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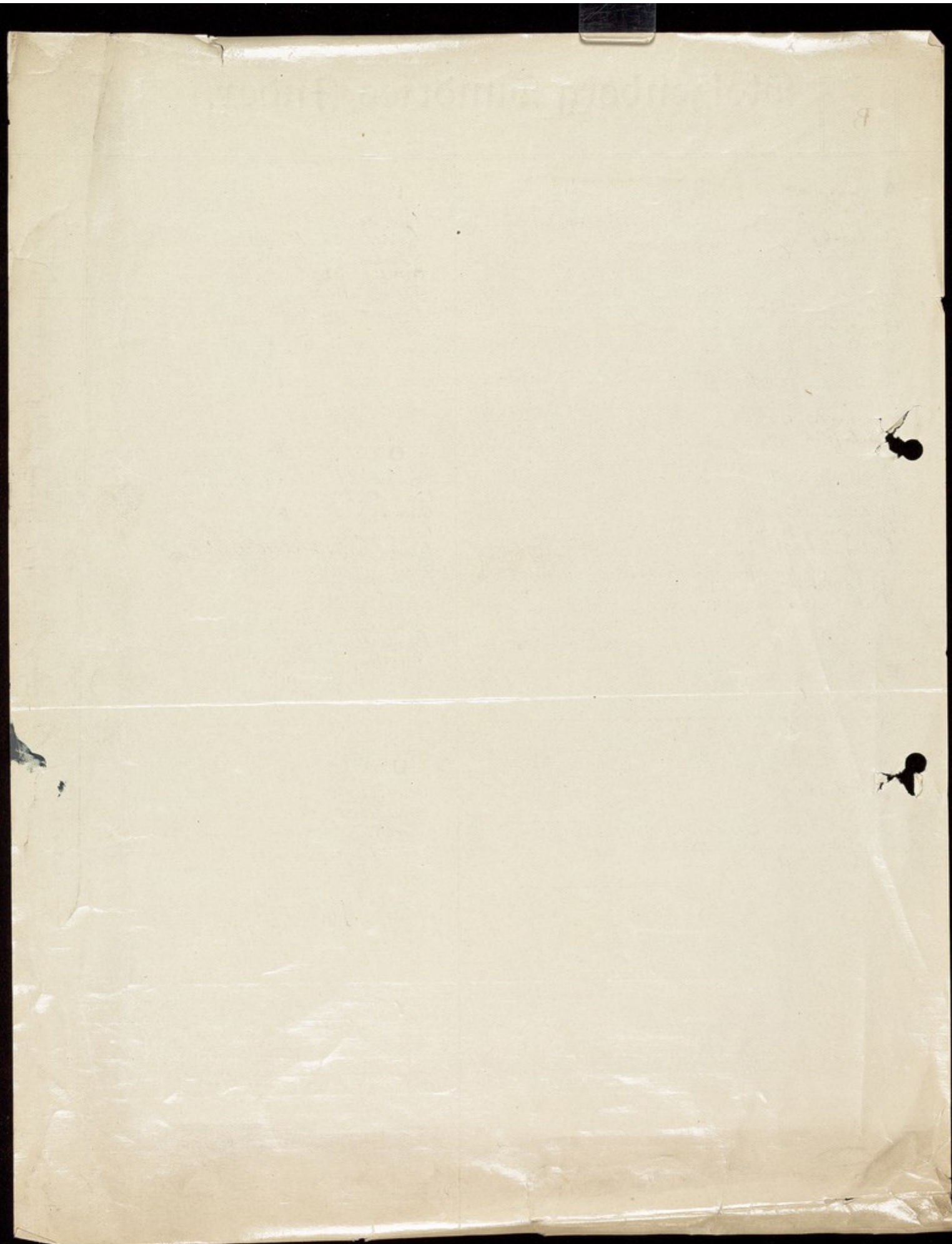
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4th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your enquiry, and I enclose a copy of the Retreat Report which is just published, and which will give you information respecting the Retreat and the fees which are given on page 31. If you consider further the question of removal to the Retreat would you kindly fill up the enclosed form giving us some particulars as to the history of the case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

H. Bird, Esq.

39 Hervey Road,

Blackheath, S.E.

1911, August 12

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that you are
enclosed a copy of the report of the
police department which will give you information
concerning the report of the police department
on the 12th of August. I am sorry that the
information is not more complete than it is.
I am sorry that the report is not more
complete than it is. I am sorry that the
report is not more complete than it is.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

1911, August 12

30 Battery Road,

Singapore, S. E.

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PEMBROKE HOUSE,
CLEETHORPE.7th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

I have a patient ^{for} whom I am desirous of getting admission to the Retreat, York. My patient, Mr. M. Whelpton, is a man of about 62 yrs. of age who is suffering from neurasthenia accompanied by frequent attacks of severe depression, in fact amounting to melancholia. He has on more than one occasion meditated, though has never actually attempted, to do away with himself.

I should be greatly obliged if you will let me know if this is a suitable case for admission, and if so would like to know your terms. It is on Dr. Daly's (Hull) suggestion that I am writing to you.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Victor G. Best M.D.

The Superintendent
The Retreat
York.

St Kilda,
Melbourne Avenue,
Sheffield.

March 9th 1896.

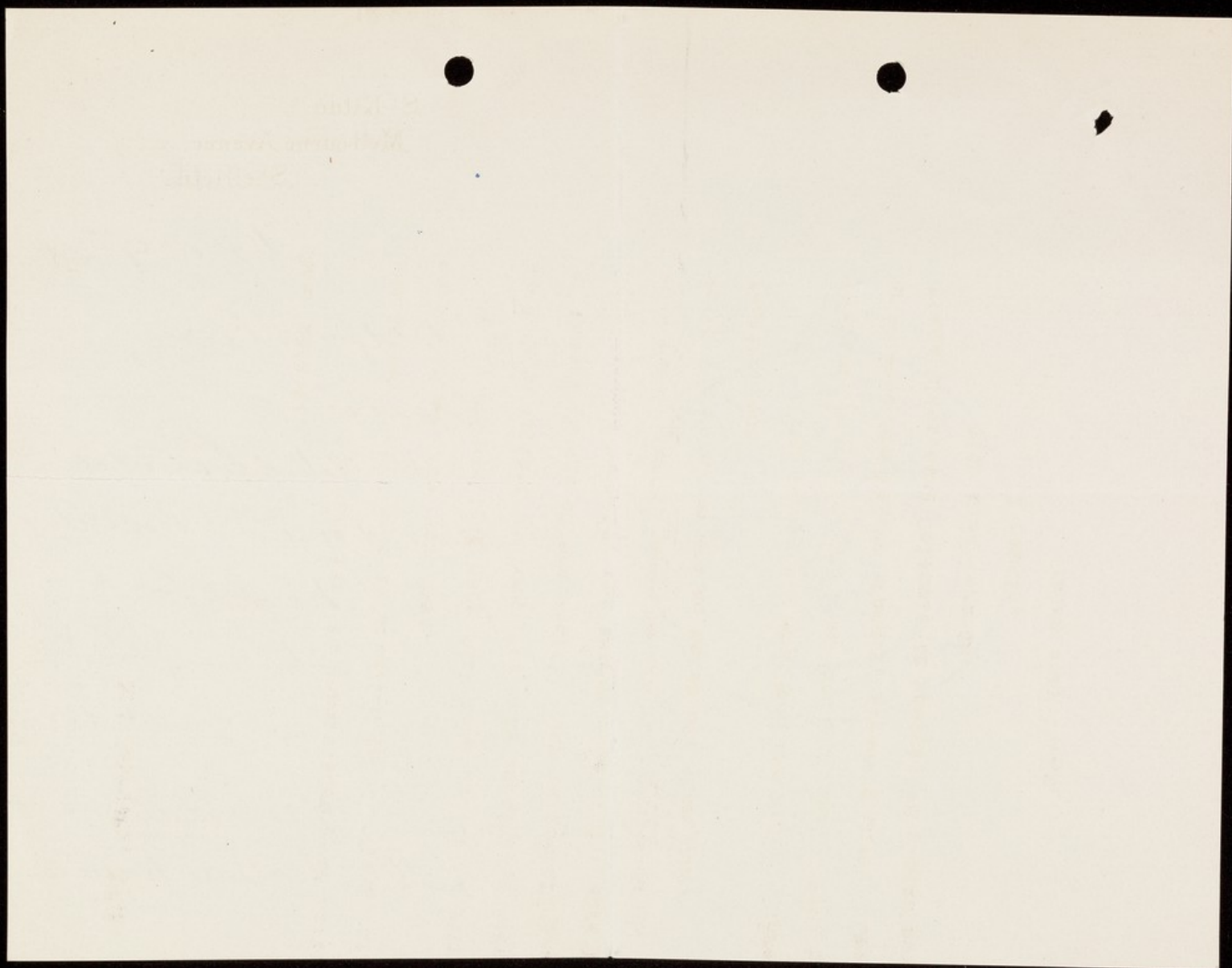
Lo W^d Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir

Will you kindly
forward to me a prospectus
of the Retreat, York?

D^r Atkin, of Sheffield,
has given me your address.

I am yours truly
(W^s) Florence Brittain



3rd February, 1916.

Dear Tuckett,

Just a mere line to acknowledge your letter and to say that I sent information to Mr. Bland, and I expect to see him next week.

We continue very full here and it is difficult to take a patient who requires much nursing on account of the shortness of the staff. Our male staff has been reduced by half, and though some of the work has been taken over by women we are very shorthanded. Still I daresay we are no worse off than other Institutions.

You do not say what you are doing. Are you training recruits, and have you any rank? If I have addressed the letter wrongly, please excuse. One finds Lieutenant-Colonels in unexpected places now.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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3rd February, 1915.

Dear Tuckett,

Just a few lines to acknowledge your letter
and to say that I send information to Mr. Wilson, and I
trust to see it in next week.

I continue very busy here and it is difficult
to find a quiet moment to write a long letter, but I
of the progress of the staff. Our work is still
very much the same, and though some of the work has
been done very well, however we are not yet satisfied.
Still I do hope we are no worse off than last year.

Respectfully,
You are not yet what you are doing. Are you
the right way? I have not seen you for some time. I have
addressed the letter wrongly, please excuse. One
times Lieutenant-Colonel in unexpected places now.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

6711
BROADFIELDS,
LETCHEWORTH,
HERTS.

1st Feb. 1916.

Bedford Pierce Esq.
M.D.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of
yesterday. I cannot manage
either this Wednesday or Thursday.
If you will tell me on what
days of the week I am likely
to find you at the Retreat in
the afternoon. I will telegraph
to you the day before I come.
Many thanks for the Report.

Yours truly
R. N. Bland

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31st January, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter. I shall be glad to give you any assistance I can in respect to Mrs. Bland if you are able to come to York. I fully expect to be at home on Wednesday and Thursday in the afternoon if that would suit you. Perhaps you would be good enough to send me a wire saying which day would suit you the better. On Tuesday I expect to be in Leeds in the afternoon.

I also send you a copy of the Annual Report of the Retreat, which will give you some information respecting the Institution.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

R. N. Bland, Esq.

Broadfields,

Letchworth,

Herts.

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Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear that you are unable to come to York. I shall be glad to give you any assistance I can in regard to the matter. I am sure that you will be able to come to York on Wednesday and Thursday in the afternoon if that would suit you. I am sure you will be good enough to send me a wire saying when you would suit you the better. On Tuesday I expect to be in Leeds in the afternoon. I also send you a copy of the Annual Report of the Board, which will give you some information respecting the Institution. I remain, Yours very truly,

Wm. Bland, Esq.
Bristol,
Leeds,
Herts.

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BROADFIELDS,
LETCHWORTH,
HERTS.

30. Jan^y. 1916.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
Esq.

Dear Sir,

I write to you on the advice of
Dr. Tuckett to ask if you can give
me an appointment to see you, and
the 'Retreat' Asylum at York

My wife's case is somewhat urgent.

Her case is certifiable, but has
not so far ~~been~~ been certified

We have so far managed to keep
her fairly quiet at home, but

her case does not seem to be improving, and the desire to wander alone at large is becoming uncontrollable.

Her mental disorder is diagnosed to be ^{partly} due to senile myxoedema, but so far she (as a Christian Scientist) has not been treated for this. Her age is 45.

18 years ago (1898) she was for 6 or 7 months under treatment as an uncertified case in the hands of Dr. Savage.

Her present breakdown dates from the shock caused by the death of a brother (killed in action) about April last.

Yours very truly
R. A. Bland.

TELEGRAMS—WILLIAN.
PARCELS—LECHWORTH.

PUNCHARDON HALL,
WILLIAN,
HERTFORDSHIRE.

597.
Jan. 30th 1916.

Dear Prence

A friend of mine, Mr R. N. Bland, who lives at Leichworth, is in trouble about his wife who has been mentally upset for some eight months and is very anxious to find the right home or asylum where she will be well looked after & happy. I have recommended him to apply to you at the "Retreat" and this letter is by way of introduction. Mr Bland has been a public official in the Straits Settlements but is now retired & lives here.

I am just home for the afternoon to attend

to correspondence which I generally
manage to do in a few weeks.
Being very busy I'm not writing more
now. But please remember me
to your wife

Yrs very truly
Chas. Puckett

Healdcarr, Holmbridge, Huddersfield.

10 Jan 1916.

97

Dear Sir,

I am responsible for some one who is naturally a bright & clever person, but who has developed melancholia the last year. She is at present at a place where she is in contact with imbeciles, ~~but~~ at least at meals, & during walks, ~~it seems~~ I should like to know whether that is so at your place at York; as we don't like it for her where she is.

The above is purely a general inquiry, ^{as} at present we do not contemplate removing her, but we may do later on. Perhaps also you will send a prospectus, and too I should be glad to know what ^{procedure} is necessary before removing a patient from one place to another.

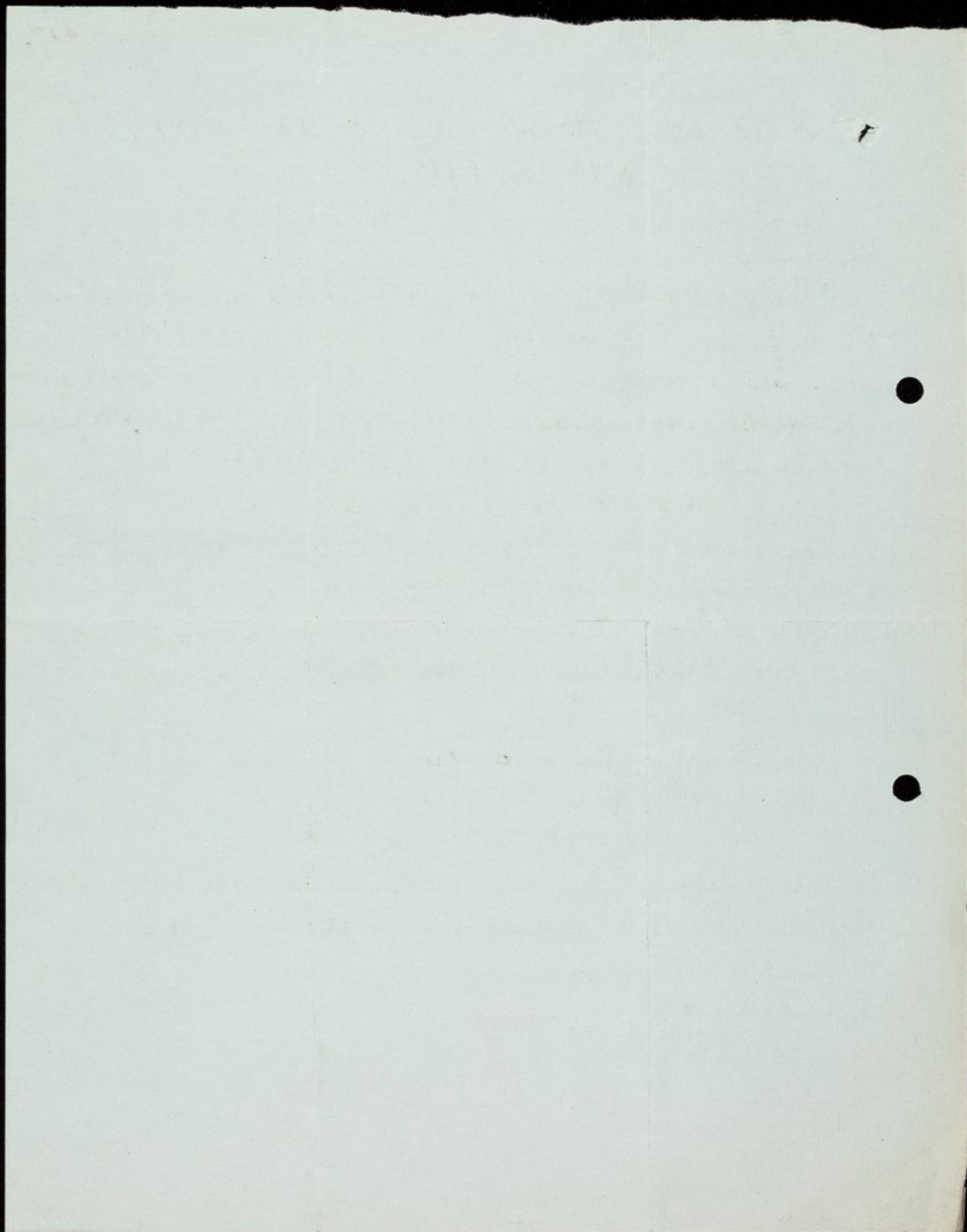
Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours ~~for~~ k

E. M. Butterworth.

Please enclose your reply in a plain envelope, without any indication of where it has come from except the postmark.

The Head of the
Friends Asylum,
York.



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18th December, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I enclose a copy of the Report of the Retreat. On page 31 you will find particulars as to terms, but I fear it would be impossible for us to admit a patient under £3. 3. 0 per week on account of the rise in the cost of everything. This lowest rate was fixed by the Committee previous to the war, and conditions have become more difficult since then.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Bagshawe,
26 Sterndale Road,
Millhouses,
Sheffield.

1947

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of the report of the
On the 21st of the year 1947, the
I have to say that the report is a
The report is a very good one and
cost of everything. The report is
Committee members of the year, the
person more difficult situation.

I am,

Yours very truly,

W. J. ...

22, ...

...

...

for an Aunt whose
means are limited, as
for the present her house
will have the Rept. on.
Could she be received
for two guineas a
week?

I should be much
obliged if you would
let me know as soon
as possible so that we
can get on with the

421.
26 Stennedale Rd.
Drillhouses
Sheffield
Dec: 14th 1915.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly
let me know what the
terms are for patients
at "The Retreat"

We are anxious to
find a suitable home

Yr
Sd

Medical & legal,
formalities

Yrs Truly,
B. C. Bagshawe.

94

8th December, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I have been obliged to write to Dr. McIntyre

Brown to say that at the moment there is no vacancy at

the Retreat, and I am not sure when there will be one.

It looks as if we shall be very full on the men's side

for some time to come.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Barnes,
Miss Brown,

"Dunloe"

The King's Gap,

Hoylake.

8th December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say in reply to your enquiry

that at the moment the Retreat is quite full, and there

is no prospect of our being able to receive a Voluntary Boarder for some little time.

I would suggest your applying to Cheadle Royal,

Manchester, or to Dr. Street, Haydock Lodge, Newton-le-Willows.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. W. McIntyre Brown,

2 Park Road,

West Kirby.

be your charges. Please
let me know soon.

Yours very truly

W. Barnes

The Medical Officer in charge
The Retreat
York.

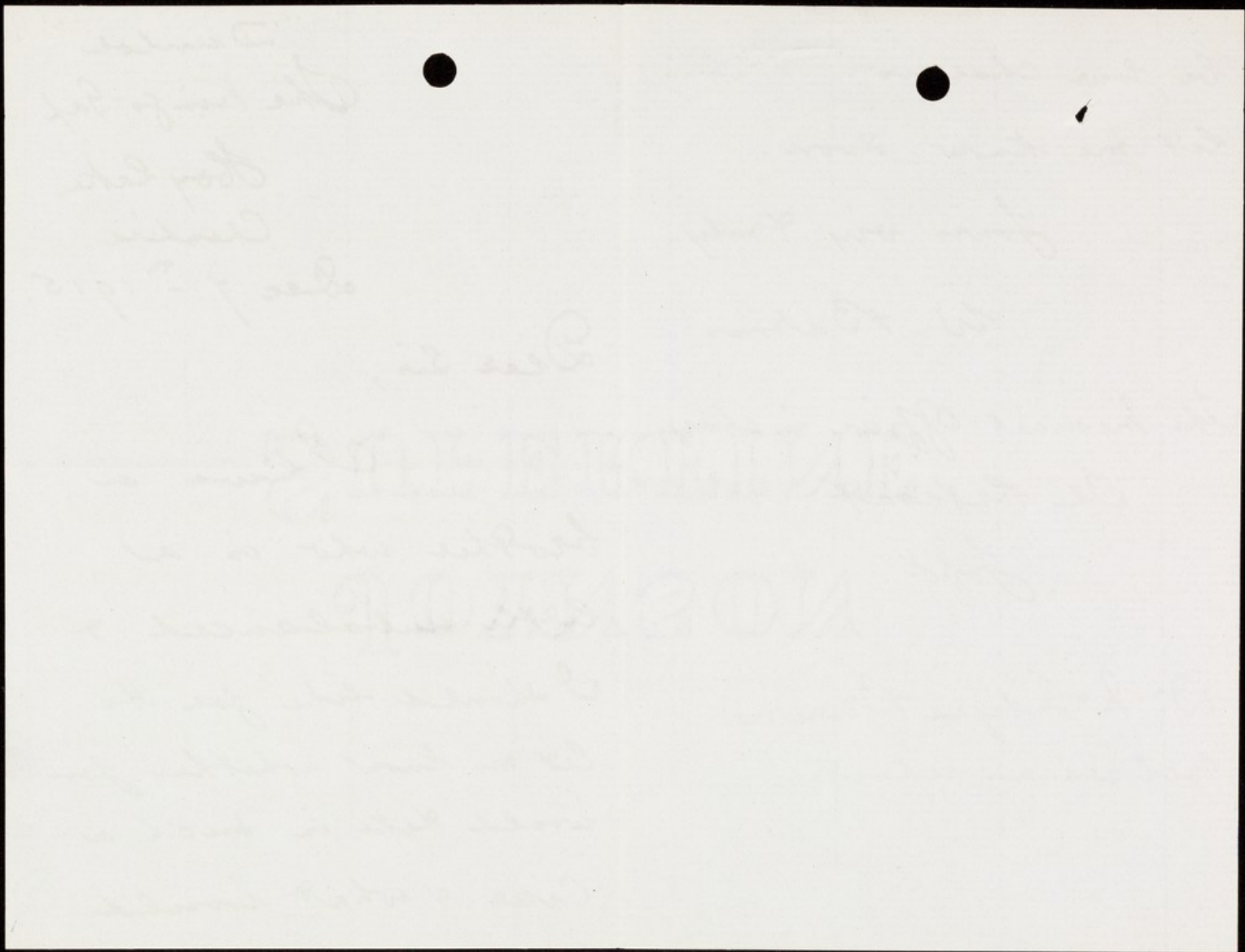
Dr. Dr. Intyre Brown
encloses his report.

Dunlode³⁷⁸
The Kings Gap
Boyle Lake
Cheshire
Dec 7th 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have a
brother who is a
little unbalanced &
I should like you to
let me know whether you
would take in such a
case & what would

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a voluntary patient, just
as you ~~last~~ took charge of
a friend of mine who
went to ~~you~~ from Leeds.

I believe we could
get Mr Barnes to sign
the necessary consent.

Please let me know by
return the exact steps
which must be taken.

Yours truly
W M Brown

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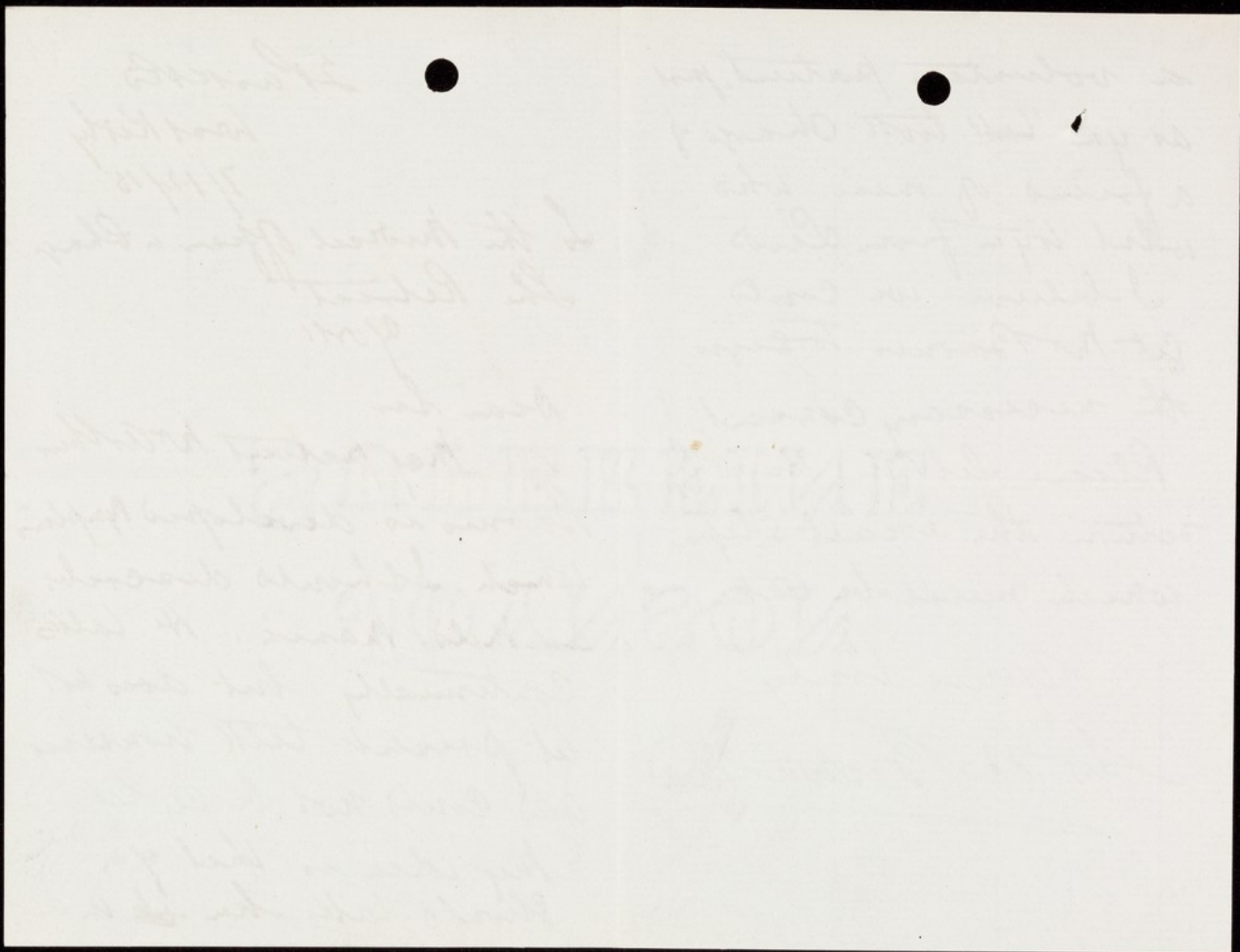
2 Park St
West Kirby
7/12/15

To the Medical Officer in Charge
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir.

