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27th January, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bird,

Your brother managed the journey quite satisfactorily yesterday to Nottingham. Before he left I asked him to sign the paper about the Post Office, but he declined to do so, and said he did not wish to resign anything. He was too confused in mind to attend to matters of business.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

27th January, 1915.

Dear Miss Bird,

You will be glad to hear that your brother arrived quite safely yesterday. The attendant tells me that there was not much difficulty on the journey, only a little shouting which did not give much trouble. Dr. Bird was not willing to sign the resignation of which you spoke, but he took the paper away with him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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13, GRANVILLE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

19th Feb 1915

Dear Dr. Bedford Price,

I have no doubt that
you have received a letter
from my mother - thanking
you for all your very
great kindness to Willie
a my sister - who was
as you know very devoted
to him - but may I add
on behalf of the rest of
the family - that we are
very grateful to you and
realise what a great deal

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

you have done to make
our troubles lighter.

It has been a great
consolation to us that
my mother has been
enabled to bear the loss
so bravely.

Again thanking you
Yours v. sincerely,
Arthur L. Bird

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3. St. Leonard's
York.
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Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce.

I feel I should
like to add my words of
thanks for all you have
done for us - no one
could have been kinder or
more considerate.

We shall always be

most grateful to you -

Yours sincerely

Agnes Colton-Joe

3. J. Leonard's

York.

Feb. 12⁵

Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce.

Many thanks for your
very kind letter of sympathy -
I think you realize what Willie's
death means to us, he was such
an exceptionally good brother &
son & so sociable & companionable

in his own home that he will leave things easy for me & it was just
a big blank in it now -

My Mother is very wonderful & I hope is going away next week - she
greatly appreciates all the kindnesses
& sympathy she has had & it is
a very great help to her -

I shall ^{always} feel most intensely grateful
for all you did for him & for making

of you to let me see so much of
him - I expect I was a great nuisance
at times!

Mother joins me in many thanks.

Yours sincerely

R. Langnet Bird.

13 Granville Road
6, FERNWOOD ROAD,
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

25. Jan^y. 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce.

I am enclosing you
a letter which my brother
may be able to sign - If
he can - it will as you
may suppose save considerable
trouble.

My sister will send
the letter on.

With kind regards.

Yours truly
Arthur L. Bird

6 Fernwood Road,
Newcastle on Tyne.

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TELEPHONE NO 117.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

THE COPPICE,
NOTTINGHAM.

23rd January, 1915.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I should be very greatly obliged if you would send
Dr Bird, as we are short of attendants at present, and I find
some difficulty in getting suitable men. Would Tuesday suit
you ? If not any other day will be quite convenient for us.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Daniel Hunter.

THE OFFICE
ROTTINGHAM

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20th January, 1915.

