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Dec. 2, 1913

Dear Miss Bramley,

Many thanks for your letter and for the cheque in settlement of the account.

I much hope, as I suggested in writing to Mrs. Bramley not long ago, that you will be able to find something satisfactory in the way of regular employment. In this world none of us get on unless we feel we are doing something useful, and I cannot but think that, besides discharging your duty to your mother, you have plenty of strength and ability to take up some other form of work.

With kind regards and good wishes for the coming festive season,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 2, 1913

Dear Miss Tinsley,

Thank you for your letter and for the change in

arrangement of the program.

I am glad, and agree with you in

thinking that the new program will be a most

interesting and profitable one.

With regard to the new program we feel we are doing something

useful, and I cannot see how it can be otherwise.

Very truly yours, Your friend, Miss Tinsley

and the other members of the committee.

With kind regards and good wishes for the coming

Christmas season,

Yours very truly,

it in a fresh en-
velope, addressing
it to

21 Claremont Crescent
Sheffield

Yours faithfully
Constance M. Brawley.

Nov. 20th

1913

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26, TAPTON CRESCENT ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sir

I am extremely
sorry that among
a rather large
batch of letters
this morning, I
inadvertently
opened yours to
Mr Brawley, and
with observing the

Envelope. Of course
it remained
unread. —

But I cannot
pass it on to
Mr Bramley as
my husband
does not wish
it to come in
any way there

Purledge that he
suggested the letter.
He thinks it better
that it should
go straight from
you there.
Therefore I return
it with sincere
apologies, hoping
you will not
mind putting

has friends - a husband
(Doctor) wife & family in
a nice part of Somerset,
who I'm sure will be glad
to have her to stay, if she
will only go: and I must
arrange this.

Thanks for the
Certificate, & for all you
have done for my sister.

Faithfully Yours

Edward Bramley

Do I owe anything further
to the Retreat?

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26, TAPTON CRESCENT ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

Nov^r 16th 1913

Dear Dr. Pierce

I must apologise
for not having acknowledged
your letter earlier: but
I seem to have had no
time to spare.

We must try and
arrange for my sister to
pay some visits soon.

to relatives or friends:
there are one or two suitable
places; & she must bring
herself to leave her
mother for the time being
for the purpose.

I still think it
would be well for you to
write a final letter of
advice & warning to my
mother. It would come
with far more force and
effect from you than

from me: and I doubt
whether my mother and
sister realize properly
that the life they ~~later~~
^{are} leading can't be
altogether good for the
latter.

It is good of you
to suggest my sister
coming up to York for
a dance, but I doubt if
that is worth while. She

Blairmont Crescent⁴¹⁹

Sheffield.

November 30th/13.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Enclosed is cheque
for £ 4-1-6, in payment of
the account sent in a
short time ago. I shall be
glad of receipt in due
course.

I am keeping pretty well,
excepting for occasional

colds & rheumatism, and
am living a quiet life,
varying the monotony by
sometimes going to the theatre
or a concert, or to a musical
evening. Last week we
went to the birthday party
of a young nephew.

With kind regards, thanking
you for your kindness in
the past.

Yours very sincerely,
Amy Feodora Bramley.

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE N^o 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

24th Nov^r 1913

Dear Dr. Peirce

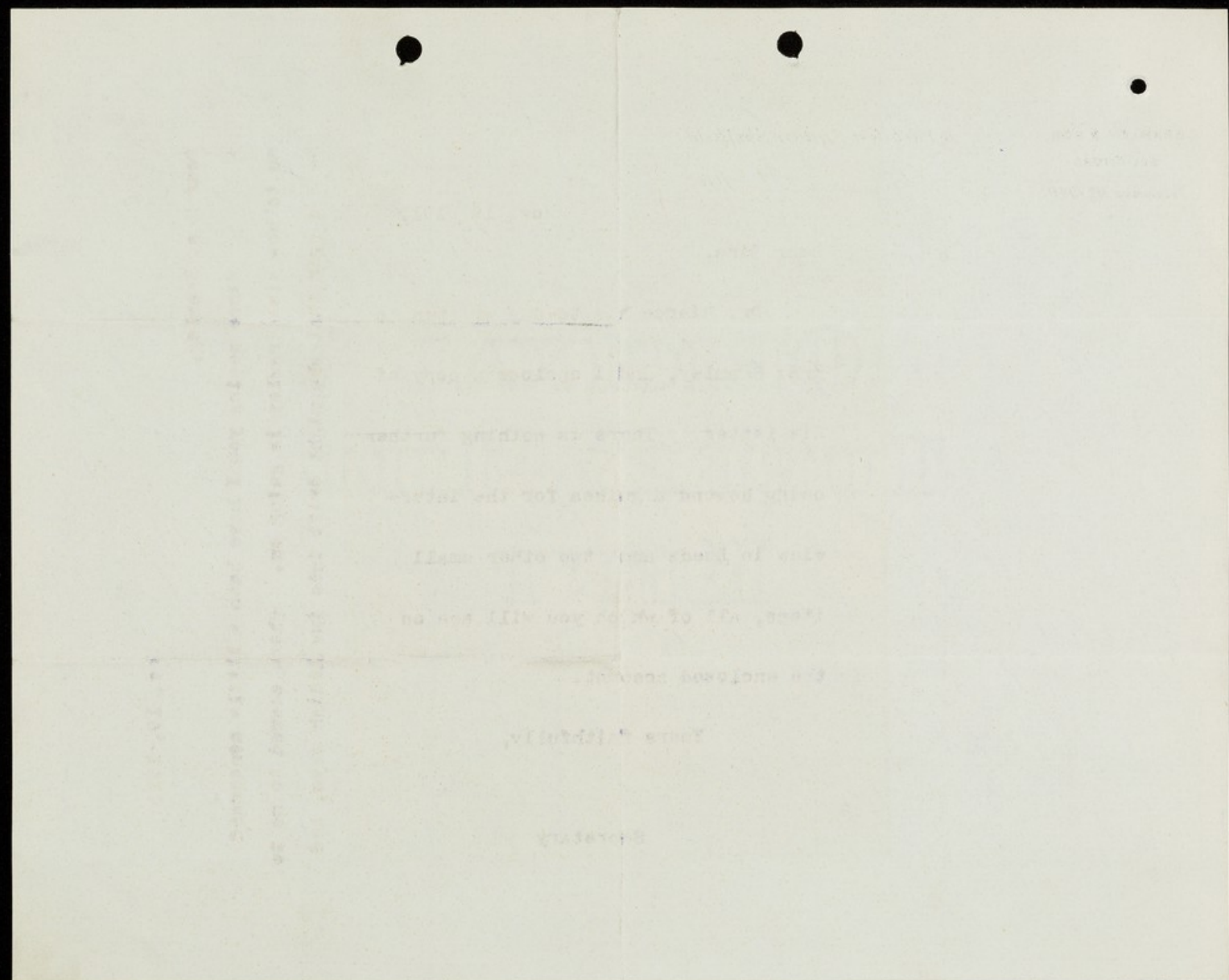
Thanks for sending
the letter to my Mother.
I think it was Excellent.

I had a talk with
her on Saturday. It seems to
me that things are going
to drift on in the old
way, which I believe much
contributed to my Sister's
illness. However, I don't
see what more you and I

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Can do: my mother doesn't
seem able to appreciate ^{properly} that
her Society is not enough
for my sister.

I think my sister
had, as far as circumstances
permitted, a very comfortable
time at the Retreat, and
I am sure that your influence
was a good & pleasant
one for her.

Faithfully Yours
Edward Bramley



~~Sos A. Stuntall~~
E. Bramley

Nov. 19, 1913

Dear Sirs,

Dr. Pierce has to-day written to Mrs. Bramley, and I enclose a copy of his letter. There is nothing further owing beyond a guinea for the interview in Leeds and two other small items, all of which you will see on the enclosed account.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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Nov. 19, 1913

Dear Mrs. Bramley,

Since seeing you I have been a little concerned as to how Miss Bramley is going on. There seemed to me to be a danger that she might drift into invalidish ways, and I would therefore suggest that you do all that you can to encourage her to follow some regular employment, and at the same time secure that she has a sufficient amount of exercise in the open air, short of producing fatigue.

I hope that, either by paying visits to friends or by having visitors staying with her or possibly the temporary companionship of a suitable lady engaged for the purpose, Miss Bramley will be encouraged to take up more serious work.

On the whole I was very pleased with her when I saw her, but there seemed to me a possibility, if she continued on present lines, that she might slowly get into a nervous and unsatisfactory state.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 12, 1913

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

Since seeing you I have been a little concerned as to how Miss Ramsey is going on. There seemed to me to be a danger that she might drift into invalidish ways, and I would therefore suggest that you do all that you can to encourage her to follow some regular employment, and at the same time secure to her a sufficient amount of exercise in the open air, short of prolonged fatigue.

I hope that, either by paying visits to friends or by having visitors staying with her or possibly the temporary companionship of a suitable lady engaged for the purpose, Miss Ramsey will be encouraged to take up more regular work.

On the whole I was very pleased with her when I saw her, but there seemed to me a possibility, if she continued on present lines, that she might slowly get into a nervous and unsatisfactory state.

Yours very truly,

D. Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE N° 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

10th Nov. 1913

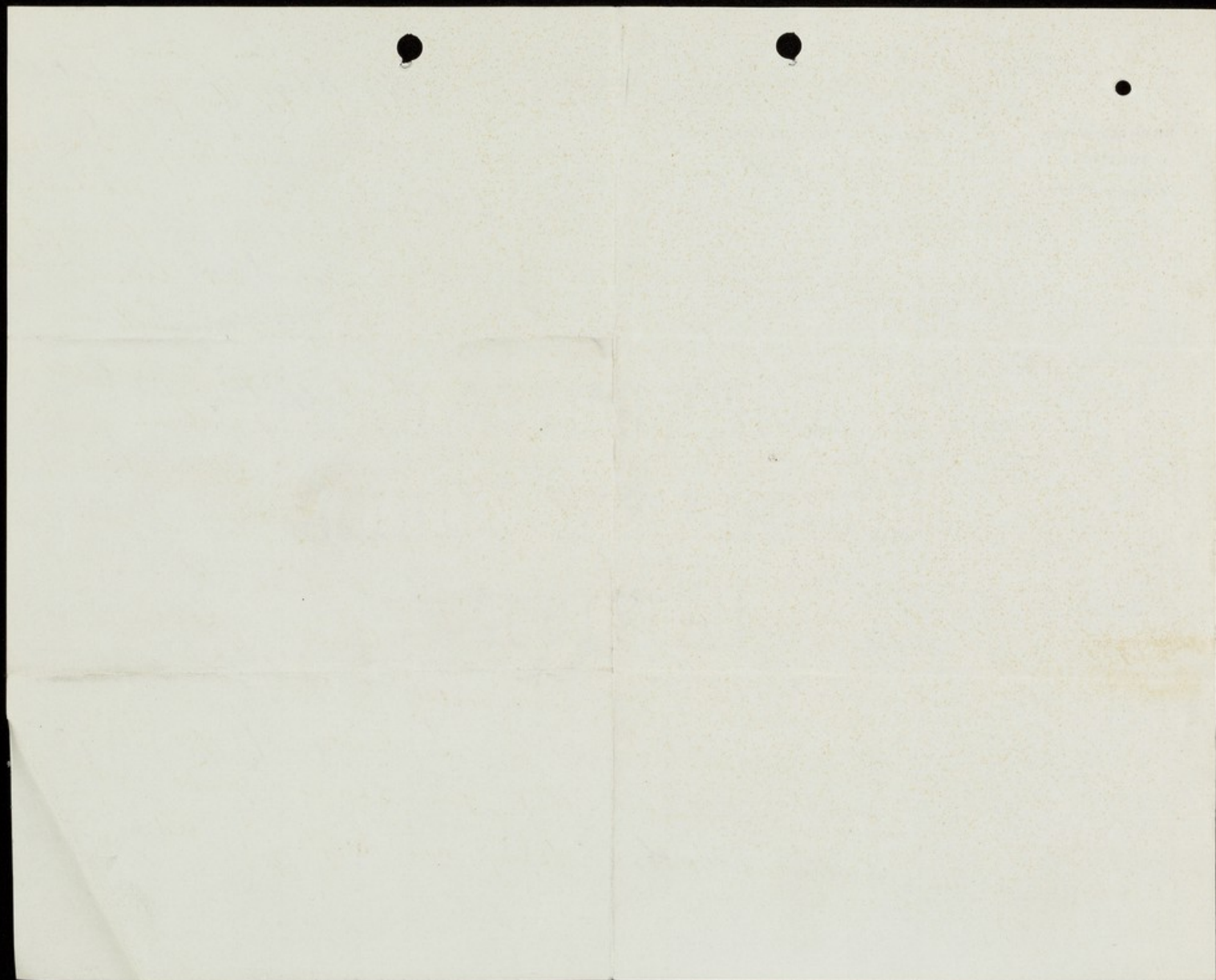
Dear D. Pierce

I have been told by my mother & Sister about the interview you had with them. They did not say that you had advised occupation & Society for my Sister, and I did not refer to the point. If you did not speak of this at the time, I hope you will write my mother emphatically on the subject.

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I am not altogether comfortable in my own mind about the future.

I understand you have to give some Certificate as to the Detention Order having come to an end, & shall be glad to hear as to this.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



BRAMLEY & SON.
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1940.

(In the train)

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

October 28th 1913

Dear Dr. Pierce

My sister has now
been away from your care
for four months: and I have
to report that as far as I
can see, her condition continues
satisfactory.

Under the circumstances,
oughtn't some order to be made
or other formal proceeding taken,
to put an end to the Detention
Order which at present exists?
If necessary. & if would, I think
be desirable in any case. you can

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see my sister, who can come over
to Leeds or York for the purpose.

There is one thing I am not
happy about, nor is my brother-in-law
first. my sister had a young friend
to stay with her, but latterly
she has been living alone with my
mother, without definite occupation
without interests, & without much
Society. That is the state of
affairs which existed a few
years ago. & which I am
inclined to think greatly
contributed to her illness.

I think, if you agree,
that you should write - after
seeing my sister, if better -

to my mother most strongly
to clearly to say that my
Sister must have occupation,
to young society in the house
with her. If the present
state of things continues, I
fear a relapse. not that I
have seen any signs of it.