My patient Mr Arthur
Barnes is developed Pythia
which I should describe
as mild mania. He talks
continually but does not
at present talk nonsense
and could not be certified.

My idea is that you
should take him ~~to~~ in as

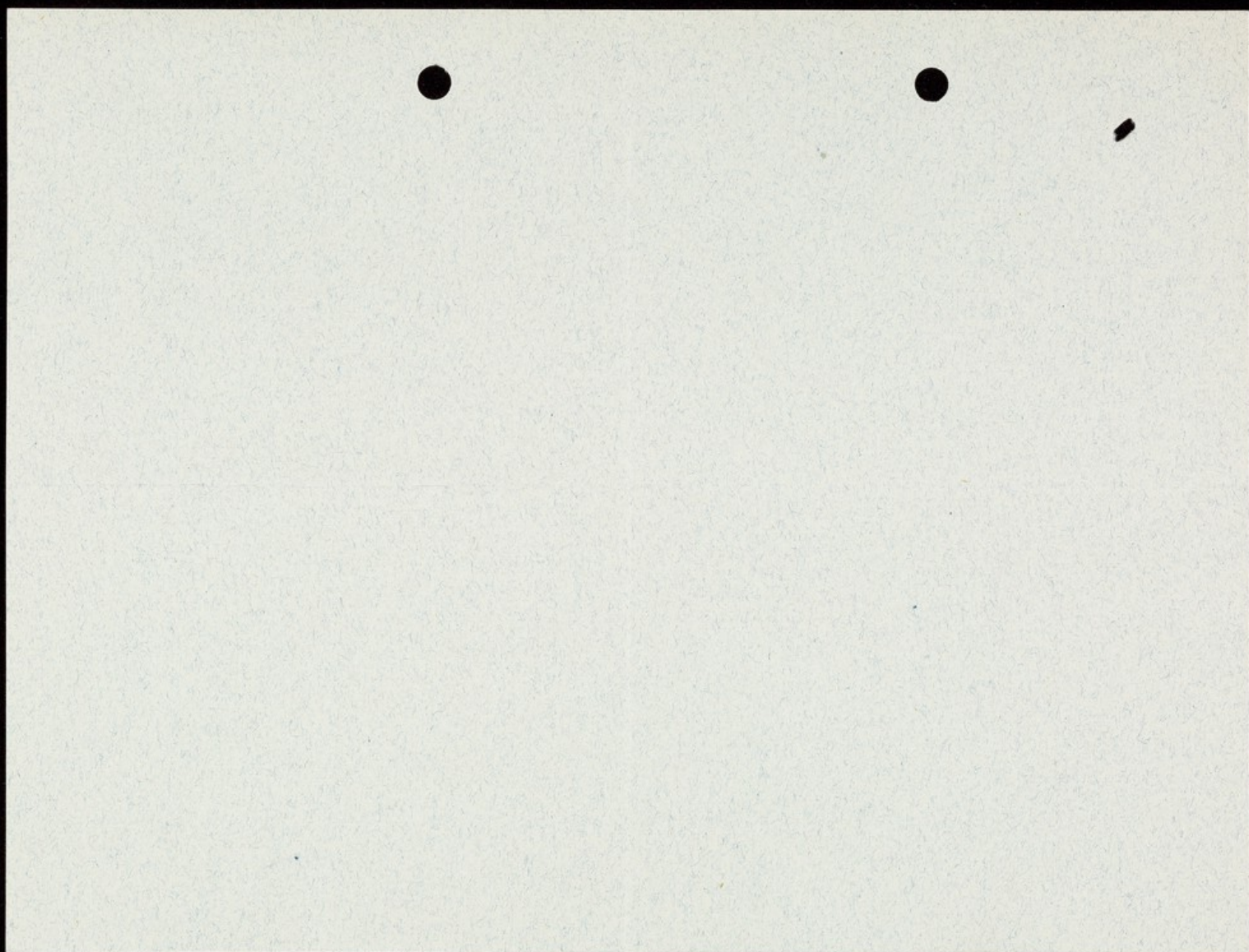


179.
162 Rye Hill
Newcastle on Tyne
Oct-25-1915

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly
forward me full particulars
of your "Retreat" for
a person, who is
suffering from a
nervous break down
(mental) - State
your lowest terms
for a Widow's Son.
Oblige

Yours truly
(Wm) St Brown



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15th September, 1915.

Dear Sir,

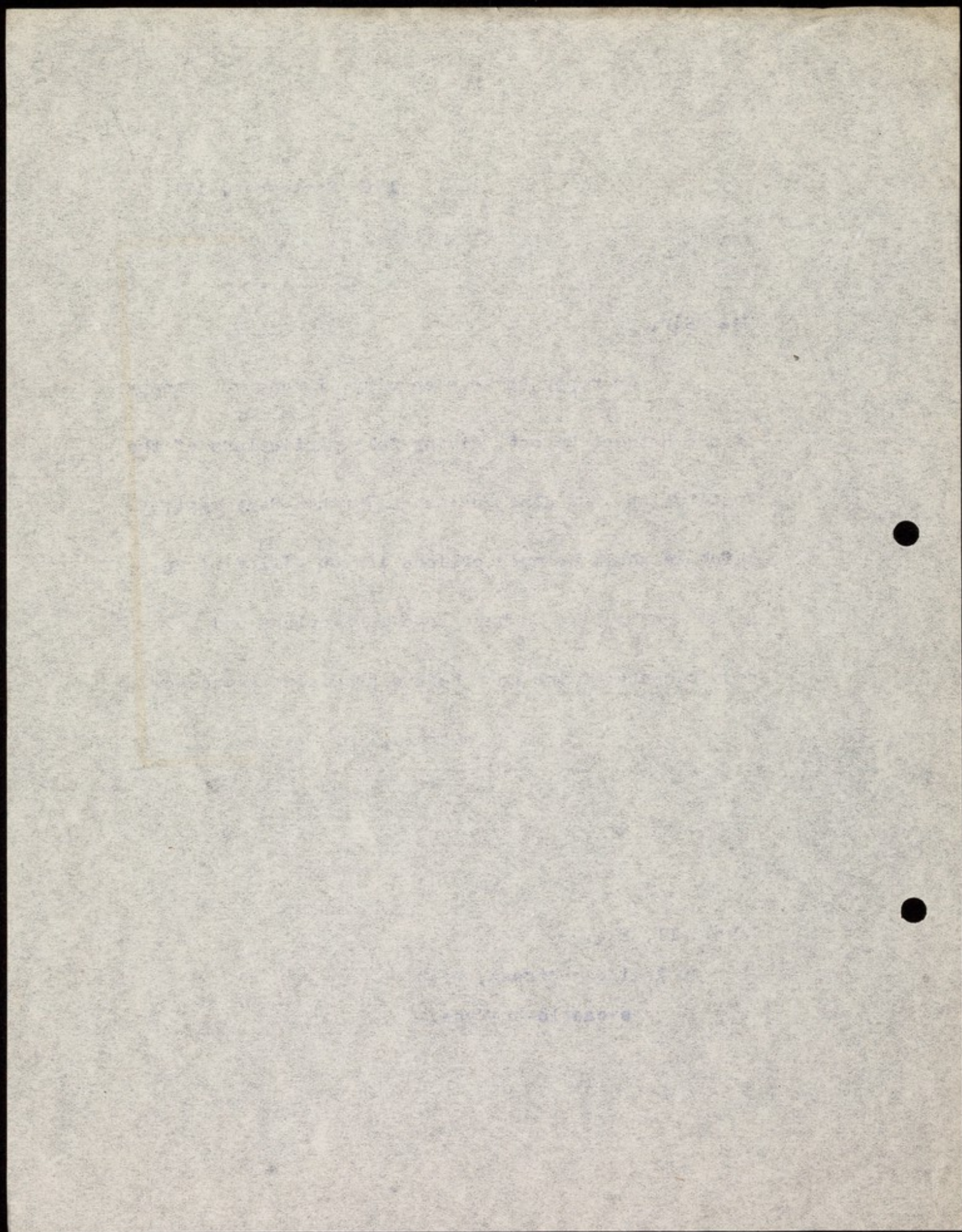
In reply to your enquiry, I send you a copy of the Retreat Report, giving full particulars of the Institution. I also enclose a Further Statement, which we shall be much obliged if you will fill up, as we should like to have some particulars and requirements of the case before promising a vacancy.

Yours truly,

John Bell, Esq.

40 Grainger Street, West.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

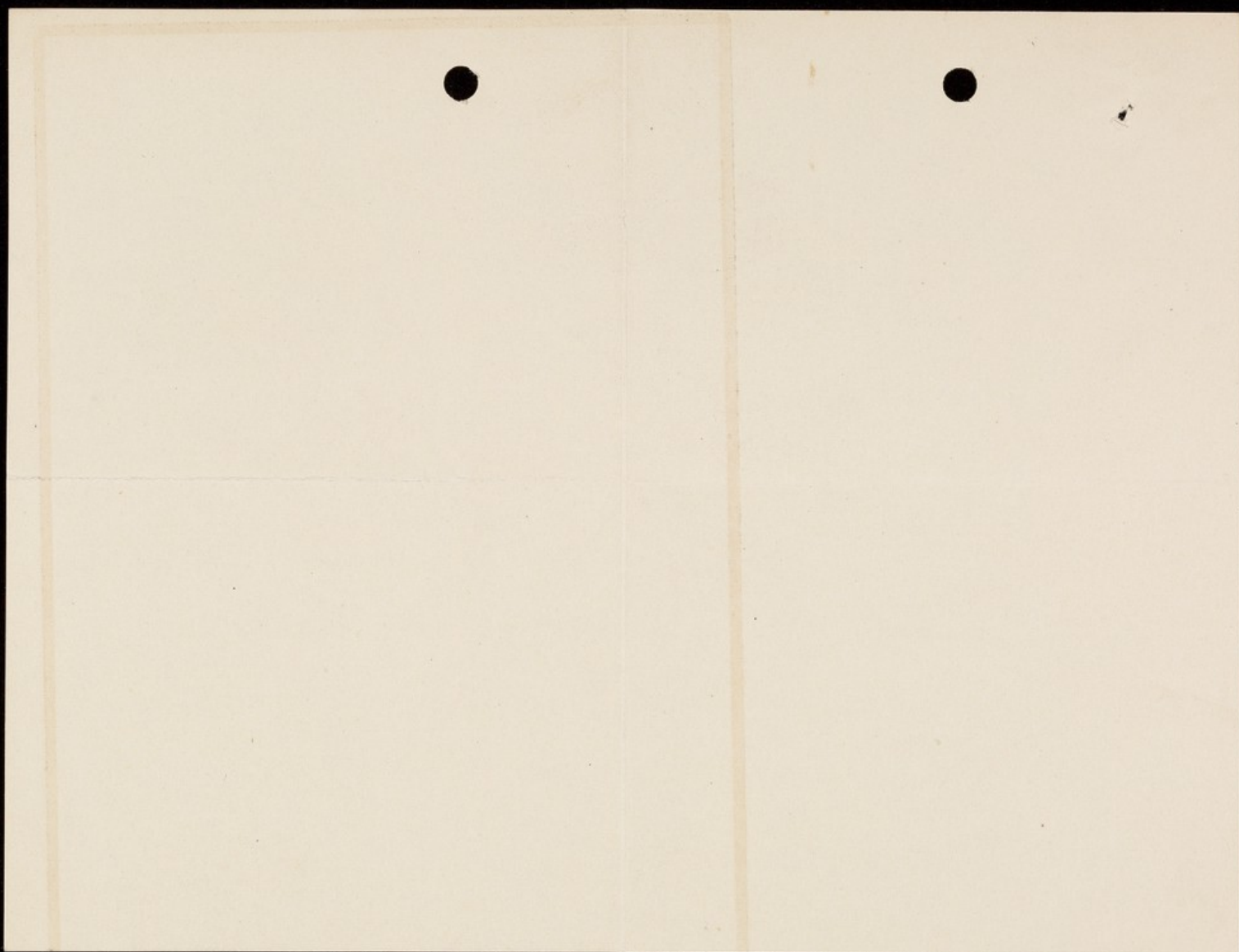


White House, 792.
Munsley,
Nr. Leabury,
Herefordshire.

Aug 5th 1915

Would you kindly send
Miss Barrett full particulars
of The Retreat nursing home,
also, could you inform her
if there is a home of the
kind nearer than York. —
I greatly oblige.

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784.

29 Hervey Road,
Blackheath. S.E.

3 August 1915.

Dear Sir,

I shall be extremely obliged
if you will kindly let me have
particulars and general
information as to the admission
of patients to "The Retreat" and
the scale of fees for treatment.

I am making this enquiry
with a view to any subsequent

treatment my daughter aged
22 may require, who is not
perhaps making such good
progress at home as one long
for after four months release
from the very kind care of Dr
Reid of Umhill Aberdeen during
two years.

I have heard here in Blackheath
of the very successful treatment
of Miss Thompson at the

Retreat.

Yours faithfully,
Harry Pitt.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

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30th July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of our Report, which will give you particulars as to the admission of patients. I am afraid we are unable to accept any patients unconnected with the Society of Friends at a lower rate than £3. 3. 0 per week. We have been obliged to raise the terms owing to the increased cost of maintenance.

Yours very truly,

J. Bolton, Esq.

Cadeby,

Doncaster.

30th July, 1918.



Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of our Report, which will
give you particulars as to the admission of patients.
I am afraid we are unable to accept any patients
unconnected with the Society of Friends at a lower
rate than £3. 3. 0 per week. We have been obliged
to raise the terms owing to the increased cost of

CROXLEY MANIFEST BANK

Yours very truly,

LONDON

J. Bolton, Secy.

Quaker,

Barnstaple.

Badeby 29 July 1915

Madam

D^r Madam

My wife as been under the
 D^r for the last 18 months for nerves break down
 without satisfactory result. I am now instructed
 to write you for particulars respecting your
 institution for terms & if any vacancies. I am
 only in poor circumstances & hoping you will
 meet my application as reasonably
 as possible awaiting your reply.

Yours respectfully
 J. Bolton
 Badeby
 Doncaster

Friday 22 July 1871

London

Dear Mr. Chapman

I have just received your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed new edition of the "History of the County of Middlesex" and I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the work. I have no objection to your using the material in the "History" for the new edition, and I am sure that the new edition will be a great improvement on the old one. I have no objection to your using the material in the "History" for the new edition, and I am sure that the new edition will be a great improvement on the old one.

Yours very truly
J. H. Sturt
J. H. Sturt

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23rd July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

We have a vacancy on the women's side, and could arrange to take your patient if the fees are not greater than the relatives can rightly pay. We have been obliged to raise our terms and the lowest rate is £3. 3. 0 per week. We could arrange to take the patient at short notice, and I will send the forms at any time if you write or wire. I enclose a copy of the report giving particulars as to the admission of patients.

Yours very truly,

Dr. E. Baines,
Lorne Villa,
Whitby,
Yorks.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed extension of the term of the lease of the land owned by the City of New York, and I am sorry to hear that the same has not been successful. I am, however, confident that the same will be successful in the future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
John A. B. Smith

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19th July, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Baker,

Unless the patient about whom you write is in some way connected with the Society of Friends I hardly think the Committee under present conditions would be willing to receive him under £3. 3. 0 per week. Just now as you are aware everything is very expensive and the lowest rate has had to be raised. I fear from what you say that this charge is prohibitive, and in that case I would suggest your applying to the Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water or to Dr. Edwards, Camberwell House, Peckham.

I am afraid it will be some time before I shall get to London again. My wife has been up for a day or two with our daughter Marjorie who has been in for an examination, but they are returning to-morrow.

If there is any connection with Friends in the case you are writing about would you send me a wire to-morrow morning. I will then submit your application to the Committee and they probably would be willing to make a reduction of terms.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed extension of the term of the lease of the land owned by the Government and now leased to the United States Fish Commission.

The matter is now under consideration and will be brought before the proper authorities at an early date. I will keep you advised of the progress of the case.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. D. Smith

Come to London, because
we should so enjoy having
her (and yourself too) with
us.

With kindest regards
from us both

Yours sincerely

C. Batson

702.

July 18-1915.

London, W.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing
in haste - for post, to ask if
you have a vacancy at the
Reheat for a patient, - a
man of about 45, who is
suffering from nervous
break down. he has been
engaged on Dominion
work at Hagers, The

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was got so on his mind his
health broke down.

He is away from home at
present, but quite - I am
and reasonable now, only
his wife cannot have him
at home, and tho they
will gladly discharge
him to go into a nursing
home, they won't let him
go to his own home without

an attendant.

he is not a friend, and
they can afford to pay
up to £2-2-0 ^{per week} tho this

would mean quite a
strain on their funds.

Will you kindly let me
know as soon as possible
if there is any chance for
him? & the ^{best} charge you
could make.

It was a great pleasure
to hear from your wife not
long ago - does she never

604.
82
Benchway,
Guildford.
29. 6. 15.

Dear Doctor Pierce,

With regard to the
Belgian woman who is suffering
with her brain, I am writing
to tell you that the authorities
have now decided to send
her to London, under the charge
of a Belgian Doctor, who it
appears attended her, in
Belgium some years ago for a
similar attack.

Thanking you for
your kind consideration

of the case,

Believe me

Yours sincerely,

M. E. Williamson -

✓ Samuel Skeet
Leeds 570.

June 20th - 1915

Dr Bedford Peers

Dear Sir

I am taking the liberty
of writing a few lines
to you in a matter, in
which I would beg your
immediate indulgence.

I have a son, who is
30 years of age & who
has been a continual
source of trouble to me.

He has constantly done
damage ~~to~~ to the
household property &
will sometimes talk of
things that are improper.

After allowing such
things as this to happen

for a considerable while,
I called the assistance
of Dr S. Samuels of
number 3 Elmwood Place.
According to his opinion
my son is insane & he
has been good enough
to advise me to ask
your assistance in the
matter. I would be
very grateful if you
could see your way,
of taking him into
your "home". I would be
very thankful to hear
from you concerning
this matter, stating
your terms etc at
your very earliest convenience.
I remain Dear Sir
your sincerely M. Blackleg

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2nd June, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Blumby,

I was very pleased to get your letter and hear that your sister was improving. I was quite hopeful when I saw her that rest and quiet would do her good, and I was glad to hear that things are going on all right.

I was very pleased to hear about yourself. You evidently have plenty to do in looking after nephews and nieces.

My son, Edmund, has not joined the colours, but is working with the Friends' Ambulance Unit behind the lines in the neighbourhood of Dunkirk. He is taking letters about with a motor bicycle, and has several times been close by where shells are falling. Happily none of his party have come to any serious harm so far.

I must not write about the war, as it is better as far as possible to turn one's mind away from such a distressing topic. I expect your farmer relations will find it very difficult to cultivate the land this summer. I have heard of several instances where there is non one to do the work.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

best quiet. This has been terrible
to think. I feel sorry for Mr. Pierce
that Edmund has joined. I understood
my mother that you had let her go
I should feel it terribly if my boys
had been old enough, for I'm sure
they'd have gone & we feel we
can't stop them. Lives through
York of course Saturday week &
on my return Wednesday. I'd liked
to have had a peep at you all
but had not enough time between
trains to come up. I hope you & your
family are all well. I hear Mrs. Thomas
has left, you will miss her, & she will
be by family too. With kindest
remembrances. Yours very truly
Agnes J. Brumby.

Canal House
Leven

Hull.

May 31st 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I heard of you
inquiring after me the other
day, when you came over to
see my sister, so I can't
resist writing you & telling
you that I am all right.
I think it's quite a year
since I last wrote you.

I have been rather busy among
the babies, but nothing to
hurt me, & I enjoy nothing
better. Last week end I
went with my friend
Mrs. Dyham to Barnard Castle
to see her son, who is at school
there, & also to see the school
on my own account as my eldest
boy is anxious to go there.
The North Eastern County School.
We had a very nice time, &
now I am keeping house
for my sister Mrs. Marshall

whilst she is away a few
days, but its quite a holiday
as her old maid of sixteen
years standing is quite capable
enough without my assistance.
I am dreadfully sorry for
poor old Mabel, but poor
nature they always say sets
put upon, & I'm sure she was.
Anyway they tell me she is
much better. I was over
spending the day at Mother's
on Friday, but did not go to
see her, as one of the others
had been that day, & she is

26.5.15.

593.

Benchway, 78
Guildford.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I am writing from
the Guildford Belgian Refugee
Committee - We have a woman here
who is losing control of herself
& we fear she will have to be
put into an Institution for a time.
I have been asked to inquire
what your Terms would be, if
you were able to admit her and
when you would have a vacancy -

The woman is about 56 years of age,
the wife of a working Watchmaker
who is employed by a Jeweller here.

For some weeks past she has
had fits of depression & then of
temper & excitement & has lately
been doing all sorts of foolish things
hiding things, cutting up her blouses
& packing up to go on a journey &c.
The Doctor wishes me to make
inquiries as to your receiving Belgians
for this woman only speaks

Flemish so would if very lonely
if placed where no one could
understand her - Till the last
few weeks she has always been
of a very happy, contented
disposition and easily satisfied.

She has been through
a great deal of trouble which
is evidently preying on her mind.
I hope I have not worried you
with unnecessary details, but under-
stood a little explanation was
needed -

I hope Bella + Marjorie are
well + that you are getting
good news of Edmund -
With love to Bella & kindest
regards to you,

Yours sincerely,
M. Emily Williamson -

72 Boobham
York. May 9th

Dear Sister Margaret

I have had a
letter this morning
from a friend asking
me if I can get
particulars as to
terms etc. about
the Retreat. I thought
you would most

likely be able to
get me a Prospectus
& all information
I don't know who
patient, but he
used to be Vicar of
St. Peter's Barnetley.
Perhaps you could
kindly let me
know by return

as I believe his
sister wishes to get
him settled some
where quickly.

Yours sincerely

Mary E. Buchholz

75 628.
23 Wicklow Street
Middlesbro'

12 April 1915.

Dear Sir

Will you be good enough to
send me a prospectus of your
Asylum with terms and
oblige.

Yours truly
J. J. Bailey

Secretary

The Retreat

York



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1st April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

We are at present uncomfortably full except at our branch house at Throxenby near Scarborough. I quite hope before long to be able to arrange for some patients to go there which will give us room in the Retreat. I enclose a copy of our Report, which will give you information respecting terms. I do not think that we could accept a patient who was very troublesome or who was actively suicidal, as the staff is rather heavily worked at present. Perhaps you could give me some particulars as to the requirements of the patient about whom you write. I enclose a form which may be of service in doing this.

Yours very truly,

F. Bostock, Esq.

Springfield,

Cliftonville,

Northampton.

SPRINGFIELD,

CLIFTONVILLE,

NORTHAMPTON.

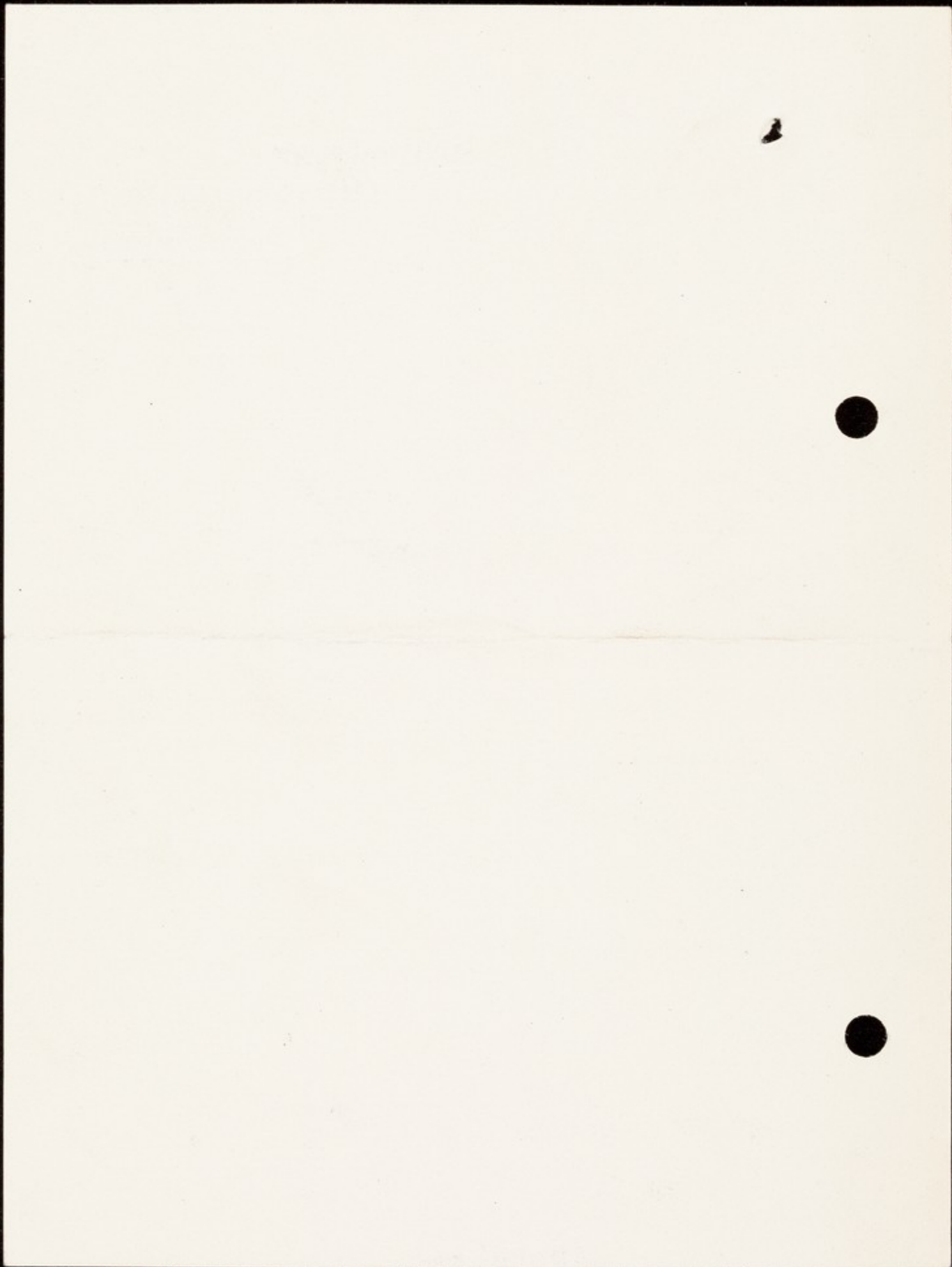
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Dear Sir

Will you please say if
you have a vacancy for a
Lady patient & let me know
your several terms. -
Dr Harding, Berry wood, who is
an old friend, gave me your
address.

Yours faithfully
Wm Bostwick



GOWAN BANK,
SOUTH VIEW,
LEITCHWORTH.

