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Reply to 21 Bishopsgate W /
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Dear Dr. Price,

You will doubtless be
able to refer to your notes re
my late brother-in-law Wm.
Henry Brown who came to
York from Staffordshire about
1899 and died early in 1902.

We have been bringing up
two of the 4 girls. The youngest
Olive is now nearly 20, a
bright intelligent girl. She

did reasonably well at
Ackworth, and
has since been in a
couple of households, helping
in various ways.. She now
wants to take a year's proper
training at the Norland
Institute - for which she
would I think be admirably
qualified - but we find
ourselves up against a para-
graph in the prospectus

"Candidates whose parents have
at any time been under ^{medical} treat-
ment for mania, religious or

"other wise, are ineligible?"

I am not sure that this rule
is absolute - I hope not. - but
I thought ~~that~~ you would
perhaps be able to putty us
by a statement that her father's
breakdown was of such a
character that the child's
career need not be barred
thereby.

Will you let me have
any information you can
during the present week.

Sincerely yours

Wm Henry G. Alexander

"Lownhead"

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Bargrave

4-12-06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I received your
letter on arrival
home last night -
too late to make up my
mind how to go about
getting any information
likely to be of service
to you & catch our
early post. —

After Harry —
returned from Throscenby
I gathered from some
boy & girl conversation
betwixt he & his sister

(12²/₃ years old) that he
thought Nurse so & so
was a very nice
girl & I at once
told him not to be a
donkey & get any silly
ideas into his head
especially in that quarter.

I have practically
heard very little since
except what has come
thro' his sister to whom
he appears to have shown
letters &c he wrote & I
have renewed my warning
once or twice & treat the
whole thing with ridicule.

We have noticed
that no letters have
arrived for him from

³
That quarter for some
months I had concluded
that the temporary boy &
girl fancy had evaporated.

Previous to speaking to
Harry last night we were
quite aware that Harry had
in May last - one Wednesday I
think - to go to Leeds to his
outfitters to try on a suit & the
afterwards told us he met
the girl about ~~2~~ 2 6's
in afternoon & they had a look
round the shops & then a cup
of tea & he saw her off about
7 o'clock & he was home about
10 himself at Bargrave. - The
only other occasion that we
knew of his trying to meet
her was a month or two
later when he was over at
his Grandmother at York for

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they missed & did not see
each other - Harry made no
secret of the meeting ^{the} attempted
one & he certainly has had
no other opportunity of meetings
without our knowledge as on
no other occasions has he been
out of our reach or ken. —

That they did not meet
at York is confirmed by a
note from her - which we
found last night - along
with 3 others - all simple

Matter of fact notes addressed
"Dear Mr. Brown" & left lying
in his open Bed-Room drawer.
On enquiry I find he has
been very much surprised at
having had no I card or letter
since Aug. last. —

Well I broke the ice
by saying to him "Harry
are you still carrying
on that silly correspondence

" ⁵ with that nurse" the at ⁽⁹⁸⁰⁾
once replied no! - I then
said when did it drop -
the said when we were at
Morecambe I wrote last
● have had no reply so am
not going to write again. -

I then said have you
ever met her since ^{you left} Scarb?
the said "only once you
know about it - that was
at Leeds when I went over
to Hudsons (clothing) & as
she had said she would
like to come to Leeds sometime
I let her know & I met her
about 2 & saw her off back
at 7. - I asked him when
they went the said they
simply walked about the
town looking at shops &c
& then had a plain tea &c

" 6
The "Silent Grid" before
she returned. - I asked if
he paid her fare the
said - no: I offered to pay
"it back to York but she
"would not let me. -

I then said have you
never tried to arrange a
meeting since she at once
said yes "that time I was
"at Grandmas I wrote
"I asked her to meet me
"by the River but we missed.
(This is confirmed by her
note & when Harry returned
from Doris (his sister) told
us he had not seen her.)

I put it plainly
to him if he was quite
sure he had only seen
her once she said
certainly & I quite

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believe him. — I also
sent it to him firmly
as to what his relations
with her were & he firmly
assured me that he liked
her & thought there was
no harm in meeting her
now & then if he could & that
there certainly was nothing
wrong betwixt them in any
way. — I regret after
going fully into the
matter that you have
gathered (possibly from his
letters) that he has met
her secretly & regularly as
this is certainly not the
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of our reach at any
time. — I am quite sure
he has had no letters for
months as I find on enquiring
he has complained about
not doing so. — He has
not said anything to me
as I have always treat
the whole thing with
contempt. —

She has certainly
not been ^{where he could see her} about Sargrave
or anywhere near ^{late} lately
(or at any time) ^{except as above} Harry has
not been two miles away
from home for over a
fortnight. — Please excuse
long letter but I wish to
be clear as possible. —

I have given Harry
no clue or reason
for my talking to
him but told him
I wanted to know if
his "silly whim" was
ended or if he was
still carrying it on.

He was not in
any way confused
& has since gone about
as usual - bright &
cheerful. —

He is I am glad
to say keeping well. —

With kind regards
Yours truly

Hy & Brown

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The view my wife
 & I take is that he
 has been smitten a
 bit by the Gine — that
 she really never
 encouraged it & as
 far as we can make
 out only wrote him
^{in reply to letters}
 very seldom & quietly
 let the matter drop.

J.W.

Please use enclosed envelope
 in reply. —

Please excuse scrawl
 As to my ink is very
 thin. — H.W.

fall at 'Imrosenby':-

The latter place
is so delightfully
situated & well
cheerfully conducted
that I think if ever
I feel "run down" I
shall be inclined
to seek admission for
a week or two. —

Trusting you
are quite recovered
from your fever attack.

Yours faithfully
J. Y. Brown

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✓ Ironhead
Gargrave-in-Craven
4-4-86

Dear Doctor Pierce

I find I have
omitted to send small
balance which I now
do with thanks to you
& your staff. —

I am pleased
to say Harry is still
keeping very well & working
hard & successfully at his
Poultry business. —

Our thanks are
also due to Miss Vigor