I can come over & see
you, but it hardly seems
necessary. please excuse
writing - in the train.

Faithfully Yours
Edward Waralep

Fridays
in Leeds
at 5.30 p.m.

June 25, 1913

Dear Mr. Bramley,

I am glad to hear that it is arranged for your sister to leave on Saturday. It will be a great pleasure to her to return to ordinary life again, and I hope her convalescence will be established.

There are no formalities necessary, except that we shall arrange for her to have one month's "absence on trial", which can be extended to three months if necessary.

The formal discharge, therefore, will be postponed so as to give you an opportunity of seeing how Miss Bramley goes on.

Yours very truly,

J. B. Pierce
or D. Mackenzie

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO. 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

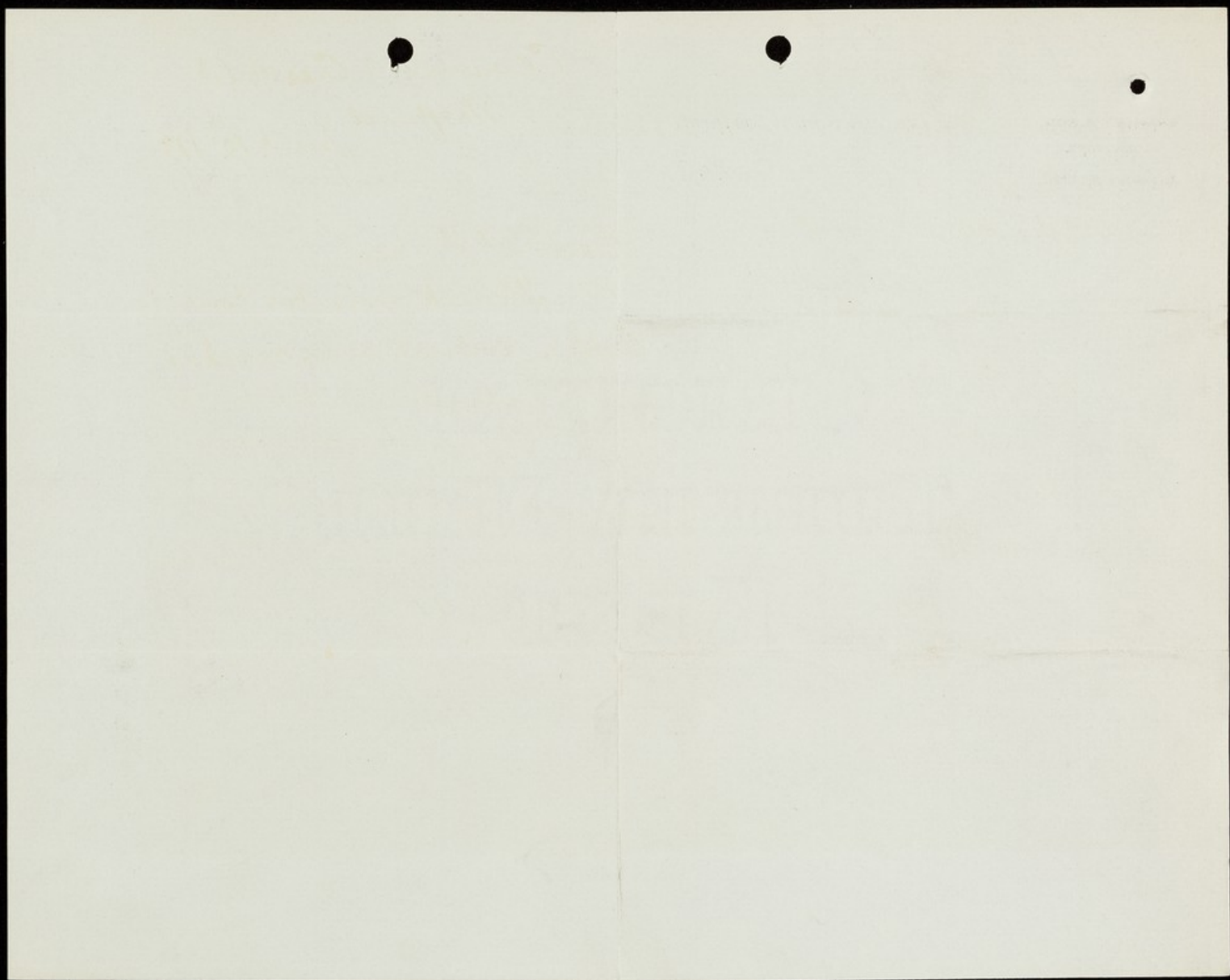
24th June 1913

Dear Sir,

I understand that it is arranged my sister shall leave Thrasenby Hall at the end of this week, I join my mother in rooms at Scarborough, with a view to their both later on returning to my mother's house in Sheffield, in the hope that my sister has now sufficiently recovered to reside there.

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When my sister came to you three years ago, I took the responsibility: what I should like to know is whether any formalities have to be observed, in case she leaves you? If you will kindly write me on the subject as soon as possible, I shall be obliged.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



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Clarendon Crescent
Sheffield June 10⁴/13

Dear Mr Pierce

Thank you for your
letter, which only reached
me yesterday, on account
of its being sent after
my Son, to his Cottage on
the moors with his business
correspondance.

It is very Satisfactory
that you consider my
daughter is well enough

To come away.

I had thought of coming to Scarborough before she leaves & she mentioned in one of her letters, that there might be a room for me in some cottage near Throxenby Hall. Do you know if that is so? I should like to have some other companion for her besides myself, but do not know of any one suitable at present.

Can you recommend me anyone & have you any instructions to give me with regard to her treatment?

My Son wishes me to ask if there are any formalities to be observed on her coming away?

With kind regards & thanks for all your care.

Yours truly
Amy Bramley.

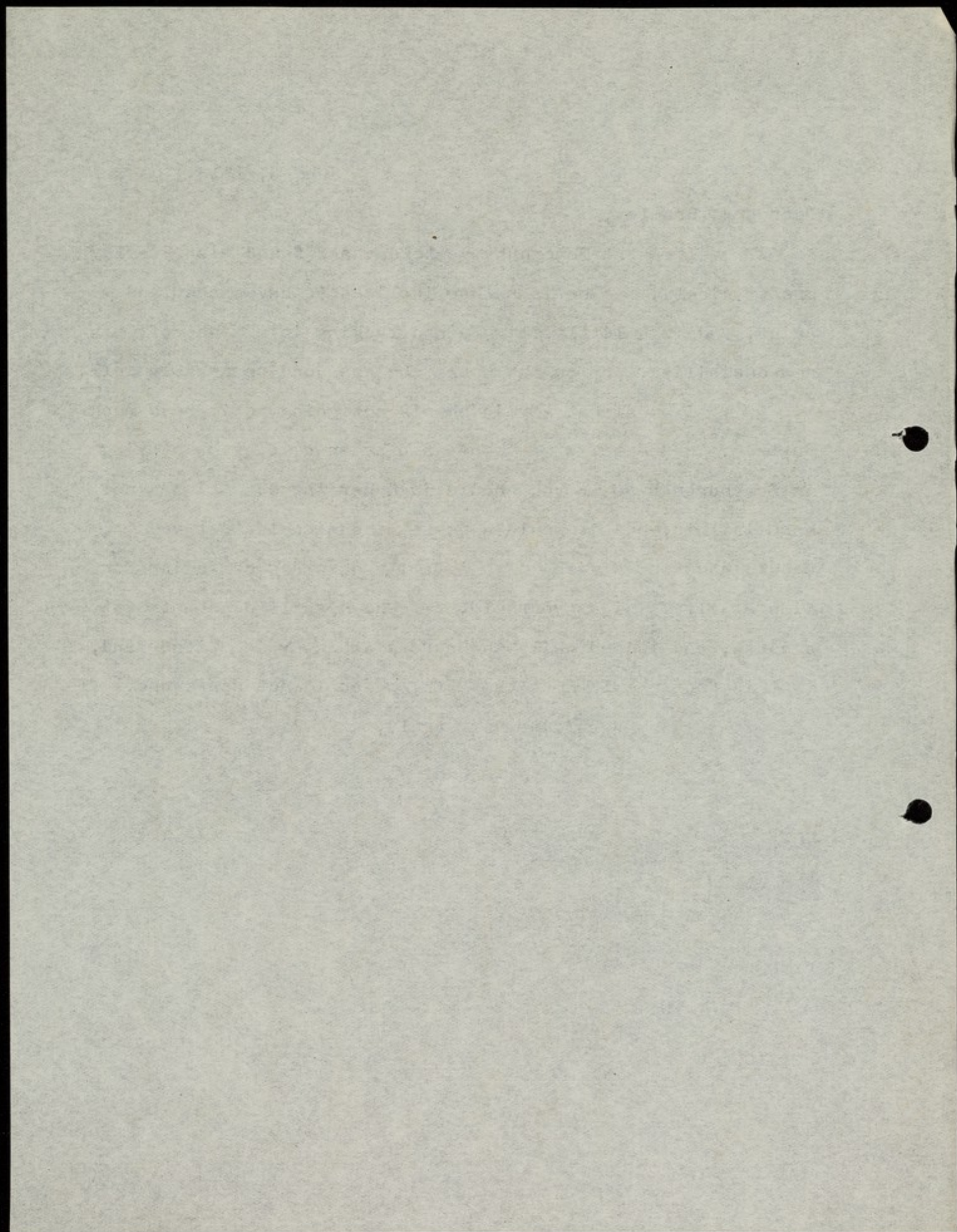
June 6, 1913

Dear Mrs. Bramley,

I was at Throxenby yesterday and found Miss Bramley pretty nicely. She is rather inclined to have aches and pains, and is a little flighty and lacking in a sense of responsibility, but on the whole she has done remarkably well.

I am almost afraid she is not going to improve much further. She tells me there is a prospect of your staying in Scarborough so as you should join her there. I see no harm in this, but it would seem to me desirable that you should have some friend of the family or other companion for Miss Bramley besides yourself. She herself does not want a nurse, and indeed while the nurses are away in Switzerland, that is from the 13th to the 25th, we could not spare one.

Yours very truly,



Mr Waller
The Rectory York
BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.
TELEPHONE No 1940.
10th April 1913

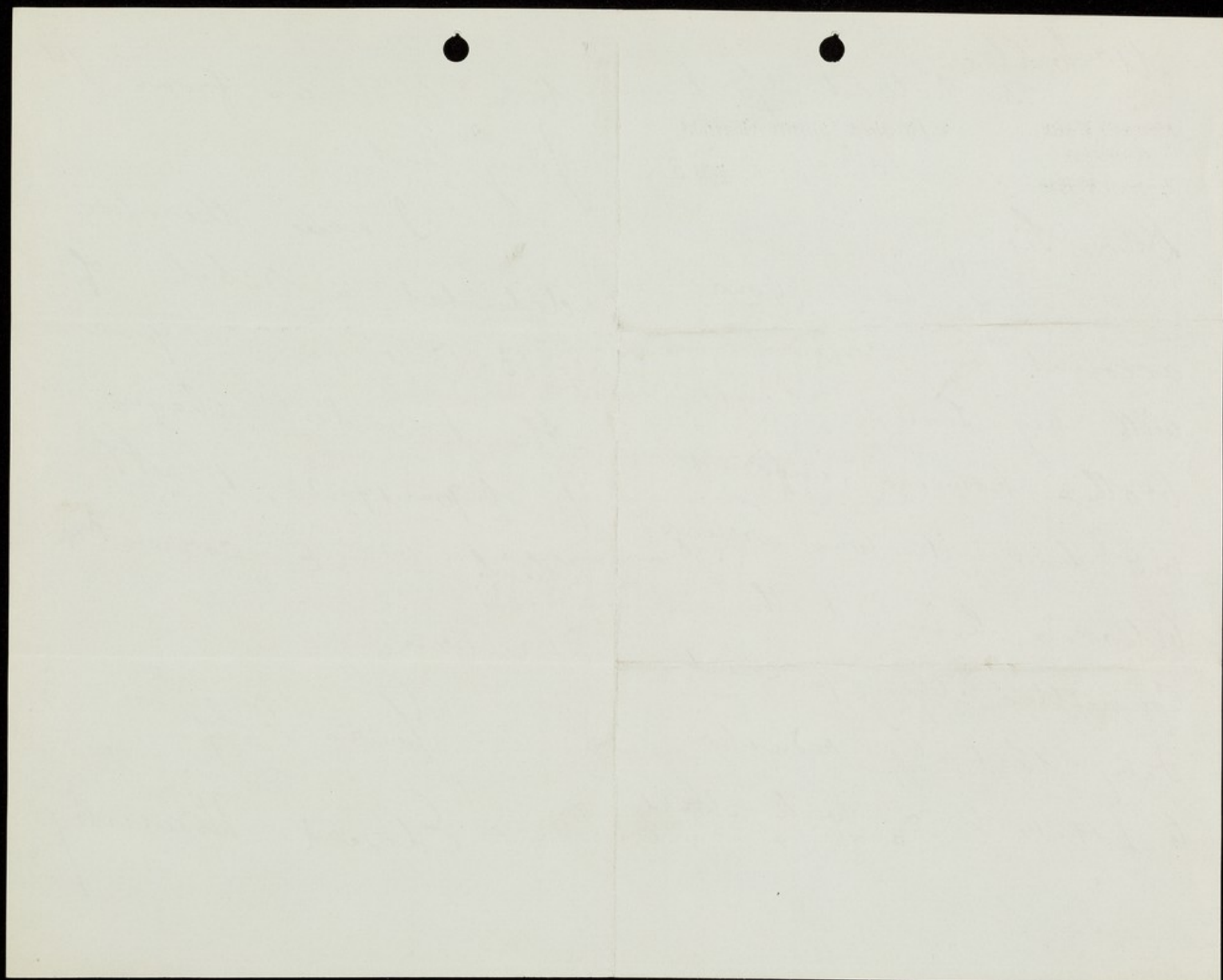
Dear Sir.
I have your
account in connection
with my sister. My
brother however informs
me that it was arranged
between him & the
Committee, thro' you last
Feb'y that the reduction
to £4.14.6 a week should

take effect as from 1st
Jan'y last.

I have therefore
deducted a rebate of
£13.13.0 from your
A/c, & enclose cheque
for £70.19.2, & A/c
which please correct
& return.

