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him strongly to try the Retreat,  
indeed he always speaks  
favourably of it and the treat-  
ment there -

Phelan I understand is very  
trying on his family when at  
home and unwell

Thanking thee for thy kindness  
to my son while with you -

Very sincerely thy friend

Henry Bell

Summerville

Waterford 13. 12. 07.

Dear Doctor Pierce

I Phelan's family is  
desirous that some one should  
write, that if possible he should  
be induced to remain until he  
is quite well, as I understand  
his attacks recur; he was some  
months in Dr. Brown's Asylum, Cork  
9 or 12 months ago - Seeing Albert  
so well he came here to make  
inquiries about - (the York Retreat)  
the Asylum he received treatment  
I only know him in business  
transactions & always found him  
a very upright man.

I believe Albert recommended



*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

W. VLEKLOED  
SOUWELANGE

half an hour's nap.

It is just possible if he continues to get on well we may remain 6 or 8 weeks longer - I would therefore be glad to know what your arrangements as to payment (if any) are, also as to attendant remuneration -

But for any possible trouble about food, I would not hesitate to bring Albert home temporarily if he continued as well as at present, he is holding himself somewhat better & takes interest in his surroundings more or less.

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely  
H Bell

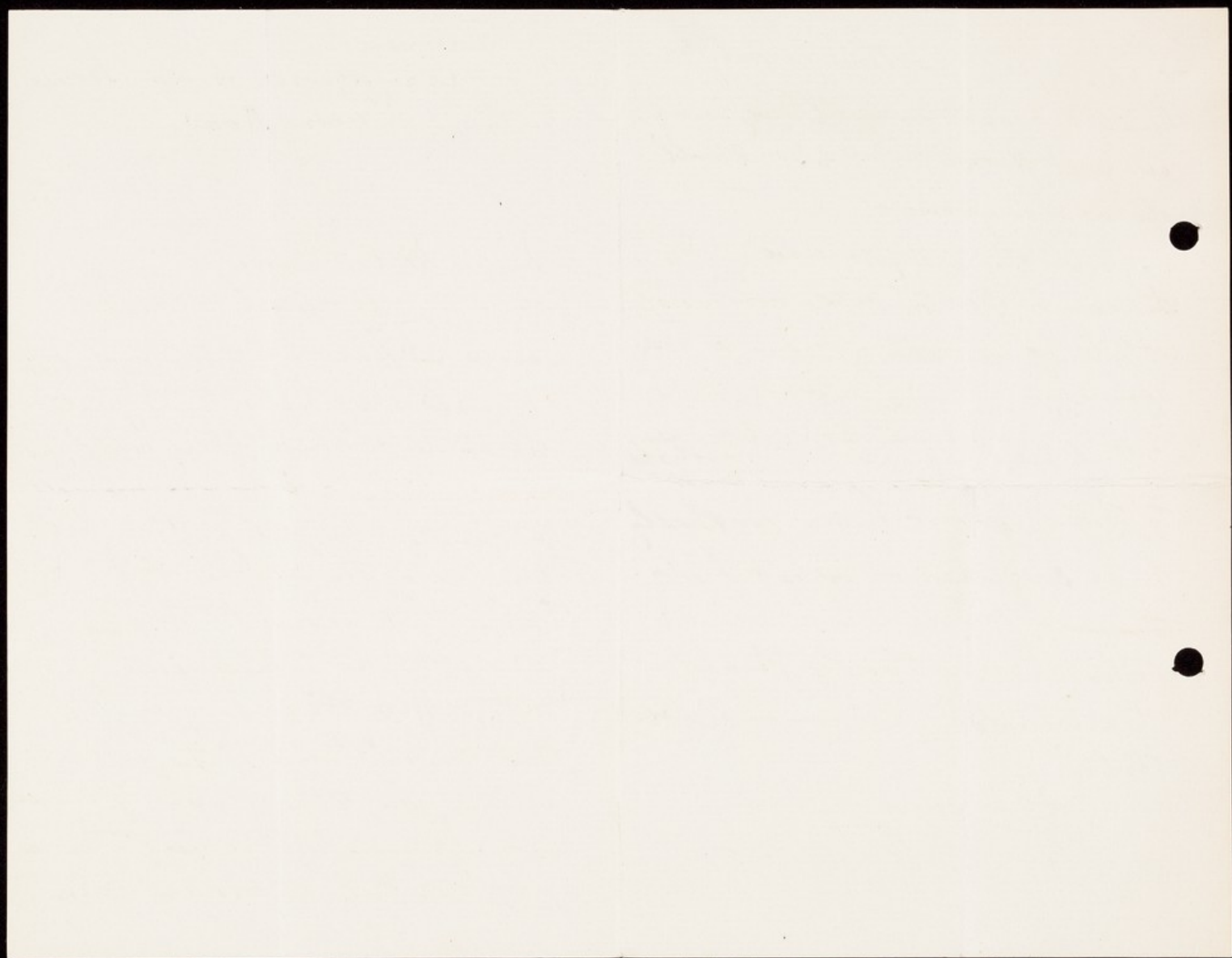
Court Royal (611)  
Queens Road  
Llandudno.  
24. 7. '07

