May 28, 1910

Dear Dr. Luard,

There is a patient at Harrogate who is mildly depressed, but not suicidal. She stays in bed a good deal and likes being waited on. It is a case of some standing and we have a nurse now in charge. It occurred to me that you might be able to take her, and I should think that after a time you would be able to do without the nurse as the attention required is not great: the friends are not very well off. Would you write to them direct, saying whether you can take the patient and what the terms would be, giving particulars as to your house. The case is one which can quite suitably be received in a private house. The address is Miss Helen Beetham, 6 Prince of Wales Terrace, Scarborough.

Yours very truly,

6 Prince of Wales Terrace
Scarborough May 27th

Dear Dr Pearce

It is no use talking to Dr Shorthey about my sister. for it is 3 years since he saw her. & I am afraid it is not what we should like my sister to do. but — just what she will like to do. So that

the much-loved it
until we can pay
her another visit.
We should like to
know what Dr Lauri-
dea would be, if she
would require a
nurse while there,?
for my sisters expenses
are now more than they
ought to be.
We should like her to
pay free a visit, but
I am afraid she won't
do that at present.

Yours sincerely
Helen Bentham

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Danum House,
Scarborough.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am glad to tell you that we still continue to have nice bright letters from my sister, saying how very much she enjoys her visit to Bournemouth, but now & then she tells us her head has been bothering her & she must keep quiet & not do so

much better so far it passes
off & we hear no more. One
of my sisters will join her
at Bournemouth very shortly
so that we shall have a
better chance of knowing
more about her. Several
friends who see her, tell
us how well she looks,
& she tells us she has added
6 lbs pounds to her weight.
She also talks of coming
North when my sister returns
for I expect she will find
it too hot later on. Where
she is now. Can tell you
no more at present.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Helen Beetham

April 10th

Dec 14th

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Danum House,
Scarborough.

Dear Dr Pierce

We quite thought my sister had settled quietly down with you for a short time longer but expect it is the shock of our Father's death that has upset her. It is very natural that she should

long to come here, but the fear tomorrow might try her & it would only make it harder for us all. So we trust she will be content & keep as quiet as possible until next week if you think then she is well enough to return home. I enclose her letter for your h-band.

Yours sincerely

H Beetham

Jan 13th

(907)

Promenade Mount
Yarrapath

Dear Dr Pierce

I have just received your letter, & hope to see you at Starkoro shortly. "The sooner the better" for I am afraid my sister will fidget until things are settled. Glad to hear you think her better

Yours Sincerely
Ellen Beetham

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OFFICE OF
CLERK TO THE MAGISTRATES.
PICKERING LYTHE EAST. N. R.

38, QUEEN STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

3rd Octr 1906.

Dear Sir,

re Miss Sarah Beetham.

I am obliged by your letter of yesterday's date. Miss Beetham is quite prepared to pay £4/4/- a week for her sister, but as I pointed out before, she does not consider that she is in a position to pay a larger amount considering the heavy expenses which have to be met at the present time. Will you please let me know what expense is being incurred on Miss Beetham's behalf at the present time, and when you think the lower rate will begin.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. Donner
Watts.

W.E.Waller Esq
Secretary
The Retreat
York.

Oct 4th

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Danum House,
Scarborough.

Dear Sir.

I enclose a cheque for £68. 5. I am unable to sign the form received as you will have heard from our Trustee that I cannot make myself responsible for an unlimited amount –

in case of my fathers
death. We are all
hopeful that our sister
should have the
treatment you consider
best for her at present.

Yours sincerely
Helen Beetham

Dr Bedford Pierce

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38, QUEEN STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

1st. October 1906.

Dear Sir,

Miss Beetham has asked me to write you in reference to your letter of the 26th. ultimo. Miss Beetham feels that she is not in a position to sign the form of guarantee which you sent to her, as she does not consider that she will be in a position to meet the obligation. Miss Beetham's father is a very old man and incapable of transacting any business and Miss Beetham manages his affairs under a Power of Attorney given by him some time ago. At the present time the expenses in connection with her father's attendance and her sister's illness have been a very serious matter, but if anything should happen to her father each of the six daughters would then have their own money and it would be impossible then at any rate to pay the amount mentioned in your account for Miss Sarah Beetham. I am therefore instructed to enquire whether these terms represent the minimum at which Miss Sarah Beetham can be retained at the Retreat. If unfortunately it should turn out to be so Miss Beetham will find it necessary to endeavour to find another home for her sister as she does not feel that her financial position warrants her in paying more than £250 per annum.

Will you kindly let me hear from you on the matter.

