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24th March, 1917.

Dear Miss Bruce,

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter, and to hear that you are so nicely. Miss Head and many others will be very glad indeed to hear the news.

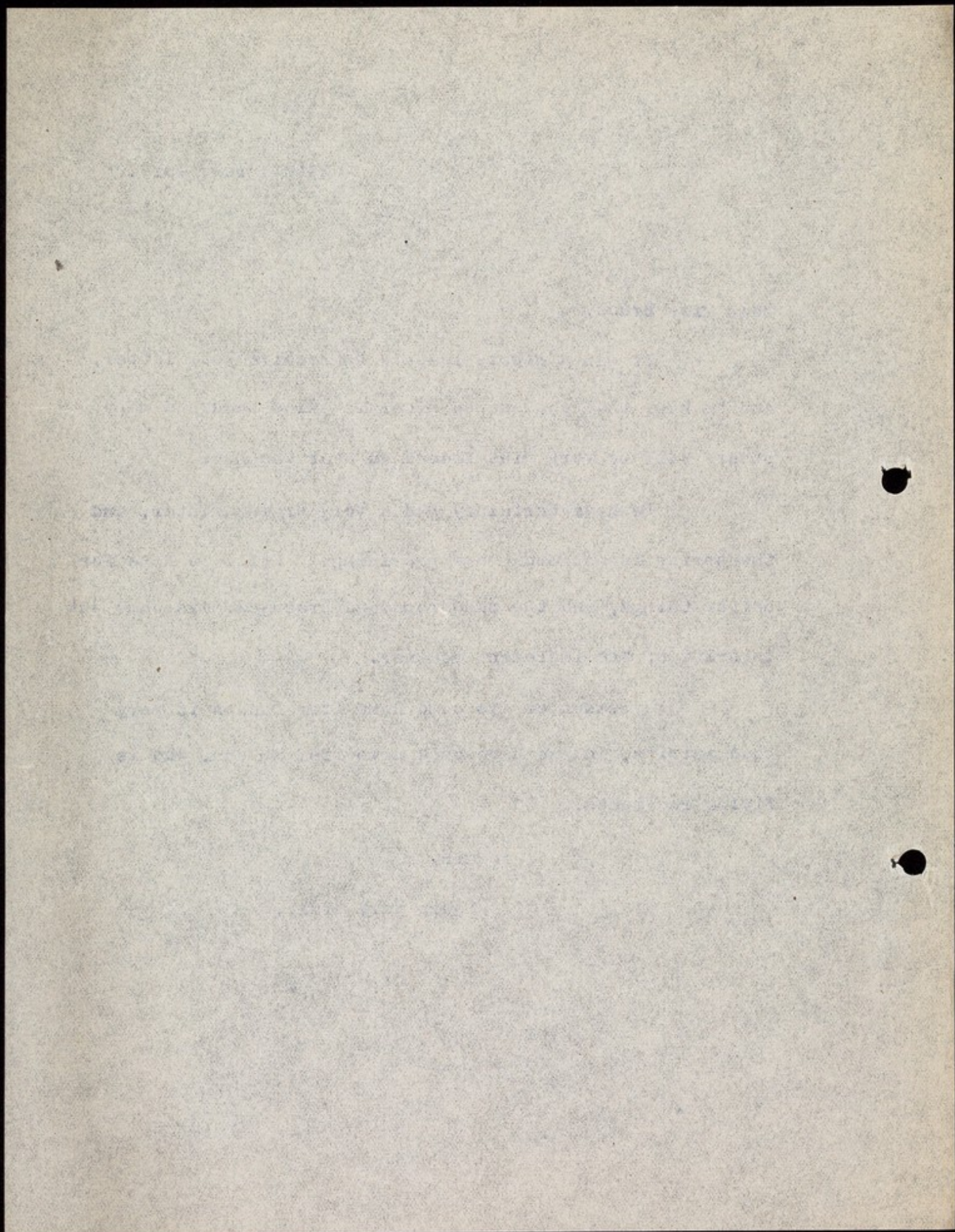
We have certainly had a very trying winter, and the spring is not much more promising. Still we hope for better things, and the snowdrops and crocuses have come out in spite of the inclement weather.

My daughter has come home from London in very good spirits, and we have good news from my son, who is flying in France.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





24th March, 1917.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I was very pleased  
to get your letter and your  
sister's. I now have  
pleasure in enclosing a formal  
notice of discharge.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1917

Dear Mr. Pierce,

You will be glad to hear  
I am now feeling quite well again.  
We went to my married sisters in  
Buddlesfield for 2 months & the change  
there did me a great deal of good.  
I have slept well ever since I got home  
& have a good appetite & enjoy my meals.  
I go out every day & am now able to  
knit socks for the soldiers & help with  
other sewing. I enjoy reading & it is a



great pleasure to see my old friends  
we have had a severe winter but are  
looking forward to the Spring & Summer.  
Twice I have walked to Innesbrough  
& back, which is 6 miles. It is a pleasant  
walk & on March days is specially  
interesting. Harrogate is looking very  
well though the snow hasn't quite  
gone & the sun is very warm when it  
is shining brightly.

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Alice M. Bruce

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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

March 23, 1917

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am enclosing  
a note in my sister's  
letter. I am glad to say  
she is keeping very well.  
What do you think about  
keeping her name on the  
books? Will it be  
necessary for you to see her



if so I might bring her  
over to Leeds some Tuesday.  
I may be going there  
next week to a meeting  
so might fit in the two  
things together.

Surely we shall soon be  
at the end of the winter  
weather although very  
cold we have both  
managed to keep very

well.

With kind regards

I am  
yours sincerely  
Jessie Bunce

Bedford Price M.D.

13th January, 1907.

Dear Miss Bruce,

We are delighted to hear such a good account of your sister, and I can only congratulate her and you on having had a happy Christmas, and the successful issue of such a long and tedious illness. I hope she will now continue to keep well so that we can finally discharge her from our books.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



1941, January 12

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you in regard to the

of your letter of January 10, 1941.

and the one of January 11, 1941.

and the one of January 12, 1941.

I am writing to you in regard to the

of your letter of January 10, 1941.

I am writing to you in regard to the

of your letter of January 10, 1941.

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 1917

Dear D. Pierce,

You will be  
glad to hear we are  
getting on very nicely. My  
sister is keeping very well.  
We were able to go to  
Thuddesfield & spend James  
& the New Year with



my married sister who  
has two little boys.

Miss Bruce enjoyed it  
very much & looked  
better for the change.

We try to get out for  
a walk every day but  
the weather is not very  
favourable. The only  
thing my sister ever  
mentions is an aching  
at the top of her  
back, sometimes. But

she really is wonderful,  
& we must rejoice in  
the present.

Miss Bruce joins with  
me in sending best  
wishes for the year.

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

Bedford Price M.D.

22nd November, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am exceedingly  
pleased to hear that your  
sister keeps nicely. Now  
the weather has changed for t  
the better you will be able to  
get out more and things will  
be livelier. For six weeks  
and more the weather has been  
most depressing.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

*The Medical Superintendent is glad at any time to answer enquiries as to the health of patients; but unless there is special reason interim reports are not sent.*

## **The Retreat, York.**

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### **REPORT**

*on the health of*

*Mrs Chambers*

*Mental condition*

*Bodily condition*

**BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D.**



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Hurstlee.

Alexandra Park.

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Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Dr. Peice,

We arrived home  
safely on Thursday afternoon  
& so far my sister seems  
very nicely.