Feb. 24. 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am obliged by
your letter and report.
I had not intended to
imply that we should ask
for an reduction in the
costs for a non-Friend, but
he wanted to compare with
Camberwell House Asylum,
to which we have now

OWEN BARK
WELV HTUCC
HTACWHTEL

decided to send our
patient. I went to see
it last week, & was very
pleased with it.

I am sorry that
you are uncomfortably
full, but it has the advan-
tage for us of furnishing
Mrs. John Kemp with a
convincing reason for not
acceding to her wish ~~to~~ to
be sent to York.

I am
Yours sincerely
Alfred Kemp Brown.

his widow, by name Mrs.
John Kemp, or Emma Kemp.
I believe drink has been the
cause of certain delusions
from which she suffers.

My aunt, Mrs. Caleb Kemp
of Lewes, my brother J. H.
Brown of Letchworth (late of
Leeds) and myself are
jointly responsible for her.

I am

Yours sincerely
Alfred Kemp Brown.

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Grantham Railway
Station

Feb. 23. 1915.

Dear Friend

Dr. Pearce

I have come to
Grantham to see a relative
who was found by the police
in the streets and detained
at the Workhouse here. The
doctor certifies her as suffering
from senile imbecility. We
have been arranging for her
to go to an Asylum in London

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where she was once before,
but I find she would much
rather go to the Retreat⁺. She
can only be detained at the
workhouse until Saturday,
so that I am writing at once
from Grantham before I
return home. Indeed if
the train leaving here at
1 o'clock had not been taken
off, I should have come on
to see you, but could now
hardly get home again to-
night.

⁺ She is a native of York

Will you kindly send word
to my home address

Gowan Bank
South View
Letchworth

whether you have a vacancy
for an old woman of perhaps
80, and what the terms
would be?

She is not a friend; an
uncle of mine left friend
in early life & made an un-
fortunate marriage. He died
in 1897, & his old lady is

TELEPHONE—810 TUN. WELLS.
TELEGRAMS:
BENDALL, TAILOR,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

79, Calverley Road,

Tunbridge Wells.

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Feb 23

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FROM

C. BENDALL,

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S TAILOR.

Bedford Place Bay

Dear Sir

I am greatly obliged by
your kind note of yesterday.

I am glad to be able
to tell you that my dear
wife has so much improved
during the last 10 days that
we are hoping to be able to make
adequate arrangements at home.

Unless other changes come when
I will immediately let you know

Yours faithfully
Chas. Bendall.

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22nd Feb. 1915.

Dear Sir,

Just a line to
say that I fully expect we
shall have room for another
patient in a fortnight.

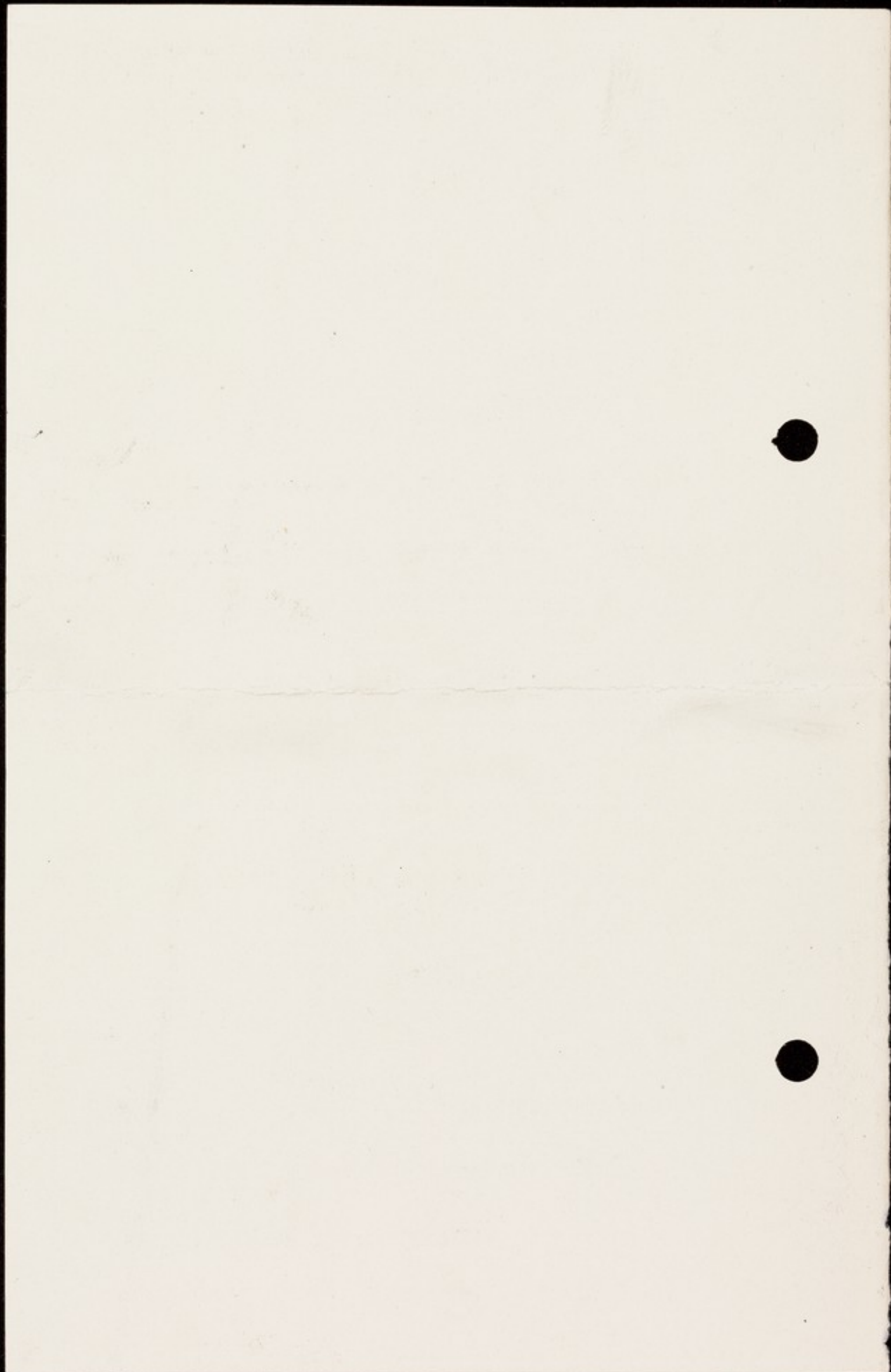
I am sorry to say that we
were too full at the time
of your enquiry.

Yours very truly,

Charles Bendall, Esq.

79 Calverly Road,

Tunbridge Wells.



79 Colverley Rd
Leicester Works

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Dr Peirce

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your
kind letter but am sorry
you are unable to receive
^{my wife}
~~her~~ at present

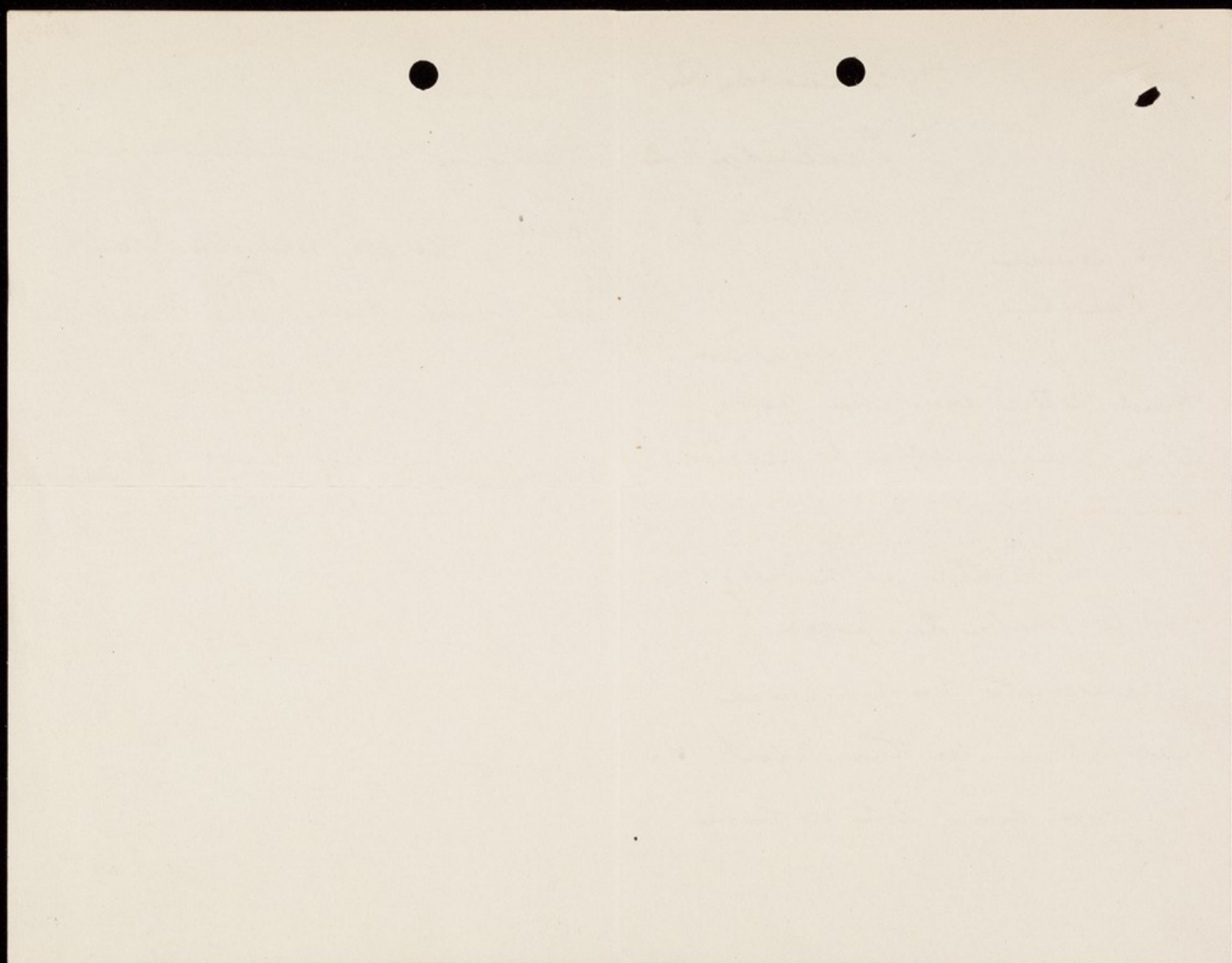
Dr Rutter is helping
us to make temporary
arrangements for her - and
we shall be thankful
if you can let us have

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an early opportunity of
placing her under your
care. As we are all friends
it would seem the happiest
plan.

Trusting you will
soon be able to write
favourably to us

Yours faithfully

Chas. Rendall



to write to
Mrs. -
note in
temp. urgent

79 Calverley Rd

Leambridge Wells

11-2-16

Dr Price

Dear Friend

My dear wife
has developed an attack
of religious melancholy.

We have used every
endeavour at home and
with friends by change &
society to rally her but
unsuccessfully. I am advised

to write to ask you if you
can receive her at the
Retreat. I am obliged to say
at once that my income is
very limited. What on the
most favourable terms?

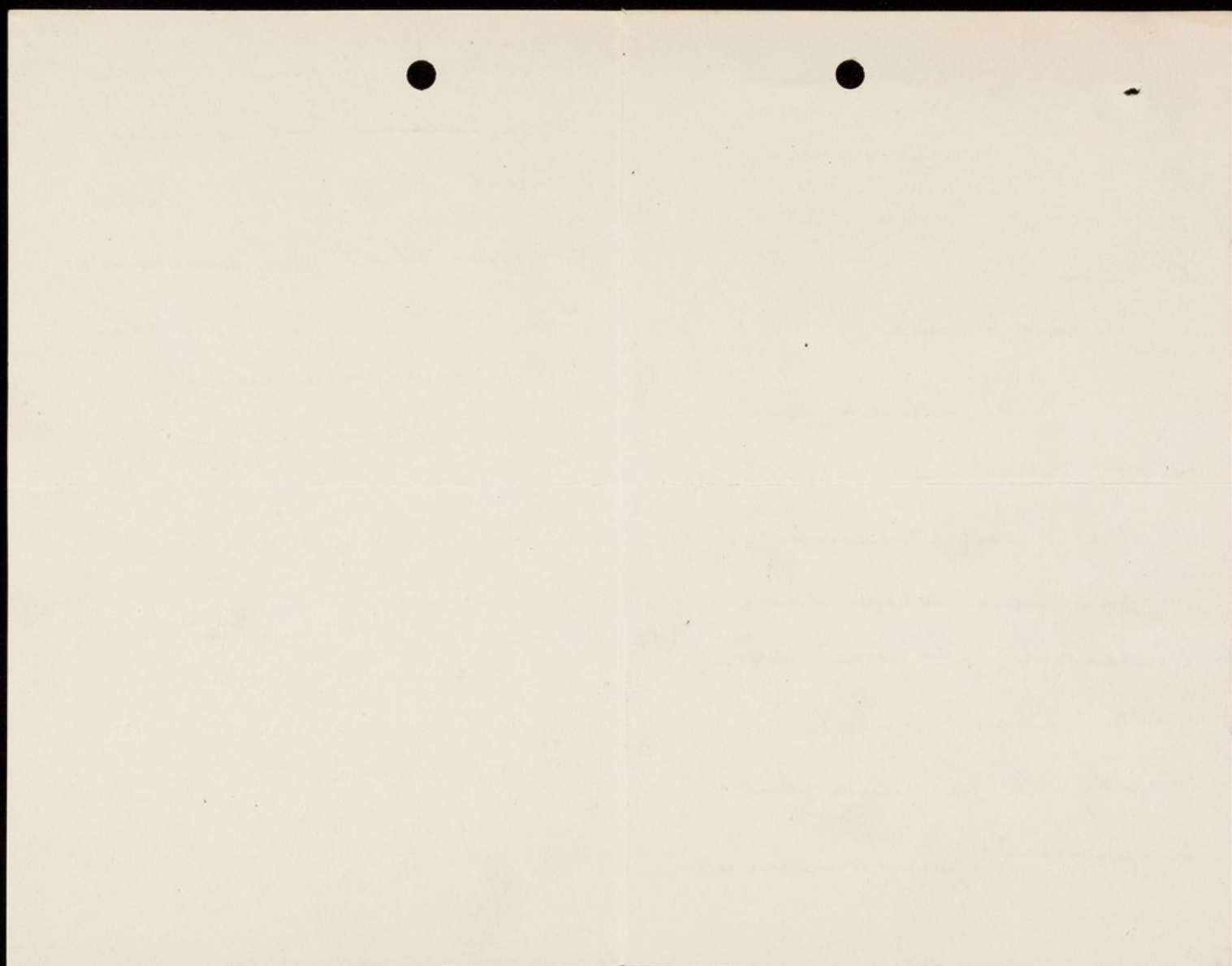
My son-in-law Dr Rutter
of Newcastle may have already
written to you. He promised
to do so.

Will you please send
any necessary papers?

You will find my wife's
name on the Books about
25 years ago. She is now 60 years

Yours faithfully

Chas Bandall. 2



TELEPHONE
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THE ALEXANDRA NURSING HOME,
MANCHESTER ROAD,
BATHURST.

720
66^a
TRAINED NURSES
SUPPLIED.

July 9, 1914

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let
me know the terms per week
for slight mental cases
who are received at
the Retreat?

Do you take patients who
are uncertified?

I am writing on behalf of
a lady whose means are
rather limited - she could only

pay about £2.10/-
per week permanently -
Could you take her for that
sum? Enclosing stamp

I am yours faithfully
E. J. Batchelor.

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127 Westcott St

Hull

Feb. 8/14

Dear Sir/

I have been given the name of your Institution by Dr Ladell, Holbeck, Leeds, & shall be glad to know whether you treat Mental Cases, who are on the borderline without Certification.

I should be glad to be favoured with a reply to the above, together with list of terms, regulations, & full conditions

The subject is my Father

Yours respectfully

J. N. Baldwin

The Medical Officer

The Retreat

York

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Breachfield. Derizes. Wills
Nov 14th 1913

Bedford Pierce M.D. &c

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Dear Friend

The enclosed letter from Cristodd; formerly
of Lowestoft & Derizes Bookseller; has just
reached me & I forward for your perusal.
I may say I know nothing of Mr Deasen
or his daughter — the W. Dotesio referred to
I know slightly, he lives at Bradford on Avon
& E. I. married his sister — then lived at
Norwich in employ of J. Eddington & then
left for Tasmania where he has bought land.
If you like to send me terms of admission
& form of application; I will pass on to
W. Dotesio, in case he writes me, or you
will perhaps prefer to write him direct —
he is a Printer & Stationer at Pop Adon.
I really do not see what I can do in
the matter as I could give you no more
information than here contained.

I hope this may find you well; with
kind regards I remain

Yours faithfully
Edw. J. Burrydon

Robert Lee
John Thomas

[illegible]

Wm. H. Burleigh

7.10.13

Corrie
Exeter, Tasmania

Dear Edward,

It is not so long as usual since I wrote to you but I have your letter of 22 June to thank you for and a kindness to ask you to do for me.

Will Dotesio's brother-in-law Harry Beaven has a daughter Nora, who as a child was charming and is still to the eye of strangers a bright attractive girl. She is, however, at home and among those she knows intimately, moody to the point of madness, and at night stamps and jumps about her bedroom refusing to go to bed unless forced. She has been sent away to various places and does well at first, gradually falling into her mad ways as intimacy increases. She is sleeping now at Will Dotesio's every night - where her cousin Hilda has a powerful restraining influence over her. Her father has recently failed and cannot pay the fees required by suitable people for board & curative treatment. Her age is 20. Is this a case which the York Retreat would take up? If so how should one set about getting admission? If the Retreat cannot take her without payment, can you say what they would require? Will Dotesio will be applying to you for these particulars and I shall be thankful if you

will give him what information & help you can.

I need scarcely ask you not to mention the case in the neighbourhood. I will write the rest of my letter on another sheet in case you would like to forward this to York.

Harry Beaven is a good man, upright industrious and level headed, but this trouble has gone far to break his spirit as well as his resources. His was for many years, in his father's hands & his own, the best house decorating business in Bradford, employed by ^{many} most of the county families around as far as Bath. He intends going to London where an opening awaits him but hardly knows how to go, while Nora is in this state

Yours sincerely
Eric Todd.

Nov. 18 1913.

Dear Friend

Edward J. Simpson

D. Pierce has asked me to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter with reference
to the admission of a patient. I am
sending a copy of our Report on
p. 37 of which there is some reference
to him. If the patient is a
member of the Society of Friends & obtains
the Recommendation before entering
the Retreat, the lowest terms are of course
The Retreat would be unable to receive

the young lady at the reduced
rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ without the usual Recommendation.
him.

We shall be glad to send away
further particulars either to you or to
the father.

I am ^{not} sending the papers required
for admission but thought you might
like to see the guarantee form for the
Bro. M^r.

Yours truly

W. E. Waller

May 9, 1913

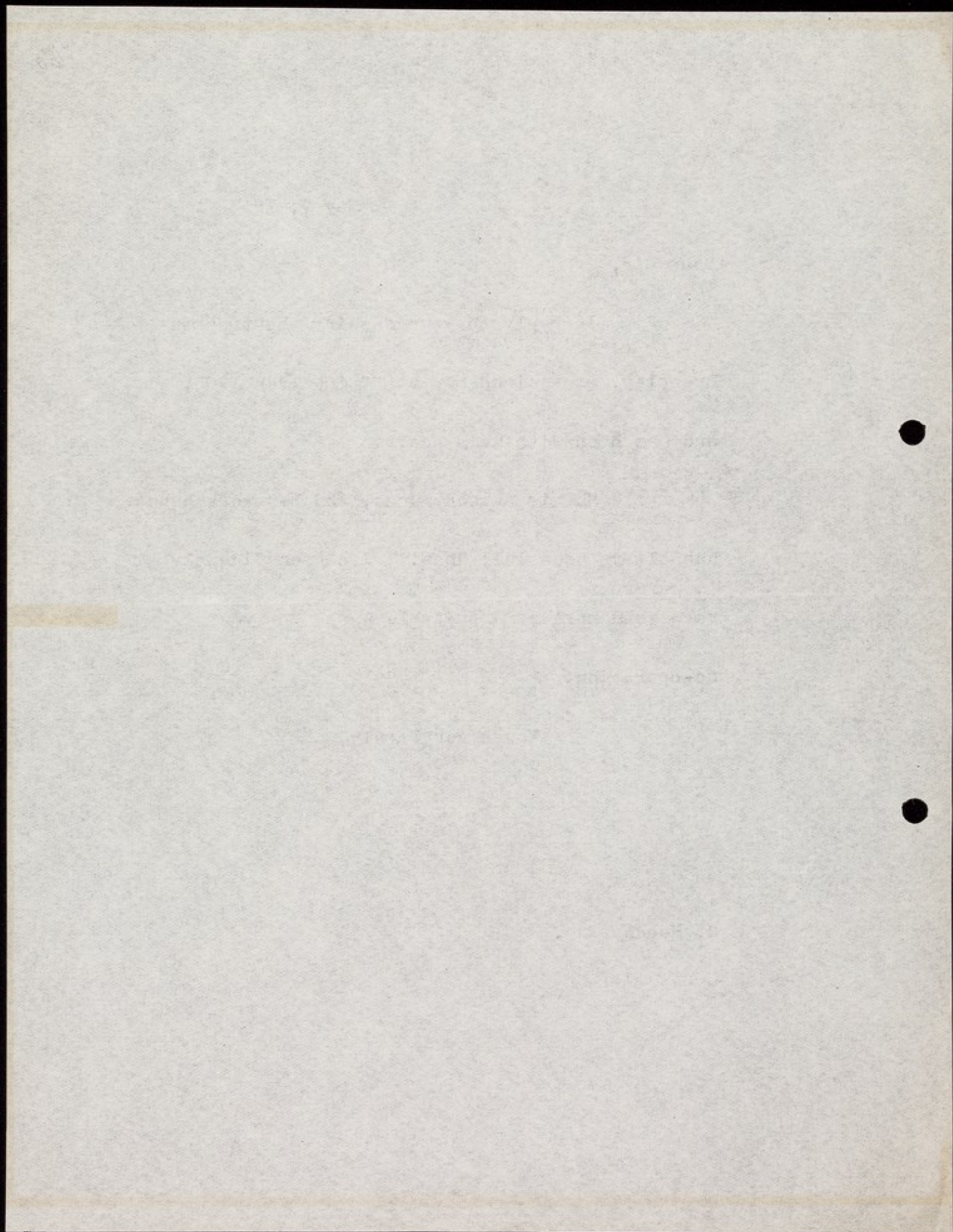
Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry about Nurse Brearley, she joined our staff in March 1905, and has been with us since.

She is a good nurse, and her work here has always been well done. I can confidently recommend her as a suitable nurse for your Co-operation.

Yours very truly,

C. Hoadby Esq.



STATION. EAST BARKWITH G.N.R.
TELEGRAMS. HANTON.

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March 30th 1913
BARKWITH HOUSE,
EAST BARKWITH,
LINCOLN.

My dear Sir

Miss Mary Black has been
to see me, in my opinion,
she is now in good health,
& fits to take up her work

again.

I am, Sir, very truly
Yours,
E. Barry Henry

D^r. Bedford Pierce.

BRANCH HOUSE
WEST BARNHURST
ALFRED

Itaton.

Wragby.

Lincoln

25. 3. 13.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that I was unable to answer your letter received yesterday, by return, as being a holiday the letters were collected immediately after delivery.

I shall be very pleased to accept the post of Assistant-Matron you kindly offered me.

There are a

few difficulties which 14
probably neither you or Miss Thomasson realize, and I should prefer - if you don't object - to return, (say for three months) and feel that if at the end of that time I found I did not feel equal to the work, & also if I was not giving complete satisfaction you would be perfectly candid, & then I could resign.

I am feeling very

much better for the long
rest- away from the work
and am really quite
ready for work, if you
require me, before the
completion of my three months,
which will be in about
three weeks time.

I can return at
whatever date you like
to fix and will
endeavour to do my
best- to give you and
Miss Thomanon satisfaction.
Thanking you for

your consideration.

I am

Yours very truly
Mary E. Black

D. Beaford Pierce
The Retreat.

STATION. EAST BARKWITH G. R.
TELEGRAMS. HANTON.

Oct. 21st 1912

BARKWITH HOUSE,
EAST BARKWITH,
LINCOLN.

Dear Sir

Miss Black only came
to see me today, though
she tells me that she has
been at home for three
weeks. From what she tells
me, she appears to have
improved in health, &

much time she came home
& she has gained a considerable
amount of weight. I made
a careful examination of
her chest, & could not
find any thing amiss.

It appears to me, that
she is, or rather has been,

run down, from over work,
& the ribs has set her up
again, she tells me that
she is not expected to
return, for nearly a
fortnight. I think by then
she will be quite fit
for work.

Believe me
Very truly
E. Barry Osborn

who have already
done so. and the
subject you suggest
is attractive at
some future time
when a bull comes
if it ever does come
I will offer myself
With kind regards
yours most faithfully
James William Brown

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DUMFRIES. N. B.

23. Oct. 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am gratified
by your invitation
and wish I could
accept it but
that is not possible.

I leave me
myself responsible

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for half a dozen
addresses on
different subjects
during the next
six months and
dare not add
to my burdens
more especially

as my official
work threatens to
be heavy.