Dear Doctor Pierce

With the exception of a loss in weight which may be accounted for by aperient medicine I think Albert keeps about the same as when he came here - he continues the eggs & milk with an occasional biscuit & I think generally has sufficient nourishment, when, with the exception of food he is very much lacking variety -

Mentally he seems quite clear although he does not talk much, He sleeps well at night and after dinner (20) often has





I quite feel that this is only a trial & hope it may be beneficial, but if it proves not so, we shall do as you advise -

I don't quite know whether I am to pay J Fulton & if so how much while he is here - if I am to do so would you kindly let me know, but if not please don't trouble writing - I have observed he is not so bright as when I saw him in York, but expect he is tired -

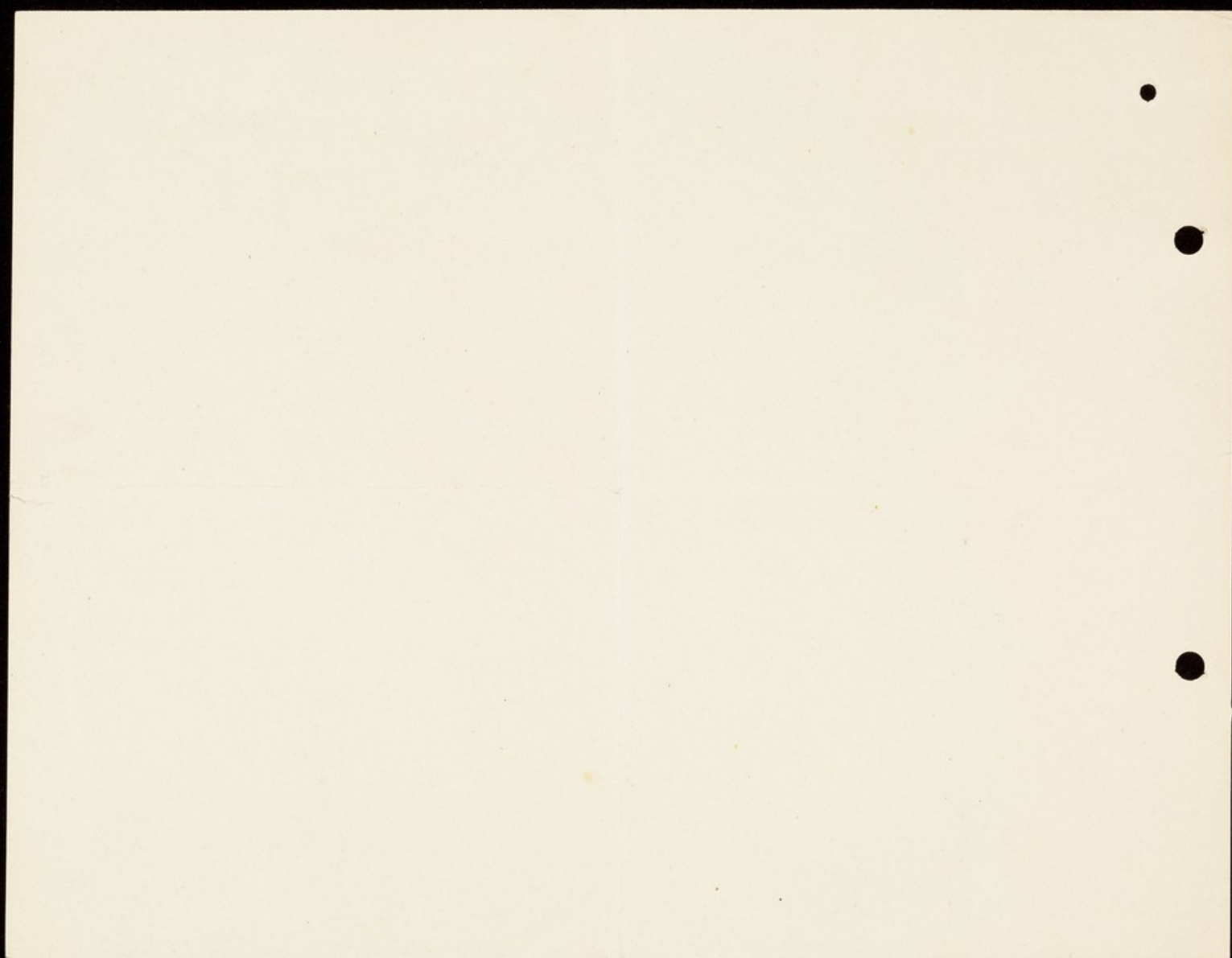
With many thanks for all the trouble you have so kindly taken