Yours faithfully

H. E. Donner.

W. E. Waller Esq.
Secretary,
The Retreat,
York

Dear Sir,

Miss Beetham has asked me to write you in reference to your letter of the 25th. ultimo. Miss Beetham feels that she is not in a position to sign the form of guarantee which you sent to her, as she does not consider that she will be in a position to meet the obligation. Miss Beetham's father is a very old man and incapable of transacting any business and Miss Beetham manages his affairs under a Power of Attorney given by him some time ago. At the present time she expenses in connection with her father's attendance and her sister's illness have been a very serious matter, but if anything should happen to her father each of the daughters would then have their own money and it would be impossible then at any rate to pay the amount mentioned in your account for Miss Sarah Beetham. I am therefore instructed to enquire whether these terms represent the minimum at which Miss Sarah Beetham can be retained at the Retreat. If unfortunately it should turn out to be so Miss Beetham will find it necessary to endeavour to find another home for her sister as she does not feel that her financial position warrants her in paying more than £220 per annum.

Will you kindly let me hear from you on the matter.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Esq.
Secretary,
The Retreat,
York

March 21, 1910

Dear Dr. Lever,

There seems to be no objection, whatever, to making an exchange of nurses. In fact, I often think that it is best for both patient and nurse to part after a lengthened period. So we shall expect Nurse Kaye back at the time you mention.

With regard to the nurses belonging to our Department, the Committee think that the fee should not be less than two guineas weekly, and as you know a nurse, who will be suitable, who can come for less, there seems to be no reason why the friends should not save the balance.

I am glad to hear that Miss Beetham is going out more. I saw her for a moment, not long ago, and thought her looking rather better.

It is very kind of you to think of asking me to your medical dinner. I hope I shall be able to accept the invitation.

Yours very truly,

MONTPELLIER LODGE,
MONTPELLIER GARDENS,
HARROGATE.

20 March 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Nurse Kaye is leaving Miss Beetham on the 31st, and I have been asked to try & find another nurse at a guinea & a half per week to take her place — on the ground of Economy —

I have seen a very suitable nurse at the Victoria Nursing Home here who can come, out of uniform, and seems personally fit as a companion —

but has no special Experience of mental cases —

I am writing to ask whether you would prefer them to have another nurse from the Retreat or think it unnecessary.

Mrs Beetham has been out more just lately, Except when the weather has been very cold, and is in fair general health — not much change otherwise.

With kind regards

Fremantle

Yours truly

F Lewis

The date of the Med Soc Dinner is not fixed yet — I shall hope to see you here for the Dinner & to stay the night —.

MONTPELLIER LODGE,
HARROGATE.

4 Feb: 1910.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I saw Miss Beetham this morning and explained to her how much stress you lay upon her being more active in her habits - getting regular exercise &c, and above all not taking to bed. She is very pleasant - and promises amendment in her ways but

has many arguments to show that complete rest is the best thing for her —

Some time ago when she was a trifle better I got my wife to call on her and there was some talk of her making an effort to come here whenever she wanted a little change and society, but it never got any further. I will let you know later how she goes on.

The phenacetin was ordered for some neuralgic pains ten days ago and has now been stopped.

I should think it would be as well for you to see her the next time anything brings you this way as she certainly is less inclined to make any effort than she was a little time back —

With kind regards

Tremain

Yours truly

F. Lever.

Promenade Ground.
Harrogate
Jan. 30th 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

Miss Beetham would like me to come to your to see you & tell you just how she is. She thinks you might be able to suggest something further for her.

She is not quite so well as she has been, & is very anxious to try everything possible, she is so very keen on getting well.

Dr. Lever seems so unsatisfactory he prescribes endless medicine which has no effect. but all this I can tell you if it is possible for me to come.

We tried the sour milk, but I think it rather upset her digestion.

If you can see me, will you let me know a day to come & the time please.

With kind regards
Yours truly
Gladys M. Eyre.

Jan. 6, 1910

Dear Dr. Lever,

I am glad to hear that Miss Beetham is slowly improving. If the nurse does not wish to be moved there is no reason why she should not stop on longer. Our arrangements with regard to "three months" are only intended to prevent the nurse being kept too long at a difficult case. I should imagine the present case is quite an easy one from the nurse's point of view.

With reference to fees I think it would be better to send the account to the patient's sister in Scarborough who has hitherto managed her affairs. Nurse Kaye will give you the address.

With kind regards and good wishes for the new year,

Yours very truly,

MONTPELLIER LODGE,
MONTPELLIER GARDENS,
HARROGATE.