Yours truly
Edward Bramley

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March 17, 1913

Dear Miss Bramley,

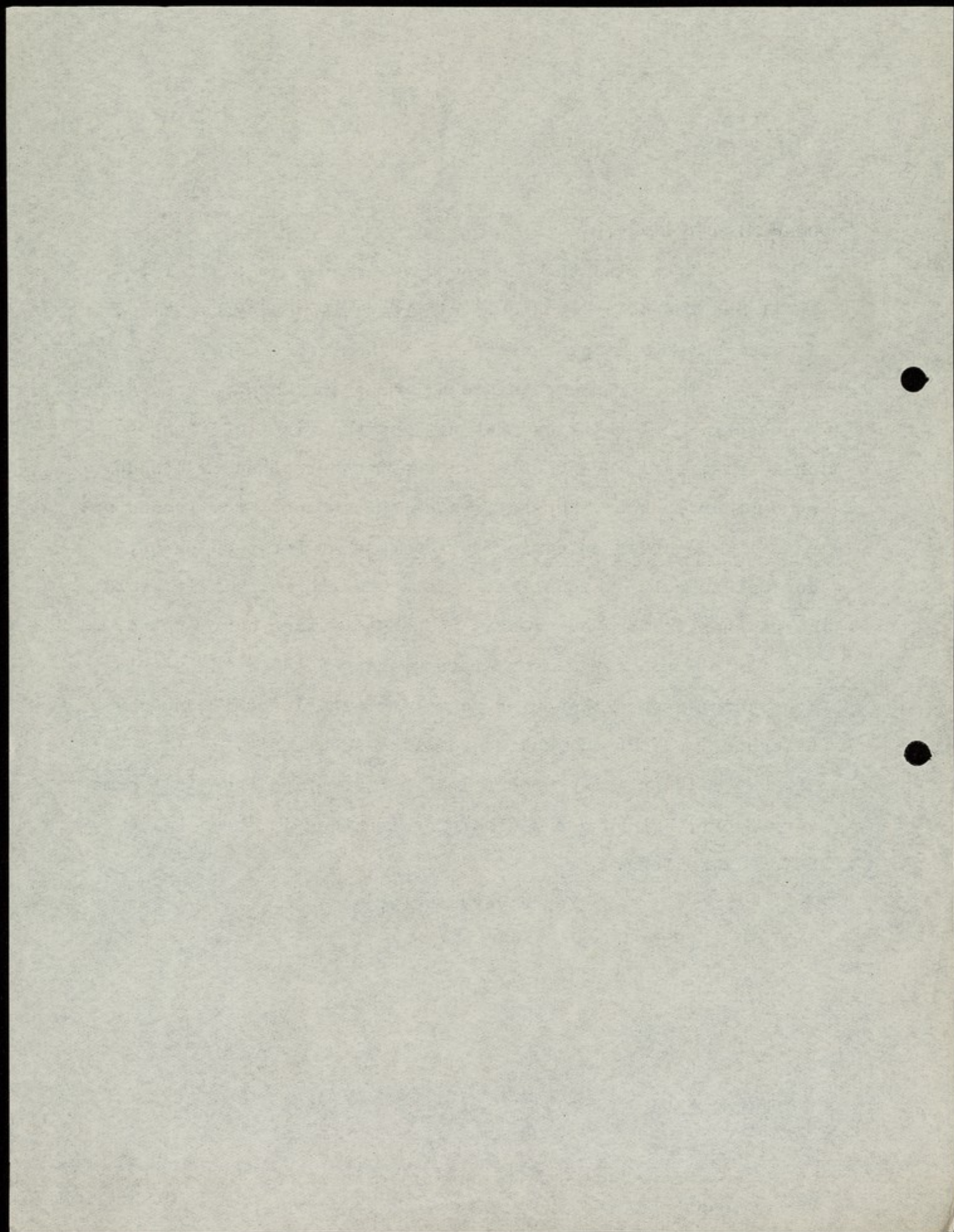
I am glad to hear you have arrived home safely, and I have no doubt you are having a really enjoyable time. It must be a great pleasure to be at home once more.

The arrangements are all made for Throxenby on Wednesday. I think we must not put the visit off longer than this, as I have had to arrange for Nurse Goddard to do some other work on Thursday, which has unexpectedly turned up.

As regards coming to the Retreat for packing up, do just exactly as you like. It seemed to me that it would be pleasanter for you to stay at home an extra hour or two, and for me to arrange for Sister Margaret to do the packing. Your things could then meet you at the station on Wednesday afternoon. But do just as you like about this.

I can quite understand that you find the visit home very short, but you must look forward to going home again before very long.

Yours very truly,



I whether I return to East Villa
en route for Scarbro' to collect the
rest of my belongings, which
would not take very long to
put together, if others helped. In fact
we could easily come to
York by a morning train & go
on to Scarbro' by an evening one
without too much fatigue I think.
I have felt rather limp today
after being rather extra busy the
last few days, but expect to feel
alright in a short time.

With many thanks for all your
kindness & consideration for me
with kind remembrances to Dr. Peirce

Believe me, very sincerely,
Dora Bramley

21 Claremont Crescent. 160

Sheffield.

March 15th 1913.

Dear Dr. Peirce,

We arrived quite safely
after a comfortable journey, & I
seem to have settled down
already as though I had
never been away. I can
scarcely realise it is so
long ^{a time} since I was here, and
naturally it is a pleasant
change to be in one's own home

in a private house once more. It is very nice having Nurse Goddard as a companion & our Irish terrier - Trike - has already taken a fancy to her, and tonight, when we took him for a short walk, he followed us well.

I am writing partly to ask if I may stay at home over the Easter week-end holidays, as a few days (only till Wednesday) is not half long

enough for what I want to do & it really is most comfortable here, particularly as several of the rooms have been re-decorated - very daintily - & improved since I was away, so in a way it is like coming to a new house, although we have always lived here, & of course it is not furnished in the modern, up to date style. Please let me know as soon as possible when I have to move on,

11th. March, 1913.

Dear Mr. Bramley,

You appear not to have received my letter posted to your private house, but I expect by this time you will have had it.

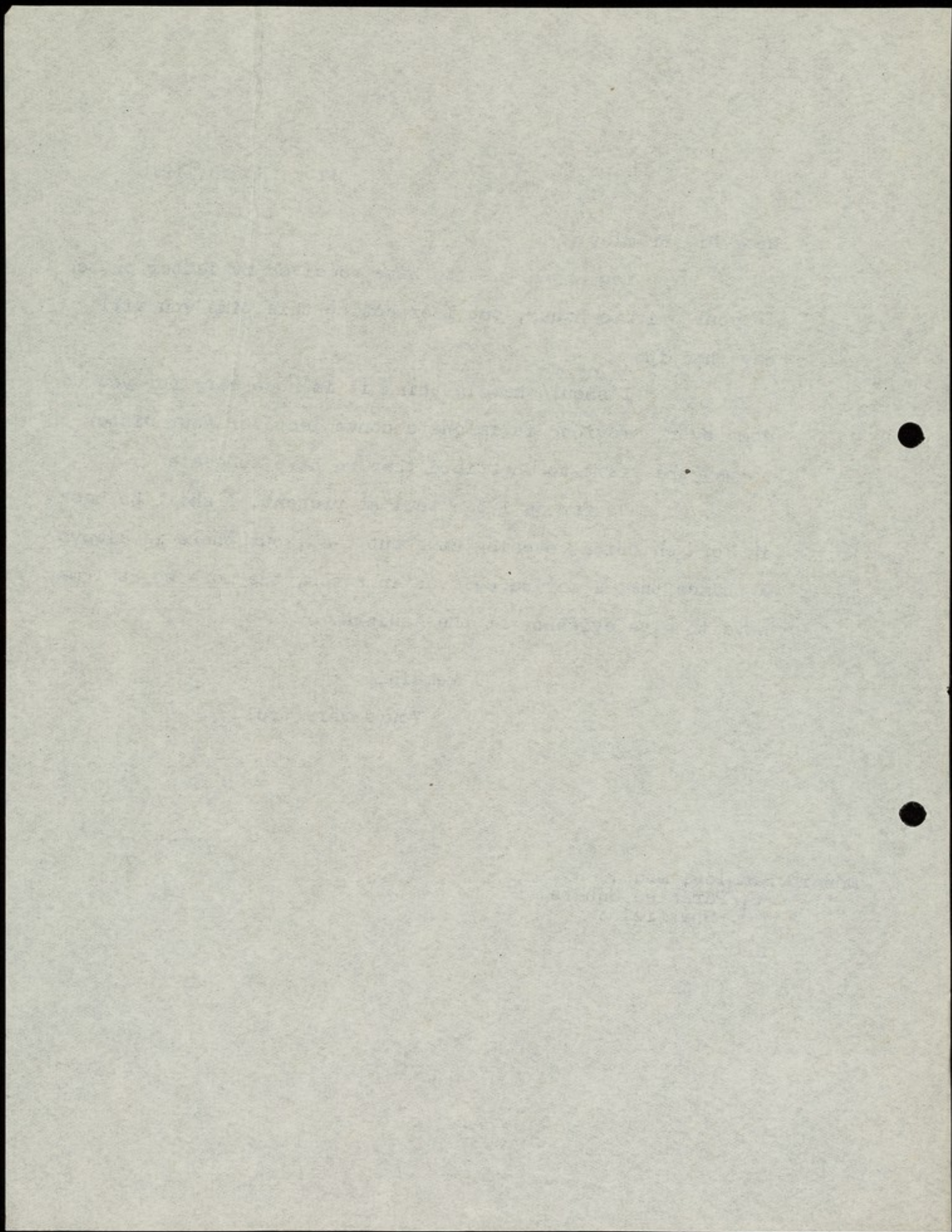
I should hardly think it is necessary for you to come over, provided it is quite convenient for your Sister to pay the visit to Sheffield that we have suggested.

So far as I can tell at present, I shall be back in York on Friday evening at about 5-30, but there is always a chance that I may be delayed in Leeds, the more so as I may have to give evidence at the Assizes.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Edward Bramley, Esq.,
6, Paradise Square,
Sheffield.



Dr Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

March 11th 1913

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for
your informing letter, which
I only received this morning
from my country address.

As you think my
sister might come home
for a few days with a
nurse, my mother and I
consider it will be best
for them both to travel

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back from York with me
on Friday Evening. I
should probably be at
the Retreat between four
& five that afternoon, and
I expect I could see
you for a few minutes, &
yet catch the 6.35,
which gets us to Sheffield
in decent time.

My sister & the nurse
could return on the
following Wednesday, which

would probably be a
better day on which to
travel than the Thursday
before Easter.

Faithfully Yours
Edward Bramley

My Mother & I would
prefer that, if possible, the
nurse should not be in
uniform: I suppose she
will be one my sister knows.

W Bedford Pearce (133)

BRAMLEY & SON.

SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE N° 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

10 Mch 1913

Dear Sir.

I Expect you will have returned by now, I seen my previous letter. If it is desirable for me to come to York, & see my Sister & you, I should much prefer to come on Friday next, as I am summoned to a meeting at

York that afternoon. 133

I believe you are due in Leeds on that day, but I take it you will be back in York by five o'clock or so. I shall be free soon after four, & could go on to the Retreat & see my Sister, & see you on your return. I don't mind staying till well on in the evening if it is necessary.

If it is really quite unnecessary for me to
come, my sister is likely
to be coming home soon
& seeing us all, it doesn't
matter: but if I am
to come to ^{the Retreat} ~~any~~ any ^{these} time
about now, I should
prefer to come next
Friday.

Please let me
hear from you, if
possible, by return, or

at latest by Thursday.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley

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MOSCAR COTTAGE,
HOLLOW MEADOWS,
NEAR SHEFFIELD.

March 3rd 1913

Dear Sir

My Sister seems
very anxious to come
home, at any rate for
a visit; & as soon as
you return, she will no
doubt name the matter
to you. I need hardly

Say my mother and I
will be very glad if you
consider that she may
now safely do so.

You will know
what to decide: and
if you think it necessary
to talk the matter over,
my mother or I, or
both, will come over to

York for the purpose.
Hoping you had
enjoyed your holiday,
I am.

Faithfully Yours
Edward Bramley

TELEPHONE No 606.

42, Bank Street,
Sheffield.

Feb 27 1913

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 20th inst informing my brother & myself that Your Committee have agreed to reduce the terms for Miss Bramley's maintenance to 4½ guineas a week as from 1st Jan. last. We are much gratified at this news & I may say that, so long as she enjoys the excellent accommodation & attention now provided for her, we are not likely, on her behalf, to require to ask you to depart from this new arrangement.

Yours faithfully

Henry R. Bramley

W. E. Waller Esq.

Secy. The Retreat

York.

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if not actually rather more than the whole of her annual income.

I note that she now requires the services of a special nurse to attend her when she goes outside the grounds, as she is now able to do, but at the same time she must therefore require considerably less personal supervision & attention when inside.

It seems to my brother & myself, accordingly, that on her behalf, we are justified in asking for a reconsideration of the present terms & I should be glad therefore if you will kindly place before the Committee at their meeting next Tuesday a request to that effect, when I hope that they will then see their way to grant a reduction having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

Yours faithfully
Henry R. Bramley

TELEPHONE No 808.