I am sincerely  
Henry Bell-

"The Annex"  
Craig-y-don Boarding House  
Queens Road  
Llandudno  
7th 11 1907. 575

Dear Doctor Pierce

Albert with Fulton reached here 4 PM today, latter handed me your note - I quite speak he will suit very well, he seems disposed to make himself agreeable & useful - You will perceive by the address at top we are not now in the boarding house, having taken private apartments in The Annex in which there are no other visitors, so that we are quite to ourselves - Of course our influence will be used to induce Albert to take the ordinary food as well as to walk & rest -



Summerville Waterford

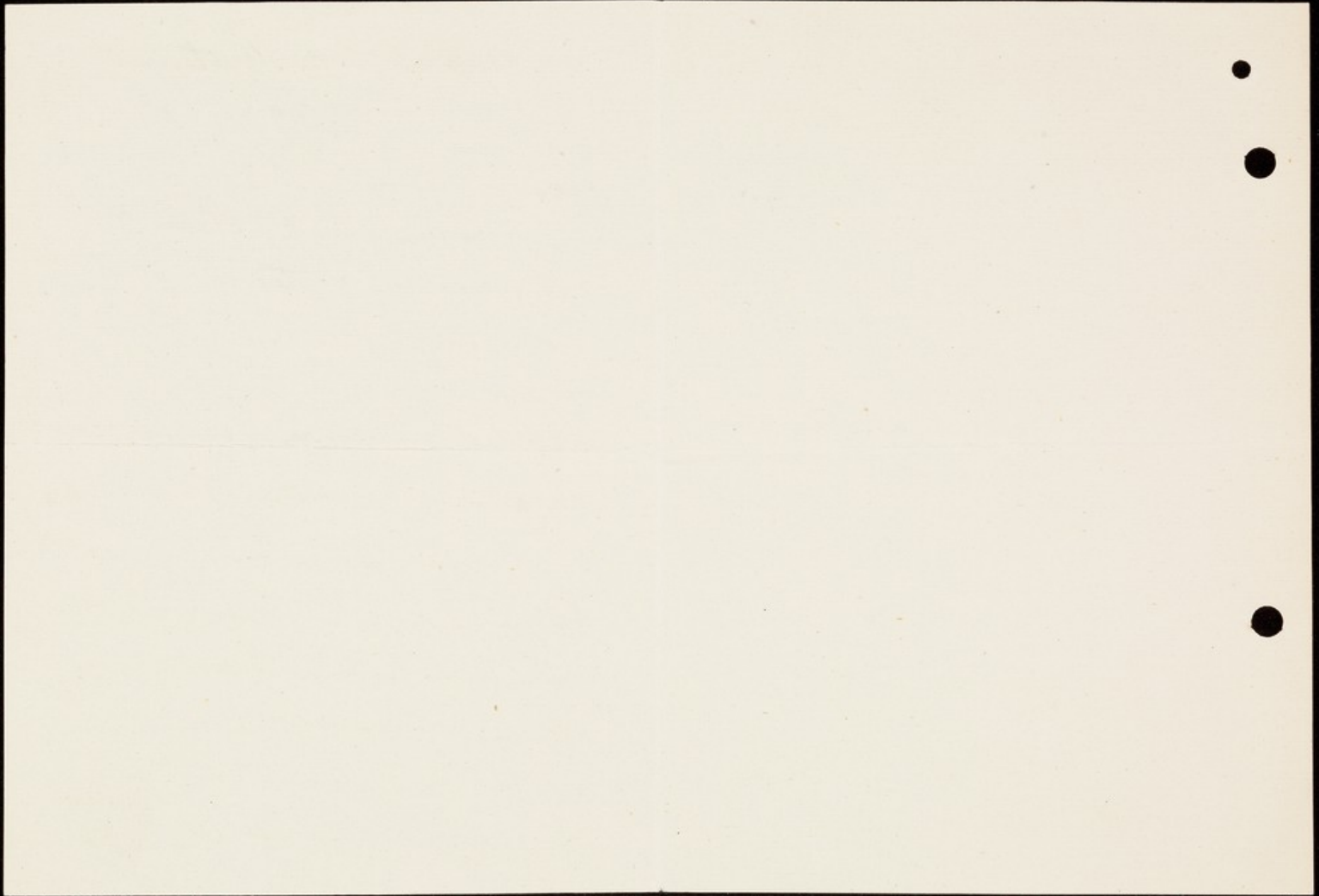
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29. 6. 07

