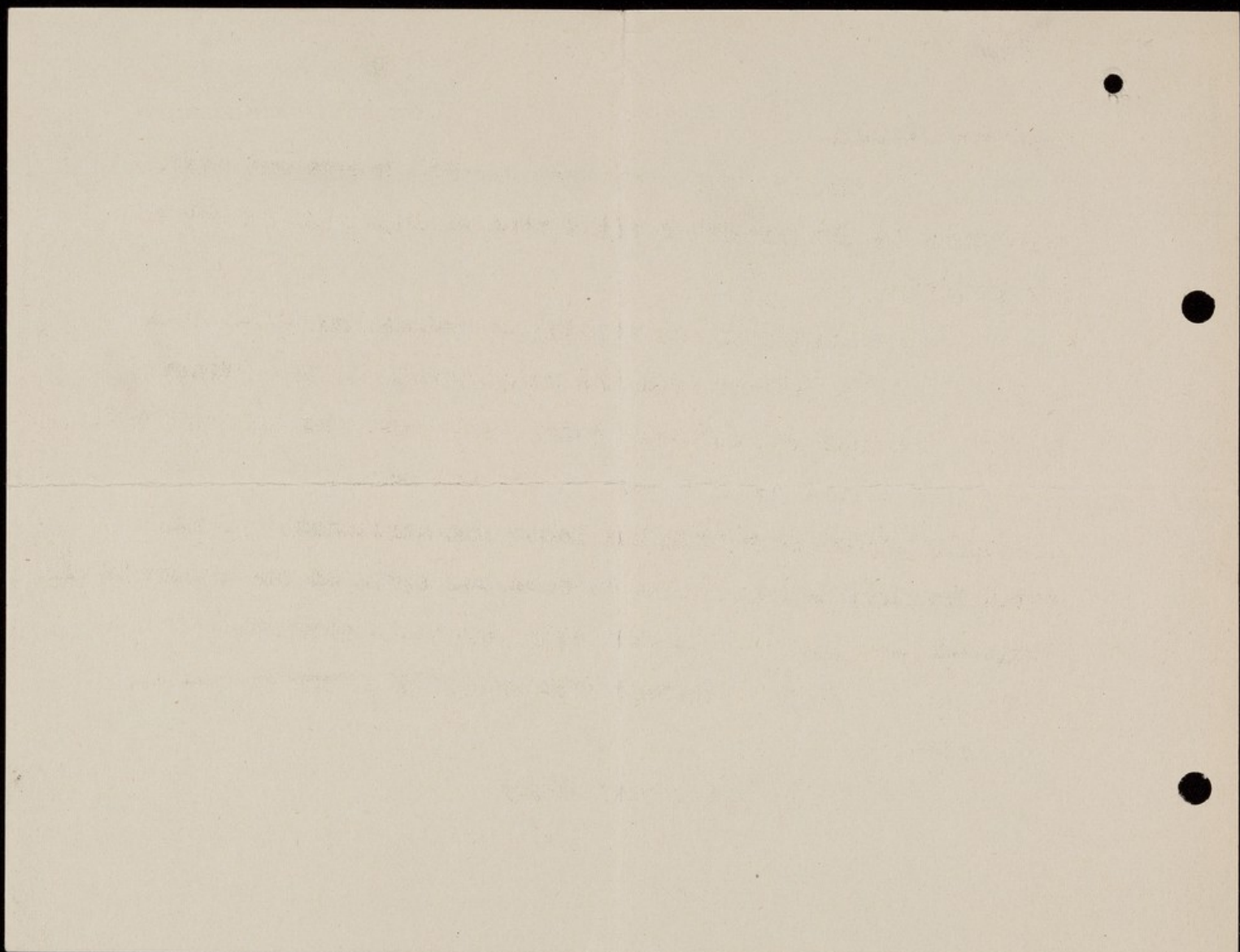
LEEDS.