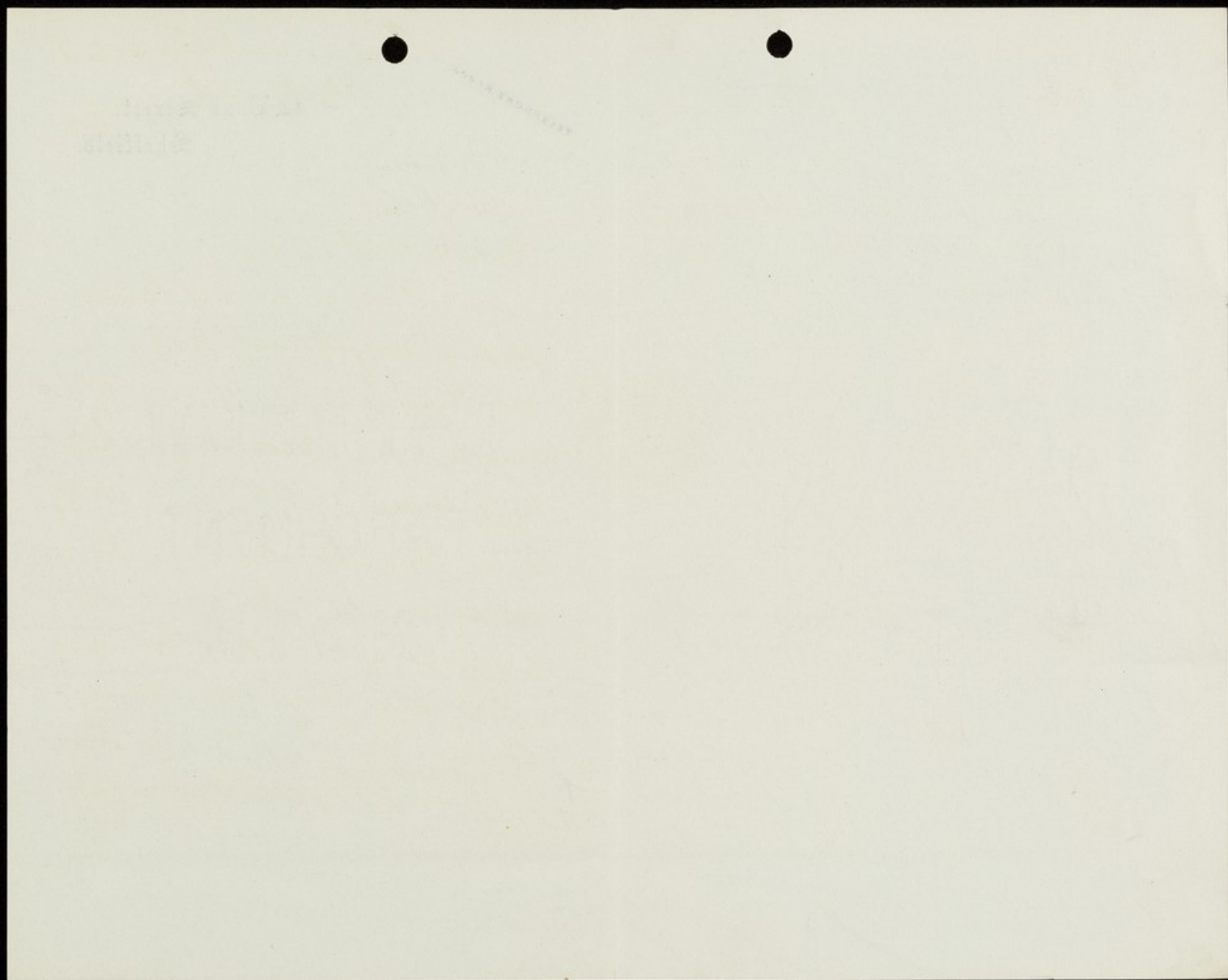
Dr H. J. Mackenzie
The Retreat
York

42, Bank Street,
Sheffield.

Feb 14 1913

Dear Sir, My brother has handed me your letter of 12th Feb, & since it was I also mentioned the matter of the charges for Miss Bramley's maintenance to Dr Pierce when I was over in York a few weeks ago. I think I had better reply to it.

The position of affairs at present is such that the quarterly payments required for my sister - merely for weekly charges, & apart altogether from additional expenditure through the matron (for clothes, amusements &c) which are now increasing owing to the great improvement in my sister's health - in themselves absorb the whole



Charmont Crescent
Sheffield ⁴⁵
Jan 15th / 13

Dear Dr Pierce

I have had a letter
from my daughter telling
me that the stopping of a
tooth lately ~~planned~~ for her.
has come out & suggesting
that she should come home
for a week & have it seen
to by her dentist here.

She also says you wish
to see her & suggests that
I should come over for

a night or two & bring
her back with me.

Now I shall be only too
glad to have her at home
when you consider it
desirable & for her own
good, but I should want
to hear from you or see
you first. As regards
the stopping, I think
the dentist, who is no
doubt a good one, should
make his work good &
put it in again. as no
doubt he would prefer to do.

At present the weather
is so bad that I had not
thought of coming over
till next week unless you
think it better. Will you
please say what days
will be most convenient
for you to see me?

Yours sincerely
Amy Bramley.

Jan. 16, 1913

Dear Mrs. Bramley,

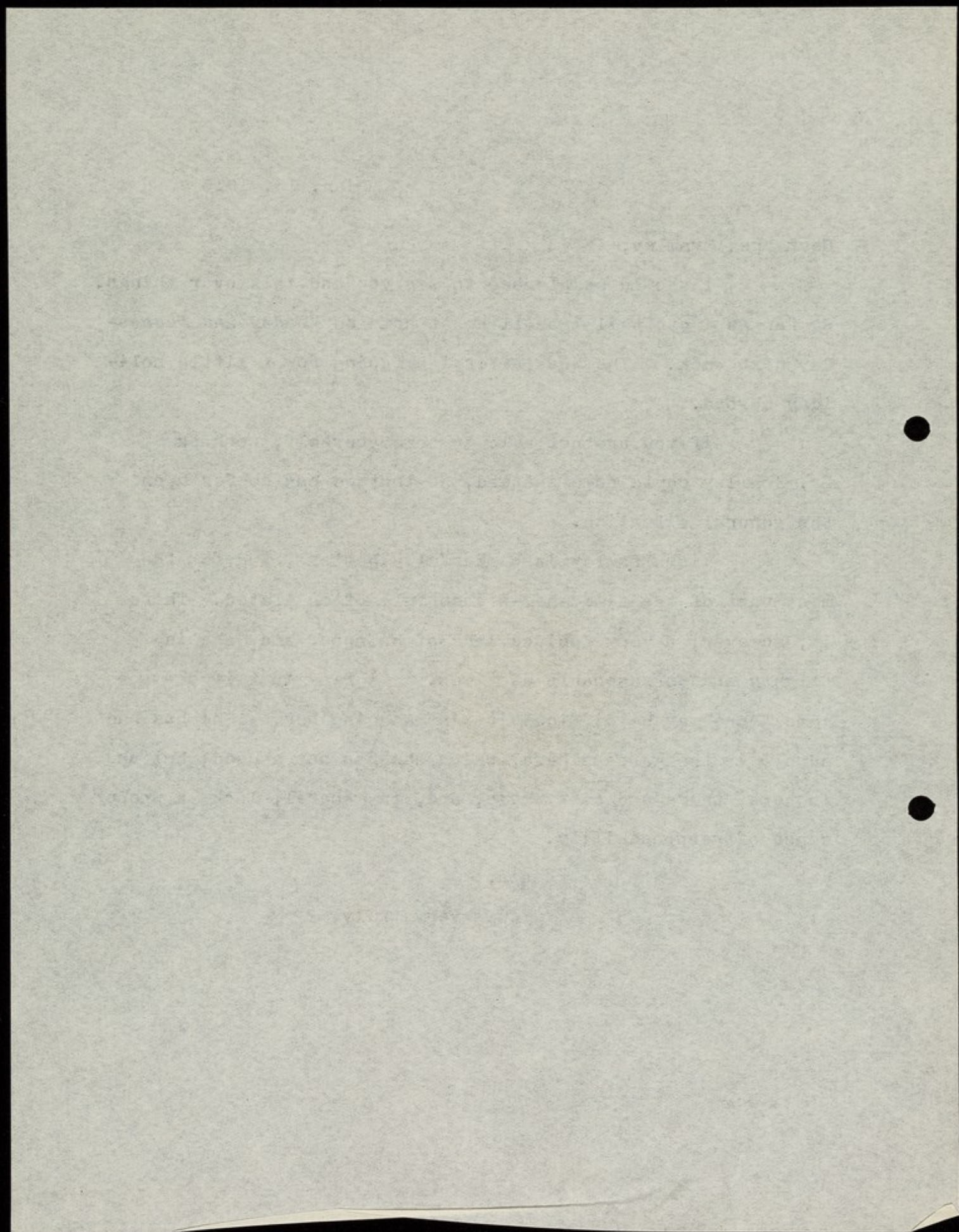
I should be pleased to see you and talk over things. So far as I can tell I shall be at home on Monday and Wednesday next week. The week after I am going for a little holiday abroad.

If you are not able to come yourself, perhaps Mr. Bramley could come instead, so that we can confer upon the general situation.

Miss Bramley is wonderfully better, and for the most part of the time she is cheerful, often elated. There is, however, a very decided lack of balance, and she is flighty and unreasonable at times. I fear that if she goes home there may be difficulties in managing her. She has had parole in the gardens here, which she has not abused; but she is here, there and everywhere, and, in general, lacks a proper sense of responsibility.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Dec. 13, 1912

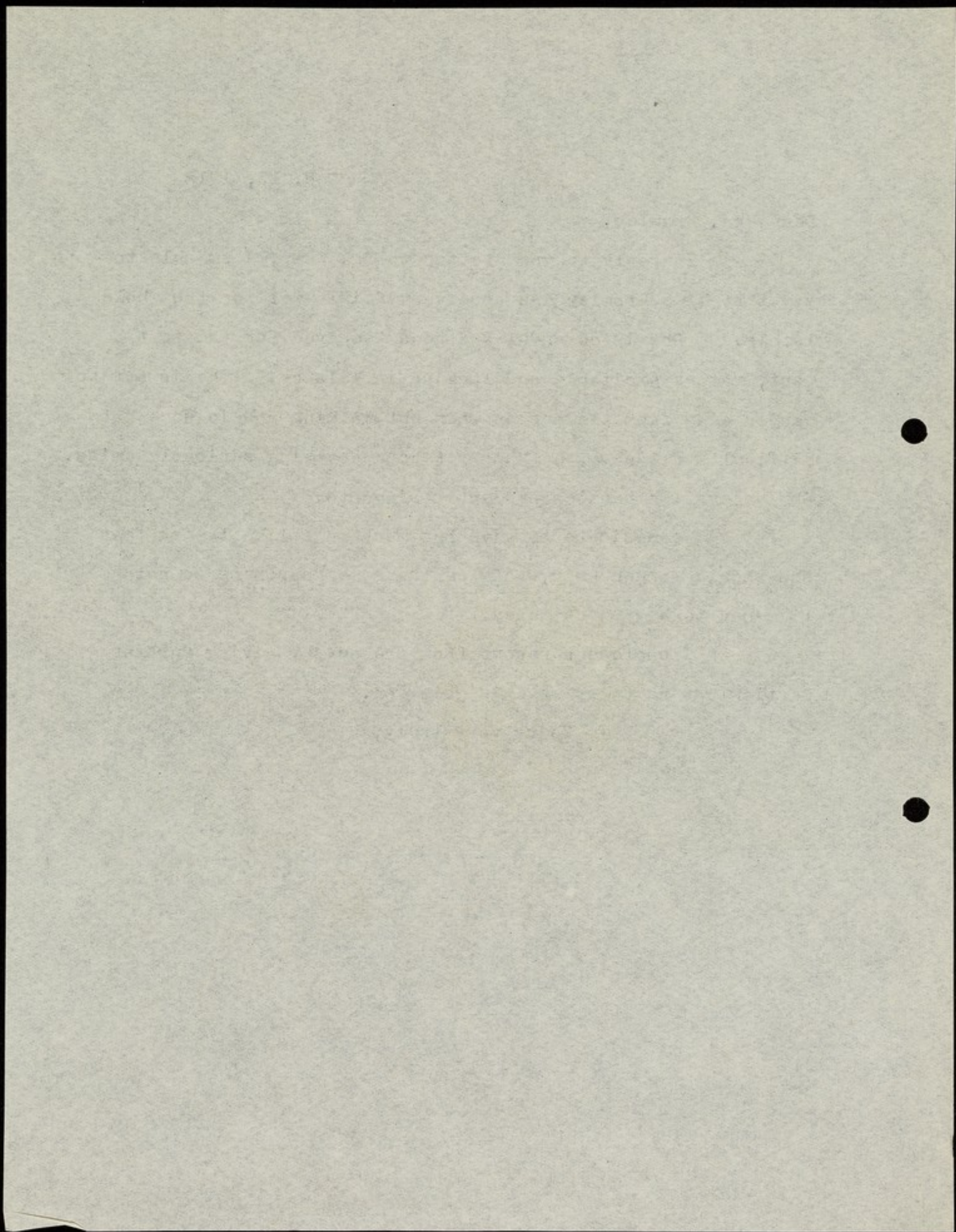
Dear Mrs. Bramley,

In reply to your letter to Dr. Kemp, I am able to say that Miss Bramley has done very fairly well on the whole lately. She is cheerful and good tempered for the most part, rather excitable and lacking in balance. She is apt to wander away from the nurses when out walking and is somewhat difficult to manage, but has not done anything seriously amiss. She enjoys the parties and entertainments.

We hesitate to give her much more liberty for fear she should wander away, and for the same reason we do not like her to have much money.

I enclose a report from the nurse, giving further particulars as to how she is going on.

Yours very truly,



1261
73 Barkston Gardens

South Kensington

Dec. ~~10~~¹¹ / 12 SW

Dear Mr Kemp

It is some time
since I heard of my
daughter, though I & my
son have heard from
her & I should be
glad to know how
she is, since there
has been some

alteration in her
treatment & she has
had more liberty.

I hope she has justified
the change & is still
improving.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Amy Bramley

Dr Redford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,

SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE NO 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

14th Oct 1912

Dear Dr Pierce.

When I saw you in Leeds about the end of July, I rather understood you to say that the Committee had just decided to reduce the charge for my sister's maintenance to $5\frac{1}{2}$ guineas a week, in view of the fact that she

was not so troublesome to look after as she had been.

The Enclosed account is made out however at the old rate. Shouldn't it be at the new one, shouldn't there also be a credit for part of the previous quarter, for which I had paid in advance at the old rate?

I was very pleased to find my sister looking

and seeming so much
better when I called to
see her last month.

Sincerely Yours
Edward Bramley

Claremont Crescent
Sheffield

August 7th 1912

Dear Mr Kemp

We were very glad
to have so good a report
of my daughter from
Mr Pierce last week &
hope she is keeping well.