It would be
a pleasure and
a privilege to
address you staff,
following the
distinguished men

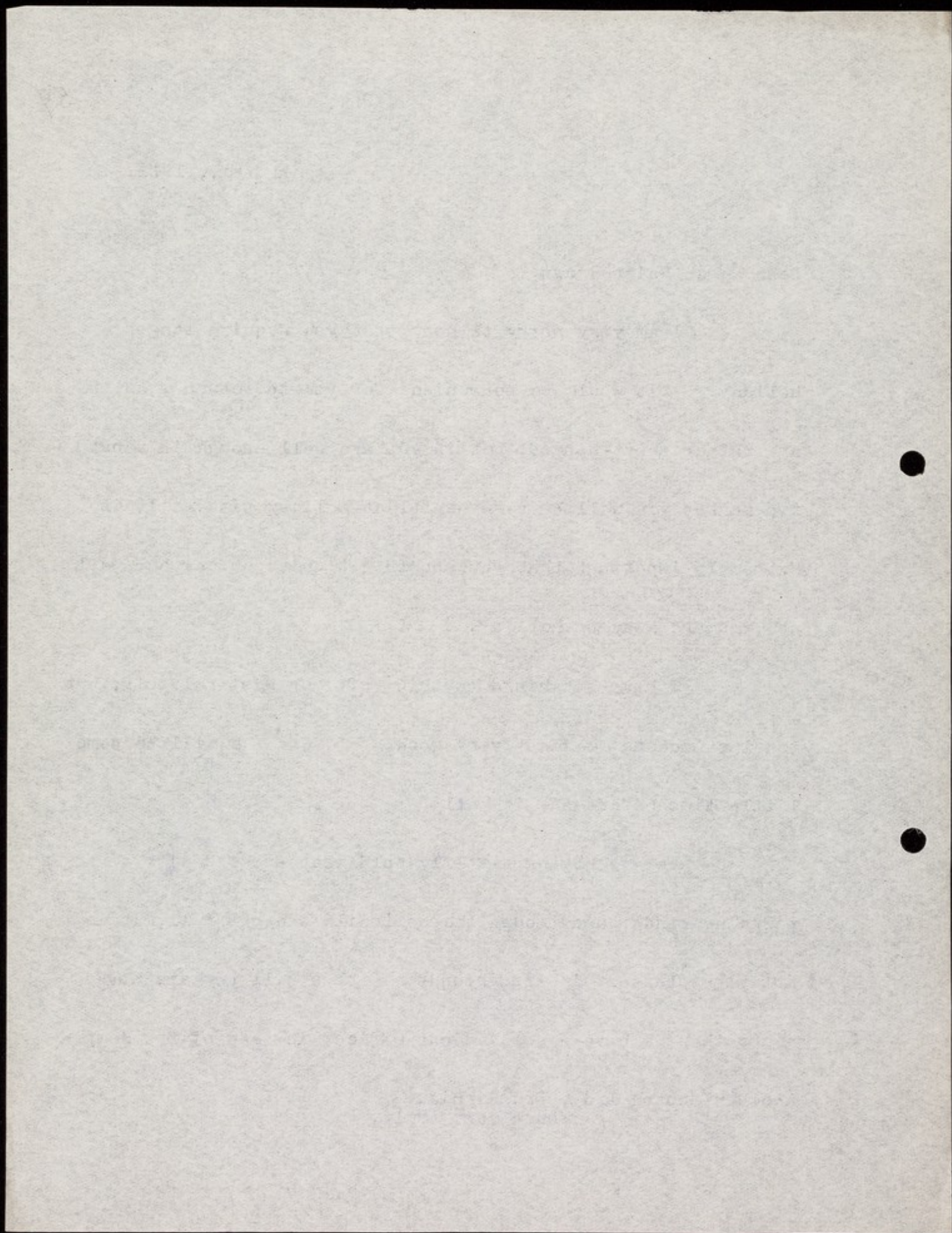
April 7th., 1913.

Dear Nurse Raitt Brown,

I am very sorry to hear that you require longer holiday. It would be convenient for you to return, as we are rather short-handed, but if you are well enough in about two months you will be very useful at holiday time. It is extremely important that you should get quite strong and well now you are away on holiday.

I have not heard anything of your sister lately, but the last account was not very good. I fear she will be some little time before she is well.

We are having bitterly cold weather here with piercing winds, and though the daffodils are out full, it is not very pleasant in the grounds. You will perhaps have heard that we have a new Medical Officer instead of Dr. Kemp - another Scotch lady, Dr. Birnie.
Yours very truly,



The Cottage.
Alva. 3rd April. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I expect you are aware
my six months leave of absence
expired at the end of March. I
have delayed writing you until I
should have some idea when I should
be able to return to The Retreat. Dr
Cunningham examined me this week
and said there was a decided
improvement within the past month.
but there is still a dulness over my
right lung, and it is not yet expanding
properly. He assures me, however, that
there is no sign whatever of any part-
breaking down. The Doctor thinks if
I had other two months I should be
completely cured. I told him I was

very anxious to be back in time for the Retreat-examination in May, but he told me if I started work too soon, I should just collapse again. It appears I am to be disappointed a second time, with my exam. The doctor says if I am cured just now, I may never have a recurrence of the trouble - Pulmonary Fibrosis, he calls it.

I am greatly disappointed that I am taking so long to get well. When I left the Retreat, I thought I would be asking you to let me come back, long before six months were over, but now I am asking for two months longer.

The doctors, and matron at Sarbert Asylum were very kind to me when I went there. Dr Campbell was very kind at the examination, and I think

let me off very easily in my oral. I must thank you for arranging that I should go there.

Yours faithfully

J. R. Pitt Brown.

my resignation, and to place the same before the ~~same~~ Retreat Committee at their next meeting. I should very much have wished to complete my 4 years' training but there is little hope of that at the present time. It is with great regret that I sever my connection with the Retreat.

I trust Mrs. Pierce and you had a pleasant time in Spain and Algiers, and that you have both returned feeling well.

With kind regards.

I remain,

yours obediently

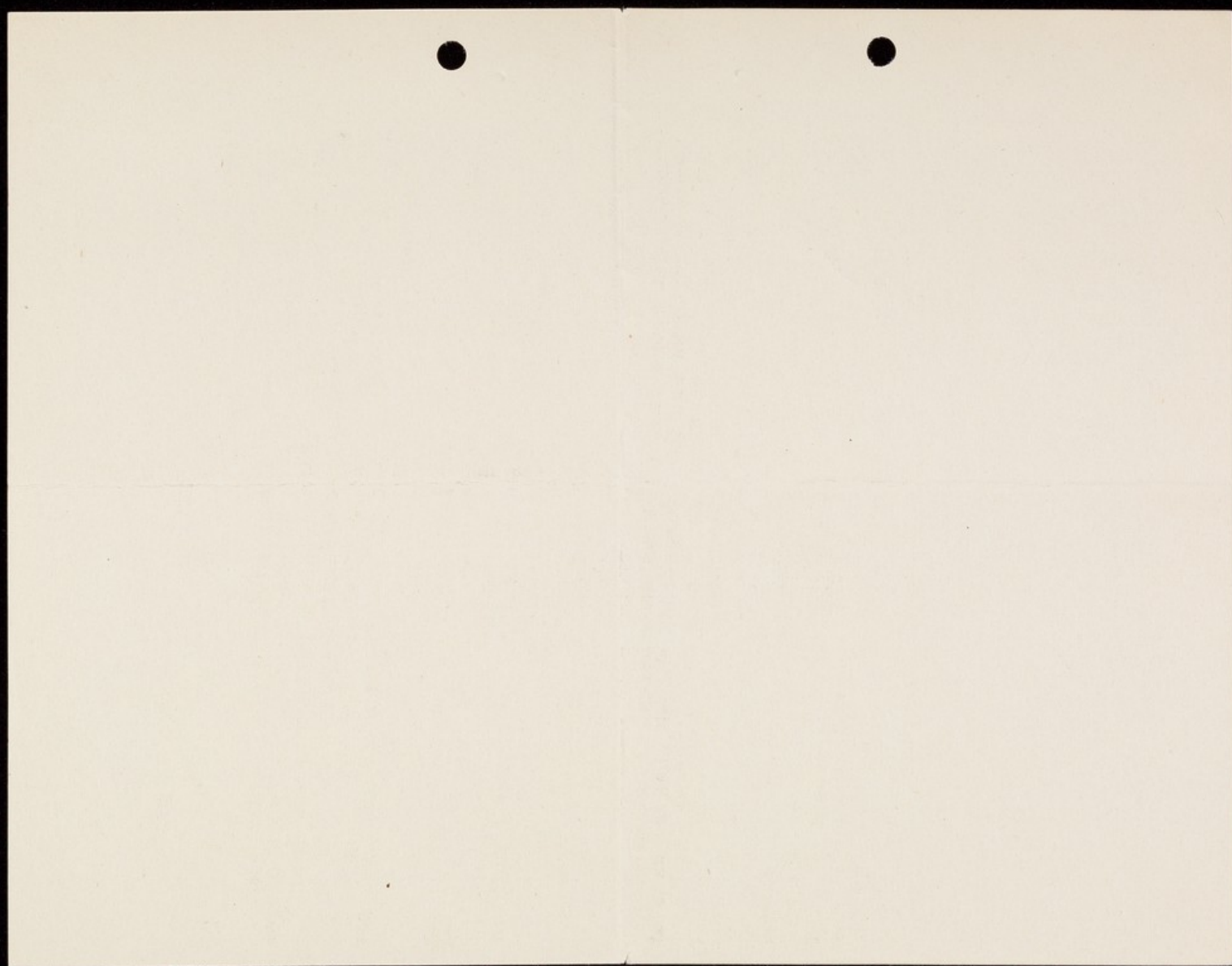
May S. Brown

Ochil Hills Sanatorium,
Milnathort Nines S.S.

3rd March. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I consulted Sir Robert Philp. on Friday last and have received a great disappointment. He tells me that my lung trouble is of a very sluggish type and will require patience both on the part of the Dr. and myself. He is sorry I did not go to him at the beginning of my illness and he would have told me that I need not expect a speedy recovery. He still advocates rest for the greater part of the day and I am so sick of bed, but at the same time he assures me I am quite a good case and will eventually recover, but the time is so indefinite, however, that I must ask you to accept



March 7, 1913

Dear Miss Brown,

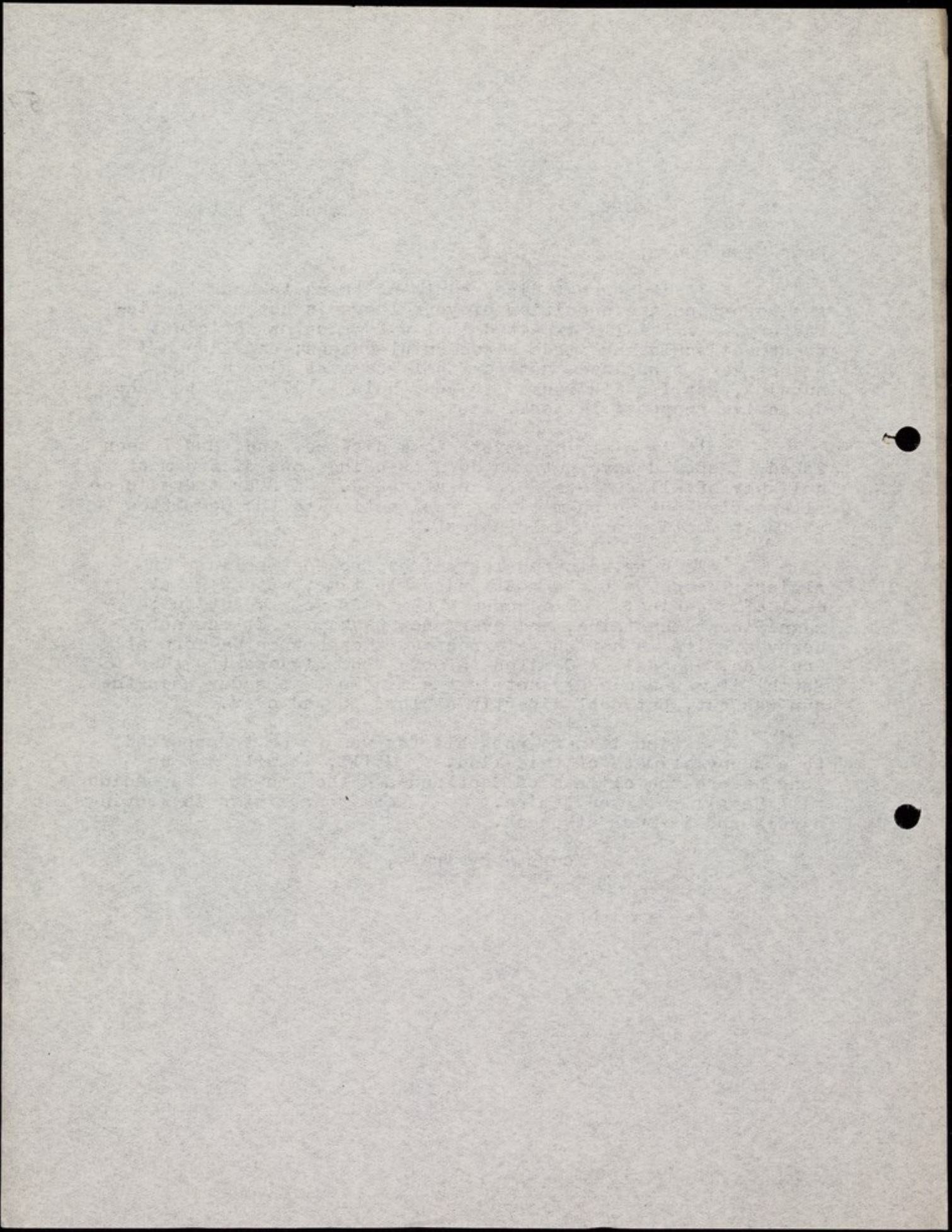
It is a great disappointment to us to hear that the report on the condition of your lungs is not more satisfactory. I fully expected that a few months efficient treatment would have made a wonderful change; and though I am not very surprised that you feel you must give up the nursing, yet I quite looked to your being still able to take up active responsible work.

It is a strange mysterious disease, and, had I been asked, I should have put you down as being one of the most unlikely of all our staff to be attacked. I fear there is no alternative but to submit your resignation to the Committee at their meeting on the 18th inst.

We only returned last night from our holiday in Algiers, where we had a most enjoyable time, with a great deal of sunshine. The scenery there is very beautiful; magnificent mountains, and even snow peaks. It was not, however, quite as hot as we expected, though when we were at Bousaada, an oasis 150 miles or more from Algiers (to the South) it was decidedly hot in the middle of the day when the sun was out, but cool directly a cloud passed over.

I wish it were possible for you to be transported to a sunny climate of this kind. Still, it will not be long before the climate of Scotland and the amount of sunshine will be all that you desire. I hope your sister is keeping nicely and is much stronger.

Yours very truly,



Sept. 28, 1912

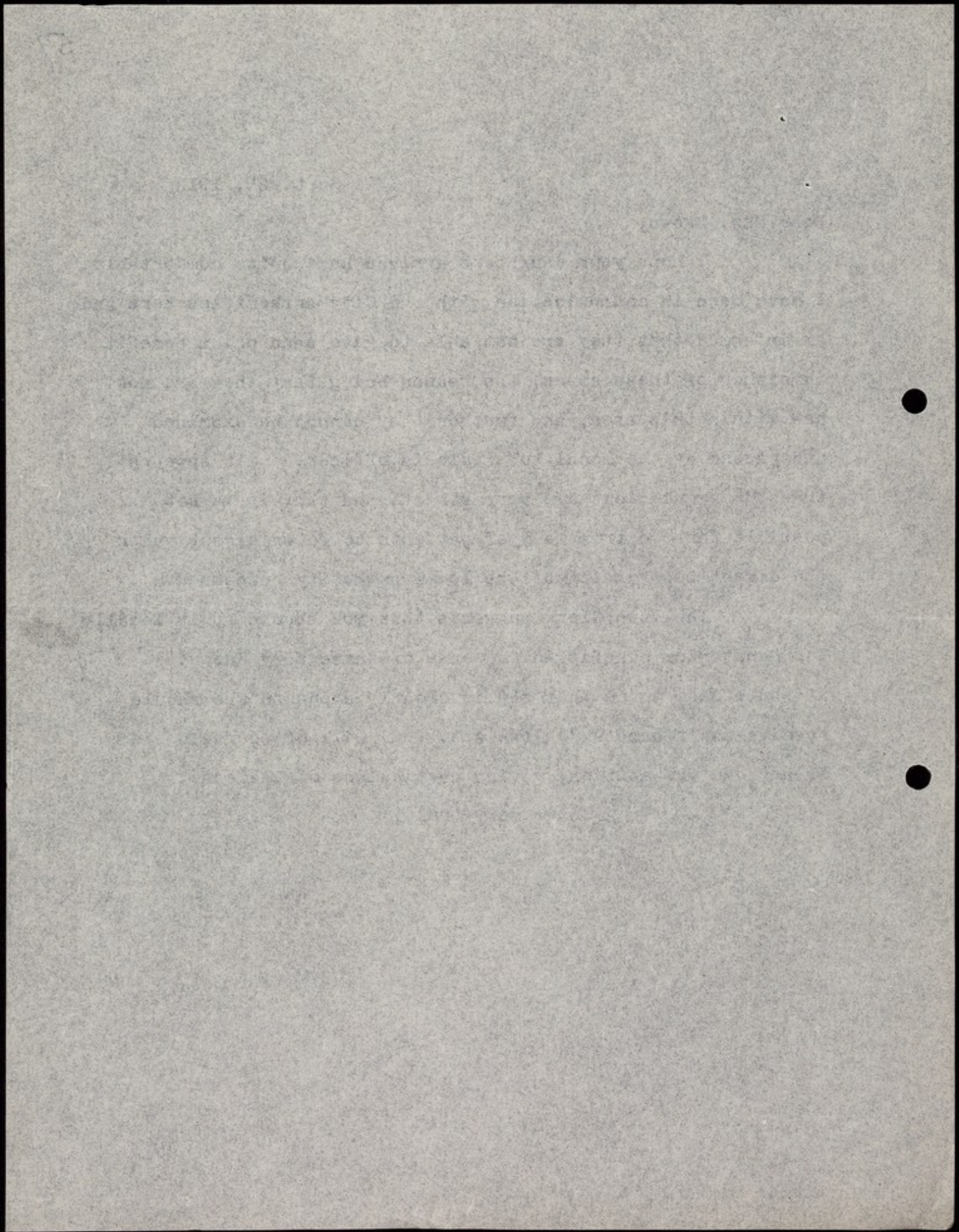
Dear Mrs. Brown,

I hope your daughters arrived home quite comfortably. I have been in communication with the City authorities here and am informed that they are not able to give sanatorium benefit in either of these cases, the reason being that they are not now within this area, and further they cannot be examined and passed by the local tuberculosis officer. It appears that the regulations are very strict, and that it is not possible for the treatment of patients to go on except under the direct supervision of the local authority concerned.

The Town Clerk suggests that you should apply locally for Sanatorium benefit in the case of Nurse Mary Brown.

It would seem to me that she is clearly a person who should receive assistance under the Act. I will of course write to any one you mention, giving particulars of the case.

Yours very truly,



Sept. 18, 1912

Dear Sir,

I write to make application for Sanatorium benefit on behalf of two nurses at the Retreat. They are Scotch, and are sisters. Their mother's address is The Cottage, Alva.

Mary S. Brown came to the Retreat. She has been out of health for some weeks, and she was found to be suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The case is not a severe one, there is very little fever, but there is no doubt about the diagnosis.

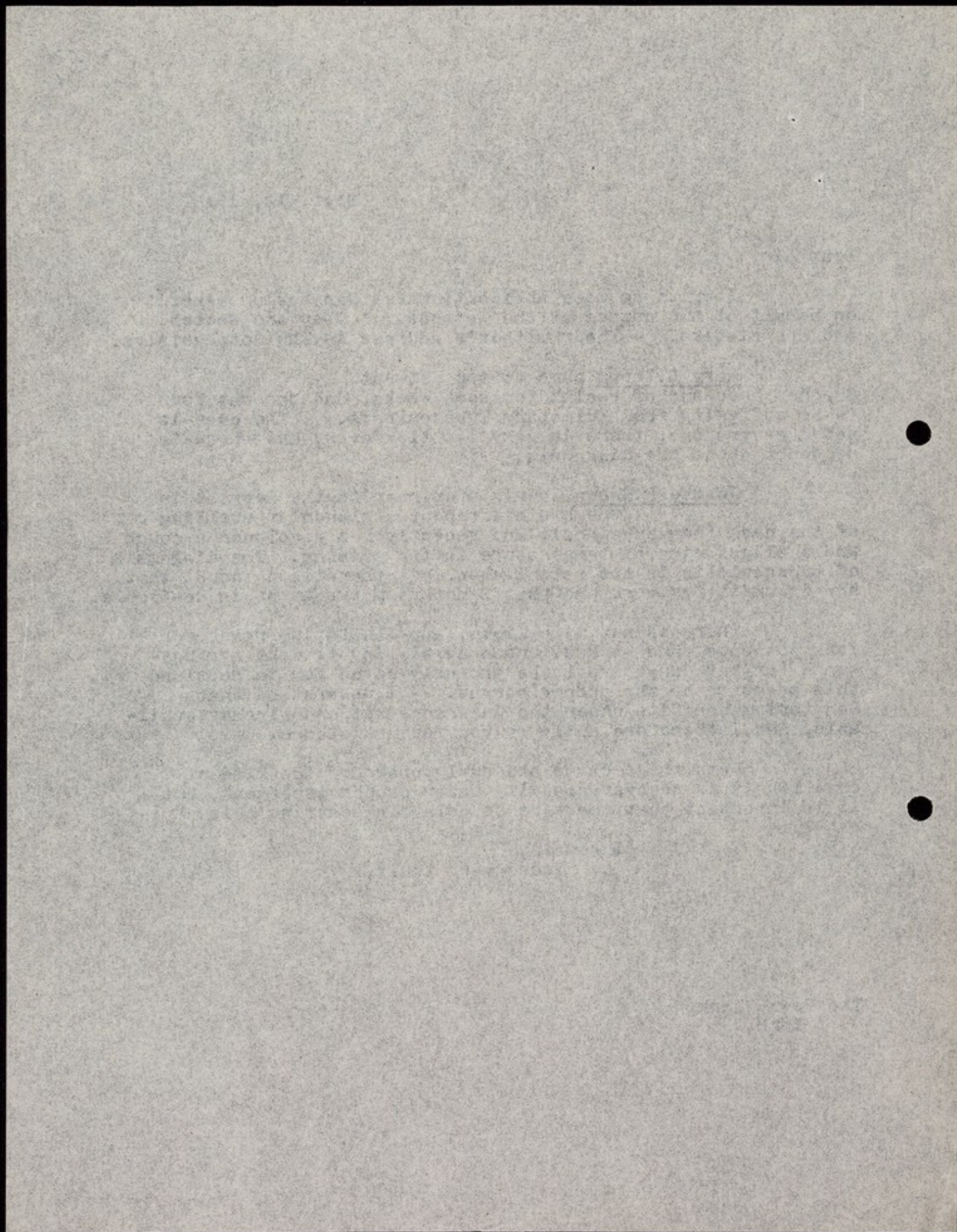
Jessie R. Brown, her sister came to the Retreat in . . . She has had repeated glandular swelling of the neck (now subsided), and recently has developed a cough and a slight rise of temperature in the evening. The diagnosis of tuberculosis is not established, but there is no doubt that she is unfit for work and that Sanatorium treatment is desirable.

There is not, I believe, any Sanatorium ready for York patients, and as Mrs. Brown is willing to make arrangements for her daughters to be properly cared for in Scotland this seems to be the proper course. I understand that Sanatorium benefits under the Insurance Act are already available, and I therefore apply to you for assistance.

Both these cases are early ones and the kind of case likely to recover speedily under proper treatment, but it is important that there be no delay in securing this.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

The Town Clerk,
York



God Cottage

Alma

15th Sept 1912

W^m Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir,

I am
grieved to hear from my
daughter that she has
been laid up and invalid
upon your hands. She
tells me you are to place
her case before the notice
of the committee on
Tuesday first but at
the same time informs
me that you advise

3 months treatment in
a Sanatorium

Under the circumstances
I should prefer her to
come to Scotland so
that she could be near
me.

If there is any benefit
to be derived under the
Insurance Act or otherwise
on account of her having
been a nurse I should
certainly wish to take
advantage of it.

but as her term of
4 years is so near

a close & she has
other arrangements for
her future I fear the
expense of her illness
must be borne by me.
I am very grateful for
the kind attention
you have paid her
during her illness
and the kindness you
have all shown to both
my girls during their
stay at the Retreat

I remain
Yours sincerely
Jeannie Brown

The Cottage.

Alva. 30th Oct. 12.

Dear Dr Mackenzie.

Miss Macgregor wishes me to ask you, if you have let the Medical Psychological Association know to send my exam. paper to Sarbert. I told her I was sure you would do so, but she said I had better write to make sure.

Miss Macgregor is very kind. She takes me by myself for practical work between 5 & 6 p.m., because I can't wait for her class at 8 p.m. Even there is the doctor's lecture at 6 p.m. I shall endeavour to go every day if possible, as I shall gain great benefit.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely.

J. Raitt Brown.

let me have my Insurance card
at your convenience. It must
accompany the application form.
Shall we make the further ^{premiums} payment
payable through the Retreat, or
directly to the Nurses' Insurance
Society?

We were neither of us the worse
for the journey north, and the Dr. said
yesterday we were both making
satisfactory progress.

My sister & I both wish to say
how very much we appreciate all that
has been done for us at the Retreat
and for the consideration that you
personally have shown us.

I remain,

Yours sincerely
May S. Brown

The Cottage

Alva N.B.

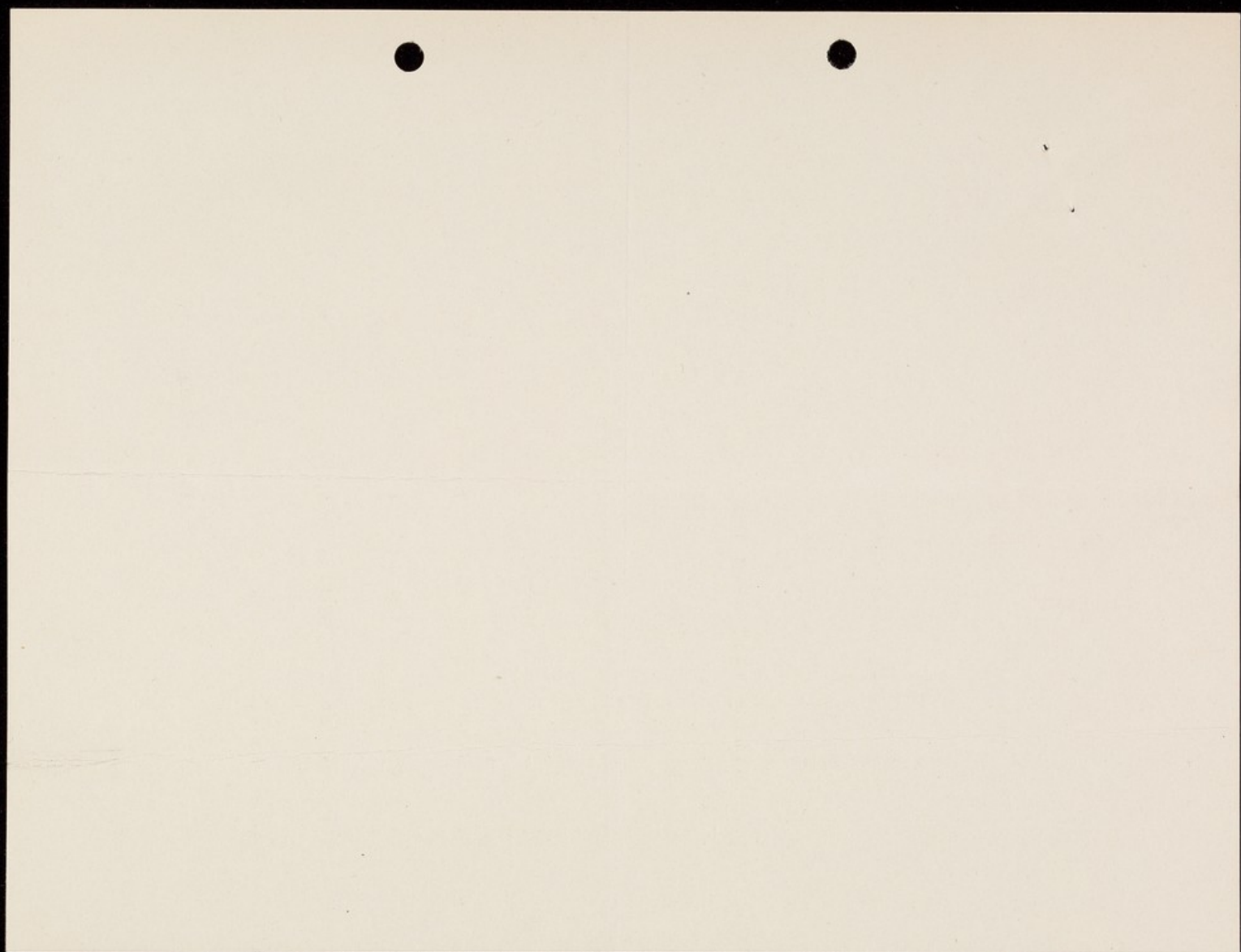
1st October 1912

Dear Dr. Rince

My mother received your
letter on Sunday for which she thanks
you.