Gentlemen,

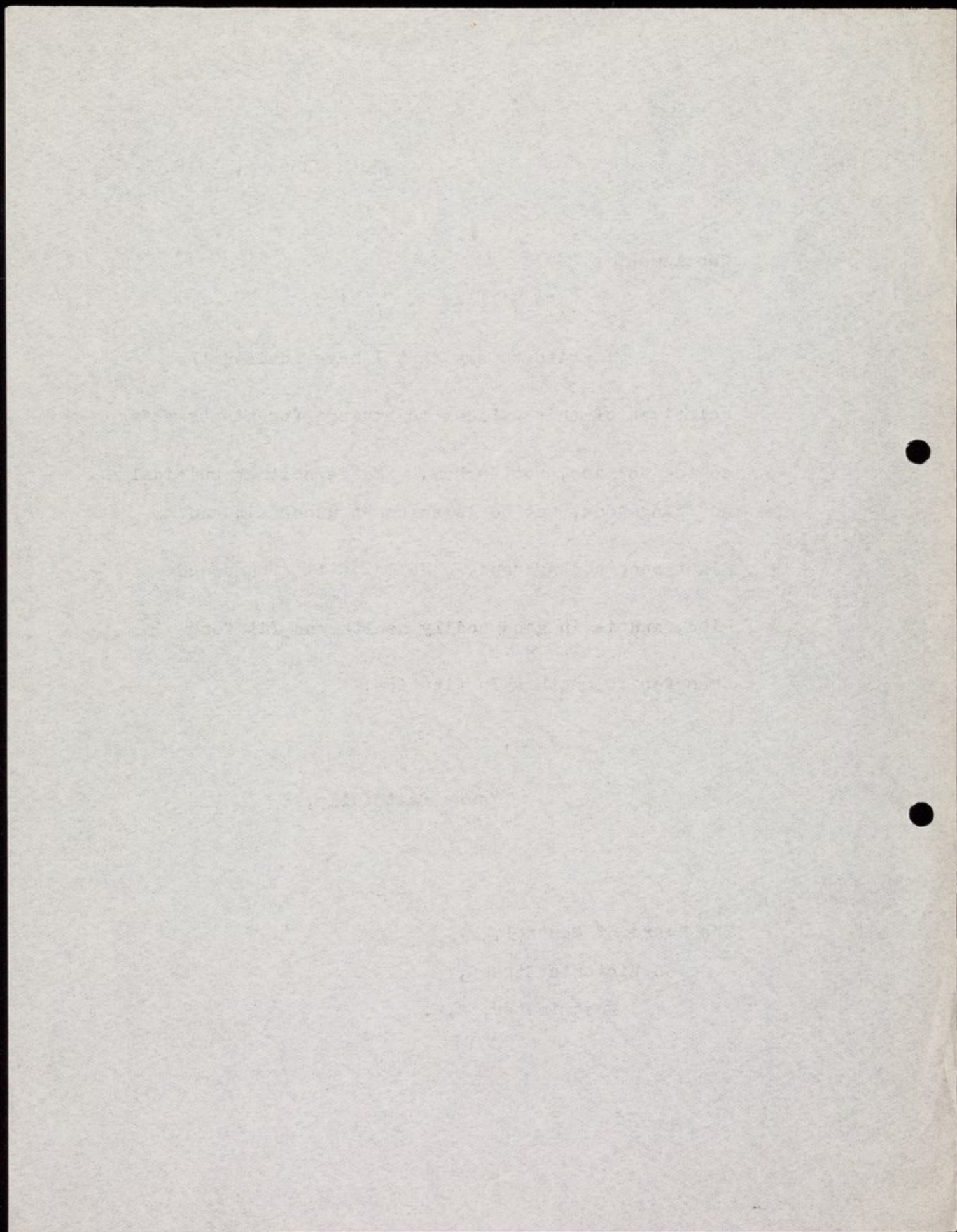
re William E. F. Bird.

I write to say that I have advised the relatives of this patient to arrange for his transfer to the Coppice, Nottingham. He is neither suicidal nor dangerous, but he is somewhat uncertain and might become dangerous. He is still of unsound mind, and is in good bodily health and fit for transfer to another Institution.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Control,
66 Victoria Street,
Westminster, S.W.



THE COPPICE,
NOTTINGHAM.

18 Jan. 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Very many thanks for your letter & information about D-Bird. We have a few vacancies for males, but have been refusing ladies for months. We also are feeling the rise in prices, and, worse still, the serious depreciation of our securities, which will I am afraid delay our proposed alterations & improvements.

The only things we have done are the acquiring of a seaside villa, the purchase of some land from the Corporation & also the beginning of an entirely new drainage system with new sanitary annexes. Again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

David Hunter.

THE OFFICE
NOTES

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G. S. LEONARDS.

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Dec. 15th

Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce.

I feel I must just send
you a line to thank you very much
for so kindly taking so much trouble
in arranging everything for my
brother's comfort & mother wishes

me to tell you how very grateful I am afraid I have been a "very
we both are - she would be very trying relation" but Willie is a good
pleased to see you anytime you are bit to me, so please forgive me -
passing this way if you have time with very many thanks.
to call -

Yours sincerely

J. Margaret Bid.

My brother was very pleased with
his new surroundings & thought he
was very rich & aged seventeen -

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13, GRANVILLE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

5th Dec. 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Many thanks for your
letter.

