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Many thanks for the form which you  
have completed and which your Asst.  
Secretary has sent to me.

Yours very truly  
O. B. P. D.

2 Hanger Lane, Baling Common  
London, W.

26th May 1916

POST

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Dr. Bedford Pierce

The Retreat

York



2 Hanger Lane

Ealing Common

London, W.

14th June 1916

The Secretary

The Retreat

York.

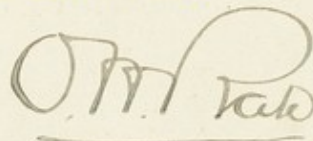
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 12th inst., and note contents, with thanks.

I am obliged to Dr. Pierce for the trouble he is taking in regard to my sister and for the arrangement that her transfer will be settled direct with Dr. Easterbrook.

I will let you know in sufficient time for the papers to be sent to me for signature should I not be able to be in York to complete them there at the end of the month.

Yours faithfully







989.  
2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

7th June 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have now heard from Dr. Easterbrook that he is willing to receive my sister, he quotes fees from £60 and £84 upwards, and I have made up my mind to send my sister to him at the ~~higher~~ of the amounts mentioned; I am very much obliged to you for suggesting his institution to me and thus getting me out of a difficulty.

I enclose a form which he has sent me, would you kindly fill in the No.1 medical certificate and also be good enough to get No.2 completed for me, there would doubtless be some fees in this connection; Dr. Easterbrook also asks if you would fill up the medical certificate of emergency on page 3, I see that this should be signed on a date as near to the removal of the patient as possible, ought it to be left over until the end of the month? If so, perhaps the best course would be for the form to come back to me when the medical certificates 1 and 2 are completed, I would then sign my portions and return it to you for the emergency certificate to be signed when my sister is leaving.

As to her actual transfer, when she would have to be in charge of a competent person, would you be able to send her to Dumfries, charging the expenses incurred, or ought I to ask Dr. Easterbrook to send some one to fetch her? Would you prefer that she left on 30th June or 1st July?

I am hoping to be in York on the 28th inst. so as to be able to see







my sister on the following day, before she leaves your charge, but I am not yet quite sure whether this will be possible. I think it will probably be best for me to write shortly beforehand to prepare my sister for her removal, rather than that she should be told of it in the first instance by those immediately in charge of her, this may reduce a little the suspicion she is sure to have that something unfavourable to her is contemplated.

Thanking you again for your kind assistance,

Yours very truly

Chas. Webb

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ably be best for me to write shortly beforehand to prepare my sister for  
her removal. Rather than that she should be told of it in the first in-  
stance by those immediately in charge of her, this may reduce a little  
the suspicion she is sure to have that something unfavorable to her is  
contemplated.

Thank you much for your kind attention.

Yours very truly



June 2nd, 1916.

Dear Mr. Bate,

I am sorry for the trouble you have in finding a new location for your sister. The cost of living and the general shortage of staff makes it extremely difficult for authorities to keep the cost of maintenance down. I would suggest that you apply to the Crichton Royal Institution at Dumfries (Dr. Easterbrook). They have a department for intermediate cases where they would probably take Miss Bate for about 30/- per week.

I fear Bethlem Hospital is quite out of the question. They only take acute cases, and only for a limited period of twelve months. I am quite sure they would not entertain a case of this kind at all.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





968

2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

29th May 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am very sorry to trouble you again, but a doctor who has been attending me and whom I have consulted with regard to an institution for my sister has suggested that it might be possible, with your kind assistance, to get her into Bethlem Hospital; do you think it likely that this could be done if you should feel yourself free to help and would be good enough to do so? The doctor mentioned is not sure if the Hospital in question would be available to a patient other than one from London, you would doubtless know. If his suggestion has to be set aside I can <sup>see</sup> no alternative but to try to get my sister into a County Asylum, after making fairly extensive enquiries I have been unable to find any institution that will take her for less than £2 - 2/- per week, even those that quote their fees at £1 - 11 - 6 upwards make the larger sum their minimum now; that means an expenditure, including extras, of probably a little over £120 per annum, whereas my sister's income is £98. I have hitherto been advancing the difference between the latter amount and the sum payable to your institution, but it is not convenient for me to continue to do this under present circumstances, and, as there appears to be no prospect of her recovery, I am anxious to make some arrangement which will hold good should she survive me, in which case there would be no one able and willing to do what I have done hitherto.



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968

The form you were good enough to fill up for me the other day has been made use of, but the application it was connected with has had no good result.

I shall be much obliged for any help you can give me.

Yours very truly

O. H. H. Hale

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been made use of, but the application it was connected with has had no  
good result.

I shall be much obliged for any help you can give me.

Yours very truly



2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

20th May 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

May I venture to ask you to be good enough to fill up the enclosed form for me, it is required in connection with negotiations for the admission of my sister to an institution which has been suggested to me by a lady doctor whom I know, and only yourself or one of your assistants would be competent to complete it, I trust that I am not giving you too much trouble.

Yours very truly

O. M. Park





931,

2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

10th May 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th inst., and for your further report on my sister; I should like if possible to get terms somewhat under £2 - 2 - 0, but if it is not practicable shall have to pay that amount, and am writing to Bootham Park and the Pleasaunce. You do not say anything with regard to notice to the Retreat, but if I do wish to remove my sister at the end of the quarter it will, I presume suffice if I let you know to that effect by the end of this month, I should of course advise you as soon as possible.

Thanking you again. I remain

Yours very truly

O. M. Rad



8 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

10th May 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th inst., and for your further report on my sister; I should like it possible to get terms somewhat under £2 - 2 - 0, but if it is not practicable shall have to pay that amount, and am writing to Roeham Park and the Pleasance. You do not say anything with regard to notice to the Retreat, but if I do wish to remove my sister at the end of the quarter it will, I presume, be done if I let you know to that effect by the end of this month. I should of course advise you as soon as possible.

Thanking you again, I remain

Yours very truly

8th May, 1916.

Dear Mr. Bate,

I am very sorry to hear that for reasons of expense you feel obliged to consider the question of removing your sister. One can quite understand that at this time in a chronic case of this kind such a step may become imperative.

If you can manage to pay £2. 2. 0 per week I think you might obtain admission at Bootham Park, York, under the care of Dr. Jeffrey, or possibly at a small private Asylum, the Pleasaunce, York, under the care of Dr. Baugh.

It is possible that the Committee might be willing to make a slight reduction in terms, even though our lowest rate is now £3. 3. 0 per week, but that is a matter in which special application would have to be made. Our next Committee meeting is on the 16th instant.

I cannot report any change in Miss Bate's condition. She looks quite well but she does not take much interest in what goes on, and there is constant care required in relation to food; she would not take sufficient if left to herself.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



My dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear that the  
arrangement for the 1st of June is  
not possible. I am sorry to hear that  
at this time it is not possible to  
make any arrangement.

It is very sorry to hear that the

arrangement for the 1st of June is

not possible at this time.

Private Affairs, the 1st of June, and the

Mr. Jones.

It is possible that the 1st of June

will be made. I am sorry to hear that

the 1st of June is now 25. 2. 0 per week, but that is

a matter in which I am not interested.

Our next Committee meeting is on the 15th

instant.

I cannot report any change in the

condition. The 1st of June is not

much interest in what goes on, and there is

one reported in relation to food; and you

sufficiently to be satisfied.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

79.

2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

6th May 1916

The Secretary

The Retreat

York.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose a cheque for £9 - 13 - 9 in settlement of the accompanying account.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform me what notice is required previous to the removal of a patient from your institution. I am prompted by financial reasons to think of withdrawing my sister, the fees being really somewhat beyond what her income justifies, if it is not asking too much, could you possibly suggest an institution where she could safely be placed at less expense. It is hardly necessary to say that the financial reason is the sole one, and that I am perfectly satisfied with the care and attention which my sister has received while in Dr. Pierce's charge, and that I am grateful to him for what he has done.

Yours faithfully

OTM. Raw



2 Hanger Lane, Ealing Common

London, W.

6th May 1912

The Secretary

The Retreat

York.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose a cheque for £3 - 13 - 6 in settlement of the accompanying account.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform me what notice is required previous to the removal of a patient from your institution. I am prompted by financial reasons to think of withdrawing my sister, the fees being really somewhat beyond what her income justifies, if it is not asking too much, could you possibly suggest an institution where she could safely be placed at less expense. It is hardly necessary to say that the financial reason is the sole one, and that I am perfectly satisfied with the care and attention which my sister has received while in Dr. Pierce's charge, and that I am grateful to him for what he has done.

Yours faithfully

564.

"Lakenheath", Cumnor Avenue

Kenilworth, Cape. South Africa

2nd April 1915

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Will you kindly get Dr. Pierce to sign the enclosed certificate (as before) and send it on to the Standard Bank of South Africa, Limd., 10 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

I am writing from a new address, having moved into this house yesterday, I have taken it for a year, so hope to be stationary for that time.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Hunt,

Yours very truly

Wm. R. R. R.





ACKNOWLEDGMENT ONLY.

10, CLEMENTS LANE,

LOMBARD STREET,

LONDON, E.C. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1915

Miss A.M. Balke

THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED,

BEG TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

WITH CONTENTS ~~AS SPECIFIED.~~ of which are  
noted with thanks

H.L.



POST CARD.



In case of non-delivery please return to address at back.



*H. C. Hunt, Esq.,*

*The Retreat,  
York.*

Rooi Dak, Baker Road

Wynberg, C.G.H., South Africa

1st January 1915

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Many thanks for your letter of 27th November, I now enclose certificate of existence attached to receipt for my sister's annuity, will you kindly get Dr. Pierce to sign the former and then forward it to the Standard Bank of South Africa, Limited, 10 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C., who will deal with it in accordance with the slip pinned thereto.

Withg good wishes for the New Year,

Yours very truly

*O. M. Rade*

*Looks well  
in communication  
Not much change*

21 JAN 1915



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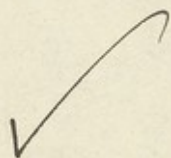
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Roos Daks

Parker Road

Wynberg, C.S. 4., South Africa

2nd Oct. 1914



Dear Mr. Hunt,

Many thanks for your note of 4<sup>th</sup> ulto., I enclose a cheque for £2.6.7 in settlement of the account which accompanied it.

I also enclose a form from the South African Mutual Life Assurance Society, will you kindly get Dr. Pierce to complete the lower portion & forward the form to the Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd., 10 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

I am sorry to hear that my sister still gives trouble in regard to taking food. I was hopeful that she was improving in that respect, thus making things easier for herself and those about her.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
O.T.H. Daks



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'Rooi Daks'

Baker Road

Wynberg, C.S. St.

South Africa

14th Aug. 1914

The Secretary  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 1914 & beg to  
enclose a cheque for £ 2.18.6 to cover the additional <sup>5d</sup> 4/6 per  
week for my sister for quarter ending 30th prox.

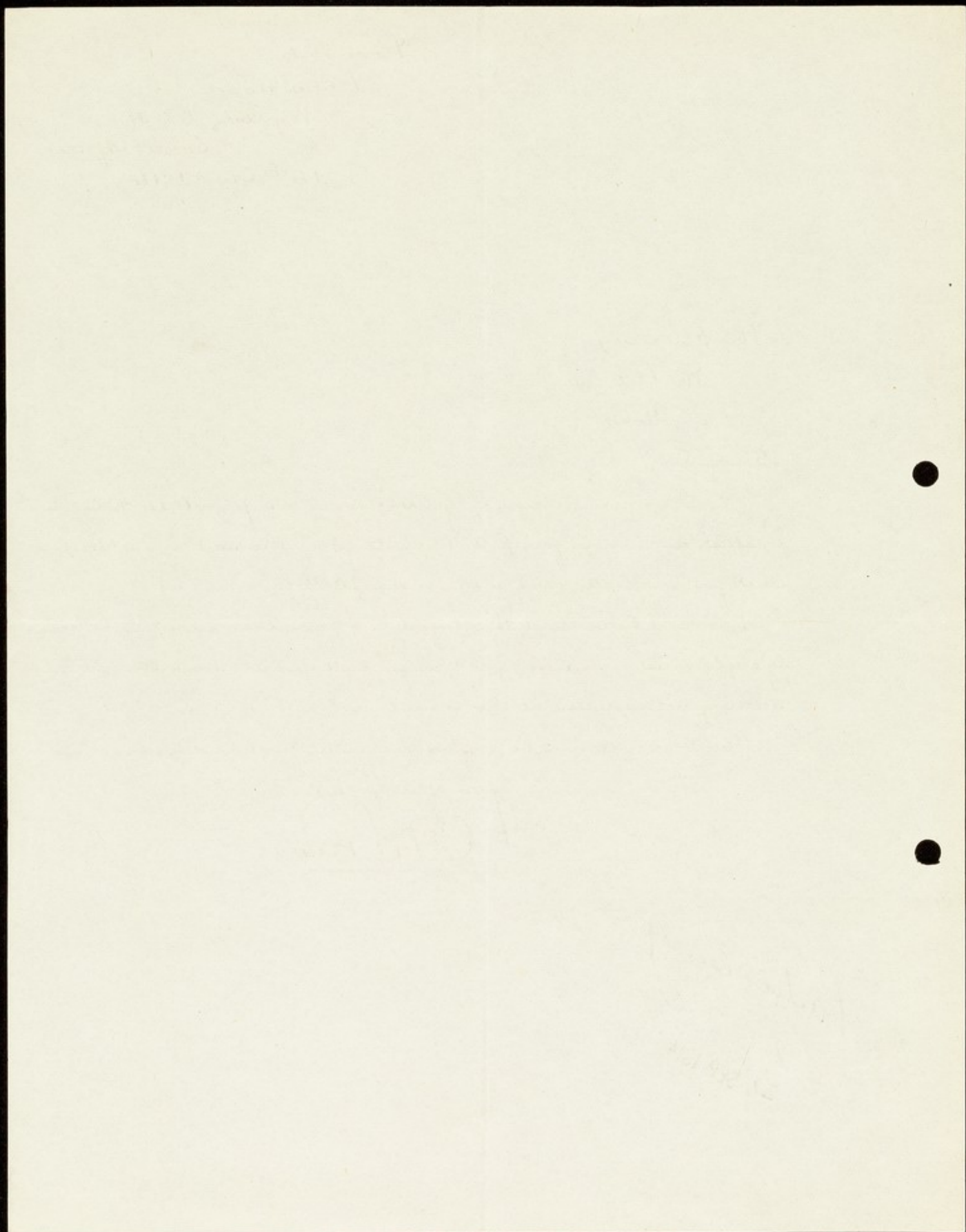
I should have sent this before but have been expecting to receive  
by each mail a memo. of extras for last quarter, and thought of  
settling both matters at the same time.

