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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"BROWN," NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

2. Cails Buildings.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

July 29 1907

Rev Dr Kemp

Your letter of yesterday is to hand this morning to which I hasten to reply. The letter you mention dated 22nd inst has never been received by me it will be interesting to know as to how it was addressed. Possibly as there are other firms in this city of the same ~~same~~ surname the address may not have been quite accurate.

Mrs Brown so far as I can judge is equally as well

(620) mentally as she was previously is, before her last severe attack when in the opinion of her two doctors it was necessary for her to undergo special treatment. Her health physically is much improved and perhaps on the whole her ^{general} condition may be similarly described.

I agree with you in thinking it will be well to discharge Mrs Brown from your books as "relieved" her complete recovery which I earnestly hope will be achieved in the course of time being scarcely yet accomplished. At your convenience

I shall be pleased to
receive statement of all
of expenses incurred
on Mrs Brown's behalf.
In the meantime I desire
to convey to yourself
personally my sincere
thanks for the uniform
kindness you have shown
to my wife during her
stay at the Retreat.

I am

Yours sincerely

James A. Brown

Kindly address all letters
marked private to

c/o James A. Brown & Co
2 City Buildings, Sydney.
Newcastle on Tyne.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"BROWN," NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne

May 23rd 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce

Your favor of 21st inst safely reached me & I was glad to learn that you considered there was no difficulty in the way of my wife leaving Throxbury next week. I am accordingly making arrangements to start for Scarborough on Tuesday morning 28th inst returning in the afternoon from Throxbury with her.

With regards to my opinion as to the state of mind of my

now previous to this last attack, it is somewhat difficult to make any definite statement as she has not been herself for many years. Her condition varied a good deal. But I should say she is rather better ^{now} than she was then both bodily & mentally although her memory may be not so good. It was however failing her prior to the attack.

I think it might be advisable as you suggest for her to go on trial for a few weeks before granting her formal discharge. I can then write you advising the progress she has made.

I have to thank you

Dr Mackenzie Dr Kemp
and all the Sisters and
Nurses both at the Retreat
and at Throxenby for the
attention invariably paid
& the kindness shown to
my wife which I much
appreciate & which has
doubtless greatly accelerated
her recovery).

I am

Yours very truly
James A. Brown

P.S. In future kindly address
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May 20 1907

Dr. Pierce

York

Dear Sir,

I called at Troxenby Hall on Saturday & Sunday last & was much pleased to see the marked improvement in my wife's health. Today I purpose taking her to the Spa to & tomorrow I return home.

I have little doubt after you see her this week that you will consider her well enough to return home in which case I intend coming again to Scarborough early next week. In the meantime I will make all arrangements to have everything ready at home.

Please write me as usual to
2 Stanwick Street, Plymouth. Yours truly
James A. Brown

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"BROWN," NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

April 29th 1907

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir, York.

