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4th May, 1916.

Dear Dr. Cassidi,

I am very pleased to hear that there has been some improvement since Miss Cassidi has been transferred. I have for many years urged the transfer of chronic patients, as experience shows that quite frequently they improve with a change of surroundings. I think your sister had got into a sort of rut here in which she automatically went on in just the same way, and it was really desirable that she should be moved to entirely new surroundings, and I am quite pleased to hear that she has improved.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

4th May, 1918.

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some improvement since Miss Cassell has been transferred.
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patients, as experience shows that quite frequently
they improve with a change of surroundings. I think
your sister had not made a part of her life in which
she automatically went on in just the same way, and it
was really desirable that she should be moved to entirely
new surroundings, and I am quite pleased to hear that
she has improved.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

May. 2. 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I send you cheque with many thanks to you especially for all your kindness to my sister.

I had a good account of her from Dr. Simpson Apr. 11th. "She has improved in her general ^{condition} ~~health~~ since her admission here, she is now no trouble to manage and her habits are not nearly so destructive as on her admission."

Yours sincerely

F. Cassidi

TRINITY HERBAGE

DECEMBER

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East Riding ~~Asylum~~ Asylum,

Beverley 5th March 1916

Dear Madam,

our Matron is away on Military Service and the Assistant Matron has handed me your letter about Miss Cassidi.

The first point of interest in her condition since coming here is that the formerly constant cycle of varying mental phase has not been maintained after the first two weeks. It is not possible now to predict what she will be like on any given day. She has ceased to say "For God's sake, don't hurt me" and "I am so afraid", but still has her old habit of rubbing her hands together. She is certainly as you say a troublesome case, cannot be kept dry, is very dirty in her habits and most destructive, but is not so impulsive as we were given to understand.

In other respects she is much the same and spends all her time, at present, in bed.

I am,

Yours truly,

E. S. Simpson
Acting Med. Supt.

The Matron
The Retreat
York

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607.

Jan - 30 - 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I inclose your letter I received from Dr. Simpson this morning. I have told him & presume you will kindly provide the 2 attendants necessary.

I inclose to you the duplicate consent forms, one of which

you of course know has to be
sent with the Patient to Derby.
What a complicated business
it all is, but I suppose
accidents have happened in
the past that justify it.

I am more than obliged to
you, I am very grateful for
all the kind interest & help

you have shown in this
painful matter.

Sincerely yrs

J. Cassidy

East Riding Lunatic Asylum,

606.

Beverley 29th Jan. 1916

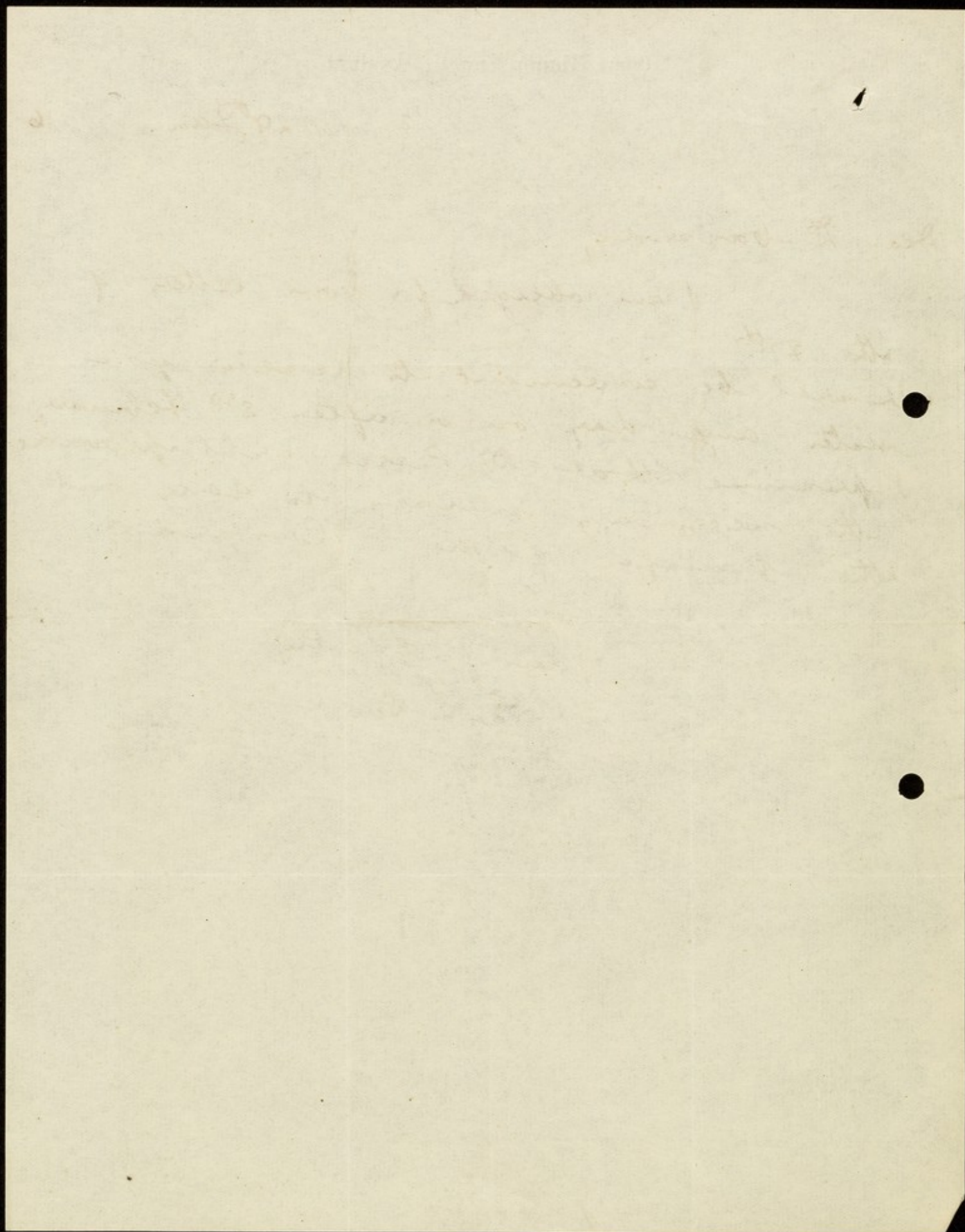
Dear Dr Cassidi,

I am obliged for your letter of
the 27th.
It will be convenient to receive your
sister any day on or after 3rd February
I presume that Dr Pierce will provide
the necessary nurses to carry out
the transfer of Miss Cassidi.

