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ICOMB,
STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.

Station:—
KINGHAM.

"The Knoll,"
Icomb,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Glos.

26. 4 16

Sir,

I enclosed cheque for the enclosed a/c

You will be glad to hear that my sister seems now the sound

She is in the home & district where she

was brought up to
I am hoping she
may keep well
Thanking you
for your kindness
I am
Yours faithfully
Jos Nicholls

Dr Bedford Pierce

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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TO { Pierce Retreat York

Send nurse at once for Mrs Cave Cawley now Bradley

The Rectory Farm
Evenley
Sep 24th

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter of this morning I am sorry to say, it was necessary for me to take my sister to St Andrew's Northampton on the 14th I could do nothing with her, her mind was quite wrong she thought & acted so that we could not keep her another day & I know that she was suffering physicaly as well I told Dr Ranbaut I would ask you to write to him A letter from him

yesterday saying my sister had
to be certified it is a great trouble
to me of course I should not have
consented, had it not been quite
neccessary My sister said she must
marry different men & it is not a
but like her if in her right mind
she would not think of such a
thing all her life she has prefered
Woman to men Please excuse
me troubling you with all this
I acted for my brother as he was
so far away & neither he or my
husband could spare the time
to go to Northampton & by doing it
I saved my brother et trues him
to see suffering not being very well
himself I had to stay three days in bed
et upset me so my sister is very dear to me

Yours very Sincerely
Bessie M Raulton

The Rectory Farm
Evenley
Sep 21st 1916

Dear Dr Pearse

Many thanks for your letter I did think of the expense in her coming to the Retreat but she asked for you all the time & said that you helped her before & you would again I am sorry to say I think the trying time she has had since she left you last Jan has made her like she is now of course I cannot trouble you with all the details of her life I did not know until after this had occured that she could not meet her children's school bills she is a very unselfish woman who always helps other's but will not if she can help it ask

anything for herself I wired to St Andrews
Northampton when I did not get an answer to
my wire from you, they wired back the only
vacancy they had was 3.. 3. a ~~too~~ ~~wk~~ week
that is the same proud at the retreat I believe
In a letter received from my brothers to day he
informs me that my sister's income is about
£40 a year, the little money the children have is
tied on them My dear Sister's is a very sad case
& has been from her birth I am the eldest daughter
& she the youngest of the family of 9 If I had
any money of my own I would pay anything for her
but I have none & have never had any
Would you Dear Dr. Purse write to Dr Rombaut
& tell him what you can about my sisters physical
helath I believe she had a very or somthing put in
to keep ~~the~~ her womb from falling also somthing for
catarrh she was I believe to have the very taken out
every two months I know she has had it done
once but do not know she ever had it done again
Hopeing that you will pardon me troubling you
but I am very troubled about my dear Sister & you were
so kind to me when I saw you about her at York
Thanking you very much Yours Sincerely
Bessie M Rankin

The Rectory Farm
Evenley
Brackley
Sep 13th 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry to tell you that my Sister is very unwell again & it is necessary that she should come to you at once, she has not been well since Saturday Hoping that the Nurse will be here before you receive this, it is my Sister's wish to come to you & I feel sure everything will be done for her if she is under your care

Yours very sincerely
Bessie M Rowlton

The Barley Mow Farm
Brackley
Sep. 13th

Dear Dr Pierce
We have decided
to send my Sister elsewhere
as it is so far to York
Hope you have not started
a nurse as my Sister is
not able to pay, she is
very ill yours truly
Wm Railton

14th September, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Railton,

I am very sorry indeed to hear of Mrs. Cave's relapse. We were so placed that we could not receive her just now, and we wired accordingly.

I should have thought that it would be well for her to go to a less expensive institution now that she has relapsed as it may be a long time before she is better.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

or allow me to pack them
my self

Yours truly
M Cave

P. S. I should like my
account

The Retreat
York
Jany 11th 1916

Dear Sir

I hereunto give 24 hours
notice to leave. I wish to
go by the 11 oclock train
to morrow Wednesday
Jany 12th Will you please
give orders for my
clothes to be packed

Dear Sir

Will you kindly remember to bring my case before the committee to day

Yours truly

Jas Cave

Jr. Peirce

the middle of next week to see her. If I should be unable to bring her away probably you could let one of your nurses accompany her when I know where to come for her in

Yours faithfully
for Nichols

Dr Bedford Pierce

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Glos.