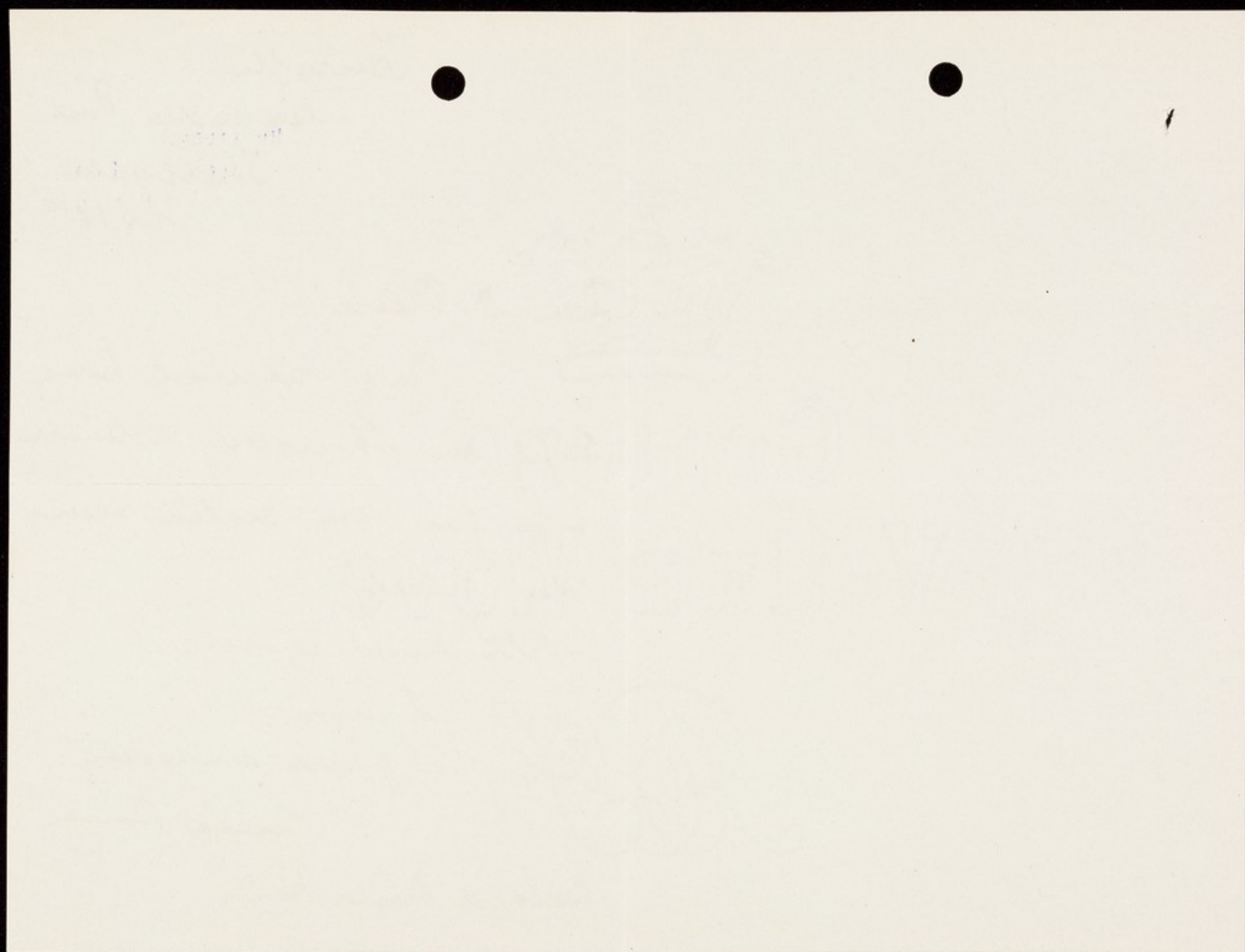
With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce

Bedford Peice M.D.





HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear D. Pierce.

I am hoping to  
come & fetch Miss Bruce  
home on Thursday afternoon  
about 2.30. as arranged  
I am enclosing the account  
if it could be altered I  
could pay it.

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce

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FRIDAY }

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LEEDS N<sup>o</sup> 3877.

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

November 1st, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

On the whole Miss Bruce is very  
well, she is less worried in mind,  
and I am sure it will be a great  
pleasure to her to see you and  
your brother on Saturday.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Hurstlea  
Stamford.  
Oct 31/26

Dear Dr. Pierce

I hope Miss  
Bunce is keeping nicely.  
Sir Robert is coming  
down to me for the week  
end & we hope to  
come & see Miss Bunce  
on Saturday afternoon

It has been a very  
stormy week end. One  
good thing it has  
prevented the Jeffelins  
from coming for a  
time.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Hance

Bedford Price M. D.

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Sept. 18. 1916.

Dear G. Pierce,

I should like to know what you think of the condition of Miss Bruce. She is writing quite sensible letters & seems for the present to be better. She says she is losing heart a bit at being there so long. & would like to come home. What do you think



about it? I will come over  
& see my sister one day this  
week either Thursday or  
Friday & then perhaps I  
could take her into town for  
a little change. If you were  
at home on one of these  
days perhaps I might see you  
too. With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

Bedford Prince M.D.

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Wednesday

Many thanks for your letter I am sorry the report was not so favourable. I am hoping to come over on Thursday afternoon.

J. Bruce

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POST OFFICE  
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Dr. Mackenzie  
The Rectory

John



20th September, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

It will be quite convenient for you to come over to-morrow. So far as I know I shall be at home and shall be pleased to see you.

Miss Bruce is very much better and is no longer wandering in mind and noisy, but she is not really herself, being moody and complaining. Still it will be a great pleasure to her to see you, and I quite hope that it will not be very long before she can go away. If she were just a little better I would suggest that she paid a visit to Throxenby Hall for a time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th September, 1910.

Dear Mr. Bruce,

It will be quite convenient for you to come  
over to-morrow. We let at 2.30. I shall be at home and

shall be pleased to see you.

Miss Bruce is very much better and is no

longer suffering from the same, and she is not

feeling herself, being so very much improved.

It will be a great pleasure to her to see you, and I

quite hope that it will not be very long before she

can go away. If she were just a little better I would

suggest that she call a visit to her mother's for a

time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916.

Mr Waller

Dear Sir.

Many thanks for  
your letter received this  
morning. & the alteration  
in the bill. I now enclose  
a cheque for £93. 6. 6 &  
you will see three  
weeks washing is deducted



from the July bill.

I should be glad to  
hear when you send the  
receipt how is Miss  
Dunce is keeping. & hope  
no one was affected  
by the air raid.

Many thanks

from yours sincerely  
Jessie Dunce.

To  
The Secretary of the Retreat

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Dear Sir.

I am writing to  
you with respect to Miss  
Dunce's leave of absence for the  
month Sep. 25 to Oct. 22. You sent  
me a printed form on which  
is stated a charge of 5/- a week  
is made if the patient is  
away. If private rooms are  
retained half fees are charged.  
Now Miss Dunce at that time

had not a private room  
& came back to a different  
gallery. I am writing to  
ask if that could be  
altered in bill? I suppose  
~~the~~ the Disbts to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of £3.10.0  
include the Motor to  
Kilgmoorside as Miss  
Dunce was away most of  
the time I was wondering  
what they could be.  
I should be glad if you  
could let me know if

any reduction can be  
made as the bill  
seems rather heavy

Yours truly

Jessie Dunce.

To the Secretary.



13th March, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

Your sister is pretty nicely as regards her bodily health, but mentally she remains very excited, talking continuously. A few days ago when having a bath for the excitement she fainted and it was a little time before she got back to her usual state. This was, I think, due to a long period of excitement, and we have not given her prolonged baths again.

There was a delay in replying to your letter, because Dr. Wilson was away from the Retreat and she sent your letter back.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

12th March, 1915.

Dear Miss Wilson,

Your letter is pretty nicely as regards her  
bodily health, but mentally she remains very excited,  
talking continuously. A few days ago when having a  
bath for the excitement she fainted and it was a little  
time before she got back to her usual state. This was,  
I think, due to a long period of excitement, and we have  
not given her prolonged baths again.

There was a delay in replying to your letter,

because Dr. Wilson was away from the Retreat and she

sent your letter back.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I was sorry to  
hear Miss Bruce had  
fainted & not been so well.  
I suppose it must be the  
re-action after the long  
period of excitement.

For the last few years she



seems to have been  
rather nervous of a very  
hot bath especially at  
night.

I am hoping to come  
over & see my sister  
on Thursday afternoon.

The weather has been  
trying to sting people but  
we shall hope for a change  
soon. With kind regards

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Dune

J. Bedford Pierce

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

March 9, 1916.

To the Secretary.

Dear Sir.

I returned to  
you some time ago an  
account for Miss A. M.  
Bunce which I asked you  
to alter as I was hoping  
to keep her at home for  
a time. I am for Nurse

needs that we had for  
4 weeks from Sep 25 - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Then for Nurse Laddened,  
5 weeks from Nov. 4 & again  
3 weeks in January & other things.  
Perhaps you are waiting  
to add these things  
to the next quarterly  
account. as it is getting  
now so near

Yours truly

Jessie Dunce

To the Secretary of the Retreat



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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

March 9, 1916.

Dear Miss Wilson,

I should be very  
glad if you would let  
me know how Miss  
Dence is going on.  
Is she still in bed?  
Do you think she would  
care for me to come &

See her some day  
next week? The  
weather has been so  
severe lately that one  
is not tempted to go  
out more than is  
necessary.

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

2nd February, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

We are sorry to hear  
that Miss Bruce is poorly.

We will certainly receive her  
back at the time mentioned.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



2nd February, 1916.

Dear Miss Bruce,

We are sorry to hear

that Miss Bruce is poorly.

We will certainly receive her

back at the time mentioned.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

bro.