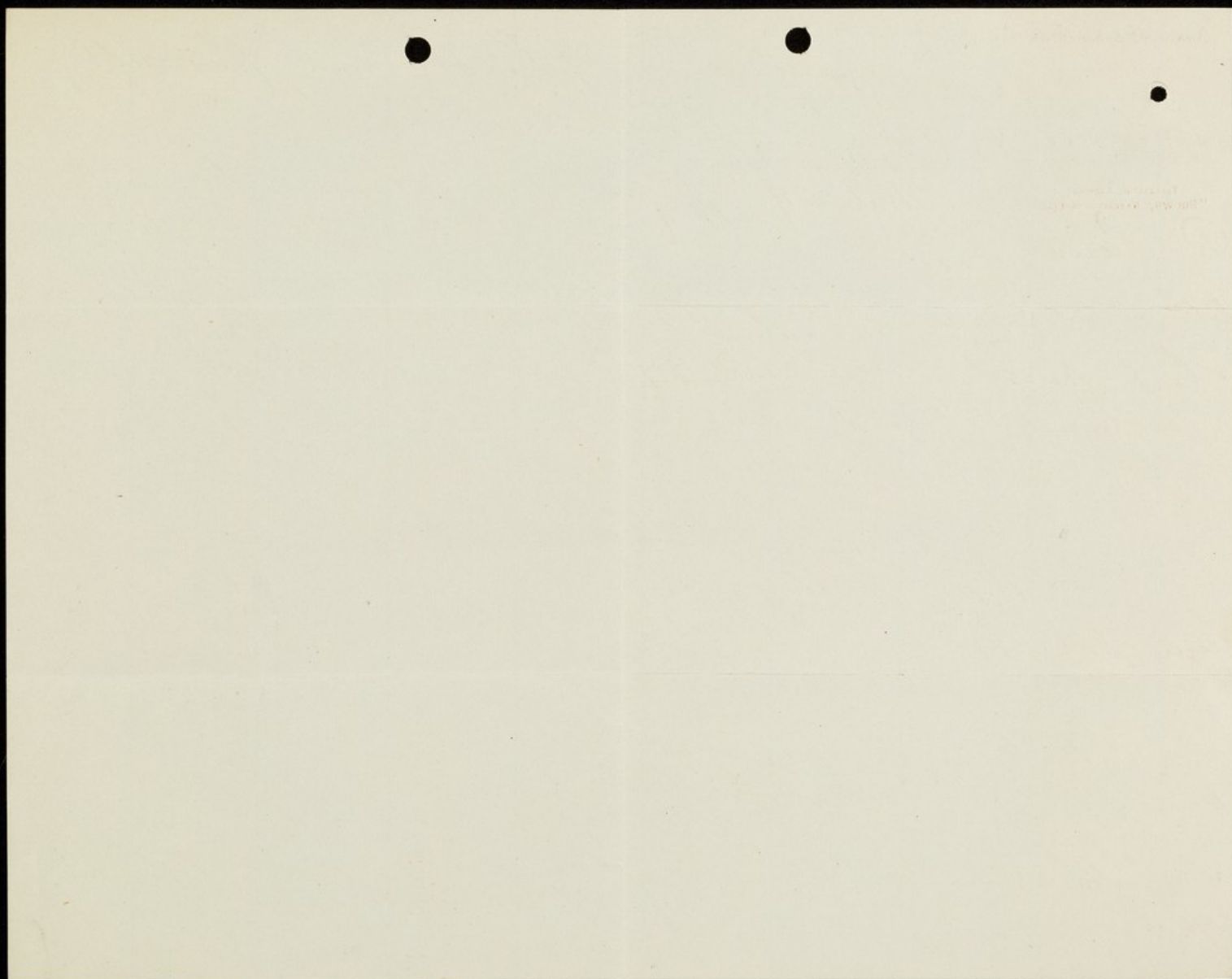
Enclosed herewith I beg
to hand you cheque value £31.19.9
in settlement of ^{in advance of balance} your quarter's board
to for my wife Elizabeth Carr
Brown receipt of which kindly
acknowledge. The quarter terminates on June 3rd.

I shall be pleased to
learn your opinion of Mrs Brown's
present mental condition. I thought
there was a distinct improvement
when last I saw her about a
fortnight ago. I purposely
avoid going too often to see her
as I think my visits have the
effect of unsettling her.

Kindly send your reply
as heretofore to

2 Sharnock Street
Frimonth

Yours faithfully
James A. Brown



I may mention that the
trained nurse we had also
our servant girl noticed
she usually had these attacks
when in a room in which
there were mirrors & after
looking at herself in the
glass. When in the open
air or in a room without
mirrors she rarely answered
any voices. I should feel
obliged if you could give
this matter your attention
& kindly see what effect
would be created by
removing any mirrors so
far as is practicable.

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Stanley House,
2. Stanwick St. Tynemouth.

17/3/07

Dr. Pierce
Dear Sir, York

When I saw my
wife on 9th inst. I thought
at first that there was a
good deal of improvement
probably because of the
excitement at seeing me, as
after an interval she again
appeared to have the hallucinations
of hearing from which it was
difficult to get her to
withdraw her attention.

Thinking that perhaps play the piano to them.
an Evening Chronicle I shall always
(Newcastle) Paper might be glad to hear how she
interest her as it the fact is progressing & I remain
I asked the Nurse at Dear Sir
the retreat, if you thought
well to get one regularly.
At one time my wife
was very fond of reading
it - I sent her some
music the other day, as
I understood from one
of the nurses that they
occasionally got her to

weather permits she will get
into the grounds. Fresh air
always had a remarkably good
effect on her both mentally
& physically & seemed to give
her much relief.

In the course of a
few days, if you think it will
not unduly unsettle my wife
I can go to York & see her
but on this point I shall
be guided by your opinion.
I could then talk over with
you any other matters that
might be of interest.