To day I have received an
application form to fill up, from
the Alva Town Clerk who has been
in communication with Dr. Lindlater
(Medical Officer of Health). They main-
tain that York should be held responsi-
ble for the payments and want to fight
the case. In the meantime, however,
my mother has made arrangements
for me entering the Ocheil Sanatorium
on Saturday.

Would you be good enough to
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Oct. 2, 1912

Dear Nurse Brown,

I am glad to hear a good account of you and hope you will rapidly progress in the Sanatorium. You will have received your Insurance cards before this. I gather future arrangements in regard to the cards are done through the Nurses Insurance Society until you are back at work. It is a pity the Act does not come fully into force until January, or you would have been getting 7/6 a week, which would no doubt be useful.

Yours very truly,

Sept. 2, 1912

Dear Hitchcock,

I fear I must have made a mistake.

The examination is not until Monday, November
11th, in the afternoon.

We hope you will come to lunch that day,
and do the examination afterwards.

Yours very truly,

abroad with a 'bear leader'
and be very sorry for the
bear leader. As it is he
wants some sort of institutional
^{and educational} treatment; a mother and
a sister younger than himself
and of the same type are no
good.

I must apologise for bothering
with all this, but I am
most anxious to help the
woman, and don't know
where to find anyone to help
me. So please forgive me.

Yours Truly
Ashton Beck.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

BROMYARD,
WORCESTER.

Jan: 30: 11.

Dear Sir,

A patient of mine - a
Mr^{rs} Astor - has given me
a letter from Dr. Mackenzie
and a copy of your last
report. She wants to know
whether the Retreat would
be suitable for her son, a
lad aged about 17. I don't
fancy that I could put
the lad under certificate.
I can't tell you quite
what the boy is - but I
imagine he is a backward
child growing up.

is well informed

He can read and write, & takes a keen interest in things and talks about them in a way sensibly enough.

Yet there is a "balgishness" about his whole conversation.

He has a small sister of exactly the same quality. I can't explain the thing, though I don't doubt you know what I mean. He's not mad because he has not the brains to be mad with.

His mother is a widow and hard up. She is in

some way connected with the Society of Friends and thought that if he was a suitable case she might get him in at a reduced charge.

However, I don't think that the Retreat is quite the place for him, but I write to you in the hope that you can tell me of some place suitable for such a boy. It must be cheap and the mother is most anxious that it should be one for more or less decent people (you understand what I mean by that). His father was an architect. If there was money I should send the boy

Jan. 31, 1911

Dear Sir, .

I am at a loss to recommend a suitable place for your patient where he can be accommodated at low rates and at the same time receive proper care and training.

There are several excellent homes for such patients, but as you will readily understand, if things are properly done they are expensive.

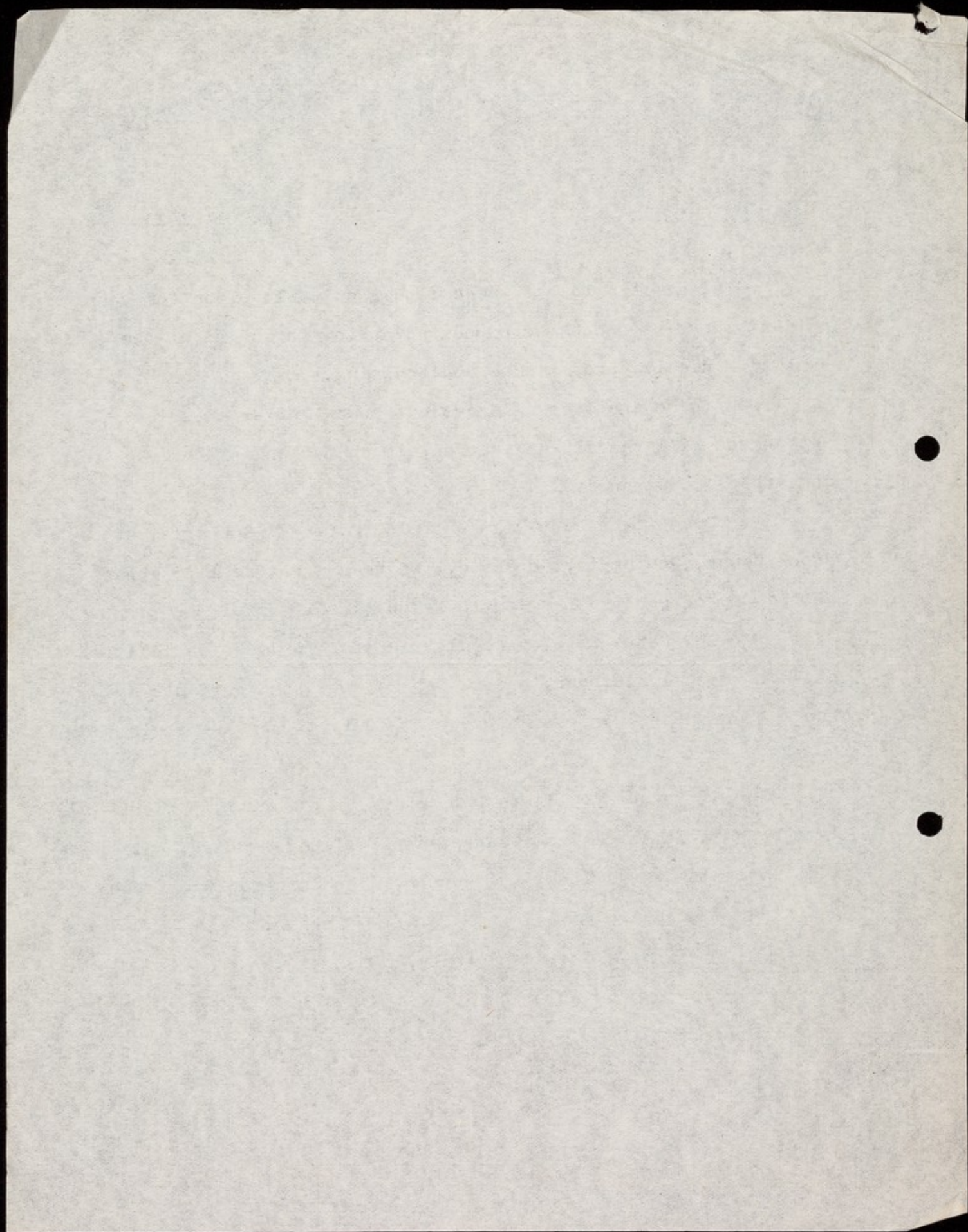
One of the best I know of is Dr. Harry Corner's, at Brook House, Southgate, London N., where a great deal is done in the way of poultry farming and educational work.

The Retreat is especially adapted for more decided cases of mental disorder, and though we have some patients such as you describe I am not very wishful to increase their number.

If you can tell me what can be paid for the patient I might be able to make some suggestion for private care, but I do not think any suitable person would be bothered with such a patient without receiving at least £100 a year.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Ashton Beck



otherwise.

I shall be glad to know whether you can admit him, & if so will you kindly send the necessary papers, together with a copy of your terms, I much oblige.

Yours truly
St. St. Jorrey.

Dr. Sedford Pierce
York.

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THE GRANGE,
WILLINGTON,
NR. DERBY.

25th Nov^r 1911.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Cassidi has advised me to write you with reference to my brother, who is suffering from melancholia & is delusional, with a view to getting him into your Institution, either as a voluntary patient or

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THE GRANGE
WILLINGTON
N. DEROY

235 Bunsford St.
TOLLER, BURGESS & POCHIN,
Solicitors.
ALFRED HOWARD BURGESS,
FREDERICK POCHIN.
TELEPHONE N^o 4448 & 4449.

2. Wycliffe Street.
Friar Lane.
Leicester.

21st Dec^r 1911

Dear Sir

See Stamp's letter book

I notice by an advertisement in "The Friend" that you supply Nurses for Patients in their own homes.

One of my Brothers is expecting to return home in about a fortnight from St. Andrew's Hospital Northampton and we are anxious that he should have a good Male Nurse for a short time.

Have you one that you can thoroughly recommend for a mental and nervous case?

My Brother is very sensitive and we should like to have someone who will be gentle and considerate to him.

We are Members of the Society of Friends.

Yours faithfully

A. H. Burgess.

Dr. Bedford Pierce



we think she may
be improving for a
little while, & I
know someone will
write to me if she
gets well enough to
see me -

Wishing you a Happy
New Year

Yours sincerely
Lucy Burton.

Stott Park 911
Lake Side
Milverton
Dec 31. 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you so
much for your letter
which reached me
at Plymouth - The
lady I wrote about
was so ill when we
got to Plymouth

My sister took her
by train to London to
see a good Doctor who
sent her at once to
& St. Thomas Hospital
& the people there said
they would find a
home for the child. - He
was sent to Miss M^r. Cowell
St. Christopher's School
Amherst R^y. W. - Ealing
but we hear he is worse
than any of the children

there & they are afraid
they cannot keep him -
I have sent your letter
to Mrs. Rose, & if she is
well enough she may
make arrangements
for the little boy to
go to the home you
mentioned.

I am very sorry to
hear Miss Sneyd is not
so well as she was last
year. Mrs. Sneyd had
a short letter from
her for Christmas, so

We expect to reach
Plymouth early on Thursday
Dec. 21. & if you could
send an answer either
to Mr. Rose (or me)
Passenger on R.M.S. "Otway"
Plymouth we should be
grateful. Or you could
write to me (Miss L. Burton
Stott Park, Lakeside, Worcester)
if you cannot catch the
post in time & I would
write to her. If Miss Lucy
gets better after Christmas
I could go & see her
Yours sincerely

Lucy Burton

I think a school for feeble minded
children might be best. He has been

under treatment
in India for
Glanders
I think he has
improved since
he came on board



R.M.S. "OTWAY."

Dear Dr. Pierce

I hope you will
not mind me writing
to ask you a few
questions. There is
a lady on board who
has a little boy $6\frac{3}{4}$
years old who has
something amiss
with his brain. He can

understands a great deal, but cannot talk properly & is difficult to manage sometimes. He has always lived in India & his mother is bringing him to England for medical advice. She has also lived all her life in India, & unfortunately has been seriously ill on board, & we have been looking after her & the child. I told her about "The Retreat" & said I would ask you how

much a year it would cost her to send the little boy there; or could you tell me where he could go, a really nice place where he would be kindly ^{& with other children} treated. He is a happy little fellow, & very fond of music, & has been carefully brought up. Mr. Rose is not well off & the very utmost they could pay would be £100 per. ann. for everything. Some one advised her to take him to Great Ormond Street.

I have much pleasure in writing to support Miss Emily Barwell's appⁿ for the post of Asst Matron to the City of London Mental Hospital.

Miss Barwell came to the Retreat in April 1863. having had considerable experience in sick nursing, at the ~~Ret. Hosp for the Paralytic & Epileptic.~~ & having the highest testimonials. She held

successively the post of Night-Sister, Ward Sister & Asst-Matron, & also undertook holidays ^{duty} for the Matron ~~XXXX~~, for the Housekeeper & for the Matron at Thoresbrough Hall & Convent. She left in

1867 to take a charge of difficult ^{Chamney} patient ~~in her~~ ^{in her} the under single care. On Jan 1867

till & for 3 years ^{she} for was engaged in District nursing as a Queen's nurse

but she returned in 1860 to act as Asst Matron in the New-side which position she now holds.

(B. J.)
M.D. F.R.C.P.

The Retreat
York.

Dec. 1/11.

^{much} ^{writing in} ^{support of}
I have pleasure in saying that Miss Smith
Darnwell has ^{with} ~~very~~ successfully filled
the ~~old~~ ^{new} ~~appt~~ for the post of Asst. Matron
at City of London Mental Hospital &
~~can do so with any reservation~~
~~whatsoever.~~ ~~can speak of her~~
~~capacities &~~

~~She has the position of an~~
~~improved position here with a~~
~~lot but~~ side

Mr B She is a remarkable good nurse
as I know from ~~her~~ personal experience.
she is easy to work with & gets
on well with both patients & staff,
she ~~teaches~~ ^{teaches} the ~~probations~~
~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~practical~~ ~~work~~ ^{when operating are needed}
~~exam~~ ~~bandages~~ ~~& enemas~~ ^{she is invaluable}
& helps to prepare them for their exam;
→ We shall be very sorry to lose her
her services as she fills a ~~very~~ useful
important place in the Hospital.

July 28, 1911

Dear Sir,

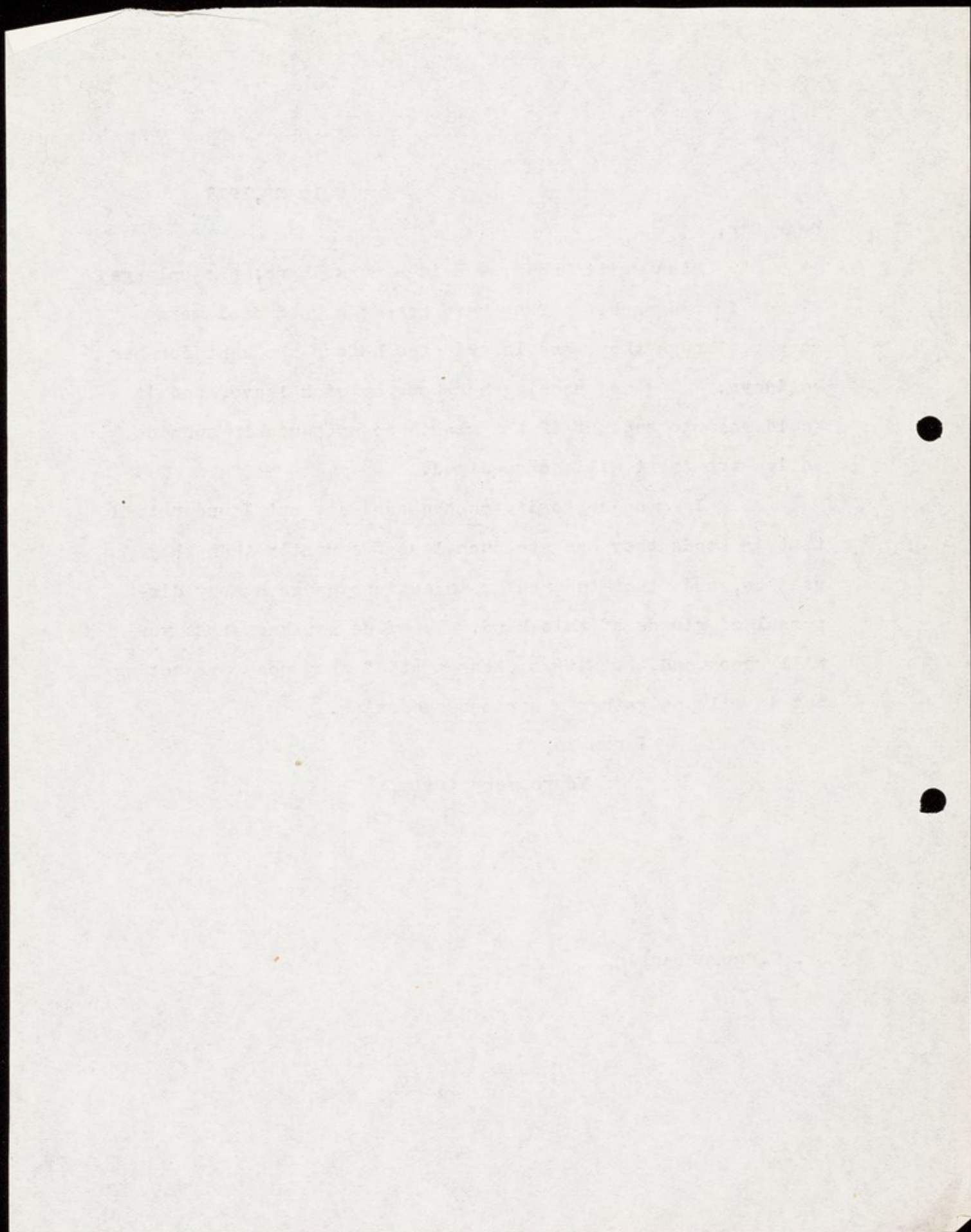
Miss Raitt Brown, who is a nurse here, has enlarged glands in the neck. They have become a good deal worse lately, though they were in evidence before she went for her holidays. We are sending her home on sick leave, and it would seem to me that if the glands do not quickly subside active treatment will be required.

I am no authority on the subject, but I understand that in Leeds they operate much less frequently than they used to, and that tubercular injections cause speedy dispersal of glands of this kind. I do not know what you will recommend, but it is clear that if they need dissecting out it will be rather a serious operation.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. T. Brown Darling



6 BRUNTSFIELD TERRACE

EDINBURGH

22 Aug. 1911

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Miss Raith Brown asking me to tell you about her progress. Since 31st July when I first saw her, she has visited me on several occasions. Each time there was an improvement both in her general health and in the condition of the neck.

On 11th inst the glandular enlargement, tho' still present, was manifestly continuing to go down. In the cir.

circumstances I advised her
to take a good long restful
holiday at the seaside &
gave her directions for taking
care of herself. - Southern,
kind type, which she men-
tioned to me, seemed very
suitable.

In her letter just rec^d
(dated 21st) she states that
her health continues to
improve. She does not ~~speci-~~
cally mention her neck: but
I think that probably no news
is good news. I hope
another month or six weeks
will thoroughly healthful

surroundings with completely restful
from faithfully
E. J. W. W. W.

May 8, 1911

Dear Mr. Beck,

I fear I cannot give you any real help in respect to the depressed lady about whom you write. From your letter it is hardly possible to judge whether it is an ordinary case of depression due to physical causes or ordinary worry over deafness, or whether it a case of melancholia. In all probability it is the latter, and such patients rarely do well unless they are under skilled care and away from their friends. Has not Dr. Thurnam a good deal of experience of this kind of thing, and could not he give the advice you need?

Very rarely indeed is it any use to argue with people who are depressed or to try to explain to them that their anxieties are groundless. As a rule it is best to deal with the general health of the patient and try to interest her in things outside herself. At the same time diversion, constant change and travelling are usually hurtful.

Yours very truly,

ply the enclosed to
any that may like
to have them either for
themselves or their friends.

Gratefully remembering
thy past kindness &
hoping to see thee one
long at Hastings

I am

Thy sincere friend
Sam^l Beck

7. Quarry Crescent,
Hastings.

6/5/11

Dear Dr. Pierce

We have, belonging
to our mission at Halton,
Hastings, a Music Teacher
whose bright Dr. life has
often helped us -

She has been very suc-
cessful with a boys class,
& her younger sister has
been her almost constant
companion - This sister
has also had a bright
Christian life, but deafness.

Kept her less forward
than her sister - She
has been very poorly
with nervous derange-
ment, which seems to
make it almost impos-
sible for her to continue
long at ~~the~~ thing - At times
her feelings are bordering
on despair "God has
forsaken me" Her deaf-
ness may make this the
more poignant, as self
consciousness makes her
miserable - Her sister

is told that she must
get her out in the air as
much as possible, but
on no ~~to~~ let her go alone

You probably have
many such cases.

Wouldst thou very
kindly tell me what
you find most successful
in taking the thoughts
of self from self & very
greatly oblige - I have not
spoken of it to any other
member of the mission
& it may be best not -

I shall be glad to sup-

May 19, 1911

Dear Mr. Bayley,

It is pleasant to see your signature, which, I hope, indicates that you are well and in good form.

We have no Ladies' Companions at the Retreat, and so I cannot answer your enquiry. The Ward Sisters, who are paid £40 or thereabouts, and the Assistant Matrons, paid £55 and upwards, are not under any agreement, but as their salaries are paid quarterly, I presume they are legally entitled to a quarter's notice. This question, however, has never been raised, but I think if, for any reason, any of them had to leave, a month's notice would probably not be called in question.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of the President of the United States since the year 1789. The names are given in alphabetical order, and the year of election is given in parentheses. The names are given in the order in which they were elected, and the year of election is given in parentheses.

George Washington (1789)
John Adams (1796)
Thomas Jefferson (1800)
James Madison (1808)
James Monroe (1816)
John Quincy Adams (1824)
Andrew Jackson (1828)
Martin Van Buren (1836)
Franklin Pierce (1852)
Abraham Lincoln (1860)
Andrew Johnson (1865)
Ulysses S. Grant (1868)
Rutherford B. Hayes (1876)
James A. Garfield (1880)
Chester A. Arthur (1881)
Grover Cleveland (1885)
Benjamin Harrison (1889)
William McKinley (1896)
Theodore Roosevelt (1901)
William Howard Taft (1908)
Woodrow Wilson (1912)
Warren G. Harding (1921)
Calvin Coolidge (1923)
Herbert Hoover (1929)
Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933)
Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953)
John F. Kennedy (1961)
Lyndon B. Johnson (1963)
Richard M. Nixon (1969)
Jimmy Carter (1977)
Ronald Reagan (1981)
George H. W. Bush (1989)
Bill Clinton (1993)
George W. Bush (2001)
Barack Obama (2008)
Donald Trump (2017)

County of London,

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STATIONS:
EPSOM TOWN.
L.S.W. & L.B.S.C. RLY.
TELEGRAMS:
LONG GROVE, EPSOM.
TELEPHONE NO.
12 EPSOM, NAT.

*Long Grove Asylum.
Epsom, Surrey.*

18th May, 1911.

My Dear Pierce,

I hope you will not have been considering me very faithless or forgetful. I am at last sending you the promised model of our Hospital bed-screens. The distance from the upper edge of the top bar to the floor is meant to be 4 ft. 6 in. and the other dimensions are in proportion.

I hope to see you next week.

With kind regards to Mrs. Pierce and yourself.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. Hubert Bond.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

May 29, 1911

Dear Bond,

I am very grateful for the beautiful model of
your screens. I think they are excellent, and give a cer-

tain amount of privacy, without destroying fairly effective
supervision for dormitory patients. Will you express our

cordial thanks to the maker of the model.

This beautiful weather is charming. I am going
to Switzerland with the nurses and others on Whit Tuesday.

I only hope we shall have weather to correspond.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

TELEGRAPHIC
ADDRESS,
"SPORTELLA, LONDON."

THE SPORTS CLUB,
ST. JAMES'S SQUARE, S.W.

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TELEPHONE NO
1060 GERRARD.

Aug 7th 1911

Dear Sir,

Would you please send
me to this address a prospectus
with the description of your
institution, your terms for
different accommodation
&c. I am a Canadian
& am sailing for home
on Wednesday so please
reply to me tomorrow
Tuesday so I may receive
your reply on Wednesday
morning. I am in-
debted to D. Eastbrook

of Dumfries for you know
I can refer you to him.
He has at Crichton Hall
a brother of the patient
in whom interests I am
making then enquiries.

Truly yours

W. D. Beardsman

J. Bede Peers
The Retreat
York

TELEGRAPH OFFICE
AND
RAILWAY STATION
SEAMER

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ESTATE OFFICE,
SEAMER, S.O.
YORKSHIRE.

December 31st. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Throxenby Hall, Garden Alterations.

I duly received your letter on the 24th. inst.
With respect to the stones I told Wilson that if there were any
suitable in Lord Londesborough's Quarry at East Ayton I should
be pleased to let him have what he required. As there
were none available just then I recommended him, through my
woodman, to see Petch but I certainly did not give him to
understand that I would pay the whole or any part of their cost.
Under the circumstances, however, I am quite willing to pay
"£2 .10/-" towards Petch's bill and perhaps you will kindly
ask him to render me an account for that amount.

With best Wishes for the New Year.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Robert Blaylock

December 21st, 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you very much for the letter of the 19th inst.

I have received your letter on the 20th inst. With respect to the amount I told Wilson that if there were any outside in Lord Lombard's office at 1000 10th St. he should be pleased to let him have what he required. As there were none available just then I recommended him through my woman, to see Peter but I certainly did not give him to understand that I would pay the whole or any part of their cost. Under the circumstances, however, I am quite willing to pay "25. 10/-" towards Peter's bill and perhaps you will kindly ask him to render me an account for that amount. With best wishes for the New Year.

I am,

Yours very truly,

FAIRTHORN LODGE,
REDMIRE,
N^o SHEFFIELD.

May 24th 1844.
(March)

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Perhaps you may remember
that last Autumn when I contributed
a trifle towards the little Anniversary
which was being raised for Mrs.
Baker, I said I would be glad to
send a little more later on, if
needed. I understand however,
that the sum required was
raised, but I am now writing
to say that should you require,
say £10 - extra, for Mrs. Baker

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EDINBURGH
30001 18471012
A beautiful holiday somewhere
this spring or summer - for which
I dare say the Annuity might
not suffice, I would be very
glad to send £10 through
you, at the beginning of April.
I don't want her, or anyone to
feel she has been indebted. You
might just say it had been
Anonymously. Contributed
for that purpose - should it
be needed. This part of

my business in life to provide
holidays & rest for overworked
or overworked people! That is all.
Please let me know at your
convenience whether such
a help would be welcome.
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Dr. J. Boncaster

4, Blandford Gardens,
Woodhouse Lane,
Leeds.

12th May 1910.

Dear Sir,

Having had twelve years' experience in teaching Swedish Educational Physical Training, with particular attention to the correction & developmental side of it for more than six, I venture to ask your recommendation to those patients whom you advise to undergo a graduated course in physical exercises for chest development, spinal curvature, &c.

general muscular weakness, etc.

I have had the honour
to receive cases from Doctors
in the district, & whenever
people come to me for more
than a very general training,
I am careful to ask them
for the opinion of the
Medical Attendant.

I shall be glad to act
upon your instructions with
regard to any person you
may send to me, & I am sure
you will be satisfied with my
earnest care & attention.

Faithfully yours,
H. Grégorius Brown

Dr^r Bedford Pierce,
6 Park Square

6 BRUNTSFIELD TERRACE

EDINBURGH

1st Aug. 1911

Dear Sir:

D. Darling, to whom
you wrote (28 July 1911) regarding
Miss Raith Brown, has sent
on your letter to me: as I am
seeing his patients for him -
your letter & one from Miss
Ray S Brown reached me
today.