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Feb. 1. 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am sorry to  
say Miss Bruce is no  
better & Dr. Watson & the  
Nurse think it will be  
better for her to return to  
York. She is very happy  
this time & is taking  
her food well, but she is

very noisy talking or  
singing continually &  
getting very little sleep.  
I am anxious to do  
what is best for Miss  
Dunce so I have decided  
to bring her back on Friday  
afternoon & expect to  
arrive about 3-15. we intend  
to leave here in a motor  
all being well at 2-15.

Hoping this will be convenient

I am

Yours sincerely

Baldred Prince M.D. Jessie Dunce.



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Jan 6. 1916.

Dear D. Pierce,

This last week  
there seems to be an  
improvement in Miss  
Bruce, the great excite-  
ment has passed away  
& she is gradually becoming  
more sensible. I am  
writing to ask if you

could let us have  
Nurse Goddard back  
again when she returns  
from Southport.

Miss Bruce had so much  
confidence in her & she did  
her so much good, & she  
was so satisfactory in  
every way.

D. Denton Watson was  
pleased with the improve-  
ment in Miss Bruce

when he called last  
Tuesday.

With kind regards,

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

D. Bedford Prince



18th December, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

It is most disappointing about your sister,  
and I am very sorry indeed, and it is sad that you  
cannot go to Huddersfield for Christmas as arranged.

I do not know what more can be done. If the  
talkativeness and excitement increase I really do not  
think I should recommend you to persevere with it long,  
as a relapse under such favourable circumstances must  
be due to causes beyond your control.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Bruce.

If the nurse tells the Cal man  
3 Sturdley Road  
he will find the house easier

Frederick Pierce M.D.

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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

It is very disappointing that Miss Bruce has had this relapse. I can't think of anything to account for it. I noticed that she talked a good deal & I tried to restrain her but she said if I would been with her she would get over it in a few days it was so nice to talk to people who knew her. She has been



Sleeping badly one night not at all & the next night only two hours. ~~Last night~~ Her appetite has been splendid but the last few days she has felt very exhausted & wanted me to get her some stimulant. Last night ~~she~~ about every two hours she talked nonsense gradually getting louder. To-day she has talked almost all day & seemed amused with herself. but made

herself very warm. I thought I would send you these particulars so that you could give the nurse directions before she came. I am awfully sorry I let Nurse Goddard away as my sister had such confidence in her but my sister seemed her old self & was looking forward to going to Huddersfield for James, which is now quite out of the question.



6th December, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am exceedingly glad to hear that your sister is doing so well. It is very cheering and most satisfactory.

I have arranged for Nurse Goddard to go on to another case on Friday. We are glad to have her back for it.

I conclude that you would like Miss Bruce to remain for a few weeks longer on leave, so as to be sure how she is going on before actually discharging her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



10. November, 1913.

Dear Mr. ...

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear that you are interested in the  
subject.

I have written for some time now and am  
now in a position to send you a copy of the  
book for it.

I enclose this with some other papers which  
I thought for a few days ago, as I have  
a few more to add to the collection.

Yours faithfully,  
...

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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

December 5. 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce,

You will be glad  
to hear that I think now  
Miss Bruce seems quite  
well. She has got some new  
teeth, her appetite has come  
back & she is enjoying her  
food, & is able to take  
an interest in people &  
friends. I have kept on



Nurse Goddard because  
she is such a bright-  
companion & so nice to  
have in the house.  
But I must not keep  
her longer & she will  
be returning to work on  
Thursday after being with  
us five weeks. I did  
not pay the last account  
as things were unsettled

so I will enclose it  
for correction.

With kind regards

I am  
yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

Bedford Pierce M. D.

HARROGATE

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Bedford Pierce M.D.

The Retreat

York

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If it is a fine day  
to-morrow Thursday  
since is landing the her  
motor if it is foggy  
shall come by train &  
shall hope to be able  
to return by the 3-17.  
In any case I hope to be  
there in the early afternoon.

Excuse haste

Yours

J. B.

Thurs.



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>;

Dear Dr Preece

Many thanks  
for your letter received  
this morning. All being  
well I will come for  
Miss Dence on Thursday  
I will let you know of  
the time when I have

Made arrangements.

I am glad you think  
my sister is progressing  
a little. She will be  
able to be quiet as I  
live alone with a maid.  
With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Runce



1st November, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I think it will be quite all right for your sister to go away with a nurse. She has done very well since she came back, and it really looks as if she were progressively improving.

Nurse Goddard has returned, and I am arranging for her to be at liberty when you are ready for your sister.

Miss Bruce herself says she does not think she is quite well enough to leave, but I am inclined to think that it is really best for her to leave, provided that you can arrange for her to be pretty quiet and that very little is expected of her to begin with.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Oct 30. 1915

Dear D. Pierce,

Dr. Mc Kenzie

would tell you that I  
should like to have Miss  
Bence at home. Could  
you spare me a nurse  
for a time to see how  
my sister gets on. & till



I can hear of a  
cheerful companion.

Is nurse Goddard  
at liberty at present?  
Any day next week  
I could come over.

My sister & I had a  
nice day in York together  
last Tuesday.

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

Bedford Price M.D.



Highfield House  
 Hilarymoorside  
 Oct 21/24

Dear J. Pierce,

Thanks for your letter received this morning. I think it would be better for Miss Bruce to return to the Retreat. I think she would feel it less strange than going to Scarborough. She is sensitive & easily depressed. She has behaved very well here & if she does the same on her return she would be suitable to be on the 9th Gallery.

With your permission it might come over for a day & take her out. I should like to have a little chat with you about future arrangements. We intend leaving here on Friday afternoon about 2-15 & should arrive at the Retreat for about 4-4. Miss Bruce has just written such a nice sensible letter to her brother for his birthday.

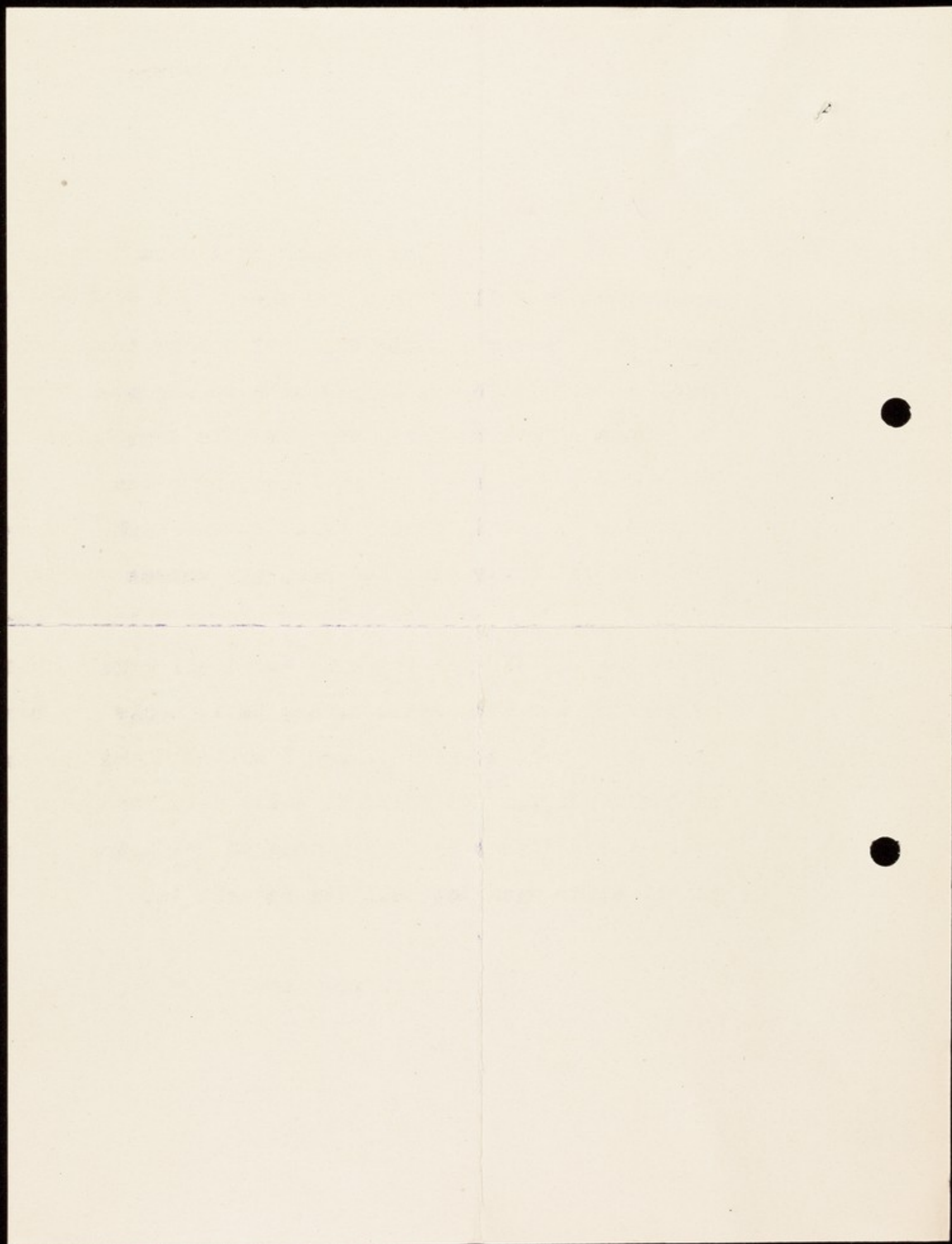
With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce.