I am thinking of
coming to see her with
one of my sons, on Friday
should nothing prevent,

or on Monday, I trust
this will be convenient.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Amy Bramley

• J. Bedford Pierce •

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

25 July 1912

Dear Sir,

I should like to have some conversation with you about my sister, and as I shall be in Leeds on Tuesday, will take the opportunity of running over to York, if convenient to you, & seeing you there. If it happens that you will be at Leeds

that afternoon, I could ⁽⁸²⁰⁾ see you there instead. I could either call on you at York about or soon after one o'clock, or else just after six o'clock. Will you let me know if either of those times will suit you, & if possible give me the choice of both, so that I can fit in conveniently with any other business engagements.

1.30

Probably the later hour
will suit me best.

I can wire you on
the day at which time
you I will come.

Please mark your
reply 'personal'.

Yours faithfully

Edward Bramley

July 12, 1912

Dear Sir,

I will submit your letter respecting the terms for Miss Bramley to the Committee for consideration when they meet on Tuesday next.

It is quite true that the sum you are paying is a considerable one, but I should point out that Miss Bramley has always had one of our best rooms, and much individual attention. She is now in the East Villa, where there are only four ladies, and her being there has meant the removal of two ladies in order to make room for her.

It is, of course, possible to give her excellent accommodation at less expense, but if possible, I think I would not suggest any change just at present, seeing that she has been doing nicely, and the change to the East Villa appears to have been so successful. However, I can raise the matter on Tuesday next if you wish.

Yours very truly,

1912, 12, 12

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

to do with the question
of the charge exceeding
my sister's income.

Having said this,
I leave it to you to do
what you consider the
fair thing. I accordingly
either raise the question
before the Committee on Tuesday
or not, as you think
well.

Faithfully Yours
Edward Bramley

6 Paradise Square } Mossor Cottage,
Hollow Meadows,
Near Sheffield.

July 14th 1912

Dear Sir,

I am obliged
by your letter. I don't
of course, know the
exact circumstances.
I certainly shouldn't like
to pay less for my
sister's present accommodation

than it would usually
be considered worth, nor
should I like any
change to cheaper
accommodation made.
I gather, further, from
your letter, that my
sister still requires
much individual attention
which is naturally
costly.

My letter was
written on the assumption
that the improvement in
my sister's condition
meant considerably
less supervision. If
such is not the case,
I don't wish the question
brought before the
Committee, who, I quite
realize, have nothing

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE No 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

11th July 1912

Dear Sir

I Enclose cheque
for £90. 6. 9 in settlement
of enclosed account in
connection with my sister's
maintenance: please return
account receipted.

I am glad to
receive what seems to
be the best report which

I have had of my sister's
condition, & hope to hear
later on of further progress.

I rather assume that
now that her behaviour is
better, & she can be allowed
greater freedom, she
requires distinctly less^{close}
attention than she did.
If so, perhaps the Committee
will again consider the
amount of her maintenance.

As I think you know, my Mother & I put my sister's Comfort first, & are quite prepared to find money for her maintenance, if need be: but the natural thing to do is to keep within my sister's income, if reasonably possible. At present that is being somewhat exceeded, and no doubt the millinery accounts will grow, as

time goes on. Six guineas a week seems rather high, if my sister is not needing much individual attention.

I shall be glad to hear on this point, at your convenience. I am expecting to be in York later on this year, if so will call & see my sister.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley

D^r Morah Kemp

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE N^o 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

26 Jan'y 1912

Dear D^r. Kemp

Thank you for
your letter & booklet as to
the Scarbro' Home.
Sincerely hope the change
- which I note will be
effected to-morrow - will
prove beneficial.

I now Enclose

(1) Claim for Return of
Income tax, & authority as
to payment of amount to
Bank attached.

(2) Authority as to payment
of dividends from John Brown
St^o to Bank.

I hope you will
find you can get my
Sister's Signature to them,
where her name occurs in
pencil.

The Claims for tax
return have been made by
her periodically, being first
prepared by my Cashier.
He is away ill, & I can't
get them filled up; but if she
will sign the same, ~~they~~ ^{it} can be
filled up at leisure. It is

rather a complicated one, but
in the result she gets back
Exactly tax paid on £100
in each year. The authority
will enable the remittance to
go direct to the Bank. I
shall be glad for the amount
to be paid, because I have
had to overdraw the Bank etc.

The authority to John Brown
£60 is to enable her dividends
from that Company to go direct
to her Bank etc. all her
other dividends do go in this
way, but there has been an
omission as to this one. The
dividends are actually going there

now, and my authority; but
this is irregular, & the Company
want me to get hers.

I would not take the
responsibility myself of asking
my sister to sign anything
about which there could be
a question or doubt, nor would
I ask you to try & induce her.
but there can be no question
as to the propriety of her
signing these. If she can do this,
all her affairs are in order.

If you can't get the
signatures now, perhaps they can
be got later. Envelope enclosed
for ultimate return of the documents.
Please Yours Sincerely
don't
fill in
dates Edward Bramley

D^r Nora Kemp

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE N^o 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

23rd Jan 1912

Dear D^r Kemp

My mother's only hesitation in acceding to the suggestion of D^r Pierce & yourself, that my sister should go to Scarbro', is due to the fact that it was in that town she was at her worst: it was then, too, she went with her nurse to look at the Home, but it was not, at that time,

thought to be quite suitable.

My mother & I both like the idea of my sister having a change: & if D^r Pierce & you don't think that the above considerations really count, you are quite at liberty to arrange for her transference to the Scarbro' Home. Will you kindly let my mother know when she has arrived there, & the address.

As you know,
Expense is not the first
consideration. At the same
time I should like to
know the cost, which I
take it will not be
more than it is at
present.

As to getting my
sister's signature to claim
for Return of Income Tax and
authority for payment of
dividends to Bank, I take
it she varies: & I don't want
to come over specially, and

find that on that day
she can't sign. I thought
you might have had the
papers, & waited for and
seized your opportunity.

Sincerely Yours
Edward Bramley

Dr. Norah Kemp

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1340.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

18th Jan'y 1912

Dear Dr Kemp

I was glad to hear
some little time ago,
that there was a
distinct change for the
better in my sister's
condition, and am
pleased to hear you
think a change to
Scarbro' worth trying.

I will consult my
mother as to that, & hope

to write you on Monday.

In the meantime,
will you kindly tell me
if you think you ~~could~~
get my sister's signature
to two documents. The
one is a Claim for return
of income tax, which she
would have to sign in
blank, as the figures
will give some trouble to
fill in. The second is
an instruction to John

Brown & Co., to pay dividends
on a few shares she has
in their Company, to her
Bank Account. (This is
being done at present,
but irregularly, on my
instructions).

These two things
are so manifestly proper
& advantageous to her
& more or less a matter of form,
that I consider you
need have no hesitation
in getting her signature

to the documents, whether
she understands their
purport or not.

Sincerely Yours
Edward Bramley

Dr Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE No 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

11th April 1912

Dear Sir.

I Enclose cheque
for £86. 13.7 in payment
of enclosed Account, which
please return receipted.

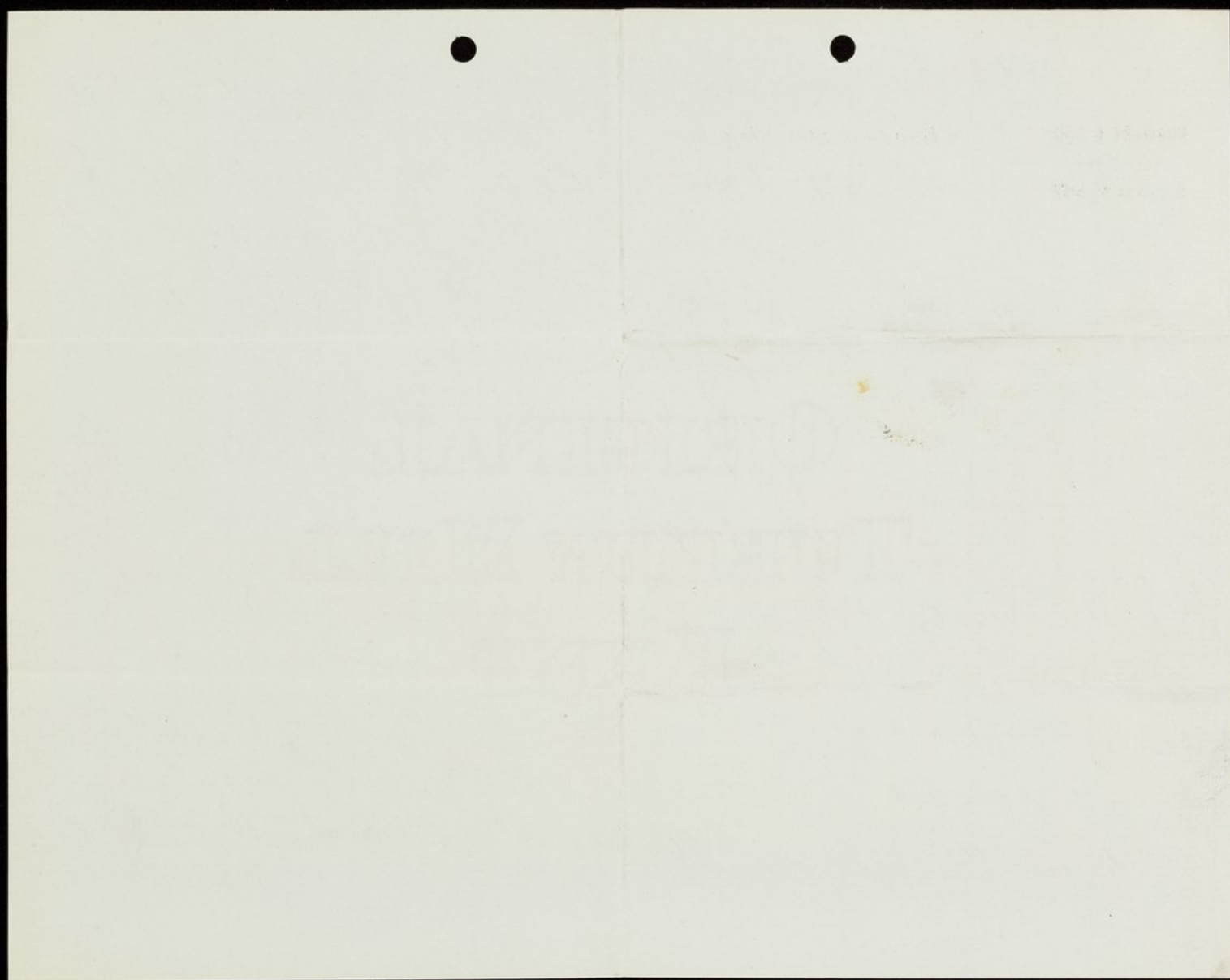
I assume that the charge
at the Scarbro' Home was
the same as that for the
Retreat - 6 guineas a week?

I expect to be in
York on the afternoon of

Friday the 26th, I will
take the opportunity of
visiting the Home, and
seeing Dr. Kemp. Perhaps
you will kindly tell her.

I am sorry the
report as to my Sister's
Condition is not more
Encouraging.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



J. The Valley.

AT HOME.

9-10.

2-3-30.

TELEPHONE N° 324.

~~72, WESTBOROUGH,~~

SCARBOROUGH.

May. 9th. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have a new patient a
 Miss Bramley from Sheffield.
 She had influenza two years
 ago and since then has been
 "fussy" about her health. She
 sleeps very little, and sees spots
 which worry her so much that
 she feels impelled to scratch
 her eyes out and asks to
 have her hands tied,
 so that she shall not injure

herself. She has come down here
from the Hydropathic, and has
been wandering from place
to place since November.

She has been very depressed but
is worse now than she has ever
been. I asked her mother to let
her see you as I should feel
happier if I had your opinion.
When will you be in Scarborough
again? & what time would
suit you to come here?

It is an unexpected stroke
of luck for me.

Yours sincerely

Harriet E. Mackenzie

Sept. 30, 1911

Dear Mrs. Bramley,

I am sorry that I cannot report any material change in Miss Bramley's condition. She is in excellent bodily health, but takes little or no interest in anything that is going on around her, being constantly in a sort of indifferent and apathetic state of mind. She is almost entirely unoccupied, though she occasionally plays the piano a little, but I am told she will play the same pages over and over again if there is no one at hand to turn the music for her. She takes her food now quite well, and there is little or no difficulty in management. The impulsive tendency to self injury seems to have passed off. I understand she does not read her letters.

I do not think anything more can be done. The disease in question is one for which no remedy is known, and moreover the cause is also altogether obscure.

I am very sorry that I have to give you such a poor account. There is one thing we can be quite sure about, and that is that Miss Bramley does not suffer at all, and that her life, though empty of interest, is, from her point of view, in no sense a painful one.

Yours very truly,

497
Clarendon Crescent

Sheffield

Sept^{or} 29th / 11

Dear Dr Pierce

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly give me a report of my daughter & tell me what is your opinion as to her condition & whether she has been improving lately.

She appears to take so little interest in

anything. Do you
think anything more
can be done to rouse it?

Have you discovered
any physical cause
for her illness? I know
of none excepting a
weakness of the heart,
one of the valves, &
frequent attacks of
Influenza, - causing
weakness & depression
& had hoped that with

Careful treatment & rest
she might recover.

I know it may take
a long time.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Amy Frankly.

Committee

J. Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE No 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

18th Feby 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I understand
that you & Dr Kemp
think it desirable that
my sister should not
be by herself (with an
attendant) all day, but
should mix a little
with other residents.

My mother and I

desire to be guided by
your views in this matter,
& therefore quite approve.

I take it my
sister will not henceforth
require the undivided
attention of a nurse in
the daytime. I shall
therefore be glad if you
will ask the Committee
to reduce the weekly
amount fixed after my
sister entered the Institution.

None of us judge
any expenditure desirable
for her welfare: but at
present it is somewhat
considerable, and we shall
be glad if the Committee
can make a reduction.