The Patient herself - came to
see me yesterday: and I ex-
her neck - She is meantime
to continue fomenting: &
I am to re-examine after
a few days interval.
Yours faithfully
D. Pierce. E. J. Armon

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

RE: [illegible]

March 10, 1911

Dear Miss Brailsford,

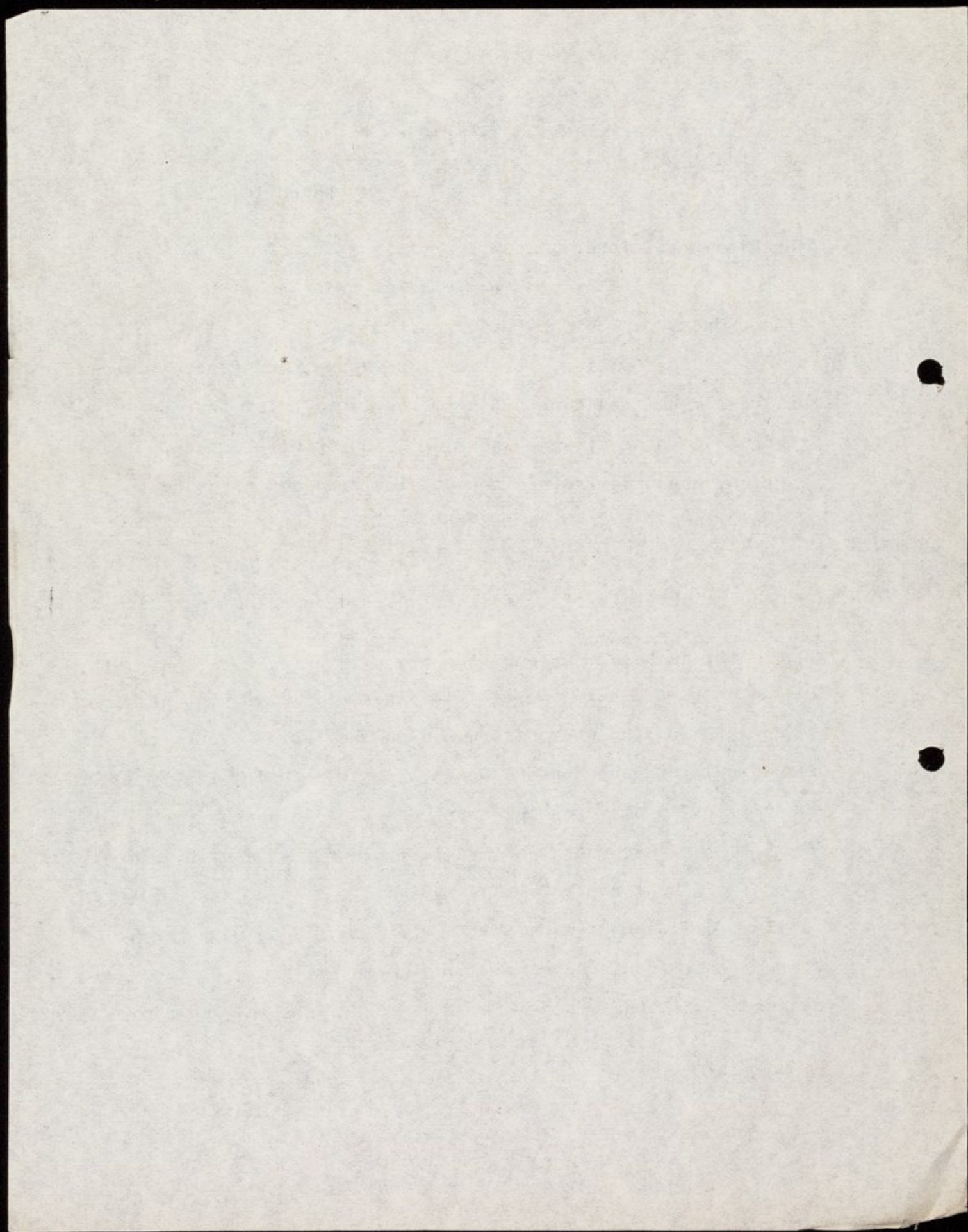
Your letter does not make it quite clear what kind of accommodation would be required.

Miss Collier, at Stansfield House, Cranford, Middlesex, receives a resident patient, the terms being four or five guineas a week; and Miss Field, 16 Norfolk Terrace, Brighton, who is a trained nurse, also receives a resident patient, but I do not know the terms.

There are of course a great number of people willing to receive patients of this kind, but I do not know many in the South of England. It is important to make careful enquiries, as "back parlour" treatment is not always desirable. In such a case I believe patients are really much happier in an institution, where there are so many more resources; and I would suggest Wonford House, Exeter as being likely to suit, or if a hydropathic sort of place is wanted, you might try Mr. Carpenter, at Huntley, Bishop's Teignton, Devon.

I know none of these personally except Miss Collier. Lastly the Misses Stevens, Villa St. Elmo, Iddesleigh Road, Bournemouth, in an ordinary private house take one or two resident patients, and make them very comfortable.

Yours very truly,



Believe me
yours Sincerely
Maudie Bratford.

The College,
Dunfermline, N.B.

Free. 9th. 1911.

Dear Mr Pearce.

I hope you
will forgive my troubling
you with a request for
information about a
suitable home or retreat
that I am anxious to
hear of.

Perhaps you will
remember that some
years ago a Miss
Braund was working
under you at the
Retreat. Her Sister D. F.

My old governess is
failing in health, &
has had a stroke
which has weakened
her mental faculties.
She is not irresponsible
enough to be put
amongst patients worse
than herself, & to need
a nurse. But we
want to find a
comfortable small
house for her in the
South of England
where she would be
well cared for & have

Some Companionship.

I should be extremely
grateful if you could
tell me of any that
you could recommend,
or could suggest where
I should apply to
such information.

I am sorry to trouble
you when I know
how full & valuable
your time is, but I
cannot think of
anywhere else to
inquire.

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Sept. 1, 1911

Sir,

One of our gardeners, who lives at the lodge of our branch house, Belle Vue, Heslington Road, contiguous to Low Moor, reports that last night at about 11.30 he found a man dressed in khaki, much the worse for liquor, almost impaled on the rods of the locked front gate, which is about 7 feet high; and quite unable to shift from his elevation he was hanging head downwards on the inner side. With the assistance of another khaki dressed man he was rescued from his awkward position, but not until his breeches and other clothing had to be much cut about to release him.

Had he succeeded in getting near the house at the top of the avenue, where some of our lady patients reside, it might have caused much trouble there.

I think it best to inform you of this occurrence, and add that the passage of men in khaki clothes at a late hour, and in a similar condition to this man and his colleagues, who were six in all, is no novelty.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Commanding Officer,
Fulford Barracks

Please address your reply and future correspondence on this subject to:-

The Adjutant,
Royal Scots Greys,
Fulford Cavalry Barracks,
YORK."



Fulford Cavalry Barracks,
York,
2nd. September, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st. instant, and to inform you in reply that the Officer Commanding regrets that you should have been annoyed in the manner stated, and has issued instructions which he hopes will prevent a recurrence.

I am to add that if at any future time you should be molested in this way that if possible you will obtain and report to me the names of any offenders and they will be dealt with in such a manner as will be a lesson to them and others.

Your's faithfully,

S. J. Hardy

Captain

Adjutant, Royal Scots Greys

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
YORK.



I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to inform you in reply that the following instructions have been issued to the various officers, and that the same will be strictly adhered to.

I am to add that if at any future time you should be requested in this way that it possible you will please to be the names of any offenders and they will be dealt with as a matter of course.

Yours faithfully,

Colonel
Adjutant, Royal Scots Greys

Colonel, Adjutant, Royal Scots Greys,
The Barracks,
York.

Sept. 12, 1911

Dear Madam,

I have received your enquiry, and I send the necessary form; also a "Further Statement", which I should be glad to have back if it is proposed that the patient should come here as a Voluntary Boarder. Before accepting the case in that capacity I should like to know particulars as to the nature of the illness and the kind of accommodation required.

Mr. Darley remains Head Attendant here.

I enclose a copy of the Retreat report.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Barber

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12 East Park Rd
Harrogate
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Dr Bedford Price 1961

Sir

Will you please
send me any papers
to fill up for Voluntary
boarder & will you please
say if Mr Darby (Attendant)
is still with you

I oblige yours Truly
H Barber



BRONYARD.
WORCESTER.

Feb: 3:11.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your
kind reply to my letter.

I am afraid my
patients rather cannot
run to more than
£1 a week for his
son. Dr. Corner's place
at Southgate sounds
the sort of thing, but I
imagine that would be
more. I quite see

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GRAYMOND
WORCESTER
how hard it is to find
the right place at the
right figure. That is
why the mother thought
of the Retreat, as she
hoped that through the
help of "Friends" she
might get her son taken
at a reduced charge.

If you can help
me with suggestions I
shall be very grateful

yet I feel that I
have no earthly right
to bother you.

Y^{rs} very truly
Ashton Beck.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
CORONER, YORK.
TELEPHONE NO 22X.

12, PAVEMENT, YORK.

30. decr. 1910.

Dear Bedford Lane,

Baker

I have receipt for
£50 paid yesterday to the
Yorkshire Assurance Company
for Mr. Jane Martha Baker's
Annuity.

The Policy was issued
by the Company of

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will have to Mr. Baker
as arranged.

Yours truly
J. M. K. M.

Dr. Bedford Lane
The Rectory
Y.M.
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Dr Baker

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Murray House, Perth

TELEGRAMS: "DR URQUHART PERTH"—TELEPHONE N° 104

28th November, 1910.

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat, York.

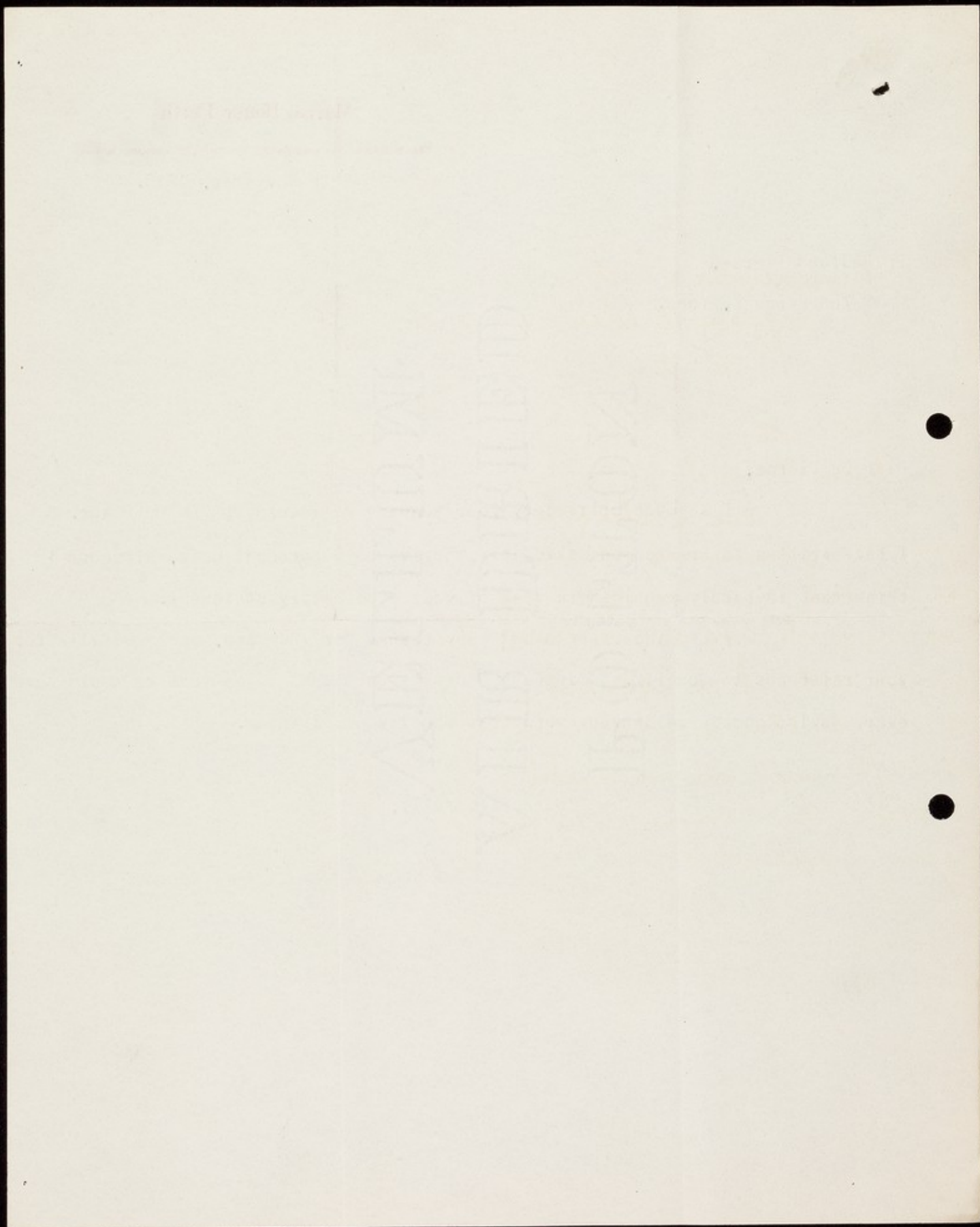
Dear Dr Pierce,

I am much obliged by your sending me manuscript re Dr Baker.
I have written to Dr Swanson asking him to give us a personal note, although I think that is hardly required in view of your elucidatory statement.

With kind regards and many thanks for your aid, and specially for your reference to Conolly. Sir John Bucknill once said to me that he would have every asylum doctor read every word that Conolly had written.

Yours faithfully,

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✓ Mandeville Road. (18
Saffron Walden.

9. 1. '08.

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● Dr. Pierce,

Dear Friend,

I am writing to
you for information as to
the terms on which you
receive patients in residence
at the Retreat, on account
of my sister, aged 27, who
is suffering from congenital
decay of the brain, & who
often displays violent
temper, so much so that
lately we have been afraid

of her injuring someone.
She is used to helping
regularly with the house-
work, but always has a
long night's rest.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Barritt.

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W^m Alder Ridley,
Solicitor,
Commissioner for Oaths.

Starbeck,

Harrogate,

13: April

1908.

Dear Sir/
re J. Bamford

I am in receipt of your
letter dated the 11th inst. for
which I thank you.

I shall be obliged if you will
kindly write out & sign a certificate
similar to the rough draft I
enclose herewith.

If you can let me have same
by return of post I shall be
further obliged & shall be glad
if you will kindly let me know
your Lee.

Yours faithfully
W^m Alder Ridley

Dr. Bradford Pierce
The Retreat
York.



W^m Alder Ridley,
Solicitor.
Commissioner for Oaths.

Starbeck,

Harrogate,

9th April 1908.

Dear Sir/

My client Mr. Frank
Bamford formerly of Beverley
but now of Starbeck has
instructed me to write you under
the following circumstances viz:-

Some 5 years ago my client
by the advice of his medical man
entered "The Retreat" for a
period of not suffering from
nervous breakdown & general
debility & derived great benefit
from so doing.

It is now stated by some evilly
disposed person that at that
time my client was placed under
your care as insane & not responsible
for his actions.

My client will therefore be
greatly obliged if you will give a
certificate to the effect that he

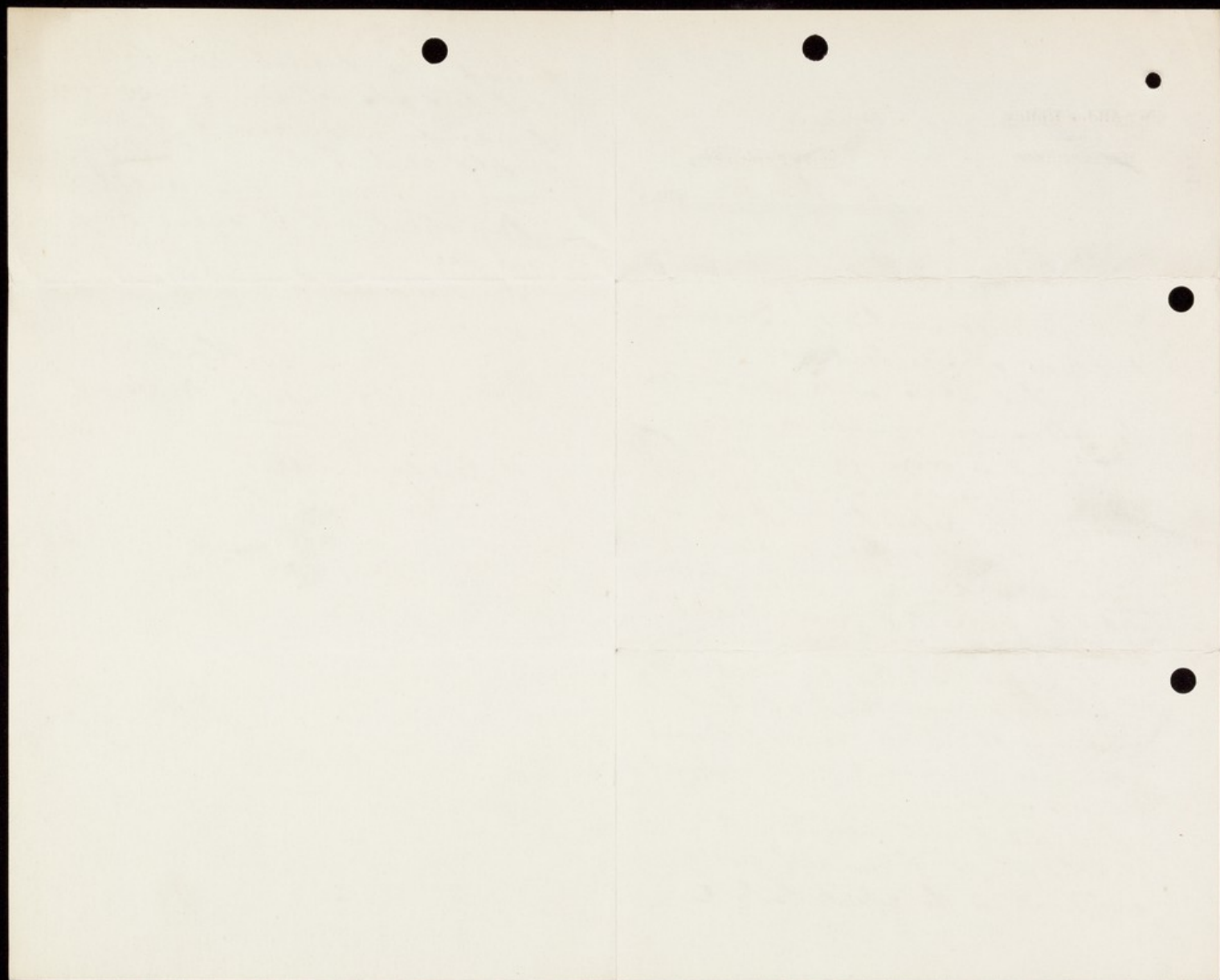
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entered "The Retreat" voluntarily
that there was not even a suggestion
of insanity in his case & that he
simply went to obtain the rest
necessary to regain his health.

My client will of course pay
your fee.

An early reply will be returned
a favour.

Yours faithfully
W. Alder Ridley

Dr. Bedford Pearce
The Retreat
York



✓
THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL
STARBECK.
HARROGATE

9/4/08.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I have instructed
my solicitor to write you
for a certificate
I am bringing up a man
for slander; a portion of
the alledged slander of
being that whereas I have
been in the Retreat I
am insane and that
my word could therefore
not be taken in a court
of law.

You know as well as I
do that I came quite
voluntarily; that the
question of insanity
never arose & that it
was merely a question
of my nerves run down
and depression
If I had known then
what consequences

THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL
STARBECK
HARRINGTON

might arise out of
living there; then I
would never come.
Since leaving I took
your advice went
& rusticated on a farm
& ~~see~~ lately have been
accepted as a 1st class
life by an insurance
Co.

I would not have
troubled you but
this is a most damaging
statement and would
ruin my career if it
were not stopped.

Thanking you in
anticipation

Yours truly
G. Bamford.

P.S. I came from
Beversley.

GAIETY THEATRE, MANCHESTER

SOLE PROPRIETOR AND LICENSEE . . . Miss A. E. F. HORNIMAN
ART DIRECTOR B. IDEN PAYNE
ACTING MANAGER EDWIN T. HEYS



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Telephone 1682 Central
„ (Box Office only) 8048 Central

November 28th. 09.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from Oxford, where I was too busy to write in reply to your enquiry. I was also unable, while there, to get the canvas, but will send some by train to-morrow.

With regard to the trees, the best way is to make a light frame, approximating to the shape of the finished tree. That is to say, the solid part. All round the sides and top, should have a border of "profile", which is composed of three-ply wood, quite thin, and covered with canvas, which is glued on. Usually, this is rebated on to the frame. The whole affair is then covered with canvas, which is stretched on, and glued all round to the entire flat surface of the wood and profile. The canvas should be as tight as a drum, and free from creases. The piece should then be painted, and when quite dry, the edges cut out, afterwards the edges ~~shd~~ should be touched up with colour. Of course, the artist must be careful to make the deepest indentations miss cutting into the solid framework. I am so sorry that extreme pressure of work (I have had a very arduous ten days in Oxford) has prevented me from writing before, and on re-perusing your letter, I find that you are now on the eve of your performance. As you may be pressed for time, thick cardboard can be utilized for the profiling. The idea of the beams is a good one.

Hoping the suggestions will be in time,

Yours sincerely,

Edward Broodley

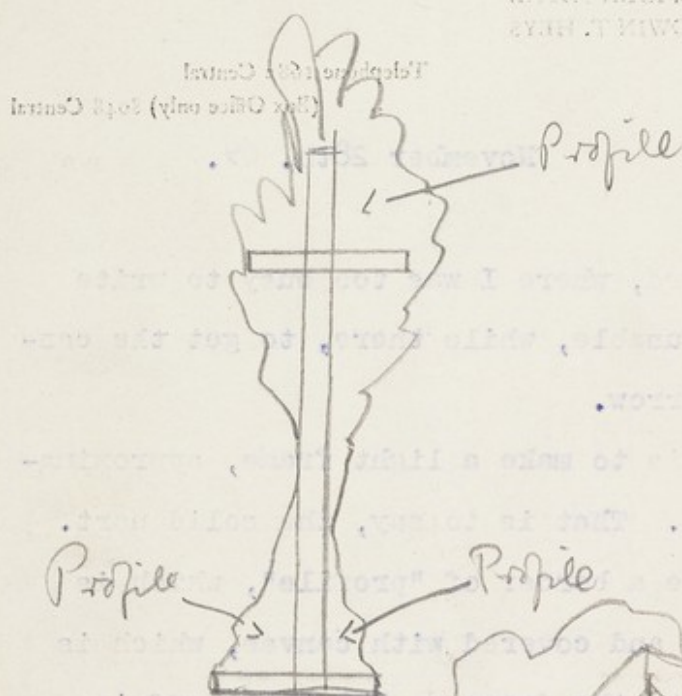
Dr Bedford Peirce.

See over.

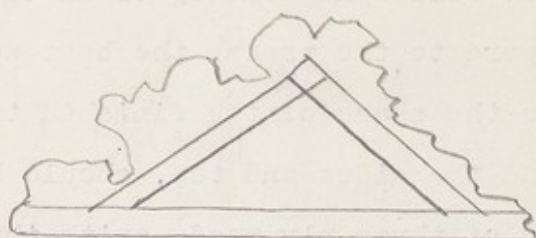


MANCHESTER THEATRE

Leave an apron at foot of
cloths, about 3 inches wide
It makes the join at bottom
to the stage, better.

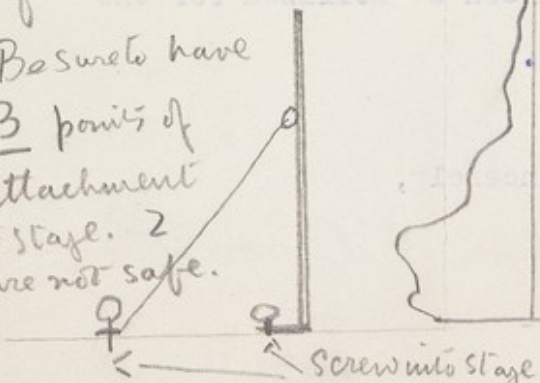


Apron

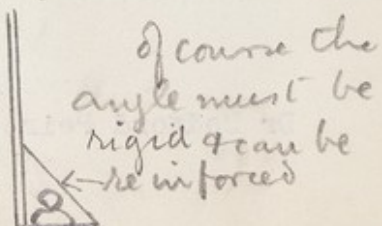


Larger trees are
best secured by means
of braces:- this

Be sure to have
3 points of
attachment
to stage. 2
are not safe.



The best method
of making the small ones
stand is to have a flat
bracket at back, & put
a flat weight on, so



though I have not submitted
Miss Beetham to the operation
sleeping.

In thanking you for your
help, may I say that I hope
this is not the last case
in which I may be able
to cooperate with you and
do your patients some service.

Yours sincerely

H. B. Luard

I have a somewhat similar
case patient from St Barrs of
Leeds, who is also doing very well.

From H. B. Luard
Osmotherley
Northallerton
Aug 21. 1900
Will inform
on return

Dear Dr Pierce

I write you a short
note to tell you of the
progress of the lady, Miss
Elizabeth Beetham, whom you
kindly sent to me on June 16.th
I am glad to be able to tell
you that she has done very
well here, and that the
simple and homely environ-
ment of my little home
has suited her well.

I kept her in bed one week: -
dispensed with her private medical
nurse (a most excellent one, (W. F.))

Nurse Stevens, who gave me every satisfaction, but the expense was telling on Miss B.) at the end of the 3rd week.

Since then Miss Beetham has slowly but surely progressed in health - spirits, and now takes walks, enjoys the society at Ryebury, joins in picnics etc. - and has begun to write home, which is a good sign of her beginning to recover her normal mental balance.

Sleep has been a difficulty: I have treated her with graduated doses of Bromural in series with intervals, and have now dispensed with it altogether, as she is getting a fair amount of natural sleep.

I do not mean to say she is well yet, and would advise a considerably longer stay - to which she quite consents, in order to fit her for eventually resuming a normal home life. She is a person of good personal character and disposition: and according to my practice, I have succeeded in interesting her in contributing to the health, welfare, and happiness of my other patients, with excellent results to herself.

My Home is now full up, (5 nervous and 1 consumptive cases, all of good class): and I may say that 3 of my "nervous" cases are sleeping in open air chalets, which I find distinctly beneficial.

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Aug 22 1910

R. Blaylock Esq

Dear Sir,

We understood that the
tank from which the water supply
for Thompson Hall is obtained is
nearly empty. It would seem
as if there must be a leakage
somewhere. Two or three weeks
ago a leakage was found &
repaired near the Hall —

Yours faithfully

J. E. Waller Secy.

Aug 22 1910

R. B. B. B. B.

Dear Sir,

We understand that the
fact from what the other supply
for shipping there is a statement
that supply - It would seem
as if the house be a building
structure - for as there is
up a building two floors
reference to the floor -

Yours faithfully
W. B. B. B. B.

THROXENBY HALL

SCARBOROUGH

Aug 22nd 1910

Dear Mr. Waller.

The water tank up in the woods is nearly empty again, so I fear there must be a leakage in the pipes outside. The gardener has been up the pipes, as far as he knows the run of them, this afternoon but cannot find a leakage.

Our own tanks are full
in the meantime. But I
think you had better
inquire the Agent.