The above will now be my address until further advised.

Yours faithfully,  
C. M. Rake

Particulars of  
£ 2.6.7 sent  
24 SEP 1914





ACKNOWLEDGMENT ONLY.

10, CLEMENTS LANE,

LOMBARD STREET,

LONDON, E.C.

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1914

THE STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, LIMITED,

BEG TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF

25<sup>th</sup> inst

WITH CONTENTS AS SPECIFIED.



POST



CARD

In case of non-delivery please return to address at back.



hr--.

E. May. Hardcastle  
The Retreat  
York.



769.

90 Standard Bank of S.A. Lim<sup>d</sup>.  
Cape Town, South Africa  
25<sup>th</sup> June 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you kindly sign the enclosed certificate of existence relating to my sister's annuity & forward it, together with the attached one, to the Standard Bank of S.A. Lim<sup>d</sup>, 10 Clements Lane, Lombard Street, London, E.C.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully  
C. M. Wak

Dr. Payford Pierce, M.D.



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John W. Smith

It is hereby certified that the within copy is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the County of [ ] State of [ ]

John W. Smith

NOTARY PUBLIC

for the County of [ ] State of [ ]

My Commission Expires [ ]

John W. Smith



90 Standard Bank

Cape Town, South Africa

12th June 1914

Dr Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York.

Dear Sir,

As arranged I beg to enclose a cheque for £31. 4. 0 in  
payment of my sister's board, &c. for quarter ending 30th Sept  
next.

Yours faithfully  
O. M. Vale



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11 Rochester Terrace

Lancaster Gate

London, W.

5<sup>th</sup> May 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Very many thanks for your letter of 4<sup>th</sup> inst., I shall leave for South Africa with the assurance that every contingency in regard to my sister is provided for as far as possible.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
O. M. Dale



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11 Rochester Terrace

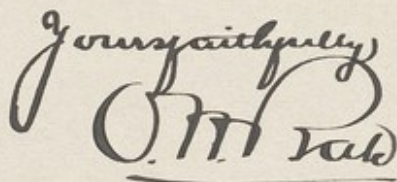
Lancaster Gate

London, W.

2nd May 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I called to see my sister on Thursday and was glad to find her better in every way than when I last saw her six months ago. I gather however from what I was told that you do not think the present improvement should be relied on as an indication that a cure may be expected and that the prospect in that direction is as uncertain as ever. I regret that I had to make my visit at a time when I could not have the pleasure of seeing you, especially as I intend to return to South Africa next week and do not expect to be in England again for two or three years. I can only leave my sister in your care and am assured that she is in good hands. My address, until further advised, will be: 90 Standard Bank, Cape Town, South Africa, and I shall continue to make remittances regularly by London cheques.

Yours faithfully,  


Dr. Bedford Pierce, M.D.





11 Rochester Terrace

Launceston Gate

London, W.

2nd May 1914

Dear Mr. Hunt,

One thing I forgot to mention when I saw you on Thursday. I am forwarding by rail a small box belonging to my sister which was left at my late uncle's house when Mr. Ridout took her to York. Would you mind letting the proper person know that it contains a dress which would apparently prove useful in the summer, the other contents are probably not of much value but I do not like to make away with them & do not know where else to send them so that they may be available to my sister should she recover. There were two boxes of things but I have reduced them to one by destroying what was clearly valueless. I am sorry to trouble you again so soon.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
O. M. R.

MS

I will try to pay carriage on the box at this end, but if I fail to do so will you kindly charge it in the next account.





11 Porchester Terrace

Lancaster Gate

London, W.

18th April 1914

Dear Mr. Stunt,

Many thanks for your letter of 15th inst. and the enclosure. I am afraid that Dr. Pierce's holiday will prevent me from seeing him. I had engagements both for today and Monday so could not get to Gork before he leaves, and I cannot well be away from London on the 14th or 2nd prox., I think I shall have to come up to see my sister on one of the days I mentioned previously, the 27th or 28th, and then if necessary write to Dr. Pierce; I think, however, that what you quote 'he cannot say that this means a fundamental improvement' tells me what I most wanted to know. It seems to make it quite clear that I can only leave matters as they are, and that there is no need at the present time to consider what had better be done should my sister become well enough to leave the Retreat. As to financial arrangements, I can send a cheque for the ordinary fixed amount so that it will reach you very shortly after the beginning of each quarter, & a further cheque for the extras as soon as I receive a statement of them, this will I suppose be satisfactory to the institution; I have no authority to depute any one else to manage my sister's money matters so must control them myself from Cape Town. Thanks for your continued assistance.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
 O. M. Vale



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11 Porchester Terrace

Canterbury Gate

London, W.

14<sup>th</sup> April 1914

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Dear Mr. Hunt.

Many thanks for your note of 11<sup>th</sup> inst. & for Mrs. Hunt's continued interest in my sister. We have had a very pleasant 6 1/2 months on the Continent and are now back in London preparing to sail for South Africa on May 7<sup>th</sup>. As I am not likely to be in England again for two or possibly three years I must come up & see my sister before going, and it might be as well for me to see Dr. Pierce at the same time if I can. Should I be likely to find him at home on Monday afternoon the 27<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday morning the 28<sup>th</sup>, if I arranged to be in York on either of those dates, if you have to say 'no' to that could you suggest another time. I can only manage to be in York for a morning or afternoon with the night that precedes or follows. Will you kindly ask Dr. Pierce to sign the enclosed certificate, and return it to me. I am sorry to trouble you so much.

With kind regards

Holiday 27<sup>th</sup>Back on 29<sup>th</sup>

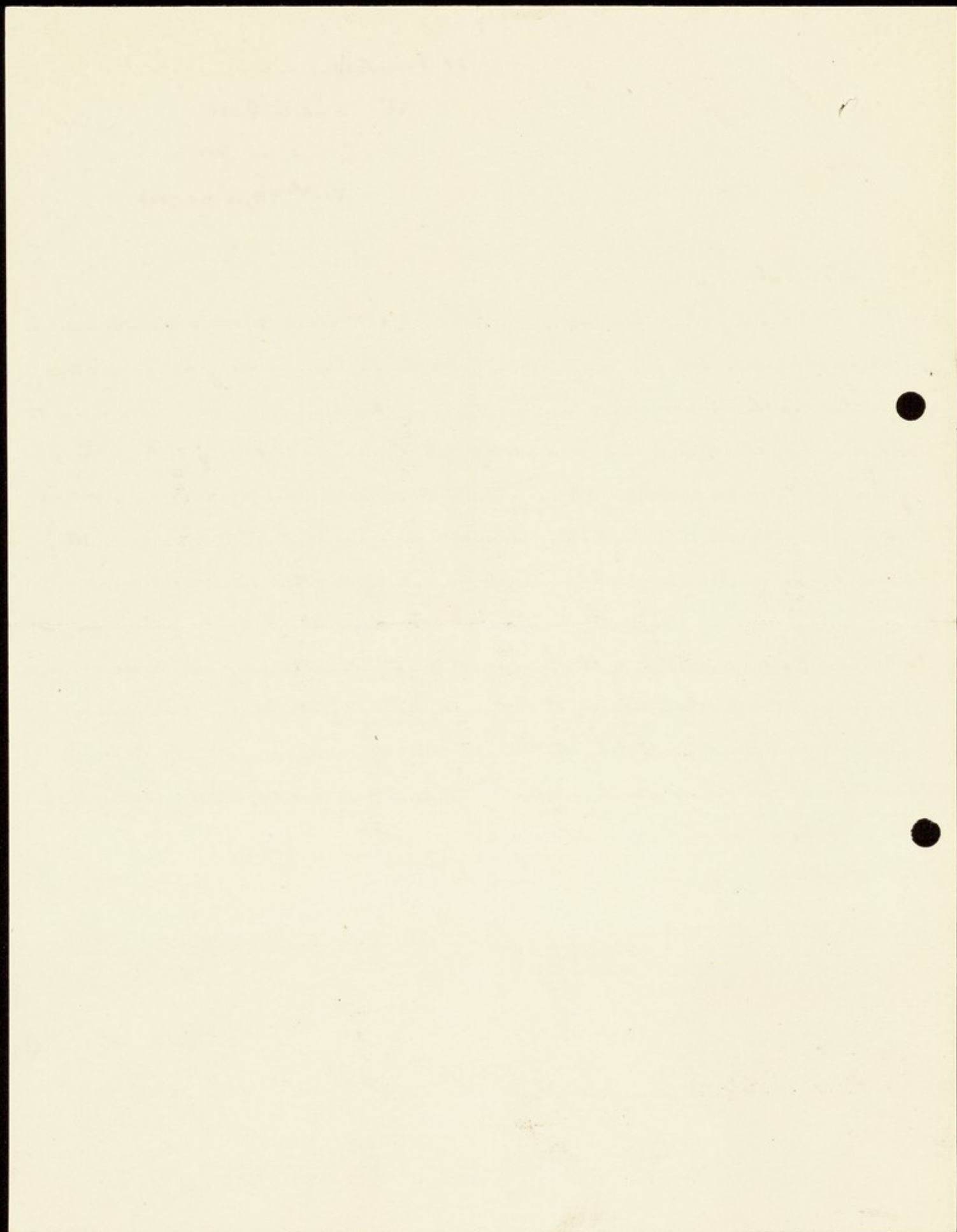
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~~Mon.~~Yours very truly  
O. M. FoxExp. 28<sup>th</sup>.Up to 90<sup>th</sup>  
Hemlock app. 100.  
Better &  
brighter.  
and no  
disturbance





18th. March, 1914.

The Postmaster,  
Shepherdswell,  
nr. Dover.

Dear Sir,

In future please  
forward all letters addressed  
to Miss A. M. Bate to the above  
address.

Yours truly,

Asst Sec.





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KENILWORTH,

DOWNS COURT ROAD,

PURLEY.

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The Manager  
The Retreat

Dear Sir,

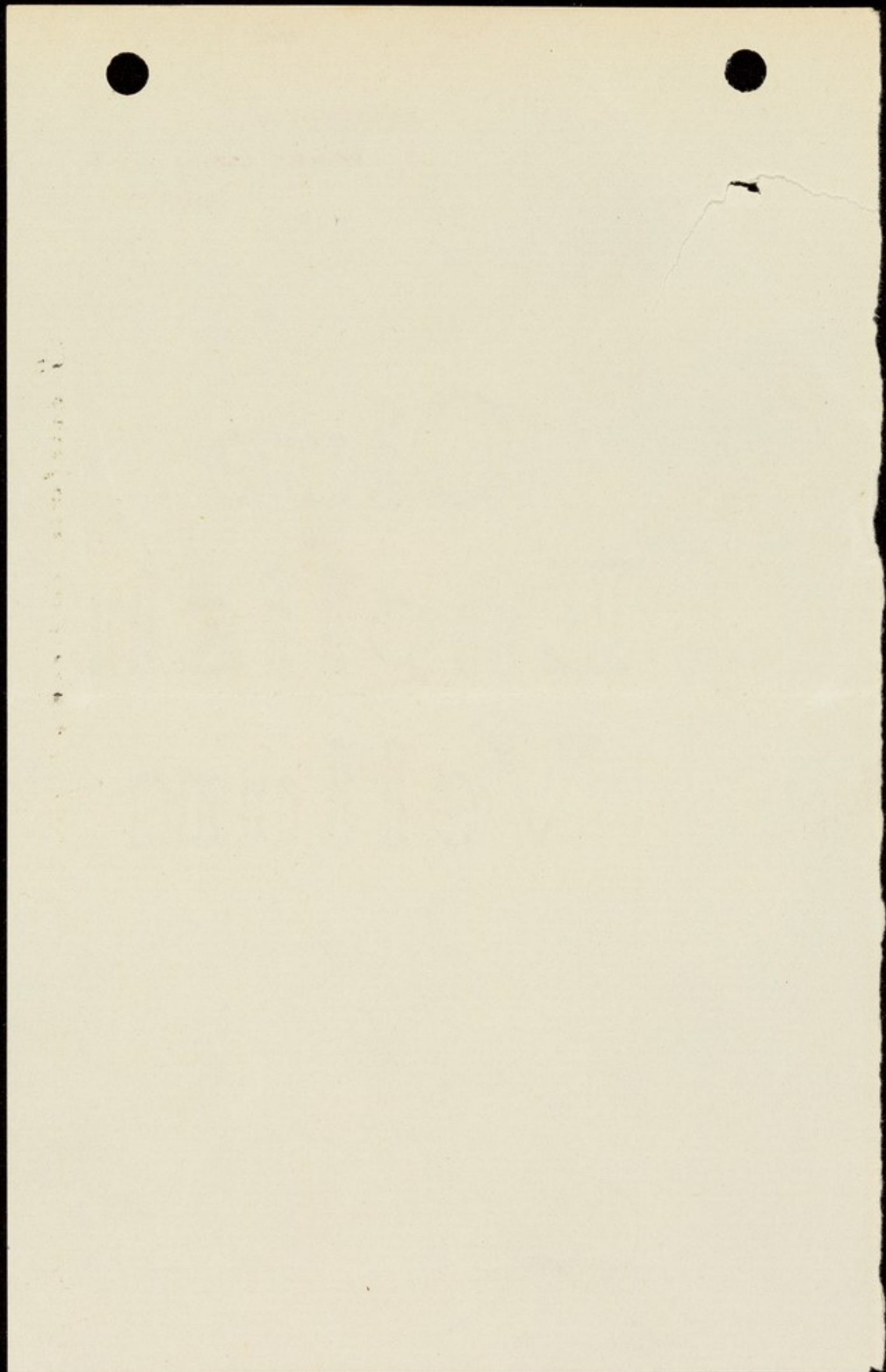
Enclosed is a letter  
addressed to my cousin  
Miss A. M. Bate.

Will you kindly instruct the  
Postmaster at Shepherdswell  
near Dover as to forwarding  
letters. Believe me

Yours faithfully

A. M. Bate





Sienna (Italy)

16th Jan'y 1914

Dr. Bedford Pierce, M.D.  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir,

I enclose a receipt for my sister's annuity from the South African Mutual Life Assurance Society, will you kindly complete the attached Certificate of Existence & post the document to Cape Town in the envelope which now encloses, at the same time forwarding the accompanying post-card to me so that I may know that this has reached you.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully  
O. M. Fale

Done

19 JAN 1914







Rome

13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1914

Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for the report on my sister's health dated 9<sup>th</sup> inst. & regret to learn that she is still worse. A cheque for £33.18.11 in settlement of the accompanying account is enclosed.