Dec 28th '07

Dear D. Pierce

I am pleased to hear, from my son Wilfred that Mr. Aumack is getting on satisfactorily. Since communicating with you this morning they telephoned to their Father & suggested that he should go to Portsmouth or Brighton for a week with one of them before returning home. He is going to write & let us know his decision by tonight's post. Wilfred or Ernest could be at liberty to go with him any time after Dec 31st.

Yours sincerely Anna T. Aumack



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FRIDAY }

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NAT. TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 101 X.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Nov. 20, 1907

Dear Mrs. Awnack,

The question of the terms for Mr. Awnack was again considered by the Committee and I read to them your letter on the subject.

The Committee are willing to reduce the terms from 3 guineas to 2½ guineas from the commencement of Mr. Awnack's stay at the Retreat, but they think that under the circumstances Mr. Awnack should pay the cost of his maintenance here which certainly is not less than the lower sum mentioned. I may point out that he has a nice bedroom and lives at the Gentlemen's Lodge and has comforts considerably above the average. They hope that this reduction will be satisfactory to you and the family.

Yours very truly,

THE REPORT

1904

REPORT
ON THE
PROGRESS OF THE
WORK DURING THE
YEAR 1904
BY
THE
COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

ALFRED
JAMES
WILSON

Calculations on the cost
of his trip to Canada &
we think it should be
taken into calculation that
he had been saving up for
^{considerable} some time for that purpose
& we hope your committee
will readjust the charges
when they meet -

Yours truly

Anna J. Asmaek

2½ guineas

(955)

200, HYDE PARK ROAD,

LEEDS.

Nov 4th 1907

Dear Dr Price

In reply to yours re
charges for my husband's
board 9c. I have talked the
matter over with my sons
who are managing his
business during his absence
& we feel that we cannot
afford more than 2 guineas
per week. We note that
your committee based their

205, HYDE PARK ROAD,
LEEDS.

955

✓ 209, HYDE PARK ROAD,

Nov 12th LEEDS.
1907

Dear D^r Price

I gather from my husband's letters & my son Frank's visit to him on Monday that he is very unsettled where he is & I am very anxious to know - what is the best thing to do with him

Do you consider he is improving where he is? or do you think that he is in a fit state of mind

to leave and come home
on trial? He tells me
that he has asked you
if he may go home I
was told that it depended
on me - but as I have
left him entirely under
your care I should be
glad to know what
you would advise for
the best.

I expect you will be
over in Leeds on Friday
afternoon in which case

if convenient to you
I should like an
interview with you.

Yours truly

Anna L. Atomack

202, HYDE PARK ROAD,

LEEDS.
Nov. 17th, 07

Dear Dr. Pierce

Having considered your
proposal for my husband to
go away with one of my sons
we have decided to let Ernest
go with him to Boston or
some other suitable place
if I.A.A. is willing to go. I
agree with you, it would be
better for him not to come
home yet - should he not
agree to go with Ernest; he

had better stay at the Retreat
till after Ernas - I have in
reply to his inquiry - informed
him of this decision & should
be glad if you will find out
what he thinks of the proposal.
Ernest is going over to York
on Tuesday morning to see
his father if he agrees to
the above, Ernest would like
to see you to receive necessary
instructions He arrives in
York by 9 & 40 Train & will

reach the Retreat about 10-
or 10.15. Of course it will
be impossible for him to
take M.A. away with him
on Tuesday, but could make
suitable arrangements for the
time

Yours truly

Anna I. Thomack.

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October 28th 1907

ms/
Superintendent "The Retreat"
York, England.

Dear Sir:

My mother is in receipt of a long letter from a Mr. Joseph Alurick, who is I believe an inmate of your asylum, in which he announces his intention of escaping and coming to Canada, avowedly to marry my mother after his procuring a divorce.

Of course, a lunatic's letter must be treated as such but you would confer a great favor if you would see to it that he remains in your care or in some such establishment, while in his present frame of mind. He visited in Toronto last May & June and was a good deal of a nuisance, then.