I am sure that you
are making the best arrangements
possible - and I entirely
approve of your arranging
with my sister all financial
& other details.

Again thanking you.

Yours sincerely

Arthur L. Bird

13, GRANVILLE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

7th. December, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bird,

Many thanks for your letter. Unfortunately I was laid up for a couple of days with a feverish attack, but I doubt very much whether the motor ride had anything to do with it. There have been several similar cases at the Retreat.

Your brother's general condition is very much better. He is confused, cannot satisfactorily express himself, does not properly realise his position, and yet at times takes an intelligent interest in what goes on. We quite think that the proposal to go to Throxenby can be carried out, possibly at the end of this week or the beginning of next.

I am arranging with your sister about the papers. There is no need for a Magistrate to see him, unless the Magistrate wishes to do so, which rarely occurs.

Dr. Eades has gone away for a little holiday, but I do not think there will be any difficulty about the journey. Dr. Mackenzie & I together with your sister will no doubt manage quite easily.

With regard to the question of terms the ordinary rate at Scarborough is three guineas per week, which does not include special nurses. We had

to engage two special nurses from London to look after your brother as we were so shorthanded. As soon as possible we will replace these with men who will not be so expensive. I will talk over things with Miss Bird as to how we can arrange matters from a financial point of view.

We will gladly see the arrangements through, and I have no doubt that they can be managed smoothly, as Dr. Bird is not at all difficult to do with, and I really do not expect that if he is wisely looked after there will be any serious difficulty. His general disposition, as is usual, shows through his illness, and I do not think there will be any disturbance. It is a pleasure to us to be able to do anything to help, and I only wish we could do more.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

please send me particulars.

I have written to my only other brother in England but am sure he will agree.

I am sorry to hear that you have had a cold which I am afraid is the result of the motor drive.

Very many thanks for your great kindness which the family and I much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Arthur L. Bird

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13, GRANVILLE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

7th Dec^r 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I had a talk with Eads on Saturday - as we both think that it would be best that when Willie is sufficiently well to leave the Retreat - he should go to the Institution run in connection with it at Scaris'. If Willie continues in anything like his present condition - I am sure he would not be sensitive about it. It seems certain that eventually he must be certified - and I think myself it would

be best that he should be
certified on Thursday - and
remain at the Retreat -
until he is able to be comfortably
removed to Scarbro'. The
alternative of an interval in
a cottage under the care of
nurses - is one which I
don't think he himself
would prefer - and I do not
know how this could be
speedily arranged even if
it were preferable. If
circumstances warranted it
it might be possible later

I am sure Eadie would
be prepared to take Willie
to Scarbro' - and that the Stews
would lend their car. I am
sure also that you will make
it as easy for Willie as
possible when the Magistrate
meets him. At the time perhaps
he will not realise - but he
may do so later - and one
hopes that possibly he may
never realise he has been
certified. I have seen for
myself the dread a patient
has of being certified.