Redford Bruce M.D.





20th October, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am very glad to hear that Miss Bruce is getting on so well. When she comes back we thought of her living in the 9th Gallery, quite away from where she has been hitherto, but it will be necessary for her to behave in a reasonable way, as this department is only used for orderly and well-behaved patients. She might also go to Throxenby Hall, Scarborough. This would be extremely nice for her, but unless she is wonderfully improved it would be hardly suitable for her to be there. If you think it is at all likely that Miss Bruce would do at Throxenby Hall, would you send me a wire there to-morrow, and I will see the Matron on the subject. It would be quite easy for Nurse Needs to go there direct when returning to the Retreat, but it all turns upon how well the patient is.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







135.  
Highfield House  
Hillymorside  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dear D. Pierce

You will be pleased to hear that  
Nurse & I both think Miss Bruce is improving.  
She has not made any queer noises & has  
been able to do what we have done, joining  
in our games in the evening.

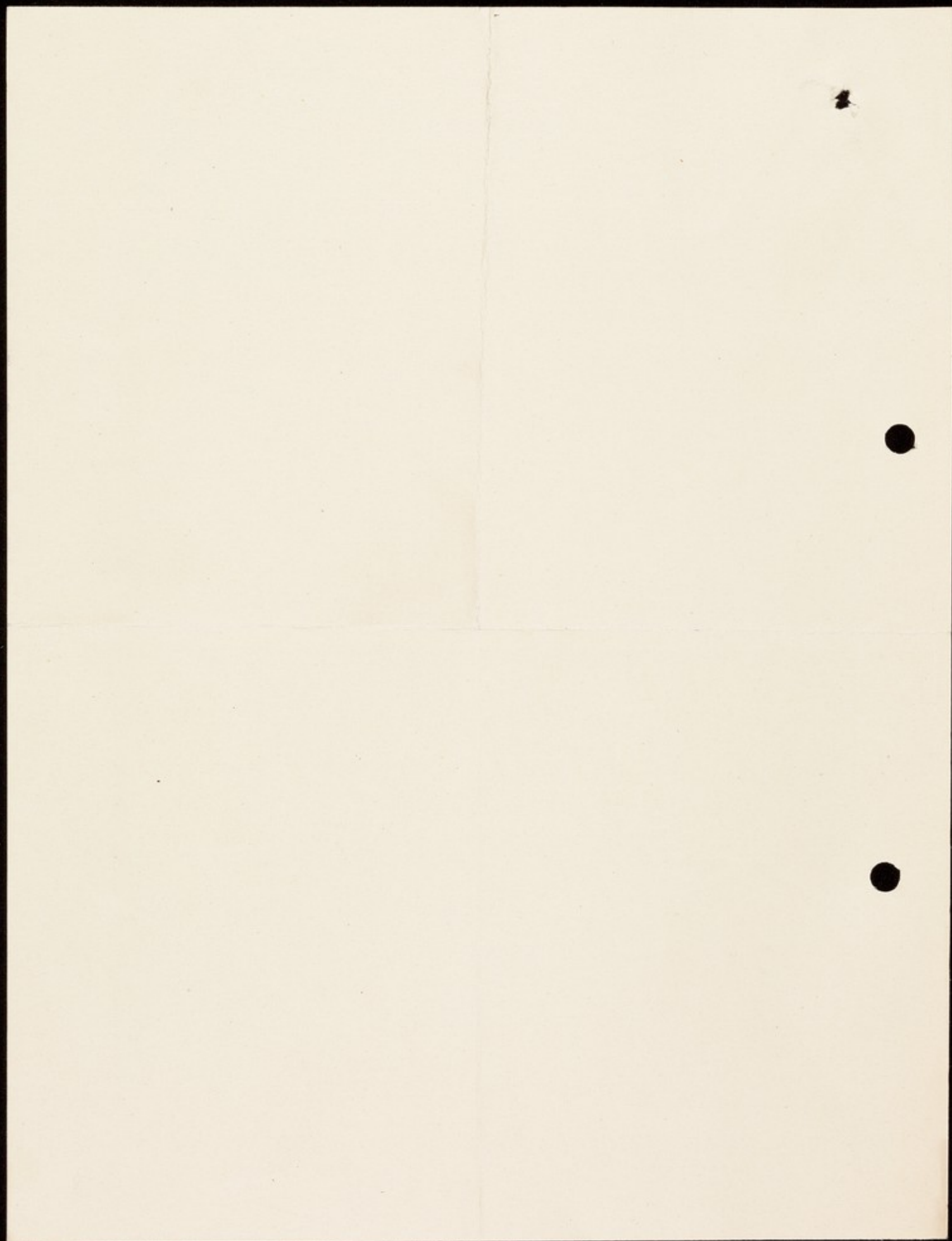
Last Sunday she walked with us to Hilly & we  
went to the Wesleyan Chapel.

I think she will feel going back but I hope  
she will continue to be as well as she appears  
to be now. As Nurse is leaving on Saturday I  
think we had better return on Friday afternoon  
we shall be able to get a motor from here.  
I am sure the change has done my sister good  
& we have certainly been very fortunate in  
the weather.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce





✓  
Highfield House  
Hillymoorside  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

To the Secretary  
Dear Sir

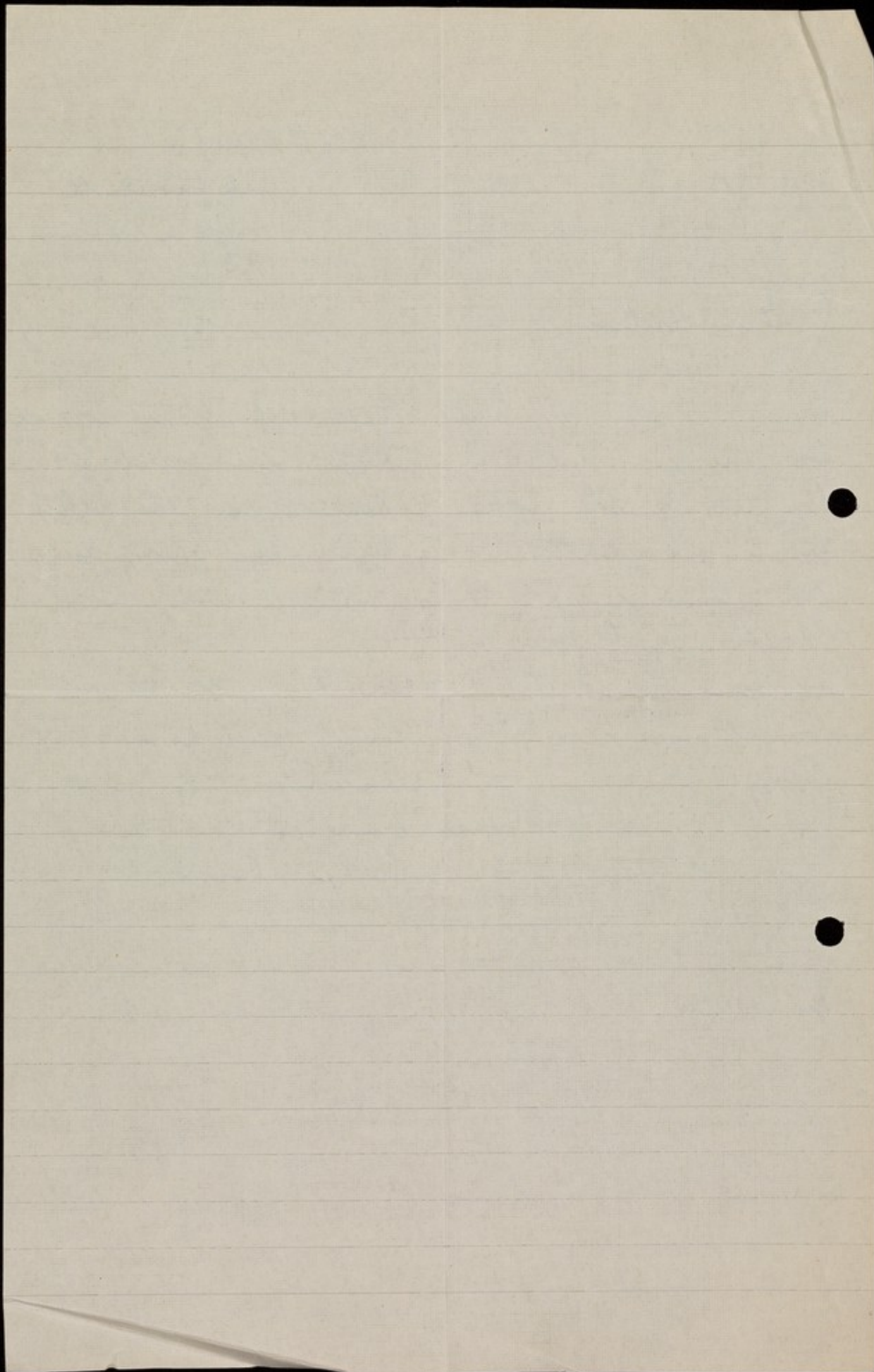
I have received your account  
for Miss Bruce I thought the board for  
the weeks she was absent from the Retreat  
would be taken off the bill, she came away  
on September 25<sup>th</sup> & is not returning till  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> four weeks.