Kindly forward your receipt to me at: Pension Saccaro, Via Sallustiana Pandini 19, Siena, Italy.

Yours faithfully  
O. M. Hob





weather that has been so prevalent.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs  
Stunt.

Yours very truly  
O. M. Pike

Pension Leatri  
Piazza dell'Indipendenza 5  
Florence  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1914

Dear Mr. Stunt,

Many thanks for your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup>  
inst. and to Mrs Stunt for going to see  
my sister. I am glad to have a better  
account of the latter, the last official report  
was not at all encouraging and I was  
afraid that there was a steady tendency  
in the wrong direction, so any sign of im-  
provement even if only a temporary one  
is welcome. I do not know where Mrs  
Ridout is at present, she was in this  
neighbourhood last month but from what  
her brother wrote to me I gathered that  
she would be away before we got here.

We are enjoying our visit to Italy and  
have seen but little of the severe winter





from the South African Mutual Life  
Assurance Society, Cape Town, I had  
not opened it; this letter would have  
reached her about four weeks ago and  
must contain a bank draft for her  
quarter's annuity. I tried my best  
to get her to give me the letter, but  
without success, she could not make  
up her mind to do so. Will you  
kindly ask the proper person to try  
to get her either to open the letter, take  
out the draft & endorse it so that it  
may be paid into the Bank, or to  
allow the letter to be sent to me  
unopened, the former alternative  
would give me least trouble. The  
letter will also contain a certificate

Porchester Terrace  
Lancaster Gate  
London, W.

16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1913

Dear Mr. Stunt,

I got back to London all right  
last night, Dr. Purney was able to add  
but little to what I already knew, &  
after a few minutes took me to my  
sister, with whom I spent about an  
hour & a half. She of course asked me  
to take her away, but there is evident-  
ly nothing to be done but to leave her  
in the charge of those who are now  
caring for her. One matter leads  
me to trouble you again, she told  
me that she had received a letter



which will require Dr. Pierce's signature. My sister has  
dealt with this matter satisfactorily hitherto & I shall now  
have to take steps to prevent the present difficulty from  
occurring again. I am sorry to have to trouble you in  
the matter but a bank draft for £12. odd is of some  
importance.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
W. H. R. R.

Should you be able to reply tomorrow or the day after  
your answer would reach me here, after that please address  
90 Standard Bank.

Yours  
W. H. R. R.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs.  
Hunt

Yours very truly  
O. M. Tate

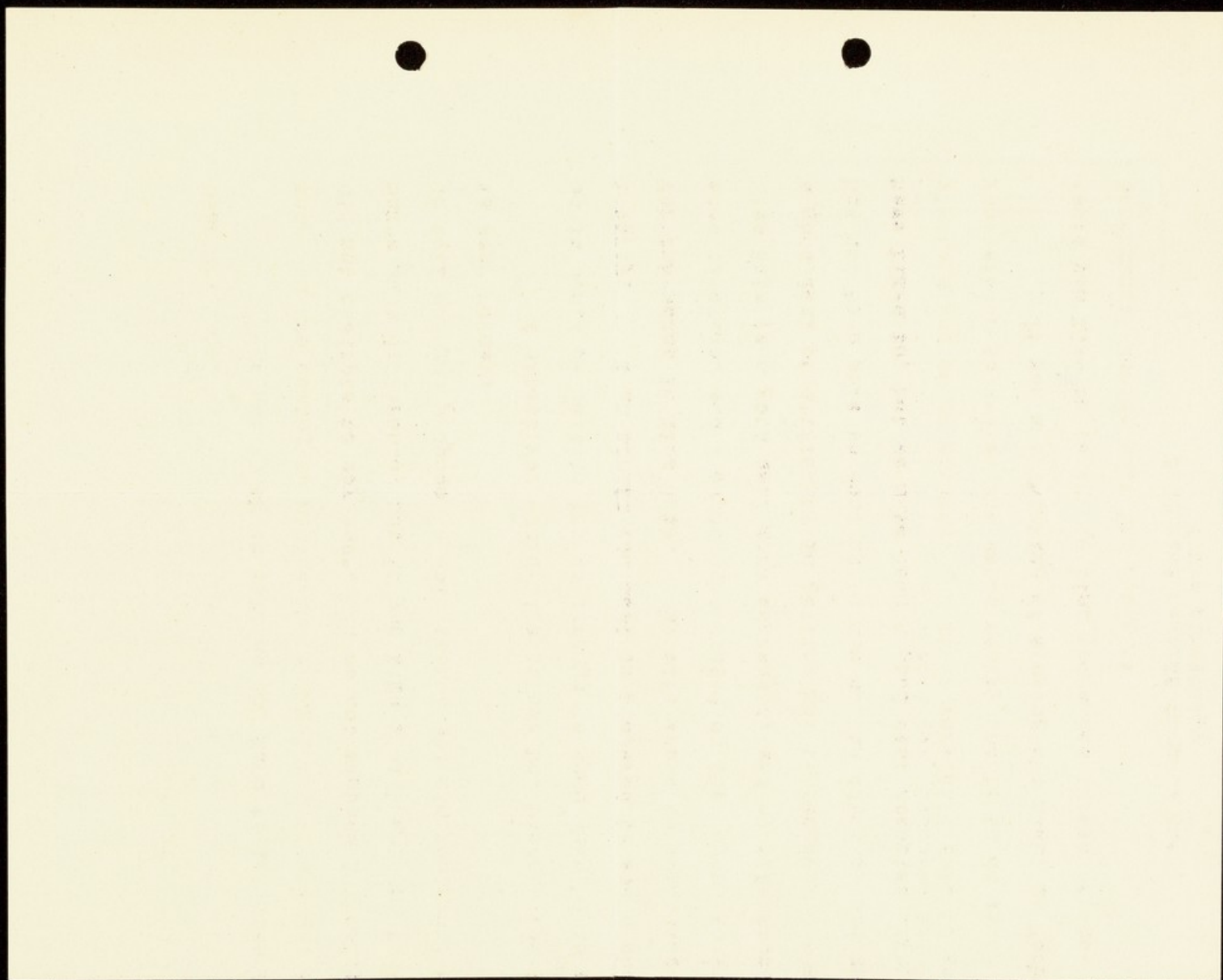
11 Porchester Terrace  
Lancaster Gate  
London, W.  
29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1913

*Yr.  
Wm.  
More likely  
for Oct.*

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Many thanks for your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> inst. I will now write to my sister before coming to York. Thanks too for your offer to try to secure accommodations for me, but I think that I will go to the hotel that I stayed at previously. I should like to be in York on Thursday afternoon and evening next week, but could make it Friday morning, is it likely that I should be able to see Dr. Pierce during the former time? I should be glad to do so if possible, although I fear that there will really be but little he can add to what I already know.





Oct. 27, 1913

Dear Mr. Bate,

I do not think it will do any harm to let Miss Bate know you are coming to see her. I asked Dr. Birnie and she did not hesitate to say "no". I do not suppose it really makes much difference, but if you like I will ask Dr. Pierce to tell her you propose to come when I see him tomorrow: he is away to-day.

I expect you would like to see Dr. Pierce, and if so it would be well to try to arrange to come when he is at liberty. I am afraid you must be prepared to see a change for the worse in Miss Bate. My wife wrote to Mrs. Ridout some time ago, and I expect she passed on the report to you. Miss Bate is a good deal more depressed, and my wife found a good deal of difficulty in getting her to respond. She has not been able to come up to see her as often as she would have liked to, but we have been a good deal occupied with visitors and other matters. It is very difficult to get your sister to write: she seems really unable to do it.

If you are thinking of staying the night in York would you like me to try to find you a bed in one of the attendants' houses near the Retreat?

With kind regards from us both,  
Yours sincerely,



Oct. 27, 1915

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If you are thinking of staying the night in York would you like me to try to find you a bed in one of the attendants' houses near the Retreat?

With kind regards from us both,  
Yours sincerely,  
John Alcock



11 Porchester Terrace  
Lancaster Gate  
London, W.

26th Oct. 1913

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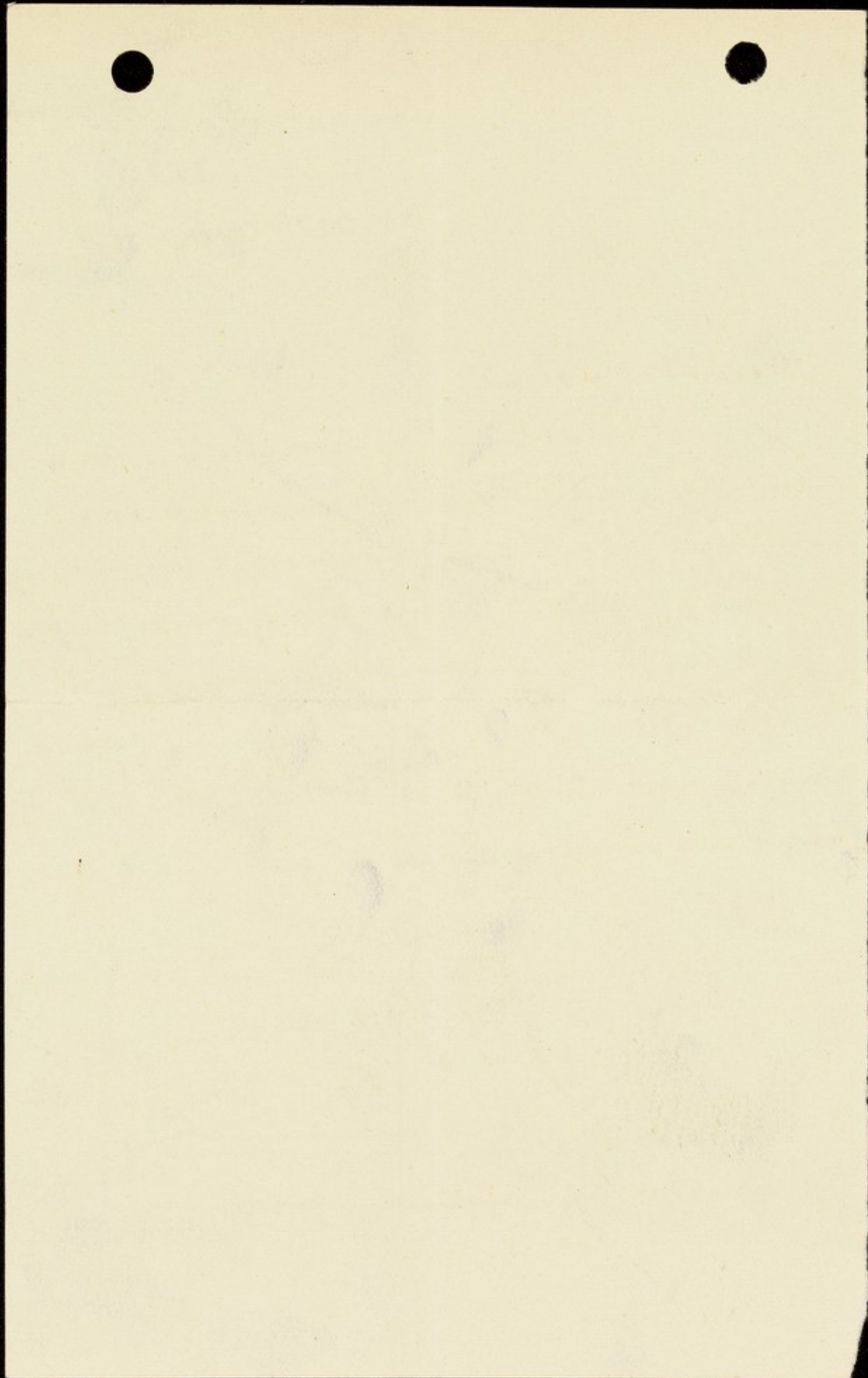
Dear Mr. Stunt,

I am thinking of running up to see my sister one day next week I am doubtful on one point, should I let her know beforehand that I am coming or not? Could you give me any advice as to this, or perhaps Mr. Stunt could, she has seen my sister so much more lately than I have. The latter has not written to me for four months now.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
O. M. Cole





arrange for her not to stay after the close of the last quarter and of course I had to refuse her request, her letter on the subject was by itself sufficient to show that constant care for her was as necessary as ever.

With kind regards to yourself & Mr. Hunt.

Yours very truly  
O. M. Hale

My present address will find me until the end of this month.