Dear Dr Mackenzie

I am much obliged for  
yours received yesterday with  
enclosure from my son, & very  
pleased to learn of the improve-  
ment, wh<sup>ch</sup> I hope may be per-  
manent. Any recreation or change  
which you do not consider wh<sup>ch</sup>  
be injurious wh<sup>ch</sup> he would wish  
I would like him to have, the  
expense of wh<sup>ch</sup> can be charged in  
bill. My wife I intend to see  
him next week. Yours Sincerely  
H Bell





Summerville

Waterford 17. 6. 07

Dear Doctor Pierce

I would be glad to know how  
my son Albert is - has he im-  
proved do you consider since I  
saw him - is he taking his meals  
better or has he to be fed - & has  
his weight increased - Dr  
MacKenzie wrote me he weighed  
on 21 May 8 st 8 1/2 lb. What was  
a loss of 12 in six weeks -  
Is he well enough to go to one  
of your convalescent homes  
do you consider

Sincerely Henry Bell

Is he well enough to take for  
a fortnight to the sea side or  
a country place

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JOHN E. SOUTHALL.  
PRINTER, STATIONER &C.

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5 Woodlawn Rd

149, Dock Street,

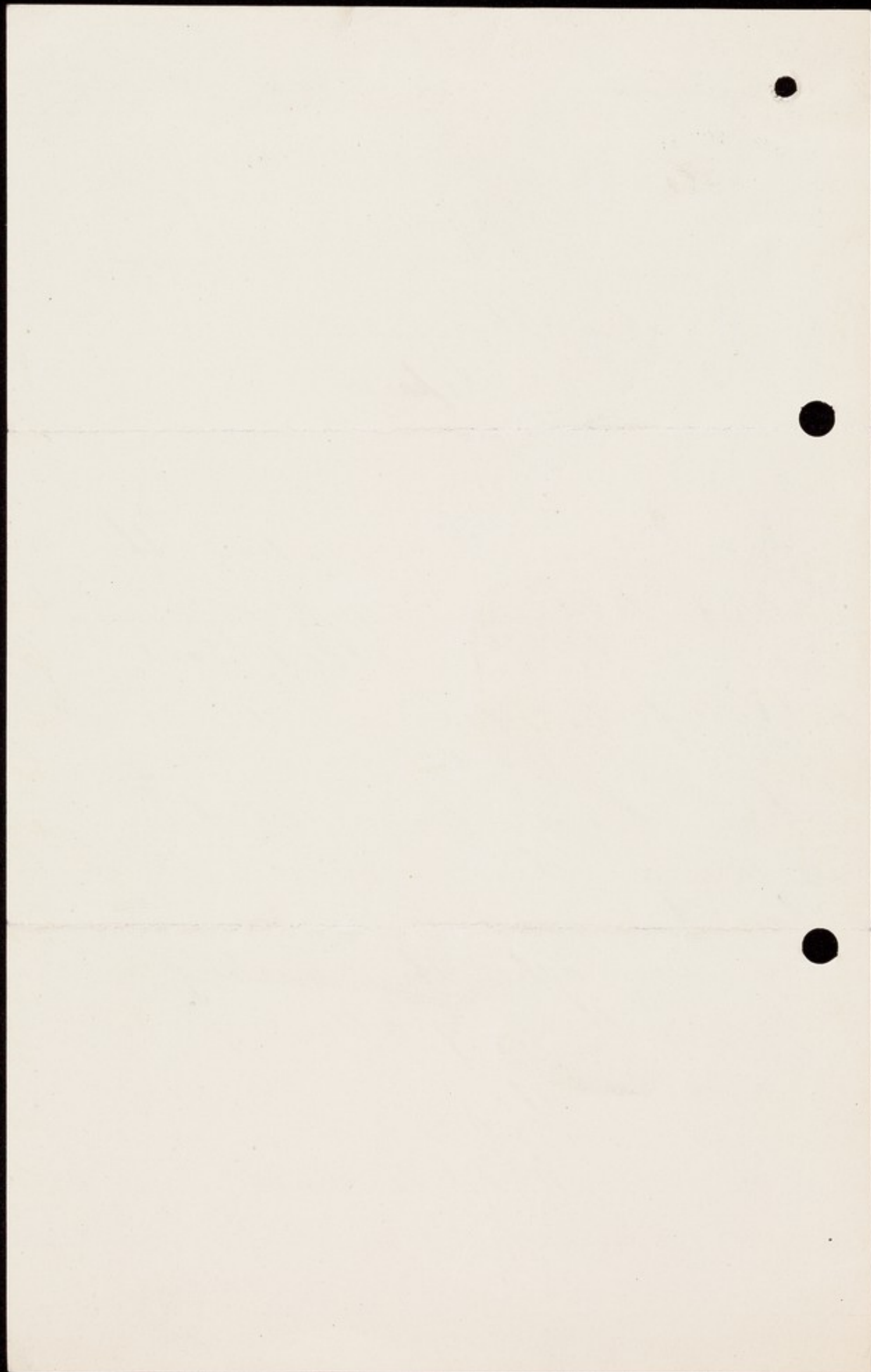
Newport, Mon. 5 mo. 1 1907

To Head Physician  
Repeal

I am desirous of visiting the  
Repeal to see my former  
intimate friend Albert Bell  
of Wakeford if he is well Enamored

Please let me know whether  
so far as thou knowest 4<sup>th</sup> day  
the 8<sup>th</sup> would be a suitable  
day, soon after the meeting  
which I think of attending

Thy friend  
John E. Southall



(291)

ROYAL STATION HOTEL,

YORK. 41 Mo. 11. '07

Dear Doctor Price

After having spent nearly all day with my son Albert - to me he seems physically much stronger & also better mentally - he seems free from delusions except about speaking -

I encouraged him to take daily (½ an hour after breakfast and an hour after dinner) two hours walking exercise which would much assist his appetite -

He complains very strongly



ROYAL STATION HOTEL  
NEW YORK

of the electric bath - as  
being more than he can  
bear he fears at times -  
so I would under these  
circumstances suggest  
that for the present - they  
be discontinued -

He seems very comfortable  
& I think he feels so -

Yours sincerely  
Henry Bell -

Ans

Burnbrae  
Hlenewood Road  
Bournemouth<sup>west</sup> 15. 3. '07

(219)