My object in writing you is to warn you of the underlying motives of one whom I believe to be a dangerous lunatic.

Hoping this letter with its faulty address will reach the proper hands.

Yours sincerely

B. S. JACKES.

632 Yonge St.

Toronto,

Canada

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TELEPHONE No. 654.

J. H. AWMACK,

Glass and China Merchant,

8, NEW BRIGGATE,

LEEDS,

905
Nov 1st 1904

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir,

We had an interview yesterday with Mr J R Ford of the firm of Ford & Warran Solicitors about turning the business into a private limited company. Father has talked about so doing for several years past ^{with} ^{Mr Ford} has written Mr Ford giving him definite instructions to get the necessary papers

ready. He asked me
to communicate with you
asking if it would do
father any harm if he
(Mr Ford) wrote to him on
the subject, as he did not
wish to do so without
your consent - He also
asked me to ask you not
to say anything about it
to father untill he wrote
to him -

Yours faithfully

Hobart A. A. A. A. A.

209, HYDE PARK ROAD

LEEDS.
August 25th 1907

Dear Dr. Price

My husband has returned from America & there is every evidence that he is suffering from a mental breakdown & is not fit to attend to his business & it appears to us that it is absolutely necessary for him to be under care at once. He does some very peculiar

202, HYDE PARK ROAD,

LEEDS.

things - one that we have found out is that he is in constant correspondence with a married woman whom he met with on the boat on his return home - he is absolutely throwing his money away on trifles. I shall be glad if you can arrange to see me as early as possible this week at your office in Leeds (Monday preferred) I can then explain

matters to you. Of course M.A. must know nothing of this at present. From what he says we think he has collected a nice balance at the Bank having all this months takings & paying practically no creditors. What his object is we cannot say. Any communication can be sent to

of H. Frank Atwood
43. Illa St. Leeds.

as it is not advisable for
receive letters here.
Yours truly Anna S. Atwood.

ESTABLISHED 1853.

TELEPHONE No. 654.

J. H. AWMACK,

Glass and China Merchant,

8, NEW BRIGGATE,

LEEDS,

(256)
Sept 28/07

Dear Friend,

Yesterday when my sister visited father she carried her purse with her & whilst playing one or two pieces on the piano placed her purse unthinkingly on the table, she noticed father pick it up & open it putting a piece of paper in & taking something out, when she asked him what he was doing without he said he was putting a piece of paper in, but she asked him what he had taken out & knowing he couldn't deny taking ^{some} ~~anything~~

out he said he had just taken
discharge. After reckoning up what
she had spent the deficit is $6\frac{1}{2}$ so
presume father has it.

As she was unable to tell Mr
Smith about it, as father was with
her when she left, she told the
Attendant at the gate asking him
to inform the proper authority, which
I presume has been done, but thought
I had better let you know what she
told me so that you could prevent
him misusing it to post letters.

Yours sincerely.

Wilfred G. DuMack

I should much prefer to go
from Leeds with one of my
sons. I shall be glad if
you will let me know if
that arrangement will be
satisfactory. We leave here
about 12 o'clock on Thursday
Respect-