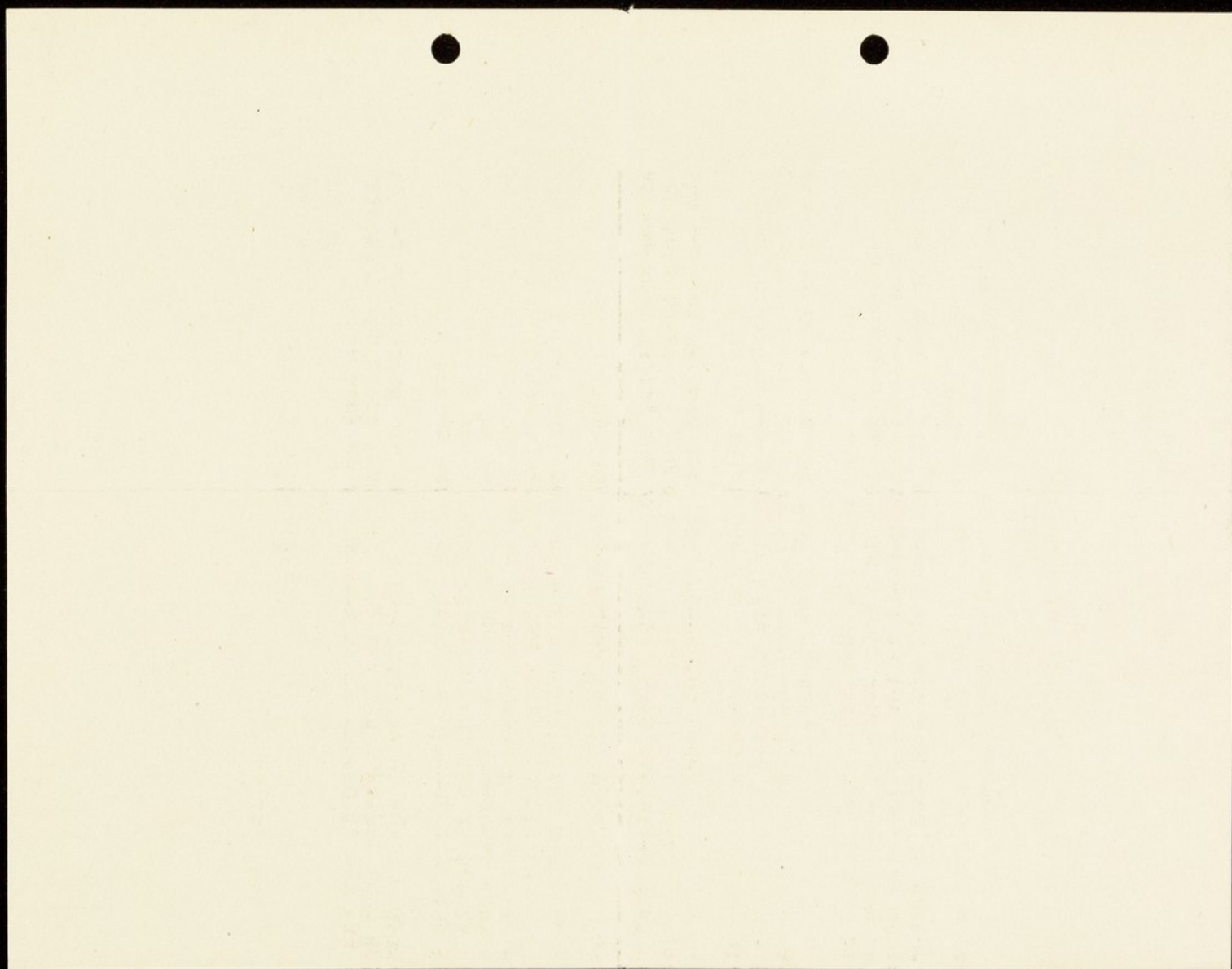
15 Atholl Crescent  
Edinburgh

✓ 12<sup>th</sup> July 1913

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I am sending with this a cheque to cover my sister's account received this morning. I suppose I may take it that unless I hear anything to the contrary there is no material change in her state, judging from her last letter to me she must be in just about the same condition as she was when I saw her three months ago. I am sorry to hear that she has tried to get away from ~~the~~ Retreat, she has told me so herself and a relative to whom she has also written is under the impression that she made a second attempt. I may say that she wrote asking me to





June 28, 1913

Miss Bate's Escape

Gentlemen,

This lady is not deemed to be suicidal, and has been allowed to be alone indoors. As she had wandered away before it was understood she was not permitted to go outside alone.

The escape occurred through a misunderstanding between the Sister of the ward, Sarah Adamson, and the second in charge, Grace Charter. The former had under her immediate care a suicidal patient, and instructed her second to see that the other patients went into the dining room. Nurse Charter saw Miss Bate go towards the room and concluded she had gone there.

The matter was complicated by the fact that Sister Sarah Adamson had arranged a patients' tea party in the lobby of the West Villa, and all concerned were satisfied that the patients could not leave the building without being observed. The patient slipped out just before tea began.

I do not think any one is seriously to blame, although Nurse Charter ought to have satisfied herself that all the patients were in the dining room under the charge of a junior nurse before she went away to tea.

It is my wish that the West Villa door should be kept open as long as possible this summer weather; and there is no doubt that this adds considerably to the difficulties of the nurses in dealing with patients who are disposed to escape.

The patient in question has been removed to a gallery, the doors of which are kept continuously locked.

I remain,  
Yours faithfully,

The Commissioners in Lunacy



Dec 2, 1917

Miss [illegible]

1917

Dear Miss [illegible]:

I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I always find time to think of my friends. I hope you are doing well and that everything is going smoothly for you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I always find time to think of my friends. I hope you are doing well and that everything is going smoothly for you.

I am, dear Miss [illegible], very truly yours,

[illegible]



### Miss Bates' Escape

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I do not think anyone is seriously to blame although Nurse Charter ought to have satisfied herself that <sup>all</sup> the patients were actually in the dining room under the charge of a junior nurse before <sup>she went away</sup> ~~for~~ away to tea. I have pointed out to ~~both the nurses~~ the extreme importance necessity of being sure that all



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The patient in question has been moved to a locked gallery <sup>the doors of which are</sup> which is kept continuously locked.

Yours faithfully

B. G.

All communications should be  
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY.

Lunacy Commission,

66, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different  
subjects should be made in separate  
letters.

LUNACY COMMISSION.

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

26th June, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to the Notice of the escape of  
Anna Margaret Bate on the 22nd inst., I am directed by  
the Commissioners in Lunacy to request you to inform  
them whether the attendants in charge at the time were  
considered to blame and, if so, how they have been dealt  
with.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. C. Dickinson

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat.





Pension And Leyerboven  
Jesselschade Straat

Amsterdam

3rd May 1913

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> inst. was duly sent on to me from London; with regard to the enclosed account, I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay it and include the amount in the statement for the current quarter, I might send you a cheque for the guinea at once but did not bring my sister's cheque book over here with me. The account looks to me very much like an ordinary lawyer's one and I hardly think it is worth while disputing it.

I am very glad to hear that Mr. Hunt has been to see my sister, it is good of her to do so. I have not heard from Mr. Ridout since I left England and my sister has not written to me since I saw her nearly three weeks ago. I sent the latter two postcards from the Hague and another goes from here with this.

We are having quite a pleasant time in Holland, were at Alkmaar yesterday to see the cheese market, cheeses by the thousand being dealt with, and from there went on to Stroom, one of the dead cities of the Zuider Zee. The surrounding country seems simply excellent for farming.

We expect to be at the above address until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., the following morning we hope to be in London.

With kind regards

Yours very truly  
O. H. K. A. S.



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it just you to have it?

I enclose Dr. Hopkins' reply.  
The reference to the Secretary-  
ship, is in reply to my  
suggestion that I should  
resign.

I received a note  
from Miss Baker's brother,  
asking me to send a note  
of my fees to the Retreat.  
They amount to £2.2/6.

Thank you for suggesting  
that I should go to  
London with Miss Thomasson.  
I have told her, I shall

281  
Miss Rine

120 The Mount

April 18. 1913

York

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I had this letter  
a few days ago from  
Mr. Roxby. I sent it on  
to Dr. Hopkins, suggesting  
that we should call a  
meeting of our small  
committee to consider the  
matter. Could this small  
meeting be held at the  
Retreat, if so when would



be very pleased to do so.  
 The Clerk to the Insurance  
 Committee is issuing a  
 Circular to the patients on  
 the Mason list, telling them  
 that she is going off  
 the panel, but that no  
 doubt her partners will be  
 willing to accept them;  
 until my list is made  
 up again, I don't know  
 quite how I stand with  
 regard to numbers. They  
 allotted 80 to me on

Friday East. I suppose  
 their method of allotting  
 the patients was considered  
 a wise one, but it seemed  
 to me it was rather after  
 the style of "unto him that  
 hath shall be given." One  
 man had already about 1700,  
 and of course got  $\frac{1}{5}$  of that  
 number in addition!  
 Those women at the Retreat,  
 who still want me, had  
 better, I think, let me know,  
 so that I can make up a  
 new list.

With very kind regards,  
 yours sincerely,  
 Horatio Kemp.

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11 Porchester Terrace

Lancaster Gate

London, W.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1913

Dear Mr. Stunt,

As arranged with Dr. Pierce I now enclose a cheque for £20. on account of my sister's fees for the current quarter, will you kindly convey to him my thanks for his making no charge for the visits which he paid to her.

Before I left York it had been arranged that, with Mr. Stunt's kind assistance, she should be moved to the Retreat about 3 pm. yesterday, I think it is best that you should be informed that she has a certain amount of money in her possession, I do not know exactly how much, the management of her bank account she voluntarily made over to me.

I leave here tomorrow, and until the end of the month my address will be: c/o Mr. A. Vermaes, 59/61 Vandspeytsstraat, The Hague, Holland.

Thanking you once more for your help in this matter.

I remain

Yours faithfully  
O. H. Pab

The Asst. Secretary

The Retreat

York



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24 Starcourt Terrace

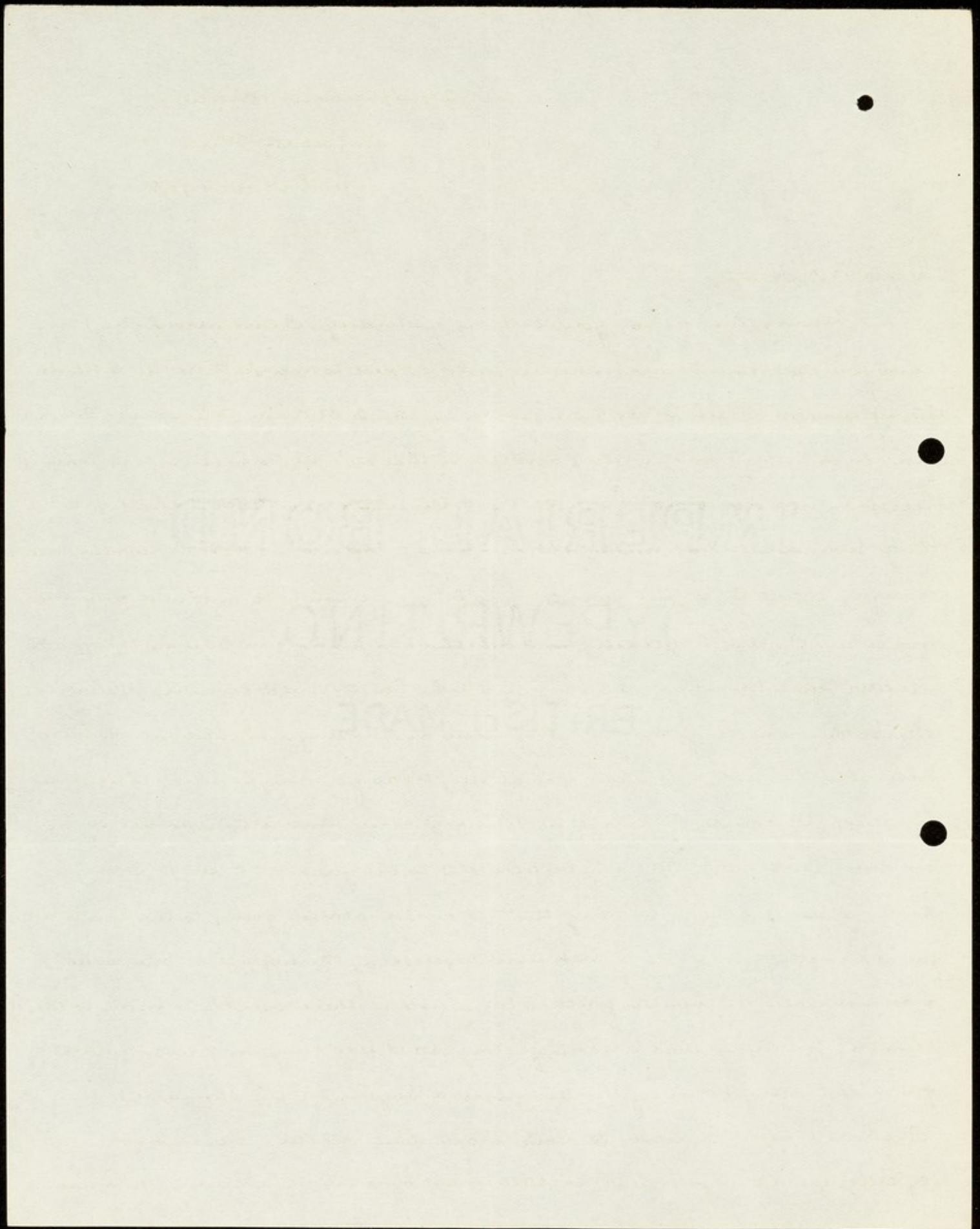
Salisbury, Wilts.

11<sup>th</sup> April 1913

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday, I am arranging to leave for York tomorrow morning, and expect to reach there at 5.40 in the afternoon, I am anxious to return by the 2.31 train to London (I do not come back hither) on Monday, and trust that it will be possible to do what is necessary in time to allow me to do so. On arrival in York I shall go to the White Swan Hotel, Pavement, I have had to select an hotel at random not knowing what it is like, would you be good enough to post a note to meet me when I get there, telling me whether anything can be done to expedite matters before Monday morning, and whether it would be advisable or inadvisable for me to go and see my sister on Sunday. Should you think it desirable I could call upon you at any time you might select to talk over matters. Of course I accept Dr. Kemp's advice and intend to act in accordance with it. It may be as well to tell you that I wrote to my sister a few days ago saying that I contemplated going to the Continent for a month from the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. and expressing the hope that she would remain with Mr. Boulton for that time unless she were able to move to the Retreat, her reply was unsatisfactory, so I wrote again pressing her to promise to stay at one of the two places & saying that if she would not I should have to come to York to see about matters, her answer (sent by telegraph at my request) is still unsatisfactory, she cannot promise