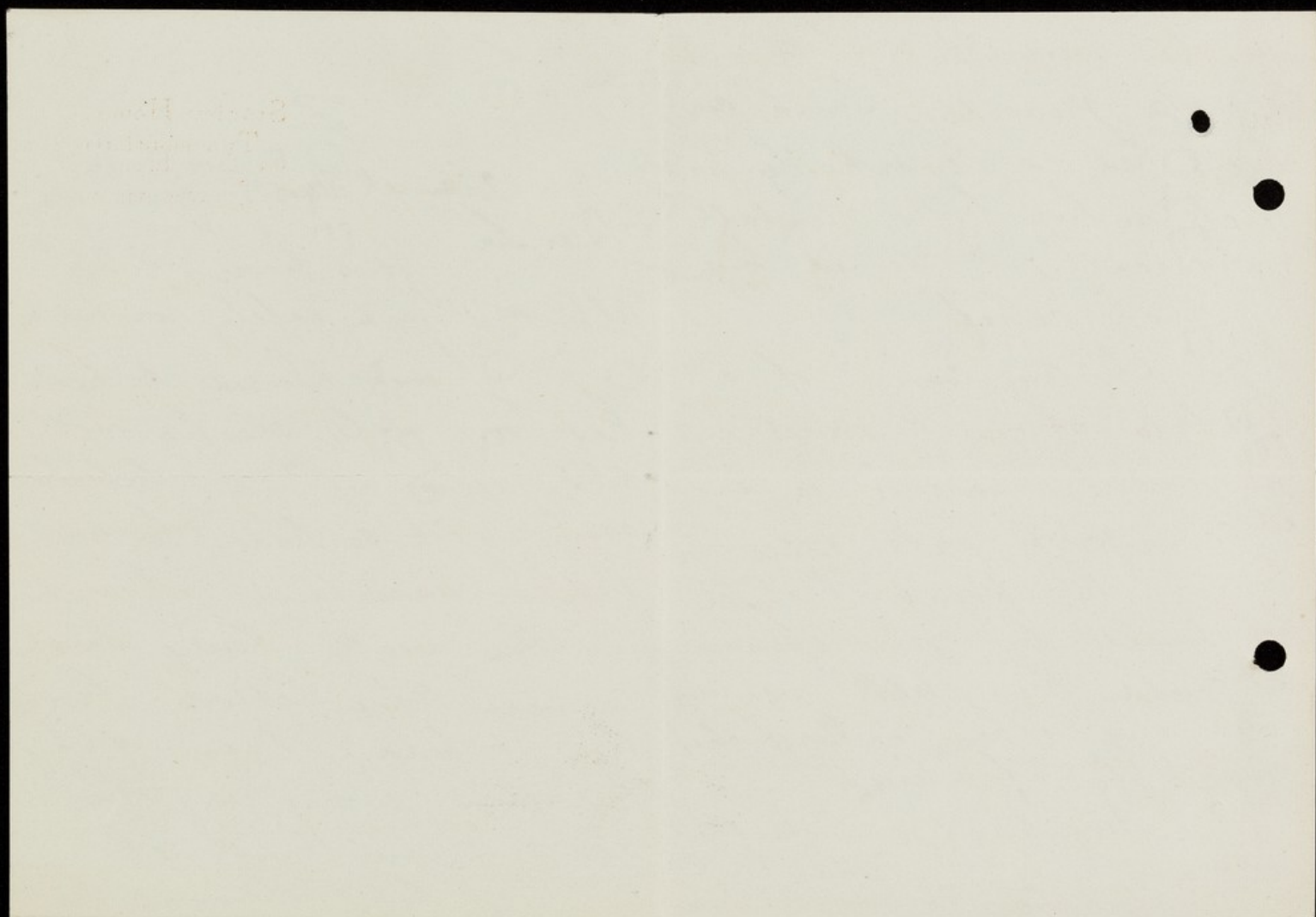
Awaiting your further
news
Yours highly
D^r. Bedford Pierce. James A. Brown

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Stanley House,
2 Stanwick Street Tynemouth. 4/3/07
Sunday

Dear Sir, Your favors of 25th
ult & 1st inst safely reached me.

I was pleased to hear
that my wife sleeps well
but regret to learn that her
memory is so bad & her mental
state so uncertain. I wrote
her this week having already
received three letters from
her & today I am writing
her again giving any home
news I can think of.
I hope whenever the



written me asking why I
do not write but I await
your further report before
either writing or coming
through to see her -
No doubt I shall be hearing
from you shortly on these
subjects, & on any further
matters that may be of
interest.

Tomorrow I purpose
forwarding to the Secretary
the agreement form signed
together with a Remittance
from the office - Yours truly
James A. Brown.

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Stanley House,
Tynemouth.

Sunday

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Dear Doctor Kemp,

I safely received
your letter & was pleased
to receive your report
with regard to my poor
wife's state of health,
& also that you were
giving her a few days
rest in bed. It would
doubtless tend towards soothing
her nerves. She has since

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2 guineas per week above the charge made when the patient sleeps ~~alone~~ in the same room with other patients -

I will telegraph you on Monday next if we succeed, as I hope in leaving Newcastle for York I will also mention the particular train.