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Anna T. Arncliffe

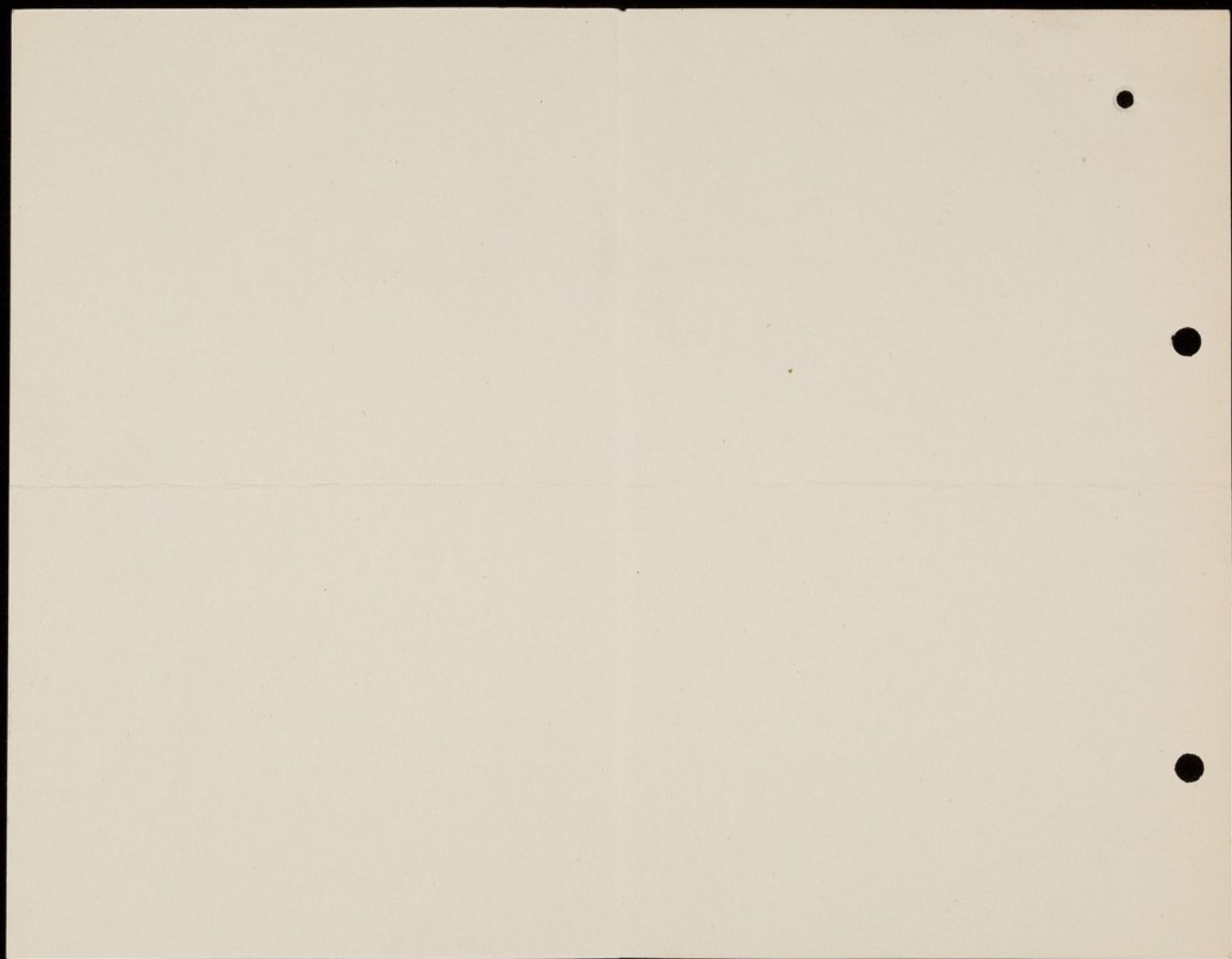
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Orchard House
Eastleton

Yorks
Oct 1st 67

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have received a letter from
my husband this morning
in which he writes of going home
& wants to know if I am going
to call on our way home next
Thursday to take him away
judging from his letter I
should imagine he is not
yet sufficiently better to
leave York. When it
is suitable for me to see I will



been practically ship up
which we have been here
My daughter ~~to~~ returns to
Liverpool next Monday &
would like to call & see her
Father on our return journey
^{on Friday next}
if it would be suitable
With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Anna J. Hornack.