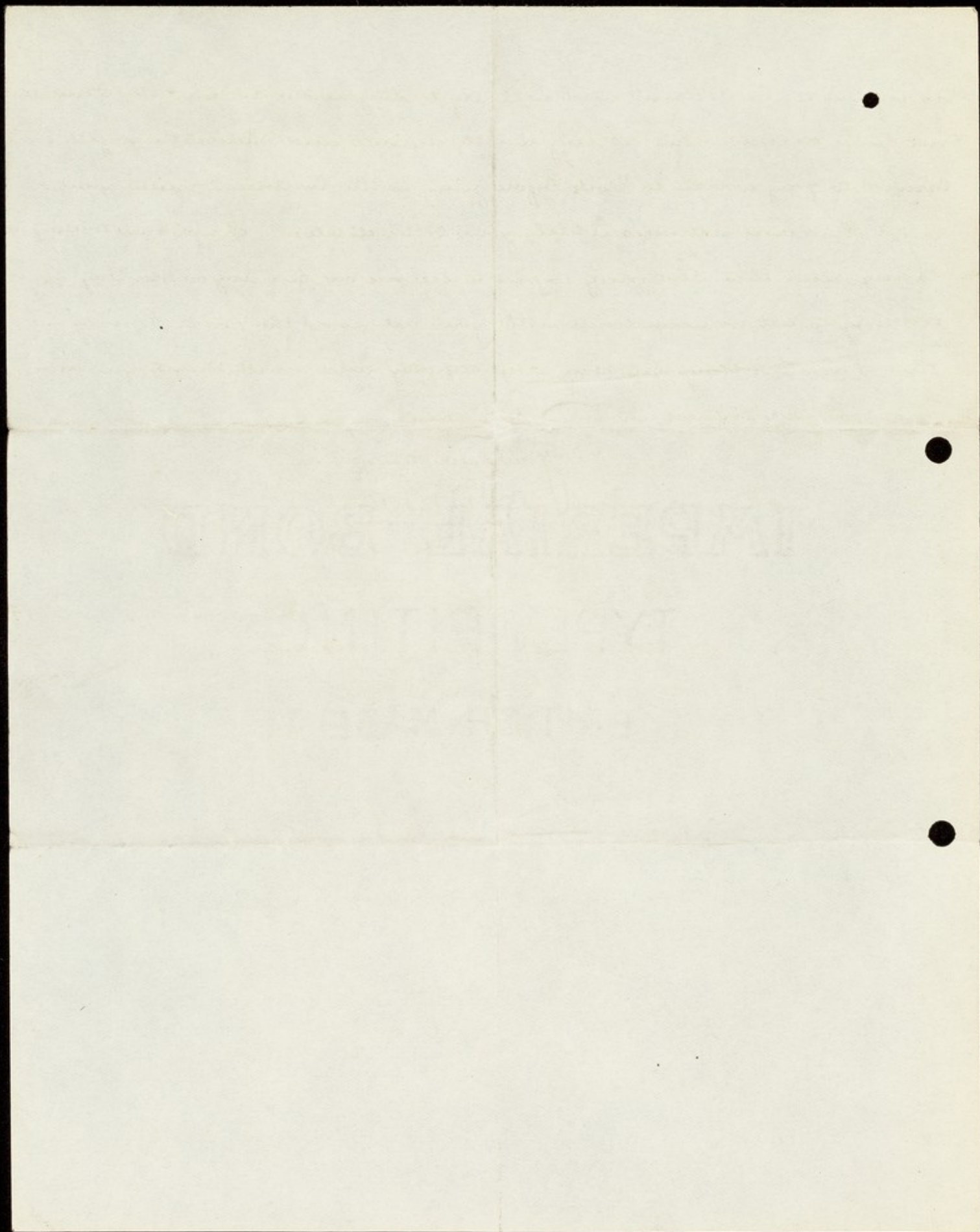




in regard to the Retreat and will try to stay with Mrs. Coulter; I could not have accepted this as sufficiently definite and should have felt bound to pay a visit to York before going to the Continent, quite apart from the circumstances which your letter disclose. I am now writing to my sister that she may expect to see me on Sunday or Monday, intending to act in accordance with your advice on the point. I am afraid that I am troubling you very unjustifiably and must thank you once more for your interest in my sister's case.

Yours very truly,  
O. M. W.





April 10, 1913

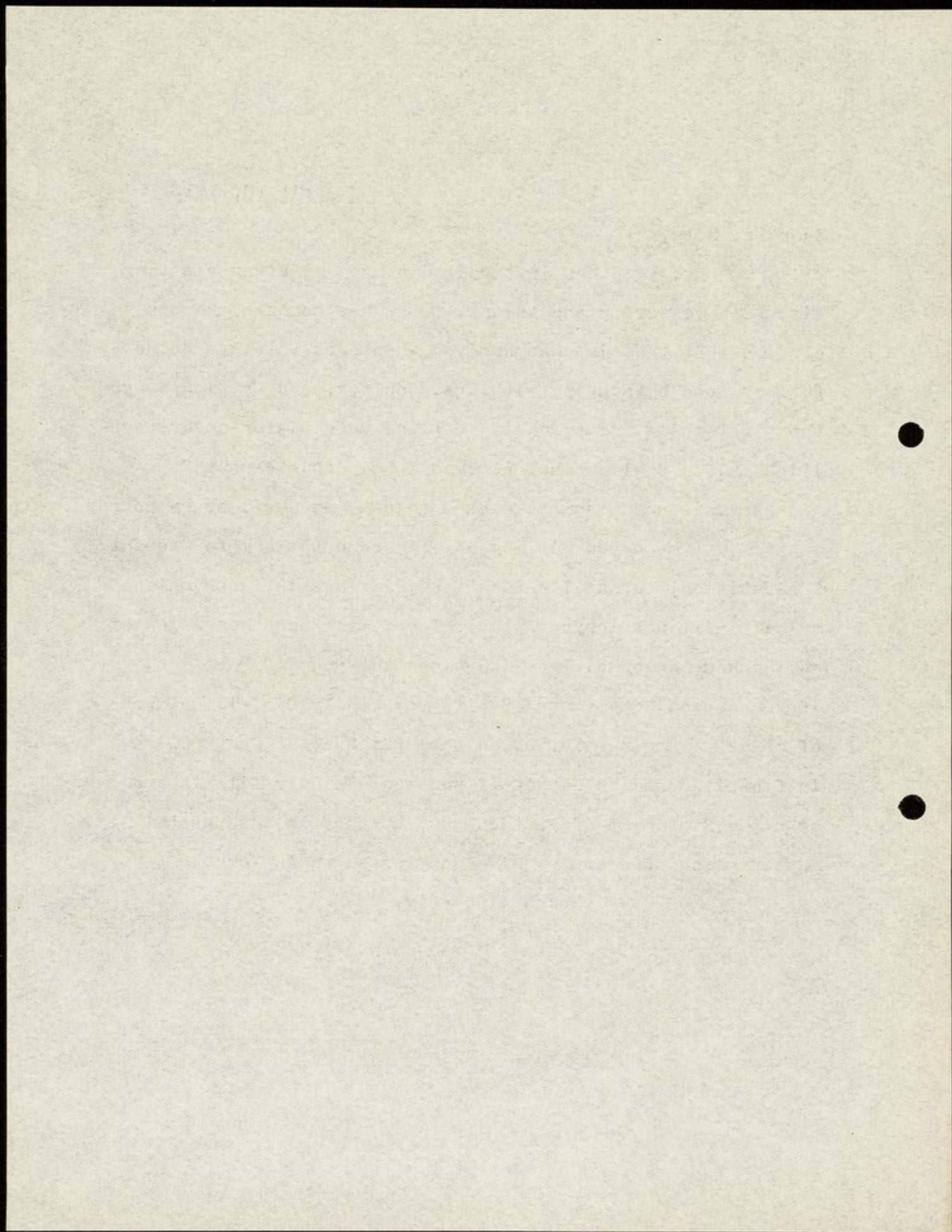
Dear Mr. Bate,

Dr. Kemp has just called to see me after visiting Miss Bate yesterday and to-day. She has come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when Miss Bate can do no further good by staying with Mrs. Coulter, and Dr. Kemp says the right thing to do now is to place your sister under certificates. Shall we now proceed to see this through? Miss Bate is not a suitable case to come as a voluntary boarder.

I hope you will be able to come to York to present the Petition, but as I said before, if this is inconvenient my wife will act in your place if you will send her a letter asking her to do so. I enclose the form of Petition. If you cannot come yourself will you kindly fill in so much of it as we are unable to. on the Statement of Particulars. In fact it would be better if you would kindly fill in and sign the Statement of Particulars, as that is a separate matter which does not require your presence in York.

Yours sincerely,





Hill Pine

The Mount

April 4. 1913.

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I called to see Miss  
Bate last Wednesday. I thought she  
looked a trifle better. She told me  
her friends were most anxious for her  
to go into the Retreat, & that she  
was hoping to be able to do so in  
about a month's time! She said she  
could not wake up her mind to go  
just now. I did my best to encourage  
her to go about the Retreat grounds  
as much as possible & see all that  
is going on, which perhaps might



help her to make up her mind.  
I promised her I would call again  
+ see her next week, so unless  
Mrs. Hunt thinks there is some  
urgent reason for me to see her  
before then, I did not propose  
to do so. If you want me  
to see her before that, perhaps  
you will let me know.

The cab account is not mine,  
except the last item. The three  
ladies to town. I don't know who  
that would be

Yours very truly

H. Kemp.

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April 3, 1913

Dear Sir,

Thank-you for your letter. I will convey your message to my wife, but she is very glad to do anything she can to help, especially for a friend of Mrs. Ridout.

I may just supplement Dr. Pierce's letter by saying that if it is inconvenient for you to come to York my wife could act as "Petitioner" on receipt of a letter from you asking her to do so. However, if it is not very inconvenient it is as a rule better for a relative to act.

Yours sincerely,

O.H.Bate Esq.



April 3, 1913

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter, which I am sending on to Dr. Norah Kemp, who is now looking after Miss Bate. Perhaps I should explain that for 15 years Dr. Kemp was Assistant Medical Officer here, so Miss Bate is in good hands.

© should also explain that if Miss Bate is to come here as a certified patient, either you yourself or some one acting for you must come here and sign the necessary papers.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

O.H.Bate Esq.

24 Starcourt Terrace

Salisbury

2nd April 1913

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> ulto. and am now writing to my sister urging her to enter the Retreat at the earliest opportunity, I am disappointed to find that she should have any idea of leaving York, when last she wrote to me she seemed quite willing to abide by Dr. Pierce's advice. I fully appreciate the impossibility of my sister returning to Shephardswell in her present state of health and know that my cousin Mrs. Ridout should not have the care of her, I am convinced too that the Retreat is just the sort of place at which, if anywhere, she will be benefited by a regular course of treatment.

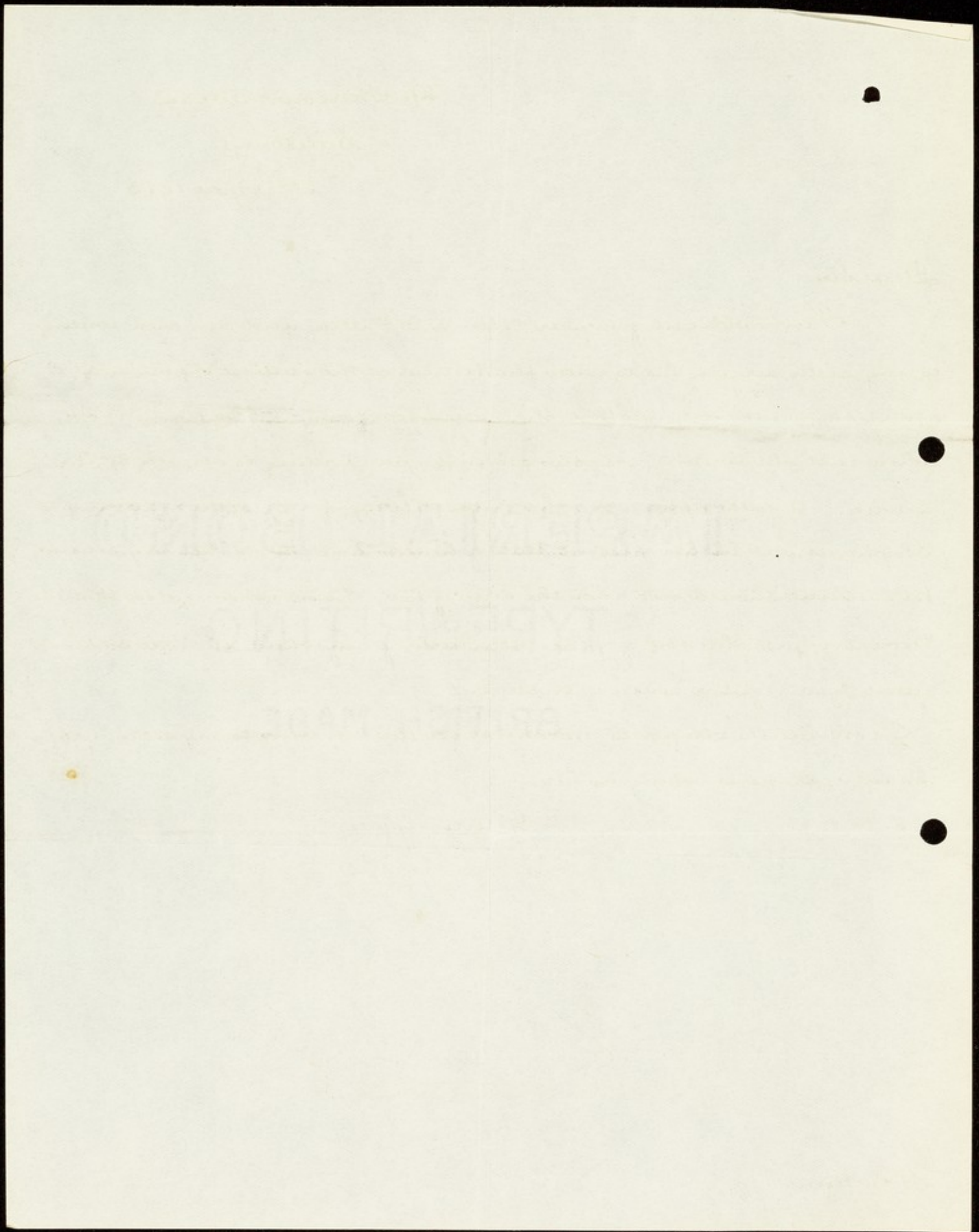
I am much obliged to Mrs. Stunt for her kindness to my sister and for the interest she is taking in her.

Yours faithfully  
O. H. Bate

O. H. Bate

St. C. Stunt Esq.





24 Starcourt Terrace

Salisbury

2nd April 1913

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> ulto. and regret to hear what you have to say about my sister, although your opinion does not occasion any surprise. I am now writing to her urging her to enter the Retreat as soon as may be practicable, I should for my own part prefer her rather to be undergoing a regular course of treatment in the institution than to remain with Mrs. Boulter. I quite agree with you as to the impossibility of her returning to Shephardswell in her present state of health, & trust that she will now agree to go into the Retreat at the earliest opportunity, should she however still decline to do so or to remain with Mrs. Boulter you would have my concurrence, should such be necessary, in certifying her as of unsound mind. It would presumably be better for her to come to you voluntarily and I hope, for her own sake, that she will do so, but clearly her case is now one requiring expert care and means must be taken to ensure that.