If you have the bill for the motor that  
brought us here I should be glad to have it.

I remain

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce.

Mr Waller.





8th October, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am very glad to hear that your sister is getting on well at Kirby Moorside. This beautiful weather is just the right thing for her, and I hope it will last out the rest of the time.

I remain

Yours very truly,

8th October, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am very glad to

hear that your sister is

getting on well at Kirby

Worralde. This beautiful

weather is just the right

thing for her, and I hope it

will last out the rest of the

time.

I remain

Yours very truly,



Highfield House  
Killymoonside

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I think you will be interested to hear how we are getting on.

My sister as you know varies very much but I think she is improving a little.

The weather has been good & we have been able to get three walks every day sometimes picking nuts & blackberries. She has not been noisy & generally talks sensibly asking about her old friends. She talks about the patients but we want her to forget all that while here.

She is the worst at meal times, we have them all together & she has what we have but she declares we stuff her. Although she feeds herself she reads the papers & in the evening we play round card games or Patience & she is not content till she gets it out.

If the weather continues fine & all goes well, I think of staying for the month.

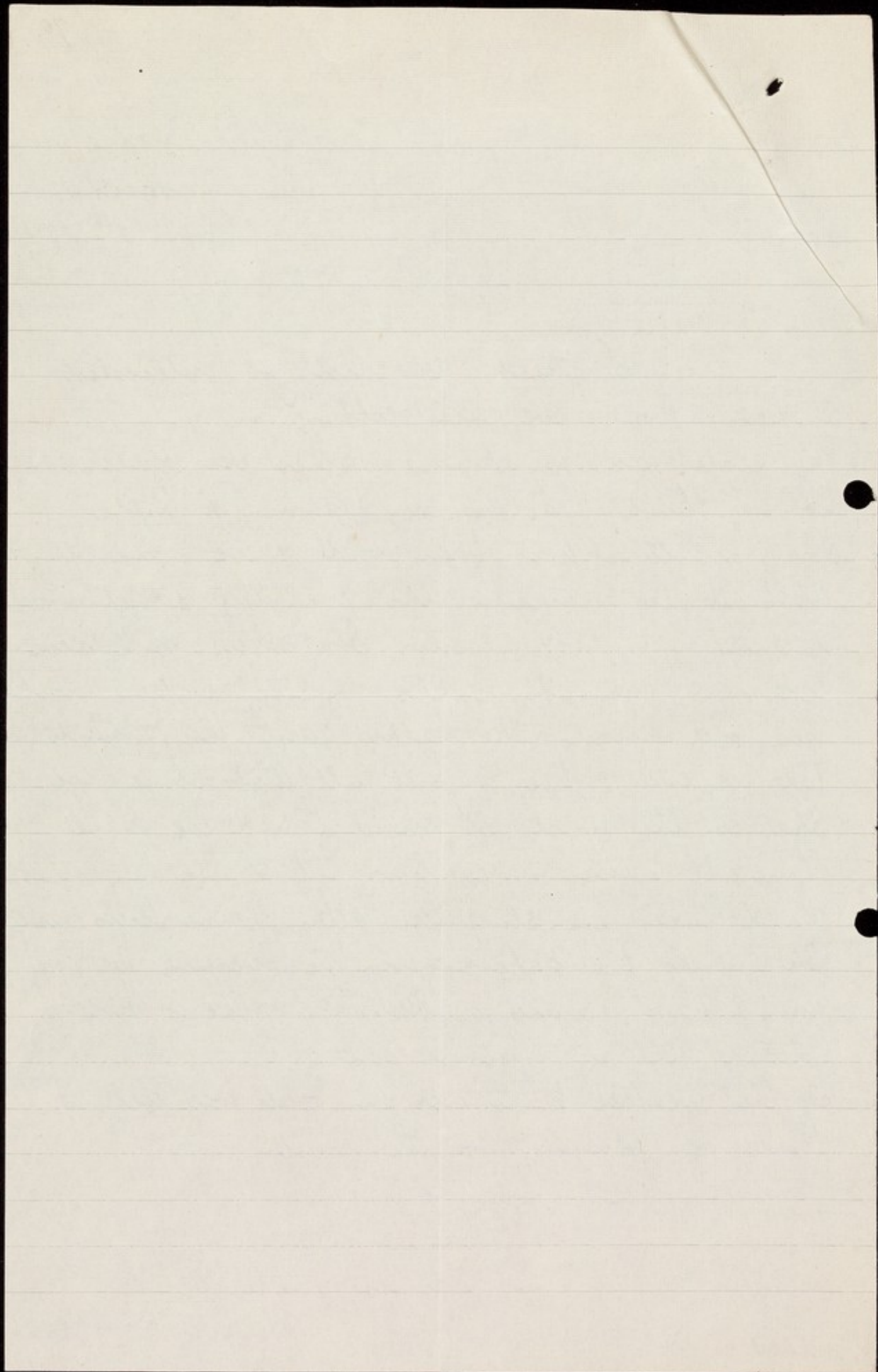
With kind regards

I am

yours sincerely

Jessie Bunce

Bedford Prince. M.D.





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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Sep. 20. 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you very  
much for your letter.

I have been to-day to  
Byland Abbey Farm & also  
to Kirby Mouside & both  
of the places could take  
us in next week. I

thought of coming over  
to York on Wednesday  
morning when we might  
make some arrangements  
as to going etc. & when  
you would have a  
nice nurse at liberty.  
I have had a letter  
from my sister thanking  
us all for our birthday  
letters. With kind

regards

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

---

Bedford Price M.D.



AND

6, PARK SQUARE,  
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.  
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N8112.  
LEEDS N83877.

THE RETREAT,  
YORK.

13th September, 1913.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am sorry to say that your sister has from time to time been rather nosily lately, but we think it will be quite suitable for her to go away for a little change as you suggest, provided you can get a house conveniently retired. Unfortunatley I cannot give you the address as I have not heard lately whether the people are available. Byland Abbey Farm, near Coxwold might possibly do, or Mrs. Cpowther's, Low Gatherley, Castle Howard, or maybe Miss Ellerby, Highfield House, Kirbymoorside. It is a little difficult to see the best way of arranging things. I am rather inclined to think that the quickest plan would be to take a motor ride and make personal inquiries, though the fare to go round would be a couple of pounds or thereabouts.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

13th September, 1911.

Dear Miss Bence,

I am sorry to hear that your father has been

so long in hospital, but I hope he will be

quite well again in a few days.

You are very kind to write to me.

I am not at home at the moment.

I have not seen your letter.

I am sorry to hear that your father is

so long in hospital, but I hope he will be

quite well again in a few days.

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so long in hospital, but I hope he will be



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dear D. Pierce

I should be  
very glad if you would let  
me know how Miss Bruce  
is getting on. I wrote to  
her on her birthday Sep.  
3<sup>rd</sup> but she has not written  
for some time. Do you  
think I might take her

away for a little change  
with a nurse to some  
nice tracing little country  
place, not very far  
away. I think you  
mentioned some place  
near Coxwold, I should  
be glad if you could  
let me have the  
address. We seem  
to be having a second  
summer much warmer  
than I had it in

Scotland.

With kind regards &  
thanking you

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Prince

D. Bedford Prince



29th. Sepr. 1914.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I fully expect to be at home on Wednesday and shall be pleased to see you.