5 Jan: 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Miss Beetham has not altered much, but is on the whole less evidently low-spirited — She occasionally has a day or two in bed - complaining of headache or neuralgia, and wants encouraging to get out and about — She only occasionally has bad nights — The soured milk agrees with her and makes aperients unnecessary.

Nurse tells me that her time

will be up at the End of the Month – She has been very Suitable and would be so if She can be Spared longer.

Shall I send Miss Beetham her Xmas bill in the ordinary way, or do her relatives look after her business matters for her?

With kind regards & Good wishes for the New Year

Tremain

Yours truly

F. Lewis.

end her away & I told him & the doctor in charge of the case I would not & could not take such a responsibility & that I should write to you to night, besides I feel I have had quite enough, so if Dr. Pierce would write to Mrs Bradley & get me away soon I shall be so glad.

With kindest regards

Yours faithfully

Jessie Towle.

THE VICARAGE,
YEADON,
LEEDS.

Dec: 20/09.

Dear Miss Thomasson.

Many thanks for letter received this morning. The climax came this morning when Mrs Bradley attempted to set her clothes on fire while alone in a room with Mr. B. She says she wishes to end her life, & even now Mr. B. does not realise the seriousness of it all. He will not

that, all of which she loathes, & I am afraid she has not much faith in Dr. Lewis; but if you say whether she may have a little claret or not she will be satisfied. She takes no other kind of alcohol at all.
I think it is a little stimulant she feels to need, the port used to soothe her of to sleep.
She sleeps better than she did some time ago, but is not sleeping so well just now.
Please kindly remember me to Mrs Pierce & Miss Hamilton.
With all good wishes for Christmas
Yours sincerely
G. Eye.

C/o Mrs Williamson
Promenade Mount.
Dec. 9th 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce –
Miss Beetham is anxious that I should write you & tell you of her progress; really & truly I do not think it is much although of course I am always ~~bouying~~ her up & tell her that it really only needs an effort on her own part to throw the whole thing off.
She gets a little impatient at times because she does not feel more herself; she seemed

to think that one of your nurses was going to cure her in a few days, I am always preaching patience. She is not very depressed, sometimes more so than others, but she seldom shows it & makes a great effort to summon herself & is always telling herself that she will soon be better.

When we are playing games at night she becomes quite bright & jolly & goes into fits of laughter, she says she has laughed more since I came to her than she has done for years. I tell her, I am not quite sure that that is complimentary to me.

She wants me particularly to ask you if she might take a little claret with her evening meal.

She has for two years past been taking a glass of meat juice & port wine just before going to sleep. It is to help her to sleep, you did not object to this the last, but Dr. Lever advised port wine alone & she took this for a time. Then her liver got sluggish & I stopped the port at night. Dr. Lever of course approved & now she misses it so dreadfully & is not sleeping so well.

Dr. Lever does not seem to want her to take the claret, & advises Eulser, ginger ale, & things like

6. Prince of Wales Terrace
Scarborough.

Oct: 11. '09.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

We are pleased to have your favourable report of my sister this morning & write to tell you we do not know any doctor in Harrogate so leave the selection to you. Hoping he will be one who will not pay unnecessary visits as my sister's expenses

the last two years have been heavy for her limited income.

We do not know exactly what you mean by my sister living with a family. Do you mean boarding with a family, or returning to us? If the latter we do not think it advisable as our house is closed & we are in lodgings here for the winter & more about during the summer months & when we have been with her this summer during our stay in Eastbourne she has been more depressed & nurse told us she was much brighter when we were not with her.

We shall be glad to receive any suggestions from you when her present nurse leaves.

Do you consider it necessary she should have a trained nurse with her?

I remain,

Yrs truly

S Beethaem.

20. Dec. 104.

Dear Nurse Kaye

I think all I can do is to encourage you to peg away. I quite expect Mrs Beetham will recover in time. There seems to be one really unfavourable sign: that fact that he can forget herself in conversation.

I don't think she should take the closet — indeed I fancy she will be well advised not to take stimulants to keep her up. Still one some hot milk answers the purpose.

It is very probable that cocoa hot lemon water or hot Peppermint

taken at the cold times would do as well instead of the closet.

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Exhibition [illegible]

[illegible] to Mrs Beetham [illegible] I hope before very long to hear that the closet has quite killed

Ever your [illegible]

[illegible]

20 Dec. 1[illegible]

Dear James Irvine

I think all down here is
uncertain yet for sure. Denis
expect from Williams will return in
time. Otherwise it is an really
unfortunate origin, but just that the
can final second in[illegible].

I know little about late the
client, indeed I assume should be
well material and future eliminated
I leaf in draft. Will mention
but really answer to further.

[illegible]