Thanking you for the trouble you are taking

Yours faithfully,  
O. H. Pate

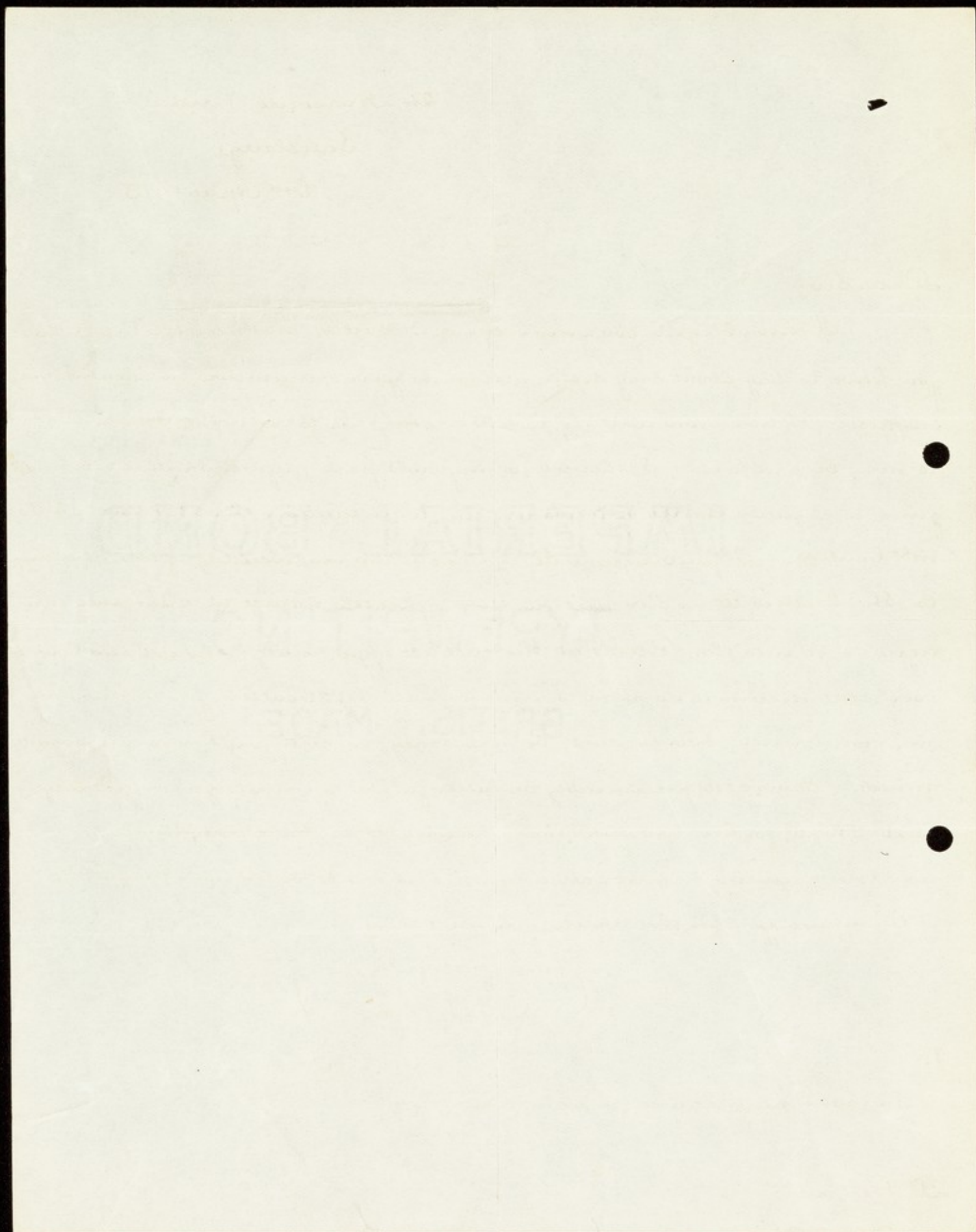
Yrs.

O. H. Pate

The above address will find me until the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

D Bedford Pierce.





March 31, 1913

Dear Sir,

When Mrs. Ridout came to York with Miss Bate she spent the week end with my wife and me. She and my wife are old friends, and naturally my wife took an interest in Miss Bate and has called to see her several times. Yesterday she was rather concerned at Miss Bate's attitude of mind with regard to staying in York, and felt a little afraid that possibly she might decide to go back to Shepherdswell. Remembering how unwell Mrs. Ridout herself has been recently, and that she seemed far from strong when she was here, my wife felt concerned lest Mrs. Ridout should again have the strain of nursing an invalid; and she is not fitted for this. I don't suppose Miss Bate is really likely to take steps against advice, but I thought you should be told of the possibility of this, and mentioned the matter to Dr. Pierce. My wife took Miss Bate a little walk in the Retreat grounds yesterday, and she seemed very pleased with the ~~place~~ whole place.

Yours sincerely,

Asst. Sec.

Osborn Bate Esq.



WILLIAM H. HARRIS

1911

On the 1st of January 1911, I was  
informed by the Secretary of the  
Board of Education that the  
Board had decided to hold a  
conference on the 15th of January  
at the Hotel New York. I was  
informed that the purpose of the  
conference was to discuss the  
question of the reorganization  
of the Board of Education.  
I was also informed that the  
Board had decided to hold a  
public hearing on the 22nd of  
January at the Hotel New York.  
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Board of Education.

Very respectfully,  
WILLIAM H. HARRIS  
Secretary of the Board of Education



March 31, 1913

Dear Sir,

I have seen your sister several times, and she is in a miserable, depressed state, with delusions that she is suffering from specific disease, and at the same time she thinks she is damaged internally. There is no truth in either of these beliefs, but she is in a hypochondriacal condition and requires to be under some kind of care.

She could come here as a voluntary boarder if she wishes, but she cannot make up her mind to. It will be all right if she stays where she is, with Mrs. Coulter, who is an experienced nurse, but she needs medical supervision, and there is no difficulty about arranging this in the city, as my late colleague, Dr. Norah Kemp, could look after her.

One thing is quite clear; that she must not return to Mrs. Ridout at Shepherdswell, and if she will not take advice and stay under suitable care, she will have to be certified as of unsound mind, which can be done at any time.

Yours very truly,

Osborn Bate Esq.



March 31, 1913

Dear Sir,

I certainly would not recommend your persuading Dr. Botham to keep your son against the expression of opinion which you send me. I am disappointed that the response to psycho-therapy has been so unsatisfactory. I almost fear that it will mean that your son must be placed in some institution, where more systematic treatment is possible than can be arranged privately. I fear you may think this is premature, and I hesitate to speak positively on the subject without seeing the lad again. Would it not be better to talk the matter all over again with Dr. Stacey?

Yours very truly,

Wesley Petty Esq.

May I ask what I am already  
indebted, or should I write to  
Mr. Hunt as to that?

yours very truly  
O. M. Bates

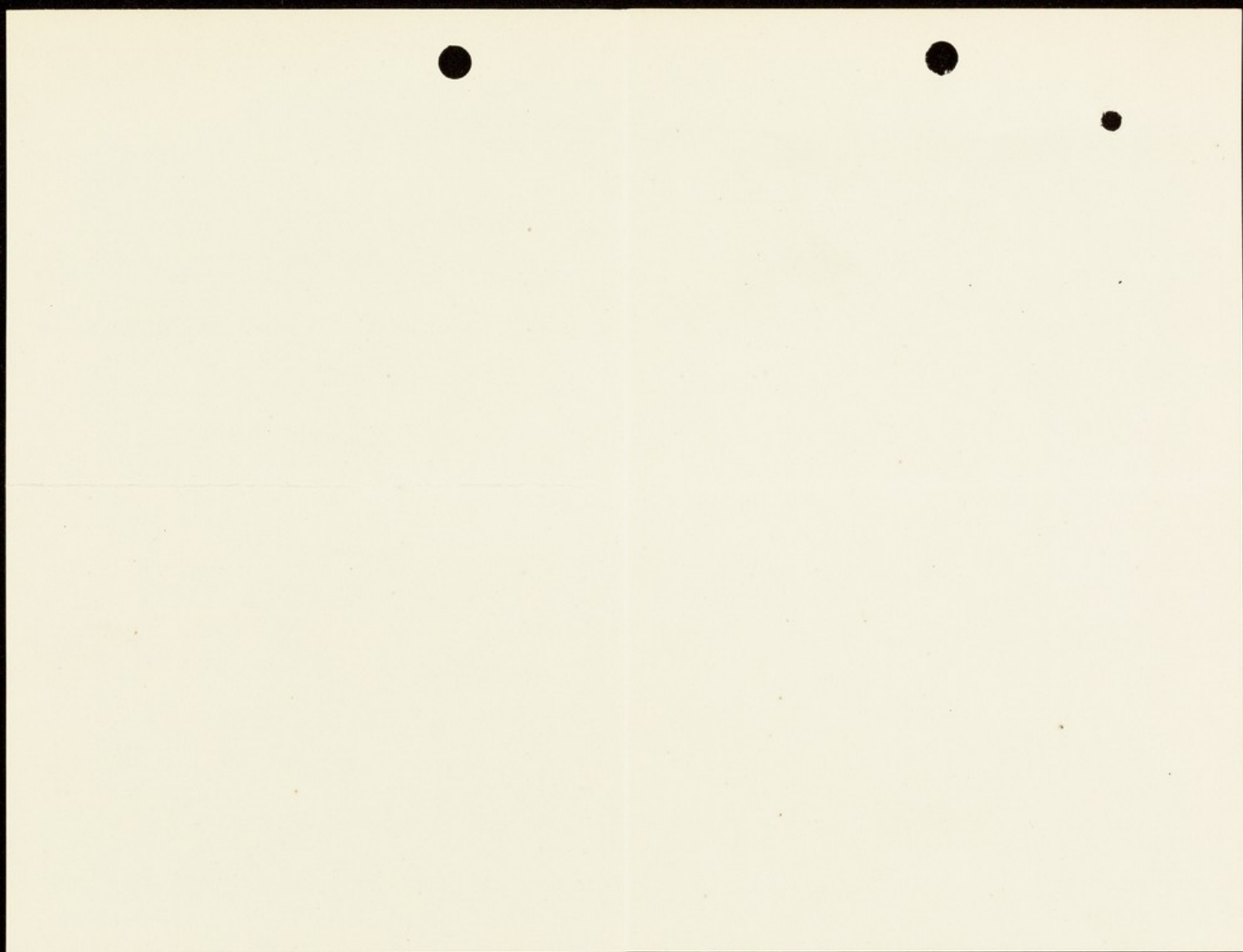
57 Kensington Rd  
Mar. 1913

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My dear Dr. Pierce

I wish to thank you very  
much for all your kindness  
and to apologize for the  
trouble I have given you.  
I appreciate fully all the  
advantages ~~you~~ of a month or  
two in the Metast. and hope  
that after a time under  
Dr. Kump's care I may be able  
to come in, & that there may  
still be a vacancy if you will  
allow me to avail myself of it.





Shepherdwell

Dover

Monday.

My dear May, I thank you for letting me know  
about my cousin. Though I am sorry you should  
have the least set-back come just now. I do  
hope Mary is getting on well now. Kind love for me.  
I did write strongly to Mrs. Bate as soon as I  
heard from her of her hesitation about the  
Retreat. She should have received that letter  
this morning. I hope it is not too late to  
help her towards deciding to go into the Retreat.  
I should not attach the slightest importance to  
complaints against Mrs. Coulter or her cooking.  
I am sure she is most capable and kind.  
but we all feel most strongly that being alone  
is so bad for Mrs. Bate. How long trying it  
might be for her to sit up to meals and eat  
ordinary food & so forth - being one of a  
large community would help her at all her  
trouble. This I have told her over & over  
again. and most emphatically in my last  
letter. If she still refuses to go into  
the Retreat when pressure is put upon her  
by us and the doctors - she must either be  
certified or allowed to drift - that <sup>letter</sup> would mean  
that she would settle into a permanent miserable  
hypochondriac for life. Tho' to certify might  
seem cruel - it might be the truest kindness.



If Dr Pierce and Dr Kemp and you and I and her  
brother - (I will ask him to write her) all strongly urge  
the same step - going into the Retreat. I do not think  
she would refuse. She is not unreasonable - that is  
she is wonderfully open & reason - only the poor soul is  
a slave to numerous little fears, fears of indigestion if  
she eats butter instead of cream, etc etc etc - fears of lying  
Something else if she sits up or walks instead of lying  
Down. She begins she goes on alone the less chance  
there is of her ever overcoming these things.  
All this perhaps I should have made more plain to  
Dr Pierce. Perhaps Mr Hunt will from this  
understand how best to act.

I am sorry to trouble you with all this.  
Please excuse this hurry. Tell me if I should write  
again to Dr Pierce - or will Mr Hunt's report of this letter  
be enough?

Love Dr & you & all  
M. R. D. W.



March 1913

Dear Dr. Pierce

I would like to wait a little longer before going into the Retreat, and could I see a copy of the Rules? I am afraid I shall not be able to keep them, or may I come for a few days to try?

Several questions I ought to have asked last evening & am sorry to trouble you with them now. Could



you spare a few minutes  
one morning if I come up  
& at what time.

Please excuse my troubling  
you again

Yours very truly

Dr. W. B. B. B.

West View Cottage  
Shepherdswell  
Dover

March 13.