I cannot report any decided improvement in your Sister's condition. It is strange that she can write such excellent letters and yet for the most part of the time she is talking to herself in a confused and strange way.

Yours very truly,

Miss Bruce,  
Hurstlea,  
Alexandra Park, Harrogate.



Dear Sir,

Very much obliged

I am very glad to hear of your success

and shall be pleased to see you

I cannot repeat my former admiration for you

and your conduct in the present case

excels all former and yet for the most part of the time

showing to yourself in a continued and cheerful way

Yours very truly

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Boston

Wm Lloyd Garrison



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

June 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear D. Pierce,

I am thinking  
of coming over to see my  
sister some day this week  
& I thought of Thursday  
afternoon. If you are  
at home I should be glad  
to see you for a few  
minutes. I have had

quite a nice letter  
from my sister which  
I should like to show  
you.

With kind regards,

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

To  
Bedford Price M. D.



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HURSTLEA,

ALEXANDRA PARK,

HARROGATE.

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear J. Pierce,

My brother from  
London is coming down  
for the week end. I am  
to meet him in York  
to-morrow (Saturday) &  
we hope to come  
together to see my sister

in the early afternoon.  
If you are at home &  
at liberty we shall be  
glad to see you too.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce

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Bedford Pierce M.D.



HURSTLEA,

ALEXANDRA PARK,

HARROGATE.

April 16. 1915.

Dear Dr. Preece,

I enclose a  
cheque for the payment  
of my sister's account.

I am every year could  
not give any better  
report, it does not seem  
very hopeful now. I  
expect my brother down

at the end of next  
week when we shall  
hope to come over  
together.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Prince

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Bedford Prince M.D.



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Feb 10 <sup>18</sup>92

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I should be  
very glad if you could  
let me know how my  
sister is getting on?  
Is there any sign of  
improvement? Does  
she do anything?

Does she go out at all  
Is she still noisy at  
times?

She has not written  
to me for a long  
time so I don't know  
how she is getting on.  
With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Prince.

Redford Prince M.D.



11th February, 1915.

Dear Miss Bruce,

I enclose a Nurses's Report respecting Miss Bruce. I am afraid that I cannot report any improvement in her condition. She does not appear to take an interest in what goes on, and she is quite unoccupied. She goes out in the garden.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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the print dresses & that they  
will be able to get my sister  
up more. Last week when I  
was over we walked about  
the garden for over an hour  
& when walking she seemed to  
talk more sensibly asking a  
good many questions which she  
has not done before. I suppose  
she varies & I must have  
just happened to come on a  
better day.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

J. Bedford Pierce

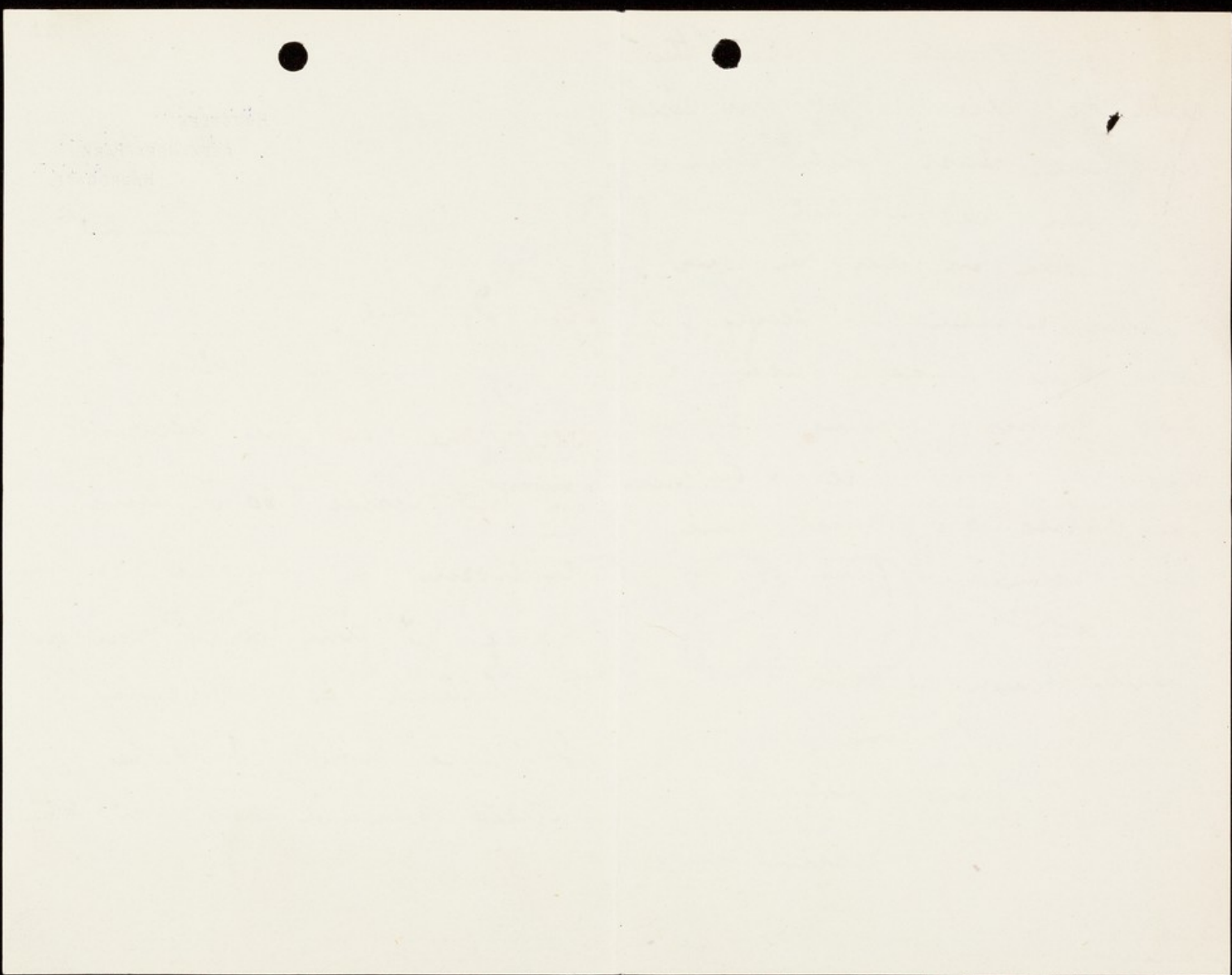
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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1914

Dear D. Pierce,

My brother has  
sent me on the account  
for my sister so I am  
enclosing a cheque for the  
same. I am sorry you do  
not think so hopefully of  
the case now. I hope  
Sister Hannah has now got





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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Sep 28.

Dear D. Pierce.

I thought of  
coming over to see my  
sister on Wednesday.

I suppose she is not  
ready for any change  
yet. I wish she could  
get that idea about the

food out of her head  
she might improve  
more, she can write  
quite a sensible letter.  
If I could see you  
for a few minutes I  
should be glad I thought  
of coming about 2.30.  
Don't trouble to reply

I will just ask for  
you  
With kind regards

I am  
Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

Bedford Price N.D.