c/o Ward Puckrin

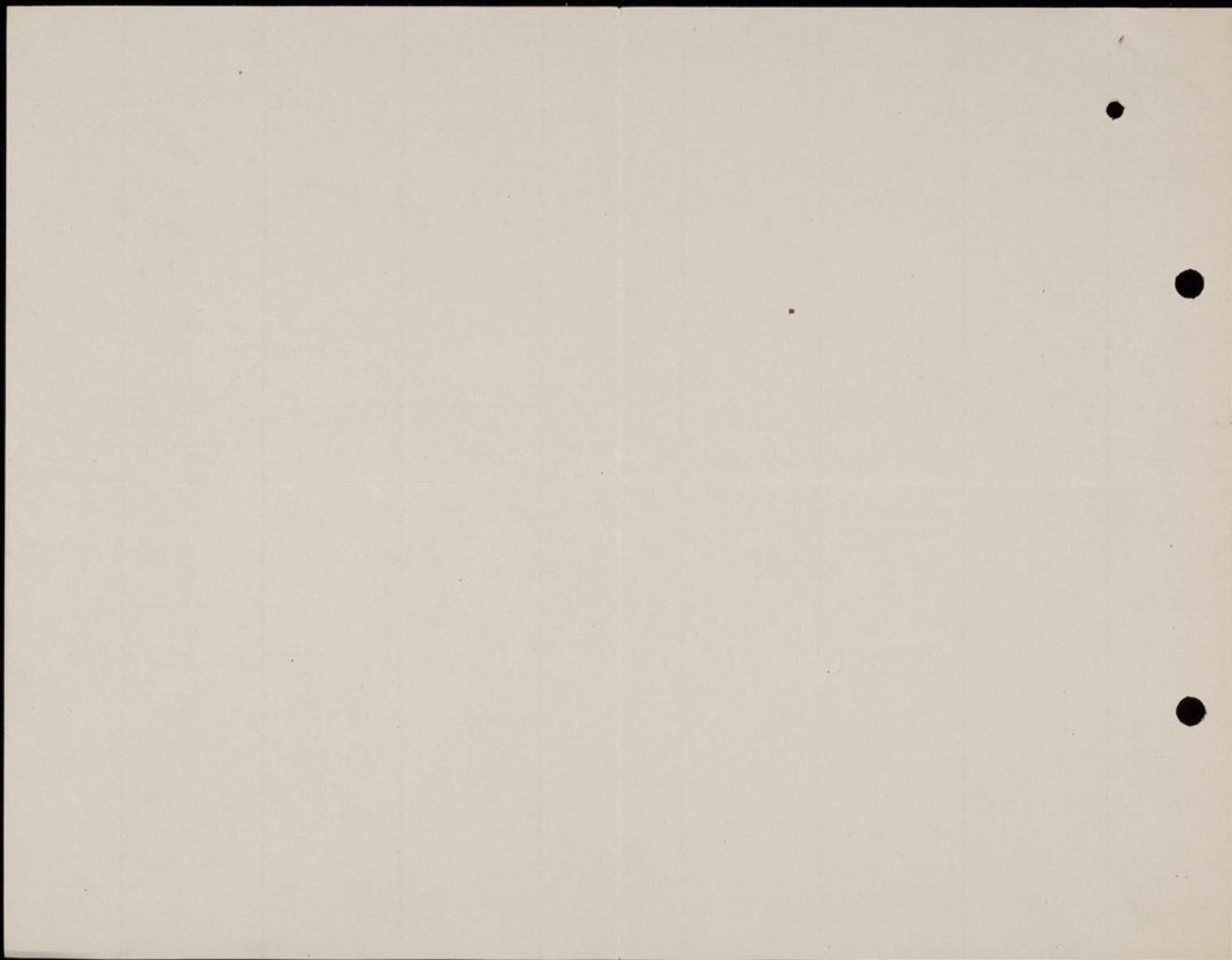
Orchard House

✓ Castleton
Yorks.