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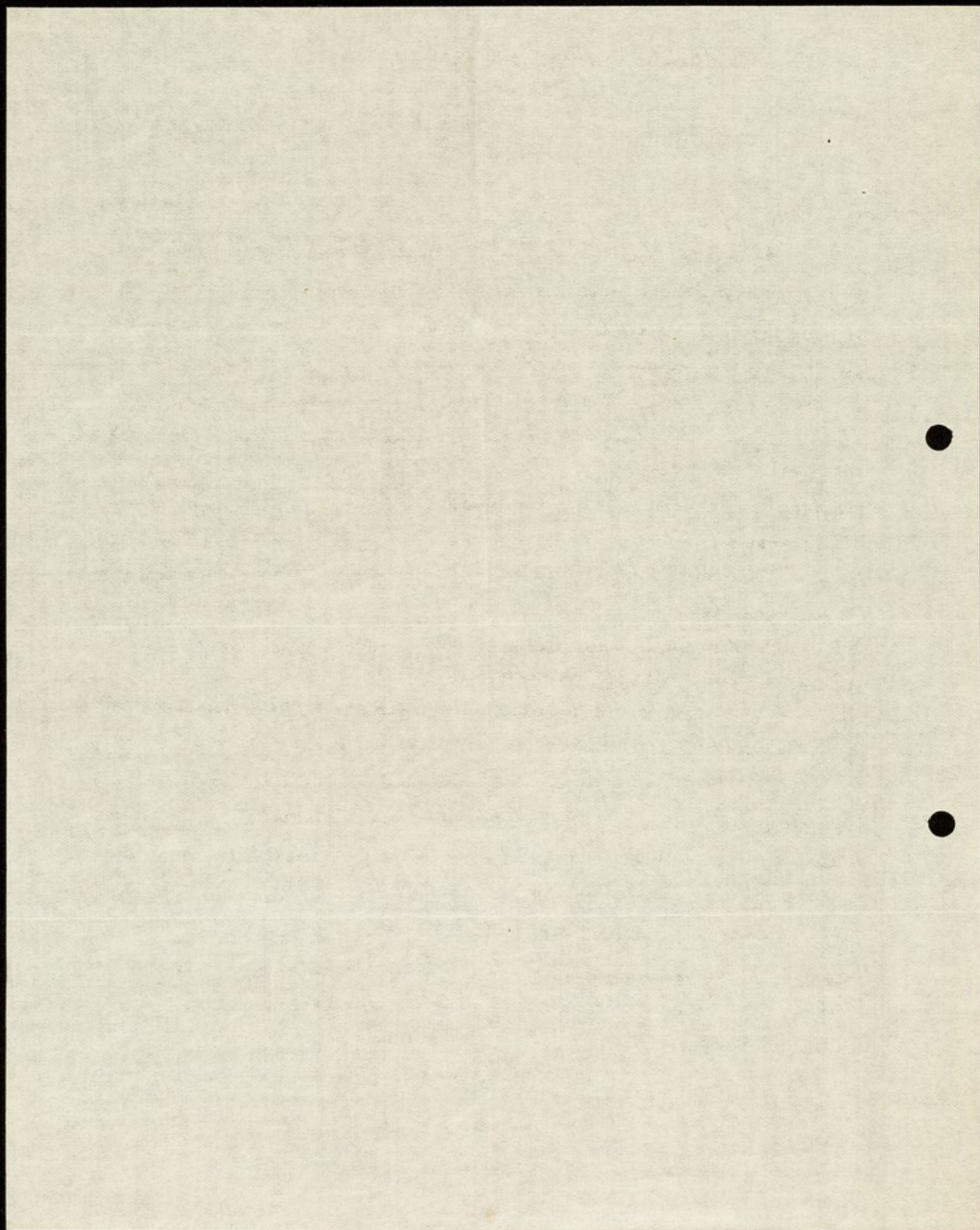
Dear Mr Hunt,

I wrote last Sunday about Miss Bate and the question of her coming to the Retreat. I am anxious to settle the matter as soon as possible, so I write again without waiting further, as it is possible my previous letter has miscarried. Her mental trouble has increased - but Miss Bate consents to come to the Retreat as a voluntary patient. She is tormented with a fear that she has some serious disease: in all other respects she is reasonable and is always amiable and manageable.

She wants to know what the rules are which she must promise to keep.

She also wants to know whether if she came to the Retreat at first and were then drafted off to some less expensive place - she would be obliged to pay for the entire month. Her means are very limited & she would be glad to avail herself of one of those places to which you refer - but we think she should be at headquarters at least till her case is thoroughly understood. All these details I can settle with you when I bring her, but they are weighing on her mind - and some satisfaction on this point would make her more willing to start.





She wishes to know whether having a "serious physical ailment which might be dangerous to others"! would ~~not~~ make her an unsuitable patient for the Retreat.

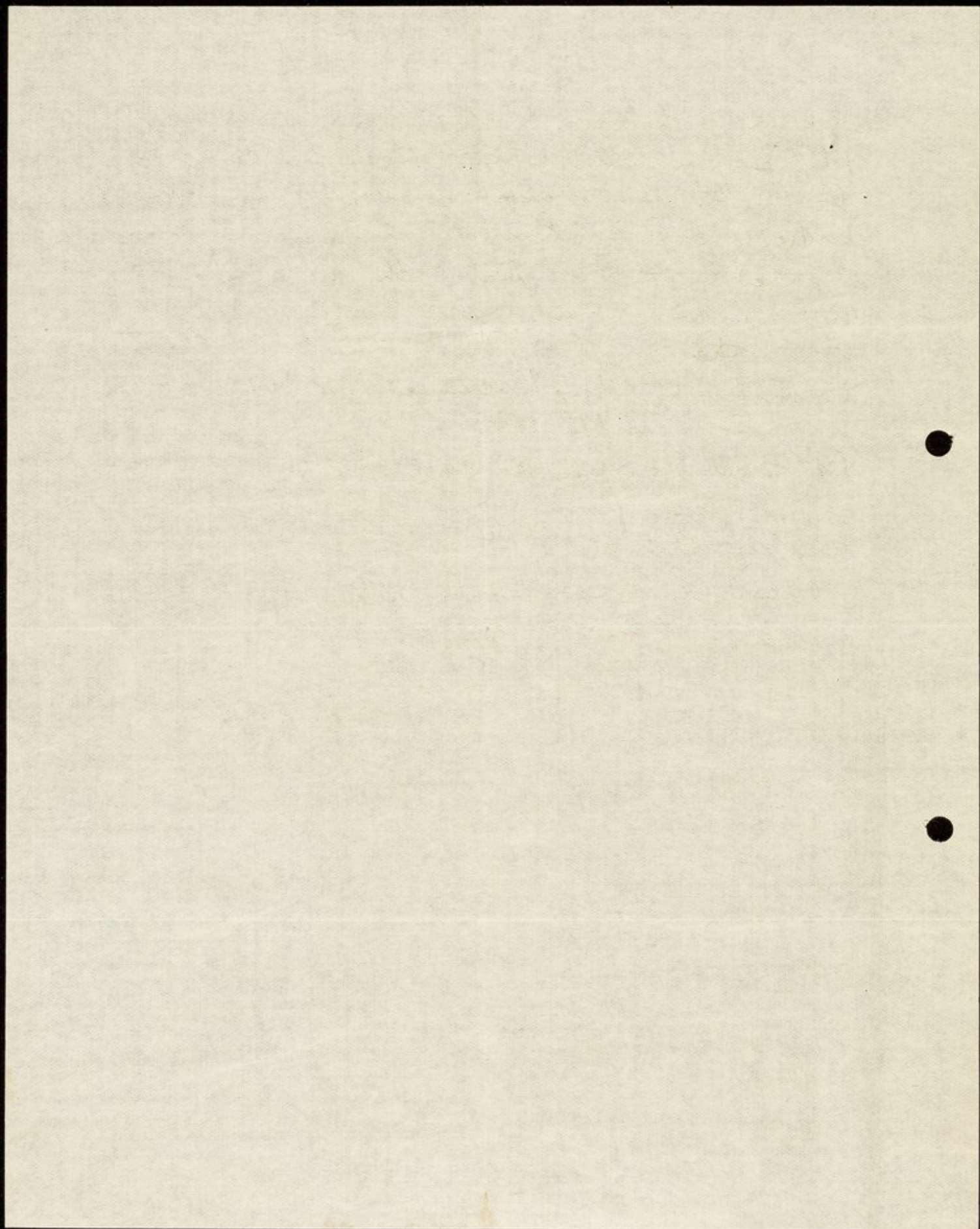
I need not add that the answer to this question is only asked for in order to ease the mind of the patient. The two doctors who have attended her tell us that the whole trouble is mental. We shall be glad to leave for York as soon as we hear from you. I will wire time of arrival.

Please excuse this hurried note. I am anxious to catch tonight's post.

Yours sincerely

Mary Redout





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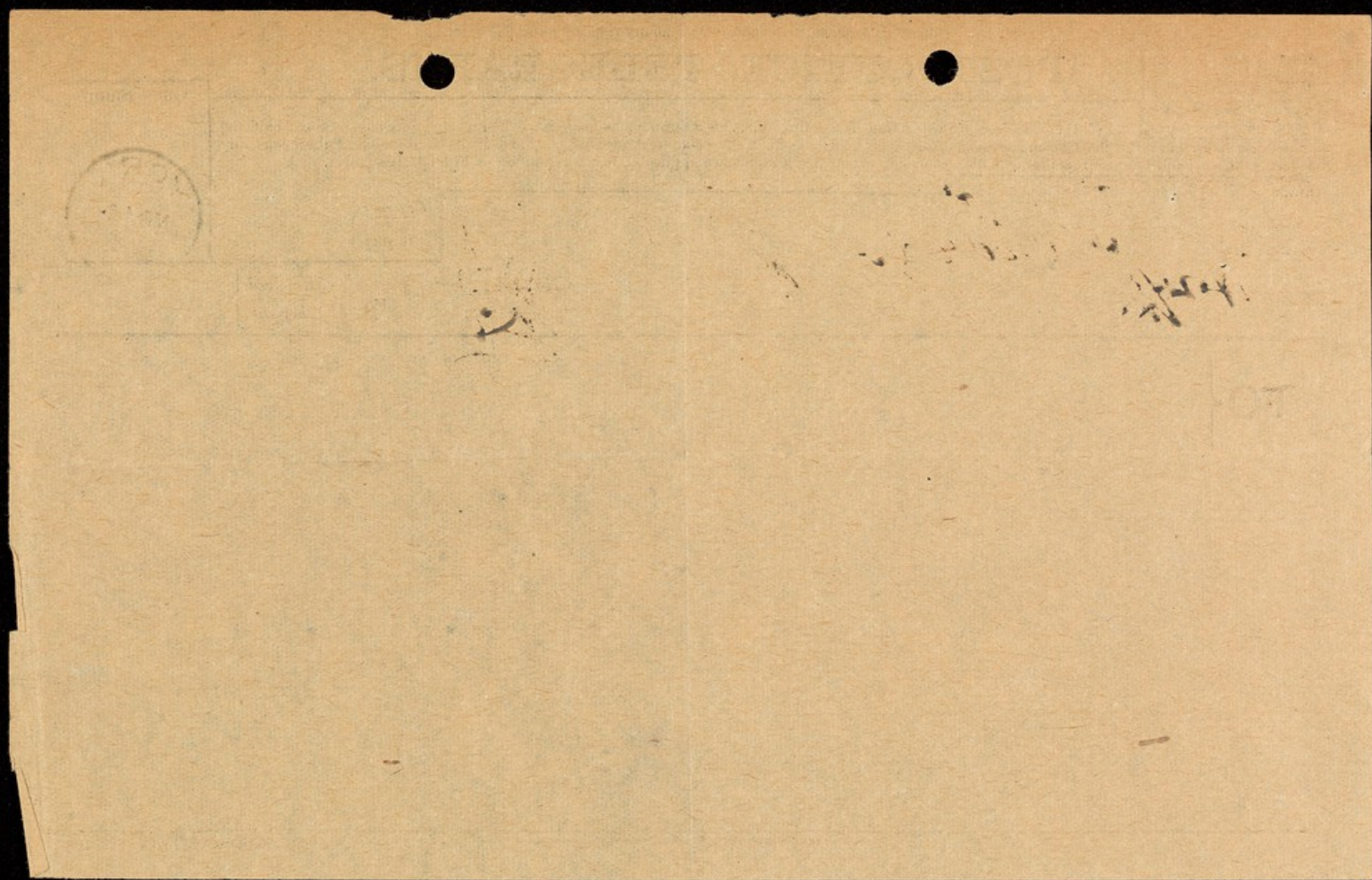
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Reply and Mackenzie Retreat

Thank you Kate willing to  
take rooms can she come  
tomorrow if reply yes will  
leave London eleven forty five  
Pidout Shepherds well







West View Cottage  
Shepherdswell

Dover.

Feb 27. 1915

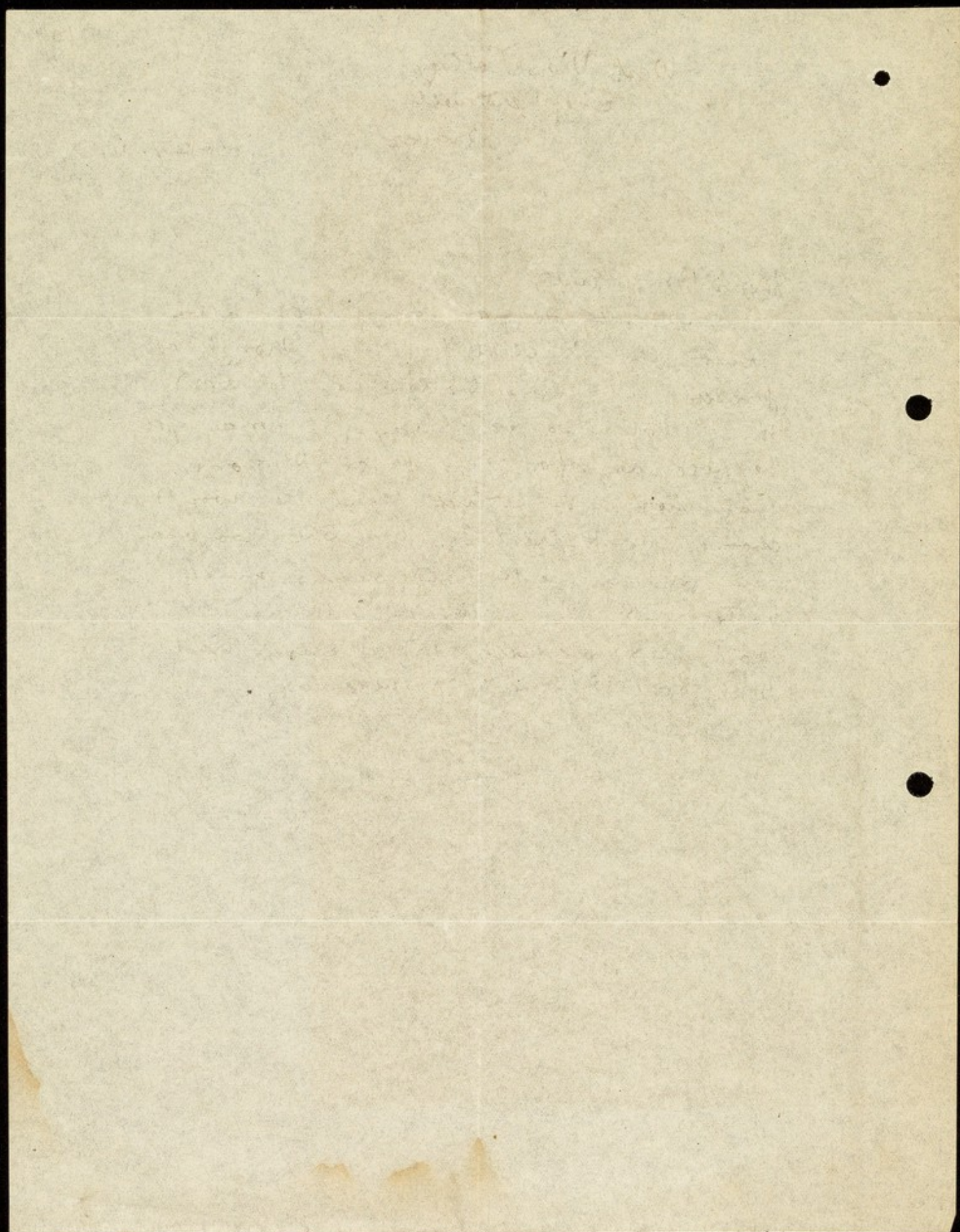
Dear Mr Hunt,

Thank you for your information  
about the "Retreat". Though at  
present it seems better not to send  
Miss Bate so far away, it may yet  
be necessary for her to go to some  
institution - in which case we would  
choose "the Retreat". She has been  
here now a week and seems much  
better and the doctor advises us to  
visit and perhaps try a short visit  
to a local "home" if necessary.