I am,

yours faithfully

E. S. Simpson



Jan. 27. 16.
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Dear Dr. Pierce,

Acting on yr. instructions
I applied to the Board of Control
and got the requisite consents
today.

They have fixed Feb. 8. as the
time limit, & I have written
to ask Dr. Simpson if that
be right, before signing and

TRINITY TERRACE
DENVER

SENDING them on.

many thanks,

Yours sincerely

J. Cassidy

All communications should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

The Board of Control,

66, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different subjects should be made in separate letters.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

January 22nd 1916.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Board of Control, to inquire whether Miss Elan Elbordenier Casside is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Institution.

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

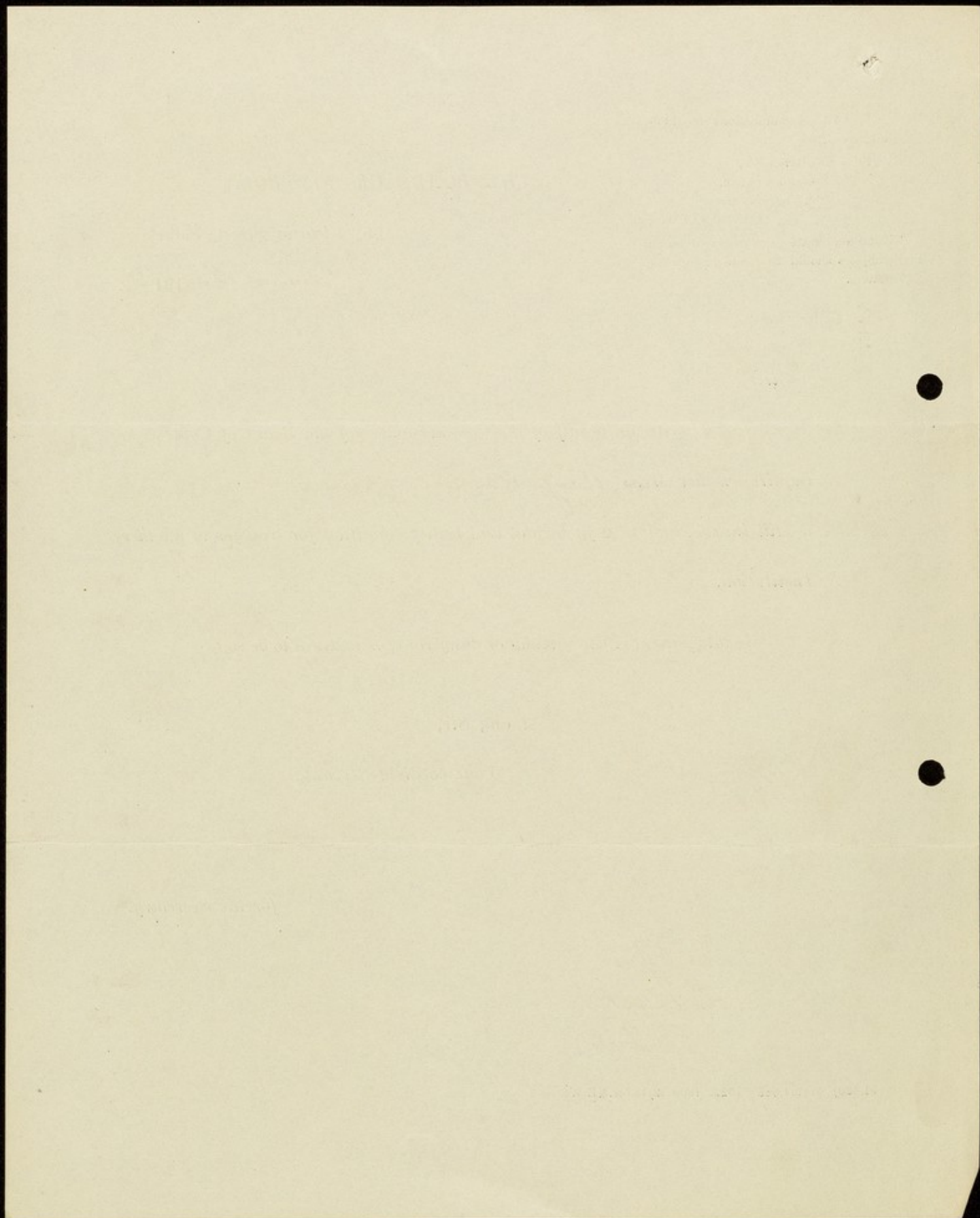
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. Boddington

for the Secretary.

*The Medical Officer,
The Retreat,
York.*



TRINITY TERRACE
DUBLINJan. 20 - 1916.
—

Dear Dr. Pearce,

Thank you for your letter
re the forms. I am writing
for them. The motor no doubt
will be the best way for my
sister to go.

I am sorry too that any
change of arrangements is
necessary, but I am still in

doubt as to whether I can continue
in practice, had there been no
war and had I been in work
I should have managed all right.

I don't agree at all with your
suggestion that new methods be
are likely to be more effective
than your treatment wh. I know
has been varied & exhaustively
tried. many hands indeed.

Sincerely yrs

J. Cassidi -

19th January, 1916.

Dear Dr. Cassidi,

I hear from Dr. Simpson that he expects to have room for Miss Cassidi in about a fortnight.