30. 12. 15

Sir,

I am grieved to hear that my sister is worse again, especially as there was again a hope from your last report of her great improvement that we were hoping to

see her normal again

I think the reason of her improvement was the thought of being able to live at her old home & I wrote her a letter to say that it must be deferred at any rate for a time & this must have probably caused her relapse

I am now sorry I wrote this letter but she had to be told & it was as well then as any other time

It will of course take time to make arrangements to remove her, * I am however doing what I can & propose coming to York about

30th December, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Railton,

I am sorry to say that since I wrote to you there has been an unexpected change for the worse in Mrs. Cave's condition. It came on quite unexpectedly with some degree of talkativeness and excitement and a sudden change of manner so that she became dictatorial and interfering. Since then she has become distinctly worse, and this morning she has been mistaking the identity of people about her, saying that such and such a person whom she knew slept next her in the dormitory and generally taking both patients and nurses for those she has known in times gone by. She is also restless and somewhat troublesome. It looks as if she is likely to have an attack of excitement which may be prolonged. This is very disappointing as for about a fortnight she was really very much better.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

30th December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of a letter I am writing to Mrs. Railton respecting Mrs. Cave, which will explain her present condition.

She is no longer fit to be here as a Voluntary Boarder and should be placed under certificates and be legally under care. I would suggest that she goes to another Institution, and if you wish the doctors here will sign the necessary certificates. It will be necessary for you or some member of the family to see her before obtaining the Magistrate's Order.

This result is exceedingly disappointing, and we are much surprised at the change.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

to change Station's for Brackley which would only be about half an hour's journey I can only meet her on Tuesday or Thursday kindly wire which day she will come

Yours truly
Bessie Railton

The Rectory Farm
Evenley
Brackley
19th Dec 1915

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter received this morning I am very glad to hear that my Sister Mrs Carr is so much better & that you think it

well for her to leave the
Retreat you did not say
if she would be able to
travel alone if so there
is I believe a train leaves
the Great Western Station
York at 11.40 & reaches
Banbury 3.10 which
comes straight through
without changing
I would meet my sister
at Banbury Station
where she would have

17th December, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Railton,

Though your sister is not well and is still emotional and rather inclined to weep on slight provocation, she is really very much better and is wishful to return to look after her children, and generally think about taking up active duties.

She is quite altered in her general manner, and everyone remarks how wonderfully better she is, and I cannot but think it is well for her to leave and see how she goes on. It is quite possible that the normal interests of life will be good for her and that she will rise to the occasion.

I should think she might go on Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

12th December, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Hilton,

This I regret already is not well and is still emotional and rather declined to sleep on a light. Once then, she is really very much better and is joyful to return to look after her children, and generally think about taking up active duties.

She is quite altered in her general manner and everyone remarks how wonderfully better she is; and I cannot but think it is well for her to leave and see how she goes on. It is quite possible that the normal interests of life will be good for her and that she will rise to the occasion.

I should think she might go on Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

418.

Rectory Farm,
Evenley,
Brackley.

Dec 16th 1913

Dear Dr Pierce

I have this morning received a letter from my Sister Mrs Cave asking me if it is convenient for me to have her until she can make arrangements I shall be very pleased to have her if she is well enough will you kindly let me

know how she is & if
you think it advisable
for me to have her, she
does not say how she is

Yours sincerely
Bessie Raellon

until she arrived
there, & I would meet
here at Banbury
Hoping that she is still
improving & that I
shall see her this week

Yours Sincerely
W Reilton

The Rectory Farm
Ewerby
Bracklesy

29th Dec 1915

Dear Dr Pierce
I have received
a letter from my sister
Mrs. Carr saying she
thought it best to defer

her return untill after
the Xmas holidays
were over she does not
say which day she would
come Will you kindly
let me know if she
will be able to come
alone, there is a train
to Banbury & she would
not have to change

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"The Knoll,"
Icomb,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Glos.