Sept. 23rd 1907

Dear Mr. Pierce

From a letter that my
husband sent - a few days ago
he seems to be under the impression
that - he is to return home with
us on Friday. Judging from
his letters I should hardly
have thought he was well
enough at present - I should
be glad to know if he is
likely to return then as I
should have to leave here
earlier ^{than Friday} as our home has



(739)
Orchard House
Leasterton

Sept - 23rd '07

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry to have to
trouble you again so soon
but have tonight received,
from my sons, a package
of letters written by my
husband. one of which
is written to a tailor
whose shop is opposite
to ours. & I enclose it
thinking it would be best

for you to know of it
The, Louie, he sends a
message to, is one of the
assistants in ^{our} the shop.
& I think seems to have got
the impression that she
& her children will go with
him to Canada when
he is able to go. as she
is a widow.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Anna L. Armack,

I suppose my daughter
who returns to Liverpool next
week will be able to see her
father as we pass through
York on our way to Leeds
on Friday afternoon
A.L.A.

The Retreat York 22/10/01

Dear Bro Stone

I was delighted to receive
your welcome letter & glad
Jesper & you are coming to
see a poor Brother. I am quite
well & will be very pleased
to see you.

This place is at Heslington
turn by the cattle market
near St Lawrence church
& along the high wall to
the lodge.

I have got leave for you to
come & hope to show you
round & give to tea

I am not allowed to go to
meeting or church this am
but I must make the best
of it we get the Graphic
Illustrated London News
Punch the Field & Country
Gentlemen on Sunday
if you can fetch a letter
from Lanie give my love
& say how I just want
a line

I had a lovely bath this
morning a hot one and
good wash with soap
then a cold one

my flesh was lovely pink
colour after & I feel like a
new man had got water
cold as usual pint hot
coffee & 3 sausages & plenty
of bread & butter

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Jos Hey Awnack

I should think I am
your most frequent
correspondent just now
Farewell dear Stone

sending my husband away
but feel now that it has
been the right thing I
heard from one of my brothers
last night. He had received
a letter from W.A. which
plainly showed that he
was ill.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Anna T. Stomack

P.S. I do not know if my
sons told that Mrs. Bamber
has not seen the letter & does
not know anything about it
W.A.

208, HYDE PARK ROAD,
LEEDS.

688

Sept 3rd '07

Dear W. Pierce

I was sorry to miss
seeing you this afternoon when
in Leeds - as should have liked
to hear a little of my husband.
I am sending him some under
clothing which he has asked
for, tomorrow. I am enclosing
you 2 letters one to my
daughter the other to one of
the assistants at the shop.
I have sometimes wondered if
we had been too hasty in