In order to get the removal carried out it will be necessary to apply to the Board of Control, 66 Victoria Street, Westminster, S. W., asking for their consent to the removal. They will then send you the necessary forms. It will be well to mention the date on which the removal is intended to take place.

As to the actual transfer itself, I am afraid there will be no other alternative but to engage a motor to go right through. Miss Cassidi is not a suitable patient to travel by train.

I need hardly say that we are sorry that this arrangement has to be made after all these years, but the altered conditions arising from the war make it necessary, and from what I know of Dr. Simpson and Beverley Asylum I do not think the change will be seriously felt by your sister, and it is quite possible that new surroundings and new nurses and new methods of treatment may result in some improvement in general behaviour.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

19th January, 1918.

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We should not wish to put you out, and we

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ask Dr. Cassidi to apply to the Commissioners for their

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their consent to the removal. They will then send

consent to the removal. This will take a few days,

As to the actual transfer itself, I am afraid

and we will look towards a date somewhere about the
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2nd of February for the actual removal. motor

suitable patient to travel by train.

I remain,

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this arrangement has been made after all these years.

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behaviour.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

East Riding ~~Lunatic~~ Asylum,Beverley 18th January 1916

Dear D. Pierce,

can you hold on for another fortnight?
 By that time I hope to be able to occupy part of our new extension. If however you feel that you cannot keep Miss Cassidi longer I shall be able to find a corner for her. What do you think of the procedure at the Hereford Asylum?

A man who has been qualified 3 years and first saw the inside of an asylum about 15 mo. ago has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. Morrison as Superintendent. The first assistant resigned before Morrison's death to take a Commission in the R.A.M.C. Grays was shoved up to 1st A.M.O. & has now been made Superintendent.

Do you wonder that some men get tired of asylum work when things like that happen?

Dr. Peachell of the Isle of Wight Asylum has succeeded Macdonald of Dorset. He, I, & Major White of the Cardiff Asylum were the selected candidates.

out of a list of 46 applicants, including
besides Peachell, several Superintendents.
It was a fine appointment which
accounted for the large number of
candidates.

I shall be glad to hear what you
decide about Miss Cassidi.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

E. S. Simpson

TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

Dec. 24. 1915.

Dear Mr. Waller,

In reply to your kind
letter of 23rd inst. will you please
give your committee my very warm
thanks, for their most kind consideration
of an unfortunate complication in
our relations, re my sister.

Yrs
J. Cassidy.

TRINITY TERRACE
DERRY

23rd December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday the question of the terms for Miss Cassidi was considered. Realising that you have not been able to arrange the transfer, the Committee have agreed to reduce the terms to £1. 1. 0 per week for two months, within which time it is hoped that the removal to Beverley will have been effected; the change to date from January 1. 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Cassidi,
Trinity Terrace,
Derby.

23rd November, 1915.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday the question of the terms for Miss Gaskill was considered. It was stated that you have not been able to arrange the transfer, the Committee have agreed to reduce the terms to £1. 10 per week for two months, within which time it is hoped that the removal to Beverley will have been effected; the change to date from January 1, 1916.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Gaskill,

Trinity Terrace,

Beverly.

TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY

Dec. 18. 1925.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I wrote to Dr. Simpson about
a week ago, but have heard from
him only today, that he will
admit my sister when he can.

Many thanks for all the trouble
you have so kindly taken for her.

Sincerely yrs

J. Cassidy

TRINITY TERRACE
DEBBY



1881

died from it.

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TRINITY TERRACE
DERBY
Dec. 3. 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you very much
indeed for what you have done
re Burley.

I waited a bit to reply to you
to see if the Master in Lunacy wd.
reply to my application for per-
mission to make this arrange-
ment. He had queried about using

capital to buy an annuity to
continue present arrangement.
I had replied that the capital was
old decayed & unsaleable house
property.

Then since waiting I have had
to come back over here, causing
further delay in writing to you.

For same reasons I have not
yet written to Dr Simpson.

I shall let you know as soon
as I hear from the Master.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

J. Cassidi

Did I ever tell you Sir Edwin and
died about a year after you came
to see him. He recovered mentally
soon after you saw him, but his
heart continued to fail and he

25th November, 1915.

Dear Dr. Cassidi,

You will see from the enclosed letter that they are likely to have room at the East Riding Asylum, Beverley, early next year. I was beginning to despair of finding room, as nearly all the Asylums are overcrowded owing to the conversion of about one-tenth of the English Asylums into war Hospitals. It is some years since I was at the Beverley Asylum, but when I was there I was much pleased with the Institution and the great care that was evidently taken to make the patients comfortable. Of course Miss Cassidi will not receive the same individual attention that she has here.

If you approve of this, I would suggest that you write to Dr. Simpson direct, asking him to reserve a vacancy.

With regard to the terms at the Retreat, I will submit the matter to the Committee at their next meeting, and I feel sure they will be willing to reduce the terms for the remainder of Miss Cassidi's stay here.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

25th November, 1915.

Dear Dr. Simpson,

I am very glad to hear that there is a

possibility of your taking Miss Cassidi early in the

new year, and I should be very glad if you would

reserve a vacancy. Seeing that she has been with us

so many years I feel sure the Committee would be

willing to keep her at terms that Dr. Cassidi can

afford until you are ready to receive her.

I will write to Dr. Cassidi and tell him

how the matter stands, and I think perhaps he should

write to you direct to put the matter on a proper

business footing.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



CORPORATION TELEPHONE:
GOTTINGHAM 61.

Hull City Asylum.
De-la-Pole,
Witherby.

n^o Hull Nov. 22nd 1915.

Dear Dr Price

I regret that I am
unable to receive the patient
you mention. We are already
about 10% in excess of our
proper accommodation.
and I dare not receive
any private patients
except such as would
otherwise become chargeable

305.
to the patients within
the City.