I think perhaps my
people may like to know
the terms at Scarbro'. Will you

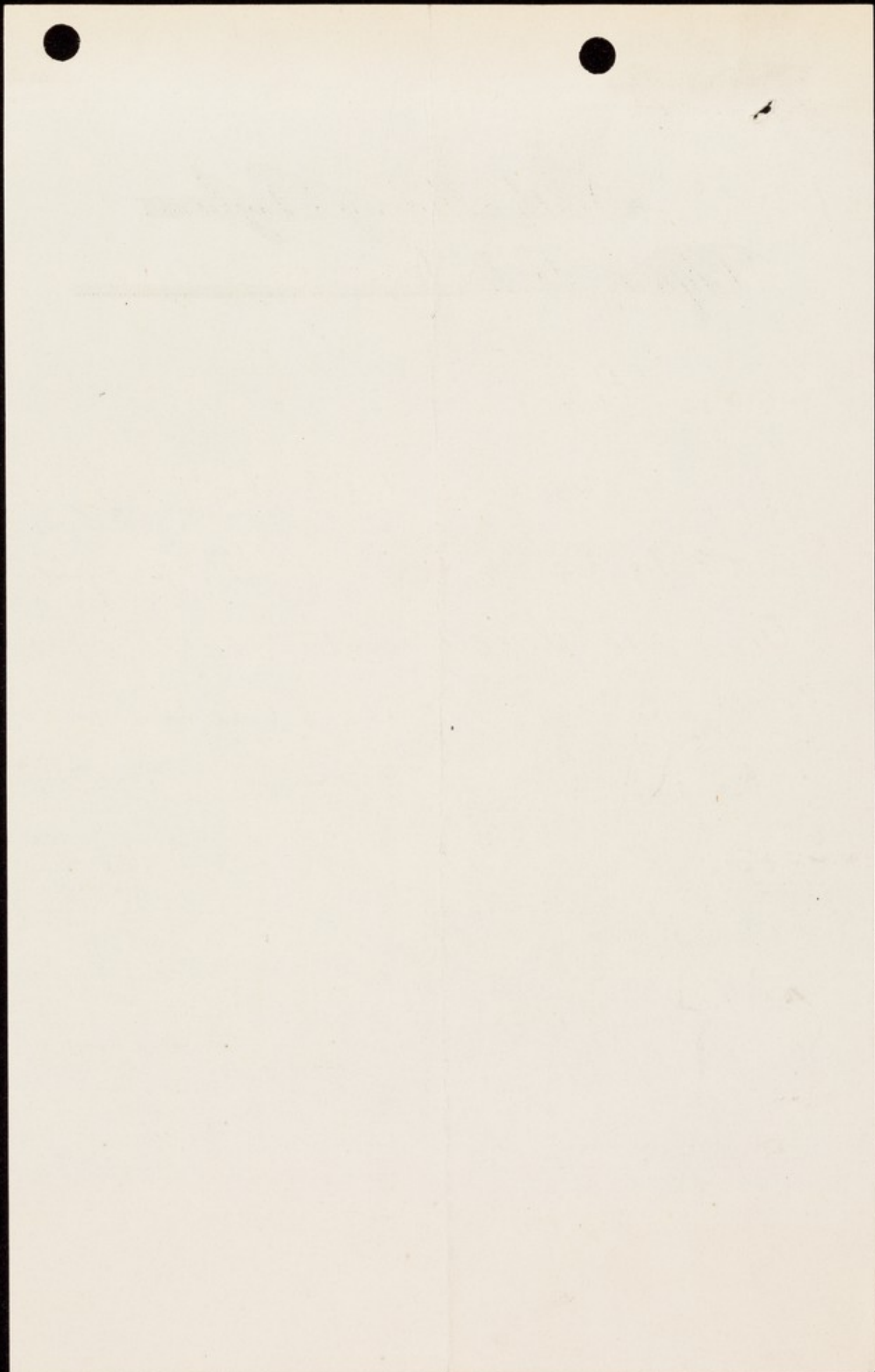
1 Encl. North Riding Asylum.
Clifton, York. Dec. 7th 1914

Dear Perce

I enclose M.D. Cart. re
Bird to be used if his people
& yourself decide it is necessary
to have him fully certified.

I hope your cold will
soon be better. I am off
to Dublin tonight, my
last chance I am afraid
till Bourton returns
from the war.

Yours A. J. Eades.





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 Dr Edmund F. Bird of 3. S. Leonard's Place York as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dunstable, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 15th day of January 1915.

Name R. Margaret Bird
Residence 3. S. Leonard's Place - York
Occupation Spinster

SIGNED by the said R. Margaret Bird
in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Louisa Lister. Kaye
Address, and 14 Clarence Street. York
Profession. Spinster

NB.—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.