Kindest regards to you all

Yours sincerely,  
Mary Radout







Feb. 22, 1913

Dear Mrs. Ridout,

We could receive your cousin now at any time on short notice as we are not so full as when I last wrote. Before she comes you had better see her doctor, and if necessary I will send certificates to be filled in, but I suppose she will probably come as a voluntary boarder. I mention this to avoid any possible mistake, as persons who are distinctly of unsound mind cannot be received as voluntary boarders.

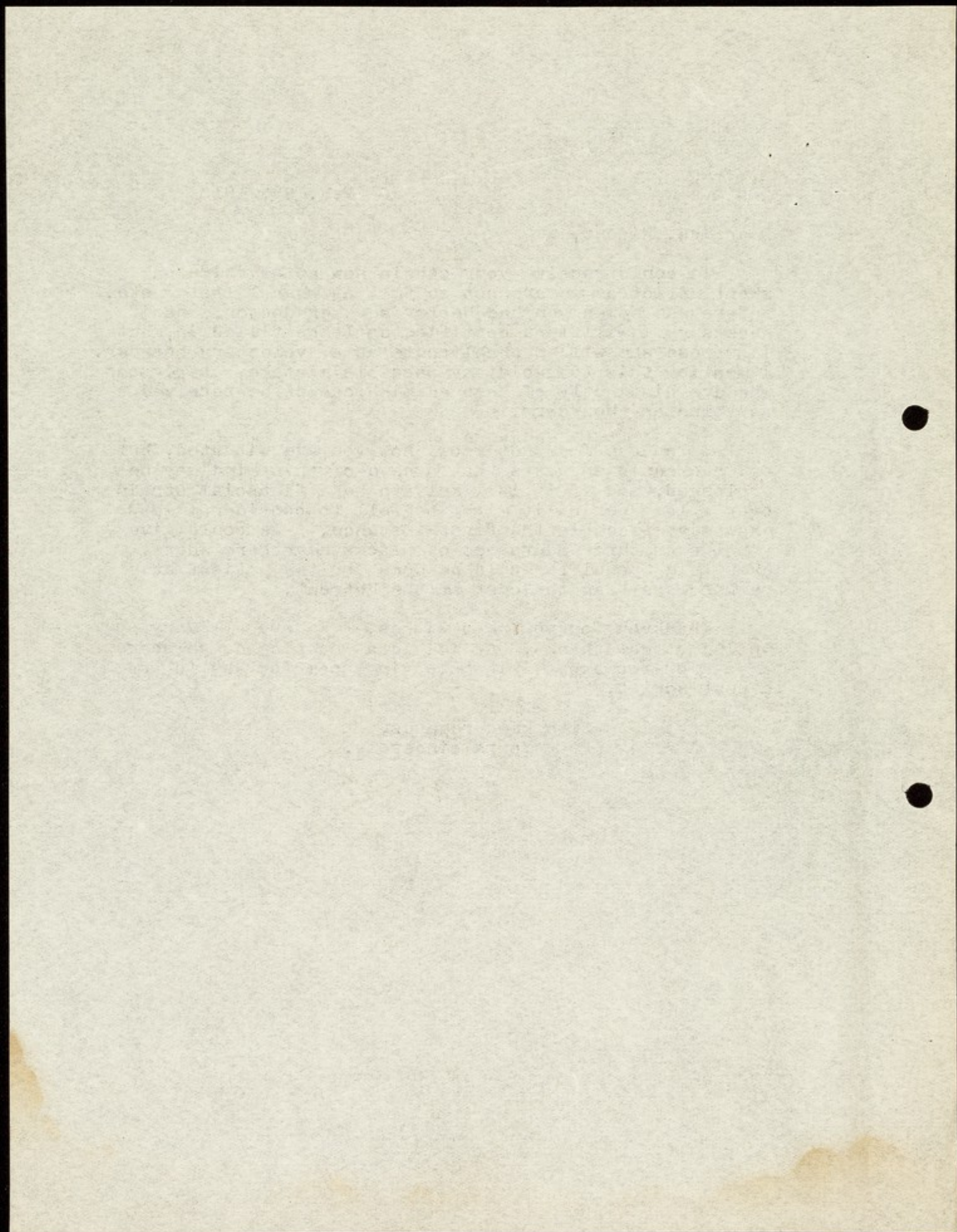
Of course I do not know how you are situated, but Dr. Mackenzie suggests that a case of this kind may be prolonged, and if it is likely to be a financial strain over a long period it might be well to consider a less expensive place in the first instance. We could give you two or three addresses of places near here where everything possible would be done for the patient at rather less than the cost at the Retreat.

Thankyou for your good wishes. We are all very well just now thanks, but we had a whooping cough scare a week or two ago. I am leaving room for May to add a post script.

With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

H. C. H.







West View Cottage  
Shephardswell  
Dover

1913  
Feb 20.

Dear Mr Hunt,

It is probable that my cousin, Miss Bate,  
will need soon to go to such a home as  
your "Retreat". Will you kindly let me  
know whether you have any vacancies?

I hope you are all keeping well, through  
this trying weather.

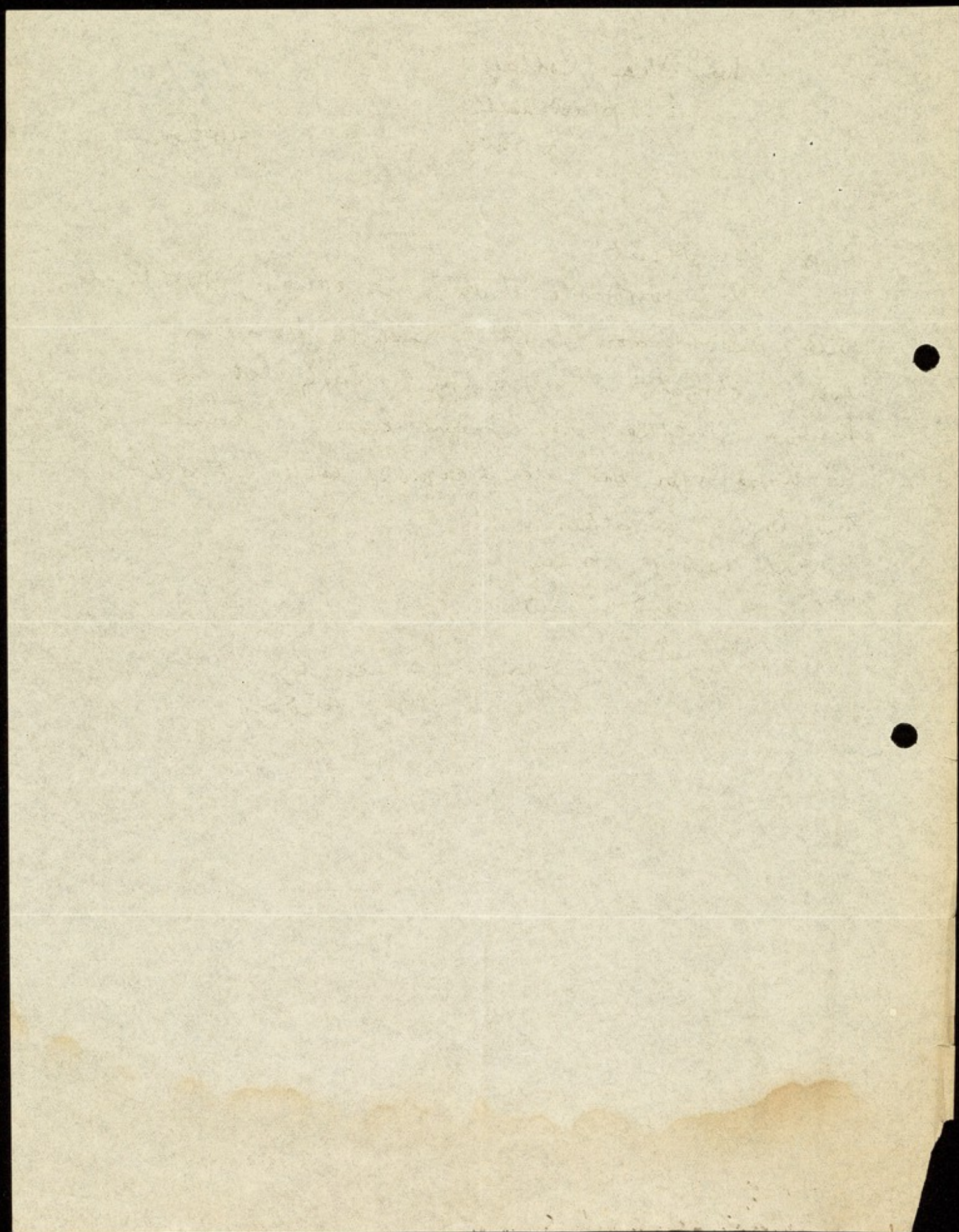
With love to May,

& kind regards

I am yours sincerely  
M. Ridout -

See doctor  
Can send cuts, if necessary  
Try to make it too much







Dec. 9, 1912

Dear Mrs. Ridout,

I send you the latest copy of our Report, in which you will find all particulars about rates and admission of patients. You will see that the lowest rate for persons not members of the Society of Friends is 48/- a week.

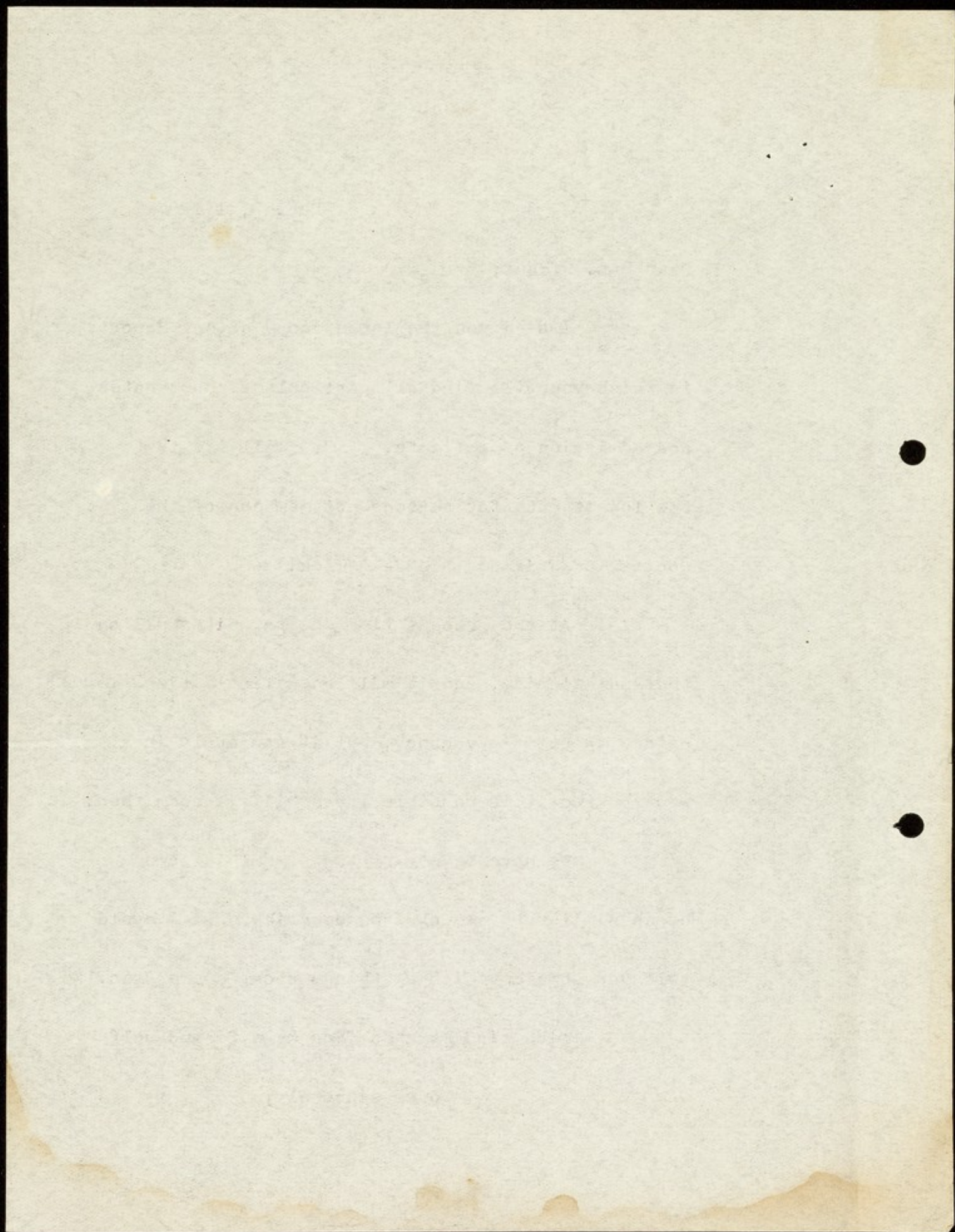
At the present time we are quite full on the Ladies' side, and it will be a little time before there is a vacancy, but if you apply in a week or two it is possible there will be room then.

We have been very successful in some cases similar to the one you describe, and I could tell you some astonishing things about one or two.

With kind regards from my wife and self

Yours sincerely,





W. Vien Cottage  
Shepherdswell  
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My dear May, (Mrs. Hunt)

A cousin of mine who  
has been living here with  
us has broken down.

This is a case of nervous  
depression - with such  
chronic fear of indigestion  
that she has starved  
herself & become very weak  
body & brain.

We are enquiring about



rest homes - I wondered  
whether the "Retreat" could  
be suitable.

Will you ask Mr Hunt  
kindly to send me particulars  
and to explain the  
nature of those cases for  
which the "Retreat" has  
proved most useful -

I do hope you are keeping  
stronger - I saw your  
mother & Father & Helen  
a few weeks ago.

It was a great pleasure

to meet them again.

I am hurrying to catch  
the post so please  
excuse me now.

Yours with love always  
(Mrs.) M. Ridout