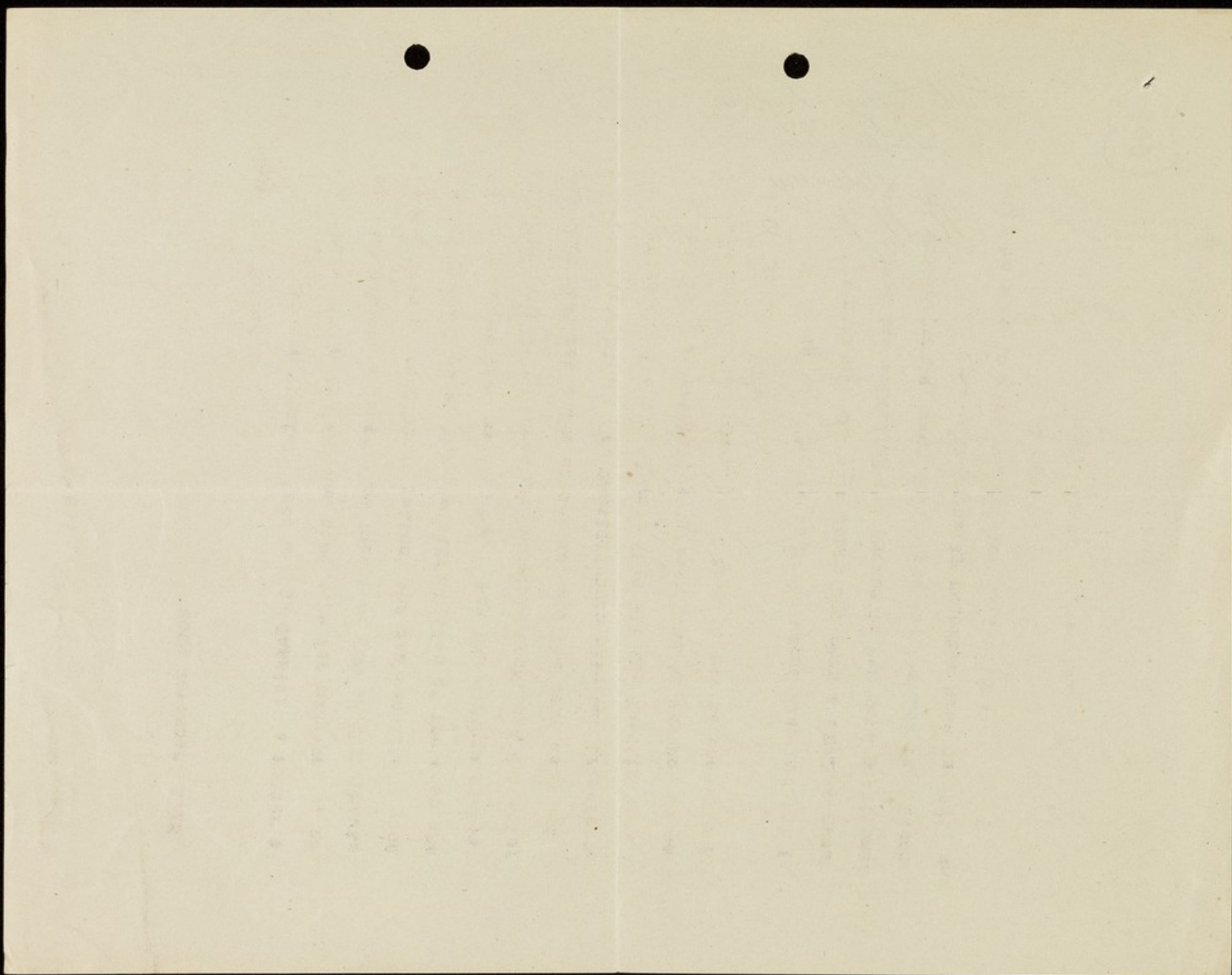
You might try Beverley. I
believe they have some ac-
commodation on the way there
and nearly ready. As I
should think they will have
some space soon there they
soon if not at present.

Unfortunately our extensions
which were in progress have
been stopped by the Government.

With kind regards -

I am Yours faithfully

W. H. Merson



20th November, 1915.

Dear Dr. Merson,

Can you possibly take a Miss Cassidi, a sister of Dr. Cassidi of Derby, who has been here for many years, and for whom now there is only an income of £50 or thereabouts? She has been a troublesome patient and has required a good deal of special care, but the difficulties of the case are not as great as they used to be. She has strange cycles of disturbance lasting three or four days each, one day noisy, the next restless and mischeivous, and the next calm and fairly reasonable. Dr. Cassidi would like her transferred as a private patient. I know that all the Institutions in the country are very full at present and it may not be easy for you to take the case, but I hope it may be possible for you to do so.

In spite of being so troublesome Miss Cassidi is a favourite patient, and some years ago when a similar question of removal was talked of the nurses in her ward petitioned that she should remain, even though she was then so troublesome.

Dr. Gane will probably remember Miss Cassidi, and will be able to give you further particulars.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th November, 1915.

Dear Dr. Simpson,

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

GLENBROOK

WAGHERAFELT

CO. DERRY

Nov. 18. 1915.

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Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your kind letter,
my wife says they take Patients at the Crichton,
Dumfries at a figure within my Sisters Income, say
£50, but my recollection is that you inquired there
when last we discussed this matter, and said the
lowest was about £120.

I shall be greatly obliged if you could get my sister
admitted into one of the places you name Dewley,
Sleaford, or Hull. I sh^d. think they will be more
likely to do it for you, than if I apply. failing
that I shall try some place in Midland.

I sh^d. not like to apply to have her admitted as
a rate aided ^{in Derry} Patient if I can be avoided, and
doubt if the Masters in Derry w^d. permit it
with many thanks.

Yours sincerely

J. Cassidi

GLENNBROOK

MAGNETIC

CO. HENRY

17th November, 1915.

Dear Dr. Cassidi,

I entirely sympathise with you in respect to the matters raised in your note, and so long as Miss Cassidi is treated with proper care and kindness I really do not think she will be troubled as to where she is located. No doubt just at first she will miss the people she is accustomed to, but I fully expect that she will be a favourite wherever she goes just as she is here.