Yours Sincerely
Edward Stanley

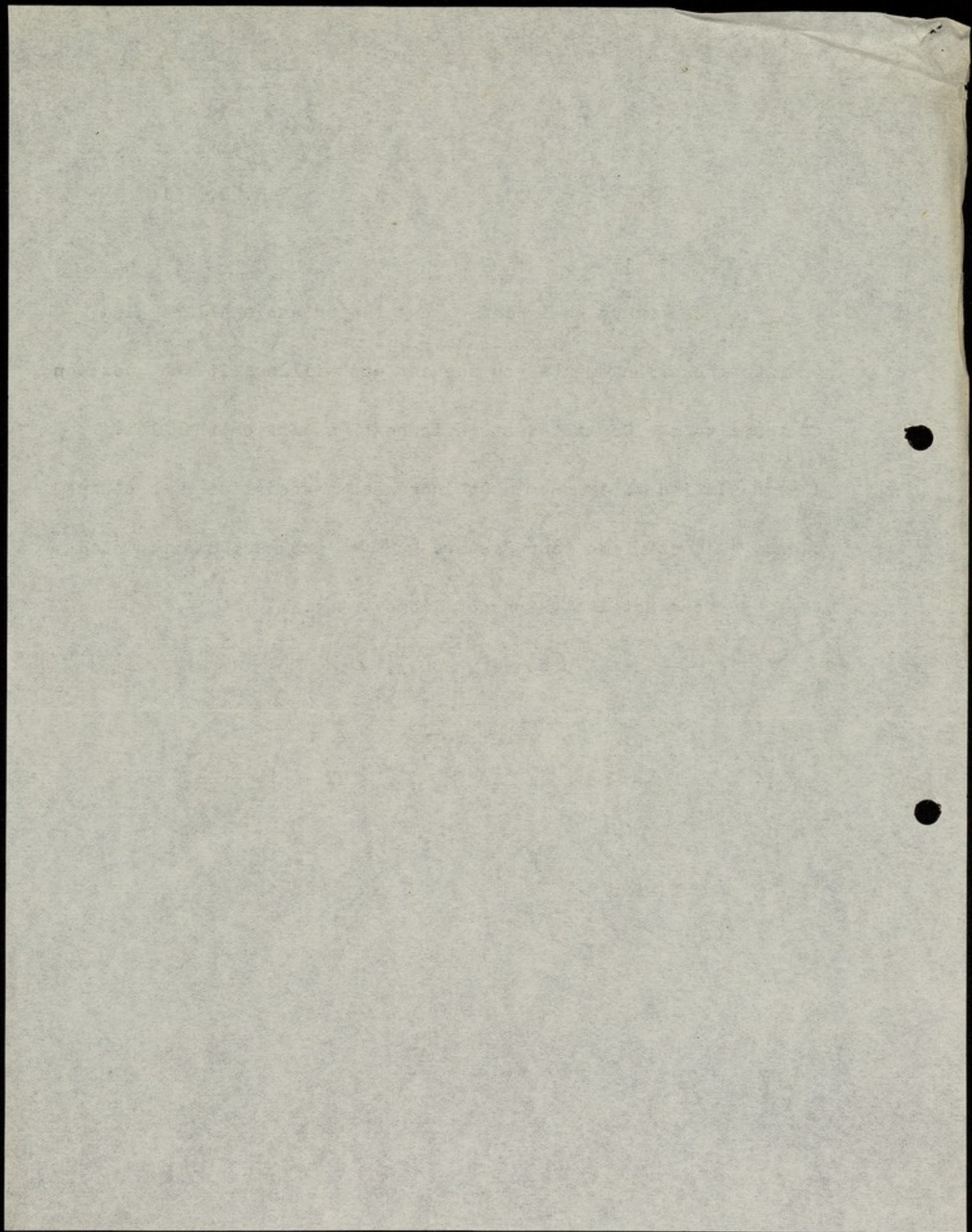
Feb. 2, 1911

Dear Mr. Bramley,

I am much obliged for your letter and shall be glad to make the arrangements you suggest and will submit the question of terms to the Committee at their next meeting on the 21st.

I am satisfied that a somewhat increased association with others cannot be hurtful to your sister. We are much disappointed that she does not show signs of improvement.

Yours very truly,



Bedford Pierce Esq R.D.
York.

TELEPHONE No 606.

42, Bank Street,
Sheffield.

Apr 14 1911

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of
Quarterly report & Account in
respect of Miss Bramley & now
beg to enclose cheque for £79-13-6
the amount due for Board &c
up to June 30th next.
I note the weekly charge has been
reduced from 7 to 6 guineas &
trust the changed conditions are to
my sister's benefit.

Kindly acknowledge receipt
addressed to me at New Hall Bank,
Bowness-on-Windermere, where I expect
to be all next week -

Yours faithfully
Henry R. Bramley

12. March 1911
S. J. Phillips

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MARCH 1911

D. Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,

SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE N° 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

14th Mch 1911

Dear D. Pierce.

I shall be away from about the 5th of April for the rest of that month, so shall be glad if you will ask your Secretary to send the quarterly account in connection with my sister

to my brother, Henry R Bramley, of 42 Bank Street, Sheffield. The letter should be marked 'personal.'

I shall no doubt be hearing from you, before I leave, what decision the Committee have come to with regard to the

Reduced to 7 7 0 p.m.

weekly charge.

I assume the
change has not done my
Sister harm, though perhaps
you cannot go so far as
to say it has done her
positive good. I am
sorry to say that I,
personally, am not sanguine
about her.

Yours Sincerely
Edward Bramley

5. Dec. 1911.

Dear Mr Bromley,

I should have written before to say that at the last Committee meeting it was agreed to reduce the terms for Miss Bromley from £7. 7. 0 to £6. 6. 0 per week.

She continues to have the special night nurse & has the same private room but in the day time she does not have the same individual care in her private room but is to some extent nursed with other patients.

The change in terms is to date for the time the change in arrangements was made which was about a month ago. The exact date I have not before me.

I note that you are going from home & will inform the Secretary about the sending in the account.

I cannot report any real improvement. Miss Bromley is now well enough to go to entertainments & she has some of our & many as well as to Sunday services: but she does not appear to give intelligent attention to them.

The outlook as regards mental recovery is certainly not hopeful I am sure to say

I remain
Yours very truly
Edw. M. Davies.

Chapman

of course have written before to see
about the last Government meeting & was
wrote to reduce the terms for him (possibly
from £. 200 to £. 100 per annum).
The intention to have the present capital
was to have the Government to see by
in the last time of the year the
same individual case in his private
room that is to see that the
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Dr Bedford Perce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

13 Jan'y 1911

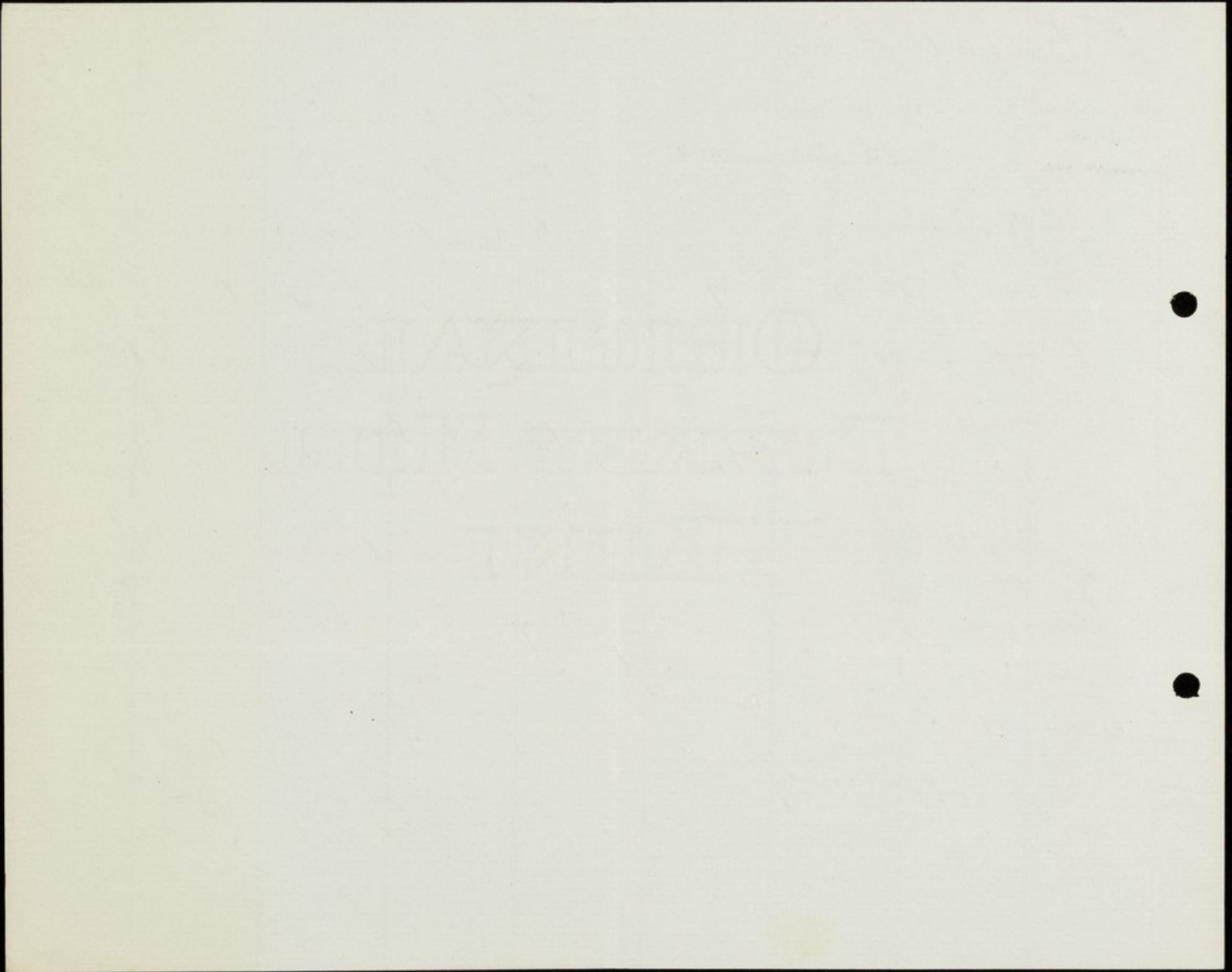
Dear Dr Perce

I enclose cheque
for £101. 4. 11 for my
Sister's maintenance up to
March 31st next. Please
return enclosed account
receipted.

I shall be in
York next Friday, so will
take the opportunity of

calling, shall hope to
see you or at any rate
stop for five minutes.
I expect to be at the Retreat
either by one, or between
then & two o'clock. I
fear it is not the most
convenient time, but
my other appointments get
in the way.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



J. Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

Oct 17th 1910

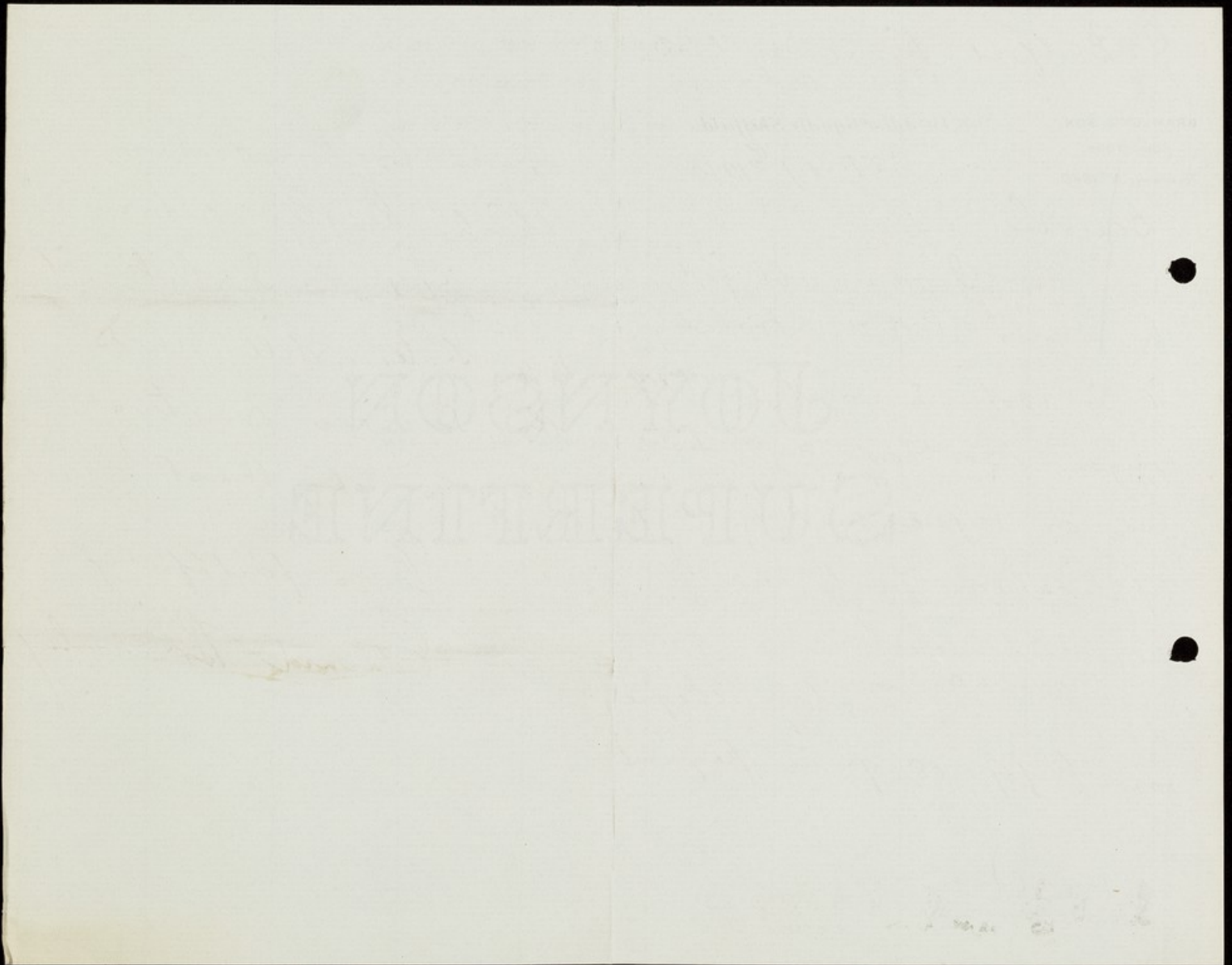
Dear Sir.

I am obliged
by your letter. Probably
it is best to wait a little
longer to see how my Sister
goes on, before making any
application such as I
referred to.