Dear Doctor Pierce

We were obliged for your telegram received yesterday and would like to know a few more particulars about Albert. being at such a distance we have no other means of ascertaining how he is & are often anxious to know -

1 Do you consider there is any improvement either mentally or physically -?

2 Does he seem to be under any delusions?

- 3 Does he seem to be brighter  
or more cheerful? & does  
he take more interest in  
his surroundings, or in any  
thing-?
- 4 Does he go for his walks  
daily & does he appear to  
enjoy being out?
- 5 Has he to be fed less  
frequently - & does he at  
times seem to enjoy <sup>his</sup> food.
- 6 Does he continue to <sup>rest</sup>  
well at nights-?
- 7 Is he more inclined to con-  
verse than he was-?
- 8 Does he get the electric  
baths still, or is he under  
any special treatment-?

9 Is there any other particular  
<sup>can</sup> you tell us about him -  
& Very much oblige  
Yours truly  
Henry Bell



Summerville,  
Waterford.

2. 6. 1891

Ans/

Dear Dr. Pierce

We are anxious to know whether you think there is any decided improvement in Albert. Personally I thought him better. a week or two ago. when I was up in York. <sup>we</sup> were some what disappointed on receiving Dr. McKingus wire to day.

Do you think his brain diseased in any way? as I was impressed how he seemed to take in every thing I said - intelligently. We wd like to know if he requires less attention from the attendants & if he is any better able to do for him-  
-Self. Do you feel encouraged about him? - Any other information you can give us

will be acceptable -  
Do you think his  
health good?

One might say that it  
strikes me the day I  
was with him that con-  
sidering he had been  
fed at 11 oc. a.m.  
the dinner put before  
him was ~~rather~~<sup>too</sup> much  
at 1.30. I had a  
similar amount &  
found it quite a  
heavy dinner -

he has always been  
a man of small

appetite. Hoping you  
are quite recovered  
yourself. -

With kind regards  
Yours sincerely

T. Fred<sup>d</sup> Bell



Will excuse this trouble, as  
we are always anxious to  
hear how he is - With

Kind regards -

Sincerely, thy friend  
Henry Roll-

✓ 1063  
Summerville,

Waterford

26.12.86

Dear Doctor Pierce

Would thou kindly  
let me know how my son  
Albert is - if mentally there  
is any improvement since  
his brother was seen - Does  
he continue to sleep well  
& "take" his food - & does he  
seem less dull, does he  
continue to take the usual  
exercise - & does he read or  
take any interest in our  
letters? Hoping thou



11-12-1944

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in the morning or evening - an  
attendant - will go with them -  
Trusting that under the  
Divine blessing the change  
will be very beneficial