There is difficulty, however, in respect to room. I have applied at the City Asylum here, but Dr. Hopkins says he is unable to take in any more private patients, and I believe it is the same at the North Riding Asylum. You are aware that nine large Asylums have been turned into Military Hospitals and the patients distributed among other Asylums, and no doubt there is the same difficulty anywhere.

I am quite willing to write to Institutions in different parts of the country if you wish me to do so. I almost think that the Asylums in country places are more hopeful, for instance the East Riding Asylum at Beverley, the Kesteven County Asylum at Sleaford and possibly the Willerby Asylum at Hull might be considered.

If this should fail, the only course would be to transfer Miss Cassidi as a rate aided patient to the County

17th November, 1918.

Asylum to which she would go under her settlement. This depends upon where she was living at the time of her break-down. So far as we can make out from our books that was Wagherafelt, Co. Derry, but perhaps you will be able to tell what you think on the subject.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



TELEPHONE No. 385.

STATION, YORK.

YORK CITY ASYLUM,
FULFORD,
YORK.

268.
November. 15th 1915.

Dear Mr Bedford Pierce,

I sympathise with the difficulties of Miss Cassidi's case, but I regret I do not feel justified in taking any private cases at the present time for the following reasons.

The Asylum is at the present time 160% over full. owing to presence of some of the patients from the Newcastle City Asylum now used as a War Hospital.

YORK CITY ASYLUM
FURFORD
YORK

My nursing staff is below
strength both male and female
and it is becoming increasingly
difficult to obtain new nurses.
Three of my experienced
nurses have recently resigned
from causes arising thro
the war, one is going to
France.

You will therefore understand
that I do not wish to take
in any other cases than those
I am obliged to.

I gather from your letter

that Miss Cassidy requires
the ~~most~~ individual attention
of at least one nurse, which
I cannot provide.

I return your enclosure.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly
Charles H. Hopkins

Please return

GLENBROOK

MAGNIFICENT

GO DERRY -

Nov. 8, 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Some little time ago when your Terms had to be raised, you, remembering a former correspondence on this subject, were good enough to suggest we might have to remove my Sister from the Friends Retreat.

at that time however I was able to pay the charges without much difficulty & was glad to continue our arrangement.

Recently I have been unfortunate enough to develop some cardiac trouble, I have been over ^{6 weeks} enjoying almost complete rest and am not much better. My son has been doing my practice for me but it seems he will have to go to the front, and that even if I do not ^{have to} sell the practice I must keep an assistant or locum or Partner which at present prices, diminished income & increased prices and income tax will make it quite impossible for me to finance her.

My sister has had an income of about £60 a year, and it has been necessary lately to find roughly speaking about £80 to take out the charges for annuities for her.

I trust once before you will remember to get her into one of the Private wards of a County (Warwick) asylum but her case was one too troublesome & involving too much nursing to be accepted there.

I am afraid it will be possible therefore to get her
into the Public wards only of a mental Hospital.

Her income reduced as it probably will be by the loss
to $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 or even less will about pay the charges there.

Can you manage therefore to get her into the York
County Asylum? I think you felt before that her
mental condition is such that it will not greatly
matter to her where she is placed. and getting her
admitted into York Asylum will save her having
a journey to do. and we have friends there that can
see her occasionally.

If you approve of this I shall then have to get per-
mission & support from the Masters in Lunacy.

For that purpose a letter from you saying so and
perhaps suggesting the York or York County Asylum
will no doubt help.

With kind regards & thanks for all you have done
for her in the past.

Yours sincerely

J. Cassidy

GLENBROOK

WABHERAFELY

GO BERRY

Aug. 2. 1914.

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Dr. Caesidio comfeto.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

WAGNER-REIT

CO. DEPT.

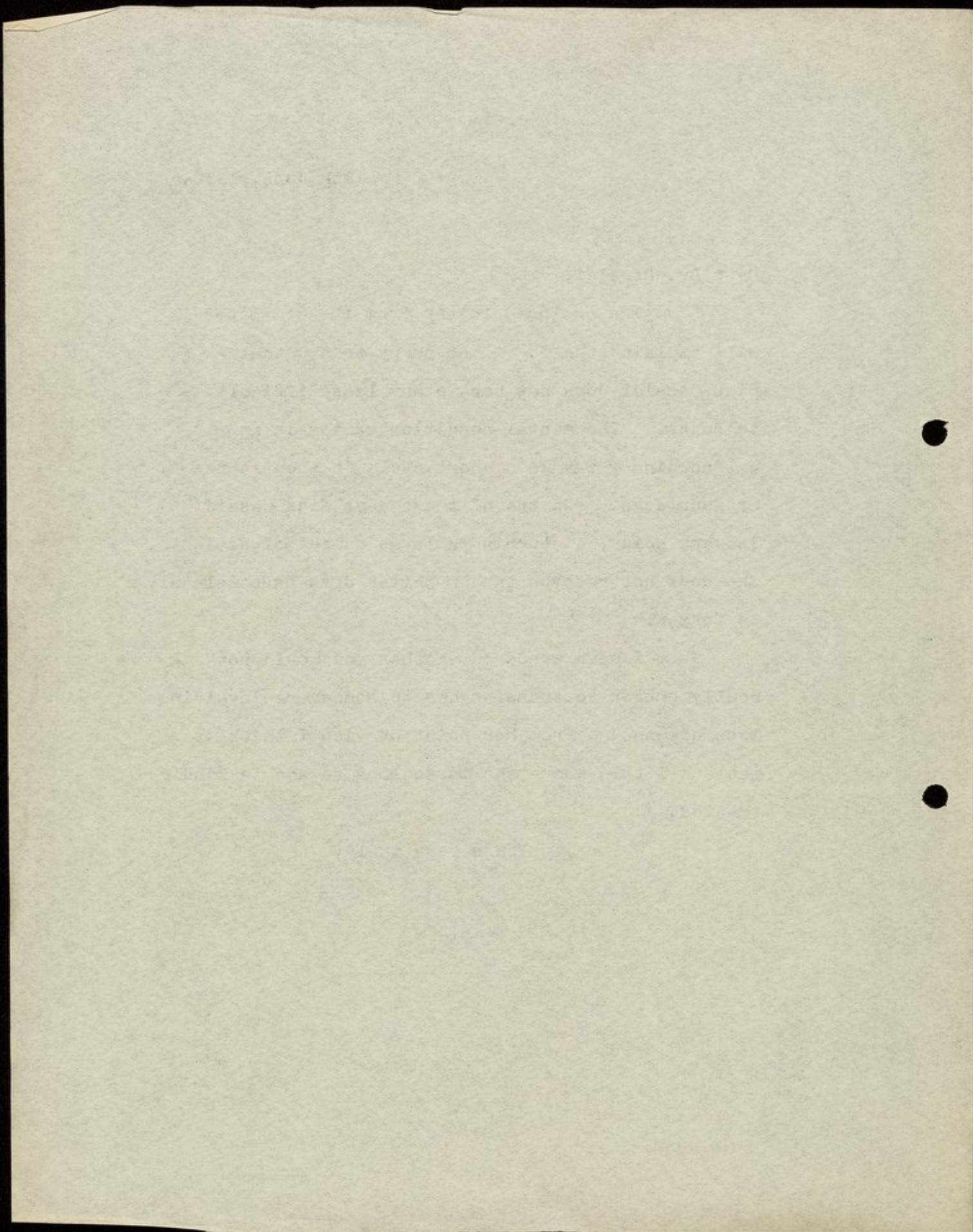
19th June, 1914.