I Enclose cheque
for £99. 18. 9 in payment

of enclosed account,
which kindly return
receipted. I take it
my Sister still needs
the services of two
nurses at least?

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



Oct. 13, 1910

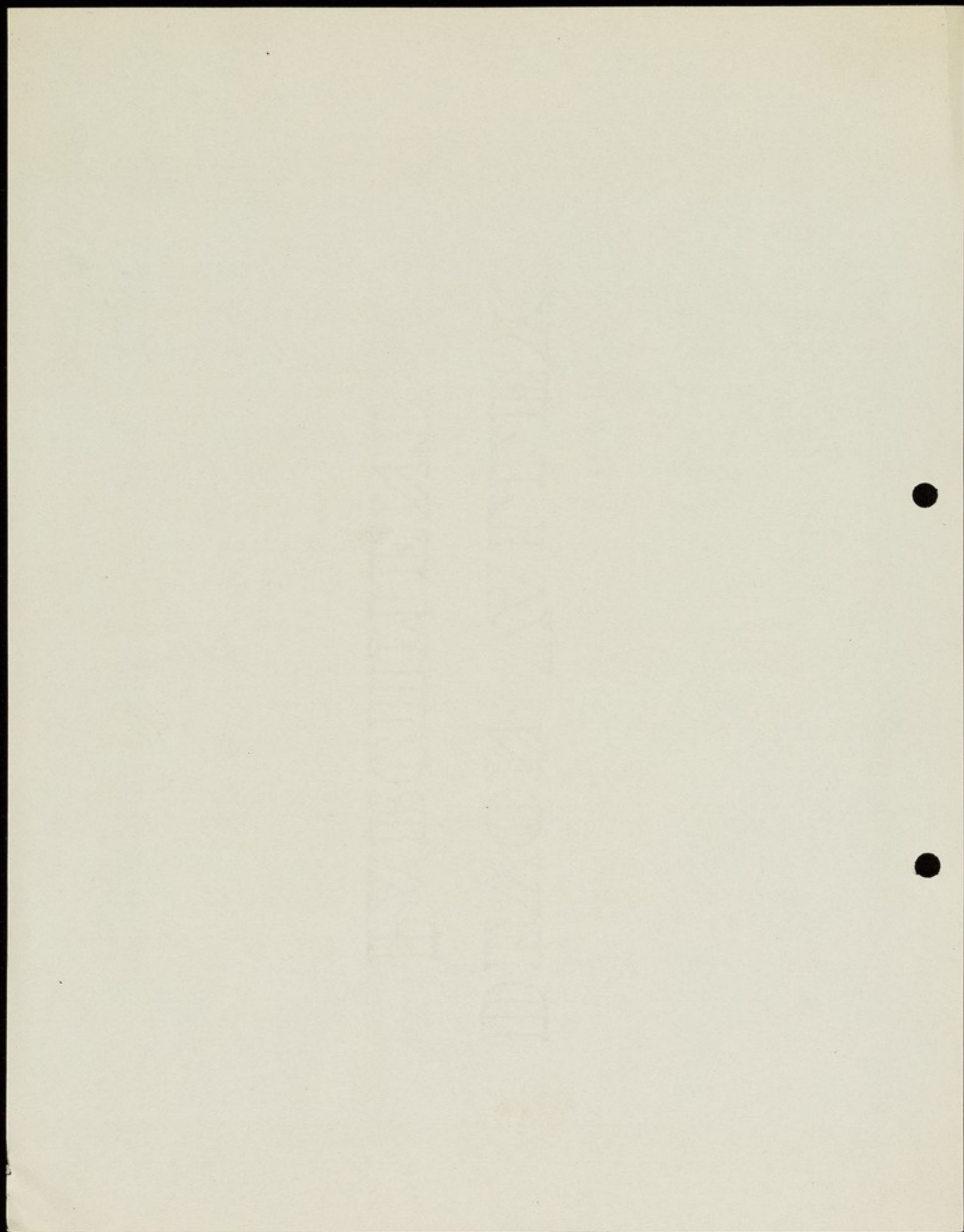
Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say I cannot report any decided improvement in Mrs. Bramley's state. She seems to take a ^{very} little more notice, watches persons going about the room, and we think she understands what goes on very much more than would appear from her general responses to conversation. She does not speak, though once she did say that her tea was all right and so far as I know has made no other remark.

It is not possible to give a decided prognosis in a case of this kind. It is not uncommon for cases of stupor to recover completely, though on the other hand there are cases which recover temporarily and then subside into a condition of feeble-mindedness.

Under the circumstances which you explain in your letter I should have thought it would be better to defer making an application in Lunacy. On the other hand if her financial position was pressing there would be no difficulty in carrying the matter through.

Yours very truly,



J. Bedford Pierce Esq

BRAMLEY & SON,

SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE N^o 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

11th Oct 1910

Dear Sir.

I understand that my Sister's Condition has somewhat improved, but that there are no indications at present that she will recover her mental balance.

The question arises whether I ought to take any steps in lunacy in connection with her Estate. With the exception of one investment,

whose dividends I cannot ⁵³⁰ handle, her income is paid direct to her Bankers under authorities: and the Bank Managers, to whom I have explained the circumstances, has no hesitation in honouring the cheques signed in accordance with the written Authority my Sister gave last May.

There seems no pressing need to make any application in lunacy, therefore. I would rather not make one, if it can be avoided: the question is really one

of the probabilities of a
reasonably early recovery.

I can't hold the
matter over indefinitely,
because, as you will
appreciate, circumstances
might at any time arise,
in connection with portions
of my sister's estate, which
would involve loss and
difficulty, unless someone
was ready, prepared with
powers to act on her
behalf.

Can you make
any suggestion for my
guidance? I shall be
much obliged if you can.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley

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 Amy Teodora Bramley of Claremont Crescent
Sheffield, Spinkster as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Dringcliffe, 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.

and to give
fourteen days' notice of any desire to effect a removal
WITNESS my hand the twenty fourth day of June 1910

Name Edward Bramley
Residence 6 Paradise Square, Sheffield
Occupation Solicitor

SIGNED by the said Edward Bramley

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Henry R. Bramley
42 Bank Street, Sheffield.
Barister at Law

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.



Dr Bedford Pierce

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE No 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

11th July 19

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter. I am sorry to say I can't alter the day when I have to be in York.

What I should have liked to do was to get some idea from you as to the probable upshot of my sister's illness. I don't expect

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you to have the gift of prophecy: but you must have had so much experience of similar cases that you can no doubt say what is most likely to happen in the future.

I can quite understand that you may feel some difficulty in making any definite statement, especially to my mother: but I'll absolve you if you prove

to be wrong in any
conjecture, & I should not
pass on to her any more
than was desirable.

What is likely to be
the state of mind of my
Sister in the future & probability
of a recovery, whether soon
or not, permanent or not,
has a bearing on arrangements
that might soon to be made:
for instance, provisions
in my Mother's will,
necessity for an application
in lunacy in connection with

my Sister's property, adjustment
of other matters on her behalf.

I should prefer
to have an idea now,
and by the Early Autumn
I should, I think, have
to take definite steps,
before which I should
contrive to see you.

I will see Dr Kemp
on Friday.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley

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Claremont Crescent
Sheffield Aug²⁸/10

Dear Dr. Pierce

Will you kindly
let me know how my
daughter is going on?

I heard last from
Dr. Kemp more than
a fortnight ago, when
she was taking her
food, but otherwise
did not appear to be
better. I am anxious

for another report.

Yours truly

Amy Bramley

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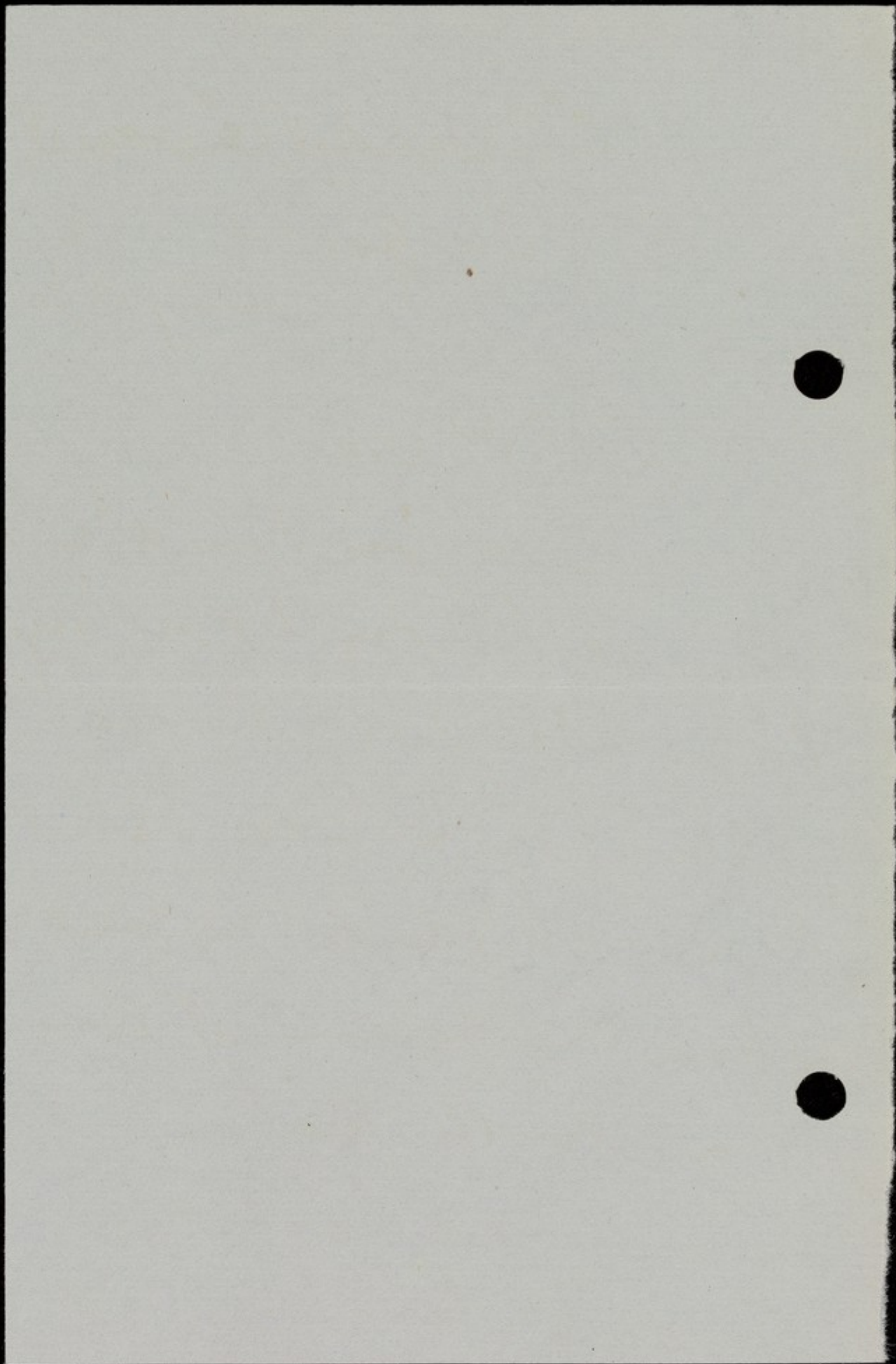
Claremont Crescent
July 23rd 1910

Dear Mr Pierce

Will you kindly
let me know how
my daughter is going
on? Has she shown
any inclination to speak
or to be interested in
anything lately?

Yours truly

Amy Bramley.



446
Claremont Brexell

Sheffield ⁴/₁₀
July 10/10

Dear Dr Pierce

Will you kindly
let me know how my
daughter has been
getting on since I saw
her on Wednesday week?
When my youngest son
was with me?

We could not get her
to speak to us at all

✓ she did not appear
to take any interest
in what we said to her.

Do you think our
visit had any effect
upon her afterwards?

Does she read my
letters herself ~~or~~ does
Nurse have to read
them to her?

Yours truly
Amy Branley.

July 8, 1910

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that I shall be away from York next Friday, the 15th, having an engagement in Blackpool that day, and I shall not be back until late that evening.

You do not say whether any other day would be likely to suit you, but it will be perfectly convenient for you to see Miss Bramley. Dr. Kemp expects to be at home that day.

I regret that I cannot report any improvement. Miss Bramley remains in the same impassive state and takes no food whatever voluntarily. She is, however, looking rather better and is out of doors a great deal.

Yours very truly,

Edward Bramley Esq.