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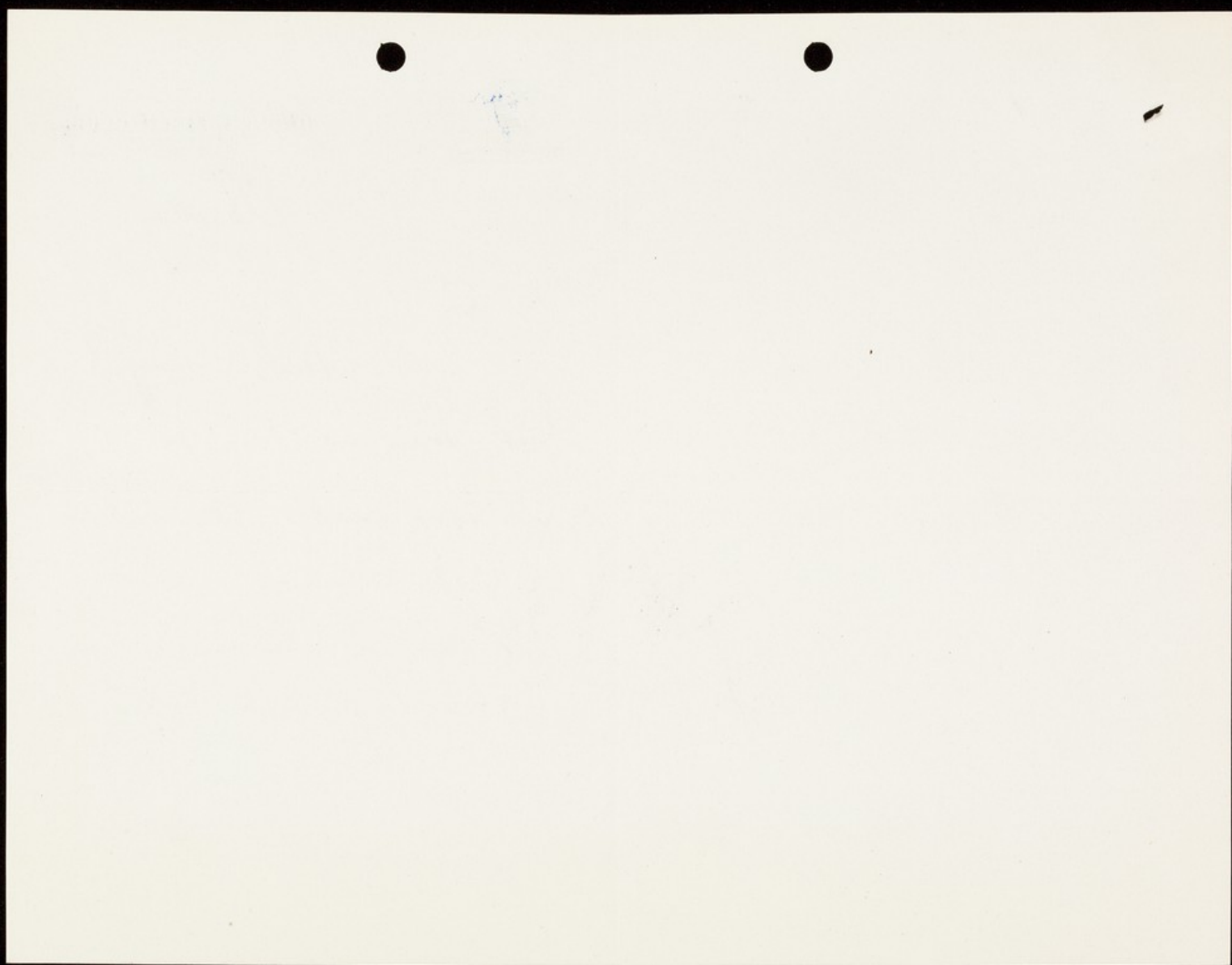
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HUDDERSFIELD CLUB.

Friday.

Dear Ed.  
I intend coming to  
York tomorrow & hope to  
see my Sister Mrs Bruce.  
My Sister is away in Paris  
and they are anxious for news.  
I hope they will be better.

Yours sincerely.

E. Bruce





Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

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Deatfield  
Fallot Avenue  
Huddersfield

Dear Dr. Pierce,

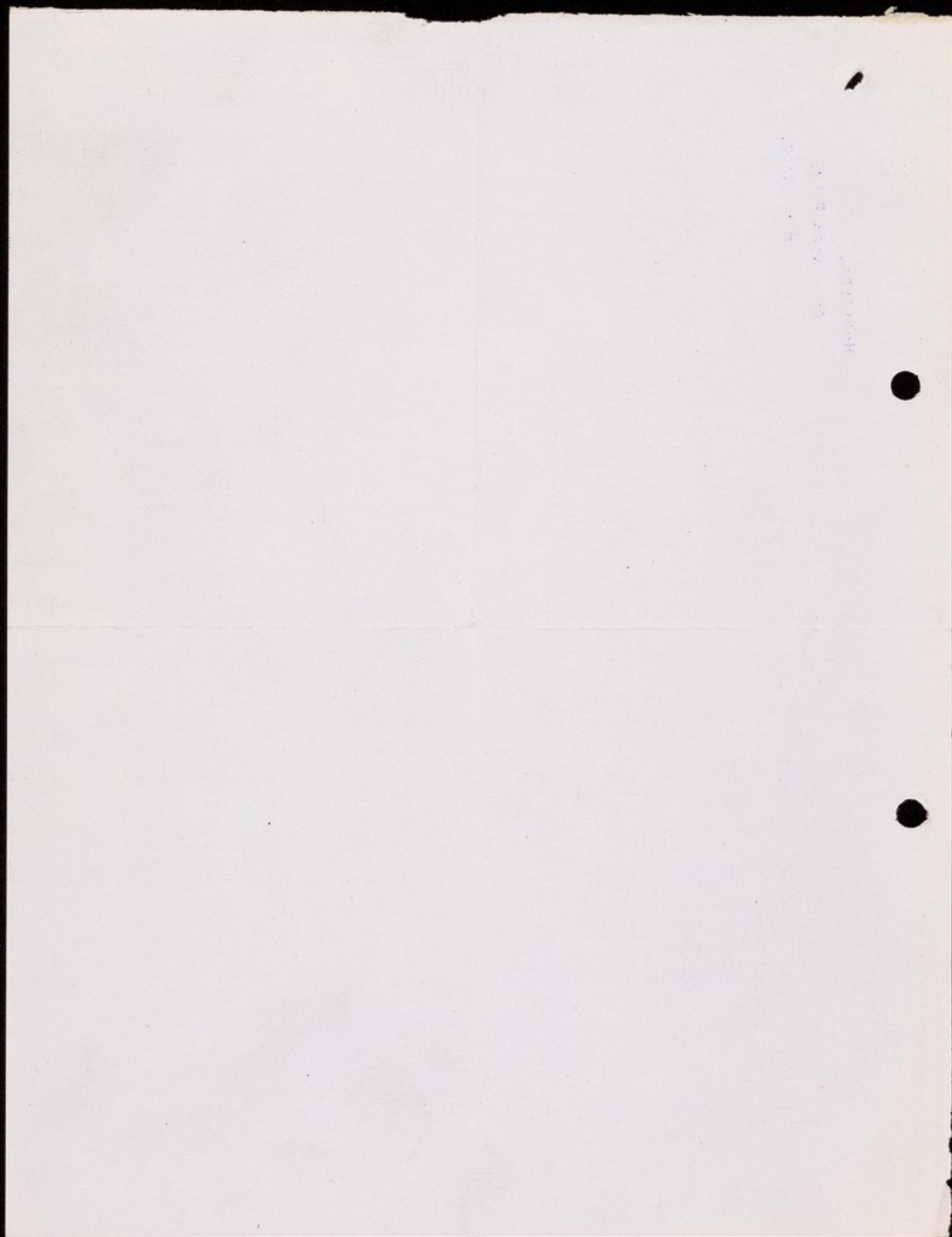
I should like to come over  
& see my sister one day this week. I  
thought of coming on Thursday & would  
call about 2 o'clock if quite convenient.  
I should also be glad to see you for  
a few minutes if you are at home.  
With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Bruce

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Bedford Pierce M.D.



HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Pierce

I should like  
to see my sister before  
going away for Decmas  
so I thought of coming  
over on Monday & would  
call about 2.30.

If that would be not



convenient you might  
let me know & I could  
come on Wednesday.  
The last time I was  
over I was disappointed  
or thought <sup>my sister</sup> not as well  
as she was in September.  
With kind regards

I am  
yours sincerely  
Jessie Duce

Bedford Place N.D.

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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for  
your letter. I began to think  
you were away for a  
holiday. All being well  
I hope to call on  
Friday morning about

10-30. I am very sorry  
you had such a sad  
report of my sister I  
had hoped for some  
improvement by this time

I am  
Yours truly  
Jessie Bruce

D. Bedford Pierce



Oct. 25, 1913

Dear Miss Bruce,

I am sorry to find that your letter has never been answered. There is unfortunately no improvement to report. We have returned to the bed treatment in the open air, which is certainly more satisfactory than nursing Miss Bruce in the ordinary way. She was so resistive and so difficult to get in and out of the garden and obstinate in respect to food that the management of the case was very difficult. Though this trouble continues it is not so bad with the open air treatment.

She seems to understand all that goes on around, but makes little or no response, and one finds it impossible to make any impression upon her.

With regard to my being at home next Wednesday, This is the day of the Annual Meeting of Directors of the Retreat, and on Friday afternoon I may be in Leeds, but if you could come over on Friday forenoon by an early train I should be glad to see you. I do not leave until about 12 o'clock.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 25, 1917

Dear Miss Prince,

I am sorry to find that your letter has never been answered. There is undoubtedly no improvement to report. We have returned to the bed treatment in the open air, which is certainly more satisfactory than nursing in bed in the ordinary way. This was so restrictive and so difficult to get in and out of the garden and obstinate in respect to food that the management of the case was very difficult. Though this trouble would not be so bad with the open air treatment.