Oct 30 1915

Sir,

Enclosed please find cheques value £39.7.4 in payment of Mrs Cam's a/c.

When sending receipt please let

me know how she
is to-day.

Yours faithfully
Jos Nichols

Dr Bedford Pierce

1st November, 1915.

Dear Sir,

We are very much disappointed with Mrs. Cave's want of progress. For a little while we gave her ordinary domestic duties and for a time she did these fairly well, but she wandered about in a slow way in the mornings saying she wished every day was her last, and so we were obliged to give this up. She complains constantly about her head and says she does not think she can bear it much longer. We are at a loss to know what to do next for her. There is no reason to suppose that there is anything amiss with her general health, except that she is still a little anaemic.

It is certainly a very disappointing case. Mrs. Cave herself feels the situation all the more, because she says she knows the expense of her maintenance here cannot rightly be afforded, and yet she says she feels she is quite unfit to look after her family herself.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. Nichols, Esq.

2nd October, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Railton,

We are disappointed at your sister's progress. She has been doing some household duties, and doing them very well, but she is still depressed, and seems to have lost hope of being any better.

I will ask the Matron to write to you on the subject of clothes.

I really do not know what to suggest about your sister. I see no reason why she should not really recover, but yet I cannot say that she is getting on satisfactorily.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Rectory Farm,
Evenley,
Brackley.

1st Oct

Dear Dr Pierce

I have been wanting to come & see my sister for some time have not been able to do so & cannot just yet Will you be good enough to write me how she is I hoped that she would have been

home before now I am thinking that she must require some clothes for the winter, ~~why~~ sister will not ask for anything because of giving trouble & expense, Hoping that I shall hear soon

Yours Sincerely
Bessie M Railton

27th July, 1915.

Dear Miss Railton,

There is no question that Mrs. Cave looks better, but I cannot say that she feels better, and she only told me this morning that she semed to be not getting on and wished she were dead. I gave her the locket and she is wearing it. There is no doubt that Mrs. Cave is worse directly anyone begins to talk to her about her maladies. Still there is no doubt that she has not recovered and is defective in energy and wor worries about her future constantly.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

[illegible] 27th July, 1916.

[illegible]

[illegible]

There is no [illegible] there. Have [illegible]

[illegible] and the

[illegible] that we should [illegible]

[illegible] I have [illegible] the

[illegible] and thought [illegible] that

[illegible] to talk to

[illegible] about her [illegible]. I'll be [illegible] no doubt that

[illegible] not recovered and is [illegible] in energy and wo[illegible]

[illegible] about her [illegible] a matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

I my self think that when her
physical health is better her
depression will go away
I hope & trust that I am right
for it is dreadful to me to think
that she should ever loose her
reason Again thanking you
for your kindness
Hoping that I shall
hear from you soon
Yours Sincerely
Bessie M Raulton

Rectory Farm,
Evenley,
Brackley.
July 26th 1915

To Dr Pierse
Dear Sir
Many thanks for
the letter received re my Sister
I was very pleased that you
think her on the whole better
& sincerely hope that she is
still improving I have only
had a few lines once since
I wrote to you I of course

have written to her several
times also sent her a parcel
& yesterday I posted a Photo
of her children to her
I am sending a locket
with them on as a little
present, will you be kind
enough to give it to her
& I shall be glad to know
if she has received the other
things, she is not a good
correspondent when well
still I feel sure if she was
able I should hear from her

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July 16 1915

The Secretary
"The Retreat"
York

Sir
I have unfortunately
mislaid the app you
sent me
Will you kindly
get Mrs Cane to endorse

The enclosed cheque
apply the amount
owing to you & carry on
the balance to the
next a/c

I am glad to receive
the rather favourable
report - I am

Yours faithfully
Jos Nichols

TELEPHONE,
No. 1042 "MIDLAND."
AT HOME 12-15 TO 2 P.M.

June 1st

795.

45, HAGLEY ROAD,
EDGBASTON,
BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Dr Pierce. The swab from Mrs Carr is reported to show a profuse pure culture of Staphylococcus aureus. This is satisfactory, because I find that vaccines (autogenous) in neurasthenic cases with this germ improve definitely. Dr. Mackey offers to make the vaccine for 2½ guineas, which is half his usual fee.