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6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

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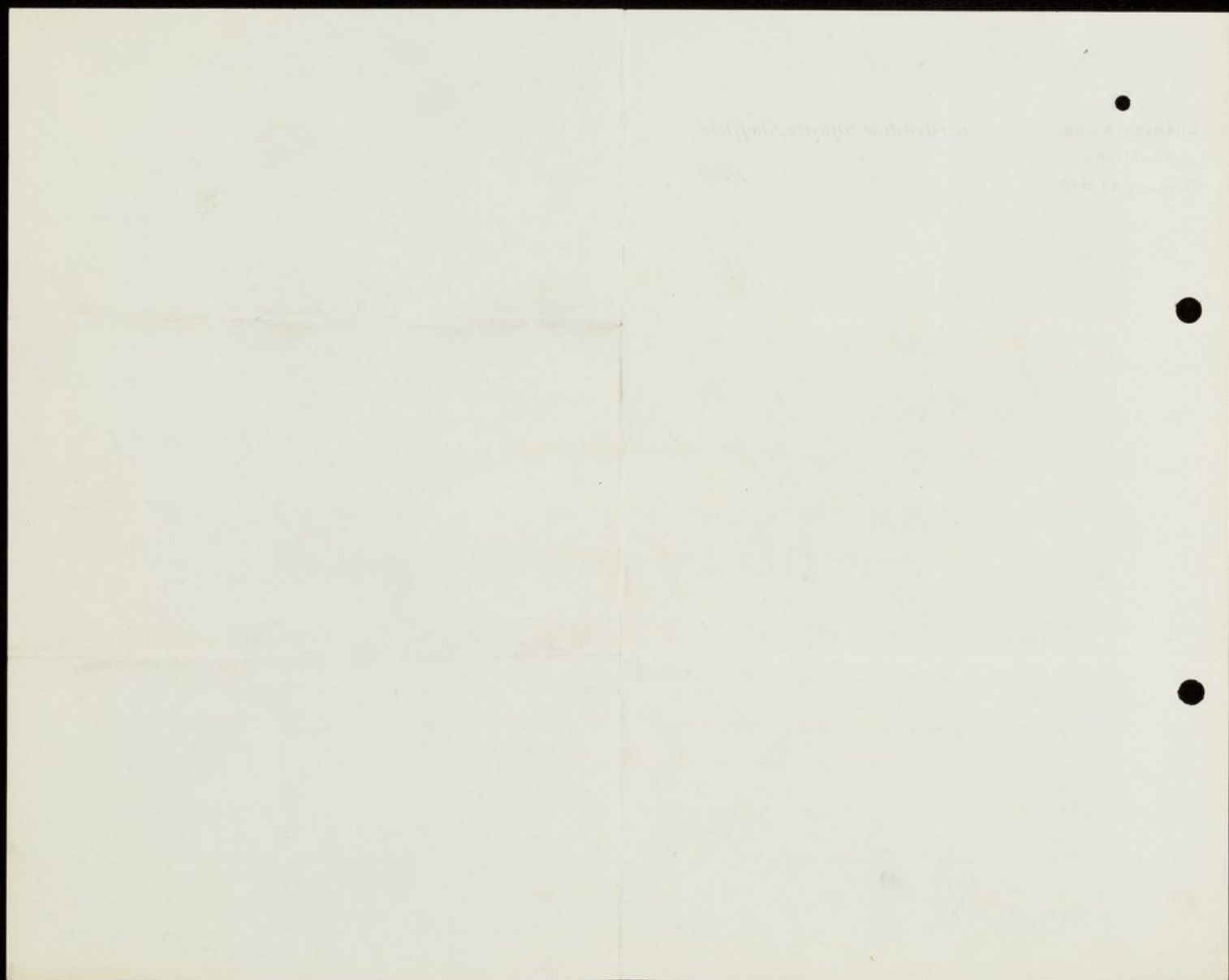
Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir.

I expect to be coming to York on Friday in next week (the 15th), & should like to see you for a few minutes. I also wanted to see Dr Kemp & my sister. Unless I leave here very early or get back very late, the only time I shall have to spare will be between 1.30 & 2.45.

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I fear that is not very convenient, but possibly if I reach the Institution at half past one, between then & half past two I might manage to see you all. If you can't manage that, I could get on about 12.45, but in that case I should have to get away at 1.30. Failing that, please suggest an earlier time, or five or so in the afternoon, & I will come then if I can.

Yours faithfully
Edward Bramley



June 27th 1910

Edward Bramley Esq

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for the agreement form completed. There is no need of any notice with regard to the removal of a patient after one month's residence - A patient may be removed at any time. Should the special nursing not be required later on a reduction in the terms will be made -

The quarterly statements will be sent out in the course of a week or so. I enclose one of the agreement forms -

Yours faithfully

D. E. Waller.

June 27th 1910

Edward Kennedy

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for the agreement
form completed. There is no
need of any further action
the removal of a patient after
one month's residence - A patient
may be removed at any time
should the special nursing not
be required later on a reduction
the same will be made -
The great statement that the
sent out is the cause for such a
I enclose one of the agreement forms

Yours faithfully
R. E. Chubb

The Secretary

BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE NO. 1940.

The Retreat York
6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

24 June 1910

Dear Sir,

I return your form of Agreement with reference to my sister, signed. The question of what notice I have to give you if it was desired she should go some where else is not dealt with: it is not likely to arise, but I thought I had better put in the same length of time (a fortnight) as you have to give me if you desire her removal.

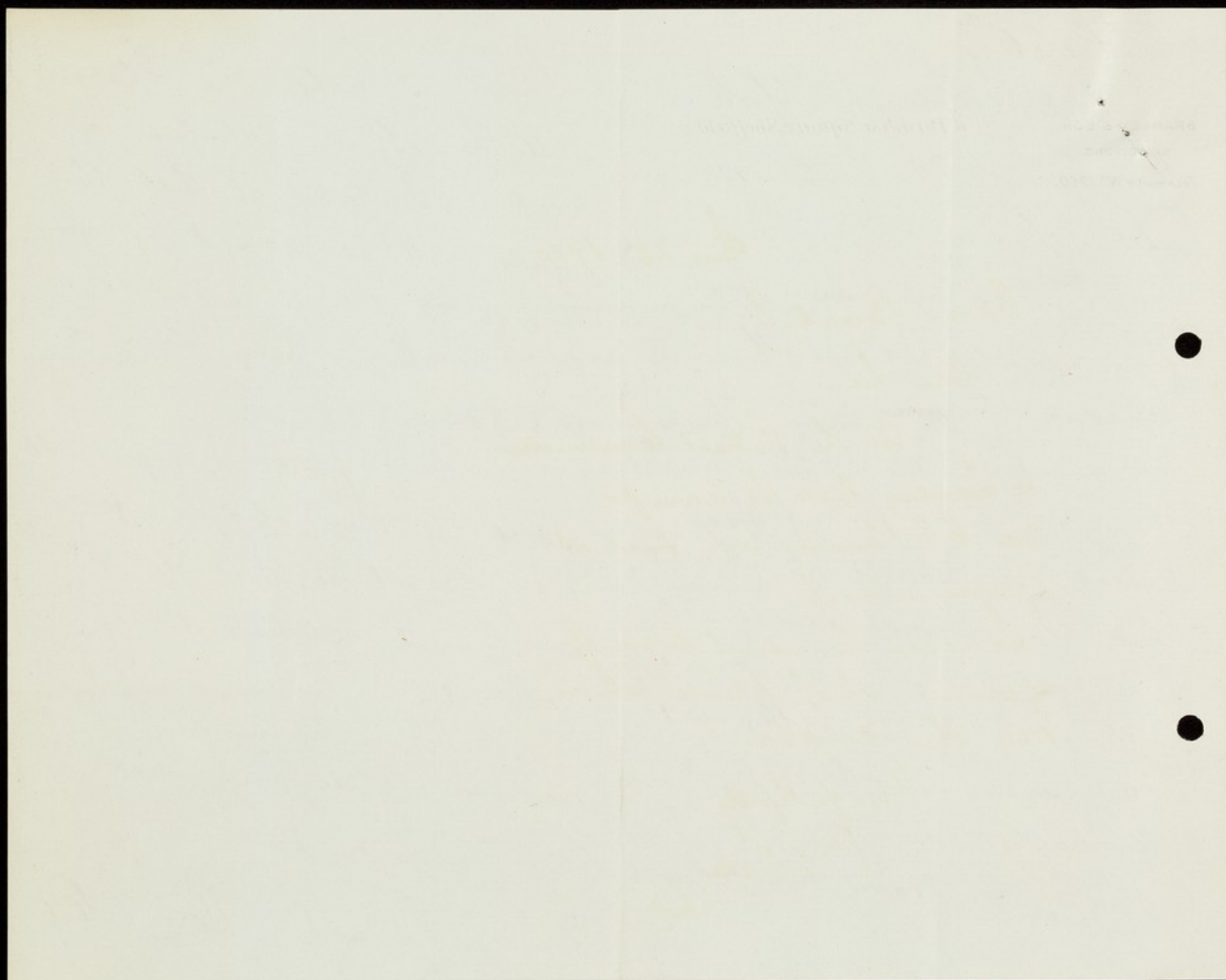
I note the charge will be Seven guineas a week. I take it that this figure will be revised if my sister's condition improves, which I hope may soon be the case.

I presume you will want another cheque from me, & shall be glad if you will send statement of account.

I am arranging to come over soon, to see my sister.

Yours truly
Edward Bramley

Please send me a copy of the agreement.



June 23 1910

Edward Bramley Esq

Dear Sir,

At the Retreat Committee
on Tuesday last the terms for
Miss A. F. Bramley were fixed at
7 guineas a week -

Enclose the usual form of
agreement which please return
to me when completed -

Yours faithfully

Wm. Ch. Waller
Secy.

June 23 1910

Edmond Kennedy Esq
Dear Sir,

At the Patent Commission
on Tuesday last the Crown for
Miss H. F. Kennedy were faced at
Yemen a week -
I enclose the usual form of
agreement which please return
to me when completed -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Adams Esq.

40 Miss Shakespeare,
73 Parkston Gardens
South Kensington
London S.W.
June 4th/10

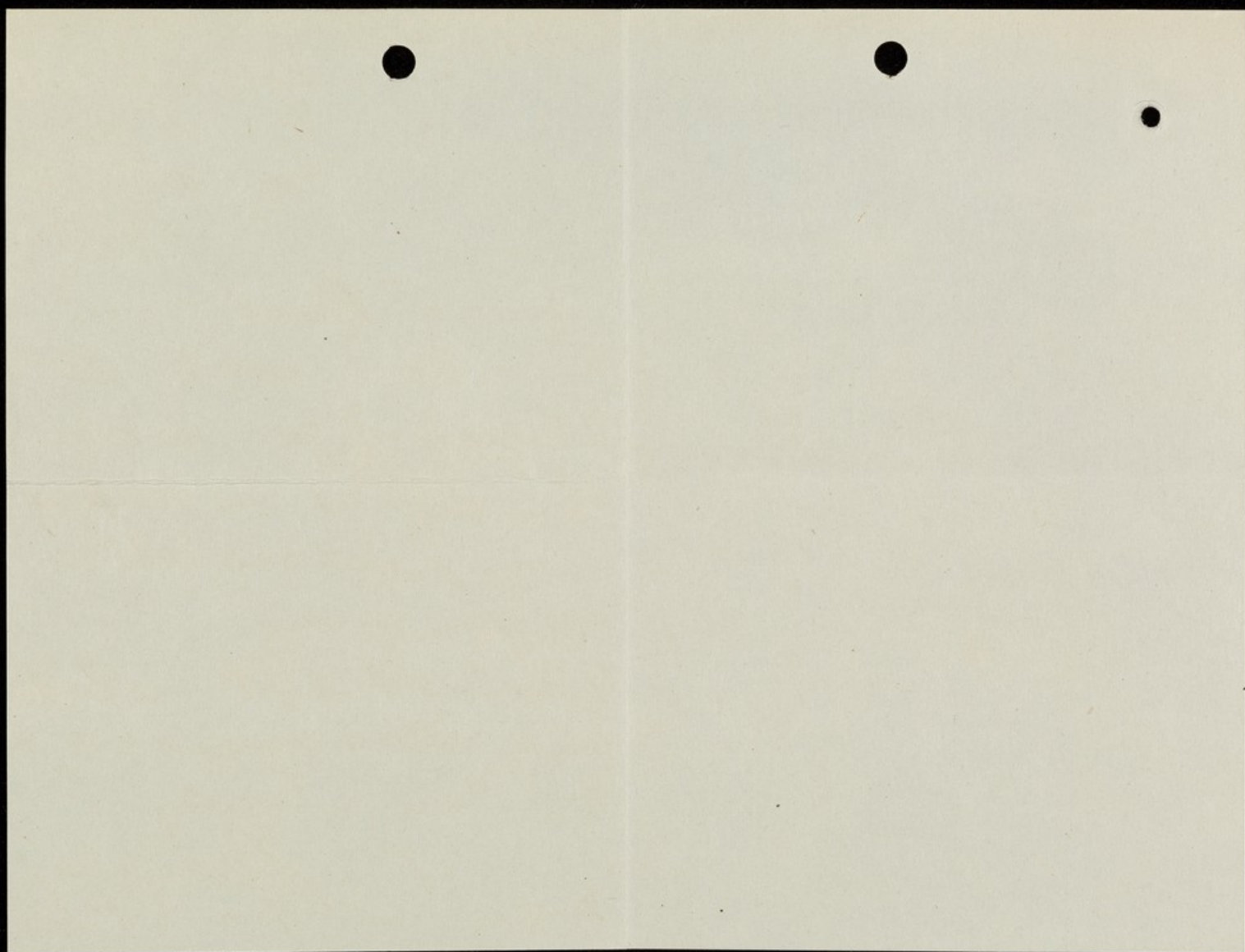
Dear Mr Pierce

I am writing
to ask if you will
kindly let me know
how my daughter
is going on.

The last report has made
me rather anxious.

Yours truly

Amy Bramley
I am in London for a short time.



248
Cremont Crescent
Sheffield
May 21st 1910

Dear D Pierce

Will you kindly
let me know how my
daughter is going on
& whether you consider
it desirable for us to
write to her at present?

My son & I called at
the Retreat on our way

home through York
on Wednesday & the
matron was good
enough to take us
round & we were
very much pleased &
satisfied with what
we saw.

Yours truly

Amy Bramley.

Can I address to you at
your house instead of at
the Retreat?

June 14, 1910

Dear Mrs. Bramley,

I regret I cannot report any improvement in Miss Bramley's condition. She is becoming increasingly apathetic. She does not take her food, and has to be fed regularly by the medical officers. She rarely speaks, and is in a dull confused state. This condition of stupor is not necessarily a bad sign, and it often lasts quite a long time. I fear she will not be able to take much notice of anything sent to her for her birthday, but I certainly would write and send some little thing. Her general health keeps quite good, but she needs a very great deal of nursing. There have been no impulsive acts lately.

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.

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43 Barkston Gardens
South Kensington
London S.W.

Dear Mr Pierce

Will you kindly
let me know how my
daughter is going on.

I have written to her
several times & should
be glad to hear if she
is interested in my letters.

Also whether it would be
desirable for me to send
her a little present for her
birthday which will be in
a few days? Perhaps a book?

Or anything else she may
require?

Yours truly
Amy Brainerd.

Dr. Bedford Pierce

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BRAMLEY & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TELEPHONE No 1940.

6, Paradise Square, Sheffield.

19 May 1910

Dear Dr. Pearce

As arranged, I
enclose cheque for £ 30
on account of my sister's
maintenance at The Retreat.
You will no doubt be writing
me in due course as to
the weekly cost, and if there
are any existing obligations
I have not discharged
(nurse's rail fares re ?), you
can inform me of these at

the same time. Please
send me a receipt.

You will notice the
Bank have acted on the
Authority I took.

I hope my sister
is going on favourably.

Thanking you for your
kind attention to her case,
I am,

Faithfully Yours
Edward Bramley

Please address your reply
to me to subsequent letters
"personal" (marked on envelope).