Yrs Sincerely

Arthur C. Evans

THROXENBY HALL

SCARBOROUGH

Aug 21st 1910

Dear J. W. Waller,

The fishermen are getting rather unsettled weather which is a pity, especially for those who are here now as they are too ill to brave any kind of weather - we must hope for some fine days during the week -

My friend left me on Friday so I am quite

alone, but no time to feel
dull - as everyone seems very
afraid I shall be -

I do hope Miss Thomason
is better. This damp weather
is not in her favor.

Kindest regards

To Mr. Lusk
P. A. C. Ellis

Sept. 27, 1910

Dear Mr. Blaylock,

I am sorry you could not come to Throxenby yesterday. The list of things on my mind will look formidable in writing, but most are, however, quite small matters.

I am going away for a week or more on Friday and cannot go over to Throxenby again. If you could possibly call on Miss Elkins at Throxenby Hall she can explain the matters referred to should any of them not be sufficiently clear.

1. Repairs.

- (a) The leads over the dining room are defective so that water runs in after heavy rain.
 - (b) The slates on the roof at the back are broken so that water runs in to the pantry.
 - (c) The boiler in the cottage is defective and lacks a proper safety valve. It seems to need renewal.
 - (d) The fence bounding Lady Edith's Drive has many gaps our tenant informs us.
- We should be much obliged if you could give attention to these matters.

2. The Committee would be glad if a fan-light could be arranged in the box room at the top of the house so that it may be lifted for ventilating purposes.

3. The soft water tank under the kitchen is not ventilated and whenever the cover is lifted there is an unpleasant smell. We would suggest that two air grates at opposite sides may be fixed so that there may be a current of air over the soft water to keep it sweet.

4. Perhaps we should have acquainted you with our intention to fix an outside iron staircase to one of the bedrooms, so that there may be a means of escape in case of fire. This is now erected and cannot be said to be comely. It would be very easily moved if it should be necessary.

5. The Committee are proposing to fence off about 30 feet of the meadow on the south side of Throxenby Hall in order to increase the size of the garden. We propose to put a ten foot walk, 80 yards long, with flower borders on either side. I hope that we may conclude there is no objection to doing this.

6. The Committee are also contemplating the erection of a green-house, 10 ft. by 16. You will remember that this question was mentioned in the agreement.

It is suggested that a span roof plant house be placed on the west side of the Hall in part of the chicken run immediately to the north of the tennis lawn we made some time ago. This has not yet been approved by the Retreat Committee, but I should be glad to know whether you approve of this addition.

7. Several of the trees require thinning and pruning back along the drive to the Hall. The Aspen Poplars are encroaching on some of the other trees. I conclude you have no objection to our attending to these.

8. The condition of the road leading up to Throxenby Hall from Lady Edith's Drive is much complained of by visitors. I think if you see it you will admit that it requires repair.

Lastly, the perennial question of the water supply has been again before the Committee as twice this summer there were occasions when a good deal of inconvenience was caused. It would be a considerable convenience to us if, section by section, this pipe could be renewed. You will remember that the terms of the agreement say that Lord Londesborough will maintain, and if possible improve, the water supply. If the renewal of the pipe is spread over a number of years it would not mean heavy expense in any one year and comes, I think, within the obligations undertaken in the agreement. We do not at all wish to be troublesome in this matter, but if you had seen all the family on one of the very few fine days in August carrying water instead of being able to make an expedition into the country you would have felt the matter was one of importance.

There is a meeting of the Retreat Committee on the 18th of October. I should be much obliged if you could reply before then, and it would be a great help if the smaller matters first mentioned could be dealt with at once.

Apologizing for sending you such a voluminous letter,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

13, LENDAL,
YORK.

February 24th, 1909.

Dear Dr Pierce,

The Retreat.
New Recreation Room.

I wrote to Ashwell & Nesbit complaining that the two "Sunbeam" radiators on each side of the platform did not fit their position, as they were higher than the other radiators and projected above the dado rail. I enclose a copy of their reply, and I shall be glad to know if it is true that you have sanctioned their remaining as they are.

It is quite impossible to have nicely thought out work if specialists are to be allowed to mutilate it in this way. I don't see how a shelf can be satisfactorily arranged over them, if the radiators are to project over the dado rail.

Yours very truly,

Walter B. Nesley

Dr Pierce.

12.1.1944

YORK

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Dear Mr. [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

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Michael [illegible]

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TELEGRAPH OFFICE
AND
RAILWAY STATION
SEAMER

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ESTATE OFFICE
SEAMER, S.O.
YORKS

December 12th. 1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am duly in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. I have had the cistern and the pipes in connection with the water supply to Throxenby Hall thoroughly examined and I can find no leakage anywhere. The shortage therefore can only be attributed to the lowness of the springs but if we have a continuance of the present rains there will soon be plenty of water in the springs again.

Yours faithfully,

Ros. E. Playford

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June 14, 1910

Dear Bond,

First, with regard to the nurse. The delinquency of which you speak may be of a trivial character and one that should hardly stand in the way of the nurse's career. On the other hand it may indicate a lack of loyalty to the Institution, if not worse; and I really cannot quite gather from your letter in which class to place it. As you have said you would be willing to help the nurse to another situation I conclude you do not look upon it very seriously.

You will understand my difficulty in taking nurses from other places. Some of them know too much and do not loyally support the new place which necessarily must differ greatly from the old one. If on second thoughts you consider we can look upon the girl as trustworthy we shall be pleased to take her, though I fear she will find the Retreat in many respects much harder than Longrove.

Yours very truly,

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ARCHAEOLOGY
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

1871-1872

time. I shall be there
Christmas week end
but that woud be a
littely time I fear for
you to be over. Of course
^{to her} it will be her deapness
that we want her to see
you for, & the expence
will be mine I dont
want the Sisters to have
any thing to do with it.
Excuse so long an ex-
planation

Yours very sincerely
Lucy Brightwen

47, NEWBOROUGH,
SCARBOROUGH.

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Dear Dr. Pierce

May I trouble you to let
me know the day you
visit Leeds & also your
hours of attendance there.

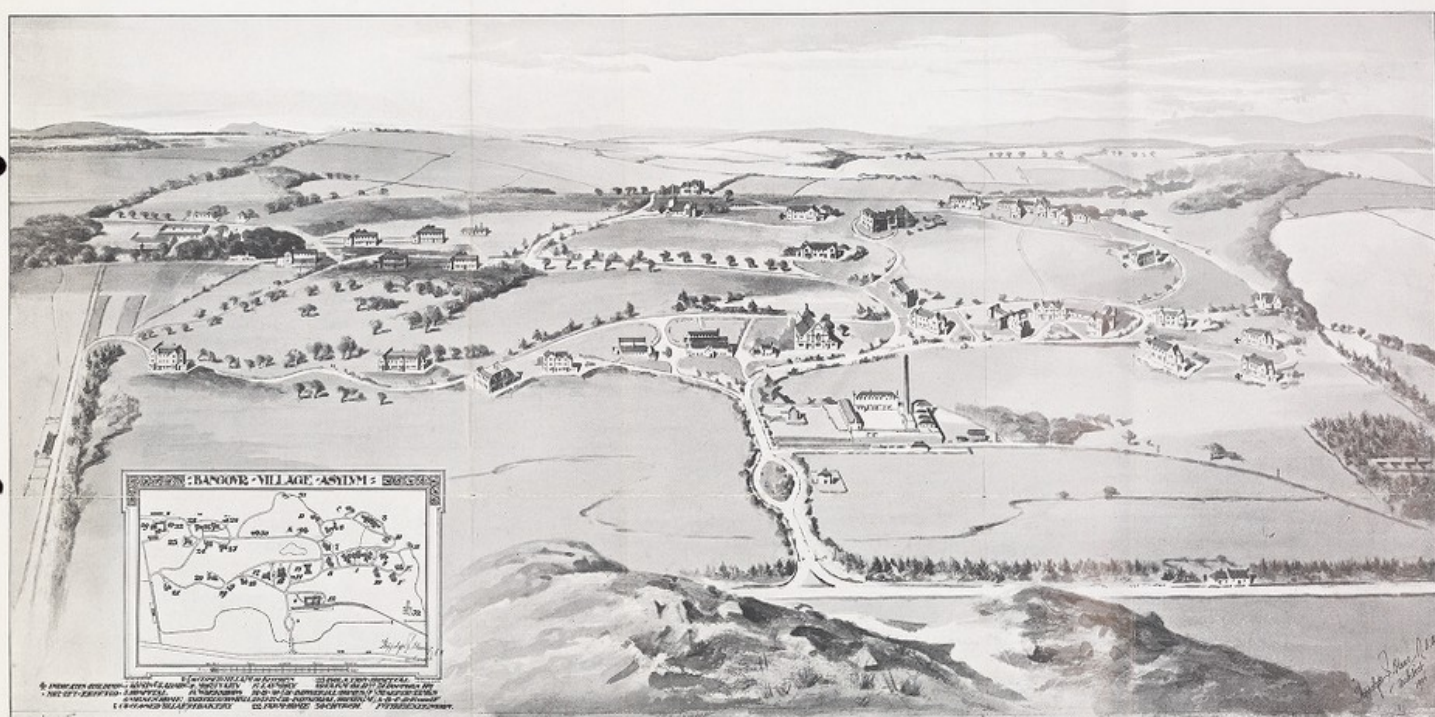
We are perplexed and
a little anxious about one
of my elder sisters. Since
your Mother's death three
of them have lived together
the eldest of them is
more or less of an invalid
on account of the condition

of her heart - & she has
to have her bed ~~at~~ down
stairs. The younger
one still teaches in the
mornings, & the middle one
chiefly sees after the
house & cooking etc. This
one is very deaf but
at times she also
either feels or thinks she
feels very poorly & will
stay in bed for a day
sometimes longer & ap-
parently for no reason)

leaving the delicate - Sister
the work to do which is
more than she can manage

She began to fear it is
some ^{mental} trouble &
that the brain is losing
its power for she has
worked I might say
almost slaved for others
all her life & now she
seems discontented
rather, & not happy.

I should like to bring
her to see you if I can
when over in Leeds some



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Bangour Village

1910

STATEMENT

SHOWING

(a) COST AS AT 15TH MAY 1910

AND

(b) ACCOMMODATION FOR PATIENTS

500 Marine
oak level

(1) Cost of altering, painting, and furnishing only included above.

(2) Held on lease. No expenditure connected therewith included above.

loses the key, then declares somebody
has stolen them; so you may
imagine what it is like, he does
the same with the silver & everything
else.

Miss B. like all neurotic people is
selfish, & if one did not look after
oneself they would have a poor time,
but I have given her very plainly
to understand that I shall need
my full time off; as needs it
in a house like this.

This letter looks full of complaints,
& it is really, I am only just
telling you the kind of case I have;
I mean to make the best of a bad
bargain & see what I can do.

With kindest regards

Very sincerely yours
Edmund Kaye

Brommer

8 Mount Road (27)
Birmingham
Bradford
Sept. 4th 1910.

Dear Miss Thomasson

I or I have been
here just four days, it might well
have been four weeks, each day
has seemed just like a week.

I do not think I have ever
experienced such a household,
& the patient, my goodness! a
Härlar, she is a terrible person.

How in the world your daughter
managed to stay five months,
I cannot imagine; I think she
is a wonder.

This old lady is such a Bully,
nothing ever right for her, & always
disagreeable; Miss Brown is
neurotic, is suffering with her
head just now & is in bed a
great deal, She is going away
soon, & how I am to manage this
naughty old lady I do not know,
but think there will trouble because
I shall simply have to cross
myself in some things & she doesn't
& takes a dislike to anybody
who crosses her in anything.
When I came the D^r said she
was not to be contradicted or
crossed in anything; he said

she was not really a mental
case — I assure you, my
dear Miss Thomson that we
have many milder cases in the
Retreat; & he knows perfectly
well how mental she is.
He said to me yesterday, he
thought Mr. Dunbar had done very
well indeed to stay as long as
she had, & he did not know how
she did it.

As to looking after her clothes, she
will not let you put an eye on
them, much less a finger, she
will bring them to you when
she thinks they need mending.
She has everything locked up.

A letter received from Anne Dye
at the back, showing the very trying
nature of this case.



AT HOME DAILY
BY APPOINTMENT
FROM 10 TO 10 O'CLOCK.
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 3-6 P.M.
TELEPHONE 151.

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33, MANOR ROW,
BRADFORD.

August 21st., 1900.

Dear Madam,

Many thanks for your letter. I understood from Nurse Dunbar that she wished to take her holiday from Sept. 1st. She is not getting on very well with her patient at present, and I think an early change would be advisable.

Have you got a suitable Nurse in at present, one with plenty of common sense, who would look after my mother's clothes, and would not object to sleeping with her. She sleeps from 11 to 8, so this should not be any trouble.

I should also like to come to some arrangement about terms. As this is a Doctor's house, and we are having a Nurse for a lengthy time, Dr. Pierce thought perhaps you would make some reduction in the fee of two guineas a week, which is rather heavy.

Yours very truly,

Ann B. B. B.

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33. MANOR ROW,
BRADFORD.

THE
MANOR
ROW
BRADFORD
1841

County of London.

Long Grove Asylum.
Epsom, Surrey.

13 June 1910

My dear Pierce —

Please forgive the
delay in answering your
letter. I was away on
arrival & since then, there
have been a whirl of
agenda & arrangements
for Annual Meeting.

The nurse in question
is of good education,
a very competent nurse,

and an excellent
soprano singer. She
lately did a very silly
thing. I set apart a
small wood for the sole
use of the female staff,
in which any male,
patient or staff, would be
trespassing. It seems that
on 2 occasions she was
seen by the ^{male} patients, one of
whom spoke to me, to be
talking to a male patient
who had wrongly gone into

the wood. I told her
that as she had not
reported this patient &
had thereby allowed a
certain amount of
fornip, it would be wise
if she sought another
place. She is however
not actually under
conviction, but I told
her she could take her
time about leaving & that

I would help her.

Am still cogitating
over my address to nurses.
I have in view the desirability
of cultivating powers of observation
& according the same, with a
view to assisting the medical
staff in the direction of
modern views, &c. More of this
when we meet in Edinb.

Do you approve of
sympathizing with the extreme
draft of medicine I think of
moving in America meeting
my kind regards to Mr. & Mrs. Paine
Yours truly
C. Parker Bond.

25, Walton Street,
Aylesbury.

30th October 1907.

Dear Sir,

Re Miss Sarah Ann Baker.

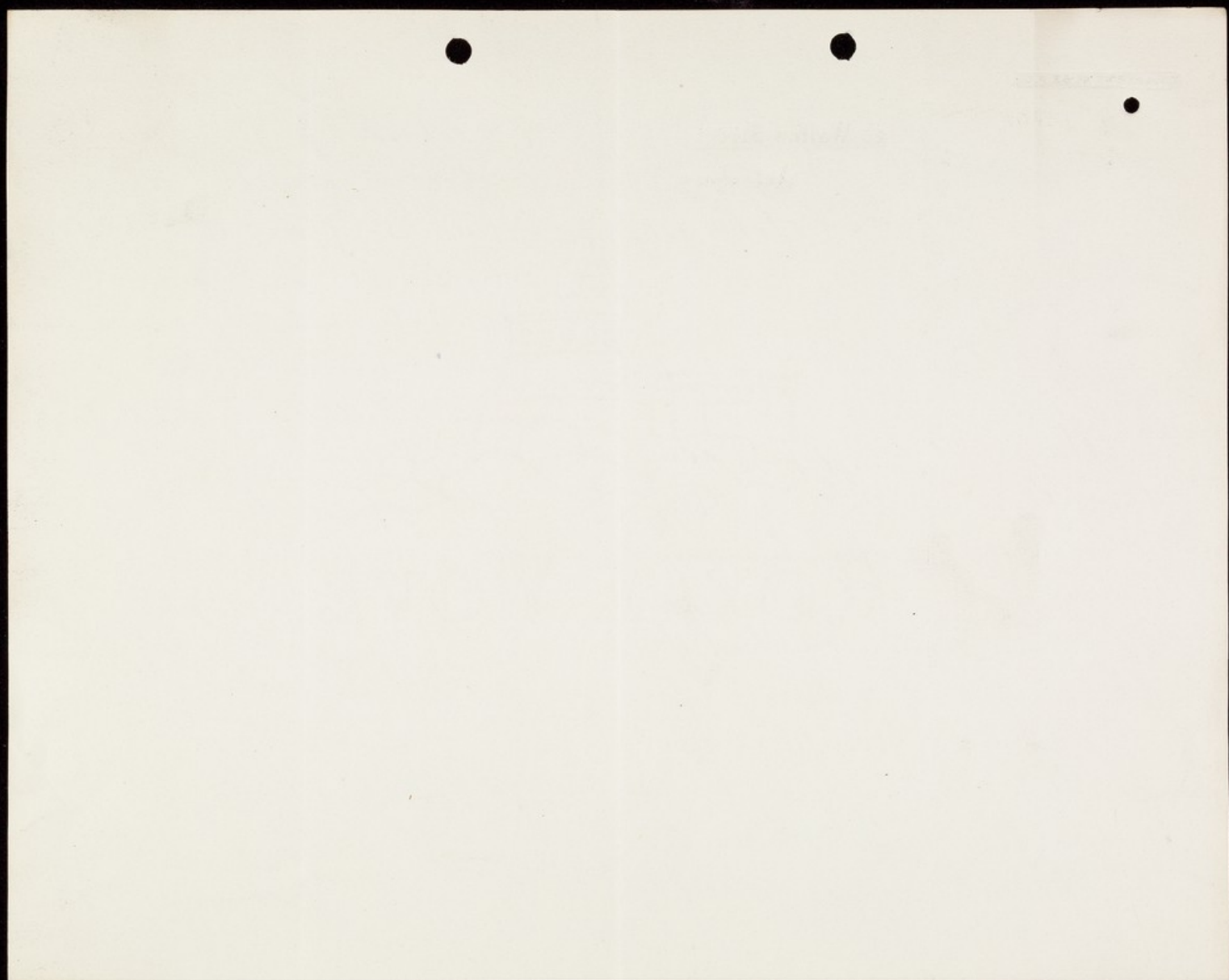
We are taking proceedings to obtain an Order under section 116 of the Lunacy Act 1890, and it is necessary to obtain evidence that the provisions of section 8 of the Act were complied with, on Miss Baker being received into your Hospital under the Reception Order of the

(894)
9th February 1903, and we enclose herewith an Affidavit proving this fact which we shall be glad if you will kindly depose to & then return to us.

We shall be happy to pay your charges if you will inform us what they are.

Yours truly
W. F. Wilkins

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.



anything I look after her who is a friend
which period lasts a while then
she completely collapses.

She is not a friend but has
heard of the Retreat & I too

know Nurse Sister Mills whose
family we have known for

years. I shall be glad to hear
what you think you could take

my Aunt for. She would require
a bedroom to herself & I fear

could not pay more than about
£2-2- per week, if that

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Ritchvale ³⁴⁸
Safford ¹⁵⁴
Bournemouth
May 20th 1906
Dear Sir.
23.

I shall be much obliged if you
would kindly send me a prospectus
of the Retreat also if you could
tell me what are the charges
for a lady patient. My Aunt
Miss Buckle formerly of ^{Went}
has for years been more or

has changed she has been at Ramsgate are appointed ^{Committee}
Higham Hall Norwich for 4 or 5 yrs. but the place has changed as she is not by any means
hands & she would like to make a change. Her income is limited & she is fully aware of her state. She
& from time to time looks out & remembers much that passes
in leave she has thrust into Can go out, & play games & the
great extravagance. She seems but needs cheerful companionship
& to see the ^{all} idea of the value of money her affairs are under
the Court, & I (her niece) & other times she is very excited
my Uncle, Mr. Drans of & fancies she is able to do

in the own sphere of life I should
like to have a copy of your
new report when it is
published Apologising for
I am I trouble you
Yours truly
E. M. Buckley.

356
Birkenhead.
Lancashire
Bournemouth.
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Sir
I received the letter &
Report for 1902 from the
Assistant Medical Man
at the Retreat; you being
away at the time my letter
arrived, I shall be glad
if you would put my letter

before the Board when next at present Certified, at
it sits & inform me if ~~the~~ the lady I write about could
or could not be received at
£2-8, per week, she would
require a bedroom & herself
but not a sitting room or
Special nurse, & I should
think no Special diet the
£3-3 ^{per week} is more than
she could afford, she is

at present Certified, at
Kingham Hall Norwich would
there be any great difficulty
in having her removed?
I suppose it would not
be necessary to have her
re-certified, if she is
wished to make the change
& if you can receive her.
She is a lady, I would
suppose be with patients

is about pur fees. Also would
you kindly tell me if laundry
is included, & if there are
any extra's? My Aunt has
had one star of Rurandy
per day; otherwise she requires
no special food I believe. When
living quietly she gives little
or no trouble, only when she
is away from the restraint of
regular life does she seem
to be unable to bear the strain

of mixing & going about among
the world at-large, she is at
present Certified.

I am

Yours truly

(Miss) M. Buckley

533
Henry Converse
Watlock Bank
Derbyshire

Dear Dr Price

May I remind you
that - you very kindly
promised to give me a
testimonial on leaving

the Retreat & I should
value it very much
My holiday is drawing
to a close & I start work
again on the 4th

I hope that Mrs Price
is enjoying better health

I remain

Yours Sincerely
E. Barnwell

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LYNWOOD,
HOLME ROAD,
DIDSbury.

June 29th 1907.

Dr. Alfred Percie

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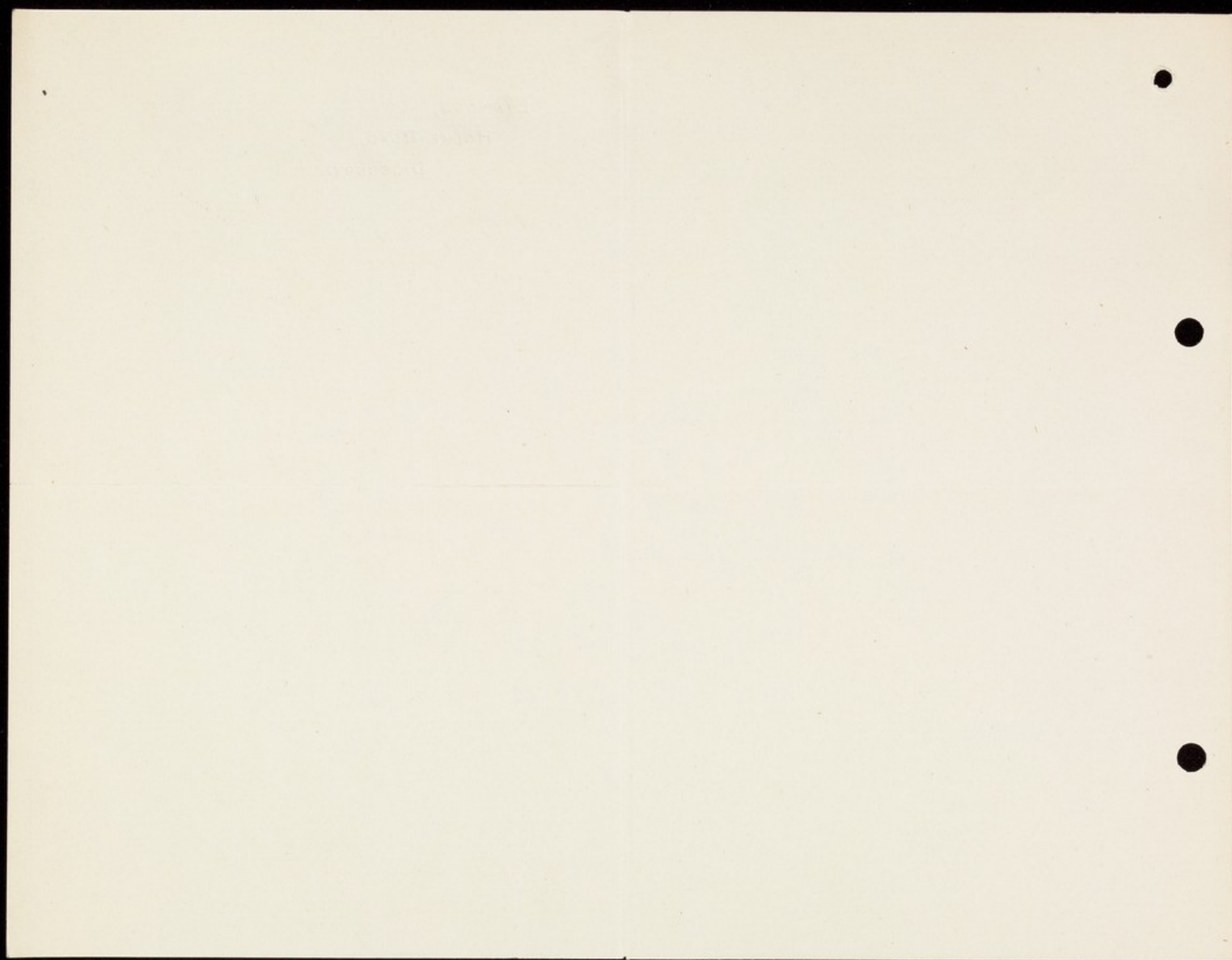
Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your
letter & for report safely to hand
this morning.

I will hand them to
my friend on Monday and
you will hear from him if
there is need to send the
patient. Yours truly.

John J. Woodbank.

The Retreat York.



LYNWOOD,
HOLME ROAD,
DIDSBURY.

June 27th 1907.

Mr. Pierce

The Retreat

York.

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Dear Sir.

I was asked today if I knew the terms for patients at the Retreat, & was not able to give the information. I shall be glad if you can inform me hereon, the man who is unwell is not a "Friend" so that he will not be entitled to any benefits in this way. I purpose

handing your letter to my
friend & he will write you
further if useful. It is
a case of religious mania
I believe & the mind is
~~clear~~ clear otherwise.

I suppose you have
usually room for a patient.

Yours truly

John J. Brewster

TELEGRAPH OFFICE
AND
RAILWAY STATION
SEAMER

28th May 1907

ESTATE OFFICE
SEAMER, S.O.
YORKS

Dear Dr. Pierce

(G)

Throxenby Hall

I have just returned from my holiday & have your letter of the 11th inst. before me.

— With regard to Harrowsmiths Cottage & the garden opposite I find that Mr. Carroll has dealt with this matter in his letter to you of the 15th inst.

I have nothing to add to it except that if the present tenant (Mr. Agar) wishes to sublet either the cottage or garden I will bear your application in mind.

I have given instructions to the Woodman to repair the south boundary fence as I find that Mr. Dunwell is not inclined to part with any land in ^{that} direction. This being so I think that the fence on the north side of the Stable yard had better remain for the present at all

event and I will have it
repaired where necessary and
painted with the rest of the
premises which I hope to
make a start with next
week if weather permits.

I remain
Yours very truly
Robt. May Jr.

(403)

SANDAL LODGE,
DARLINGTON.