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Sept 8th 1907

Dear D^r Pierce

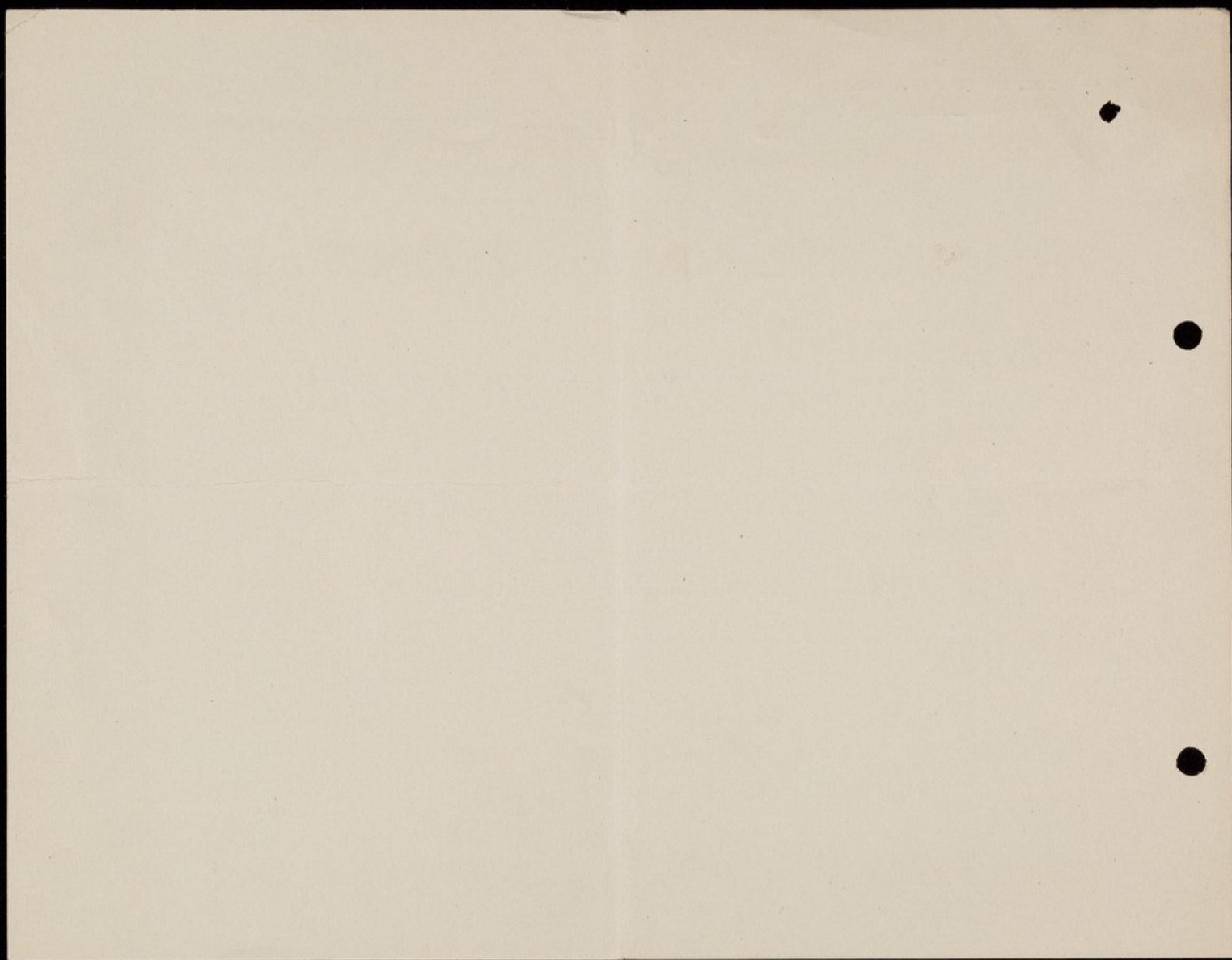
Enclosed are 3 letters
from my husband, which
were sent direct to Mr. Stones
5 New Briggate, yesterday
who delivered Mrs. Bambers
to its destination Mr. B.
Thinking it strange, shewed
it to my sons, with the result
that they got the whole three.
There seems to me to be
neglect on some ones part
to allow this letter to get
ported as if he is able to

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post- this letter what guarantee
have I, that he is not writing
to that objectionable woman
he met with on the boat on
his return voyage.
I hope to go to Castleton in Yorks
this week for a change will
let you know my address
before going.

If in Leeds this week I
should like to see you.

Yours sincerely

Anna L. Atmack.



owing to the sea voyage &
suggested he should take one
of his sons as companion
which he did & has done all
he could to persuade his Father
not to undertake so much.
I notice that I. or someone specially
appointed by me must visit my
husband once in 6-months.
As my friends are very desirous
that I should go away for a
change as soon as possible, I
should like to know if that
visit should be paid before
my leaving home. but should
prefer if possible to defer it
till I feel more equal to attend
to it. Thanking you much for your kind
sympathy. I am Yours truly Anna J. Thorne

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Dear Dr Price

We have today obtained
the necessary signatures in
connection with my husband
& am enclosing you the papers
J. H. A. has often talked of this
visit to the scenes of his boyhood
& I have up to this year been
successful in getting it put
off. as I felt sure it would
over excite & upset him.
This time he was determined
to go. I did not accompany
him

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