Dear Dr. Cassidi,

The enclosed letter from the Committee will explain itself. I am sorry to say that Miss Cassidi does not become any less difficult to nurse. The mental condition varies in an extraordinary way in a short cycle in about three or four days. On one of these days Miss Cassidi is very noisy, disturbing a large number of patients. She does not recover on her better days as completely as formerly.

I have wondered whether you would not really prefer to transfer her to somewhere involving less expense. From her point of view I think it matters little where she is so long as she is kindly treated.

Yours very truly,



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Oct. 12. 13.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I sh^d. have told you that
Sir Edwin Arn died last May.
He remained fairly vigorous &
well on recovering from the
mental attack you saw him in.
Resumed business to some extent
for some considerable time, but
there was evidence of increasing
dilatation of L. side of heart

When pain began he took to his bed again. I went for a cruise in the Mediterranean, a cruise he had arranged to accompany me on but felt not fit to undertake, at Venice I heard a bad account of him, a worse one at Rome next day.

I hurried home overland but he had died on the Sunday morn. on wh. I arrived here in the Evg.

His mind remained unclouded to the end and it was his heart I think that finished him. With kind regards.

Yrs sincerely

J. Cassidi

1912

June 2nd

Glenbrook

Dear Dr. Pierce -

There is another gathering
next Thursday to England
would it give my
sister any pleasure
if I went to see her?
I am so anxious to
see her again - but
if you thought it
advisable, would put
it off until the next
one -

I would come & see her

then go on to Derby for
some days to see my
brother - Call on our
my very best -
She might like it
& it might do her good
What lovely weather
but rain is so much
required - I am so
glad Mary has been
out. & that her
general health is
improving Mother
would be glad to hear
if she sleeps well
& will be very grateful

for any information
You kindly give her
With kind regards
to Miss Cost

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
Helena M. H. Collidin

Please address.

Trinity Terrace
Derby -

Dec. 5. 1911.
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Dear Dr. Pierce,

Mr. Borrey wrote to you about
a week or 10 days ago about
his Brother - you had no vacancy
then.

Very sadly Mr. Borrey died
suddenly last Sat. His
widow sore not know how to
act about this brother, a very
wild case of melancholia,

he might possibly go to you for
a time as a voluntary patient
if you can take him in now.

I saw Mr. Borrey yesterday
& promised to write to you for him
to this effect.

If we can manage to persuade
him can you take him in
yet?

Otherwise it will probably
mean getting a committed

appointed and other complications.

With kind regards

Try yrs

J. Cassidi

He seems rational in the day.
Except lately, he has been forgetful
& has made mistakes in business
e.g. paying accounts twice over
but at night he gets restless, gets
out of bed & goes out apparently
for some delusional impulse.