6/5/1907

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Dear Friend

Dr Pierce

I am writing on behalf
of the overseers about Mary
Greenhalgh, whom I dare say you
may remember. She became
very flighty again and she was
sent to the County Asylum at
Clifton Park - where she remained
a few weeks - then she went into
a situation where she staid a
few months, perhaps a year -
When she came back to D'ton
- a local Dr ^(Dr Lawrence) took her in hand
& sent her as a patient into

The Hospital here, to try what
could be done for her leg - which
as probably you know - was in
a dreadful state from the effects
of blood-poisoning - that now is
a good deal better and consequently
her brain is better as well - She
has been discharged from the
Hospital about 10 days ago &
now some friends are paying for
her ~~at~~ a little Convalescent-
house - The nurses had her
talked over yesterday & they asked
me to write to you to know if either
in connection with the Fleet or

some other asylum there was an
opening for a sewing maid ~~or~~ ^{at least}
- The poor girl is very anxious to leave
her living, or at any rate something
towards it, but she is not a person
any of us could recommend for a
private family - We thought perhaps
you might know of some place
she could fill - She is a good
sewer but is quite unfit for
any other kind of work - Her
relations have entirely ceased
to do anything for her. We want
to get her somewhere where she
could have a little oversight & also
earn a few shillings & we thought
perhaps you could give us some
advice -

Yours sincerely S. J. Bunt
I must apologise for this scrawl -

30 Paul's Road
Fimbridge Wells
Dec. 23/06.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a
letter just rec^d from
Cushton Institution, will
you kindly see to the signing
of the necessary certificate
& send my daughter there
at your earliest convenience.
I am writing by this Post
to Dumfries to tell them to
expect my daughter. You

will please let them know¹⁰⁴³
on what date — Thanking
you for your kind attention.

Remain

Yrs truly

F. J. Smyler

(17)

Dr. Reice

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163 Lothian Road,

Edinburgh

Jan'y 15. 1904

(16)

Dear Dr Pierce,

If this Spring
you could give me a little
class at the Retreat or any
of your ladies in Mr
New house where Susan
& Louisa went would like
a class. I should be
most grateful. I pass
through York every
fort night. just now

as I have a small
class at Northallerton
I every month on the
Haydock. I also go to
Cheadle Royal,

I have learned new
things to teach during
my holidays, last
2 years. It would
be a great help to
me & pleasure a
little class as my

expenses are heavy. train
&c. I could make
the fees less. if that
will make it easier, to
arrange. I will do my
best to interest the
patients

Yrs faithfully
M. Buntney

(1000)

30 Earl's Rd
Cambridge Wells
Dec. 13th/06.

(15)

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of
your Letter & Telegram -

As regards my daughter's
state, I do not attach much
importance to it, from her
earliest girlhood, she
has caused trouble in this
way, I knew nothing of her
coming to you, she has not
been home for 2 years.

I have to-day written to
Dr Boyle, asking if she

can receive her as a patient
in her mental hospital, but
I do not believe there is the
slightest necessity for her
to go there, neither am I in
a position to pay for any length
of time, my Income is a limited
one, derived from
short leasehold property, &
as I have had a large and
expensive family, still
having two Sons to educate, it
is necessary for Maud to
earn her own living, evi-
dently my Daughter believes
I am a Rich man, if you

would kindly put this case
before her, you would be
doing me and my daughter
a great kindness, and if
you can arrange to keep
her on your staff (in any
capacity you think best)
I am willing to pay a small
sum for her, she needs
occupation & dressing.

Remain
Yrs truly
F. J. Bringley

Dr Bedford Pierce
"The Retreat"
York

and see
30 Paul's Road
Lymbridge Wells
✓ Dec. 17/06.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter, & deeply grieved that you take such a serious view of my daughter's mental state. I am trying to arrange something for her, meanwhile must ask you to keep her for a few days.

Can you suggest a mental hospital where I can place her?

Dr Helen Boyle has no vacancy, only in her private

1070 home, her terms are four guineas a week, which sum I am wholly unable to pay -

Remain
Yrs truly
F. J. Buckley

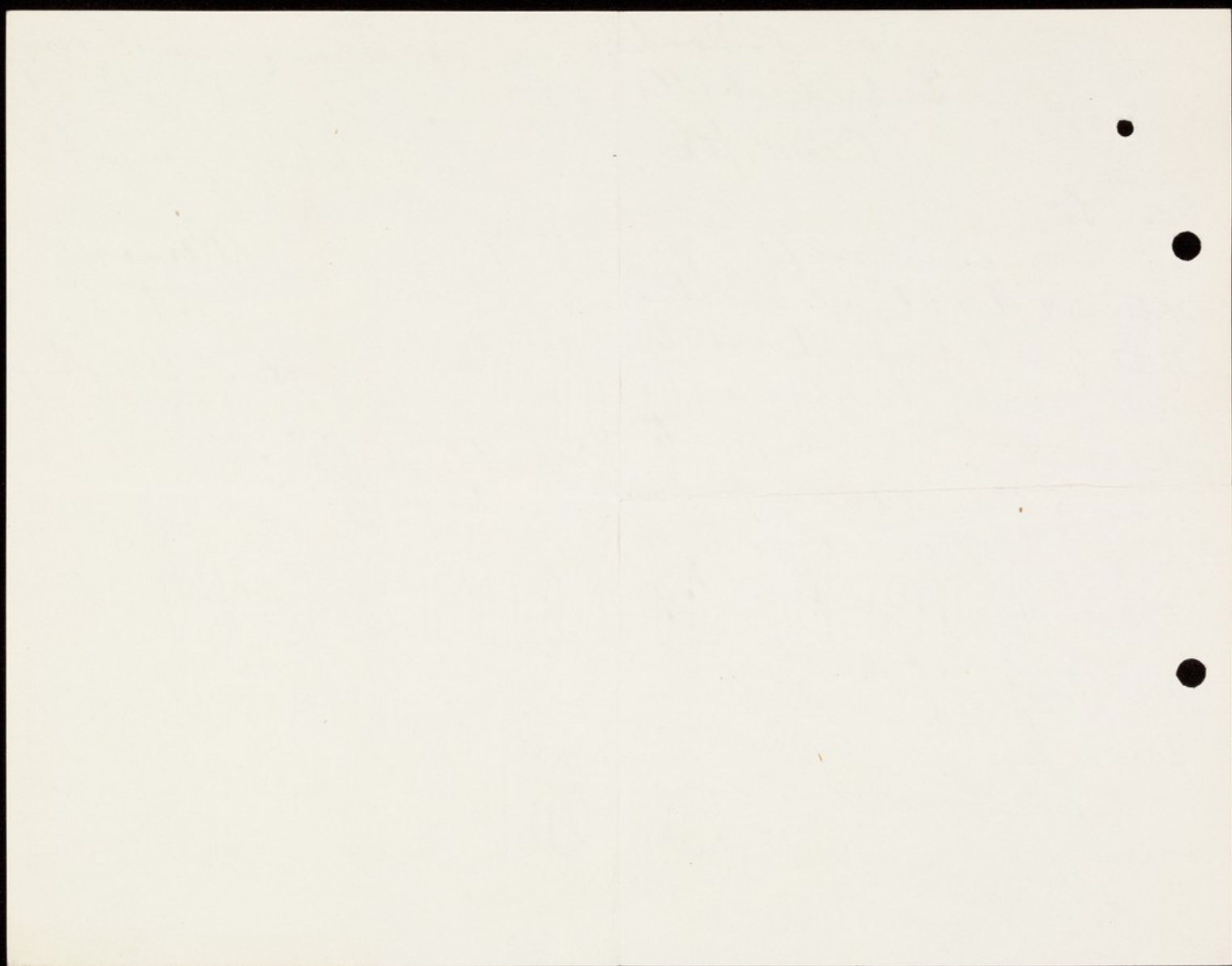
Dr Bedford Pierce
"The Retreat"
York -

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Conchita Ponzal Institution

about 30/- per week - 3 mds in advance

or a decent family - former preferred - but there must be some supervision & companionship.



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NORMANTON,
YORKS.

Sundog Night

(13)

The Medical Superintendent

Dear Sir,

Will you take a girl as a
Voluntary boarder?

She is a school teacher, age 28, has
melancholia & her parents cannot
manage her. Will you kindly write
early in the morning, & I will at
once reply whether she is coming
or not. In great haste to catch
post.

Sincerely Yours,

L. H. Beaman

P.S. The girl is both willing & anxious
to get away from home.

NORMANTON,
York.

If you could spare
time to write - me
a few lines -

Yours very sincerely
Lucy Brightwen

6. XII. M6

(12)

(989)

✓
47, NEWBOROUGH,
SCARBOROUGH.

Dear Dr. Pierce

May I take the
liberty of asking you
no confidence what
you would think of
my eldest daughter -

Emily going as Com-
panion to Miss Von Hall.

Emily's friend Hilda
Hargrove is now leaving.

and Mrs. Von Halle
would like Emily to
take her place. The
latter has been teaching
over ten years though
my sister would miss
her very much. She
has Margaret still
to help her, & Emily
might find a change

of employment - Bluefield
It feels a great step
to take your advice
& opinion would be
a great help to my
mind in the matter.

I hope you won't think
I am asking too much
of you but as Emily
may be coming over
this week end I
should be very grateful

more about the patient
for the night.

Yours Sincerely
Pateu Bailey

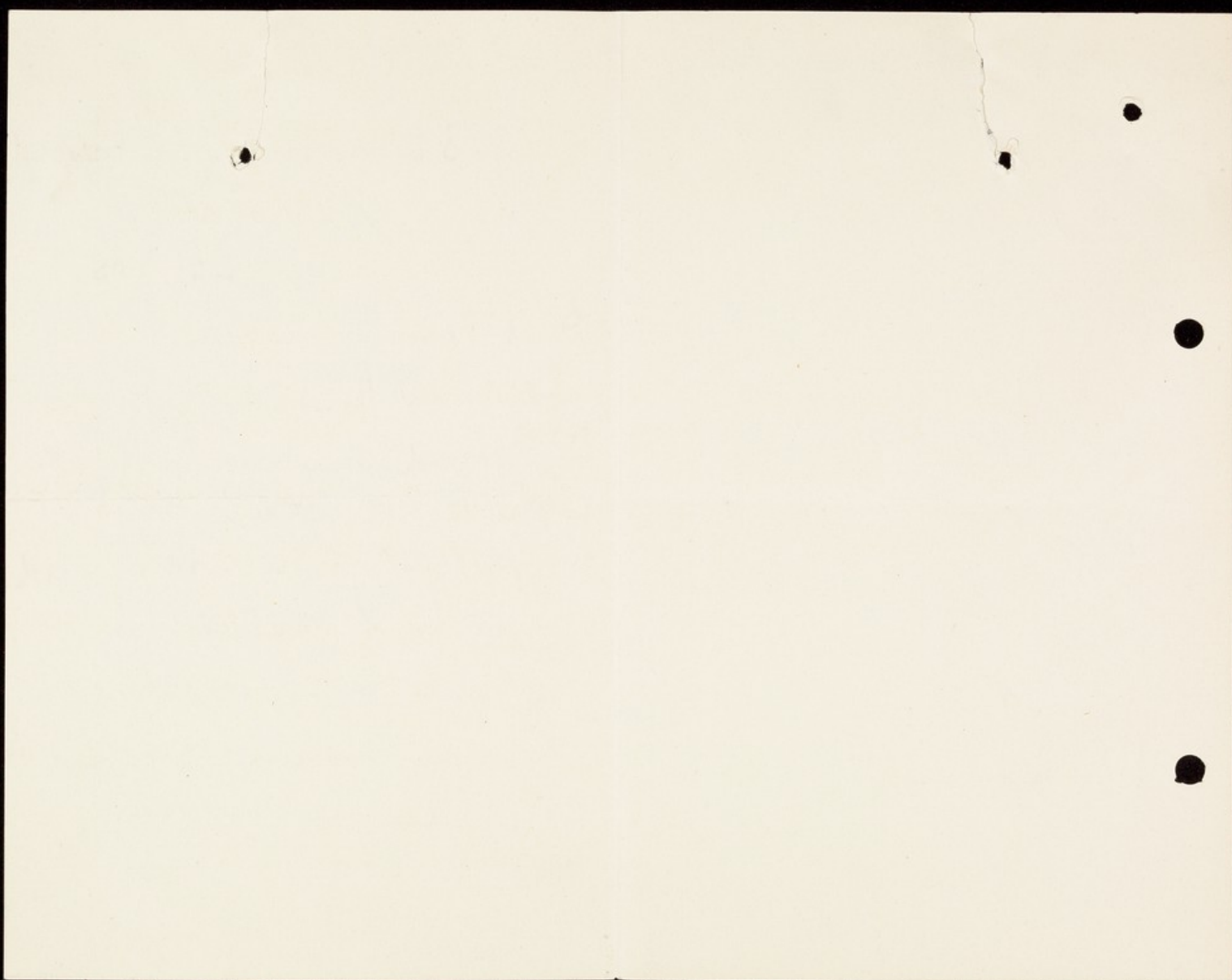
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31 Mornington Crescent
Harrogate

Aug. 22. 1906

Dear Miss Thomason

I heard from
D^r Ganod. this morning. He
is the D^r attending Miss Scott.
(my patient) & he asks would
it not be possible for
the nurse to come on the
Friday evening. So that
she can see Miss Scott
put to bed & understand



22 Heathfield Gardens
Chiswick Wx.

Oct. 29 1906.

(10)

Dear Sir, My father desires
me to say he is sorry my
mother is not eligible for
admission into the Retreat.
Her doctor says there is
no hope of her recovery, so
that we may not accept
your offer for her admission.

for a short time -

Yours Sincerely
Samuel Batterham

To Mr E Waller Esq:

Market Place.
Wendbury
Sep 2/06.

(4)

Dear Sir / Thanks for your
letter & also for copy of
Report, which I have
handed to the Friends
of the lady in question.
I enclose a letter
asking for your terms
which I hope will be
easy for reasons given.
I think the lady would
benefit by a stay with
you & I do not think
she would be difficult

to get on with. & therefore
I hope there will be no
difficulty in finding
accommodation for her,
as she has expressed
a desire to go away
for a change. Would
you therefore send reply
direct to address given
on letter of enclosure.
& thus save time.

Yours Truly.

J. M. Hitchings

Henry J. Mackenzie
Assistant Medical Officer

she is able to perform most
household duties.

I may say that her
means are very limited,
and I should therefore be
glad if you will let me
know what would be the
terms inclusive for residence
and treatment at your
institution

Yours truly
S. R. Moore

Westholme (647)
Harris Brook
Windsbury
Sept 1st 86

To the Secretary
The Retreat - York (9)
Dear Sir

Would you kindly
let me know if you
have a vacancy at the
Retreat for a Maiden Lady
about 50 years of age who
is suffering from nervous break-
down and illusions.



22 Heathfield Gardens
Chiswick W.

(8)

Dear Sir, I have received
your note with the Report,
and thank you for the
same. I should be very
much obliged if my mother
could be received into the
Retreat by special arrange-
ment of terms, and special
forms have to be filled up

for such admission, you would kindly send them.

I believe I mentioned in my last letter to you that my father, although at present still engaged in business, may at any time be obliged to discontinue, and when he does so he only has a very small sum to keep himself and my mother for the rest of their lives.

May I trouble you to send to my father -

Mr. John Batterham
of Maple & Co
London

instead of to me as it is so difficult to keep letters from being taken by my mother -

My father asked me to write for him on these two occasions

Yours truly
(Miss) S. Batterham

What the lowest inclusive
terms are.

Please address to me
as, otherwise communication
might get into my Mother's
hands.

Yrs Truly
(Miss) S Batterham

To The Medical Superintendent

22 Heathfield Gardens
Christchurch⁷⁸⁵
London. W.

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Sir, My father has asked me
to write and enquire
whether there is a vacancy
at "the Retreat" for a patient
on reduced terms. We
do not belong to the Society of
Friends but on reading your
prospectus, which was given
to my father we see that
patients are sometimes

admitted who are not
members of that Society.
Although the distance from
here is great, my father
feels he would like my
mother (the patient) to be
there if the terms are
within his means, as
he has heard it spoken of
very highly in every respect.
My father is at Maple & so
his position there is
not a very lucrative one, &
as he is well on in years
(73) it is not likely to be

better, but on all probability
he will not be able to continue
very much longer, although
his health is very good
considering his age.

We know Mr. Thomas
Morland very well indeed,
brother to Mr. John Morland
of Glastonbury and Mr.
Charles C. Morland of
Leroydon.

My brother, Dr. Batterham, is
in practice at St. Leonard-on-Sea.
We shall be glad to know
if you have a vacancy, and

shall be ever grateful if through
the benevolence of the Members
of your Society, my poor wife,
who for 50 years (in 1908) has
been my faithful and
affectionate Partner, is
enabled to become an inmate
of the Retreat, where I feel
sure she would receive every
kindness, and be as happy
as she can be -

I remain

Yours Truly

John Batterham

To Mr E. Walter Esq.

✓ Messrs. Maples & Co. ⁽⁸⁴¹⁾
London W.

Oct. 19. 1906.

(6) —

Dear Sir. In reply to your
letter of the 15th inst. I may
mention that I am in no
way connected with the
Society of Friends, but I am
well known to Mr. Charles
Morland, Mr. Thomas Morland,
and to Mr. Burt who

recommended this Institution
for my wife.

I may state that my
position at Messrs. Maple's is
not a lucrative one, and
I have no private means.
I cannot say how long I
shall be able to continue
at my work. I am now
73 years of age and in good
health (Thank God) and
the Firm has very kindly
said I may retain my
post as long as I can do so.

After which time I contemplate
leaving - from the purchase of
an annuity - about 30/-
per week for my wife and
myself. Such being the
case I feel that 15/- per
week would be about as
much as I could afford
towards my dear Wife's
home and kind treatment.
I know this is a very small
amount for such benefits
conferred on my wife, and I

Dear Sir, You will see that
the reply to your letter to my
father is in my handwriting.
He has made several attempts
to get a few spare moments
to write but has failed. To night
he gave me his pencilled answer
asking me to copy it for him.

as he felt he might be
delaying matters.

Yours Sincerely
Simi Batterham

Dr E Waller Esq.

that she is a great hypocrite.
She made an attempt a short time
back to obtain some prussic acid
but was prevented - we are
hoping that under proper treatment
she will soon recover -

I may say that our family
doctor (Dr. Dingley M.D. - 1011)
has looked through your Report,
and says that he thinks your
institution would be just the
place to send her to -

Will you please say if
you should require a
Medical Certificate, and
what would be the charge

West-holme (717)
Hollies Drive

(5) Wednesbury
Sep 21 1906

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter
of Sept 3rd I beg to state that
the lady in question has one
or two illusions - one is - that
when on a visit to the house of
a lady near here that she took
a fruit knife, this idea seems
to be so firmly fixed in her mind
that do what we will we cannot
move it - she says everybody
here knows about it - and thinks

per week in your Retreat.
and when you could
admit the patient
Awaiting an early
reply.

I am
Yours faithfully
S. Beardmore

W. E. Waller Esq.

Believe me

Yr. very truly

M. D. Blackett Dec

My husband (and
Blackett - Ord is
Rector of Rothbury

Peechake

(816

Oct. 15

WHITTON TOWER,
ROTHBURY,
NORTHUMBERLAND.

(4)

Dear Sir
Will you kindly
tell me the terms
and arrangements
at the Retreat -
that are made for
old ladies who
have lost their
memories - and
cannot manage
their own affairs

and get. as
best. lunatics —

I understand
that you take such
care. — and should
be so glad of
some particulars
before going to York
to see the institution.

Perhaps it is
my mother who
want to find a home
for — She has

lived with us
several years. — but
now I am sure she
would be happier
with strangers —

She is a great
valuer. — so must
have large grounds
to walk in —

Would she see any
thing of the kind
lunatics — it is

there a separate
establishment for
these memory cases

● British Association for the Advancement of Science. 334 3

MEETING IN YORK, 1st to 8th AUGUST, 1906.

LOCAL SECRETARIES:—

R. P. DALE,

C. E. ELMHIRST.

LOCAL TREASURER:—

SIR JOSEPH SYKES RYMER.

Offices of the Local Committee:—

DAVYHALL CHAMBERS, YORK,

16th May 1906.

Mr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

(3)

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Your letter of the 22nd. April was laid before our Committee, and they instruct us to thank your Committee and yourself for your kind invitation to a garden party at the Retreat.

We are asked to inform you that parties have been arranged for as follows:—

Thursday 2nd. Aug. Garden Party at Sheriffs.

Friday 3rd. " " " " Roundtrees.

Saturday 4th. " " " " Archbishops.

Monday 6th. " " " " Philosophical Society's Grounds.

Tuesday 7th. " " " " at the Deanery Grounds.

Retreat

British Association for the Advancement of Science.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1900.

ROYAL CHAMBERS, YORK.

1900.

SIR JOSEPH STYER, BART.

of the Royal Society.

My dear Sir,

I have

the honor

to receive of the 22nd of the month last before me

your letter of the 22nd of the month last before me, and I am very glad to hear that you have

been so kind to inform me that you have

been so kind to inform me that you have

been so kind to inform me that you have

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Our Committee thought that yours might be held on the Friday, or on the Tuesday, which ever date would be the most convenient to yourselves, in conjunction with that of Messrs. Towntrees, or of the Dean of York and Chancellor Temple's at the Deanery.

Will you please inform us if you agree to this suggestion, so that we may bring the matter before our Committee at their next Meeting?

Yours obediently,

W. H. Humphrey & A. B. Norwood

Hon. Secs. Excursion Committee.

19 May 01
R. J. replied that
7 Aug. wld be the
more suitable of
the two dates
named.

The Committee thought it at your request to hold on the

Monday as on the Sunday which was due to the fact

convenient to yourselves in conjunction with that of the

of the Chair of the and Committee members at the

Will you please inform us if you agree to this

suggestion, so that we may bring the matter before the Committee

at their next meeting?

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Thompson, M.P. (Member)

for the Education Committee

"NIPPON,"

EDGBASTON ROAD,

SMETHWICK,

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—

"JARONICA," BIRMINGHAM.

NEAR BIRMINGHAM,

26th Jan 1906

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat. York.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your favour
the 23rd inst. and glad to know
that Saturday (tomorrow) will
be convenient for me to see
you. I intend leaving Bham
at 10.10 A.M. arriving 2.24 P.M.
when I will go on to the Retreat.
and if possible leave York
by the 4.40 P.M. train for Bham.

Yours Respectfully
Geo. S. Brindley

"HIPPOC"

EDGEMOND ROAD

WILMINGTON

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1914

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Edwards, Secretary

U. S. Department of Agriculture

Washington, D. C.

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the

Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated June 10, 1914,

relative to the proposed sale of the public lands in the

State of California, and a copy of the report of the

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NAT. TELEPHONE 0473.

W. SELLERBY,
BUILDER, CONTRACTOR
AND
TIMBER MERCHANT.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM.

Hungate Saw Mills.
York.

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23rd March 1906

W. E. Waller Esq^r
Dear Sir

(1)

I am sorry your committee are dissatisfied with the uneven surface of the floor at West Villa.

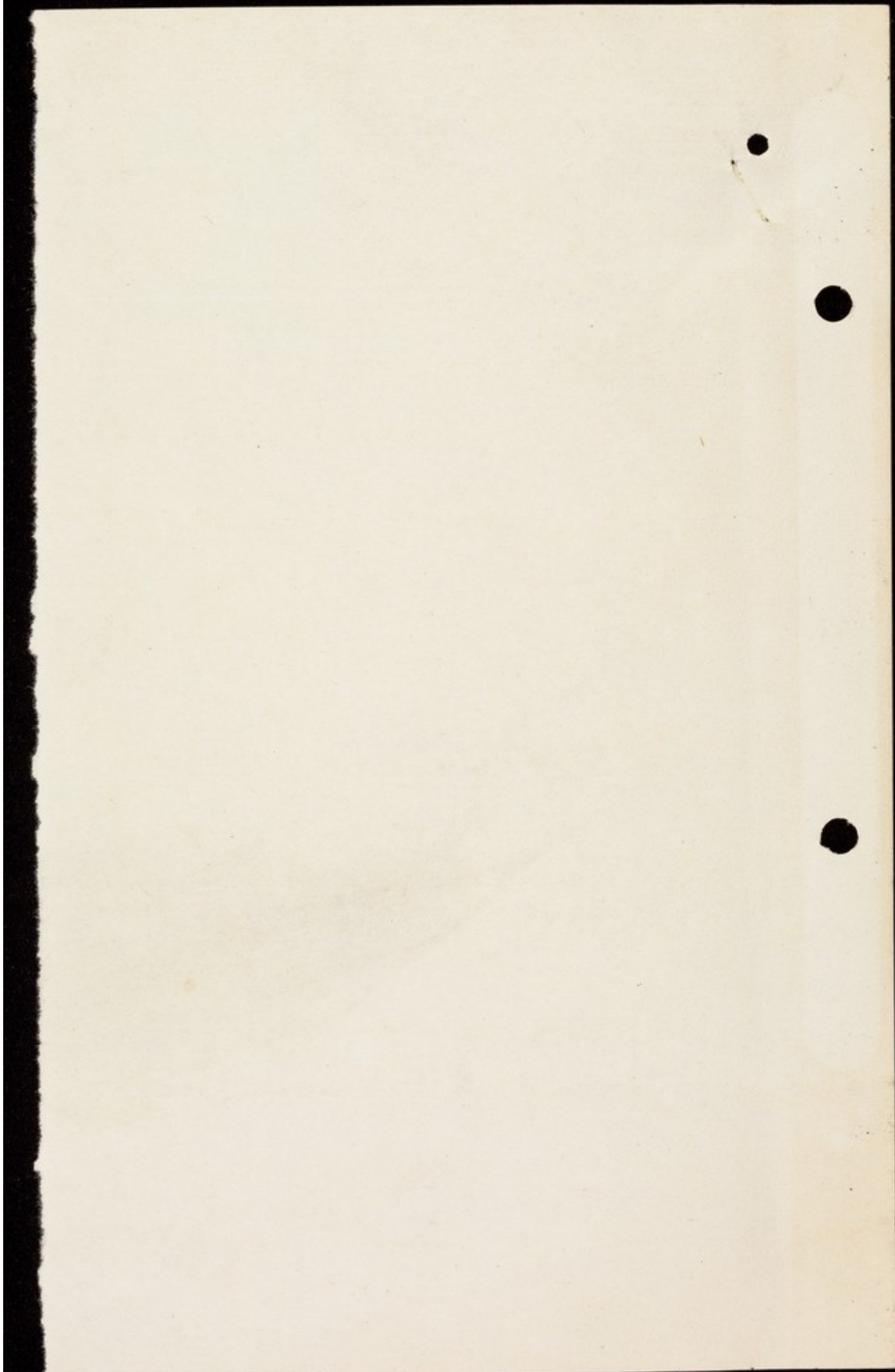
I am not to blame in any sense.

I relaid the blocks & it was not possible to lay them quite evenly without dressing over afterwards, because the insertion of new tongues caused the blocks to be level on the underside & the previous uneven state of the blocks as to upper surface became evident.

I expressly stated in my estimate that I did not include for any dressing over or polishing & I have already paid more in wages than my estimate amounted to, therefore I am unable to do any more without an extra order

yours truly

W. S. Sellerby



2. The Crescent
April 10th 1906

(2)

Dear Dr. Pierce

May I ask you
for another advance in
my wages?

My last advance was
nearly sixteen months ago.

At present I am getting
14/- a week.

yours sincerely,
F. Baker.