I am thy friend sincerely  
Henry Bell

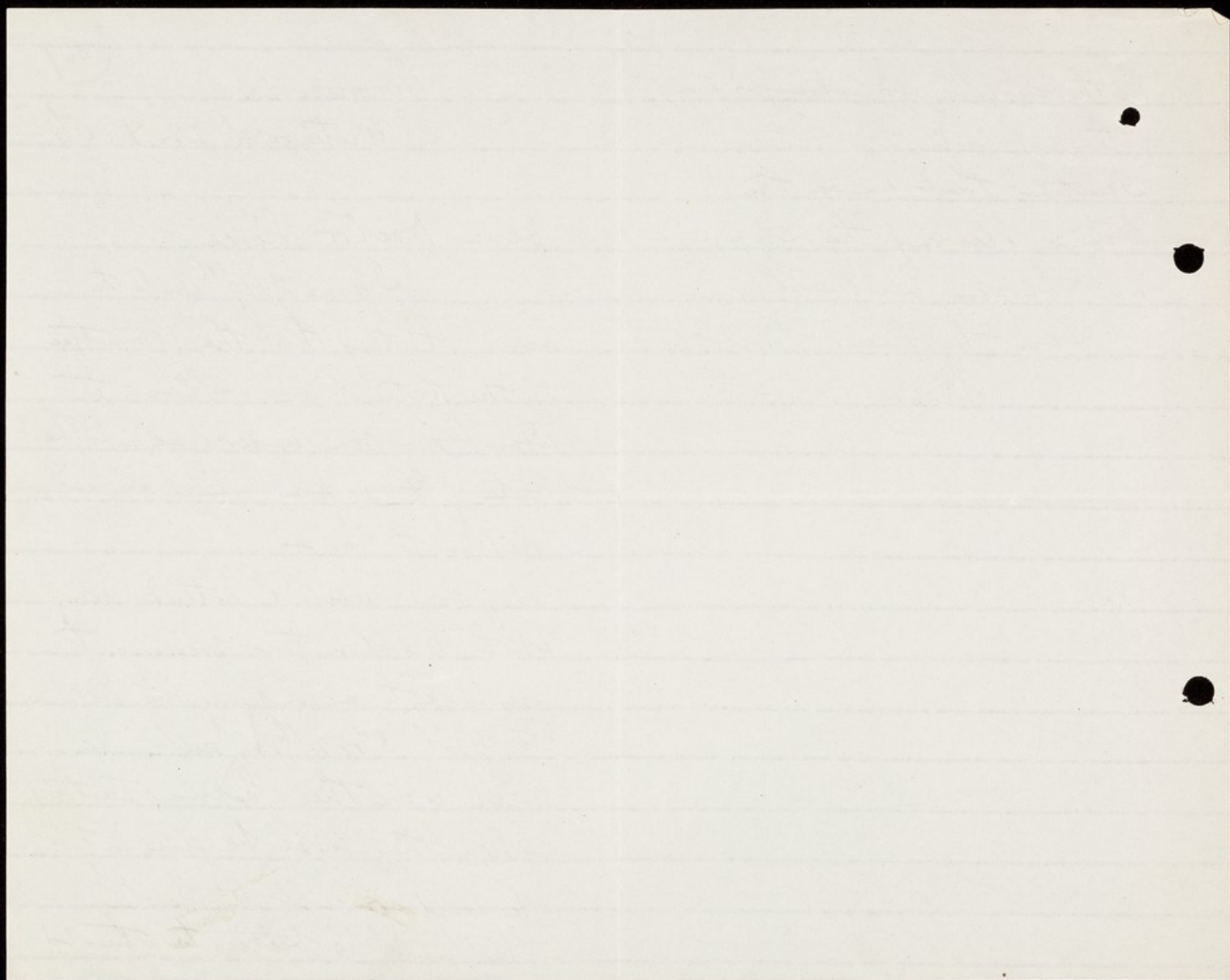
Summerville

(839)  
Waterford 22. X. 06

Dear Doctor Pierce,

I have of 19<sup>th</sup> inst. to  
hand. stating that the Committee  
of the Retreat are willing to  
admit my son (under care) at the  
rate of £200 per. which we are  
willing to pay -

My son Frederick intends going  
up to Dublin this evening to  
arrange to accompany his brother  
to York 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> day next. He  
will wire thee before starting  
when they will be due in York.  
He will consult Dr. Bewley  
whether it is better to start





mind than it was. - He is  
very much better than he was.  
But Doctor Bewley thinks a  
change might be of advantage  
to him.