Dec. 6, 1911

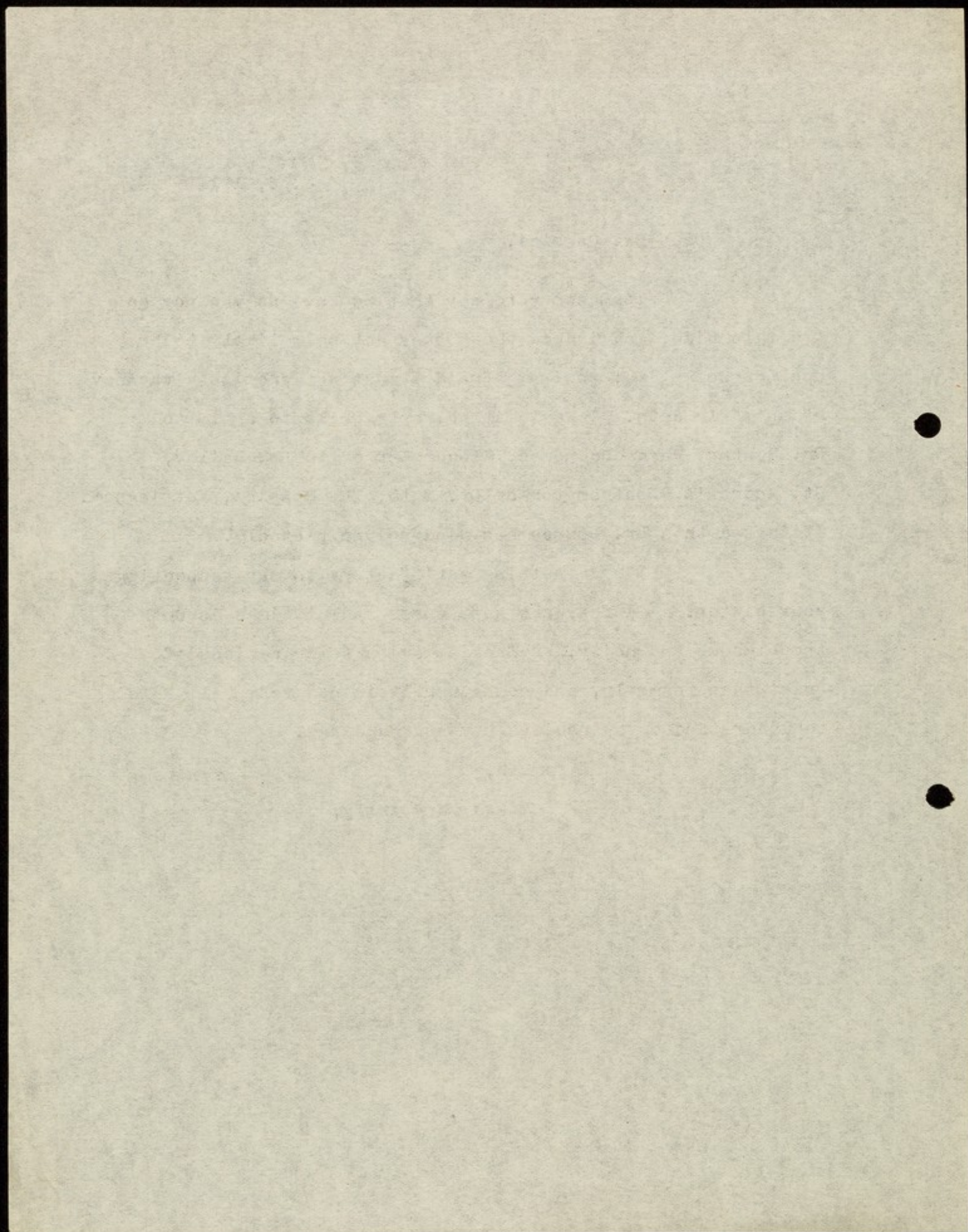
Dear Dr. Cassidi,

I am sorry to say that we have no vacancy on the male side, and indeed there does not seem likely to be one for some time; so I am afraid I must not promise a vacancy at an early date. Would it be worth while to apply to Dr. Soutar, Barnwood House, Gloucester or to Dr. Bailey, St. Andrew's, Northampton or Dr. Tate, The Coppice, Nottingham. It is sad that Dr. Bôurey has died so unexpectedly.

I have nothing satisfactory to say respecting your sister. I fear she gets worse and at times is both troublesome and noisy. She is having fewer periods of quiet than formerly, and consequently is not very well able to understand or appreciate her surroundings.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



May 2. 11.

Dear Dr. Kemp,

Of course my sister had better see the Dentist as Dr. Pierce advises.

She will necessarily, I think have to have an anesthetic, as she will have I expect a considerable amount of extraction to undergo.

Thank you for yr. letter.

Very yrs J. Cassidy.

THIRTY FIFTH
DECEMBER



496
Glenbrook

Mugherafell
Saturday

Dear Dr. Pirce

I am thinking of
coming over to see
dear Mary towards
the end of next
week if convenient
But thought

it better first to send
a line to ask if it

is a favourable time

just now

In several of her letters
she said she would
enjoy seeing me
I know you are always
busy but perhaps
some one will send

me a line

Dr. Casside leaves here
on Tuesday

Thanking you for
your unfailing kindness
and remembrance
to Mrs. Thompson
Yours faithfully
Stella H. Casside

✓ x
h. x

C/o W^o. Bristol.
78, BEDFORD STREET,
LIVERPOOL.

4th Nov.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

I am to be in Yorkshir
for a few days so I
propose coming to
York on Saturday to
see Miss Cassidi.
I think she has been
rather bad lately
as we have not had
any letters from her
lately. Do you think

18 BEDFORD STREET
LIVERPOOL

She will be well
enough for me to see
her. as far as I can
make out my train
ought to get to York
at 1.42.

Y^{rs} truly

Mr. E. Cassidi

This address will find
me till Sat. morning.

Wednesday⁽²⁹⁴⁾
GLENBROOK,
MAGHERAFELT,

Dear Mr. Pierce

My Sister's letter
was a great surprise
& comfort to me.
All the things she
refers too, are
things we need to
do - I did not
mention my dear
mother's health
or other things
better for often

CLINTON

MACHESNEY

I never expected to
hear again, so you
can fancy the
real pleasure of it
after waiting all these
years. I am very
lonely & sad
having lost every one
except my Mother
who leads such a
busy life & is married

I feel, I never can
thank you enough
for your unceasing
care & kindness
How often I think
of it - when my
thoughts are over
with you in York
& the kind nurses
who are so good to
me.

Yours very Sincerely
Helen A. Callister

(90)
COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

HATTON, NEAR WARWICK.

Decr. 1906

TELEPHONE NO 35, WARWICK.
TELEGRAMS TO HATTON.
PARCELS TO WARWICK STATION, G.W.R.

Dear Paice.

An old friend of mine
Cassidi has asked me to
receive his sister as a patient
into my house. of course
if possible I should like
to do so. There is just this
difficulty that in case
of the patient being very
noisy and excited we
are not able at all times
to deal with them in
our private place as

It is not a large building
and a very noisy case
disturbs the others and
I have to have recourse
to moving the delinquents
to the main Asylum.
We can generally deal
with all that are sent in
but I should not like
to have Miss Cassidi
removed here & then find
that I could not do with
her: Is she very noisy
& does she require a
single room. Is she
very destructive &

Does she require an attendant
with her at all times?