Yours truly
James A. Brown

of
(James A. Brown & Co)
2 Caisles Sts Newcastle-on-Tyne

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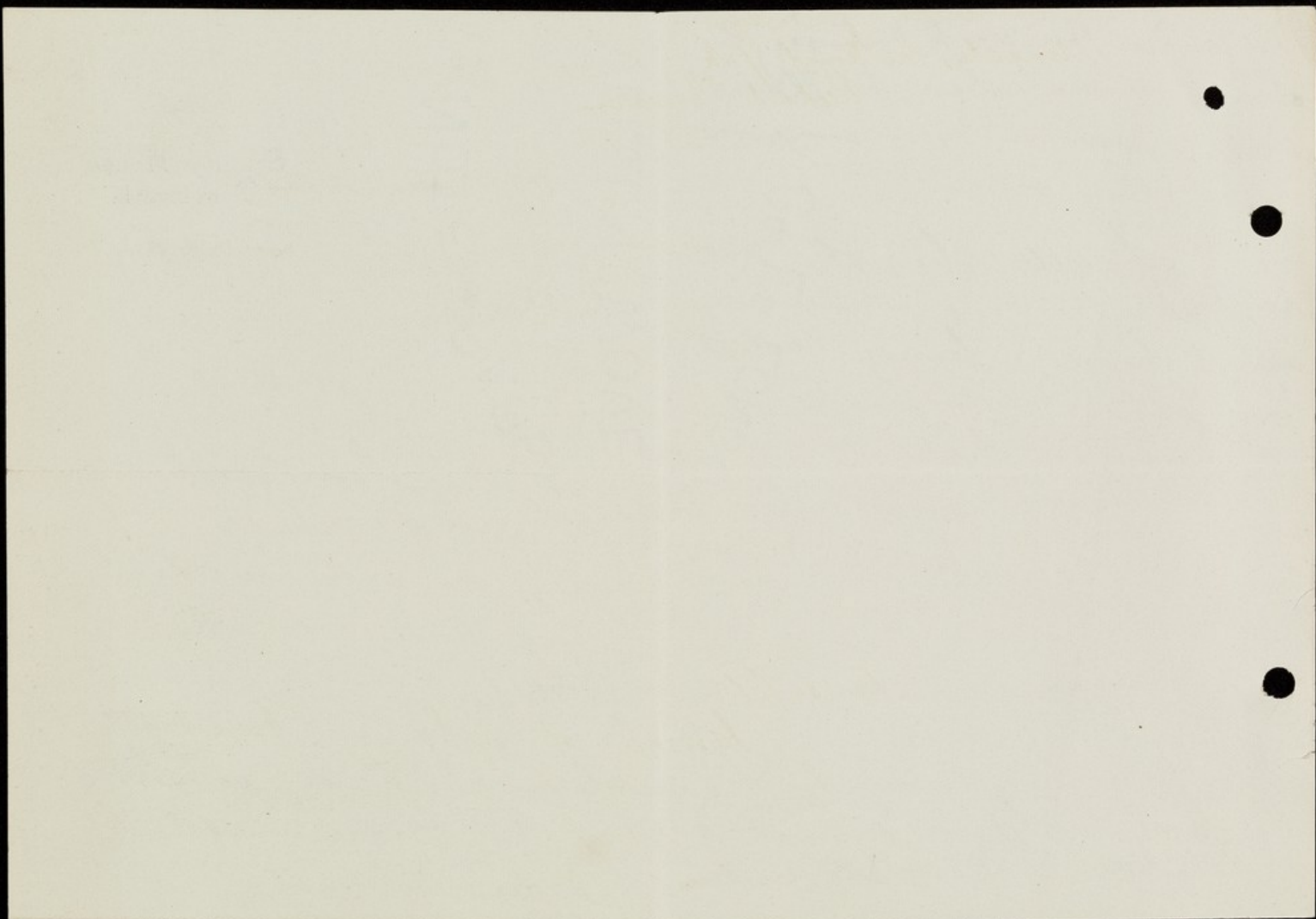
Stanley House,
2 Stanwick Street Tynemouth.

Sunday

The Doctor
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

Referring to our interview of yesterday, after giving the matter consideration I have decided for the present at least that my wife shall have a 'private bedroom' for which I think you stated that the charge would be 5 guineas per week, that is,





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 Elizabeth Carr Brown of 2 Stanwick Street
Symonmouth as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Dringate, The Quay, 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 twenty-fifth day of February 1907

Name James A. Brown

Residence 2 Stanwick Street Symonmouth

Occupation Merchant

SIGNED by the said James Alfred Brown

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Thomas Hodges
33 Langhill Newcastle
Merchant

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.