Perhaps you will write if you object to this, but it is the best I can ask of him, as his laboratory expenses are great. He sends out his boxes with full directions as to dose & times &c.

Yours sincerely
M. D. Sturge

Thank you for the £2.2.0 received today – I will send mail tomorrow.

23rd April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee the terms for Mrs. Cave were fixed at £2.12. 6 per week. I enclose the usual form of Agreement, which kindly return to me when completed.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Nichols, Esq.
Icomb,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Glos.

622.

Yours truly
Louisa M. Fowler

TELEGRAMS, PEMBURY STATION, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

April 10. 15.

BRACKENHURST,
PEMBURY, KENT.

Dear Friend
Dr. Pierce

A friend of mine has written to me on behalf of a Mrs. Cane, who is now at the Retreat, to see if she could possibly be ~~there~~ at the rate of 2 gs. a week instead of 3 gs. She thought as I am a friend & my

Mother was a subscriber for years, perhaps I could do something. I do not know what to do & so am writing to you, thinking perhaps you could advise me or put it before the Comte. Mrs. Cave has only £88 a yr. & her very kind brother would support the 2 yr. but the 3 yrs. is more than he can easily manage, for he supports Mrs. Cave's 2 children & pays their schooling, as well as his own children's.

I think probably I know some of the members of the Comte. & could write to them if it was advisable. My late sister, Mrs J. C. Backhouse, used to be on it.

31st March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter and the form. We cannot report very much change in Mrs. Cave at present.

We will not discuss the question of terms with her, as it is obviously undesirable that she should be troubled with financial matters in her present state.

Yours very truly,

J. Nichols, Esq.
The Knoll,
Icomb,
Stow on the Wold.

582.

The Knoll.
Stonle
Stow on the Wold
March 29 15

Sir
I enclose the
Statement of my
Sister's case duly filled
up. I am however
not certain of the

from worrying
I shall be glad
to hear occasionally
how she is going on
Yours faithfully
Jos. Nicholls

Dr Bedford Pierce

date of her birth
She can however
tell you this.

I think it would
be advisable for
her not to know
what she is paying
as it has been
one of her chief
troubles that she
is spending what
should be spent
on the children

I do not think
a deception of this
kind can be wrong
if it will save her

580.

27 Catharine St
Liverpool

The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Sir,

I am bringing my sister Mrs Cue to you tomorrow I have a message from

Mr Braithwaite
of Banbury for
Dr Bedford Price
should like to
be able to see him
for a few minutes
if possible if he
is in

Yours faithfully
Jos Nichols

23rd March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I sent a wire to you this morning, as requested, saying "have vacancy, lowest terms three guineas weekly."

I now enclose a copy of the Retreat Report, which will give you full particulars of the Institution. The lowest terms, £3. 3. 0, per week, provide medical attendance and all necessaries, but patients having special attendance and private rooms pay higher fees.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. Nichols, Esq.
c/o Miss Banner,
Medical and Surgical Home,
27 Catherine Street,
Liverpool.

I hope you will be
able to receive my sister
as I am told you receive
patients who are
certifiable & those who
are not so

Yours faithfully
Jos Nichols

Scowle
Stow on the Wold
Glos.

The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Sir,
I am writing to ask
you if you can receive
my sister (Mrs Cane) who
is suffering from Mental
Depression.
She is at present
in a Nursing home in

Liverpool & when I visited her last the Doctor said she was not certifiable but I am now informed that she is worse & that they cannot keep her in the home any longer.

I am leaving here tomorrow for Liverpool & should be much obliged if you will write me in the the enclosed envelope your terms & all particulars.

I may say that Mrs Cane is a widow with 2 young children & a limited income.

I have enclosed a prepaid telegraph form & shall be obliged if you will wire me here today if you have a vacancy on receipt of this letter

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

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Martha Cave of Icomb Stow on the Wold 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 necessaries, 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 24 day of Apl 1915.

Name Joseph Nicholls

Residence Icomb Stow on the Wold

Occupation Farmer

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Clara Knipe

Address, and Icomb Rectory, Stow-on-the-Wold

Profession. wife of the Rector of Icomb.

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

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