A few lines from you
will soon settle the matter

I am sorry to trouble you

Trust you are well

Yrs Sincerely

Wm Miller

COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM

HATTON NEAR WARWICK

TELEPHONE NO 25 WARWICK
TELEGRAMS TO HATTON
PARCELS TO WARWICK STATION QWR

income does not increase with
the family needs.

I proposed therefore sending my
sister to Leigh House, Hatton,
under Dr. Miller an old school
fellow and great friend of mine.

The charges there are £1.1.0
a week, and £12 to cover all
charges for clothes &c. The
reduced charge makes a diff.
therefore of £55 a year, a
sum it is impossible to expect
your committee to forego.

I greatly regret the necessity
for making this move, I have
delayed it till now though I
have been thinking over it
for a year or more: I wish I

(1017)

TRINITY TERRACE
DERBY

Nov. 3. 06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am greatly obliged for
your letter of yesterday, and
much touched by the very
kind way in which your staff
have intervened.

I have explained to you that
the only reason I have had for
suggesting her removal is the
difficulty I see in continuing

to make good the deficit between
my sister's income & the charges
at present incurred.

I find that for the 5 years
1901-5 I have had to make good
a deficit of £52.13.1 each year.

My circumstances are that

I have at present to pay
Insurance £60 a year.
Rugby £200 a year.

Osborne £100

Niece's school fees £20 a year

allowance to my elder sister

about £50 a year.

Nephews an uncertain amount.

Mr. Cassidy's sister with 8 children
have fallen on evil times and
I have had to help them. We
have taken to one girl whose
school fees are not much as
she goes to the High School here
but in a few years she will have
to go to Cheltenham = £150 a year.
I have had to send £25 this
autumn to help with a grinder's
fee for one of the boys; another
boy in the Navy I am helping
with his clothes.

You will thus see my difficulty.
The demands increase, but I
am getting older & competition
of younger men increases so that

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DERBY

could see my way to let things
be as they are: I do not like
taking her away after all you
have done for her for so many
years and all the kindness you
have shown her.

The chance of being able
to place her under the care
of a personal friend and
rather nearer to me than
York is of course an additional
inducement, but the real

reason is the difficulty of
continuing to allow her
the £52 a year. with all
these other family demands
upon an uncertain pro-
fessional income.

With many thanks indeed
for your kind interest and
your offer to suggest some
reduction.

Sincerely Yrs

J. Cassidy

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TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

Dec. 15. 06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

After all the trouble
I have given you, which
now I regret having done,
it appears my sister is
not suitable for Leigh
House.

We must therefore for

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DERBY

The present try to continue I do not mean that I shall
the existing arrangements look out for another
with you. I do not
contemplate any other
place but Leigh House
and unless a change
in my sister occurs
it seems impossible
to place her there.

When I say "for the Present"
place I sh^d. rather have
said "as long as possible".
With many thanks for
all your kindness in
the matter,

Sincerely yrs

J. Cassidi

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TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

Dec. 21. 06.
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Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for
your letter & kind sugges-
tion about writing to my
sister, we wrote to her at
once, sent her something,
and hope it may reach
her before any possible
relapse occurs. Will you

TRINITY TERRACE

DERBY

Kindly give her the in-
closed letter.

Yrs Truly

J. Cassidy

We wish you all the
compliments of the
Season.

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TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

Dec. 6. 06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am much obliged
for your letter, I have sent
it on to Dr. Miller.

They take patients at
~~Lighthouse~~ at
2 or 3 queneas a week
at Leigh House, but have
only a few single bed rooms.

TRINITY TERRACE,
DERBY.

if one were vacant I have
no doubt he w^d let my
sister have one, but c^d
not do that if the supply
of rooms were filled by
better paying patients.
Hence his asking if
she be too noisy at
night to go in the general

ward.

When last I was there
I saw a patient whose
condition closely resembled
that of my sister, and
seeing her somewhat
confirmed my idea of
my sister going to High
House.

Yours sincerely
J. Cassidi

(953)

TRINITY TERRACE
DERBY

Nov. 25-06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter - I did not of course expect your committee could make so great a reduction, but I am all the same greatly obliged to you for all your kindness in the matter.

I have just made out the

ask for the Masters and find
that owing to some legal costs
this year I have to make good
a rather larger deficit than
usual - £65.9.10

I proposed that the transfer
sh^d. be at the end of the year
having thus given you a
Quarter's notice, but I have
made no arrangements yet

I have not written to Miller
yet and have only now written
to the Masters for their consent
to the transfer - there is thus
time for the renewed attempt
with Thyroid treatment.

Sincerely yrs
F. Cassidi

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TRINITY TERRACE
DERBY

Oct. 12. 06.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

With the consent of the
Masters I propose to remove
my sister (at New Year?) to
Leigh House, Warwick Aoylake

It is from no want of full
appreciation of all your
kindness and all you have
done for her at the Retreat
but her income does not main-
tain ^{her} and with increasing
Educational & family expenses

I find a difficulty in making up the balance.

I have one boy at Rugby. £200 a year, another at Naval College Osborne £100 a year or more: I have allowed my mother about £100 a year: have had to adopt a niece & help two other brothers, just sent one of them cheque for £25. So you will see how I am fixed.

Dr. Miller is one of my best and oldest friends we are old school fellows, ~~though~~ of course

I know things are a bit more mixed at Leigh House as regards company than with you but in her mental condition I don't think that matters, were she able to appreciate the difference perhaps I wd. have to try to let her remain with you.

I hope this notice to you will be sufficient I have been waiting to write to you till sending you the Cheque.

Fly you

J. Cassidi



N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any Patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

1773

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mary Mortimer Cassidy of

Derby as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringcote, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and Care of the said Patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 3rd day of March 1893.

Name J. Cassidy

Residence Derby

Occupation M.D.

SIGNED by the said J. Cassidy

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Violet Nicolas

Trinity Terrace, Derby

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N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses are charged in the following quarter's account.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

To be returned to the Secretary, York Retreat