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Yours very truly,

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HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thought of  
coming over one day  
next week to see my  
sister. I have been  
unfortunate both times  
I have been over.



in not seeing you.  
Would you be in  
on Wednesday or  
Friday? Those are the  
days we can get  
reduced fares from here.  
It is a great disappoint-  
ment that my sister  
does not show signs

of mental improvement  
I hoped as the body  
got stronger the mind  
would improve too

If you could tell me  
a time when you would  
be at liberty I would  
endeavour to be there

I am

Yours sincerely

Bedford Place M.D. Jessie Bruce

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

Sep. 7. 1913.

Dear M. Pierce,

We are anxious  
to know how Miss Bence  
is getting on. My brother  
has been spending  
his holiday in Scotland,  
& he is to break his

Journey here on  
Monday night. We  
are thinking of  
coming over to see  
my sister on Tuesday  
I don't know what  
time my brother will  
have to spare till  
he arrives.

I hope we shall see

some improvement in  
my sister. Do you  
think there is any  
sign of her being able  
to come home soon?

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce.

D. Bedford Pierce



July 23, 1913

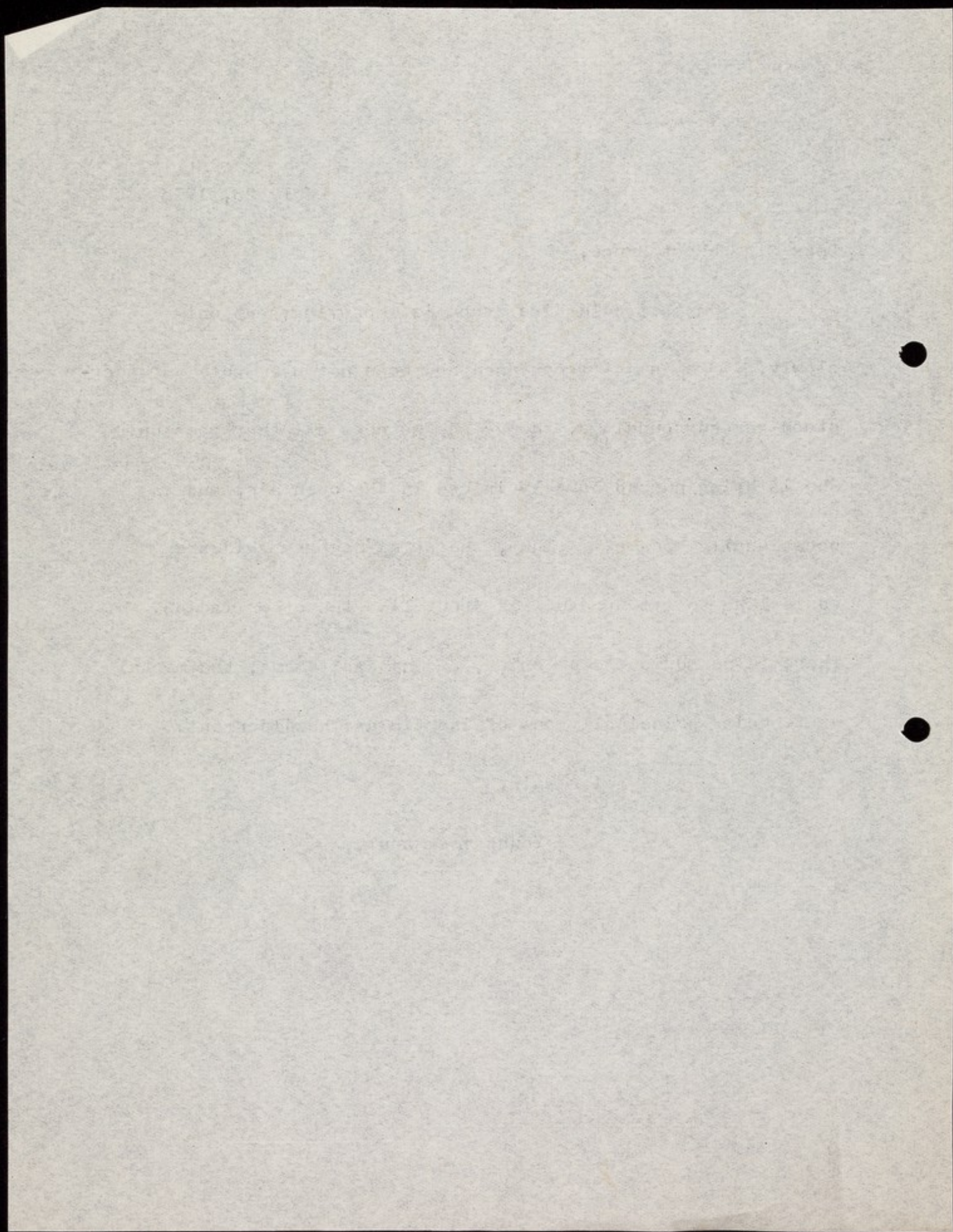
Dear Sir Robert Bruce,

On the whole Miss Bruce is improving, but only slowly. She is still confused and does not seem able to understand her surroundings, though she watches all that goes on. She is being nursed largely in bed in the open air, and occasionally speaks. Thus, the other day she said she would like to get up and walk about like the other ladies. There is no serious depression, and no excitement, the mental state being principally one of inertia and bewilderment.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





STATION,  
SURREY PARK, S.E.R.  
TEL. BROMLEY 1570.

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GREENMOUNT,  
53, PLAISTOW LANE,  
BROMLEY, KENT.

21<sup>st</sup> July 1905.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have pleasure in  
enclosing cheque for £33-6-5  
in payment of the  
accompanying account up to  
the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

I do not know whether  
you are yet able to report any  
material improvement in



my sister's mental condition.  
Perhaps I could have a line  
in reply.

Yours sincerely,  
Robert Bruce,

Bedford Pierce, Ly. Mtd.

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Ans. June 6/13  
Camp.

HURSTLEA,  
ALEXANDRA PARK,  
HARROGATE.

June 5<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir,

I should be very  
pleased if you would let  
me know how my sister  
is getting on. Do you think  
there is any improvement  
yet either mentally or  
physically? Is she still

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in bed or been able to be  
dressed. Has she enquired  
after me? (I am the only  
one left at home now &  
we just live together) or  
her old friends.

I suppose you will let  
us know when it would  
be advisable & she is well  
to enough to see any one  
or have a letter.

I am hoping to go away

for a little change to  
St Annes-on-Sea next  
Tuesday.

Does my sister sleep any  
better? Does she notice  
what people say or does  
she talk to anyone or  
answer their questions  
or is she still indifferent.  
Thanking you in anticipation  
of your reply.

I am

Yours sincerely  
Jessie Preece.

D. Bedford Preece.



STATION,  
SUNDRIDGE PARK, S.E.R.  
TEL. BROMLEY 1570.

GREENMOUNT,

53, PLAISTOW LANE,

BROMLEY, KENT.

23 May 1913.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst I beg to say  
that I have now signed the  
enclosed form, and I  
enclose a cheque for £25-4/-

You will find that  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> April I signed  
a cheque for £15-15/- made  
payable to Mr. Alfred Pierre,

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the two cheques together  
make of the sum of  
£ 40.19/- referred to in  
the enclosed account.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Bruce



Robert Bruce Esq

May 20 1913

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of  
the Retreat Committee the terms for  
Alice M. Bruce was fixed at \$300.00  
a week.

I enclose the usual form of  
agreement which kindly return  
to me when completed -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller  
Secy.



Robert Brown of  
New York  
May 20 1870

At the recent meeting of  
the Robert Brown Committee the term for  
which Mr. Brown was first of officers

a book -

I enclose the account form of  
expenses which I have taken  
from the Committee -

Yours faithfully  
W. C. Brown



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London Postal Service, ✓

General Post Office,

London, E.C.

29<sup>th</sup> April 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have pleasure in  
enclosing a cheque for £15.15/-  
in payment for my sister -  
Alice Margaret Bruce - for  
5 weeks up to the 31<sup>st</sup>  
May. In acknowledging  
receipt, I should be very glad  
to have a very brief account  
of the State in which you



found her to be. I hope  
that by the end of May  
some distinct improvement,  
involving less special nursing,  
will have been effected  
by the treatment.

With kind regards to  
yourself & Dr. Mackenzie.

Yours sincerely,

Robert C Bruce

Please supply my private address  
53 Pleasant Lane, Brimley, Ont.

Dr. Bedford Pierce, M.D.

F.R.C.M.  
&c.

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 Miss Margaret Bruce of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringdale, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1913

Name Robert Bruce, F.C.S.

Residence Greenmount Plaistow Lane, Bramley

Occupation Controller of the London Postal Service *Kent*

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

W. J. Braxi  
J. P. E.  
Civil Servant

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.





DEVON VALLEY  
SOUTHERN