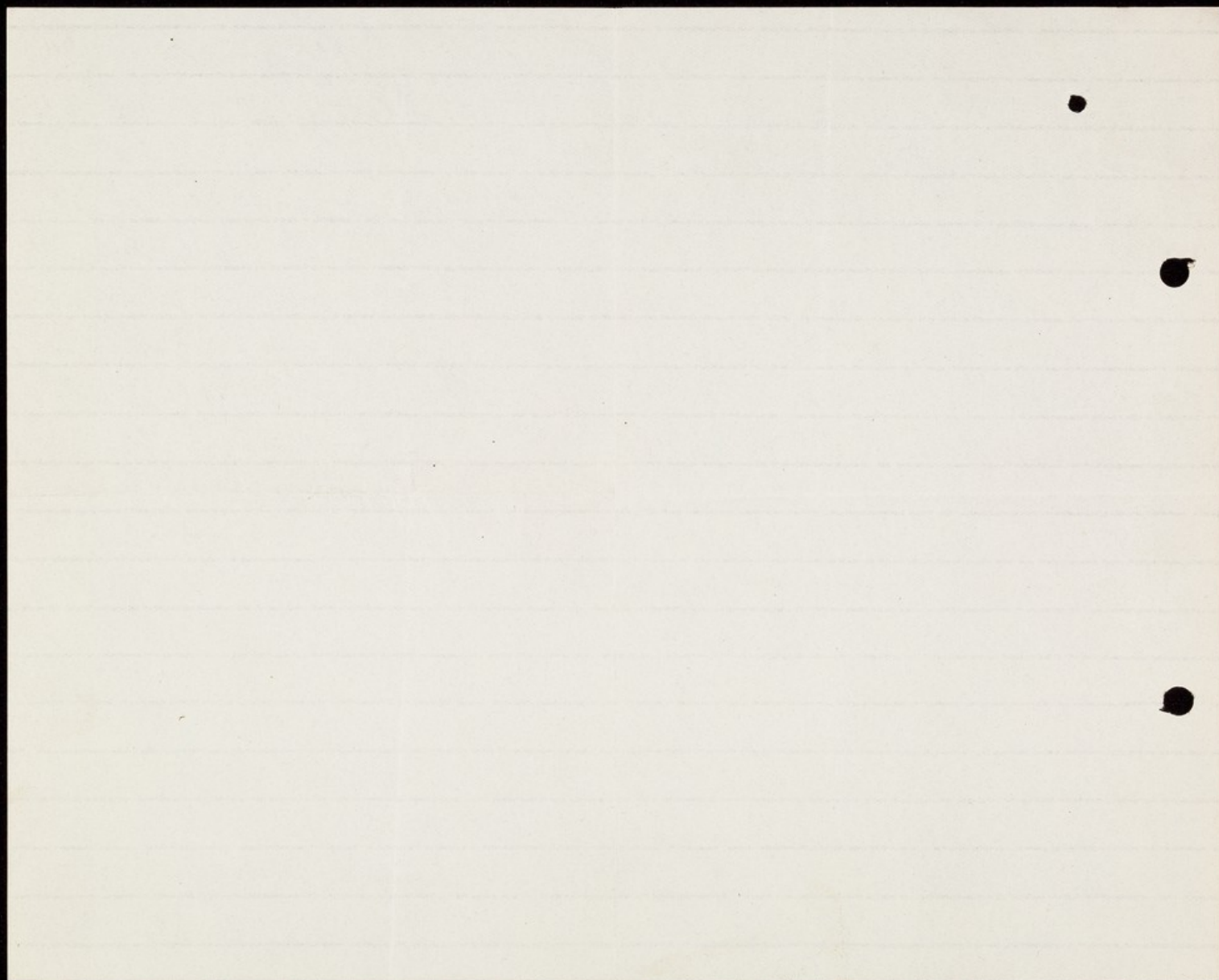
If Dr Pierce considered he  
required more than ordinary  
attention, I would be satisfied  
to pay an increased rate, up  
to £200 per. His age was 41  
his last birthday - I would  
like him to have a cheerful  
south bed sitting room, but  
I think the general sitting  
room would be more helpful  
to him, if he could be induced  
to use it. - He has at present  
a private sitting room and  
bedroom separate - Your friend  
Henry Bell

Summerhill Newtown (84)  
Waterford 13 10 '06

To the Committee of York Retreat  
Dear Friends

I wish to apply for admission  
for my son Albert St Bell into  
the Retreat. He is at present - &  
has been for nearly eleven months  
at Bloomfield Dublin, he is  
suffering from melancholia -

The Bloomfield Committee  
are charging at the rate of  
£100 per. I shall be glad to  
know if you can admit him  
at the same rate. He is quiet  
but Dr St Bewley, said he had  
a suicidal tendency, which  
seems to me very much less on his







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

## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

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

WITNESS my hand the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of 12 Month 1906

Name Henry Bell  
Residence Summersville  
Occupation Waterford

SIGNED by the said \_\_\_\_\_  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Signature } \_\_\_\_\_  
Address, and } \_\_\_\_\_  
Profession. } \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



